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Bechmezzine	1942 Jun 1	1600	Normal training was proceeded with and all offrs attended a lecture at BTERRAM Garrison Cinema by Brig A. H. L. GODFREY, DSO, MC, ED, on "Desert Formations".	appendix 1.
	2	0500 1500	All tps took part in a Bn Convoy Exercise - see separate report - and a conference of offrs participating was held at 1630 hrs.	appendix 2.
	3		Tps were practised in patrol movement in the vicinity of the bivouac area and admin instructions were issued by the CO for the move of the Bn to a trg area near FORGLOSS (ref map QARIATEINE 1/200,000) (Bde operation order no: for the provision of camp and Bde	See Appendix No. 18

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BECHMEZZINE (Ref map TRIPOLI 1/50,000)	1942 June 4.	#	<p>security piquets</p> <p>all tents were struck and rolled; and together with all accommodation stores, kit bags, officers' gear and office furniture etc were removed to le GAULT Barracks, TRIPOLI for storage.</p> <p>The men retained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 blankets pack, toilet accessories, change of clothing; haversack, ground sheet; hats fur felt batle & det equipment <p>and were issued with one desert sheet each. All tps bivouaced in the open</p>	

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		0740	The leading veh moved over the start point, rd junc 15802650, on time, the order of movt being HQ A B C and D coys.	See appendix no. 20
		0834	The rear veh of Gp 3 (Bde 00. No. 1) was met at 1624 2764 and it was then realised that Gp 5, of which this Bn formed the leading unit, would necessarily pass the 24 Aust Inf Bde SP (rail crossing at 16732808) after the start time, 0902 hrs, laid down.	

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	1942 <u>Jun</u>		(ref maps HOMS; QARIATEINE, PALMYRA, SELEMIYE, 1/200,000, Levant Grid).	
	<u>Jun</u> 5	1245	a demonstration ground strafing attack was made by 3 planes, the dispersing and taking action laid down.	
HOMS		1757	The leading veh passed the T.C.P. in HOMS	
FORGLOSS		1840	and reached the bivouac area, being guided in the camp area by the adv party. No hitch occurred in the arrival of	
		1915	other vehs at the camp area and all reported in.	
			Considerable delay occurred throughout the move through civilian traffic moving SOUTH along the HOMS-TRIPOLI rd and	

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FORGLOSS	5		<p>Capt M.R. JEANES, Opc of D Coy reported that he has 53 halts during the trip.</p> <p>No tents were provided, all vehs dispersed at 150' intervals, and men bivouaced near their vehs. The digging of slit trenches was proceeded with immediately.</p> <p>2030 Opc met at 24 Aust Inf Bde and</p> <p>2200 Opc met at Bn HQ at 2795 2920.</p>	
	6	0500	<p>Reveille.</p>	
		0730	<p>Opc at Bn HQ.</p> <p>The day's exercise is : "To practise the movement of the convoy as a convoy along a single rd (assuming the convoy cannot leave the rd); wtm 15 ; mih 10."</p> <p>Route : Bivouac area to assembly area at</p>	

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FORG LOSS	1942 <u>Jun</u>		<p>283293 on the northern side of the pipe line. This line is underground but a telephone line follows its route and a well defined track follows the pipe line.</p> <p>From assembly area the route was: At - bend in pipe line to track and Roman ruins at 287292 to track junc at 290294 to MOURRANE el FOUARRE to track junc at 279298 to FORG LOSS to CHATAY HAIFIR to 258300 along pipe line to bivouac area.</p> <p>The order of march was: HQ Lsq 2 vehs Div Car 7 " D Coy 11 " 16 Bty 42 "</p>	

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FORGLOSS	1942 Jun 6		<p>M M G det 13 vehs atk " 7 " C Coy " 11 " B " " 11 " A " " 11 " 7d Coy det 4 " Rear HQ 22 " (line carriers) 101 G Spt Coy HQ 16 " Lt aa 9 " 7d amb 2 " 64 LAD 1 "</p> <p>Total: 188 vehs.</p> <p>and the start time was 0900 hrs. Part of the going was very tough and the leading veh reached at BESS for the</p>	



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FORG LOSS	1942 Jun 6		<p>luncheon halt; but severe breaks had occurred in the convoy, due partly to the confusion in the assembly area (due mainly to the 2/28 Aust Inf Bn and all arms using an assembly area on the opposite side of the pipe line).</p> <p>The main faults noted were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Failure to observe and pass on signals;Failure to judge interval correctly;Failure to halt at prescribed halting times. <p>Planes carried out Lt and by air attacks during the day, the being required to take necessary action. An "attack" by one aircraft was considered Lt and one by 2 or more as by.</p>	

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FORGLOSS	1942 Jun 5		The routine for the early part of our training programme was:	
		0500	Reveille	
		0600	Breakfast	
		0700	Commence work	
		1200-	} luncheon halt.	
		1400		
		1700	Cease work (if return to camp has been completed)	
		1900	Dy at Bde	
		2030	Dy at Bn HQ	
		2230	Coy Comd O Dy.	
	76		The day's exercise was "Mout in convoy and forming "Desert Box" formation at the halt."	

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FORGLOSS	1942 Jun 7 th		<p>The assembly area was again 283293, and all arms moved to this area along a track immediately NORTH of the pipe line and all Coys moved in along a track about 500' NORTH of the same line. The start point was again the bend in the line and the start time 0845 hrs, the route lying along the the northern side of the line to appose 291293. At this point the Co. gave the "FORM DESERT FORMATION" signal at 0925 hrs and vehs moved into the "Box" arranged.</p> <p>1100 - As this was the first time we had adopted 1200 this formation, all intervals were checked and it was found that the most</p>	<p>See App 20:</p>



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FORGLOSS			had been accurately carried out.	
	7 th	1400	All vehs moved off into 'convoy' formation easterly along the pipe line and then north and west to the area 285 293 where the signal "Form Desert Formation" was	
		1500	again given and the "Box" was again	
		1540	adopted. The speed at which all vehs moved to their correct places was very pleasing and the drill evolved by the Coy for determining their correct posns proved very effective.	
		1700	A strong wind was lifting the dust from all tracks and this made the location of the bivouac area difficult but guides were dropped at all turns	

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FORGLOSS	7	1200	<p>and this proved effective and who reached their positions without loss of time</p> <p>About one point of rain was followed by a very cold wind and this persisted until late at night, making pullovers and greatcoats necessary. Many troops found that they secured greater warmth and comfort by digging sleeping holes 8 or 9 ins in depth and erecting their desert tents over one end of these holes. The practice spread and very soon practically all troops were sleeping below ground level.</p>	

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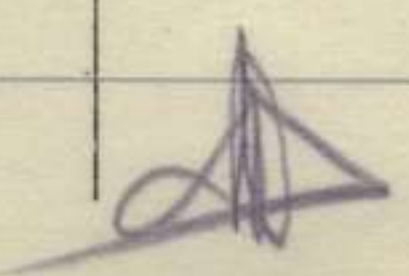
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FORGLOSS	8	0740	Bn moved to Assembly area at 283293 in a coln which halted 500' NORTH of and parallel to the pipe line.	
		0815	Bn orders g/h held at the start point - bend in pipe line at 284292. <u>Plan:</u> Bn and att tps will move along the pipe line in coln until approx 1.75 miles EAST of the Old Roman Rd, when the signal "Form Desert Formation" will be given and the formation will be taken up - at the halt. The formation will then adv EAST, halt & intervals will be checked. The striking force will leave the formation and move NORTH for about one mile to	

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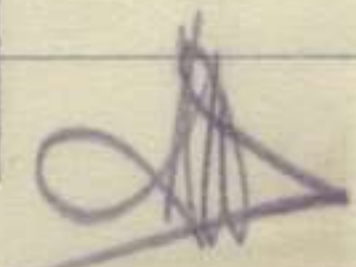
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FORGLOSS	8		<p>practice its exit from and re entry to the formation, and to develop its drill for dealing tactically with possible problems. After lunch the formation will adv EAST, wheel left, return to the pipe line, halt for checking and then return home.</p> <p>0850 Start time - SP = bend in pipe line 204 292. Bn moved fwd to approx 290 292, and former "Desert Formation" at the halt, ^{in 41 mins} and the formation was checked over.</p> <p>1050 With the SO acting as navigator fwd of the "Box", the formation advanced, the Div Car called for arty support and the guns went into "action posns". The formation was halted and the striking Detachment</p>	

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FORGLOSS	8		moved out, a picture having been drawn by the umpire.	
		1200	The det returned and lunch was taken.	
		1400	The formation moved off from 2960 2925 at 7 mph.	
		1406	for 3/4 mile when "left wheel" was ordered. The Sgt. acted as navigator in a truck fwd of the formation while the SO. moved in a carrier, controlled movement and investigated dead ground to see if same was trafficable.	
		1420	The leading row completed the wheel through 180° (2970 2935) the leading veh moving on a radius of 200' and the I Sgt moving at 5 mph.	
		1532	The "base" halted at 2920 2930 after both the arty and striking det had been exercised on calls from the Div Cav.	
		1630	1622/PMEA/1-500,000-9/41. Coln formed and it returned to camp.	

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FORG LOSS	9	0730	The Bn "Box" formation, less arty, Lt Ad and Div Cav, assembled in the assembly area, which was the rd EAST-WEST through the Bn Bivouac Area and the land at the eastern end of that rd.	
		0815	Orders by at the head of the coln. <u>PLAN:</u> To turn SOUTH and move in coln to approx 278284, where Bn will form "Desert Formation" in an area marked with white flags, while the 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will move into a similarly marked area WEST of our posn. The 2/28 Aust Inf Bn formed into the leading Bn's formation to the EAST, moved fwd, turned right and moved into another marked	

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FORGLOSS	9		area, while Bde Hqs and other parts of the Bde "Box" move into their posn. The Bde "Box" will then move fwd, the striking det of the leading Bn will move out as ordered, the "Box" will about turn and withdraw.	
		0747	Start time - the SP being a point about 700' SOUTH of the eastern end of the centre camp rd.	
		0835	"Form Desert Formation" signalled.	
		0915	Formation completed. (93 vehs)	
		0923	Bde informed the Bn "Box" is in posn.	
		1118	All parts of Bde gp in posn and a Bde O. by held.	
		1137	The Bde gp commenced to move SOUTH.	

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FORGLOSS	9	1207	<p>and halted after moving 4 1/2 miles. Early the movement was very slow but later the speed increased and vehicular movement was reasonably comfortable. Most of the ground was level, but odd rocky outcrops and animal holes made the 'going' difficult in spots, some avoiding action by vehs being necessary.</p> <p>1330 Bde O'lyp</p> <p>1415 } The Bde gp commenced to close in to 1425 } 100' intervals and when this movement was complete, the 'box' about turned and moved NORTH until about 6 miles from camp.</p> <p>1615 "Halt" signalled, Tps debussed and moved back to camp on foot and MT returned under</p>	

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<i>FORGLOSS</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>1615</i>	<i>in charge of the 2pt Sgt. all the back in camp.</i>	
	<i>10</i>	<i>0730</i>	<i>Start time at SP at western entrance to bivouac area - move SOUTH. Object: To practice formation of Bde Desert Group; to practice move as a group; to practice this Bn as light Rear Bn of the group.</i>	
		<i>0835</i>	<i>"Form Desert Formation" signalled.</i>	
		<i>0918</i>	<i>Bn group completed. Some confusion was caused early through one Coy moving to the wrong posn, through misunderstanding orders issued.</i>	
		<i>0923</i>	<i>Bde informed of completion of formation.</i>	

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FORGLOSS	10		The posn of Bn HQ at this stage was approx 278284	
		1018	The Bde Desert Group moved off on 180°, for 1½ miles and striking force of left Bn moved out.	
		1045	Bde O Sp	
		1100	Bde grp moved off on 200°;	
		1140	Sp halts with Bn HQ at approx 275272.	
		1330	This Bn's section of the group moved on 200° for ½ mile, then the signal "close to 100° interval and distance was given" and after a further ½ mile the signal left "right wheel" was given and the wheel was continued until next was in a northerly direction. The group continued moving until the area 275284 was reached.	

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FORG LOSS	10	1433	<p>"Adv in coln" signalled and the Bn returned to camp.</p> <p>During movt in the Groups (Bde and Bn) considerable difficulty is experienced in maintaining an even interval of dispersion, due partly to the variation in performance of different vehs; failure of all drivers and truck crews to remain alert; different "going" encountered by different parts of the Group.</p> <p>Navigation is done by the 1 Sgt in a truck moving 150' fwd of the Group and the 10 in a carrier recess as much as possible of the 'going' in advance, thus preventing any sudden</p>	

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FORGLOSS	1942	10	alteration of direction becoming necessary.	
		11	Devoted to mtce of vels - very necessary owing to rough 'going' of past few days. All Corps practiced the Leading Bn "Box" on foot.	
		0730 to 1800	Comd; all Coy comds; so and I Sgt. moved off per car, with similar comds from other Bns in the Bde to Pt 668, 328298 where a recce was made for a demonstration to be carried out on days 16, 17 and 18 of this 2 nd period.	
		1300	All L.O.B. personnel leave camp under comd Maj C. FAITH to act as enemy in the Bde exercise of 11, 12, 13 Jun. 42.	

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FORGLOSS	11	1900	<p>The following order (verbal) is received from Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde.</p> <p><u>Enemy.</u> a Tac IR reveals an enemy force NORTH of area 298 298. A smaller force is at 299 297 with ack guns in fwd posns. Obs sighted suggest that fwd force is 2 comp strong. A large coln is moving SW from SELEMIYE.</p> <p><u>our tps</u> a mobile force left this area at 1900 hrs - task to raid enemy outposts immediately after first light on 12 Jun.</p> <p><u>Intention.</u> 24 Aust Inf Bde gps will adv in desert formation on 12 Jun and will attack and destroy the enemy in area 298 298.</p> <p><u>Method:</u> Normal 'box' formation will be adopted; ascis 90° magnetic; centre of base at 284 291. The area will</p>	see appendix No 9.

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FORGLOSS	11	1900	<p>be flagged by Bde HQ.</p> <p>Leading bn : 2/28 Aust Inf Bn</p> <p>Right Bn : 2/32 " " "</p> <p>Left Bn : 2/43 " " "</p> <p>The box will move at 0930 hrs on 90° magnetic to 293291 thence on 40° magnetic. 8 miles is speed.</p> <p>Cavalry bounds: B sqn 9 Aust Div Cav will report on line of rd. MEDDECH AIFIR, then on EAST-WEST line through 295300.</p> <p>AP AP and POL at 287292.</p> <p>Water normal (3/4 gals per man per day incl vehs).</p> <p>All open 1800 hrs 12 Jun.</p> <p>Intercomm: Wireless silence until advised.</p> <p>Bde HQ will close present location 0800 hrs on</p>	

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FORGLOSS	11	1900	12 Jun and will reopen in 'box' at the same time. <u>Representation of fire by enemy:</u> LMG - series of dots with 'black flags' HMG - flag (black) waved from side to side. atk - flag waved in circles.	
		2100	Lt Col WAIN issued orders for the formation of a normal 'box' with B and A Coys fwd and C and D Coys in rear. SP - eastern end of main track camp. Start Time: 0730 hrs.	
	12	0645	10 and 4 Carriers moved: 2 carriers were placed on the eastern end of the box, one at each end of that line; one was placed in the posn where the leading veh will halt and one immediately WEST of this one at the	

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FORGLOSS	12		<p>western end of the Bn area. This enabled the Bn to move into the box in coln and to form formation without confusion.</p> <p>0730 Start time.</p> <p>0745 "Form Desert Formation" signalled.</p> <p>0855 Bn 'box' complete and Bde informed. Bn HQ is at 286291</p> <p>0905 Bde informs "JAC/R of 1930 hrs" Jun shows a defensive posn at 298307 with some posns approx 4000' SOUTH of that area."</p> <p>0959 Further information that enemy outpost has withdrawn to 301305. Mobile coln under LMG and HMG fire from there, and is withdrawing towards 283294. Suspected that enemy main posn is at Pt 899, 301305.</p> <p>1020 Enemy, estimated strength one Coy, advanced SOUTH</p>	

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FORGLOSS	12		<p>from pt 899, 301305.</p> <p>1025 Bde Desert Gp commenced to move fwd.</p> <p>1100 Bde Desert Gp altered its axis of adv to 40° magnetic.</p> <p>1115 Group halts and a Bde O Gp is called. Before giving his orders, Brig GODFREY explained that the exercise was being carried out in stages and that halts might be longer than normal.</p> <p><u>Information</u>: Our mobile coln forced enemy outposts to withdraw to 301306 and the coln came under heavy fire from that posn, incurred light casualties and had been ordered to return to the Bde Desert Group.</p> <p>The Cav screen reports that some enemy is at 2995 3015 and in a wadi at 2995 2990.</p>	

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FORGLOSS	12		<p>Div Cav will hold its present posn and will endeavor to locate the enemy's flanks by recce.</p> <p>The Bde Desent Bn will resume march at 1140 hrs on a bearing of 40°.</p> <p>The brigade went fwd in a carrier to recce the posn.</p> <p>1128 Bde O. Bn</p> <p>1212 Bde O. Bn:</p> <p><u>Information:</u> Div Cav have contacted the enemy who is holding a ridge at 295298, with a front of approx 1400-1500', running EAST-WEST. Cav has 3 tps in posn about 1200' SOUTH of the enemy posn, will hold that posn and will seek further information of the enemy's flanks by forceful recce.</p>	

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FORGLOSS	12		<p><u>Intention:</u> Base Desert Formation will continue to adv on its present axis.</p> <p><u>Method:</u> 2/28 Aust Inf Bn will adv, debus when it comes under heavy fire, move fwd to Cav's posns and occupy them. Cav will then withdraw to flanks. 2/32 and 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will remain embussed but will put a Coy across the Centre of 'Box' when 2/28 Aust Inf Bn debuses. Box will then halt and 2/28 Bn will withdraw to the rear of the 'box'. All 'B' echs will remain in present posn - 296295, covered by one Coy from each of the flanking bns.</p> <p>After debussing 2/28 Aust Inf Bn will occupy the ridge at present held by the Div Cav, using force to get there, if necessary.</p>	

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FORGLOSS	12		<p>2/8 Aust 2d Regt will support, if required. No move from this posn before 1315 hrs. Warning: Details of the enemy posns already known suggest that there will be a Bde attack later. At this stage the leading centre veh of 2/28 Aust Inf Bn was at 2975 2960. Without any further move fwd a further Bde O.G. was held. <u>Information</u> own tho: Div Cav can get further fwd. They will do so and will use every endeavour to push further fwd. Details of arty, anti th and aa fire plans were given. One pl from each flanking Bn will remain with B Sch.</p>	

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FORGLOSS	12		<p>When Bns debuss all vehs, excl A ech, returns B ech area.</p> <p>1430 Bde Desert Lp moves on 40° magnetic.</p> <p>1445 Hdq Bn under light 105 mm fire.</p> <p>Bn HQ of 2/43 Aust Inf Bn 29752955. 'Box' built</p> <p>1545 Bde O Lp.</p> <p><u>Information:</u> Enemy occupy ridge from "d" in BIR HAMMED east for approx 1500'. Artillery guns in fwd posns. Covering fire from inf guns and HMGs.</p> <p>Own tps: 2/28 Aust Inf Bn now moving into posn astride Wadi "Box" from 2980 2995 to 3010 2985</p> <p><u>Intention:</u> 24 Aust Inf Bde will attack and capture the enemy posn.</p>	<p>See Appendix No. 10</p>

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FORGLOSS	12		<p><u>Method:</u> 2/32 Bn will move EAST of wadi "E" and will attack the enemy's right flank. 2/28 Bn will adv its left flank on the success of 2/32 Bn. Objective - line of ridge due NORTH of "ed" in BIR HAMMED. 2/43 Bn will follow in behind 2/32 Bn attack, with wadi "E" as its axis of adv.</p> <p>Bearing of attack 342° magnetic.</p> <p>A start line will be flagged with blue flags on eastern side of wadi "E". Ips will debuss 300' SOUTH of start line and who will return to Bedh area.</p> <p>Zero: 1730 hrs.</p> <p>Limit of exploitation: enemy pos on HAMMED Ridge.</p> <p>Consolidation: Immediate.</p>	

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FORGLOSS	12		<p>15 Bty and 16 Bty, 2/8 Aust Inf Regt will support the 2/32 Bns attack by observed fire.</p> <p>Atk and AA tasks were also detailed.</p> <p>Coys of 2/2 MGs Bn will support the attack by observer fire from our left flank.</p> <p><u>Medical:</u> AOS 2992 2970</p> <p><u>Intercomm:</u> Bde HQ in wadi Ee at 2999 2980 from Zero plus 10.</p> <p>Success signal: Green Red Very Light.</p> <p>On success by 2/28 and 2/32 Aust Inf Bns, 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will be in reserve vicinity of wadi Ee 2995 3004.</p> <p>1645 Bn orders issued; B and A Coys fwd with D and C Coys in reserve, Bn HQ 300' rear of centre of D, C Coys; Bn Comd centrally between the four coys.</p>	

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FORG LOSS	12	1830	2/32 Aust Inf Bn crossed the start line and 2/43 Aust Inf Bn, which had been formed up for approx 1 hr followed 1000' in rear.	
		1955	Bn established in reserve astride the wadi as ordered: D Coy east of wadi, A Coy west of wadi excl; C Coy left rear of A Coy and B Coy to wadi incl. Bn HQ were established in the wadi 200' SOUTH of A Coy HQ.	
		2115	Ration trucks arrive and tps are fed. No patrolling was done during the night, other than the establishment of standing patrols to protect the Bn area. Due to the great heat throughout the day, water supplies were exhausted and water carts continued	

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FORGLOSS	12		<p>to run throughout the night, and Bde issued an order that they could use headlights.</p> <p>The number of men and vehs lost during the night, partly due to the impossibility of locating map references at night, showed that provision of capable guides and marking of routes is essential. B ech moved during the night and its new location was not known to Bns.</p>	
	13	0800	<p>No enemy activity had occurred up to this hour, so far as we knew, apart from some patrol activity on 2/32 Bn front.</p> <p>0810 Bde O Gp called and an operation order was issued verbally.</p> <p>Information: <u>Enemy</u> recon patrols have been active since first light examining our posn and dashes have</p>	

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FORGLOSS	13		<p>occurred on 2/32 front. An attack on our 7th DL at 0600 hrs by dive bombers caused some casualties.</p> <p>TAC/R at 0715 hrs: head of an enemy column incl 100 AFVs at 296317. One Regt holding line 291308 - 296313; a carried regt moving SW at 320 310</p> <p><u>Own tps</u>: 9 Aust Div taking up defensive posn to cover HOMS rd. 24 Aust Inf Bde grp to exact maximum delay on rd PALMYRA - HOMS.</p> <p><u>Intention</u>: 24 Bde grp will withdraw to outpost posn at FORGLOSS</p> <p><u>Method</u>: By rearguard of 2/43 Bn with attached tps which will hold present line of 7 DLs. Main body will then form "Desert Formation"; axis 213° magnetic; grp to be ready to move at 1245 hrs. Speed 8 mph on 213° magnetic to 294291 thence 10 mph on 270° mag. Rearguard will join "box" and mobile tps (Dis Cav)</p>	

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FORGLOSS	13		<p>will cover the rear.</p> <p><u>Method of breaking actions:</u> Rearguard mobile tps will assume rearguard duties on withdrawal of rearguard (2/43 Bn less 2 Coys; 16 Bty 2/8 Fd Regt; 2 tps atk Bty; 14 12 aa Bty; 1 Coy 1/2 M.G. Bn). 7 D.L. will be denied the enemy.</p> <p><u>Timings of withdrawal:</u> All units, less rearguard, line of 7 D.L. will be held until 1045 hrs, thinning out may commence 1000 hrs. Rearguard will deny posn until 1115 hrs, thinning out may commence 1045 hrs. Tpt for all moves may be brought fwd into woods SOUTH of 7 D.L. 2/8 Fd Regt will support rearguard from present posns until 1045 hrs. Engineers will withdraw with rearguard mobile tps and will rejoin box at first halt. They will put down quick minefields at every opportunity - maximum expenditure 400 mines.</p> <p>Admin; ADS will remain present posn until 1015 hrs.</p>	

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FORGLOSS	13		<p><u>Intercomm</u>: Bde main HQ with box from 1000 hrs. Tactical HQ remains present posn until 1100 hrs</p> <p>Engineers and car come under comd CO 2/43 Bn.</p> <p>1255 Rearguard rejoins box.</p> <p>1330 Box moves on axis.</p> <p>1415 Box halts at 294291 and exercise ends.</p> <p>All tps, especially those in vehs without overhead covering found the heat trying, although steel helmets were not worn. Insufficient time was available for recce and passing on of information and tps were NOT in the picture. Most of vehs usually made ob very obvious.</p>	
	14.		<p>The morning which proved cloudy & cool, but a strong wind made conditions dusty.</p> <p>The object of the exercise of 14-15 Jun is:-</p>	

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FORGLOSS	14		<p>(1) To practice the formation of the Desert Group Formation.</p> <p>(2) To practice the formation of the Night Harbours.</p> <p>(3) To practice patrolling</p> <p>(4) To practice night move and dawn attacks.</p> <p>1300 Bn O Sp at which orders for the formation of Desert Group formation were issued. The opening narrative was given.</p> <p>1430 Bn commenced move towards the 'Box' area at approx 28629, and the Bn section of the Bde group was complete by 1538 hrs.</p> <p>1615 Bde group advanced on 90° magnetic to 29329, where its axis of adv was altered to 40° magnetic and the adv continued.</p> <p>1735 Group halted with Bn HQ at approx 299298; and immediately came under by MG fire at extreme range and by shell fire. The enemy continued the phase the Group</p>	

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FORGLOSS	14		<p>until dark.</p> <p>1825 Bn Comd, adjt and I Sgt moved fwd to recce the enemy posn in vicinity of Pt 899, 301304.</p> <p>1830 Group dive bombed by approx ¹⁰⁰ EA; at the same time groups of 5-6 men were observed moving in the area 301305.</p> <p>1915 Bn Comd returned, called all Coy Comd, carrier off and sig off together and the party moved fwd in Carriers to make a recce. Two men from the "I" sec accompanied the gp to take bearings and select a route to a possible Assembly Area and FUP for a dawn attack.</p> <p>A warning order was issued to all Coys. The enemy posn is held by a force, estimated strength a bn, with HMGS, LMGs and atk weapons. The at</p>	

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FORGLOSS	14		<p>Aust Inf Bn will assault & capture the enemy posn. with 2/32 and 2/43 Aust Inf Bns fwd, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn in reserve. Probable time of move from night harbour 0300 hrs.</p> <p>2010 L.O. arrived at Bn HQ with this order: "Bns will form Bn Sp harbours. To move into harbour before dusk. B ech will be Brigades after conference at 2130 hrs. He explained that it was desired that move into harbour commence when just enough light to see remained. Formation of the harbour commenced immediately and was completed about 1 1/2 hrs later. - Bn HQ at approx 298 298; intervals between vehs - 25 yds; arty and AA weapons were sited for use in atk role.</p> <p>2130 Dsp at Bde HQ.</p>	

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FORGLOSS	15	0050	<p>Bn comd returns from Bde and assembled his Oly. He had taken 2 1/2 hrs to move approx 2 miles and a Bn must always be prepared for the loss of any party attending an O Ly at another HQ. At midnight, when it became apparent that the CO might be lost, Maj. LIGERTWOOD has collected all available information of enemy own intentions and dispositions and commenced the preparation of his Operation order, in case it should be required.</p> <p>0100 Bn operation order issued.</p> <p>Information: ^{Enemy} as before - Enemy front approx 1600'. Own tho: 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will attack line, trig ft on pt 899 excel to right; 2/28 Aust Inf Bn will be in reserve. Arty will support be observed fire after arty first light.</p>	

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FORGLOSS	15		<p>Intention: 2/43 Bn will attack and capture enemy position from trig pt incl to left for 800'.</p> <p>Method: B A C Coys fwd D Coy less 1 pl in reserve.</p> <p>Objectives - C Coy: Trig pt incl to left 250'. A Coy: C Coy's boundary excl to left 250'. B Coy: Small Knoll (indicated during recon) incl right to A Coy.</p> <p>Assembly areas and ZUP and start lines: Indicated on ground.</p> <p>Start line: will be marked with lanterns.</p> <p>Start time: From camp 0245 hrs. " Assembly area: 0335 hrs Over start line: 0340 "</p> <p>D Coy central 800' in rear D Coy will secure Assembly Area + ZUP.</p>	

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FORGLOSS	15		Admn. message Intercomm. success signal GREEN RED.	
		0230	1 det engineers and Bn HQ left night harbor for engineers to prepare two gaps through a minefield supposedly located by patrols at 300302 (about 150' SOUTH of assembly area). D Coy supplied a cover party. The work over 1900 ^x and taping of gaps was complete when the Bn less D Coy arrived and all vech were guided through the gaps, and coln halted 200' further on. D Coy, under a separate guide had NOT been seen. Search showed that D Coy had reached the assembly area, had debussed but had not had time to mark the start line.	

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FORGLOSS			<p>Bn commences debussing, and moved off, passing over the opposite site of the start line ten minutes later. Debussing had occurred in an area 200' east of area laid down.</p> <p>at first light the coys were about 400' short of the objective; all were about 250' too far to the right and Bn Comd moved C Coy from the position where it had commenced consolidation to the left flank.</p>	
		0345		
		0350		
		0500	Success signal fired.	
		0900	First phase of practice ended. Orders were issued, a new Detent Gp was formed, later a night harbour & bivouac area was	
		1700	reached	

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FORGLOSS	15		<p><u>Comments:</u> At 4 mph MT did NOT make excessive noise but 'slap' of carriers was heard occasionally at 700' or over. Voices carried further than noise of the colu on many occasions.</p> <p>Ample time must be allowed parties to locate and mark assembly areas and start lines. Bns attacking side by side must make some arrangements for linking flanks during the attack.</p>	
	16		<p>24 Aust Inf Bde informed Bns that the correct location of its HQ is 2795 2917.</p>	
		1600	<p>Conference of Bns, all Pqs and Bn SOs and adjts at Bde to discuss "passing of information".</p> <p>To assist the finding of Bde HQ, a reference pt will be erected in the vicinity of that HQ. This</p>	

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FORGLOSS	16		<p>It will be distinguished by a light throughout the night and someone will be always on duty. a board at the pt will give the distance and bearing to all sub unit HQs.</p> <p>No training took place this day and Coys sent their men to either the salt water lake at 271296 or the stream near DJERBOUAIE.</p>	
	17	0730	<p>Capt M.R. JEANES and 'D' Coy reported to Maj. SALTER of 16 Bty, 2/8 Aust Ia Regt for practice in formation of a 'Jock' Column or Mobile Outpost.</p>	
		1100	<p>Capt A.I. HARE and Coy moved out of camp track as the enemy in the early part of the Div Exercise.</p> <p>Conference of all effs taking part in the next exercise. Free admin instructions were issued and it was pointed out that the objects of</p>	

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FORGLOSS	17		<p>the exercise were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(i) Cooperation with 'I' tho (to be represented by Lt-4th)<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) in night attack;b) day attack with arty covering fire.(ii) To train inf in laying minefields;(iii) To practice movt by road or across desert;(iv) To practice direct Air support (if aircraft available). <p>The mobile outpost consisted of 'D' Coy, 16 Bty, 1 th atk guns, det 3d Amb, 2 arm'd DPs, 1 th Lt aa, 1 pl mls, 2 pers carriers.</p> <p>Bn comd stated that his groups would be:</p> <p><u>R Sqd</u>: Co, adjt, 1 Sqr, Bty comd, atk comd, mine comd, sign off, mortar comd, Carrier comd.</p> <p><u>D Coy</u>: Coy comd, Lt aa comd, Pm, Rmo.</p> <p><u>Tactical Bn HQ</u>: Co, adjt, 10 van, W/2 van, HQ Coy comd,</p>	See past Appendix 20

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Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
FORGLOSS	17		<p>Sigs; 2 dets 1st pl; office van; Pioneer pl; Rues & Pave; 2 DRs</p> <p><u>Bn OP</u>: CO; adjt, Bty comd; Sgt + "S" pte; Runners.</p> <p>1235 Message received "Bde gp will adv in desert formation today. Markings and disps normal. Head at 28002917. Axis of adv 88° magnetic. Ldg Bn gp in posn by 1515 hrs. Comd gp moves present location 1500 hrs. Box will be ready to move 1600 hrs 150' spacing. 6 mil. 200 1120 hrs"</p> <p>1555 Bn gp in posn. Message to Bde.</p> <p>1600 Message. Sitrep 1615 hrs. JACH report visibility poor. 2 staff cars + one ALT on rd SOUTH BIR TAARPA 3628 moving WEST. Activity & considerable digging seen area 323393 and one mile to SW and area 318219. Also dispersed MT.</p> <p>Message. Sitrep 1200 hrs. Main enemy force now in area DUMA DMEIR. 3 aircraft have arrived at ALEPPO. Enemy ths have</p>	<p>See past appendix 20</p>

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Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
FORGLOSS	17		<p>NOT moved down main rd SOUTH of ALEPPO. No TACR on route FORGLOSS - PALMYRE. NMS SOUTH of PALMYRE. Coln all arms 7 arma Co and 40 MT on track NORTH PALMYRE. Coln of 270 and MT near SELEMIYE Arab states enemy MT and arma Co were camped last night on ALG near T4. Reliability doubtful. Further Jark 1600 hrs</p> <p>1600 "TACR received this HQ 1430 hrs. Coln MT moving slowly WEST along track PALMYRE - FORGLOSS. Head at T4, 3328. Severe dust storm has made further observation impossible".</p> <p>1610 Comds conference at Bde HQ. Brigadier GODFREY stated "All infm received has been passed onto comds. Our object in moving east along HOMS - PALMYRE rd must be (1) to delay the enemy if he moves WEST along that rd; or (2) to attack the enemy L of C. It seems that the enemy will NOT attack HOMS. We will attack his L of C. Route through Homs should be ours for 2 1/2 days. It is NOT safe to bypass any forces the enemy</p>	

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Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
FORGLOSS			<p>may have out & we will attack all forces. The principles to be followed are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Concentration of force 2) Speed 3) Information must pass down to all men. <p>Move will be EAST along PALMYRE track. Reporting line N-S at 287293. Car bounds 304292 and 311290. Leading bn will report passing over these bounds. Move from here at 1645 hrs.</p> <p>1645 Box moves fwd; and many vehs had engine trouble because of following wind.</p> <p>1750 Halt at 2956 2916.</p> <p>1925 Group still at the halt. Bde reports 'Bn' halted & gun firing on left flank.</p> <p>2030 No information was received and Bn Co gave orders for the formation of a Bn Sp Harbour at approx 295292. This was done and Co moved</p>	

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FORGLOSS	17	21230	<p>fwd to Bde HQ for information.</p> <p>CO returned and issued a warning order. "Enemy holds an area in vicinity 302293. 2/28 Bn will attack at 2200 hrs. 2/32 Bn will occupy area 303290. Bde is at 29902899. In success of 2/28 Bn this Bn will move to reserve Bn area at 30152920."</p>	
	18	0035	<p>Message received from 2/1 Aust Inf Bde to move.</p>	
		0055	<p>Harbour moved in three cols.</p>	
		0325	<p>Bn in harbour at 30152920.</p>	
		0417	<p>Message received "Bde group will continue adv in Desert Formation today. Form on ldg Bn and Bde office truck. Normal dispositions. Office truck at 30302915. 2/28 Bn in point by 0500 hrs, Bde HQ by 0530 hrs and base ready to move by 0600 hrs. Axis of adv pipeline. 10 mi.</p>	
		0655	<p>Sp information already to move - moves EAST.</p>	

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Commanding Officer: Lt Col W. J. WAIN

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Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
FORGLOSS	18	0820	<p>Message "TACK received this HQ 0500 hrs. MT and digging 320289 and 323293. Suspected 12 gun posn EAST of digging. Intense AA fire. Estimate 300 MT disposed in this area".</p> <p>0930 Gp halted at approx 314290. Bde Recs gp moved fwd.</p> <p>1141 Message from 24 Bde "Sitrep. Enemy forces have occupied a defensive posn astride rd PALMYRE - FORGLOSS. Strongly defended localities have been identified in areas 320289 and 323293. Estimate enemy strength about two Bns with at least 12 guns, possibly more. Enemy aircraft crashed area 31452925."</p> <p>1215 Brigadier issued orders at 31902956</p> <p><u>Information.</u> Enemy occupies some posns SOUTH of pipe line and his line is from Pipe line feature incl to trig 660 incl. Enemy has 2 lorries Inf</p>	<p>See appendix No. 11</p>

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Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
FORG LOSS	18		<p>Bns, 12 gun posns; many atk gun posns. I consider the vital ground is area trig bbs and ridge SOUTH of that. Pipe line posn - 4 atk guns. Posn held in depth. Trig bbs - 6 atk guns noted there.</p> <p><u>Own tps</u>: 24 Aust Inf Bn group incl att arms.</p> <p><u>Intention</u>: Bde gp will attack enemy posn from left flank. Tps will be transported to assembly area (3190 2986). They will then adv in vehs covered by I tks. I tks will adv to 1000' from enemy FOL prior to inf moving.</p> <p><u>Method</u>: 200 Bns fwd, one in reserve.</p> <p>2/32 Aust Inf Bn from pipe line feature incl to trig bbs exck; 2/43 Aust Inf Bn Trig bbs incl to diamond shaped knoll.</p> <p>I tks will move fwd to 1000' from FOL to cover</p>	

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Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
FORGLDSS	18		<p>adv and inf bns debuss when tks in posn. Debussed tks will pass through tks and capture fwd posns. If minefields are encountered inf will clear passages for tks. Tks will pass through inf on first objective and capture 2nd objective (posn). Each bn will hold one Coy in reserve to consolidate on 2nd objective.</p> <p>Inter Bn Boundary: line from 31902956 to trig 660 incl to left bn</p> <p>Lack of Reserve Bn: To follow along axis of PALMYRE rd; NOT to adv beyond line NORTH-SOUTH through 'A' in Abon until instructed by Bde. They will remain embussed.</p> <p>Bearing of attack: 126° magnetic for leading Bns</p> <p>Line plan of atty, Ad or attk & Mls was given</p> <p>Time orders here at 1300 hrs</p> <p>Zero line 1000' from objective. Zero hr 1420 hrs.</p>	

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Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
FORGLOSS	18	1310	<p>Bn warning order issued. Information as per Bde Order. "This bn will attack pt bbs as left Bn with D B A coys fwd and C Coy in reserve. Leave assembly area at 1400 hrs. Start time 1420 hrs. I will guide Bn to assembly area."</p>	
		1340	<p>Further orders issued by comd 24 Aust Inf Bde. "Start time 1435 hrs. Leave assembly area 1415 hrs. POW collecting pt 31902957; Lat 1000' in rear of tps. Success signal for 2/43 Bn - 3+tdo."</p>	
		1415	<p>Inf left assembly area in vehs.</p>	
		1435	<p>Mortars opened fire and debussing commenced</p>	
		1437	<p>Tps crossed the start line.</p>	
		1450	<p>MMGs supporting the attack.</p>	
		1456	<p>Leading tps in broken ground 500' from objective</p>	

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Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
In the Field	1942	.	Diagrammatic lay out - Bde gp in desert formation.	Appendix No. 1.
	June 2	.	Bn Convoy Exercise of 2 Jun 42.	" " 2.
	Jun 1	.	Proposed observation posts:	" " 3.
	Jun 1	.	Rece report - track.	" " 4.
	May 27	.	" " - track.	" " 5.
	" 26	.	" " - track.	" " 6.
	" 25	.	" " - track.	" " 7.
	Jun	.	Vehicle loading table Exercises 5-19 Jun 42	" " 8.
	Jun 11	.	24 Aust Inf Bde OO. No. 7.	" " 9.
	Jun 12	.	24 Aust Inf Bde OO. No. 8.	" " 10.
	Jun 18	.	24 Aust Inf Bde OO. No. 8.	" " 11.
	Jun 19	.	24 Aust Inf Bde OO. No. 9.	" " 12.
	Jun	.	Particulars of demonstration, days 16, 17, 18 of Inf period	" " 13.
	Jun 23	.	2/23 Aust Inf Bn OO. No. 5	" " 14.

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Place	Date	Hour	Events	Remarks.
FORGLOSS	18	1457	Arty cease fire.	
		1500	On lower slopes of final objective.	
		1510	Assault.	
		1515	Up on feature's crest.	
		1520	Success signal fired from first objective.	
		-	Bns consolidate on objectives.	
		1900	Mobile coln incl D Coy moved EAST along pipe line. Consolidation was completed and 'stand-to' just before dawn was observed.	
	19	0635	Message from Bde "The covering force of another Bde reports enemy mobile coln vicinity of SELEMIYE of approx 2 coys of Para Bn, 10 armed cs 30 mcs and inf in 20 MT. Our Cav screen has withdrawn to within 3 miles of us. The other Bde's mobile force is watching the enemy. Probable action - move EAST."	
		0730	Warning order withdrawn.	
		0940	Bde SO no 9 received	See appendix 12
	0945	Exercise ends and Tro move to approx 3245 2980 to prepare for the demonstration.	See appendices 13 and 19	

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Place	Date	Hour	Events	Remarks
Area TELL ABOU GALA 32452980	20	0530	Digging defensive posn -	Appendix 19
		to 0900	See sketch after digging was completed, the rest as well as heat allowed.	Appendix No. 21 Appendix No. 13
			This country was completely treeless and shade temperature was at least 117°. 14 men suffered from heat prostration and orders were issued for the consumption of some salt each day.	
			The 2/43 Aust Inf Bn and other troops taking part in the demonstration of attack practised their part.	
	21	0700	Troop commenced march to the demonstration area.	
		0800	Bn in its defensive posn.	
		1135	After an explanation by Brigadier LEE reserves commenced to appear and all arms engaged as required with limited fire.	
		1205	Cease fire. Remainder of day devoted to rest.	
	22	0730	So makes a recon of route to pipe line ^{track} at approx 316291.	
		0930		
1114		Demonstration of attack commenced.		
1200		Troop commenced to move towards the demonstration area.		

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Date and Time.—From June To 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
3245 2980	22	1340	Broadcast to spectators commenced.	
TELL ABOU GALA		1356	First screens appeared and fire commenced.	
		1422	Cease fire.	
			All the found the demonstration of fire of arty, mmks, mortars, Brens, rifles and Atk guns, both in attack and defence particularly instructive.	
		1800	Bn, in two cols commenced march from bivouac area via 316291.	
		1950	Night harbour formed at 282 293.	
	23	0930	Bn in coln HQ DC & A Coys B Ech commenced march, halted at 1140 for lunch with head of coln immediately EAST of HOMS. Co moved forward to reach a swimming area on the coast.	

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Date and Time.—From June To 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TRIPOLI	23	1530 ^{to} 1620	Tps swimming in area 174 288 (ref HAMIDIEH 1/50,000).	
		1830	Bn HQ established in area 1727 2774 (ref TRIPOLI 1/50,000); all tps bivouaced in the open	
	24		103 th tps proceeds to BEIRUT on 7 days leave	
	25	1800	Hand over of sector "B" TRIPOLI fortress area by 2/23 Aust Inf Bn. Our tps moved into buildings and tents occupied by that Bn	
		2030	CO called a conference of 2/c, adjt, SO and QM and informed them that this Bn would move on 28 Jun 42 to EGYPT — details to be given later	
	26	0730	CO reports to Bde.	

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Date and Time.—From June To 1942

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TRIPOLI	26	1045	Conference of all Bn offrs. Co states that Bn would move to EGYPT, some by road, some by rail. All supernumeraries to be left here for security pickets: kit-bags + trunks to be stored. If informed that trip is at ALEPPO	
		1600	All files and maps handed to 24 Aust Inf Bde	
	27		Packing etc for move.	
		1600	Conference of unit comds at Bde HQ.	
	28	0600	Bn commenced march from camp, in two gps @ road party @ rail party, which would travel to HAIFA, PALESTINE by road. Route: TRIPOLI - HOMS - RASM el HADI (halt for 8 hrs) - RAYAK - ZAHLE - CHTAURA - RASHAYA el	

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TRIPOLI			OUADI - MERTAYOUN - METULLA - TIBERIAS - KEARTAVOR - AFFULE - LAJJUN. vtm 20. mih 17.	
RASM el HADI	28	1525	Haet for 8 hrs commenced	
		1945	Rail party moved off.	
		2145	Rd party moved off.	
	29	1200	Rail party arrived NESHAR near HAIFA where it entrained in cattle trucks	
		1900	Rd party bivouaced at BUREIR near GAZA	
	30	0530	Brigadier's party moved off, incl Bn comd & Co.	
		0700	Rd party moved off, via BEERSHERA.	
		2300	Brigade conference at MENA, EGYPT	
		2345	Bn Comd and Bn Co moved off for AMARIYA area; mout was very slow owing to heavy traffic on all rds.	

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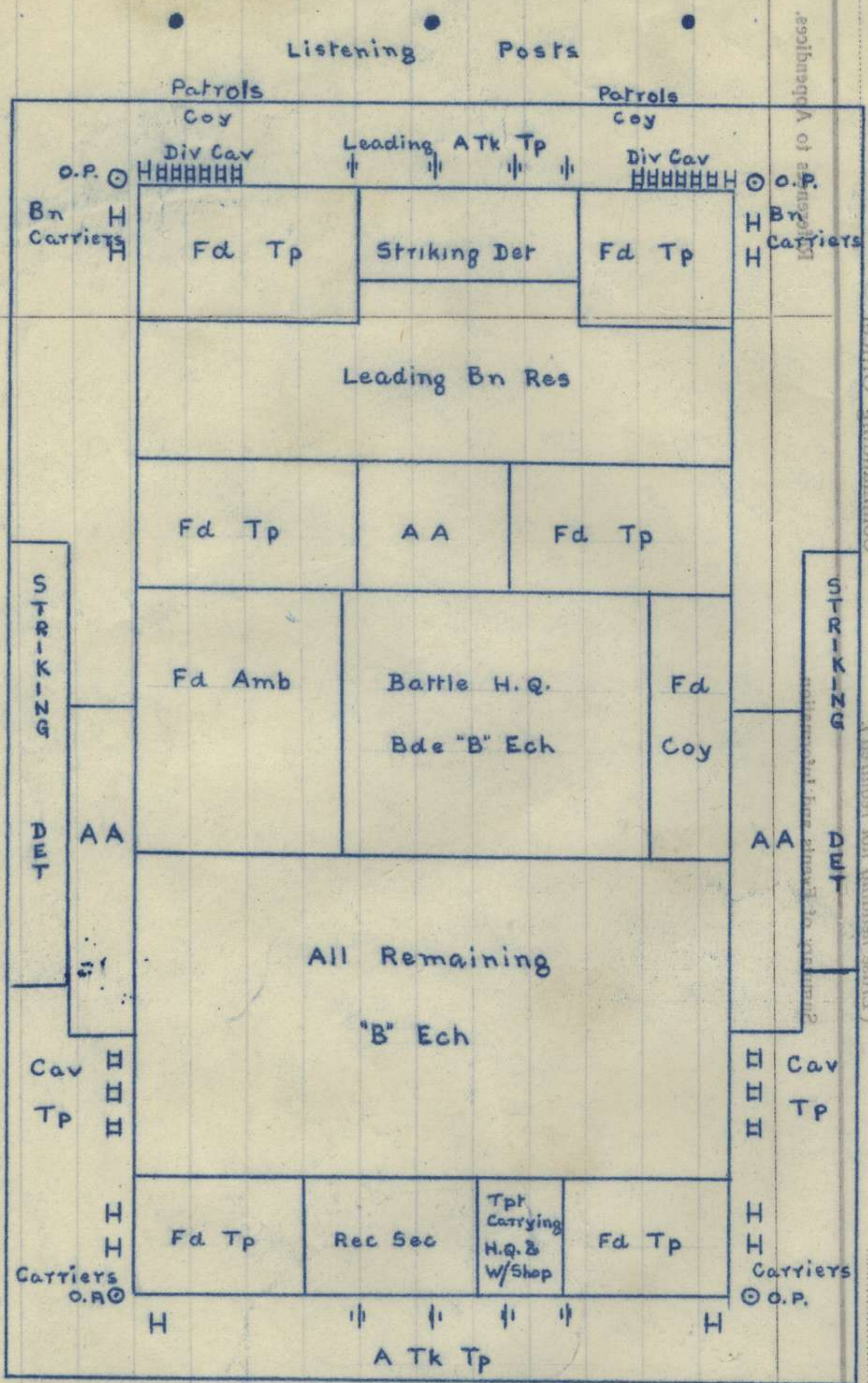
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Place	Date	Document	Appendix No	Remarks
In the Field	23 Jun 42	2/23 Aust Inf Bn Admin Instr (Syria) No. 10	15	
	24 Jun 42	24 Aust Inf Bde OO No. 3	16	
	25 Jun 42	2/43 Aust Inf Bn OO No. 3	17	
	26 Jun 42	24 Aust Inf Bde Lfy Movement Order No. 1	18	
	4 Jun 42	9 th Army Instructions re Demonstration	19.	
	4 Jun 42	Instrs for Div Exercise + annexes.	20.	
	20 Jun 42	Sketch - Bn defensive Posn	21	
	29 Jun 42	Bn Movement Order No. 1.	22	
	do.	Bn Op Instr No. 1.	23	
	do.	Bn Op Instr No. 2	24	
	-	TRIPOLI - BATROUN 1/50,000 (maps)	25	
	-	HOMS - QARIATEINE 1/200,000 (maps)	26	
	27 Jun 42	ROUTE SKETCH	27	
	-	Field Returns	28	
		Copy of Hand over File No. 2	29	
	Appreciation by Lt Col. WAIN	30		



24 BDE NIGHT HARBOUR



Listening Posts

LEGEND	
Listening Posts	●
Div Cav	H
Carrier	H
ATk Gun	

Place Date Hour

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NOTES

(1) This diagrammatic layout is drawn to scale within the box perimeter based on the vehs participating in the exercise :-

Scale :- 4mm to 100 yds.

(2) Composition of Bde Gp

- | | |
|---|---|
| HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde | 12 Bty, 2/3 A/Tk Regt (four tps each of four guns) |
| K Sec, 9 Div Sigs | One Bty, 4 Aust Lt AA Regt (three tps each of 4 guns) |
| 76 LAD | One Sec, 2/7 Fd Coy (representing one coy) |
| 2 Pl A Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn | D Coy, 2/2 MG Bn (three pls of 4 guns) |
| 2/28 Aust Inf Bn | 2/3 Fd Amb |
| 2/32 Aust Inf Bn | 11 Coy AASC |
| 2/43 Aust Inf Bn | 101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy AASC |
| B Sqn 9 Div Cav (two lt tank tps, 4 carrier tps each tp 3 vehs) | 3 Rec Sec 2/1 A.F.W. |
| 2/8 Fd Regt (three btys of two tps each tp 4 guns) | |

(3) Interval and distance 150 yds

(4) Div Cav - Screen as indicated approx 5 miles from box depending on nature of the country.

(5) Inf - B Ech of leading bn, at rear centre of box.
B Ech of flanking bns in, but near rear end of bn areas.
One pl each flanking bn as rear party closing rear of box.

Carrier Secs :- Leading bn - Two with fwd OPs, One with striking det, One res in box.
Left and right bns) - One with flank OP, One with striking det, One rear, One left/right flank.

Coy Comds on inner flanks.

(6) Fd Arty - Available to support front, flank or rear, in addition to Striking Det if operating within range.

(7) A, Tk Arty - One tp fwd tp operate behind Cav screen. One tp rear of box to close it, and also act as Gp res. One tp with fwd striking det and one sec with each flanking striking det. If 6 A. Tk guns per bn available front and flanks to be readjusted.

(8) AA Arty - The AA tps are shown diagrammatically in the layout. Individual guns will move approx 800 yds apart with other vehs to give more field of fire for every gun.

(9) MMGs - One pl with each striking det.

(10) Striking Dets - Composition :-

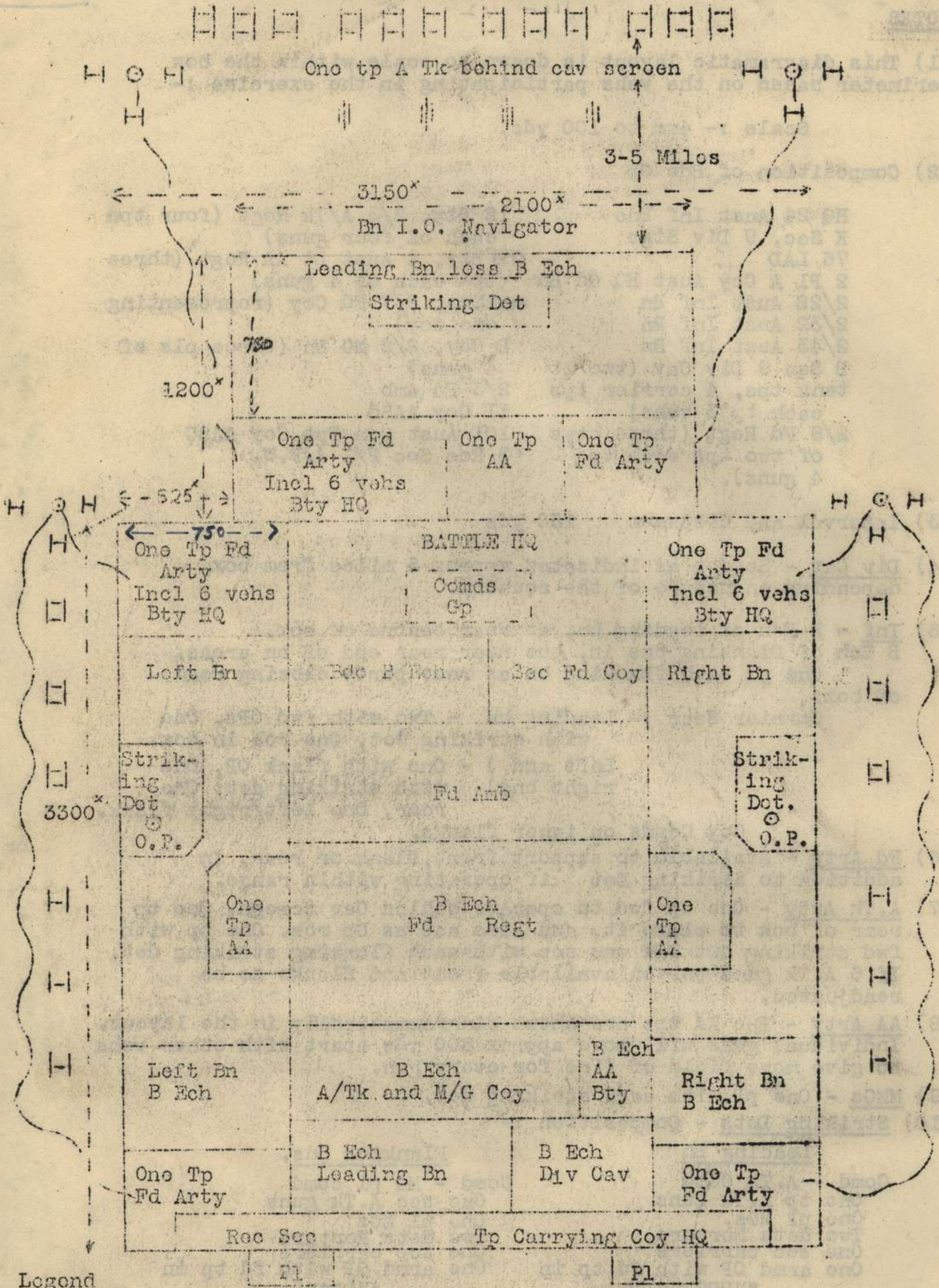
<u>Leading Bn</u>	<u>Flanking Bns.</u>
Comd - A. Tk Comd	Comd - MG pl comd
One tp A. Tk guns	One sec A. Tk guns
One pl MGs.	One pl MGs
Two dets Mortars	Two dets Mortars
One sec carriers	One sec carriers
One armd OP with fd tp in support	One armd OP with fd tp in support

Role :- When resistance is encountered, the nearest striking det will be ordered to move fwd to deal with enemy and the coln does not halt. If striking det encounters by opposition, the Bde Gp halts for action.

Alpha A

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BDE GP IN DESERT FORMATION

4 tps Div Cav fwd screen



Legend

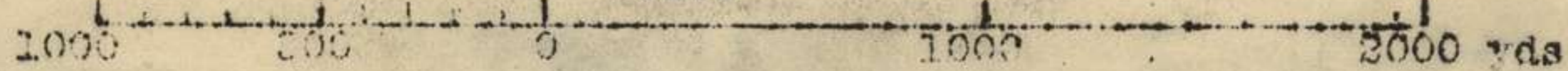
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- ⊠ Div Cav
- ⊡ Carriers
- ⊙ Armd O.P.

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One Tp A Tk

⊡ ⊡ ⊡
Carrier Sec
Left Bn

⊡ ⊡ ⊡
Carrier Sec
Right Bn

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Appendix 2

Ben Convoy Exercise - 2 Jun 42.

Ref Map: TRIPOLI, HAMIDIH, HALBA, 1/50,000.

This exercise was held over rds between present bivouac area near BECHMEZZINE (15642644) and CARACOL (18542984).

The objects of the exercise were:

1. To enable all tps to observe a convoy on rd.
2. To practice loading of tpt.
3. Movt of the convoy as convoy at 15 vtm and 15 mih.
4. Action by tps and drivers in event of alarm of "heavy air attack".

Main points noted were:

- a. Judgment of interval, while moving, was bad; while halted, good.
- b. Lack of knowledge of signals by tps.
- c. Acceleration after a halt or obstacle must be gradual.
- d. Sentries must remain alert and prominent.

General.

Reveille was at 0500 hrs, breakfast at 0530 hrs, and by 0647 hrs, all coys had reported "ready to move".

The leading veh passed the SP at 0700 hrs and the last at 0730 hrs (both coinciding with 'forecast of events'). A speed of 10 mph was maintained by the leading veh for 5 miles and it then slowly accelerated to 20 mph; and in the first hour 13 miles were traversed and the first 15 miles were travelled in 1 hr 10 mins, incl the passage through TRIPOLI.

A halt was made at 17522891 at 0830 hrs; but vehs about 45 back in coln did not reach correct interval and halt until 0837 hrs.

The coln moved off at 0905 hrs and at 0932 hrs, the leading veh signalled "air alarm" and halted at 18342969. At this stage the coln was approx 6 1/2 miles long, and signal did NOT reach the last veh until 14 mins later. The signal given by the DR was wrong, was not understood by some and was ignored by all. The dispersal of tps on ground appeared to be good.

Coln then moved to CARACOL 18542984, swung off the rd to left, then back to rd in SW direction. The convoy completed the turn in 38 mins, despite a bad turning place. Many vehs bunched ~~waited~~ when delayed approaching the turn. Convoy returned to 17832929 and halted for lunch. During this halt, some coys retained vtm laid down by even spacing of vehs, some by forming pl 'blobs' at greater intervals.

The convoy next moved at 1150 hrs. As the rd was first-class, and to test effect on the convoy of early acceleration, convoy went to 15 mph very early, but drivers at the tail end report that they had to travel at 40 mph to maintain or regain interval and offr in charge of AASC tpt reports that drivers could NOT maintain interval and observe all safety rules following such an early speed of 15 mph.

The leading veh reached camp at 1319 hrs and last at 1346 hrs.

Observations:

1. Greater attention must be given to interval, both by driver and front seat passenger.
2. Signals must be given both by driver and passenger, as some vehs are left hand drive, some right hand.
3. Signals should precede action indicated.
4. Many tps were ignorant of signals used.
5. Some tps debussed without an order.
6. Drivers uncertain whether to halt on right hand or alternate sides of rd.
7. In event of losing place in coln, drivers uncertain whether to attempt to regain posn immediately or to await next convoy halt.
8. Drill by drivers uncertain.
9. What action is necessary when veh halts near a blind corner, in order to maintain conn?

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10. What intervals should be maintained at authorised halts, e.g. lunch.
11. Many air sentries could NOT be seen by sentry in next veh.
12. Some counted m/c as veh when maintaining interval.
13. On "air alarm", signalling was discarded in favour of debussing.
14. Tps riding on tyre boxes.
15. Tps, although ready to move, failing to appear so.

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2 Jun 42.
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Proposed Observation Posts

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Appendix B

Ref Maps: TRIPOLI, BATROUN - 1/50,000.

- 15452643. Pt 352. Approx 2,000 yds from present Bn bivouac area. Good observation to EAST and of coastal area from CHEKIA JEDIDE towards NORTH.
- 15312642. Pt 305 vicinity. Good observation of coastal rd from CHEKIA JEDIDE to CHEKKA Tunnel feature; of all high country within area "Y". Direct visual sigs comm to pt 168, 147263 and to pt 240, 150262. Approx 4,000 yds from present bivouac area.
- 15172611. Pt 388. Gives no observation of coast area, but distant observation of flat ground beyond KAFR HAZIR. Good observation of high ground in area "Y". 50 mins from present bivouac area. Centrally situated in area "Y" but NOT a satisfactory OP.
- 15042626. Good observation of whole of coast area. Easy of access.
- 14802628. Good observation of full coastal area NORTH of CHEKKA tunnel feature; 5 mins from main track on feature, 200 yds WEST of pine trees.
- 14652634.) Good view of coast to SOUTH. Easy of access; much natural cover.
14662638.) First point preferable to second (chapel).
- 14722638. Observation of area el HERY to NORTH. Not recommended as permanent OP.

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PROBE REPORT of track KFAR HAZIR (18452633 - 15352626 - 15372620) - MRA el ABCHI (15332615) and NAHR el ASFOUN to RE Dump (15042641) by Lieut J. COEN on 1 Jun 42.

Ref maps: TRIPOLI, BATROUN - 1/50,000.



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Part I.

CAPACITY.

1. By day, track suitable for movt of tps and mules and wadi suitable for tps only.
By night, movt by track is possible but marking may be necessary.
Movt via NAHR el ASFOUN by night is possible for tps, but footing is dangerous and noisy.

PART II

TIMINGS.

2. 15452633 - June 15353636. 15 mins.
15353636 - MRA el ABCHI 15332615. 40 mins.
15332615 - RE Dump 15042641 105 mins.

NATURE.

3. Rd to KFAR HAZIR is suitable for all types of vehs. Beyond there the track becomes passable only by tps and pack animals. The rocky nature of NAHR el ASFOUN - dry in summer - makes it negotiable by tps only. The track is clearly defined over the white soiled undulating country. The wadi runs between steep and sometimes narrow rocky walls.

GENERAL.

4. First 900 yds of track runs through flat areas suitable for wide dispersion of at least 2 coys. From then it rises gently and climbs over a small saddle until, at 15352626, 3 tracks branch off. Our route is by the left, past a stone wall, surmounted by 6 or 7 stone cairns, 3 ft high, and along the crest of a spur at the end of which it winds down the hillside to MRA el ABCHI (15332619) and thence, by night, into NAHR el ASFOUN. 200 yds SW of MRA el ABCHI a bridge crosses the NAHR el ASFOUN and 3 tracks radiate therefrom. Those to the right and centre lead to KFAR HATTA while that to the left runs to BJABOURA, and all connect with the rd KAFTOUNE - CHEKIA JEDIE.
The NAHR el ASFOUN is bounded by steep and rocky sides and is wooded almost throughout its length. At one stage it is narrowed down to 5 ft by 2 high stone walls.

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Comment on track 14892628 - 14802608 - HAMATE.

By request, Maj WILLIAMSON took his Coy, with all weapons excl of anti tk rifles over this track after moving KFAR HAZIR to br 15042644 to 14892628. Climb proved tiring for men and heat in the wadi at approx 1300 hrs was very trying. Maj WILLIAMSON suggests that track KFAR HAZIR - br 15342614 - KFAR HATTA - 15002604 - 14802608 would be better and shorter. Query - recon track from br 15342614 to KFAR HATTA to 14802608 to determine necessary markings and probable timings.

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Appendix 5



Recco report of track; June 14892628 - June 14802608 - June 14842605 - 14792598 - PATROUN by "I" sec, 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

Part I.

CAPACITY.

- 1. The track is suitable for movt of ~~inf~~ ^{inf} by day and night.
- 2. Track is impassable to all vehs.

Part II.

TIMINGS.

- 3. 14892628 - 14802608, 40 mins.
- 14802608 - 14782610, 10 mins.
- 14802608 - 14842605, 10 mins.
- 14842605 - 14762597, 20 mins.
- 14762597 - 14602592, 25 mins.
- 14602590 - coast rd, 30 mins. TOTAL 2 hrs 15 mins

NATURE:

- 4. Track is uphill to 14842605 thence downhill. For the first 1000 yds the track follows either the bed of wadi or its bank. A small dam must be skirted to the EAST before returning to bed of wadi. The going is rocky in places but not difficult. In vicinity of June 14802608 gradient is steep. At ruin 14842605 track runs off to SW; first 50 yds is steep and soil is loose. Last 200 yds (to 14792598) has a rough surface. Improved track 14792598 to 14602590 is impassable to vehs without impt to wadi crossings.

MARKINGS:

- 5. Markings are advisable ^{at} approx 14872626 (dam); 14872624 (exit from main wadi by small wadi); 14812598 (many goat tracks on white soil); 14802608; 14842605

WIDE TRACKS:

- 6. 14802608-14782610; a good track, steep gradient for last 50 yds leads to top of escarpment, from which improved track leads to HAMATE.
- Ruin 14842605-June 14872603 - 14812598 was NOT recd. It appeared longer but less rough than the more direct route.
- 14611591 - KOUBRA is very stoney; feet got wet and HAIR el DJOUZ.
- 14611591 via southern bank of HARR el DJOUZ to coast was NOT recd.

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IO 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

1900 hrs.
27 May 42.

RECOMMENDATION. Ref map PATROUN 1/50,000.

Appendix 6

Recce report of track bivouac area 15622642 - Kfar HAZIR
15432626 - 15382618 - 15392611. (by Lieut B. J. CRAMPTON
moving with 1 coy of tps) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn. 26 May 42.
Ref map TRIPOLI 1/50,000.



Part I.

- Capacity of track - 1. The track is suitable for movt by day of tps and mules.
2. Movt by night is possible if track is marked.
3. Movt beyond 15392619 is very difficult.

Part II.

Timings:

4. 15622642 - junc 15432626 - 28 mi
5. 15432626 - junc 15382618 - 38 mi
6. 15382618 - 15392611 - 47 mi

Nature:

7. Rd to KFAR HAZIR is suitable for vehs. Beyond that, track is suit for tps and mules only.

Undulating country, white soil. Track is NOT clearly defined and white soil makes it difficult to follow at night. Stoney in parts.

General.

8. About 800 yds beyond KFAR HAZIR is grove and vineyard which would afford cover to 1 coy. 1 coy could be bivouaced in grove at 15392623. No water there. WADI el ASFOUR is deep and rugged. Sheer drops of 200 ft and more. Track is difficult to follow into wadi and it seems that there is more than one wadi to cross. Climbs out of wadi are heavy. Little cover in bed of wadi against tps on edge.

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1700 hrs.
26 May 42.
BECHMEZZINE.

Recco report of track 15462634 - 15122633 - 15342633 - 15152642 - br 15042644 (by 2/43 Aust Inf Bn moving with recco party). 25 May 42.
Ref map TRIPOLI, BATROUN - 1/50,000.

Part I.

Capacity of track: Tps and mules can move over this track, both by day and night.

Part II.

Timings:

Bivouac area 15622642 to KFAR HAZIR - 20 mins;

To track June 15342633 - 50 mins;

To creek June 15152642 - 70 mins;

15622642 to br 15042644 - 110 mins.

Timings are for movt of 1 coy, by day. Time could be reduced to 75 mins by a forced march.

General:

At about 15182635 a well defined track leads WEST to next wadi.

From 15182635 to olive grove at 15112643 tps were in view from village CHEKIA JEDINE and from western edge of CHEKIA ATIQ.

Covered approach from olive grove to br.

Track in the main is fairly good for tps and mules. Between 15282633 and 15232634 particularly, slippery rocks make movt, especially by night, difficult.

M.T. and A.F.V.

NOT suitable for their use.

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1730 hrs.
25 May 42.
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VEHICLE LOADING TABLE - FEBRUARY 5 - 12 JUL 42

VEH.	PERSONNEL CARRIED	STORES CARRIED	MARKED
Car D9 4619122	C.O. Adj't I O Dr H.F.	C.O. & Dns Esgt C.Os Betman.	
Car D.S. H 262	2 I/O Assis Adj't C.Os betman 2 I/CS Dr H.F.	2 I/CS, 2 I/CS betman & dns eqpt.	
Van 15 cwt V 5355	Assis I O I Sjt One I pte Dr H.F.	I Ssgt eqpt Offrs eqpt Riding personnels gear	5
Van office V 9701	R S M O/R Sjt 2 Clerks Dr H.F.	Office eqpt TMS & 250 rds Riding personnels gear	
Lorry 3 ton L 9774	R ID Sjt AAM 2 Med Orderlies 2 Cpl Chiropractors Betman Dr H.F.	R A P Stores riding personnels gear	4 Hls.
Van 20 cwt V 7045	Padre Betman-Padre " Assis Adj't Dr H.F.	Riding personnels gear Assis Adj'ts gear	
Truck 30 cwt L 14104	G.N. Offr G.N. Personnel	Riding personnels gear and stores	
Truck 30 cwt L 12251		I Sec.	Provost $\frac{6}{15}$
H.Q. Coy			
Van 15 cwt V 14893	Coy Comd C S M Clark C.Os Betman	Office eqpt Offrs gear Riding personnels gear	
L.F.L.			
Lorry 3 ton A A S C	P1 Comd Assis Sig offr Sig Sjt 2 Sigs. Dr H.F. One betman	Sig Stores A Tk rifle and 200 rds Riding personnels gear Marching personnels packs	
Lorry 3 ton Tp carrying			26
R.F.L.			
30 cwt trucks L 15222 385760 483 L 17317	No 2 P1 complete & Dns H.F.	All eqpt & personal gear	
S.F.L.			
Carriers No 2 & 3	Two each carrier personnel Two " mortar personnel	each 3" mortar and 72 rds.	

Yeh	PER OFFICER CARRIED	STORES CARRIED	MARCHING
		<u>3 PL</u>	
Two 3 ton lorries A A S C	P1 Cond Batman 2 Orderlies 2 Drs M.T. Sjt 3 Ptes Range taker	4x3 1/2 Four 3" Mortars Remainder am	
Two 3 ton lorries A A S C	Marching personnel plus to carrying remainder of 1 P1 marching personnel		29
		<u>A PL</u>	
Carrier No 4.	P1 Cond Dr Mech Batman Owner	250 rds	
Carriers Nos 5 - 12	Each 4 Carriers Nos	Personnel gear Each one box S A A	
3 ton lorry A A S C	2 1/2 P1 Batman Clerk Dr M.T.	T S M G - 300 rds Office gear 3 boxes S A A Spare Coy stores	
3 ton lorry to carrying A A S C			19
		<u>5 PL</u>	
Lorry 3 ton 1 16168	P1 Cond Batman 2 Ptes Dr M.T.	Tools and stores Office gear O.Rs packs	
Lorry 3 ton to carrying A A S C			17
		<u>6 PL</u>	
Truck 30 cwt L 14776	Q.M. Batman - Q.M. " - Adj't Hygiene duty men Dr M.T.	Office gear - Q.M. Adj't, T.O. Riding personnel gear.	
Two lorries 3 ton A A S C	2 Hygiene duty men 2 Drs M.T.	Reserve S A A Try am	
Lorry 3 ton L 9115	T.O. Mech M.T. Dr M.T.	960 rds reserve 2" mortar am A Tk rifle and 200 rds.	
Lorry 3 ton L 1266758	Tpt Sjt Dr M.T. Egpt repairer	960 rds reserve 3" mortar am	
Lorry 3 ton 216069	Sjt cook Office mess orderly Batman T.O. Office mess opl.	Office mess and rations	
Lorry 3 ton L 12181	Tech Stores Sjt 2 Clerks 2 Tech storemen 2 Fitters Mech M.T. Dr M.T.	M.T. Stores and tools	

VEH	PERSONNEL CARRIED	STORES CARRIED	MARCHING
Lorry 3 ton A A S C	Sjt Cook Cpl Cook Butcher 3 Cooks Sjte Mess orderly R S Ms batman Dr M.T.	Sjts mess eqpt Cooking sets, rations and water in tins	
4 Lorries 3 ton AASC	<u>Each</u> - C Q M S Cook Dr M.T.	Cooking sets. Rations and water in tins	
Lorry 3 ton AASC	RQMS CQMS (HQ Coy) Armourer (AAOC) Tech storeman 4 cooks Dr M.T. Postal Cpl Sjts Mess Orderly Pay Sjt	Riding personnels eqpt	
Lorry 3 ton	Eqpt repairer Shoe maker Storeman Hygiene duty man Dr M.T.	Surplus stores Q.Store.	
Lorry 3 ton 258320	Storeman Dr M.T.	Dtbn of petrol	
Lorries 30 cwt 1 & 2.	<u>Each</u> - Dr M.T. Water tester		
W/T Van	2 Bde operators	Personnel gear Wireless eqpt	

Rifle Coys
each

A, B, & C - one, 15 cwt truck
D - one, one ton van

Coy vehs. Each four 3 ton A A S C
Tp carrying six 3 " A A S C

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Ref map LEVANT 1:200,000 QARIATEINE Sheet

NO CHANGE FROM VERBAL ORDERS

INFORMATION

1. Enemy

- (a) Strat R during morning 11 Jun reports armd formations moving SOUTH through ALEPPO. Movement of MT noted vicinity SELEMIYE.
- (b) Tac R timed 1830 hrs 11 Jun indicates enemy motorised formations preparing defensive posns area 293307 with strong outpost some 4,000 yds SOUTH.

2. Own Tps.

Mob desert coln was sent out at 1900 hrs to attempt to destroy or drive in enemy outposts by surprise attack at first light 12 Jun.

INTENTION

- 3. 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will adv in desert formation on 12 Jun and attack enemy formations in area ROUDJOUR ED DELEM.

METHOD.

4. Formation.

Desert formation box will be formed facing 90° mag with centre at 284291.

- 5. Box will be marked out by Bde I.O.'s party by 0700 hrs 12 Jun.

6. Box dispositions.

- (a) leading bn 2/28 Bn
- (b) right bn 2/32 Bn
- (c) left bn 2/43 Bn.

- 7. Box to be ready to adv by 0930 hrs.

- 8. 2/28 Bn to be in posn by 0830 hrs.

9. Bde Comd Gp.

Bde Comd gp will move from SP, Bde office, at 0800 hrs.

10. Central gp units.

Units of central gp will follow Bde Comd gp.

11. Axis of adv.

on bg 90° mag to 293291, then on bg 40° mag.

12. Cav bounds.

(a) B Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav will report on line of track MEDDECH AFFIR.

(b) East west line through pt 895 at 300304.

13. Interval and distance.

150 yds.

14. Speed.

8 mih.

ADM

15. Sup Pt) }
A P } at 287292 from 1800 hrs 12 Jun.
POL } normal

16. Water. - normal.

INTERCOMN

17. Wireless silence until advised except Cav reporting ground and first contact.

18. FASL and tentacle with Bde H.Q.

19. Bde H.Q. closes present location 0800 hrs 12Jun and opens Bde gp box same time.

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Time of signature

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2/32 Bn	2
2/43 Bn	3
B Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav	4
2/8 Fd Regt	5
11 Bty 3 A.Tk Regt	6
12 Bty 4 A A Regt	7
2/7 Fd Coy	8
D Coy 2/2 M.G. Bn	9
11 Coy AASC	10
101 Gen Tpt Coy	11
2/3 Fd Amb	12
76 L.A.D.	13
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Ref Map LEVANT 1/200,000
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INFM

1. Enemy. -- occupying the ridge from D in BIR HAMED EASTWARDS for some 1500 yds with Atk guns fwd and covering fire coming from Inf guns and H.M.G.
2. Own Tps. - 2/28 Bn are now moving into posn astride wadi "X" from 29802985 to 30102985.

INTENTION.

3. 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will attack and capture enemy posn.

METHOD.

4. 2/32 Bn to move EAST of Wadi "X" and attack right flank of enemy posn.
2/43 Bn to follow in behind 2/32 Bn attack - axis of advance Wadi "X".
5. 2/28 Bn will advance left flank on success of 2/32 Bn - objective ridge NORTH of ED in BIR HAMED.
6. Bearing of attack. - 342 Deg. Magnetic.
7. Start line - will be flagged with BLUE flags EAST of Wadi "X".
8. Tps will debus 300 yds SOUTH of start line - veh will return to Bde B Ech area.
9. Arty.
15 and 18 Btys 2/8 Fd Regt in support 2/32 Bn - fire by observation.
10. Atk.
Two atk tps with 2/28 Bn will move fwd on success and aid in consolidation on objective.
Sec with 2/43 Bn will come under comd 2/32 Bn immediately.
11. M.M.G.
M.M.G. will move into posn on left flank 2/28 Bn and support attack of 2/32 Bn with observed fire.
When 2/28 Bn adv on left flank 2 Pl M.G. Coy move fwd.
1 Pl each to come under comd 2/28 Bn and 2/32 Bn for consolidation.
12. ZERO - 1730 hrs.
13. Limit of exploitation. - HAMED Ridge.
14. Immediate consolidation.

ALM

15. Normal
- 15(a) A.D.S. will be established at 29922970

INTERCOMN.

16. Bn H.Q. Office van rear R.A.P.
Bde H.Q. in wadi ~~at~~ "X" at 29992980 from Z plus 10.
17. Success signal.

GREEN - RED very light.

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Ref Map LEVANT 1/200,000 QARIATEINE sheet.

INFM.

1. Enemy. - Enemy posn extends from incl pipeline trig to incl trig 660. Strength estimated 2 Lorried Inf Bns, 12 known gun posns located and 4 atk gun posns located from Air photos and recce Pipeline trig feature. Trig 660 feature 6 well sited atk guns located. Both posns held in depth.
2. Own tps. - As per Intel summaries.

INTENTION.

3. 24 Aust Inf Bde ^{Gp} will attack and capture Trig 660 feature.

METHOD.

4. Outline of operation. Bde Gp will attack from the left flank. Tps will be transported to assembly areas, formed up and then adv in tpt covered by Squ A tks. The tanks will then adv to line 1000 yds from enemy F.D.L.s and ~~then~~ there halt. Hull down to cover debussing of assembling tps with fire. Assualting tps then pass through line of tks and capture first objective and make gaps in mine fields if located. Tks then adv to attack 2nd objective with fire support of inf on first objective. Each fwd ~~line~~ ^{Bn} will keep one coy in reserve to consol second objective.
5. Fwd Bns. Right. 2/32 Bn with u/c one atk tp, one M.M.G pl det 2/7 Fd Coy
Innsupport 15 Fd Bty.
Objective Left step feature - Trig 660 excl.
Left - 2/43 Bn with u/c one atk tp, det 2/7 Fd coy. In support
16 Fd Bty.
Objective. - Incl Trig 660 - PIMPLE HILL.
6. Inter Bn boundaries. - line 31902956 - trig 660(323292) incl to 2/43 Bn.
7. Reserve - 2/28 Bn with u/c one atk ~~pl~~, In support 58 Fd Bty. Sec less two dets
2/7 Fd Coy.
Task - Concentrate lorried in present posns and be prepared to exploit success of fwd line.
8. Assembly areas. - 2/43 Bn 31902957
2/32 Bn 31902955
9. Start line - line 1000 yds fwd of enemy F.D.L.s
10. Bearing of attack \approx 126 Deg Magnetic.
11. Zero. - 1435 hrs - time inf debus on start line.
12. Timings - Tanks arrive start line 1430 hrs
Inf leave assembly areas 1415 hrs.
13. Limit of exploitation. - Line of RED flags 600 yds EAST of trig 660
14. Consolidation - Immediate consolidation against Inf or A.F.V. attack
15. Cav - B Squ 9 Aust Div Cav will move wide on left flank in observation.
16. ~~XXX~~ * A tks - Task. Squ A tks will adv from rear of inf assembly areas. Move on axis of adv to hull down posns 1000 yds in front of enemy F.D.L.s to give ~~XXX~~ covering fire during inf debussing. Then move in rear assualting inf and on capture first objective, pass through and capture second objective with fire support.
F.A.P. In rear of Inf assembly areas
F.U.L. 1000 yds from enemy F.D.L.s
Fwd Rally. On axis of adv in rear of first objective.
17. Arty - support to debussing point, Z - 20 to
Z one tp smoke O.P.s, three tps concentration on defended localities,
H.E. slow.
During and after debussing Z to Z plus 9
One tp smoke O.P.s
Three tps H.E. concentrations on defended localities, H.E. rate normal.
Z plus 9 to Z plus two tps smoke O.P.s
F.O.O.s to accompany fwd Bns.

20. Atk.

- 21. A/A - one light A/A tp to cover debussing of assaulting tps. One light A/A tp to cover Arty posns. One light A/A tp ~~to~~ in support 2/28 Bn.
- 22. M.M.G. - One coy 2/2 M2G. Bn to support attack, fire by observation from ~~Explos~~
Z - 20
One pl u/c 2/32 Bn.
- 23. Engineers. - Det u/c each fwd Bn. Sec less two dets in support 2/28 Bn
- 24. Use of Mortar - Mortars of fwd Bns will accompany tks to provide support during inf Bn.

~~25.~~

ADM.

- 25. B Ech bded in present posn from 1330 hrs and will move to assembly areas on orders Bde H.Q.
- 26. Medical. - A.D.S. in present location.
W.W.C.P. at Inf assembly area.
- 27. S.U.P. AMN and P.O.D no change
- 28. P.W. P.W. collecting point at 31902957.

INTERCOMN.

- 29. Success sig - three RED verey lights to be confirmed by wireless.
- 30. Bde Tactical H.Q. - In assembly area at Z thence to centre of objective.
- 31. Main H.Q. - To close present posn and re-open at assembly area Z plus 30 then ~~as~~
as ordered.
- 32. Wireless. - F.A.SL. and ~~TENTACLE~~ with Bde H.Q.

Signed at 1320 hrs

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Ref map LEVANT 1:200,000 QARIATEINE Sheet
SYRIA 1:1,000,000.

INFM

1. Enemy.

Nothing further to Sit reps issued. Enemy movement in increased strength has been noted North and South of rd HOMS - PALMYRA, with a trend to converge on our present rear and L of C to FORGLOSS.

2. Own Tps.

(a) Two mob outposts from this Bde Gp sent out during night 18/19 Jun in direction of PALMYRA, report destruction wells at PALMYRA without opposition. Both outposts have now been ordered to withdraw on our main posn.

(b) B Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav have been ordered to withdraw their screen from East of T4 to a line generally three miles East of Trig 660 feature, and are now in posn.

INTENTION

3. 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will withdraw in desert formation in the direction of HOMS today.

METHOD

4. Outline of Operation.

Although in fact a tactical withdrawal, present known enemy dispositions cause the operation to take form of an adv until Bde Gp is able to cover HOMS from attack from the East.

5. Desert Formation

(a) Dispositions

Leading Fwd Bn Gp - 2/32 Bn
Right Bn Gp - 2/43 Bn
Left Bn Gp - 2/28 Bn

(b) Marking. FUP marked normally, except yellow flags for white.

Axis of FUP - 268 deg magnetic.
Head at 31852906.

(c) Interval and distance - 100 yds. ✓

6. Timings.

Bde Gp ready to move in desert formation 1200 hrs ✓
Leading Bn Gp in posn 1130 hrs ✓
No move from present posns before 0945 hrs. ✓

7. Axis of adv track PALMYRA - HOMS

8. Speed 10 mih. Normal halts. ✓

9. Mob outposts

Mob outposts will withdraw to Bde Gp, and at that time, be dissolved and sub-units return to normal comd in Bde box. ✓

If necessary Bde Gp will commence adv before mob outposts rejoin. ✓
on return Mob outposts will increase rear party to 1 Coy.

10. Cav
B Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav will protect rear of Bde box until 1130 hrs, thence give right flank protection. ✓

11. A. Tk
Until mob outposts rejoin box one tp A. Tk guns will be allotted each to 2/32 Bn and 2/43 Bn. ✓ *front or flank*

12. M. G.
D Coy 2/2 Aust M. G. Bn less two pls will move in res in box on right of Bde Comds Gp until mob outposts rejoin.

ADM
13. Sup P } close present posn forthwith and open
A. P. } in area FORELOSS at time to be advised. ✓

INTERCOMN

14. Bde H. Q. close present posn and reopen in box at 1130 hrs. ✓

ACK

Time of signature 0920
Issued at conference
at 0947 hrs.

BK Jackson
Maj.
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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DEMONSTRATION - DAYS 16, 17, and 18. of THE PERIOD.

Ref Map. QARIATEINE 1/200,000

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- OBJECT. To practice (i) Method of attacking Bde Defensive area with lorried inf and support weapons. (ii) Method of using Bde fire power to best advantage against a German Armoured formation (European pattern) (iii) Demonstration of fire, attack and defence.
- GENERAL. An examination of German tactics and trg pans shows that the German attack by an armoured formation is usually made in four phases.
- (a) Formation of assault party, 7000 - 8000 yds from objective, usually under cover. Possible bunching here. Simultaneously a strong, forceful, recon including leaving out standing O.P.s. Particular task to seek and locate A/Tk defences.
- (b) Tks in hull down posns, mortars, H.M.G.s and assault guns sited, preferably on ridge 1200 - 2000 yds from objective. Assault tps move in bounds to line of these weapons.
- (c) Support weapons engage all located A Tk guns and inf posns, and lorried inf debus - this phase takes about 15 mins.
- (d) Assault by tks with inf among or following the tks.

- DEMONSTRATION. The demonstration is in two parts:
- (i) Attack to FDLs of unoccupied defensive posns.
Inf. 2/28 Aust Inf Bn and part 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.
Up to and incl phase "C" of attack, mark iv tks will be represented by 25 pdrs.
Tks and carriers may represent mk iv tks in phase "D".
Mk iii tks (50 mm guns) represented by 2 pdr portees
A Tk Bn weapons (50 mm & 30 mm guns) represented by tractor drawn 2 pdrs
- (ii) Defensive posn occupied by 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.
2/8 Fd regt; A Tk weapons and M.M.G.s
Attack will be represented by screens.
BLACK screens 200 yds apart in F.U.P. and every 500 yds to line of support weapons - to represent tanks
YELLOW screens to represent support weapons.
RED screens represent ldg inf in final assault and BLACK screens appear every 300 yds to within approx 200 yds of F.D.L.
All screens appear on a timed programme.
Fwd sections only will fire.

COMPARE and COMMENT: All defensive weapons, except Bren and rifle, will engage support weapons throughout attack; inf engaged only by Bren and rifle - or --- all fire switched to attacking tps and tks at some phase of the attack.

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2/23 AUST INF BN OP ORDER NO 5.

23 Jun 42.

Ref Maps : LEVANT 1/50,000 Series, TRIPOLI.

INFM

1. Enemy - Vide current Int Summaries.
2. Own Tps - 26 Aust Inf Bde will move to Forqloss Area for Inf Bde Gp trg after relief in present Sector.

INTENTION

3. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will be relieved in Sector B by 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

METHOD

4. Relief will take place during period 24/25 Jun, and will be completed by 1800 hrs 25 Jun.
5. Security Duties -
All security duties will be taken over during this period (vide para 4); relief to be completed by 1800 hrs 25 Jun.
6. Comd - Comd will pass 1800 hrs 25 Jun.

ADM

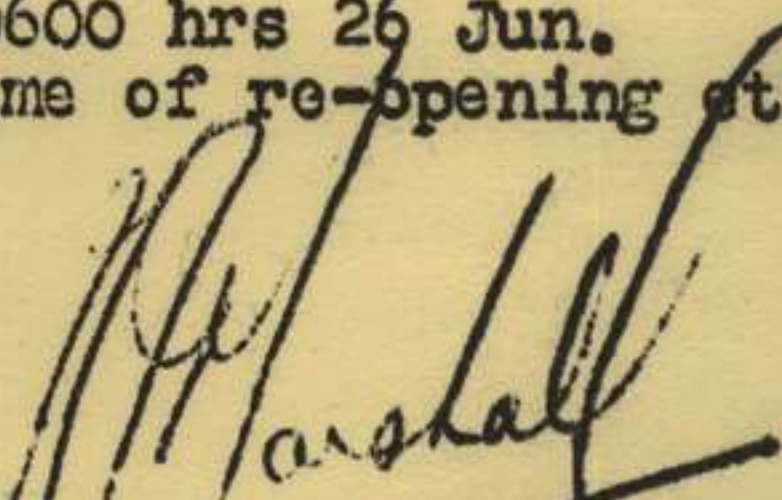
7. In accordance with instns to be issued separately.

INFER-COMN

8. Reports - Sub-units will report relief completed :-
(a) Of sub-unit areas by code word TWENTY.
(b) Security duties by code word FORTY.
9. BHQ -
(a) Will close present location approx 0600 hrs 26 Jun.
(b) Further details ref new location, time of re-opening etc, will be issued later.

ACK

Signed at 1923 hrs and issued through Sigs.



Adjnt, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Capt

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" "	6	CO	" "	19	A Tk Pl Comd
" "	7	2 i/c	" "	20	26 Aust Inf Bde
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2/23 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN (SYRIA) NO 10

23 Jun 42.

GENERAL

1. This instn deals with Adm arrangements for relief of 2/23 Aust Inf Bn by 2/43 Aust Inf Bn in Sector B, 24/25 Jun.
2. This instn is to be read in conjunction with 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Op Order No 5.

ARRIVAL - RELIEVING UNIT

3. Relieving Unit has already sent Adv Party, and Main Body will be in TRIPOLI area at some time after 1600 hrs 23 Jun.

BIVOUACING - PRESENT AREAS

4. Personnel of relieving unit will bivouac in sub-unit areas until night 24/25 Jun incl, using desert shelters issued for Forqloss trg.
5. On 25 Jun, these desert shelters will be taken over by this unit on following basis :-
 - (a) One per offr
 - (b) One per 2 ORs
6. Personnel of this unit will bivouac in sub-unit areas, using desert shelters, night 25/26 Jun.

MOVEMENT

7. Unit will move to Forqloss on 26 Jun, under orders to be issued separately.

TPT ALLOTMENT

8. The following allotments of tpt will be promulgated, by later instn as soon as notified by HQ, 26 Aust Inf Bde :-
 - (a) Vehs of 101 Aust General Tpt Coy (Tp-Carrying)
 - (b) Vehs issued from AASC 9 Aust Div (To make up unit first line deficiencies).

TENTAGE AND ACCOMMODATION STORES

- QM
9. These will be exchanged with relieving units by mutual arrangements, under QM's instns. AF G1033 will be passed, as required.

RE STORES AND TOOLS

10. RE stores and tools loaned by RAE 9 Aust Div, to 24 Aust Inf Bde (to make up E2 deficiencies) will be handed over to 26 Aust Inf Bde on 24 Jun. QM will notify Bde HQ of any deficiencies after hand-over, as soon as possible, so that these may also be made up by RAE 9 Aust Div.

DESERT SHELTERS

11. (a) Vide para 5 above.
(b) The Unit should receive approx 500.

WATER CONTAINERS

12. During period of relief, unit will take over water containers, on scale of E2 deficiencies made up plus 2 containers per veh (total 123) from relieving unit. No of containers found to be US will be notified to Bde HQ by QM on 24 Jun, so that this deficiency can be made up before departure for Forqloss on 26 Jun.

13. As supply of containers is limited, as many damaged ones as possible must be repaired within Unit lines.

CIVILIAN LABOUR

14. Supervision of civilian labour now employed on defence works will be taken over by relieving unit during period 24/25 Jun, under Pnr Offr's direction.

DISPOSAL - (a) Accommodation Stores
(b) Tentage
(c) Personal Gear Etc.

15. Operational scale of accommodation stores will be taken to Forqloss.

16. NO tentage will be taken.

17. All surplus accommodation stores and personal gear (including steel trunks, suit cases, kit bags etc) will be stored in rooms allotted at LEGOULT Barracks, tpt collecting from sub-unit QMS stores as follows :-

HQ Coy, BIR	1900 hrs	23	Jun
C Coy	0800 hrs	24	Jun
B "	1100 "	24	"
D "	1400 "	24	"
A "	1800 "	24	"

Tpt allotted - One 30-cwt, three 3-ton vehs.

Sub-units will provide own loading parties which will travel on vehs for unloading at LEGOULT Barracks, and will be returned to sub-unit areas by Tpt Sgt.

18. Curtains Sandfly - These will not be taken to Forqloss, but will be moved by this unit Rear Party, assisted by 24 Aust Inf Bde personnel, to store rooms, LEGOULT Barracks, morning 26 Jun; QM to co-ordinate this move.

19. Palliasses - Under separate instns to be issued by QM, these will be emptied on 25 Jun, and moved to store rooms LEGOULT Barracks.

REAR PARTY

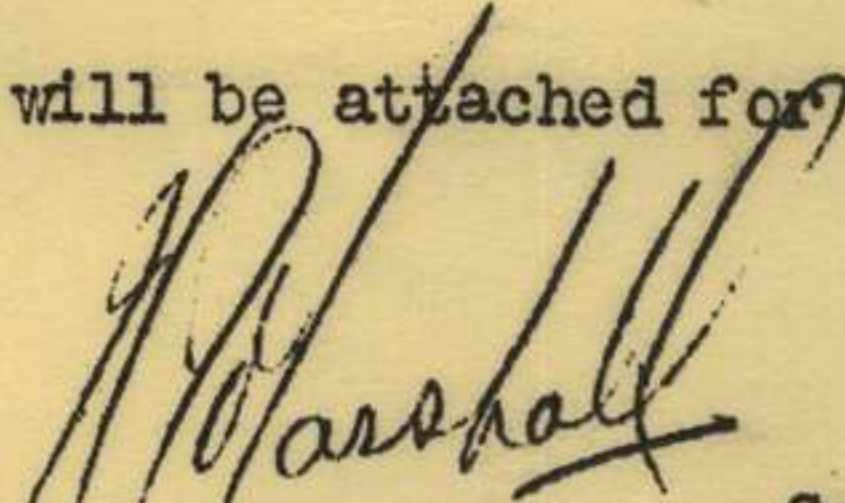
20. This Unit will contribute one NCO and four ORs (to be detailed).

SALVATION ARMY CPL

21. From 0600 hrs 26 Jun, Salvation Army Cpl will be attached for tpt, rations and discipline, to RAP.

ACK

Signed at 1936 hrs
and issued through Sigs.


Adjnt, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Capt

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As for 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Op Order No 5.

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24 Aust Inf Bde C.O. No. 3

Ref map LEVANT 1/50,000 TRIPOLI Sheet.

INFORMATION

1. Own Tps.

(a) Units and sub units 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp have now reverted to normal comd.

(b) 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp is to be relieved operational duties in TRIPOLI Fortress 25 Jun 42 and move to FORQLOSS area for tng.

INTENTION

2. 24 Aust Inf Bde will relieve 26 Aust Inf Bde in Sectors A and B TRIPOLI Fortress on 25 Jun 42.

METHOD

3. 2/43 Bn will relieve 2/25 Bn
2/32 Bn " " 2/48 Bn
2/28 Bn " " 2/24 Bn

Relief will take place on 25 Jun and will be completed by 1800 hrs.

4. Security Duties.

2/28 Bn will take over all security duties in the Fortress area, incl 9 Aust Div Reception Camp, by 1800 hrs 25 Jun.

5. Comd will change 1800 hrs 25 Jun 42.

ADM

6. Handover Tng Stores

(a) Handover of the following stores previously issued this Bde for tng period will proceed with relief -

Water containers
Desert shelters
Engr stores and tools

(b) The following are recalled immediately to Bde H.Q.

Aldis lamps
Manoeuvre flags
Maps LEVANT 1/200,000
HOMS } issued
QARIATEINE } for
SELEMIYE } tng
PALMYRE } period

7. Units will take over all accommodation stores in their areas.

INTERCOMN

8. Bde H.Q. will close present location 1800 hrs 25 Jun and reopen MADJLAYA 16442753 at same time.
9. Reliefs will be notified by R/T code.

ACK

Signed at 1020 hrs

Issued through Sigs & LO

Dr Jackson Maj.
B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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8 Mule Coy RIASC	9
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Ref Map 1/50,000 TRIPOLI sheet.

INFO.

1. Sub units in support ^{of} and under comd of 2/43 Aust Inf Bn have now reverted to their normal comd.
26 Aust Inf Bde is to be relieved of operational roles and is to move to FURCROSS for trg.

OPERATION.

2. 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 2/23 Aust Inf Bn in Sector B TRIPOLI FORTRESS on 25 Jun 42.

MISSION.

3. Coys of 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will relieve their respective Coys of 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
Outpost posts of Sector B will not be occupied.
4. Relief will be completed by 1800 hrs 25 Jun 42.
5. Comd will change 1800 hrs 25 Jun 42.
6. This H.Q. will be notified of completion of relief by citing code word DECEASED.

AIM.

7. The following stores will be handed over to 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
 - A. Water containers issued to this unit for purpose of exercise.
 - B. All desert shelters.
8. All accommodation stores will be taken over from 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
9. Receipts will be given and obtained for all stores handed over.

INTERCOM.

10. H.Q. will open new location at 1800 hrs 25 Jun 42.

Signed at 1038 hrs.

Issued through sigs.

J. Wilson
Capt.
Adjt 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

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24 AUST INF BDE GP MOVEMENT ORDER No. 1

Ref Map LEVANT SERIES 1:200,000
 TRIPOLI HOMS QARIATEINE.

GENERAL

- Movement order No. 1 is issued in adv of OO No 1 to move the following
 - Adv parties
 - Carriers of bde gp
 - B SQN 9 AUST DIV CAV REGT

METHOD

2. Adv Parties

(a) Composition

Capt K.E.BISHOP, 24 AUST INF BDE (OC party)
 Lieut M.G.WORTHLEY " " "
 one offr per inf bn
 one offr 2/8 AUST FD REGT
 one NCO per inf coy
 one NCO per fd bty
 two ORs 2/7 AUST FD COY
 two M.Ps (with M Cs) Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy.

- (b) Tpt One veh from 2/8 AUST FD REGT to carry adv parties from Fd Regt, Bde HQ and Fd Coy.
 One veh from 2/28 AUST INF BN to carry adv parties from bns.

- X(c) Assembly Vehs and personnel will assemble 24 AUST INF BDE HQ 0900 hrs 4 Jun

- (d) Route TRIPOLI-HOMS-junc pipe line and main rd LL24143054 thence pipe line rd area FORLOSS
 (e) Bivouac night 4/5 Jun area FORLOSS, and mark routes and unit areas of Bde Gp.
 (f) Adv party will carry 2 days rations and water and unit signs to mark routes.

3. Carriers O.C. party Capt J.C.HODGETTS 2/43 AUST INF BN.

(a) Composition

All inf bn carriers and carriers from 2/8 AUST FD REGT.
 Each inf bn and 2/8 AUST FD REGT will incl one 3 ton veh in party to carry personnel, rations and POL. ✓
 One breakdown det and carrier transporter 3 REC SEC

(b) Assembly

All vehs in carrier party will RV sports ground area LL 16362792 0500 hrs 4 Jun.
I.P.C



(c) Route

TRIPOLI - HOMS - junc pipe line and main rd ✓
LL 24143054.
Speed: Carriers will NOT exceed 15 m.p.h. ✓
Density: 15 v.t.m. ✓

(d) Bivouac night 4/5 Jun area North pipe line turn off.

(e) Leave bivouac area 0600 hrs 5 Jun and proceed via pipe line track to area FORLOSS LL 276294, thence as per instns for O.C. Adv Party. ✓

(f) Carrier party will carry 2 days rations and P.O.L. for 125 miles for all vehs. ✓

4. Movement B SQN 9 AUST DIV CAV REGT.

Independent movement as per confirmed verbal orders.

5. ACK.

K. Mairan
Capt.
A/B.M. 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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✓ 2/43 Aust Inf Bn (one copy O.C. Carrier Party)	3-4
B Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav Regt	5
2/8 Aust Fd Regt	6
2/7 Aust Fd Coy	7
9 Aust Div Pro Coy	8
3 Rec Sec	9
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MAIN HQ NINTH ARMY.

9A/423/3/0.

4 Jun 42.

G.H.Q., M.E.F.	
Tenth Army.	87 Sub Area.
10 Corps.	89 Sub Area.
9 Aust Div.	Aust Base.
8 Div.	N.Z. Base.
H.Q. Palestine.	S.N.O.L.
5 Ind Inf Bde.	Adv A.H.Q. Levant.
84 Sub Area.	
85 Sub Area.	H.Q., F.F.L.
	Greek Bde Gp.

Copy to: All Branches, H.Q. Ninth Army.

1. A demonstration of defensive fire by an Inf Bde Gp against an attack by a German Armd Div will be held on 22 Jun 42 in an area North of T.4 approx 328298. Time of commencement 1000 hrs, approx time of completion 1500 hrs.

2. The German Armd Div is on the European organization and not the African.

3. Troops taking part in this demonstration are :-

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde.
Three Bns 24 Aust Inf Bde.
2/8 Aust Fd Regt.
Part of 7 N.Z. A/Tk Regt.
1 Bty (16 guns) 3 Aust A/Tk Regt.
1 Coy Aust M.G. Bn.

4. The demonstration will take place in two parts.

(NOTE: Each of the above parts will only show one half of the attack i.e. the frontage of the attack will only be on about 1,000 yds, and only half the strength of the German Armd Div will be represented.)

(a) Part 1. The German attack is represented by using such British vehicles and weapons as are available, and correspond to German equivalents. Appx "A" shows the units, vehicles and weapons represented.

The defensive position will have been prepared and dug but will not be occupied, as covering fire will be fired onto certain defensive posts and weapons as are presumed to have been discovered by previous recon, and by observation.

(b) Part 11. The defensive position is occupied by such troops and weapons as would be able to bring fire to bear onto the attack, i.e. the whole perimeter will not be manned.

The progress of the attack will be depicted by screens pulled up on definite timings, and the defensive fire plan will be fired.

5. Will 9 Aust Div please signal the number of vehicles they will be able to supply to make up the force shown in Appx "A".

6. Rehearsal. A rehearsal of both parts will take place on 20 Jun 42 commencing at 0800 hrs.

7. Attendance. This is limited by the number of vehicles which it is possible to accommodate in the area. Each formation has therefore been allotted a maximum number of vehicles which it may bring.

8. Administration

Bivouac. Spectators will bivouac in area T.4 on night 21/22 Jun 42 and also if desired on night 22/23 Jun 42.

Sites. Bivouac sites will be allotted to formations and units by H.Q. Ninth Army.

Water Pt. Will be arranged by H.Q. Ninth Army at T.4.

Rations. All formations and units will make their own arrangements for cooking, rations and accommodation. NO N.A.A.F.I. stores will be available.

(Telephone available at Tactical H.Q. T.4.)

Allocation of Vehicles.

G.H.Q.	3.)	
Ninth Army	10.)	
Tenth Army	4.)	
10 Corps (N.Z. Div - 40)	46.)	
9 Aust Div.	37.)	
8 Div.	5.)	These vehicles are the only ones which will be allowed to the R.V. There is no objection to formations and units bringing additional vehicles for Adm purposes, so long as they remain in T.4 Area.
H.Q. Palestine (and Schools)	13.)	
5 Ind Inf Bde.	1.)	
84 Sub Area	2.)	
85 Sub Area	2.)	
87 Sub Area	2.)	
89 Sub Area	2.)	
Aust Base	2.)	
N.Z. Base	2.)	
R.N.	2.)	
Adv A.H.Q. Levant	3.)	
F.F.L.	4.)	
Greek Bde Gp	8.)	

9. Move to Demonstration Area.

RV for stand will be approx 328301.

Route will be marked by DPM Ninth Army and car parks will be arranged.

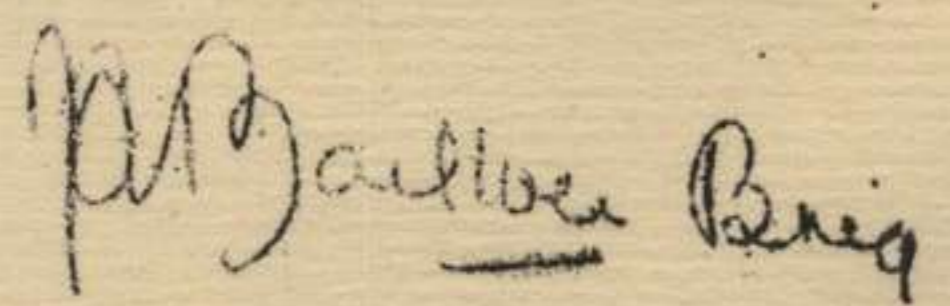
SP will be br 331289.

Block Timings for formation and units as under.

	and pass SP at
10 Corps (NZ Div and Greeks)	0830
9 Aust Div.	0840
8 Div.	0849
H.Q. Palestine	0851
5 Ind Inf Bde.	0855
84 Sub Area	0856
85 Sub Area	0857
87 Sub Area	0858
89 Sub Area	0859
Aust Base	0900
N.Z. Base	0901
R.N.	0902
Adv A.H.Q. Levant	0904
F.F.L.	0906
G.H.Q., M.E.F.	0908
Ninth Army	0910
Tenth Army	0913

Speed and density 20 v.t.m., 15 m.i.h.

All spectators will be in position at Stand 1 by 0945 hrs. Guides will be available to direct spectators to stands. Haversack rations under own arrangements.

for

 Gen, G.O.C, NINTH ARMY.

APPENDIX "A".

GERMAN UNITS, WEAPONS AND VEHICLES REPRESENTED.

NOTE: It is assumed that 80% of tank strength are "runners".

<u>German Unit.</u>	<u>No. of Vehicles.</u>	<u>Represented by</u>
½ Tank Regt	12 Mk. IV	12 25 prs towed, 2/8 Aust Fd Regt
	36 Mk. III	36 2pr portees (7 NZ A/Tk Regt if available)
	32 Mk. II	32 3 ton lorries (if available) 9 Aust Div.
½ Arty Regt	12 Assault guns.	12 25 prs towed, 2/8 Aust Fd Regt
	6 Armd OPs & Staff Vehicles.	6 light trucks W/T, 2/8 Aust Fd Regt
	6 150 mm Hows	
	6 Armd OPs & Staff Vehicles	6 light trucks W/T.
½ A/Tk Bn	9 50 mm	16 2 pr portees or lorries
	12 37 mm	(3 Aust A/Tk Regt)
2 lorried Inf Bns	25 cars	
	16 Half tracked vehicles	
	176 Tp carriers	220 assorted vehicles, 9 Aust Div.
Recco Unit) Not represented.	
Sigs Bn		
AA Bty		
Eng Bn		
Inf Guns		
Med Arty)	

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(d) Assault by tks with inf among or following them.

DEMONSTRATION

The demo is in 2 parts,

- (1) Attack to F.D.L.s of unoccupied defensive posns.
Inf 2/28 Aust Inf Bn and part 2/32 Aust Inf Bn.
Up to and inclusive phase (c) of attack Mk IV tks will be represented by 25 pdrs.
Tks and carriers may represent Mk IV tks in phase (d)
Mk III tks (50 mm guns) represented by 2 pdr portees.
Atk bn weapons (50 mm and 30 mm guns) represented by tractor drawn 2 pdrs.
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INSTNS FOR DIV EXERCISES Nos 1

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1. EQUIPMENT

Within the limits of the tpt available full G1098 eqpt will be taken. If it is necessary to leave any behind, unit anti-gas eqpt and G1098 amn will be dumped and left under gd.

Steel helmets will be worn except by Umpires and Directing Staff. Units used as enemy will wear felt hats.

2. SLIT TRENCHES

TOKENS Proper consultation

Slit trenches dug for protection against air attack will be filled in again to avoid creating an obstacle for following vehs.

3. REPRESENTATION OF ENEMY

Enemy will be represented as follows :-

- (a) German Mk III tks by Lt tks. (Each lt tk represents three Mk III).
- (b) Lorried inf coy represents one motorised inf bn. ✓
- (c) Thunderflashes and Smoke Candles (if available) will represent either guns or fall of shell.
- (d) Vehs, as seen, enemy to be multiplied by 3. Every third veh to be marked with black cross on bonnet. ✓
- X (e) Enemy inf will wear felt hats. Own tps will wear steel helmets.
- (f) Any vineyards and camps will be treated impassable cactus and must NOT be entered.

4. EXERCISE No 1

OWN TPS

PERSONNEL

As in Appx "A" to Special Idea (Own Tps) less Enemy.

AMN

The only portion of the div exercises which will be carried out with live amn will be the attack on D2 of Div Exercise No 1. Amn for this attack will be available to the following extent :-

FD arty	12 rpg	} 96 Rnds
A Tk	3 rpg for guns in the Attack	
	12 rpg for guns in Consolidation	
MMG	6 belts per gun	

3" Mortar as allotted by Bde Comd. *probably 20 Rnds*

SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS

- (a) Weapons will NOT be loaded prior to the commencement of the attack on D2.
- (b) 3" Mortars will NOT fire on targets within 400 yds of the leading tps.
- (c) Fire will be opened only by order of an offr and when he knows the situation is such that it is safe to fire.
- (d) Fire from small arms other than MMG is unlikely to be safe during the exercise.

No small arms / Page two

PERSONNEL

ENEMY

(a) One Coy in MT from 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp to be under comd 9 Aust Div from 1200 hrs on D1. *43 Bn. Capt Hare*

(b) Three secs carriers - one from each Bn - to be under comd Lieut KEYS T J 2/15 Aust Inf Bn from 1200 hrs on D1. *Report 43 Bn 4 Grc*

RATIONS & POL

Enemy units will carry rations for 48 hrs and POL for 80 miles. *and water.*

AMN.

Bde Gp will make following amn and flares available :-

available at 43rd Bn

Blank .303	-	500 rds	} <i>enemy.</i>
Flares Cart Ill	-	25	
Cart Sig Red		25	
Cart Sig Green		25	

SMOKE GENERATORS

No 5 Smoke Generators - 10

Amn as detailed to be allotted by Chief Umpire.

5. EXERCISE No 2

OWN TPS

PERSONNEL

As in Appx "A" to Special Idea (Own Tps) less Enemy.

AMN.

50 rds 25 pr Blank are available for exercise.

ENEMY

PERSONNEL

- (a) Bn Gp (in MT)
- (b) Two Secs Lt Tks of Div Cav Sqn under one Comd.

Serials (a) and (b) to come under Comd 9 Aust Div at 1200 hrs on D1

RATIONS AND POL

Rations and water for 48 hrs and POL for 80 miles will be carried.

AMN

Blank remaining from 500 rds for Exercise.

Flares

- 15 Cart Ill 1-inch
- 5 Cart Sig Red
- 5 Cart Sig Green

Smoke Generators - 20

6. FLARES, ETC.

Adequate precautions will be taken to ensure that flares etc are NOT fired near grass land or stubble and crops owing to risk of fire.

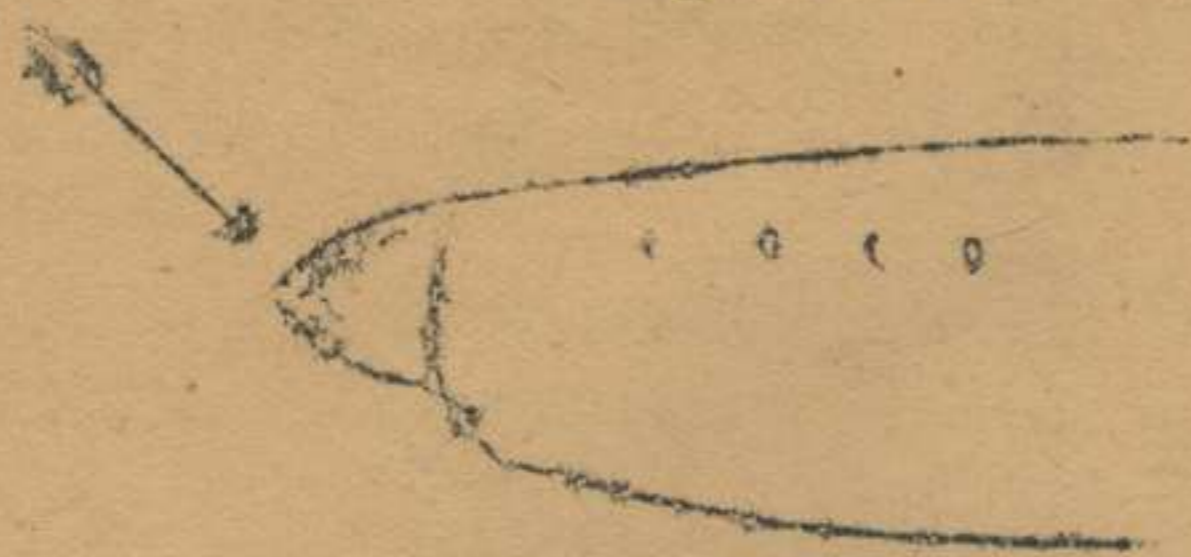
7. AIR

(a) Any aircraft with a white nose (or spinner) will be taken as enemy aircraft except that it will NOT be fired on.

(b) Friendly aircraft will have a red nose (or spinner) as shown.

Coloured nose -

Red - Friendly
White - Enemy



3. RAF

451 AC Sqn, RAAF (Hurricanes) are co-operating during the exercise and will be available for Tac R, Arty R and Photo R. A limited number of these aircraft will also be available to represent Lt Bs carrying out direct air sp. Air Sp Control will be close to Main Div HQ. Notes giving details of the improvised sig comms for Tac R and Air Sp are att as Appx "A". These notes will also cover recognition sigs.

9. SYNCHRONIZATION

- (a) 1st light 0430 hrs ✓
Last light 2020 hrs. ✓
- (b) All watches will be synchronized by BBC. ✓

10. CASUALTIES. (To be carefully explained to ALL ranks).

(a) Umpires will make personnel casualties by issuing cards showing whether working or lying. Men will be evacuated in the normal manner. Names of casualties will be recorded and their subsequent movements checked.

(b) Umpires will also make tk and veh casualties, issuing cards showing the nature of the supposed defects. These will be dealt with in the correct manner, and their disposal checked. The crew of any veh made a casualty will remove its identification.

11. ORDERS

(a) One copy of all orders, and messages, including notes on verbal orders unless an umpire is present to take them down, issued by Comd Inf bde gp, will be passed to bde senior umpire.

(b) Bde HQ files of 'in' messages and their sig log will also be made available for the Director on conclusion of the exercise.

12. LOCATION, MAIN DIV HQ

MAIN Div HQ will be located near map ref 27952945 (North of pipeline Pole No 454
17)

13. VISITORS

A visitors mess will be established. As exercises continue during the night, visitors are advised to come self contained.

14. UMPIRES

Arrangements for umpiring are given in Appx "B".

Distribution

20 Aust Inf Bde	20	CASC	1
24 Aust Inf Bde	20	Comd	1
26 Aust Inf Bde	20	C	5
9 Aust Div Cav Regt	1	Q	1
RAA 9 Aust Div	1	ADMS	1
Sigs 9 Aust Div	1	ADOS	1
2/2 Aust MG Bn	1	DAPM	1

A. Wells
Col
CS 9 Aust Div

COMNS

AIR SUPPORT CONTROL (Instns for Div Exercises 1 and 2)

1. Signal diagram att shows the comns for control of Direct Air Sp and Tac R. (limited distribution).
2. Sigs 9 Aust Div will provide :
 - (a) Tentacle for calls for Air Sp from Bde HQ to Air Sp Control HQ.
 - (b) Comn between Main Div HQ and ALG for orgn of Tac R etc sorties.
3. 451 A C Sqn will provide :
 - (a) At Bde HQ - a combined FASL (for working to Sp Aircraft) and Tac R Listening Set (for listening in to Tac R Aircraft reporting).
 - (b) At Div HQ - the RASL for comn from Air Sp Control HQ back to the Sp Aircraft Landing Ground, combined with Tac R Control (for working to Tac R aircraft).
4. Calls for Air Sp from Bde HQ will be made in accordance with the procedure and pro forma laid down in METP No 3A "Direct Air Support".
5. Tac R., Arty R. and Photo R sorties will be arranged between the Div Comd and Staff, CRA and the RAF representative at Div HQ. Any requests for sorties from Bde HQ will be passed through the normal signal channels.

RECOGNITION SIGNALS

6. Air to Ground and Ground to Air Signals by means of Cartridges Illuminating, Ground Indicators, "T" Ground Signs etc., will be as laid down in METP No 3A. *ALDIS Lamps*
7. (a) It is also proposed to test Ground to Air Signalling by Aldis Lamp. Three lamps will be available for use, one at Bde HQ, one with the Fd Regt, and one with a forward Inf Bn.
 - (b) In addition to use of Ground Indicators etc. as in para 6, HQs of Formations or Units with Aldis Lamps will disclose their HQ position in answer to a call from an aircraft by flashing the letter of the Day (Aircraft Recognition) twice, followed by their Formation or Unit Identification Letter, repeated at intervals for 3 mins or until acknowledged.
 - (c) If an Aldis Lamp is used forward of Regt or Bn HQ, troops will identify themselves in answer to a call from an aircraft by flashing the Letter of the Day at intervals for 3 mins, or until acknowledged.
 - (d) For purposes of the exercise, the Letter of the Day will be "M" and Formations etc Identification Letters will be as follows :-

HQ Inf Bde	M
HQ Fd Regt	K
HQ Inf Bn	●

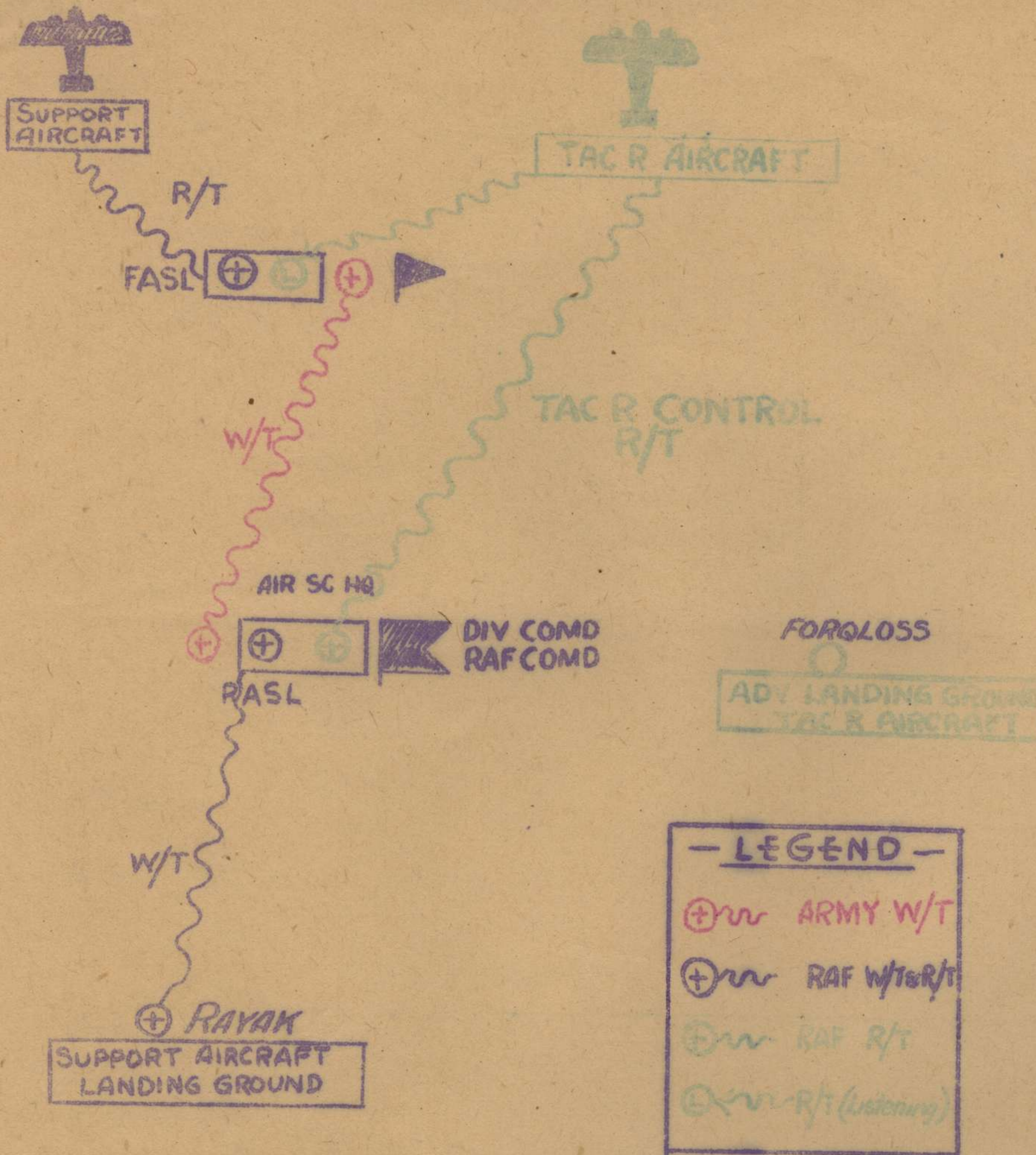
ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY AIRCRAFT

8. In all cases, aircraft will acknowledge signals from the ground by wing-flutter.

INDICATION OF TARGETS

9. Indication of targets will be by "V" ground strips and bars as laid down in METP. In addition, units with Aldis Lamps will flash the Lamp in the vicinity of the "V" sign to attract the pilot's attention.

SIGNAL DIAGRAM AIR SUPPORT CONTROL



DS - UMPIRES AND UMPIRE INSTNS

1. Director GCC 9 Aust Div
Assistants G I, G III I
LO LO 3.

2. Chief umpires of Arms.

Cav Lt Col BASTIN (or to arrange)
Arty Brig RAMSAY
Engrs Lt Col RISSON (or to arrange)
Sigs Lt Col CAMPBELL
Inf Lt Col OGLE -- Assistant Capt COMBES
MGs LT Col MACARTHUR ONSLOW (or to arrange)
Medical Col FURNELL
Ord Maj BLACKWOOD

3. Umpire organisation

(a) The normal umpire organization of units will be retained and the div umpires will be super-imposed on, and work through this organization for the exercises.

(b) Except as specified in (c) and (d) comds of "other arms" will see that adequate umpires are allotted to units.

(c) Inf bns organization will include the following minimum:-

tpt. Senior umpire each bn - X 1 Maj *Capt. Stegeman.*
Each coy - 1 Offr 3 NCOs. *off CHB + 1 each pl.*
Mortar Pl - 1 Offr 1 NCO. *(to umpire) L.O.P.*
Carrier Pl - 1 Offr

(d) Cav sqn X 2 Offrs (one for lt tks)
1 NCO per tp - on tp vehs.

Offrs marked X will require their own tpt.

4. Enemy Chief umpire X Maj NORMAN
Assistants Lieut J T KEYS
Lieut T H COLLINS

5. Umpires exercise will be held as follows:-

(a) RV - 0900 hrs 13 Jun - Pipe line post $\frac{4}{5}$ SE FORCLOSS. Lunches
 $\frac{4}{5}$ required.

To attend - Directors
Chief inf umpire and assistant
OC Enemy inf
OC Enemy cav
Div umpires
Enemy umpires

(b) RV - 0900 hrs 16 Jun -- as above. Lunches required.

To attend - Directors
Chief inf umpire and assistant
OC enemy
Enemy umpires
Cav umpires
Bn senior umpires.

Identification

(a) DS and Umpires cars will carry a white sig flag displayed prominently

(b) Umpires will wear a white arm band on the left arm. (Sig flags and arm bands to be supplied by and returned to Main HQ 9 Aust Div (See back)

(c) Umpires will mess with units etc to which they are att.

Enemy vehs

Will be marked with large black cross over the bonnet or engine.

APPX""A" to

Special Idea - Own Tos

AUST INF BDE GP

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	One Sec 2/7 Aust Fd Coy RAE
2/28 Aust Inf Bn	D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
2/32 Aust Inf Bn	// Coy AASC 9 Aust Div
2/43 Aust Inf Bn	101 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
B Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav Regt	2/3 Aust Fd Amb
2/8 Aust Fd Regt	3 Rec Sec & Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk
// Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt	
12 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt	One Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy

FORGLOSS - DIV EXERCISE No 1

Ref Maps: 1/200,000 LEVANT Series
HOMS
QARIATEINE
PALMYRE

1/500,000 LEVANT Series
Sheets 1, 2, 4 and 5

OBJECTS OF THE EXERCISE

1. To practise co-operation with "I" Tks, ✓
 - (a) in a night attack, ?
 - (b) in a daylight attack with arty covering fire. ✓
2. To train in the rapid laying of A Tk minefields. *mit. lugs*
3. To practise movement by rd and across desert. ✓
4. To practise Direct Air Sp. ✓

OPENING NARRATIVE

About the middle of *May* it became clear from air recce and agents' reports that the distribution of German forces was approx as follows:-

One armd div at AINTAB 3056
" " " " BIRIDJIK 3556
One Motorised div at MARASH 2662
" " " " ISLAHIYE 2356

*one bnde
in Turkey*

There were reports of large concentrations of aircraft incl a number of tpt aeroplanes, in northern ANATOLIA. Concentrations of aircraft in southern ANATOLIA were reported to be smaller. Demolitions on the rds and rys in northern SYRIA were reported to be causing the Germans serious maintenance difficulties.

On *10 Jun* German forces commenced to adv in two colns, one via KILLIS 2753 towards ALEPPO and the other via DJERABLOUS 3554, making due south with its left flank on the R EUPHRATES.

At this time the fortress area at QATANA - DAMQ^S. DJEDEIDE and TRIPOLI were held by garrisons.

9 Aust Div was disposed as follows:-

- (a) Covering force. One bde gp with under cmd the div cav regt less one sqn, holding the line HAMA - MASSIAT - BANTAS with a mob coln 10 miles north of SELEMIYE 2734.
- (b) Remainder of 9 Aust Div in TRIPOLI area.

After capturing ALEPPO the Germans left one motorised div there and pushed south towards PALMYRA 3829, with the remainder of their force. On *14 Jun* leading elements of this force reached SUKHNE 4332, and at 1200 hrs on that day Aust Inf Bde Gp, with under cmd one sqn Div Cav (carriers and lt tks) and one sqn Army Tk Bn, was ordered to stand by at 4 hrs notice ready to move to HOMS area with a view to delaying the enemy if he moved westwards towards HOMS or attacking his L of C if he moved southwards or SW towards DAMASCUS.

5 tps each of 3 Tanks.

WDW

NARRATIVE 1

Orders were issued for 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp to move to the east of HOMS on 16 Jun and at 1500 hrs on 17 Jun the bde gp was halted in the HOROLOSS area not further east than the 28 grid line when the GOC arrived to give Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp further orders. *GRID 28*

24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be formed up in this posn not later than 1500 hrs 17 Jun.

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be manned for ops from 1400 hrs.

• NARRATIVE I.

Orders were issued for 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp to move to the east of HOMS on 16 Jun and at 1600 hrs on 17 Jun the bde gp was halted in the FORQLOSS area when further orders were given to Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp by the GOC.

24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be formed up south of the pipe line facing east on the ~~red~~ dotted track which leads south from FORQLOSS in square 2729 at 1600 hrs 17 Jun.

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be manned for ops from ^{1500.}~~1400~~ hrs 17 Jun.

NOTE:

Owing to the non-arrival of Armd Cs, during 18 Jun only, the lt tks of the Div Cav Sqn will be used to represent the sqn of the Army Tk Bn under comd 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 1

Based on information received from NINTH ARMY up to 1800 hrs

All copies of this summary will be destroyed within twenty-four hours of receipt.

Ref Map : SYRIE & LIBAN 1/500,000 - Sheets Nos 1, 2, 4 and 5.

GENERAL

1. After capturing ALEP on *12 JUN* German forces have pushed southwards through PALMYRE towards DAMAS. At 1000 hrs *16 JUN* the leading elements of a large enemy coln were reported by Tac R 20 miles NE of DMEIR 2318.

2. At 1500 hrs they were reported to be passing through DMEIR in the direction of DAMAS. Head of main coln with several hundred tanks was then 20 miles west of SABIA BIAR 3320. AA fire was intense.

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

3. At ALEP one Div, believed to be 25 Motorised Div, was reported by escaped PW to be still in the town at 1800 hrs on *14 JUN*. There were no signs then of any intention to move South.

4. The main enemy coln is believed to contain the bulk of the two Armd Divs he has in this force, 7 Armd Div and 13 Armd Div plus part of 36 Motorised Div.

5. Tac R reported at 0700 hrs *16 JUN* a small coln of 6 Armd Cs, 4 guns and 20 MT approx 25 miles SE of ESRIYE 3437, moving in the direction of PALMYRE 3829. At 1700 hrs Tac R reported over 200 MT dispersed around PALMYRE but very slight movement southward from PALMYRE for 3 miles, where tail of main German coln began.

6. MT at PALMYRE may indicate a small force to protect L of C.

ORDER OF BATTLE7. 7 Armd Div

- 13 Recce Unit
(38 Lt Armd Cs and 12 Hy Armd Cs)
- 3 Tank Regt
- 7 Lorried Inf Bde, of
 - 101 Lorried Inf Regt (I and II Bns)
 - 121 Lorried Inf Regt (I and II Bns)
 - 39 MC Bn
- 7 A Tk Bn (30 A Tk guns of various calibres)
- 7 Armd Div Arty Regt
(Two btys each of twelve 105 mm Hows).

8. 13 Armd Div

- 7 Recce Unit
- 4 Tank Regt
- 9 Lorried Inf Bde
 - 105 Lorried Inf Regt (I and II Bns)
 - 112 Lorried Inf Regt (I and II Bns)
 - 25 MC Bn
- 13 A Tk Bn
- 13 Armd Div Arty Regt

25 Motorised Div

- 25 Recce Unit
- (38 Lt Armd Cs and 12 Hy Armd Cs)
- 21 MC Bn (253 MCs)
- 21 Motorised Inf Regt (I, II and III Bns)
- 22 Motorised Inf Regt (I, II and III Bns)
- 25 Motorised Arty Regt
- (Two btys each of three tps, each tp four 105 mm guns plus Med Bty of 12 150 mm Hows)
- 26 Div A Tk Bn.
- (Nine 50 mm guns and twenty-four 37 mm guns).

36 Motorised Div

- 11 Recce Unit
- 27 MC Bn
- 36 Motorised Inf Regt
- 37 Motorised Inf Regt
- 36 Motorised Arty Regt
- 36 Div A Tk Bn

Attached as Appendix 'A' is a tracing showing enemy dispositions known at 1800 hrs.

Col.,
GS 9 Aust Div

VID Bmt

13 Recce Unit
(38 Lt Armd Cs)

(awon)

Ward diary

2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

Appendix

Copy No13....

27 Jun 42

2/43 AUST INF BN MOVEMENT ORDER No 1.

GENERAL

1. Secrecy and deception

- (a) The contents of this Order are MOST SECRET and must only be communicated to those directly concerned.
- (b) Anyone enquiring concerning the move will be told that it is a trg exercise.
- (c) The 9 Aust Div Signs on vehs will be painted with oil & dust thrown on them, completely obscuring the sign. Unit numbers will NOT be obscured.

INTENTION

- 2. 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will move to EGYPT on morning 28 Jun 42.

METHOD.

3. Movement of carriers.

Carriers will R.V at 16492753 by 1200 hrs 27 Jun and under Capt FAHEY proceed to EL BHA Rly Sta for loading.

Carriers will each be manned by 3 men

Three days water, seven days rations and normal petrol will be taken.

All carrier stores will accompany party.

4. Movement of main party.

Unit will move completely motorised to MECHER and thence in two parties road and rail.

Road party will comprise unit tpt only.

5. Rear party.

Rear party will comprise all personnel supernumerary to est and will be under comd of Lieut R H CLERKE.

This party will mount guard over all accom stores left behind by the unit in its present area.

Rationing of this party is to be under arrangement of NINTH ARMY.

6. Allocation of tpt.

(a) Tp carrying

Rifle Coys 6 per Coy

H.Q. Coy and B H Q ll.

(b) Stores

Rifle Coys. one 15 cwt, one 30 cwt (cooking stores to be carried by H Q Coy tpt.)

H Q Coy and B H Q - remainder.

7. Movement table will be issued later.

ADM

8. Eqpt

All G1098 and E2 scale eqpt will be taken.

9. Amn

First line scale only to be taken.

Fifty rds per man will be carried on man.

Each Pl to carry one box S.A.A. on tp carrying tpt then on rail.

All magazines will be loaded.

10. Weapons

Brens and TSMGs (less cases) will be carried with Coys on train.

11. Tentage, Accom stores etc.

(a) All tentage and accom stores will be left in posn and guarded by rear party.

(b) NINTH ARMY are arranging for the early clearing of accom stores from area.

/12 Supplies

12 Supplies.

- (a) The unexpired portion and three days hard rations will be taken by the Unit.
- (b) Of these the unexpended portion and one days hard rations will be carried on the man, remainder to be issued as necessary under arrangements of Q M.
- (c) Two days rations will be issued to rd party at second staging camp.

13. Water

- (a) Water trucks, all water containers and water bottles will be filled before departure
- (b) Water will be made available at staging areas.

14. P O L

- (a) All veh will carry P O L for 160 miles from TRIPOLI
- (b) Two gallon containers are available for collection at bulk refuelling pt at 15982749.
- (c) Oil, and lubricants will not be available en route
- (d) Bulk refuelling is being arranged at staging areas.

15 Medical

- (a) R M O will travel with R A P veh and thence transfer to train party.
- (b) Evacuation of sick during the move will be as follows:-
 - (i) If possible sick will be taken to 6 A G H GAZA RIDGE,
 - (ii) If too sick they will be taken to G H at HAIFA until this town is reached, thereafter as notified.

J. H. Murray Capt.,
Adj. 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTBN

H Q Coy	1
A "	2
B "	3
C "	4
D "	5
CO	6
2 i/c	7
Adj. t	8
Q M	9
R M O	10
I O	11
T O	12
War Diary	13-14
File	15
Spares	16-17

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*War Diary
Appendix 23*

2/43 AUST INF BN Op INSTN No 1.

1. This instn is to be read in conjunction with 2/43 Aust Inf Bn Movement Order No 1.
2. Organisation of staff.
 - (a) Rail party.

Comd.	Maj.	F A	LIGERTWOOD.
Adj.	Capt	J H	WILTON.
Entraining and baggage offr	-	Lieut	E C GRANT.
Assis	"	"	" - " K M STOKES
Q M			WO 11 H CRELLIN
 - (b) Road party.

Comd and Q M	Capt	D E	TAYLOR.
T O		Lieut	C STANFORD.
 - (c) C.O. and I.O. will be travelling with rd party but on immediate call to Bde "0" Gp.
3. A.A. defense of trains
 - (a) All sentries will be maintained, two men per carriage in hrs of daylight, and A A IMGs disposed during any pre-arranged halts to cover train and tps in vicinity.
4. Deception

The following additional steps will be taken after HOMS is reached to conceal the move.

 - (a) All ranks will on NO account wear Aust type hats - these will be concealed completely during move, and steel helmets worn.
 - (b) Aust titles and badges will NOT be worn.
5. Cameras and diaries

coys will ensure that immediately on reaching final destination ALL cameras and diaries are collected and fwded to B H Q.

[Signature] Capt.,
Adj. 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTEN

As for 2/43 Aust Inf Bn Movement Order No 1.

Ward Beatty
Appendix 24

SECRET

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27 Jun 42,

2/43 AUSTRALIAN INF IN Op INSTN No 2.

1. This instn is to be read in conjunction with 2/43 Aust Inf Bn Op Instn No 1.
2. Convoy Comds.
Bde rail convoy Comd - Maj COM
Bde rd " " - Maj GILLMISTON
3. Cameras and diaries will be collected at 8 hr halt (see movement table) by Coys and passed in to B H C (in truck).
4. All ranks will now NOT wear Aust type hats nor wear Aust titles and badges at any stage of move. Steps will be taken to apply this instn only a short time before movement.

MOVEMENT TABLE

ROUTE. TRIPOLI - MORS - BAHLET - EL AJOUH - EL LAJOUN - EL LAJOUN
Cross rds at EL LAJOUN (Rail party - HQ to EL LAJOUN
(rd party - EL LAJOUN - EL LAJOUN.

SPEED & DENSITY To Ry crossing on rd (16732303) 10 min 20 vtm
Thence by day 17 min 20 vtm
by night 10 min 40 vtm

START Pt. Rd June EL AJOUH water pt.

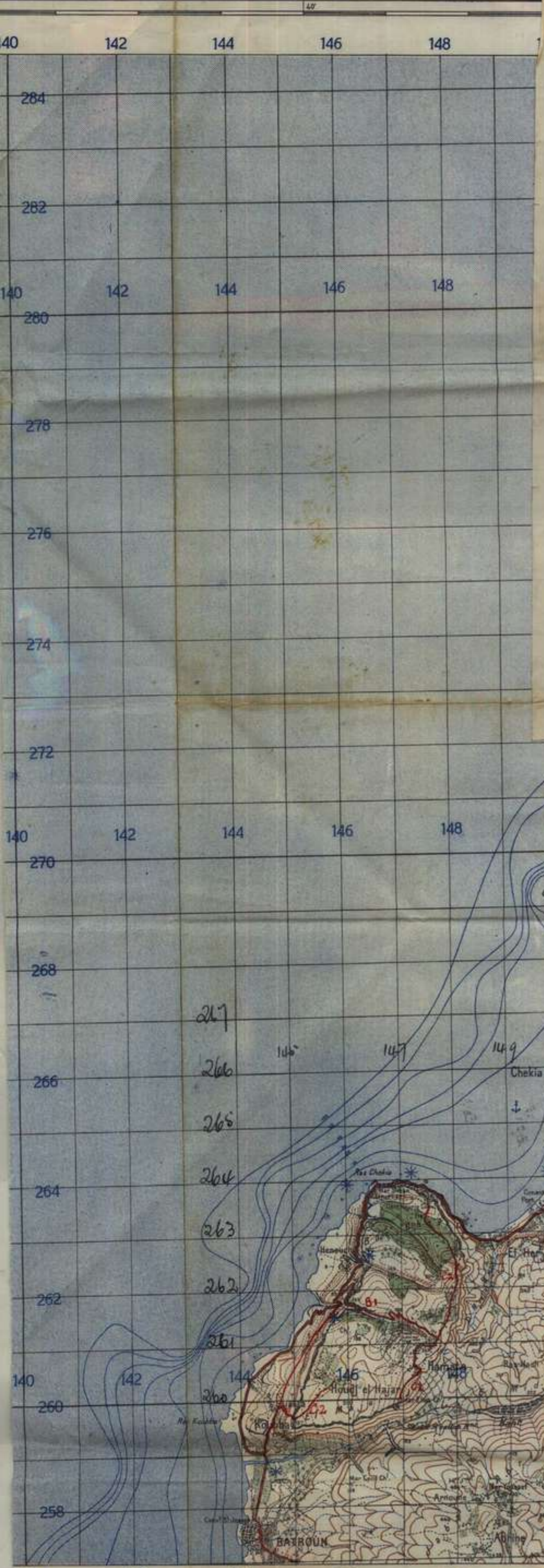
Serial	Sub unit	No of vchs	time past S.M.	Remarks
1	H Coy & HQ	23	0620	
2	D Coy	6	0627	
3	B Coy	6	0629	
4	C Coy	6	0631	
5	A "	6	0633	
6	Rd party	25	0635	
7	Rd Amb	40		To pick up tail of column at EL AJOUH Barracks.

Note: 1. Halts - 20 mins each even hr commencing 0740
8 hrs at EL LAJOUN for refuelling & rest.
Subsequent stages as notified.

2. R.L.C to transfer with baggage at 20 mins halt before reaching cross rds at EL LAJOUN. 2 1/2 car will move down column and indicate.
3. Stores trucks from Coys to pick up tail of rd party at (a) D & B Coys - B H C.
(b) C & A " - EL AJOUH Cross rds.
4. All offrs in train party will travel on by carrying vchs.

J. Gillmiston Capt.,
Adj. 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

Louis Macdonald



Magnetic North 1°56' East of True north in the centre of this sheet. Annual change 03' towards the East.

Scale 1:50,000

CONVERGENCE

West Sheet	At East Sheet
Grid North	Edge Grid North
0° 07' West	18° 04' 35" West
North	of True North

- Water mill, well, spring, reservoir ...
- Telegraph office, Telephone post office ...
- Wireless Telegraph station ...
- Landing ground, Factory ...
- Church, chapel, calvary, cemetery ...
- Mosque, Khoubba, Tomb ...
- Rains ...
- Trig. point, spot height ...

D. R. 446 C. 18

- 1st Class Road ...
- 2nd ...
- 3rd ...
- Motorable Track ...
- Track ...
- Footpath ...
- Difficult path ...
- Railways, Standard gauge ...
- Narrow ...

TO GIVE A GRID REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET

This sheet is on French (Levant) Grid. Note: Only even grid lines are numbered.

POINT COUVENT ST JEAN	
EAST	NORTH
150	265
155	270
160	275
165	280
170	285
175	290
180	295
185	300
190	305
195	310
200	315
205	320
210	325
215	330
220	335
225	340
230	345
235	350
240	355
245	360
250	365
255	370
260	375
265	380
270	385
275	390
280	395
285	400
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295	410
300	415
305	420
310	425
315	430
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365	480
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550	665
555	670
560	675
565	680
570	685
575	690
580	695
585	700
590	705
595	710
600	715
605	720
610	725
615	730
620	735
625	740
630	745
635	750
640	755
645	760
650	765
655	770
660	775
665	780
670	785
675	790
680	795
685	800
690	805
695	810
700	815
705	820
710	825
715	830
720	835
725	840
730	845
735	850
740	855
745	860
750	865
755	870
760	875
765	880
770	885
775	890
780	895
785	900
790	905
795	910
800	915
805	920
810	925
815	930
820	935
825	940
830	945
835	950
840	955
845	960
850	965
855	970
860	975
865	980
870	985
875	990
880	995
885	1000

CONVERGENCE

At West Sheet	At East Sheet
Edge Grid North	Edge Grid North
0° 04' 35" West	0° 04' 03" West
of True North	of True North

- Water mill, well, spring, reservoir ...
- Telegraph office, Telephone post office ...
- Wireless Telegraph station ...
- Landing ground, Factory ...
- Church, chapel, calvary, cemetery ...
- Mosque, Khoubba, Tomb ...
- Rains ...
- Trig. point, spot height ...
- Edge of Wood, Cultivation, Fence, ...
- Isolated Trees, (Deciduous, Coniferous, Palm) ...
- Wood ...
- Scrub ...
- Orchard ...
- Gardens ...
- Vineyards ...
- Olive Groves ...

* NOTE ROADS MAY HAVE BEEN REALIGNED HERE

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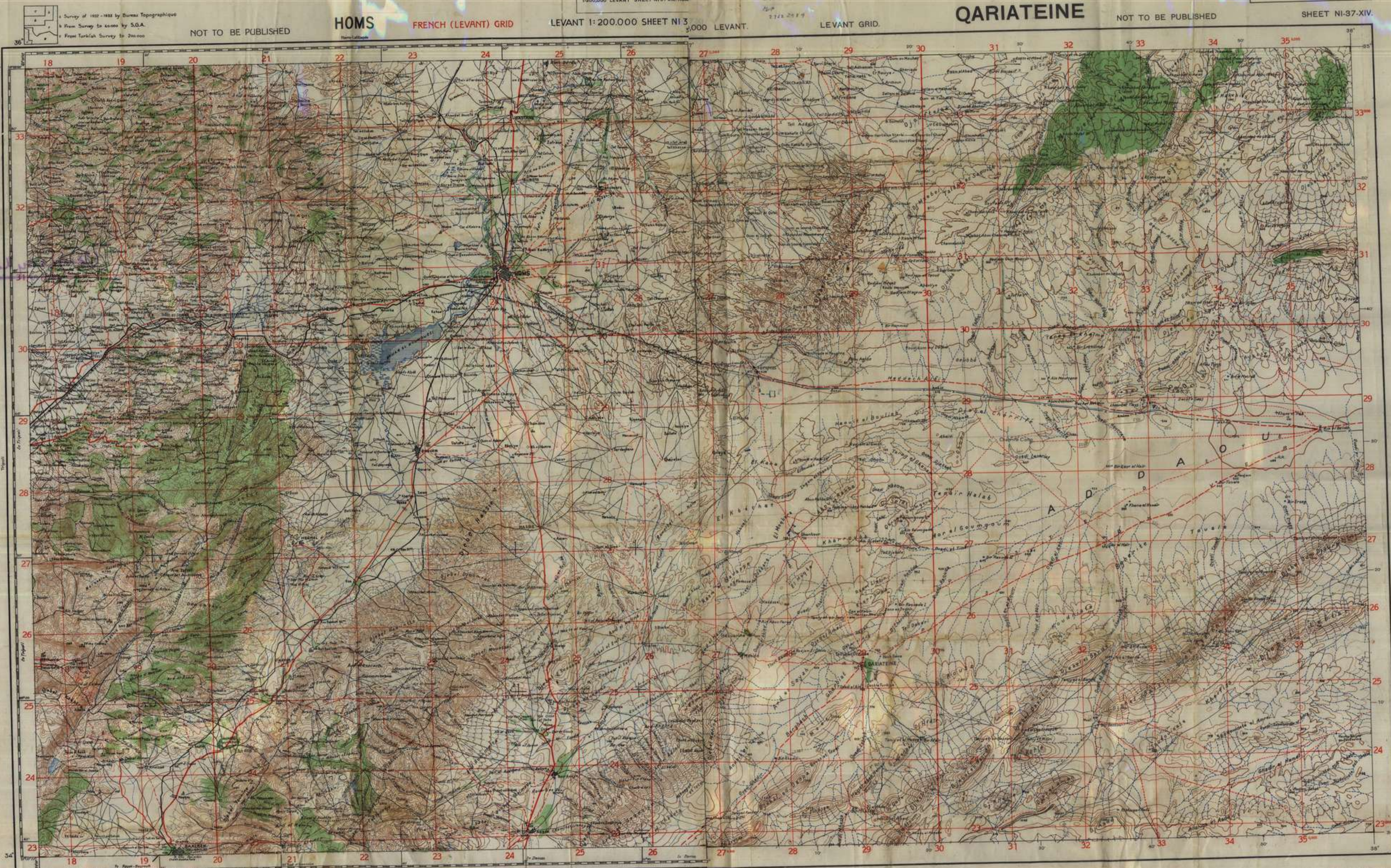
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LEVANT GRID.

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Vertical interval 50 metres

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Longitudes are given East of Greenwich

Vertical interval 50 metres

SCALE 1:200,000

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- Conventional Signs
- Railways, standard gauge, projected.
 - narrow
 - 1st. class road
 - 2nd. " (passable at all seasons)
 - 3rd. " (passable only in dry seasons)
 - 4th. " (fit for cart traffic only)
 - Path.
 - Roads, road, routes of
 - Boarders, State, Provincial, District.
 - Church, Chapel
 - Mosque, small mosque, tomb
 - Tower, fort
 - Trigonometrical point, spot height
 - Contours (in metres)

TO GIVE A GRID REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET
This sheet is on French (Levant) Grid

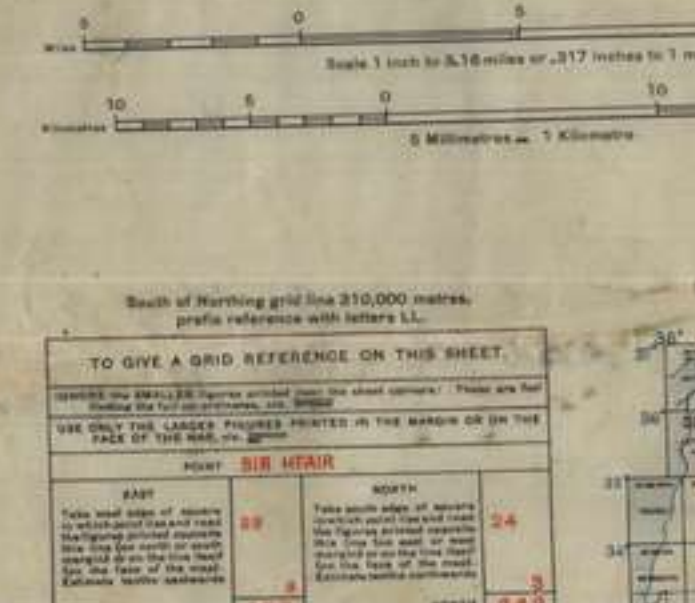
POINT JAZAR		North	
East	24	North	28
This point is on the intersection of the grid lines 24 and 28. The grid lines are marked on the map. The point is located at the intersection of the grid lines 24 and 28.			
Reference 24 28	24	Reference 28 28	28
East	24	North	28

REFERENCE 24 28 TO NEAREST 1000 METRES



- Conventional Signs
- Telegraph & telephone post office
 - Telegraph office, telegraph station
 - Pipe line
 - Rails, Roman rails
 - Streams, permanent, non permanent
 - Salt marsh, salt pan, marsh, extent of marsh
 - Pool, depression
 - Wells, cistern, well, spring, reservoir, water mill
 - Ground flooded in winter
 - Cultivation
 - Sand dunes, slopes
 - Volcanic area, stony ground
 - Cypress deposit area
 - Permanent camp
 - Orchard of trees, palms, brushwood
 - Gardens & orchards, woods
 - Aerodrome, landing ground, airplane base

- CONVENTIONAL SIGNS
- Telegraph & telephone post office
 - Telegraph office, telegraph station
 - Pipe line
 - Rails, Roman rails
 - Streams, permanent, non permanent
 - Salt marsh, salt pan, marsh, extent of marsh
 - Pool, depression
 - Wells, cistern, well, spring, reservoir, water mill
 - Ground flooded in winter
 - Cultivation
 - Sand dunes, slopes
 - Volcanic area, stony ground
 - Cypress deposit area
 - Permanent camp
 - Orchard of trees, palms, brushwood
 - Gardens and orchards, woods
 - Aerodrome, landing ground, airplane base

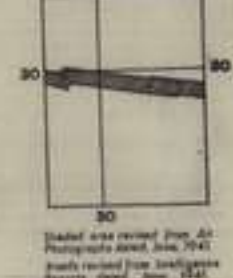


- CONVENTIONAL SIGNS
- Telegraph and telephone post office
 - Telegraph office, telegraph station
 - Pipe line
 - Rails, Roman rails
 - Streams, permanent, non permanent
 - Salt marsh, salt pan, marsh, extent of marsh
 - Pool, depression
 - Wells, cistern, well, spring, reservoir, water mill
 - Ground flooded in winter
 - Cultivation
 - Sand dunes, slopes
 - Volcanic area, stony ground
 - Cypress deposit area
 - Permanent camp
 - Orchard of trees, palms, brushwood
 - Gardens and orchards, woods
 - Aerodrome, landing ground, airplane base



MAGNETIC VARIATION
At the centre of this sheet
Magnetic North is 10° 00' W
of True North
Annual Change is 0' 00" East
MERIDIAN CONVERGENCE
At the centre of this sheet
Meridian Convergence is 0' 00" East of True North.

REVISION JULY, 1941.



RELIABILITY DIAGRAM

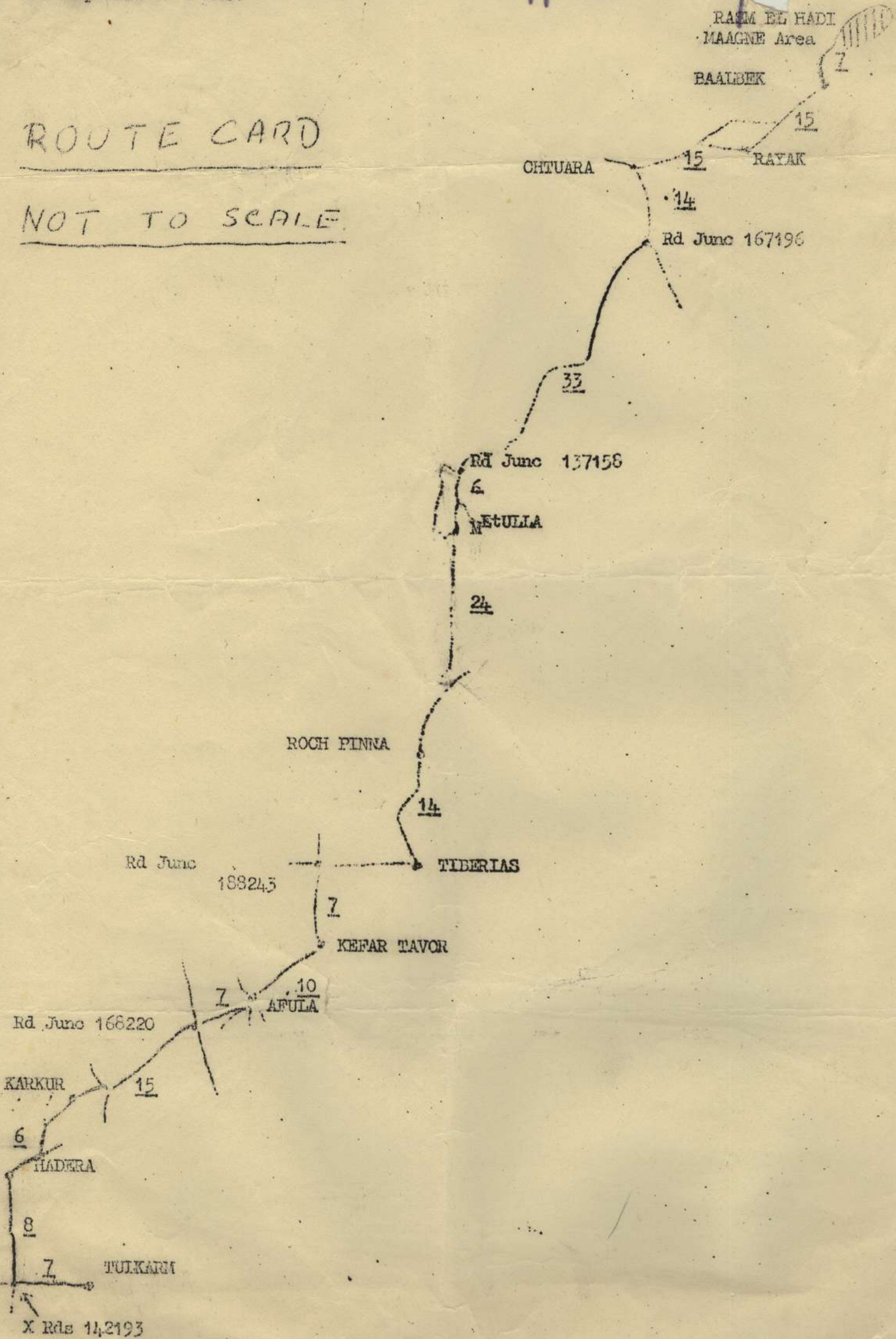


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Appendix 27

The numbers with the bar below
i.e. 7 represent the miles between
named places on route.

ROUTE CARD

NOT TO SCALE



SERIAL 30

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/43 HUST INF BN (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	9		
Lieutenants ...	21	2	1
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
TOTALS ...	34	2	1

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	Mc GREGOR MFE	2/43 BN	31/1/12	from 9 DIV Recptn Camp.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
MAJ	WILLIAMSON H.J.	2/43 BN	4 Jun	ATTENDING MG School at A.A.C.D.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)

SERIAL 31

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	HIGHER RANK Personal Number. OR TEMP RANK	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-COL		WAIN W.T.	243 BN	YES.	
MAJ		FRITH C	2 1/2	"	
"		LIGERTWOOD FA	DC HQ Coy	"	
"		WILLIAMSON H.T.	DC C	NO	MEMBER of HQ & CD
CAPT		STRETTON F.H.	" A "	YES	
"		JEANES M.R.	" D "	"	
"		HARE A.I.	" B "	"	
"		TAYLOR D.E.	B.M.	"	
"		HODGETTS J.C.	OF 4 PL	"	
"		WEGENER R.A.	24 B Coy	"	
"		MINOCKS J.W.N.	" A "	"	
"		HEMMINGS B.J.	" D "	"	
"		WILTON J.H.	Adj't	"	
LIEUT		FLEMING J.A.	DC 11 PL	"	
"		BARRITT K.C.	" 14 "	"	
"		RICHMOND C.R.	" 1 "	"	
"		GRANT E.C.	" 17 "	"	
"		GEORGE A.C.	" 10 "	"	
"		REID D.M.	" 9 "	"	
"		STOKES K.M.	" 2 "	"	
"		COMBE G.D.	" 18 "	"	
"		STANFORD G.	TO	"	
"		DAVIES F.A.	DC 13 PL	"	
"		FERRIER P.L.	" 7 "	"	
"		CAMERON J.L.	" 8 "	"	
"		MAC DONALD A.L.F.	TO	"	
"		BRAY W.R.	DC 3 PL	"	
"		DOWLING R.T.	" 15 "	"	
"		MCGREGOR M.F.E.	2 COY	"	
"		ERSTON R.	OF 5 PL	"	
"		WILLIAMS R.G.	" 12 "	"	
"		O'DEA V.P.	B COY	"	
"		MCKEE R.R.	" "	"	
"		THOMAS L.H.	OF 16 PL	"	

Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lieut	Super to est	PERKINS S.A.	2/43 BN	30/3/42	A Coy
"	"	LEWIS U.S.	"	"	HQ
"	"	SCOTT J.J.	"	5/5/42	C
"	"	COLE J.C.	"	17/12/42	HQ
"	"	CLOVER H.H.E.C.	"	"	"
"	"	BALLER E.L.	"	20/3/42	C (1st No. 10 School)
"	"	ORANFORD B.J.	"	"	D
"	"	CLERKE R.H.	"	"	HQ
Chaplain		GARD T	243 BN	4-2-41	Chaplain

243 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)
6 JUN 43. (Date of Despatch.)
W.P. Mann LT-Col. (Signature of Commander.)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

SERIAL 31

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	HIGHER RANK Personal Number. OR TEMP RANK	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-COL		WAIN W.T.	243 BN	YES.	
MAJ		FRITH C	" 2 1/2	"	
"		LIGERTWOOD FA	OC HQ Coy	"	
"		WILLIAMSON H.T.	OC C "	NO	ME - head of AM & CD
CAPT		STRETTON F.H.	" A "	YES	
"		JEANES M.R.	" D "	"	
"		HARE A.I.	" B "	"	
"		TAYLOR D.E.	Q.M.	"	
"		HODGETTS J.C.	OC 4 Pl	"	
"		WEGENER R.A.	243 B Coy	"	
"		MINOCKS J.W.N.	" A "	"	
"		HEMMINGS B.J.	" D "	"	
"		WILTON J.H.	Adj't	"	
LIEUT		FLEMING J.A.	OC 11 Pl	"	
"		BARRITT K.C.	" 14 "	"	
"		RICHMOND C.R.	" 1 "	"	
"		GRANT E.C.	" 17 "	"	
"		GEORGE A.C.	" 10 "	"	
"		REID D.M.	" 9 "	"	
"		STOKES K.M.	" 2 "	"	
"		COMBE G.D.	" 18 "	"	
"		STANFORD G.	TO	"	
"		DAVIES F.A.	OC 13 Pl	"	
"		FERRIER P.L.	" 7 "	"	
"		CAMERON J.L.	" 8 "	"	
"		MAC DONALD A.L.F.	TO	"	
"		BRAY W.R.	OC 3 Pl	"	
"		DOWLING R.T.	" 15 "	"	
"		MCGREGOR M.F.E.	2 COY	"	
"		CRITON R.	OC 5 Pl	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		RICE T.D.	ARMY	1-7-40	R.M.O.
Chaplain		GARD T.	ARCHD	4-3-41	Chaplain.

243 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

[Signature] LT-Col.,
(Signature of Commander.)

6 JUN 42

(Date of Despatch.)

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

SERIAL 32

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2nd Lt. ...
45 HUST INF BN (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	9		1
Lieutenants	19		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	32		1

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	FLEMING JA	2/45 BN	12-6-42	TO ME TACT TRG CENTRE
"	BARRITT KC	"	10-6-42	TO MDS
"	DOWLING RJ	"	11-6-42	" ✓

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-Col		WAIN WT	2/43 Bn	YES	
MAJ		SMITH L	13th	"	
		LIGERTWOOD FH	OCMB Coy	"	
		WILLIAMSON HT	" C "	NO	ME School HQ + CD
CAPT		STRETTON FH	" B "	YES	
CAPT		JENNES MR	" D "	"	
"		MARR BL	" B "	"	
"		TAYLOR DE	8 M	"	
"		HODGETTS JL	OCMB Coy	"	
"		WEGENER LH	2nd B Coy	"	
"		MINDOCKS TWN	" A "	"	
"		HENNINGES BT	" D "	"	
"		WILTON JH	Hdlt	"	
LIEUT		FLEMING JA	2nd Coy	NO	ME Int Reg Centre
"		RICHMOND CR	" 1 "	YES	
"		GRANT EG	" 17 "	"	
"		GEORGE AG	" 10 "	"	
"		RAID DM	" 9 "	"	
"		STOKES KM	" 2 "	"	
"		COMBE GD	" 18 "	"	
"		STANFORD G	T O	"	
"		DAVIES FA	OC 13th	"	
"		FEKNER PL	" 7 "	"	
"		CAMERON TL	" 4 "	"	
"		WILSON JLP	10	"	
"		BRAY WH	OC 3rd	"	
"		MCGREGOR MEE	OC 1st	"	
"		EASTON N	OC 5th	"	
"		WILLIAMS RG	" 12 "	"	
"		O'DEA VP	2nd Coy	"	
"		McKEE LH	" 6 "	"	
"		THOMAS LH	OC 16th	"	

Lieut	Super	to Est	PERKINS SA	2/43 Bn	30/3/42	A Coy	
"	"	"	LONNIE WS	"	"	HQ	"
"	"	"	SCOTT JJ	"	5/5/42	C	"
"	"	"	COEN JC	"	17/12/41	HQ	"
"	"	"	GLOVER M H B C	"	"	"	"
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.			WALLER EL	"	20/3/42	C	(ME Mechs School)
			CRAWFORD BJ	"	"	D	
			CLERKE RM	"	"	HQ	

2/43 Aust Inf Bn
(Unit.)

13 June 42

(Date of Despatch.)

W. J. Murray
24 Aust Inf Bde.
(Signature of Commander.)

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-COL		WAIN WT	2/43 BN	YES	
MAJ		FRITH C	13th	"	
		LIGERTWOOD FH	OC HQ Coy	"	
		WILLIAMSON H.T.	" C "	NO	ME School HQ & CD
CAPT		STRETTON FH	" A "	YES	
CAPT		JEANES MR	" D "	"	
		MARE AI	" B "	"	
		TAYLOR DE	" R M "	"	
		HODGETTS JC	OC HQ IL	"	
		WEGENER HA	2/2 B Coy	"	
		NUNOKS T.W.N.	" A "	"	
		HENNINGGS B.T.	" D "	"	
		WILTON J.H.	Hdlt	"	
LIEUT		FLEMING JA	OC HQ IL	NO	ME INT TRG CENTRE
		RICHMOND G.R.	" 1 "	YES	
		GRANT E.C.	" 17 "	"	
		GEORGE A.C.	" 10 "	"	
		REID D.M.	" 9 "	"	
		STOKES K.M.	" 2 "	"	
		COMBE G.D.	" 18 "	"	
		STANFORD G.	" T O "	"	
		DAVIES F.A.	OC 13th	"	
		FERKNER P.L.	" 7 "	"	
		CAMERON T.L.	" 8 "	"	
		MILTON A.L.P.	" 10 "	"	
		REAY W.R.	OC 2nd IL	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		NICE J.D.	HQME	1-7-40	RMO
Chaplain		GARD T.	HQHQD	4-2-41	Chaplain

2/43 Aust INF BN (Unit.)
 13 June 42 (Date of Despatch.)
 W. Wain LT. Col. (Signature of Commander.)
 24 Aust INF BDE. (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

1st Lt 8/15
 2nd Lt 10/15
 3rd Lt 12/15
 4th Lt 1/16
 5th Lt 2/16
 6th Lt 3/16
 7th Lt 4/16
 8th Lt 5/16
 9th Lt 6/16
 10th Lt 7/16
 11th Lt 8/16
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 88th Lt 1/23
 89th Lt 2/23
 90th Lt 3/23
 91st Lt 4/23
 92nd Lt 5/23
 93rd Lt 6/23
 94th Lt 7/23
 95th Lt 8/23
 96th Lt 9/23
 97th Lt 10/23
 98th Lt 11/23
 99th Lt 12/23
 100th Lt 1/24

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	3		
Captains	9		1
Lieutenants	19		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	32		1

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT.	DOWLING R.J.	2/03 BN	16/6/42	FROM M.D.S.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	MR GREGOR MFE	4/03 BN	13/6/42	TO M.D.S.
"	GLOVER MHEC	"	17/6/42	✓

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

SERIAL 33

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-COL		WAIN W.T.	2/43 Bn	YES	
MAJ		FRITH E.	"	"	
		LIGHTWOOD P.H.	"	"	
		WILLIAMS H.T.	"	NO	ME School 9440
CAPT		STRETTON F.A.	"	YES	
		JAMES M.R.	"	"	
		HARE H.I.	"	"	
		TAYLOR D.E.	"	"	
		HADGEMTS T.V.	"	"	
		WEGENER R.A.	"	"	
		MINDICKS J.W.N.	"	"	
		HEMMINGS B.T.	"	"	
		WILTON J.H.	"	"	
LIEUT		FLEMING J.H.	"	NO	ME Tnt. Ing. Coy
		RAMMOND G.H.	"	YES	
		GRANT E.C.	"	"	
		GEORGE H.C.	"	"	
		REID D.M.	"	"	
		STOKES D.M.	"	"	
		COMBE G.D.	"	"	
		STANFORD G.	"	"	
		DIVIE F.A.	"	"	
		FERRIER P.H.	"	"	
		CAMERON J.H.	"	"	
		MACDONALD A.L.	"	"	
		BRAY W.L.	"	"	
		DUNNING R.T.	"	"	
		EASTON R.	"	"	
		WILLIAMS H.G.	"	"	
		O'DEA V.P.	"	"	
		MORSE R.H.	"	"	
		THOMAS L.H.	"	"	
Lieut	Sup to est	PERKINS S.A.	2/43 Bn	30/3/42	A Coy
"	"	LONNIE W.S.	"	"	HQ
"	"	SCOTT J.J.	"	5/5/42	C
"	"	COEN J.C.	"	17/12/41	HQ
"	"	WALLER E.L.	"	20/3/42	C ME Mech Sch.
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	CRAWFORD B.J.	Corps.	D	attachment.
		CLERKE R.M.	"	HQ	
Chaplain		WAIN W.T.	"	"	

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(Unit.)
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(Date of Despatch.)

W. Wain LT-Col
(Signature of Commander.)
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-COL		WAIN W.T.	243 BN	YES	
MAJ		FRITH F.	12th	YES	
		LIGHTWOOD F.H.	00th	YES	
		WILLIAMSON H.T.	"	NO	ME School 9490
CAPT		STRETTON F.A.	H "	YES	
		JEANES M.R.	D "	YES	
		HANE M.I.	B "	"	
		TAYLOR D.E.	S.M.	"	
		HODGETTS J.W.	00th	"	
		VEGENER R.H.	32 B Coy	"	
		MINDLES J.W.N.	"	"	
		HENNINGIS B.T.	D "	"	
		WILTON J.H.	Adt	"	
LIEUT		FLEMING J.H.	00th	NO	ME Tpt Coy Centre
		KHAMOND G.R.	1 "	YES	
		GRANT E.C.	11 "	"	
		GEORGE H.C.	10 "	"	
		KEID D.M.	9 "	"	
		STOKES R.M.	2 "	"	
		COMBE G.D.	18 "	"	
		STANFORD G.	T.O.	"	
		DIVIE F.A.	00/13 "	"	
		FERRIER P.H.	7 "	"	
		CAMPBELL J.H.	8 "	"	
		MALDONALD A.L.	T.O.	"	
		BRYAN W.L.	00/2 "	"	
		CIENKE B.W.	"	NO	
		CHEVROISE B.L.	"	D	
		AVITEN E.T.	50/31/75	C	201* NE Regt
		COEN I.C.	13/15/75	NO	
		SCOLL I.T.	21/2/75	C	
		TOMMIE A.B.	"	NO	
Lieut	2nd to 5th	LINKING S.V.	5/13 BN 304/3/75	V COL	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
MAJ		WINE J.D.	AMMC	1-1-40	K.M.O.
Chaplain		WINE T.	AMMC	1-2-41	Chaplain

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(Unit.)
20 June 42
(Date of Despatch.)

W. Wain LT-Col
(Signature of Commander.)
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 paid roll

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 6 Dec 1942 (Date)

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	0		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	6	1	
Serjeants	33	2	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	64		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	805	105	
TOTALS	920	* 108	*

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Lt	2/8 Fd Amb	1 Cpl	2/8 Fd Amb
1 Cpl	" "	1 Pte	2/8 Fd Amb
1 "	A.A.M.C. Troop	1 "	2/8 Fd Amb
1 "	A.A.M.C.	1 "	A.A.M.C.
3 Ptes	"		
1 Sgt	A.A.P.C.		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

Unit.

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
" " (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers... ..																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties... ..																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel																				
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).				1	2															

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2/43 HNST INA Bn

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 13 Jun 42

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

243 ANST INF BN (Unit) 20 JUN 1942 (Date)

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	6	1	
Serjeants	33	2	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	68		1
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	786	86	
TOTALS	900	* 89	* 1

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sjt	2/8th Amb	19th-1st Amb	
1 Cpl	AAMC TNG Wing	1 Pte	AUST SQUAD TNG REGT
1 "	HADC	1 "	24 ANST INF BDE
3 Ptes	"	1 "	AAMC
1 Sjt	HAPC	1 Cpl	9 DWT POSTAL CORPS

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
Tx 5695	Pte	GRIPPS CF	243 BN	24 ANST INF TNG BN

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

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2/13 Aust Inf Bn (Unit). *27 JUN* 19*42* (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	5		
Serjeants	33	2	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	69		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	812	112	
TOTALS	926	* 114	*

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sjt	2/8 Fd Amb.	1 CPL	2/8 Fd Amb.
1 CPL	AAMC Tng Wing	1 Pte	Aust Serv Tng Regt
2 "	AAOC	1 "	2nd Aust Inf Bde
3 Ptes	"	1 "	AAMC.
1 Sjt	AAMC.	1 CPL	7 Div Postal Corps.

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
Tx 5695	PTE	CRIPPS CF	2/13 Bn	2nd Aust Inf Tng Bn

BATTLE POSITIONS.

ALTERNATIVE POSITIONS.

	Pl. No.	Sec. No.	Pill Box No.	Mag. Bearing Fixed Line.	Bearings (Arcs)		TASK.	REMARKS .
					Right	Left		
A COY	7	1	119 A	260 deg.	307 deg.	300 deg.	Arc - left flank protection Mutual Support to No 4. Sec Post 125	
"	7	2	-	329 deg.			Mutual support to No 3. Sec Post 123	
"	7	3	123	340 deg.	163 deg.	157 deg.	F.L. covering wire on the left flank Arc. mutual support to No. 2 Sec	
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"	8	4	125	230 deg. T	100 deg.	95 deg.	Arc covering wire on right flank Mutual support to No. 8 Sec Post 114	
"	8	5	124 B	11 deg	16 deg	11 deg.	Mutual support to No. 6 Sec Post 156 B	
"	8	6	156 B	355 deg	350 deg	345 deg.	Covering wire and road.	
"	9	7	115	305 deg	305 deg	300 deg	Mutual support to No. 9 Sec Post 116.	
"	9	8	114	100 deg.	65 deg.	60 deg.	Arc Mutual support to No. 7 Sec Post 115 (rear) F.L. " " " " 4 " " 125	
"	9	9	116	104 deg.	104 deg.	98 deg.	Mutual support to No. 7 Sec Post 115 (front)	

BATTLE POSITIONS.

ALTERNATIVE POSITIONS.

	Pl. No.	Sec. No.	Pill Box No.	Mag. Bearing Fixed Line.	Bearings (Arcs)		TASK.	REMARKS .
					Right	Left		
B Coy	10	1	85	350 deg	Rt 140 deg C 84 deg Lt 25 deg	95 deg 39 deg 340 deg	F.L. Cross fire Pl front	Map Ref 1737627760
"	10	2 & Pl HQ	86	22 deg.	Rt 155 deg C 102 deg Lt 40 deg	110 deg 57 deg 355 deg	F.L. wire forward of Post 127 across left slope of wadi alternate -- right slope of wadi	1736327764 Pl HQ
"	10	3.	127	117 deg.	Rt 135 deg C 80 deg Lt 25 deg	90 deg 35 deg 340 deg	F.L. cross fire Pl front and inter Coy wire Arc left slope of wadi 17362780	1736427777
"	11	4	109	355 deg	Rt 150 deg C 80 deg Lt 20 deg	105 deg 35 deg 335 deg	F.L. Forward of wire and A.Tk gun position. Arc. right slope of wadi 17372780	17360 27893
"	11	5	110 B	340 deg	Rt all C round Lt Traverse	-	F.L. along forward wire and in front of A/Tk gun pos. across slope of wadi F.L. across post 108 and along fwd wire	1733927813 1735027805 Pl HQ Bren in Weapon Pit
"	11	6	108	90 deg	Rt 125 deg C 55 deg Lt 360 deg	80 deg 10 deg 315 deg	F.L. Along fwd wire and in front of A/Tk gun pos. Arc. slopes of 444 feature.	1733927813
2	CHQ		110 A	No Weapon	Rt 230 deg C 170 deg Lt 155 deg	185 deg 125 deg 110 deg	Company H. Q.	1734727797. This pillbox incorrectly sited being used there- fore as C.H.Q.
"	12	7	101	70 deg	Rt 165 deg C 70 deg Lt 350 deg	120 deg 25 deg 305 deg	F.L. Firing down wadi	1737727825

BATTLE POSITIONS.

ALTERNATIVE POSITIONS.

	Pl. No.	Sec. No.	Pill Box No.	Mag. Bearing Fixed Line.	Bearings (Arcs)		TASK.	REMARKS .	
					Right	Left			
B Coy	12	8	100.	12 deg	Rt C Lt	145 deg 70 deg 10 deg	100 deg 25 deg 325 deg	F.L. across post 99 and 93 fwd of wire	1737727831 Pl HQ
"	12	9	99	105 deg	Rt C Lt	105 deg Nil 350 deg	60 deg Nil 305 deg	F.L. across Pl front.	1737627840

BATTLE POSITIONS.

ALTERNATIVE POSITIONS.

	Pl. No.	Sec. No.	Pill Box No.	Mag. Bearing Fixed Line.	Bearings (Arcs)		TASK.	REMARKS .
					Right	Left		
C Coy	13	1	200	311 deg			Covering proposed wire fwd of A/Tk minefield	
"	13	2	202		62 deg	53 deg	Covering high ground left of village	
"	13	3			67 deg	59 deg	Covering high ground left of "2"	Recommend additional L.M.G. for this post.
"	13	3	201		87 deg	78 deg	Covering high ground right of village	
"	13	3		324 deg			Covering A/Tk ditch fwd of D Coy	Recommend additional for L.M.G. for this post.
"	14	4	106		337 deg	331 deg	Counter-penetration, covering corner of wire fwd of 18 Pl D Coy	
T "	14	5	107		10 deg	6 deg	Counter-penetration, down re-entrant through Bivouac Area	
"	14	6			16 deg	12 deg	Covering from right of village to orchard	
"	15	7	102		8 deg	2 deg	Covering track right and left of track 17422790	
"	15	8	103		66 deg	62 deg	Covering track 17462785	
6 "	15	9	104		6 deg	360 deg	Covering ridge right of 9	

BATTLE POSITIONS.

ALTERNATIVE POSITIONS.

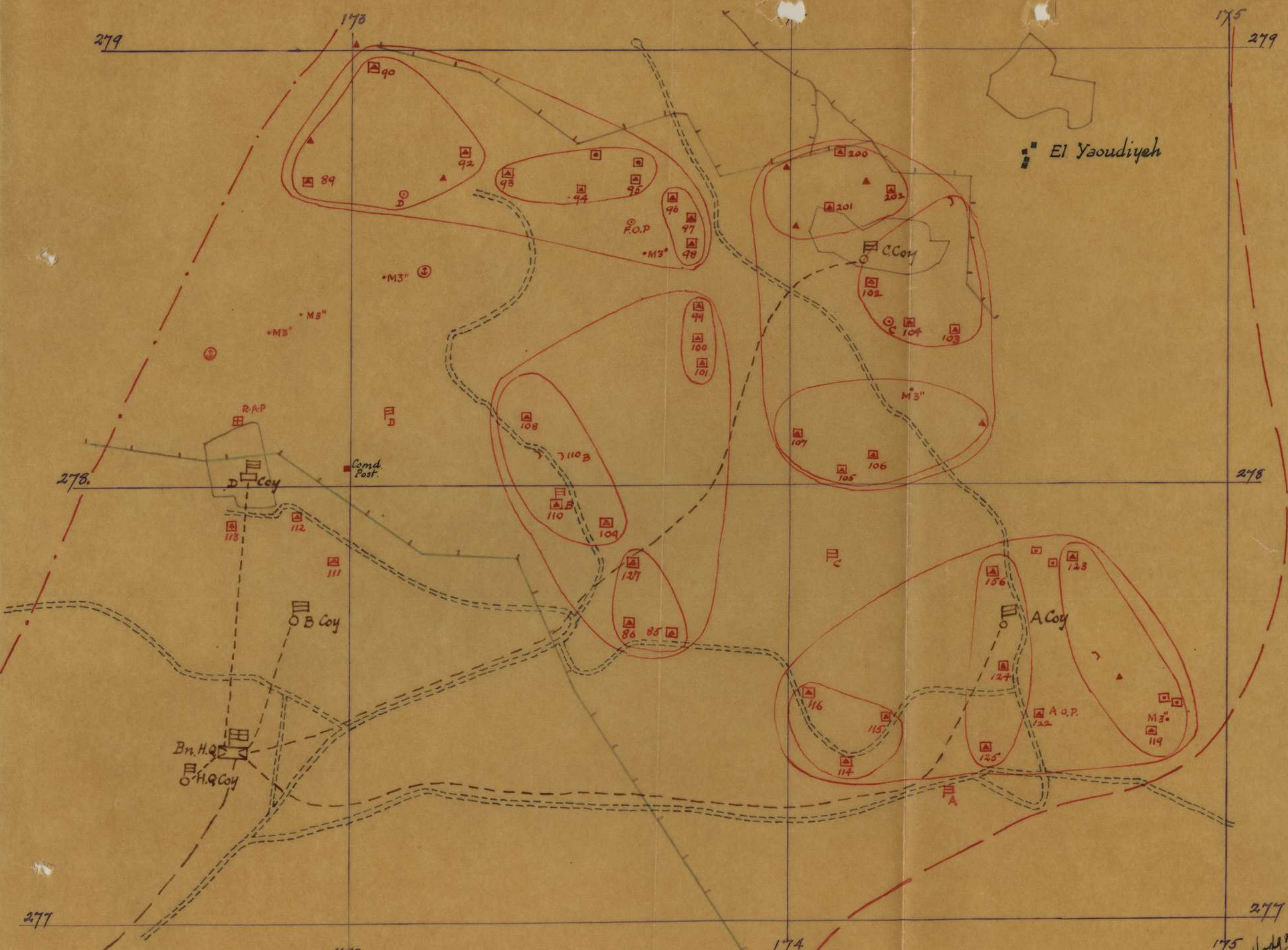
	Pl. No.	Sec. No.	Pill Box No.	Mag. Bearing Fixed Line.	Bearings (Arcs)		TASK.	REMARKS .
					Right	Left		
D Coy	16	1		356 deg			Defensive fire in front of neighbouring units Rt flank.	Recommend additional L.M.G. for this post.
"	16	2		321 deg -	- 358 deg	- 352deg	(1) Enfilade ditch in front of neighbouring unit (2) Enfilade creek from 17302790 to 17322794 X	" " " " Is liable to flooding during rains
"	16	3		-	356 deg	352deg	Cover track at 17332795	Recommend additional L.M.G. for this post. Pill box 80 yds east of position.
"	16	1	89	357 deg	-	-	Defensive fire in front of neighbouring units right flank.	
"	16	2	90	320 deg	352deg	348 deg	as for Sec 3 above	
"	16	3	92	-	354 deg	350 deg	Cover track at 17332795	Task as for sec 3
"	17	4	93	-	27 deg	35 deg	Cover tracks at 17382795. Protection M.M.G.s and A/Tk guns in area.	
"	17	5	94	300 deg	-	-	Defensive fire in front of 16 Pl wire	
"	17	6	95	-	326 deg	338 deg	Cover re-entrant and track junction at 17362793	Provide additional protection to M.M.G.s and A/Tk guns.
"	18	7	96	-	355 deg	347 deg	Cover track at 17382795	
"	18	8	97	-	40 deg	32 deg	Cover track and saddle at 17402792	
"	18	9	98	-	45 deg	37 deg	Cover tracks at 17422789	

SIGNALS SYSTEM BN. AREA

BIVOUAC POSNS.

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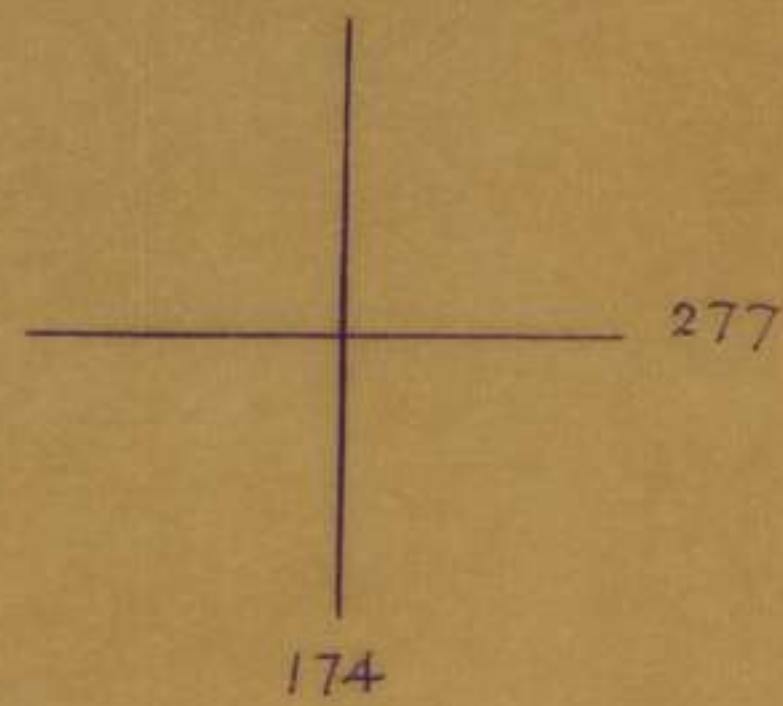
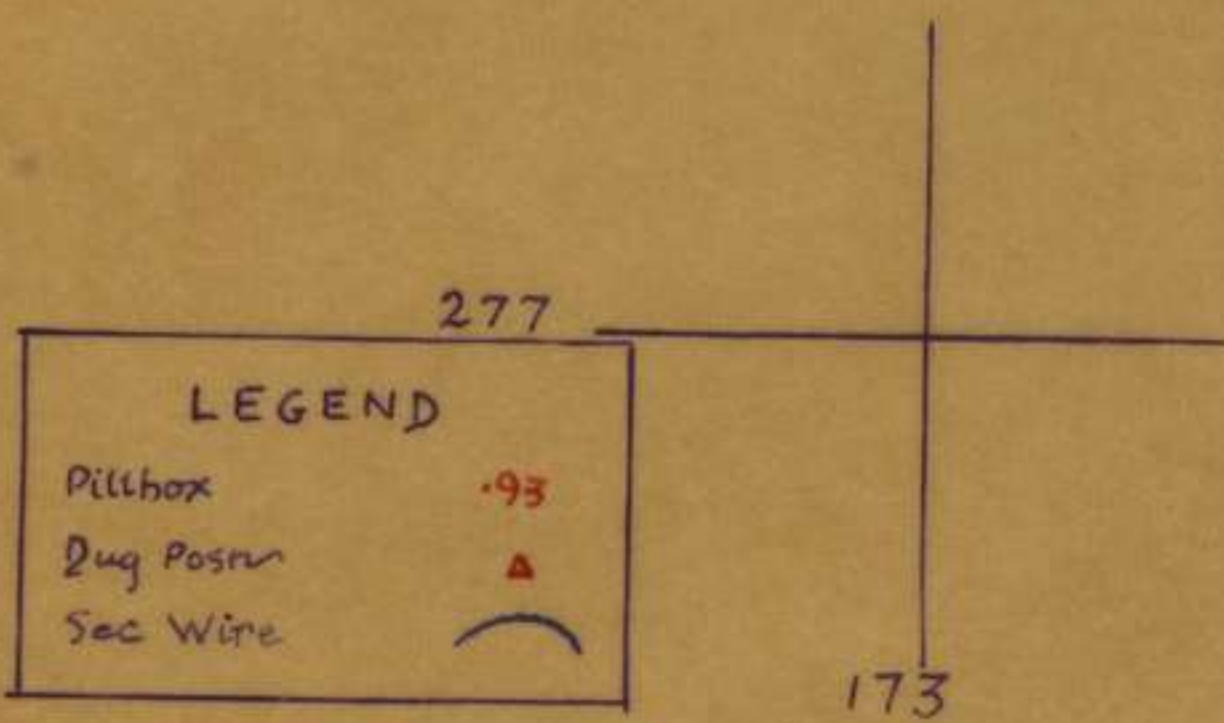
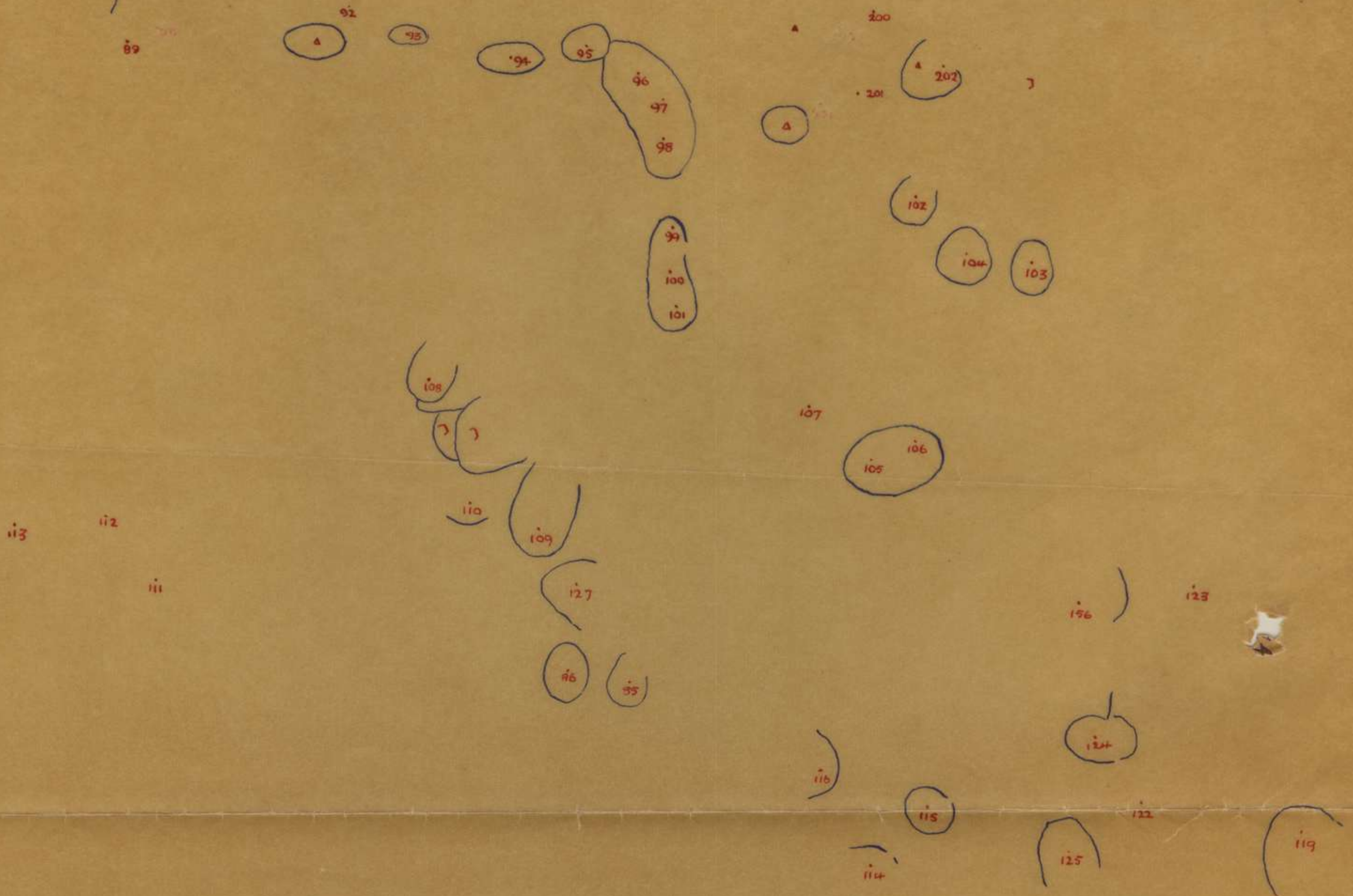
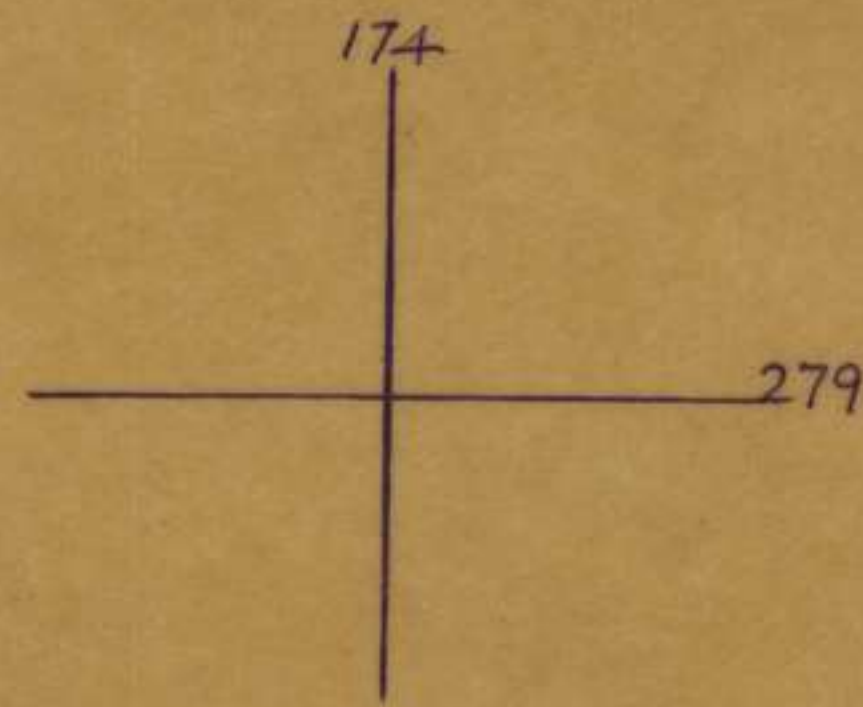
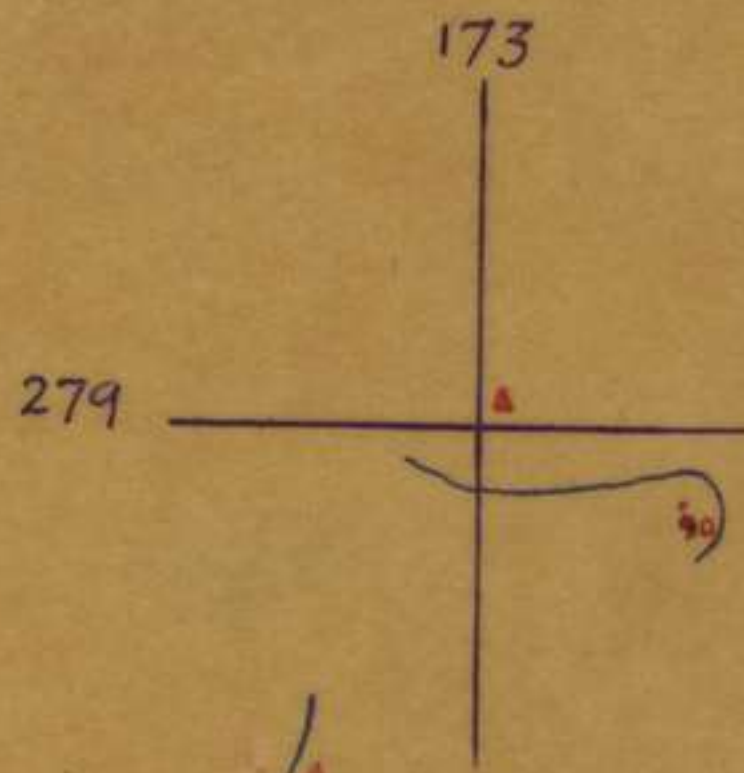
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BN AREA — SECTION WIRING

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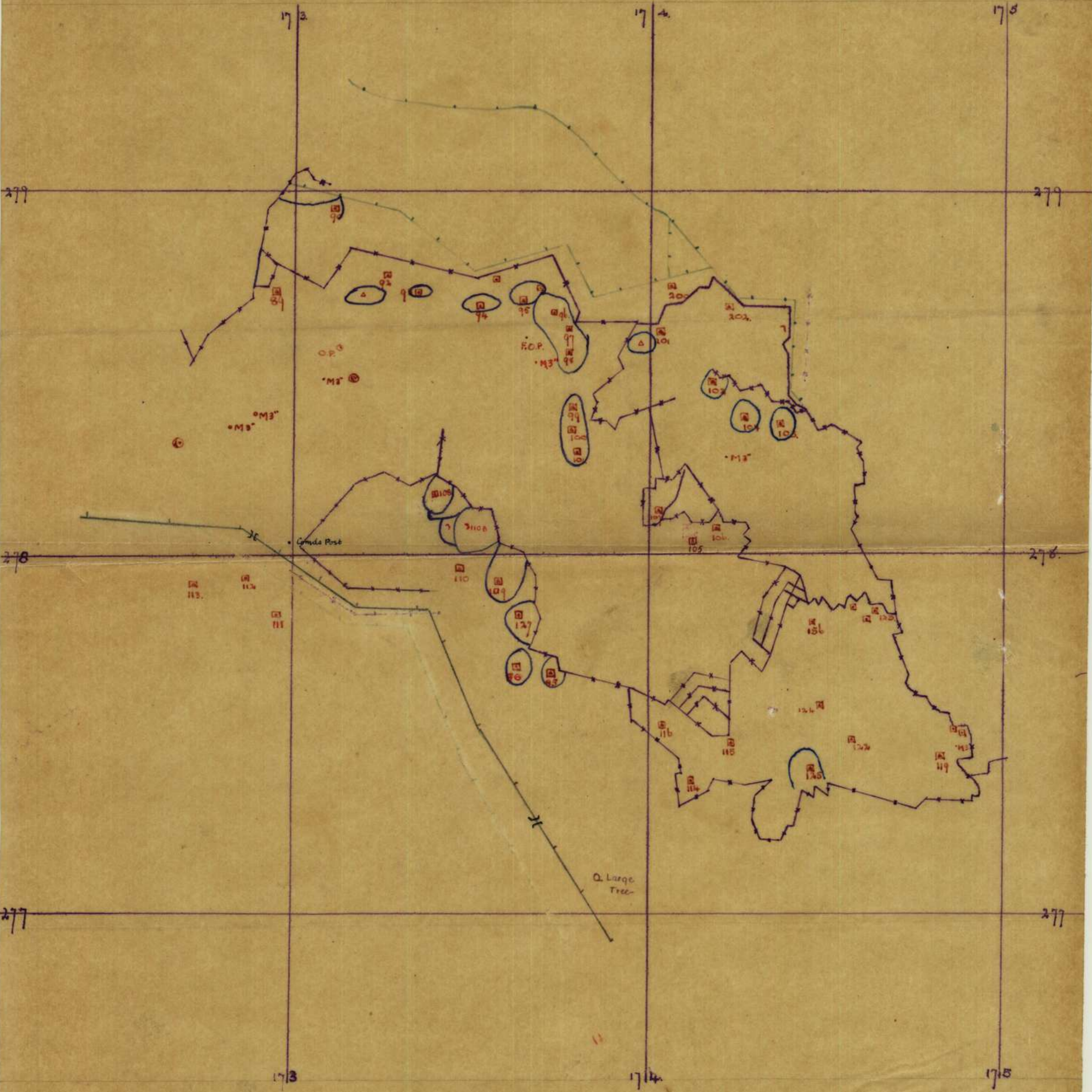


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TRACE 5-WIRE

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	WIRE.
	A/Tk ditch
	Pillbox
	DIGGINGS.

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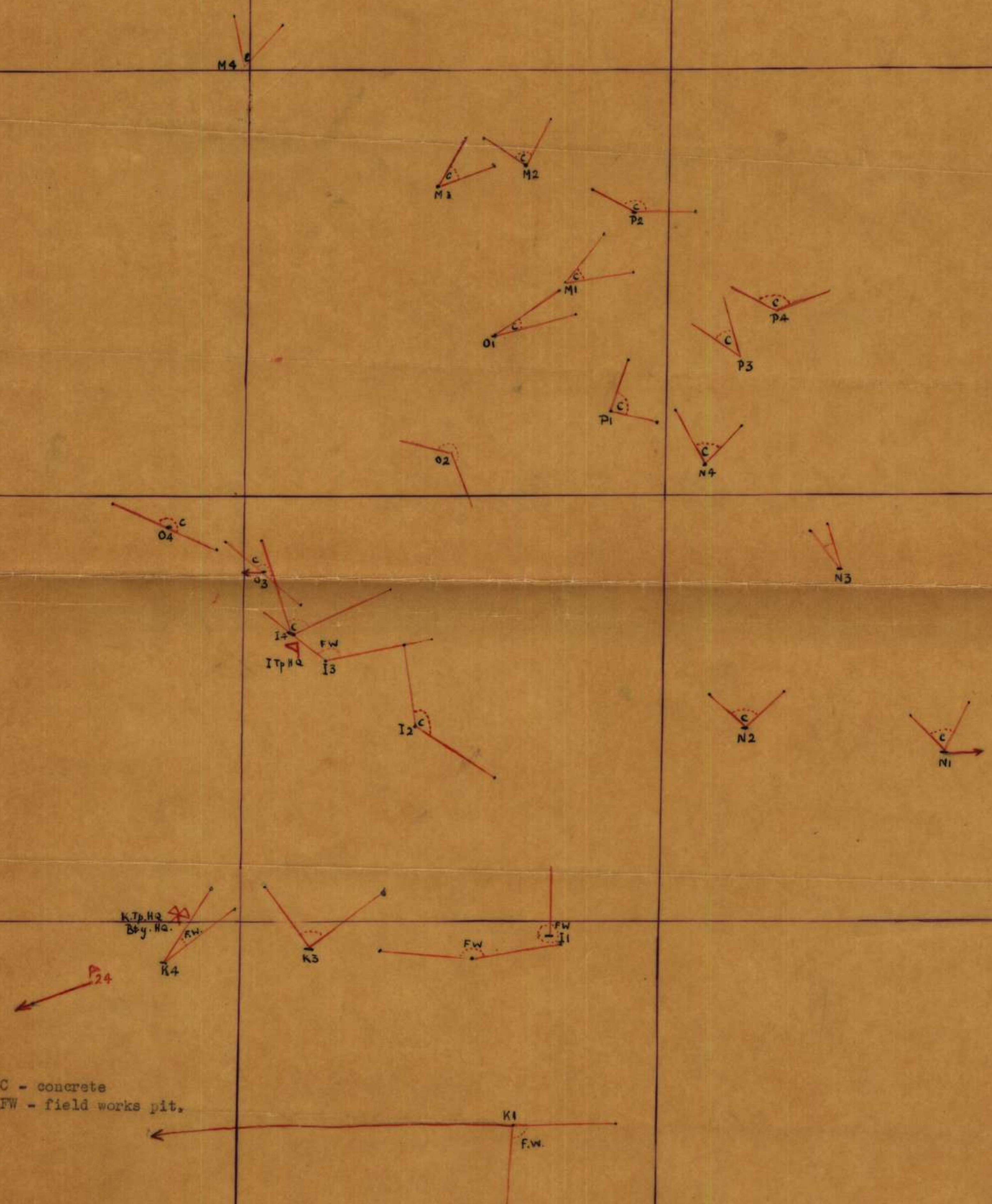
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C - concrete
FW - field works pit.

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3 Aust A/Tk Regt and these positions
conform to our previous trace.



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Co-ordinates of centres of Mortar Tasks

Gun No	Task	Site of Mortar.	Posn of task	Range.
1	DF1A	1728027835	1727027965	1910
1	DF1B	"	1731527930	1333
1	CP1A	"	1732527972	1612
1	CP1B	"	1741028015	2405
2	DF2	1728827840	1738527927	1275
2	CP2A	1728827840	1726027940	1140
2	CP2B	"	1733128040	2252
2	CP2C	"	1736527977	1760
2	CP2D	"	1736528027	2210
3	DF3	1730827847	1745527870	1650
3	CP3A	"	1736027990	1500
3	CP3B	"	1743528005	2200
4	DF4A	1736727833	1746527825	1120
4	DF4B	"	1749527865	1420
4	CP4	"	1745827929	1300
5	DF5	1742227827	1744027880	660
5	CP5A	"	1743027949	1400
5	CP5B	"	1744527931	1290
5	CP5C	"	1747722907	1080
6	DF6	1748727746	1745727847	1120
6	CP6A	"	1749627905	1600
6	CP6B	"	1750027945	2200

ARTY D. F. TASKS

Tasks	Posn of Task	HT of Gun.
7P	174220278990	281
8P	173960279225	273.1
9P	273710279260	260
10P	173430279385	247.4

BATTALION AREA

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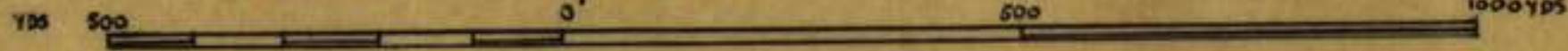
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Sec Posts, Tk. Ditch, Rds, contours, Tracks, Water-Courses.

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V.I. 50 metres.

20 Feb 42

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Dec 1943

APPRECIATION OF THE SITUATION

by

Lt. Col. W. J. WAIN, Comd 2/43 Bn, at EL YAUDIYEH on 24 Feb 1942.

DEFENCE OF THE LEFT BN SECTOR OF 24 AUST
INF BDE FRONT SECTOR B TRIPOLI FORTRESS

Ref maps: LEVANT 1/50,000, HALBA, SIR AD DANIE,
Tripoli Sheets.

TRIPOLI 1/25,000 Special Sheet 2.

OBJECT.

1. To defend the left fwd bn locality in Sector B TRIPOLI FORTRESS.

CONSIDERATIONS.

2. Definition of Flanks & FDLs.

(a) The sector occupied by 2/43 Bn lies on the left flank of 24 Aust Inf Bde Sector of TRIPOLI Fortress Defences. On the right flank of 2/43 Bn, the 2/28 Bn FDLs are sited along the line of the NAHR BARID with an outpost of four pls strength on pt 507 feature. At the inter-bn boundary, the NAHR BARID swings directly North. On the left flank of 2/43 Bn, the right fwd bn of Sector A have selected their FDLs on the forward slopes of JEBAL TOURBAL - a feature rising precipitously to a height of 685 metres, and overlooking the coastal plains to the North.

Deductions.

- (i) The two flank coys of 2/43 Bn must be sited to gain maximum benefit from these natural obstacles.
- (ii) The line of FDLs - dictated by the posn of the flanking units, and may be defined as the general line of low ground running as follows:-

NAHR BARID from 17522777 to 17492781 - track
to 17432787 - watercourse to 17322793 - thence
due West to inter-bde boundary.

- (b) The flanks of 2/43 Bn sector are defined :-

- (i) Right flank - right fwd bn Sector B rests on a line running SW from approx 17522777 to 17382762.
- (ii) Left flank - right fwd bn Sector A - line of stream from 17282795 to 17272789 thence to 17242782.

3. Topography.

The country North of the FDLs and West of the NAHR BARID includes several high features; the two main ones being pt 271 and pt 272. Generally the country is suitable for infantry, but on both right and left flanks is almost precipitous; for this reason, movement of AFVs would be restricted to the central portion of the sector.

The River NAHR BARID at this time of year is approx 20 ft wide and from three to five ft deep; its swift flow from the snow country makes it a difficult river to ford, though during the late summer months this flow will be considerably lessened, fording would be possible at few points.

Generally the country to the SOUTH of the line of creeks forming the FDLs on each flank is almost precipitous, whilst the terrain in the centre rises gently to a height of 400 metres at a distance of approx 2000 yds from the FDLs. Five re-entrants running from this area empty themselves into the main creek South of EL YAUDIYEH.

4. Lines of Approach.

There are three possible lines of approach.

(a) Approach from the North along the line of the NAHR BARID to possible assembly areas in re-entrants at either 17462793 or 17472735. This route offers covered approach and short distance to attack the centre of Bn area.

(b) Direct approach from NORTH up the re-entrants running towards DAHR AHMAR. This route entails a rather long distance for the attack over open country in full view of 2/43 Bn.

(c) Approach from the N.W. along the re-entrant forming part of our FDLs. This route entails crossing the front of the bn on our left.

Deduction.

The most likely line of enemy advance would be along NAHR BARID to attack on our right and centre sectors (a) above.

5. Relative Strengths.

(a) Enemy. Any attack from the NORTH might include a large percentage of mechanised forces. Parachute tps might also be used in rear areas in co-operation with a frontal attack.

(b) Own Troops. Consist of one inf bn with a proportion of supporting arms, incl A.Tk guns.

Deduction.

Our defence must -

- (i) take full advantage of natural tank obstacles on right and left flanks.
- (ii) artificial tank obstacles will be required in depth covered by A.Tk guns.
- (iii) the front is wide and will require three coys fwd.

COURSES OPEN.

6. To the enemy.

(a) To attack with infantry on our right and centre, using lines of approach as in 4(a) above. To obtain success by this method the enemy would first have to secure the high ground held by the outpost of right fwd bn at Pts 507, 571 and 444.

(b) To attack with AFVs and infantry on our centre using lines of approach as per 4(b).

(c) To attack from N.W. on our left flank with infantry, possibly combined with tank attack on our centre, and infiltration along wadi forming inter-bde boundary on our left.

(d) Combination of any two or all three of above courses.

7. Our Troops.

The front is of such width as to require three coys fwd, but has strength in natural obstacles which can be developed by construction of A.Tk ditches.

With FDLs and flanks laid down, my task is to so dispose the bn as to resist any or all of the above methods of attack open to the enemy - the res coy so disposed as to present a two coy depth to likely enemy lines of attack - A.Tk guns and MMG disposed in depth.

PLAN.

8. The layout and dispositions of Bn defences are as shown in the attached trace to be superimposed on TRIPOLI 1/25,000 Special Sheet 2.

9. Additional Support required.

Two Fd btys
One A.Tk bty (with, if possible, an
additional mobile res of
guns)
Two MMG Pls.

10. Dispositions in FDLs.

Three coys fwd, one in res on the slightly higher ground in rear of the centre coy.

11. Emplacements.

Throughout the defensive positions on the FDLs, 45 concrete pill boxes are to be provided. These, for MMG and LMGs, establish strong points within the area.

12. Siting of Pl areas and Sec posts.

Whilst the protection of main avenues of approach has governed the siting of pl areas, and subsidiary avenues, the siting of section posts, mutual support for all round defence has been arranged throughout the defences. This course will reduce the danger from infiltration - i.e. attack from any direction within coy areas. Alternative pl posns will be constructed. Where concrete emplacements are established, provision is made for their protection by riflemen.

13. Dummy & Alternative Posns.

Dummy and alternative posns will be built.

14. Wiring.

It is intended to wire in each sec locality.

In addition area will include main DDA wiring across entire front in rear of fwd A.Tk ditch, with another row in front of rear A.Tk ditch. Between these two will be laterals isolating coy areas.

15. A.Tk Defences.

Two A.Tk ditches, fwd and rear, will be dug in posns as per trace. In addition, the watercourse across the Bn front will be improved in order to make it tank proof.

A.Tk guns will be sited to cover re-entrants, and likely lines of approach, in addition to the A.Tk ditches.

16. Minifields.

It is understood that minifields will be sited by higher authority and surveyed in by RAE personnel.

17. Arty.

DF tasks will be arranged forward of the A.Tk ditch, and CP tasks on likely assembly areas and lines of approach NE of EL YAUDIYEH - DAHR AHMAR.

18. MMG.

Will be mainly sited to give beaten zones on vulnerable right flank, in the vicinity of EL YAUDIYEH.

19. Mortars.

Will be sited to give covering fire on whole front, and will be given CP tasks and DF tasks to fill gaps in the Arty DF plan.

20. A.A. Defence.

A.A. Pl will be sited for the protection of Bn Main HQs.

21. Carrier Pl.

Will be used as mobile res with a counter penetration role, sited in rear of the rear A.Tk ditch.

22. Communications.

L/T to all coys with V/T as a secondary means.

23. Evacuation of Casualties.

Lines for evacuation of wounded will be recced. RAP will be established in area 17272781, from which point amb vehs can move to rear unobserved.

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MOVEMENT

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Unit leaves Tripoli 28 Jun and on road between Cairo and Amiriya (Egypt) 30 Jun.

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MAPS

Tripoli : 1 : 50,000
QARI ATEINE : 1 : 200,000

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TRACES

used in connection with Bn and Bde exercises appended.

Proposed Layout 2/43 Bn in Sector "B"
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Appendix "A" to LT COL WAIN'S Appreciation

