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WAR DIARY.

of "G" BRANCH G.H.Q. 3rd ECH

From:- 1 Feb 41.

to:- 30 Feb 41.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1941			
DERNA	1 Feb		Operations. 10 Aust Inf Bde Gp moved w.thdn coast rd [illegible] DERNA into the hills West of this town and 11 Aust Bde Gp continued like a wedge, through the middle and southern edge of the left flank of 10 Bde. [illegible] 6/7 RTR on left flank. [illegible] 1 Aust Div Gp [illegible]	6 Aust Div Operation Order No. 22 Appx. 1.
			Location. Adv HQ 1 Aust Div and 11 Aust Bde Gp to be at [illegible]	
	2 Feb		Operations. [illegible]	
			Location. 1 Aust Div Location Statement 2 Feb 41. Appx. 3	1 Aust Div Operation Order No. Appx. 2
			Bombing. Italian planes bombed the [illegible] DERNA - [illegible] at 1700 hrs today, but did no damage.	
			Int. Summary. 1 Aust Div Int. Summary [illegible]	1 Aust Div Int Summary No. 22 Appx. 4.
BIR EL TEMRA	3 Feb		Operations. 11 Aust Inf Bde Gp moved to the [illegible] area and 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp advanced up the coastal rd to [illegible] DERNA. [illegible] 2/7 RTR [illegible] at this time all contact had been lost with the enemy. [illegible] at 1300 hrs a R/ column to be seen [illegible] 6/7 RTR and 2/7 RTR had rounded a bend [illegible]	
			Int. Summary. 1 Aust Div Int Summary No. 23 was issued at 1700 hrs today.	1 Aust Div Int Summary No. 23 Appx. 5

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	1941			
SICILY	4 Feb		[illegible]	1 Armd Div G/ Instn No. 51. Appx. 6
TUNIS	5 Feb		[illegible]	
EL ADEM	6 Feb		[illegible]	1 Armd Div Int Instn No. 4. Appx. 4

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EL ADIAR	6 Feb (contd)		At 1130 hrs 6th Instn H.Q. to all units prep to move to be ADIAR area was issued.	1 Inf Div G.O. Instn No.20 Appx. 8 1 Inf Bde Location Statement Appx. 9.
			Locations. A location statement was issued at 1[illegible] hrs today.	
WHITINGS	7 Feb	×	Locations. At about 1[illegible] hrs the Div Comd issued orders for the move of the Div Reception Centres from ADIAR and ultimately took up areas S. of the city.	
			The Div Comd & his Staff moved by [illegible] to WHITINGS, to join Main Div Hqrs there, consisting of Div Tac Hqrs and Divisional Troops which had concentrated in that area.	
			Intermittent rain fell throughout the day and continued into the night making movement considerably more difficult, numbers of vehicles being bogged in mud & unassisted by Aust units.	
			Apart from the Italian forces holding out at [illegible] the Australian withdrawal in the Benghazi area is now complete. In the face of the direct push at TOBRUK, Italian Troops have attacked on the [illegible] sector, employing [illegible] large quantities of munitions, motor transport & equipment. Amongst the prisoners was General Tellera, Comd [illegible] Italian Division and later of the N.A.F. Forces.	
BIRA GIA	8 Feb		Locations. Advance to assembly areas continued today, but owing to hilly conditions & the rapid advance of the past few days, two or three days must pass before all units are concentrated in their new localities.	
			HQ 6 Aust Div moves to [illegible], 16 Aust Inf Bde remains at BIR NUR, 17 Aust Inf Bde moves to BEDA area. Artillery units are dispersed at [illegible] and [illegible], while engineer units continue road work on roads.	
			HQ 1 Aust Corps moves to [illegible] today and the Hon. [illegible] M.P. Prime Minister of Australia, accompanied by Major-General [illegible], D.S., [illegible], D.S.O. and [illegible], are due to arrive at [illegible].	

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	1941 9 Feb		Locations. Units continue the movement to rest areas today. Main still fairly satisfactory and conditions of roads are still very muddy. A location statement was issued today.	6 Aust Div Location Statement 9 Feb 41 Appx. 10.
			Cond. A cipher message was received from Corps Headquarters instructing 1 Aust Corps to take over from XIII Corps as soon as possible.	
			Attached Tps. 1 MG Battn to and VIII Corps.	
			Int Summary. 6 Aust Div Int Summary No. 20 was issued at 1800 hrs.	6 Aust Div Int Summary No.20 Appx. 11
	10 Feb		Visitor. Lieut-General Sir Archibald Wilson, Military Mission of Libya, called on Major-General E.L.Lackey, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. GOC 6 Aust Div, at his Battle.	
			Issue of 100 1 Aust Div to Div Tps. Major-General E.L. Lackey, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. issued a message to all ranks and all types, expressing their appreciation of the past two months.	Issue Circular to 1 Div Tps. Appx. 12
	11 Feb		Attached Tps. 1 Cheshire and 67 Fd Regt RA (less 2 Tp) joined VIII Corps.	
			Enemy Air Activity. A fair number of hostile bombers were over the vicinity of Bardia.	
			Tripolitania. A brief summary of topography, defences and communications in Tripolitania was issued today.	Circular re Tripolitania Appx. 13
	12 Feb		Visit of Prime Minister. At 1000 hrs, Rt Hon. Rt. Hon. R.G. Menzies, C.H., P.C., K.C., Prime Minister of Australia, accompanied by GOC 1 Aust Corps, Lieut-General Sir [illegible] Lavarack GB.CMG.DSO and Brig S. F. Rowell O.B.E. Comd 16 Bde, 1 Aust Corps, arrived at Bardia and inspected the troops of 6 Aust Div H.Q. The Prime Minister, in a few well-chosen words, expressed to all ranks the good wishes of the people of Australia and conveyed the determination of all that finally the Nazi threat to crush and annihilate the powers of the Axis who have threatened the well-being and security of the British Empire.	

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	1941 12 Feb (contd)		After seeing the officers, the Prime Minister and his party drove to Tilbury to meet the 17 Inst Inf Bde.	
			Attached Ops. "C" and "D" Ways 3 Night Wilt Pervt. coord Witt Corps.	
			Locations. At the request of WITT Corps, a Forecast location statement as at 1200 hrs 13 Feb was compiled and delivered to them today.	3 Inst Div Location Statement 12 Feb. Appx. 14.
			Enemy Air Activity. With the moon just off the full, many raiders made their appearance last night over London Docks. [illegible] aircraft were also plotted from low level.	
	13 Feb.		Attached Ops. 10 WT, [illegible] night Wilt Pervt coord Witt Corps. While leaves only the following units under command that div. 1 Fd Regt RA 1 Fd Coy RE 1 Fd Amb RAMC	
			Location. 1 Inst Corps moved from [illegible] today to [illegible], and it is understood they will be located there for the time being.	
			Visitors. HQ 1 Inst Corps, Lieut-General Sir [illegible] KBE CB CMG DSO accompanied by Brigadier GF Newall OBE HQ 1 Inst Corps, called at HQ 3 Inst Div this afternoon.	
			Enemy Air Activity. Last night bombing attacks were made around [illegible] and on the east down side embankment just [illegible]. Low level attacks were made in the Hampstead [illegible] area and Wimbledon. It is [illegible] that [illegible] planes [illegible] were [illegible].	
			Intelligence. Only [illegible] Intelligence Summary received at HQ 3 Inst Div today.	3 Inst Div Intelligence Summary No. 22 Appx. 15

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	~~19-11~~			
	11 Feb		Enemy air activity. Fast [illegible] bombing attacks were made on [illegible] Arakan front [illegible] area.	
			Chittagong. This morning [illegible] Naval Depot, Chief- Colonel Civ [illegible] Planey CB. CMG DSO accompanied by [illegible] S.E. Jewell OBE [illegible] Brig. [illegible] arrived [illegible]	
			Fighting on the Mayu Hill. A diversion [illegible] which was intended to [illegible] by 6th Bde on arms was [illegible] heavy.	
			Coastal defence. 10 Lt Col Lee was instructed to prepare a scheme for the defence of [illegible] against sea-borne raid combined with air attack.	Index to Appendices Appx. 16 1/73/3 to 10 A.L. Appx. 17 Intelligence Appx. 18
			Training. The Inf. Bde. Gp was formed today to guide work in the preparation of [illegible] on.	
	12 Feb		Chittagong. 402 Field Coy, Lieut-Colonel [illegible] Division arrived by [illegible] Lieutenant [illegible], were met by, called at [illegible] Lt. Col. [illegible] Inland Water Transport Officer Chittagong Lieut-Colonel Jewell.	
			Training. 1/7 Gurkha Rifles by [illegible] Bde Group [illegible]	
			Relief of 402 Field Coy. At 1730 hrs, 1 Lt Coy 402 Field Coy [illegible] Lt Col Lee's Inf Bde Gp.	
			Attached Units. One Coy 7/6 Rajputana Rifles [illegible]	
	13 Feb		Enemy air activity. Heavy bombing attacks were made on Akyab Island, Minbya, Mrauk-U. Buthidaung, Coxs Bazar A/D and Chittagong. Daylight attacks by Japanese Forces were repulsed in Arakan.	
			Air Ops. Owing to unsuitable weather conditions it was decided to [illegible] Ops [illegible]	

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	16 Feb (contd)			
	17 Feb		Reconnaissance.	Appx. 19
	18 Feb			Appx. 20
	19 Feb			Appx. 21

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	20 Feb		[illegible]	
	21 Feb		[illegible]	Appx. 22
			[illegible]	Appx 23
	22 Feb		[illegible]	
			[illegible]	
	23 Feb		[illegible]	Appx. 24

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	1941 23 Feb (contd)		Operation Instruction No. 8 (previous document was issued, in substitution of Op. Instn No.2 giving the general policy. We were to use the 3rd Bde to delay and harass the enemy without becoming seriously committed. 3 Armd Bde was to assemble on the MIRAMAR (N 47) area with a view to attacking the enemy in flank or on rear should the situation continue. Plans were to be made for main action to the NORTH. Troops were to be carried out to battle on vehicles but not for a defensive battle in the area between MATRUH and the general line MARSA EL-HAMRA. Reconnaissance. Not less than two hours should elapse between the time the leading elements of the Bde reach the area and the time the attack is launched.	
	24 Feb.		Enemy Activity. A party of not more than 200 men with 2 guns, 10 armd cars and 12 lorries advanced to MINQAR QAIM. Operations. 3 Armd Bde to delay enemy advance, while that unit fits into defensive position. Bde should push as far W. as possible, but should not become seriously involved. Bde should be prepared to withdraw to the area MATRUH - HARRA ridge. Bde should be prepared to withdraw to the MATRUH - HARRA ridge at 1100 hrs. Bde should withdraw to the MATRUH - HARRA ridge at 1100 hrs - enemy strength not to exceed 1 Bde Gp with armd cars.	3 Armd Bde Appx. 25
MERSA MATRUH	25 Feb.		Operations. Operations as ordered. Intelligence. Enemy activity as reported. Administration. Administration as ordered.	3 Armd Bde Appx. 26
	26 Feb.		Enemy Activity. Enemy activity as reported. Operations. Operations as ordered. Administration. Administration as ordered.	3 Armd Bde Appx. 27

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1941 30 Sept (cont'd)	X	[illegible]	[illegible] Appx. 28
[illegible]			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	[illegible] Appx. 29

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	1941 [illegible] (contd)		Yanina - Mussolini 1/250,000 [illegible] #42 [illegible] #43 [illegible] #44 [illegible] #45	
			Recce and Patrol Activity. An Instruction was issued to 1st Aust Inf Bde on recce activity and to 3 Greek Bde on patrol activities.	(S/103/3) Appx.46 (S/101/3) Appx.47

L.C. Campbell. Maj-Gen
Colonel.

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Adv Headquarters
6 Aust Div

1 Feb 41

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6 AUST DIV OP INSTN No.23.

Ref Maps: CYRENAICA 1/100,000.
Sheets 3, 4, 9, 10
BENGHASI 1/500,000.

INFORMATION

ENEMY The enemy which was opposing 19 Aust Inf Bde last night on escarpment at 2557 withdrew during the night after blowing the road up the escarpment in four places. It is hoped to repair this road by dusk tonight.
A Coy 2/4 Bn which moved along coast road encountered a line of four rows of A/Tk mines running from the sea astride the rd at 195598 to the foot of the escarpment.

2. On 17 Aust Inf Bde from. the enemy disputed the crossing of Wadi DERNA at 065430 during the morning but encircling movement by coy of 2/6 Bn across the wadi 1,000 yds to the west of the crossing resulted in the capture of from 400 to 500 prisoners and the withdrawal of the remainder of the force located at this point.

OWN TPS.

3. During the day 19 Aust Inf Bde less its tpt advanced to top of escarpment and by dusk was established astride the road to GIOVANNI-DERNA approx on the 18 MS grid line, whilst a coy of 2/4 Bn moved along the coast rd beyond the mine field mentioned above.

4. TASKS FOR TOMORROW 2.Feb.

(a) 19 Aust Inf Bde will secure objective set down for today with same arty and engineer support, except with the addition of 1 Sec Fd Coy.

(b) 17 Aust Inf Bde supported by Div Arty less BARK Gp and One Sec Engineers will secure line astride track junc 980430 facing NW from which to attack NOT repeat NOT later than dawn 3 Feb enemy at BLUNT EL DOEL 9345.

5. CAV

"A" Sqn 6 Aust Cav will protect left flank of 17 Bde during its advance with particular reference to enemy force located in the GHADIAN area, and will maintain touch with 11 Hussars.

Time of signature: 2000 Hrs.

Method of Issue: IOs and Sigs.

J.F. Campbell
Lt. Colonel,
G.S. 6 Aust Div.

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6 AUST DIV OP INSTN No. 24.

Adv Headquarters,
6 Aust Div.

Ref Maps: CYRENAICA 1/100,000.
Sheets 3, 4, 9, 10.
BENGHASI 1/500,000.

2 Feb 41.

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INFORMATION

1. ENEMY. The enemy withdrew today from the GIOVANNI BERTA area, and contact with him has been lost.
His bombers were active this afternoon.
Air reports show considerable MT movement in the area SE SLONTA mostly moving NW. No movement was seen in the area east of this.

2. It is not clear as to the area to which the enemy's main forces have withdrawn or as to the enemy forces which are in the CYRENE-EL FAIDIA area.

OWN TPS.

3. 7 Armd Div is sending a force, supported by arty. towards SLONTA with a view to harrassing the enemy's retirement in that area.

4. One role of 6 Aust Div is to pursue the enemy along the rds from GIOVANNI BERTA towards CYRENE and SLONTA with the greatest vigor.

5. 17 and 19 Aust Inf Bdes composed as under will adv tomorrow:-

19 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

19 Aust Inf Bde.
One Tp "J" Bty RHA
One Sec 2/6 Fd Coy.
1 RNF

will move via road GIOVANNI BERTA - CYRENE.

17 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

17 Aust Inf Bde.
"J" Bty RHA (less one Tp)
One Sec 2/2 Fd Coy.
1 Cheshire

will move via rd GIOVANNI BERTA - EL FAIDIA

6. ARTY.

2/1 Fd Regt plus one Bty 4.5" guns will support 19 Aust Inf Bde.
2/2 Fd Regt plus one bty 4.5" guns will support 17 Aust Inf Bde.

CRA will arrange for 37 Lt AA Bty less one tp to protect GIOVANNI BERTA and the rd as far west as 880534.from 1900 hrs.

7. 17 Aust Inf Bde will move as early as possible.
19 Aust Inf Bde will NOT pass the Xrds 883530 before 1000

hrs by which hour the tail of 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp must be clear of GIOVANNI BERTA and moving west.

8. OBJECTIVE FOR INF.

For the day is Pt 180 805575 to incl EL GHEGAB.

9. CAV.

"A" Sqn 6 Aust Cav with "P" Bty RHA less one tp under Comd will protect the adv and recce to the line 695538 - EL FAIDIA and will maintain contact with 7 Armd Div on the left.

10. Arty units excl 27/28 Med Bty not included in para 5 will move tomorrow to area SW GIOVANNI BERTA. They will NOT cross the rd GIOVANNI BERTA - SLONTA. 27/28 Med Bty will remain East of GIOVANNI BERTA.

11. 10 RTR will move to the area 9344 leaving present location NOT before 1200 hrs.

12. TROOP CARRYING.

QASG to detail troop carrying tpt to carry out the following services:-

(a) MT sufficient to transport 450 men to report 2/5 Bn area 0837 at 2330 hrs 2 Feb and convey their marching personnel to rd junc 940458.
This MT to bivouac night 2/3 Feb in debussing area and proceed forward in morning via GIOVANNI BERTA to road bend 853863 (Point A) by 0845 hrs and pick up marching personnel one Bn 19 Bde and transport them to rd junc 899544 (Point B). To return to point A and pick up marching personnel of another Bn 19 Bde and take them to point B.

(b) MT sufficient to transport 450 men to report track junc half mile north of present location "G" office at 0810 hrs tomorrow to be led via GIOVANNI BERTA to point A at 1000 hrs where they will pick up marching personnel remaining Bn 19 Bde and transport them to point B.

13. In view of enemy air activity, it is essential that traffic congestion in GIOVANNI BERTA and along the rd as far as 860534 be avoided. DAPM will arrange adequate traffic control in this sector, outside which inf bdes will arrange own traffic control. As far as possible 17 Aust Inf Bde will use tracks from GIOVANNI BERTA as far as 844490.

14. COMN.

Comn with bdes will be by W/T only until contact is gained.

15. MOVE OF ADV HQ.

Adv Div HQ closes present location and opens vicinity Pt 625 9453 at 1000 hrs.

ADMN.

16. MEDICAL

(a) One Mobile Amb Sec will report to each 17 and 19 Aust Inf Bdes as follows:-

17 Aust Inf Bde 0930 hrs vicinity GIOVANNI BERTA
19 Aust Inf Bde 1100 hrs vicinity LAMLUDA 890545

(b) ADS will be established vicinity EL GHREIDA 9751 from 1030 hrs.

(c) Evacuation will be via Southern route until further orders.

17. AMBULANCE.

An A.P. to serve both Bdes will be established vicinity GR. SENIU (873818) from 1800 hrs 3 Feb.

18. PETROL

A P.P. will be established vicinity point 644 (872530) from 1800 hrs 3 Feb. Thereafter daily between 1200 and 1400 hrs until further orders.

19. SUPPLIES.

Units will draw supplies on 3 Feb from 18 FSD with 1st Line Tpt for consumption on 4, 5 and 6 Feb.

20. WATER.

Location of W.P. will be notified on arrival in new area. C.R.E. will arrange for early recce and notify location of drinking water as soon as possible.

ACK.

D.R. Campbell
Colonel,
G.S. 6 Aust Div.

Time of Signature: 2345 hrs.

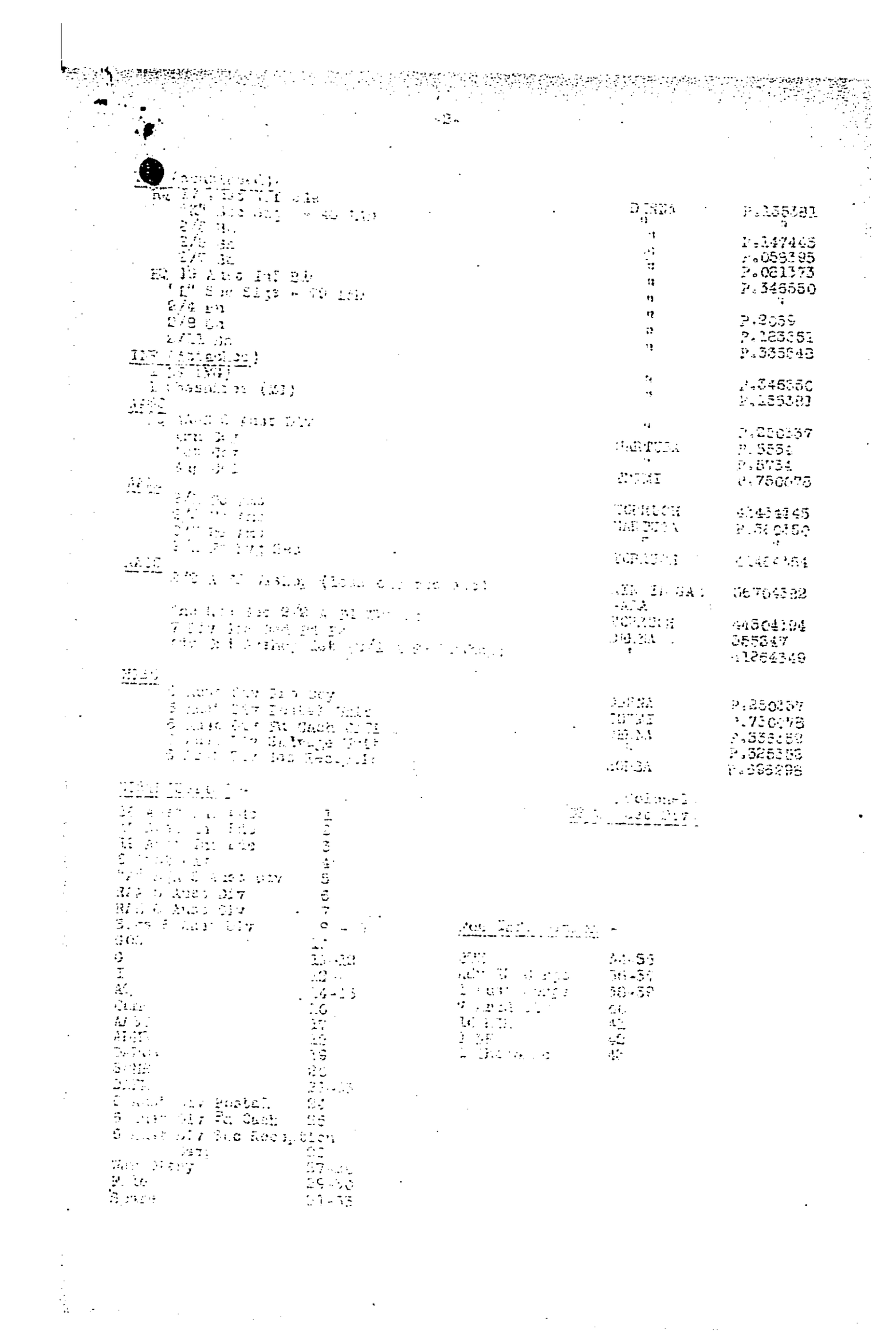
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6 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.92

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BASED ON INFORMATION OBSERVED FROM 1300 Hrs to 2400 Hrs
1 Feb 41

Ref Maps: 1/500 000 DERNA 1/100 000 DERNA, MARTUBA, GIOVANNI BERTA, CIRCULAN, CIRENE, SLONTA

1. OPERATIONS: Night hde advanced along the coast to beyond CIRENSA at 151000 and also up the escarpment along main rd to line of 17 MS grid. The tp up to escarpment is blocked and on the coast rd 4 rows of A Tk mines were found running from the sea to the foot of the escarpment at grid 185.

Late last night a mounted opposition walker crossing WADI DERNA at 063960 during the morning and party reports a crossing further west capable of use by tks and MTC. Our Cavalry 055e30 on that were withdrawn.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY: [illegible] visibly the area of the rd from which [illegible] 1425.

[illegible]

3. [illegible]

Following [illegible]

[illegible]

4. [illegible] Enemy [illegible] during their recces in [illegible] approached [illegible] Tk [illegible] Carrier stranded in a minefield were [illegible] a second carrier came to [illegible] This [illegible] 4 Tk rifles and 4 MMGs from a [illegible] vehicles of similar [illegible]

[illegible] enemy in this area are [illegible] found [illegible]

5. [illegible] garrison have [illegible] of 12 guns from [illegible] there are NO [illegible] that does not exceed 500 but the [illegible] reliability [illegible]

[illegible] fortifications con- [illegible] There are [illegible] played around the [illegible] portable supply depot although [illegible] south and east [illegible] mile south of the [illegible] 30 Arty Gp, [illegible] this party. [illegible] only a small [illegible] form.

[illegible] north east of

6. PW STATEMENTS: There are NO tanks other than M 15 in the area, none of these having been seen in the WADI DERNA area. Food has been scarce but water supply has been adequate. There is NO crossing of the WADI DERNA suitable for MT except at DERNA. Offrs captured in WADI BEDDARNOH (080430) state there are mines and booby traps on the rd north of the wadi but could not give exact location.

7. RD REPORTS: Attached are track and rd information, which also includes a description of the country between DERNA and BENGHASI, FOR ROUTES WEST of DERNA.

J R Campbell Maj
for Colonel,
G.S. 3 Anst Div.

Time of Signature 0600 Hrs.

Method of Issue: Sigs.

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A. TOPOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION - WESTERN CYRENAICA.

Rd DERNA - BARCE (135 miles).

Leaving DERNA, the road runs along the coast for about 7 miles, and it is not possible to leave it. It then zigzags up the first escarpment and across the plain above, where it is possible but not easy to leave the road. There is a defile at the second escarpment, and for a few miles the country is hilly and bushy. After that it should be possible for MT to travel cross-country as far as LAMLUDA fork. Here the road forks, one branch running via CYRENE, and one via the JEBEL to BARCE. The JEBEL road is described at (i) below.

Between LAMLUDA fork and CYRENE fork the country is fairly open, but there are a number of patches of thick low bush. From CYRENE fork to BEDA LITTORIA the country is mostly open farm land but there are rocky and bushy patches. From BIDA LITTORIA to BARCE the road runs through hilly country which is thickly wooded with low trees; most of it is impassable to MT or armoured fighting vehicles. There is a long deep descent into the WADI CUF, which is crossed by a ferro-concrete bridge. This is a complete defile. About 10 miles East of BARCE the country opens up and is mainly farmland.

(i) Southern fork LAMLUDA - BARCE.

The road is asphalt throughout and 7 metres wide. It runs through grass country with patches of thick bush. There are several roads running North from this road to the main road. The one from FAIDA to the CYRENE fork is asphalt, 7 metres wide.

Rd BARCE - BENGHAZI (64 miles).

From BARCE to the top of the second escarpment East of TOKRA the country is mixed farm land and thick low bush. The second escarpment is rocky and forms a defile. From it to the first escarpment the country is more rocky and bushy with less farm land. The drop down the first escarpment to TOKRA consists in a number of curves and forms a defile. From TOKRA to BENGHAZI the road runs along the flat coastal plain.

There is a subsidiary track from BARCE to BENGHAZI via EL ABIAR. In 1938 it was a fair, unimproved track over rolling grassland as far as the escarpment a short distance East of BENINA. The road drops down the escarpment in a series of zigzags, and is here detailed. From BENINA to BENGHAZI the road is asphalt, 7 metres wide, through farmland with rocky patches.

B. PW INTERROGATION ON ROUTES.

He states that there are two roads from BENGHAZI to BARCE both first class roads (5 metres width) in perfect condition.

(a) The top road is the principal and normal one but is not used for military purposes as the enemy fears that sooner or later the three bridges (50 metres spans) at [illegible] will be blown up. In his opinion these will be mined by the enemy in case of an advance.

(b) The lower road BENGHAZI-TAUNIS-BARCE takes all military traffic.

Both roads join at BIVIO DI MARTINI at EL GUBBA.

He has never heard of interior roads and has never heard of interior tracks being used.

His supplies of petrol and rations were obtained from military supply stations consisting of about fifty barrels each of POL which he claims are brought according to requirements from BENGHAZI. He neither saw or has knowledge of any large stored dumps of POL.

NOTE: PW is considered sincere and his information reliable within the limits of his knowledge.

C. WD LO REPORT 26.1.41.

GENERAL. The road EL MECHILI - EL ABIAR lies in general to the SOUTH of the gebel country and the waddy astride the road being in no

place sufficient, with the possible exception of the WADI TAMIET; even in this w[illegible] however, number of crossing places can be found.

The going in the vicinity of this road is similar to the EAST of MECHILI and is another, better, there being more hard shelf sand and few large stones.

EL MECHILI is connected with GIOMBA, FAIDIA, GIOVANNI DA EA and TECHNIG, by tracks probably repaired and passable to M[illegible]. Owing however to the nature of the country and particularly the nature of deep wadis, movement off the tracks is only possible in [illegible] places.

The best of these tracks is that between MECHILI and TECHNIG.

ROUTE MECHILI - SAUFET MUR - MAGRUN.

This road runs [illegible] over open gravel country, described as similar to that in the vicinity of [illegible]. Movement is possible on a wide front and there are no natural obstacles to it. The road normally used by the Italians lies to the NORTH of the [illegible] depressions and later turns SOUTH. The going however between MECHILI and SAUFET MUR direct is excellent; only immediately after rains would soft places become impassable.

There are approximately twelve cisterns at SAUFET MUR and two at AUIET MSUS, but these do not at present contain open water.

SOUTH WADIES ROAD - MAGRUN.

A good natural road [illegible] through open country as far as AUSLAT. Movement is possible on a wide front. Between AUSLAT and AUSAL the ground is undulating, the surface being a mixture of sand and gravel. The going is good and the ridges are small and do not prove an obstacle to MT.

ROUTE MECHILI - [illegible] - [illegible] and [illegible].

The former, [illegible] as described as similar to that between [illegible] and [illegible].

The going is extremely good, movement on a wide front is possible. There are no obstacles to MT.

It is possible to cross from bank to bank of the wadi anywhere, the banks [illegible] being [illegible] to MT [illegible].

Between [illegible] and [illegible] the wadi runs [illegible] of a wadi; the country is undulating and [illegible] sandy, but is not an obstacle to movement on a wide front.

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(b) The lower road BUNGAMA-TECNIS-BARCE bears all military traffic.

Both roads join at BIVIO DI MARTINI at EL GUBBA.

He has never heard of inferior roads and has never heard of inferior tracks being used.

His supplies of petrol en route were obtained from military supply stations consisting of about fifty barrels each of POL which no claims are brought according to requirements from BENGHAZI. He neither saw or has knowledge of any large stand dumps of POL.

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C. WD LO REPORT 28.1.41.

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place an obstacle, with the possible exception of the wadi bed; even in this wadi however, numerous crevices [illegible].

The ground in the vicinity of BIR [illegible] is similar to that East of MECHILI and [illegible] between, there were [illegible] and low large stones.

[illegible] in connection with SIWA Public, GIOVANNI [illegible] and TECHIL, by boats is possible [illegible] to the nature of the country, and particularly the number of mud [illegible] off the beaches it [illegible].

The [illegible] is [illegible] between PUBLIC and LIBYA.

KOUR [illegible] - [illegible].

This road runs [illegible] over level country, described as similar to that in the vicinity of the [illegible]. Movement is possible on a wide front and there are no natural [illegible]. The road normally used by the Italians lies [illegible] the tracks impressions and later runs SOUTH. The going however [illegible] is excellent; only immediately after rains would these depressions become impassable.

There are approximately twelve cisterns at [illegible] and two at AUJET MSUS, but these do not at present [illegible] upon water.

[illegible] - AGHEILA.

A good natural track passing [illegible] country as far as AUJELAT. Movement is possible on a wide front. Between [illegible] and AGHEILA the ground is [illegible], the surface being a mixture of sand and gravel. The going is good and the [illegible] are small and do not prove an obstacle to MT.

[illegible] and [illegible].

[illegible] described as similar to that between [illegible] and [illegible].

[illegible] is possible [illegible]. There are no [illegible].

[illegible] anywhere, [illegible].

Between [illegible] of a wadi; [illegible] obstacle to [illegible].

Operations after the fall of DERNA were mostly of a fluid nature, units participating constantly pressing forward and driving the Italian forces before them. Summarized by dates as follows:-

1 Feb — 19 Inf Bde Gp moved up coast road from DERNA into hills west of town with 17 Inf Bde continuing advance on left flank. Enemy opposing 2/6 Bn withdrew.

2 FEB — 19 Bde Gp continue advance through rugged country, losing contact with enemy. 17 Bde Gp moving through mountainous country to south enter GIOVANNI - BERTA at 1550 hrs.

3 FEB — 17 Bde Gp move on to EL GEHAB and 19 Bde to GIOVANNI-BERTA. All contact with enemy lost. 6 Div Adv HQ move to GIOVANNI BERTA - "A" Sqdn 6 Div Cav enter CIRENE at 1600 hrs.

4 FEB — 17 Bde advance to EL-FAIDA area with 2/6 Bn moving forward to SLONTA by M.T. 19 Bde Gp move by MT to east of BARCE where enemy was contacted. Adv HQ, 6 Aust Div move to SLONTA and rear HQ to GIOVANNI BERTA.

5 FEB — 19 Bde continue advance by MT. 2/4 Bn reach EL-ABIA area. 2/8 move west from BARCE to coast and 2/11 Bn following 2/4 Bn. No opposition during day. Adv HQ 6 Div move to TECHIS with rear HQ two miles east.

6 FEB FALL OF BENGAZI — 19 Bde Gp advance west from EL ABIAR, 2/4 and 2/11 Bns reach BENINA and 2/8 Bn moving forward of TOCRA. Patrol enters BENGAZI and returns to BENINA with Mayor who requests our forces to take control. Adv HQ move to EL ABIAR. Message received requesting help for 7 Armd Div who had contacted enemy between BENGAZI and GHEMINES.

7 FEB — Brig Robertson officially takes possession of BENGAZI. 19 Bde Gp move south to GHEMINES but Italian forces numbering 20,000 had surrendered.

CYRENAICA CAMPAIGN COMPLETED — With exception of small outpost of GIARABUB near SIWA all resistance had ceased.

LENGTH OF CAMPAIGN - 60 days.
DISTANCE TRAVELLED - Approximately 400 miles advance.
PRISONERS CAPTURED - Approximate 110,000 including GEN BERGONZOLI.

APPENDICES INCLUDE

Maps, DERNA, MARTUBA, CHAULAN, CIRENE, SLONTA, MEAD-MASAUD, TECHIS, TOLMETA, BARCE, EL-ABIAR, DRIANA, BENGAZI, AGEDABIA, EL AGHELIA and MARADA.

Operation Orders and Instructions.
Intelligence Summaries.
Copy of PM's (Mr. Churchill's) speech broadcast on 9 Feb.
Location Lists.
Lessons of campaign.

"G" BR 6 AUST DIV

AFTER TOBRUK - GENERAL

CEREMONIAL

MILITARY GOVERNOR	Sir MAITLAND WILSON pays visit to GOC at MARRUA - 5 Feb '41.	
AUSTRALIAN P.M.	Mr. R.G.Menzies inspects 6 Aust Div at BARAKKA - 12 Feb 41.	"G" BR 6 AUST DIV FEB 41.

AIR ACTION

CYRENAICA	Enemy aircraft, chiefly German, very active during Feb. Mines sewn and frequent bombing and MG raids against our forces. Casualties slight, and numerous EA destroyed.	"G" BR 6 DIV FEB '41.

SECURITY

OPERATIONS	6 Aust Div takes over area of responsibility AGEDABIA - EL AGHEILA - 24 Feb '41.	"G" BR 6 AUST DIV FEB '41.

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2 AUST INF DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 23

Based on information from reports received between 0600 hrs 1 Feb and 2100 hrs 2 Feb 41.

Ref Maps 1/500,000 ERITREA
1/100,000 SHEETS ASMARA, CENTRINI BERTA, ORTONA.

1. OPERATIONS.

Our advance elements entered ASMARA during afternoon 2 Feb and by evening 2 Feb, our forces had entered KEREN and EL FANCHA and had advanced to top of escarpment overlooking AFFOLDEMA, two miles from the front.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY.

No opposition whatsoever was encountered in our advance on 2 Feb, a few explosions were taken seriously.

Mines and an anti-tank ditch were found approx 4 Miles west of CENTRINI BERTA. The hills around CENTRINI BERTA are natural A/Tk obstacles and the valleys have been made tank proof by walls up to 8 ft high with contrete A/Tk obstacles for A/Tk guns. From 2000 hrs 1 Feb to 1 Feb 1 number of small incendiary bombs. These caused no damage or casualties

3. [illegible]

[illegible] report the following information from various sources:-

[illegible] likely make up [illegible] points at [illegible] Map Ref. 2.

[illegible] Miles east of [illegible] Miles west of [illegible] road. Another [illegible] Miles west of [illegible], also south of [illegible] road.

[illegible] situation in [illegible] area.

[illegible] relation was peaceful [illegible] the ARAB population [illegible] not evacuated [illegible].

4. [illegible]

(a) [illegible] - Battalion.

(b) [illegible] Army Corps - United States.

(c) [illegible] Headquarters of XXX Army Corps, [illegible].

5. [illegible]

[illegible] to show the antiquities [illegible] (Italian and Natives) [illegible] 1 Feb 41. [illegible] at CHERSA [illegible] at [illegible].

6. [illegible]

[illegible] west on both [illegible] and 100 MT at [illegible] and in three places 20 M [illegible]. No movement was seen at [illegible].

7. EQUIPMENT.

Captures at GIOVINAZZO include three fixed defence AA guns and one M13 tank, unserviceable. The guns were made in 1917 and marked 76/40 but were using 76/40 mm. The breech-blocks had been removed.

8. TACTICS.

An unconfirmed report states that anti-tank mines are being found with booby trap fuzes which explode when the mines are moved. Details are being sought.

9. ROADS AND GOING.

The track from [illegible] to MOLFETTA via [illegible]DIAR is good and passable for MT and armoured vehicles, as is the track from MOLFETTA SW to MINOLO, TOMO and SOLOFI.

Track MOLFETTA-[illegible]...BA is not good and passable only for side wheeled vehicles. The going west of the track however, is fairly good.

A mine field has been reported 4½ miles SW of MOLFETTA on anti-tank trench 4 metres deep and 3 wide 18/19 miles from TARGET 3/4 miles south of the RR. This trench is for most of the escarpment and parallel to the road.

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6 AUST DIV OP INSTN No. 25.

INFORMATION

1. ENEMY. The enemy are withdrawing rapidly in front of us. It is possible that he may attempt to delay our further adv in the area east of MARAUA or he may continue the withdrawal towards BENGHAZI.

2. OWN TPS. 7 Armd Div is advancing today to Z.MSUS with a view to a further adv to the area SOLUCH S.12 - GHEMINES R.92 as soon as adm situation permits.

3. 6 Aust Div will press on with all possible strength and speed on BARCE.

4. To give effect to this 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp composed as under will move in MT provided by RAA and AASC 6 Aust Div commencing at 1100 hrs today:-

19 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

One Sqn 11 H.
2 Tps "A" Sqn 6 Aust Cav
2/1 Fd Regt
"J" Bty RHA
3" Lt AA Bty, less one Tp.
2/6 Fd Coy
Det Div Sigs
19 Aust Inf Bde
Coy 2/2 Fd Amb
Det Pro Coy

5. 17 Aust Inf Bde will ensure that all tpt is kept off the rd to enable free movement of 19 Aust Inf Bde.

6. One Tps "A" Sqn 6 Aust Cav and Det Pro Coy are with 2/6 Bn at SLONTA and will be picked up by 19 Aust Inf Bde.

"J" Bty less one Tp is with 17 Aust Inf Bde at EL GHEGAB and will be picked up by 19 Aust Inf Bde.

7. A Coy 2/11 Bn in DERNA will be withdrawn today. Tpt will be arranged by 19 Aust Inf Bde.

8. 17 Aust Inf Bde will be prepared to continue its adv to

9. Units not included in 17 and 19 Aust Inf Bdes will remain present location.

10. MOVE OF DIV HQ. The next move of Adv Div HQ will be to SLONTA.

Time of Signature: 1132 Hrs.

Method of Issue: IOs and Sigs.

Colonel,
GS 6 Aust Div.

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Sigs 6 Aust Div	7
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6 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 24.

BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED
BETWEEN 2100 Hrs 5 Feb and
1800 Hrs 6 Feb 41.

Ref Maps:- 1/500,000 BENGHAZI
1/100,000 EL ABIAR BARCE, DRIANA, TOLMETA, WADI KAM ED, CIRENE, SIDRA.

1. Forward elements reached the escarpment overlooking Wadi [illegible] afternoon 5 Feb 41, and found the main rd [illegible] in several places in one place leaving a gap at least 100 ft across.

.... No contact has been made with the enemy in this area except on encounter 4 kilos west TOCRA at dusk 6 Feb when our mobile [illegible] were held up by a rd block covered by MG and mobile [illegible] guns [illegible].

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY. [illegible] uation of the CYRENE-TOCRA area, e.g. a med tank [illegible] had been ineffectively fired. [illegible] all traces chipped from them, have been ineffectively [illegible] left entirely undamaged.

Alternative rds down the escarpment visible [illegible] ed. The track via ACHERIBA [illegible] at approx 765138, and the track via WADI SIDI [illegible] near the head of the wadi. Both these tracks should be [illegible] 5/6 Feb.

Air report 1100 hrs 5 Feb stated [illegible] preparing an defensive zone at EL AGHEILA. [illegible] south of this, forward patrols reported [illegible] (541).

Approx 200 MT and 30 lorries were captured [illegible] the 7 Armd Div.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS. [illegible]
86 Inf Regt - [illegible]
69 Inf Regt - TOCRA - [illegible]
20 Engineer Regt - [illegible] days ago - some to BARDIA by sea, [illegible]
60 MG Bn
XX Regt Army) - [illegible]

The above tends to confirm that the enemy [illegible] reinforced by technical units from [illegible] east

4. APOLLONIA. Approaches as [illegible] but there is a [illegible] light station has been [illegible] quantity of tinned food, [illegible]
Rd CIRENE-APOLLONIA badly [illegible] detour would be impossible

5. LANDING GROUNDS. [illegible] They have been [illegible] The LG is in good condition.
APOLLONIA [illegible] our activity, [illegible]

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6 AUST DIV OP INSTN No. 25.

Ref Map: 1/100,000 BENGHASI.

6 Feb 41.

INFORMATION

1. ENEMY. Indications are that the enemy will not fight for BENGHASI, but will merely attempt to delay our adv with rear-guard actions combined with demolitions and mines on the road.

2. OWN TPS. 7 Armd Div is attacking today going moving south from SOLOCH.

MOVES.

3. 6 Aust Div will move to the area GUBBINGS - SOLOCH.

4. After the capture of BENINA 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp will mov to GUBBINGS via BENGHASI.
A route which avoids the city of BENGHASI will be recce for and used.

Other than the detachment mentioned in the next para HQ 6pn are to enter BENGHASI, unless the tactical situation demands it.

5. A force, composed of one bn and such reconnoitring elements as Comd 19 Aust Inf Bde may decide, will enter BENGHASI and will be responsible for the guarding of vulnerable points in the city in accordance with Adm Instns to be issued separately. This bn will move from BENINA NOT later than 1100 hrs on the day on which the move into BENGHASI is commenced. This is to ensure that 6pn arrive in the city with sufficient hours of daylight to carry out their tasks before dark.

6. Other than the 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp, units of one Div will be concentrated in the area north of EL ABIAR in accordance with Appx 'A' attached.

7. "A" Sqn 6 Aust Cav, less two tps, with 20 R TR and one sec 2/7 RA Coy under comd will move on 7 Feb to ANTELAT, and will reco a route suitable for MT from EL BENINA to EL ABIAR.

8. Subject to the finding of a route as per the preceding para, units in the area north of EL ABIAR will be moved to BENGHASI via MAKH route. It is anticipated that at least one bn 19 Aust Inf Bde with the whole or part of 2/7 Fd Regt will move PRIORITY on 8 Feb.

MOVE OF DIV HQ.

9. Div HQ moves from TOBRUK on 8 Feb to the area NE of EL ABIAR.

Time of Signature: 1130 hrs.

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Brigadier
GS 6 Aust Div.

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RAA 6 Aust Div	5	Camp	15
RAE 6 Aust Div	6	1 Fd Pk Coy	16
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APPENDIX A

MARCH TABLE ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH 6 AUST DIV OF INSTN No. 26 6 Feb, 41.

Serial No.	Unit	From	To	SP	ST Date	ST Time	Route	Remarks
1.	1 Cheshire	Kilo 27	Two ks SW SIDI MAHIUS 14 ks NE EL ABIAR.	TECNIS	7 Feb	0300	Rd EL FAIDIA.	
2.	7 Med Regt.	TECNIS.	Area A. See Remarks Coln.	"	" "	0900	Rd EL FAIDIA.	Area A: Centre on rd 7 ks NE EL ABIAR. Diameter 5 ks. (Locations by CRA)
3.	2/2 Fd Pk Coy.	SLONTA.	Vicinity Div HQ.	SLONTA	"	0215	Rd EL FAIDIA.	
4.	2/2 Fd Regt.	"	Area A.	"	"	0240	" " "	
5.	HQ 17 Bde & remaining Bn.	EL FAIDIA.	Vicinity Pt 381 NG12027	EL FAIDIA	"	0300	" " "	Bde less 2/6 Bn to be concentrated vicinity new HQ.
6.	10 RTR	MARAUA.	ER-REGINA. M26.	To move independently under comd 6 Aust Cav.				
7.	6 Aust Cav less two tps.	Present location.	" "	Move independently.				
8.	2/2 Fd Amb less one coy.	EL FAIDIA.	17 Bde area.	EL FAIDIA.	7 Feb.	0915.	Rd EL FAIDIA.	
9.	51 Fd Regt.	GIOVANNI BERTA.	Area A.	G B.	" "	0340.	" " "	
10.	2/3 Fd Regt.	"	" "	"	" "	0940.	" " "	
11.	2/1 Fd Coy.	TOBRUK.	Location arranged by CRE.	TOBRUK.	" "	0800.	" " "	
12.	2/2 Fd Coy.	TECNIS area.	" " "		" "	1430.	" " "	

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LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 1200 hrs 6 Feb 41.

HQ	
Adv HQ 6 Aust Div ("G", "Q", "A", ADMS, DAPM and Camp)	TECHNIS
Int Sec 6 Aust Div	"
6 Aust Div Emp Pl (less Det)	"
Rear HQ 6 Aust Div (DADOS, SOME, LSO & Chaplains)	"
Det 6 Aust Div Emp Pl	"
"B" Sec FSS	"
ARMD CORPS	
10 R TR	MARAUA
CAV	
HQ 6 Aust Cav	SIWA
"C" Sec Sigs - 39 LAD	"
"B" & "C" Sqns, HQ Sqn	"
"A" Sqn	MARAUA
RAA	
HQ RAA 6 Aust Div	TECHNIS
HQ 2/1 Fd Regt RAA	EL ABIAR Area.
"E" Sec Sigs - 43 LAD	"
1 Bty (25-pr)	"
2 Bty (25-pr)	"
HQ 2/2 Fd Regt RAA	SIONTA
"G" Sec Sigs - 40 LAD	"
3 Bty (4.5 How)	"
4 Bty (18-pr)	"
HQ 2/3 Fd Regt RAA	GIOVANNI BERTA
Sig Sec - LAD	"
5 Bty - (25-pr)	"
RA (Attached)	
HQ 7 Med Regt RA	TECHNIS
Sig Sec - LAD	"
One Sec 25/26 Bty (60-pr)	"
27/28 Bty (6 in How)	"
234 Bty (4.5" Guns)	"
1 Tp 6 Survey Regt RA	"
HQ 51 A Fd Regt RA	GIOVANNI Berta
Sig Sec - LAD	"
203 Bty - (25-pr)	"
370 Bty (25-pr)	"
"J" Bty 3 Regt RHA (A Tk)	EL ABIAR Area
"P" Bty 3 Regt RHA (less one tp) (A Tk)	"
One Tp "P" Bty 3 RHA	SIWA
37 Lt AA Bty RA	EL ABIAR Area
RAE	
HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	TECHNIS
2/1 Fd Coy	TOBRUCH
2/2 Fd Coy	TECHNIS
2/8 Fd Coy	EL ABIAR Area
2/2 Fd Pk Coy	TECHNIS
80 LAD	"
SIGS	
HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div	TECHNIS
1 Coy - 42 LAD	"
HQ 2 Coy	"
HQ 3 Coy	"
INF	
HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	TOBRUCH
"J" Sec Sigs - 45 LAD	"
16 Aust A Tk Coy	"
2/1 Bn	"
2/2 Bn	"
2/3 Bn	"

INF (Continued)

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	EL FAIDIA
"H" Sec Sigs - 46 LAD	" "
2/5 Bn	CIRENE
2/6 Bn	SLONTA
2/7 Bn	EL FAIDIA
(One Bn is in BARCE area.)	
HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	EL ABIAR area
"L" Sec Sigs - 79 LAD	" " "
2/4 Bn	" " "
2/3 Bn	" " "
2/11 Bn	" " "

INF (Attached)

1 NF (MG)	" " "
1 Cheshires (MG)	EL FAIDIA

AASC

HQ AASC 6 Aust Div	TECNIS
Amn Coy	-
Pet Coy	-
Sup Col	-

AAMC

2/1 Fd Amb	TOBRUCH
2/2 Fd Amb (less one Coy)	EL FAIDIA
One Coy 2/2 Fd Amb	EL ABIAR area
2/7 Fd Amb	"
2/1 Fd Hyg Sec	-

AACC

2/2 A Fd Wkshop	MARTUBA
7 Div Sec Ord Fd Pk	DERNA
adv Ord Wkshop det (2/1 A Fd Wkshop)	"

MISC

6 Aust Div Pro Coy	TECNIS
6 Aust Div Postal Unit	-
6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	TECNIS
6 Aust Div Salvage Unit	-
6 Aust Div Reception Camp	-

Colonel,
GS, 6 Aust Div.

DISTRIBUTION -

16 Aust Inf Bde	1		
17 Aust Inf Bde	2		
19 Aust Inf Bde	3	War Diary	27-28
6 Aust Cav	4	File	29-30
"A" Sqn 6 Aust Cav	5	Spare	31-33
RAA 6 Aust Div	6		
RAE 6 Aust Div	7	For Information -	
Sigs 6 Aust Div	8-9	DMI	34-35
GOC	10	Adv 13 Corps	36-37
G	11-12	1 Aust Corps	38-39
I	13	7 Armd Div	40
AQ	14-15	1C 52R	41
Camp	16	1 NF	42
AASC	17	1 Cheshire	43
ADMS	18		
DADOS	19		
SCMO	20		
LAFM	21-23		
6 Aust Div Postal	24		
6 Aust Div Fd Cash	25		
6 Aust Div Reception Camp	26		

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LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 1800 Hrs
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HQ		
	HQ 6 Aust Div	Ar BARACCA Ar
	Int Sec 6 Aust Div	"
	6 Aust Div Emp Pl	"
	"B" Sec FSS	"
ARMD CORPS		
	10 RTR	BARACCA Area
CAV		
	HQ 6 Aust Cav	SIWA
	"C" Sec Sigs - 39 LAD	"
	"B" & "C" Sqns, HQ Sqn	"
	"A" Sqn	BENGHASI Area
RAA		
	HQ RAA 6 Aust Div	BARACCA
	HQ 2/1 Fd Regt RAA	BENINA
	"E" Sec Sigs - 43 LAD	"
	1 Bty (25-pr)	"
	2 Bty (25-pr)	"
	HQ 2/2 Fd Regt RAA	BARCE Area
	"G" Sec Sigs - 40 LAD	"
	3 Bty (4.5 " How)	"
	4 Bty (18-pr)	"
	HQ 2/3 Fd Regt RAA	GIOVANNI BERTA
	Sig Sec - LAD	"
	5 Bty (25-pr)	"
RA (Attached)		
	HQ 7 Med Regt RA	BENINA
	Sig Sec - LAD	"
	One Sec 25/26 Bty (60-pr)	"
	27/28 Bty (6" How)	"
	234 Bty (4.5" guns)	"
	1 Tp 6 Survey Regt RA	"
	HQ 51 A Fd Regt RA	GIOVANNI BERTA
	Sig Sec - LAD	"
	203 Bty (25pr)	"
	370 Bty (25-pr)	"
	"J" Bty 3 Regt RHA (A Tk)	BENINA
	"P" Bty 3 Regt RHA (less one tp) (A Tk)	"
	One Tp "P" Bty 3 RHA	SIWA
	37 Lt AA Bty RA	BENGHASI
RAE		
	HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	BARACCA
	2/1 Fd Coy	BARCE Area
	2/2 Fd Coy	"
	2/8 Fd Coy	TOCRA Area
	2/2 Fd Pk Coy	BARCE Area
	80 LAD	"
SIGS		
	HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div	BARACCA
	1 Coy - 42 LAD	"
	HQ 2 Coy	"
	HQ 3 Coy	"
INF		
	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	TOBRUCH
	"J" Sec Sigs - 45LAD	"
	16 Aust A Tk Coy	"
	2/1 Bn	"
	2/2 Bn	"
	2/3 Bn	"
	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde —	BARCE
	"K" Sec Sigs - 46 LAD	"
	2/5 Bn	BARCE Area
	2/6 Bn (less one coy)	"
	One Coy - 2/6 Bn	BARCE
	2/7 Bn	BARCE Area
	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	TOCRA
	"L" Sec Sigs - 79 LAD	"
	2/4 Bn	BARCE
	2/6 Bn	BARCE Area
	2/11 Bn	

RAF (Attached)

1 Cheshire (MG)	BENGHASI Area
AASC	
HQ AASC 6 Aust Div	BARACCA
Amn Coy	MARAUA
Pet Coy	"
Sup Col	"
AAMC	
2/1 Fd Amb	TMIMI
2/2 Fd Amb	BENGHASI
2/7 Fd Amb	BARCE
2/1 Fd Hyg Sec	"
AAOC	
2/1 A Fd Wkshop	TMIMI
2/2 A Fd Wkshop	TECNIS
7 Div Sec Ord Fd Pk	BARCE
MISC	
6 Aust Div Pro Coy	BARCE
6 Aust Div Postal Unit	BARACCA
6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	"
6 Aust Div Salvage Unit	"
6 Aust Div Reception Camp	"

J.R. Campbell. Maj.
for Colonel,
GS 6 Aust Div.

DISTRIBUTION -

16 Aust Inf Bde	(1)
17 Aust Inf Bde	(2)
19 Aust Inf Bde	(3)
6 Aust Cav	(4)
"A" Sqn 6 Aust Cav	(5)
RAA 6 Aust Div	(6)
RAE 6 Aust Div	(7)
Sigs 6 Aust Div	(8-9)
GOC	(10)
G	(11-12)
I	(13)
AQ	(14-15)
Camp	(16)
AASC	(17)
ADMS	(18)
DADOS	(19)
SOME	(20)
DAPM	(21-23)
6 Aust Div Postal	(24)
6 Aust Div Fd Cash	(25)
6 Aust Div Reception Camp	(26)
War Diary	(27-28)
File	(29-30)
Spare	(31-33)

For Information -

BTE	(34-35)
Adv 13 Corps	(36-37)
1 Aust Corps	(38-39)
7 Armd Div	(40)
10 RTR	(41)
1 Choshire	(42)

* BARACCA - on road 12 kilos east of TOCRA.

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6 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 25.

BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED BETWEEN 1800 hrs 5 Feb 41 and 1800 hrs 9 Feb 41.

Ref Map:- 1/500,000 BENGHASI

1. OPERATIONS

The town of BENGHASI formally surrendered at 0900 hrs 7 Feb 41, all ITALIAN tps having retreated towards TRIPOLITANIA. The prompt action of the 7 Armd Div in blocking the coast rd approx 20 miles north of AGEDABIA on 6 Feb resulted in stopping this retreat. Despite repeated attacks during the day and night, the 7 Armd Div held the enemy at this point. 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp., moving south from BENGHASI early on 7 Feb., reinforced the Support Gp which had completed the encirclement of the enemy force. The enemy being thus surrounded surrendered and the remnant of the Italian Cyrenacian Army, whose objective was the Suez Canal, was eliminated.

2. ENEMY EQUIPMENT.

Many U.S. planes were found on the BENGHASI and BENINA LGs but NO appreciable stocks of petrol. NO estimate has yet been obtained of the equipment taken by the retreating force and now captured. PW were estimated at 20,000 including General BERGONZOLI.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Representatives of every ITALIAN Div known to be in LIBYA were found among the 500 wounded PW at the DARCE hospital. The following units were noted:-

35, 36, 115, 116 Inf Regts.
17, 55, 60 MG Bns
20, 34, 36 Forestry Coys
1 Bty 1 Arty Regt
3 Bty 42 Arty Regt
4 Bty X Corps Arty
3 Bty XII Corps Arty
28 AA Bty XX Corps Arty
25 AA Bty XX Corps Arty
70 Bty XXI Corps Arty

The complete Arty of 25 Bologna Div and the 17 MG Bn are reported to have come from TRIPOLI by road approx 5 Jan 41.
15 and 16 Inf Regts of SABRATHA Div were in TRIPOLI 11 Jan 41 and are thought to be still there from correspondence received by a PW.

4. TRIPOLITANIA.

From information available it appears that the ITALIAN forces in TRIPOLITANIA do NOT exceed three Divs and that these have already lost the bulk of their Arty and MG Bns. The Divs are 17, 25 and 55 although it is NOT definitely known if the latter exists as a separate formation, as its units may have been allocated to reinforce other formations.
NO information has been received of reinforcements from ITALY - a possibility which must NOT be overlooked.

Time of signature: 1930 hrs.

Method of Issue: LOs and Sigs.

Capt for Colonel,
G.S. 6 Aust Div.

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19 Aust Inf Bde	10 - 13
RAA 6 Aust Div	14 - 23
RAE 6 Aust Div	24
Sigs 6 Aust Div	25
"A" Sqn 6 Aust Cav	26
Comd	27
G	28 - 29
AQ	30 - 31
CASC 6 Aust Div	32
ADMS	33
1 Aust Corps	34
Adv 13 Corps	35 - 36
7 Armd Div	37
16 RTR	38
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TO ALL UNITS & ATTACHED TPS.

Now that active operations against the enemy in CYRENAICA have ended for the time being, I take the opportunity to thank all ranks of all arms engaged, for the magnificient effort they have put forth in sweeping the enemy from BARDIA to BENGHASI to 25 kilometres south of GHEMINES.

The campaign for 6 Aust Div and attached troops may be divided into four phases, viz:-

(i) BARDIA
(ii) TOBRUK
(iii) DERNA
(iv) Pursuit to BENGHASI and GHEMINES.

The operation began on Dec 19th and was continued with 7 Armoured Division alongside, till the latter by a masterly stroke between GHEMINES and AGEDABIA destroyed the escaping remnant of the Italian Army with all his tanks and artillery on Feb 7.

As soldiers you have had the privilege of taking a highly successful part in a military achievement almost unique in its speed and completeness. Circumstances decreed that 6 Aust Div and attached troops should make the attack on BARDIA and in this and the subsequent campaign we have probably been the envy of every other division in the British Army. Along with our successes we have had hard times and hard weather, but we can look back upon these as trifling compared with the military results achieved.

Fortunately our casualties have been comparatively light.

But the campaign in CYRENAICA is far from bringing the war to a close. It has taught us many lessons and discovered for us a number of weaknesses. These we must proceed to repair and make ourselves fit for the tasks which lie before us.

For the time being we shall stay in our present locations, rest, relax, recover and refit. Commanding Officers will embrace the opportunity to take stock generally and to carry out the many things which will meet their eyes.

In conclusion I thank you all once again for the magnificient response you have given to all demands made upon you in fighting, and ask the same of you in refitting and training.

J. G. Mackay Major-General,
Comd 6 Aust Div.

RRV/TG

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TRIPOLITANIA.

A SHORT SUMMARY OF TOPOGRAPHY, DEFENCES AND GARRISON, CENTRES OF POPULATION, RESOURCES, SERVICES, PORT FACILITIES, and COMMUNICATIONS, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE MAIN ROUTE FROM BENGASI TO TRIPOLI.

1. Rd BENGHASI - TRIPOLI. (Total distance 645 miles)

The main road BENGHASI - TRIPOLI is first class, being constructed on an artificial foundation, sealed throughout and suitable for two streams of traffic. From BENGASI it runs south parallel to but a little distance from the coast and passes through several small towns. The first important junc is AGEDABIA 100 miles south of BENGASI and 16 miles from the coast. Here the track to the GUFRA OASES turns off, and several smaller tracks run inland.

AGEDABIA is surrounded by a defensive wall, built for the Libyan wars, which is surmounted by a Decauville Railway. There are several wells and tanks in the area which contain water which is suitable for European consumption, although brackish. From this town the main road hugs the coast more closely to AGHEILA, which is on the coast 83 miles SW of AGEDABIA. There is brackish water at this point which is only suitable for natives, and an aerodrome with hangars and petrol installation.

The main road is supported by an alternative motor route from AGHEILA to MARSA EL AUEGIA, approx 90 miles distant, passing through various small villages and cultivated valleys where water is good and abundant. This type of country continues to SIRTE, 91 miles to the West, which is the junc for the bitumen road to HUN, the HQ of the Military territory of the South, although no defences have been reported at this place.

SIRTE has a LG and by sea was formerly served by the port of MARSA ZAAFRAN, a good port which has become entirely silted up. Country in the vicinity of SIRTE consists of a number of small hills on which the BEDUIN pasture their flocks, but from SIRTE to MISURATA (170 miles) there are many salt lakes and fresh water is very scarce.

It is reported that an A Tk trench has been started around the town and that a new Div Arty Regt is garrisoned there.

MISURATA population 51,000 incl 1000 Italians, in this area, has a LG electric light and power station, and an artesian well with capacity of 6000 gals drinking water per hour. There is a small natural port with harbour facilities. It is not known if any defences exist in the area. Population MISURATA province 1939; Italians 9510 Arabs 204,303 Jews 3,350.

From this town west the country is more populated, though the coast is inhospitable. ZLITEN; 44 miles from MISURATA, is a small port on this coast, and the name ZLITEN is also applied to an area in this vicinity, one of the most fruitful oases in TRIPOLITANIA, which has abundant water and considerable agricultural products. It is connected by the main road to HOMS 24 miles to the west, throught sandy and flat country.

HOMS, (34,000 incl 800 Europeans), was an important industrial town which has collapsed through economic reasons. It has an oil refinery, electric light and power, but a poor port. The road from HOMS west is through a number of villages, following the coast, which consists of rocky headlands and sandy bays flanked by hills, to within 12 miles of TRIPOLI, where there exists a flat plain with a region of quicksands. Distance HOMS - TRIPOLI, 75 miles.

2. DEFENCES IN TRIPOLITANIA.

Defences have been designed against attack from TUNISIA and there are NO known prepared defences against attack from the east except at TRIPOLI which has all round defence similar to TOBRUK. A Tk trenches have been constructed at ZUARA, NALUT and AZIZIA, and possibly at JEFREN and GARIAN in the west and at TAUORGA and SIRTE in the east. Arrangements had been made for the French to hand over all material and armaments from the TUNISIAN frontier defences t the ITALIANS, and according to a PW this has been done but there is no information of units being trained to use them.

It is thought that the following enemy force exists in the area:-

17 "PAVIA" Div	(At SORMAN)	12/40	PW.
25 "BOLOGNA" Div	(At GARIAN - JEFREN)	10/40	Captured Document.
27 "BRESCIA" Div	ZAUIA	1/41	PW.
55 "SAVONA" Div	(TRIPOLI)	1/41	PW.

The last named may not exist as a separate formation and in any case bulk of the MG Bns Arty and Tank units for these formations have already been eliminated. The exact order of battle cannot be ascertained until the recent "bag" in the GHEMINES area has been sorted, but it cannot exceed 30,000 men and G.H.Q, Corps and Army Troops. Reinforcements may have arrived recently at TRIPOLI from ITALY but their arrival has yet to be confirmed.

3. GEOGRAPHY.

(a) SIRTE - TRIPOLI. - Undulating ground similar to that between MARTUBA and DERNA.

(b) SOUTH OF TRIPOLI. - Mountains similar to those in Palestine, rise to 2500 ft with deep water and cultivated in terraces. A number of good r: intersect the area which merges further south into the southern desert.

(c) West of TRIPOLI. - Flat and sandy, cultivated beside the roads with water from shallow wells, developing into salt lakes further west.

4. CITY OF TRIPOLI.

Principal City and Port of LIBYA, seat of the Governor-General.
Situated on a spit of land jutting into the Mediterranean, it lies in a direct line with Malta and Catania (SICILY), being 225 miles from the /is/ former which/58 miles from the nearest point of the SICILIAN coast.
Town is bisected by the SCIARA el GARBI - which runs north east to the harbour.
Constant development in "New Tripoli" during 1938/39, 286 houses were built and the Air Force HQ completed.
A defensive wall encircles the whole landward side of the town, and defences which are similar to those at TOBRUK.
The western mole is connected by rail with the central railway station. Two other jetties in the centre of the harbour front are connected by rail to the goods station southeast of the town.
A decauville rail system runs along the defensive wall.

Wireless Comms - Wireless station at PORTA EL AMRAS under direction o Naval HQ. It carries all international commercial traffic as well as naval signals.
Wireless stations also at:-
Land end of principal mole, near barracks at PORTA BENITO,
Near governor's residence.
The transmitting station for Radio Tripoli is at ZANZAR - the station's studio is in one of the buildings in the FAIR GROUND in TRIPOLI.

Population. - Inhabitants of TRIPOLI in April '39 were 110,392:-

Italians (NOT including troops)	40,786
Native Jews	18,423
Moslems	47,238
Foreigners (Maltese etc)	3,845

Buildings. - Government and municipal buildings and Governor-General's Residence.
(Suitable for Offices, see below).
Office of Governor General
Government Offices
Bank of Italy
Town Hall
Public Works
Schools (Italian)

Barracks. - Imperial barracks lies near harbour at eastern end of town.
BILLIA barracks situated west of the central railway station between western side of TRIPOLI - ZUARA line and the sea - There is a garage for about 500 vehicles adjacent to the BILLIA Barracks.
Cavalry and Tank barracks are at PORTA BENITO - southern end of town.
Military stores on south side of the Jewish cemetry.

Hospitals (NOT military). - Colonial Hospital, includes fever ward - 700 beds.
Guoran Line Station - fully equipped.


TO FRONTIER SET

Chemical Laboratory)
Bacteriological Laboratory) on the coast road running
Medical Workshops) east to TAGUCRA.

Stores for technical and preventive medicines and material.

Factories. - Fiat automobile works
Railway workshops
Electrical Engineers
Iron Works
Water plants
Motor Garages
Food etc etc

HOSPITALS.
Military. - Accomodation 1000 beds, (NOT incl those established since ITALY entered war).

Supplies. - Stocks of petrol, parrafin and lubricating oil are stored in underground tanks. The location of the tanks is about half a mile inland from the end of the eastern mole.
Two underground petrol storage tanks slightly to the east of the shore end of the eastern mole.
In 1939 stocks of aviation petrol were kept near the salt piles within the MELLAHA race-course.
A pipe line to GASTELBENITO is under construction.
A depot for inflammable liquids - connected to the eastern quay by pipeline, is situated on the road about one mile north of the TARHUNA GATE. (There are 3 large storage tanks).
Construction of an oil refinery was begun in 1937 - output to include -
Motor Spirit,
Aviation Spirit,
Naptha & Lubricants
and is situated just outside PORTA TAGIURA.

Electric Power. - Power Station north of Jewish Cemetry on the coast.

Water. - The TRIPOLI water supply is good and adequate.
Since 1935, however, the chief supply is obtained from two wells near the PORTA FORNACI (over 2,000,000 gallons daily).
The water is electrically pumped from the 55ft level into storage tanks, thence into the town distributive system.
A third well was being sunk in 1938.

Coast Defences. - Old naval 30.5 cm guns are mounted at:-
SUANI GARGARESC, 5 miles SW of TRIPOLI Lighthouse.
SIDI el MAHGIUB, 3¼ miles east of TRIPOLI Lighthouse.
The guns are camouflaged and are NOT visible from the sea. An amn dump is in proximity - exact location unknown. Three other gun posns were under construction in 1939.

TRIPOLI PORT. - Harbour is enclosed by a principal and secondary breakwater.
For protection of the breakwaters a submarine breakwater has been construc ted along the length between the lighthouse and the new sailing ship quay.
There is a landing quay with an area of 70,000 square yards and a quay frontage of 980 feet should now be completed near the existing wharf.
Actual extent of the harbour is 1950 by 2700 yards.
Dredging has given a depth of about 34 feet at the entrance channel and the average depth ofthe greater area of harbour is to be maintained at 26 to 36 feet. A vessel of 30,000 tons displacement (the "ROMA") was able to tie up at the mole in 1938.

POPULATION:- In March 1939 the population of TRIPOLITANIA totaled 700,000 and Nomads.

6. HINTERLAND:-

Reported mostly unexplored and consists generally of desert interspersed with oases of varying sizes, culminating on the southern border 6-700 miles inland in mountains over 10,000 feet high.

J.R. Campbell. Major
for Colonel,
GS 6 Aust Div.

DISTRIBUTION -

16 Aust Inf Bde	20
17 Aust Inf Bde	19
19 Aust Inf Bde	19
6 Aust Cav	4
"A" Sqn 6 Aust Cav	1
RAA 6 Aust Div	10
RAE 6 Aust Div.	5
Sigs 6 Aust Div	5
Cmdt	1
GS	2
AQ	2
CASC 6 Aust Div	4
ADMS	6
1 Aust Corps	2
Adv 13 Corps	2
War Diary	2
File	2
Spares	6

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LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 1200 Hrs
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HQ		
HQ 6 Aust Div	BARACCA	N.545195
Int Sec 6 Aust Div	"	"
6 Aust Div Emp Pl	"	"
"B" Sec FSS	BENGHASI	R.9574
CAV		
HQ 6 Aust ~~Div~~ CAV	SIWA	
"C" Sec Sigs - 39 LAD	"	
"B" & "C" Sqns, HQ Sqn	"	
"A" Sqn	BENGHASI	R.9571
RAA		
HQ RAA 6 Aust Div	BARACCA	N.545195
HQ 2/1 Fd Regt RAA	BENINA	S.1373
"E" Sec Sigs - 43 LAD	"	"
1 Bty (25-pr)	"	"
2 Bty (25-pr)	"	"
HQ 2/2 Fd Regt RAA	BARCE	N.7322
"G" Sec Sigs - 40 LAD	"	"
3 Bty (4.5" How)	"	"
4 Bty (18-pr)	"	"
HQ 2/3 Fd Regt RAA	OBERDAM	N.72
Sig Sec - LAD	"	"
5 Bty (25-pr)	"	"
RA (Attached)		
HQ 7 Med Regt RA	BENGHASI	R.976714
Sig Sec - LAD	"	"
One Sec 25/26 Bty (60-pr)	"	"
27/28 Bty (6" How)	CIRENE	O.6158
234 Bty (4.5" guns)	BENGHASI	R.966724
1 Tp 6 Survey Regt RA	BARACCA	N.545195
HQ 51 A Fd Regt RA	CIRENE	O.6158
Sig Sec - LAD	"	"
203 Bty (25-pr)	"	"
370 Bty (25-pr)	"	"
One Tp 37 Lt AA Bty RA	BARCE	N.7322
RAE		
HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	BARACCA	N.545195
2/1 Fd Coy	TECNIS	N.936183
2/2 Fd Coy	BARCE	N.8416
2/8 Fd Coy	BENINA	R.1373
2/2 Fd Pk Coy	TECNIS	N.9418
80 LAD	"	"
SIGS		
HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div	BARACCA	N.545195
I Coy - 42 LAD	"	"
HQ 2 Coy	"	"
HQ 3 Coy	"	"
INF		
HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	TOBRUCH	40674304
"J" Sec Sigs - 45 LAD	"	"
16 Aust A Tk Coy	"	"
2/1 Bn	"	41594347
2/2 Bn	"	41664350
2/3 Bn	"	40954368
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	BARCE	N.708177
"K" Sec Sigs - 46 LAD	"	"
2/5 Bn (less two coys)	"	N.719168
"A" Coy - 2/5 Bn	LUIGIRAZZA	N.495505
"C" Coy - 2/5 Bn	CIRENE	N.613582
2/6 Bn (less one Coy)	BARCE	N.707167
"B" Coy - 2/6 Bn	"	N.718192
2/7 Bn	"	N.716169
HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	TOCRA	N.4122
"L" Sec Sigs - 79 LAD	"	"
2/4 Bn	BENGHASI	R.9673
2/8 Bn	TOCRA Area	N.5320
2/11 Bn	"	N.4122

AASC		
HQ AASC 6 Aust Div	BARACCA	U.545195
Amn Coy	TOCRA	N.400213
Pet Coy	"	N.405215
Sup Col	MARAUA	O.2020
AAMC		
2/1 Fd Amb (less "A" Coy)	BENGHASI	R.9574
"A" Coy - 2/1 Fd Amb	TOBRUCH	40674304
2/2 Fd Amb (less "A" Coy)	BENGHASI	R.9574
"A" Coy - 2/2 Fd Amb	TOCRA	N.4122
2/7 Fd Amb	BARCE	N.708177
2/1 Fd Hyg Sec	"	"
AAOC		
2/1 A Fd Wkshop	TOBRUCH	406430
2/2 A Fd Wkshop (less No.4 Rec Sec)	MADAILENA	N.8526
No.4 Rec Sec 2/2 A Fd Wkshop	BENGHASI	R.9574
7 Div Sec Ord Fd Pk	BARCE	N.700219
5 Adv Ord Depot	SLONTA	O.313246
6 " " "	BARACCA	N.610190
MISC		
6 Aust Div Pro Coy	BENGHASI	R.9574
6 Aust Div Postal Unit	MARAUA	O.2020
6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	BENGHASI	R.9574
6 Aust Div Salvage Unit	BARACCA	N.545195
6 Aust Div Reception Camp	DERNA	P.3655

J.R. Campbell May
Colonel,
GS 6 Aust Div.

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16 Aust Inf Bde	1
17 Aust Inf Bde	2
19 Aust Inf Bde	3
6 Aust Cav	4
"A" Sqn 6 Aust Cav	5
RAA 6 Aust Div	6
RAE 6 Aust Div	7
Sigs 6 Aust Div	8 - 9
GOC	10
G	11-12
I	13
AQ	14-15
Camp	16
AASC	17
ADMS	18
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BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED BETWEEN
1800 HRS 9 FEB AND 0900 HRS 13 FEB 41

Ref Map: 1/500,000 BENGHASI.

1. ENEMY ACTIVITY

7 Armd Div patrols occupied EL AGHEILA on 8 Feb and captured the few enemy who were in the town. No organised resistance has been encountered by patrols moving SOUTH and WEST.

GIARABUB is cut off by our forces and the enemy are no longer attempting to supply it. Even the attempts to assist it by air have been discontinued.

2. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

Night 10/11 Feb enemy planes dropped mines in vicinity of BENGHASI, and some which hit the coast exploded on contact.

Night 11/12 Feb BENGHASI was bombed and BERCA aerodrome MG'd from low level. A haystack fired in the BARCE area was presumed to have been the result of enemy incendiary bombs.

Evening 12 Feb BENGHASI was again bombed from approx 4,000 ft by twin-engined, long-nosed aircraft thought to be HEINKEL bombers. At 0400 hrs 13 Feb a heavy attack commenced on the town and at 0515 hrs BENINA aerodrome was bombed and MG'd from low level. A single car moving on the rd BENINA - BENGHASI was MG'd and three bombs were dropped near it. It is thought that the planes concerned were also HEINKELS.

3. STRAT R REPORTS

Report on 12 Feb.- No movement was seen or signs of defences or camps in the vicinity of HOMS, MISURATA or SIRTE.

4. INFORMATION FROM PWs

(a) Enemy intelligence was very bad. Gen DANNA said that he did NOT get any information at all about our movements.

(b) Enemy air observation very bad. The only information on the 7 Armd Div move across the Southern Desert was an air recce report of 100 MT moving SW of MECHILI, when at least 1500 MT were involved.

(c) The ITALIANS oiled the wells at MECHILI before their own Special Armd Bde moved there.

(d) GRAZIANI is reputed never to visit his tps.

(e) BERGONZOLI, who was captured by the 7 Armd Div SOUTH of BENGHASI on the night of the final battle, states that he and a party of 20 Staff Offrs walked through the British lines at BARDIA and five days later reached TOBRUCH. From there he flew to DERNA, which latter place he left in a Fiat car on the night before its evacuation.

5. ENEMY TRAINING

Many of the 93 M.13 tanks captured were new and personnel, particularly of the XXI Tank Bn, who had been re-equipped with them, hardly knew how to drive them, and had no-tng in their employment.

6. ARTY CAPTURED

Arty captured at BENGHASI is as follows:-

8	76/40 Coast Defence or AA
4	150 mm Coast Defence
1	120/40 Coast Defence
4	75 mm AA
4	77/28 AA

It is possible that the count is incomplete.

At least 75 fd and med guns were captured by 7 Armd Div SOUTH of the town during the final battle.

7. ENEMY TACTICS

7 Armd Div reports:-

In the withdrawal of the enemy from the BENGHASI area the tactics employed as far as is yet known appear to have been as follows:- A point of one inf bn in lorries led by one tank coy followed by an adv gd of the remainder of the inf regt plus two tank coys. Then followed the main body in long lorry colns, each spaced by tanks. It appears by posns of tanks on the ground that there was a flank gd of one coy to the EAST. When the colns came into contact with our forces, the tanks drove off the road while some guns came into action from the road and a few scattered some 15 rds. There appears to have been little attempt to get inf into action and it is obvious that the greatest surprise was obtained. The result of these tactics was to give our guns and tanks the best concentrated targets possible. The surrounding country offers every opportunity for movement on a wide front and owing to the enemy's persistance in remaining on roads and tracks, the utmost confusion prevailed.

Enemy tank tactics throughout this campaign have been to employ tanks in "penny packets" and during this battle no departure from this practice was made. As a last resort, and for the first time on record, a body of approx 30 tanks made abortive

attempts to break through to the SOUTH. It was noticeable that this only occurred after encountering resistance at every turn.

8. SHORTAGE OF ENEMY TPT

This was again confirmed both by captured docs and PW statements, as well as the fact that very many civilian lorries had to be commandeered for the evacuation of the BENGHASI area.

A pool of all tpt, including civilian, from the whole district was formed and was allocated according to minimum requirements to all units. The greater part of 60 Div in the GEBEL area was completely immobile until this had been done.

9. COLONISATION DERNA PROVINCE

The following information has been obtained from Cyrenaica Force:

BEDA LITTORIA, besides being a village, is also a "commune" which includes the following centres - BATTISTI, LUIGI RAZZA, SAVOIA, CIRENE, MAMELI and BEDA LITTORIA.

It should be noted that neither APOLLONIA, GIOVANNI BERTA nor DERNA come within this "commune".

The ITALIAN population of each centre varies considerably. At BEDA LITTORIA it totalled 2223 (doc dated 16 Jan 41), whilst at APOLLONIA it numbered only 230. An average figure for a colony appears to be about 1000. In the "commune" are some 15,000 ARABS and 54 JEWS, these latter for the moment being swelled by those from TOBRUCH and DERNA.

There is electric lighting.

Food stocks at BEDA LITTORIA might be sufficient for one year for that centre alone, or for three or four months if distributed throughout the "commune". LUIGI RAZZA has no stocks at all.

Grain stocks are stated to be 13,000 quintals (this figure must be accepted with great reserve) and there is a small corn crusher insufficient for the centre. A bigger one is believed to exist at LUIGI RAZZA, but corn was mostly sent for milling at DERNA. On 7 Feb every family at BEDA LITTORIA was issued with 50 kilograms of flour.

Normally families are issued with two quintals of wheat per month and macaroni and rice as required, the quantities being set off against the amount of harvest the family had handed in.

A day's ration was said to be 200 grammes of macaroni per person, and 100 grammes of rice.

Officials at the Municipio at BEDA LITTORIA were warned to impose a rationing system, and to encourage the families to till their land to the best advantage.

Time of Signature: 1230 hrs.

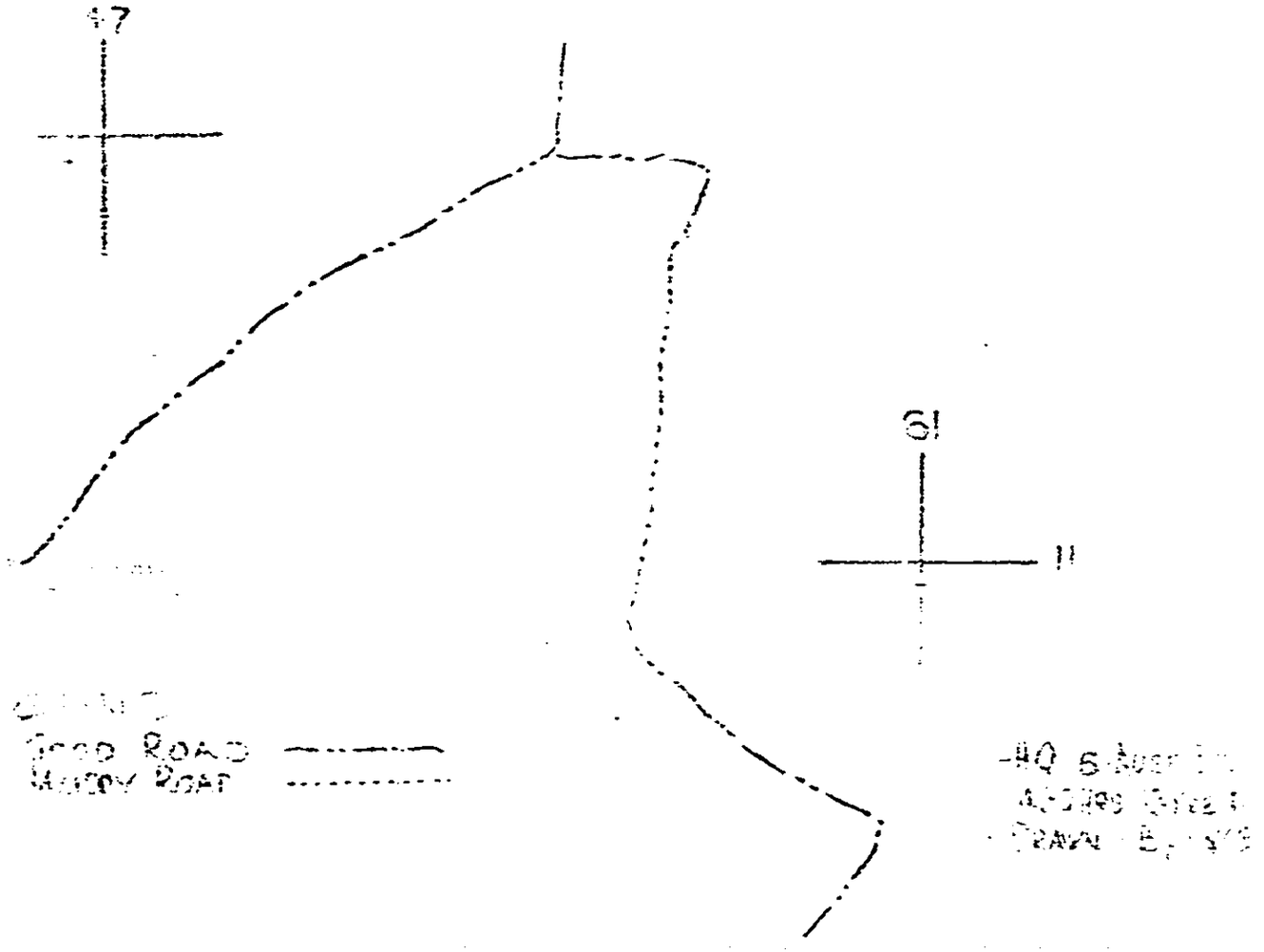
Method of Issue: Sigs.

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for Colonel,
GS, 6 Aust Div.

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17 Aust Inf Bde	6 - 9
19 Aust Inf Bde	10 - 13
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RAE 6 Aust Div	20
Sigs 6 Aust Div	21
"A" Sqn 6 Aust Cav	22
Comd	23
G	24 - 25
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LESSONS OF [illegible] CAMPAIGN

NOTE: ASSISTANCE TO ENGINEERS BY OTHER ARM

1. Although the manuals lay down very clearly that engrs should NOT be called upon to carry out work which can be done equally well by other arms, there were many instances during the recent campaign where the Sappers were asked to carry out such work.

Anyone who has been through the campaign realises the work the Engrs are called upon to do, not only during the actual fighting but also in the lull after the battle. Fighting over, most arms of the service can obtain some rest, but the Engrs have to rebuild brs, repair water pts, clear demolitions and search for, disarm and remove minefields, etc.

2. There are but 54 pioneers per Fd Coy to assist their skilled personnel, and if the following points which were noted in the campaign are remedied in future, added efficiency will undoubtedly result.

(a) Much work was often demanded of Sappers that was well within the capabilities of most of the units asking for assistance, and units and formations requiring digging, sandbagging and similar simple field work were prone to overlook their own resources.

(b) Units requiring mechanised assistance in excavating, rarely provided pick and shovel personnel to remove excavated spoil.

(c) Prior to this campaign, locating and disarming mines and booby traps were considered essentially Sapper work, but in view of the great numbers of mines encountered personnel of Cav, Arty and Inf units must be trained and prepared to remove mines and booby traps which they may find in their areas, because there will be times when a few mines or booby traps across some defile will hold tps up until Engrs, who are probably urgently required elsewhere, are obtained. The instn given personnel of other arms before TO BRUH was of very great assistance and, for instance, the actn of the Cav Sqn on the WADI DERNA would have been greatly hampered had it been necessary to call on the Engrs to clear gaps in the extensive minefields which existed in this area.

(d) During the pursuit, our gunners and infantrymen worked like beavers to assist the Engrs to repair enemy demolitions, but in some cases, once the battle was over, the enthusiasm of such inf working parties vanished.

(e) Several of the units and sub-units who asked the Engrs to dig in tents and construct dugouts, had men available for these non-technical tasks. It was noted that some sub-units of certain arms dug themselves in, whilst other sub-units in the same Corps sat back and demanded Engr assistance, which was urgently required elsewhere.

3. To increase the efficiency of our force to the utmost, Comds will make every effort to ensure that the above lessons are promulgated to all ranks, who should also be informed of the many technical tasks which our Engrs are called upon to perform, the limited resources with which they have to carry them out, and above all the many ways in which the other arms

can co-operate and assist them.

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Colonel,
GS 6 Aust Div.

Distribution -

16 Aust Inf Bde	20
17 Aust Inf Bde	19
19 Aust Inf Bde	19
6 Aust Cav	4
"A" Sqn 6 Aust Cav	1
RAA 6 Aust Div	10
RAE 6 Aust Div	5
Sigs 6 Aust Div	5
Comd	1
G	2
AQ	2
CASO 6 Aust Div	4
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Headquarters,
6 Aust Div.

19 Aust Inf Bde

14 Feb 41.

1. You will prepare forthwith a scheme for the defence of BENGASI and BENINA against sea-borne raid combined with air attack.

2. The scheme will be based on the following:-

(a) The scale of attack on BENGASI is limited to a sea-borne force of about two bns with light arty and light AFVs, combined with parachute landings by one bn with mortars and possibly light arty.

(b) The scale of attack on BENINA is limited to parachute and possibly air-borne landings by one bn with mortars and possibly light arty. This attack may take place at the same time as that on BENGASI.

(c) Any attack as in paras (a) and (b) will be preceded and covered by air bombardment and dive bombing attacks by three to four sqns.

(d) The tps available for the scheme are:-

19 Aust Inf Bde
2/1 Fd Regt
All AA units in BENGASI (at present these consist of 4 heavy and 12 light AA guns of 4 AA Bde.)

(e) Guards and other internal security duties being found by the garrison bn in BENGASI will NOT be withdrawn.

(f) Other than the move of one bty 2/1 Fd Regt from ER REGIMA, which may be carried out if desired, no moves of units from their present locations will be carried out until the scheme is put into effect.

(g) Tpt sufficient to lift two bns will be made available as under:-

(i) for one bn in TOCRA area at two hours' notice

(ii) for one bn in BARRACA area at three hours' notice.

3. The executive order to put the scheme into effect as well as for the tpt required referred to in para 2 (g) to report will be given by this HQ. Please advise the exact locations at which the tpt is required.

L. Wary
Colonel,
GS, 6 Aust Div.

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Headquarters,
6 Aust Div.

14 Feb, 41.

TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 24

1. If NOT already being carried out; and also subject to limitations imposed by security duties, Comds will devote the time now available to tng their comds in the following two main headings:

(a) overcoming weaknesses noted by them during the campaign, and

(b) in recapitulating the ops of war in which units were NOT fully tested.

2. With reference to sub-para (b) above, the campaign can be divided into three phases; first of all the two deliberate attacks on BARDIA and TOBRUCH, then engaging the enemy rear gd on the WADI DERNA and finally the pursuit therefrom to South of GHEMINES. There are, therefore, many ops of war in which units were NOT practised or tested, or only partially so, and it is these ops which will tend to be forgotten, and to which special attention must now be devoted.

In this connection, for instance, thanks to our Air Force, enemy air action was negligible for most of the campaign, and as a result road discipline, dispersion, concealment and camouflage -- halted and on the move -- has deteriorated and needs to be brought back to a standard which will enable us to cope effectively with strong air opposition, which we must expect to meet before long. Dispersion must be observed in present billets and bivouacs since we are still subject to the possibility of enemy bombing attacks and indications are that German aircraft are beginning to appear in this theatre of ops.

L.Wary. Colonel,
GS, 6 Aust Div.

Distribution -
List B. (All Units)

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LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 1800 Hrs 17 FEB 41. Copy No. 24.

HQ		
HQ 6 Aust Div	BARACCA	N.545195
Int Sec 6 Aust Div	"	"
6 Aust Div Emp Pl	"	"
"B" Sec FSS	BENGHASI	R.9574
CAV		
HQ 6 Aust Cav	SIWA	
"C" Sec Sigs - 39 LAD	"	
"B" & "C" Sqns, HQ Sqn	"	
"A" Sqn	54 Kilos North AGEDABIA	X.0778
RAA		
HQ RAA 6 Aust Div	BARACCA	N.545195
HQ 2/1 Fd Regt RAA	REGIMA	S.2170
"E" Sec Sigs - 43 LAD	"	"
1 Bty (25-pr)	"	"
2 Bty (25-pr)	"	"
HQ 2/2Fd Regt RAA	D'ANNUNZIO	N.8926
"G" Sec Sigs - 40 LAD	"	"
3 Bty (4.5" How)	"	"
4 Bty (18-pr)	"	"
HQ 2/3 Fd Regt RAA	OBERDAN	N.910360
Sig Sec - LAD	"	"
5 Bty (25-pr)	"	"
RAE		
HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	BARACCA	N.545195
2/1 Fd Coy	TECNIS	N.934182
2/2 Fd Coy	BARCE	N.8416
2/8 Fd Coy	BENGHASI	R.960730
2/2 Fd Pk Coy	TECNIS	N.9419
80 LAD	"	"
SIGS		
HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div - 42 LAD	FILZI	N.465108
1 Coy (less det "D" Sec)	"	"
Det "D" Sec - 1 Coy	BARACCA	N.545195
HQ 2 Coy	FILZI	N.465108
HQ 3 Coy	"	"
INF		
HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	TOBRUCH	40674304
"J" Sec Sigs - 45 LAD	"	"
16 Aust A Tk Coy	"	"
2/1 Bn	"	40684268
2/2 Bn	"	41584268
2/3 Bn	"	39954363
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	BARCE	N.708177
"K" Sec Sigs - 46 LAD	"	"
2/5 Bn	"	
2/6 Bn (less one Coy)	"	N.719168
"B" Coy - 2/6 Bn	"	N.707167
2/7 Bn (under comd 7 Armd Div)	10 Miles South AGEDABIA	N.718192
HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	TOCRA	W.9710
"L" Sec Sigs - 79 LAD	"	N.4122
2/4 Bn	BENGHASI	R.9673
2/8 Bn	TOCRA Area	N.5320
2/11 Bn	"	N.4122

AASC

HQ AASC 6 Aust Div	BARACCA	N.545195
Amn Coy	TOCRA	N.400213
Pet Coy	"	N.405215
Sup Col	BARCE	N.766180

AAMC

2/1 Fd Amb (less two coys)	BENGHASI	R.9574
"A" Coy - 2/1 Fd Amb	DERNA	P.3655
"B" Coy - " " "	TECNIS	N.938183
2/2 Fd Amb	TOCRA	N.3721
2/7 Fd Amb	BARCE	N.708177
2/1 Fd Hyg Sec	"	"

AAOC

2/1 A Fd Wkshop	BENGHASI	R.975725
2/2 A Fd Wkshop (less No.4 Rec Sec)	MADDALINA	N.787260
No. 4 Rec Sec 2/2 A Fd Wkshop	BENGHASI	R.9574
7 Div Sec Ord Fd Pk	BARCE	N.8626
8 " " Depot	SLONTA	O.313246
6 " " "	BARACCA	N.610190

MISC

6 Aust Div Pro Coy	BENGHASI	R.9574
6 Aust Div Postal Unit	BARCE	N.766180
6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	BENGHASI	R.9574
6 Aust Div Salvage Unit	BARACCA	N.545195
6 Aust Div Reception Camp	BARCE	N.697200

J.R. Campbell. Major
for Colonel,
GS 6 Aust Div.

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Headquarters,
6 Aust Div.

18 Feb, 41.

GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION No. 65

MOVES OF UNITS 6 AUST DIV

1. The following moves of Units have taken place or will take place on the dates shown.

(a) To AGEDABIA area:

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
2/3 Fd Regt (less one bty) moving from present location on 19 Feb.
2/7 Bn

(b) To OBEDAN area:

2/6 Bn (less one coy remaining in BARCE) on 19 Feb.

(c) To EL GUARSCIA area:

2/5 Bn moving on 20 Feb.

2. From 1600 hrs 18 Feb, 17 Aust Inf Bde (less 2/5 and 2/6 Bns) comes under comd 1 Aust Corps. From that time 2/5 and 2/6 Bns come under direct comd 6 Aust Div.

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List B (All units)

Colonel,
GS, 6 Aust Div.

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Headquarters,
6 Aust Div.

19 Feb 41.

Mr. WINSTON CHURCHILL's BROADCAST
TO THE EMPIRE ON SUNDAY EVENING 9 FEB 41.

Mr Churchill said:

"Five months have passed since I spoke to the British nation and Empire on the broadcast. In wartime there is a lot to be said for the motto "deeds not words". All the same it is a good thing to look around from time to time and take stock and certainly our affairs have prospered in several directions during these last four or five months far better than most of us would have ventured to hope.

"We stood our ground, and faced the two dictators in the hour of what seemed their overwhelming triumph and we have shown ourselves capable so far of standing up against them alone. After the heavy defeats of the German air force by our fighters in August and September, Herr Hitler did not dare attempt the invasion of this island although he had every means to do so and although he had made vast preparations.

"Baffled in this grandiose project, he sought to break the spirit of the British nation by the bombing first of London and afterwards of our great cities. It has now been proved to the admiration of the world and of our friends in the United States that this form of blackmail by murder and terrorism so far from weakening the spirit of the British nation has only roused it to a more intense and universal flame than was ever seen before in any modern community.

THE LOVE OF THE DOMINIONS.

"The whole British Empire has been proud of the Mother Country and long to be with us over here. We have been deeply conscious of the love that has flowed from the dominions of the Crown across the broad ocean spaces. There is the first of our war aims to be worthy of that love and to preserve it.

"All through these dark winter months, the enemy ... have had the power to drop three or four tons of bombs upon us for every ton that we could send to Germany in return. We are arranging so that presently this will be rather the other way around, but meanwhile London and our big cities have had to stand their pounding. They remind me of the British squares at Waterloo. They are not squares of soldiers. They do not wear scarlet coats. They are just ordinary English, Scottish and Welsh folk, men, women and children, standing steadfastly together, but their spirit is the same, their glory is the same and in the end their victory will be greater than the far-famed Waterloo.

BREAKING THE BACK OF THE INVADER.

"All honour to the civil defence services, emergency and regular, volunteer and professional who have helped our people through this formidable ordeal, the like of which no civilian community has been called upon to undergo. If I mention only one of these services tonight, namely the police, it is because many tributes have been paid already to the others. But the Police have been in it everywhere and all the time, and as a working woman wrote me in a letter "what gentlemen they are".

"More than two-thirds of the winter has now gone and so far we have had no serious epidemic. Indeed there is no increase of illness in spite of the improvised conditions of the shelters. That is most creditable to our local medical and sanitary authorities, to our devoted nursing staffs and to the Ministry of Health, whose head, as you may have seen, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald is now going to Canada in the important office of High Commissioner.

"There is another matter which surprised me when I asked about it; In spite of all those new wartime offences and prosecutions of all kinds and in spite of all the opportunities for looting and disorder there has been less crime this winter and there are indeed fewer prisoners in our

jails than in the years of peace.

"We have broken the back of the winter. The daylight grows and the Royal Air Force grows. Already we are masters of the daylight air. The attacks may be sharper but they will be shorter. There will be more opportunities for work and energies of all kinds, more opportunities for life. So, if our first victory was the repulse of the invader, our second was the frustration of his acts of terror and of torture against our people at home.

VICTORIES IN GREECE AND LIBYA.

"Meanwhile abroad a wonderful thing happened. One of the two dictators, the crafty, cold-blooded, black-hearted Italian, who had thought to gain an Empire on the cheap, by stabbing fallen France in the back, got into trouble. Without the slightest provocation, spurred on by lust of power and brutish greed, Mussolini invaded Greece only to be hurled back ingominiously by the heroic Greek Army who have revived before our eyes the glories which from the classic age gild their native land.

"While Signor Mussolini was writhing and smarting under the Greek lash in Albania, Generals Wavell and Wilson, who were charged with the defence of Egypt and of the Suez Canal, in accordance with our treaty obligations, and whose task seemed at one time to be so difficult, had received very powerful reinforcements - reinforcements of men, cannon, equipments and above all tanks, which we had sent from our island in spite of the invasion threat and large numbers of troops from Australia, New Zealand and India had also reached them.

"They began that series of victories in Libya which have broken irretrievably the Italian military power on the African continent.

"Here then in Libya is the third considerable event on which we may dwell with some satisfaction. It is just exactly two months to the day that I was waiting anxiously but also eagerly for the news of the great counter-stroke which had been planned against the Italian invaders of Egypt. The secret had been well kept; the preparations had been well made. But to leap across those seventy miles of desert and attack an army of ten or eleven divisions equipped with all the appliances of modern war, who had been fortifying themselves for three months - that was a most hazardous adventure.

KNOCK AND IT SHALL BE OPENED.

"When the brilliant, decisive victory at Sidi Barrani with its tens of thousands of prisoners proved that we had quality, manoeuvring power and weapons superior to the enemy, who had boasted so much of his virility and his military virtues, it was evident that all the other Italian forces in Eastern Libya were in great danger. They could not easily beat a retreat along the coastal road without running the risk of being caught in the open by our armoured divisions, freely ranging far out in the desert in tremendous scoops and swoops. They had to expose themselves to being attacked piecemeal.

"At that time I ventured to draw General Wavell's attention to the seventh chapter, seventh verse of the Gospel of St. Matthew, in which as you all know, or ought to know, it is written:

> "ASK AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN TO YOU; SEEK AND YOU SHALL FIND; KNOCK AND IT SHALL BE OPENED UNTO YOU".

"The army of the Nile asked and it was given; they sought and it was found; they knocked and it has been opened unto them. In a bare eight weeks in a campaign which will long be studied as an example of the military art, and advance of over four hundred miles has been made. The whole Italian Army in the east of Libya, reputed to consist of over 150,000 men, has been captured or destroyed. The entire province of Cyrenaica, nearly as big as England and Wales, has been conquered. The unhappy Arab tribes, who for thirty years have been suffering from Italian rule, carried in some instances to the length of methodical extermination - those Beduin survivors have at last seen their oppressors in flight, or moving in endless droves as prisoners of war.

Egypt and the Suez Canal are safe and the port and air bases of BENGHASI constitute a strategic point of high consequence to the whole of the war in the Eastern Mediterranean.

TRIBUTE TO LEADERS.

"This is the time I think to speak of the leaders who at the head of their brave troops have rendered this distinguished service. First and foremost General Wavell, Commander-in-Chief of the armies of the Middle East, he has proved himself a master of war, sage, painstaking, daring, untiring. But General Wavell has repeatedly asked that others should share his fame. General Wilson, who actually commands the Army of the Nile, was reputed to be one of our finest tacticians and few will deny him this quality. General O'Connor, commanding the Thirteenth Corps with General Mackay, commanding the splendid Australians and General Creagh, who trained and commanded that armoured division which was employed, these three men executed the complicated and astonishingly rapid movements which were made and fought the actions which occurred.

"I have just seen a telegram from General Wavell in which he says that the success of Benghazi was due to the outstanding leadership and resolution of Generals O'Connor and Creagh ably backed by General Wilson.

"I must not forget to point out here the amazing mechanical feat of the British tanks, whose design and workmanship have beaten all records and stood up to all trials and shown us how closely work in the factories at home is linked up with victories abroad.

"Of course none of our plans would have succeeded had not our pilots under Air Chief Marshal Longmore wrested the command from a more numerous enemy. Nor would the campaign have been possible had not the British Mediterranean Fleet under Admiral Cunningham chased the Italian Fleet into its harbours and assisted every forward surge of the army with all the flexible resources of sea power.

"How far-reaching those resources are we can see by what happened this morning, when our Western Mediterranean Fleet, under Admiral Somerville, entered the Gulf of Genoa and bombarded, in a shattering expedition, the naval base from which a German expedition might soon have sailed to attack General Weygand in Algeria or Tunis.

"It is right that the Italian people should realise the plights into which they have been dragged by Signor Mussolini. If the cannonade on the African coast has reached the ears of our French comrades, they may feel that France's active friends are near and that Britannia rules the waves.

DECLINE OF ITALIAN EMPIRE.

"Events in Libya are only part of the story of the decline and fall of the Italian Empire. That will not take a future Gibbon so long to write as the original work. Fifteen hundred miles away to the south a strong British and Indian army, having driven the invaders out of the Sudan, is marching steadily forward to the Italian colony of Eritrea, thus seeking to complete the isolation of all the Italian troops in Abyssinia. Other British forces are entering Abyssinia from the west while the army gathered in Kenya, in the van of which we may observe the powerful forces of South Africa, under General Smuts, are striking northwards along the whole enormous front.

"Lastly the Ethiopian patriots whose independence was stolen five years ago, have risen in arms, and with their Emperor, so recently an exile in England, have risen to fight for their freedom and his throne.

"Here we see the beginning of retribution and the chastisement of wrong-doing. Though the mills of grind slowly, they grind exceedingsmall.

"These auspicious events have been carrying us stride by stride from what many people thought was a forlorn position and certainly was a very grave position in May and June, to one which permits us to speak with sober confidence of our power to discharge our duty in the near

future.

"While this has been happening mighty tide of sympathy and effective aid has begun to flow across the Atlantic in support of the world cause at stake.

"Distinguished Americans have been to come over and see things for themselves in order to see how the United States can help us best.

"In Mr. Hopkins we have the envoy of the President who has been newly elected to his august office. In Mr. Wendell Willkie we have welcomed the champion of the great Republican Party. We may be sure they will both tell the truth of what they have seen over here and more than that we do not ask. The rest we leave with confidence to the judgement of the President, the Congress and people of the United States.

"I have been so very careful since I have been Prime Minister not to encourage false hopes or prophesy smooth and easy things and yet the tale that I have had to tell is one which must justly and rightly give us cause for deep thankfulness and also I think, even for rejoicing.

THE DARKER ASPECTS OF THE WAR.

"Now I must turn to the more serious, dark and dangerous aspects of the vast scene of the war. We most of us have been asking ourselves what that wicked man has been preparing during these winter months, what new delivery he has been planning, what new small country will be overrun and strike down, what fresh form of assault will he make upon our island home and fortress which - let there be no mistake about it - is all that stands between him and the domination of the world?

"We may be sure that the war is soon going to enter upon a phase of greater violence, Hitler's confederate, Mussolini, has reeled back in Albania, but the Nazis, having overrun Hungary and driven Rumania into a frightful internal convulsion, are now already on the Black Sea. A considerable German air force is in Rumania and its forward tentacles have already entered Bulgaria with, we must suppose, the acquiescence of the Bulgarian Government. Air fields are being occupied by the German air personnel numbering thousands so as to en-able the German air force to come into action from Bulgaria.

"Many preparations are being made throughout Bulgaria and perhaps this southward movement has already begun.

NEUTRALS OF THE BALKANS.

"We saw what happened in the Low Countries - how they trusted their neutrality and how they hoped for the best and how they were beaten and enslaved. If all the Balkan peoples stood together, aided by Britain and by Turkey, it would be many months ere a German army and air force sufficient to overcome them could be assembled in the south-east of Europe and in those months much could happen and much certainly will happen, as American aid becomes more effective and our air force grows.

"Nothing is more certain that that if the countries of south-east Europe allow themselves to be pulled to pieces one by one they will share the fate of Holland and Belgium and none can tell how long it will be before the hour of their deliverance strikes.

"One of our difficulties is to convince some of those neutral countries that we are going to win. We think it astonishing that they should be so dense as not to see it as clearly as we do ourselves. I remember in the last war in July 1915, we began to think that Bulgaria was going wrong. Mr. Lloyd George gave a luncheon attended by Mr. F.E.Smith and myself, to which we asked the Bulgarian Minister to explain to him what a fool King Ferdinand would make of himself if he went over to the Germans. But he, poor man, was unable to see it, or at any rate to make his Government see it. So Bulgaria went against us with her peasant population and her rulers went in with the Kaiser and Bulgaria got sadly carved up and punished when victory was won.

"I trust that Bulgaria is not going to make the same mistake again. If they do the Bulgarian peasantry and people, for whom there has been

much regard here and in the United States, will for the third time in thirty years have been made to embark upon a false and disastrous war.

"In the Central Mediterranean, the Italian Quisling, who is usually called Mussolini, and the French Quisling, commonly called Laval, are both in their different ways trying to make their countries into doormats for Hitler and his new order in the hope of being able to get a Goebbels and a Gestapo to impose their rule upon their fellow countrymen.

"THE BATTLE OVER MALTA.

"I can not tell how the matter will go, but we shall do our best to fight in the central Mediterranean I daresay you have noticed what happened over Malta. The Germans sent a squadron of dive-bombers to Sicily, which attacked and damged our aircraft carrier "Illustrious". As the wounded ship was lying in Malta Harbour, they were sent to complete their work, but they were met by the anti-aircraft batteries of Malta, which are among the strongest in the Empire, and by the Fleet Air Arm and by the Royal Air Force and in two or three days they had lost 90 out of 150 bombers, of which fifty were destroyed in the air and forty on the ground. Although the "Illustrious" in her damged condition was one of the great prizes of the air, the Germans accepted their defeat. They would not come any more. All the necessary repairs were made to the "Illustrious" in Malta harbour and she steamed swiftly off to Alexandria under her own power at 23 knots.

"I dwell upon this incident not at all because I think it disposes of the danger in the Central Mediterranean, but because it shows you that there as elsewhere we intend to give a good account of ourselves.

"But after all the fate of this war is going to be settled by what happens on the ocean, in the air, and above all by what happens in this island. It seems now to be certain that the Government and people of the United States intend to supply us with all that is necessary for victory. In the last war, the United States sent two million men across the Atlantic, but this is not a war of vast armies. We do not need the gallant armies now forming through the American Union. We do not need them this year, next year or in any year I can foresee, but we do need most urgently and immense supply of war material and technical appartus of all kinds. We need them here and we shall need to bring them here. We need a vast mass of shipping in 1942, far more than we can build ourselves if we are to maintain and augment our war effort in the West and in the East.

THE THREAT FROM THE SEA.

"These facts are all well known to the enemy. And we can expect that Herr Hitler will do his utmost to prey upon our shipping and reduce the volume of supplies reaching this island. Having conquered France and Norway, his clutching fingers reach out on both sides of our native ocean. I have never underrated this danger or concealed it from you. I have complete confidence in the Royal Navy aided by the Air Force and the Coastal Command that in one way or another they will be able to meet the changing phase of this struggle, and that, assisted by the courage of our merchant seamen and the dockers and workers of all our ports, we shall outwit, outfight and outlast all the worst that our enemy can contrive.

THE INVASION OF ENGLAND.

"I have left the greatest issue to the end. You will have seen that Sir John Dill, our greatest military advisor, Chief of the General Staff, told us yesterday that Hitler may be forced by political considerations in Europe to try to invade this Island in the near future. This is a warning which we should not disregard. Naturally we are working day and night to have everything ready but of course we are far stronger than we ever were in July, August and September. Our Navy is more powerful, our flotillas more numerous. We are far stronger actually and relatively in the air above these Islands than when our Fighter Command beat off and beat down the Nazi attack last Autumn.

"The army is more mobile and better trained than last Autumn. I have the greatest confidence in our Commander-in-Chief, General Brooke, and the generals of proved ability who under him, command the different quarters of our land, and who feel the same resolve to conquer or die which will animate and inspire nearly four million Britons with serviceable weapons in their hands.

"It is not an easy military operation to invade an Island like Great Britain without the command of the sea and without the command of the air, and then to face what will be waiting the invader. But I must drop one word of caution. Next to treachery, over-confidence leading the negligence is the worst military crime.

"A Nazi invasion of Britain last Autumn would have been a more or less improvised affair. Hitler took it for granted that when France gave in we should give in. But we did not give in. He had to think again. Invasion now will be supported by much more carefully prepared plans and apparatus, all prepared through the winter months. We must all be ready to face gas attacks, parachute attacks, glider attacks with constancy, forethought and courage. I must again emphasise what General Dill has said, and what I pointed out myself last year. In order to win the war Hitler must destroy Great Britain. He may carry havoc into the Balkan States, tear great provinces out of Russia, March to the Caspian, march to the gates of India, but all this will avail him nothing. With every month that passes, the countries which he is now holding down by brute force and vile greed are learning to hate the Prussian yoke and the Nazi name as nothing have ever been hated so fiercely and so widely among men before.

"All the time, masters of the sea and air, the British Empire and in a certain sense the whole English speaking world, but will be on his track, bearing with them the swords of justice.

ROOSEVELT'S WORDS

"The other day President Roosevelt gave his opponent in the late Presidential election, a letter of introduction to me in which he wrote out a verse in his own handwriting from Longfellow, which he said 'applies to you as it does to us'.

"Sail on, Oh ship of State,
Sail on, Oh union strong and great,
Humanity, with all its fears,
With all the hopes of future years,
Is hanging breathless on thy fate.

"What is the answer I shall give in your name to this great man, the thrice chosen head of a nation of 130,000,000? This is the answer I shall give to President Roosevelt, 'Put your confidence in us. Give us your faith and your blessing and under Providence all will be well. We shall not fail or falter; we shall not wane nor tire, neither will the sudden shock of battle wear us down. Give us the tools and we shall finish the job".

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6 AUST DIV INT SUMMARY No. 27.

21 Feb 41.

BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED
BETWEEN 0900 hrs 19 Feb and
1800 hrs 21 Feb 41.

Ref Maps: 1/500,000 BENGHASI AGEDABIA AGHEILA

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY. - No contact has been made with the enemy by troops under command 6 Aust Div. Patrols of 11 Hussars 19 kilos west of EL AGHEILA on 20 Feb encountered a force of three enemy armd cars and later an enemy truck with BREDA gun. One armd car, thought to be a FIAT ANSALDO 611, was put out of action by boyes rifle fire. It is thought that the enemy were attempting to salvage or destroy a GERMAN bomber which was found nearby.

2. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY. - The enemy air force has been active over the EL AGHEILA AGEDABIA BENGASI area in the period and a number of raids have been carried out. 12 enemy planes have been brought down by RAF and AA fire at the cost of 3 planes; one of our pilots is safe.

3. ENEMY AIR TACTICS. - In the BENGASI area the most usual times of raiding are when the moon is at 30°, at or before dawn and in the late afternoon. Bombers on daylight raids have an escort of MESSERSCHMIDT fighters at a considerable height, and operate in threes, diving singly or all together from about 10,000 ft to 6,000 ft. Night raids appear to be carried out by single planes operating in widely separated areas, and diving very much lower. Since 17 Feb when searchlights were installed in BENGASI, this has not been so noticeable.

On one occasion a bomber MG'd a camp with explosive tracer bullets from a height of approx 50ft after it had finished its bombing dive. SA fire was opened on the plane which retaliated from its rear gun and also, it is reported, with MGs located on the sides of plane operating to the rear.

4. MISSILES USED IN RECENT RAIDS. - (a) Bombs used on recent raids have a loud piercing whistle although they are not of the whistling type. Fragmentation is good and portions examined appear to be AP.

One bomb which dropped on firm ground penetrated deeply before exploding and made a crater 10ft deep and 20ft in diameter. Fragments fell 1500 yds away but no effect was felt by tps sleeping above ground 50 yds from point of impact.

A bomb which fell on a metal roadway blew a large hole in an 18 ins wall 10yds distant.

(b) Parachute mines have been dropped in night raids. The parachute is 9 yds diameter and the mine cylindrical 9 ft long 1ft 6ins diameter. One which landed in shallow water exploded on contact but another which fell on a metal roadway did not explode for 10 hrs. Both threw projectiles a distance of 300 yds, and that on the road made a crater 3ft deep and in 30ft diameter.

5. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. - Appendix "A" attached shows the "FIAT G50", a single seater fighter with 4 MGs firing forward and a bomb load of 318 lbs (small AP type). Top speed 299 mph, cruising speed 267 mph, ceiling 25430 ft, endurance 40 min at 290 mph or 2 hrs 35 min at 160 mph.

6. ITALIAN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES. - Extracts from the daily Int. Summaries of the X Italian Army captured in the Western Desert are attached as Appendix 'B'.

Of course the facts are not necessarily as stated by the Italians, but it must be appreciated that they are based on information obtained by their agents from our tps, from careless talk, and from indiscreet letters and papers. Many inaccuracies and considerable exaggeration will be noted, as exaggeration, particularly in assessing our Order of Battle, appears to be a set policy of the Italian Intelligence.

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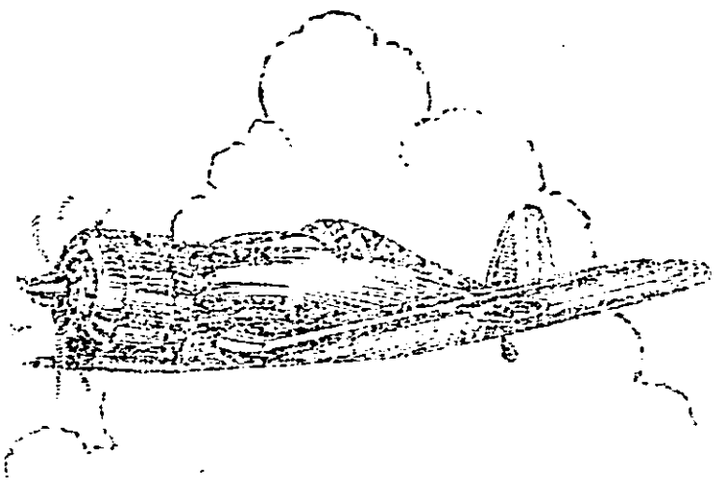
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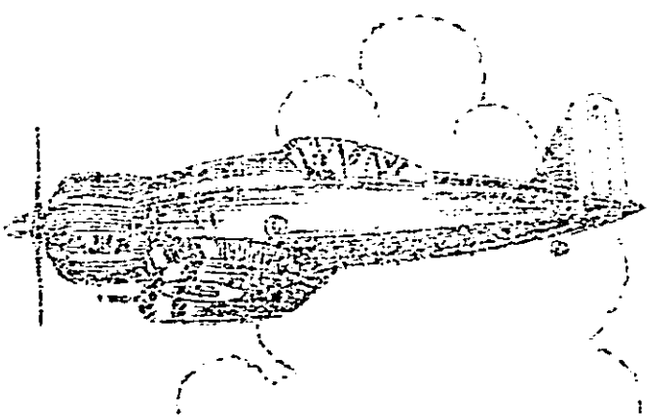
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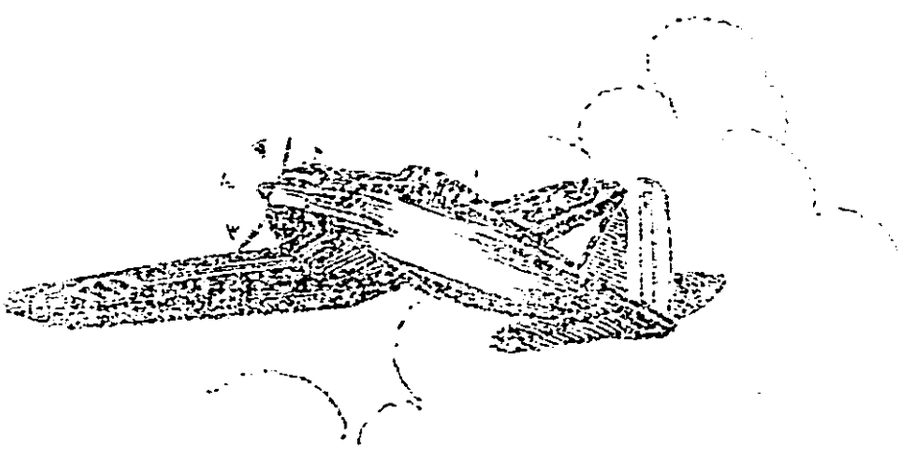
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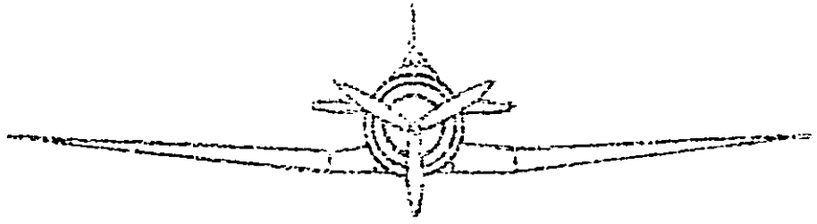




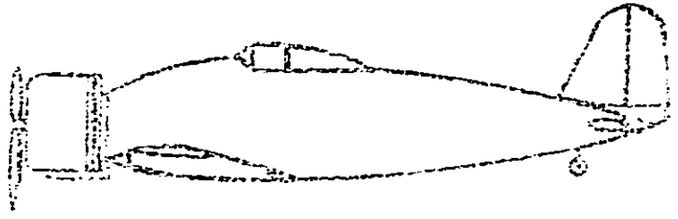
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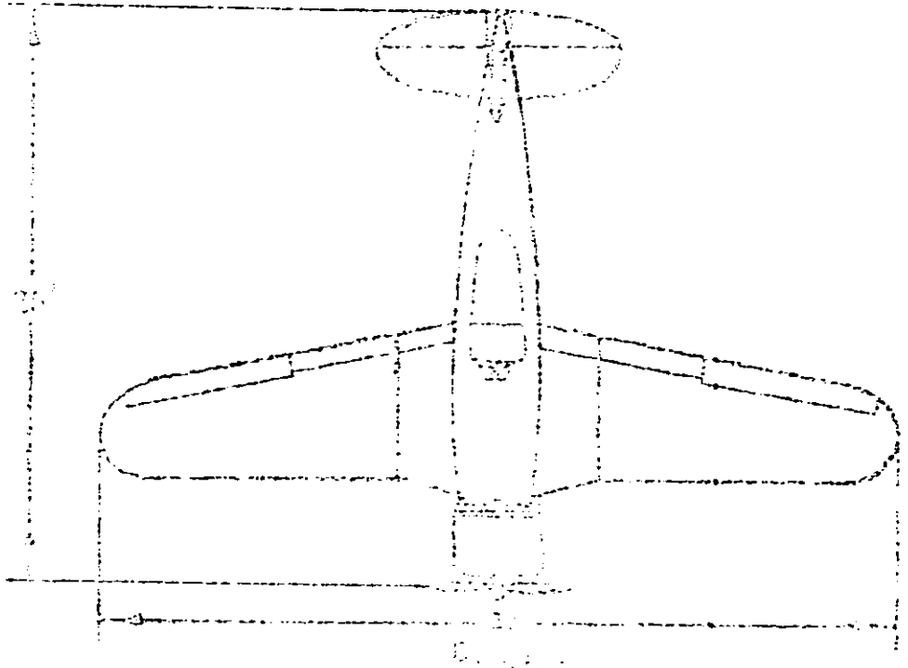
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4th. SEPTEMBER, 1940.

INDIAN OCEAN

A convoy of 20 ships carrying troops and escorted by an auxiliary cruiser has been reported on the BOMBAY-ADEN route. On the evening of 27th August it was about 1140 miles from ADEN. It would appear to be destined for EGYPT.

MARINE NEWS

A large troop-carrying convoy left ENGLAND about 14th August for the RED SEA. Another convoy of troops from FREETOWN (SIERRE LEONE) arrived at CAPETOWN on 15th August, part going to ADEN. A convoy of Australian troops is reported in the INDIAN OCEAN. Another convoy, including the Acquitania and Mauritania, is at COLOMBO, loaded with troops. These convoys may be destined for KENYA, SUDAN or even EGYPT, and their existence recalls the recent declarations of the Commander in Chief of the British Forces in the Middle East to the effect that there would be attacks on various Italian Colonial fronts.

2nd OCTOBER, 1940.

Our information indicates that the MERSA-MATRUH - BIR KENAYS - BIR GALLAZ front is held by the following enemy forces:-

7th Armoured Division.
One New Zealand Division.
Fourth Indian Division.
Fifth English Inf Division.
XXII Brigade British Infantry.
Some Sudanese formations (probably Camel Corps).
French Volunteer units, not large.

These forces can be reinforced by the Australians (? 3 Divisions) which we reported in August and which are in the Delta Zone and, according to the LONDON radio, are to meet the Italians soon during their march on MERSA MATRUH.

6th OCTOBER, 1940.

A reliable report states that there is a camp of New Zealand troops at HELIOPOLIS (CAIRO), an Indian encampment near the Giza Pyramids and an artillery camp at SAHARA.

Services.

A reliable source reports the following:-

1. There is a munition depot in a cave near the road which leaves the MENADI - HELWAN road at the 5 km and leads to the Convent of St. Antony; the depot is situated south of the road between the 18th and 20th km.

2. There are dumps and M.T. parks near the ABASSIA-HELIOPOLIS road between the railway crossing and the HELIOPOLIS aerodrome.

Air.

A reliable source reports that an emergency landing ground has been made near the Giza Pyramids; it is connected with the CAIRO-ALEXANDRIA road by an asphalt road which leaves the main road near CAIRO and goes through some marble quarries and a group of huts which are easily identifiable.

8th OCTOBER, 1940.

PALESTINE

Five A.A. guns are situated on Mount CARMEL (3 km West of HAIFA); another two are near the Carmel tram station, at a distance of about 100 m from the Civil hospital.

Long range coastal defence guns are placed on the sea shore at ZOLET-GALIM (W. of HAIFA). A great number of troops have been accomodated at Mount Carmel Monastry and at the religious institution Stella Mare; others are encamped amongst the pines on the crest of the hill. A Military observatory has been constructed near Stella Maris.

14th OCTOBER, 1940.

245 English families at present resident in PALESTINE OR EGYPT will shortly be evacuated to AUSTRALIA or SOUTH AFRICA on the ORION and ORTRANTO.

15th OCTOBER, 1940.

AUSTRALIA

It is said that AUSTRALIA has already sent airmen for twenty squadrons to various fronts.

16th OCTOBER, 1940.

Tactics

An enemy document dated 1st August, found in the field, reveals the following instructions issued by the H.Q. of a Tank Regiment to its squadrons, regarding the technique of defending oneself against attacking aircraft:

"When the aeroplane begins the dive, the gunner ought to be

driven towards the machine at an angle of 40/45° off the line of attack. This has the double effect: in the first place it puts the attacker out of line and, in the second place, compels him to dive more perpendicularly than was his original intention etc. etc."

24th OCTOBER, 1940.

Order of Battle

The S.I.M. reports that there are two Indian regiments with guns and numerous M.T. in the area west of the Pyramids; this suggests that a new Indian division arrived early in September as there are several hundred tents there.

An unconfirmed report states that the greater part of the Indian and Australian troops recently arrived in EGYPT are insufficiently equipped and inadequately trained.

29th OCTOBER, 1940.

At the moment there are, in round figures, the following British forces distributed around the MEDITERRANEAN basin:-

GIBRALTAR	13,000	app. 250,000 men.
MALTA	10,000	
CYPRUS	5,000	
PALESTINE	30,000	
EGYPT	200,000	

4th NOVEMBER, 1940.

Approximate Estimate of Forces now in EGYPT

Taking into account the troops which have landed in EGYPT between the middle of August and the middle of October and those already there at the beginning of August (including those from PALESTINE) we estimate with sufficient accuracy that at present not less than 250,000 men garrison the country, including the EGYPTIANS. To this should be added the contingents now en route in the four convoys mentioned above, i.e., over 100 ships of various size.

5th NOVEMBER, 1940.

Composition of the British Forces in EGYPT on 5 Nov. 40.

Australian	80 thousand	-	37%
English	68 thousand	-	30%
Indian	26 thousand	-	20.6%
Various	10 thousand	-	4.4%

AUSTRALIA (rptd 5 Nov 40)

It is confirmed that the 7th Australian Division is ready to embark. The 8th is still in training and the formation of the 9th is projected.

The production of aircraft in AUSTRALIA will increase considerably as from next month.

7th NOVEMBER, 1940.

Order of Battle

The S.I.M. reports that according to the most recent and reliable information, the forces actually present in EGYPT are embodied in 15 to 16 divisions as follows:-

Five British divisions (7th Armoured Div., 6th Inf., 5th Inf., 8th Inf. (?) and one motorised Div.).
Four Australian divisions (two of which came from PALESTINE).
One New Zealand division.
Three Indian divisions (of which only the 4th has been identified).
Two Egyptian divisions (one armoured and one Infantry) and contingents of the Camel Corps and Arab Legion.
Various formations comprising altogether about 10,000 men, consisting of CYPRIOTS, MALTESE, SOUTH AFRICANS, POLES and FRENCH.

16th NOVEMBER, 1940.

Order of Battle

Following our recent and successful air raids, troops stationed at HELOUAN and MAADI are reported to have been transferred partly to the Libyan frontier and partly to another camp west of CAIRO (GIZA). Only 600 Australians are left at HELOUAN and MAADI.

29th NOVEMBER, 1940.

British Air Strength

According to military circles in LONDON, the strength of the R.A.F. is now about 5,500 first line aircraft and 2,500 second line. October production was about 1,100 and from 250 to 300 aircraft were imported from the UNITED STATES. More aircraft are arriving regularly from CANADA, AUSTRALIA, and S. AFRICA and recently five thousand pilots arrived in GREAT BRITAIN. The German General Staff, however, give the strength on the 1st October as little more than one thousand aircraft and place the monthly British output at 450 fighters; no estimate was made of the output of bombers.

6th DECEMBER, 1940.

Dispositions

It is reported that an Indian division has left the CAIRO area (Pyramids Camp) for the Western Desert.

According to news now being checked, British detachments of the 13th Cavalry and the 17th Lancers, with light armoured vehicles, are on the way to the Western Desert.

A reliable source reports the following arrivals of troops during November:-

1 Australian Division (probably the 7th) in CAIRO.
1 British Infantry battalion (unnamed) in CAIRO.
1 Light Tank battalion, partly at CAIRO, partly at HELIOPOLIS.

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Headquarters,
6 Aust Div.

21 Feb 41.

6 AUST DIV.

MEMORANDUM ON TRAINING AND DISCIPLINE.

Following upon its recent successful operations, the Division will probably be allotted a period of training, the length of which is not at present known. During this period Commanders will take the fullest opportunity to rehabilitate their units, so that we shall be able to enter upon the next campaign, wherever it may be, with a greater degree of discipline, cohesion and confidence than ever before. I require that in every branch of training, only the very highest standard will be accepted and that every officer will adopt as his motto - "Nothing but the best". The 6th Division cannot afford to indulge in mere satisfaction with its past achievements, but must be kept moving forward to higher and still higher standards. Unfortunately, there have been and must always be, from time to time, changes in staffs and personnel throughout units, but we cannot live in the past and new appointees must be trained to take the place of and, if possible, to excel their predecessors.

A few items of training of an elemental nature are set out below. These are basic to all other forms of training and must therefore be given immediate attention.

1. RADIO TELEPHONY. -

Training in the use of radio telephones. A General Staff Instruction covering this item will be issued.

2. WRITTEN REPORTS, SUMMARIES, MESSAGES Etc. -

The study of various documents that have come to my notice during the past few months, e.g. reports, summaries, messages, orders, courts of inquiry etc, has convinced me that within the Division a considerable body of officers is incapable of writing precisely what they mean, whilst others do not seem to comprehend precisely what they read. Furthermore, reliance cannot be placed on many of the documents submitted within the Division, because of ambiguity, inaccuracy, vagueness, irrelevancy and sometimes, exaggeration. A frequent omission is the date. In my experience every document should bear the date, not only of the month, but also the year and in some cases the hour as well. Written statements are all the better for simplicity rather than verbosity. The importance of accuracy and precision in documents cannot be over-stressed, for the success or failure of an operation may well depend, firstly, on the clear writing of an order and, secondly, on the clear understanding of such order.

I need hardly add the further observation that to issue an order is easy compared with the following of it up and ensuring that it is fully carried out - a point not sufficiently appreciated by junior leaders.

It must be understood that no officer can be considered fit for promotion to the higher ranks in 6 Div until he is satisfactorily qualified in the above mentioned directions.

3. DRESS. -

All officers must insist upon the correct wearing of uniform and encourage a soldierly bearing amongst their men. This matter is as old as the hills, but is too frequently overlooked. The development of pride in personnel appearance leads to pride of unit, then to pride in carrying out whatever task or duty may be given to the unit. Even if new uniforms cannot be issued at once, men may still look well dressed if their uniforms are clean, mended, worn correctly and with a soldierly bearing. By his own example in dress an officer can most easily influence the smart appearance of his men.

It is to be noted that the Australian pattern cloth jacket must not be worn so as to show collar and tie.

4. SALUTING. -

Insistonce on saluting and military compliments must now be resumed after a period of comparative immunity during the recent fighting.

Some little time ago the Assistant Adjutant General, British Troops in Egypt, issued the following instruction:-

> "The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief notices with regret an increasing slackness in saluting on the part of all ranks. This slackness must be remedied.
> "In particular officers should be reminded that they are to set a meticulous example to all Other Ranks in the paying of proper compliments, not only to officers of their own service but also to officers senior to themselves in the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force."

Saluting and the paying of compliments generally, within the Army, is a question of manners - military manners. It is also a duty in which officers and soldiers are instructed and must be carried out in the same manner as any other duty. The officer or soldier who looks the other way, or otherwise dodges the paying of a compliment, is, or is becoming, a dodger and if permitted to dodge this duty will probably begin to dodge other duties too.

On the other hand giving a salute or paying a compliment is often a test of quick observation and quick action and is thus a test of the alertness of officers and non-commissioned officers. Whenever I note an officer or member of some unit shirking his duty in this respect, all I can say to myself is "So and SO is not as smart and alert an officer as I thought he was" or "So and So's unit is not as well trained as it used to be. He must be losing his grip".

5. MOTOR CAR FLAGS and PENNANTS. -

The only flags and pennants permitted to be flown on motor cars are those prescribed in Standing Orders, B.T.E., para. 35. The principal of these are:-

The C.-in-C.	-	Union Jack with gold coat of arms.
Army Commander	-	Red flag with black cross on it.
Air Officer C.-in-C.	-	Dark blue and red flag with two light blue horizontal stripes.
Corps Commander	-	Red flag with white horizontal stripe.
Commander 1st Aust Corps	-	Australian flag - blue.
Division Commander	-	Red pennant - oblong with triangular cut.
Brigade Commander	-	Dark blue pennant - triangular shape.

Such flags are flown from the radiator cap only when the commander entitled to them is riding in the car. It is the duty of officers and other ranks to learn the significance of these flags or pennants and to salute them. It must be borne in mind that the salute of the flag of these higher ranks is a compliment not only to the individual officer but to the Brigade, Division, Army Corps etc which he commands.

In saluting the Commander's flag, then, soldiers pay a compliment to their own or similar units.

In conclusion I would remind officers that the standard - excellent or otherwise - attained by any troops, is just what their officers demand, in the one case, or put up with, in the other. As a last piece of advice, train your non-commissioned officers to accept responsibility and to assume leadership. Herein lies a great source of strength to your unit.

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J. G. Mackay Major-General,
Comd 6 Aust Div.

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HQ		
HQ 6 Aust Div	BARACCA	N.545195
Int Sec 6 Aust Div	"	"
6 Aust Div Emp Pl	"	"
"B" Sec FSS	BENGHASI	R.9574
CAV		
HQ 6 Aust Cav (under comd BTE)	SIWA	
"C" Sec Sigs - 39 LAD " " "	"	
"B" & "C" Sqns, HQ Sqn " " "	"	
"A" Sqn 52 Kilos North AGEDABIA		X.0778
RAA		
HQ RAA 6 Aust Div	BARACCA	N.545195
HQ 2/1 Fd Regt RAA	REGIMA	S.2170
"E" Sec Sigs - 43 LAD	"	"
1 Bty (25-pr)	"	"
2 Bty (25-pr)	"	"
HQ 2/2 Fd Regt RAA	D'ANNUNZIO	N.8926
"G" Sec Sigs - 40 LAD	"	"
3 Bty (4.5" How)	"	"
4 Bty (18-pr)	"	"
HQ 2/3 Fd Regt RAA (under comd 1 Aust Corps) 46 Kilos SW AGEDABIA		B.7897
"F" Sec Sigs 41LAD "	"	"
5 Bty (25-pr) " "	"	"
RAE		
HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	BARACCA	N.545195
2/1 Fd Coy	EL ABIAR	S.4483
2/2 Fd Coy	BARCE	N.8416
2/8 Fd Coy	BENGHASI	R.960730
2/2 Fd Pk Coy	TECNIS	N.9419
80 LAD	"	"
SIGS		
HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div - 42 LAD	FILZI	N.465108
1 Coy (less det "D" Sec)	"	"
Det "D" Sec - 1 Coy	BARACCA	N.545195
HQ 2 Coy	FILZI	N.465108
HQ 3 Coy	"	"
INF		
HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	TOBRUCH	40674304
"J" Sec Sigs - 45 LAD	"	"
16 Aust A Tk Coy	"	"
2/1 Bn	"	40684268
2/2 Bn	"	41584268
2/3 Bn	"	39954363
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde (under comd 1 Aust Corps) 46 Kilos SW AGEDABIA		B.7897
"K" Sec Sigs - 46 LAD " "	"	"
2/5 Bn	EL GUARSCIA	R.9665
2/6 Bn (less one Coy)	OBERDAN	N.910360
"B" Coy - 2/6 Bn	BARCE	N.718192
2/7 Bn (under comd 1 Aust Corps) 55 Kilos SW AGEDABIA		B.6896
HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	TOCRA	N.4122
"L" Sec Sigs - 79 LAD	"	"
2/4 Bn	BENGHASI	R.9673
2/8 Bn	TOCRA area	N.5320
2/11 Bn (less one Coy)	"	N.4122
"B" Coy 2/11 Bn	EL ABIAR	S.4483

AASC

HQ AASC 6 Aust Div	BARACCA	N.545195
Amn Coy	TOCRA	N.400213
Pet Coy	"	N.405215
Sup Col (less det)	BARCE	N.766180
Det Sup Col (under comd 1 Aust Corps)	BELCHADCHAD	S.0111

AAMC

2/1 Fd Amb (less one Coy)	DERNA	P.3655
"B" Coy - 2/1 Fd Amb	TECNIS	N.938183
2/2 Fd Amb (less two Coys)	TOCRA	N.3721
"A" and "B" Coys 2/2 Fd Amb 46 Kilos (under comd 1 Aust Corps)	SW AGEDABIA	R.7879
2/7 Fd Amb	BARCE	N.708177
2/1 Fd Hyg Sec	"	"

AAOC

2/1A Fd Wkshop	TOBRUK	406430
2/2 A Fd Wkshop (less No.4 Rec Sec)	MADDALINA	N.787260
No.4 Rec Sec 2/2 A Fd Wkshop	BENGHASI	R.9574
7 Div Sec Ord Fd Pk	BARCE	N.7525
5 and 6 Adv Ord Depots	"	N.6320

MISC

6 Aust Div Pro Coy	BARACCA	N.545195
6 Aust Div Postal Unit	BARCE	N.766180
6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	BARACCA	N.545195
6 Aust Div Salvage Unit	BARACCA	N.545195
6 Aust Div Reception Camp	BARCE	N.697200

Colonel,
G.S. 6 Aust Div.

DISTRIBUTION-

16 Aust Inf Bde	1
17 Aust Inf Bde	2
19 Aust Inf Bde	3
6 Aust Cav	4
"A" Sqn 6 Aust Cav	5
RAA 6 Aust Div	6
RAE 6 Aust Div	7
Sigs 6 Aust Div	8 - 9
GOC	10
G	11-12
I	13
AQ	14-15
Camp	16
CAASC	17
ADMS	18
DADOS	19-20
SOME	21
DAPM	22-24
6 Aust Div Postal	25
6 Aust Div Fd Cash	26
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Ref Map: BENGHASI, AGADABIA, EL AGHEILA 1/500,000

1. Enemy aircraft have been active in BENGHASI and the fwd area and some Armd Cars have been seen. An attack in strength is unlikely.

2. H.Q. 1 Aust Corps is withdrawing from LIBYA.

3. 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp comprising 19 Aust Inf Bde, 2/2 Fd Regt., Coy 2/2 Fd Amb., Det Pro Coy., is moving to AIN EL GAZALA area on 24 and 25 Feb.

4. 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp will remain constituted as at present except that 2/5 and 2/6 Bns revert cond 17 Aust Inf Bde from 1200 hrs 25 Feb.

5. 3 Armd Div (less units not yet arrived in the fwd area) comes under cond 6 Aust Div from 1200 hrs 24 Feb.

6. From 1200 hrs 24 Feb 6 Aust Div is responsible for the defence in the AGADABIA - EL AGHEILA area.

7. One Coy 2/6 Bn in BARCE and 2/6 Bn less one Coy in BENGHASI area will continue to carry out the guards and duties in those places until arrangements for their relief are made.

8. HQ 6 Aust Div closes BARACCA and opens SOLOCH 1430 hrs 25 Feb.

Lieut-Colonel,
G.S. 6 Aust Div.

DISTRIBUTION -

	Copy No.		
"A" Sqn 6 Aust Cav	1		
RAA 6 Aust Div	2		
RAE 6 Aust Div	3		
Sigs 6 Aust Div	4		
16 Aust Inf Bde	5		
17 Aust Inf Bde	6		
19 Aust Inf Bde	7		
3 Armd Bde	8		
Cond	9		
G	10		
A	11		
Q	12		
Med	13		
		SP	14
		Ord	15
		Pro	16
		Camp	17
		File	18 - 19
		War Diary	20 - 21
		1 Aust Corps	22
		2/5 Bn	23
		2/6 Bn	24

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Location Statement as at 1800 hrs 25 Feb 41

HQ		
HQ 6 Aust Div	SOLUCH	S.1326
Int Sec 6 Aust Div	"	"
6 Aust Div Emp Pl	"	"
"B" Sec FSS	BENGHASI	R.9574
CAV		
HQ 6 Aust Cav (under comd BTE)	SIWA	
" C" Sec Sigs - 39 LAD	"	
B & C Sqns. HQ Sqn	"	
A Sqn	TOCRA	N.3719
RAA		
HQ RAA	SOLOCH	S.1326
HQ 2/1 Fd Regt RAA	REGIMA	S.2170
E Sec Sigs - 42 LAD	"	"
1 Bty (25-pr)	"	"
2 Bty (25-pr)	"	"
HQ 2/2 Fd Regt RAA (under comd 19 Aust Inf Bde)	AIN EL GHAZALA area	
G Sec Sigs 40 LAD " " " " " " " "		
3 Bty (4.5" How) " " " " " " " "		
4 Bty (18-pr) " " " " " " " "		
RAA (attached)		
HQ 2/3 Fd Regt RAA	46 kilos SW AGEDABIA	B.8196
F Sec Sigs 41 LAD	" " " "	"
5 Bty (25-pr)	Area East of EL AGHEILA	
RAE		
HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	SOLUCH	S.1326
2/1 Fd Coy	EL ABIAR	S.4483
2/2 Fd Coy	BARCE	N.8416
2/8 Fd Coy	BENGASI	R.960730
2/2 Fd Pk Coy	TECNIS	N.9419
80 LAD	"	"
RAE (attached)		
2/3 Fd Coy	(under command 17 Aust Inf Bde AGEDABIA area)	X.1030
2/7 Fd Coy	SOLOCH	S.1326
SIGS		
HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div - 42 LAD	GHEMINES	R.9224
1 Coy (less dets D Sec)	"	"
Det D Sec 1 Coy	AGEDABIA	X.1225
" " " " "	SOLOCH	S.1326
" " " " "	BARACCA	N.545195
HQ 2 Coy	GHEMINES	R.9224
HQ 3 Coy	"	"
INF		
HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	TOBRUCH	40674304
J Sec Sigs - 45 LAD	"	"
16 Aust A Tk Coy	Proceeding to fwd area	
2/1 Bn	TOBRUCH	40684268
2/2 Bn	"	41584268
2/3 Bn	"	39954363

INF (Contd)		
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	46 Kilos SW AGEDABIA	B.7897
K Sec Sigs - 46 LAD	" " " "	"
2/5 Bn	EL GUARSCIA	R.9665
2/6 Bn (less one coy and dets)	BENGASI	R.9673
C Coy 2/6 Bn	BARCE	N.718192
1 Pl B Coy 2/6 Bn	MADALLENA	N.8526
HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	AIN EL GAZALA Area	
L Sec Sigs - 79 LAD	" " "	
2/4 Bn	DERNA area	
2/8 Bn	AIN EL GAZALA area	
2/11 Bn	" " " "	
INF (attached)		
Free FRENCH		
1 Coy	AGEDABIA LG	X.1225
1 Coy	Area EL HAMAA LG	B.8197
AASC		
HQ AASC 6 Aust Div	SOLOCH	S.1326
Amn Coy	TOCRA	N.400213
Pet Coy	"	N.405215
Sup Col (less det)	BARCE	N.766180
Det Sup Col	BELCHADCHAD	S.0111
AAMC		
2/1 Fd Amb (less one Coy)	DERNA	P.3655
B Coy 2/1 Fd Amb (under comd 19 Aust Inf Bde)	AIN EL GAZALA area	
2/2 Fd Amb (less two Coys)	BENGASI	S.0385
A & B Coys 2/2 Fd Amb	46 Kilos SW AGEDABIA	B.7897
2/7 Fd Amb	BARCE	N.708177
2/1 Fd Hyg Sec	"	"
AAOC		
2/1 A Fd Wkshop	TOBRUCH	406430
2/2 A Fd Wkshop (less No.4 Rec Sec)	MADALIENA	N.787260
No.4 Rec Sec 2/2 A Fd Wkshop	BENGASI	S.0181
7 Div Sec Ord Fd Pk	BARCE	N.7525
5 & 6 Adv Ord Depots	"	N.6320
AIASC		
6 Aust Div Pro Coy (less det)	SOLOCH	S.1326
Det 6 Aust Div Pro Coy (under comd 19 Aust Inf Bde)	AIN EL GAZALA area	
6 Aust Div Postal Unit	BARCE	N.766180
6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	SOLOCH	S.1326
6 Aust Div Salvage Unit	BARACCA	N.545195
6 Aust Div Reception Camp	BARCE	N.697200

ARMD FORMATIONS		
Adv HQ 3 Armd Bde	27 kilos from AGEDABIA	X.0460
HQ KDG	East of EL AGHEILA	B.5581
RAF Armd C Sqn	" " " "	"
3 Hussars	BEDA FOMM area	S.1882

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for Colonel,
GS, 6 Aust Div.

Distribution	Copy No.
16 Aust Inf Bde	1
17 Aust Inf Bde	2
	3
2/6 Bn	4
19 Aust Inf Bde	5
6 Aust Cav	6
A Sqn 6 Aust Cav	7
RAA 6 Aust Div	8
RAE 6 Aust Div	9
Sigs 6 Aust Div	10-11
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6 AUST DIV INT SUMMARY No.28.

26 Feb 41.

BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED
BETWEEN 1400 hrs 21 Feb and
1400 hrs 26 Feb 41.

Ref Maps: 1/500,000 BENGHASI TOBRUK AGHEILA
1/1,000,000 MISURATA, TRIPOLI

1. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY. 0852 hrs 24 Feb./force comprising 2 report received that a heavy tanks similar to our cruiser tanks, 2 light tank 14 M/C combinations and 3 guns towed behind MT raided our fwd patrols and destroyed one of our Armd C's which was bogged in marshy ground. 2 of crew escaped. The enemy having killed 1 OR, captured 1 offr 1 truck and one gun retired westward, and FORT AGHEILA was reported clear by 1100 hrs.
The culvert on the main road between 17 and 18 kilos west of AGHEILA has been mined and the AGHEILA LG rendered unfit by drums and vehicles.

2. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY. 1150 hrs 24 Feb. 3 EA possibly MEllOs flew over fwd areas and dropped three black and white objects by parachute vicinity EL BREGA (B.5286). Explosions and MG fire were reported 35 min later, but patrols could not locate. It is thought that one EA was hit by LMG fire.
1910 hrs 24 Feb. 4 EA attacked TOBRUK sinking [redacted] naval vessel & causing 50 casualties from direct hits. NO material [redacted]. Frequent attacks at considerable cost to themselves have been made on our fwd tps by EA, gps of up to 10 bs and 15 fs have been involved, and JU88s, ME110s and HE111s were observed. Approx 20 casualties have been reported. Various attacks have been made on BENGHASI harbour and telegraph lines and road in the MAGHELENA area by EA.

With the exception of one MG attack in the BARCE area, it is thought that all attacks have been made by GERMAN planes. The main base is at CASTEL BENITO but a number of subsidiary LGs further east are being used. (see attached sketch Appendix A.).

3. AIR REPORTS. 21 Feb. 1640 hrs. 10 hy Armd C's proceeding westerly from MIN MUGTAA (XA.9639)
22 Feb 0625 - 1320 hrs. Three large ships approx 10,000 tons grey ship approx 5,000 tons possibly naval auxiliary and 9 smaller ships observed in and about TRIPOLI harbour. 5 seaplanes moored on the south side of the harbour.
23 Feb. 1145 hrs. 4 Armd cars facing east, one with large gun mounted in front 1½m south of road just east of frontier.
1950 hrs. - 2 EA and apparently large camp on the N.W. side of BIR DUFAN (sq C7) no movement apparent on grouhd.
24 Feb. 1200 hrs. 12 MT north, 3 MT south and 11 MT west of rd in vicinity MUGTAA salt flat (XA96). Due to height could not observe accurately and these may have been camel thorn.
25 Feb. 1500/1600 hrs. Col 500 MT moving south and east on main rd head at BUERAT el HSUN (sq C8) and tail at TAUORGA (sq B8). 5,000 ton ship 3 miles off shore from HSUN and two smaller craft close to the shore. Approx 200 inf formed up near the beach and huts and 10 EA in the vicinity. 20 large, 35 small EA and 100 tents in the TAUORGA area. (see attached sketch Appendix A.).
26 Feb. 1000 hrs. Laager of vehicles reported 8 to 9 miles south of rd approx 25 miles west of AGHEILA. 1250 hrs. enemy now withdrawn.
(This observation on 25 Feb was made from 20,000 ft.)

4. ORDER OF BATTLE.

General distribution of forces in TRIPOLITANIA is thought to be as follows -

GHQ Armd forces in North Africa	TRIPOLI
GHQ 5 Army	
5 Army tps	TRIPOLITANIA
HQ X Motropolitan Corps	
25 "Bologna" Div (39, 40 inf Regts)	JEFREN GARIAN
27 BRESCIA Div (19, 20 inf Regts)	ZAVIA
55 SAVONA Div (15, 16 inf Regts)	TRIPOLI ?
X Corps tps.	
Div's unallotted to Corps	
132 "ARIETE" Armd Div less Div Tank Regt (No.32)	TRIPOLI
17 PAVIA Div (27, 28 inf Regts)	SORMAN
Reinforcements.	
2nd Motorised Arty Regt (102 Mobile Div.)	SIRTE
G.A.F.	
HQ SAHARAN Command	HON

Although above units are represented, due to portions already eliminated, it is thought that they do NOT total more than 30,000 fighting tps. (See sketch attached as appendix A.).

5. CHEMICAL WARFARE.

(i) In order that drums which contain poison can be recognised, two Italian drawings showing the markings to be found on Italian gas and smoke mixture drums, are attached at Appendix 'B'.

(ii) At Appendix 'C' are descriptions of certain types of Italian chemical aircraft bombs obtained from cap docs and drawings.

CONCLUSION.

6. In view of

(a) The enemy's ground and air activity against our fwd tps and supply bases;

(b) His recent preparation of defences at SIRTE and his movement fwd of tps in this direction

it would appear probable that he is regrouping his forces from the TUNISIAN frontier with the intention of occupying a defensive posn at SIRTE and hindering our adv until these defences are completed.

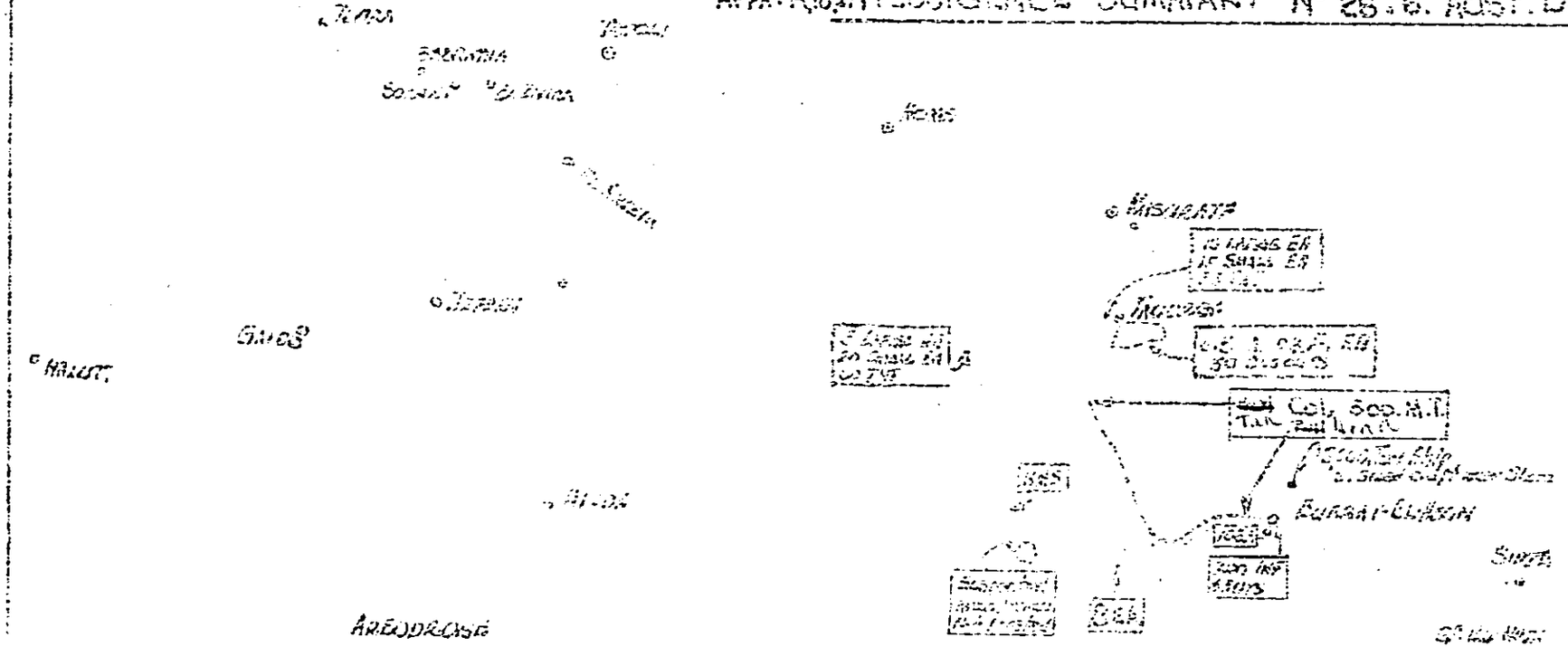
As the enemy gains information of our strength and locations the possibility of an attack increases. There are no indications as yet, however, that he intends other than a defensive role

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Method of Issue: Sigs

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Lt Colonel,
GS, 6 Aust Div.

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17 Aust Inf Bde	6-9	Cyrcom	30-31
19 Aust Inf Bde	10-13	3 Armd Bde	32
RAA 6 Aust Div	14-16	KDG	33
RAE 6 Aust Div	17	1 French Motor Bn	34
Sigs 6 Aust Div	18	Flt 208 Sqn RAF	35
A Sqn 6 Aust Cav	19	3 Sqn RAAF	36
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G	21-22	File	39-40
AQ	23-24		
CASC 6 Aust Div	25		
ADMS	26		
9 Aust Div	27		
1 Aust Corps	28-29		

SKETCH MAP SHOWING
PROBABLE DISTRIBUTION OF ENEMY FORCES
SITUATION AS AT 2400 HRS 28 FEB 44.
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APPENDIX "B"

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DIAGRAM "B"

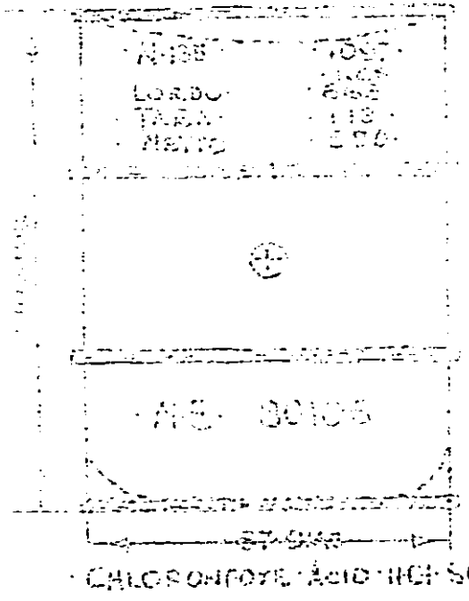
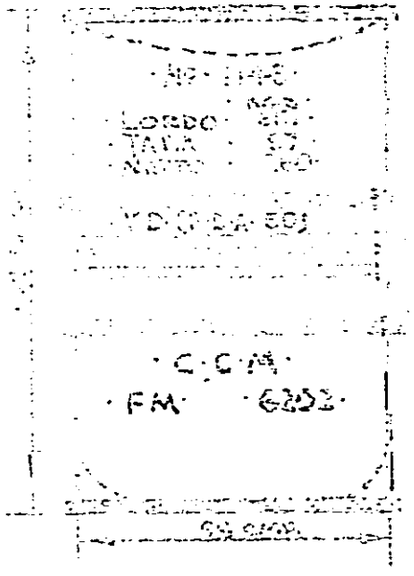


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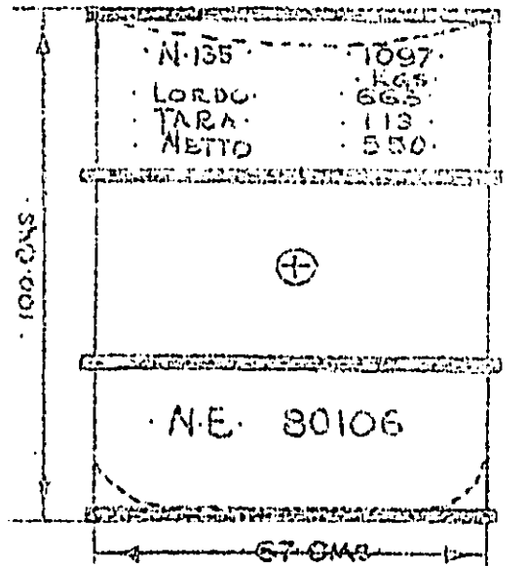


H.Q. 6 Aust Div.
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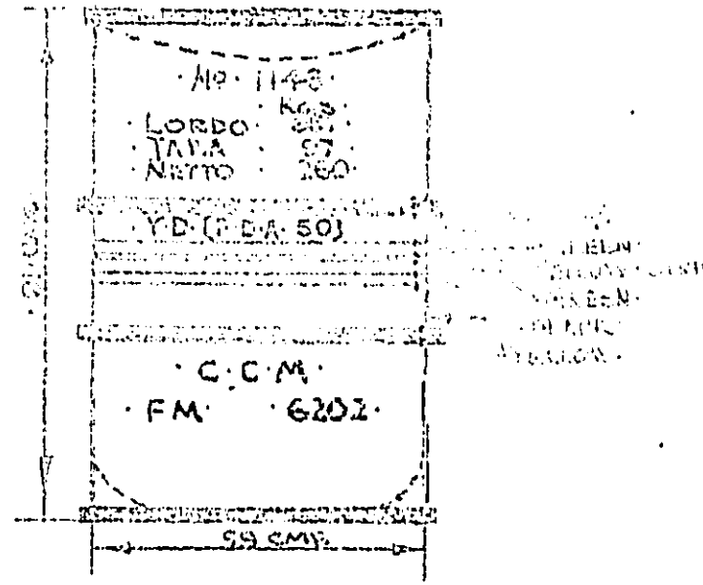
DIAGRAM "B"



CHLORONFOYE Acid HCl SO4

SMOKE PRODUCING

DIAGRAM "A"



MUSTARD

H.Q. 6 Aust. Div.
1730 HRS. 26 FEB 41.
DRAWN BY W.G.

APPENDIX 'C' TO 6 AUST DIV INT. SUMMARY No.28 dated 26 Feb 41.

ITALIAN CHEMICAL AIRCRAFT BOMBS.

Captured documents and drawings describe in outline the following types of Italian chemical aircraft bombs:

1. C 500 T Markings — Geneva Cross (probably in green)
S.C.M. 1 - 37
C 500 T

This is charged with mustard and has a time fuse. The latter is set to function at about 500 feet above the ground. The effect is to produce a dense mustard spray: it is primarily an anti-personnel weapon but it could also give not inconsiderable ground contamination.

Weight of mustard	210 kg (464 lbs)
" " explosive charge	1 kg (2.2 lbs)
Total weight	298 kg (660 lbs)

2. C 100 P C 40 P C 15 P

Markings — Geneva Cross in black
S.C.M. 1 - 37
C 100 (40 or 15) P

These percussion bombs are filled with one part of D.A. (nose gas) and two parts of HE . Their burst will resemble that of an ordinary HE bomb, but the explosion will leave a cloud of particles of nose gas which will move with the wind.

		C 100 P	C 40 P	C 15 P
Weight of chemical	kg	14.3	6.5	1.7
Weight of HE	kg	28.7	13.0	3.65
Total Weight	kg	101.9	47.0	16.0

3. Spezzone C and Doppio Spezzone C.

Markings — Geneva Cross in Black S.C.M. 1-37

These are small bombs of the same type as the previous three.

		Spezzone	Doppio Spezzone
Weight of chemical	kg	0.14	0.33
Weight of HE.	kg	0.29	0.67
Total weight	kg	1.55	2.80

4. FURETTO Markings — Geneva Cross in Red. FURETTO
S.C.M. 1 - 37

This bomb is ignited on percussion and functions as a tear gas generator, giving a cloud of tear gas which moves with the wind. The casing is pierced with small holes.

Weight of chemical	10 kg.
Total weight	25 kg.

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Ref Maps: BENGHASI, AGEDABIA, EL AGHEILA 1/500,000

1. There is NO further information than contained in Int Summary No.28 dated 26 Feb.

2. 2/1 Fd Regt is relieving 2/3 Fd Regt during night 27/28 Feb.

3. Two Coys TOWER HAMLETS on arrival BENGHASI are relieving 2/6 Bn less one Coy of all gds and duties in that city.

4. The following Gp will be formed from 1900 hrs 28 Feb. -

3 Armd Bde Gp.

Comd Brig RIMINGTON 3 Armd Bde.
Tps 3 Armd Bde
16 Aust A Tk Coy
One Sec 1 Lt AA Bty

The following units will be added to that Gp as soon as additional units are available in the fwd area. -
1 Lt AA Bty less One Sec.
1 French Motor Bn
One Fd Tp R.E.

5. From 1900 hrs 28 Feb. 3 Armd Bde Gp will be responsible for protective recce West of a North South line through MAATEN BEICLEIBAT, (X) B 44, and South of WADI EL FAREGH as far East as AIN EN MGA, (X) C 15

6. Flt 208 Sqn R.A.F. at AGEDABIA reverts Div Control from 1900 hrs 27 Feb. Other Attd Units at present under Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde revert Div Control or 3 Armd Bde as appropriate.

7. 17 Aust Inf Bde will occupy a defensive posn with one bn astride the main road in the MARSA EL BREGA area.

8. 2/1 Fd Regt less one Bty will support 3 Armd Bde Gp. One Bty 2/1 Fd Regt will support 17 Aust Inf Bde.

9. 1 French Motor Bn will remain in present locations.

10. Div HQ closes SOLOCH and reopens (X)C 0598 at 1400 hrs 27 Feb.

ACK

J.R. Campbell Maj
for Colonel,
G.S. 6 Aust Div.

Time of Signature 2040 hrs

DISTRIBUTION -	Copy No.
"A" Sqn 6 Aust Cav	1
RAA 6 Aust Div	2
RAE 6 Aust Div	3
SIgs 6 Aust Div	4
17 Aust Inf Bde	5
3 Armd Bde	6
K.D.G.	7
1 French Motor Bn	8
Flt 208 Sqn R.A.F.	9
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Headquarters,
6 Aust Div.
28 Feb 41.

All Comds.

NOTE ON POLICY OF 6 AUST DIV AND ATTACHED TROOPS IN HOLDING CYRENAICA.

1. Our forces have defeated and captured almost the entire force of Italians in CYRENAICA and we now stand on the frontier of TRIPOLITANIA. Our object is to keep the enemy out of CYRENAICA and hold the road open for our troops to advance into TRIPOLITANIA should this be thought fit.

2. Since the final battle on 7 Feb, contact with the enemy has now been resumed and information shows that in the air, and almost certainly on the ground as well, the Italians have been stiffened by Germans. There are many reasons to account for the presence of Germans in TRIPOLITANIA, e.g.:

(a) To stiffen morale of the Italian ally.

(b) To work up Italian spirit to oppose our entry into TRIPOLITANIA.

(c) To discover whether we intend to continue the advance.

(d) To hamper our military preparations for further advance.

(e) To compel us to keep in CYRENAICA large forces which would otherwise be employed to advantage elsewhere.

(f) German ground troops may be present chiefly to provide adequate local defence for his air arm.

It seems unlikely that there are sufficient enemy troops and equipment in TRIPOLITANIA at present to make a serious attempt to attack and regain CYRENAICA, although this possibility cannot be entirely ignored and must be vigilantly guarded against.

3. To achieve our object, 6 Aust Div and attached troops must assume the initiative, maintain a vigorous and sustained policy of aggression, and keep the enemy far from the borders of CYRENAICA. Accordingly the following measures will be adopted and continued by all commanders:-

(i) Systematic patrolling for which specific orders will be issued. The larger plans will be supplemented by local patrolling on the part of units and sub-units.

(ii) Mobile columns will be formed to attack and drive back the enemy on the ground.

Over/..

(iii) Attacks of hostile aircraft are to be resisted by fire of all possible weapons within range.

(iv) All our ingenuity must be employed in devising and putting into practice at every opportunity traps and ambushes for his air forces as well as his ground troops.

(v) Recces to get to know the area and supplement the information on the map will be carried out.

In carrying out the above role, appropriate tactical measures must be observed on all occasions, and due regard must be paid to dispersion, concealment and camouflage.

The occasion of our being in contact with the Germans in LIBYA is to be used to discover and defeat his tactics, so that in future we may be thoroughly prepared to deal with them.

J. G. Lachlan Major-General,
Comd 6 Aust Div.

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Armd Bde.

Headquarters,
6 Aust Div.
28 Feb, 41

PATROLS

1. The following instns are issued in amplification of 6 Aust Div Op Instn No. 28 dated 28 Feb, para 5, and this HQ memo S/98/G dated 28 Feb, para 3(i).

2. Control of the defile on the frontier between the sea and the marsh in (X) A 97 and 96 is considered to be of great importance to the carrying out of the role of this Div. Further information as to the nature of the terrain in this area is urgently required so that a decision may be made as to whether this defile should be defended by inf and supporting arms as soon as the adm situation permits. Until this decision is made, it is important that you should keep the area under observation during daylight so that early advice of any enemy intention to occupy the defile, and thus give himself a jumping off point for a further advance, may be received.

3. Consequently, you will arrange for a daily and constant watching of this area and will submit at the earliest possible moment a report on the defile which will include:-

(a) its eastern and western limits.
(b) its extent southwards from the coast.
(c) the nature and extent of the obstacle provided by the marsh.
(d) the suitability of the ground in the defile.
  (i) for the defence of AFVs
  (ii) for defence by either mobile tps or inf.
(e) water facilities in the area West of North-South Grid (X) 3 4.

4. It is stressed that early information on the foregoing is required so that any necessary preliminary action to the advance of 17 Aust Inf Bde may be put in hand.

Sgd. S.AVASEM.
Colonel.
GS 6 Aust Div.

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Headquarters,
6 Aust Div.

S/102/G.

28 Feb, 41.

17 Aust Inf Bde.

RECCES

1. The following instns are issued in amplification of 6 Aust Div Op Instn No. 28 dated 26 Feb, para 5, and this HQ memo S/98/G dated 28 Feb, para 3(ii).

2. Consideration is being given to the possibility of occupying the defile between the sea and the marsh in (X) A 97 and 96 with inf and supporting arms. Pending a decision on this you will organize recces in the following areas with the objects as stated:-

(a) West from your present FDLs with a view to occupying an outpost posn which will protect both CPs and guns moved into a fwd posn from which they can engage any adv of the enemy further West than is now possible.

(b) South of B. ES SUERA to WADI EL FAREGH with a view to this area being occupied as a defensive posn by inf and supporting arms.

(c) The nature and extent of the marsh in (X) B 57 and 56 as an A Tk obstacle.

3. Reports of these recces are to be submitted as soon as possible and that under (b) above is to include a statement of the tps considered necessary to occupy the posn against an enemy equipped mainly with AFVs.

Sgd. GA.VASEY.

Colonel
GS, 6 Aust Div.

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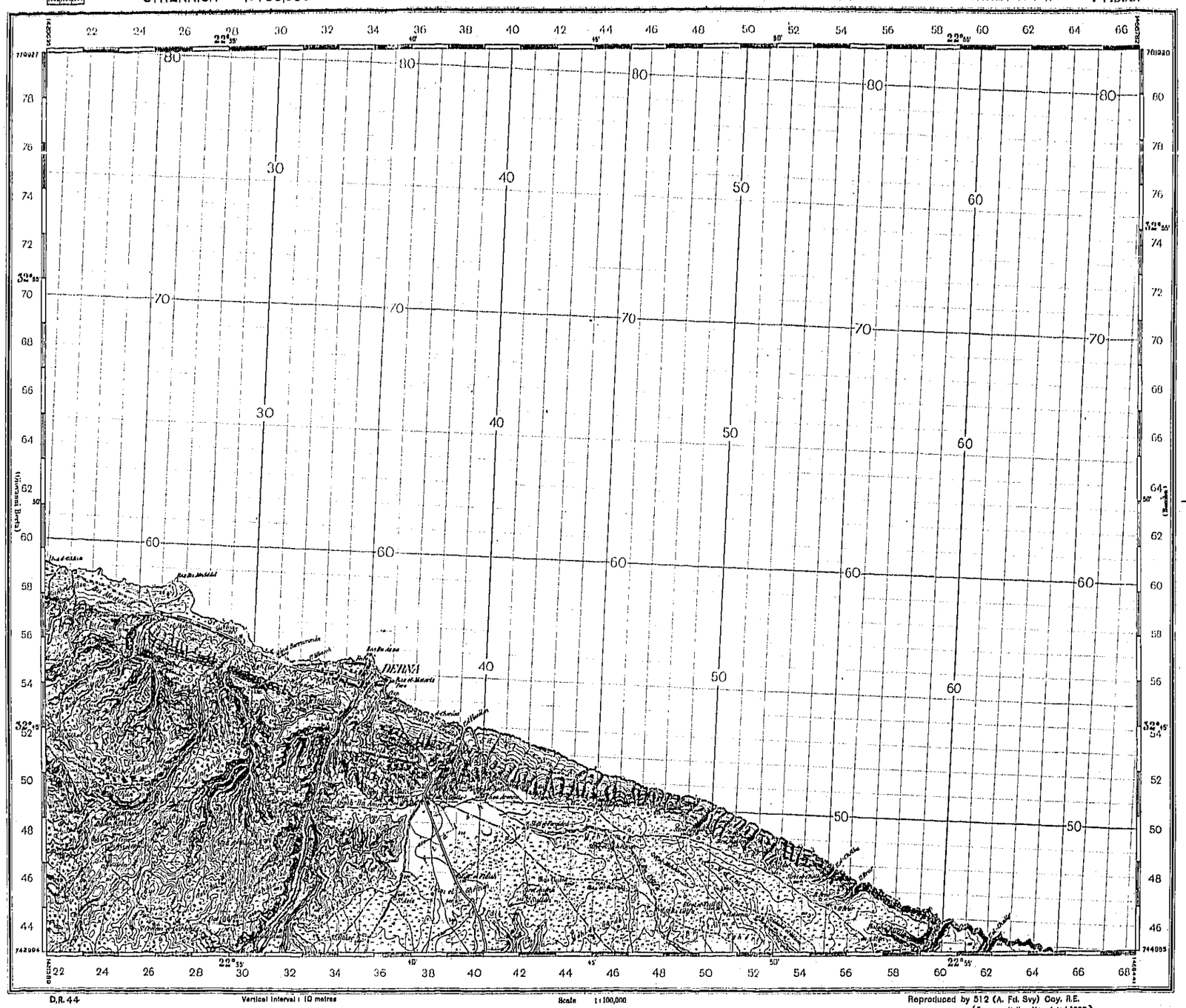
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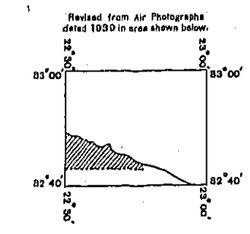
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REFERENCE FIGURES TO ABOVE 100 METRES

Railway, ordinary gauge — narrow — Road under construction — Road for wheeled traffic over 6 m. — Road for wheeled traffic between 3 m. and 6 m. — Road, earthen — Motor track — Bridges for railway — Bridges for ordinary roads

Communications non carriageable — Country Road — Footpath — Line, telegraph and telephone — Boundaries, state, province, arrondissement — Aqueduct — Walls, Lime, Masonry — Supporting wall, hedge, retrenchment — Limit of wood, pasture

Houses, Masonry, Wooden, Hut, Cabin — Occasional camping ground — Mosque — Shaik's Tomb with building — Shaik's Tomb without building — Synagogue — Cemetery, Christian — Jewish — Churches Large, Small, Oratories

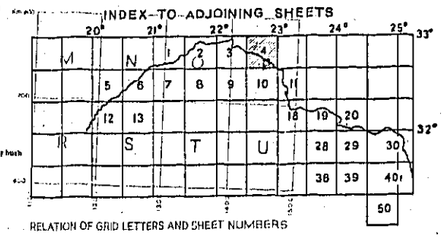
Ruined Ruin — Ruin of Ancient Castle — Troglodyte Dwelling — Depository aerials — Tank or Cistern — Cable Station — Air Port — Lighthouse, Beacon, Monument — Geodetic and Topographic point — Battlefield

Spring, Perennial & Non-perennial — Well, with windmill, horse — Well—Artesian — Electric Power Sta., Factory electric — Well—Perennial — Well—Non-Perennial — Well — Depth of water and of well

WOODS AND VINEYARDS — Copses — Palms — Olives — Arid Fruits — Eucalyptus — Vines — Beeches — Scrub with difficult thorny bush

ABBREVIATIONS:—*B.* Rock Cistern. *Ch*^{m} District, *Ch*^{l} Banked Fields. *Fond*, Caravanserai. *G*^{l} Ruined Village. *G*^{r} Hillock. *G*^{t} Hill. *Gtab*^{l} Cemetery. *G*^{a} (Sh. Depression. *Gr*^{r} *H*^{m} Shallow Well. *Moh.* Mohammed, *N.* Hon.Nazl. *S*^{t} Saint. *S*^{l} Deep Well. *S*^{m} Deep Well s.pl. *Sh*^{k} *Sd*^{l} *S*^{m} Artificial Landmark. *T*^{l} Temporary Water. *U.* Dry Water course. *U*^{d} Tribe of—. *V*^{e} Village. *V*^{l} Village.

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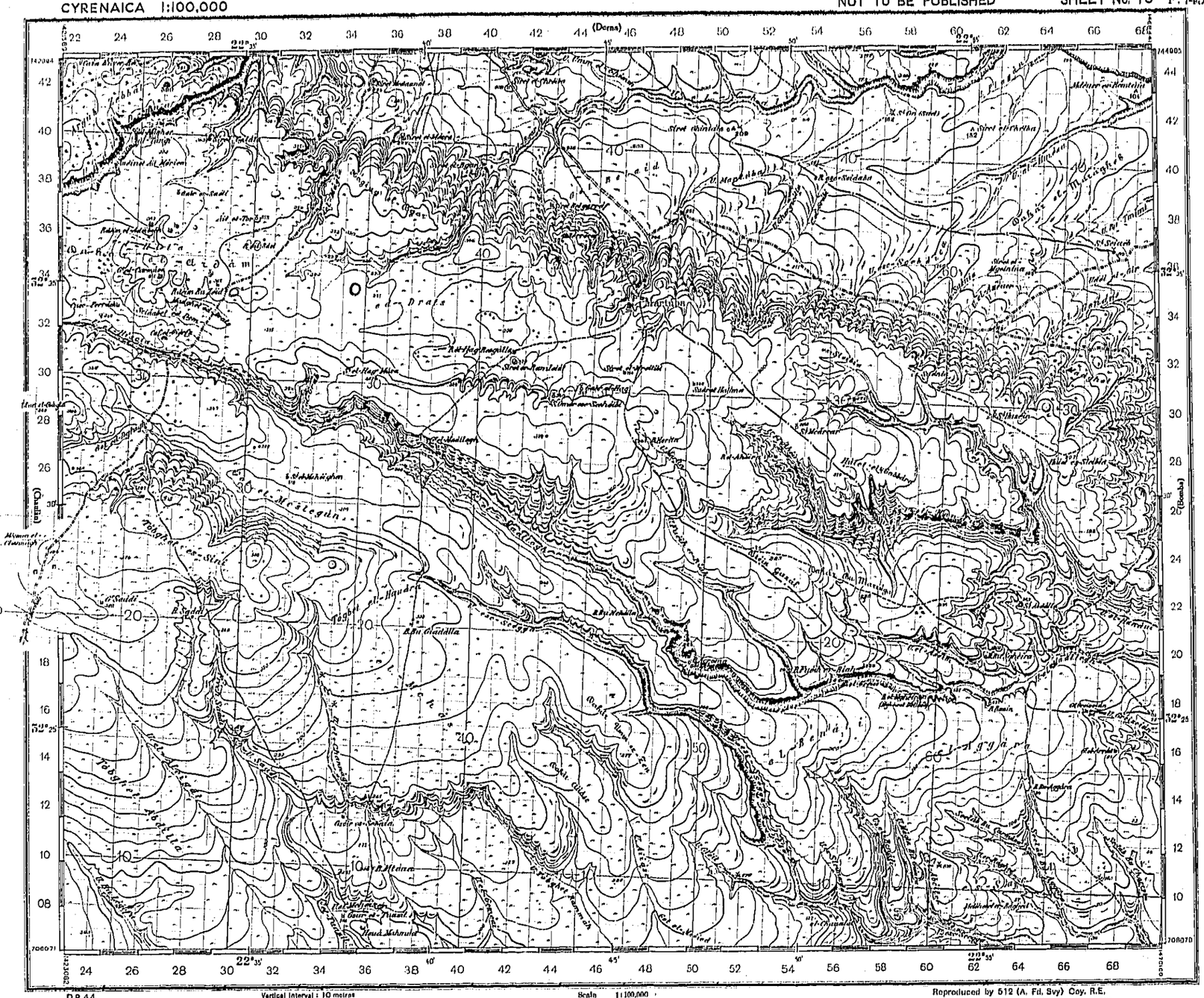
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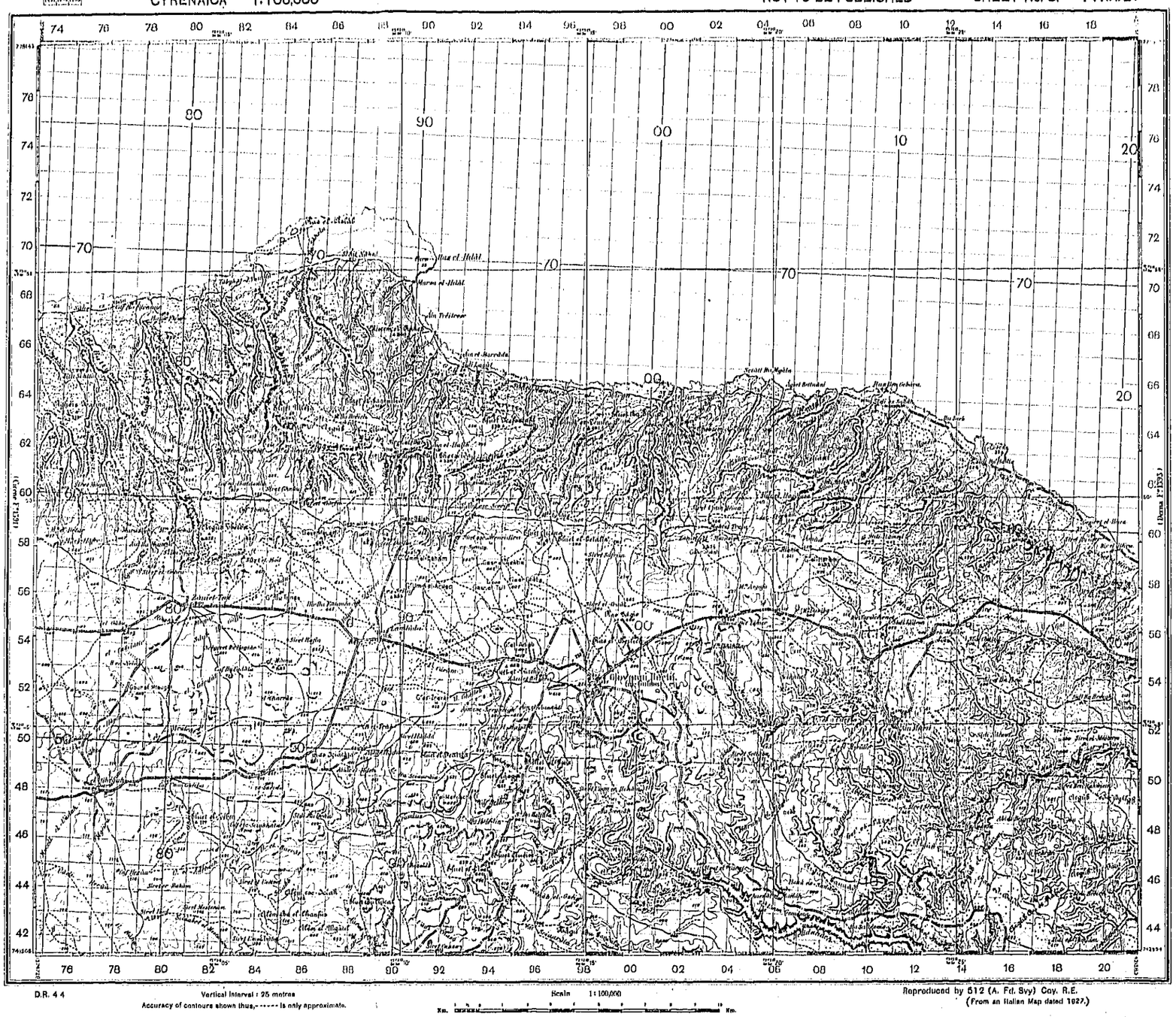
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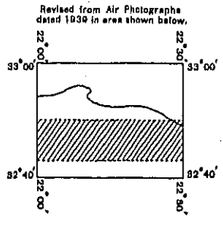
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ABBREVIATIONS:—*B.* Rock Cistern, *Ch*ᵉ District, *Ch*ˢ Banked Fields, *Khd.* Caravanserai, *Kr* Ruined Village, *Qr* Hillock, *Q* Hill, *Qbbt* Cemetery, *d*ᵉ Ch. Depression, *Grt* Mᵉ mallow Well, *Moh.* Mohammed, *R.* Headland, *S.* Saint, *Sᵈ* Deep Well, *Sᵈᵈ* Deep Wells pl, *Mᵉ* *Re* Mᵉᵉ Artificial Landmark, *Tᵉ* Temporary Water, *W.* Dry Water-course, *Dᵉ* Tribe of —, *Mᵉ* Village, *Sᵉ* Village.

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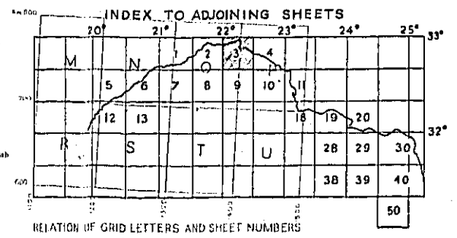
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East	024	North	568

REFERENCE 024568 TO NEAREST 100 METRES

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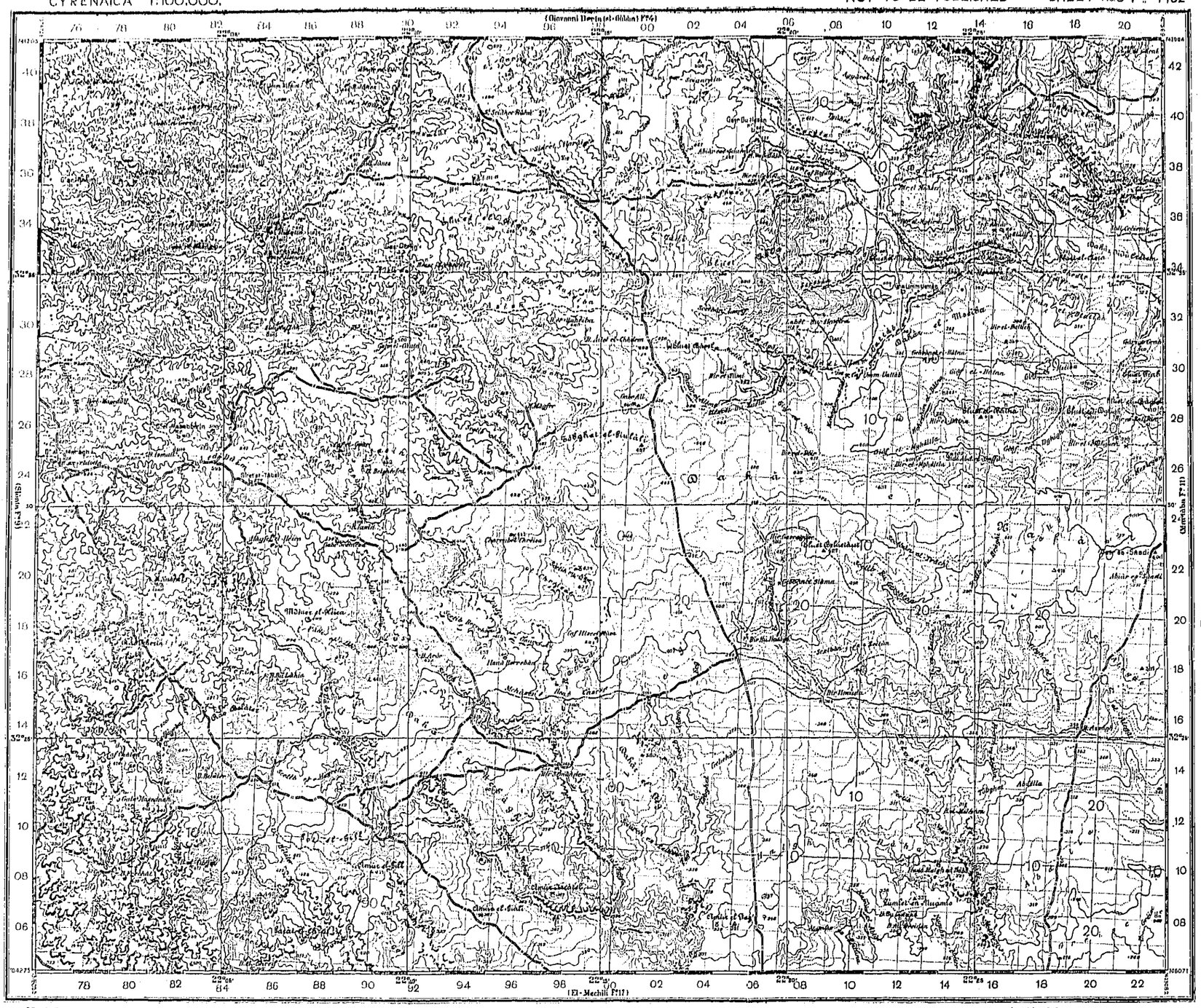
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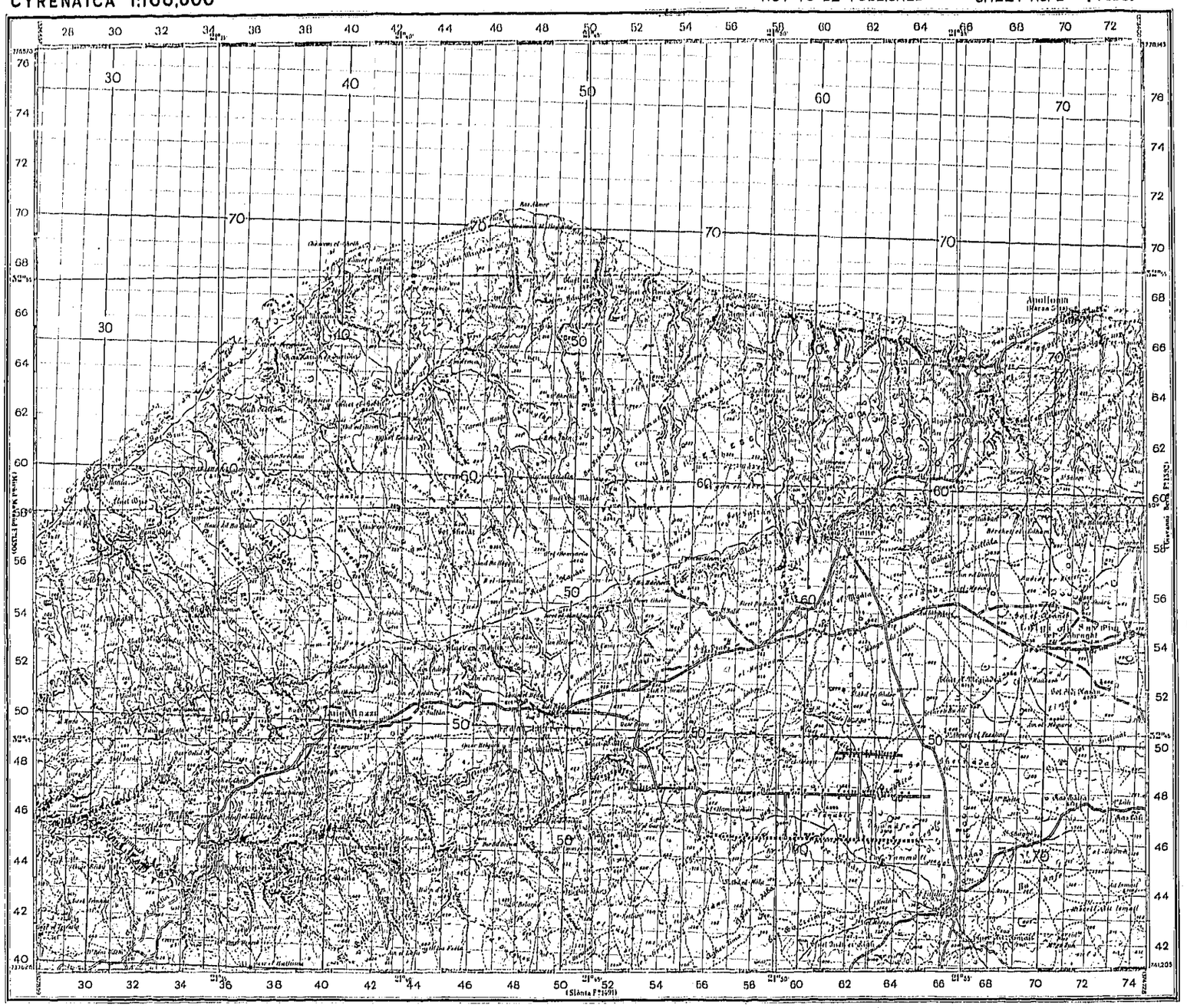
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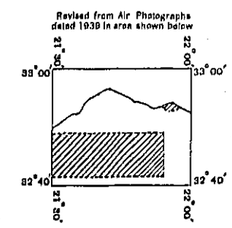
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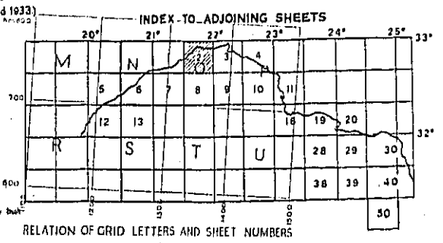
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REFERENCE 546465 TO NEAREST 100 METRES

Railway, ordinary gauge — Communications use carriageable — Houses Masonry, Wooden, Hut, Cabin — Noted Ruin — Springs, Perennial & Non perennial — Woods & Vineyards

Bridge over / Bridge under / Tunnel / Level Crossing / Halt

narrow — Country road — Occasional camping ground — Ruin of Ancient Castle — Well, with windmill, aeria — Copses

Road under construction — Footpath — Troglodyte Dwelling — Well Artesian — Palms

Road for wheeled traffic over 6m. — Line, telegraph & telephone — Sheikh Tomb with building — Depository aerials — Electric power Sta, Factory electric — Olives

Road for wheeled traffic between 3m. & 6m. — Boundaries. State, province, arrondisment — without — Tank or Cistern — Radio Station — Arab Fruits

Road, cartage — Aqueduct — Synagogue — Well Perennial — Air Port — Eucalyptus

Motor track — Walls, Lime, Masonry — Cemetery Christian. — Well Non perennial — Lighthouse, Beacon, Monument — Vines

Bridges for railway — Supporting wall, hedge, reticulated — Jewish — Well — Geodetic & Topographic point — Beaches

Bridges for ordinary roads — Limit of wood, pasture — Churches Large, Small, Oratories — Depth of water & of well — Battlefield — Downs with distinct thorny bush

ABBREVIATIONS:—B. Rock Cistern. Ch^s District. Ch^d Banked Fields. Fond. Date-grove. Gl Ruined Village. Gf Hillock. Gl Hill. Gyb^d Cemetery. Gt Ch^d Dustroom. Gri Mr Shallow Well. Moh. Mohammed.
R. Headland. pt Point. pd Deep Well. pwl Deep Wells pl. Rch Rcf RM Artificial Landmark. Td Temporary Water. U. Dry Watercourse. Vf Tribe of —. Vl Village. Zl Village.

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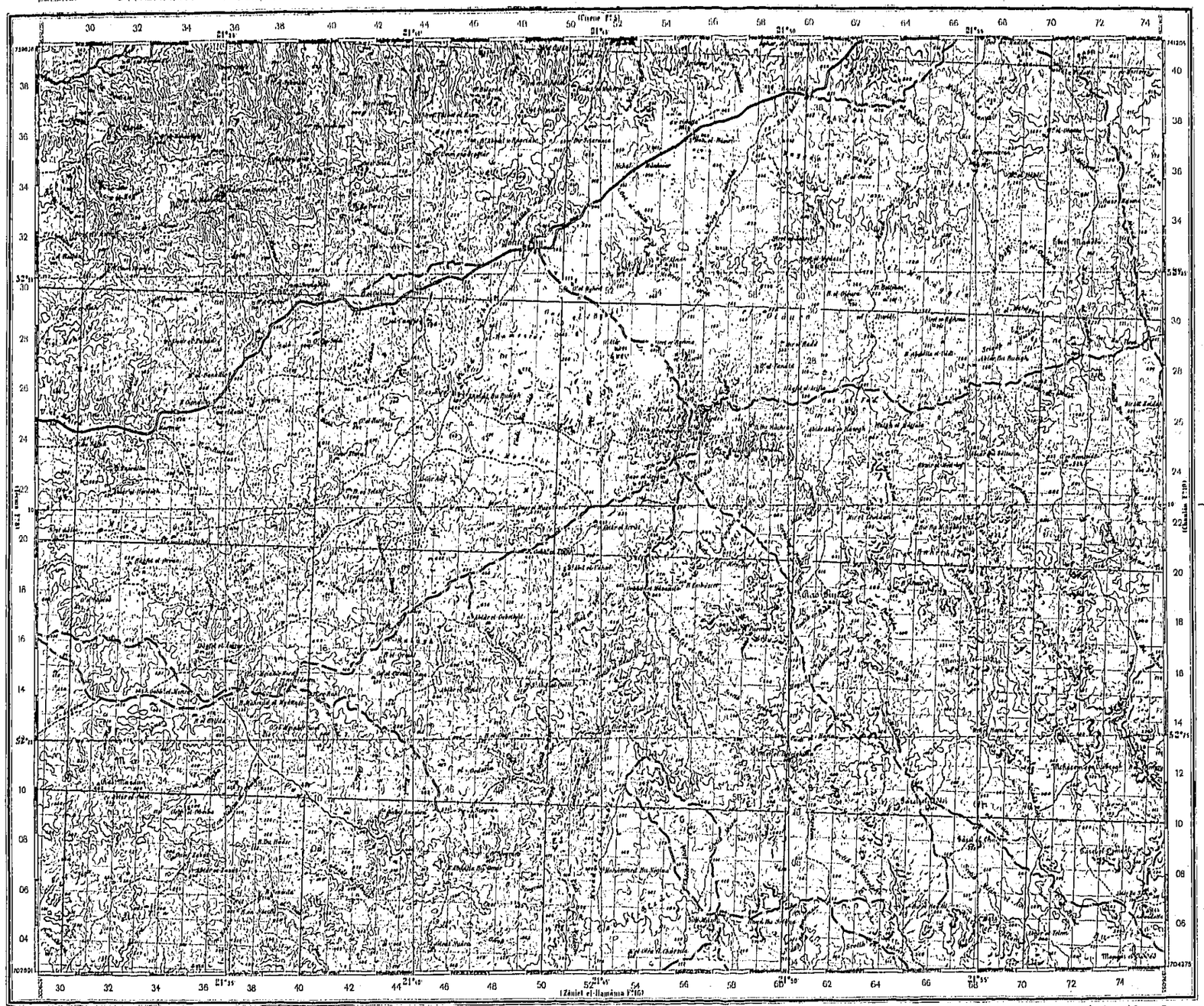
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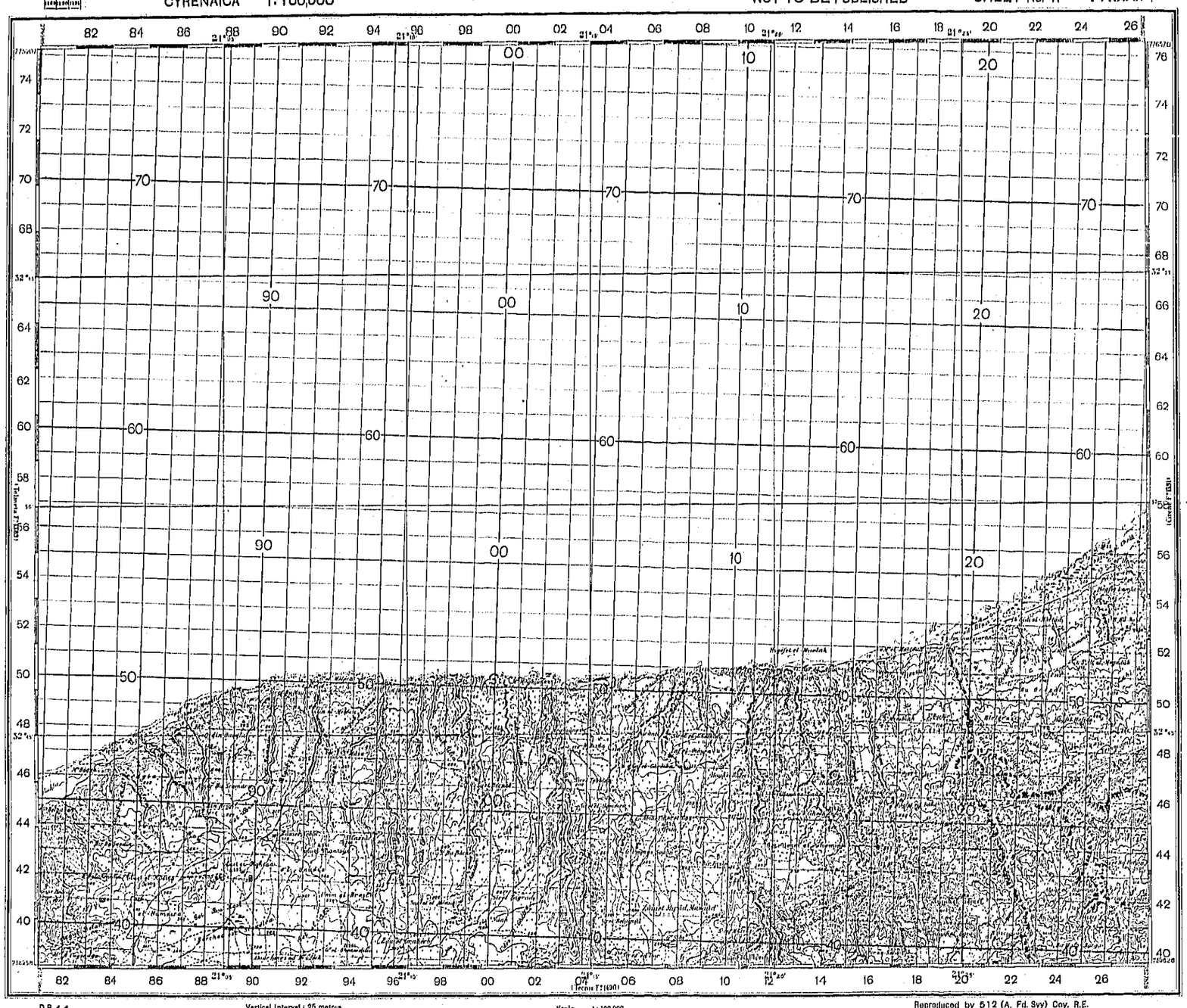
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SHEET 7

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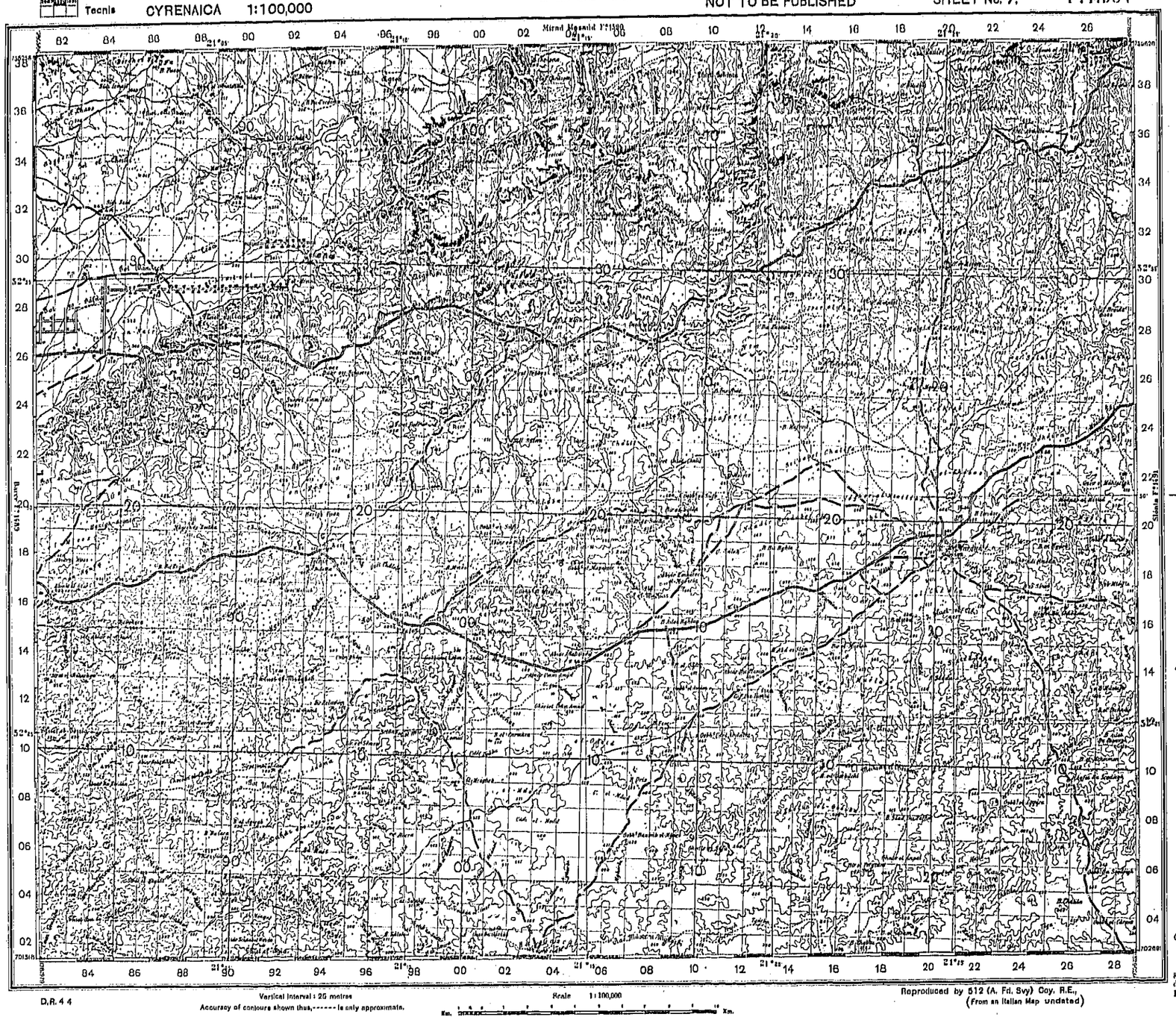
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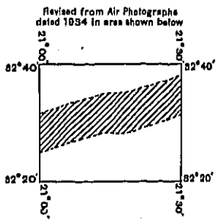
Magnetic North

LAT. 32° 30' N.

LONG. 21° 15' E.

Magnetic Variation 1° 43' W. (1940) Annual decrease about 5'

Revised from Air Photographs dated 1934 in area shown below



D.R. 4 4

Vertical Interval : 25 metres

Accuracy of contours shown thus,------ is only approximate.

Scale 1 : 100,000

Km. 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Km.

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CORRECTIONS TO LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE

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TO GIVE A GRID REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET

LETTER — If required use Diagram

POINT — GR EL-ANSEL LETTER O

East		North	
	16		28
	8		8
East 168		North 288	

REFERENCE 168288 TO NEAREST 100 METRES

Railway, ordinary gauge; Narrow; Road under construction; Road for wheeled traffic over 8 m.; Road for wheeled traffic between 5 m. and 8 m.; Road, carriage; Motor track; Bridges for railway; Bridges for ordinary roads

Bridge over: Masonry, Iron, Wood. Bridge under: Level Crossing, Hail. Tunnel: subterranean, uncovered.

Communications non carriageable; Country Road; Footpath; Line, telegraph and telephone; Boundaries, State, province, arrondissement; Aqueduct; Walls, Lime, Masonry; Supporting wall, hedge, reticulated; Limit of wood, pasture

Houses, Masonry, Wooden, Hut, Cabin; Occasional camping ground; Mosque; Sheik's Tomb with building; Sheik's Tomb without building; Synagogue; Cemetery, Christian; " Jewish; Churches Large, Small, Oratories

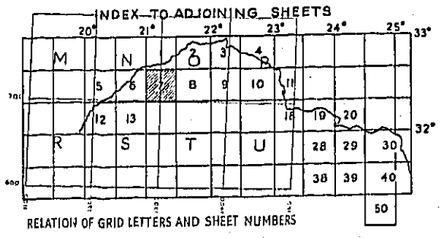
Ruined Huts; Ruin of Ancient Castle; Troglodyte Dwelling; Depository canals; Tank or Cistern; Well—Perennial; Well—Non-Perennial; Well; Depth of water and of well

Springs, Perennial & Non-perennial; Well, with windmill, motor; Well—Artesian; Electric Power Sta., Factory electric; Radio Station; Air Port; Lighthouse, Beacon, Monument; Geodetic and Topographic point; Battlefield

WOODS AND VINEYARDS: Copse; Palms; Olives; Arid Fruits; Eucalyptus; Vines; Beeches; Downs with different thorny bush

ABBREVIATIONS:—B. Rock Cistern, Ch^m District, Ch^s Banked Fields, Fond. Caravanserai, G^l Ruined Village, G^r Hillock, G^t Hill, Gebb^s Cemetery, G^o Gh. Depression, Gr^s M^o Shallow Well, Mah. Mohammed. H. Headland, H^l Saint, H^l Deep Well, H^{ml} Deep Wells pl. Kr^s K^l R^{ks} Artificial Landmark, T^{ry} Temporary Water, U. Dry Water-course, U^d Tribe of—, Z^s Villages, Z^l Village.

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SHEET 6

TOLMETA BARCE

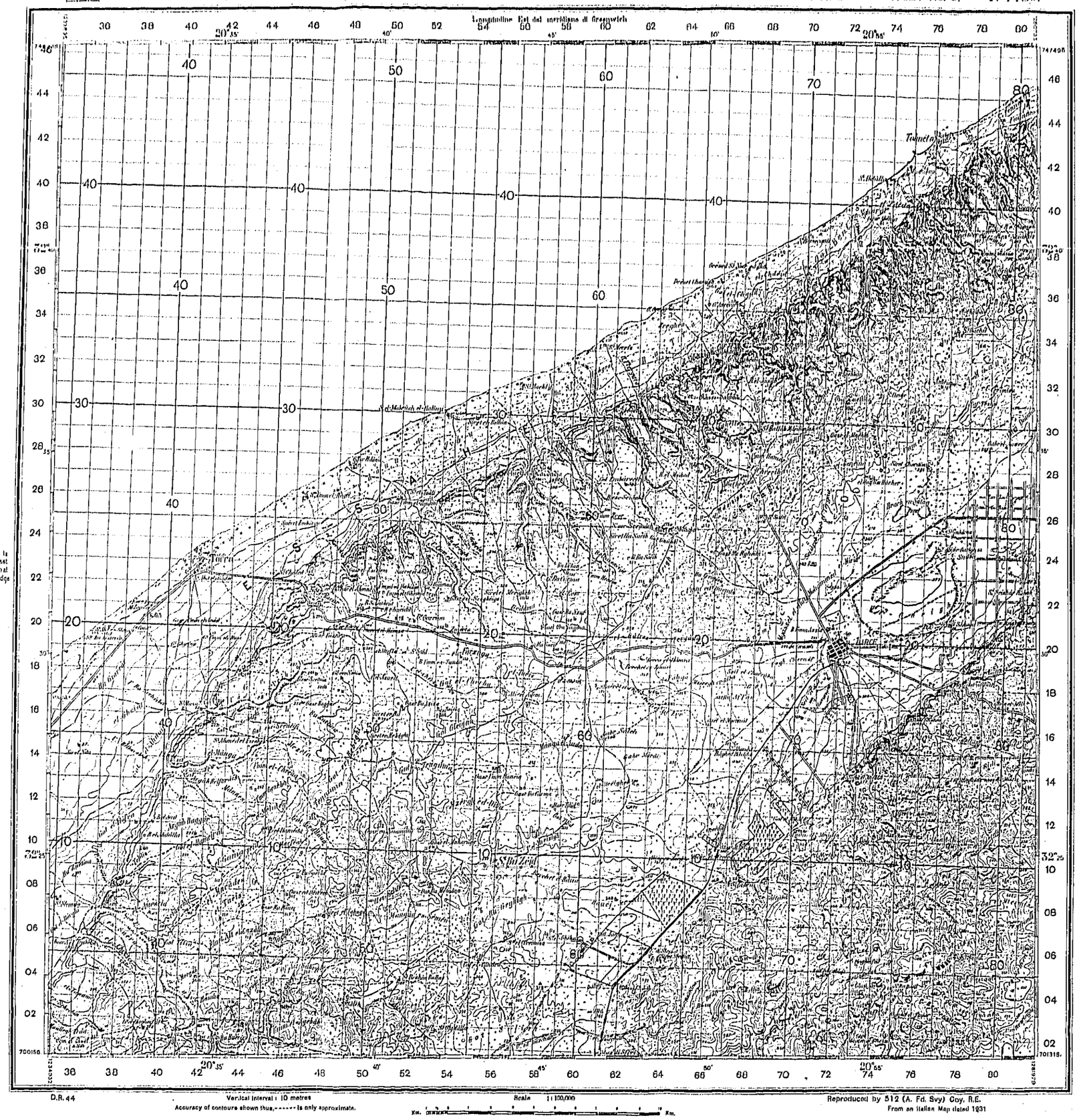
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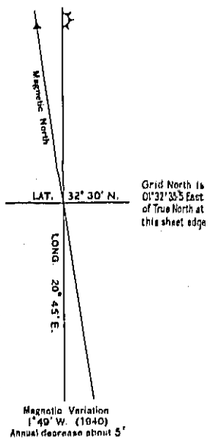
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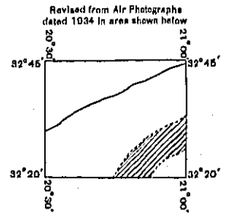
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D.R.44

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Scale 1:100,000
Km. 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Km.

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TO GIVE A GRID REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET

LETTER Generally unnecessary when every reference on this sheet is required has a square.

POINT: UMM ZREK LETTER N.

East		North	
Take south edge of square in which point lies and read east from figures printed against it. Estimate tenths eastwards from the west edge of square to point. Add the two figures found to the left of the square.	60	Take south edge of square in which point lies and read north from figures printed against it. Estimate tenths northwards from the south edge of square to point. Add the two figures found at the foot of the square.	25
Estimate tenths eastwards	6	Estimate tenths northwards	6
East	606	North	256

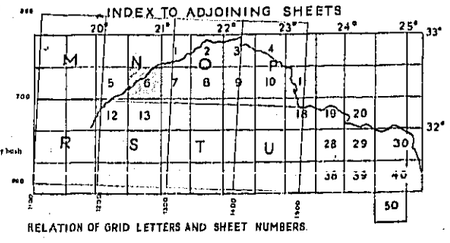
REFERENCE 606 256 to nearest 100 metres

Unit 1 Yard = 0.91 metre. Nearest hundredth allowed. Nearest hundredth allowed. 1000 Yards = 914 metres. Nearest hundredth allowed. Nearest hundredth allowed.

Railway, ordinary gauge
" narrow "
Road under construction
Road for wheeled traffic over 6 m.
Road for wheeled traffic between 3 m. and 6 m.
Road, cartilage
Motor track
Bridges for railway
Bridges for ordinary roads
Communications non carriageable
Country Road
Footpath
Line, telegraph and telephone
Boundaries: state, province, arrondissement
Aqueducs
Walls, Lime, Masonry
Supporting wall, bridge, retirement
Limit of wood, pasture
Houses, Masonry, Wooden, Hut, Tents
Occasional camping ground
Mosque
Kbeh's Tomb with building
Kbeh's Tomb without building
Synagogue
Cemetery, Christian
" Jewish
Churches Large, Small, Oratories
Ruined Ruin
Heap of Ancient Castle
Trigonom. Beading
Depository outside
Tank or Cistern
Well—Perennial
Well—Non-Perennial
Well
Depth of water and of well
Springs, Perennial & Non-perennial
Well with windmill, conis
Well—Artesian
Electric Power Sta., Factory electric
Radio Station
Air Port
Lighthouse, Beacon, Monument
Hondrite and Topographic point
Battlefield
Dunes with difficult thorny bush
WOODS AND VINEYARDS
Copses
Palms
Olives
Arid Plants
Eucalyptus
Vines
Beeches

ABBREVIATIONS.—B. Rock Cistern. Ch. District. Ch. Ruined Fields. Fond. Caravanserai. G. Ruined Village. G. Hillock. Gl. Hill. Gebbi Cemetery. Gl. Sh. Depression. Hyd. Mt. Mt. shallow Well. Mah. Mohammed. H. Headland. P. saint. P. Deep Well. P. Deep Wells pl. Sp. Artificial Landmark. T. Temporary Water. T. Dry Watercourse. T. Tribe of —. V. Village. V. Village.

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CORRECTIONS TO LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE.

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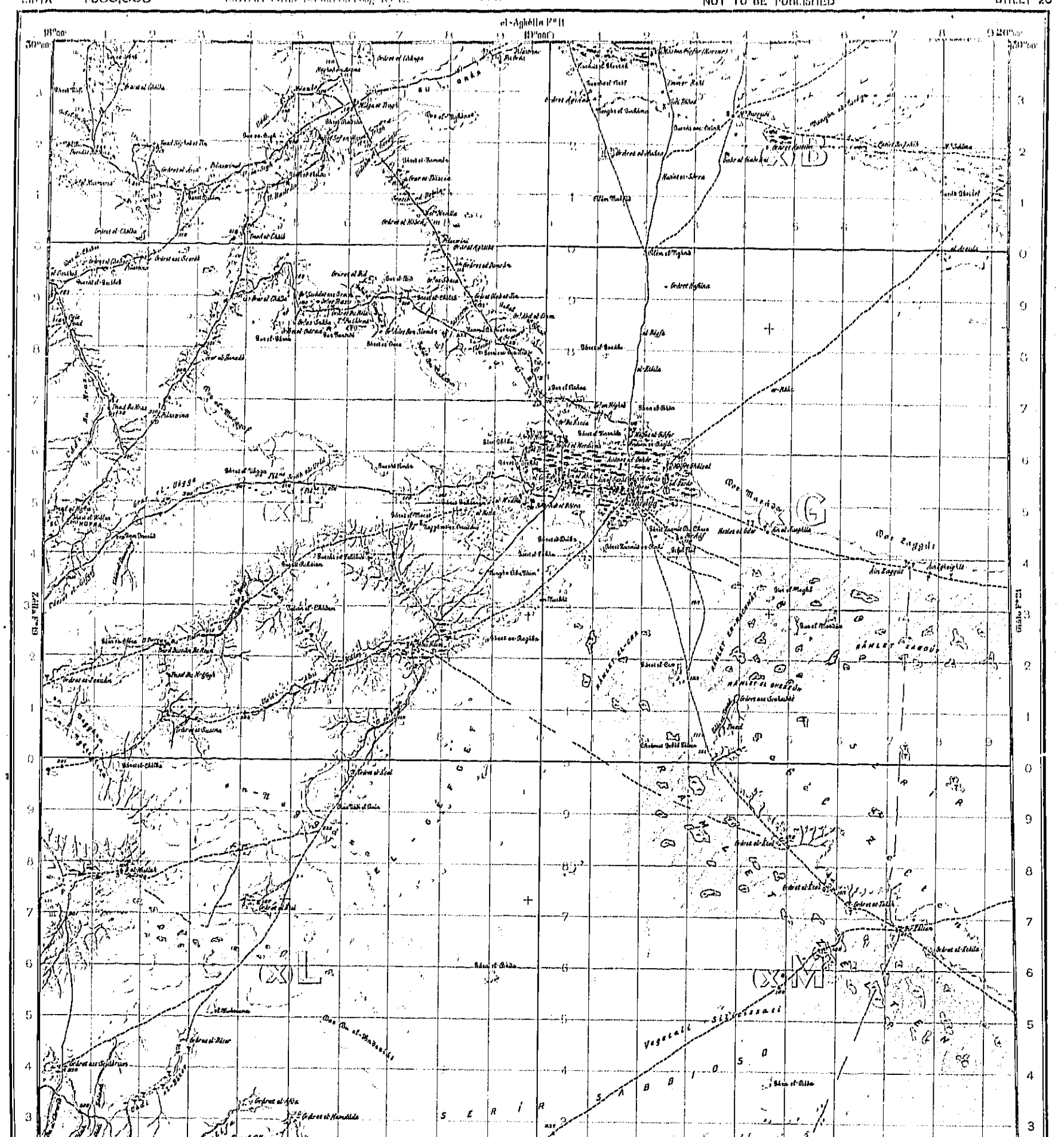


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SHEET 20

MARADH

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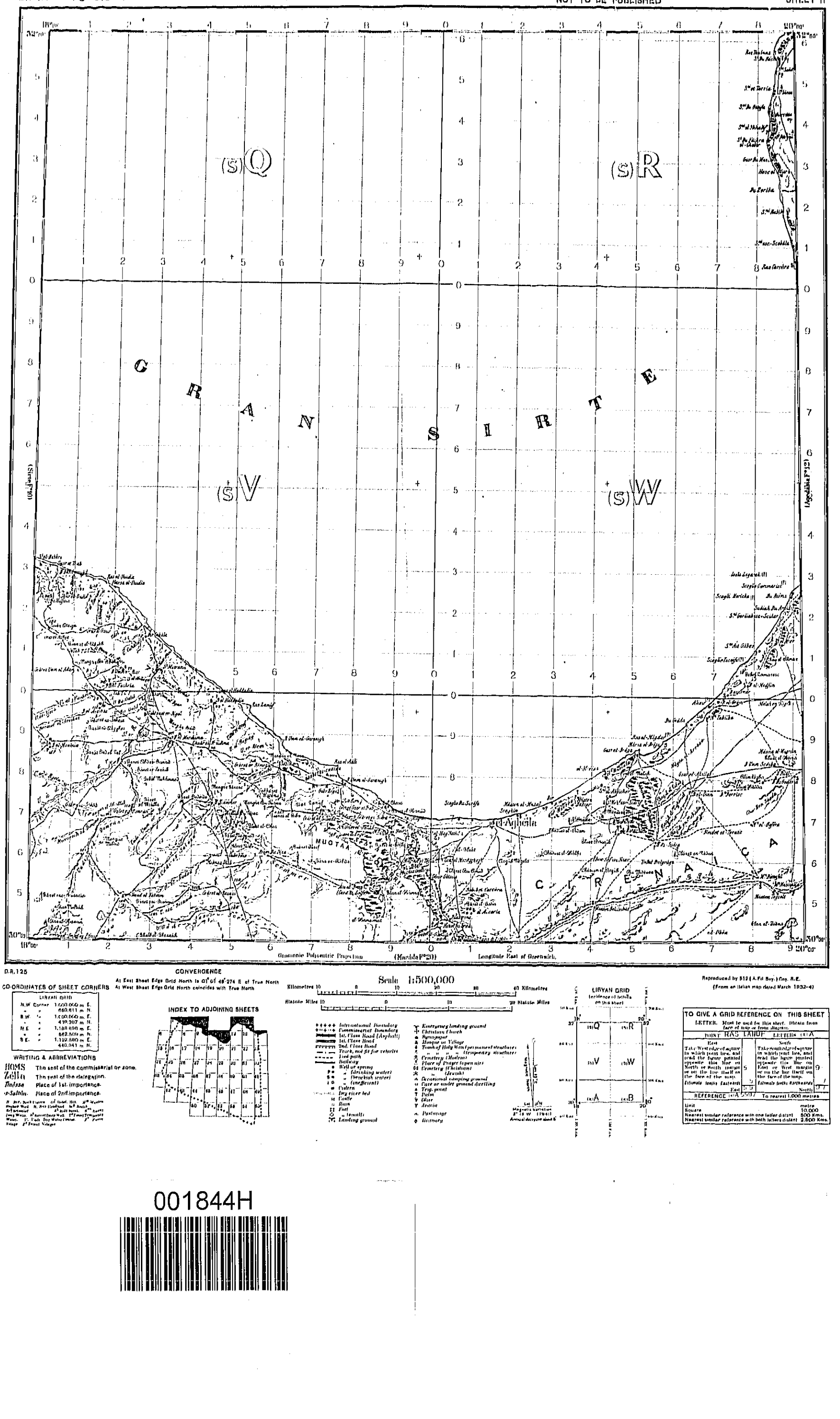

el-Agheila F°11
18°00'
19°00'
20°00'
30°00'
28°00'
Wadi el Chalia
Wadi el Chalia
Wadi el Chalia

APPX 44

SHEET 11

EL-AGUILA

LIBYA 1:500,000 LIBYAN GRID based on Long 10° E. **EL-AGHÉILA** NOT TO BE PUBLISHED EDITION OF 10 FEB 41 SHEET 11



Oblique Polyconic Projection (Meridian 0°20) Longitude East of Greenwich.

D.R.125 CONVERGENCE

CO-ORDINATES OF SHEET CORNERS

LIBYAN GRID		
N.W. Corner	1,600,000 m	E.
" "	660,811 m	N.
S.W. "	1,600,000 m.	E.
" "	419,207 m	N.
N.E. "	1,188,800 m	E.
" "	662,809 m	N.
S.E. "	1,102,800 m	E.
" "	440,041 m	N.

At East Sheet Edge Grid North is 01° 48'·274 E of True North
At West Sheet Edge Grid North coincides with True North

WRITING & ABBREVIATIONS

HOMS The seat of the commissariat or zone.
Zella The seat of the delegation.
Bu Kesa Place of 1st. importance.
Saltin. Place of 2nd. importance.

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Scale 1:500,000

Kilometres 10 0 10 30 40 Kilometres
Statute Miles 10 0 10 20 Statute Miles

- International Boundary
- Commissariat Boundary
- 1st. Class Road (Asphalt)
- 1st. Class Road
- 2nd. Class Road
- Track, not fit for vehicles
- Foot-path
- Railway
- Well or spring
- " (drinking water)
- " (brackish water)
- " (unefficient)
- Cistern
- Dry river bed
- Castle
- Ruin
- Fort
- " (small)
- Landing ground
- Emergency landing ground
- Christian Church
- Synagogue
- Mosque or Village
- Tomb of Holy Man (permanent structure)
- " " " (temporary structure)
- Cemetery (Moslem)
- Place of Prayer (open air)
- Cemetery (Christian)
- " (Jewish)
- Occasional camping ground
- Cave or under ground dwelling
- Trig. point
- Palm
- Olive
- Acacia
- Pasturage
- Harmam

Magnetic Variation 3° 10 W (1941) Annual decrease about 6'

LIBYAN GRID (reference of letters on this sheet)

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(From an Italian map dated March 1932-X)

TO GIVE A GRID REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET

LETTER. Must be used for this sheet. Obtain from face of map or from diagram.

POINT RAS LANUF LETTERS (S)A

East		South	
Take West edge of square in which point lies, and read the figure printed opposite this line on North or South margin or on the line itself on the face of the map.	5	Take Southern edge of square in which point lies, and read the figure printed opposite this line on East or West margin or on the line itself on the face of the map.	9
Estimate tenths Eastwards	3	Estimate tenths Northwards	7
East	5 3	South	97

REFERENCE (S)A 5397 To nearest 1,000 metres

Unit	metre
Square	10,000
Nearest similar reference with one letter distant	500 Kms.
Nearest similar reference with both letters distant	3,500 Kms.

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SPECIAL

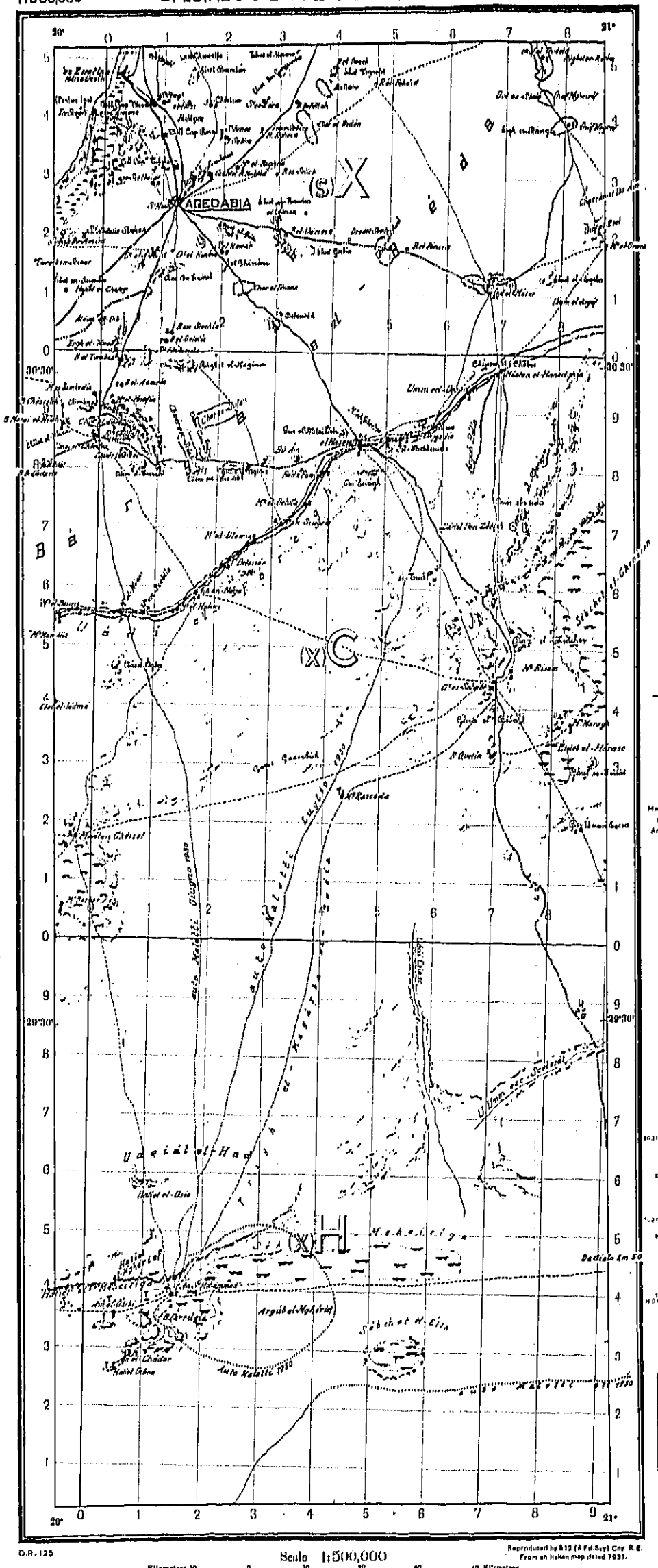
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SPECIAL AGEDÁBIA SHEET

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AGEDÁBIA
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(X)
(X)
(X)
Uadi al-Hai
Uadi Kaam
Uadi Kalleeg
Uadi Kalleeg
Uadi Kalleeg

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SHEET 13

BENGASI

BENGASI

CYRENAICA 1:500,000 — LIBYAN GRID based on Long. 18°E. — NOT TO BE PUBLISHED — EDITION OF 1 JAN 41 — SHEET 13

Grid North 1° 1' 48" East of True North

Grid North 2° 34' 31" East of True North

Grid North 1° 1' 48" East of True North

Grid North 2° 34' 31" East of True North

TRUE NORTH

LAT. 32°

LONG. 21° 30'

Magnetic Variation 1° 48 W (1940), Annual Decrease 8'

CO-ORDINATES OF SHEET CORNERS

LIBYAN GRID	
N.W. Corner	1,186,903 m.E. 773,353 m.N.
S.W. "	1,190,868 m.E. 551,715 m.N.
N.E. "	1,457,125 m.E. 782,172 m.N.
S.E. "	1,477,085 m.E. 560,733 m.N.

LIBYAN GRID
Incidence of letters on Inch sheet

(S)M	(S)N	(S)O	(S)P
(S)R	(S)S	(S)T	(S)U
(S)W	(S)X	(S)Y	(S)Z

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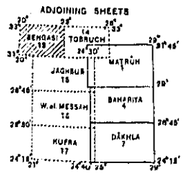
POINT CIRENE LETTERS (S)U

East	North
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Estimate tenths Eastwards 8	Estimate tenths Northwards 8
East 61	North 55

REFERENCE (S)U 6158 To nearest 1,000 metres

Unit . . . . . metre
Square 10,000
Nearest similar reference with one letter distant 500 Kms.
Nearest similar reference with both letters distant 2,500 Kms.

ADJOINING SHEETS



REFERENCE

Railways Standard Gauge
Main Roads (fit for heavy motor transport)
Secondary Roads (fit for light motor transport)
Camel Routes
Principal Towns
Madrigs " (more than 100,000 inhabitants)
Markaz " (" " 25,000 ")
Villages
International Boundaries
Telegraph Lines along roads. Not along roads
Wire Fence
Aqueducts Underground & Open
Contours V.I. 100 Metres
Trigonometrical Points. Spot Height
Electric Power Station. Factory

Scale 1:500,000

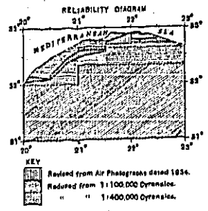
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Statute Miles 10 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 Statute Miles

REFERENCE

Aerodromes. Landing Ground. Seaplane Landing Base
House, Sheiky, Hut. Fort
Lighthouse. Beacon. Monument
Churches
Synagogue. Mosque
Cemeteries Christian, Jewish, Moslem
Sheikh's Tomb With Building, Without Building
Telegraph & Post Office
Ruin, Antiquity, Site of
Scrub, Salt Marsh
Sand Dunes. Cliff
Palms, Olives, Acid Fruits
Rivers
Well, Spring, Perennial, Non perennial, Brackish
Water Tank

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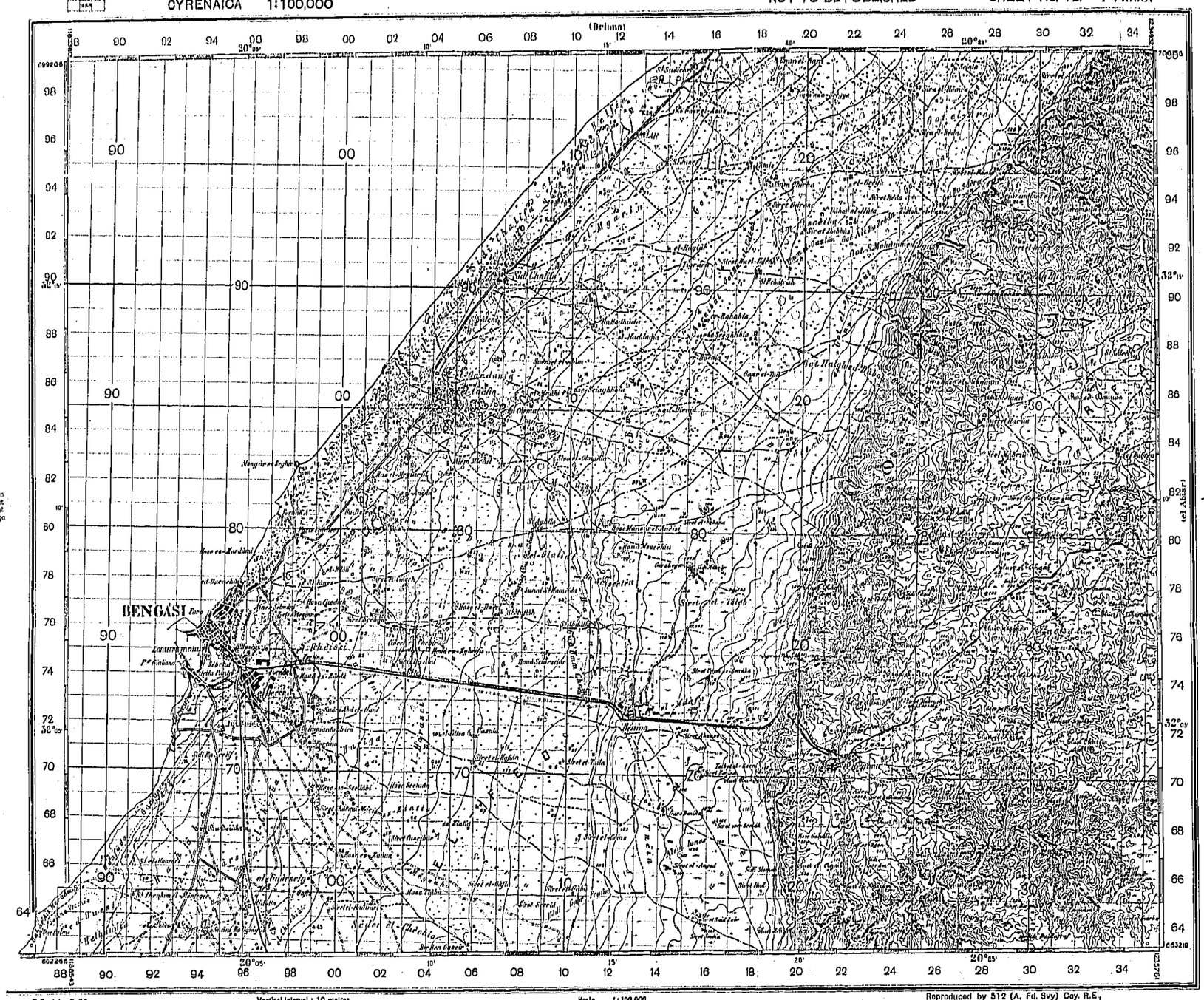
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BENGASI
Lanterna mehauli
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Marina
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Benina
Sidi Khalifa
Sidi Abdesci
Sidi Mesri
Sidi Hamida
Sidi Ali
Sidi Ahmed
Sidi Mohamed
Sidi Mansur
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SHEET 5

DRAMA

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Magnetic North

LAT. 32° 30' N.

LONG. 20° 15' E.

Magnetic Variation 1°56' W. (1940) Annual decrease about 5'

D.R. 44 P.52

Vertical interval = 10 metres

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LETTER Generally necessary when giving a reference on this scale, if required and shown

POINT.- BIR SCINIA LETTER N.

East		North	
Take west edge of square in which point lies and read the figures printed opposite it. Estimate tenths eastwards	23	Take south edge of square in which point lies and read the figures printed opposite this edge. Estimate tenths northwards	02
	8		1
East 238		North	021

REFERENCE 238021 TO NEAREST 100 METRES

Halfway, ordinary gauge

Bridges over / Bridges under / Tunnel — narrow — Level Crossing / Halt

Road under construction

Road for wheeled traffic over 6 m.

Road for wheeled traffic between 4 m. and 6 m.

Road, cartage — subterranean / uncovered

Motor track

Masonry / Iron / Wood — Bridges for railway

Bridges for ordinary roads

Communications not carriageable

Country Road

Footpath

Line, telegraph and telephone

Boundaries, state, province, arrondissement

Aqueduct

Wall, Lime, Masonry

Retaining wall, hedge, reticulated

Limit of wood, pasture

Houses, Masonry, Wooden, Hut, Cabin

Occasional camping ground

Mosque

Shaik's Tomb with building

Shaik's Torch without building

Synagogue

Cemetery, Christian

" Jewish

Churches not to scale

Noted Ruin

Ruin of Ancient Castle

Troglodyte Dwelling

Depository certain

Tank or Cistern

Well—Perennial

Well—Non-Perennial

Well

Depth of water and of well

Springs, Perennial & Non-perennial

Wall, with windmill, ruins

Well—Artesian

Electric Power Sta., Factory electric

Radio Station

Air Port

Lighthouse, Beacon, Monument

Obelisks and Trigonometric point

Battlefield

WOODS AND VINEYARDS

Copses

Palms.

Olives

Arid Fruits

Eucalyptus

Vines

Beeches

Downs with difficult thorny bush

ABBREVIATIONS:- R. Rock Cistern. Ch^n District. Ch^l Ruined Fields. Khan. Caravanserai. G^l Ruined Village. G^l Hillock. G^l Hill. Gold^l Cemetery. G^l R. Headland. M^l Saint. S^l Deep Well. M^m Deep Wells pl. Ez^l Mz^l M^m Artificial Landmark. T^l Temporary Water. D. Dry Water-course. D^m Tribe of—. Z^l Village. K^l Village. Ch. Depression. Gr^l M^m Shallow Well. Moh. Mohammed.

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SHEET 13

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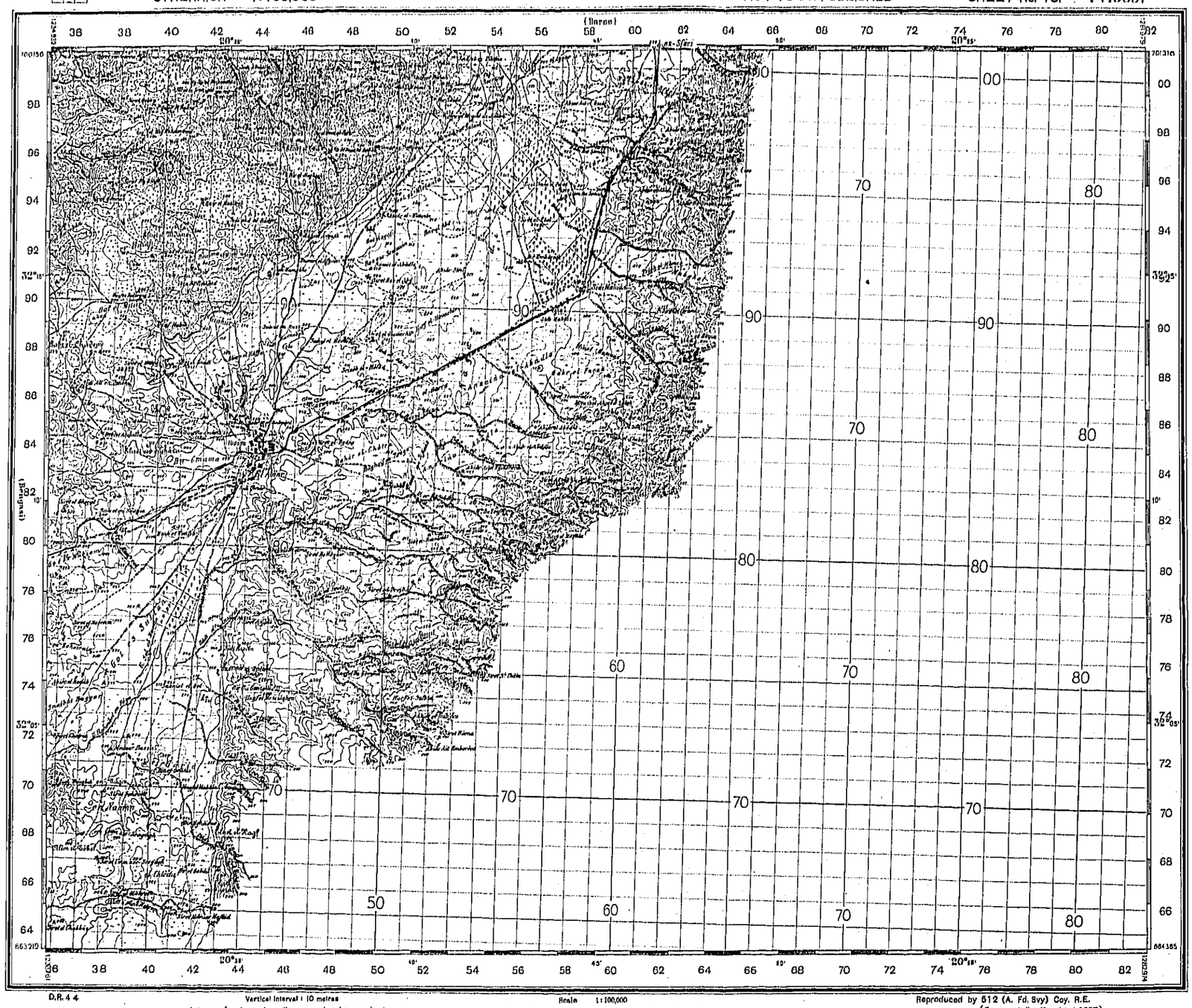
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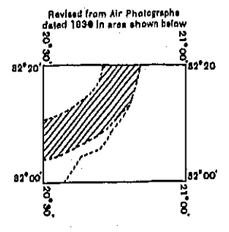
Magnetic North

LAT. 32°10'N.

LONG. 20° 45'E.

Magnetic Variation 1° 32' W. (1940) Annual decrease about 5'

Revised from Air Photographs dated 1939 in area shown below



CORRECTIONS TO LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE.

To bring the values for LATITUDE and LONGITUDE given on this map into sympathy with Survey of Egypt, deduct 18.8 secs. from LONGITUDES and 7.7 secs. from LATITUDES taken from this map.

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Vertical Interval : 10 metres

Accuracy of contours shown thus,------is only approximate.

Scale 1:100,000

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TO GIVE A GRID REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET.

LETTER (or words necessary when giving a reference on other sheets of adjoining the Region)

POINT:- ABIAR STEIL LETTER S.

	East		North	
Take west edge of square in which point lies and read the figures printed across the top (or north or south margin) on the line next to the East edge of the map.	52	9	Take south edge of square in which point lies and read the figures printed across the top (or north or south margin) on the line next to the North edge of the map.	91 4
Est. metre tenths eastwards		529	Est. metre tenths northwards	914

REFERENCE 529914 TO NEAREST 100 METRES

Units ..... metre
Squares ..... 1000 metres
Nearest similar reference figures ..... 100 kilometres
Nearest similar reference with one letter differs 500 kilometres

Railway, ordinary gauge; narrow gauge; Road under construction; Road for wheeled traffic over 6 m.; Road for wheeled traffic between 3 m. and 6 m.; Road, earthen; Motor track; Bridges for railway; Bridges for ordinary roads

Communications non carriageable; Country Road; Footpath; Line, telegraph and telephone; Boundaries, state, province, arrondisment; Aqueduct; Wadi, Lines, Masonry; Retaining wall, hedge, rectangular; Limit of wood, pasture

Houses, Masonry, Wooden, Hut, Cabin; Occasional camping ground; Mosque; Shaik's Tomb with building; Shaik's Tomb without building; Synagogue; Cemetery, Christian; " Jewish; Churches Large, Small, Oratories

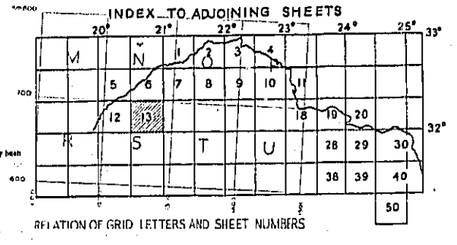
Mined Ruin; Ruin of Ancient Castle; Troglodyte Dwelling; Depository casbah; Tank or Cistern; Radio Station; Air Port; Well—Perennial; Well—Non-Perennial; Wall; Depth of water and of well

Springs, Perennial & Non-perennial; Well, with windmill, bayir; Well—Artesian; Electric Power Sta., Factory electric; Aid Fruits; Eucalyptus; Lighthouse, Beacon, Monument; Landmark and Topographic point; Battlefield

WOODS AND VINEYARDS: Copses; Palms; Olives; Vines; Beeches; Downs with difficult thorny bush

ABBREVIATIONS:—B. Rock Cistern. Ch' District. Ch Banked Fields. Fond. Carravanserai. G Ruined Village. G Hillock. G Hill. Gebb Cemetery. G Gh, Depression. Gr M Shallow Well. Mah, Mohammed. R. Headland. S' Saint. S' Deep Well. S" Deep Wells pl. Sp' Sp' M" Artificial Landmark. T' Temporary Water. U, Dry Water course. U Tribe of— V Village. Z Tillage.

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