

**AWM52**  
**2nd Australian Imperial Force and**  
**Commonwealth Military Forces unit war**  
**diaries, 1939-45 War**

**Item number: 8/3/36**

**2/48 Infantry Battalion**

**April 1941, Appendices, part 2 of 2**

G 211/139/1  
E McN/CGP

17 APR  
LOCATION STATEMENT No 10.

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7 Apr 41

9 AUST DIV AND UNITS UNDER COMD IN

CYRENAICA.

As Known at 1200 hrs 7 Apr 41

<u>Units.</u>	<u>Code Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Adv HQ 9 Aust Div 9th Aust Div Int Sec	ENID do	Kilo 42 - 7042 do	
8 Aust Lt AA Bty 51 Fd Regt (less one bty)	LOZE BEAK	GAZALA Astride rd MECHILI- TMIMI	Under Comd 20 Bde Under Comd 26 Bde
One Bty 1 RHA (less one tp)	RIDO	Moving to GAZALA Move to GAZALA	Under Comd 20 Bde Under Comd 20 Bde
HQ RAE 9 Aust Div 2/3 Fd Coy	TETO ELDO	Not yet known Withdrawing to area 7840	
2/7 Fd Coy 2/13 Fd Coy	CEFU UPOS	Not yet known Area 0843	Under Comd 20 Bde Under Comd 26 Bde
Bets No 1 Coy Sigs	NIME	7042	
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec 20 Aust A Tk Coy 2/13 Bn	SEAR UGLY NOWA	GAZALA -0543 do do Astride track MECHILI-MARTUBA	
2/15 Bn 2/17 Bn 58 LAD	CEHA ENGA	Nth of rd GAZALA Sth of rd GAZALA GAZALA - 0543	
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec 26 Aust A Tk Coy	PIPO DINA	TMIMI do Astride track MECHILI-TMIMI	
2/24 Bn 2/48 Bn	PEGO AMAP	6538 Astride track MECHILI-TMIMI	
78 LAD 24 Aust A Tk Coy	TRAP	TMIMI Astride track MECHILI-MARTUBA	
1 NF 60 KRBC	SAXO CALI	Moving TMIMI area Withdrawing rd MARTUBA	Under Comd 26 Bde
2/8 Fd Amb	PITH	GAZALA	Dets with fwd bdes
9 Aust Div Emp Pl 9 Aust Div Prot Pl		Kilo 42 - 7042 do	

Distribution.

All above formations div units and units under comd.

*J. H. James*  
Col  
GS 9 Aust Div

G 212/139/1  
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LOCATION STATEMENT No 11

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8 Apr 41

9 AUST DIV AND UNITS UNDER COMD  
IN CYRENAICA.

As Known at 0900 hrs 8 Apr 41

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Code Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Adv HQ 9 Aust Div	ENID	Kilo 157 - 9937	
9 Aust Div Int Sec	do	do	
8 Aust Lt AA Bty	LOZE	Not yet known	dets with bdes
51 Fd Regt	BEAK	Area 8539	under comd 26 Bde
1 RHA (less one tp)	RIDO	Area MEHEIRIS	under comd 20 Bde
HQ RAE 9 Aust Div	TETO	9936	
2/3 Fd Coy	ELDO	area 1034	
2/7 Fd Coy	CEFU	area 1034	under comd 20 Bde
2/13 Fd Coy	UPOS	area 1034	under comd 26 Bde
Dets No 1 Coy Sigs	NIME	9836	
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	SEAR	9137	
Sig Sec	do	do	
20 Aust A Tk Coy	UGLY	do	
2/13 Bn	NOWA	area nth of rd Kilo 142	under comd 26 Bde
2/15 Bn	CEHA	East of ACROMA	
2/17 Bn	ENGA	Nth of ACROMA	
58 LAD		area 9137	
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	PIPO	area 8539	
Sig Sec	do	do	
26 Aust A Tk Coy	DINA	do	
2/24 Bn	PEGO	area 8836	under comd 26 Bde
2/48 Bn	AMAP	area nth of main rd	
78 LAD		- Kilo 142	
24 Aust A Tk Coy	TRAP	area 8539	
1 NF	SAXO	ACROMA area	
60 KRRC	CALI	area nth of rd	
1 THR	BEAM	- Kilo 142	under comd 26 Bde
		area 0134	Div Reserve
		not yet known	under comd 26 Bde
2/8 Fd Amb	PITH	Kilo 9 - area 0534	Dets with fwd bdes
9 Aust Div Emp Pl		Kilo 157 - 9937	
9 Aust Div Prot Pl		do	

*E. W. Mansfield*  
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LOCATION STATEMENT No 12

10 Apr 41

9 AUST DIV AND UNITS UNDER COMD.

As known at 1100 hrs 10 Apr

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>CODE NAME.</u>	<u>LOCATION.</u>
HQ 9 Aust Div	ENID	085324
HQ RAE	TETO	085324
HQ RA		085324
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	SEAR	071 <sup>306</sup> <del>036</del>
20 Aust A Tk Coy	UGLY	PILASTRINO Area
2/13 Bn	NOWA	EAST of PILASTRINO
2/15 Bn	CEHA	SOUTH of PILASTRINO
2/17 Bn	ENGA	WEST of PILASTRINO
with under comd :-		
1 RHA	RIDO	Not yet known
107 RHA		area 0534
2/7 Fd Coy	CEFU	area 1034
1 NF less one Coy	SAXO	area Kilo 9
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	HORA	FORT PILASTRINO
24 Aust A Tk Coy	TRAP	Not yet known
2/28 Bn	DOBS	do
2/43 Bn	BOXE	do
with under comd :-		
104 RHA	TORA	PILASTRINO area
2/3 Fd Coy	ELDO	area 1034
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	PIPO	092352
26 Aust A Tk Coy	DINA	RAS BELGAMEL area
2/23 Bn	CAMO	do
2/24 Bn	PEGO	do
2/48 Bn	AMAP	do
with under comd :-		
51 Fd Regt	BEAK	asbrido rd 9835
2/13 Fd Coy	UPOS	area 1034
1 Coy 1 NF		Not yet known
Div Reserve -		
1 KDG	ORIB	area 0636
18 Cav	SANT	area Kilo 163

*E. M. ...*  
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Distribution:

Units, staff and services.

10 Apr 41.

LOCATION STATEMENT No.139 Aust Div and Units Under Comdas at 1800 hrs  
10 Apr

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
HQ 9 Aust Div	ENID	085324
HQ RAE	TETO	085324
HQ RA	NOKO	085324
8 Lt AA Bty	LOZE	085324
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	SEAR	071306
20 Aust A Tk Coy	UGLY	PILASTRINO area
2/13 Bn	NOWA	area 1221
2/15 Bn	CEHA	area 0728
2/17 Bn	ENGA	area 0523
With under comd :-		
1 RHA	RIDO	074309
107 RHA	SELO	moving fwd
2/7 Fd Coy	CEFU	FORT PILASTRINO
1 NF less one coy	SAXO	PILASTRINO area
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	HORA	158271
24 Aust A Tk Coy	TRAP	area 1527
2/28 Bn	DOBS	moving fwd
2/43 Bn	BOXE	moving fwd
With under comd :-		
104 RHA	TORO	159271
2/3 Fd Coy	ELDO	134277
One sqn 5 RTR		area 1626
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	PIPO	095345
26 Aust A Tk Coy	DINA	089349
2/23 Bn	CAMO	area kilo 162
2/24 Bn	PEGO	045348
2/48 Bn	AMAP	045338
With under comd :-		
51 Fd Regt	BEAK	091345
3 A Tk Regt less one bty	TINT	moving fwd
2/13 Fd Coy	UPOS	area 0736
1 Coy 1 NF		
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	TOMA	moving fwd
One sqn 5 RTR		Bde area
Div Reserve		
KDG	ORIB	065364
18 Cav	SANT	area kilo 163
Unit in Support		
1 RTR	BUNK	astride rd kilo 160

*J Bty 3RHA SULO*

*Em. ... Capt*  
Col.  
GS 9 Aust Div.

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Formations, units, staff and services.

LOCATION      STATEMENT. No 14  
9 AUST DIV AND UNITS UNDER COMD.

As known at 1800 hrs 12 Apr 41

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>CODE.</u>	<u>LOCATION.</u>
HQ 9 Aust Div	ENID	40854324
HQ RAE	TETO <i>TOMA</i>	do
HQ RA 8 Lt AA Bty	NOKO LOZE	do do
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	SEAR	40714306
20 Aust A Tk Coy	UGLY	PIL ASTRINO area
2/13 Bn	NOVA	41334226
2/15 Bn	CEHA	area 410425
2/17 Bn	ENGA	40714265
with under comd :-		
1 RHA	RIDO	40744309
107 RHA	SELO	area 4084 26
2/7 Fd Coy	CEFU	FORT PILASTRINO
1 NF less one Coy	SAXO	41294239
one sqn 5 RTR		Bde area
4 Guns of "J" Bty 3 RHA		40724306
9 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt		Bde area
10 do do		Bde area
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	HORA	41584271
24 Aust A Tk Coy	TRAP	<del>40254345</del> area 415427
2/28 Bn	DOBS	41904207
2/43 Bn	BOXE	area 422424
with under comd :-		
104 RHA	TORO	41594271
2/ 3 Fd Coy	ELDO	41344277
one sqn 5 RTR		area 416426
11 Bty 3 A Tk Regt		Bde area
one Coy 1 NF	TAFA	Bde area
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	PIPO	40524330
26 Aust A Tk Coy	DINA	40524330
2/23 Bn	CAMO	40404333
2/24 Bn	PEGO	40344343
2/48 Bn	AMAP	39774299
with under comd :-		
51 Fd Regt	BEAK	40754335
2/13 Fd Coy	UPOS	40934354
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	TOMA - (Under Command)	40754344
7 Guns of "J" Bty 3 RHA	<i>SULO</i> <i>TETO</i>	40854342
Div Reserve :-		
KDG	CRIB	40804370
18 Cav	SANT	area kilo 163
M Bty 3 RHA less 1 tp	INAL	area 409427
AASC 9 Aust Div	GURO	area 412425
In Support :-		
3 Armd Bde (being formed)	GASO	40854324

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GS 9 Aust Div

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13 Apr 41

9 AUST DIV & UNITS UNDER COMD.As known at 1800 hrs 13 Apr

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
HQ 9 Aust Div	ENID	40854324
HQ RAE with under comd :-	TETO	do
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	TOMA	40674307 40754344
HQ RA	NOKO	40854324
3 Aust A Tk Regt (less four btys)	TINT	40834303
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	SEAR	40764306
20 Aust A Tk Coy	UGLY	PILASTRINO Area
2/13Bn	NOWA	41334226
2/15 Bn	CEHA	41294226
2/17 Bn	ENGA	40714265
with under comd :-		
1 RHA	RIDO	41064292
107 RHA	SELO	40954294
2/7 Fd Coy	CEFU	FORT PILASTRINO
1 NF less one coy	SAXO	41294239
one sqn 5 RTR		Bde area
4 Guns "J" Bty 3 RHA		40724306
9 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt		40684268
10 do do		41204258
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	HORA	41584271
24 Aust A Tk Coy	TRAP	area 415427
2/28 Bn	DOBS	41904207
2/43 Bn	BOXE	42174254
with under comd :-		
104 RHA	TORO	41594271
2/3 Fd Coy	ELDO	41344277
one sqn 5 RTR		area 416426
11 Bty 3 A Tk Regt		41584271
one coy 1 NF	TAFI	Bde area
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	PIPO	40524330
26 Aust A Tk Coy	DINA	do
2/23 Bn	CAMO	40404333
2/24 Bn	PEGO	40344343
2/48 Bn	AMAP	39774299 40044305
with under comd :-		
51 Fd Regt	BEAK	40524335
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7 Guns "J" Bty 3 RHA		40854342
Div Reserve :-		
13 Cav	SATF	area, kilo 163
M Bty 3 RHA less one tp	INAL	area 409427
AASC 9 Aust Div	GURO	area 412426
In Support :-		
3 Armd Bde (being formed)		
KDG	GASO	40854324
	ORIE	40804370

*Eric Raymond Col*  
GS 9 Aust Div

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SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

I wish to congratulate all ranks of the garrison of TOBRUK FORTRESS on the stern and determined resistance offered to the enemy's attacks with tanks, infantry and aircraft to-day.

Refusal by all infantry posts to give up their ground, a prompt counter attack by reserves of the 20th Bde, skilful shooting by our artillery and anti-tank guns combined with a rapid counterstroke by our tanks stopped the enemy's advance and drove him from the perimeter in disorder. At the same time the R.A.F. and our A.A. defences dealt severely with the enemy in the air.

Stern determination, prompt action and close cooperation by all arms ensured the enemy's defeat, and we can now feel more certain than ever of our ability to hold TOBRUK in the face of any attacks the enemy can stage.

Everyone can feel justly proud of the way the enemy has been dealt with.

Well done TOBRUK.

Major General,  
Commander,  
Western Desert Force.

In the Field.  
14 Apr 41.



2/48 Bn

Operation Insnt No.....

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INFORMATION

- 1 Enemy in occupation of Posts Water Tower area and SOUTH side of ACROMA Rd vicinity post S3  
Enemy movement seen FORBES MOUND Point 173 but it is not known whether the position is occupied
- 2 Own Tps: NILA is putting down harassing fire on WT area at 1800hrs and 2100hrs

INTENTION

- 3 (1) Assist in harassing enemy in WT area  
(2) Ascertain if FORBES MOUND occupied  
(3) Harass enemy located in position 40034302

METHOD

- 4 C Coy will fire MMG on observed enemy posns near WT at 1800hrs  
A Coy will by movement and SA fire try and create impression that attack is being launched through A Coy lines. Activity to be continued until night fall  
Carrier Pl will move about in A & C Coy areas from 2100hrs to 2200hrs and create noise to assist A Coy  
B Coy will send patrol to FORBES MOUND and then engage enemy position at 40034302  
Patrol will start from B Coy lines at 2030hrs and will return through B Coy lines at approx 2359 hrs.

ADMIN

- 5 B Coy will notify PEKO in area of patrol activities and also KEFA Coy on left  
A & C Coy will notify KIFA guns in their areas

INTERCOMM

- 6 CSF - 2 R 1 G NILA to fire on tasks 1 and 2 only NOT task 3 until notified that patrol has returned

ACK

*V. H. Scott*

Capt

Adjnt 2/48 Bn

DISTRIBUTION	Copy
A Coy	1
B Coy	2
C Coy	3
D Coy	4
NILA	5
4 Pl	6
CO	7
2 I/C	8
Adjnt	9
IO	10
HQ Coy	11
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*DR*

*1700 hrs.*

15 Apr 41.

LOCATION STATEMENT No.16  
9 AUST DIV AND UNITS UNDER COMD

As known at 1800 hrs 15 Apr

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HQ RAE	TETO	do
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In Support :- 3 Armd Bde (being formed)	GASO	40854324
KDG	ORIB	40804370
1 RTR	BUNK	Area 408430
3/5 Hussars	NAFO	Area 411429
4 RTR (one tp)	TONY	Area 412426

Distribution.

Formations, Units staff and services.

*John William Cook*  
 Col.  
 GS 9 Aust Div.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS 14-16 APR, 41.

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Before dawn the tanks attacked, gained a crossing over the ditch and proceeded deep into our positions.

Forward posts held their ground undeterred by the tank penetration and whilst fwd A/Tk weapons engaged the tanks in rear, the inf posts concentrated their fire on enemy inf which endeavoured to infiltrate after the tanks.

As the tanks proceeded they were engaged by our A/Tk weapons and arty which were disposed in depth and many tanks were knocked out. The oncoming inf were unable to make any progress as our posts remained in position and continued to engage the enemy in spite of the tank penetration.

The remainder of the tanks finding that many had been knocked out and that the inf were unable to follow, turned about and retired out of the perimeter by the same route.

After dawn small parties of inf who had succeeded in getting inside the perimeter, were counter attacked and mopped up by inf and carriers.

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GS 9 AUST DIV.

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217/90/1 *War diary*  
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4. The above serves to illustrate very clearly that the offensive spirit will produce the best results, and determination to hold out at all costs will succeed.

We should remember, however, that continued vigilance is necessary and that most of our patrol successes have been against ITALIANS.

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GS 9 AUST DIV.

LOCATION STATEMENT No.17

17 Apr 41.

9 AUST DIV AND UNITS UNDER COMD.As Known at 1800 hrs 17 Apr

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>CODE.</u>	<u>LOCATION.</u>
HQ 9 Aust Div	SALG	40854324
HQ RAE	UNIL	do
With under comd:- 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	PAKA	40674307
HQ RA	ETBA	40854324
3 Aust A Tk Regt (less four btys)	LETA	40834303
3 RHA (less three btys)	POLO	40984337
HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	SEGA	41254270
16 Aust A Tk Coy	SPUR	41284277
2/9 Bn	FAMO	Area 407430
2/10 Bn	RAHE	41424258
2/12 Bn	DALE	41024342
One Tp M Bty 3 RHA		area 407430
2/4 Fd Coy	POPA	41324283
2/5 Fd Amb	FEEL	40944364
7 Aust Div Sup Coln	PIXA	41254270
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	UFEM	40764306
20 Aust A Tk Coy	DILK	PILASTRINO Area
2/13 Bn	ISOL	41334226
2/15 Bn	UGAS	41294226
2/17 Bn	GRUM	40714265
with under comd:-		
1 RHA	SIND	41064292
107 RHA	CUSS	40954294
2/7 Fd Coy	NEXA	FORT PILASTRINO
One Sqn 5 RTR		Bde area
4 Guns J Bty 3 RHA		40724306
9 Bty 3 A Tk Regt	NIBA	40684268
10 Bty do	NEWO	41204258
11 Bty do	TENO	area 407426
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	TIDE	41584271
2/28 Bn	REBE	41904207
2/43 Bn	BASH	42174254
with under comd :-		
104 RHA	MITE	41594271
2/3 Fd Coy	UNOK	41344277
One Sqn 5 RTR		area 416426
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	PUFO	40524330
26 Aust A Tk Coy	KIFC	do
2/23 Bn	DOCK	40404333
2/24 Bn	ISKO	40304332
2/48 Bn	AHOG	40044305
with under comd :-		
51 Fd Regt	MUDY	40524335
2/13 Fd Coy	KIPE	40754354
7 Guns J Bty 3 RHA		40854342

(for continuation see reverse)

1 NF	PEKO	41294239
AASC 9 Aust Div	JABE	41254270
Div Reserve :-		
18 CAV	LERA	40474304
M Bty 3 RHA		
(less one tp)	TACT	area 409427
24 Aust A Tk Coy		
	ROMO	40514303

In Support :-

HQ 3 Armd Bde		
(being formed)	ERDI	40854324
KDG	BOSA	40804370
1 RTR	STAN	area 408430
3/5 Hussars	C/NS	Area 411429
4 RTR (one tp)	LYNE	Area 412426

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NOTES OF THE TACTICS EMPLOYED IN THE ACTION AT  
TOBRUCH 13/14 APR, 41.1. Enemy tactics.

Phase 1. During the afternoon 13 Apr AFVs demonstrated over a front of at least 10 miles mainly on the front of 20 Inf Bde due SOUTH of PILASTRINO and astride the EL ADEM rd.

Later, m/cyclists followed by a staff car approached and appeared to select a HQ in dead ground 4,000<sup>x</sup> from our FDLs.

Next, MT appeared and inf began debussing about 4000<sup>x</sup> out. There was little attempt at dispersion and concealment until engaged by our arty and aircraft.

Inf were then brought forward in very small dets to within 1500<sup>x</sup> of our FDLs. When within this range MG posts were established and ranged on our forward posts. Fire was opened immediately any movement was seen.

During this phase recce aircraft were used to determine the extent and nature of our defences, particularly along the perimeter where the A Tk ditch and wire were obviously being plotted in detail.

Phase 2 After dusk tanks came forward singly and cruised about near the A Tk ditch. Enemy inf then approached and concealed themselves in the A Tk ditch. Sapper parties then disarmed our mines, broke down the sides of the ditch and prepared crossings.

Phase 3 Inf with LMGs and A Tk guns on wheels approached the wire under cover of fire by Hy MGs on our strong posts. Gaps were cut in the wire and men passed through at points midway between strong points. As enemy inf infiltrated they spread out fanwise in rear of our FDLs and held a bridgehead with LMGs and A Tk guns to cover the subsequent advance of tanks and inf.

Phase 4 Before dawn 14 Apr, tanks crossed the ditch, went through the wire and penetrated beyond our strong posts. When behind the line of FDLs the tanks formed up facing their objective (apparently direct line on TOBRUCH) and waited for support tps to come through. Whilst this was being done some tanks and AFVs specially detailed to neutralise our FDLs, circled around the strong posts firing continuously.

As inf support was not quickly forthcoming the tanks proceeded deep into our position (3 miles) and came up against our A Tk and Arty fire. Many were knocked out and the rest circled about and withdrew through the same gaps. The inf attack was unsuccessful.

2. Our tactics. The Defence was organised in considerable depth, but very widely dispersed because of the large area to be held. All posts were self contained with all round fields of fire.

Forward posts endeavoured by fire to prevent recce and preparation of tank gaps. A Tk weapons were sited forward to stop tanks at the ditch, but most guns were sited further back to stop penetration. Reserves were in position ready to counter attack to restore forward localities. Div inf reserves were further back, together with "I" tanks for counter attack, cruiser tanks, and A Tk guns on wheels.

The above system proved entirely successful. In the darkness some enemy tanks succeeded in getting inside our wire, but our inf held their ground and engaged the oncoming inf, thus preventing them from exploiting their initial success.

(over)

The location and number of tanks which penetrated was promptly reported to Div HQ. Subsequent movements were carefully plotted and reported, thus making it possible for the Div Reserve of tanks to be placed in a favourable position to intercept. The enemy tanks penetration was finally stopped by A Tk guns and Arty 2 1/2 miles SE of PILASTRINO where a number of tanks were knocked out, the remainder withdrawing out of the perimeter by the same route. Our tanks, having been placed to intercept this movement engaged the enemy tanks and knocked a number out.

3. Lessons on the above.

Main lessons are:-

- (a) Forward inf must hold their ground, going to cover as tanks pass over, and be ready to engage the oncoming inf with every available weapon.
- (b) A Tk weapons of forward posts to engage tanks in front and in rear after they pass through.
- (c) All weapons to be sited in considerable depth to stop the attack when its impetus is waning, with reserves prepared to counter attack to restore essential localities.
- (d) All posts to hold their ground whatever the situation, as by so doing enemy success can be localised and dealt with by the tank reserve.
- (e) Mines to be laid inside the wire so that they cannot be picked up or disarmed. Where possible small mobile reserve to be held and used for blocking successful crossings and preventing tanks getting out again.

FINALLY, IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT UNITS REPORT ENEMY MOVEMENTS IMMEDIATELY AND KEEP HIGHER FORMATIONS FULLY INFORMED SO THAT ACTION CAN BE TAKEN TO PLACE RESERVES IN SUITABLE POSITIONS TO DEAL WITH DEEP PENETRATIONS. INFORMATION ON NUMBERS AND TYPES OF ENEMY TANKS, THEIR LOCATION AND DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT.

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Note: In all relaying of mines, the mines are to be laid inside or in the wire at a safe distance from from the posts.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

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HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde  
In the Field  
22 Apr 41

Lt Col Windeyer  
CO 2/48 Bn

My Dear Colonel,

I shall be grateful if you will convey to all ranks under your command my congratulations on this morning's splendid effort. The dash and determination with which the operation was carried out and the thoroughness of its preparation are worthy of the best traditions of the **KIF**

It has been my pleasure during the day to receive on your behalf the congratulations of the GOC and of my fellow Brigadiers in this area. I have every reason to be proud of the 48 Bn

Yours,

R M TOVELL Brig  
Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde

INFORMATION

1 Enemy

- (a) Enemy is occupying posn from ACROMA Rd - CARRIER HILL 396428
- (b) Enemy tks have been seen near ACROMA

2 Own tps and att A Tk guns are in previous posns

3 Supporting tps -

- (a) one Tp 7 RTR  
370 Bty 51 Fd Regt  
one Tp M Bty 3 RHA (4 A Tk Guns)
- are supporting the inf during the operation
- (b) Our aircraft will fly over Bn front during operation to cover noise of our MT and to assist to extricate inf if required

INTENTION

- 4 C Coy and two secs Carriers will make a raid to drive enemy from CARRIER HILL

METHOD

- 5 (a) The I Tks are going through gap in wire at Post R5 at 0640hrs 22 Apr. They will be followed by our Carriers and by C Coy which will move towards CARRIER HILL approx 400<sup>x</sup> behind tks.
- (b) Route from R5 WEST to rear of CARRIER HILL then NORTH across CARRIER HILL as far as ACROMA track (running EAST and WEST through square 396429 then EAST through two gaps in wire vicinity Post S3. 7 RTR and Tp M Bty 3 RHA will return through Post R5
- (c) Attackers will return through wire not later than 0900 hrs
- (d) After gaining CARRIER HILL the I Tks are protecting the left flank of the attackers against any enemy AFVs which may come from general direction of ACROMA
- (e) A FOO of 51 Fd Regt is accompanying the attacks and that regt is prepared to fire as required to extricate the attackers if necessary. To achieve surprise the arty is not firing before the attack commences
- (f) B Coy will be prepared to receive PW through our wire and to provide escorts to PW cage.
- (g) one Tp M Bty 3 RHA is leaving through post R5 after C Coy and is protecting attackers left rear against AFVs during the operation and returning by same route through R5
- (h) Carriers will be allotted as follows:-
  - one sec to accompany attack
  - one carrier for Comd 4 (Carrier)Pl
  - one carrier for Comd C Coy
  - one sec to be in readiness in dead ground in rear of B Coy to assist in collection of prisoners or as otherwise required
- (i) One det 3 Pl (Mortars) will be prepared to fire on CARRIER HILL to assist extrication of attackers if required

ADM

- 6 Gap at R5 is being prepared by RAE. Gaps in vicinity of S3 will be prepared by B Coy  
B Coy will have guides in readiness to direct attackers in through gaps and to mark gaps with petrol tins on wire
- 7 TO will arrange for three 30 cwt lorries to be in rear of B Coy posn in readiness to go fwd to collect wounded and stragglers if required.
- 8 RMO will detail 8 stretchers bearers to accompany attack and will also have stretcher bearers in readiness behind B Coy posn

INTERCOMM

- 9 Carriers and vehs participating will carry two blue pennants at half mast

- 10 One DR will move with attack
- 11 Signal that attackers are back through wire will be ~~xxxx~~ red verey light and blue signal flag given by Coy Comd Carrier. Answer will be red verey.
- 12 Fwd Bn HQ during operation at B Coy HQ
- 13 3 pl Comd will send runner to fwd Bn HQ at 0630hrs  
*ack.*

*J. B. Scott* Capt

Adjt 2/48 Bn

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*Runner*  
*2300 hrs*

2/48 Bn FIGHTING PATROL INSTN  
19 Apr 41  
Confirming Verbal Orders

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ADM

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INTERCOMM

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*H. A. Woods* Capt

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Confirming Verbal Orders

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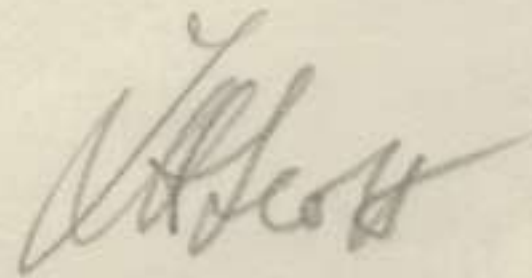
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Enemy Ground Activity

16 APRIL

During the late afternoon and evening of yesterday, the enemy inf suffered severe reverses at the hands of 26 Bde. 2/48 Bn, after a successful patrol, captured 74 prisoners. The enemy advanced and some groups penetrated the wire. 2/23 Bn launched a local counter-

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION (contd)

18 Apr - 1200 hrs enemy plane was seen over 2/48 Bn area, possibly for purpose of spotting for arty.

4. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

(a) 1 & 2 Bns of 61 Regt TRENTO DIV are attached to 27 BRESCIA DIV ~~and area~~ as previously reported located in area astride rd DERNA - TOBRUK.

(b) 1 Bn 62 Regt TRENTO DIV was completely captured by 2/48 Bn.  
2 Bn 62 Regt <sup>15</sup> ~~are~~ located at BARCE on guard duties.

(c) OBSERVED MOVEMENT

20 APRIL

Considerable movement has been observed in western sector especially in CARRIBER HILL area. During the Tac R at 1900 hrs 19 Apr an advance of inf in extended line was noticed  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from perimeter along ACHOMA rd, followed by 25 MT, tks and 1<sup>st</sup> Co.

The only movement observed on the 2/48 Bn front was 30 men and 2 MT approx 5000x from Post R4. These were engaged by our arty fire and driven away.

On 19 Apr Tac R of 1900 hrs reported that to SW from 388415 to 390411 a well dispersed convoy of MT was moving East.

(A)

D Coy 2/45 Bn sent out a patrol from Post 37 (0200-0445 hrs) 20 Apr direction NNW for about 1200x. They moved along both top and bottom of escarpment without any signs of enemy. The patrol leader remarked on the ease with which the patrol of 29 all ranks moved through the wire, mines and trip wire even though the night was dark.

9. MINEFIELDS - DECEPTION

It is clear from a recently captured document that enemy air photo interpreters take special note of any tracks or roads that twist and turn suddenly for no reason apparent in the nature of the ground. They ascribe such twists and turns to the probable existence of a minefield and they enjoin care on their own troops to avoid giving away the position of their own minefields in this way.

While there is nothing new in this, it may provide a timely reminder that here is a simple, cheap and effective way of misleading the enemy as to the general plan of defence and the location of real minefields in a defended area. Dummy tracks with these characteristic twists, in association with lightly disturbed soil in plausible locations, might be successful as decoys.

*Richard*

25 Apr 1300-1335 hrs - 2/48 Bn patrol from Post 33 reported  
 area rear of CARRIERS HILL in dead ground 39504287 and CARRIERS  
 HILL is clear of enemy movement and material. Enemy appear  
 to have taken up a posn 1000x to rear of CARRIERS HILL & did  
 not appear in any great strength. Their posn to rear extends  
 to right & straddles the ACHOMA track. Two enemy tanks were  
 observed moving on ACHOMA track up to enemy posn. Enemy arty  
 bty estimated to be in vicinity 39404295.

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 ..... Maj  
 HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

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2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

13 April 44

a. Reece Patrols and Raids :- No enemy patrols have been encountered during the last two days and no raids have been made.

2E 2/48 Bn captured 5 prisoners (3 Germans & 2 Italians) when they knocked out their vehs with anti tk guns. Amongst the kit of the captured men was found an Australian and an Indian uniform.

In the PILASTRINO and EL AGEM sectors the enemy has made attempts to penetrate our defences but has been repulsed with losses.

Observed movement :-

13 Apr - a few vehs moved south across 2/48 Sn front at a distance of approx 1400x from perimeter.

On the PILLASTHINE and EL ADEN sectors there has been a certain amount of movement of vehs.

5. PATROL ACTIVITIES

17 APRIL  
Our patrol activities resulted in capture of number of prisoners on 2/48 Bn front besides making observations on movement of enemy tks and tps.

ADDENDUM

Ref Para 2 (a)

At 1700 hrs enemy inf attacked 2/48 Bn. Attack was repulsed by arty fire and 2/48 Bn sent out Bren carriers to attack and to round up the prisoners.

At 1930 hrs German tks fired on Italians surrendering. 29 Italian offrs & 803 ORs and 1 German offr were captured.

17<sup>th</sup> April



2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) ATTACK - 17 Apr 1735 hrs.

8 enemy tks approached wire on 2/48 Bn front and remained stationary until about 1945 hrs. They then withdrew, with accompanying inf estimated at one coy to CARRIER HILL map ref 396429. The enemy were later harassed by our arty & at 0700 hrs were observed astride ACROMA rd 1500x distant in a disorganized state.

(b) SHELLING - 17/18 Apr Commenced at 1925 hrs 17 Apr.

2/48 Bn experienced persistent shelling around area Trig 209 & Bn HQ. Shells also landed approx 300x from B Coy HQ and 500x beyond B Ech tpt area.

(c) OBSERVED MOVEMENT - 17 Apr 1900 hrs

50 to 60 enemy AFV which included some tks were observed moving north astride rd EL ADEM - TOBRUK ref 408416. Slight movement was noticed along rd TOBRUK - DERNA.

(d) ENEMY WORKS

Enemy were reported to be digging in at approx 200 to 300x from perimeter opposite A & D Coys 2/48 Bn.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION - SIGNAL FLARES

17 Apr - At 1930 hrs 2/48 Bn reported enemy plane overhead dropped 5 red flares.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) ATTACK

18 Apr - A comparatively small attack was made on the right flank of 2/48 Bn. Movement of MT was reported at 0615 hrs on 18 Apr across front from left to right. Sounds of digging was heard. Continuous mortar bombing through night 17/18 Apr was experienced. At 0710 hrs an attack commenced on B Coy 2/48 Bn front. Our arty came into action and at 0850 the enemy was seen retiring in disorder along ACROMA rd.

1045 hrs mortar bombing or light arty was again experienced fire coming from rear of CARRIER HILL. Our arty found difficulty in dealing with this situation because of location of enemy posn and bad visibility, and aircraft action was requested, 2 direct hits being scored on gun posns.

1110 hrs 200 to 300 inf on ACROMA rd were dispersed by arty fire.

2000 hrs Enemy comparatively quiet with very little arty fire.

8. GENERAL

The period for 24 hrs ended 1700 hrs 19 Apr has been quiet along the whole front.

The initial attacks with the enemy trying to press home his advantage before we had time to organise our defences have failed.

Our patrols have been so successful and defences so determined that the enemy will require to reorganise and perhaps await the arrival of reinforcements before making any really large scale move.

At the moment the enemy appear to be digging in along rd TEBRUH-DERNA and are apparently organising a position behind GARRISON HILL (396429). This may be a move -

- (a) To nullify effectiveness of our patrols.
- (b) To protect his L of C.
- (c) To provide a jumping off place for a further attack.

18 APR 2010 hrs

A German pilot and an Italian lieutenant were captured and an Italian lieutenant was killed in front of 2.48 Bn A Coy lines near Post R 7.

(a) ATTACK: (see AD)

17 APR - At 1155 hrs 2/48 Bn noticed enemy vehs on ridge in direction of ACRONA. 1209 hrs 10 AF and possibly AFVs were observed fwd of CARRIERS HILL ref 396429 and reported attack imminent. Arty engaged enemy.

1245 hrs - Enemy moved into attack 300x from wire across whole length of 2/48 Bn's B Coy front. Estimated enemy strength 2 coys with probably more behind. These tps were accompanied by 15 to 20 vehs apparently tp and MG carriers, 4 large and 4 small tks appearing later. Some of the tks broke through wire & attacked area Trig 209 map ref 39734293 (ref map TORUK 1/50000).

Our arty & A/Tk gun fire forced tks to withdraw leaving 3 light tanks the remainder being pursued by our tks. No inf penetrated the wire.

(b) SHELLING:

16 APR - At 1830 hrs 10 rds were directed at Posts B8 & B9 but fell 200x short. These shells were apparently aimed at the A/Tk mines laid in the vicinity.

17 APR - Continuous shelling was experienced by 2/48 Bn A Coy area during night 16/17 Apr.

(c) OBSERVED MOVEMENT:

The main movement noticed was the preliminary to the attack on 2/48 Bn front. 15 tks were observed moving SW along ridge map ref 395425 at 1045 hrs. At the same time 4 more tks were seen at point map ref 394427. At 1148 hrs men and vehs assembled on rd east of ACRONA.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

1600 hrs - approx 30 enemy aircraft consisting of bombers & fighters passed over this B1 area headed for TORUK where several bombs were heard to fall.

(a) RAIDS

24 APRIL

(1) At 0725 hrs 500 enemy inf adv from direction of ACHWA to within 500 to 400x from C Coy front 2/48 Bn. The attack was preceded by shellfire which broke the wire. Our arty, mortar and SA fire repelled the attack and 2 ofrs and 106 OR walked in and were taken prisoner. Enemy casualties were considerable, ours nil.

(11) At about midday 100 enemy inf, adv over dead ground between Posts B3 and B5 on 2/48 front, from a range of 300x engaged Post B5. The attack was broken by our arty fire and enemy withdrew. Prisoners 1 ofr, 3 ORs.

4. (a) OWN PATROL ACTIVITY

26 APRIL

Patrols of 2/23 Bn, 2/48 Bn and 18 Cav Regt moved fr several points along Bde front and several enemy outposts w encountered. Thirty 21b mortar bombs, quantity of surgical medical equipment were recovered. Enemy digging party engaged by patrol of 2/23 Bn at 39704378.

18 Cav Regt patrol at 8000 hrs 25 Apr captured 1

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3. (a) OWN PATROL ACTIVITY (contd)

out to recover enemy MT in wadi 39774352. Mechanical difficulties and nature of ground forced party to abandon the attempt, 11 trucks then being destroyed and endeavour will be made later to salvage remaining one truck. On 27 Apr 2/43 Bn patrol engaged enemy section in shallow trench at 39364319 and wiped them out. 2 AFVs encountered at 39364319. Arty fire from approx 39344397.

26  
APRIL

3. OWN PATROL ACTIVITY

2100 hrs to 0800 hrs 20/21 May and 21/22 May:- 2/48 Bn see patrols reported ~~1000x~~ out from wire ~~8~~ 500x East and West of objectives, patrols originating from Posts R67, R68, R69 and R71.

0845 - 0930 hrs 20 May:- 2/48 Bn carrier patrol located 20/30 inf at 41914159 & 250 inf & 6 tp carriers at 41874147 to 41934147.

1200 - 1240 hrs 21 May:- 2/48 Bn carrier patrol again encountered 20/30 inf at 41914159 with LMG and 3 A/Tk guns - 8 tp carriers were observed 1000x further south at 41874147 to 41934147 - Mortar fire was experienced for 2000x on return.

*YOK*  
DIST (over)

*W. J. ...*  
..... Maj  
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde.



2/48 Bn D Coy 1500 - 1640 hrs patrol moved west from Post #2 35 for 300x. 250 enemy & 10 MT were observed over a 300x front approx 250x away. Papers, A/Tk gun and 2 limbered trailers were secured.

A further patrol of same coy over the same route resulted in no sight of enemy.- a further ~~50~~ 50 rounds of A/Tk gun and was brought in.

21 APRIL

From 2/48 Bn HQ Coy (1700 - 1715 hrs) a carrier patrol proceeded west for 1500x along ACHWA rd. Inf & MT were observed approx 300x out & probable gun emplacement. 4 Tks & Inf were noticed 400x from the wire.

2/48 Bn C Coy (1450 - 1700 hrs) patrol proceeded from Post R5 due west for 3000x. At 2000x recently dug unoccupied weapon pits sufficient to hold 150 men & for a further 1000x shelters from our arty fire have evidently been constructed. 700x from this point (i.e. 3700x from wire) a tk & a number of MT were observed.

(b) ENEMY USE OF CARRIER FIGURES

5. OWN RAIDS

Two successful raids into enemy territory were carried out morning 22 Apr 41.

(1) 2/48 Bn C Coy with supporting tks and arty raided enemy posns on CARRIER HILL. The RAF also co-operated, patrolling the area with LYSANDEK and HURRICANE aircraft. Three "I" tks moved out at 0640, and inf ~~maxed~~ got away well at 0700 hrs, all men getting through wire safely in spite of some by enemy shelling about that time. At 0745 hrs our arty reported that our tks were on the far side of CARRIER HILL. There was also SA fire as inf moved in. Tks contacted enemy at 0800 hrs and were observed ~~taxing~~ cruising about on CARRIER HILL. Shellfire ceased at 0810 hrs and our arty engaged enemy. Some MG fire was heard from behind CARRIER HILL. At 0855 hrs parties commenced the return journey bringing with them large numbers of prisoners and at 0930 reached their coy posns. Total number of prisoners 16 offrs and 352 ORs mostly ITALIAN arty. Several MCs and vehs were captured.

22 APR 41

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EVENT ORDER OF BATTLE

One officer among -  
German prisoners taken today by 2/48 in outside Post SS  
belonged to 33 Arty Regt. The remaining 6 were from the  
115 Regt.

OPERATIONAL AND ADM INT.

(a) SHELLING.

23 APR 12

1845-1900	22	Apr	15 shells in rear B & A coys 2/48 Bn.
1900-1930	22	Apr	50 shells in C coy area 2/48 Bn.
0330-0650	23	Apr	During this period shells fell every two minutes on post E.8 in A coy area 2/48 Bn
1410	23	Apr	10 shells at approx 1000x to left of Bn HQ 2/48 Bn.
1445	23	Apr	6 shells area post S2 B coy 2/48 Bn.

Almost continuous shelling was experienced throughout the day by B coy of the 2/48 Bn.

(b) OBSERVED MOVEMENT.

There has been only slight enemy movement along this Bde's front, this being mainly confined to the CARRIER HILL area. 23 Apr, during the morning 6 tks moved about in front of 2/48 Bn about 3500x out.

Enemy Ground Activity.

APRIL 15<sup>03</sup>

The enemy was apparently badly shaken by the setback of yesterday morning and he was rather inactive yesterday afternoon.

At approx 0730 hrs this morning masses of infantry were reported moving across the front of 2/48 Bn. Arty fire caused the enemy to disperse.

5. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE.

Prisoners taken by 2/48 Bn on 22 Apr belonged to Arty of  
132 ARIETE REGT and from 3 MC BN, 8 BERSAGLIERI REGT.

5. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

An Italian offr captured by 2/48 Bn belonged to 2 Alterio Regg.

14 APRIL

*Andrew* Maj  
EM 26 Aust Inf Bde.

COPY OF MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM PUFO 18 Apr 41

GOC in C Western Desert Force sends following message to TOBRUK.  
All ranks Desert Force outside TOBRUK join me in congratulating  
you on splendid defence of TOBRUK and initiative your men in  
inflicting heavy casualties and capturing hundreds prisoners.  
We are doing our best to emulate you men from outside TOBRUK  
with our mobile force which is also killing and capturing enemy  
and causing him considerable confusion.

*Bu H.Q.*



GROUND ACTIVITY

APR 22

The raid at dawn carried out by the 2/48 Bn and supported by a tp of 7 R.T.R. on CARRIER HILL was successful. Prisoners at 1100 totalled 16 officers, 352 ORs. These were mostly ITALIAN Arty from the 132 Regt, and from the 3 M/C Bn of the 8 BERSAGLIERI Regt. Two Btys of 75 m.m. guns and four 20 m.m. AA guns were taken. Our casualties were - 1 killed and 12 wounded.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

At 1730 hrs 28 Apr, fierce dive bombing attacks were made by a large number of Junkers 87 "Stuka" planes on 2/23 and 2/48 Bn areas. MG attacks were also made. Damage and casualties were slight in both cases, 1 being killed and 4 wounded in 2/23 Bn and 2 being slightly hurt in 2/48 Bn. The wire was broken in 2/23 area but no weapons were damaged. 150 bombs fell in 2/48 area.

At 0600 hrs 29 Apr 2 EA MGd 2/23 Bn area.

At 1330 hrs 29 Apr 2/24 Bn HQ and C Coy HQ were MGd by an EA - 5 casualties.

At 1405 hrs there was a ly dive bombing raid on 2/24 Bn D Coy - no casualties.

SECTION "B" - TECHNICAL AND ADM INT

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(b) MORTAR SHELLING

At 1620 hrs on 20 Apr 7 bombs fell on left flank of C Coy 2/48 Bn.

At 1810 hrs on 20 Apr 21 bombs fell in back area 2/48 Bn.  
From 1850 to 1940 hrs on 20 Apr 170 bombs fell on left flank of G Coy 2/48 Bn.

21st APR

ARTY SHELLING

From 1015-1045 hrs on 21 Apr 12 shells fell in rear of A & B Coys 2/48 Bn

(c) OBSERVED MOVEMENT

The main enemy movement of 26 Aust Inf Bde's front continues to be in CARRIER HILL area where a number of vehs carrying tps were seen approaching along ACROMA rd at 1930 hrs on 20 Apr

On 21 Apr at 0400 hrs enemy vehs were heard in general direction NNW of Post 513.

# MESSAGE FORM.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	No. of Groups GR.	Serial No.
	OUT		OFFICE DATE STAMP

TO **ABCD + HQ Coy + A+C Coy CAMO** (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

FROM **AMAP**      Originator's Number      Date      In Reply to Number

BATTEN WILL TAKE 10 + RUNNERS IN 1 TRUCK TO NEW POSN AND RECCE @ COYS WILL THIN OUT TO COY ASSEMBLY AREAS IN REAR OF PRESENT POSNS AND MOVE OUT IN FOLLOWING ORDER AT 5 MIN INTERVALS PAST 28 KILO POST: A Coy C Coy CAMO A Coy CAMO C Coy B Coy D Coy @ FIRST COY WILL PASS SP (KILO 28) AT ZERO WHICH WILL BE NOTIFIED @ NO WITHDRAWAL

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN** by any means.

If liable to be intercepted or fall into Enemy Hands, this message must be sent **IN CIPHER**.

Originator's instructions  
Degree of priority

Time of Origin.  
**1700 hr.**

SIGNED

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

System In.	Time In.	Reader.	Sender.	System Out.	Time Out.	Reader.	Sender.	System Out.	Time Out.	Reader.	Sender.

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
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BEFORE	TIME TO	BE NOTIFIED @ B	& D COYS	WILL
DENY	PRESENT	POSNS UNTIL Z+30 @ B	ECH	
WILL	MOVE	INDEPENDANTLY @	BN RV	TO
BE	NOTIFIED @			

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TO

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
Head Kilo 26	0400		
Tail 0420			
DISPERSAL Round 4 KILOS			
SPEED 20 MPH DENSITY 80%			

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Deaths						
SX 7418	Pte	McNAMARA F.	2/48 Bn	Killed in action	17 edpr	During an enemy attack at TOBRUK on 17 edpr 41.
SX 7279	Pte	VAN DEN BRINK L.H.	2/48 Bn	Killed in action	17 edpr	During an enemy attack at TOBRUK on 17 edpr 41.
SX 6228	Pte	HOWARD D.H.W.	2/48 Bn	Died from wounds received in action	18 edpr	During an enemy attack at TOBRUK on 17 edpr. 41.
SX 7882	Pte	HAYERS G.L.	2/48 Bn	Killed in action	18 edpr	By shell fire during an enemy attack at TOBRUK on 18 April 41.
SX 8578	Pte	TUCKER C.S.	2/48 Bn	Killed in action	18 edpr	By shell fire during an enemy attack at TOBRUK on 18 April 41

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<i>Deaths</i>						
SX 9241	Pte	RIEBE A.I.	2/48 Bn	Killed in action	18 cdf	By shell fire during an enemy attack at TOBRUK on 18 April 41.
SX 8418	Pte	BAHNISCH C.A.	2/48 Bn	Killed in action	18 cdf	By shell fire during an enemy attack at TOBRUK on 18 April 41.
SX 8412	Pte	BUTTON S.R.	2/48 Bn	Killed in action	18 cdf	By shell fire during an enemy attack at TOBRUK on 18 April 41.
SX 6958	Pte	DUNN W.E.	2/48 Bn	Killed in action	18 cdf	By shell fire during an enemy attack at TOBRUK on 18 April 41.

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*W. Scott Cappon*  
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Deaths						
SX 8285	Pte	HEXTALL E.G.	2/48 Bn	Killed in action	18 April	During an enemy attack at TOBRUK on 18 April 41.
SX 7649	Pte	DICKINSON G.H.	2/48 Bn	Killed in action	18 April	During an enemy attack at TOBRUK on 18 April 41.
Hospital admissions						
SX 6929	Pte	JENNINGS H.H.	2/48 Bn	Multiple shrapnel wounds	18 April	During an enemy attack at TOBRUK on 18 April 41. Injury serious.
SX 8273	Pte	CHRISTIE R.T.	2/48 Bn	Fractured right arm and left thigh	18 April	During an enemy attack at TOBRUK on 18 April 41. Injury serious

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SX 7056	PL	PEARSON F.B.	2/48 Bn	Shrapnel wound in chest	17 cdpr.	During enemy attack at TOBRUK on 17 cdpr 41. Injury not serious.
SX 7467	PL	DECAUX A.S.	2/48 Bn	Lacerated right foot	17 cdpr	During enemy attack at TOBRUK on 17 cdpr 41. Injury not serious.
SX 7129	PL	HANLEY J.W.	2/48 Bn	Multiple shrapnel wounds	17 cdpr	During enemy attack at TOBRUK on 17 cdpr 41.
SX 7299	PL	BEYER T.W.J.	2/48 Bn	Sick	17 cdpr	Evacuated
SX 7217	"	WINDEBANK T.H.G.	"	"	17 cdpr	"
SX 8165	"	COHEN G.A.	"	Shell-shock	18 cdpr	Result of enemy action at TOBRUK

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SX 8578 Pte TUCKER C S  
SX 6958 Pte DUNN W E  
SX 9241 Pte RIEBE A I  
SX 8712 Pte BUTTON S R  
SX 8418 Pte BAHNISCH C A

These soldiers were a party of stretcher bearers who had stationed themselves in a post near the front line during heavy shell fire waiting an opportunity to move out to attend to wounded. They were killed instantly when a shell struck the post.

SX 7649 Pte DICKINSON G H

This soldier was ~~signaller~~ ~~was~~ on duty ~~at the telephone~~ in a concrete post at HQ of a Coy in the front line when a shell struck the post killing him and seriously wounding another ~~signaller~~ who was with him. *Soldier*

SX 8285 Pte HEXTALL E G

This soldier was a member of a Platoon manning a fwd post which was under heavy shell fire during an enemy attack on TOBRUK defences. A shell which landed near the post killed him instantly.

SX 7279 Pte Van den BRINK L H  
SX 7418 Pte MACNAMARA F

These soldiers were members of a Platoon in the front line during an enemy attack on TOBRUK defences. They were killed instantly when a shell landed in the post which their Platoon was holding.

SX 6228 Pte HOWARD, D H W

This soldier was a member of a Platoon which was holding a post in a forward position which was under very heavy shell fire during an attack on the TOBRUK defences. A shell landed in the post wounding him, and he died in the ambulance when he was being taken to the hospital.

*W. J. K. Wundt*  
Lt. Col.  
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Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
Hospital Admissions					
Lieut	WARDLE A.	2/48 Bn	Sick	27 Mar	
Rejoined Unit					
Lieut	WARDLE A.	2/48 Bn	Sick	11 Apr	From Hospital
Lieut	WILLIAMS C.F.	"	From METS No 8 bourse	21 Apr	
Schools & bourses					
Lieut	WILLIAMS C.F.	2/48 Bn	To METS No 8 bourse	10 Mar	boy bonds bourse
Lieut	DOLLMAN R.B.	"	To METS No 20 mortar bourse	11 Mar	

(Date) 21 Apr 1941

*N.J. Vandeyck*  
Lt. Col.  
(Signature of Commander)  
Comd. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.

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SX 7213	Pte	WOOD S.L.	2/48 Bn	To 26 Aust Inf Bde	20 Apr	
Transfers						
SX 7818	Pte	FLAVEL G.A.J.	2/48 Bn	To 26 Aust Inf Bde	20 Apr	
SX 8204	"	VIIHAN E.W.	"	To HQ 9 Aust Div	17 Mar	Batman
Hospital admissions						
SX 4006	Pte	ROGERS G.W.	2/48 Bn	Accidentally wounded	21 Apr	Penetrating bullet wound of head injury serious
<p>Pte Rogers was returning to his boy HQ from which he had been absent performing his duty as a runner. It was night time. In the dark his loaded rifle caught on the steps of the dug-out. It discharged and the bullet struck him in the head.</p>						

(Date) 21 April 1941

(Signature of Commander.)

H.J. W... 2/48 Bn  
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<i>Trade Groupings</i>						
SX 5896	Pte	HOSKINS A.F.	2/48 Bn	Trade Group II	20 Feb.	Signaller
SX 7893	"	SPRINGBETT D.M.	"	"	20 Feb	"
SX 6305	"	DARLEY R.C.	"	"	20 Feb	"
SX 8642	"	STARLING H.A.	"	"	20 Feb	"
SX 6306	"	JARMYN C.B.	"	"	20 Feb	"
SX 7657	"	GERAGHTY M.A.	"	"	20 Feb.	"
SX 9399	"	NOACK A.J.	"	"	20 Feb	"
SX 8655	"	CROCKER N.S.	"	"	20 Feb.	"
SX 7244	"	RAMSDALE R.	"	"	20 Feb	"
SX 10164	"	MELKETT N.T.	"	"	17 Apr	Intelligence
<i>Trade Group I</i>						
SX 8128	Pte	BRAIDWOOD I.G.	2/48 Bn	Trade Group I	1 Mch	Signaller
SX 7067	"	ANDERSON P.M.	"	do	1 Mch	"
SX 7715	"	BIELE A.L.	"	do	1 Mch	"
SX 5138	"	LOXTON D.G.	"	do	1 Mch	"
SX 5896	"	HOSKINS A.F.	"	do	1 Mch	"

(Date) 24 April 19. 41

*J. H. Scott C.M. for*  
 Lt. Col.  
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		Trade Groupings				
SX 7893	Pte	SPRINGBETT D.M.	2/48 Bn	Trade Group I	1 Mch	Signaller
SX 6305	"	DARLEY R.C.	"	do	1 Mch	"
SX 8642	"	STARLING H.A.	"	do	1 Mch	"
SX 6306	"	JARMYN C.B.	"	do	1 Mch	"
SX 7657	"	GERAGHTY M.A.	"	do	1 Mch	"
SX 9399	"	NOACK A.J.	"	do	1 Mch	"
SX 8655	"	CROCKER N.S.	"	do	1 Mch	"
SX 7244	"	RAMSDALE R.	"	do	1 Mch	"

(Date) 24 April 1941

*[Signature]* Lt. Col.  
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SX 9384	L/Bpl	TODD A.T.	2/48 Bn	Promotion	23 cdpr	To A/Bpl
SX 7257	L/Bpl	SMITH S.J.B.	"	"	23 cdpr	To A/Bpl
SX 7324	L/Bpl	ABBOTT L.B.	"	"	23 cdpr	To A/Bpl
SX 7615	L/Bpl	KING A.T.	"	"	23 cdpr	To A/Bpl
SX 7294	L/Bpl	STOPP H.F.	"	"	23 cdpr	To A/Bpl
SX 7400	L/Bpl	HALE F.W.	"	"	23 cdpr	To A/Bpl
SX 10164	A/L/Sjt	MELLETT N.T.	2/48 Bn	Reversion	16 cdpr	To Pte (at own request)
<i>Trade Groupings</i>						
SX 7469	Pte	KENDALL P.W.	2/48 Bn	Relinquishment of Trade Group II	12 Mar	Intelligence
SX 8128	"	BRAIDWOOD I.G.	2/48 Bn	Trade Group II	20 Feb	Signaller
SX 7067	"	ANDERSON P.M.	"	"	20 Feb	"
SX 7715	"	BIELE A.L.	"	"	20 Feb	"
SX 5138	"	LOXTON D.G.	"	"	20 Feb.	"

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SX 10104	A/bpl	GARROOD P.J.	"	"	16 cdpr	To be bpl
SX 8079	A/bpl	KEATS R.G.	"	"	16 cdpr	To be bpl
SX 7661	A/bpl	LAMBERT A.J.	"	"	16 cdpr	To be bpl
SX 7338	A/bpl	PRYOR W.E.	"	"	16 cdpr	To be bpl
SX 10043	A/ljt	LLOYD L.H.	"	"	16 cdpr	To be ljt
SX 7437	A/bpl	EDEN D.W.B.	2/48 Bn	Reversion	23 cdpr	To Pte
SX 7164	A/bpl	COLLIER D.H.H.	"	"	23 cdpr	To Pte
SX 7456	bpl	DITTY L.A.	2/48 Bn	appointment	23 cdpr	To be L/ljt
SX 8095	bpl	NOTTLE W.J.	"	"	23 cdpr	To be L/ljt
SX 7338	bpl	PRYOR W.E.	2/48 Bn	Promotion	23 cdpr	To A/ljt
SX 6911	bpl	TONKIN L.K.	"	"	23 cdpr	To A/ljt
SX 6848	Pte	MEYER A.F.E.	"	"	23 cdpr	To A/bpl

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SX 7585	Pte	EASTON R. J.	2/48 Bn	Killed in action	22 apr	} During a raid on enemy positions at TOBRUK on 22 April 1941.
SX 7368	"	TANNER A. A.	"	Killed in action	22 apr	
SX 8190	Pte	GILL C. G.	2/48 Bn	Sick	22 Mch	from 'X' list
SX 7139	"	RADBONE G. G.	"	Sick	23 apr	from 'X' list
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		Hospital admissions				
SX 8459	Pte	BUCKLEY J. J.	2/48 Bn	Sick	21 cdpr	Evacuated to "X" list
SX 7370	"	SPALL N. C. S.	"	Wounded in action		During a raid on enemy positions at TOBRUK on 22 April 1941.
				Injury serious	22 cdpr.	
SX 7784	bpl	KENNEDY H. E.	"	Wounded in action		
				Injury slight	22 cdpr	
SX 7605	Sjt	BATTY L. W. C.	"	Wounded in action		
				Injury severe	22 cdpr	
SX 7863	Pte	DANIELS R. G.	"	Wounded in action		
				Injury slight	22 cdpr	
SX 8166	Pte	HALES W. M.	"	Wounded in action		
				Injury serious	22 cdpr	
SX 7528	Pte	BOXER E. G.	"	Wounded in action		
				Injury serious	22 cdpr	
SX 7702	Pte	DEERING C. S.	"	Wounded in action		
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*W. J. K. W. ...*

Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Bn

"Never Beaten"

The Bn is still receiving congratulations for the excellent work it has been doing recently. Yesterday our CO received the following message from the Brig: I SHALL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL CONVEY TO ALL RANKS UNDER YOUR COMMAND MY CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS MORNING'S SPLENDID EFFORT. THE DASH AND DETERMINATION WITH WHICH THE OPERATION WAS CARRIED OUT AND THE THOROUGHNESS OF ITS PREPARATION ARE WORTHY OF THE BEST TRADITIONS OF THE AIF. IT HAS BEEN MY PLEASURE DURING THE DAY TO RECEIVE ON YOUR BEHALF THE CONGRATULATIONS OF THE GOC AND MY FELLOW BRIGADIERS IN THIS AREA. I HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE PROUD OF THE 48 BN.

MAILS - Further to the paragraph which appeared in yesterday's issue. No limit is now placed on the number of letters which any one man may despatch. However, Offrs can only be expected to frank as many letters as they can consistent with their present duties, but they will at least frank one letter per man per week.

At 1200hrs today there was a raid by ENEMY AIRCRAFT on TOBRUK harbour. Thirteen enemy planes including STUKAS made the raid. Only slight damage was done. SIX of the aircraft were shot down for certain. Our losses were three planes, two pilots of which are safe.

Replying to this message the CO said that while we were all proud of the Bn we realised that the success of the operation was a result of the splendid co-operation of ALL the Tps engaged

The Colonel ordered that one of the unit cars should be sent round to him immediately. "Sorry, sir," replied the NCO, "the Major and other officers are out in the cars and the QM has borrowed your bicycle." "Well, find my batman!" shouted the Colonel. "If he's not wearing my boots, I'll walk!"

It's reported that the Dictators are SOLLUM-ly De-LIBYA-rating

NEWS SERVICE :

The reception last night was particularly bad and much of the news was lost. It appears that TRIPOLI has been extensively raided by the RAF and five JUNKERS troop carrying planes were brought down, and extensive damage done to the harbour and shipping. Aerodromes at DERNA, BARCE and CAPUZZO were also bombed. The situation in GREECE has taken on a most complicated character. However, the allied line has been consolidated, and the GERMAN advance stopped. The successful establishment of the new position is due to the brilliant fighting of the rearguard action by AUSTRALIAN and NEW ZEALAND tps together with a crack BRITISH Infantry Regt. Mr Fadden Actg Prime Minister of AUST announced that AUSTRALIAN casualties in GREECE were not as heavy as had been expected.

2/48 Bn CLUB

It appears that the succes of the Bn in the field is equally paralleled by the success of the Club at Home. The Club, a sub unit of the FFC Fund, has grown immensely and any man whose wife mother or sweetheart is not a member of the Club is urged to get them to do this as the Club is a means of the women folk at home keeping in touch with each other ans so forming a united home front. In a recent Tin Hat appeal the Club sold 1200 badges at sixpence each as well as a number at 1/- and 5/- In addition to this they sold through their own organisation £80 worth which we all agree is a sterling effort. The Club has a sub-branch at Pt. ADELAIDE, Mrs. I. A. LEACH being President. This sub-branch is growing with each fortnightly meeting. Tell your women folk to contact any of the following if they are desirous of joining the Club:- Mrs R. L. BATTEN, 5 Daphne St., PROSPECT Vice-President

- Mrs D. R. CARMICHAEL, C rington St., ADELAIDE. Secretary
- Mrs I. A. LEACH, 9 Rose St., SANDWELL Pt. Adelaide Branch, President

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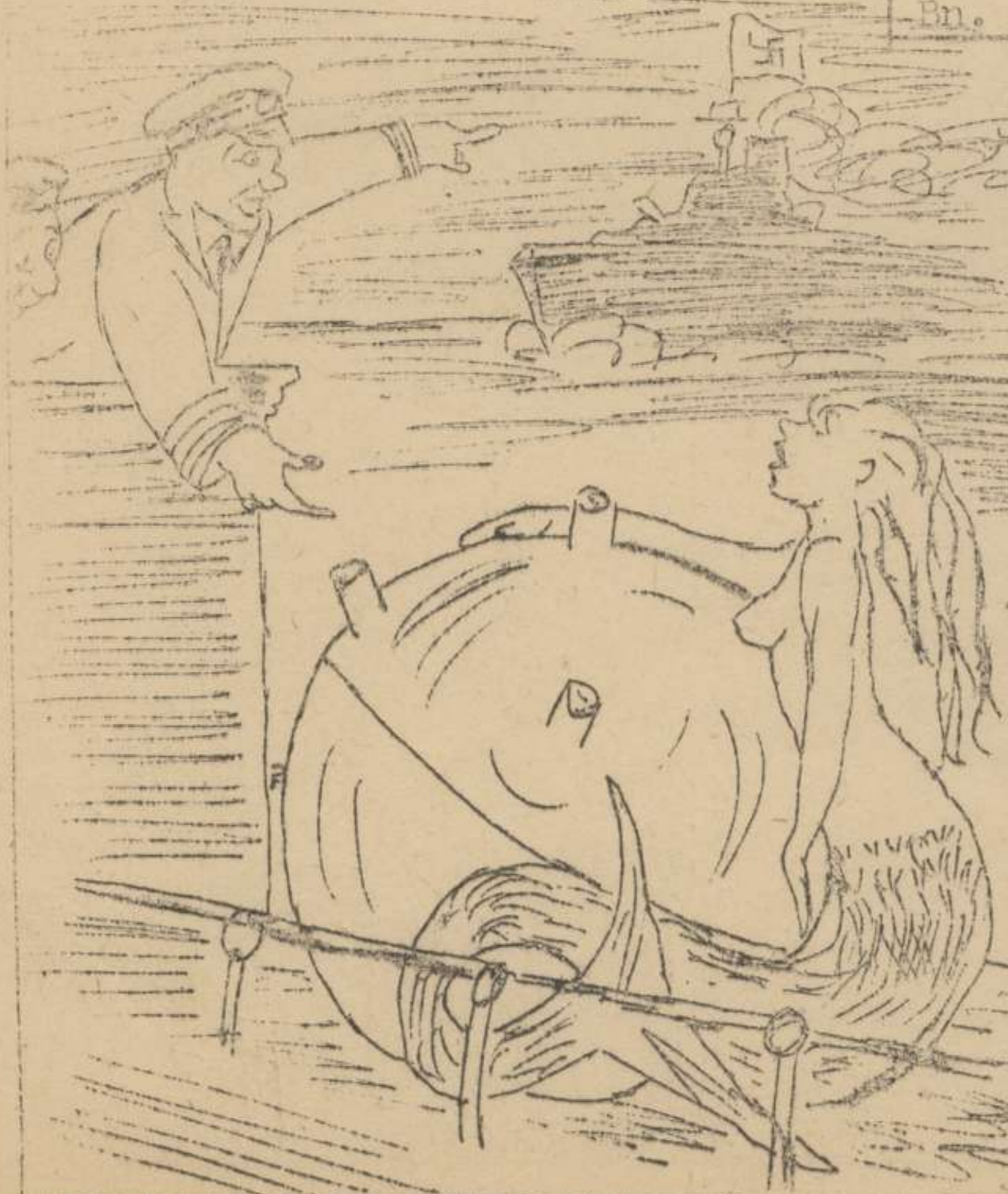
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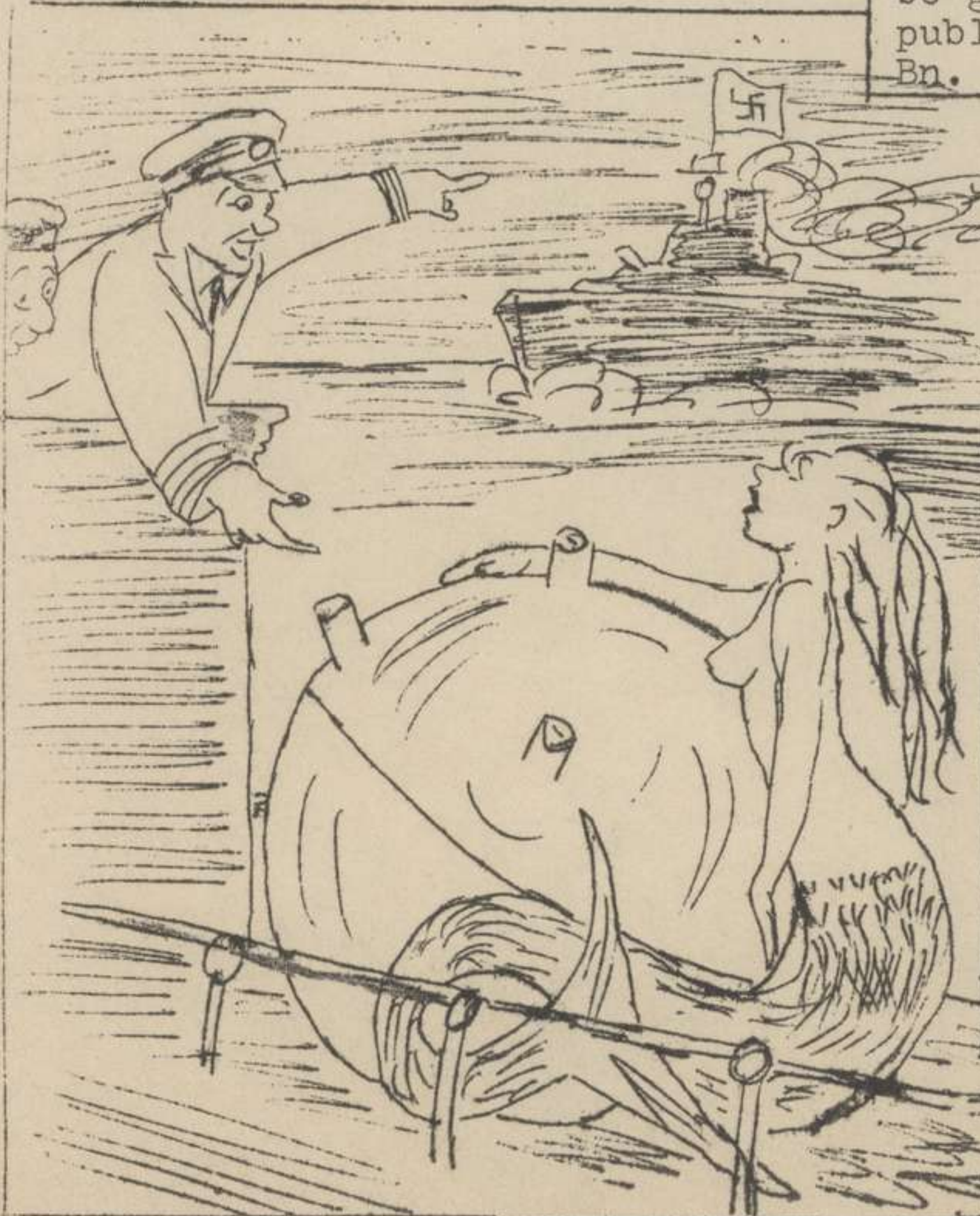
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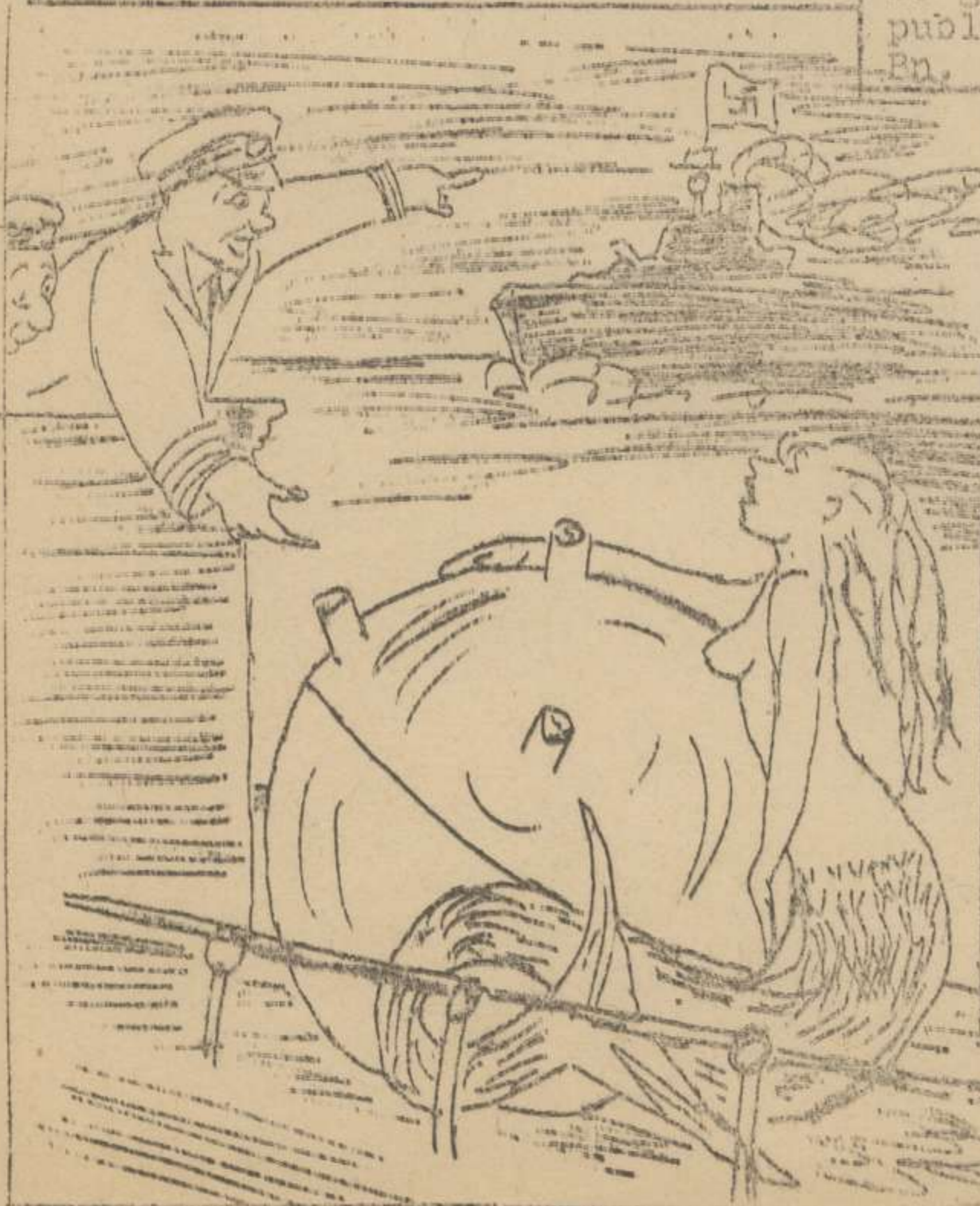
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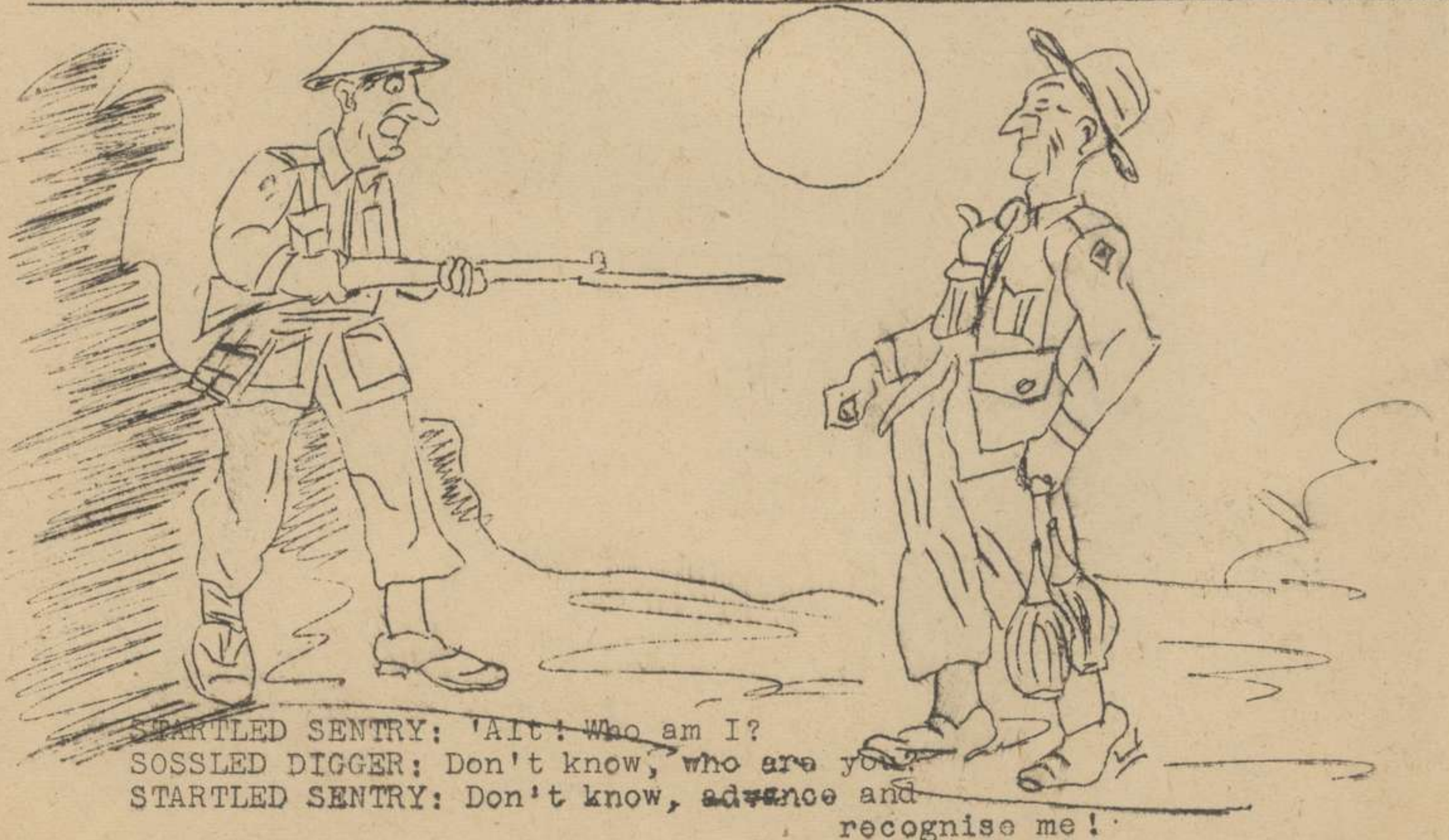
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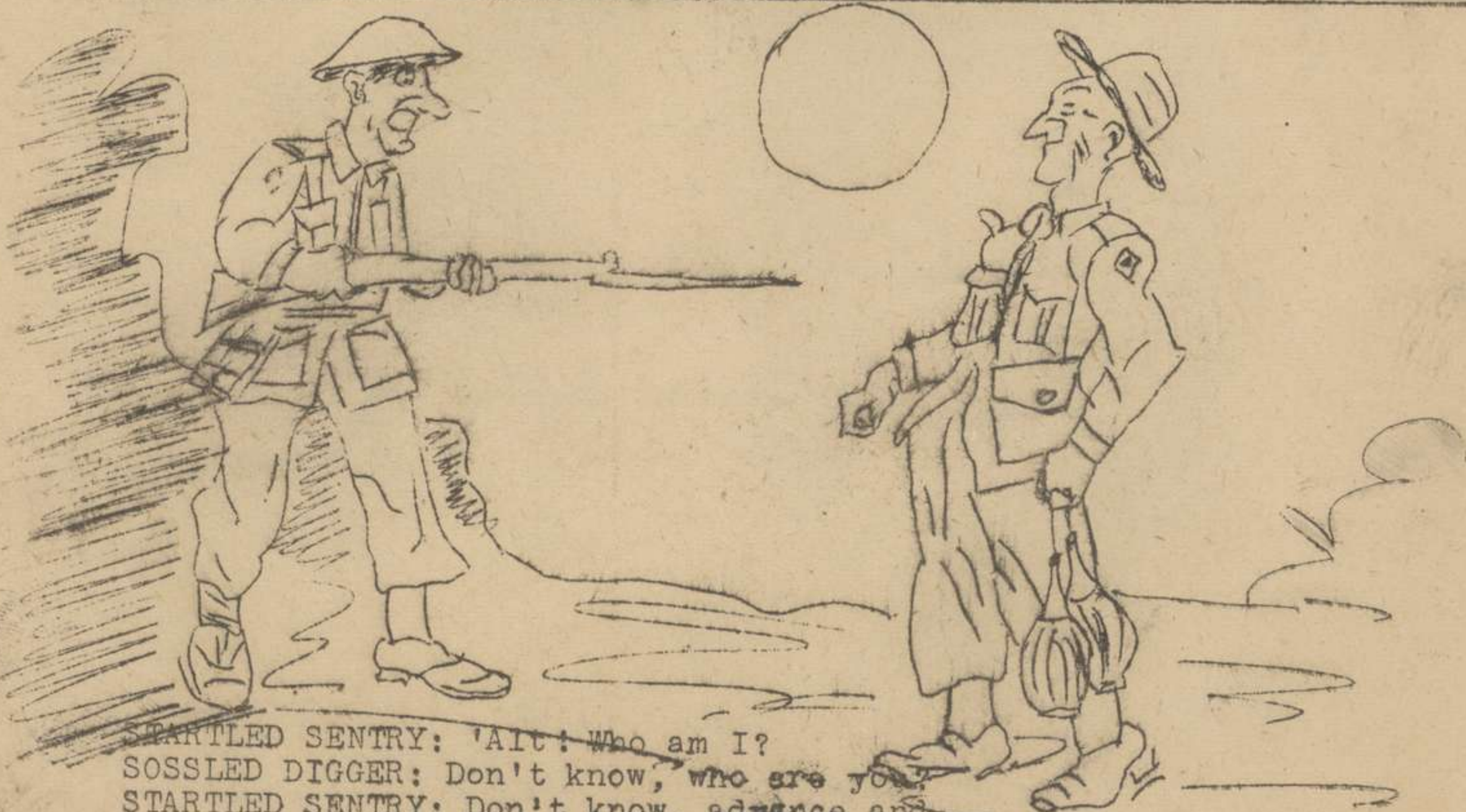
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NEWS SERVICE 2100hrs 24 Apr 41

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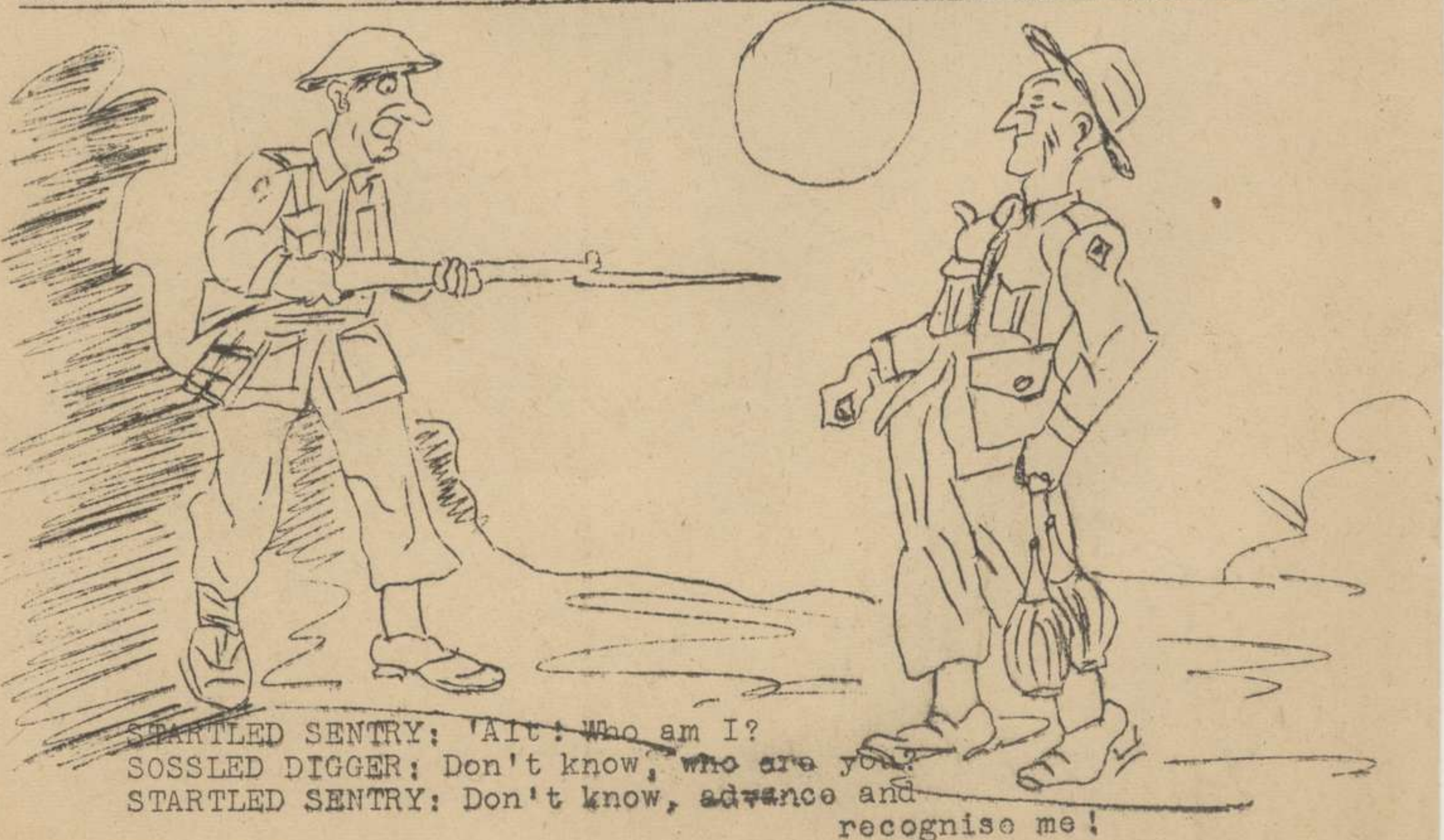
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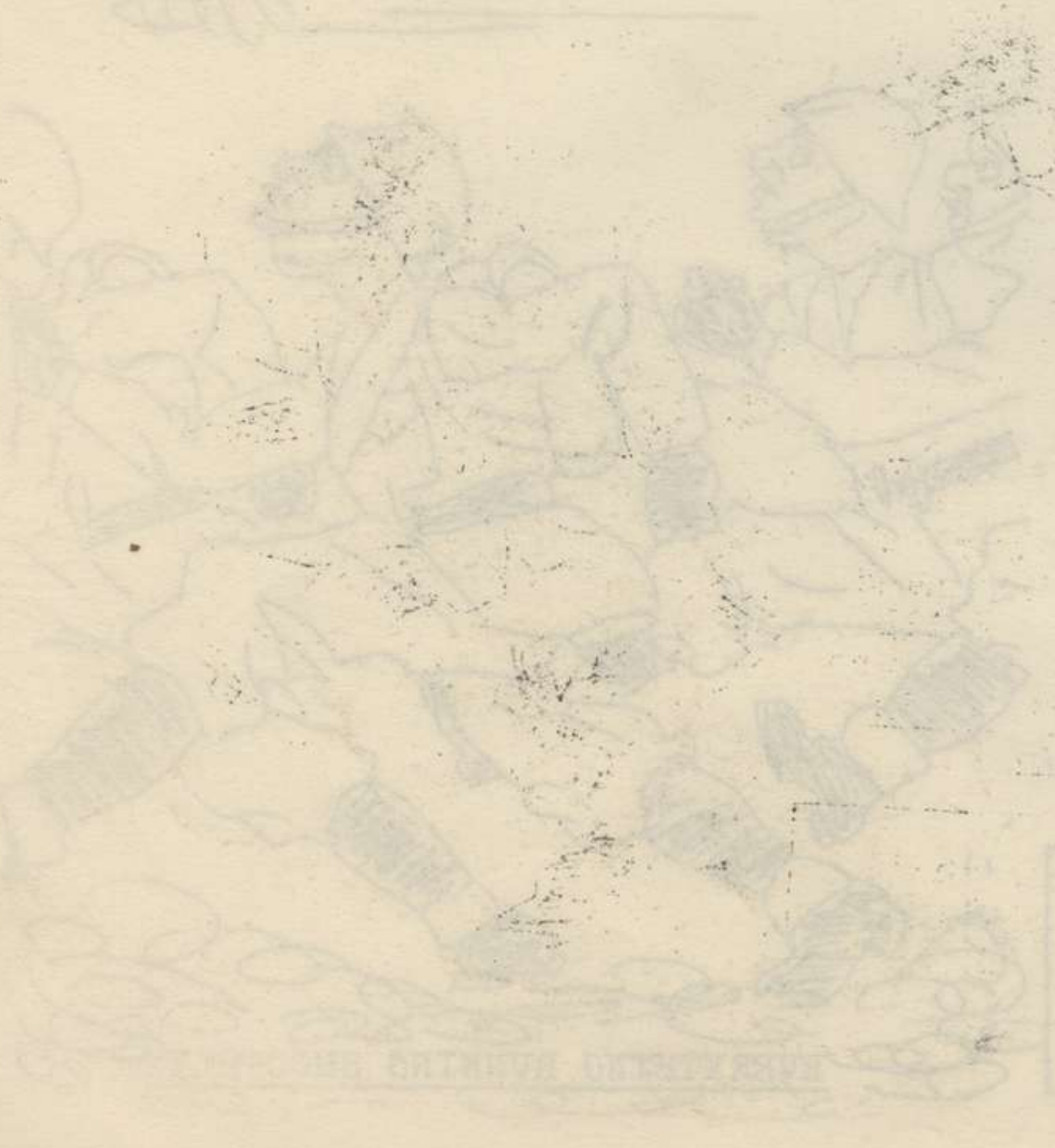


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     But to cut and run never entered a head  
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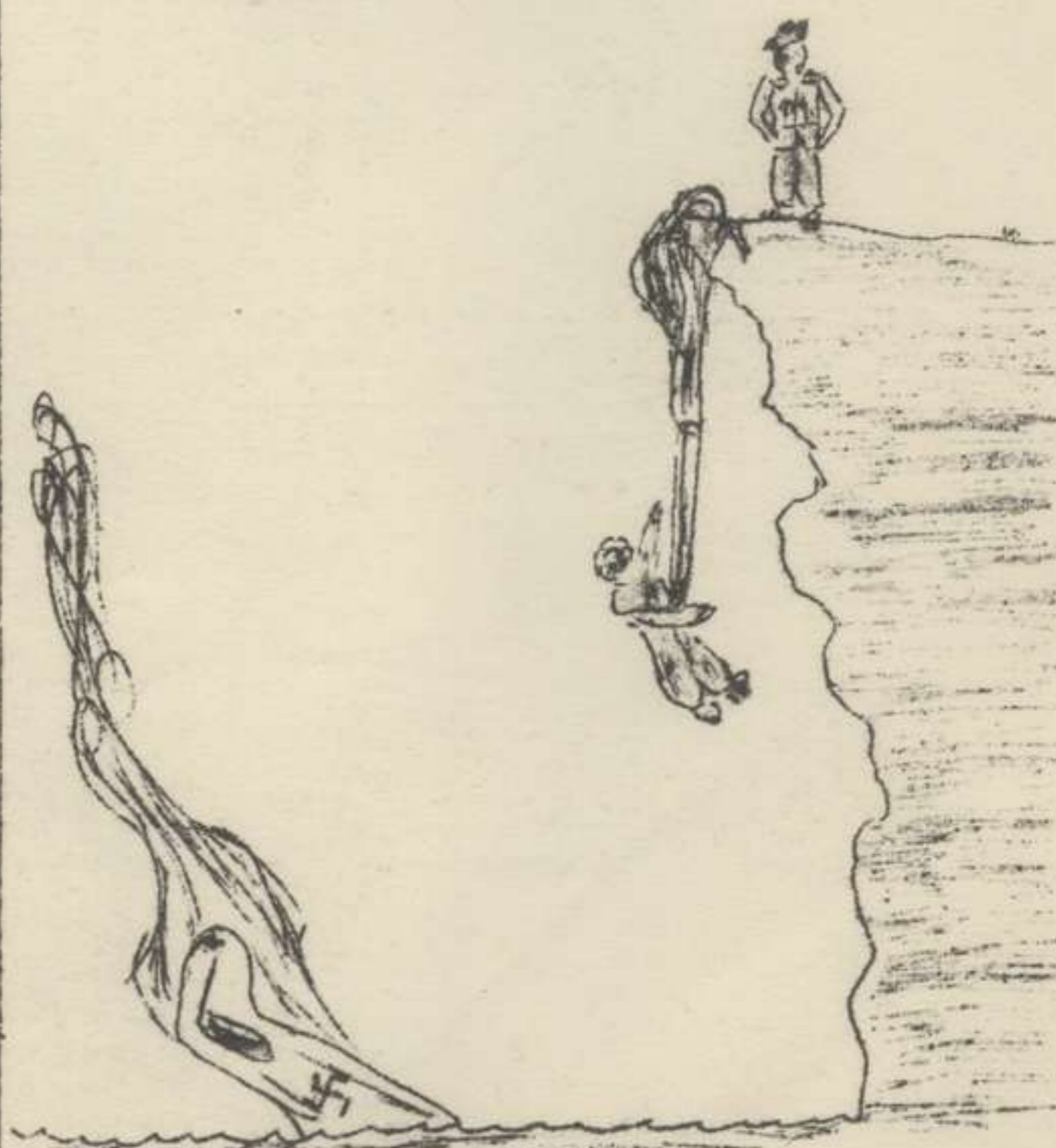
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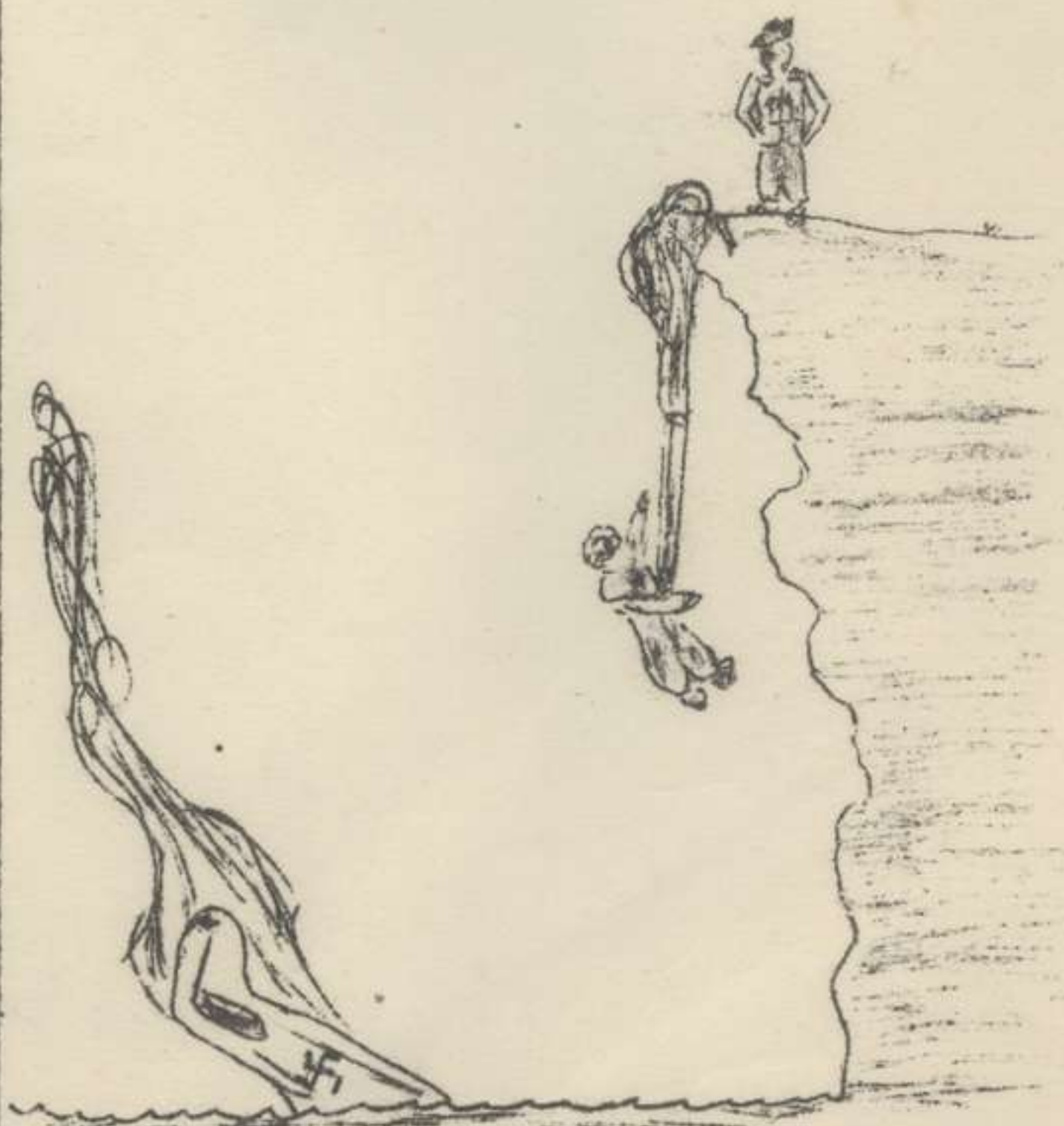
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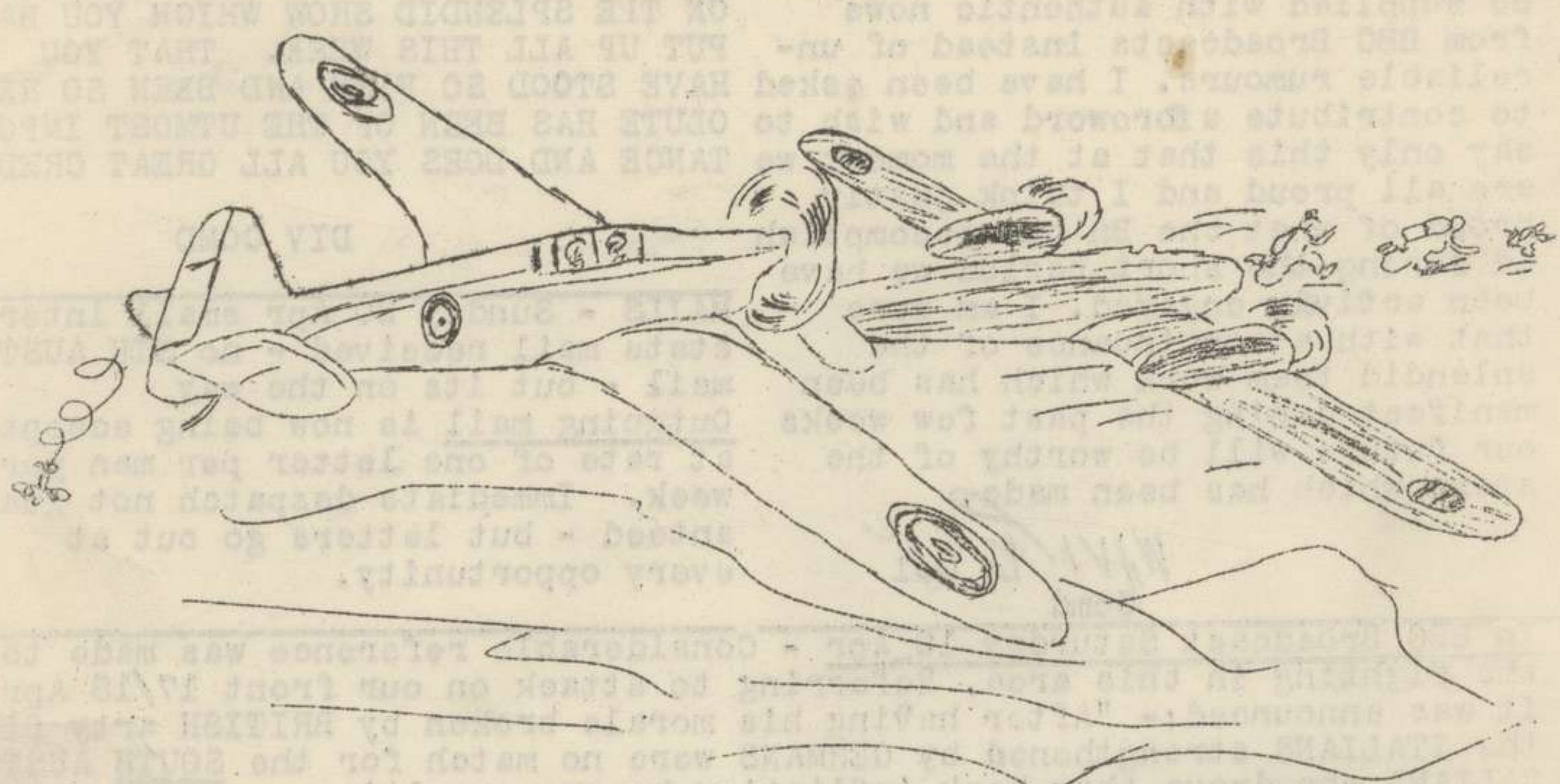
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2/48 Bn CLUB

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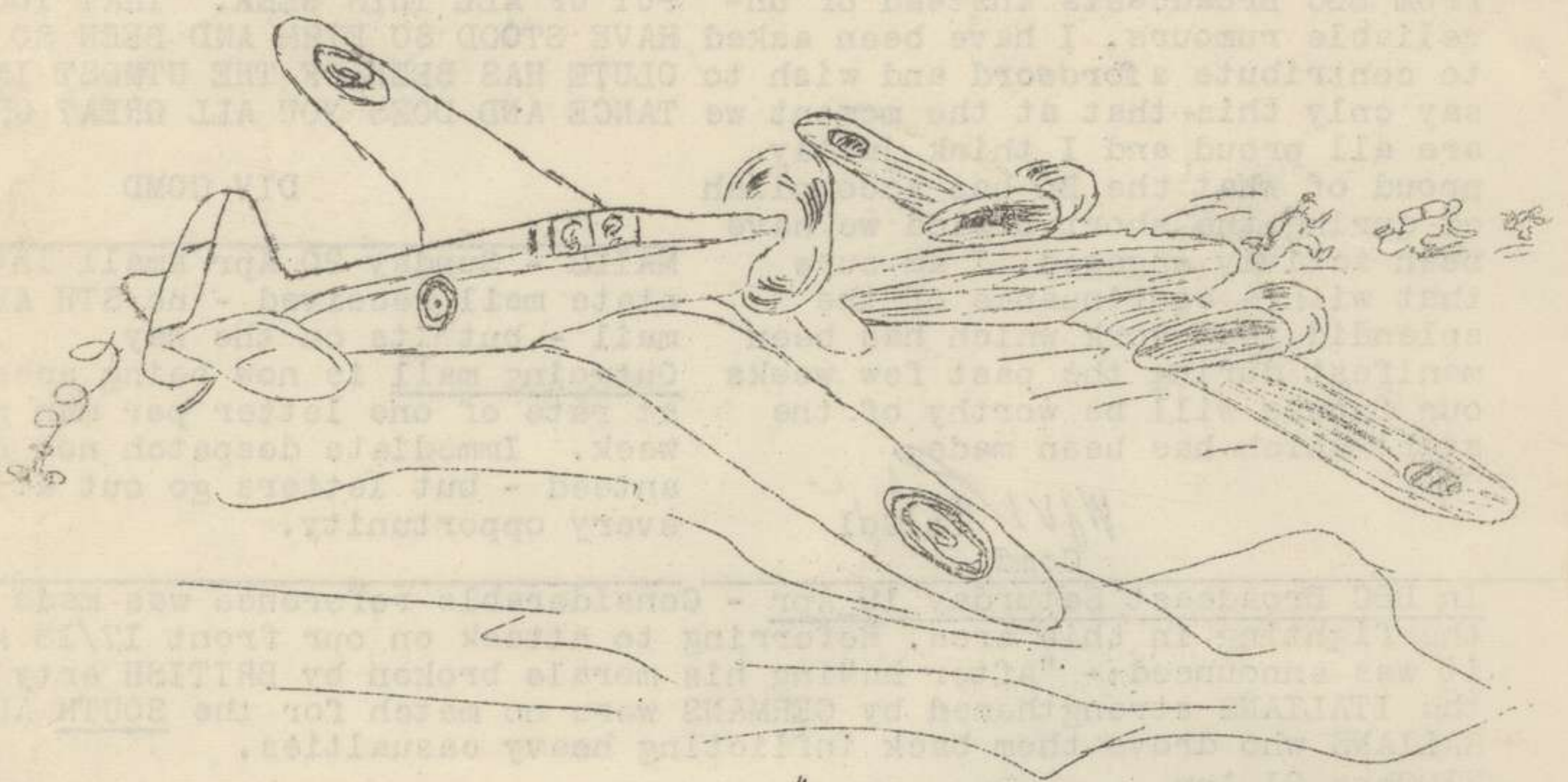
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"The General Officer Commanding GERMAN forces in LIBYA hereby requests that BRITISH troops occupying TOBRUK to surrender arms. Single soldiers waving white handkerchiefs are not fired upon. Strong GERMAN forces have already surrounded TOBRUK. It is useless to try and escape. Our dive bombers and Stukas are awaiting your ships which are lying in TOBRUK"  
Jerry has discovered that our reception of his planes is a little too hot, so he has taken to dropping propaganda. The above was received 13 Apr. War has its humerous side and no doubt the paper was useful!

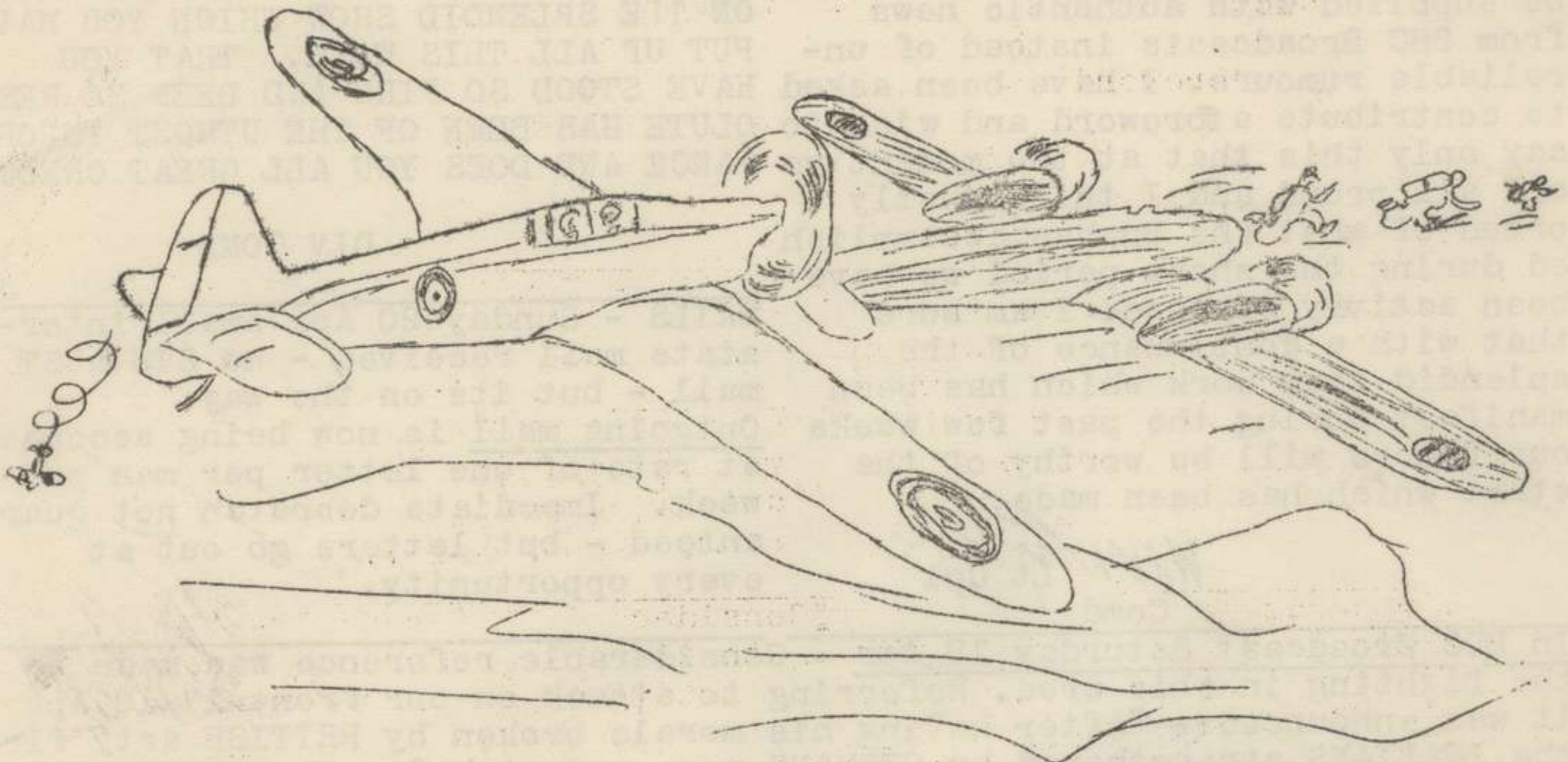
FLASH! This morning C Coy with one troop of a BRITISH Tank Regt assisted by Arty Regt together with No 4 Pl carried out a very successful raid on CARRIER HILL. 370 prisoners (including 16 Officers) were captured. This brings our bag to 1260 mainly Itis but including some GERMANS

CASUALTIES:- This morning casualties were 1 killed and 7 wounded  
Total casualties to date - since leaving STH AUST

13 killed  
20 wounded

**BUT WE'RE GOING TO-BRUK NO DEFEAT !**

RAF continues to bomb BERLIN. Mr Churchill has stated that if GERMANS carry out threat to bomb either ATHENS or CAIRO he will systematically bomb ROME



"BY GEE! THESE ITALIANS  
CAN RUN"



"LEFT! RIGHT! LEFT!"

PICK UP Y'R DRESSING!"

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/48 Bn (Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	3		
Captains ...	5		
Lieutenants ...	22		1
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>1</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut of Capt	BISHOP K. E.	2/48 Bn	22 Mar	seconded HQ 9 dist Bn

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
capt	LEANE G. M.	2/48 Bn	MC Staff
lieut	CROMPTON P.	"	do
lieut	LEMESSURIER R. W.	"	do



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	NX 396	WINDEYER W.J.V.	CO	Yes	
Major	SX 8894	BATTEN R.L.	2 i/c	-	
"	SX 10305	BULL G.J.	Boy band	-	
"	VX 40200	LOUGHREY J.	"	-	
Capt	SX 10312	FORBES W.	"	-	
"	SX 10310	TUCKER F.A.G.	"	-	
"	SX 10311	WOODS H.A.	"	-	
"	SX 10314	TUCKER L.R.	Boy 2 i/c	-	
"	SX 10309	SCOTT T.H.	adit	-	
Lieut	SX 1291	WARDLE A.	Pl Band	-	
"	SX 10194	LEACH I.A.	QM	-	
"	SX 10306	SHILLAKER R.S.	Pl Band	-	
"	SX 10307	HILL D.P.	"	-	
"	SX 10316	EDMUNDS G.S.	Boy 2 i/c	-	
"	SX 10317	WILLIAMS C.F.	Pl Band	No	School
"	SX 10318	MAXWELL WRIGHT D.	"	Yes	
"	SX 10245	REID W.R.	"	-	
"	SX 127	THREEDGOLD F.B.	"	-	
"	SX 175	BROCKSOPP A.E.	"	-	
"	SX 10321	DOLLMAN R.B.	"	No	School
"	SX 10332	LARKINS G.D.	"	Yes	
"	SX 10324	BEER H.R.	"	-	
"	SX 10325	ROBBINS P.	"	-	
"	SX 10329	BRYANT D.	"	-	
"	SX 10330	KIMBER D.	"	-	
"	SX 9990	MORPHETT H.C.	"	-	
"	SX 9461	ISAKSSON O.H.	"	-	
"	SX 8690	MCLAY A.H.	"	-	
"	SX 2895	GILL G.T.	10	-	
"	SX 10258	POTTER J.D.	TD	-	
"	SX 7686	JENNINS W.C.	Pl Band	-	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	SX 10192	DAWKINS D.C.	AAME	26 Aug	MO
Chaplain	NX 70328	ARCHBOLD B.C.	AA.C. Det	13 Oct	Parade

2/48 Bn

(Unit.)

15 Apr 41.

(Date of Despatch.)

*W.J.V. Windeyer*  
(Signature of Commander.)

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/48 Bn Week Ending 5 Apr 41.  
(Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
* .....			
* .....			
Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	1		
Majors ... ..	3		
Captains ... ..	5		
Lieutenants ... ..	22		1
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..			
<b>TOTALS</b> ... ..	<b>31</b>		<b>1</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
CAPT	LEANE G.M.	2/48 Bn	MC Staff
LIEUT	CROPTON P.	"	do
LIEUT	LEMESSURIER R.W.	"	do

**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	NX 396	WINDEYER WTV	CO	Yes	
Maj	SX 8894	BATTEN RL	2 1/2		
	SX 10305	BULL GJ	Co/Command		
	YL 10300	LOUGHREY J			
Capt	SX 10312	FORBES W			
	SX 10310	TUCKER FAG			
	SX 10311	WOODS HA			
	SX 10314	TUCKER LR	Co 2 1/2		
	SX 10309	SCOTT TH	Co 2 1/2		
Lieut	SX 1391	WARDLE A	Co 2 1/2		
	SX 10194	LEACH HA	Co 2 1/2		
	SX 10306	SHILLAKER RS	Co 2 1/2		
	SX 10307	HILL DP			
	SX 10316	EDMUNDS GS	Co 2 1/2		
	SX 10317	WILLIAMS CF	Co 2 1/2	No	School
	SX 10318	MAXWELL WRIGHT J		Yes	
	SX 10315	REID WR			
	SX 137	THREDCOLD FB			
	SX 175	BROCKSOPP AE			
	SX 10331	DOLLMAN RD		No	School
	SX 10332	LARKINS GD		Yes	
	SX 10324	BEER HR			
	SX 10325	ROBBINS P			
	SX 10329	BRYANT D			
	SX 10330	KIMBER D			
	SX 9990	MORPHETT HC			
	SX 9441	ISAHSSON OH			
	SX 8190	MILLY AH			
	SX 2895	GILL GT	10		
	SX 10358	POTTER ID	10		
	SX 7686	TENKINS WC	Co 2 1/2		

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	SX 10193	DAWKINS DC	RAMS	2/48	MO
Chaplain	NX 70378	RECHBOLD BC	RAMS	1/48	Padre

2/48/41  
(Unit.)  
15 Apr 41.  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]* Lt Col  
Command 2/48 B (Signature of Commander.)  
*[Signature]*  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

















2/48 Bn

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
Riflemen														64	64
General duty personnel															
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)														64	64

2/48 Bn

Unit.

Date of Despatch

22 Apr 41

*W. J. V. W. ...*  
Signature of Commander.

26 Aust Inf Bde

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/48 Bm (Unit) 26 April 1941 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	27		
Corporals	63		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	554		94
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>658</b>		<b>94</b>

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

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Lt DRIVER G.H.	AA PC		
Lt MANSER O.R.	AA OC		
Lt THURSFIELD E.W.T.	"		
Pte SLATER H.B.	"		
Pte CUNNINGHAM G.C.	"		
Lt DITTY N.F.	AA Postal corps		
Pte KELLY B.P.	AA BL Dept.		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
SA 5467	A/Lt	WELLS W.A.N.	2/48 Bm	ME Sig School No 15 Regt Sig School
SA 9661	Lt	BIERWIRTH R.C.	2/48 Bm	24 Inf Sig Bm

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Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.		Troopers, Privates, &c.
Bricklayers															
Butchers															
Carpenters and Joiners															
Clerks															
Despatch Riders															
Draughtsmen (topo)															
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.															
Electricians															
Farriers															
Fitters															
Masons															
Painters and Decorators															
Plumbers and Gasfitters															
Saddlers and Harness Makers															
Signallers															
Storemen technical															
Vickers Machine Gunners															
Cooks															
Drivers MT														4	
Stretcher Bearers														4	
Riflemen														86	
General duty personnel															
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)														94	

2/48 Bn

Unit.

W.V. ...  
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch

30 April 1941

26 Aust Inf Bde

Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/48 Bn (Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
* .....			
* .....			
Lieut.-Colonels ... ..	6		
Majors ... ..	3		
Captains ... ..	6		
Lieutenants ... ..	22		
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..			
<b>TOTALS</b> ... ..	<b>32</b>		

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	DONNMAN R.B.	2/48 Bn	22 Feb	Evacuated to Hospital and transferred to "X" list

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
Capt	NEANE G.M.	2/48 Bn	MC Staff
Lieut	CROMPTON P.	"	do
Lieut	LEMESSURIER R.W.	"	do

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**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
lt col	NX 396	WINDEYER W.J.V.	CO	Yes	
Major	Sx 8894	BHATTEN R.H.	2 i/c	"	
"	Sx 10305	BULL G.J.	boy bond	"	
"	Sx 40200	LOUGHKEY J.	do	"	
capt	Sx 10312	FORBES W.	"	"	
"	Sx 10310	TUCKER F.H.G.	"	"	
"	Sx 10311	WOODS H.H.	"	"	
"	Sx 10314	FULKER L.R.	boy 2 i/c	"	
"	Sx 10309	SCOTT T.H.	eddyt	"	
lieut	Sx 1291	WARDLE A.	PL bond	"	
"	Sx 10194	LEISH I.H.	QM	"	
"	Sx 10306	SHILL R.S.	PL bond	"	
capt	Sx 10315	CH H.V.	boy 2 i/c	NO	Hd of adust Bn
lieut	Sx 10307	HILL D.P.	PL bond	Yes	
"	Sx 10316	EDWARDS G.S.	boy 2 i/c	"	
"	Sx 10317	W. C.F.	PL bond	"	
"	Sx 10318	MAINT D.	"	"	
"	Sx 10245	RE. W.R.	"	"	
"	Sx 127	THRE. F.B.	"	"	
"	Sx 175	BROOKS H.E.	"	"	
"	Sx 10332	LARKINS G.D.	"	"	
"	Sx 10324	BEER H.R.	"	"	
"	Sx 10325	ROBBINS P.	"	"	
"	Sx 10329	BRYANT D.	"	"	
"	Sx 10330	KIMBER D.	"	"	
"	Sx 9990	MORPHEE H.C.	"	"	
"	Sx 9461	ISAKSSON O.H.	"	"	
"	Sx 8690	McLAY H.H.	"	"	
"	Sx 7008	KING B.R.	"	NO	9 New Inf Inf Bn
"	Sx 2895	GILL G.T.	10	Yes	
"	Sx 10258	POTTER J.D.	TO	"	
"	Sx 7686	JENKINS W.C.	PL bond	"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
capt	Sx 10192	DAWKINS D.C.	HAMC	26 Aug	M10
chaplain	NX 70328	ARCHBOLD B.C.	HA BL Dept	13 Oct	Private

2/48 Bn

(Unit.)

30 April 1941.

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*

(Signature of Commander.)

26 adust Inf Bde

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

OPERATIONS - LIBYA

2/48 BN

APR 41

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*of what?*  
DESTRUCTION AT BENGAZI & BARGE before evacuation, by our own troops - reported.

6 APR Contact with enemy recce AFVs near TMIMI - few casualties.

7 APR entered TMIMI without being warned of enemy's presence. Met surprise attack by capturing recce car and 4 prisoners.

CLAIM FOR S.A. that 2/48, although last South Austn unit to be formed, was first to contact the enemy.

10/11 APR relieved 2/28 Bn at TOBRUK.

13/14 APR patrol activities - several enemy captured and casualties, including a Lt - Col.

75 ITALIANS surrender to patrol -15 Apr; same day 1 offr 80 ORs sent to POW cage.

BIG HAUL of 26 offr (inc 1 GERMAN) and 777 ORs reported 16 Apr - Bn casualties 2.

RESULT OF ATTACK 16 Offrs 352 ORs taken for 9 own casualties - 22 Apr.

COUNTER ATTACK by patrol - rounds up 2 offr, 105 ORs - 24 Apr.

RELIEF by 2/24 Bn - 27 Apr 41.



2/48 BN

TOBRUK

UNIT JOURNALS - LIBYA

"THE 48TH"

organ of Bn, launched when unit was in action. Copies appended in Packet 40.

2/48 BN  
APR 41.

MOVEMENTS B - LIBYA

"BARACCA TO  
TOBRUK.

withdrawal of Bn to TOBRUK defences described 1/10 Apr 41.

2/48 BN  
APR 41.

SPECIAL MESSAGES

CONGRATULATIONS from Brigadier, after success on 22 Apr.

2/48 BN  
APR 41.

~~TOPOGRAPHY - LIBYA~~

~~MADDALENA~~

~~hilly and fairly densely covered with stunted trees and patchy scrub up to 10 ft in height.~~

~~2/48 BN  
APR 41.~~

EQUIPMENT OWN - LIBYA

POORLY EQUIPPED  
BUT EAGER

morale high despite following note on equipment: "deficient a number of Brens, we have only one 2" mortar, one 3" mortar our tpt is inadequate, and what food we eat, other than bully beef, is "scrounged". Water is short, making hot meals or tea impossible.

2/48 BN  
APR 41.