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LIST OF CODE NAMES.

(Code Names will NOT be used to addresses outside the Command).

Headquarters.

VEXA	Force H.Q.
SAZO	H.Q., 1 Aust. Corps.
GARO	H.Q., Jerusalem Area.
PEDE	H.Q., Lydda Area.
VOPA	H.Q., Jordan Area.
TOBU	H.Q., 1 Cav. Div.
MOLD	H.Q., 4 Cav. Bde.
RITI	H.Q., 5 Cav. Bde.
TUPU	H.Q., 6 Cav. Bde.
MEBU	H.Q., 7 Aust. Div.
LEMA	H.Q., 2 Echelon A.I.F.
VETE	H.Q., R.A.A., 7 Aust. Div.
HULD	H.Q., Haifa Fortress Area.
JUZE	H.Q., Royal Artillery Fixed Defences.
WUPI	H.Q., Polish Base Depot.
YEVO	H.Q., Czecho-Slovakian Contingent.
JALI	H.Q., R.A.E., 7 Aust. Div.
ZUGA	H.Q., 20 Aust. Inf. Bde.
GADI	H.Q., 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
FLOG	H.Q., A.A.S.C., 7 Aust. Div.
SIVU	H.Q., 26 Aust. Inf. Bde.
JUXE	H.Q., 1 Aust. Corps Arty.
MAGI	H.Q., 9 Aust. Div.
KASE	H.Q., 9 Aust. Div. Arty.
YUVU	H.Q., A.I.F. Reinforcement Depot.
VENU	H.Q., Aust. B. and L. of C. Units.

PAJO	H.Q., 2 Adv. Aust. Ord. Wkshop.
YASO	
TINE	
HOBA	
GEDU	
DIGU	
ZIFO	
DEZO	
RIPA	
WIXO	

Cav.

VEJE	Royals.
YUSI	Greys.

NOTES:— **Coys. of Inf.** form their Code Names by adding their Coy. letter, e.g. 'A' Coy., 1 Buffs=WOLAA. **Flights of Sqns., R.A.F.,** form theirs similarly, e.g. 'B' Flight 6 A.C. Sqn.=NEGAB. Code Names of **Sqns. of Cav.** will be similarly formed except that the Mech. Sqns. of Cav. will add 'M' to the Code Name, e.g. Mech. Sqns. of the Royals and Greys will become=VEJEM and YUSIM, respectively. **Sects. or Dets., R.E., attd. Inf. Bdes.** will be referred to as such, e.g. "Sec. (Det.) BEKA attd. TOBU".

Cav. (Contd.)

GLAM Household Cav. Regt.
YAGA N. Somerset Yeo.
MANO R. Wilts Yeo.
YUTO Yorkshire Dragoons.
RENI Yorkshire Hussars.
GATO Notts Yeo.
FIKA Cheshire Yeo.
HALU Staffords Yeo.
FEXI Warwickshire Yeo.
RATA 1 Remount Sqn.
YENE Remount Sqn. Ramleh.
GEKE
NIMU
ZEME
BUZI
TORO
LIKA
TEXU
YANA
KIVI
JEDA

FIXO 1 Aust. Corps Composite
Training Regt.
RIFO 2/4 Aust. Fd. Regt.
WAXE 2/5 Aust. Fd. Regt.
KUSE 2 Aust. A/Tank Regt.
RAZA 1st Palestine Lt. A.A.
Bty. R.A.
LEXU 2/6 Aust. Fd. Regt.
DOJE 3 Aust. A/Tk. Regt.
ROMO 2/7 Aust. Fd. Regt.
MEKO 2/8 Aust. Fd. Regt.
YUZA 2/12 Aust. Fd. Regt.
PESI
VURU
GEMU
HEMI
NALA
JIFI
ZUME
YEZU
WUFA
NESA
TOXE

R.A.

PIPO 28 A.A. Bty.
FAFO 17 Hy. Bty.
PEBA 6 Aust. Div. Arty.
Training Regt.

R.E.

ZOMI C.R.E., Haifa-Baghdad
Road.
HALA C.R.E., Gaza.
ROFO C.R.E., Haifa.

R.E. (Contd.)

BEKA 56 Field Coy.
SUPE 1 Cav. Div. Postal Unit.
BEKU D.C.R.E., Haifa.
JOFO D.C.R.E., Jerusalem Area.
TUJU D.C.R.E., Lydda Area.
KOVI D.C.R.E., Nathanya.
PONO D.C.R.E., Beit Jirja.
LELI O.C., Haifa Store
Depot, R.E.
VEMU 6 Aust. Div. Postal Unit.
GOTO D.A.D.W.(S), Jerusalem.
TIKA R.E. Local Purchase
Office, Haifa.
BEKI D.C.R.E., Khayat Beach.
RUTU O.C., 738 Artisan Works
Coy., R.E.
POTO O.i/c R.E. Stores,
Sarafand.
CHAT O.i/c Demands, Haifa.
WOFO D.C.R.E., Transjordan.
NEJA C.R.E., Jerusalem.
TOTO 2/5 Aust. Fd. Coy.
WITO 2/6 Aust. Fd. Coy.
NOTE 2/5 Aust. Fd. Pk. Coy.
JUJO
SEPU O.i/c C.R.E. Store,
Al Majdal.
POMU 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy.
BAJA 2/7 Aust. Fd. Coy.
ZOBE "B" Sect. No. 3
E.S.(B)D., R.E.
TAXI Aust. Rly. Const. Maint.
Gp., R.A.E.
LULD C.R.E., Transjordan.
BLUD
HITA
BUSA
RIKA
WIGA
KUSA
LASE
GERO
LIRI

R. Signals.

JOBA Palestine Command
Signals.
PEDO 2 W/T Coy.
VOXI Area Signal Section,
Sarafand.
MUMI 1 Cav. Div. Signals.
YIZE 6 Aust. Div. Signals.
WADA 3 L. of C. Signals.
TEXA Haifa Signal Section.
FURI 1 Aust. Corps Signals.
YAZE 7 Aust. Div. Signals.
GIGO 1 Aust. Corps School of
Signals.
NOBI
GESU
DOGE
SABU
JUPU
NUTA
SEZU
WOPE
NEXU
LUPO

Inf.

WOLA 1 Essex.
 NEBA 1 Bedfs. & Herts.
 RAMO 16 Aust. Inf. Training Bn.
 PUSU 17 Aust. Inf. Training Bn.
 MUDE 19 Aust. Inf. Training Bn.
 HAZO 1 Aust. Corps Guard Bn.
 HEJO 2/13 Aust. Inf. Bn.
 LIVA 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.
 TEJA 2/16 Aust. Inf. Bn.
 DEXO 2/17 Aust. Inf. Bn.
 YOBE 2/27 Aust. Inf. Bn.
 HARA 2/23 Aust. Inf. Bn.
 VUFI 2/24 Aust. Inf. Bn.
 WUPA 2/48 Aust. Inf. Bn.
 YUGA 2/10 Aust. Inf. Bn.
 GUDO 26 Aust. A/Tk. Coy.
 ZESE Coy. Arab Legion, Aqir.
 LUSH No. 2 Pal. Coy. (1 Buffs).
 TEPI No. 4 Pal. Coy. (1 Buffs).
 SEJA No. 6 Pal. Coy. (1 Buffs).
 KORI
 HEBO
 FIKE
 NONA
 HOME

R.A.S.C.

YATO O.C., R.A.S.C.,
 Services, Palestine.
 NOTU 14 (38 Reserve M.T.)
 Coy. R.A.S.C.
 DOSO 17 (40 Reserve M.T.)
 Coy. R.A.S.C.
 BASI C.R.A.S.C., 1 Cav. Div.
 LAGA C.R.A.S.C., Sarafand.
 PASU Rec. & Tng. Coy.
 R.A.S.C.
 FOKO O.i/c Supplies, Jerusalem.
 LUKE Det. 552 Coy. (1 Cav.
 Div. Sup. Col.) R.A.S.C.
 BITA 21 Base Supply Depot,
 Haifa.
 SISO 22 Base Supply Depot,
 Sarafand.
 FADO Det. 4 L. of C. (RH)
 Coy. R.A.S.C.
 GIZE No. 14 D.I.D., R.A.S.C.,
 Sarafand.
 ZAKE Base Provision
 Organisation, R.A.S.C.
 VIVI No. 15 D.I.D., R.A.S.C.,
 Haifa.
 YIKI 7 Aust. Div. Sub Pk.
 Corps Amm. Pk.
 RERU 7 Aust. Div. Supply
 Column.
 TETO 7 Aust. Div. Amm. Coy.
 RAMU 7 Aust. Div. Petrol Coy.
 SAGO 1 Aust. Corps Mob.
 School of Mechanics.
 VANI Aust. Supply Depot,
 Al Majdal.
 JIMU
 SOXU No. 1 Fd. Butchery &
 Cold Storage Depot,
 R.A.S.C., Haifa.
 PUFU O. i/c Transport, Haifa.
 YANU O. i/c Transport,
 Sarafand.
 SOGU O. i/c Barracks, Haifa.
 WIPI O. i/c Barracks,
 Sarafand.
 SIVE Det. 4 Amb. Car Coy.
 R.A.S.C., Sarafand.
 LABA Det. Rec. & Tng. Coy.
 R.A.S.C., Jerusalem.
 WITI
 DOXI
 BIJU

R.A.M.C.

KEVU 61 General Hospital.
JIRU 2/3 Field Hygiene
Section.
SAJU 166 Cav. Field Ambulance.
ZOLA 27 Cav. Div. Field
Hygiene Sect.
BOYA 62 General Hospital.
SABI 60 General Hospital.
TUVE 1 Aust. General Hospital.
RUST 2/2 Aust. Field
Ambulance.
YOLO 1 Aust. Convalescent
Depot.
PIBA No. 5 Adv. Depot Med.
Stores, Jerusalem.
YOJE 8 Aust. Spec. Hospital.
TAZA 12 General Hospital.
NEVA 23 (Scottish) General
Hospital.
GUTE 14 C.C.S.
PANE 6 Base Depot Med. Stores.
VIKU 2/4 Aust. Fd. Amb.
WOLO 2/5 Aust. Fd. Amb.
GAPA 2/2 Aust. Fd. Hyg. Sect.
HAMO 5 Aust. General Hospital.
VELE No. 1 Convalescent
Depot, Nathanya.
HUDE No. 3 Convalescent
Depot, Nathanya.

RADO 2/2 Aust. C.C.S.
SABA
DAJA
NIXA
YASI
WADO
YILE
FUJE
WAXI
RIFU
LOXE
BIPU

R.A.O.C.

SOPI I.O.O., Palestine.
LEGA C.O.O., No. 3 Adv.
Amm. Depot, Sarafand.
ZIXO C.O.O., No. 3 Adv.
Ordnance Depot, Haifa.
PIPI O.C., R.A.O.C.,
Sarafand.
JESE O.i/c No. 2 Sub-Depot,
No. 3 A.O.D., Sarafand.
KULE Ordnance Workshop,
Sarafand.
RONI Ordnance Workshop,
Haifa.
FOTI O.O., No. 2 Sub-depot,
No. 3 A.O.D., Haifa.
MOLU Aust. Ord. Provision
Section.

R.A.O.C. (Contd.)

KUTO D.A.D.O.S., 1 Cav. Div.
 ZESO S.O.M.E., 1 Cav. Div.
 REDA O.O., No. 3 Sub-depot,
 Haifa.
 PAKI 2/1 Aust. Fd. Workshop.
 JEBA Aust. Base Ordnance
 Depot.
 YOPA O.O., No. 1 Sub-depot,
 No. 3 A.O.D., Sarafand.
 ZEFO O.C., R.A.O.C., Haifa.
 SOLU 7 Aust. Div. Sec.
 Ord. Fd. Pk.
 ROGA Ordnance Wrshops.,
 Jerusalem.
 KUJA 2/2 Aust. Ord. Wkshop.
 Coy.
 BAXA
 TAXA
 KUMO
 YOKO
 TOJA
 SUMU
 BEKO
 JERU

R.A.V.C.

ZEJO 4 Cav. Mob. Vet. Sect.
 RASI 5 Cav. Mob. Vet. Sect.
 WAZI 6 Cav. Mob. Vet. Sect.

YUMI
 TONE 1 Vet. Hospital.
 ZOTO 1 Convalescent Horse
 Depot.
 MIJA 1 Base Ordnance Vet.
 Stores.
 VUBI
 KAZA
 MUVU
 SOFI
 WUBE
 YARO
 HOXE
 ZUGO
 NUPO
 LANU
 ZOVE
 GUJI

Provost

DIRE Pal. Pro. Coy.
 LIDO 1 Cav. Div. Pro. Coy.
 WEDU 1 Aust. Corps Pro. Coy.
 FIRI Military Detention
 Barracks, Jerusalem.
 MADA D.A.P.M., Jerusalem.
 GAGE 1 Aust. Detention Bks.
 SALA D.A.P.M., Tel-Aviv.
 KUGU 7 Aust. Div. Pro. Coy.
 DIZI D.A.P.M. (A.I.F.),
 Jerusalem.

Provost. (Contd.)

GEVO D.A.P.M., Sarafand.
 SURU
 KIDO
 PIRA
 NIBE
 LIXU
 KEGU
 HEDA
 JAVA
 TILI
 SUKO

R.A.F.

GIVU H. Q. R.A.F., P. & T.J.
 SEBU Station H.Q., Ramleh.
 NEGA 6 A.C. Sqn. Ramleh.
 JALT 2 Armd. C. Coy.
 VAZA Station H.Q., Amman.
 KIKU Det. 2 Armd. C. Coy.
 Ma'an.
 MILU Det. R.A.F. Haifa.
 FULA A.I.L. Sec. Ramleh.
 LOHO 2 French Fighter Flight,
 Haifa.
 BORE 236 T.R.U. Haifa.
 KARO Det. Flight No. 30 Sqn.
 Haifa.
 TUME
 LAME
 KIJU
 FLAM
 MIBO
 PIBO
 TENI
 NUVO
 BEFU
 YIGO

T.J.F.F.

JARU H.Q., T.J.F.F.
 RASA Det. T.J.F.F., Ma'an.
 ZEZU Det. T.J.F.F., Samakh.
 WIFE Det. T.J.F.F., Jisr el
 Majamie.
 DISI Det. T.J.F.F., Irbid.
 RIME H.Q., T.J.F.F. Cav.
 Regt., Jisr el Majamie.
 ZITU
 NIFU
 BEZI
 JABU
 TOBA
 ZEGI
 NEMO
 WUJI
 NURU
 TARO

Miscellaneous

KIRA Haifa Staging Camp.
 DEPU Palestine Recruit Training Depot.
 SETE Movement Control & R.T.O., Haifa.
 YASE Naval Officer i/c Palestinian Ports.
 VIME Camp Commandant, Nathanya.
 GUXO M.E. Weapon Training School.
 TIPU
 MIDI M.E. Driver & Motor Mechanics School.
 YEDA Printing & Stationery Depot.
 TANI Depot Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps.
 VIRA Movement Control & R.T.O., Lydda.
 FUNE 1 Aust. Corps. Fd. Cash Office.
 SOZU M.E. School of Cookery.
 PIXA M.E. Staff College.
 KEJO M.E. Cavalry School, Karkur.
 DAPE Jaffa Ranges W.T. Camp.
 TULI Aust. Inf. & General Base Depot.
 GIPA R.T.O., Tulkarm.
 NENU R.T.O., Gaza.
 BUMI R.T.O., Jerusalem.
 SODE S.T.O., Haifa.
 RALE Air Report Centre, Jerusalem.
 ZIJU Aust. Rly. Survey Coy.
 JUFA 1 Aust. Rly. Construction Coy.
 LALU 3 Aust. Rly. Construction Coy.
 VONO 257 Field Security Section, Haifa.
 WIVE 262 Field Security Section, Jerusalem.

RUJE Det. Fd. Security Service, Sarafand.
 HUPE Det. Fd. Security Service, Tel-Aviv.
 JAFI 7 Aust. Div. Postal Unit.
 MOBU 7 Aust. Div. Mob. Laundry.
 FLIK 7 Aust. Div. Salvage Unit
 DEPA 7 Aust. Div. Fd. Cash Office.
 BETI 2/1 Aust. Pioneer Bn.
 ZANA 2/1 Aust. Store Coy.
 LOMO Prisoners of War Camp, Latrun
 TUTE Mobile Bath Unit 1 Cav. Div.
 BEMO Transit Camp, Sarafand.
 HOLU
 LUBI
 GIKO
 YEFA
 LOXO
 HAMU
 TOVU
 ROZI
 PRIG

ALPHABETICAL LIST.

LIST XVII.

B.

BAJA 2/7 Aust. Fd. Coy.
 BASI C.R.A.S.C., 1 Cav. Div.
 BAXA
 BEFU
 BEKA 56 Field Coy.
 BEKI D.C.R.E., Khayat Beach.
 BEKO
 BEKU D.C.R.E., Haifa.
 BEMO Transit Camp, Sarafand.
 BETI 2/1 Aust. Pioneer Bn.
 BEZI
 BIJU
 BIPU
 BITA 21 Base Supply Depot,
 Haifa.
 BLUD
 BORE 236 T.R.U., Haifa.
 BOYA 62 General Hospital.
 BUMI R.T.O., Jerusalem.
 BUSA
 BUZI

C.

CHAT O.i/c Demands, Haifa.

D.

DAJA
 DAPE Jaffa Ranges W.T. Camp.
 DEPA 7 Aust. Div. Fd.
 Cash Office.
 DEPU Palestine Recruit
 Training Depot.
 DEXO 2/17 Aust. Inf. Bn.
 DEZO
 DIGU
 DIRE Pal. Pro. Coy.
 DISI Det. T.J.F.F., Irbid.
 DIZI D.A.P.M. (A.I.F.),
 Jerusalem.
 DOGE
 DOJE 3 Aust. A/Tk. Regt.
 DOSO 17 (40 Reserve M.T.)
 Coy. R.A.S.C.
 DOXI

F.

FADO Det. 4 L of C (RH) Coy.,
 R.A.S.C.
 FAFO 17 Hy. Bty.
 FEXI Warwickshire Yeo.
 FLAM
 FLIK 7 Aust. Div. Salvage
 Unit.
 FLOG H.Q., A.A.S.C.,
 7 Aust. Div.
 FOKO O. i/c Supplies,
 Jerusalem.
 FOTI O.O., No.2 Sub-depot,
 No. 3 A.O.D., Haifa.
 FIKA Cheshire Yeo.
 FIKE
 FIRI Military Detention
 Barracks, Jerusalem.
 FIXO 1 Aust. Corps Composite
 Training Regt.
 FUJE
 FULA A.I.L. Sec., Ramleh.
 FUNE 1 Aust. Corps Fd.
 Cash Office.
 FURI 1 Aust. Corps Signals.

G.

GADI H.Q., 21 Aust. Inf. Bde.
 GAGE 1 Aust. Detention Bks.
 GAPA 2/2 Aust. Field Hyg. Sect.
 GARO H.Q., Jerusalem Area.
 GATO Notts Yeo.
 GEDU
 GEKE
 GEMU
 GERO
 GESU
 GEVO D.A.P.M., Sarafand.
 GIGO 1 Aust. Corps School of
 Signals.
 GIKO
 GIPA R.T.O., Tulkarm.
 GIVU H.Q., R.A.F., P.&T.J.
 GIZE No. 14 D.I.D., R.A.S.C.,
 Sarafand.
 GLAM Household Cav. Regt.

GOTO D.A.D.W.(S), Jerusalem.
 GUDO 26 Aust. A/Tk. Coy.
 GUJI
 GUTE 14 C.C.S.
 GUXO M.E. Weapon Training
 School.

H.

HALU Staffords Yeo.
 HALA C.R.E., Gaza.
 HAMO 5 Aust. General Hospital.
 HAMU
 HARA 2/23 Aust. Inf. Bn.
 HAZO 1 Aust. Corps Guard Bn.
 HEBO
 HEDA
 HEJO 2/13 Aust. Inf. Bn.
 HEMI
 HITA
 HOBA
 HOLU
 HOME
 HOXE
 HULD H.Q., Haifa Fortress Area.
 HUDE No. 3 Convalescent
 Depot, Nathanya.
 HUPE Det. Fd. Security
 Service, Tel-Aviv.

J.

JABU
 JAFI 7 Aust. Div. Postal Unit.
 JALI H.Q., R.A.E., 7 Aust. Div.
 JALT 2 Armd. C. Coy.
 JARU H.Q., T.J.F.F.
 JAVA
 JEBA Aust. Base Ordnance
 Depot.
 JEDA
 JERU
 JESE O.i/c No. 2 Sub-depot,
 No. 3 A.O.D., Sarafand.
 JIFI
 JIMU
 JIRU 2/3 Field Hygiene Sect.
 JOBA Palestine Command Sigs.
 JOFO D.C.R.E., Jerusalem Area.
 JUFA 1 Aust. Rly.
 Construction Coy.

JUJO
 JUPU
 JUXE H.Q., 1 Aust. Corps Arty.
 JUZE H.Q., Royal Artillery
 Fixed Defences.

K.

KARO Det. Flight No. 30 Sqn.,
 Haifa.
 KASE H.Q., 9 Aust. Div. Arty.
 KAZA
 KEGU
 KEJO M.E. Cavalry School,
 Karkur.
 KEVU 61 General Hospital.
 KIDO
 KIJU
 KIKU Det. 2 Armd. C. Coy.,
 Ma'an.
 KIRA Haifa Staging Camp.
 KIVI
 KORI
 KOVI D.C.R.E., Nathanya.
 KUGU 7 Aust. Div. Pro. Coy.
 KUJA 2/2 Aust. Ord. Wrshop.
 Coy.
 KULE Ordnance Workshop,
 Sarafand.
 KUMO
 KUSA
 KUSE 2 Aust. A/Tank Regt.
 KUTO D.A.D.O.S., 1 Cav. Div.

L.

LABA Det. Rec. & Tng. Coy.
 R.A.S.C., Jerusalem.
 LAGA C.R.A.S.C., Sarafand.
 LALU 3 Aust. Rly.
 Construction Coy.
 LAME
 LANU
 LASE
 LEGA C.O.O. No. 3 Adv. Amm.
 Depot, Sarafand.
 LELI O.C., Haifa Store
 Depot, R.E.
 LEMA H.Q., 2 Echelon A.I.F.
 LEXU 2/6 Aust. Fd. Regt.

LIDO 1 Cav. Div. Pro. Coy.
 LIKA
 LIRI
 LIVA 2/14 Aust. Inf. Bn.
 LIXU
 LOHO 2 French Fighter Flight,
 Haifa.
 LOMO Prisoners of War Camp,
 Latrun.
 LOXE
 LOXO
 LUBI
 LUKE Det. 552 Coy. (1 Cav.
 Supply Col.) R.A.S.C.
 LULD C.R.E., Transjordan.
 LUPO
 LUSH No. 2 Pal. Coy. (1 Buffs).

M.

MADA D.A.P.M., Jerusalem.
 MAGI H.Q., 9 Aust. Div.
 MANO R. Wilts Yeo.
 MEBU H.Q., 7 Aust. Div.
 MEKO 2/8 Aust. Fd. Regt.
 MIBO
 MIDI M.E. Driver & Motor
 Mechanics School.
 MIJA 1 Base Ordnance Vet.
 Stores
 MILU Det. R.A.F., Haifa.
 MOBU 7 Aust. Div. Mob.
 Laundry.
 MOLD H.Q., 4 Cav. Bde.
 MOLU Aust. Ord. Provision
 Section.
 MUDE 19 Aust. Inf. Training Bn.
 MUMI 1 Cav. Div. Signals.
 MUVU

N.

NALA
 NEBA 1 Beds. & Herts.
 NEGA 6 A.C. Sqn., Ramleh
 NEJA C.R.E., Jerusalem.
 NEMO
 NENU R.T.O., Gaza.
 NESA

NEVA 23 (Scottish) Gen. Hosp.
 NEXU
 NIBE
 NIFU
 NIMU
 NIXA
 NOBI
 NONA
 NOTE 2/5 Aust. Fd. Pk. Coy.
 NOTU 14 (38 Reserve M.T.)
 Coy. R.A.S.C.
 NUPO
 NURU
 NUTA
 NUVO

P.

PAJO H.Q., 2 Adv. Aust. Ord.
 Wkshop.
 PAKI 2/1 Aust. Field Workshop.
 PANE 6 Base Depot Med. Stores.
 PASU Rec. & Tng. Coy. R.A.S.C.
 PEBA 6 Aust. Div. Arty.
 Training Regt.
 PEDE H.Q., Lydda Area.
 PEDO 2 W/T Coy.
 PESI
 PIBA No. 5 Adv. Depot Med.
 Stores, Jerusalem.
 PIBO
 PIPI O.C., R.A.O.C., Sarafand.
 PIPO 28 A.A. Bty.
 PIRA
 PIXA M.E. Staff College.
 PONO D.C.R.E., Beit Jirja.
 POMU 2/4 Aust. Fd. Coy.
 POTO O.i/c R.E. Stores,
 Sarafand.
 PRIG
 PUFU O. i/c Transport, Haifa
 PUSU 17 Aust. Inf. Training Bn.

R.

RADO 2/2 Aust. C.C.S.
 RALE Air Report Centre,
 Jerusalem.
 RAMO 16 Aust. Inf. Training Bn.
 RAMU 7 Aust. Div. Petrol Coy.

RASA	Det. T.J.F.F., Ma'an.	SIVU	H.Q., 26 Aust. Inf. Bde.
RASI	5 Cav. Mob. Vet. Sect.	SODE	S.T.O., Haifa.
RATA	1 Remount Sqn.	SOFI	
RAZA	1st Palestine Lt. A.A. Bty., R.A.	SOGU	O. i/c Bks. Haifa.
REDA	O.O., No. 3 Sub-depot, Haifa.	SOLU	7 Aust. Div. Sec. Ord. Fd. Pk.
RENI	Yorkshire Hussars.	SOPI	I.O.O., Palestine.
RERU	7 Aust. Div. Supply Column.	SOXU	No. 1 Field Butchery & Cold Storage Depot, R.A.S.C., Haifa.
RIFO	2/4 Aust. Fd. Regt.	SOZU	M.E. School of Cookery.
RIFU		SUKO	
RIKA		SUMU	
RIME	H.Q., T.J.F.F. Cav. Regt., Jisr el Majamie.	SUPE	1 Cav. Div. Postal Unit.
RIPA		SURU	
RITI	H.Q., 5 Cav. Bde.	T.	
ROFO	C.R.E., Haifa.	TANI	Depot Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps.
ROGA	Ord. Wkshops, Jerusalem.	TARO	
ROMO	2/7 Aust. Fd. Regt.	TAXA	
RONI	Ordnance Workshop, Haifa.	TAXI	Aust. Rly. Constr. Maint. Gp., R.A.E.
ROZI		TAZA	12 General Hospital.
RUJE	Det. Fd. Security Service, Sarafand.	TEJA	2/16 Aust. Inf. Bn.
RUST	2/2 Aust. Fd. Ambulance.	TENI	
RUTU	O.C., 738 Artisan Works Coy., R.E.	TEPI	No. 4 Pal. Coy. (1 Buffs).
S.		TETO	7 Aust. Div. Amm. Coy.
SABA		TEXA	Haifa Signal Section.
SABI	60 General Hospital.	TEXU	
SABU		TIKA	R.E. Local Purchase Office, Haifa.
SAGO	1 Aust. Corps Mob. School of Mechanics.	TILI	
SAJU	166 Cav. Field Ambulance.	TINE	
SALA	D.A.P.M., Tel-Aviv.	TIPU	
SAZO	H.Q., 1 Aust. Corps.	TOBA	
SEBU	Station H.Q., Ramleh.	TOBU	H.Q., 1 Cav. Div.
SEJA	No. 6 Pal. Coy. (1 Buffs).	TOJA	
SEPU	O.i/c C.R.E. Store, Al Majdal.	TONE	1 Vet. Hospital.
SETE	Movement Control & R.T.O., Haifa.	TORO	
SEZU		TOTO	2/5 Aust. Fd. Coy.
SISO	22 Base Supply Depot, Sarafand.	TOVU	
SIVE	Det. 4 Amb. Car Coy. R.A.S.C., Sarafand.	TOXE	
		TUJU	D.C.R.E., Lydda Area.
		TULI	Aust. Inf. & General Base Depot.
		TUME	
		TUPU	H.Q., 6 Cav. Bde.

TUTE	Mobile Bath Unit 1 Cav. Div.	WOLA	1 Essex Regt.
TUVE	1 Aust. General Hospital.	WOLO	2/5 Aust. Fd. Amb.
V.		WOPE	
VANI	Aust. Supply Depot, Al Majdal.	WUBE	
VAZA	Station H.Q., Amman	WUFA	
VEJE	Royals.	WUJI	
VELE	No. 1 Convalescent Depot, Nathanya.	WUPA	2/48 Aust. Inf. Bn.
VEMU	6 Aust. Div. Postal Unit.	WUPI	H.Q., Polish Base Depot.
VENU	H.Q., Aust. B. and L. of C. Units.	Y.	
VETE	H.Q., R.A.A., 7 Aust. Div.	YAGA	N. Somerset Yeo.
VEXA	Force H.Q.	YANA	
VIKU	2/4 Aust. Fd. Amb.	YANU	O. i/c Transport, Sarafand.
VIME	Camp Commandant, Nathanya.	YARO	
VIRA	Movement Control & R.T.O., Lydda.	YASE	Naval Officer i/c Palestinian Ports.
VIVI	No. 15 D.I.D., R.A.S.C., Haifa.	YASI	
VONO	257 Field Security Section, Haifa.	YASO	
VOPA	H.Q., Jordan Area.	YATO	O.C., R.A.S.C., Services, Palestine.
VOXI	Area Signal Section, Sarafand.	YAZE	7 Aust. Div. Signals.
VUBI		YEDA	Printing & Stationery Depot.
VUFI	2/24 Aust. Inf. Bn.	YEFA	
VURU		YENE	Remount Sqn., Ramleh.
W.		YEVO	H.Q., Czecho-Slovakian Contingent.
WADA	3 L. of C. Signals.	YEZU	
WADO		YIGO	
WAXE	2/5 Aust. Fd. Regt.	YIKI	7 Aust. Div. Sub. Pk. Corps Amm. Pk.
WAXI		YILE	
WAZI	6 Cav. Mob. Vet. Sect.	YIZE	6 Aust. Div. Signals.
WEDU	1 Aust. Corps Pro. Coy.	YOBE	2/27 Aust. Inf. Bn.
WIFE	Det. T.J.F.F., Jisr el Majamie.	YOJE	8 Aust. Spec. Hospital.
WIGA		YOKO	
WIPI	O. i/c Bks., Sarafand.	YOLO	1 Aust. Convalescent Depot.
WITI		YOPA	O.O., No. 1 Sub-depot, No. 3 A.O.D., Sarafand.
WITO	2/6 Aust. Fd. Coy.	YUGA	2/10 Aust. Inf. Bn.
WIVE	262 Field Security Sect., Jerusalem.	YUMI	
WIXO		YUSI	Greys.
WOFO	D.C.R.E., Transjordan.	YUTO	Yorkshire Dragoons.
		YUVU	H.Q., A.I.F. Reinforce- ment Depot.
		YUZA	2/12 Aust. Fd. Regt.

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ZAKE	Base Provision Organisation, R.A.S.C.	ZITU	
ZANA	2/1 Aust. Store Coy.	ZIXO	C.O.O., No. 3 Adv. Ordnance Depot, Haifa.
ZEFO	O.C., R.A.O.C., Haifa.	ZOBE	"B" Sec., No. 3 E.S.(B)D., R.E.
ZEGI		ZOLA	27 Cav. Div. Field Hygiene Sect.
ZEJO	4 Cav. Mob. Vet. Sect.	ZOMI	C.R.E., Haifa-Baghdad Road.
ZEME		ZOTO	1 Convalescent Horse Depot.
ZESE	Coy. Arab Legion, Aqir.	ZOVE	
ZESO	S.O.M.E., 1 Cav. Div.	ZUGA	H.Q., 20 Aust. Inf. Bde.
ZEZU	Det. T.J.F.F., Samakh.	ZUGO	
ZIFO		ZUME	
ZIJU	Aust. Rly. Survey Coy.		

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HQ 9 Aust Div
25 Mar 41.

ALLOTMENT OF UNIT SERIAL NUMBERS.

1. Attached as Appendix A is a schedule of SERIAL NUMBERS allotted to formations and units 9 Aust Div as at 2 Mar 41.
2. Certain units have not yet arrived in the Middle East, but serial numbers have been allotted in accordance with the anticipated priority of arrival.

E. M. Korman Capt
for Col.
 GS 9 Aust Div.

Distribution.

20 Aust Inf Bde	5
24 " " "	5
26 " " "	5
RAA	5
RA E	5
Sigs	1
AASC	4
Medical	5
Ord	4
Pay	1
Post	1
Camp	1
File	2
War Diary	2

ALLOTMENT OF UNIT SERIAL NUMBERS.

Serial No.	UNIT
<u>9TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.</u>	
<u>HEADQUARTER. UNITS</u>	
29734	Headquarters 9th Australian Division
29735	9th Australian Division Intelligence Section
<u>DIVISIONAL CAVALRY</u>	
61239	9th Australian Divisional Cavalry Regiment
61240	81st Light Aid Detachment
<u>ARTILLERY</u>	
61120	Headquarters Royal Australian Artillery 9th Australian Division
61122	2nd/7th Field Regiment
61123	63rd Light Aid Detachment
61036	2nd/8th Field Regiment
61037	64th Light Aid Detachment
61124	2nd/12th Field Regiment
61125	61st Light Aid Detachment
61038	3rd Anti-Tank Regiment
61039	71st Light Aid Detachment
<u>ENGINEERS</u>	
29737	Headquarters Royal Australian Engineers 9th Australian Division
29269	2nd/3rd Field Company
61127	2nd/7th Field Company
29418	2nd/13th Field Company
61186	2nd/4th Field Park Company
61187	72nd Light Aid Detachment
<u>SIGNALS</u>	
29738	Signals 9th Australian Division
61241	49th Light Aid Detachment
<u>INFANTRY</u>	
61093	(Headquarters 20th Australian Infantry Brigade (20th Infantry Brigade Section Intelligence Corps
61094	2nd/13th Battalion
61185	2nd/15th Battalion
61095	2nd/17th Battalion
61096	20th Australian Anti-Tank Company
61097	58th Light Aid Detachment
61188	(Headquarters 24th Australian Infantry Brigade (24th Infantry Brigade Section Intelligence Corps
61216	2nd/25th Battalion
61189	2nd/28th Battalion

ALLOTMENT OF UNIT SERIAL NUMBERS CONTD.

Serial No.	Unit
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9TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION CONTD.

INFANTRY CONTD.

61190	2nd/43rd Battalion
61191	24th Australian Anti-Tank Company
61192	76th Light Aid Detachment
61104	(Headquarters 26th Australian Infantry Brigade (26th Infantry Brigade Section Intelligence Corps
61105	2nd/23rd Battalion
61106	2nd/24th Battalion
61107	2nd/48th Battalion
61108	26th Australian Anti-Tank Company
61109	78th Light Aid Detachment

ARMY SERVICE CORPS

29743	Headquarters Australian Army Service Corps 9th Australian Division
29860	9th Australian Division Supply Column
29859	9th Australian Division Ammunition Company
29861	9th Australian Division Petrol Company

MEDICAL

29270	2nd/3rd Field Ambulance
55412	2nd/8th Field Ambulance
29758	2nd/11th Field Ambulance
55503	2nd/4th Field Hygiene Section

MISCELLANEOUS

29746	9th Australian Division Postal Unit
29745	9th Australian Division Provost Company
29736	9th Australian Division Employment Platoon
61193	9th Australian Division Mobile Bath Unit
61194	9th Australian Division Mobile Laundry and Forward Decontamination Unit
61195	9th Australian Division Salvage Unit

WESTERN DESERT FORCESECURITY INSTRUCTION NO. 6CONTROL OF CIVILIANS IN THE WESTERN DESERT

1. The Western Desert is a prohibited area; no civilians will be allowed to proceed WEST of EL IMAYID, unless employed by the British Military authorities or by the Egyptian Military or Civil authorities.

Arab herdsmen will be allowed to graze their flocks as far WEST as SIDI ABD EL RAHMAN.

2. (a) Civilians from the Nile Valley, in British or Egyptian employ in the Western Desert, must be in possession of a pass issued by the Frontier Districts Administration, other than those of the E.S.R. or E.S.T. to whom a pass will be issued by those departments.

(b) The Arabic passes of all civilians from the Nile Valley in British employ will be countersigned by the Officer Commanding the British Unit by which they are employed, and will come up for renewal on the first of every alternate month following the month in which issued.

(c) The identity cards of all Arabs employed by British Units in the Western Desert will be endorsed as follows by the Officer Commanding the Unit by which they are employed.

"Employed by.....(Unit) WEST of EL IMAYID".

The endorsement will be signed by an officer and dated. On the termination of employment the endorsement will be cancelled by the issuer and in any case will come up for renewal on the first of every alternate month following the month in which issued.

3. All Arabs in the prohibited area are now being evacuated to the area EAST of SIDI ABD EL RAHMAN.

4. (a) Any arab found in the area WEST of a line North and South through FUKA, after the date of this letter, should be apprehended and sent to one of the following:-

- (i) The Egyptian police post at GERAWLA or SIDI ANEISH.
- (ii) The Detention Cage which is being erected immediately SOUTH of EL HANJAH Railway Station.
- (iii) The P.W. Cage at MATRUH.

(b) A date will be given later from which the apprehension of any Arabs found in the area EAST of FUKA is to be carried out.

5. A written statement shewing the reason for a person's apprehension will invariably be given to the escort who will pass it to the N.C.O. i/c cage or police post at the time when the suspect is handed over.

No civilians will be permitted to enter British Camps or defended area unless holding passes shewing that they are employed by units located therein, or employed on work necessitating their presence in the specific camp or area in question.

7. Any persons acting suspiciously, whether in possession of a pass or not, will be apprehended and handed over to the Detention Cage at SIDI HANEISH or the P.W. Cage at MATRUH, see 5 (a) (ii) and (iii) above.

Suspected persons or persons acting suspiciously will NOT be handed over to the Egyptian police posts.

8. The employment of civilian hawkers is forbidden and passes will NOT be issued to would-be hawkers.

At hand

Headquarters,
Western Desert Force.
4 May 41.

Brigadier,
General Staff.

CONDITIONS AT TOBRUK

S.A. Battalion Commander's Description

Lieutenant-Colonel W. J. V. Windeyer, who is commanding a South Australian battalion which has won fame at Tobruk, writes in reply to a descriptive paragraph on the siege cabled from Cairo and widely published in Australia.

The paragraph relates that the garrison at Tobruk indulged in football matches, that a band played daily, and that the only inconvenience was due to bombing, from which ample protection was provided in comfortable underground Italian-built shelters, that the town was submitted to little shelling, but constant raiding patrols harassed the enemy; and that the morale of the British, Australian, and Indian troops holding the line was reported as excellent.

Lieutenant-Colonel Windeyer's letter states:—"So far as general morale goes, all are cheerful and in good spirits; and no doubt there are worse places than this to be at war, but this amazing paragraph has amused us. In fact, I know of no football matches even in or near the town, certainly none in the outer defences where we are; there is no band; the bombing is at times serious and causes men to lose their lives, which is more than 'an inconvenience.'

"The shelling on parts of the defences causes wounds and death daily. The dirt, dust, flies, &c., and the monotony are also more than 'an inconvenience.' The 'ample protection in comfortable underground Italian-built shelters' has for my men for weeks been represented by small trenches and posts dug by themselves not far from the enemy lines and under constant enemy fire if any man exposes himself by day. There are some concrete Italian-built posts, not at all 'comfortable,' and in some sectors all under intermittent shellfire.

"The only thing that is true is that our patrols constantly raid the enemy, that we are more than holding our own, and that, despite all discomforts and dangers, the morale of all the troops, British, Australian, and Indian, is indeed excellent. They are magnificent! The unnoted, unrewarded heroism of individuals is magnificent and inspiring."

Medals For Seven S.A. Men

CANBERRA, June 24.

Eighteen men of the A.I.F. have been cited for bravery in action near Tobruk. Seven come from South Australia, six from Victoria, and five from New South Wales. Stories of their gallantry are told in a list of citations issued today by the Minister for the Army (Mr. Spender). Details are:—

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

D.S.O.—SX19312, Captain William Forbes.

He was in command of a detachment which on April 22 made a raid in front of our foremost defences on an enemy position known as Carrier Hill. The raid resulted in the capture of an enemy battery, the capture of 368 prisoners, and the infliction of heavy casualties on the enemy. Captain Forbes showed judgment, marked gallantry, and leadership. At a critical part of the engagement one party under his command was about to take cover because of the severity of the fire at that place, but he ran back and rallied them by his personal example.

(Captain Forbes's career was outlined in "The Advertiser" on June 16).

D.C.M.—SX7605, Sergeant Leonard William Charles Batty.

He was cited for his great bravery and dash when he took his Bren gun carrier up to an enemy battery under heavy fire and engaged it at a distance of 50 yards, and for his valor and determination in leading a section of carriers during the raid on Carrier Hill. Sergeant Batty and one of the other members of the crew were wounded. Batty's audacious determination and bravery in the face of the enemy machine-gun and anti-tank fire impressed and encouraged the other troops engaged.

Military Medal.—SX7638, Sergeant Robert Prendergast McGhee.

He was a platoon sergeant of No. 15 platoon, which, during the Carrier Hill raid, came under heavy fire from the enemy position. His personal example and bravery and the initiative he showed at a critical stage had a marked effect on his platoon, which, encouraged by him, rallied and took its part in the final assault.

Military Medal.—SX8651, Corporal Lindsay Rufus Goode.

He showed bravery and devotion to duty in repairing a signal cable line under heavy shell fire. On the afternoon of April 17, the enemy suddenly attacked forward posts of the Tobruk defences, subjecting the area to heavy shell and mortar fire. Communication between Corporal Goode's company and Battalion Headquarters was severed, but Corporal Goode and Private P. M. Anderson went by Bren carrier and foot at a critical time of the engagement to mend the line under heavy fire.

Military Medal.—SX7067, Pte. Peter Marcus Anderson.

He accompanied Corporal Goode on his mission to restore communications on April 17. He, too, is cited for his bravery and devotion to duty under the same circumstances.

Military Medal.—SX7863, Pte. Ronald George Daniels.

He is cited for the courage and determination with which he engaged the enemy with his Bren gun from a Bren carrier which took part in the Carrier Hill raid on April 22. In face of enemy fire, the carrier proceeded to within 50 yards of the enemy position, when it sustained a direct hit and could not go further. Daniels and two other members of the crew left the carrier and maintained an accurate and continuous fire from behind the carrier. He was wounded.

Military Medal.—SX7272, Pte. John Lewis Spavin.

He is cited for the dash and determination with which he drove a Bren carrier directly into an enemy position in the Carrier Hill raid. He got to within 50 yards of the enemy battery when the carrier was put out of action. With two companions, he engaged the enemy from behind the carrier, and when his two companions were wounded continued to fight with his rifle until our infantry arrived about 29 minutes later.

VICTORIA

Military Cross.—VX38937, Captain Rupert Rattray. He showed heroism and cool determination in leading a raid 3,000 yards into unknown enemy positions west of Tobruk on April 22. Heavy casualties were inflicted and many prisoners were taken.

D.C.M.—VX28837, Sergeant John William Barnard.—In a raid against enemy positions of unknown strength west of Tobruk on April 22, he took command of the party when his two officers became casualties 3,500 yards from our foremost defended localities. He saw to the destruction of two anti-aircraft guns with Mills bombs and then coolly commanded the party on its fight back to the perimeter.

Military Medal.—VX42733, Warrant Officer John Henry Deane.—During the said operations west of Tobruk on April 22, he followed his commanding officer without the latter's knowledge on a reconnaissance. He found his C.O. faced by a fully manned anti-tank gun concealed in a wadi and, moving to the top of the wadi, opened rapid fire, forcing eight or nine of the enemy to retire and the remainder to take cover.

Military Medal.—VX42081, Sergeant Peter Richard Hook.—He commanded his men with courage and determination during the west of Tobruk raid on April 22. His carrier was set on fire with tracer and explosive bullets, but he and his men covered the return of the infantry with light machine-gun fire.

Military Medal.—VX19116, Sergeant Colin Gilchrist Rigg.—He also commanded a section of carriers in the April 22 raid west of Tobruk. After the capture of enemy positions 3,500 yards from our foremost lines, two of his carriers were put out of action by artillery fire. Under heavy shellfire, he brought back a disabled carrier which would otherwise have been lost.

Military Medal.—VX27678, Private Marris Joseph O'Connell.—He took part in the capture of the first enemy posts in the April 22 raid west of Tobruk and then dashed ahead alone. Jumping into a sangar, he threw a Mills bomb, killed several of the enemy and captured an officer and seven other ranks. He showed himself a brave, dashing, and resourceful soldier.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Military Cross.—NX12339, Captain John Balfe.—He was in command of a section of the Tobruk perimeter defences attacked by enemy infantry and tanks on the night of April 13-14. His company headquarters was overrun by tanks, but he carried out detailed observation of enemy movement under heavy fire, keeping his command in touch with the situation.

Military Cross.—NX13222, Captain Andrew Handley.—Against two enemy attacks with tanks, armoured cars and between 2,000 and 3,000 infantry on April 4, Captain Handley led his company with coolness and courage. Enemy troops penetrated on his right and left flanks, but he stayed at his headquarters in control of his platoons.

Military Cross.—NX12231, Lieut. Frederick Austin Mackell.—He showed remarkable gallantry and brilliant leadership during an action at Tobruk.

Military Medal.—NX33052, Sergt. Robert McLean McElroy.—On the night of April 13-14, in the absence of his platoon commander, he led a platoon in a counter-attack against an enemy post with such skill and disregard of personal danger that the post was overcome.

Military Medal.—NX16216, Lance/Cpl. Alfred Edward Dunbar.—From April 11 to April 14, leading a section of reinforcements who were at first very nervous, he inspired them in such a manner as to make their efforts invaluable to their post.

B.A.Q.

SECRET

INDISCREET TALK BY OFFRS

The following instn has been received from GHQ ME relative to indiscreet talk by offrs:

In spite of numerous warnings from these HQ indiscreet talk concerning military movements and intentions continues among offrs of all ranks. As an example, the Commander-in-Chief himself was recently approached by a lady who enquired about moves of certain formations. On being taken to task for indiscretion, the lady seemed genuinely surprised and said that "everyone in CAIRO" was aware of the moves and that she knew that her information was correct "as she had it from several senior officers". Criticism of higher authority which is usually uninformed, criticism of other Services without full knowledge of the facts and the problems involved, and talk of a distinctly defeatist strain have also been noticeable and have not been without their effect on the rank and file:

The Commander-in-Chief considers that this does little credit to the Forces under his command, and is subversive of discipline and morale. He has given instructions that any case of this nature in which an officer is involved shall be tried by Court Martial. He reminds officers of their obligation under Military Law to report at once to high authority any cases which come to their cognisance:

This matter is to be brought to the notice of all offrs in the unit

Offrs in fwd areas must pay particular attention to telephone conversations which still leave much to be desired in the way of secrecy.

W. Scott

Capt

Adjt 2/48 Bn

M. G. Gibson Lieut
W. R. Reid Lieut

W. H. Hillier Lieut
Office Lieut

215 Medyola Lieut

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1800 Hrs (Local Time):

RUSSIAN AND GERMAN ARMIES INTER-LOCKED AT LENINGRAD + TENSE BULGARIAN POSITION

Russian and German armies are interlocked near Leningrad in savage attacks and counter-attacks. German dive-bombers are swooping over the Russian lines, and the heavy Russian artillery is picking out German positions. Guns of the Russian Baltic Fleet are hammering the Germans' flank. After claiming the capture of a Russian island at the mouth of the Gulf of Finland, the Germans now admit that the garrison is still fighting. Last week several attacks were made on this island, with heavy German losses. Finns claim to have reached Lake Onega, cutting the Leningrad-Lurmansk railway line. No details have been received of the latest progress of the Russian force on the Central Front; it is known, however, that this force has occupied a German defence zone, and re-occupied 32 villages. Moscow reports that Germany had about 250,000 troops in the Kiev region. These German troops must have been held up while the Russians completed their destruction of Kiev before withdrawing to reinforce the Russian pocket east of the River Dnjepr. The Germans claim that this pocket is being reduced, but admit that the Russians are fighting fiercely. Berlin reports bitter fighting at Odessa, where the Russians claim to have improved their positions. Berlin states that further reinforcements are being sent to Odessa to help the Rumanians. The lack of news about the Slovak Army has been explained by an Italian correspondent. He said the Slovak force was encircled and defeated, only a few escaping. Reports about the Slovaks were denied by the Germans, and the Russians did not claim any victory. The majority of the Slovaks deserted to the Russians, and the remainder were sent "home" by the Germans. Reports suggest that a line will be stabilised on the Eastern Front, while the Germans attempt to consolidate the political situation, resulting from preliminary victories. Russian soldiers who have escaped from German prison camps, state that prisoners walk round like shadows because of hunger. Many die from starvation; others are shot by their German guards.

++ MR AND Mrs Churchill today entertained 20 young Frenchmen who had escaped from France, and reached Britain after a perilous journey in two canoes. The men will join the Free French Forces. ++ MR CHURCHILL Has asked Sir Charles Wilson, president of the Royal College of Physicians, to go to Moscow to report on medical aid required by Russia. ++ THE FIRST Tanks produced during the British "Tanks for Russia Week" have left for Russia! Members of the Soviet Military Mission today visited factories in the Midlands. They were told that many workers toiled 66 1/2 hrs weekly to keep up production. As the first tank rolled off to a ship, the Russian Ambassador to Britain christened it "Stalin." Workers had chalked slogans on the tanks, such as "Russia For Ever," and "Another One For Joe." The Russian Ambassador said that the tanks would go straight into action. ++ REPORTS State that King Boris of Bulgaria with his service chiefs will shortly see Hitler. There are, however, as yet no confirmation of these reports, although there appears to be a tense situation in Bulgaria. The situation has been described as "High Watchfulness." Moscow today exposed reports of Russian parachutists, and saboteurs, allegedly landed from the sea. Bulgarians were warned to beware of foreign propaganda put out in the name of Moscow. ++



KING George of Greece with members of his Parliament have arrived in Britain. ++ VICHY REPORTS That another 200 people have been arrested in Paris, following the enforcement of the curfew order. Many people were released after questioning; others were placed in the pool from which the Germans draw those who are shot as reprisals for attacks on Germans. ++ SIR E. Page has left Australia for England. (OVER:

NEWS ITEM: "In the Central Sector the Russians are continuing their slow but relentless progress. NOT ONE STEP BACK is the slogan of the defenders of Leningrad."

"Always Appears"

Monday, 22 September 41

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0815 Hrs (Local Time):

KIEV WAS LAID WASTE BY THE RUSSIAN BEFORE THEY WITHDREW :: RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR

APPEALS FOR MORE BRITISH TANKS. Kiev is now in German hands after days of fierce fighting. The Germans claimed some days ago, when they were only battering at the city's outskirts, that Kiev had fallen. Before the Russians finally withdrew, they laid waste to the city. When the Germans entered they saw scenes of indescribable devastation. Leningrad and Odessa are hitting back hard. On Friday 64 German planes were destroyed for the loss of 24 Russian. The only detailed news of the Eastern Front refers to the Central Sector, where the Russians are in a position to invest the ruins of Smolensk. Germans claim to be completing "mopping-up" operations in a captured Russian island in the Baltic. + + TODAY Starts the British "Tank for Russia Week." In a special message to tank workers, the Russian Ambassador to Britain said that Russia wanted tanks, more tanks, and yet more tanks. Russia produced many tanks, but losses on the 2,000 miles of the Eastern Front had been heavy. The tanks would not be wasted, but would go straight into battle; the Russians knew how to use the tanks against the common enemy. The Chairman of the Trades Union Council, speaking at Leeds, said it might sound blood-thirsty but the only way to win the war was to kill as many Germans as possible, and the best way to do that was to kill them where they were thickest - on the Eastern Front! + + WHILE Churches of all denominations throughout Britain yesterday were holding special Thanksgiving Services for the great RAF Victory in the Battle for Britain last year, the RAF had its own way of noting the anniversary. Heavily escorted bombers (not one of which were lost) attacked a big power station and important railway connections in occupied territory; 24 enemy fighters were destroyed; we lost 13 fighters, but two pilots were picked up. On the previous night large fires were started at Berlin, Frankfurt, and other targets in Germany; four planes were lost. + + PRESIDENT Roosevelt has called a conference of Congress Leaders to consider Lease-Lend items. US press comments widely on the slackening of Isolation opposition. + + THE CHINESE Ambassador to London said yesterday that the Chinese soldiers had fought the Japanese War Machine to a standstill. Japan could see no way out of the war except by giving up all she had conquered. If China had enough equipment there would be little difficulty in her ridding herself of her enemy. The British Ambassador to Chungking has arrived by air in Singapore to see Mr Duff Cooper. In Sth China the Japanese say they have started a large scale series of operations against the Chinese forces. + + A PARTY Of Canadian newspapermen have arrived in Britain, to gain, as one said, "inspiration from the people of a live country, and not from a few bombed ruins." + + A VICHY Announcement states that in future German troops with machine-guns and armoured cars will move in at once if there be any organised attempts to foment revolution in the occupied zone of France. Marshall Petain said to the French people: "I am not unaware of your feelings; I am deeply affected by your trials and misfortunes, but you have a heavy responsibility to your nation." This announcement follows the statement by the German commander in Paris that he intends to increase the number of hostages shot for every attack upon a German soldier. + + CONGRATULATIONS Have been extended to the army and air force commanders in the Western Desert upon the action of a week ago when two German columns that crossed the Egyptian frontier were forced back. Twenty men of the 5th Tank Regiment were killed, 50 wounded, and 12 taken prisoners. The British did not use any tanks in the engagement. The enemy lost 22 planes, probably 31, with nine damaged. We lost one bomber and six fighters, but five pilots were saved. With machine-gun and mortar fire, the garrison at Tobruk has dispersed several enemy ties outside the defences. A number of Italian bombers have recently landed in Egypt, the crews saying they were sent up with their fuel tanks only half filled. + + A DECREE In Teheran (Iran) states that all movable and immovable property of the ex-Shah shall be transferred to the State. + + ITALIAN People in Egypt have expressed annoyance because their letters from Italy, after having been censored by Italian authorities, have been re-opened and censored by Germans. + + GOVT. Members speaking at many meetings in Bulgaria; "policy" disowned, but messages give no indication of what was said.

2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY NO 2

COPY NO. 15.....

From 0500 hrs 10 Jul 41 to 0500 hrs 11 Jul 41

- 1 GENERAL: Increased enemy MT movement was observed along the TRIGH CAPUZZO during a.m. 9 Jul. MT was seen moving in both directions but more vehs appeared to be moving EAST. The use of dogs in the TOBRUK area again reported and it is suggested they are used to give warning of approach of our patrols.
There has been much movement of MT fwd of own sector - dust clouds indicating MT movement from NORTH to SOUTH.
- 2 SHELLING: Shelling during the day was particularly light there being only 4 shells and 4 mortars reported fallen on the area between 0610 hrs and 1705 hrs. Bn HQ at 1702 hrs had a small concentration of 17 75mm and B Coy at 1900 had a mixture of 40 mortars and shells in 10 minutes. No damage reported. 3 Shrapnel shells reported from A Coy at 1830 hrs.

Shells reported fallen on area

	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Bn HQ	41	-	-
A Coy	11	2	3 shrapnel
B Coy	95	84	
C Coy	6	-	
D Coy	X 6	140	2 wounded
OS	XXX -	-	

- 3 ENEMY DISPOSNS:
At 1430 hrs A Coy reported enemy convoy moving in WADI in square 395434 for 30 mins with an interval of 2 mins between vehs. MT moving up and down WADI but more appear to be going up. At 1500 hrs MT reported still moving in WADI but this time no MT moving out - vehicular interval now 9 mins. Dust clouds were reported on several occasions moving from NORTH to SOUTH at a range of 3000 to 4000^X. Badge found fwd of A Coy and fwded to these HQ has been identified as 61 Inf Regt 2 Bn supporting 7 Bersaglieri Regt and was possibly dropped by our own tps. 1630 hrs mortar fire was brought to bear on SANGARS 39734347. 16 bombs landed in immediate vicinity. Sangars vicinity BREN CARRIER successfully engaged by our arty - direct hit registered and casualties inflicted.
- 4 PATROLS: C Coy report large body enemy digging in approx 2000^X west of POST S21 and 600^X NORTH of DERNA RD.

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2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY NO 2

From 0500 hrs 10 Jul 41 to 0500 hrs 11 Jul 41

- 1 GENERAL: Increased enemy MT movement was observed along the TRIGH CAPUZZO during a.m. 9 Jul 41. MT was seen moving in both directions but more vehs appeared to be moving EAST. The use of dogs in the TOBRUK area again reported and it is suggested they are used to give warning of approach of our patrols. There has been much movement of MT fwd of own sector - dust clouds indicating MT movement from NORTH to SOUTH.
- 2 SHELLING: Shelling during the day was particularly light there being only 4 shells and 4 mortars reported fallen on the area between 0610 hrs and 1705 hrs. Bn HQ at 1702 hrs had a small concentration of 17 75mm and B Coy at 1900 hrs had a mixture of 40 mortars and shells in 10 minutes. No damage reported. 3 Shrapnel shells reported from A Coy at 1830 hrs.

Shells/fallen on area

	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Bn HQ	41	-	
A Coy	11	2	3 shrapnel
B Coy	95	84	
C Coy	6	-	
D Coy	6	140	2 wounded
OS	-	-	

- 3 ENEMY DISPOSNS: At 1430 hrs A Coy reported enemy convoy moving in WADI in square 395434 for 30 mins with an interval of 2 mins between vehs. MT moving up and down WADI but more appear to be going up. At 1500 hrs MT reported still moving in WADI but this time no MT moving out - vehicular interval now 9 mins. Dust clouds were reported on several occasions moving from NORTH to SOUTH at a range of 3000 to 4000 yds. Badge found fwd of A Coy and fwded to these HQ has been identified as 61 Inf Regt 2 Bn supporting Bersaglieri Regt and was possibly dropped by our own tps. 1630 hrs mortar fire was brought to bear on SANGARS 39734347. 16 bombs landed in immediate vicinity. Sangars vicinity BREN CARRIER successfully engaged by our arty - direct hit registered and casualties inflicted.
- 4 PATROLS: C Coy report large body enemy digging in approx 2000 yds WEST of POST S21 and 600 yds NORTH of DERNA RD.

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2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY NO 3From 0600 hrs 11 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 12 Jul 41

1 GENERAL SITUATION: From information received there appears to be considerable activity fwd of A and C Coys front. At a distance of from 3000 to 4000 yds rising dust indicated much movement of MT behind the escarpment with a tendency of movement towards the SOUTH. The extent of diggings and the blowing of charges indicates that the enemy is losing no time in consolidating his posn.

2 ENEMY GD ACTIVITY

(a) Enemy Dispositions: Old booby traps discovered at 39734345. Enemy are still in occupation at THREE STONE SANGARS 38734347.

(b) Observed movement: From 1205 hrs to 1403 hrs dust from MT was observed from POST S17 moving from NORTH to SOUTH behind escarpment at a distance of approx 3500 yds. Vehs were moving at from 5 to 9 minute intervals.

A Coy reported 12 men appearing from unobserved posn each carrying a lead and moving at an interval of 200 yds to sangars vicinity 39704339.

(c) Works proceeding: A Coy report 4 charges blown at 39734347 at 2400 hrs. C Coy observed from POST S21 enemy blasting on both sides of DERNA RD at a range of approx 2000 yds.

(d) Shelling: B Coy again received the brunt of the shelling showing a predominance in mortar bombs. One killed and one wounded resulted from a direct hit by a 105 mm shell. *in OS area* OS

	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Bn HQ	30	-	
A Coy	10	9	
B Coy	68	113	
C Coy	41	37	
D Coy	15	12	193
OS	24	-	1 OR Killed, 1 OR Wounded

3 OUR GD ACTIVITY

(a) Patrols: A Coy report considerable digging in vicinity of THREE STONE SANGARS 39734347 - voices heard and 4 charges blown at 2400 hrs Old booby traps located 600 yds NORTH of BREN CARRIER 39734345. B Coy report considerable digging along entire coy front commencing approx 1600 yds WEST of S21 and 450 yds NORTH of DERNA RD. Enemy diggings appear to be at least of 1000 yds depth.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS: Nil5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EQPT: Nil6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY: Enemy recce plane over this area from 1115 hrs to 1225 hrs spotting for his arty.*Con*

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2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY NO 3From 0600 hrs 11 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 12 Jul 41

- 1 GENERAL SITUATION: From information received there appears to be considerable activity fwd of A and C Coys front. At a distance of from 3000 to 4000 yds rising dust indicated much movement of MT behind the escarpment with a tendency of movement towards the SOUTH. The extent of diggings and the blowing of charges indicates that the enemy is losing no time in consolidating his posn.
- 2 ENEMY GD ACTIVITY
- (a) Enemy Dispositions: Old beoby traps discovered at 39734345. Enemy are still in occupation at THREE STONE SANGARS 39734347.
- (b) Observed movement: From 1205 hrs to 1403 hrs dust from MT was observed from POST S17 moving from NORTH to SOUTH behind escarpment at a distance of approx 3500 yds. Vehs were moving at from 5 to 9 minute intervals. A Coy reported 12 men appearing from unobserved posn each carrying a lead and moving at an interval of 200 yds to sangars vicinity 39704339.
- (c) Works proceeding: A Coy report 4 charges blown at 39734347 at 2400 hrs. C Coy observed from POST S21 enemy blasting on both sides of DERNA RD at a range of approx 2000 yds.
- (d) Shelling: B Coy again received the brunt of the shelling showing a predominance in mortar bombs. One killed and one wounded resulted from a direct hit by a 105 mm shell. *u OS area OS*

	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Bn HQ	30	-	
A Coy	10	9	
B Coy	68	113	
C Coy	41	37	
D Coy	-15	12 <i>193</i>	
OS	24	-	1 OR Killed, 1 OR Wounded

- 3 OUR GD ACTIVITY
- (a) Patrols: A Coy report considerable digging in vicinity of THREE STONE SANGARS 39734347 - voices heard and 4 charges blown at 2400 hrs. Old beoby traps located 600 yds NORTH of BREN CARRIER 39734345. B Coy report considerable digging along entire coy front commencing approx 1600 yds WEST of S21 and 450 yds NORTH of DERNA RD. Enemy diggings appear to be at least of 1000 yds depth.
- 4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS: Nil
- 5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EQPT: Nil
- 6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY: Enemy recon plane over this area from 1115 hrs to 1225 hrs spotting for his arty.

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2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY NO 3

From 0600 hrs 11 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 12 Jul 41

1 GENERAL SITUATION: From information received there appears to be considerable activity fwd of A and C Coys front. At a distance of from 3000 to 4000 yds rising dust indicated much movement of MT behind the escarpment with a tendency of movement towards the SOUTH. The extent of diggings and the blowing of charges indicates that the enemy is losing no time in consolidating his posn.

2 ENEMY GD ACTIVITY

(a) Enemy Dispositions: Old booby traps discovered at 39734345. Enemy are still in occupation at THREE STONE SANGARS 38734347.

(b) Observed movement: From 1205 hrs to 1403 hrs dust from MT was observed from POST S17 moving from NORTH to SOUTH behind escarpment at a distance of approx 3500 yds. Vehs were moving at from 5 to 9 minute intervals.

A Coy reported 12 men appearing from unobserved posn each carrying a load and moving at an interval of 200 yds to sangars vicinity 39704339.

(c) Works proceeding: A Coy report 4 charges blown at 39734347 at 2400 hrs. C Coy observed from POST S21 enemy blasting on both sides of DERNA RD at a range of approx 2000 yds.

(d) Shelling: B Coy again received the brunt of the shelling showing a predominance in mortar bombs. One killed and one wounded resulted from a direct hit by a 105 mm shell. (OS)

	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Bn HQ	30	-	
A Coy	10	9	
B Coy	68	113	
C Coy	41	37	
D Coy	-15	12-193	
OS	24	-	1 OR Killed, 1 OR Wounded

3 OUR GD ACTIVITY

(a) Patrols: A Coy report considerable digging in vicinity of THREE STONE SANGARS 39734347 - voices heard and 4 charges blown at 2400 hrs Old booby traps located 600 yds NORTH of BREN CARRIER 39734345.

B Coy report considerable digging along entire coy front commencing approx 1600 yds WEST of S21 and 450 yds NORTH of DERNA RD. Enemy diggings appear to be at least of 1000 yds depth.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS: Nil

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EQPT: Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY: Enemy recce plane over this area from 1115 hrs to 1225 hrs spotting for his arty.

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2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY NO 4

From 0600 hrs 12 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 13 Jul 41

1 GENERAL SITUATION: The enemy continues to consolidate his posn particularly fwd of C Coy area and active patrolling has established his FDLs as described in 2c. All infn to date tends to point to ITALIAN occupation of areas fwd of A & C Coys. No enemy patrols have been encountered since 3 Jul 41. General situation quiet.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY:

(a) Enemy disposns: The use of dogs has been noted in other areas and was reported from this area 11/12 Jul.

Scouting and talking in ITALIAN was heard very clearly on patrol fwd of 39764366 establishing the use of dogs in this area as mentioned in previous summary. WADI 3 and sangars at head were found to be unoccupied. Sangars around WADI 2 were unoccupied. Lack of contact of our patrols suggested enemy more intent on consolidating than patrolling. Telephone wires cut on previous patrols were not repaired - may have been unused line. Booby traps established at 39734345 - 39704338 - 39674350.

(b) Observed movement: Nil

(c) Works proceeding: C Coy patrols suggest enemy FDLs as follows: From DERNA RD 39714363 (approx) to 39754367 to 39704373 and infn from LOU extends the line to 84 (397437) to 89 (398438) thence to 39764402. Enemy are using compressors at night.

(d) Shelling: Fairly light over whole area with an increased showing in the enemy use of mortars. Shelling increased towards evening.

	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Bn Hq	12	-	
A Coy	99	-	2 direct hits GC. No damage
B Coy	49	126	
C Coy	29	27	
D Coy	107	24	

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY:

(a) Patrols: Much valuable infn was gained by our patrols which are now definitely establishinh the enemy's FDLs. Both A Coy patrols report much activity in vicinity 39764366 while C Coy established the FDLs on the coy front although the enemy are occupying fwd posns, e.g. Pt 69 in square 398436. A Coy made a general survey of WADIS 2 3 and 4. Reports of these patrols are embodied in 2(a) and 2(c).

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS: Enemy plane flew over enemy territory at 0315 and 3 GREEN 2 RED and 1 WHITE tracers fired from area square 396436.

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EQPT: Nil

6 AIR ACTIVITY: Very quiet due probably to the weather conditions during the day. At approx 2300 hrs our aircraft bombed enemy presumably bty posn, insquare 395436.

7 COMMUNICATION: POST GB out of communication with B Coy HQ from 2310 hrs to 0300 hrs.

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2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY No 5

From 0600 hrs 13 Jul 41 to 0600hrs 14 Jul 41

1 GENERAL SITUATION: Although enemy shelling continued it was on a more decreased scale than we have yet experienced in this area. Active patrolling continued along the entire front and this active patrolling is definitely clearing up the posn of the enemy FDLs. The arty and mortars have engaged with success MG posts and sangars and are very actively engaging any attempts made to establish healthy posns fwd of their present lines of workings.

PW taken night 12/13 Jul identified 20 Regt BRESCIA DIV.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY:

- a. Pt 69 (in square 398436)
 - i Much digging heard and from observations made it is evident enemy has a strong force here
 - ii No noise heard between 2145 hrs and 2245 hrs - suggest enemy standing-to during this period
 - iii Sounds of MT heard
 - iv Digging started again at 2300 hrs
 - v From observations made it is evident he has a strong force here.
 - vi Enemy appear to be very nervous and shots were fired several times during night.
- WHITE KNOLL unoccupied
SANGARS vicinity 39674327 unoccupied.

b. Observed movement: POST S11 report 8 men engaged in digging at 39564323 at 1135 hrs.

c. Works proceeding: Digging and blasting continues on our front in enemy FDLs NORTH of DERNA RD and on first escarpment SOUTH of the RD.
Digging heard at Pt 69 (398436) and observed at 39564323.
283 degrees from GN 1800 yds 50 men observed digging.

d. Shelling: The following figures have been taken from shelling reports of this area over the last 6 days.

Hostile shelling:

- 16.2% 1800 - 1900 hrs
- 24.5% 1900 - 2000 hrs
- 13.1% 2000 hrs - 2100 hrs.

i.e. 53.8% between 1800 hrs - 2100 hrs - over half the shelling of this area falls in a period of 3 hrs due perhaps to the fact that the enemy has the sun behind him enabling him to observe better. This ofcourse under normal conditions and does not include mortar fire. Least hostile shelling between 0001 - 0100 and 1400 - 1500 hrs.

Shells Mortars Remarks

	Shells	Mortars	Remarks
Bn HQ	3	-	
A Coy	-	-	
B Coy	28	50	
C Coy	6	-	
D Coy	18	27	

At 0900 hrs a gap of sangars 39704339 were heavily bombed by our mortar causing men to vacate posn for one 450 yds WEST - this posn was then engaged and direct hits registered, and men, who appeared to be carrying wounded moved to original sangars. Mortars later engaged 3 MG nests fwd of 16 Pl D Coy and direct hits were registered on at least 2 of the 3. Enemy shells and mortars fell on the flat between GS and CARRIER fwd of A Coy. Evidently enemy is trying to co-ordinate fire plan after last night's episode.

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3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY:

(a) Patrols: PW taken by A Coy night 12/13 Jul has been identified and gave very useful infn which will be included in next summary.

A Coy. To WHITE KNOLL found unoccupied, KNOLL slopes back and forms part of the escarpment proper. Small slit trenches 200 yds this side of KNOLL possibly listening or observation posts.

Low stone sangars scattered over KNOLL itself. NMS or heard.

C Coy. Report much activity at Pt 69. Infn from this patrol has been embodied in enemy ground activity ref Pt 69. Fighting patrol report digging 283 degrees from GN distance 1800 yds. 50 men occupied in digging - warning shots fired by enemy and all activity ceased. Appear enemy defences in nature of slit trenches

B Coy. To vicinity 39674327 report NMS.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS: Nil

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EQPT: See 3 a.

6 AIR ACTIVITY: Nil

7 COMMUNICATION: Shell fire cut line from Bn HQ to B Coy at 1600 hrs repaired 2140 hrs. Contact made during this period by W/T.

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Shells Mortars Remarks

3	3	Bn HQ
-	-	A Coy
30	30	B Coy
-	8	C Coy
20	18	D Coy

At 0800 hrs a group of sangars 39674327 were heavily bombed by our mortar causing mortar vacate road for one 450 yds west - this post was then engaged and direct hits registered, and men, who appeared to be carrying wounded moved to original sangars. Mortars later engaged 3 MO nests 7th of 18 1st D Coy and direct hits were registered on at least 2 of the 3. Enemy shells and mortars fell on the flat between 08 and 0830 hrs. A Coy. Evidently enemy is trying to co-ordinate the plan of their last night's episode.

2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY No 5

From 0600 hrs 13 Jul 41 to 0600hrs 14 Jul 41

1 GENERAL SITUATION: Although enemy shelling continued it was on a more decreased scale than we have yet experienced in this area. Active patrolling continued along the entire front and this active patrolling is definitely clearing up the posn of the enemy PDLs. The arty and mortars have engaged with success MG posts and sangars and are very actively engaging any attempts made to establish healthy posns fwd of their present lines of workings.
PW taken night 12/13 Jul identified 20 Regt BRESCIA DIV.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY:

- a. Pt 69 (in square 398436)
 - i Much digging heard and from observations made it is evident enemy has a strong force here
 - ii No noise heard between 2145 hrs and 2245 hrs - suggest enemy standing-to during this period
 - iii Sounds of MT heard
 - iv Digging started again at 2300 hrs
 - v From observations made it is evident he has a strong force here.
 - vi Enemy appear to be very nervous and shots were fired several times during night.
- WHITE KNOLL unoccupied
SANGARS vicinity 39674327 unoccupied.

b. Observed movement: POST 811 report 8 men engaged in digging at 39564323 at 1135 hrs.

c. Works proceeding: Digging and blasting continues on our front in enemy PDLs NORTH of DERNA RD and on first escarpment SOUTH of the RD.
Digging heard at Pt 69 (398436) and observed at 39564323.
283 degrees from GN 1800 yds 50 men observed digging.

d. Shelling: The following figures have been taken from shelling reports of this area over the last 6 days.

Hostile shelling:

- 16.2% 1800 - 1900 hrs
- 24.5% 1900 - 2000 hrs
- 13.1% 2000 hrs - 2100 hrs.

i.e. 53.8% between 1800 hrs - 2100 hrs - over half the shelling of this area falls in a period of 3 hrs due perhaps to the fact that the enemy has the sun behind him enabling him to observe better. This ofcourse under normal conditions and does not include mortar fire. Least hostile shelling between 0001 - 0100 and 1400 - 1500 hrs.

Shells Mortars Remarks

	Shells	Mortars	Remarks
Bn HQ	3	-	
A Coy	-	-	
B Coy	28	50	
C Coy	6	-	
D Coy	18	27	

At 0900 hrs a gap of sangars 39704339 were heavily bombed by our mortar causing men to vacate posn for one 450 yds WEST - this posn was then engaged and direct hits registered, and men, who appeared to be carrying wounded moved to original sangars. Mortars later engaged 3 MG nests fwd of 16 Pl D Coy and direct hits were registered on at least 2 of the 3. Enemy shells and mortars fell on the flat between 68 and CARRIER fwd of A Coy. Evidently enemy is trying to co-ordinate fire plan after last night's episode.

Over

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY:

(a) Patrols: PW taken by A Coy night 12/13 Jul has been identified and gave very useful infn which will be included in next summary.

A Coy. To WHITE KNOLL found unoccupied, KNOLL slopes back and forms part of the escarpment proper. Small slit trenches 200 yds this side of KNOLL possibly listening or observation posts. Low stone sangars scattered over KNOLL itself. NMS or heard.

C & E Coy. Report much activity at Pt 69. Infn from this patrol has been embedded in enemy ground activity ref Pt 69. Fighting patrol report digging 283 degrees from GN distance 1800 yds. 50 men occupied in digging - warning shots fired by enemy and all activity ceased. Appear enemy defences in nature of slit trenches.

B Coy. To vicinity 39674327 report NMS.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS: Nil

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EQPT: See 3 a.

6 AIR ACTIVITY: Nil

7 COMMUNICATION: Shell fire cut line from Bn HQ to E Coy at 1600 hrs repaired 2140 hrs. Contact made during this period by W/T.

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The following figures have been taken from shelling reports of this area over the last 3 days.

Time	Direction	Remarks
18.00 - 19.00 hrs	180 - 190	
19.00 - 20.00 hrs	180 - 190	
20.00 - 21.00 hrs	180 - 190	

The following figures have been taken from shelling reports of this area over the last 3 days. The enemy has been seen to be digging in a period of 3 hrs but passage to the east of this area has been maintained. This of course under normal conditions and does not include mortar fire. Last hostile shelling between 0001 - 0100 and 1800 - 1900 hrs.

Shellfire Remarks

Time	Direction	Remarks
18.00 - 19.00 hrs	180 - 190	
19.00 - 20.00 hrs	180 - 190	
20.00 - 21.00 hrs	180 - 190	

At 0000 hrs a gap of 2000 yds was heavily bombed by mortar fire. The enemy was seen to be digging in a period of 3 hrs but passage to the east of this area has been maintained. This of course under normal conditions and does not include mortar fire. Last hostile shelling between 0001 - 0100 and 1800 - 1900 hrs.

2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY NO 6

From 0600 hrs 14 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 15 Jul 41

1 GENERAL SITUATION: In front of the Bn sector the enemy is still constructing a line of field works mainly weapon pits, trenches and sangars at a considerable distance from our FDLs. Our patrols have now encountered enemy wire at 39634329. The enemy defences are apparently being prepared by large working parties brought fwd at night and are manned by day by smaller parties armed with MGs. The exact locating of the fwd enemy MG posts and constant and determined engagement of them by our arty, mortar and MG fire has made our own front line posns much more tenable than when the Bn first came into the area and some of the enemy fwd MGs have been silenced. But unlocated enemy mortars are still troublesome. The decline of the moon has made patrolling easier.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY:

(a) Enemy Dispositions: as supplied by PW

Location of 1 Bn of 20 Regt BRESCIA DIV:-

- 1 Coy 39554354
- 2 Coy 39544352
- 3 Coy 39544350

2 Bn 20 Regt BRESCIA DIV at HARP EL ACREB and 3 Bn in area 395432 19 Regt is astride and NORTH of DERNA RD.

BERSAGLIERI Units (Unknown) 1 Bn between 19 Regt BRESCIA DIV and Sea HQ BRESCIA DIV 600 yds EAST of rd corner 384439 in small white house.

(b) Observed Movement:

B Coy report 30 men sighted at diggings 39674329 at 2030 hrs. Probable enemy booby trap fd located vicinity Pt 69 (square 398436). Explosion of booby trap heard by our patrol followed by a loud shriek of pain (ITALIAN)

A Coy report from GI 2 gps of men estimated 20 in each gp appear to be unloading from 2 MT. Posn of gps 39634349 - 39704353.

(c) Works proceeding:

The PW was engaged in digging A/Tk gun and mortar pits in his coy area when captured. The Compliment Bn in area 390435 is said to be building a rd from 39254372 SOUTH to escarpment and connects up with some existing track along SCHIFET RAS EL SEHEL.

(d) Shelling: Particularly ~~axt~~ light over whole area.

Hostile shelling - Shells Mortars Remarks

Bn HQ	+	-
A Coy	-	5
B Coy	25	68
C Coy	-	-
D Coy	33	16

PW states shelling of several days ago fwd of B Coy WEST front when our arty engaged diggings it inflicted casualties on 1 Bn BRESCIA 20 killed 30 wounded.

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY:

(a) Patrols: Very active patrolling of whole Bn front by all coys. Pts taken from patrols as follows:-

- i Voices heard at POST S6 definitely GERMAN
- ii Enemy posn at diggings 39634329 challenged party from behind wired-in posn and appeared to be in some strength. Dogs noticed in vicinity of diggings.
- iii WHITE KNOLL unoccupied.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS: Nil

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EQPT: Books and letters taken from a MG fwd of C Coy have been fwded on to Bde.

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY: Nil

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2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY NO 6

From 0600 hrs 14 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 15 Jul 41

1 GENERAL SITUATION: In front of the Bn sector the enemy is still constructing a line of field works mainly weapon pits, trenches and sangars at a considerable distance from our FDLs. Our patrols have now encountered enemy wire at *39634329*. The enemy defences are apparently being prepared by large working parties brought fwd at night and are manned by day by smaller parties armed with MGs. The exact locating of the fwd enemy MG posts and constant and determined engagement of them by our arty, mortar and MG fire has made our own front line posns much more tenable than when the Bn first came into the area and some of the enemy fwd MGs have been silenced. But unlocated enemy mortars are still troublesome. The decline of the moon has made patrolling easier.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY:

(a) Enemy Dispositions: as supplied by PW.

Location of 1 Bn of 20 Regt BRESCIA DIV:-

- 1 Coy 39554354
- 2 Coy 39544352
- 3 Coy 39544350

2 Bn 20 Regt BRESCIA DIV at HARF EL ACREB and 3 Bn in area 395432
19 Regt is astride and NORTH of DERNA RD.

BERSAGLIERI Units (Unknown) 1 Bn between 19 Regt BRESCIA DIV and Seak
HQ BRESCIA DIV 600 yds EAST of rd corner 384439 in small white house.

(b) Observed Movement:

B Coy report 30 men sighted at diggings 39674329 at 2030 hrs.
Probable enemy booby trap fd located in vicinity Pt 69 (square 398436)
Explosion of booby trap heard by our patrol followed by a loud shriek of pain (ITALIAN)

A Coy report from GI 2 gps of men estimated 20 in each gp appear to be unloading from 2 MT. Posn of gps 39634349 - 39704353.

(c) Works proceeding:

The PW was engaged in digging A/Tk gun and mortar pits in his coy area when captured. The Compliment Bn in area 39 0435 is said to be building a road from 39254372 SOUTH to escarpment and connects up with some existing track along SCHIPET RAS EL SEHEL.

(d) Shelling: Particularly light over whole area.

Hostile Shelling - Shells Mortars Remarks

Bn HQ	-	-
A Coy	-	5
B Coy	25	68
C Coy	-	-
D Coy	33	16

PW states shelling of several days ago fwd of B Coy WEST front when our arty engaged diggings it inflicted casualties on 1 Bn BRESCIA 20 killed 30 wounded.

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY:

(a) Patrols: Very active patrolling of whole Bn front by all coys. Pts taken from patrols as follows:-

- i Voices heard at POST S6 definitely GERMAN
- ii Enemy posn at diggings 39634329 challenged party from behind wired-in posn and appeared to be in some strength. Dogs noticed in vicinity of digging.
- iii WHITE KNOLL unoccupied.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS: Nil

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EQPT: Books and letters taken from a MC fwd of C Coy have been fwded on to Bde

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY: Nil

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2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY No 7

From 0600 hrs 15 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 16 Jul 41

- 1 GENERAL SITUATION: The enemy was a little more active in both shelling and movement than yesterday and continues to come fwd at night. MG fire was exchanged on A Coy front and we inflicted casualties. Shelling between 1900 hrs and 2000 hrs still seems to be his main shelling period. 131 shells fell in A and B Coy area. Several parties were seen fwd of A Coy area during evening presumably 1 Bn 20 BRESCIA DIV.
- 2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY:
 - (a) Enemy disposns: 1600 yds fwd of S11 on bearing 283 degrees an A/Tk minefield was located. A double row of ITALIAN mines just recently laid.
 - (b) Observed movement: 1100 hrs - At a distance of 3000 yds at a bearing of 328 degrees from S13 three dust columns were observed. MT later appeared moving NW direction.
 1500 hrs - Two MG nests were located at a range of 2200 yds and bearings of 329 degrees and 330 degrees from S19. We engaged and shots were exchanged inflicting casualties indicated by movement of stretcher bearers.
 S15 reported three men 39734338 observing our posns for about 5 mins.
 2115 hrs - S15 report 15 to 20 men vicinity CARRIER moving about and at the same time S17 report 1 MT on escarpment unloading 20 to 30 men at a range of approx 3000 yds on a bearing of 280 degrees.
 - (c) Works proceeding: Digging heard by patrol at 39744365. Digging talking and occasional rattling of tins was heard 39744343.
 - (d) Shelling: Concentrations between 1910 and 1925 hrs fell on A and B Coy areas.

	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Bn HQ	3	-	
A Coy	174	7	
B Coy	73	39	Post S9 badly damaged
C Coy	8	8	
D Coy	89	20	
OS	6	-	

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY:

Patrols:

- C Coy - Report 150 to 200 enemy could be observed at approx 39784364. It appears that a large minefield semicircular in shape runs from Pt 69 to Pt 78 on DERNA RD. Report possible laying of booby traps and minefields fwd of coy area (see patrol report)
- B Coy - Patrol encountered A/Tk minefield 1600 yds fwd of S11 on a bearing of 283 degrees.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS: Nil

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EQPT: Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY: Nil

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2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY No 7

From 0600 hrs 15 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 16 Jul 41

1 GENERAL SITUATION: The enemy was a little more active in both shelling and movement than yesterday and continues to come fwd at night. MG fire was exchanged on A Coy front and we inflicted casualties. Shelling between 1900 hrs and 2000 hrs still seems to be his main shelling period. 131 shells fell in A and B Coy area. Several parties were seen fwd of A Coy area during evening presumably 1 Bn 20 BRESCIA DIV.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (a) Enemy disposns: 1600 yds fwd of S11 on bearing 283 degrees an A/Tk minefield was located. A double row of ITALIAN mines just recently laid.
- (b) Observed movement: 1110 hrs - At a distance of 3000 yds at a bearing of 328 degrees from S13 three dust columns were observed. MT later appeared moveing NW direction.
1500 hrs - Two MG nests were located at a range of 2200 yds and bearings of 329 degrees and 330 degrees from S19. We engaged and shots were exchanged inflicting casualties indicated by movement of stretcher bearers.
S15 reported three men 39734338 observing our posns for about 5 mins.
2115 hrs - S15 report 15 to 20 men vicinity CARRIER moving about and at the same time S17 report 1 MT on escarpment unloading 20 to 30 men at a range of approx 3000 yds on a bearing of 280 degrees.
- (c) Works proceeding: Digging heard by patrol at 39744365. Digging talking and occasional rattling of tins was heard 39744343.
- (d) Shelling: Concentrations between 1910 and 1925 hrs fell on A and B Coy areas.

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5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EQPT: Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY: Nil

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2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY NO 2

From 0600 hrs 16 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 17 Jul 41

- 1 GENERAL SITUATION: Very light shelling over whole area with the greatest number falling on C Coy. The enemy continues to come fwd at night to occupy fwd posns.
- 2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY:
 - (a) Enemy disposns: 3 Sangars at S7 established as MG nests and possible OP for directing fire on B Coy area. Engaged by our arty. Suspected enemy MG nest (unoccupied) at 39744317. Gap in enemy minefield at 39674318.
 - (b) Observed movement: 1250 - 1300 hrs. By vehicular movement reported from POST S17 moving SOUTH through wadi in square 395434 with interval of 2½ mins between vehs.
1800 - 2100 hrs. Over a period of the last week MT movement has been noted each evening moving up to 39634315 - stopping - then moving by circular route to rear of S7.
2020 hrs. 12 men reported stationary 39624344.
2045 hrs. Enemy again sighted on western ridge wadi, square 395434.
2125 hrs. S25 report 40 to 50 men 400 yds due WEST moving NORTH.
 - (c) Works proceeding: TWIN SANGARS 39704339 have been removed by the enemy during the night.
 - (d) Shelling: Shelling today was on a very small scale.

Shells Mortars Remarks

Bn HQ	7	-	
A Coy	1	-	
B Coy	17	61	
C Coy	38	-	
D Coy	12	24	4 secs fuse Hows

The 18 Cav report that our bombing of Pt 69 (398436) on 15 Jul by mortars was very successful. From their better observation pt they were able to observe the enemy evacuate posn and scatter. Casualties were inflicted by direct hits.

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY:

Patrols:

D Coy - Patrol paid another visit to the WATER TOWER and report wire placed 200 yds WEST and slightly to rear of WATER TOWER.
B Coy - Fwd of S9 to 39624320 report:
i Unoccupied MG post 39744318
ii Gap in minefield 39674318
iii MT movement heard due WEST of 39624320
C Coy - Enemy reported continuing minefield from DERNA RD to Pt 69 Northwards.
C Coy - Great activity observed in this minefield. MT and working parties engaged in the work. This patrol was able to ascertain the posn of the minefield ^{and} between the mine to be ITALIAN A/Tk Box type approx 2'6" x 8". Depth of fd unknown.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS: Nil

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EQPT: Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY: Nil

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2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY NO 9

From 0600 hrs 17 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 18 Jul 41

1 GENERAL SITUATION - The 2/28 Bn made an attack through our front and engaged the enemy in the vicinity of WHITE KNOLL. This coincided with attacks on our right through LOU. A full account of the engagement is not yet to hand. These raids caused the ITALIANS to heavily shell portions of our area, C Coy reporting 152 shells and 80 mortars in 50 mins.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY -

(a) Enemy disposals - Strong enemy force encountered vicinity WHITE KNOLL. Bty located in square 397439. Established as having 4 guns. MG post 39774339 in sangars. 6 men seen.

(b) Observed movement -

1250 hrs - S17 report dust columns rising on a bearing of 320 degrees - 340 degrees. These columns thought to be MT moving from the WEST.
1515 hrs - A dust column reported moving NORTH believed one MT. These movements were behind the escarpments and so numbers could not be estimated.

1545 hrs - All traces of MT movement had vanished.

1600 hrs - 3 sangars (MG nest) 39774339 was engaged with MG fire from S13, six men were seen at sangars but damage done not known, though it is believed MG fire found its target.

2030 hrs - S10 report 2 tp carriers vicinity 39604330 dropping enemy tps and at 2115 hrs carriers were observed to move off, one NORTH one SOUTH leaving men in area. POST 39 report sound of MT due WEST of B Coy area.

0100 hrs - D Coy observed very bright search light directed twds TOBRUK from approx 40104242.

(c) Works proceeding - 100 men occupied in digging between Pts 69 and 84 (397437)

(d) Shelling - The following are particulars of a shell found in vicinity POST S11:

GERMAN - 2'6" high, 5 1/2" diameter - weight 84 lbs - 114 lbs

MARKINGS: Upper Nose Cap - 14 B N1740

On body - DL 64/203 1940

Bottom of shell - KPS (Krupps?)

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Base of shell - paper stuck on

15 cms 1 gr .38 S1 gr Z23 (0,4)

GEWICHTSKLASE

Roman figures 4 stamped over above

in column on right 14BR9

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Grey all over

	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
En HQ	18	-	(wounded
A Coy	247	82	1 seriously and 1 slightl
B Coy	27	42	
C Coy	221	80	
D Coy	67	87	

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY - Patrols were limited owing to attack by 2/28 Bn.

C Coy - Approached to 100 yds of 100 enemy inf engaged in digging between Pts 69 and 84 (397437) and successfully engaged with LMG and 2" mortars. These men were grouped together and numerous casualties were inflicted as noted by screams and yells of enemy.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS - Numerous red vercy lights seen in enemy territory whilst battle was in progress.

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EQPT - Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY - At 1300 hrs enemy aircraft flew over fwd coy areas

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5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EQPT - Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY - At 1300 hrs 2 enemy aircraft flew over fwd coy areas.

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2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY NO 11

From 0600 hrs 19 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 20 Jul 41

1 GENERAL SITUATION - Fairly quiet, very little activity during day and very restricted movement at night.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY -

(a) Observed movement - At 1100 hrs enemy movement was observed from S17 at bearing 290 deg, range 3500 yds. 40 men walked towards escarpment and disappeared at 1130 hrs.

(b) Shelling - No shelling was reported in Bn area up till 1700 hrs, from then on there was normal shelling until 0030 hrs shells being evenly spread over general Bn area.

Shells Mortars

Bn HQ	13	
A Coy	22	
B Coy	48	15
C Coy	6	
D Coy	66	

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY -

Patrols - Our usual patrols operated over enemy area during the night. The minefield near DERWA RD has received a fair amount of attention by the enemy recently. The ITALIAN box type A/Tk mine being used. The field is fairly extensive and runs now at an angle of 45 deg SOUTH of DERWA RD. Enemy activity in other areas was quiet.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS - Red flares (2) were fired by the enemy when some mortar bombs were sent towards Pt 69

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL - Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY - Nil

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K. Watson Capt
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2/48 Bn.
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2/48 Aust Inf Bn Int SUMMARYFrom 0600hrs 20 Jul 41 to 0600hrs 21 Jul 411 GENERAL SITUATION

Fairly quiet during day with heavy shelling at night. The enemy shelled our patrolling areas heavily for several hours during night 20/21 Jul 41

2 SHELLING

	Mortars	75mm	105mm
A Coy	54	120	70
B Coy	53	16	7
C Coy	190	160	140
D Coy	32	16	
Bn HQ	16	12	

3 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITYA Observed Movement

1115 hrs 4 columns of dust were observed moving N to E behind Escarpment

1815 hrs A Coy reported 4 men at immediate front 3500^x

1820 hrs Tk was observed in vicinity of Pt 69 and remained stationary at 39784360 for several minutes

1830 hrs a mortar posn was located at 39784305. Our arty engaged this target b t observation was difficult

2230 MG fire was directed towards B Coy posn lasting about 30 minutes

B Works Proceeding

ITALIAN A Tk minefield - box type - was located 39674317 running in single lines to 39654312

4 OWN GROUND ACTIVITY

Our patrols have been active as usual but have met with little resistance of late as most of the enemy posns are vacated during the night.

5 ENEMY FIRE WORKS

1950 hrs 2 Red and 3 White Very Lights were observed over A Coy left flank

V. H. Scott Capt

Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY NO

From 0600 hrs 21 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 22 Jul 41

1 GENERAL - The situation remained quiet during most of the day and night 21/22 Jul 41. Our relief was carried out during the hours of darkness and the operation was a success. Enemy movement of MT was observed at WADI 39554345 and was engaged successfully by our mortars and arty.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY -

(a) Enemy Disposns - 16 MGs reported at Pt 155, occupying sangars and diggings which are crudely camflgd and easily noticable.

(b) Shelling - Shelling during the day was spasmodic and fairly light during the night.

	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>
Bn HQ	11	
A Coy	40	
B Coy	18	25
C Coy	5	
D Coy	24	
OS	7	

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY -

Patrols - Listening patrols were established at 300 yds to 400 yds from wire and were taken up by relieving Bn. Nothing to report.

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2/48 AUST INF BN INT SUMMARY NO 19

Compiled from infn received from 0600 hrs 26 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs
27 Jul 41

1 GENERAL INFN - The situation remains quiet, though enemy shelling has increased over the period. Our OPs reported that visibility was average, but no ground movement was seen. At 1700 hrs three unidentified planes flew over the Bn front at a height estimated to be about 10000 ft.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY -

(a) Disposns - Nothing to report

(b) Works proceeding - Nil

(c) Shelling - Normal:

Bn HQ	59 Shells
A Coy	8
B Coy	-
C Coy	-
D Coy	-
OS	100

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY - No patrols out

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS - Nil

Andrew P. L. Jones Lt Col
Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

2/48 AUST INF BN INT SUMMARY NO 24

Compiled from infn received from 0600 hrs 31 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs
1 Aug 41

- 1 GENERAL SITUATION - The period has been considerably quiet, there being very little shelling and reports from fwd observation posts report NMS,
- 2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY - XXI
 - (a) Enemy disposns - Nil
 - (b) Observed movement - at 0245 hrs C Coy reported an enemy working party were heard digging. They were engaged by MG fire which brought down 6 mortars on C Coy area. Sound of digging ceased following our engagement.
 - (c) Works proceeding - Nil
 - (d) Shelling -

A Coy	30 mortars
B Coy	12 shells
C Coy	9 mortars
D Coy	2 shells 5 mortars
- 3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY - Nil
- 4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS - Nil
- 5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTS - Nil
- 6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY - During the period 1735 to 1830 hrs an enemy recce plane flew around this area. There was no noticable increase in enemy arty fire.

Andrew Wilby Lieut.

for Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

9 Aust Div

REPORT ON OPERATIONS - 24 AUST INF BDE
NIGHT 2/3 AUG NIGHT 3/4 AUG 411 Outline of operations

In accordance with OO No 7 issued by 24 Aust Inf Bde attacks were made simultaneously on Posts S6 and S7 by 2/28 Bn and on R7 by 2/43 Bn at 0330 hrs 3 Aug. Prior to operations all measures were taken to ensure its success. Patrols from coys of both bns had reced the gd at least as far as the intended start lines and routes from start lines to positions to be attacked were known to all ranks. Accurate information regarding MG and mortar posns was obtained by patrols and although every posn could NOT be ascertained sufficient were known in detail and by areas to enable arty and MG concentrations to be determined. As little was known about post R7 itself the coy detailed to carry out the attack was withdrawn for practice of the attack by day and night on the model post constructed near DERNA RD. Coy was withdrawn night 28/29 Jul and returned to 2/43 Bn area night 1/2 Aug. The coy detailed to attack posts S6 and S7 was withdrawn into res posn and replaced by coy of 2/32 Bn on night 28/29 Jul 41. Prior to the issue of Op Instn No 4 on 30 Jul many details of the op which affected all arms taking part had been discussed and adjusted. A conference was held on 31 Jul after which the OO No 7 was produced. The final conference on Aug 2 lasted one hr and all final details were adjusted. Arty concentrations on areas attacked from Z - 5 to Z plus 2. The attack on R7 was withdrawn after severe fighting had taken place in the post itself and we had sustained heavy casualties. Withdrawal took place before first light. During the morning wounded and dead were collected our stretcher bearers being assisted in this by the enemy. Reports on the attack on S6 and S7 were confusing. By 0600hrs it appeared that the attack on S6 had not reached that post. At 0523 hrs S7 success signal had been observed but immediately before this at 0520 hrs a wounded offr (Lieut Coppock - 2/28 Bn) had entered the 2/48 Bn lines and stated that he and two men had occupied the post and had withdrawn from it. Just prior to first light a pl was sent fwd to S7 but could not reach it because of fire from the flank. The pl withdrew. Later carriers attempted to reach the post but without success. One coy dumped stores in wadi 300 yards South of Post S7. The post and escarpment was kept under observation during the day 3 Aug. Reports indicated that S7 appeared more likely to be held by the enemy. 2/28 Bn was instructed to send out a patrol of one pl preceded by a recce patrol to contact S7 immediately after last light. 2/48 Bn was instructed to send out a recce patrol to S6 area and to have ready one pl to send out to occupy S6 if conditions were favourable. At 2115 hrs the S7 success signal was again observed and at 2200 hrs two signallers came into S10 from S7 with a message from Capt Conway OC D Coy 2/28 Bn. The message stated that he was holding the post with Lieut McHenry and 19 men, 9 of whom were wounded, and that he required reinfts. He was holding 7 German prisoners and there were 4 German wounded and 4 German dead in the actual concrete post. During the night 3/4 Aug attempts were made to reinforce the posts without success. Our parties on moving fwd in the bright moonlight coming under heavy fire from the enemy. An attack was made by D Coy 2/32 Bn on the post at 0400hrs 4 Aug but was unsuccessful being unable to get fwd because of intense mortar and MG fire. It is considered that the post was retaken by the enemy between 2130 and 2300 hrs night 3/4 Aug. The recce patrol of 2/48 Bn reached a pt midway between WATER TOWER and S6 but could make no observation from there except to establish the fact that S6 was held by the enemy. Two wounded men of 2/28 Bn who were discovered by the patrol in a wadi stated that the enemy had brought up MGs to the WATER TOWER and S6 area at about 2200hrs that evening. The patrol returned to 2/48 Bn lines just before first light.

2 Detailed account of attack on Post R7

(1) Tps employed	Offr	ORs
A Coy 2/43 Bn	1	28
B Coy 2/43	3	106
2/13 Fd Coy		19
Stretcher Bearers		20
Sigs		4
Total	4	177

Casualties	XXXXXXXXXX	Offrs	ORs
2/43 Bn -	Killed		28
	Wounded	4	67
	Missing		3
	PW		2
2/13 Bd Coy -	Wounded		2

(11) Brief Log of events

- 0230 - Covering party (9 pl A Coy and Det Engrs) Moved out from R11
- 0245 - Main body moved out from R11
- 0325 - ~~0332~~- Arty concentrations on R7 area
- 0336 - Assault
- 0436 - Three wounded reported in to our lines
- 0450 - Attacking coy withdrawn
- 0612 - Most of wounded in. SBs sent out to search area.

(111) A gap~~x~~ was made in the Perimeter wire and mines EAST OF Post R11 by the Engrs who also laid tape from this pt South for 250 yds West for 1650 yds thence North to start line 500 yds South of R7 being protected in this operation by 9 pl A Coy. Zero Hour was at 0330 hrs and at 0325 hrs - exactly on time the arty concentrations commenced. Arty concentrations were absolutely correct and as indicated by the report tps were able to move close up to the barrage without sustaining casualties. The Engrs moved fwd to within 150 yds of R7 and when the barrage lifted at 0332 hrs moved fwd with Bangalore torpedoes and blew the Perimeter wire in three places. B Coy was now within 50 yds of the wire and up to this pt everything had proceeded exactly according to the plan. The enemy apparently not having discovered the direction of the attack. Shortly afterwards flares consisting of four red four white appeared - ~~xxxxxx~~ apparently their SDF was fired and mortar fire caught the fwd sec as they reached the wire. The leading sec of 10 pl the pl assaulting R7 was completely wiped out by the bombs which began to fall in large numbers. The other two sections which by this time had their bridge destroyed had managed to penetrate the wire but owing to dust and smoke missed the "Tk ditch which surrounds the post. They were subsequently guided to the post by enemy flares and actually approached it from the North. More casualties were sustained in the minefield which surrounds the post and only 8 men reached the A Tk Ditch from where they carried on a fight with hand gren against the enemy in the post. Owing the enemy having a much wider target only three of this sec survived. No 11 pl on the ~~right~~ right ran into a minefield outside the wire and met heavy mortar and MG fire loosing 80% casualties. The res pl (12) was then committed but again the minefield surrounding the post took a heavy toll. A ~~vigorous~~ vigorous fight was carried on by the remainder who reached the A Tk ditch and by one sec which engaged a large force of the enemy in a trench for 50 minutes. All the offrs and most of the NCOs were early ~~casualties~~ casualties and the coy comd was forced to order a withdrawal which was duly carried out. Enemy minefields, the destruction of the bridges and the enemy ~~mortars~~ mortars and MGs which survived the arty fire and were quickly in action caused the failure of the attack. The number of casualties suffered by the enemy cannot be estimated but they appear to have been heavy as enemy amb were busy in the vicinity of R7 throughout the day. The outstanding feature of the op was despite heavy cas and the early loss of most of their leaders the determination of the men to close with and destroy the enemy. It appears that a large number of casualties early in the attack prevented the coy from engaging the post with anything like full strength although it is considered that the maximum effort was made and continued until the situation became impossible. After withdrawal had been completed amb vehs and SBs went fwd to collect cas. A party of enemy was also in the vicinity. The Red Cross was respected by the enemy. A most unusual aspect was that a German MO apparently gave our wounded collected by his SBs the choice of being treated in GERMAN or BRITISH hospitals and a number of our ~~wounded~~ wounded were brought and placed in our vehs. As far as can be gathered one OR badly wounded, elected to stay with his brother who had been captured. The remainder were brought in. The SBs were allowed to approach close to R7 and some observations are set out below. There is a large field of "S" type anti-personnel mines just outside the perimeter wire South of R7. Many of our dead were lying in this field. The area around the post inside the perimeter is very thickly strewn with booby traps described as being grey in colour about the size of a jamtin and each lashed to a stake clear of the gd - apparently the ITALIAN anti-personnel mines. The fd is approx 50 yds wide and marked by a trip wire close to the post on the enemy side. There were more of our dead in this field and others in the A Tk ditch. The explosion of

these booby traps and mines may be what our tps took to be GERMAN hand gren being thrown at them. There is a concrete pill box inside the post. This may be an OP with observat on over the perimeter posts from R8 to R12 and 14.

Wire - Armament The Perimeter wire appears to be very thick and in good condition. Two MGs were seen inside the post itself and the trench system on both sides. An MMG apparently GERMAN was lying some 200 yds outside the wire. From R7 the whole of our FDLs are clearly visibly in the sector and Post R14 is skylined. The enemy use an instrument for moving out of the post which consists of a pack on the back and a steel ring on a bar from the end of which there are a series of wires. This ring is connected to the ear phones and the pack. ~~This~~ During movement the ring is held in the hands ~~xxxxxx~~ and the bar held close to the gd. It appears to be a metal detector and used to avoid buried mines. Reports from fwd posts stated that GERMAN amb's were moving too and from the ~~xxx~~ vicinity of post R7 all day until dark. Our amb veh was delayed for three hrs because the enemy would not bring out the last three dead until their own amb were clear. The area and vicinity of R7 seemed to be severely damaged by our shelling. The Perimeter wire with the combined effect of shelling and Bangalore torpedoes was flattened for a distance of about 50yds. From the observation of a SB Sjt who was in the vicinity of the post ~~from~~ about 0800 hrs - 1700 hrs it is considered that the enemy endeavoured to impress him. Men ~~seen~~ were cleanly and neatly dressed, hair combed and brilliantined. The Sjt was given several drinks during the day - one and excellent lemon drink. One man had a bath in the open - using plenty of water. Apart from this showmanship it would be a mistake to assume that the morale of the GERMAN tps is of anything but the highest order.

3 Attack on S6 and S7 - 2/3/4 Aug 41

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Detailed account of action as follows:-

Tps employed :-

Night 2/3 Aug 41

		Offrs	ORs
	D Coy 2/28 Bn	4	117
	2/13 Fd Coy	1	13
		<hr/> 5	<hr/> 130
<u>Casualties</u>	D Coy - Killed		2
	Wounded and Evacuated	2	38
	Wounded and Missing		7
	Wounded believed PW	2	7
	Missing believed killed		4
	Missing believed PW		9
	Missing		9
		<hr/> 4	<hr/> 76
	2/13 Fd Coy - Wounded		2
	Missing		1
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Tps employed night 3/4 Aug 41

A Coy 2/32 Bn

exact number unknown
approx 4 offrs and 110 ORs

Casualties

Killed.	1 Offr	1 OR
Missing,	-	-
Believed		
Killed.	1	-
Missing.		2
Wounded.		24
PW		1
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BRIEF LOG OF EVENTS

3 AUG

- 0325 - 0332 Arty concentrations
- 0330 Zero
- 0342 S7 entered by Lieut Coppock and 2 men Could not fired success signal as haversack carrying cartridges ~~was~~ was shot off back Withdrwan at hrs.
- 0500 Report of tps withdrawing from S6
- 0520 Success signal observed from S7
- 0530 Lieut McHenry left S9 with remnant of his pl to reinforce S7
- 0600 Enemy concentration of arty (incl smoke) MG and mortar fire (Approx) on FDLs one pl 2/32 attempted to reach S7 but unsuccessful and withdrew. 2 carriers sent out by 2/28 but unable to get through. One disabled
- 0645 S7 smoked by enemy arty
- 0718 2/32 Bn instructed by Brig to send one coy to and under comd 2/28
- 0930 Enemy stretcher parties in and around S7 poined to post being held by enemy
- ~~0930XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
- 0935 Coy from 2/32 reported in to 2/28 Bn area
- 1350 Report from Sjt Richards 2/32 Bn that after observing S7 for two hrs he/ was certain that it was occupied by the enemy
- 2115 Further success signal from S7 observed. One ~~sec~~ ^{sec} from post S9 and pl from 2/28 Bn and two carriers endeavour to get fwd but forced back by fire
- 2200 Message received from Capt Conway carried by two Sig runners from S7. He was at S7 and required reinfts.
- 2230 - 2330 Heavy concentration of arty, MG and mortar fire brought down on our FDLs preventing any forming up or moving fwd of our fighting patrol

4 Aug

- 0200 CO 2/28 Bn ordered Capt Cahill of 2/32 Bn to counter attack S7
- 0345 2/32 bn put in counter attack with tree pls but unsuccessful
- 0345 Pl from 2/48 Bn got within 150 yds of S6 and found it occupied in strength. Pl had to withdraw

The approach to the start line was made without incident. Arty and MG concentrations were put down accurately and on time. 2/48 Bn assisted with fire on enemy mortar and MG posns on the bn front. The pl attacking S6 lost half of its effective strength the pl comd and engrs with Bangalore torpedoes before reaching the post. The remainder went fwd but after losing further cas from mortar and machine gun fire they withdrew. On S7 the attack was developed from the North by No 16 Pl (Lieut Coppock) while No 18 pl (Lieut McHenry) protected the right flank from outside the perimeter wire. This pl was to move to the post on success signal from Lieut Coppock. Capt Conway (Coy Comd) est his HQ at BALD KNOLL about 300 yds from S7. Lieut Coppock entered the post with some of his men at about 0342 hrs but could not send the success ~~sig~~ signal containing the cartridge ~~had~~ had been shot off his back. The account att as Appx "A" to this report sigs White and Delfs of sig pl 2/28 Bn gives a description of the holding of S7 until they were sent back with a message by Capt Conway at 2100 hrs on 3 Aug. Prior to Capt Conways' arrival at S7 Lieut Coppock had sent a runner to find him, and since the runner did not return went to look for him himself. Lieut Coppock at this time was dazed and wounded. He could not find Capt Conway and finally wnet into the 2/48 Bn area from where he was directed to 2/28 Bn. Capt Conway from the timings of the report apparently entered the post shortly after Coppock left it and immediately sent up the success signal at 0520 hrs. Lieut McHenry who was waiting for the success signal until about 0500 hrs in his posn to the West of S7 decided to withdraw his pl before daylight. He sent one sec fwd to the right and beyond S7 which had contacted enemy in posn. He had withdrawn to S9 and had sustained a number of cas when the success sig was observed. He was then ordered by CO 2/28 Bn to return to S7 with all available men of his pl. Lieut McHenry returned with about 12 men. Action taken to reinforce S7 during 3 Aug and night 3/4 Aug has already been described and no further detail can be added. Failure to reach post was due to strength of the enemy posns which hadnot been subdued in vicinity of posts and the intensity and accuracy of his mortar fire, over the area North of S7 to S10

REPORT ON 2/48 AUST INF BN AREA IN SALIENT

1 Enemy

(a) General: The enemy posns in the Salient appear to be held by GERMANS although there is reason to believe some ITALIAN wking parties come fwd at night. Enemy MGs are very numerous and at times active. Retaliation from our FDLs has the effect of partial subduing the enemy MG fire, but usually provokes heavy mortar fire. Strong offensive action by fire both arty, mortar and MG against the known enemy posns has been proven to be the best means of preventing him gaining the superiority and complete control which the advantages of the higher ^{in mortar} ~~gd~~ would otherwise give; but he has a great superiority of fire power, and MMGs. Aggressive action by us must be time so as not to cause retaliation during periods of the night when our ration and other carrying parties are moving in the area.

(b) Posns:

- 1 The definitely located enemy posns are shown on att trace. Some of these posns are more or less continually occupied, others are at times occupied and at other times not as the enemy often changes the posns of his MGs during darkness.
- 2 The WATER TOWER area itself was until recently unoccupied; but since the attack on posts S6 and S7 on the night 2/3 Aug our patrols have found the enemy to be at times in the Wadi immediately East of the WATER TOWER. The nearest enemy posn is in front of the left fwd pl of the centre coy at 39924305 where there is a strongly constructed post. In front of the centre and left coys the nearest enemy posts are at distances ranging from 200 to 400 yds from our wire.

(c) Activity: The enemy fires occasional bursts of MG fire mainly on fixed lines but occasionally traversing a few degrees. This firing occurs mainly during the second half of the night. During the day there is little enemy activity from about 1000hrs to 1700hrs but snipers are alert to fire at any man who exposes himself and if any considerable movement occurs near any of our posts enemy mortar and shell fire commences. Many of the enemy posns are well concealed, and they are not limited to those shown on the att trace. The enemy lies very quiet by day and little enemy movement is observed. The result of the enemy MG fire is to restrict all our movement in FDLs to night time and movement even then is dangerous.

2 Our Posns

(a) General

- i The ~~present~~ ^{original} line of ~~our~~ ^{our} FDLs has been pushed fwd and on the right and centre it is on a fwd slope or on a ~~steep~~ ^{bare flat} slope. The result is that there ~~is~~ ^{are} no longer defiladed approaches to the FDLs from the rear and no movement can take place in daylight. The enemy posns on the right and centre are on or behind a crest and overlook ours.
- ii Communication trenches have not yet been dug although work on crawl trenches within each pl locality is proceeding. In many places there is a solid shelf of rock within 18 ins of the surface so that useful communication trenches cannot be dug. The result of the absence of any natural defiladed approaches or comm trenches is that there is no cover for the evacuation of wounded, supply of rations, movement of runners etc all of which have to take place at night and then only at the expense of regular casualties from enemy MG fire which often occurs intermittently throughout the night.

(b) Right Coy

- i ~~Wire - Single Dannert along the front - in some parts triple Dannert~~
- ii ~~Fd wks - Dugouts are provided with mortar proof head cover. Sec posts and comm trenches have been deepened. Trip wires around sec posts nearing completion.~~
- iii ~~The known enemy posts within range are engaged by LMGs and 2 inch mortar with good results.~~
- iv ~~Rear HQ may be reached from En HQ by day. Elsewhere by day movement is possible.~~

(c) Centre Coy

- i ~~Wire - Single Dannert along front - in some parts triple Dannert~~
- ii ~~Fd wks - Dugouts in Sec posts have good head cover constd.~~

see corrigendum
& addendum

by 2/32 Aust Inf Bn. All posts have been deepened and improved and crawl trenches commenced by 2/48 Aust Inf Bn but much remains to be done. Digging in most of the Coy area is good. Digging and wiring on moonlight nights is restricted. Trip wires round sec posts partially constructed

iii The known enemy posns within range are periodically engaged by LMG and 2 inch mortar fire with good results. One British 3 inch mortar has been sited in this coy area and has done good work on enemy MG posts.

(d) Left Coy Area

i Wire - Dannert

ii Fd Wks - the posts have been dug to a depth of approx 18ins. In most places a strata of rock prevents any greater depth without blasting and extensive use of crowbars which is not practicable during moonlight but might be possible on dark nights. Crawl trenches are being constd.

iii Coy HQ ~~is~~ ^{are} admittedly too far in rear to govern the pls activities visually, but if it were moved any further fwd it could serve no more useful purpose as it would be pinned down as effectively as pls are. As it is although present HQ are practically defiladed it is unwise to have much movement in the area by day, and at night, spent bullets fall among occupied sangars.

iv It might be possible for single men to get through to Bn HQ by day. They could not do so without coming under enemy view for some part of the way

v Rations are brought up by truck at night. The men are given a hot meal as soon as the truck arrives. Tea is brewed in a light-proof cook house near coy HQ.

vi Small carrying party from each pl comes in first to collect evening meal and later sufficient men are sent back in small gps to collect rations and water for next day. Men who come in for the rations bring with them their towels and have a wash.

vii Movement fwd to pls by day is impossible

viii During the day observation is carried out by means of periscopes which are occasionally fired at by enemy sniper. Any enemy observed are immediately fired on and the enemy is not slow to fire back with MG. Suitable targets are engaged with 2in mortar. The 3in mortar has engaged targets and so far has not been subjected to any enemy mortar fire but the post they occupy has frequently been machine gunned

ix Runners of single men going from Coy HQ to pls or vice versa report ~~with~~ their departure and arrival by phone

x Fixed lines from both sides of ACROMA RD concentrate on the rd itself. MMGs are frequently swung in a wide traverse from the rd chiefly to the North of it. Each pl area is covered by fixed lines. Firing on the fixed lines occurs intermittently after dusk and then spasmodically during the night. The rd to Bn HQ is under a fixed line from about 200yds South of the A Tk obstacle until it disappears below the crest on the way to Bn HQ

(e) Reserve Coy Area

i Two pls of this coy are in front of our minefield. The Coy HQ and one pl are just in rear of the fd. The area is subject to shelling if there is any considerable movement by day

ii Wire - Right fwd pl - erection of wire just commenced
Left fwd pl - one sec only wired
Res pl - wired across front

iii Fd wks - existing sec posns of right pl are too bunched. Weapon pits are defective and the whole area requires extensive remodelling and improvement which has ~~been~~ ^{been} commenced

~~XXXXXXXX~~

3 SUPPORTING TPS

(a) Arty - 51 Fd Regt have two OPs in area (39904324 - 40114324) and have a liaison offr at Bn HQ. They have carried out opportunity sheets on enemy posns especially in front of right coy area near

the aeroplane (39894311) and left of the WATER TOWER. DF tasks appear on att trace but their revision may be advisable.

- (b) Two pls RHP have penetration roles in the area and are at times available from alternative posns to undertake harassing and direct fire shoots on observed targets.
- (c) Location of A Tk guns shown on att trace. These belong to J Bty 5th RHA and 26 A Tk Coy
- (d) Engrs - 2/13 Pd Coy has assisted with wks and materials and some sprs live in the area.

4 Patrols

On the right patrols have penetrated as far as WATERTOWER and within 100yds of Post S6. In other areas patrolling has been restricted by the recent operations of 24 Aust Inf Bde and since then by full moonlight.

5 Mineflds and Beeby traps

Infm will be given by coy comds to offrs taking over. The location of all enemy mines and beebie traps has not been exactly est. As far as known they are shown on att trace. Our own minefield is shown on trace. It is suggested that as the existing gaps come under fire from enemy fixed lines new gaps should be opened. This requires the approval of higher authority and would have to be done by the engrs. In front of the Left and Centre Coys the enemy minefields are in close proximity to our wire.

Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Corrigendum and addendum

2 Our Posns

(b) Right Coy

- i Wire - Single Dannert along the front - in some parts triple Dannert
- ii Pd Wks - Dugouts are provided with mortar proof head cover
- iii Sec Posts and comm trenches have been deepened. Trap wires round sec posts nearing completion
- iiii The known enemy posts within range have been regularly engaged by LMGs and 2 inch mortar with good results.
- v The coy has a Rear HQ in a cave at 39924328. This posn has the advantage that it is approachable by day from Bn HQ but it is too far from the FDLs for the Coy Comd to have any ~~control~~ control or knowledge of the situation by direct observation. An adv Coy HQ has been est at 39894318 and this is continuously occupied by either the Coy Comd or Coy ~~XXX~~ 2 i/c. It is however little more than an OP and although some development of it has taken place much work is required to make it a useful HQ. Owing to the ~~stony~~ *stony* gd it is difficult to develop it without making its posn apparent to the enemy and having it under enemy MG fire. The fwd posts are suitably situated for observation of arty shoots which have been successfully conducted from the area.

RED LINE BIR EL MEDAUUAR SECTOR

REPORT ON 2/48 Aust Inf Bn Area as taken over

from 2/24 Aust Inf Bn 1/2 Sep 41

1 Much good work has been accomplished by 2/24 Bn since occupying the area particularly in re-siting and moving fwd the wire. The wire has been re-sited on a tactical basis in relation to the fire plan so that use could be made of fixed lines. The wire consists of a single row of dannert (or concertina where dannert not available)

2 The area was at one time thickly strewn with AP mines by the enemy. Working in conjunction with the engr's these fields were disarmed, although it is believed that there are isolated mines in the area. Routes to coys have been taped.

3 At Bn HQ the "G" Room, "I" Office, Sig Office and four of the dugouts have been completed.

4 Scurin has been laid through the minefields from coy HQ to the various sec posts.

5 In view of the amount of work done on the wire, it was not possible for 2/24 Bn to do much work to improve the sec posts.

Such was the condition when the 2/48 Bn took over the area.

1 An extensive works programme has been decided upon by this Battalion, but several factors have combined to prevent the programme being put into effect. These are, (a) Timed fire programme (2 Sep to 8 Sep incl) of 2/23 Bn. When the firing commences all works must of necessity cease, and remain in abeyance until the enemy fire has died down. The programme often commences at such an early hour that our ration parties have very little time to get the stores and rations fwd and to return.

(b) The stony nature of the gd. CTs and WPs have been constructed to a depth of approximately 18 inches and in order that these be deepened to the required depth, blasting is necessary. As it is not practicable to blast more than a few half charges per coy each night the works programme is being slowed up

Lack of compressors.

(c) Not practicable to use so close to the enemy

(d) AP mine complex - Stories told to troops of casualties make it necessary to shepherd them on the job. They feel much more confident ~~and~~ when a Sapper is present; they are however working well

2 The plan of work - See trace att

3 Carrying parties -

REPORT BY MAJ R L BATTEN FOR PERIOD 23 Aug - 17 Sep 41

On 23 Aug the CO marched out of the Bn to the Staging Camp prior to going to METS.

At this ^{the wks programme,} time the Bn was in the Bde Res Area in the Western Sector and beyond the Bn had little to do but stand by in its roles of anti-penetration, anti-paratroop and counter attack. A considerable amount of work was being done, especially as C Coy had moved into a new area which had not previously been occupied. New posns had to be dug and blasting was necessary.

27 Aug was the Bn's first birthday, but it was not possible to hold any festivities to celebrate the occasion owing to the exigencies of service conditions, but Grubb's Gazette was issued in which was a birthday message to the Bn from the CO. In it he spoke of the crowded, eventful first year and expressed the hope that no man in the Bn would do anything to mar the good name which had been built up.

Lieut PAECH arrived from the Tng Bn. Paech was left at DIMRA at an OCTU. On arrival he was posted to A Coy. Two days later (29th) Lieut DOLLMAN was sent as Acting 2 i/c to D Coy as Capt WILLIAMS had assumed Comd in the absence of Capt LEANE in hospital. Two days later Capt FORBES DSO OC C Coy was evacuated to hospital.

On 1/2 Sep the Bn relieved 2/24 Aust Inf Bn in the Southern Portion of the Salient. The relief was carried out without incident.

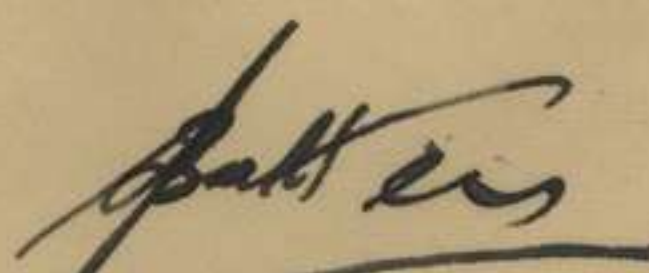
On the night 3 Sep WO WILSON was wounded and evacuated. At that time he was in R8, and on the same day Lieut TRELOAR was evacuated to hospital with catarrhal jaundice.

On the 5th Sep the Bn was very happy to receive notification of the promotion of Capt SCOTT to Maj, Lieut SHILLAKER to Capt and Lieut BRYANT to T/Capt as well as confirmation of the Captaincy of Capt LEACH.

The GOC visited the Bn on the evening 7 Sep. He went to B Coy who was in occupation of Posts R8, 9, 10. He was accompanied by Brig Tovell. On 10 Sep Lieut SMITH who was an offr promoted in the fd moved out of the area to attend a tactical school. This left the Bn with 7 Pls comd by NCOs. On evening 11 Sep one of D Coy patrols was able to report 3 GERMANS killed and another the capture of a GERMAN L/Cpl. On this night Lieut THREDGOLD moved out to a school leaving another pl without an offr. As Lieut Thredgold was Fd Wks Offr, and as the wks programme in this area was large Capt LEACH QM was brought fwd to assist and advise in these matters. Lieut POTTER the TO carried out the duties of QM. On 12 Sep Lieut BEER was sent to hosp for observation, but fortunately on the next day Lieut MURPHY a Reinft Offr arrived and was posted to A Coy, taking over Lieut BEER's pl, which kept the number of pls not comd by offrns stabilised at 7. On Sep 16 Lieut GOODEN a Reinfts Offr arrived. He was posted to B Coy but was not sent fwd owing to the impending relief on night 17/18 Sep. The relief by 2/23 Aust Inf Bn was carried out without incident and was accomplished in far less time than is usual.

Again the res Bn in the Bde sector we settled down to cleaning up some adm matters which had presented themselves. Offrs were required on several occasions to assist Movement Control at the Wharf. On 19 Sep Lieut BEER returned to the unit. On 20 Sep Capt LEANE returned from hosp in TOBRUCH. Lieut Dollman was posted to 17 Pl.

On 22 Sep Lieut Beer and Cpl LAMPRE moved out to a W/T School in the ME. On 21 Sep Capt F A G TUCKER took comd B Coy having returned after a long absence. He was accompanied by Lieut KIMBER who had also been absent for a considerable period owing to wounds ~~received~~ received in action. Lieut KIMBER was posted to no 2 Pl.


Maj

Adm Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

AUSSIES

AFTER CRETE DISASTER ANZAC TROOPS ARE NOW BEING RUTHLESSLY SACRIFICED BY ENGLAND IN TOBRUCH AND SYRIA.

TURKEY HAS CONCLUDED PACT OF FRIENDSHIP WITH GERMANY. ENGLAND WILL SHORTLY BE DRIVEN OUT OF THE MEDITERRANEAN. OFFENSIVE FROM EGYPT TO RELIEVE YOU TOTALLY SMASHED.

YOU CANNOT ESCAPE.

OUR DIVE BOMBERS ARE WAITING TO SINK YOUR TRANSPORTS. THINK OF YOUR FUTURE AND YOUR PEOPLE AT HOME.

COME FORWARD – SHOW WHITE FLAGS AND YOU WILL BE OUT OF DANGER !

SURRENDER !

PATROL APPX

WX 6016 RICHARDSON S F and WX 4687 HEWETT L J both of D Coy 2/28 Bn were brought in by 2/48 Bn patrol under Lieut BEER

Both men had lain in a sangar 39784308 from 0300hrs 3 Aug 41 until 0400hrs 4 Aug 41. Richardson had sustained leg injuries when a mine exploded and Hewett had sustained leg injuries from a shell burst. With them in the sangar was MacKay with a bullet wound in his chest. Richardson and Hewett crawled 600yds into a wadi where they were met by our patrol because they heard the enemy digging holes in the vicinity of their sangar. MacKay was still alive when they left him. Hewett said that the engineers were shot before they had a chance to use their Bangalore Torpedoes. Both Hewett and Richardson said that nearly all the attacking tps had reached the escarpment North of S6 on 3 Aug but then were mown down by MG fire, arty and mortars. Richardson said that a mine killed four and later on a shell caused 7 casualties. No mention of MacKay was made to the patrol comd when the men were discovered in the Wadi.

WD
RIGHT BN SECTOR RED LINE POSN

RAS EL MEDAUUAR

SECRET
2/48 Aust Inf Bn
In the Field
1 Oct 41

Ref Map: TOBRUCH 1:50,000 (overprint)

Handing over information on relief 2/48 Aust Inf Bn by 3 Polish Bn

1 DEFENCE SCHEME

(a) General: The 2/48 Aust Inf Bn holds RED LINE posn RAS el MEDAUUAR sector from excl S11 to ref 40014300 with 3 Coys fwd and one in res disposed as shown on att trace.

(b) Coy Localities and Conditions of Works:

- (i) RIGHT FWD: Occupies three concrete posts - S8, S9 and S10 and two pl localities each of three dug sec posts. There are two satellite posts to each post S8 and S9. The coy area is under observation from Hill 209 by day and may be approached only by night. The ground is generally flat rising to an escarpment 200 yds fwd of fwd sec. Posts S8, S9 and S10 have been considerably damaged by shellfire and have been repaired by sandbags though much more work may be done upon them. Digging in the locality is very good, except post S9 where rock appears at a depth of 4ft 6ins. The satellite posts M1/M12 are dug-in posns and well camflgd. The enemy is apparently unaware of which posns are occupied by day.
- (ii) CENTRE FWD: Coy HQ and kitchen occupy caves in high ground ref 39924327, 1200 yds to rear of fwd coys. Coy HQ is not under observation except from the Western escarpment and vicinity WHITE KNOLL ref 39714337 and may be approached by day from Bn HQ through mine gap at ref 40034325 in dead ground. Visiting parties should be small and well dispersed. Fwd pl areas are on flatground, which, three to six hundred yds fwd of our wire rises to a small escarpment, this marking the approx lines of the enemy FDLs. They may not be approached by day. All secs are in well camflgd posns dug-in. Sleeping quarters are provided with mortar proof roofs. The area is very good for digging purposes, little rock being struck above the 5 ft level.
- (iii) LEFT FWD: The coy area is mostly under observation from Hill 209 with some small portions in dead ground. Coy HQ is established in a concrete post in a shallow wadi at ref 40064305. HQ personnel are accommodated in rock sangars. Fwd pls occupy dug-in posns on comparatively flat ground, broken by a knoll FORBES MOUND, ref 39974305 in the area of the centre pl. Rock is found at a depth of 2ft 6ins and sec posts are built up to form low sandbagged sangars. These generally require improvement in order to provide fire along wire. A new sec post has been dug in good ground fwd of rear pl area. Two weapon pits and three sleeping bays are dug to 5ft and are connected by CTs. This post is not complete.
- (iv) RES COY: Coy HQ is situated at the head of Bn HQ wadi, Wadi GIAIDA ref 40094316. It is approachable by day from Bn HQ Pl areas are all under observation from Hill 209. With the exception of portion of one pl area, which still occupies rock sangars near the tk wall, all pls are now in occupation of dug-in posns. These newly dug-in posts are not completed. Digging is reasonably good, though occasionally rock is struck at several feet. A ridge of ground running across the front presents much dead ground to fwd secs limiting the field of fire to from 100 to 200 yds.
- (v) Bn HQ: Is situated in WADI GIAIDA. Shelters for personnel and offrs are of rock and sandbag construction and all are in good repair.

(c) Roles: - Fwd coys to deny areas to the enemy

- Res Coy i Immediate counter-attack in event of localised enemy penetration.
- ii Defence of coy area in event of general enemy penetration of fwd areas.
- iii The coy provides personnel to man minegaps 18 and C in the B8 minefield in accordance with 26 Aust Inf Bde GS Instn No 11

(d) Obstacles:

- A Tk i An A Tk wall and ditch intersects Bn area as shown on maps. These may not be considered effective obstacles.
- ii The B8 minefield runs in a general NW/SE direction through the Bn sector as shown on att minefield trace. There are two gaps as shown on att trace. MT using routes through fields should exercise care while crossing gaps as a number of instances have occurred in which vehs have left the rd and moved into the fd.
- iii An A Tk fd is being laid behind the fwd wire.

Anti-Personnel -

- i Wire: The wire has been resited on a tactical basis to permit fixed lines to be laid along it. Present posn is shown on att traces. Ref should be made to Works Programme att for its present condition.
- ii Mines: No A/Personnel mines have been laid down by this Bn. It is believed that the Right Fwd, Centre and Res Coy areas are free of mines. In the Left Fwd area a number of enemy A/Personnel mines have been located, both inside and outside the wire. This area can NOT yet be considered clear and movement should be confined to taped tracks, unless careful search is made for mines along the route traversed.

(e) Fire Plan: - Arty DF and CP tasks, location of A Tk guns and arcs and fixed lines of MG secs are shown on att fire plan traces.

2 ATT and SUPPORTING TPS

(a) Arty: 144 Fd Regt RA and 1 Carpathian Fd Arty Regt are in support. LOs are on duty at Bn HQ. 2 OPs are manned in the area, 1 by 144 Rgt and 1 by 1 Carpathian Regt. In addition FOO 1 Carpathian Regt are frequently at Post S10. Targets are engaged on observation by fwd inf tps in direct comm with LOs. There are five DF tasks and two alternate DF tasks on Bn front together with CP tasks as shown on att trace.

A Tk: 432 Bty of 149 A Tk Regt RA and 20 A Tk Coy have guns in Bn area. Tp Comd 432 Bty is located near RAP of res Bn and may be contacted by phone. Personal liaison is maintained and summaries exchanged.

MGs: W Coy 1 NF has two pls sited within the Bn area on penetration tasks. R pl is comd by Lieut REEVE and L Pl by Lieut STEWART-MOORE. Both offrs visit Bn HQ regularly for liaison. In addition 1 Pl is kept on wheels in readiness in vicinity of WADI BEL GHEMEL. This pl is available for harrassing fire tasks arranged through 26 Aust Inf Bde. W Coy is connected by L/T to Bde Sig System.

Engrs: 2/3 Fd Coy are responsible for the sector. An offr is in ~~daily~~ constant liaison with Bn HQ and visits there daily at 1430 hrs.

3 FLANKING UNITS:

RIGHT: 2/43 Aust Inf Bn from incl S11
LEFT: 2/23 Aust Inf Bn from incl ref 30014300

L Liaison is maintained by the exchange of sit reps and daily Int Summaries

4 WORKS PROGRAMME

(a) Works Policy

- (i) Wire: The wire along the Bn front has been re-sited with the object of producing straight stretches which can be covered by fixed lines. Trace of these is att. It is proposed that the wire should consist of three rows of dannert (single) or concertina wire with a space of 5 yds between each row. Odd ends and scraps of wire are thrown into the intervening space. The coils are joined in lengths of 36 yds, lengths held together and stapled so that in the event of an attempt being made to drag the wire away by tks, only a small portion would be removed at one time. 5 yds in rear of the row of concertina/wire, is to be placed a belt of trip wire 25 yds in depth, constructed in blocks each 50 yds in length with a gap of 1 yd between blocks.
- (ii) Mining: 5 rows of A Tk mines at 5 yds intervals and staggered to be laid in trip wires. 2 rows of A/Personnel mines may be laid in rear of a trip wire
- (iii) Works Report and Map att

5 PATROLLING

- (a) Owing to the requirements of the works programme no active patrolling has been carried out by this Bn. LPs have been maintained, 1 fwd of each pl of the Right and Left Coys and two fwd of each pl of Centre Coy.
- (b) On relieving 2/24 Aust Inf Bn in this sector this Bn was advised that the following patrols are possible:
- Right Coy: To the West for about 1000 yds where enemy fire, minefids and strong posts are situated. To the South limited to 100 to 150 yds.
- Centre Coy: To the South up to 500 yds but the area is thickly mined and booby trapped.
- Left Coy: On the right no patrolling is possible owing to proximity of enemy posns. On the left up to 400 yds from our FDLs.

6 SIGS COMM

- (a) Sig diagram will be handed over by sig offr
- (b) Comm to all coys is by L/T and runner. There is a switch board in each fwd coy connecting Coy HQ with pls. All lines are metallic returns.
- (c) Runners may be used to Centre and Reserve Coy HQ by day. Left Coy may be reached in an emergency by day but should be limited to night as far as possible. Runners can reach Right coy only by night.
- (d) Sig security must be observed to a greater extent in this sector than has been observed in the past in other sectors. Remember that interceptor sets used by the enemy may pick up your conversation with the utmost ease.

7 RATION SYSTEMS

Rations are brought up to all coys and Bn HQ after dark. In Reserve, Centre and Right Coys HQs and Bn HQ kitchens are established and cooking is carried out by day and hot meals provided. In all fwd and res pl areas and Left Coy HQ meals are brought fwd in hot boxes nightly.

8 ENEMY DISPOSNS AND HABITS

- (a) Disposns: Detailed enemy disposns have been described in daily Div Summaries. Known MG and mortar posns are shown on att trace.
- (b) Patrolling: No enemy patrolling has been encountered and it is considered that activities are confined to LPs
- (c) Shelling: Has been comparatively light and is shown on att shelling report.
- (d) MG Fire: Mostly from fixed lines. Observed movement in fwd areas will draw fire.
- (e) Fireworks: On occasions light ~~sig~~ signals have been connected with MG and other fire, but mostly white flares for disclosing and restricting movement.
- (f) Aircraft: This sector during this Bn occupation has not been subjected to any attacks from the air, though possibly recce flights have directed arty shoots.
- (g) Use of RED CROSS: The enemy makes use of a RED CROSS flag to indicate the presence of casualties. It is usual for our fwd units on the opening of the flag to display a flag from our posts and cease fire until the casualties have been removed. No opportunity has been afforded to this Bn to ascertain if the enemy will respect the similar use of the flag by our units.

9 TOPOGRAPHY

The area occupied consists of high ground with deep wadis in the rear sloping fwd to flat ground which in turn, 200 to 600 yds ~~xxxxxx~~ fwd of our own posns rises to the enemy FDLs on a low escarpment.

10 FILES AND MAPS:

- Appx A - 24 hrs Action Diary
B - Shelling report
C - Bn fire plan map
D - 1 NF fire plan map
E - A/Tk gun disposns
F - Wire, mines and tracks
G - Disposn map own and enemy
H - DF, Alt DF and Cp task map

11 CASUALTIES

2/48 Aust Inf Bn suffered no casualties during their occupation of the area from 26 Sep/1 Oct.

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POSTS M33 - M20 - COY AREA LEFT FLANK

Posts M20, M21, M22 - Sec Posts and fire pits almost completed. Requires further sandbags to improve FPs and CTs. Sec Posts 21 and 22 CTs require blasting to deepen.
 Posts M27, M28 - Post fairly complete - blasting necessary to deepen FPs and CTs. Sandbags needed to complete
 Post M29 - A Pl HQ only at present and does not contain FPs. Blasting necessary to deepen CTs
 Post M30 - Almost complete - blasting necessary to deepen CTs. There are no CTs between posts M27, 28, 29, and 30
 Posts M31, M32, M33 - Requires sandbagging and blasting to make FPs and to deepen CTs - Some FPs need reconstructing. No CTs yet between M31 M32 and M33

MINES - Box shape minefids commenced right of Post M21 wking left. Three fids or blocks have yet to be mined to complete to Post M33

WIRING - Right flank of this area is completed with 3 rows of concertina from 26A South to M20. From this short leg of North - South wire to approx opposite M33 two concertina has been erected. From this pt to Right flank of Bn on the Left there is a single coil of concertina wire installed and connects inter ~~M33~~ Bn boundary on the new line

CENTRE FWD AREA - Posts M13 to M19, M7 to M9 and Post 26A.

Posts M13, M14, M15 - Camflgd with 11 Sleeping bays - WPs completed FPs for fixed lines. CTs down to 4ft
 Posts M16 - Completed and camflgd. CTs deepened. FPs complete
 Posts M17, M18, M19 - Completed 5 WPs, 5 dugouts, CTs deepened Kitchen improved CTs sandbagged. Store bays dug - area combed for mines.
 Posts M7, M8, M9 - WPs improved - Head cover provided - CTs deepened - New sleeping bays - 5 new WPs - Kitchen improvements - Hygiene trench etc dug.
 Post 26A - In course of construction - Sandbags required for CTs and WPs

RIGHT FWD COY - Posts GU, GC, GB - M1 to M12

Post GU - Observation slits improved
 GC - 3 rows concertina wire complete. Trip and mines to be laid
 M1 and M2 - Secret Posts completed
 GB - Mines laid and wire complete from Post to join GC. Wire complete to left. Mines and trip wires 200 yds Left.
 Works to be done on above:- 150 yds concertina, trip wires and mines to be laid
 M3 M4 Secret posts complete
 M5, M6, M7, M8 Posts all dug. FPs and sleeping bays have been improved. No further work required. Concertina and trip wires completed approx half trip wires mined.
 M10, M11, M12 Posts complete. Concertina and trip wires completed. Trip wires mined except 50 yds.

WORKS TO BE DONE - CENTRE AREA

Minefids to be completed between sector M10 to M12 and between M15-M17
 Trip wires have been put down - area now ready for mines.
 Sandbags are required most CTs and WPs
 WPs still to be deepened
 CTs deepened and revetted in places where too wide. Position of third wire still to be erected front of Post M16, M17 to North-South Leg

RES COY AREA

Time spent carrying parties - cleaned Sec Posts areas - Digging and wiring new Pl and Sec Posts. Sec Posts and CTs deepened

SUMMARY - From S9 to Bn Right flank approx 400 yds mines and wire completed. Further 300 yds to be mined on Right Fwd coy.

On the right flank of centre fwd coy 100 yds mined - remaining 850 yds frontage to be mined. Extreme left of this coy and extreme right flank of Left fwd coy mined for 250 yds.

Wiring for about 600 yds to be completed and mined. Further 600 yds to be completed. 1150 yds ready for mining. 600 yds to be completed and mined. 600 yd gaps between units.

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INSTRUCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH COMMUNICATIONS DURING OPERATIONS

In order that the communications during ops and the functioning of Bn HQ should be more fully understood the following notes are issued for the guidance of the offrs of the Bn:-

1 DUTY OFFR Bn HQ - During the occupation of a RED LINE posn the following roster is in operation:-

0800 - 1400	Adjnt	Attend "A" matters during tour of duty
1400 - 1700	CO or 2 i/c	CO sign correspondence
1700 - 2000	Sig Offr	Pl Adm (incl franking)
2000 - 2300	IO	Pl Adm (incl franking)
2300 - 0200	Adjnt	This tour may be taken by CO or 2 i/c if necessary or desirable that Adjnt visit coys
0200 - 0500	Sig Offr	-----
0500 - 0800	IO	Compile and complete daily Int Summary

Note:- CO or 2 i/c will be present in Bn HQ at all times.

2 CALLING BN HQ:- When calling Bn HQ at any time, ask for the duty offr and not an individual unless it is entirely essential that the individual be contacted. Routine and adm matters will be signalled in accordance with communication system as described below.

3 COMMUNICATION SYSTEM - All "Q" matters will be dealt with through CQMSs personally on their nightly visits to coys. All routine adm matters normally dealt with by the Adjnt will be sent by Fuller phone to the HQ addressed to the HQ and not to the individual. Amn and weapon states will be sent in by runner except when called for otherwise, when they will be sent by message per Fuller phone. All messages for B Ech will be written on Message forms and will be addressed to B Ech and not to the individual and sent through the Sig Office from whence they will be relayed hourly to B Ech except in cases of urgency in which case originators will state the priority of their message. Any number of subjects may be dealt with at one time. Conversations will not be held with B Ech unless absolutely necessary. Sig office will log all calls to B Ech and the log will be produced to the CO each day.

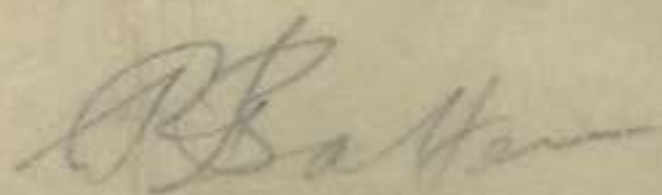
4 SIG PROCEDURE - When making a call the ~~XXXXXXXX~~ caller will call the HQ Exchange and then ask the operator of that exchange for the person he wishes to converse with. CODE NAMES will be adhered to. Callers must ring off after completing a call.

5 SECURITY - Strict observation of security measures must be observed in all conversations over the telephone, especially in RED LINE areas. Such enquiries as "Is there any mail for us?" or "Things are a bit on the 'nose' up here!" are not permitted nor are any remarks as to enemy shelling or casualties from enemy shelling.

DESPATCHES - Sealed despatches must have the addressee clearly marked on the seal. They must also bear an originator's number (e.g. W6). A record of despatches should be kept and the originator's numbers run consecutively. This enables signals to trace despatches should they go astray.

CARE OF INSTRUMENTS - Sig eqpt is delicately constructed and therefore to receive efficient results from the instruments they must be handled carefully. No adjustments will be made by others than trained sigs unless it is an obvious fault and urgency necessitates the adjustment etc being made.

LASTLY - These notes are compiled for the information and guidance of officers and they are not designed in any way to interfere with operations of an important or urgent nature. Officers will be guided at all times by the exigencies of the situation.


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