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2/48 Infantry Battalion

July 1942

26 AUST INF Bde
 2/48 AUST INF Bn

PATROL REPORT

NIGHT 21/22
 Jul

SERIAL	TIME		STRENGTH	COY	PATROL	ROUTE	INFORM
	OUT	IN					
1	2300	0100	1 NCO 2 ORs	A	RECCE	As per Trace att. Route 1	<p>Patrol moved from 87602994 to 87512994 from which some movement could be heard of a tracked vehicle and wires in the direction of the cutting - may possibly have been our own. Digging was also heard from this point (87512994) at 87462994.</p> <p>When patrol reached point 87462994 it was halted by what patrol thought to be a GERMAN. Patrol immediately withdrew to approx 87512994. Operations of the patrol were hampered by flares dropped by our planes.</p> <p>Patrol moved from 87512994 and heard sounds of picket driving but hammering was NOT continuous.</p> <p>No mines or wire were encountered.</p> <p>Patrol returned by same route reporting NMS & H on return journey.</p>
2	0030	0300	1 NCO 4 ORs	A	RECCE	As per Trace att. Route 2	<p>Patrol hampered by our planes.</p> <p>No wire, mines or booby traps encountered.</p> <p>No movement seen but sound of MT could be heard moving EAST at 87462979.</p>
3	0030	0300	1 NCO 4 ORs	A	RECCE	As per Trace att. Route 3	<p>Sound of MT was heard vicinity 87462979.</p> <p>2 men were sighted 87472985 and mumbling of voices was heard.</p> <p>No traps wire, mines or booby traps were encountered. On return journey slight sounds of tapping could be heard in the vicinity of the cutting.</p>

2nd Inf Bde
From 2nd & 4th Inf Bde

PATROL REPORT

NIGHT 2/31

SERIAL	TIME		COY	STATIONARY PATROL		ROUTE	INFORM	
	OUT	IN		INCO	RECE			
1	1030	0300	H	1 INCO 3 ORS	RECE	AS PER TRACE ATT	ROUTE 1	SOUND OF HAMMERING OF PICKETS AND SOUND OF LAYING OF MINES AT 8748 2985. JUDGING BY NOISE ONLY SMALL WORKING PARTY ENGAGED. JUDGING BY FEW WORDS HEARD BELIEVE PARTY TO BE GERMAN. HEARD MT AT REAR OF WORKING PARTY
2	0050	0300	A	1 INCO 3 ORS	RECE	AS PER TRACE ATT	ROUTE 2	REPORT UNUSUALLY QUIET. VERY FEW FLARES
3	0030	0300	A	1 INCO 3 ORS	RECE	AS PER TRACE ATT.	ROUTE 3	SNIPERS POSN LOCATED AT 8756 2982 UNOCCUPIED - WELL CAMOUFLAGED AND FACING TOWARDS C. Coy MT MOVEMENT HEARD REAR SANDY KNOLL MOVING FROM WEST TO EAST.
4	2130	0430	C	1 INCO 4 ORS	RECE	AS PER TRACE ATT	ROUTE 4	CONTACTED 2/03 RIGHT COY AT 2230 HRS AND 2345 HRS. NTR
							ALL OTHER PATROLS AS PER	TRACE ATT HAVE NTR

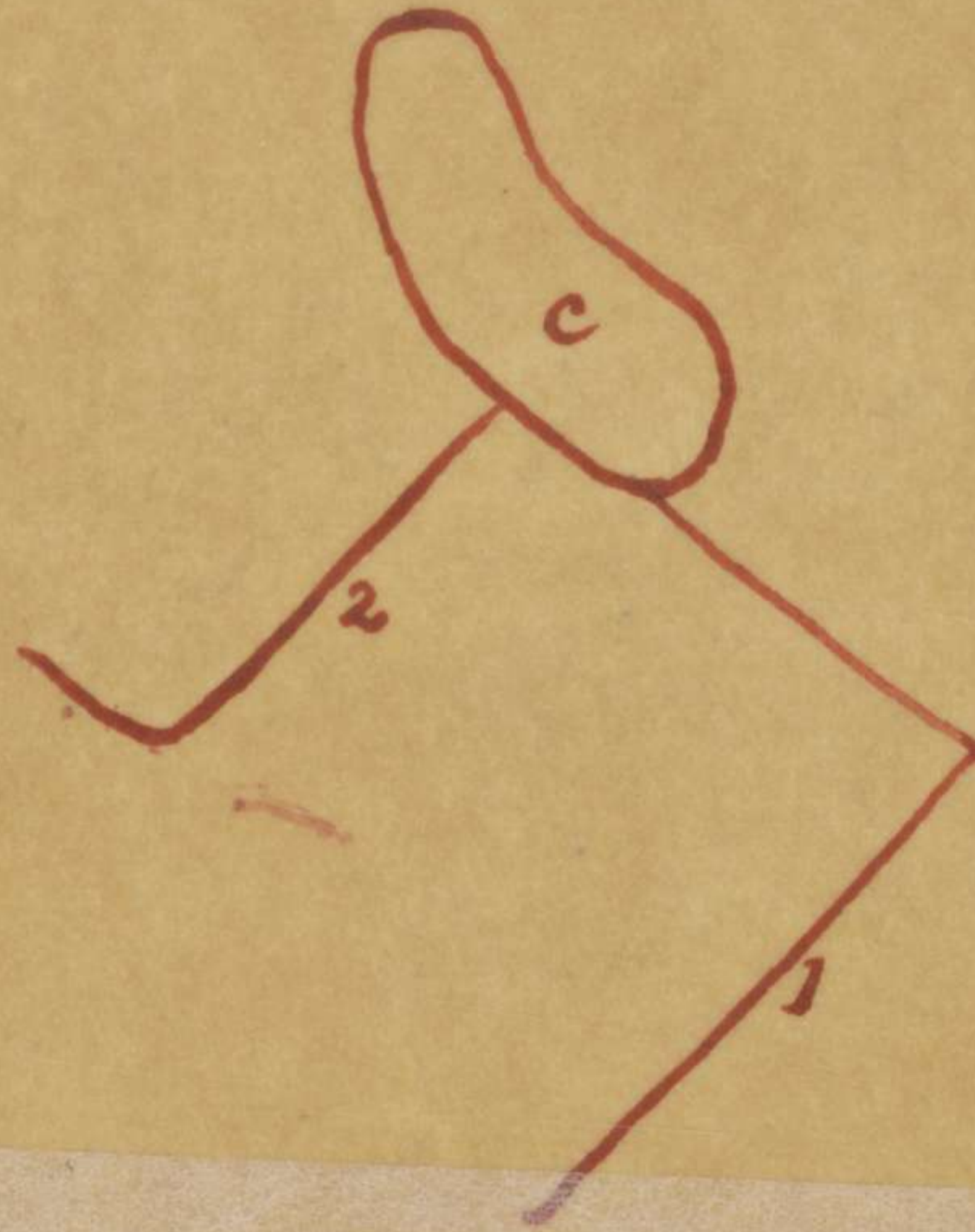
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PATROL REPORT

night 22/23 Jul

SERIAL	TIME		STRENGTH	COY	Patrol	ROUTE	ENEMY
	OUT	IN					
1	2200	2400	1 NCO 2 ORs	C	Recco	To WHITE HOUSE to 87732964	Contacted 2/32 Bn HQ without being challenged. CO informed patrol that objective, in conjunction with one Coy 2/43 Bn (A), had been gained. 2/28 Bn, with TR support, took large number of P.W. HQ 2/32 Bn 87732964 HQ CAV 87962880
2	2200	0430	1 NCO 3 ORs	C	Recco	As per trace alt	One to SANDY RIDGE - UNOCCUPIED on area covered by Patrol. SPANDAU opened fire on patrol from vicinity 87552981

PATROLS NIGHT 22/23 J01



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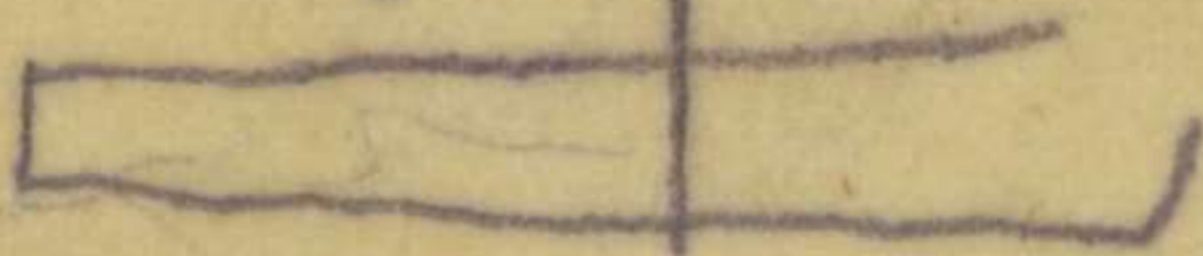
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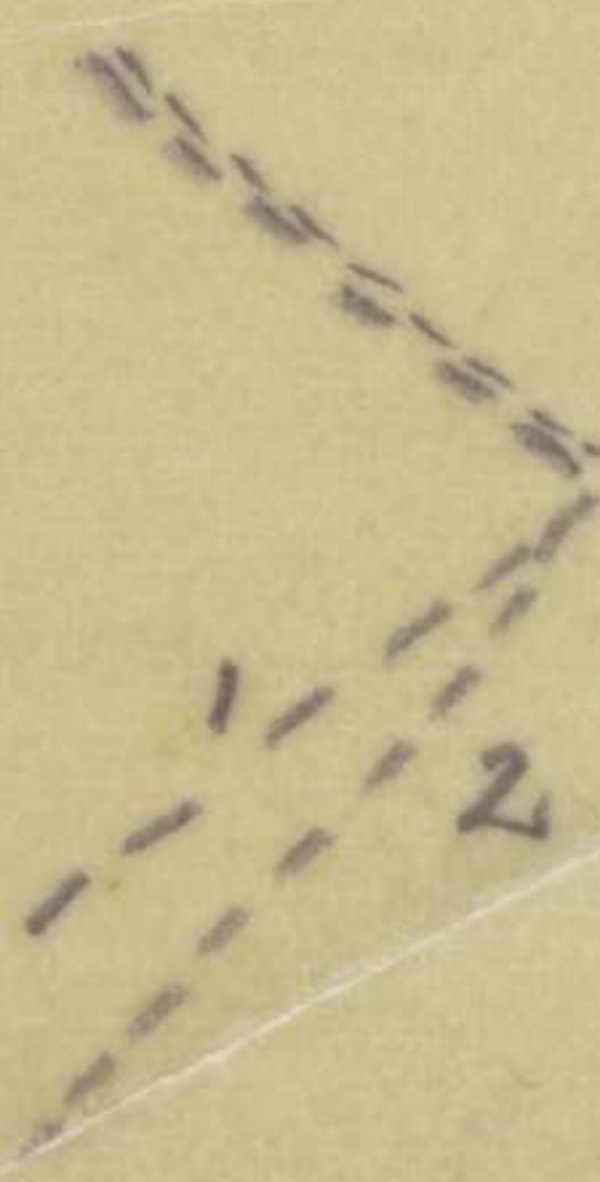
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OUT 2230
IN 0430
Strength 1/3
all report N195



PATROL REPORT

23/24 Jul

SERIAL	TIME		STRENGTH	COY	PATROL	ROUTE	INFM
	OUT	IN					
1	2030	2130	1/4	C	Rece	As per trace att. Route 1	Contact was made with CAV at 2025 hrs at 8776 2969 No Enemy movement seen or heard
2	2230	0130	1/4	C	Rece	As per trace att. Route 2	Contacted 2/32 at 2315 hrs at 8773 2964 Enemy movement - NIL
3	0050	0510	10 PM 3 ORs	D Capt Maxwell-Wright	Rece	As per trace att. Route 3	<p>On route out several deviations were made to search covered positions and slit trenches, but nothing to report was encountered until we reached 8740 2994 when the colour of dead bodies was very noticeable. Two bodies were seen in this locality one being identified as PO Phillips SX 9316 whose identity discs were recovered it not being possible to take only one owing to the state of the body. There was a rifle and bayonet stuck in the ground at his side. At approx 8745 2995 patrol contacted a minefield at the southern extremity, minefield 30' wide and well spaced BP MK IV mines marked on the west by a stake and single wire fence. The first post contacted had a strainer and there was no wire further south.</p> <p>On return journey patrol deviated 24 where Australian voices and digging could be heard at 8754 2993. GERMAN carrier with GERMAN crosses was passed. After passing carrier sounds of recovery was heard also voices - unidentified. Later bodies of two other men were found - identity discs could not be recovered and a Bren gun was found.</p>

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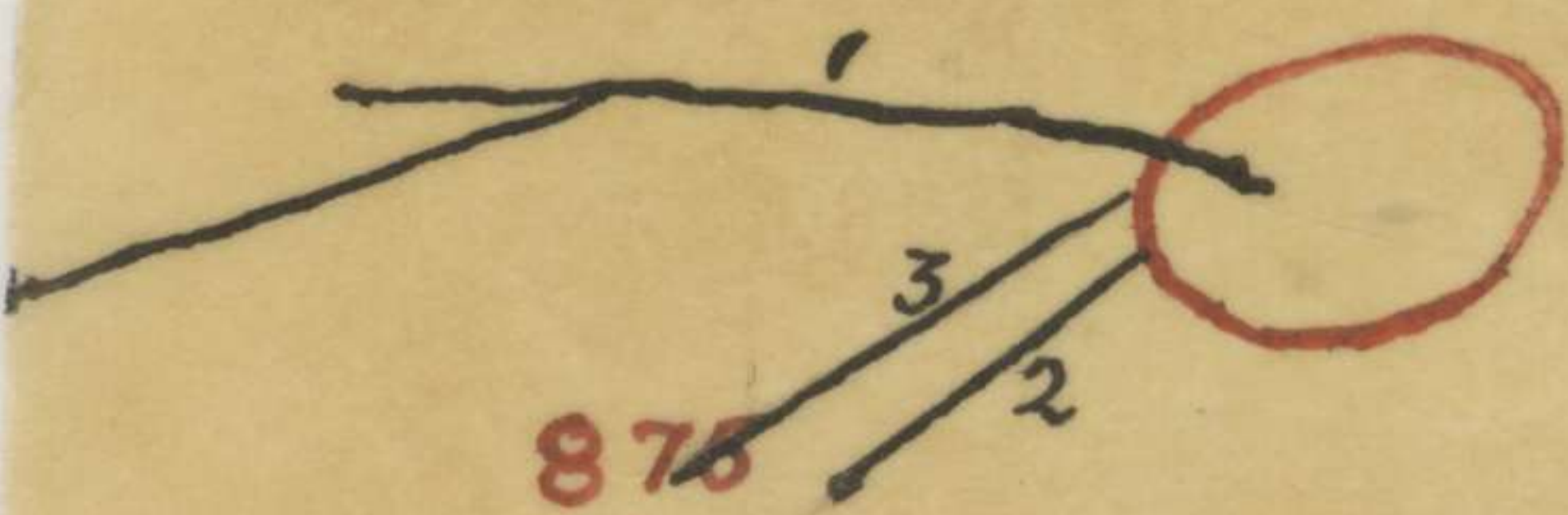
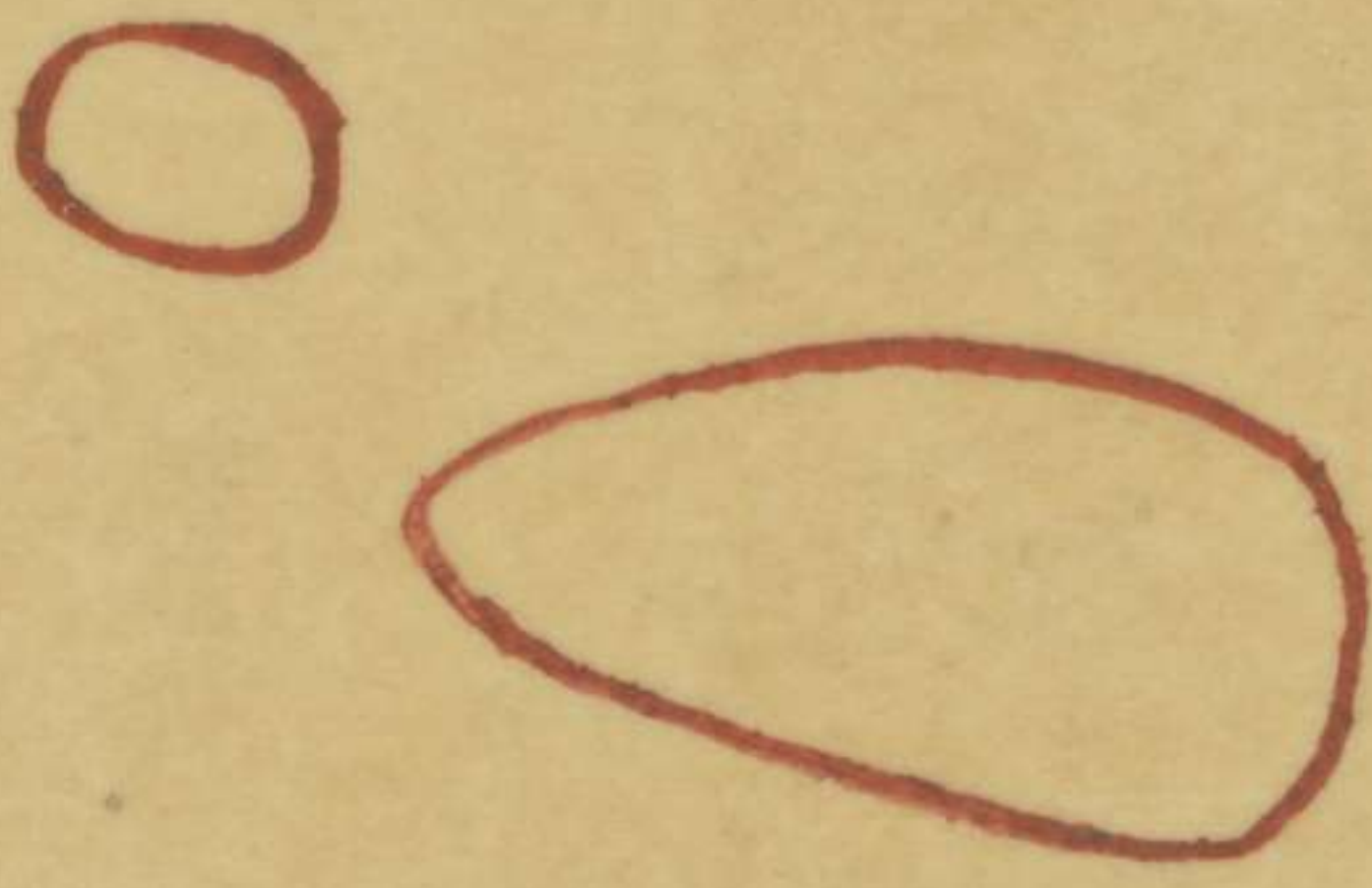
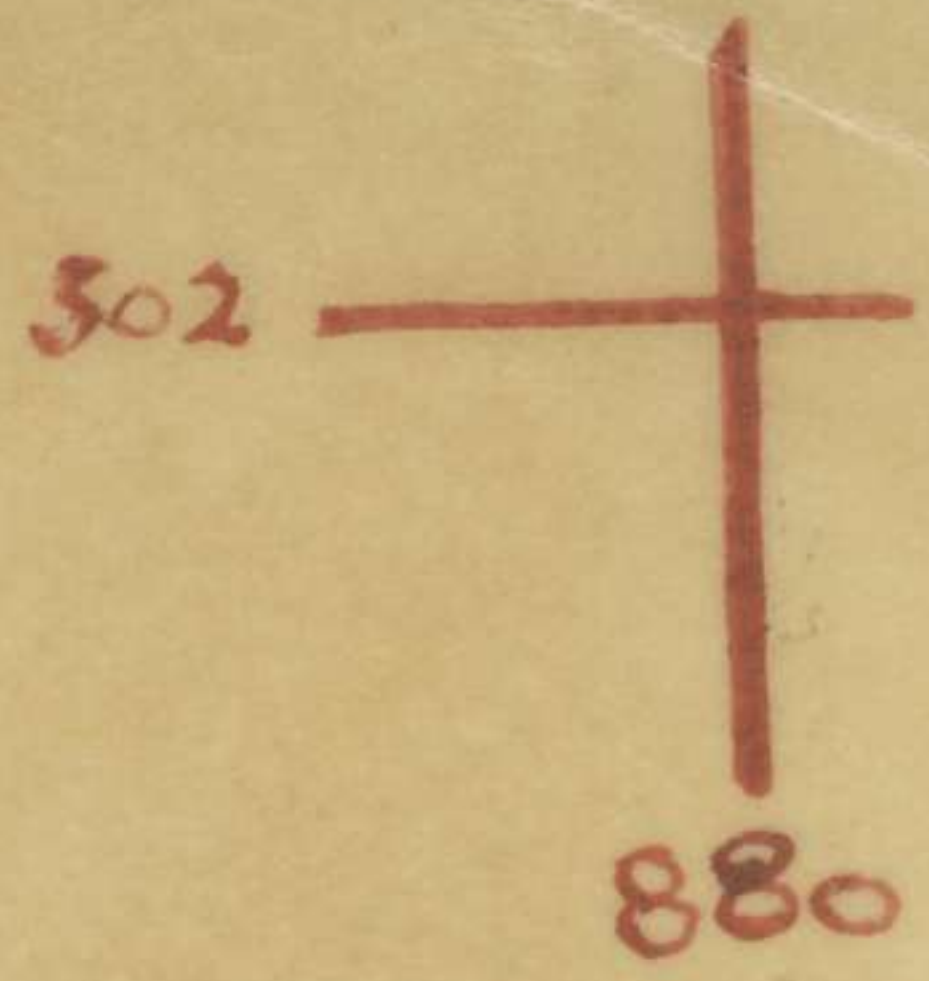
PATROL REPORT

24/25

SERIAL	TIME		STRENGTH	COY	PATROL	ROUTE	INFORM
	OUT	IN					
1	2145	0430	1 NCO 7 ORs	C	Recco	As per base at Route 1	<p>Minefields were encountered at 8734 2996, 8738 2995, 8734 2994 mine sweep of BRITISH PATTERN. At 8730 2994 one GERMAN 81mm mortar was found complete with sight but no ammo. In this area 8730 2994 a series of slit trenches, but no wire, was seen. Several boxes of mines were found scattered around also ATK gun positions with many empty rounds and 3 GERMAN dead along side. heads by were 10 more enemy bodies. No enemy movement was seen or heard in this vicinity. A MG was heard firing at approx 8734 3004 MT was heard moving in general direction Pr 17 in square 872 300 moving in NW direction.</p>
2	2045	2300	1 NCO 4 ORs	C	Recco	As per base at Route 2	<p>Contact was made with 2/32 Bn at 8773 2964 and obtained following info from IO. Enemy FDBs take the following general line. Pr 24 square 873 249 to Pr 23 square 872 296 to RUIN square 875 289</p>
						<p>Normal patrolling of Coy Fronts were maintained throughout the night - report NMS</p>	

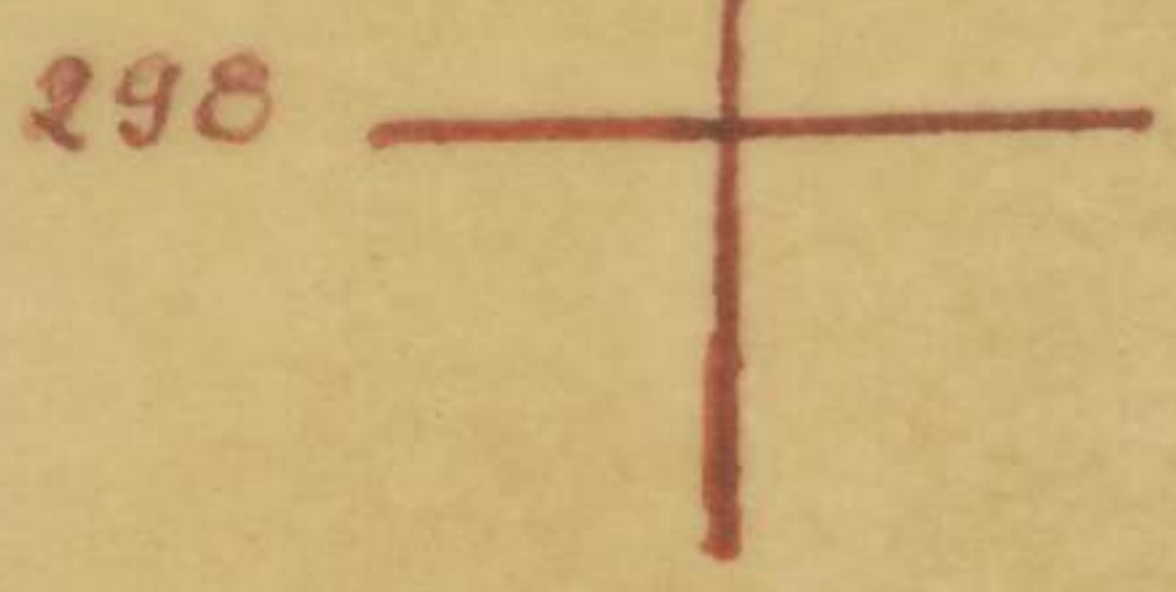
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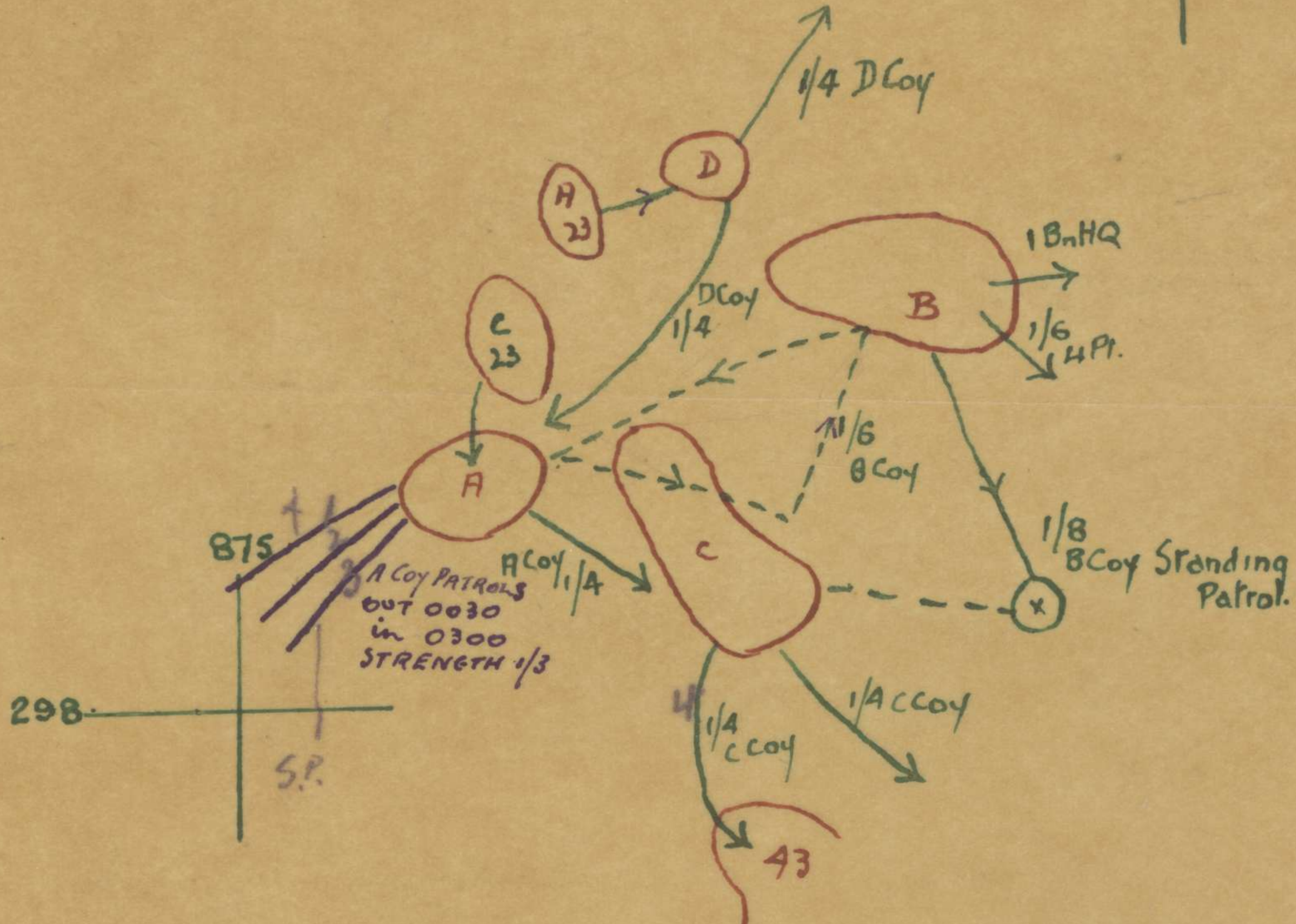
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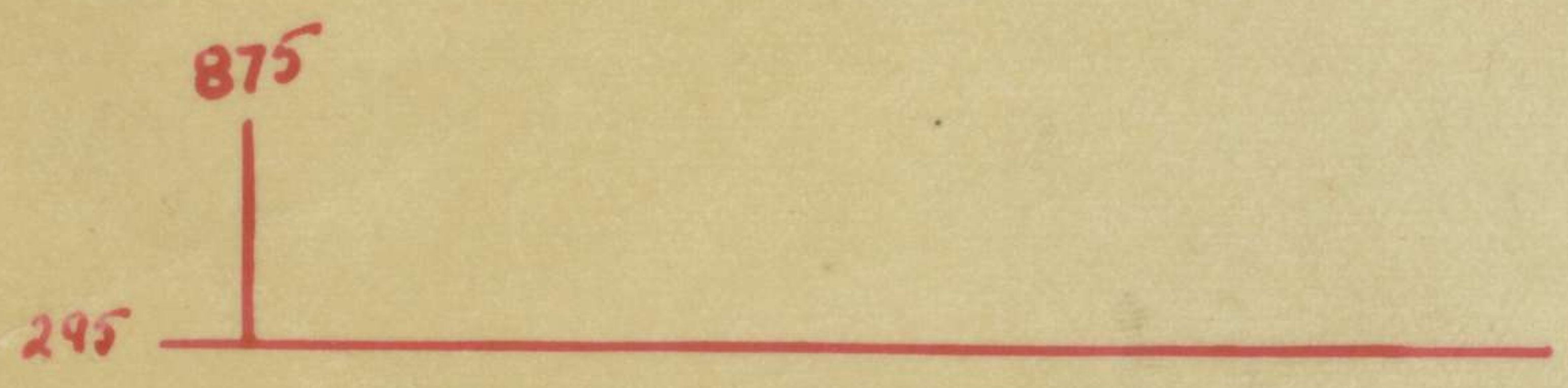
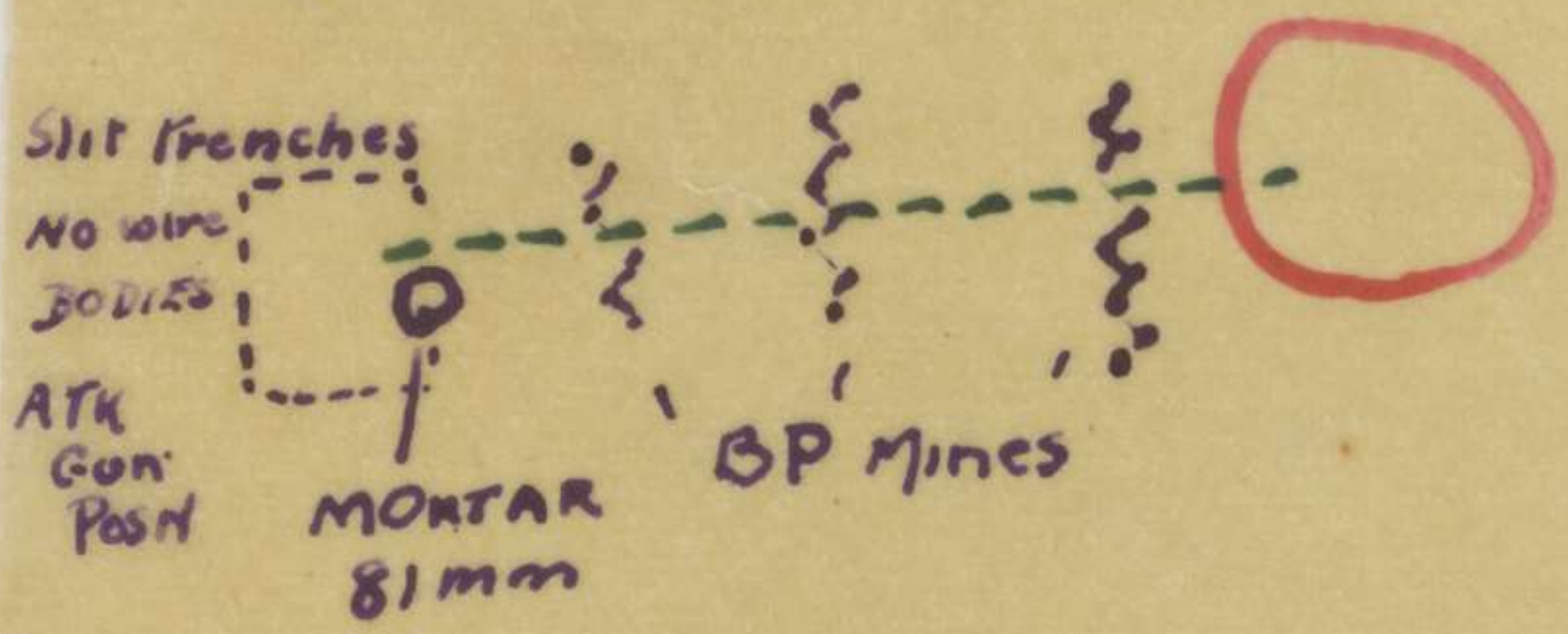
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Patrols from last light to first light continuous.

MT Movement
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PATROL REPORT - NIGHT 25/26 JUL 42

Ref Map EL ALAMAIN 1/50,000.

C Coy PATROL

Strength - 2 offrs 10 ORs
 Time out - 2230 hrs
 Time in - 0230 hrs
 Route - As per trace att. Route 1.

Information - At 87312989 Patrol discovered three derelict trucks and one arty piece which patrol believed to be 75mm (damaged). Patrol then examined PIMPLE 87312989 and found only old diggings. At 87262989 a small enemy working party could be heard with a large truck - several men could be seen digging.

Patrol then proceeded to Pt 24 in square 873299, which was thoroughly searched and revealed only dis-used diggings and two dead GERMANS. From Pt 24 party moved to 87283000 and found more diggings with signs that the enemy had left in great haste - no movement was seen in this vicinity.

Patrol returned to Pt 24 (873299) and followed route as per trace att passing unused diggings and a large amount of SAA Spandau and two 81mm Mortars. Enemy proposed mine-field at 87422998 has mines of BP Mk IV dumped in preparation for laying.

C Coy Patrol

Strength - 1 NCO 4 ORs
 Time out - 2145 hrs
 Time in - 0215 hrs
 Route - as per trace att. Route 2

Information - Contacted 2/32 Bn HQ at 2330 hrs and 0115 hrs at 87742968.

Contacting patrols were maintained throughout the night, contact being made with each coy.

Standing patrols and listening posts continued and report NMS.

D Coy contacting patrol to Sta area report NMS except our own tps changing over

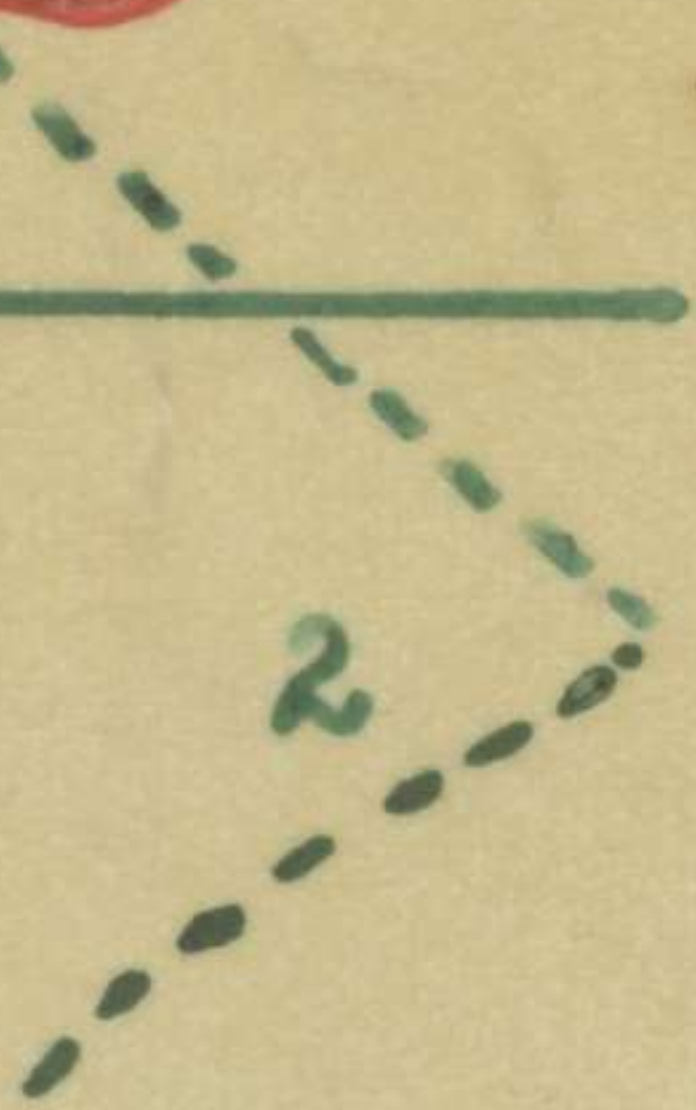
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Burial party in
this area report NMS
evidence that enemy
left in great haste.



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ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

OBSERVATIONS MADE from Pt 24 (sq 873299) during hours of daylight
1 Aug 42. by Lieut B Y HAMILTON.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Map Ref</u>	<u>Observation</u>
0615	87162992	Approx 15 men taking rations into posts. Post appears to be a sec post and is dug in on a small rise. Appears to be permanently manned.
0730	Pt 17	No movement seen. Pt 17 has been identified by a make-shift trig point of two petrol drums and a mound of stones with wooden cross upon it
0735	87173002	A motor-cyclist left this area and headed for Ruins (sq 872303). This spot identified as a post. 3 to 4 men seen moving in pits. Vehs (2) stat 300 yds to the rear and 200 yds apart.
0825	87182973	30 enemy inf moving around. Appears to be diggings.
0915	87182973	Movements continue in this area on a slightly decreased scale.
0940	87142975	Angle-iron pickets plainly seen and probably means wiring. Pickets stretch from North to South 700 yds with Map ref given as centre of fence. Movement continues up and down line of pickets (inf).
1100		Movement of vehs to the South can be seen on a bearing of 253 deg 870 Grid. A gun opened up on a bearing of 253 deg. Cannot estimate range.
1130		NMS
1220	87142985	A gp of three to four men sitting together, possibly small post.
1300)) 1400)		NMS
1510	87162992	Three men moving. Other movement - nil.
1900	87172981	Two MMGs opened up on our aircraft. Three derelict vehs, with a low knoll, appear to form part of this post.
1945	87162992- 87112992	Enemy inf moving around on these posts. Other movement - nil.
1950	253 deg approx 4400 yds	Arty Bty of four guns well dispersed firing on our posns

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IO 2748 Aust Inf Bn
(B R KING)

2/48 Aust Inf Bn
27 Jul 42

PATROL REPORT

Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1/50,000

A Coy

Salvage Patrol
Out - last light
In - 2330 hrs
Strength - 2 NCOs 5 ORs
Route - see trace att. Route 1

Information - No enemy was seen or heard in this area. Amount of equipment salvaged on this patrol not yet to hand in detail.

C Coy

Contact patrol
Out - 2030 hrs
In - 2330 "
Strength - 1 NCO 3 ORs
Route as per trace att. Route 2.

Information - Contact was made with 2/32 Bn HQ at 87742968 at 2200 hrs.

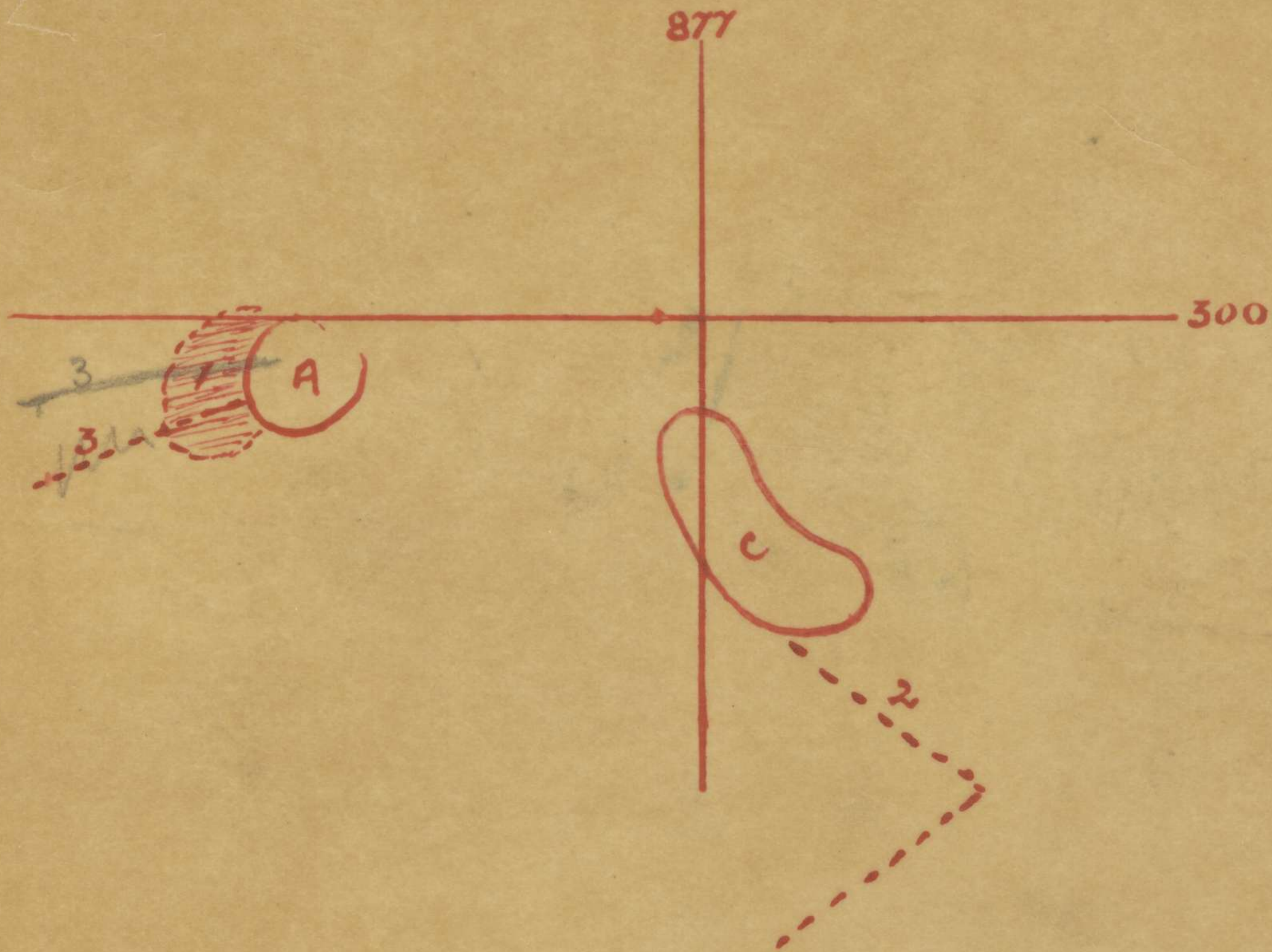
C Coy

Recce Patrol
Out - 2100 hrs
In - 2345 hrs
Strength - 2 Offrs (Lieute Nicholas and Mazzucchelli) 1 Sjt 10 ORs
Route - see trace att. Route 3.

Information - Nothing to report.

Normal internal patrols were maintained - all reporting NMS or heard

24/17 Jul



2/48 Aust Inf Bn
Night 27/28 Jul 42

PATROL REPORT

Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1/50,000

A COY PATROL

Recce Patrol

Strength 1 Offr 3 ORs (Lieut McKinnon)

Time out 2145 hrs

Time in 0245 hrs

Route 1 - see trace att

Information: Moved from Coy posn to Valentine Tank at 87372993 approx (Salvageable) where patrol halted for 30 mins for observation. Under the Tank a trench was noticed with a wire connecting leading SOUTH. This wire was cut by patrol. Other wires (comm) were cut. Lorries could be heard coming from SOUTH a long way off. Patrol then continued direct to Pt 24 (sq873299). Six dead GERMANS were seen here. From Pt 24 a red light could be seen, bearing 173 deg, flickering on and off. Many ITALIAN rifles were lying about plus much BREDA and 45mm A Tk amm.

C Coy Patrol

Recce patrol

Strength 1 Offr 3 ORs (Lieut KENNEALLY)

Time out - 2100 hrs

Time in - 0100 hrs

Route - Route 2 see trace att.

Information - Contact was made with members of both 2/13 Bn and 2/32 Bn and est their HQs as being at 87882948 and 87742968 respectively.

Infm gained from Carrier Sjt 2/15 Bn -

As EAV withdraw at night their place is taken over by a number of strong posts closing the gap on our left.

B Coy Patrol

Recce Patrol

Strength 2 Offrs 4 ORs (Lieut Brocksopp
(Lieut Allen)

Time out - 2145 hrs

Time in - 0430 hrs

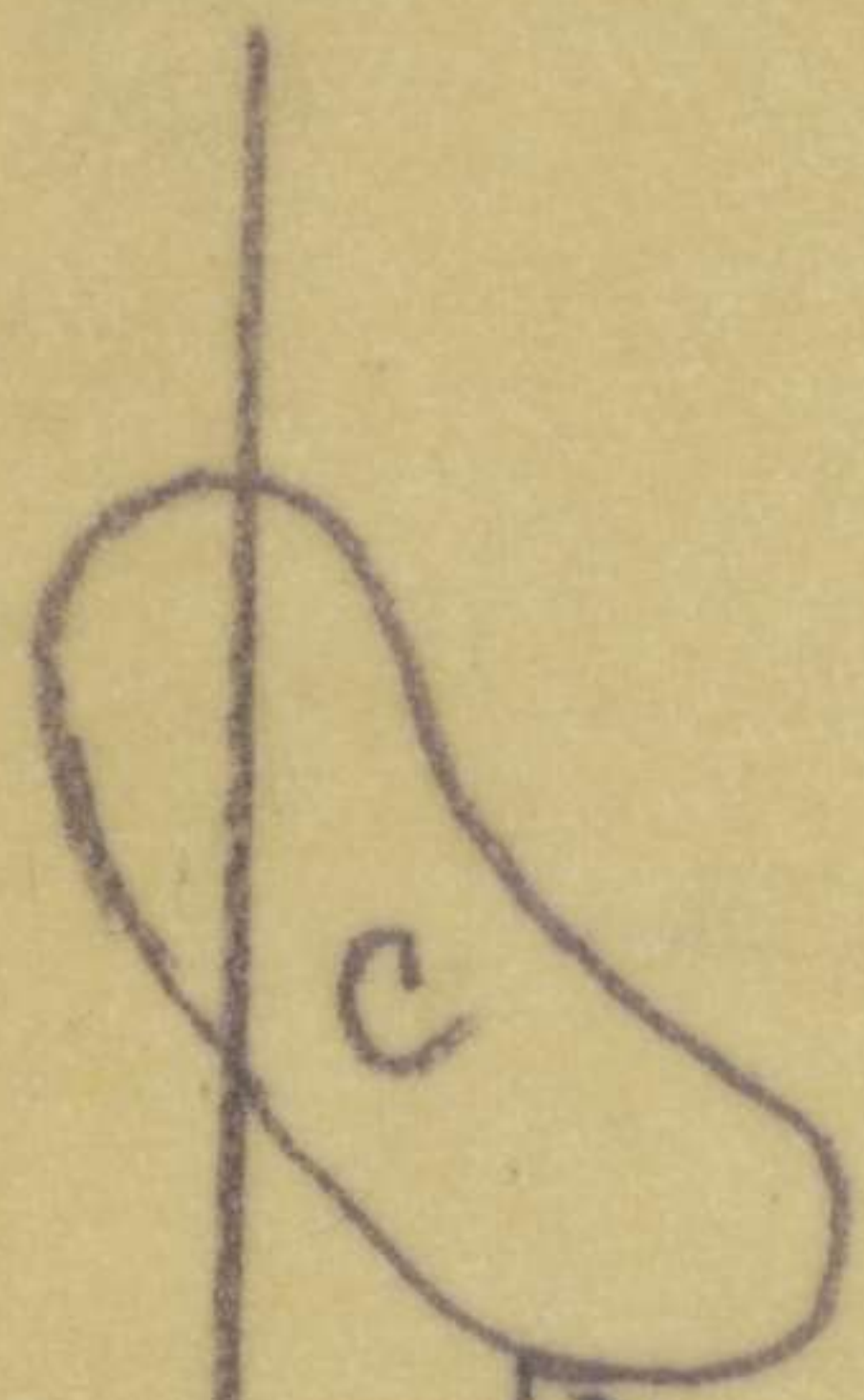
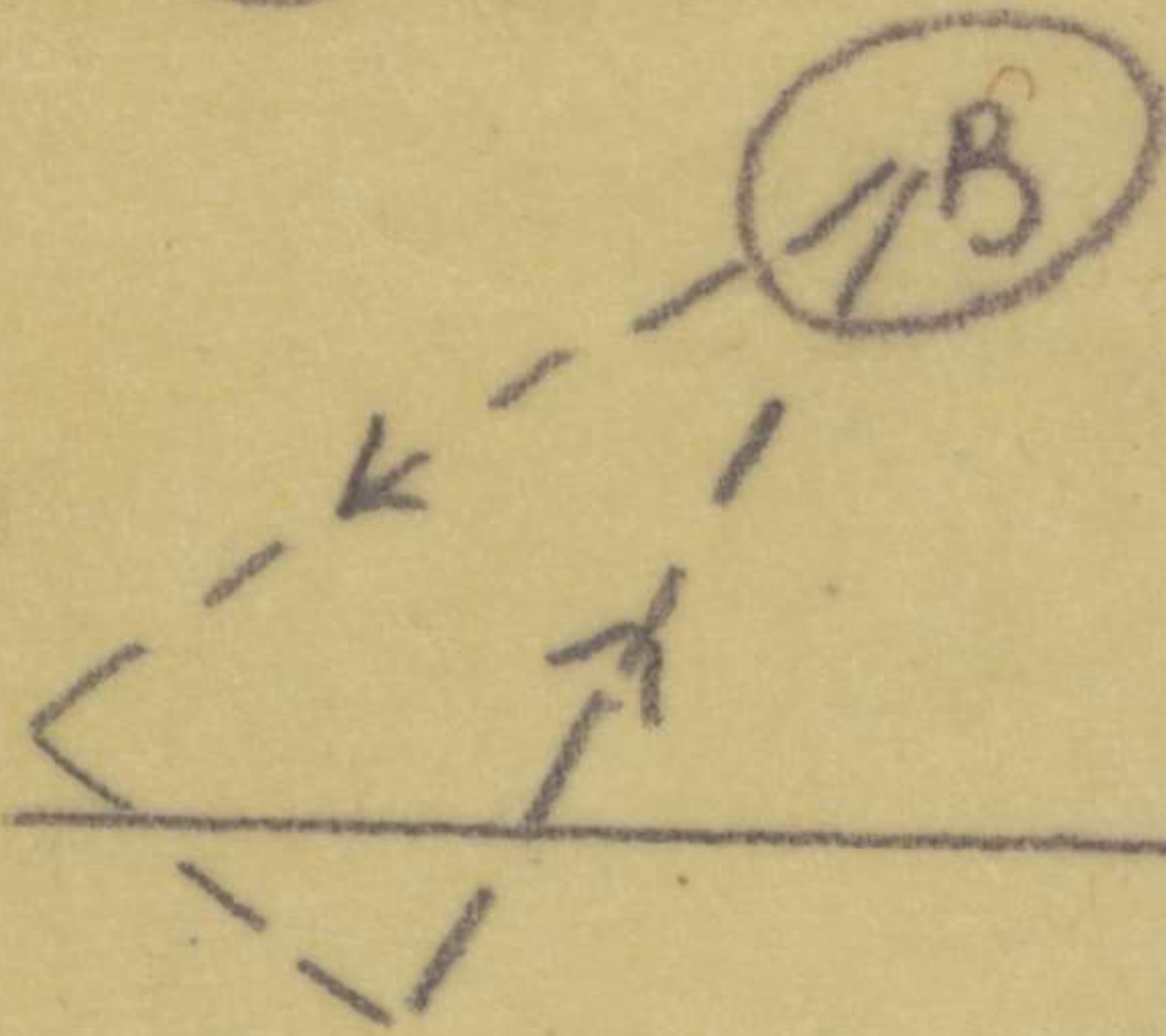
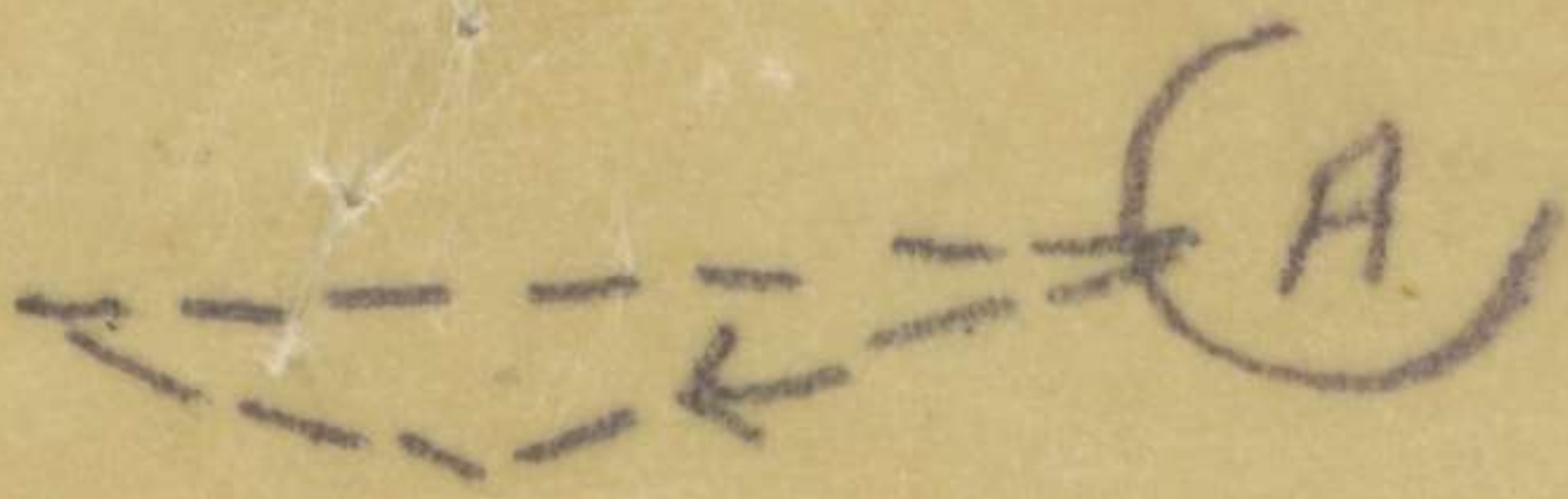
Route - route 3 of trace att

Information - At 0230 hrs sounds of MT movement in far distance could be heard to the South moving West.

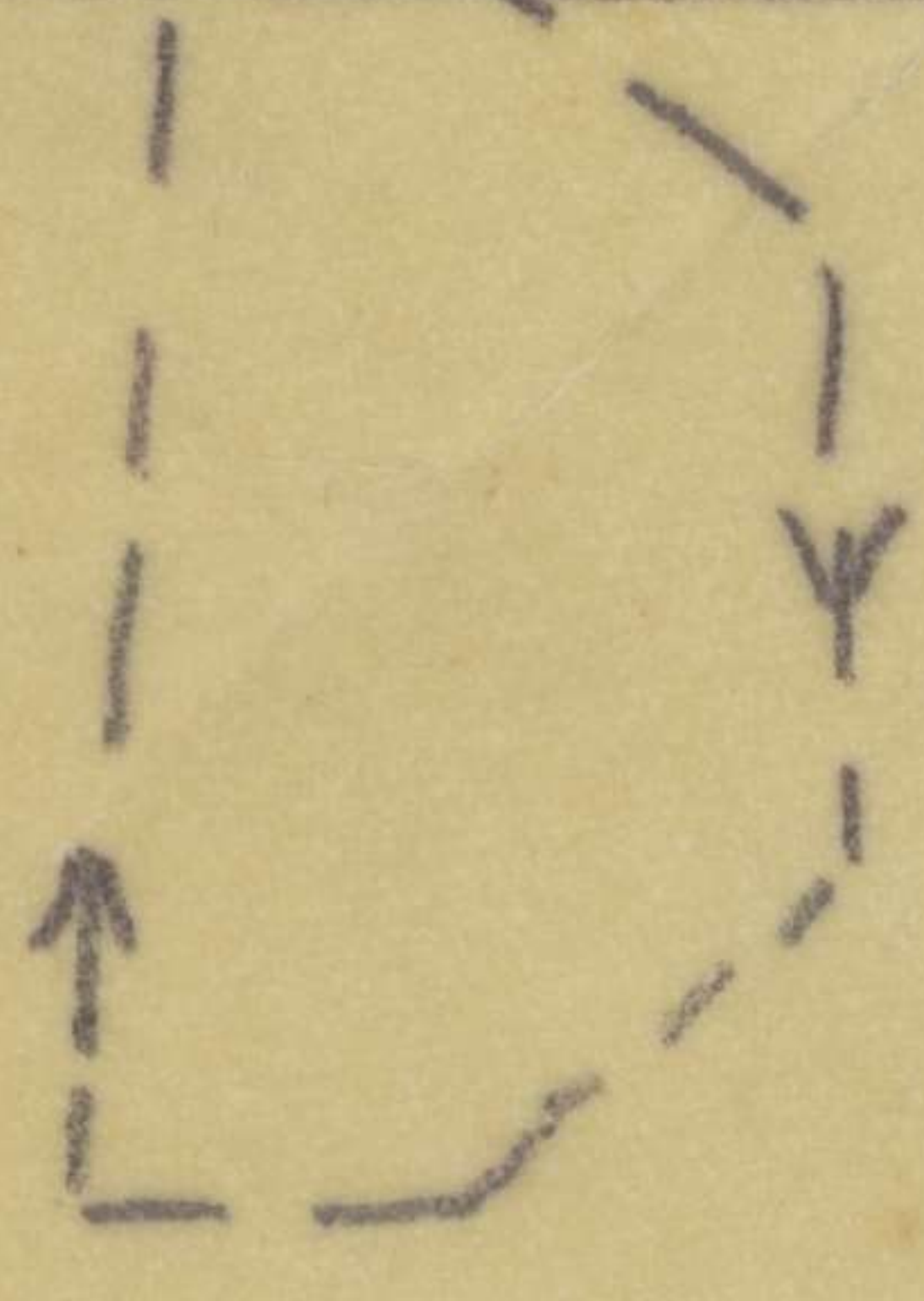
No enemy movement was seen during whole patrol.

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To: 26 Aust Inf Bde
From: 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

PATROL REPORT

Night 28/29 Jul 42

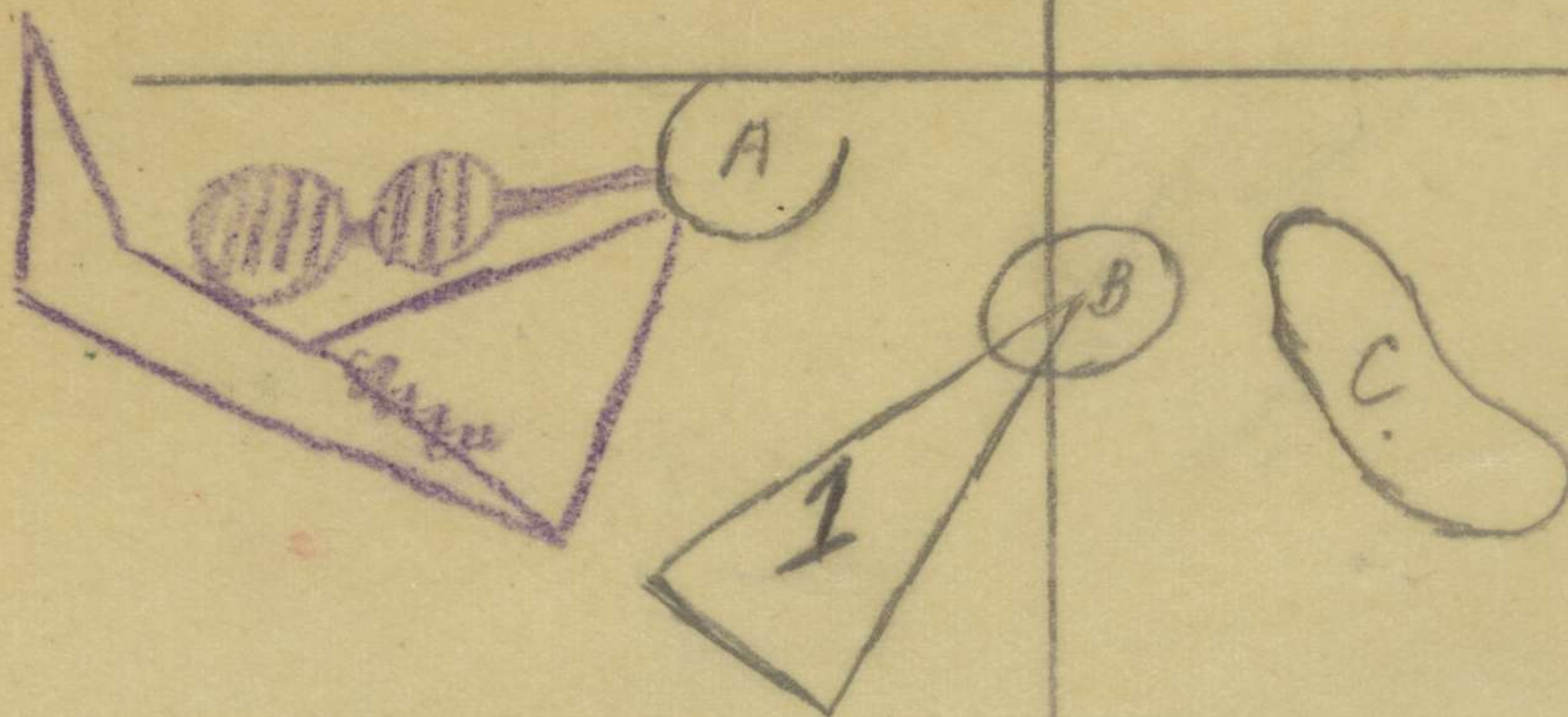
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1	2145	0430	2 Offrs 4 ORs	B	Recce	Route 1. Trace att Patrol leader Lieut Shepard	NMS
2	2045	0200	1 NCO 3 ORs <i>Cpt Kennedy</i>	C	Recce	Contacting patrol with our left coy	Contact made with 2/13 Bn at 2315 hrs
3.	2130	0300	1 Pl	C	Salvage	Route 2 - Trace att	Patrol moved to 87362995 where three decoy dead Italians were found - documents were taken. One of our own tps also found and paybook and identity discs were recovered. One rifle (own) recovered. At 87342995 area was combed to depth of 300 yds but only salvage was a few Italian rifles. Evidence showed that many patrols had preceded present patrol. At every weapon pit personal gear and eqpt was strewn around. Two of our own rifles recovered. At Pt 24 the weapon pits gave the patrol the impression that the strength was one coy dispersed. All eqpt of value was collected. Our haversacks and packs appeared to be extensively used by the enemy. These we investigated and collected all documents. Nine enemy dead were found in this area. An accurate list of salvaged gear is not yet to hand.
4	2230	0430	1 NCO 3 ORs	A	Salvage	Route 4. Trace att	A quantity of Australian eqpt was salvaged but details not yet to hand. Party came under shell fire twice whilst in area. No enemy movement was sighted.

Serial	Time		Strength	Coy	Patrol	Route	Information
	IN	OUT					
5	2200	0400	1 Offr 3 ORs <i>Mr Hamilton</i>	A	Recce	Route 3 Trace att	<p>Telegraph line is useless as a guide from 87322992 on as a number of poles are down.</p> <p>At 87252994 patrol came on a listening post indicated by the sound of bolts clicking. Patrol then moved in Northerly direction to Pt 17. Patrol could detect no enemy movement on this point. Patrol was now fwd 900 yds of two knocked out Valentine tanks and listening post consisting of a number of oil drums dumped together. A shot was fired due west of us at approx 5000 yds distance.</p> <p>Patrol then moved South from Pt 17 to 87222993 where four men were seen digging a slit trench. Patrol then turned EAST and saw another working party of 10 in area approx 87222994. Patrol believed this party saw patrol but continued to dig. Close by at 87222794 two trucks, one of which was burnt out, and two large mines (BP Mk V) were found. Mines were 10 yds apart. No other mines could be found. May possibly have been an old minefield here. Patrol turned NE at 87432985 direct to A Coy posn. Patrol report enemy scattered in area sq 872299 and that listening posts were on the alert.</p>

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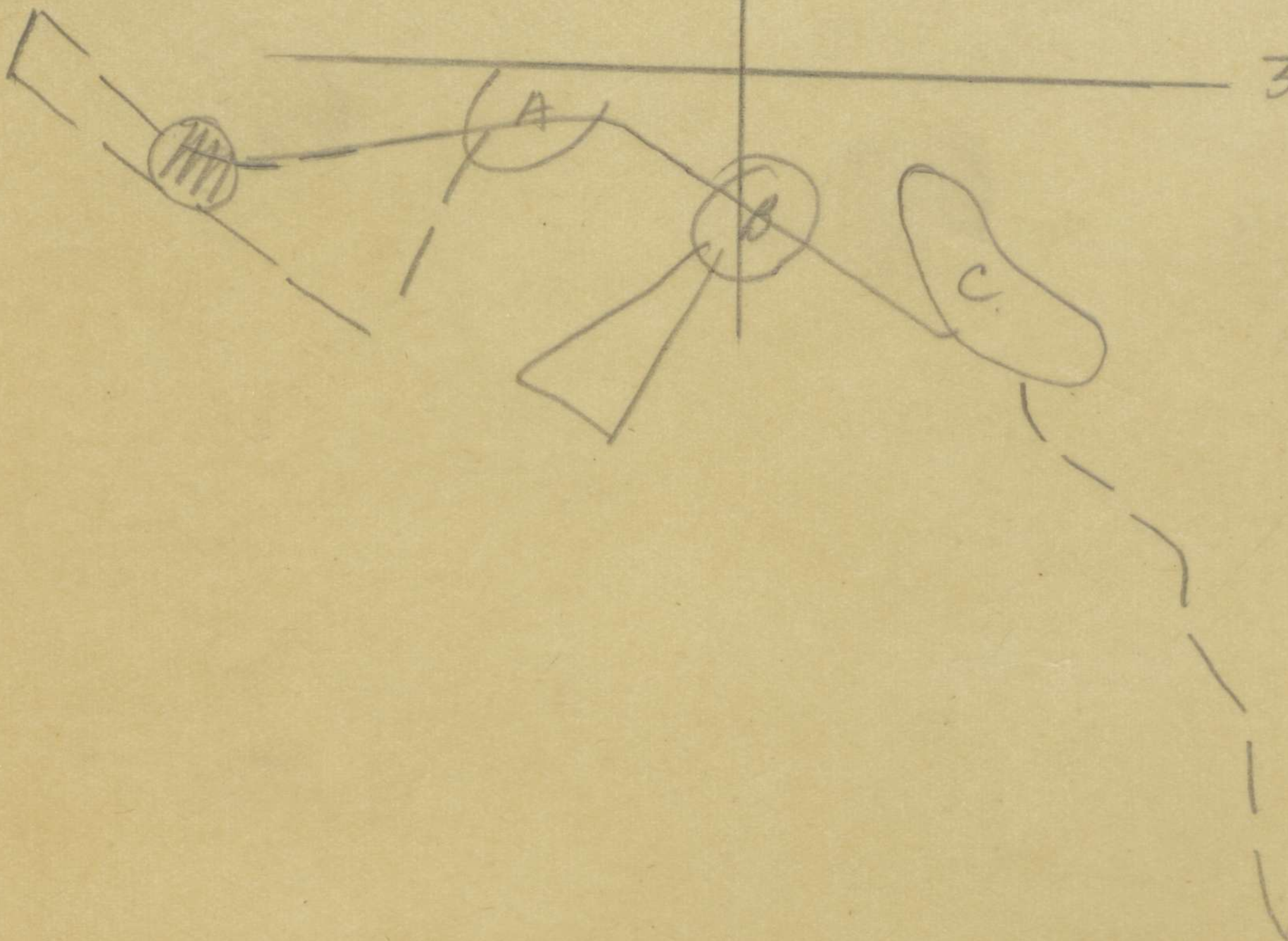


Patrol Report

NIGHT 29/30 Jul,

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To 26 Aust Inf Bde

PATROL REPORT

NIGHT 29/30 Jul

From 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Serial	Time OUT	Time IN	Strength	Coy	Patrol	Route	Information
1	2130	0130	1 Offr 18 ORs Lieut Underwood	C	Salvage	Route 1 see Trace att.	Salvage continued in area as per trace - salvage consisted mainly of web eqpt packs and haversacks and ITALIAN rifles. Very little salvageable gear remains in this area. 3 ITALIAN dead were found and one AUSTRALIAN, whom we buried. Discs and Paybook had been previously taken. Sound off tracked vehs 600 yds NW could be heard by the patrol.
2	2130	0100	1 NCO 3 ORs Cpl Kennedy	C	Recce	Contacting left flank	Contact made with strong posts on our left. Contact 2/13 Bn HQ at 2330 hrs. 24 Aust Inf Bde are located at 87932960. 2/13 Bn HQ gave following infm. Runis area 875289 is strongly held by GERMANS
3	2145	0430	2 Offrs 4 ORs	B	Recce	Route 2 Trace att	NMS
4	2230	0430	1 Offr 3 ORs	A	Recce	Route 3 trace att	Patrol proceeded to Pt 24 (sq 873299) thence direct to Pt 17 (sq 872300) where patrol remained for some time. A veh was heard in sq 872298 moving NW across our front at a distance of approx 1000 yds. A motor cycle was heard in sq 872301 and appeared to be moving in direction of ry line. No other movement was heard from this point (17). Patrol then moved along route to 29958725 where a number of old enemy posns were concentrated. These and the diggings in the area could be manned but patrol saw no trace of recent occupation.

Lieut
IO 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
(B R KING)

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2/48 Aust Inf Bn
In the field
30 Jul 48

- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy

PATROLS

1. Congratulations on the good patrolling done during the last few nights.
2. Much info has been gained, and this factor emphasises the value of active patrolling.
3. Make every endeavour now, to practice as many personnel as possible, including all offrs, in night patrolling.
4. Ask definite questions for patrols to answer - e.g., "Is there any enemy at pt X?" Definite questions will give you definite answers.
5. Very shortly it will be necessary to send out aggressive patrols who are prepared to "shoot him up".

H.A. Hammer

Lt-col
Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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2/48 Aust Inf Bn

EQUIPMENT HELD BY 2/48 AUST INF BN AS AT 10 JUL 42

Brens, LMG	65
Mortar 2"	15
Mortar 3"	6
Pistols Signal	32
Pistols Revolver	39
Rifles Boys A Tk	18
Rifles EY	10
Rifles .303	603
TSMGs	50

Vickers .303 MMG	5
Spandau MG	2

2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Vehicle Strength return as at 10 Jul 42.

15 cwt	CVT	3
15 "	FDN	2
15 "	FD	1
20 " (Van)	CVT	1
20 " (Office)	CVT	1
30 " (Water)	CVT	2
30 "	CVT	7
30 "	FD	1
3 ton	CVT	15
Car Utility	FD	1
Car DS	PLY	1
Motorcycles	NORTON	6
<i>Jeeps</i>		6.

2/48 Aust Inf Bn
14 Jul 42.

26 Aust Inf Bde

REPORT ON OPS TELL EL EISA AREA 10-11 JUL 42

Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1:50,000

On night 9/10 Jul 2/48 Bn was ordered to attack Pt 26, Pt 23 and then move SOUTH to ry line and consolidate from TELL EL EISA Sta to WHITE HOUSE. The Bn had sent out patrols on the previous two nights and it had been est that there was little enemy movement on Pt 26 and except for small digging parties only unoccupied trenches fwd of Pt 26.

The attack was in three phases and was timed so the first objective would be reached just before first light.

- Phase 1 - Capture of Pt 26
- 2 - Capture of Pt 23
- 3 - Movement to ry and consolidate.

The FUP was 500 yds NW from track running NE and SW from 87992964 to the Coast and running parallel to it.
Start time 0342 hrs.

Phase 1.

C and B Coys attacked Pt 26. C on left B on right. There was no opposition as the few enemy in this area were taken completely by surprise. Both coys then moved on and consolidated their posns 400 yds along the ridge. At 0500 hrs arty concentrations were brought down on Pt 23 which prepared the way for attack for A and D coys upon this feature.

Phase 2.

D Coy (left) A Coy (right) moved through B and C and attacked Pt 23 at approx 0513 hrs under cover of arty fire on Pt 23 and smoke screen on Trig 33 and ry area. The advance was uneventful and little resistance owing to the quickness of the attack, arty barrage and smoke screen. Some PsW were captured here including the CO and HQ of 7 BERSIAGLIERI Regt. Both coys exploited fwd a little and were ready for phase 3 at 0600 hrs. A Coy sent fwd patrols to contact 2/24 Bn and D Coy on the left and these patrols brought in many more PsW. At this stage tks were engaging MMG posns left of Pt 26 and Pt 23 and arty FOO with D Coy engaged mortar posns at 87712991. At 0645 hrs RAF bombed TELL EL EISA. At 0700 hrs tks support at pt 23. During this period the ridge from 23 to 26 was under enemy arty and mortar fire from area. 871304 & 87112991. Bn HQ was at 87923001 and Sigs commenced to lay out lines to coys. At 0715 hrs the RAF bombed enemy arty posns.

Phase 3.

C and D Coy under cover of four tks swung left and moved fwd in a southerly direction towards ry line. Both coys came under MMG and LMG fire from BLOCK HOUSE. One Pl was sent fwd to clean up this area. This they did, taking 65 PsW and exploited fwd of barracks until held up by arty and mortar fire. One pl was given the task of capturing a bty of guns. The gun crews stuck to their guns until the pl advanced under 3" Mortar support, charged the bty, capturing 106 PsW. D Coy on it occupied Sta area and exploited fwd, capturing another 30 PsW. Both coys consolidated under cover of tks until A Tk guns were in posn at approx 0900 hrs.

Total number of PsW captured by Bn were:-

German	89
Italian offrs	29
Italians	306

Of these it can be ascertained that -

A Coy captured	300
B " "	50
C " "	210
D " "	232

Meanwhile A Coy had dug in on 23 and B Coy had moved astride the ridge between 26 and 23 and dug in. At approx 1030 hrs 4 enemy tks appeared on escarpment about 1500 yds in a southerly direction. They engaged our tks who withdrew to the shelter of the embankment as they were out-gunned.

Commencing at 0945 hrs extensive bombing raids were carried out, mainly on Pt 26 and surrounding areas. These continued throughout the day and 2 vehicles were destroyed but only one slight casualty. At 1400 hrs enemy commenced shelling fwd areas and at 1500 hrs twelve tks approached EAST along ry line. Our arty opened fire on them but did not stop them. They continued down on D Coy posns. The tks were pushed back but came again and again and only after 4 (three Mk IV one Mk III) had been knocked out by A Tk guns and sticky bombs did the remainder withdraw behind the ridge. All four tks were destroyed. The remainder of the afternoon D Coy was under intermittent shell fire while C Coy came under hy shell fire with considerable amount of air-burst. C Coy had withdrawn behind ry line and were digging in again and consequently had some casualties with air-bursts. Up to this time casualties were - A Coy 1, B Coy Nil, C Coy 9, D Coy 5, HQ Coy 2 killed 3 wounded. Total - twenty casualties.

At approx 2000 hrs enemy tks - number unknown - and inf attacked D Coy front. Tks overran posn and enemy inf forced D Coy to withdraw and occupied their posn. Counter attack by A Coy to support D Coy and a composite pl from 2 and 5 Pls to support C Coy move fwd.

A Coy's counter attack was pushed fwd with great vigour and with hand to hand fighting drove the enemy out of D Coy's posns and well beyond the ry line. D Coy came back and occupied A Coy's old posn. During the night patrols were sent out and discovered that the tks had withdrawn and in the morning it was also discovered that the inf also had withdrawn.

Captured eqpt.

Uncountable maps, documents etc.

C Coy	16 Fd Guns (75 mm)
A Coy	4 Bofors (47mm AA guns) (5 Bofors - unknown which Coy captured)
	6 LMGs
C Coy	2 Bredas - 35mm
A Coy	3 Fiat MGs

The success of the operation depended largely on

- (a) The effect of surprise
- (b) Determination of the tps.
- (c) Arty fire

B. R. Lewis Lieut
IC 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

copy - WD

No. of Groups.
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

all boys

FROM

Bn HQ

Originator's Number

012

Date

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In Reply to Number

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THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS.

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER.

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

1550

SIGNED

*Sgt EDMUND
- CPT*

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER

T.O.R.

Wt. 32412/1098. 750M. 12/40. P I. 51-8146.

2/48 Aust Inf Bn
18 Jul 42

REPORT ON CARRIER RAID
ON
TELL EL EISA RIDGE
at last light on 17 Jul 42

Ref Map: EL ALAMEIN 1/50,000

1. The object of this raid was to disrupt enemy preparations on TELL EL EISA RIDGE west of TELL EL EISA ry sta.
2. Three secs of Carriers were employed under comd Sgt C R JACKA with one additional Bren gunner on each carrier.
3. The raid was conducted on the lines of a fast moving hard hitting shooting match and during the raid about 3400 rds were expended. An arty and MMG preparation was placed on both Pts 24 prior to the raid. Arty fire was mostly HE with a little smoke.
4. At 2030 hrs (zero) the raiding party crossed the ry line 300 yds west of TELL EL EISA Sta and proceeded to Pt 24 (sq 874299). Here the party turned SW and headed for Pt 24 (873299) where they turned East to rally at the WHITE BARRACKS (87852975).
5. (a) Arty support from Z to Z plus 5 (intense) was on the line of the two pts 24 and from Z plus 5 to Z plus 20 (rapid and normal) it lifted 700 yds.
(b) MMG. One pl gave flanking fire along the line of the ry. in the cutting area 875299 up to Z plus 10. One pl from Z to Z plus 8 along a line through both pts 24 then switched 500 yds North from Z plus 8 to Z plus 20.
(c) Mortar and LMG fire from A Coy area TELL EL EISA Sta on known targets to support the raid.
6. Carrier Sec comds report that on approaching Pt 24 in vicinity of the ry line they met with light LMG and A Tk gun fire from the ry cutting area. Enemy inf were not seen in any great numbers although they probably had their heads well down ~~under~~ after the arty and MMG concentration.
7. On proceeding along the ridge towards the Western Pt 24 by LMG and some A Tk gun fire came from the vicinity of the Northern slopes of Pt 24 (873299). No arty guns were sighted by the raiders. The light by this time was fading rapidly.
8. Whilst on the TELL EL EISA Ridge our Carrier crews opened up with intense fire with LMGs and TSMGs shooting up the general area and including some enemy MG posts at 40 yds range. It is considered that the moral effect of the intense shooting combined with the surprise of the attack was considerable.
9. The enemy response to the raid at Zero was to open up on our two fwd coys A and C on the ry line with arty and mortar fire, and judging from the speed of the retaliation and the flashes from a large number of enemy guns and mortars he was apparently apprehensive of activity from the Bde area.
10. The carriers returned from the operation with only one light casualty, but at the rallying point WHITE BARRACKS 87852975 considerable enemy arty and mortar fire was encountered causing some confusion and one sec comd led his sec over the ry line into our own minefield causing casualties two killed and four lightly wounded with some damage to three carriers.
Guides had been placed along the minefield which was North of the ry line and the carriers were instructed to rally at the WHITE BARRACKS and cross the line to the East clear of the minefield. However the enemy fire apparently confused the sec comd

causing him to turn West of the BARRACKS.

11.

Summary.

- (a) It is considered that raid was most successful in the execution of its task and that the time it was carried out suitable. Had it been carried out earlier it is felt that "soft skinned" vehs such as carriers would have received by casualties from enemy A Tk guns.
- (b) The boldness and speed of the raid carried it through but it can hardly be considered as a normal operation for carriers.
- (c) The operation certainly did divert attention to the Bde area from elsewhere on the front.

H.H. Hammer
Lt-col
Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

To

All Officers & Sub-unit Comds.

2/48 Aust Inf Bn
26 Jul 42.

A L E R T N E S S

1. I was considerably alarmed at the lack of vigilance on the part of the whole unit during the hours of darkness on the night 25/ 26 Jul 42. I was able to move practically throughout the whole unit without being challenged.
2. The enemy is quite capable of doing the same thing. Remember we captured this posn by SURPRISE. We do NOT want to lose it and ourselves by the same principle of war
3. We were definitely more alert against the WOG thief menace in SYRIA than we are against the HUN menace in EGYPT.
4. Everything, see post and HQ's must have a sentry. Duty Officers and NCO's are to be appointed to do the rounds checking on the alertness of every post regularly throughout the night.
5. Coy Comds must personally ensure that sub-units of their cmd are on the job. Everyone is responsible for his own local protection and the protection of the whole front.

J. H. Hammer

Lt-col.
Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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2/48 Aust Inf Bn
In the field
30 Jul 42

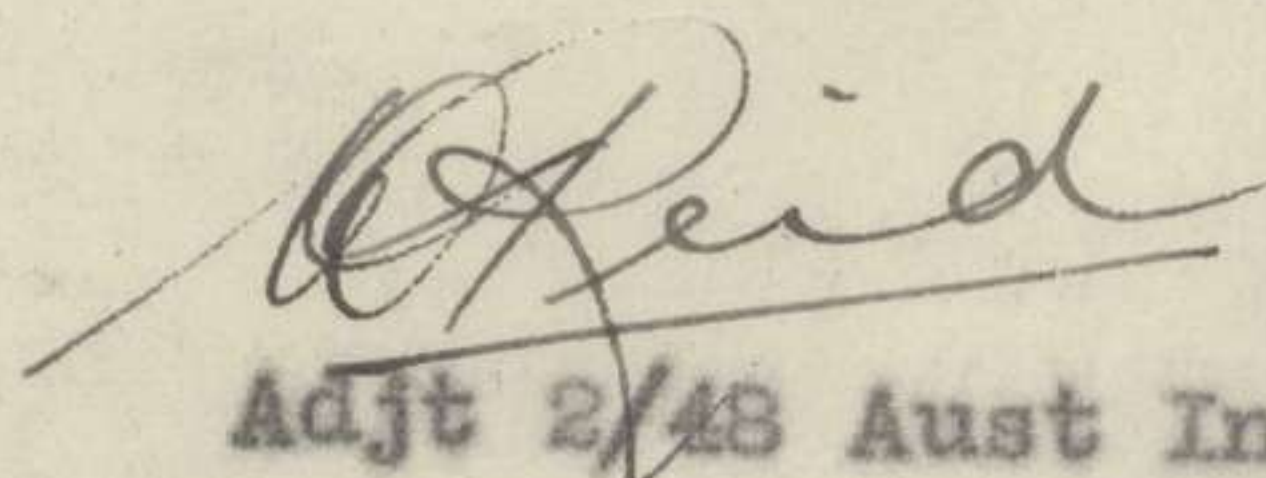
SECURITY

Following from EIGHTH ARMY:-

"Enemy documents captured recently show that since May 26 British tps who have been captured have given away valuable infm to the enemy.

By International Law, the soldier is bound to give only his name, rank and number. The enemy however, has other means of gaining infm such as hidden microphones and stool pigeons.

The C-in-C directs that all ranks will be warned again of their duty in this respect, that the giving of infm to the enemy may cost the lives of many of their friends, and that the infm renders himself to severe disciplinary action on repatriation after the war. Rank, name and number is the only drill to be remembered by a prisoner of war.

 Lieut
Adjnt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Distribution

Copy No	1	Hq Coy
	2	A Coy
	3	B Coy
	4	C Coy
	5	D Coy
	6	RSM
	7-8	War Diary
	9	File

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2/48 Aust Inf Bn
In the field
30 Jul 42

A Coy
B Coy
C Coy

PATROLS

1. Congratulations on the good patrolling done during the last few nights.
2. Much info has been gained, and this factor emphasises the value of active patrolling.
3. Make every endeavour now, to practice as many personnel as possible, including all offrs, in night patrolling.
4. Ask definite questions for patrols to answer - e.g., "Is there any enemy at pt X?" Definite questions will give you definite answers.
5. Very shortly it will be necessary to send out aggressive patrols who are prepared to "shoot him up".

R.H. Hammer

Lt-col
Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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2/48 Aust Inf Bn
30 Jul 42

2/48 AUST INF BN ADM INSTN NO 13

1. "A period of inactivity, tends to make personnel careless - WE must guard against this"
2. SANITATION
 - (a) Latrines: All ranks must be instructed to replace box lids on completion of toilet.
 - (b) Refuse: Immediate steps are to be taken by all comds to ensure that refuse pits are dug, and that all ranks use these pits. Perishable refuse is to be burned regularly litter has been noticed strewn about coy areas, and duty Offrs are responsible to see that this untidy practice ceases.
 - (c) Personal Cleanliness: All ranks must shave daily. There is no water shortage, and personnel are to pay more attention to washing. There has been an increase in Dysentery and Diarrhoea within the unit, and by observing rules of SANITATION this can be avoided.
3. DISPERSION:- The dispersion of both MT and personnel is to be watched more closely. Movement is to be cut down to a minimum in coy localities. Groups of men engaged in messing provide hostile aircraft with valuable infm and an excellent target.
4. SALVAGE & REC:- Eqpt of varied types is still left strewn about defended localities. This must be collected and returned to M. The collection of BR pattern eqpt is particularly important. Amm is to be collected, boxed and placed in "locality dumps". Regular inspections are to/made of /be amm dumps.
5. WORK POLICY:- There must be a works policy laid down for the continuous improvement of defensive localities. Proportion of personnel should be allocated for patrolling, and security whilst others should carry out the works policy.
6. REST:- Comds are to organize works so that men obtain "organized rest".

DISTRBN

A Coy	B Coy
C Coy	D Coy
HQ Coy	File
RSM	War Diary (2)

W. Keir Lieut
Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

15 July 1942

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In RUSSIA the gravity of the position round VORONEZH increases and the intensity of the fighting is growing. The Germans are using smoke screens and flame throwers in an endeavour to drive the Russians out of the trenches. Districts in part of VORONEZH have been penetrated and in some parts Germans have penetrated in to the out-skirts of the town. Bitter hand-to-hand fighting is going on in the DON Valley. The Russian Air Force is playing it's part and the crossings over the DON are being heavily bombed and subjected to heavy barrages. Messages agree that the position is serious, but the speaker says " Germany is going to get a ' knock out' blow."

According to reports from EGYPT there has been no major change on the Desert Front. It is not known that German Infantry took part in the attack on the northern sector and with the Italians, suffered heavy casualties. Activity in the air has been maintained by the R.A.F.

From General MacARTHUR's Headquarters comes the news that allied planes raided the island of KALABAH to the north of TIMOR and three small vessels were sunk and wharves damaged. Allied planes also raided SALAMAU bombing aerodromes and enemy concentrations.

Royal Air Force planes were out all day attacking aerodromes in Northern FRANCE Leaflets were drop ed over FRANCE yesterday. These were signed by Mr EDEN. He praised the fortitude of the French people whose spirit had not been broken. France, he said, has never been absent from the battle. Mr Eden said that for the people of Britain the restoration of France was a war aim. I refuse to believe, he said, that the soul of France is dead.

Resolutions were passed by the Working Party Congress in India urging the British to quit India.

LOCAL NEWS:

On 10 Jul '42 our troops attacked along the coast west of EL ALAMEIN and reached their objectives taking 850 prisoners, 100 of whom were Germans. In this action our artillery played a big part and did good work. Enemy tanks were engaged by our arty and British Valentines - 22 being knocked. Nine were Italian, 6 German and the rest unidentified. One of the nine Italian tanks was later driven back to our lines. Many Italian tank corps prisoners were taken in this action.

11 Jul 42: On the morning of the 11 Jul our troops captured high ground to the South of the railway and in the process captured prisoners.

In addition to capturing the ridge a raiding column went out and smashed 8 enemy guns, and took prisoners.

In the evening a large attack was launched against our positions - one attack coming along the coast and the other from the south. These attacks were heavily engaged by our arty and the enemy suffered heavy casualties. A number of enemy dead were left lying forward of our positions.

12 Jul 42: The enemy again attacked heavily in the afternoon but our positions were held. About this time it was fairly obvious that Germans were being brought into the area. A few German prisoners were captured. Our casualties were very light. Enemy air activity was chiefly confined to 'Stuka' raids while our air force was well to the fore, bombing and machine-gunning enemy transport and supporting our forward troops. The number of prisoners taken by us up to this time was 1900, mostly Italians.

13 Jul 42: The enemy again attacked our positions in the morning but without success. He lost one tank. Up to this time one bty of our AA Regt had shot down 7 enemy aircraft. The South Africans were attacked on the night of the 13/14 Jul but the enemy was unable to penetrate their minefield. Our aircraft had a heavy day bombing and machine-gunning enemy transport.

At night a German Offr rode his motor bike into our lines and was captured.

14 Jul 42: Numerous reports of tank concentrations were received but our artillery got on to these and no attacks developed.

15 Jul '42: This morning the enemy attacked our positions south of the railway.

Our forces are now attacking on the Egyptian front from the Tell el Eisa salient in the North to the long, low El Ruweisat ridge at the southern end of the front. On Tuesday evening the attack in the South was launched, and by this morning the New Zealand and Indian Divisions had captured the entire El Ruweisat ridge to its western end. They have thus far taken 3,000 prisoners. Though tanks were engaged in this battle, which is still in progress, it is believed that no major tank battle has yet taken place. The Australians launched another attack in the Tell el Eisa salient this morning, and already some 300 German prisoners have been captured. It is

BRITISH FORCES ATTACK
ALONG EGYPTIAN FRONT :
ENZEDS AND INDIANS TAKE
3,000 PRISONERS IN SOUTH

estimated that the Australians now have at least 3,000 prisoners "in the bag". In the El Alamein-Tell el Eisa sector at the northern end of the front the Australians maintained their line against the powerful Axis tank and infantry assault which began on Tuesday.

The enemy has now tried three separate plans of attack against the Australian salient. In the first they counter-attacked against El Eisa station and the main positions. This was beaten back by the Australians, after the enemy had made a slight dent. The next day they made another attempt, this time with the intention of decapitating the salient, but were driven off. On Tuesday evening they made their third try, swinging right back to the West in an attempt to encircle the salient. If the enemy thought they would catch us with guns and material out of position through this sudden move, he must have been disappointed. BBC correspondent Richard Dimbleby yesterday told how our fighter-bombers --our flying artillery-- scored 10 direct hits on enemy vehicles in two attacks on Tuesday, and made successful sweeps over enemy troops and artillery. Our day bombers also scored 6 direct hits on enemy tpt. In one attack, out of a convoy of a tank, 2 armoured cars and 12 transport lorries, only one lorry escaped. Tobruk and Benghazi have been raided again. U.S. bombers helped in the attack on Benghazi.

In South Russia the German forces are still smashing their way down and across the Don Valley. The Russians have evacuated two more towns in the valley, but are still holding Voronezh, where Marshal Timoshenko's forces are still fighting with undiminished ferocity. In the southern sector of this front the Red Army is offering tremendous resistance against superior forces in an effort to prevent irreparable damage being done to vital communications and the fighting power of the Russian forces. The Germans are pressing on with a two-pronged drive towards Stalingrad, the important tank-producing centre 170 miles behind the Russian lines. The threat

THREAT TO STALINGRAD
AND FIGHTING POWER OF
RUSSIAN ARMIES GROWS

to Stalingrad has increased with the evacuation of Bagozshk, 120 miles SE of Voronezh, and of Millerobo, announced in the midnight Moscow communique. Paul Winterton, in a special message to the London "News Chronicle", says that the

Russians are heavily out-weighted in armoured vehicles, and as they have no natural line of defence they will have to retire to some positions that can be defended. If the Germans reach Stalingrad, they will sever the main Russian armies, cut off the Caucasus from the rest of Russia, choke all transport along some of Russia's most important lifelines, cut off oil supplies to the North, and the only channel of supply to the Russian army in the Caucasus will be blocked. Although the situation at Voronezh is grave, the fighting in the South is fraught with even graver significance. "The Germans will never forget Voronezh", Winterton remarks. In a fortnight's nonstop fighting, which has now reached its maximum intensity, the Nazis have gained only a few miles of bloodstained ground, he says, and at fearful cost. He puts the German casualties for 10 days fighting at approximately 35,000 men killed and wounded, and adds that the German 3rd Motorised Division, in action for only one day, had to be withdrawn because of their colossal losses.

Gen MacArthur's HQ this morning reported that aerial activity on both sides was limited to local recesses. Australian Air Minister Drakeford, after completing a tour of RAAF and U.S. air stations, commented on the

THE AUSTRALIAN THEATRE close co-operations between army and air which had been developed. Gen Blamey, C-in-C land forces, is touring the western defences. The local military position has been immensely strengthened, he said, and when Australian bases were strongly equipped, the proper action would be taken.

inding up the debate on war production in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, the Minister for Supply, Sir Andrew Duncan, pointed out that we still had to suffer from lack of fundamental research before the war into the production of tanks. The Battle of Britain, he said, had not been entirely won by the valour of our airmen; our fighter planes were designed as far back as 1937. But with tanks we had started the war with

negligible resources, and by the middle of 1940 our losses in France had left us as impoverished as when the war began. We had to get tanks in quantity first, and in order to produce tanks in quantity we had to use the

BRITAIN HAD LATE START
WITH TANK PRODUCTION BUT
NOW KEEPING PACE

designs available. This phase lasted well through 1941. Now we at last have quantity, and we can establish quality. We are now, Sir Andrew said, in a position not only on equal terms with the enemy, but able to keep pace with him. The Minister then turned to the production of guns, and declared that the 6-pdr a/tk gun had come into production in very considerable numbers by November of 1941. Today the Army had more 6-pdrs in use than it had 2-pdrs a year ago. The Army had never asked that all tanks be fitted with 6-pdrs. Tanks with 2-pdrs could carry a bigger crew, could attain a more rapid rate of fire, and could carry a greater quantity of ammunition.

Hundreds of RAF fighters were out all day yesterday over Northern France, and in one sweep alone over 200 Spitfires were engaged. They sprayed bullets and cannon shells from Cherbourg to Etappes, and swept low over factories, gasworks, trains, observation posts, wireless stations and gun positions. One Spitfire pilot saw German officers scattering to shelter from the hail of metal

RAF FIGHTERS HAVE
BIG DAY OVER FRANCE

our planes rained down. The day ended with a mast-high attack on a small ship off the Dutch coast, which was left sinking, while one pilot flew off to set fire to a launch. Three German fighters were destroyed, including one of the new Focke-Wulf 190s. Four of our planes are missing. There was no enemy air activity over Britain during the night, but early this morning German planes were over the East Midlands, and people going to work were machine-gunned. Some damage to property was done, but fires started were quickly brought under control.

The Congress Working Committee's resolution this week attacking British rule in India has not caused undue excitement in India, an observer states. There is not the slightest doubt, he thinks, that Congress itself will approve the resolution when it meets in Bombay next month, but there may be some disaffection when the call comes for civil disobedience. However great their dislike of England, many Congress members will hesitate before

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE PLAN
AGAINST BRITISH IN INDIA

they stab China in the back. It is pointed out that the Moslem League, the Sikhs, the National Democratic Party and other influential bodies of opinion in India are quite as much pledged as Congress to independence for India, but they have a more realistic outlook on the situation. The manner in which the resolution will operate is expected to be by civil disobedience -- refusal to pay taxes, active disaffection against work in factories and recruiting for the Army. Obviously the Government of India would be bound to take unhesitating action if matters take this form.

In China the Japanese forces driving SE have smashed their way into the port of Wenchow, in Chekiang province. The Chinese are fighting outside the town, but another Japanese force has been landed about 10 miles to the South of Wenchow.

The great raid and invasion exercises ever held in Europe have been successfully carried out by a powerful Canadian combat force, in co-operation with the British Navy and RAF. The exercises, which were watched among others by Lord Louis Mountbatten, Chief of Combined Operations, were designed as a prelude to what may be important

GREAT INVASION EXERCISES

military operations in Europe. For weeks this special force has carried out intensive training in assault operations and had full dress rehearsals against several sectors of the British coast. Largest troop-carrying flotillas ever used put to sea with powerful naval forces, then landed in their R-boats, special landing barges. Sven guns were among the many automatic weapons used.

The Prime Minister of Hungary admitted to the Hungarian Parliament yesterday that there had been a revolt in the territory taken over from Yugoslavia. He said that 2,500 Serbs had been killed.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.) For Week Ending 25 Jul 42
2/48 Aust Inf Bn

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors... ..	1		
	Captains	2		1
	Lieutenants	4		6
	2nd Lieutenants	18		1
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	25		8

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	LEMESSURIER R W	2/48 Bn	18 Jul	From X List
Lieut	LEWIN R W	do	22 Jul	Pres. School
Lieut	WRIGHT M	do	22 Jul	do

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	UNDERDOWN L	2/48 Bn		At AITH
Lieut	LATH	do		do
Capt	WILLIAMS C P	do	22 Jul	Killed in Action
Lieut	FERRIS	do	22 Jul	do
Lieut	GILL G T	do	22 Jul	do
Lieut	HEFFRON L R	do	22 Jul	do
Lieut	KIMBER D G	do	22 Jul	Wounded in Action - X Lis
Lieut	SMITH J W	do	22 Jul	do
Lieut	GOODEN O D	do	22 Jul	do
Lieut	LEMESSURIER R W	do	22 Jul	do

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
Lieut	TRELOAR H F	2/48 Bn	
Lieut	NELSON V N	do	

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Lt Col		HAMMER H H	CO	YES		
2		Maj		SCOTT T H	2 I/C	NO		LOB
3				TUCKER F A G	Coy Comd	YES		HQ Coy
4		Capt		EDWARDS G S	do	"		B Coy
5				SHILLAKER R S	do	"		A Coy
6				BREANT D	do	"		C Coy
7				MAXWELL-WRIGHT D	do	"		D Coy
8		Lieut		HEID W R	Adj't	"		
9				CROPTON P	2 I/C	"		A Coy
10				ROBBINS P	do	"		D Coy
11				BROCKSOPP A E	P1 Comd	"		12 P1
12				POTTER J D	QM	"		
13				KING B R	IO	"		
14				JOHNSON G E	P1 Comd	NO		LOB
15				WRIGHT H	do	YES		A Tr
16				McLELLAN H	do	"		5 P1
17				WALLIS D H	TO	"		
18				NICHOLAS P W	P1 Comd	"		14 P1
19				MURPHY E A	do	"		17 P1
20				MARZUCHELLI S A B	do	"		15 P1
21				LEWIN R W	do	"		10 P1
22				TAGGART C H	do	"		7 P1
23				HAMILTON B Y	do	"		9 P1
24				KERRALLY R E	do	"		13 P1
25				BOWMAN T H	do	"		13 P1
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chaplain		ARCHBOLD B C AA	Ch Dept	13 Oct 40	Padre
Capt		DANKINS D C	AMC	26 Aug 40	NO

H. H. Hammer

(Signature of Commander.)

2/48 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

Lt Col

13 26 Jul 42

(Date of Despatch.)

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS. TRADESMEN. Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS				
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers. ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks ...																				
Cooks ...																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)..																				
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Driver-Mechanics ...																				
Driver-Operators. ...																				
Electricians ...																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers.. ...																				
Fitters... ..																				
Machine Cunnners ...																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics ...																				
Pioneer, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers ...																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers ...																				
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors.																				
Wheelers ...																				
<i>Signallers</i>									4											
<i>Mortars</i>									3											
<i>Carrier Bns</i>									29											
<i>Pioneers</i>									7											
General duty personnel.									97											
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)									140										140	

NOTE: included in Part A are the following detachments:

Left out of Battle Personnel

Schools

Base

Total detachments strength in the pd postal strength points required establishment

*2 Bgts
1 Lt Col
1 Lt Col
1 Lt Col
1 Lt Col
1 Lt Col
1 Lt Col
1 Lt Col*

*64
2
1
67 ORs
605 ORs
672
140
312*

2/48 Aust Inf Bn Unit.
Date of Despatch 26 Jul 42

H.H. Hammer
Signature of Commander.
Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
26 Aust Inf Bde
Ede, Divn, Area, etc, with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

2/43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit). 18 Jul 1942 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.	1		
W.Os Class II.	6		
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.			
Staff Sergeants.	4		1
Sergeants.	30		1
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	56		13
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	684		14
TOTALS.	782	*	29

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Medical Sgt	AASC	FITTERS BV -	
Chiroprapist	AASC	2 Cpl I & 1 A/Sgt	AACC
Med Orderlies		Postal Cpl	AA Postal C
2 Ptes	AASC	Pay Sgt	AAPC
Armourer Cpl	AACC	YMCA Cpl	7 AGR
Shoemaker	AACC		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
5X 3377	Pte	BONZHOE A R	2/43 Bn	
5X 12317	Pte	GAPPER G L	do	

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

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

Included in Part A Page 1 are the following detachments.

Rear Party, SINIA
Marched out to Aust Inf Bn

Left out of Battle Personnel

Schools

Total detachments
Strength in the Field
Posted strength

1 WO II
1 Sgts
1 Cpls
1 ORs

1 WO II
1 Sgts
1 Cpls
1 ORs

1 WO I
1 Sgts

133
652
785 ORs

Incl 60 to replace rear party.

89

A.H. Hammer
Command 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
Signature of Commander.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/48 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.) For Week Ending 13 Jul 42

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*			
	*			
	*			
	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors... ..	1		
	Captains	2		1
	Lieutenants	5		5
	2nd Lieutenants	26 (Incl 7	7	
	Quartermasters	supernumerary)		
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	34	7	6

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	REID W R	2/48 Bn	4 Jul	From School

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	BLAIRD W L	2/48 Bn	26 Jun	Det - Rear Party
Lieut	UNDERDOWN L	do	26 Jun	do
Lieut	JOHNSON G E	do	5 Jul	Det - Left out of Battle
Maj	SCOTT T H	do	5 Jul	do
Lieut	NELSON V H	do	2 Jul	Sick - X list
Lieut	WILLIAMS D C C	do	6 Jul	Wounded in Action - X list
Lieut	WILSON J J	do	15 Jul	Killed in Action
Lieut	LAUSSURIER R W	do	15 Jul	Sick - X list

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
Lieut	TRELOAR H P	2/48 Bn	
LIEUT	WRIGHT M		
"	LEWIN R W		

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	
1									
2		Lt Col		HAMMER H H	CO	YES			
3		Maj		SCOTT T H	2 I/e	NO		LOB	
4		Maj		TUCKER F A G	Coy Comd	YES		Hq Coy	
5		Capt		EDMONDS G S	Adjt	"			
6				WILLIAMS C F	Coy Comd	"		D Coy	
7				SHILLAKER R S	do	"		A "	
8				BRYANT B	do	"		C "	
9				MAXWELL-WRIGHT D	Coy 2 I/e	"		D "	
10		Lieut		REID W R	A/Adjt	"			
11				CROFTON P	2 I/e	"		A "	
12				KIMBER D G	A/Coy Comd	"		B "	
13				ROBBINS F	A/Coy 2I/e	"		B "	
14				THREEDGOLD F B	Pl Comd	"		10 Pl	
15				BROCKHOFF A E	do	"		12 Pl	
16				GILL G T	do	"		8 Pl	
17				POTTER J D	QM	"			
18				KING B R	IO	"			
19				JOHNSON G E	Pl Comd	NO		LOB	
20				WRIGHT M	do	NO		School	
21				McLELLAN E	do	YES		5 Pl	
22				HEFFRON L H	do	"		11 Pl	
23				HALLIS D N	IO	"			
24				SMITH J W	Pl Comd	"		17 Pl	
25				NICHOLAS P W	do	"		14 Pl	
26				HURCHY E A	do	"		2 Pl	
27				GOODER O D	do	"		18 Pl	
28				MAZZUCHELLI S A B	do	"		15 Pl	
29				LESSIN R W	do	NO		School	
30				TAGGART C R	do	YES		7 Pl	
31				ATTACHED					
32				HAMILTON B Y	do	" (S)		A Coy	
33				KENNEALLY R E	do	" (S)		C Coy	
34				LAIRD W L	do	NO		Rear Party	
				BRIDGEMAN L	do	"		do	
				BONNAY T H	do	YES (S)		3 Pl	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chaplain		ARCHBOLD B C	AA CH	13 Oct 40	Padre
Capt		DAWKINS D C	Dept) AAMC	26 Aug 40	MO

J. H. Hammer
(Signature of Commander.)

2/43 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)

Comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

18 Jul 42 (Date of Despatch.)

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

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ARMY FORM W. 3011 (BOOKS OF 100).

CASUALTY RETURN - OTHER RANKS

Date of last A.F. W. 3011 rendered 2 Jun 1942

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated).
					Date	
<u>INJURY - COURT OF INQUIRY</u>						
SX 7689	Pte	WAKEMAN J E	2/48 Bn	Ref 45/42 Court of Inquiry held at TRIPOLI on 13,14,17,18&24 Jun 42. Reported that:- Injuries sustained while on duty due to condition of service and not likely to cause any permanent illeffects or impair future efficiency as a soldier.		
SX 11052	Pte	SHANE W M	do	Ref 54/42 Court of Inquiry held at TRIPOLI on 13,14,17 18 & 24 Jun 42. Reported that:- Injuries sustained while on duty due to condition of service and not likely to cause any permanent illeffects or impair future efficiency as a soldier.		
SX 8734	Pte	AUBERT H J	do	Ref 45/42 Court of Inquiry held at TRIPOLI on 13,14,17, 18 & 24 Jun 42. Reported that:- Injuries sustained while on duty due to condition of service and not likely to cause any illeffects or impair future efficiency as a soldier.		

(Date) 16 JUL 1942 1942

(Signature of Commander)

2/48 BN., A.I.F.

(Unit)

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Comd. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.

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CASUALTY RETURN - OTHER RANKS

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated).
					Date	
DIED OF INJURY - COURT OF INQUIRY						
SX 7776	Pte	STEELE R M	2/48 Bn	Ref 43/42 Court of Inquiry held at TRIPOLI on 13,14,17, 18 & 24 Jun 42. Reported that:- Rank at time of injury - Private. Rate of Pay 6/6 per day. Death not due to any misconduct or self inflicted injury. Death not from, or from any occurrences or happening during the commission of, any breach of discipline. Soldier was on duty at the time of accident. Death caused by injuries sustained when thrown on to the side of the road from a military veh which came into collision with another military veh.		
SX 11088	Pte	FARRELL J T	2/48 Bn	Ref 43/42 Court of Inquiry held at TRIPOLI on 13,14,17, 18 & 24 Jun 42. Reported that:- Rank at time of injury - Private. Rate of Pay- 6/6 per day. Death not due to misconduct or self inflicted injury. Death not from, or from any occurrences or happening during the commission of, any breach of discipline. Death caused by injuries sustained when thrown on to the side of the road from a military veh which came into collision with another military veh.		

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(Signature of Commander) *[Signature]*

2/48 BN A.I.F. (Unit)

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Comp 2/48 Bn A.I.F.

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2/48 BN., A.I.F.

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated).
					Date	
<u>Next of Kin - Change of address</u>						
SX 10090	SGT	GLENN I.G.	2/48 Bn	Next of Kin - wife		
				New address -		390 Seaview Rd Henley Beach Sth Aust
<u>Strength Taken On</u>						
SX 7691	PTE	TURNBULL K	do	Marched in	24 JUN	From 7d Pen Centre T2
SX 10527	PTE	HOBBS HE	do	do	4 JUL	" 26 Aust Inf Bde
SX 7606	PTE	HUMPHRIS CF	do	do	4 JUL	" X List
SX 5048	PTE	LITTLE PJ	do	do	4 JUL	" X List
<u>Rejoined Unit</u>						
SX 8213	SGT	JOHNSON L.H.	do	Marched in	4 JUL	from ME Wrapon Trg Centre
SX 7979	L/SGT	EVANS L.R.	do	do	4 JUL	do
SX 6866	R/SGT	LOVEDAY R.T.	do	do	4 JUL	do
SX 7985	SGT	BUCKLEY J.A.R.	do	do	4 JUL	ME Tact Trg Centre
SX 8034	CPL	SCOTT R.D.	do	do	4 JUL	ME Inf Bn Depot

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(Unit)

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Comd. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.

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ARMY FORM W. 3011 (BOOKS OF 100).

2/48 BN., A.I.F.

(Unit)

CASUALTY RETURN - OTHER RANKS

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated).	
					Date	
<i>Hospital Admissions</i>						
SX 8129	P/CPL	CHARLTON R.	2/48 Bn	traumatized	30 Jun	To 2/11 Amb Co
SX 11069	PTE	CROWELL S.T.	do	do	30 "	do
WX 10347	PTE	MILDWATERS J.A.	do	do	30 "	do
SX 8496	P/CPL	McKELL C.B.	do	do	30 "	do
SX 4129	PTE	CHARKE A.T.	do	do	30 "	do
SX 4150	PTE	THOMPSON C.	do	do	30 "	do
SX 8358	CPL	TOLLY E.W.	do	do	1 Jul	do
SX 7291	PTE	GROOKE A.T.	do	do	1 "	do
SX 6931	PTE	HESCHE O.T.	do	do	1 "	do
WX 10401	PTE	ROWE R.J.	do	do	1 "	do
SX 10510	PTE	SPICER L.B.	do	do	1 "	do
SX 8199	CPL	PRATT N.L.	do	do	27 Jun	to Hosp - X List
<i>Reversion</i>						
SX 8129	P/CPL	CHARLTON R.	do	To Pte	30 Jun	On trans to X List
<i>Strength Taken On</i>						
WX 10499	PTE	WAY R.G.	do	Marched in	25 "	from 3d Pun Coy

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Comd 2/48 BN., A.I.F.

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ARMY FORM W. 3011 (BOOKS OF 100).

2/48 BN., A.I.F.

(Unit)

CASUALTY RETURN - OTHER RANKS

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated).	
					Date	
<u>Hospital Admissions</u>						
WX10004	PTE	ARUNDALE N.A.	2/48 Bn	Evacuated	5 JUL	To 2/11 Fd Amb - X List
SX11146	PTE	CARTER M.T.	do	do	5 JUL	do
SX7022	PTE	POYNTER R.C.	do	do	8 JUL	do
SX7314	PTE	PHILLIPS V.L.	do	do	8 JUL	do
SX8655	PTE	CROCKER N.S.	do	do	8 JUL	do
SX6829	CPL	BILLING C.R.P.	do	do	9 JUL	do
SX8752	PTE	CLARK C.	do	do	9 JUL	do
WX9819	PTE	SANDERS C.S.	do	do	9 JUL	do
<u>Battle Casualties</u>						
SX7985	SGT	BUCKLEY J.A.R.	do	wounded in action	6 JUL	Result of Bombing
SX7100	PTE	BRIDGES H.K.	do	do	6 JUL	raid. Evacuated
SX7502	PTE	LEANEY N.J.	do	do	6 JUL	To 2/11 Fd Amb
WX9917	PTE	THOMPSON T.C.	do	do	6 JUL	X List
WX7281	PTE	MEYER S.M.	do	do	6 JUL	

(Date) 16 JUL. 1942 1942

(Signature of Commander)

2/48 BN., A.I.F.

(Unit)

Lt. Col.
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2/48 BN., A.I.F.

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CASUALTY RETURN - OTHER RANKS

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated).	
					Date	
<u>Reversion</u>						
SX6895	CPL	SAUNDERS F.J.	2/48 Bn	Reverted to Pte	25 JUN	Authority 26 Aust Inf Bde 77A/19 {133703 Pay Book}
<u>Schools and Courses</u>						
SX7000	CPL	CASHEN P.W.	do	92% ME RASC Troop School	10 22	Leamer
SX10104	CPL	GARROOD -P.T.	do	Arms Course	20 Apr - 16 May 42	
<u>Rejoined Unit</u>						
SX8651	SGT	GOODE L.R.	do	Marched in	8 JUL	From ME Sig School
SX11265	4/CPL	JOHNSTON H.W.	do	do	8 JUL	ME Int Sig Centre
<u>Strength Taken On</u>						
SX13126	PTE	FISKEN A.C.	do	do	5 JUL	X List
<u>Hospital Admissions</u>						
SX13729	PTE	CROTTY R.F.	do	Evacuated	3 JUL	To 2/11 Fd Amb - X List
SX11275	PTE	O'LEARY T.P.	do	do	4 JUL	do
SX6963	PTE	JACKSON R.H.	do	do	5 JUL	do

(Date) 16 JUL. 1942

(Signature of Commander)

2/48 BN., A.I.F.

(Unit)

Lt. Col. Comd. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.

2/48 BN., A.I.F.

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CASUALTY RETURN—OFFICERS AND NURSES

attached to this return.....

Detail of casualties to officers and nurses which have occurred since last return. The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc. Promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), transfers, postings, attachments, etc., courts-martial, leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next-of-kin with postal address, transfers to "X" List and any other items connected with an officer's or nurse's service.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
	<u>Rejoined Unit</u>				
Lieut	RPID W.R.	2/48 Bn	Marched in	4 JUL	From ME School of Adm
	<u>Hospital Admission</u>				
Lieut	NELSON V.N.	do	Evacuated	2 JUL	To 2/11 Aust Fd Amb-x List
	<u>Battle Casualties-Wounded in Action</u>				
Lieut	WILLIAMS D.C.C.	do	Evacuated.	6 JUL	Result Bombing raid. To 2/11 Fd Amb-x List

(Date) 16 JUL 1942

(Signature of Commander)

2/48 BN., A.I.F.

(Unit.)

1st Lt. Col.
Comd. 2/48 Bn. A.I.F.

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

(Unit to which personnel are attached) ... *2/48 Aust Inf Bn*

Date of last A.F. W.3012 rendered

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CASUALTY RETURN FOR OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM ANOTHER UNIT OR CORPS.

The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc. Promotion (acting, temporary, local or substantive.) Attachments, etc. Courts-martial, field punishment, forfeiture of pay, etc. Leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next of kin with postal address, and any other items affecting an officer's or soldier's service.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached.)	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Whether replacement is required. (Insert "Yes" or "No.")	Remarks. (In case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
		<i>Next of Kin - Change of address</i>					
<i>5X70178</i>	<i>Captain</i>	<i>ARCHBOLD B.C.</i>	<i>19th Coy Bde</i>	<i>Next of Kin - wife New Address - Flat 1 46 Brannon St. Ross Bay N.S.W. AUSTRALIA</i>			
OTHER RANKS.							
<i>5X1018</i>	<i>Sgt</i>	<i>PIPER C.H.</i>	<i>19th Coy Bde</i>	<i>Wounded in field</i>	<i>From 1st</i>		

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					Date	
WA 19819	PTE	SONDERS CS	2/48 BN	Wounded in	9 Jul	From 1st Lt
SA 18057	PTE	RUMBLEW AM	do	do	17	do
WA 19812	PTE	CALDOW J	do	do	13	do
WA 19717	PTE	WOODROFFE BT	do	do	13	do
SA 44973	CPL	FENKINS B	do	Wounded in action	12 Jul	Result of wounds Killed in action
VA 18506	PTE	THOMPSON WC	do	Wounded in action	12 Jul	Result of wounds Killed in action
SA 19247	SGT	LIGHT LM	do	WIA	12 Jul	Result of wounds Killed in action
SA 19773	PTE	NICHOLSON MT	do	do	13	do
SA 7232	PTE	SMITH LP	do	Wounded in action	12 Jul	Result of wounds Killed in action
SA 4730	PTE	LESTER H	do	do	11	do
SA 7402	PTE	SCHULING A	do	do	13	do

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<i>March casualties - killed in action</i>						
WA10146	PTE	RANDALL A.G.	2/48 Bn	KIA	10 JUL	during attack
SA5369	SGT	ROCHE M.R.	do	do	11	and counter attack on enemy position at EL ALMEIN
<i>Wounded in action</i>						
SA13012	PTE	RALLA J	2/48 Bn	W.I.A	10 JUL	as above - wounded
SA8147	CPL	BANKS H.I.	do	do	10	do 2/11 to unit -
SA8182	PTE	WOLTER M.S.	do	do	10	X List
SA8057	PTE	RUMBELW G.M.	do	do	10	do
SA6883	SGT	STUBBERFIELD H.A.	do	do	10	do
SA8466	CPL	HAYNES R.N.	do	do	10	do
WA1042	PTE	GWYNNE A.	do	do	10	do
SA7005	PTE	KEELEY J.E.	do	do	10	do
SA13010	PTE	EDDY J.	do	do	10	do
SA13592	PTE	FLETCHER W.F.	do	do	10	do
SA1407	PTE	RAMSDEN L.G.	do	do	10	do

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<u>Hospital Admissions</u>						
9480 SX 9510	PTE	AGARS RI	2/48 Bn	Injured	10 JUL	2/48 Id Amb - x list
SX 6534	PTE	WALLADGE RM	do	do	10 "	do
SX 13516	PTE	DANSIE JL	do	do	10 "	do
SX 7198	PTE	SPEARS K	do	do	10 "	do
SX 13019	PTE	MURRAY T	do	do	11 "	do
SX 11067	PTE	ALLEN H.R	do	do	11 "	do
SX 7206	PTE	SMITH RC	do	do	11 "	do
SX 3070	PTE	KENNETT AE	do	do	12 "	do
SX 13607	PTE	HEYWOOD K.J.W	do	do	12 "	do
SX 17791	PTE	KEY R.A.C	do	do	12 "	do
WX 9833	PTE	GIBBS ME	do	do	12 "	do
<u>Battle Casualties - Killed in Action</u>						
SX 9301	PTE	TAIT RW	do	KIA	10 JUL	During attack and counter attack on morning 10 JUL 1942 EL ALAMEIN
SX 4272	PTE	SPAVIN JL	do	do	10 "	
SX 7331	SCT	GOLDING J.F	do	do	10 "	
SX 9529	4PL	LEAR AF	do	do	10 "	

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					Date	
		<i>Wounded in action</i>				<i>During attacks</i>
SX13682	PTE	DALBY L.N.	2/48 Bn	WIA.	10 JUL	<i>and counter</i>
SX3676	PTE	ANDERSON M	do	do	10 "	<i>attacks on mine</i>
SX11304	PTE	WATTS A.G.	do	do	10 "	<i>posns. evacuated</i>
SX12803	PTE	PARSONS H.C.	do	do	10 "	<i>2/11 Fd amb - X List</i>
SX7824	PTE	BRAUND C.A.	do	do	10 "	do
SX8060	PTE	M'FARLANE A.T.	do	do	10 "	do
SX6947	CPL	CLEGG W.M.	do	do	10 "	do
SX6840	PTE	DIXON J.F.R.	do	do	11 "	do
WX9852	PTE	CALDOW J.	do	do	11 "	do
SX8245	4/CPL	ADAMS R.T.	do	do	11 "	do
WX10132	PTE	WOODROFFE E.T.	do	do	11 "	do
SX11862	PTE	COLL P.	do	do	12 "	do
SX7512	4/SGT	CROSS A.R.	do	do	12 "	do
SX8086	PTE	GILBERT F.G.	do	do	11 "	do

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<u>BATTLE CASUALTIES - Killed in Action</u>						
SX 8213	Sgt	JOHNSON L H	2/48 Bn	Killed in Action	17 Jul	Result of mine explosion at EL ALAMEIN.
SX 7740	Pte	STONE J K	do	do	do	
<u>APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS</u>						
SX 7548	Cpl	HOOD R J L	do	Promoted to Sgt	17 Jul	New Est 22 Jul 42.
SX 10104	Cpl	GARROD P J	do	Promoted to Sgt	17 Jul	Vice SX 5269 Sgt Roche Killed in Action 11 Jul 42
SX 7948	Cpl	TRENCHEN K L	do	Appointed L/Sgt	17 Jul	
SX 6964	Pte	FITZGERALD S J	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	17 Jul	New Est
SX 7376	Pte	STEVENS P	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	Jul	do
SX 4891	Pte	THOMPSON D H	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	Jul	do
SX 8017	Cpl	MANUEL C G	do	Promoted to A/Sgt	17 Jul	Vice SX 6888 Sgt Stubberfield Wounded in Action 10 Jul 42
SX 8870	Pte	KEANE P D	do	Promoted to A/Cpl	17 Jul	Vice promotion Cpl Manuel
SX 7728	L/Sgt	HUNT B H	do	Promoted to Sgt	17 Jul	Vice SX 10043 Sgt Lloyd Wounded in Action 13 Jul 42
SX 7742	L/Cpl	BARRIE R A	do	Promoted to L/Sgt	17 Jul	Vice promotion L/Sgt Hunt.

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BATTLE CASUALTIES - KILLED IN ACTION						
SX 7844	Pte	MACDONALD D W	2/48 Bn	Killed in Action	16 Jul) Result of enemy shelling.) At EL ALAMEIN.
SX 13495	Pte	MERRITT R H	do	do		
ACCIDENTLY WOUNDED						
SX 7715	Pte	BIELE A L	do	Accidently wounded	15 Jul	
WOUNDED IN ACTION						
SX 9488	Pte	MONTGOMERIE K L	do	wounded in action	14 Jul) Result of enemy shelling.) at EL ALAMEIN
SX 7748	Pte	STEWART R	do	do	14 Jul	
SX 6812	Pte	LEVERINGTON R G	do	do	14 Jul) Result of enemy shelling.) at EL ALAMEIN
SX 13570	Pte	HOLMAN C	do	do	15 Jul	
SX 13206	Pte	HEATH P H	do	do	16 Jul) Result of enemy bombing.) At EL ALAMEIN.
SX 7139	L/Cpl	BARBONE G G	do	do	16 Jul	
SX 6969	Pte	HARPER R M	do	do	15 Jul) Result of enemy bombing.) At EL ALAMEIN.
SX 7643	Pte	OGLIVIE I S	do	do	16 Jul	
MISSING - believed prisoners of war						
SX 7532	L/Cpl	RICHARDSON M	2/48 Bn	Missing	10 Jul) During/attack on enemy on) posns at EL ALAMEIN
SX 6604	Pte	REID M G	do	do	do	
SX 10598	Pte	BANNISTER R	do	do	do	do
SX 13742	Pte	BUTLER C	do	do	do	do
SX 13037	Pte	BAYNARD M R	do	do	do	do

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					Date	
STRENGTH TAKEN ON						
SK 12803	Pte	PARSONS H C	2/48 Bn	marched in	14 Jul	From X List
HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS						
SK 12803	Pte	PARSONS H C	do	Evacuated	14 Jul	To 2/11 Aust PI Amb - X List
SX 10561	Pte	CRACKNELL R H	do	do	14 "	do
WX 10359	Pte	TAYLOR L	do	do	14 "	do
WX 9519	Pte	SANDERS C S	do	do	14 "	do
WX 10269	Pte	SMITH J D	do	do	15 "	do
SK 6379	Sgt	HUGHES E T	do	do	15 "	do
WX 10462	Pte	MORLEY E A V	do	do	15 "	do
SK 7064	WO II	GOSLING C W	do	do	15 "	do
SK 8204	Pte	VIVIAN E W	do	do	15 "	do
WX 10210	Pte	BOWLES G R	do	do	15 "	do
SK 6739	Pte	UNDERWOOD A A D	do	do	16 "	do
SX 13279	Pte	BUSHELL J F	do	do	16 "	do
SK 8498	Pte	LAWRIE B F	do	do	16 "	do
SX 10523	Pte	DEVLIN V	do	do	16 "	do
WX 10267	Pte	NICHOLLS E J	do	do	16 "	do
BATTLE CASUALTIES - KILLED IN ACTION						
SK 8183	L/Sgt	WILLMOTT P W	2/48 Bn	killed in action	16 "	Blast injury, result of explosion. At EL ALAMIN. 2/48 BN., A.I.F.

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<u>MISSING - Believed prisoners of War</u>						
SX 7967	Cpl	MONTGOMERY A C	2/48 bn	missing	10 Jul	counter by on
SX 11667	L/Cpl	ABSALON R H	do	do	do) During/attack on enemy posns
SX 7858	Pte	IRWIN R C	do	do	do	at EL ALAMEIN
SX 8953	Pte	KINSMAN S G	do	do	do	do
SX 7905	Pte	BINT J S	do	do	do	do
WX 10398	Pte	THOMPSON G N	do	do	do	do
SX 13704	Pte	SCADDEN L K	do	do	do	do
SX 6606	Pte	KOSTERA L T	do	do	do	do
<u>SCHOOLS AND COURSES</u>						
SX 8034	L/Cpl	SCOTT R D	do	Qualified, Inf School (IBD) No 25 Driving and Maintenance Course from 8 Jun to 27 Jun 42.		
<u>HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS</u>						
SX 7916	Cpl	LAMPA W J L	do	Evacuated	17 Jul	2/11 Aust Pd Amb - x List
SX 8428	L/Cpl	ROSE J	do	do	17 Jul	do
<u>BATTLE CASUALTIES - Wounded in Action</u>						
SX 7294	Cpl	STAPP H F	do	wounded in Action	17 Jul	Result of mine explosion at EL ALAMAIN

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Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
<u>BATTLE CASUALTIES - Killed in Action</u>					
Lieut	WILSON J J	2/48 Bn	Killed in Action	15 Jul	Result enemy MG fire at EL A LAMEIN.
<u>HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS</u>					
Lieut	LeMESSURIER R W	do	Evacuated	15 Jul	2/11 Aust Pd Amb - X List
<u>STRENGTH TAKEN ON</u>					
Lieut	LeMESSURIER R W	do	Marched in	18 Jul	From X List

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<u>APPOINTMENT</u>					
Lieut	REID W R	2/48 Bn	Appointed Adjt	25 Jul	
<u>REJOINED UNIT</u>					
Lieut	LEWIN R W	do	Marched in	22 Jul	From A Tk Course
Lieut	WRIGHT M	do	do	22 Jul	do
<u>STRENGTH-TAKEN-ON</u>					
<u>BATTLE CASUALTIES - Killed in Action</u>					
Capt	WILLIAMS C F	do	Killed in Action	22 Jul	During attack on enemy
Lieut	THREDGOLD F B	do	do	22 Jul	posns at EL ALAMEIN
Lieut	HEFFRON L H	do	do	22 Jul	do
Lieut	GILL G T	do	do	23 Jul	Result of shelling. At EL ALAMEIN.
<u>BATTLE CASUALTIES - Wounded in Action</u>					
Lieut	KIMBER D G	do	Wounded in Action	22 Jul	During attack on enemy
Lieut	SMITH J W	do	do	22 Jul	posns at EL ALAMEIN.
Lieut	GOODEN O D	do	do	22 Jul	Evacuated to 2/11 Aust Fd
Lieut	LEMESSURIER R W	do	do	22 Jul	Amb - X List
<u>NEXT OF KIN - Change of Address</u>					
Lieut	ROBBINS P	do	Next of Kin - Mother, Mrs. D.D. Robbins, New Address - 54 Northgate Street, UNLEY PARK, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.		

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<u>REVERSIONS</u>						
SX 8178	A/Cpl	SNIDER W E G	2/48 Bn	Reverted to Pte	18 Jul	On Transfer to X List
SX 7497	A/Cpl	CHINNER R	do	do	22 Jul	do
SX 6866	A/Sgt	LOVEDAY R T	do	Reverted to Cpl	22 Jul	do

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STRENGTH TAKEN ON - The following personnel were taken on strength from Aust. Inf. Bn on 21 Jul 42.						
SX 11289	Pte	TILMOUTH K W	WX 10331	Pte JOHNSON P G	SX 8734	Pte AUBERT H J
SX 7411	Pte	HAY W H J	SX 12752	Pte HUGHES R	SX 13512	Pte DOLLING C E
SX 13011	Pte	KRAUSE H E	SX 13589	Pte GRIST R A	SX 8386	Pte GALE L R
SX 4641	A/Sgt	WESLEY A T	SX 6993	A/S/Sgt FOXWELL D J	SX 13691	Pte BALD F B
WX 9902	Pte	EVANS C H	WX 9891	Pte PURSE N L	SX 13222	Pte SKINNER A J
SX 7469	Pte	KENDALL P W	SX 2012	Sgt CORKRAN S C	SX 7950	Pte THOMAS J T
VX 38596	L/Sgt	KEMP F C	WX 10285	Pte RUSSELL D H	SX 13578	Pte MITCHELL A J
WX 10293	Pte	STRATTON A E	SX 12817	Pte GAPPER G L	SX 12980	Pte MERRITT E H
SX 12842	Pte	SEARLE W J	SX 7047	Sgt ROBINSON M	SX 6856	Pte JONES H A
SX 1167	Sgt	LINKE V J	SX 7691	Pte TURNBULL K	SX 13138	Pte DALTON L M
SX 13191	Pte	BOWD W R	SX 8143	Pte SEARLE H S	SX 8877	Pte BONSHOR A R
WX 9854	Pte	BRINDLE J	SX 8469	Pte HOARE W E	VX 33382	WO II BOYES K T
SX 7629	Pte	HEWETT C H	SX 7271	Pte WHITFORD F R	SX 9037	Pte ALTMANN L A
SX 3548	Pte	GODLEE H R	SX 6937	Pte DARKE A H	SX 11785	Pte EVANS J O
SX 14283	Pte	SEEBOHM J D	SX 8875	Cpl YOUNG A K	VX 40750	Pte LEWIS J E
VX 43172	Pte	YOUNG V L	VX 40524	Pte MUNRO A I	VX 23269	Pte DONALDSON G A
SX 2116	Pte	HOSLER J	VX 38572	Pte FLETCHER R F	VX 37551	Pte CHURCH I T
VX 38082	Pte	JEFFREYS T H R	WX 9813	Pte COTTER C G	VX 26298	Sgt CULLEN M
SX 9620	Pte	COTTRELL J A				

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BATTLE CASUALTIES - Wounded in Action						
SX 6639	Pte	SPECK G M	2/48 Bn	Wounded in Action	18 Jul	Evacuated to 2/11 Aust Fd
SX 8178	Pte ^{9/cpl}	SNIDER W E G	do	do	18 Jul	Amb - X List
SX 7213	Pte	WOOD S L	do	do	18 Jul	do
SX 11145	Pte	BARWICK C C	do	do	18 Jul	do
WX 10491	Pte	MITCHELL S L	do	do	19 Jul	do
HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS						
SX 9376	Pte	GOGEL H H	do	Evacuated	18 Jul	do
SX 11067	Pte	ALLEN H R	do	do	18 Jul	do
SX 7366	L/Cpl	QUINN L G	do	do	19 Jul	do
SX 10104	Spl Sgt	GARROOD P J	do	do	19 Jul	do
SX 7467	Pte	DECAUX A S	do	do	20 Jul	do
SX 8411	Pte	RIX A R	do	do	20 Jul	do
REVERSION						
SX 8240	A/Sgt	REID R S	do	Reverted to Cpl	29 Jun	On transfer to X List - Ref Echelon 6821 of 15 Jul 42
DIED OF INJURIES						
SX 8058	Pte	MAY L E	do	Died of injuries	8 Jul	Result of road accident. Buried in British Military Cemetery BEIRUT 8 Jul 42. Grave No 3 G 9 (Advice received from 3NZ Gen Hosp, 2 NZEF. Ref 3GN/8/19 of 12 Jul 42.

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<u>PROMOTION</u>						
SX 8033	WO II	STEWART D P S	2/48 Bn	Promoted to A/WO I	3 Jun	Authority 26 Aust Inf Bde Letter of 21 Jul 42. In lieu of WO I ALEXANDER R E Attending ME OCTU.
<u>REVERSIONS</u>						
SX 8096	A/Cpl	LAUGHTON H D	do	Reverted to Pte <i>LCPL</i>	23 Jul	On joining unit from Reinfects. Paybook No 135273
SX 4641	A/Sgt	WESLEY A T	do	Reverted to Cpl	21 Jul	do Paybook No
SX 6993	A/S/Sgt	FOXWELL D J	do	Reverted to Cpl	21 Jul	do Paybook No 133781
<u>STRENGTH TAKEN ON</u>						
SX 11739	Pte	ABSALOM J M	do	Marched in	23 Jul	From AIF (ME) Staging Camp
SX 7832	Pte	BOASE M C	do	do	23 "	do
SX 8129	Pte	CHARLTON R	do	do	23 "	do
SX 11069	Pte	CROWELL S J	do	do	23 "	do
SX 7744	Pte	GILBERT L F J	do	do	23 "	do
SX 13065	Pte	JAMESON R W	do	do	23 "	do
SX 8096	A/Cpl	LAUGHTON H D	do	do	23 "	do
SX 8199	Cpl	PRATT N L	do	do	23 "	do
SX 13622	Pte	PINK A A	do	do	23 "	do
SX 11152	Pte	REED W	do	do	23 "	do

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STRENGTH TAKEN ON							
SX 13763	Pte	REYNOLDS E K	2/48 Bn	Marched in	23	Jul	From AIF (ME) Staging Camp
SX 10510	Pte	SPICER L B	do	do	23	"	do
SX 4650	Pte	THOMPSON C C	do	do	23	"	do
WX 12016	Pte	TRESSIDER J A	do	do	23	"	do
WX 9100	Pte	HALIFAX L G	do	do	23	"	do
SX 6856	Pte	JONES H A	do	do	23	"	do
WX 9854	Pte	BRINDLE J	do	do	23	"	do
SX 7695	Pte	SCHUBERT E S J	do	do	23	"	do
WX 10491	Pte	MITCHELL S L	do	do	23	"	From X List
HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS							
WX 15461	Pte	MACLEAN D	do	Evacuated	21	"	2/11 Aust Fd Amb - X List
SX 7003	Pte	HUNT G M	do	do	12	"	do
SX 13029	Pte	WALL H B	do	do	3	"	do
SX 7375	Sgt	PLUMMER C E	do	do	8	"	do
SX 13350	Pte	ST CLAIR D C	do	Accidentally wounded	18	"	do
BATTLE CASUALTIES - Died of Wounds							
SX 8087	Cpl	FLETCHER F W	do	Died of Wounds	22	Jul	During attack on enemy posns
SX 8454	Cpl	HARDING A A A	do	do	22	"	at EL ALAMEIN.

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BATTLE CASUALTIES - Killed in Action						
SX 12849	Pte	STOCKER H R	2/48 Bn	Killed in Action	22 Jul	During attack on enemy posns at EL ALAMEIN.
SX 7979	L/Sgt	EVANS L R	do	do	22 "	
WX 10144	Pte	LANG A B	do	do	22 "	
SX 13560	Pte	HILL H J	do	do	22 "	
SX 7535	Cpl	O'LOUGHLIN P F	do	do	22 "	
SX 7483	Pte	HANEL I C	do	do	22 "	
SX 9316	Pte	PHILLIPS A L	do	do	22 "	
SX 13621	Pte	KILSBY E N	do	do	22 "	
SX 8236	Pte	HAYES G J	do	do	22 "	
SX 8230	Pte	CLEMENS R A F	do	do	22 "	
SX 11350	Pte	TREAGUS K E	do	do	22 "	
QX 22558	Pte	BOHANAN R F	do	do	22 "	
SX 7343	Pte	MILLER J E	do	do	22 "	
SX 6297	Pte	RIDLEY D S	do	do	22 "	
SX 8670	A/Cpl	GLENNON W J	do	do	22 "	
SX 5304	Pte	COLEMAN E W	do	do	22 "	
SX 8636	Pte	YOUNG V L J	do	do	22 "	
SX 8259	Pte	EARL L	DO	do	22 "	
SX 8290	Pte	SIMS C A R	do	do	22 "	
WX 9830	Pte	PARRY B D	do	do	22 "	

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BATTLE CASUALTIES - Killed in Action						
SX 7801	L/Cpl	SMITH E S	2/48 Bn	Killed in Action	22 Jul	During attack on enemy posns at EL ALAMEIN.
SX 7200	Pte	JURY G J	do	do		
SX 8315	Pte	SUNMAN H O	do	do	22 "	do
SX 12765	Pte	C/ORFIELD C A	do	do	22 "	do
SX 7399	A/Cpl	LOVELOCK R B	do	do	22 "	do
SX 13018	Pte	HANLEY C J	do	do	22 "	do
WX 9817	Pte	LEE G W B	do	do	22 "	do
WX 9487	Pte	FLEETON R W	do	do	22 "	do
SX 11052	Pte	SHANE W M	do	do	22 "	do
SX 7156	Pte	WEAR W R	do	do	22 "	do
WX 10146	A/Cpl	SCOTT H L	do	do	22 "	do
WX 10297	Pte	LIEBELT C L	do	do	22 "	do
SX 7948	Cpl 1/SGT	TRENORDEN K L	do	do	22 "	do
WX 9869	Pte	BIRCHLEY W T	do	do	22 "	do
SX 13121	Pte	BROWN R W C	do	do	22 "	do
BATTLE CASUALTIES - Wounded in Action						
SX 7798	Pte	MORRIS A W	do	Wounded in Action	22 "	do Evacuated to
SX 11079	Pte	BROWN H D	do	do	22 "	2/11 Aust Fd Amb - X List
SX 13569	Pte	GRINDELL K J	do	do	22 "	do
SX 14872	Pte	DARWENT J S	do	do	22 "	do

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BATTLE CASUALTIES - Wounded in Action						
SX 11264	L/Sgt	HUSSEY F L	2/48 Bn	Wounded in Action	22 Jul	During attack on enemy posns at EL ALAMEIN. Evacuated to 2/11 Aust Fd Amb - X List
SX 7996	Sgt	JACKA C R	do	do	22 "	
WX 10347	L/Cpl	PHELAN T M	do	do	22 "	
SX 11860	Pte	TRAKLE E R	do	do	22 "	
SX 8539	Pte	YOUNG E J	do	do	22 "	
SX 7666	Pte	CHUCK E J	do	do	22 "	
WX 10613	Pte	BEECHAM A F	do	do	22 "	
SX 6828	Pte	BAKER H R L	do	do	22 "	
SX 8878	Pte	BELLINGER G W	do	do	22 "	
SX 8138	Pte	McKENZIE A V	do	do	22 "	
SX 7648	Pte	ELLIOT A J	do	do	22 "	
SX 8132	Pte	FLEET C H	do	do	22 "	
SX 9555	Cpl	MATHEWS C T	do	do	22 "	
SX 7497	A/Cpl	CHINNER R	do	do	22 "	
SX 3612	Pte	HOUSTON B	do	do	22 "	
SX 12819	Pte	WIESE G L	do	do	22 "	
SX 13188	Pte	ROLLBUSCH J W	do	do	22 "	
SX 6582	Pte	O'LEARY J K	do	do	22 "	
SX 8836	L/Cpl	MEREDITH M	do	do	22 "	
SX 8019	Pte	MALONEY E	do	do	22 "	

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BATTLE CASUALTIES - Wounded in Action						
NX 9484	Pte	HARDY L J	2/48 Bn	Wounded in Action	22 Jul	During attack on enemy posns at EL ALAMEIN. Evacuated 2/11 Aust Md Amb - X List
SX 12363	Pte	IRWIN H B	do	do	22 "	
SX 7677	Cpl	STERZL E T	do	do	22 "	
WX 10156	Pte	CARTER J	do	do	22 "	
SX 9034	Cpl	TIETZEL N A	do	do	22 "	
SX 13249	Pte	O'CALLAGHAN R M	do	do	22 "	
SX 11160	Pte	WELSH S E	do	do	22 "	
SX 7642	Pte	KERIN D J	do	do	22 "	
WX 10148	Pte	SCANLAN M D	do	do	22 "	
SX 7296	Cpl	BRYANT R	do	Injured in Action	22 "	
SX 7725	Pte	CLARK C A	do	Wounded in Action	22 "	
SX 7933	Cpl	STEWIEN W H	do	do	22 "	
WX 10685	Pte	HAZELL A	do	do	22 "	
SX 7312	Pte	ROSENBERG C D	do	do	22 "	
SX 7952	Pte	STEPHENS K F	do	do	22 "	
SX 9637	Pte	BANKS F H	do	do	22 "	
SX 13300	Pte	JACKSON L W	do	do	22 "	
WX 13362	Pte	SMITH A	do	do	22 "	
SX 11802	Pte	HARRADINE A H	do	do	22 "	
SX 7417	Pte	GALLAGHER C L	do	do	22 "	

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BATTLE CASUALTIES - Wounded in Action						
SX 7330	Pte	HARRIS A R	2/48 Bn	Wounded in Action	22 Jul	During attack on enemy posns at EL ALAMEIN. Evacuated to 2/11 Aust Fd Amb - X List
SX 11302	Pte	SHARP W	do	do	22 "	do
SX 10361	Pte	CATTERMOLE R M	do	do	22 "	do
SX 6866	A/S gt	LOVEDAY R T	do	do	22 "	do
SX 13709	Pte	WALKER L C	do	do	22 "	do
SX 9388	Pte	BROWN C G	do	do	22 "	do
SX 11134	Pte	BARKER A J	do	do	22 "	do
SX 7234	Pte	GOOD A H	do	do	22 "	do
WX 7147	Pte	BARKER J	do	do	22 "	do
SX 8017	Cpl	MANUEL C G	do	do	22 "	do
WX 10224	Pte	HOGAN J S	do	do	22 "	do
SX 5275	Pte	O'SULLIVAN M F	do	do	22 "	do
SX 6939	Pte	LENNARD A G	do	do	22 "	do
SX 7263	Pte	FOSTER W F	do	do	22 "	do
SX 13008	Pte	SIMPSON A M	do	do	22 "	do
SX 2008	Pte	DAVIS W	do	do	22 "	do
SX 10613	Pte	EVANS P H	do	do	22 "	do
WX 9839	Pte	CONNOLLY W M	do	do	23 "	do
HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS						
SX 7876	Pte	STEVENS F	do	Evacuated	22 "	To 2/11 Aust Fd Amb

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START POINT - Rd June 49579228
ROUTE - SP BURG EL ARAB - rd June 47509126 - Westwards along rd North of ry line.
SPEED - 15 mih
DENSITY - 20 vtm
HALTS - 20 mins to each even hr... first halt 0740. hrs.
START TIME - 0500 hrs 6 JUL

<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>SUB UNIT</u>	<u>NO OF VEH</u>	<u>TIME PAST SP</u>
1	Three secs carriers		Z - 20
2	One sec 10 Aust A Tk Bty D Coy Two dets Mor One sec 10 Aust A Tk Bty One gun 10 Aust Lt AA Bty One sec 2/2 Aust MG Bn	2 10 2 2 2 <u>1</u> <u>19</u>	Z
3	CO's Car Recce Car (CO) CO's carrier IO Recce car (IO) W/T Van Arty Cond MMG Cond One det Bn AA	1 1 1 1 1 1 4 2 <u>1</u> <u>13</u>	Z plus 4
4	A Coy Two dets Mor One gun 10 Aust Lt AA Bty One tp 2/12 Aust Fd Regt One Sec 2/2 Aust MG Bn Bn HQ HQ Coy	9 2 2 10 1 2 <u>6</u> <u>32</u>	Z plus 7
5	B Coy Two dets Bn AA One tp 2/12 Aust Fd Regt One gun 10 Aust Lt AA Bty Sec 2/13 Aust Fd Coy	9 2 16 2 2 <u>2</u> <u>39</u>	Z plus 14
6	B Ech One det Bn AA RAP One sec A Tk	9 1 1 <u>2</u> <u>13</u>	Z plus 22
7	C Coy LAD and Rec Sec Lt Sec 2/11 Aust Fd Amb Sec A Tk	10 7 4 <u>2</u> <u>23</u>	Z plus 25

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Ref Map:- EL QSLBA 1/50,000

1. TENTS - No tents are permitted but holes may be dug and covered.
2. CASUALTIES:- After any engagement or air attack sub units will notify this HQ of:-
 - (a) Casualties - personnel
 - (b) Casualties - vehicles
 - (c) Damage or loss of weapons
3. CAMOUFLAGE:-
 - (a) All canvas covers for vehs will be mudded to blend with color of ground.
 - (b) Bright colors will be removed from camfig nets and only brown or grey left.
4. TRAFFIC CONTROL:-
 - (a) Vehs will move through the defensive area slowly and will stay on well defined tracks. Inform all drs.
 - (b) Vehs will not move EAST from the defensive area without permission from Gp HQ.
 - (c) No MCs are permitted to come closer than 100 yards to En HQ.
 - (d) A Xing is being constructed at approx 43348985 over ry line. All vehs moving EAST will use this and NOT Xing at ry sta. Ry sta buildings will NOT be occupied nor any vehs parked in vicinity.
5. DISPERSION:- 150 yards min between vehs. Vehs may be parked in pairs but only if absolutely necessary. Vehs will be well dug in. Make full use of ground for concealment and protection.
6. AA POLICY:- 30% of LMGs will be maintained by day mounted for AA protection. Air and ground sentries will be posted on basis of one per pl. Fire will only be opened on a direct attack by enemy planes.
7. MOVEMENT:- No movement of vehs or groups of personnel is permitted beyond pt 16 (sq 433898), pt 17 RUIN (sq 432898), pt 23 (sq 432897), and pt 25 (sq 433897) without permission from Gp HQ.
8. STAND TO:- The following times will be observed by all personnel daily:-

0430 hrs to 0530 hrs
2000 " to 2100 "
9. HYGIENE:- Strict attention must be given to refuse pits and latrines, that they are adequate and deep. Sub-unit areas must be kept clean and flies kept to a minimum. All officers to give this their personal attention.
10. STORES:- All loose stores will be kept in slit trenches. Every effort must be made to prevent litter accumulating.
11. LIGHTS:- A thorough blackout must be kept during the hours of darkness.
12. WATER POINT:- For this area is located EL QSLBA. Issue is based on one gallon per man per day. Sub-units to arrange through HQs.
13. RATIONS:- Sub-units will draw from their parent unit.

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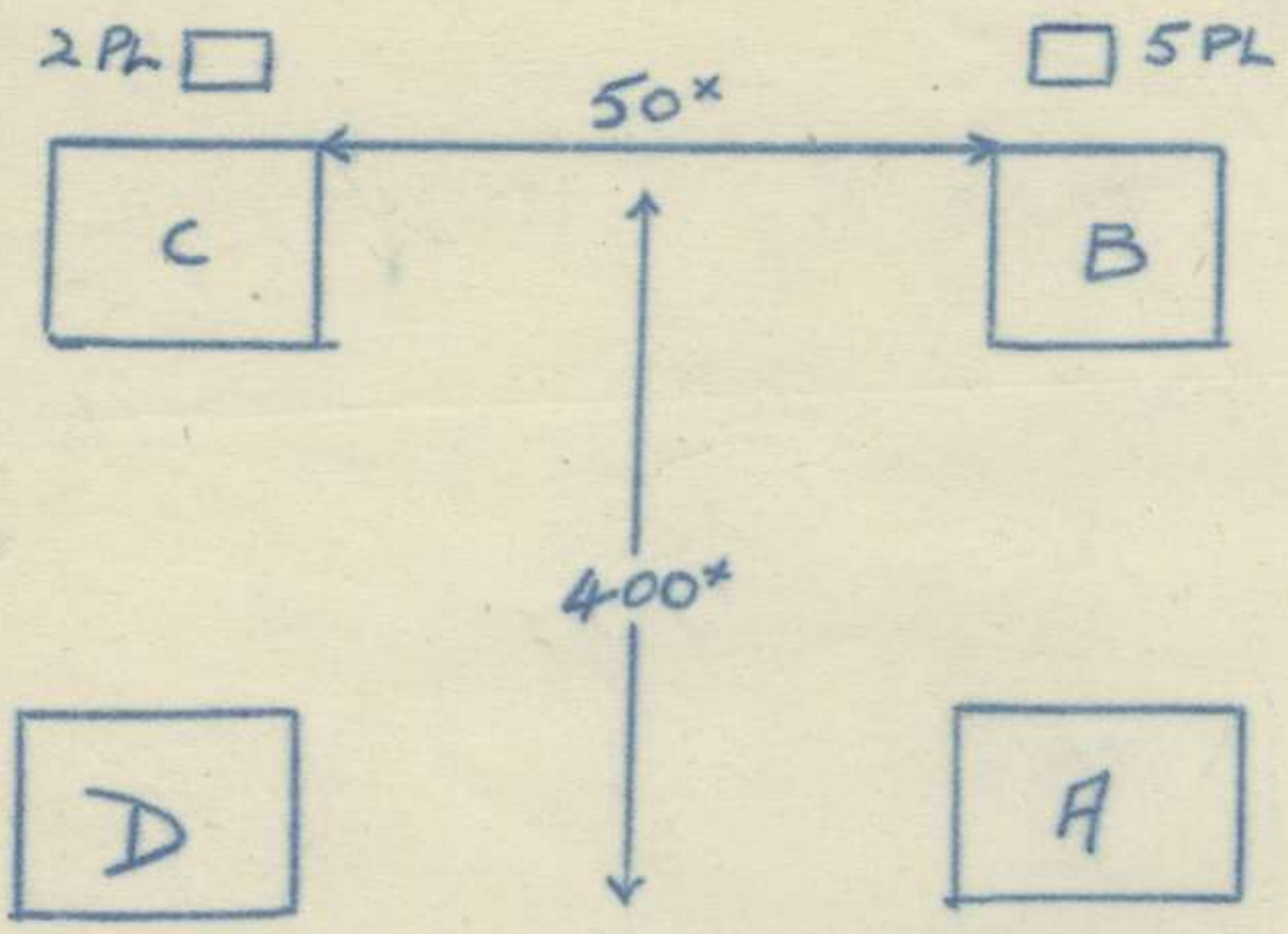
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- 3 Sec 2/13 Aust Fd Coy 20
- 1 Pl A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn 21
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2/48 Bn
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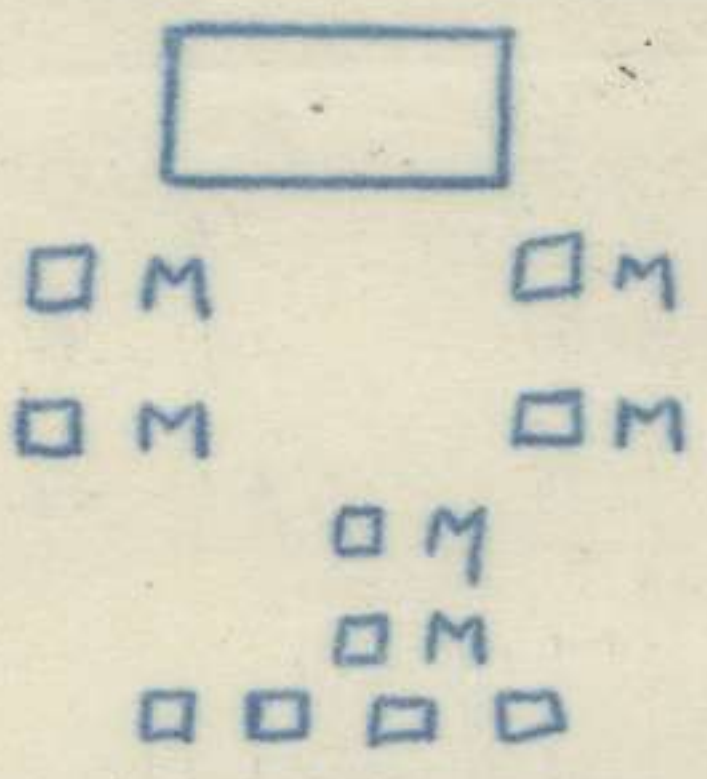
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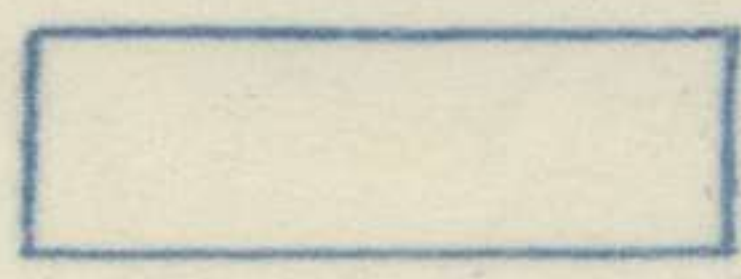
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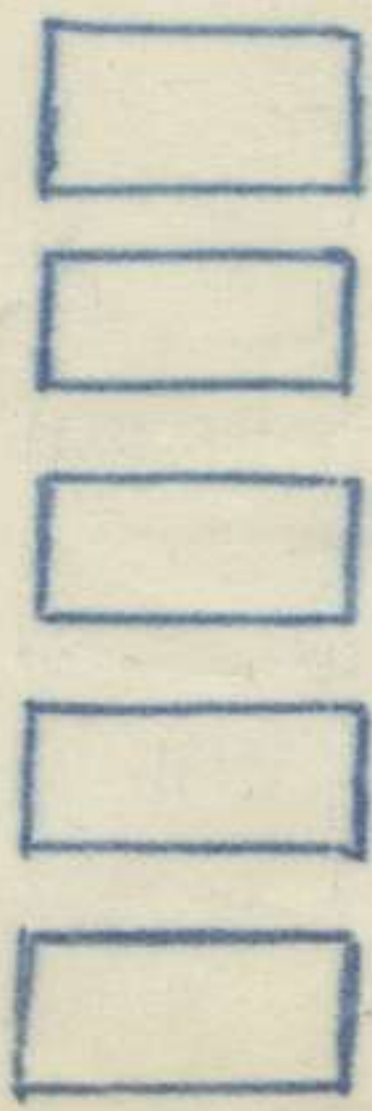
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Bn SIG VEHS
COY A ECH VEHS
DET ENGRS
Bn AMM RES
RAP.

2/48 AUST INF BN OO No 38

Ref Map:- EL ALAMEIN 1/50,000

INFORMATION

1. Mob ops continue in EL ALAMEIN area along general line of grid 880.
2. Recce patrols on night 8/9 Jul to Southern slopes pt 26 (87913001) report NO enemy or fd works on spur. Working parties believed Italian at 87982982. LA patrol to Northern slopes pt 26 found no enemy but a number of recent slit trenches at 87982995 and also at 400 yds East of 87982995. Patrol was fired on by LMG from approx 87813007.
3. 26 Bde Gp has been ordered to capture features pts 26 (87913001), pt 23 (87733008) pt 33 (sq 875301) pt 24 (sq 874299)
4. 2/24 Bn Gp are operating on coast rd towards pt 33 and 2/48 Bn Gp along NW-SE track sq 881297 towards pt 26.
5. (a) 9 Aust Div Arty are to support the Bde attack. RAF are in support.
(b) Supporting arms under comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn:
One sqn Tanks - B Sqn RTR
One Bty 2/8 Aust Fd Regt
Two Pls A Coy 2/2 MG Bn
H Tp 10 Aust A Tk Bty
det 2/13 Aust Fd Coy
det 2/11 Aust Fd Amb

INTENTION

6. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will capture features pt 26 (87913001) and pt 23 (87733008) on 10 Jul 42. Bn will then wheel left and advance SOUTH to a general line along ry.

METHOD7. PlanPHASE 1: The capture of pt 26 - 1st OBJECTIVE.

B and C Coys fwd. A and D Coys reserve.

FWD COYS

(a) B Coy. Right.

- i... OBJECTIVE - pt 26 (87913001) incl to 200 yds NORTH
- ii... ROUTES - SL direct to objective.

(b) C Coy. Left

- i... OBJECTIVE - pt 26 (87913001) excl to Hut 87872997 incl
- ii... ROUTES - SL 50 yds on left of B Coy
- iii. LIAISON - C Coy responsible for maintaining contact with B Coy on right.

8. LIMIT OF EXPLOITATION

(a) A North and South line through Western end of ring contour pt 26 (87843002).

(b) Time: Arrive at this pt by 0500 hrs.

9. ASSEMBLY AREA: NE and SW Track through squares 881298 and 880297.
10. FORMING UP AREA: (Start Line): Taped SL 500 yds NW of NE and SW Track.
(Right Coys 307 deg 30' M; Left Coys 308 deg 30' M)
12. BEARING OF ADV: (Distance to 1st Objective 2400 yds: to 2nd Objective 3000 yds.)
12. RATE OF ADV: 100 yds in 2½ mins.
13. LIAISON and CHECK PTS ON ADV: Short halts at each 500 yds to check direction, spacing etc. Halts NOT longer than one min.
14. RESERVE COYS
 - (a) A Coy Right
 - i. Follow 400 yds in rear of B Coy
 - ii. Be prepared to pass to right of B Coy (North) to adv to 2nd Objective pt 23 (87733007) on capture of Pt 26.
 - (b) D COY Left
 - i. Follow 400 yds in rear of C Coy
 - ii. Be prepared to pass through C Coy to adv to 2nd Objective Pt 23 (87733007)
 - (c) Reserve Coys will be responsible for maintaining contact and spacing with fwd Coys, and will conform to all halts during the adv.
15. G (CR) PERSONNEL: Move with Bn HQ for its immediate local protection.
16. AA PL:
 - (a) Protective patrols left fwd of FUA.
 - (b) Protection of Bn and Supporting Arms Vehs at Veh Assembly Pt - Track running NE from Track June 88102982
 - (c) On capture of 1st objective move to just North of pt 26 87913001.
17. MORTAR PL:
 - (a) One det in support of each Coy.
 - (b) Two dets Bn reserve - pt 26.
 - (c) On wheels ready to move fwd to join coys immediately after success signal.
 - (d) No move fwd before 0455 hrs.
18. CARRIER PL:
 - (a) Responsible for protection of flanks after success on 1st Objective.
 - (b) No move fwd before 0450 hrs.
 - (c) Be prepared to repulse any enemy counter attack.
 - (d) Carrier Comd report Bn HQ pt 26 on arrival.
19. PIONEER PL:
 - (a) Protective patrols on right fwd of FUA

(b) In reserve at Veh Assembly pt.

(c) Prepared to assist Sec Fd Coy RAE (Lieut Watson)

(d) Establish Bn HQ.

20. PROTECTIVE PATROLS: Lieut Mc LELLAN will co-ordinate arrangements with 2 and 5 pls for protection of Bn on FUA and Assembly area. Move from S/African FDL's at 2300 hrs 9 Jul 42

21. MMG (a) On wheels at VAP - follow centrally behind reserve coys.

(b) No move before 0450 hrs.

(c) Probable tasks:

- i. Enemy guns on coast 878301
- ii. Pt 23 ridge 877300
- iii. Left flank protection.

22. A Tk GUNS:

(a) On wheels at VAP - follow right reserve coy route.

(b) No move before 0450 hrs.

(c) Protection of Pt 26 ridge from tank penetration.

23. ARTY: No Arty support for Phase 1.

24. SON TANKS:

(a) Left Flank protection South to main rd.

(b) No move before 0455 hrs.

25. SEC FD COY RAE

(a) Supply stores for consolidation of posn.

(b) A Tk mines as available.

(c) Liaise with Bn Pnr Offr.

(d) One det each with B and C Coys.

26. ZERO: 0342 hrs.

27. PHASE 2: The capture of Pt 23 877300.

(1) B and C Coys remain on limit of Exploitation and support
A and D Coys.

(2) A and D Coys advance to pt 23, 877300 to arrive by 0600 hrs

(a) A coy - Right.

Objective: Pt 23 excl to 200 yds North.

Route: Northern slopes of Pt 23 Ridge.

(b) D Coy - Left

Objective: Pt 23 incl to 200 yds South.

Route: Southern slopes of Pt 23 Ridge.

28. LIMIT OF EXPLOITATION: Continuation of line along track to Hut
at 87713000.

29. AA Pl: Further tasks on Pt 26.
30. MORTAR Pl: Dets continue to support coys as allotted.
31. CARRIER Pl:
- (a) Two secs support adv A and D Coys and assist in consolidation on Pt 23.
 - (b) Two secs remain to protect South and East flanks Pt 26.
32. PIONEER Pl:
- (a) Protection of Bn HQ - slit trenches.
 - (b) Field Works.
33. MUG:
- (a) Support adv A and D Coys.
 - (b) Left flank protection.
 - (c) Opportunity targets.
 - (d) One pl ready to move fwd to consolidate on Pt 23 on success.
34. A TK GUNS:
- (a) Remain in area Pt 26.
 - (b) Prepare for move to 3rd Objective.
35. ARTY:
- (a) Concentrations on Pt 23 Ridge from 0500 hrs to 0513 hrs and 0515 hrs to 0530 hrs.
 - (b) Smoke just East of Trig 33 - 875301 from 0500 hrs to 0555 hrs.
 - (c) Smoke along main rd NW and SE vicinity K104 Sq 878298. from 0500 hrs to 0513.
 - (d) A and D Coys NOT to pass B and C Coys before 0515 hrs.
 - (e) Arty FOOs move with A and D Coys to Pt 23. Call on one tp each.
36. SQN TANKS:
- (a) Two tps left flank protection fwd coys (A and D) on adv to Pt 23.
 - (b) Sqn (less two tps) protection South and East of Pt 26.
37. SEC FD COY RAE: Stores fwd for consolidation.
38. PHASE 3
- Swing left from Pt 26 and Pt 23 to general line of ry from TELL EL NISA Sta incl 876299 to where 878 Grid line cuts the ry line.
39. (a) D and C Coys on Southern flank swing left and adv South to ry line and consolidate.
- (b) Task - Protection of high ground captured and main rd.
40. B and A Coys on Northern flank swing left and consolidate on Pts 23 and 26 respectively. Area of responsibility from Pts 23 and 26 to line of main rd in rear of fwd coys.

41. TIME TO SWING LEFT: Probably 0615 hrs if situation permits.
42. SIGNAL TO SWING LEFT:
- (a) THREE White lights.
 - (b) R/T to Tanks to be passed to Coys.
 - (c) Runner.
 - (d) If sig NOT received move at 0615 hrs or as soon as possible after.
43. MORTAR PLs:
- (a) Dets continue to support Coys.
 - (b) One det from Bn res to each fwd coy. D and C Coys to assist consolidation on ry line.
44. CARRIER PLs:
- (a) One sec support adv D Coy to ry.
 - (b) One sec support adv C Coy to ry.
 - (c) Two secs Bn res on ridge 26 and 23. Carrier Comd to Bn HQ.
45. MGs:
- (a) Support adv D and C Coys to ry.
 - (b) Prepared to give close support if counter attacked.
46. A TK GUNS:
- (a) One tp to move fwd to ry line to support fwd coys.
 - (b) An additional tp will give A Tk protection in the area.
47. ARTY: One Bty 2/3 Aust Fd Regt at call. FOOs to move with D and C Coys.
48. B SQN TANKS:
- (a) Two tps at Pt 23 to support adv of D Coy.
 - (b) B Sqn (Less two tps) at Pt 26 area support adv of C Coy.
 - (c) On arrival A Tk guns, tanks RALLY spur 879299. Sqn leader to Bn HQ.
49. SEC FD COY RAE : Stores as available to fwd coys for consolidation.

ADM:

50. ROFF:
- (a) Weapons and Amm: WE Scale
 - (b) Respirators, AG Capes-Coy trucks
 - (c) Amm:
 - i. Two boxes SAA on carriers for each rifle coy on Phase 1.
 - ii. 12 2" mortar bombs for each Pl on carriers for Phase 1.
 - (d) Grenades: Each man 2 36M Grenades
One case ST Bombs per Pl.
 - (e) .303 Amm: All mags filled.
100 rds per man - Bandolier 50 rds.

(f) SAA Reg: Pt 26. Bn SAA veh to move on success signal **1st** Objective.

51. RAP:

- (a) Xrds 88092982.
- (b) On success 2nd Objective to Pt 23 area.
- (c) WWCP on flat North of Pt 26.

52. DEF FD AMB: Arrangements made by RMO.

53. PRISONERS:

- (a) MARSHY Ground North of Pt 26.
- (b) RPs responsible for escorting.

54. TRAFFIC CONTROL:

- (a) Debussing pt 8825 2970 - Bn TO.
- (b) Veh Assembly Pt - Xrds 88092982 - Bn TO.
- (c) Start Line Control - Bn IO.

55. RATIONS AND WATER:

- (a) One day battle ration on man.
- (b) Two days Al vehs.
- (c) Waterbottles filled - cans on Al vehs.

56. FOL: Bn TO arrange - Full tanks plus 8 galls.

57. TOOLS AND ENGRS STORES: Available Pt 26 area. **Two shovels per** sec to be carried.

58. BLANKETS: Leave under gd in present areas.

59. GREATCOATS: In sec bundles on coy vehs.

INTERCOMM:
Adv

60. INFO: Closes present location at 2000 hrs 9 Jul 42. Opens at Xrd 88092982 at 0200 hrs 10 Jul 42.

61. Reports to head of main body on move to S/African Bn area:

- (a) Phase 1: Head of right fwd coy.
- (b) Phase 2: Pt 26
- (c) Phase 3: Pt 26

62. SUCCESS SIGNAL:

- (a) Phase 1: Pt 26 - Two white verey lights.
- (b) Phase 2: Pt 23 - Two green verey lights.
- (c) Phase 3: On reaching ry line D and C Coys fire by signal

63. L/T from Xrds 88092982 to Pt 26.

64. L/T To coys after Phase 2.

65. R/T 18 Sets:

One set each coy - Frequency 6.300 megacycles.
One set Carrier Pl. One set CO.

66. Wireless silence until Zero
Make use of tank and arty wireless sets.

SECRET

26 Aust Inf Bde OONo 11

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10 Jul 42

Ref Map: EL ALAMEIN 1/50000

Infos

1. As already issued
in progressive setreps

2. Following additional
lys under command 26 Aust
Inf Bde Sp

one sqn 44 RTR

Intention

3. 2/24 Aust Inf Bde will
capture SNELLS SPUR

(PT 24, 87312995 - PT 24
87472997)

Method

4. The following $\frac{1}{2}$ are
under command of 2nd Bn
for the attack.

two $\frac{1}{2}$ 44 RTR

two $\frac{1}{2}$ ATK 2 p (as
already detailed by
Comd 3 Aust-ATK Regt)

one ~~to~~ $\frac{1}{2}$ p each A and
C Corps of 2nd MG Bn

5. The following $\frac{1}{2}$
preparation is being
made by CRA 9 Aust Bn

Fixed concentrations
on the following

(a) Pt 24 - 87472997
from 0500 to 0515 hrs

(b) Pt 24 - 87312995
from 0516 to 0530

6 Start time and start
line as decided by
Comd 2/24 Br to conform
with anti preparation

7 2/13 Fed Coy will cooperate
on consolidation by
laying out TR numbers on
new FDLs

8) 2/3 Fd Ruck will
cooperate by providing
def fuel for solar FOLS
as soon as daylight
permits

Atom

9 Issued separately

Intercomm

10 Success msg - Verney
height - two whites.

Act

Signed at 1745 hrs

Issued by LO

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11 What
B.M. 26/1/41
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2/24 Bw

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2/45 Bw

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2/13 T. Lion

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3A TR. Reef

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44 K TR

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9 Aunt Owl

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26 AUST INF BDE 00 No 11

Ref Map: EL ALAMEIN 1/50000

INFM.

1. As already issued in progressive sitreps.
2. Following additional tps under comd 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp
One Sqn 44 RTR

INTENTION

3. 2/24 Aust Inf Bn will capture SNELLS SPUR (Pt 24, 87312995 -Pt 24 87472997)

METHOD

4. The following tps are under comd 2/24 Bn for the attack:-
Two tps - 44 RTR
Two tps - A Tk gp (as already detailed by Comd 3 Aust A Tk Regt)
One Pl each A and C Coys 2/2 Aust MG Bn
5. The following Arty preparation is being made by CRA 9 Aust Div.
Timed concentrations on the following:-
(a) Pt 24, 87472997 from 0500 to 0515 hrs.
(b) Pt 24, 87312995 from 0516 to 0530 hrs.
6. Start time and start line as decided by comd 2/24 Bn to conform with Arty preparation.
7. 2/13 Aust Fd Coy will co-operate on consolidation by laying A Tk minefield on new FDLs.
8. 2/8 Aust Fd Regt will co-operate by proceeding defence fire for new FDLs as soon as daylight permits.

ADM.

9. Issued separately.

INTERCOMM

10. Success signal - Verrey lights - two whites.

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SIGNED AT 1745 hrs

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BM 26 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBN

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2/48 Bn	2
2/13 Aust Fd Coy	3
3 A Tk Regt	4
2/8 Aust Fd Regt	5
44 RTR	6
9 Aust Div	7
RAA 9 Aust Div	8

2/48 Aust Inf Bn
9 Jul 42RECCO PATROL REPORT NIGHT 8/9 JUL

Patrol Leaders - Lieut G T GILL Lieut L H HEFFRON

Strength - 2 Offrs 8 ORs

Time Out - 2146 hrs Time In - 0330 hrs

Route Out - 88222971 to track ~~junction~~ 86102982 then to 87913002
on 317 deg.

Route In - 87913001 to 88102982 to 88222971.

Task 6 (1) To ascertain Pt 26 (87913001) occupied by enemy.
(2) If so, in what strength.
(3) If enemy alert.
(4) If ground suitable for MT or carriers.

Infm - (1) Pt 26, and summit and NORTH side of spur
leading to Pt 26 NOT occupied by enemy.
(2) Area (flat ground) 87982995 contained a number
of weapon pits. These pits appeared to
be recently dug but were of slit trench type,
only about 3 to 4 feet depth and not connected
by CTs. Similar pits were scattered to about
400 yds EAST of 87982995.
(3) On side of spur at approx 87943000 there were
only 3 or 4 old weapon pits, partly fallen in
and apparently disused.
(4) In no other area were any enemy defences
observed.
(5) Att approx 88002996 the patrol was fired on
by an automatic weapon situated a considerable
distance WEST of Pt 26. Three short bursts
were fired.
(6) When the patrol was about 150 yds short of
Pt 26, on the NORTH side of the spur, an
automatic weapon again fired bursts NOT
directed at the patrol. By the flash it
appeared to be at approx 87813007.

PATROL REPORT

TO 26 Aust Inf Bde

Night 8/9 Jul 42

FROM 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Serial	Strength	Composition	Route Out Time Out	Route In Time In	Remarks	Casualts
1.	2/48 Bn 3 Offrs 6 ORs	IO 2 Pl Comds 6 ORs (Comd Lieut SMITH J W)	88222971 to track junc 88102982 thence 309 deg to 87912998	Reverse ----- 0330 hrs	<u>Information (required)</u> 1. Enemy NOT on Spur pt 26. No weapon pits on this spur. 2. Going - alternating sand, stone and some marshy country. Good for marching personnel. 3. Going - NOT suitable for MT without recce and guides. Going suitable for carriers.	
			2146 hrs			

Additional information

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After observing for 20 mins the two members withdrew. Working parties could be heard during the remainder of the patrol.

Patrol resumed. At 88002990 (approx 1250 yds) from X rds) one man was observed to move away east. It was not possible to apprehend him.

Additional Information (continued)

From 88002990 considerable diggings were encountered, slit trenches and larger holes of various descriptions would make passage of MT difficult. None of these trenches appeared to have been occupied recently.

At 87962996 movement East and North-East appeared to be closer. The patrol was put to ground and the patrol comd and 1 OR moved fwd to approx 87912998. Working parties were located here with a listening post for protection.

The patrol could not proceed further and withdrew.

PATROL REPORT

SECRET

TO 26 Aust Inf Bde

Night 8/9 Jul 42

FROM 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Serial

Strength: 2/48 Aust Inf Bn 3 offrs 6 ORs

Composition: IO, 2 Pl Comds, 6 ORs (Comd Lieut J W SMITH)

ROUTE OUT) 88222971 to track junc 88102982 thence 309 deg to
TIME OUT) 87912998. Time 2146 hrs.

Route in) Reverse
Time in) Time 0330 hrs.

Remarks:

Information (required)

1. Enemy NOT on spur pt 26. No weapon pits on this spur
2. Going - alternating sand, stone and some marshy country. Good for marching personnel.
3. Going - NOT suitable for MT without recce and guides. Going suitable for Carriers.

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2/48 AUST INF BN OO No 39

Ref: EL ALAMEIN 1/50,000

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy were driven off pts 26 (87913001), 23 (87733008), 33 (sq 875301), 24 (sq 874299) and 24 (sq 873299) during 10 and 11 Jul. A mobile force is operating against our EASTERN and SOUTHERN fronts and counter attacks during 11-16 Jul were repulsed. However fwd coys on pts 24 (sq 874299 and sq 873299) were on 16 Jul withdrawn.
2. 26 Bde Gp are holding the above posns with 2/24 Bn on the right from coast to TELL EL EISA cutting incl and 2/48 Bn on the left from TELL EL EISA cutting incl to blag 8784297.
3. The following units are in support:-
 - One sqn 44 RTR
 - 15 Bty 2/8 Aust Fd Regt
 - One tp/c Aust A Tk Bty.
4. The following units are under comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn:-

A Coy (less one pl) 2/2 Aust MG Bn
~~2/2 2/2 2/2 2/2 2/2~~

INTENTION

5. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will hold all ground at present occupied.

METHOD

6. Defence of all coys based on locality defence.
Fwd Coys. A Coy on right responsible for defence TELL EL EISA ry sta area.
 C Coy on left responsible for defence of area 1000 yds left of A Coy and astride ry line.
7. Res Coys. D Coy on right on pt 23 responsibility South to main rd.
 B Coy on left - North of GARDEN 87872997 - responsibility South to main rd.
8. Carriers - two sections responsible for protection Southern slopes pt 26 to left flank.
 One sec - in support A Coy
 One sec - in support C Coy
9. Mortars. Two dets with each fwd rifle coy, one with each res coy.
 DF tasks as required by coys.
10. 2 Pl) Located on flat North of pt 26 and responsible for
 5 Pl) locality defence of pt 26 to coast under Lieut
 Bn HQ) E A MURPHY. Prepared posns on pt 26 to be occupied at night or as required. OC HQ Coy to arrange.
11. ARTY -
 SOS (a) One tp on area 300 yds SOUTH of TELL EL EISA Sta.
 One tp on area 300 yds SOUTH of ry line C Coy area.
 (b) Additional support is provided by two Regts Arty 500 yds SOUTH of ry line from TELL EL EISA Sta to WHITE BARRACKS.

Observed fires:- Fwd of FDLs - pt 24 (sq 875299) - WHITE
RE EISA feature - general line
S/AFRICANS FDLs

12. MISC

- (a) One pl G Coy area - task DF fire on FDLs G and D Coys.
- (b) One pl - DF fire southern slopes of pt 26 ridge.
- (c) By day both pls observed targets fwd of A and C Coys.
- (d) Alternative tasks both pls to cover Trig 33.

13. Counter attack roles.

- (a) All res coys will recon routes to fwd localities and make plans for day and night counter attack roles.
- (b) Bearings to be taken.
- (c) Pl and sec comds to go over ground in small parties only - unnecessary movement to be avoided.
- (d) Guides in each coy to be arranged for counter attack on any coy front to be launched.
- (e) All coys will arrange for immediate counter attack roles on own front.

14. PATROLS.

(a) B and D Coys alternating.

One offr 15 ORs from EAST end of WHITE BARRACKS to rd and ry junc 87992964 at which pt S/African patrols will be contacted. Time of first meeting each night and password will be advised. S/African patrol to be contacted several times during night by arrangement between patrol comds. Patrol to return prior to first light.

(b) A Coy

i. One NCO 4 ORs to patrol to C Coy continuously
ii. Standing patrol one NCO 4 ORs EAST end of ry cutting.

(c) B Coy

i. Continuous patrol of one NCO and 7 ORs from Coy area to C Coy to A Coy and return.
ii. Standing patrol one NCO 6 ORs at 87912935. This coy to provide one NCO 3 ORs to move from coy area contact standing patrol then C Coy and return. This contact every two hrs.

(d) C Coy

i. One NCO 4 ORs to patrol ^{to} WHITE BARRACKS continuously
ii. One NCO 4 ORs contact standing patrol at 87912965 continuously along ry line.

(e) D Coy

i. One NCO 4 ORs fwd along ridge to contact 2/24 Bn continuously.
ii. One NCO 4 ORs from Coy area NE to coast every 1 1/2 hrs.
iii. One NCO 4 ORs to contact A Coy continuously.

(f) No 4 Pl

Standing patrol of one NCO 6 ORs 400 yds SE from pt 26 on northern slopes.

(g) A and C Coys provide recon and fighting patrols fwd of coy areas. OC Coy to co-ordinate.

15. WORKS POLICY

All coys will continue with defensive works on the basis of section, pl and coy fortresses able to fight in any direction. In NCO to co-ordinate supplies of materials, mines etc and works.

16. ...

See Appx "A".

INSTRUCTIONS

- 16. Bn HQ - located NORTHERN slopes pt 103
- 17. W/T and R/T to all coys. Only to be used when L/T or runner out, and active operations in progress.
- 18. I/T to all coys, MMG, Arty. Duplicate lines and latitudes to be laid to fwd and pos coys.
- 19. V/S to all coys.
- 20. (a) Runner - one per coy to remain at Bn HQ.
(b) DR (JEEP or Carrier)
- 21. Light Signals.

- SOS RED, GREEN.
- for (a) DF from 15 Bty 2/8 Aust Fd Regt as in para 11(a)
- (b) DF two Regts 300 yds fwd of ry line as in para 11(b)

Light signals to be duplicated by L/T, R/T or runner message owing to multiplicity of light signals in area causing confusion.

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7	RSM	23	H Tp 10 Aust A Tlc Regt (for information)
8	IO	24	3 Sec 2/13 Aust Fd Coy
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2/48 AUST INF BN GENERAL INSTN No 1
(Issued in conjunction with Bn OO No 39)GENERAL

1. Bn OP: Covered route will be marked and will be strictly adhered to.
All OP's must keep the number of personnel to a minimum and all movement restricted.
2. COMDS - supptg arms: Comds are required at Bn HQ at 1830 hrs daily to co-ordinate plans for the defence of the area.
Comds to provide latest infm as to localities, tasks and strengths.
Particular attention is being given to the possibility of dusk attacks by the enemy.
3. CAMFLG:
 - (a) Vehs will be dispersed as far as possible out onto the flat in rear of Pt 28 and vehs dug in and camouflaged. Vehs must not halt at Bn HQ but move to dispersal area.
 - (b) During active air periods full use must be made of cover and no staring up at planes permitted.
The more unused the area can be made to appear the less likely is it that air attacks will be directed at targets in this area.
 - (c) Spoil from diggings is to be spread and camflgd.
4. SIGNALS: Priority must be given to calls from Bn OP unless otherwise stated.
5. COMN: All comds should before moving from their HQs advise sigs of their proposed route, time away, places at which they can be located.
6. MINEFIELDS: Information as to number, area of minefields in coy areas is required as soon as possible after laying for marking up and forwarding to supptg arms. Fields to be marked by plain barbed wire on low picquets either side (front wire may be DA or dangle). Sally posts for patrols will be necessary.
Lieut WATSON 2/13 Aust Fd Coy will co-ordinate plan for laying and marking of minefields in Bn area.
7. PD WORKS: Works priority - slit trenches, A Tk mines, wire, overhead cover.
Working parties from 5 and 6 pls for A and C Coys will be arranged by Lieut McLELLAN who is responsible for work.
8. MORALE: The attitude of all sub-units and personnel must be one of continual aggressiveness to break the morale of the enemy.

ADM9. MATERIALS:

- (a) It is essential that captured materials be evacuated from fwd areas to prevent enemy from effecting recovery.
- (b) Immobilised enemy tanks will be burnt at the first opportunity. **THIS IS IMPORTANT.**
- (c) Enemy dumps - Advise this HQ of any enemy dump dumps so that their early removal can be made.
- (c) Casualties in weapons and WE eqpt must be advised to this HQ on same day as occurrence. This also applies to vehs.

10. REST:- Rôut for tps must be organised with particular attention to men on patrols.
Coys may send one man per sec and one per Coy HQ swimming. Leave Coy areas before first light and return at dusk. Take rations.
RV daily at 87993009 and report to an NCO from Bn HQ who will be appointed daily.
11. TRAFFIC CONTROL:- RP's will control all traffic in the vicinity of Bn HQ and ensure that dispersion of vehs is made as great as possible. Veh movements must be kept to a minimum.
12. MEDICAL:-
RAP is located at 87935004
ADS is located at 87893012
MDS is at K87.
13. PW:- Collecting posts are at 88352977 and 88352962.
Wounded PsW must at all times be escorted from units through ADS and MDS. Medical units are not equipped to supply gds. Walking Wounded cases will be sent back as far as possible in unit vehs and NCT in amb wagons.
14. SUPS:- Sup Pt and water pt is at 48679032
PR at 42609025
Water pt - EL ALAMEIN
15. SALVAGE:- Send all salvagable material back to B Ech on returning ration vehs.


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War Diary

2/48 AUST INF BN OO NO 41

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21 Jul 48

Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1/50,000

INFORMATION

1. As set out in latest 'I' summaries and sitreps fwded to Coys.
2. 9 Aust Div intend moving fwd astride main rd ALEXANDRIA MATRUH. 26 Aust Inf Bde on right and 24 Aust Inf Bde on left and 20 Aust Inf Bde in res. 9 Div Cav will be operating between 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes.
3. 26 Bde have detailed the following tasks:-
 - (i) 2/24 Bn to capture ring contour 20 (sq 873302) commencing at Z
 - (ii) 2/23 Bn to capture Pt 24 (sq 874299) commencing at Z
 - (iii) 2/48 Bn to capture Pt 24 (sq 873299) commencing at Z plus 45.
4. Units under comd 2/48 Inf:-
 - One tp 9 Aust A Tk Bty
 - In support:-
 - Two pls A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
 - Two btys 2/8 Aust Fd Regt
 - One sec 2/13 Aust Fd Coy

INTENTION

5. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will capture and hold Pt 24 (sq 873299)

METHOD

PLAN

6. Two coys fwd - D Coy right B Coy left.
 - (a) D Coy objective - Pt 24 incl to SOUTH side of re-entrant between two Pt 24's. Responsibility NORTH and NW also link up with 2/23 Bn on Pt 24 (sq 874299)
Route - from present area to midway between ry cutting and sta then direct to objective
 - (b) B Coy - Objective - Pt 24 incl to approx grid line 873. Responsibility WEST and SOUTH.
Route - present area to midway between ry cutting and sta thence to approx 87502908 - direct to objective.
7. Forming up and assembly areas - present coy areas.
8. Start line - ry line between sta and south end of cutting.
9. Start time - Z plus 45.
10. Rate of adv - first 1000 yds from start line 100 yds in 1 1/2 mins thereafter 100 yds in 2 mins.
11. Reg - A and C Coys remain in present locations and in initial stages will support the adv. As adv progresses they will provide protection to SOUTH and WEST.
12. G (R) personnel move with Bn Tac HQ to SOUTH end of ry cutting.
13. AA Pl remain present localities for defence of Main Bn HQ.
14. MORTARS.
 - (a) One dot D Coy

(b) One det B Coy

(c) Four sqs

(i) B to Z plus 45 Observed targets.

(ii) Z plus 45 to Z plus 55 HE and Smoke on SANDY RIDGE to neutralize enemy posts on south and east flanks.

(d) One det. from each A and C coys prepared to move at 0500 for additional consolidation on Pt 24. Report to OC D Coy.

15. CARRIERS - Two secs - one with each B and D coys. Sec with B Coy is responsible for left flank protection and mopping up. These secs will carry tools to assist in consolidation. One sec in res with A Coy.

16. PIONEER PL - One det to move to each fwd coy on success and assist in consolidation.

17. IMG

(a) One pl to report to OC D Coy on success for consolidation

(b) One pl (D Coy area)

(i) South flank protection of B Coy

(ii) Neutralization of SANDY RIDGE

(iii) Southern limit 87522976

18. A Tk - Comd will move fwd in D Coy Carrier and contact OC D Coy on success.

A Tk guns to be held North of ry cutting until success signal.

Area responsibility west of grid line 873.

19. ARTY

(a) See att schedule

(b) FOO to report to OC D Coy on success.

20. ENGINEERS - Mines in vehs to be held in C Coy area and sent fwd on success. One NCO and 2 ORs to move with B and D Coys. Minefield NORTH WEST and SOUTH of Pt 24 (sq 873299) to be rapidly laid on perimeter basis. Wire to be erected on either side to mark.

21. ZERO : 0530 hrs 22 Jul 42.

ADM

22. MOR

(a) Weapons and arms WE scale.

(b) A Gas eqpt - on coy vehs.

(c) Arms -

2 boxes SAA per fwd rifle Coy and 12 2" MOR bombs per pl to move on carriers.

(d) Grenades - each man 2 36M and one 68 Gren.

One case SF grenades per pl

(e) 303 amm - all mags filled

100 rds per man.

(f) SAA res - SOUTH end of ry cutting

23. RAP (a) Adv RAP at ry cutting, casualties to be evacuated from thence to main RAP

(b) Walking wounded move direct to main RAP

24. PW. Send to SOUTH end ry cutting thence to A Coy who will remove to Dn HQ.

25. TPT (a) each fwd Coy to have two A ech vehs - one fwd and one in res.

(b) A ech area at "TELL" in TELL.EL HQ. RR Sgt to control dispersion

(c) OC HQ Coy responsible for despatch of A ech eqpt.

(d) Veh assembly area - north of D Coy area by 0500 hrs

26. RATIONS AND WATER

- (a) Emergency ration plus one day's "hard" on the man.
- (b) Waterbottles filled.

27. FOIL - All vehs full tanks plus 8 galls.

28. TOOLS

- (a) Carried by res pls.
- (b) 6 shovels & pickspoor carrier.
- (c) Pnr pl to have one veh of wire in veh assembly area to go fwd immediately on success.

29. GREAT COATS. Leave in coy areas in sec bundles.

INTERCOMM

30. In Hz

- (a) From Z to success at D Coy OP
- (b) On success move to SOUTH end of ry cutting.

31. REPORT CENTERS. At SOUTH end of ry cutting after success.

32. R/T set with each coy and CO's carrier.
Wireless silence till start time.

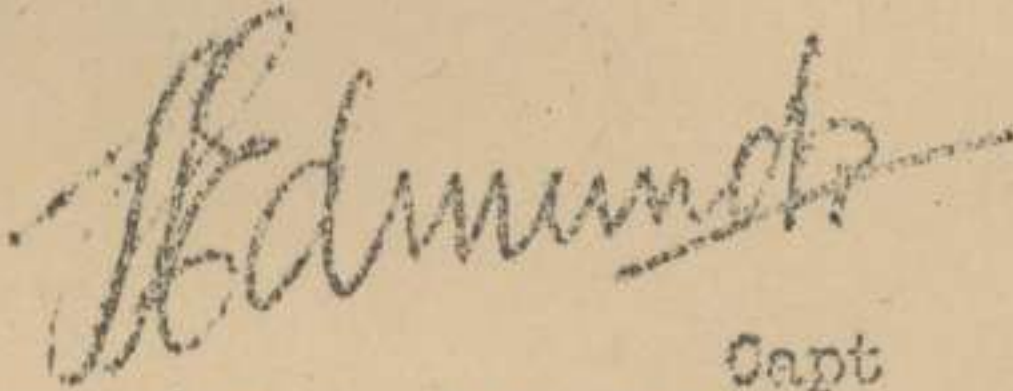
33. M/T

- (a) From D Coy to SOUTH end of ry cutting.
- (b) From ry cutting to A Coy
- (c) From ry cutting to fwd coys after success

34. SUCCESS SIGNALS

D Coy - TWO WHISTLES
 B Coy - TWO WHISTLES repeated.

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	17	3 pl
	18	4 pl
	19	5 pl
	20	2/8 Aust PG Regt
	21	2/2 Aust MC Bn
	22	2/9 Aust A Bn Bty
	23	3 Sec 2/13 Aust Pd Coy
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3600 ^x	Z+94 to Z+105		Pr 24 Rate of Adv. 100 ^x in 2 mins Rate of Adv. 100 ^x in 1 1/2 mi CUTTING
3400	Z+92 to Z+94		
3200	Z+90 to Z+92	Consolidation	
3000	Z+84 to Z+90	Z+100	
2800	Z+82 to Z+84	Z+96	
2600	Z+78 to Z+82	Z+92	
2400	Z+72 to Z+78	Z+88	
2200	Z+70 to Z+72	Z+84	
2000	Z+64 to Z+70	Z+80	
1800	Z+62 to Z+64	Z+76	
1600	Z+60 to Z+62	Z+72	
1400	Z+58 to Z+60	Z+68	
1200	Z+56 to Z+58	Z+64	
1000	Z+45 to Z+55	Z+60	
SN	Ry LINE		
	↑ ARTY	↑ TROOPS	

2/48 AUST INF BN OP INSTN No 11

(issued for confirmation of verbal instns)

Ref Map:- EL ALAMEIN 1/50,000

1. INTENTION

- (a) Salvage of German amm night 31 Jul/1 Aug 42.
- (b) Observation Party for Day 1 Aug 42.

2. METHOD

Phase 1. Salvage German Amm

- (a) Protection One Pl G Coy - comd Lieut R KENNEALLY - report A Coy at 2130 hrs; two secs for protection Pt 17 area 872300, one sec for protection loading party.
One Pl - 9 Pl A Coy (less one sec) - comd Lieut B Y HAMILTON - protection Pt 24 area 873299.
One Sec G Coy Pl: one sec 9 Pl A Coy to protect loading ~~party~~ pt of salvage amm - approx area 87282998.
- (b) Order of move and Tasks:- Protective parties in posn prior to arrival of vehs. Move from A Coy area at last light.
Four three-ton vehs proceed to loading pt 30 mins after departure protective ~~parties~~ parties.
Loading of first wave of vehs and return to A Coy (4 x 3 ton)
Second wave of vehs to Loading pt (4 x 3 ton) and return.
Third wave (4 x 3 ton) if necessary.
Protective Parties withdraw prior to first
- (c) light LESS Pl on Pt 24.
- (c) Guides:- A Coy responsible - NCO in charge of vehs who is familiar with ground - additional guides along route.

Phase 2. Observation Party for Day 1 Aug 42.

- (a) Force:- No 9 Pl A Coy (~~less one sec~~) on Pt 24.
MGs - One sec att from A Coy
Arty - OPO 15 Fd Bty.
- (b) Task:- To remain in posn until ordered to withdraw, and observe enemy line from Pt 17 area 872300 to Pt 23 area 872296. OPO to direct fire on to favourable targets. In event of break in comm OC force may withdraw on own initiative.
- (c) General:- MG sec to utilise load vehs to tpt guns to posn. OC Observation Party to ensure posns dug by first light spoil removed, and men concealed. Latrines to be dug in occupied posns so that exposure NOT necessary.

3. ADM

- (a) Water bottles filled.
- (b) Proportion res water to be carried in containers.
- (c) Picks and shovels as required.
- (d) NO smoking or lights.
- (e) Two days res rations to be carried on the man

4. INTERCOMM

- (a) Duplicate L/T to Pt 24 area. Lines to take different routes and to be connected to A Coy switchboard.
- (b) R/T to be used only in emergency. Aerial to be concealed.

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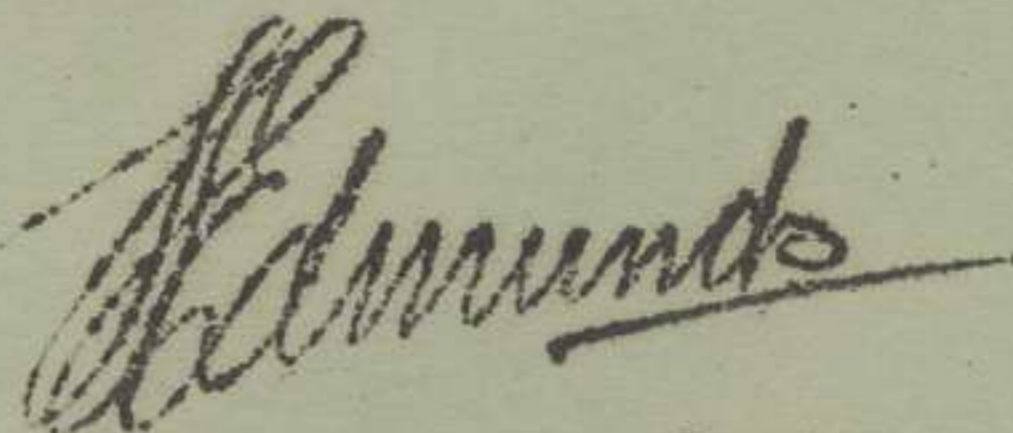
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454. RETURNS - Whislt static, Coys will submit the following returns to this HQ by 0900 hrs daily:-
(a) Strength State
(b) Vehicle Check
On arrival in a new area these returns will be rendered within one hour of arrival in lieu of above time.
455. AMM. No amm will be used for practice or testing of weapons except with the consent of a Coy Comd who will obtain permission from this HQ.
456. TESTING OF WEAPONS. Whenever weapons are tested with live amm a suitable steep faced sandhill or butt will be the area in which a target is placed. On no account will amm be fired into open country or the air for the above purpose.
457. CONTAINERS, WATER, 2-CALL. A high proportion of water containers are being rendered U/S through careless handling. All ranks will be informed that stocks are short and it may not be possible to replace damaged containers. They must NOT be thrown about or allowed to bump about on vehicles, particularly when empty.
458. GIFT PARCELS SENT BY POST BY MEMBERS OF HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES SERVING OVERSEAS TO RELATIVES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.
1. The despatch by post to the UK of any parcel more than 5 lbs gross weight, or containing more than 2 lb of any one foodstuff, is a breach of the Import Regulations, and is liable to seizure on arrival.
2. The despatch to the same address, at or about the same time, of two or more parcels together weighing more than 5 lbs is also a breach of the regulations.
3. The surrender of clothing coupons by the addressee is not demanded on clothing contained in parcels which comply with the regulations mentioned above.
4. All parcels must be clearly marked "Gift"
459. POSTAL - USE OF ABBREVIATIONS. Abbreviations on envelopes to be transmitted through the post will be confined to those in common use. If the writer is not certain that an abbreviation would be understood by all persons through whose hands the letter will pass, the address will be written in full.



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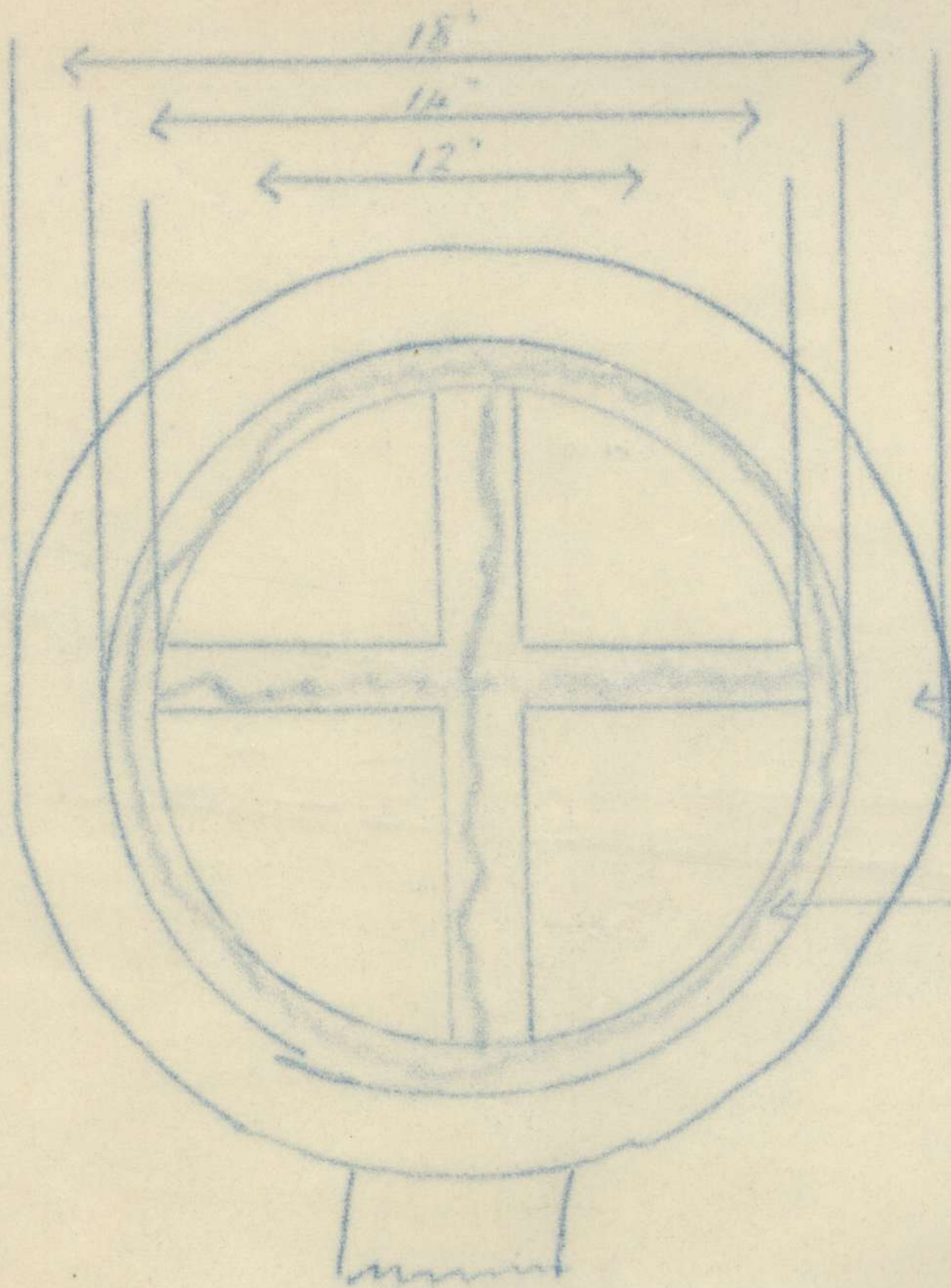
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- NEXT OF KIN - Change of:-** (1) It is essential for records purposes that all changes of next of kin are notified to O i/c 2nd Echelon (Records) AIF (ME) through this HQ.
(2) The attention of all ranks is drawn to the importance of prompt notification of change of next of kin due to death, marriage etc.
- 461. DISCIPLINE:-** The undermentioned sentences by Courts-Martial are published for information:-
- A private soldier, convicted of AWL (AA15(1)) for 1 day and leaving his guard without orders from his superior officer (AA6(2)(f)), was sentenced to undergo detention for 60 days.
 - A private soldier convicted of stealing public property (AA18(4)) was sentenced to undergo detention for 60 days.
 - A private soldier, convicted of deserting His Majesty's Service (AA12(1)(a)), losing by neglect his equipment, clothing and regimental necessaries (AA24(2)), and losing by neglect public property entrusted to his care for military purposes, to wit, his pay-book (AA24(2)), was sentenced to undergo detention for two years.
 - A Staff Sergeant, convicted for committing a civil offence, namely, conspiracy to defraud (AA41), was sentenced to be reduced to the ranks and to be imprisoned with hard labor for six months.
- 462. RECLAMATION OF USED RAGS, COTTON WASTE, ETC:-**
- It is vital that all used rags, cotton waste and other similar textile cleaning materials to be reclaimed for cleaning and subsequent re-issue. Units and formations will not burn or otherwise destroy these materials.
 - Steps will be taken by Coys to collect all available quantities of these used rags etc., and despatch them to the nearest salvage depot through Pioneer Pl.
 - Cotton waste will be kept separate from used rags.
- 463. FIELD CENSORSHIP:-**
- Accounts of personal experiences in battle are not permitted unless specifically authorised.
 - Recital of personal experiences in all operations up to and including the last advance to EL AGHEJLA - but not the subsequent withdrawal - is hereby authorised.
 - Green Envelopes will NOT be used for this purpose.
 - Censors will handle such correspondence with due regard to security, criticisms and alarmist statements.
- 464. AIR MAIL LETTERCARDS - MISSUSE OF:-** Air Mail Lettercards are intended for use only to UK and Empire Countries. They are not intended for use in communicating with addresses in the ME, and censors have instructions to return to sender any cards which contravene this order.
- 465. "OUT OF BOUNDS" INDICATOR:-** In order to overcome the difficulty of Allied and other troops unable to read English being unable to appreciate the meaning of "Out of Bounds" Notice Boards, it has been decided that each "Out of Bounds" Notice Board in the ME will be supplemented by an additional sign of the pattern indicated attached. The sign and the notice boards in each case to be as close together as possible.



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Sunday
26 Jul 42

466. RFM CABLEGRAMS - STANDARD TEXTS: A new list containing additional standard texts has been introduced, as from 20 Jul 42. Copies of the list will be forwarded to coys.
467. UNAUTHORISED COMMANDEERING OF VEHs: Cases have occurred in which vehs have been commandeered by senior offrs and retained for un-reasonable periods. It is appreciated that in urgent operational circumstances drastic measures may be necessary, but commandeering in such circumstances must be for the shortest possible period and the unit to which the veh belongs must be advised as soon as possible.
468. BILLETING OF SOLDIERS IN AUSTRALIA: The following info has been received from Australia:
"Where houses are only occupied by women or women and children the defence Quartering does not permit soldiers to be billeted there-in. All bps in billets in the Adelaide area have been removed as this was an emergency act which has now passed."
469. PERSONAL KITS: Great inconvenience to medical units and probable loss to the men concerned is being caused by packs, and haversacks presumably belonging to sick and wounded men, being sent to Fd Ambulances with no names or numbers on them. Units will ensure that all personnel mark their packs, haversacks and other personal possessions immediately with their name and number.
470. CASUALTIES: It is essential that returns of casualties of personnel, weapons and eqpt and vehs be forwarded to Bn HQ as soon as possible after they occur. Detailed info on these casualties must follow at first opportunity.
471. The following are required when making recommendations for awards:
- Statements by three independent eye-witnesses of the act. Comd's statement may be included in these if he was an eye-witness.
 - Comd's report - set out in detail the circumstances of the act, time, location, and state award for which soldier is recommended.
472. STRENGTH STATES: It is essential that Coy Strength States be accurate, and immediately after an action a state must be forwarded to Bn HQ.

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STANDING ORDERS - DUTY OFFR

1. LOCATION - OP (Pt 26)

2. ROSTER:

0700	-	0900	Lieut M Wright
0900	-	1100	WO I Stewart
1100	-	1300	Lieut Butler
1300	-	1500	" Caple
1500	-	1700	" Lewin
1700	-	1900	Capt D Maxwell-Wright
1900	-	2100	Lieut Nelson
2100	-	2300	" King
2300	-	0100	" Butler
0100	-	0300	" Caple
0300	-	0500	" Hill
0500	-	0700	" Lewin

3. SDF: Red - Green - Red. This signal must be confirmed by I/T or R/T.

4. The Duty Offr will:-

- (a) In the event of enemy activity suggesting possibility of attack report the matter immediately to the CO
- (b) See all incoming messages and take telephone calls.
- (c) Deal with any matter that requires immediate action. If NOT competent to deal with it, wake up the offr concerned.
- (d) Arrange for matters NOT urgent to be dealt with in the morning.
- (e) Supervise the keeping of a diary of events maintained by I Sec personnel. This diary will be handed over on relief.
- (f) Supervise the marking of the situation map, and ensure that it is kept up to date.
- (g) Visit all personnel in occupation of HQ defensive area and personnel on duty, immediately on completion of his tour of duty.
- (h) Check communications with supporting arms at least twice during his tour of duty, and pass on info which may concern them.
- (i) All duty offr will liase with I Sec and obtain relative info to keep themselves in the picture, and will familiarize themselves with the dispoins of the tps in this area.
- (j) Pass info received from sources other than I Sec, to Duty Offr Bde, and then advise I Sec.

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In the Field

Wednesday
29 Jul 48

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473. REC - DISABLED AFVs:— Cases have occurred in the last few days in which component eqpt has been removed from disabled but otherwise recoverable Br AFVs by rec parties other than RAC or Cav LADs and rec secs.

This has resulted in the AFVs when recovered and the original disablement repaired, being not battle worthy owing to the lack of the component eqpt.

The disadvantage of such practice should be evident to all as every tk so disabled means one less to sp the infirming ops

This point is to be brought to the notice of all ranks.

474. EQPT - SALVAGE POLICY:— Irrespective of the unit salvaging eqpt of any description, that eqpt remains on charge to the unit by whom it was lost, despite the fact that it may, as a matter of routine, have been written off as a loss in the meantime. Boys having salvaged eqpt, the original unit to which it was on charge being identifiable will notify this HQ. In this connection it is essential that units take a broad view of salvage for the good of the forces as a whole rather than a narrow view which may immediately benefit the unit but which will react adversely later

475. SALVAGE:— It is essential that salvageable eqpt be recovered immediately. This is necessary to prevent it from falling into enemy hands, and in most cases such eqpt is repairable and can be issued to our own tps.

476. DISCIPLINE:— The following sentences by courts-martial are published for infr

- (a) On charges of AWL for 2 days, AWL for 35 days and wearing false badges of rank, a private soldier was sentenced to detention for 9 months.
- (b) On charges of AWL for 3 hrs, AWL for 3 days, escaping, using insubordinate language and disobeying a lawful command, a private soldier was sentenced to detention for 9 months.
- (c) On charges of conspiracy to smuggle hashish, AWL for 32 days, wearing false rank badges, escaping and AWL for 14 days, a corporal was sentenced to detention for 10 months.
- (d) On a charge of AWL for 5 days a private soldier with a bad record was sentenced to detention for one year.
- (e) On charges of AWL for 9 hrs and drunkenness a corporal was sentenced to be reduced to the ranks and to 30 days detention.
- (f) On a charge of striking a superior offr a private soldier was sentenced to detention for 9 months, and a second soldier to detention for 6 months.
- (g) On a charge of being asleep on his post a private soldier posted as a sentry was sentenced to detention for 120 days.
- (h) On charges of AWL for 9 days, stealing a paybook, forging an acquittance roll, obtaining money by false pretences and forging a paybook, a private soldier was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for one year.

- (i) On a joint charge of stealing a bottle of wine, assault and wilful damage, three private soldiers were sentenced to detention for 2 years, 18 months and 23 months respectively.
- (j) On a charge of consuming liquor in a hospital ward, striking a superior officer and using insubordinate language a private soldier was sentenced to detention for 7 months.
- (k) On a number of charges of losing by neglect clothing, using insubordinate language, wilful disobedience of orders, AWL for 15 days, AWL for 3 hrs, and wilfully interrupting the proceedings of a Court-Martial, a private soldier was sentenced to detention for 27 months.
- (l) A private soldier convicted of having permitted the escape of a number of prisoners was sentenced to detention for six months.
- (m) On two charges of stealing a rifle and a bolt the property of other soldiers, four charges of disobedience and two of insubordinate language, a private soldier was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for 3 years.

470. STRENGTH STATES: Comds will ensure that Strength States are not sent in clear by I/T, R/T or V/S. Fullerphone is permissible.

470. CABLES - RFM: Issue of the revised list of RFM Cables has been postponed indefinitely.

470. RETURNS: Accuracy is essential when rendering returns. "Hoarding of eqpt is a bad policy"

480. ENTRENCHING TOOLS: These tools are valuable, and all ranks are to be encouraged to recover them. The German pattern entrenching tool is particularly good.

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EDITION**ORDERS**by
Lt Col H H HAMMER COMD

In the Field

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30 Jul 42**466. LUBRICANTS FOR MT VEHICLES - ISSUE OF**

1. Great delay is being caused at RASC Petrol Issuing Depots and RASC Pumps by the practice of drivers demanding Lubricating Oil for their engines, and thereby holding up vehs waiting to draw petrol.
2. Issues of Lubricating Oil to individual vehs will only be made from RASC Depots or Pumps in very exceptional circumstances.
3. All units are responsible for maintaining an oil store from which issues to individual vehs will be made under Regimental arrangements. Units will draw Lubricants in bulk for the whole unit from the appropriate D.I.D. or F.S.D.
4. Units will be responsible that vehs carry lubricants in the spare cans forming part of the veh eqpt.
5. Detail issues to individual vehs will only be made when journeys are of such length that the Lubricating Oil carried in the spare cans has been used.

467. MT VEHs - ROAD SPRINGS - MAINTENANCE OF

1. Breakages of road springs continue to occur due to failure to keep the clap bolts (U bolts) tight. This operation is referred to in Maintenance Task No 12 (as detailed in A B 412) and its importance is again emphasized.
2. It is desirable that the veh should be loaded whilst the clap nuts are tightened and it is most important that only the **STANDARD** spanner should be used.
3. No advantage is gained by using spanners of abnormal leverage, as this will result only in stripping the threads or stretching the bolt and will defeat its own object.

463. RAF AERODROMES AND LANDING GROUNDS

1. It has been brought to notice by the RAF that Army MT vehs have been driving across Aerodromes and Landing Grounds which are in use. This endangers the lives of personnel and damages the surface of the landing grounds.
2. All MT personnel will be warned that under no circumstances will vehs be driven across RAF Aerodromes or Landing Grounds which are in use. Severe disciplinary action will be taken in cases of infringement of this Order.

469. OXYGEN CYLINDERS - CONTAMINATION BY OIL

1. It is important that Oxygen Cylinders should be maintained in a clean condition and kept free from grease and oil.
2. Any contamination with greasy or oily substances is highly dangerous. Oxidisation of greasy matter produces volatile hydrocarbons which are extremely inflammable and when mixed in certain proportions with oxygen can cause explosions, even in the absence of any flame.
3. Great care must be taken by all Installations and individuals handling cylinders, whether empty or charged, that no such contamination results either from contact with plant or from careless handling of loose cylinders.

470.

EQPT FOR HOSPITAL PATIENTS IN

1. Patients are arriving at hospitals without respirators, A.G., and steel helmets.
2. Sick and wounded will at all times be in possession of their respirators and steel helmets. OCs units will ensure that this Order is complied with in all cases.

471.

DISCIPLINE

1. The undermentioned sentences by courts-martial are published for information:-
 - (a) Two private soldiers, convicted of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in jointly attempting to dispose of public property (AA Sec 40), were each sentenced to undergo detention for eighteen months.
 - (b) A private soldier, convicted of AWL (AA Sec 15 (1)) for ten days, was sentenced to undergo detention for 120 days.
 - (c) A private soldier, convicted of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he was in possession of a document purporting to be a genuine pass, well knowing it was not genuine (AA Sec 40) and forging a leave pass (AA Sec 41), was sentenced to undergo detention for 90 days.
 - (d) A private soldier, convicted of stealing two wristlet watches (AA Sec 41), was sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for 90 days.

472.

GRAVE PHOTOGRAPHS

1. Postcard size photographs are now available of the graves of A.I.F. deceased personnel buried to 1 Jul 42 in Military Cemeteries throughout Syria, Palestine, Egypt and in the Western Desert at Tobruk, Bardia, Sollum and Mersah Matruh.
2. The price of the prints are seven-pence half-penny (Aust) each or the equivalent and orders may be placed with 1 Aust. Graves Registration & Enquiries Unit, C/- O. i/c. 2nd Echelon, A.I.F. (ME).

Orders should be accompanied with a receipt from Unit's Pay Sgt to whom the amount covering the total cost should be paid.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 16

Based on information received for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 16 Jul

Ref Map:- EL ALAMEIN 1/50,000SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INTENEMY DISPOSITIONS

(a) INFANTRY. The landed infantry which had come up into A Coy area during the night 14/15 Jul by first light had dispersed a little and were occupying area cutting 87552998 to 87572936.

The inf which had come into C Coy area had to a large extent withdrawn leaving parties in derelict vehs along the ry line and to the SOUTH.

During the day these inf were engaged by arty, and inf fire and at last light were not in a menacing posn.

Small enemy inf movement was observed squares 297876 298875.

(b) ARTY. Enemy shelling was on a limited scale over our front during the day and no new hostile btys were located.

(c) MP. MT in which enemy inf to A and C Coy area night 14/15 Jul are still in our area. Isolated vehs moving 1000 - 2000 yds to the SOUTH during odd periods of the day were engaged by our arty.

(d) AFVs. No tanks concentrations were observed in this area except for odd tanks moving well out on ridge presumably from those which attacked 33.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

During the day small groups of inf operated along our front but these appeared to be isolated and were subdued by our fire. Night 15/16 comparatively quiet.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

(a) Enemy air activity has been on a much reduced scale during this period. We had a number of tanks along 26 ridge.

(b) Early in morning of 15 Jul 20 JU 88s protected by 15 fighters bombed pt 26 area. We had a number of tanks along 26 ridge. No damage done.

(c) Recce planes were over twice during day and 1 plane flying low over our FDLs at 2030 hrs believed to be flash spotter.

4. ENEMY FIRE WORKS

The enemy continue to use Red, Green, White flares in great numbers. These are concluded to be rallying signals for Tk or veh leaguer areas.

5. ENEMY O of B

50 GERMANS KILLED and 35 PWs captured. PWs have been identified as belonging to 200 par Panzer Bn and FLAK Bns.

The par Bn is att to 21 Panzer Div.

The FLAK Bn were used as inf and this is the first time AA personnel has been used as inf.

PWs admit heavy casualties in weapons and personnel.

They appeared to be very young and NOT the arrogant type of German.

It is interesting to note that they express surprise at the presence of Australians as they had been told that all Australians had returned to Australia.

6. ENEMY POLICY AND METHOD

- (a) Seven ambulances were located in A Coy area and it has been definitely ascertained that 6 of these vehs were carrying arms and amm.
- (b) In the fwd areas the enemy has made no effort to dig in and if not initially successful has withdrawn. During the last 24 hrs however vehs and derelict tanks have been used as MG posts.

7. CAPTURED WAR MATERIAL

- (a) 2 Brens
2 Spandaus (1 destroyed)
- (b) 3 Breda AA guns 37 mm (2 destroyed)
1 Gun 37 mm AA fired mounted on semi trailer veh.
- (c) AFVs
2 Mk IV Tanks }
3 Mk III Tanks } Destroyed
2 Mk II Tanks }
- (d) 7 Ambulances }
10 Lorries } Destroyed

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2/48 AUST INF BN
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 17

Based on infm received for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 17 Jun 48

Ref Map :- EL ATAMEIN 1/50,000

SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

DISPOSITIONS

(a) Inf: Much enemy activity was reported fwd of our FDLs to the rear of SANDY RIDGE and on feature 24 in sq 874299. From observations it could be ascertained that the enemy have occupied Pt 24. Some enemy movement observed in ry cutting area NORTH of ry sta. 2 coys of Inf (352 Inf Regt) moved fwd on to A Coys right flank and crossed ry line but were engaged by mortar and arty fire and withdrew to cutting area.

(b) Arty: Hostile shelling and mortar fire showed a marked increase in the fwd coys being particularly heavy on the right fwd coy at 1425hrs, 1915 hrs and again at 2205hrs. Mob bty located at 87532970 - calibre unknown. *HOSTILE*

(c) MT: The re-occupation of Pt 24 necessitated much MT activity fwd. There was almost continuous movement of isolated vehs. all day mainly along SANDY RIDGE towards Pt 24. Towards dusk several vehs were seen approaching Pt 24 from the SW.

(d) AFVs: No tank concentrations reported. At intervals during the day the turret of a tank could be seen near SANDY RIDGE.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY:- Digging was reported at 87522995 and 87562985. Diggings 87522993 were engaged by our mortars and MGs.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY:- There was much enemy air activity over this area during the morning, with one particularly by bombing on the flat, 400 yds WEST of Bn HQ carried out by 23 JU88s accompanied by fighters. The enemy again carried out some news of our posns. *RICE*

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS:- During the day the enemy used a considerable number of star-white flares. From observations it has been found that the sound of the flare co-incides with hostile arty fire, tank movement or arty fire. Green, white and red flares are still being used on a large scale, but further apart than previously and must have some other meaning than leaguer area signals.

5. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE:- One PW walked into right fwd coy today - has now been identified as belonging to 332 GERRARD INF REGT, II Coy, having spent four months in Africa.

Sec "C" GENERAL INT

6. ENEMY POLICY AND METHODS :-

- (a) The 7 vehs reported yesterday as being ambulances carrying amm and weapons have now been discovered to have had black crosses painted on the sides, and a white flag flying from off-side mud-guard. The seventh veh was an ambulance with a red and white flag, in the same place and it took close observation before the difference between ambulance and arm carrier could be detected.
- (b) Hostile arty tactics, seem to be that with the good cover provided by SANDY RIDGE, and to the South, the gun posns are changed quite often. OPs still remain the same but the guns move perhaps half a mile or a mile.

7. CAPTURED WAR MATERIAL. One Bron Carrier - track damaged.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 18

Based on information received for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 18 Jul

Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1/50,000

SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

- (a) Infm. Due to the 24 Bde ops South of our FDLs except for isolated MMG fire and movement in ry cutting and 24 ridge area there was no enemy activity over our front.
- (b) Arty. Hostile shelling and mortar fire continued to be heavy particularly on the two fwd coys at 0750 hrs. At 2030 hrs A and C Coys came under by shell and mortar fire as a result of our arty concentrations and Carrier raid on 24 Ridge. Shelling appeared to be coming from an unknown but South of SANDY RIDGE
- (c) Inf. Considerable activity fwd of our FDLs was very confusing owing to the ops by the 24 Bde. Enemy movement rear 24 Ridge continues to be lg.
- (d) APVs. Movement of enemy APVs was totally restricted by 24 Bde ops.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY. No enemy ground activity on our front.
3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY. MA activity was on a much diminished scale, there being no hostile action on area during day.
4. FLARES. Continue to be used at night and observations show that there is very close co-operation between arty and inf when calling upon and directing of fire by flare.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 19

Based on information received for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 19 Jul 48

Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1/50,000

SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSAL. 90 Lt Div has been reported to be in this area but no contact or identification of this being so has yet come to hand. Enemy are in occupation of Pt 24 Ridge. Patrols from our right fwd coy at 2400 hrs went through cutting and reported two unoccupied slit trenches as only evidence of enemy in that area.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(c) Shelling. Apart from harrasing shell fire there was no shelling during the day. At last light 10 shells were fired at 26 Ridge - 5 of which failed to explode. Cause and location of UXBs unknown

(d) Observed movements.

- (i) Movement and sound on 24 suggest wiring and digging.
- (ii) Considerable MT movement South of 24 and behind SANDY RIDGE. Considered to be normal ration vohs. whenever concentration appeared were engaged by our arty and dispersed. 20/25 vohs moving West observed at 87422988
- (iii) Six tanks moving SW observed at 87412989 and three tanks at 87372996 engaged by our arty and dispersed at 2005.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

- (i) Recon plane flew very low over coastal area at 0730 hrs
- (ii) Planes, type unknown, machine gunned coastal area at 1130 hrs. Otherwise no air activity.

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS. Flares continue to be used in large numbers. This is now taken to be normal night procedure.

SECTION "C" : OWN TFS

1. Patrol of one NCO and 3 ORs made contact with right flank of 24 Bde. Returned without incident after contact had been made.

2. Our airforce bombed enemy targets by flare on 870300 880290 at 2220 2230 hrs.

3. All coys continued to improve defence by wiring and laying of mines throughout the day and night.

4. During the day our arty engaged targets of vohs. Six tanks reported at 87412989 were engaged by our arty and direct hits on two were registered. Tanks were seen to disperse but any damage done could not be observed.

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Intelligence Summary No 20

Based on information received for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 20 Jul 42

Ref Map:- EL ALAMEIN 1/50,000

SEC "A" - OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS. Very little movement fwd of our FDLs reported during the period under review owing to the poor visibility.
Slit trenches apparently dissused. located at 87562990. SANDY KNOLL was again visited by our patrols and stone boxes with slits for observation were found. Patrol reports SANDY KNOLL apparently only occupied by day. Patrol to cutting reports NMS but located many dead bodies mostly Italian.
2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY. Tripwire bordering proposed enemy minefield was located at 87482990. Mines in boxes were found. Type of mine being used G3 Mk II. Minefield appeared to run in Northerly direction from 87482990 towards cutting. From 87482990 the direction was a semicircle south towards SANDY KNOLL 87552985. Digging and wiring was proceeding at 87362990. 87452987
(c) Shelling - particularly quiet day with only one or two shells on A Coy before 1200 hrs. First shelling reported 1805 when Bn HQ area shelled lightly. A Coy area was shelled lightly at 2000 hrs otherwise no arty activity.
(d) Observed movement
 - (i) Slight enemy movement observed on SANDY RIDGE and Eastern slope of 24 but bad visibility made it impossible to determine extent of movement.
 - (ii) 0930 20/30 MT dispersed astride rd area 87353031. 1035 MT movement seen south of 24 and south of 87252969. Tp carriers going both ways east and west south of cairn at 87552962. 1440 MT moved into area 87772980 otherwise no veh movement observed.
3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY. One sound of one plane south of WHITE HOUSE at 2000 hrs otherwise nil.
4. ENEMY FIREWORKS. Flares conspicuous by their absence.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Based on information received for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 21 Jul 48

Ref Map:- EL. AKAMEIN 1/50,000

SEC "A" - OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSALS, Dust storms made visibility poor resulting in a few isolated reports on enemy movements. MG located at 87482988. Today has been the quietest day since present ops began and apart from isolated shelling no enemy activity has been encountered.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling. 0720 hrs - 3 shells A Coy area - 75 mm
1100 " 10 " on 26 Ridge - 75 mm
1715 " Station area (A Coy) 75 mm
2029 " 5 shells A Coy area - 75 mm

(b) Observed movement

1235 hrs small tp movement and veh 874293
1415 " 15/20 men at 87322969.
1700 " small tp movement SANDY RIDGE
Single tp movement during the day otherwise NMS

(c) Works proceeding. From observations the enemy appears to be continuing to dig in in area SANDY RIDGE and SE slopes T5 84. Working party mining and wiring heard during night at 87432988

3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY - Nil

SECTION "C" GENERAL INT

4. CAPTURED OR MATERIALIZED

Since ops began on 10 Jul the following POW and eqpt have been captured.

POW	German	3	offrs	123	ORs
	Italian	29	"	806	"
	Total	32	"	929	"

Weapons and eqpt

Tanks (destroyed) - 15 (all German including Mkv, III, & III)
Vehs destroyed - 17
Vehs moved - 5
Arty pieces 75mm and 100mm - 16 (with amm)
Arty piece 105mm - 1
Defence 47 mm AA Gun - 9
Porté & A Tlc gun - 1
Bron Carrier (not yet removed) - 1
Diesel truck and amm - 1
Fiat MMGs with amm - 3
Sig Pistol Indian - 1
Sig Pistol German - 2
Twin Lewis AA - 2
Boys A Tlc rifle - 1
Vickers MMG (less tripod) - 5
TSMG - 1
Rangefinder No 2 Mk vi - 1
Breda 37 mm - 2
Spandau MG - 2
Bron LMG - 6

Uncounted number of automatic weapons and amm destroyed in vehs.

Amn of all types for weapons captured.

Uncounted maps, documents, diaries containing valuable information

There are also a number of captured vehs still in fwd area which cannot be recovered at present.

Our casualties have been very light and are as follows:-

Killed - 1 offr 12 ORs (incl 3 died of wounds)
Wounded and evacuated - 49 ORs
Wounded but not evacuated - 8

Recovered

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 23

Based on information received for 48 hrs ending 0600 hrs 23 Jul 48

Ref Map EL ALAMEIN
SECTION 'A' - OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS. South of Ry line on our front the main enemy posns still appear to be in area telegraph line from square 875297 to sq873298.

Much movement of MT and men has been reported moving rear SANDY KNOLL and Pt 24. Patrols to SANDY KNOLL report that there is NO sign of BOOBY TRAPS, MINEFIELDS OR WIRING. Patrol night 21/22 halted at 87432994 by sentry thought to be GERMAN.

Minefield previously reported by our patrols now est as joining minefield crossing ry line as follows 87503003 to ry line 87503000 - 87432994 - 87502996.

Report on ops 22 Jul will be reported in later summary as full details come to hand.

Nine GERMAN Psw captured Pt 24 identified as belonging to 6 Coy 382 Lt Inf Regt.

MG posn located vicinity 87552990 was occupied during the night.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

- (a) Shelling. Normal shelling continued throughout 21 Jul with the usual increase in activity towards sunset. Ops 22 Jul brought very heavy sustained shelling down on A Coy with a large percentage of air-burst.

Counter attack on Pt 24 was reported to be forming up in area 87202995 to 87372990 under cover of smoke screen. This attack was successfully engaged by our arty.

- (b) Observed Movement. Movement near SANDY RIDGE and SOUTH of 24 continues to be considerable.

Three tanks were observed stationary in square 871295. Six MT at 87352993 moving SOUTH well dispersed. Two men and one MT at 87352993 appeared to be laying mines. were engaged by our arty and moved off.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY. 3 EA dropped 3 bombs on our area south of 25. No damage done. Enemy air activity was confined mainly to fighters flying at High level and were on a number of occasions successfully countered by our planes.

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS. At 2200 hrs 2 White very lights followed at an interval by another white was reported coming from vicinity ry cutting.

SECTION "C" - own tps

Patrols were active during the night, recon patrols going to 87302990 and to SANDY RIDGE. Sound of hammering vicinity of cutting was reported by two separate patrols.

Our patrol during night 22/23 Jul made contact with own tps on left. Our airforce bombed enemy posns and MT throughout the night 21/22.

On morning 22 Jul two coys launched an attack on WEST Pt 24 in square 873299 and successfully carried out the ops but came under very heavy arty and MG fire. This feature was held by these coys up to 2200 hrs when withdrawal from the feature was carried out.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 24

Based on infm received for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs on 24 Jul 42

Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1/50000

SECTION 'A' - Operations Int

1. ENEMY DISPOSNS

Two sources of infm are now available as to enemy disposns

- (i) Infm gained by B & D Coys during ops 22 Jul.
- (ii) Infm gained by 9 Div Cav Carrier patrol during daylight 23 Jul 42.

For infm see trace appx 'A'

- (iii) Patrol contacted minefield at 87402995. At Southern extremity minefield 30 yds wide with BP Mk IV mines, well spaced, and bordered on Western side by single wire fence. Minefields sighted Northerly direction 87402995,

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

Nil. During the day no movement has been observed. There has been no shelling on the area during the past 24 hrs.

3. ENEMY FIRE WORKS

Three sets of green followed by red flares were observed South of SANDY RIDGE at 1130, 1155 and 1205 hrs.

4. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

Nil

SECTION 'C' OWN TROOPS

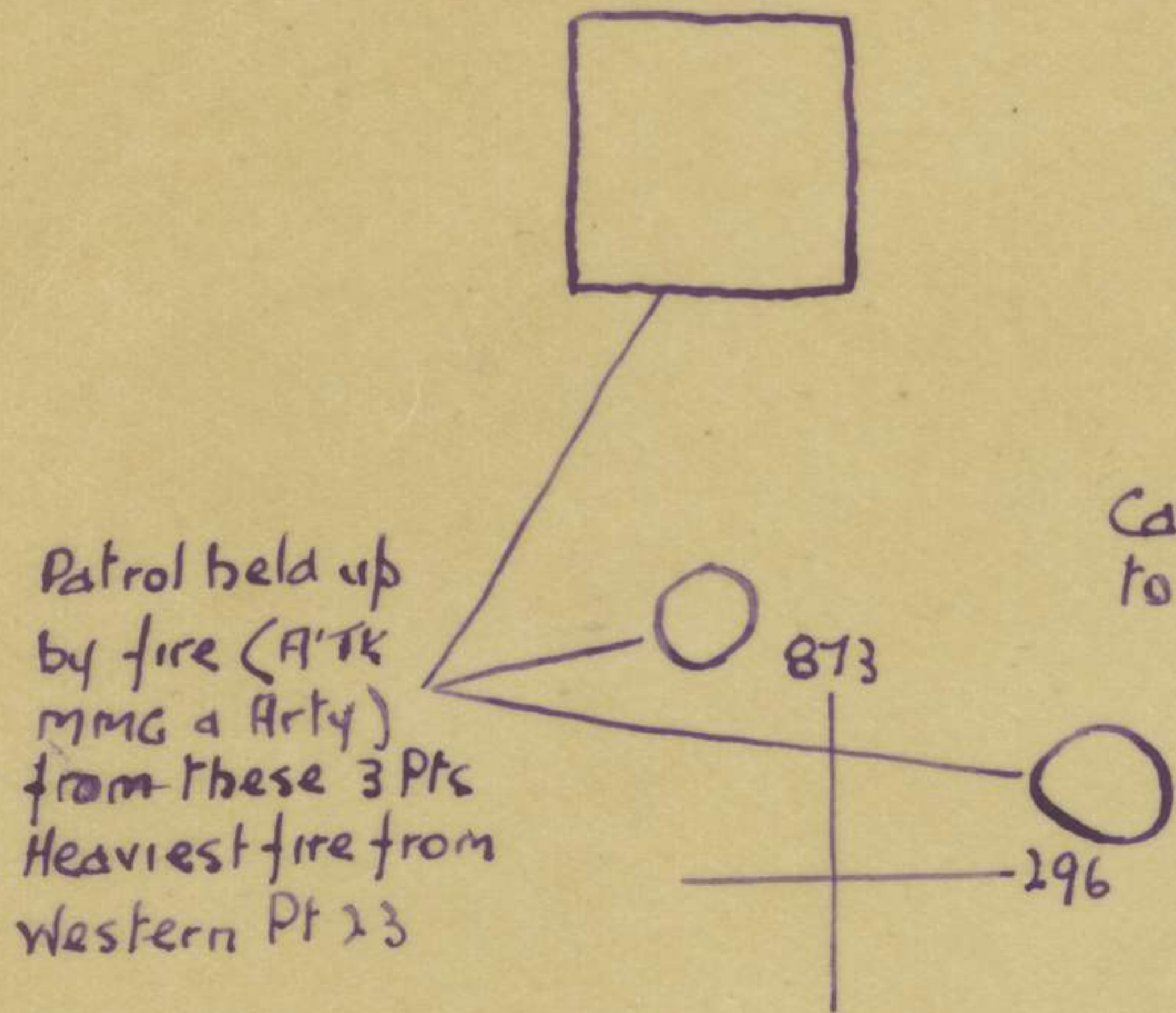
- 5. During ops on 22 Jul B & D Coys attacked Western Pt 24 but were pinned/
as they achieved their objective by MMG and Rifle fire. Both coys were
unable to go fwd and remained pinned to the ground all day suffering
heavy casualties. At last light coys withdrew to Sta area.
Night 22/23 Jul A Coy moved to area South of cutting and is now
consolidating its posn.
HQ Coy occupied A Coy old posn as it moved out.

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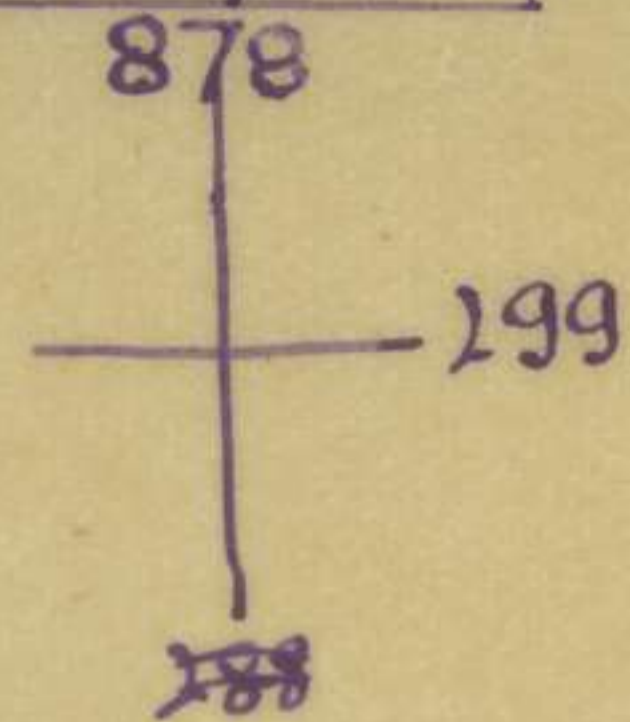
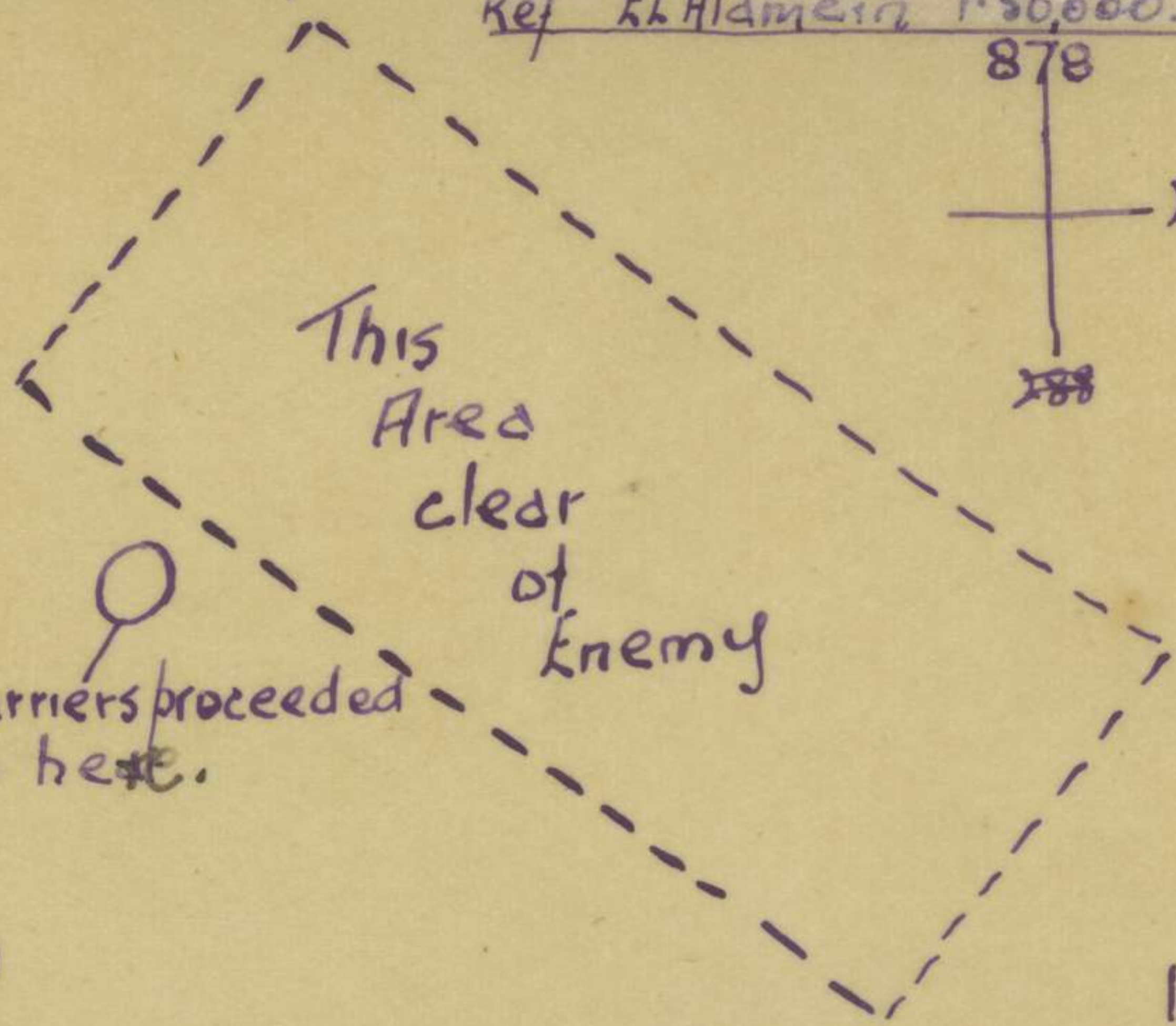
Observation of Enemy Disposns by 9 Div Cav 23 Jul 42

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Patrol held up
by fire (ATK
MMG & Arty)
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Heaviest fire from
Western Pt 23

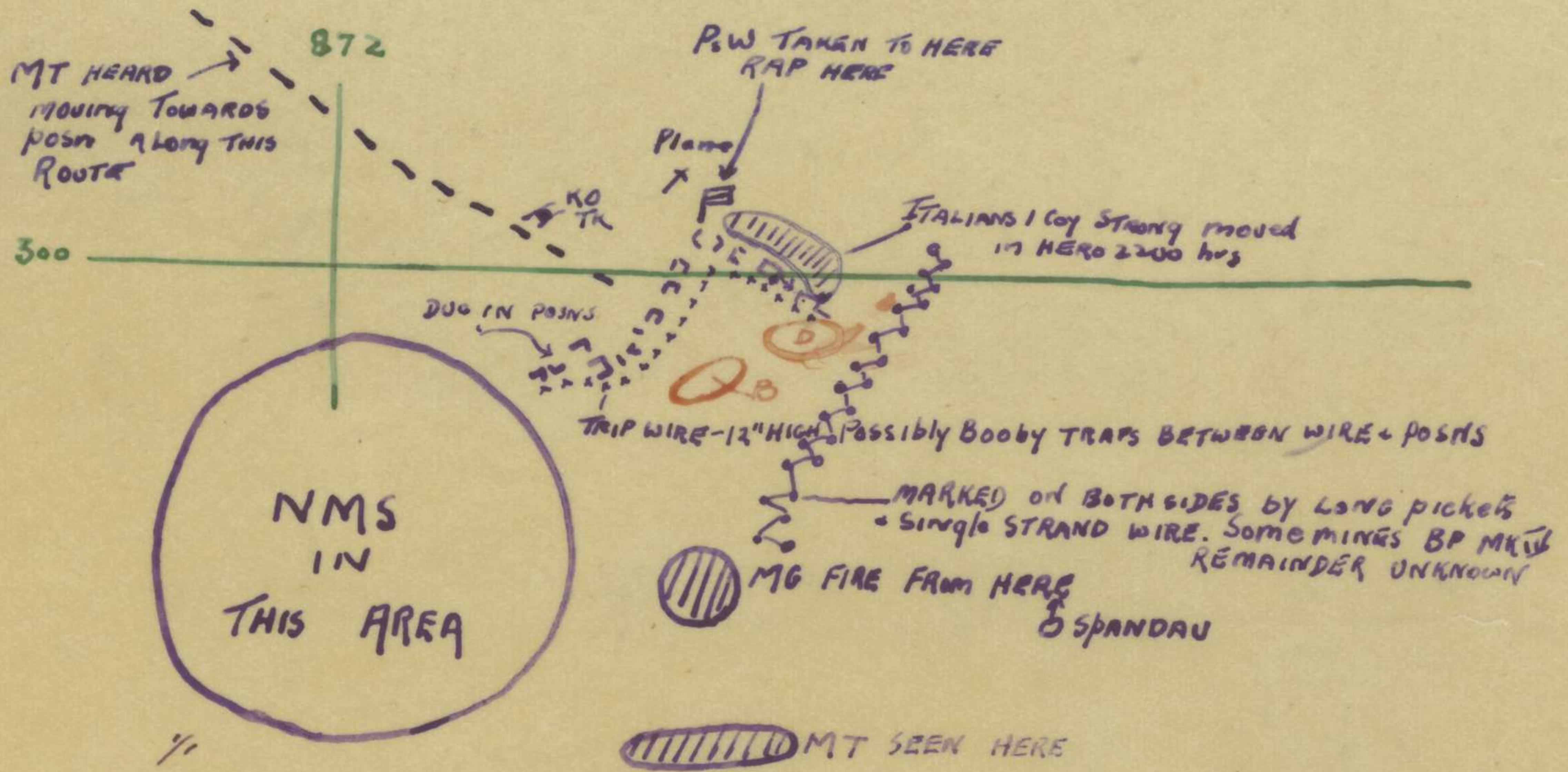
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OBSERVATION OF ENEMY DISPOSITION 22/23 JUL 44

REF MAP EL ALAMEIN 1/50000



3 BRENS } OPENED FIRE immediately
5 SPANDAUS } our Tps crossed ridge
ALL INF CARRIED RIFLES

Diggings similar to ours
WELL CAMFLAGED.

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Intelligence Summary No 25

Based on Infm received for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 25 Jul 42

Ref Map: EL ADAMEIN 1/50,000

SECTION "A" OPERATIONS INT1. ENEMY DISPOSNS

Although there has been no observed movement on Pt 24 (sq 873299) there is no infm available that the enemy has withdrawn from their posns.

Div Cav report enemy still in occupation of Pt 23 (sq 872297) but SANDY RIDGE and all ground to the East is clear of enemy.

From Div Cav observations enemy inf and arty are in area sqs 871298 and 871299.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling: 40 shells (75mm) on A Coy area at last light from sq 871298 871299. Five shells A Coy area at 1030 hrs from area NW Trig 33.

(b) Observed movement

(i) Two coys inf seemed to debus in area 871298 871299 at last light.

(ii) MT Considerable MT movement was observed going both ways along track from 87103023 running SW to 87003000 then swinging SE on a general line towards 87402940. Veh movement in area of Pt 17 and to the South in sqs 871298 871299 was considerable. 12 Tp carriers were observed in the area at last light and it is presumed that they carried the two coys of inf reported above.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

Enemy fighter planes over the coastal area during the morning were driven off by our fighters and AA fire.

4. ENEMY FIRE WORKS

Usual nightly flares Green Red. Since no fire followed, these flares are thought to direct vehs to leaguer area.

SECTION 'B' GENERAL INT5. CAPTURED WAR MATERIAL

The following have been captured and recovered by C Coy in area SANDY RIDGE and to South.

- 3 - 105 mm Arty pieces
- 1 - 5 ton Diesel truck loaded with amm, Arty eqpt and map.
- 1 - 30cwt lorry

One of the guns was complete with sights still packed in grease. This indicates that the enemy moved from this area in a great hurry.

SECTION 'C' OWN OPERATIONS

6. ^{Some} A Coy continued to consolidate South of cutting and during the night posns were ~~RESISTED~~. Otherwise there was no activity on our front.

7. Strong patrolling policy has been adopted. Patrol from C Coy reported no enemy seen or heard on Pt 24 sq 873299. Mine fields were encountered at 87442996, 87302995 and 87342994. Mines used were DP. At 87302994 a German 80mm mortar, complete w/ sight was found. In this vicinity (87302994) a series of slit trenches but no wire, were contacted. A number of German dead were found in this area. Contacting patrol to our left flank report contact made and the following infm handed to them. Enemy FDLs. Pt 24 sq 873299 - Pt 23 RWINS 875209.

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Intelligence Summary No 26

Based on infm received for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 25 Jul 42

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SECTION "A" OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSNS: From observation all enemy tp movement was confined to area West of Ft 24.

(a) Area Ft 24. Patrol night 25/26 Jul report the following infm:

No movement was seen or heard on Ft 24 square 0723299. Diggings and two dead GERMANS were found on the point.

Diggings at 07233000. Signs found here that enemy had left in great haste.

(b) Cav recon reports following disposns.

Inf line from 07252951 NW to 07132941 - strength unknown.

40 inf and A Tk gun at 07232954.

CP at Ft 25 (07252970)

Inf line from 07232972 to 07232931 with a cook-house at 07232931 and two block-houses at 07232930.

Inf walking about appear to be taking up posns between hillock 07202943 and twin hill 07202953.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY:

(a) Tp movement - Nil

(b) Arty: Right fwd coy has been under by shell fire most of the day.

0810 hrs	- 50 shells from West Trig 53
0812 "	- 12 shells " 33
0830 "	- 40 " 50 shells from West Trig 53
0915 "	- 35 " " " 33
0925 "	- 30 " " " 33
1035 "	- 35 " " " 33
1100 "	- 20 " 30 " " 33
1640 "	- 16 " rear ^{RIGHT} left fwd coy from Trig 53
1841 "	- 34 " " " 33
1955-2005	25 " 30 " " 33
2000 hrs	- 30 " " " 33
2030 "	- 30 " " " 33

Damage done - 1 case mines exploded from direct hit.

(c) MT: Cav report by truck with canflgd trailer stopped at 07252950 and started to dig in - arty piece or A Tk gun.

071300 - 5 MT moving SE at 1130.

073297 - 071299 MT moving SE and NW at 1235 hrs.

MT movement has been on a very reduced scale and towards last night the usual ration veh could not be seen. This probably means that our arty has been too effective for so much movement during daylight.

3. ENEMY FIREWORKS: Nil

4. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY: Nil

SECTION "B" OWN TPS

5. 2315 hrs change over of B Coy and composite HQ Coy was complete. Coys now disposed as three fwd and one in res, holding 26 Ridge. Right fwd coy continues to improve defence by night but movement by day is very restricted owing to by shell-fire.

Patrols night 25/26 Jul report following:

Patrol to area 07312939 found three derelict trucks and one damaged 75mm arty. At 07262939 a small enemy working party with truck could be heard and several men could be seen digging. No movement was seen on Ft 24. Diggings at 07233000 with signs that enemy had left in great haste. Between Ft 24 and proposed enemy minefield at 07422938 large quantities of Spandau am and two 81mm Mortars were found.

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Based on info received for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 27 Jul 42

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SEC. "A" OPERATIONS INT.

1. ENEMY DISPOSNS. The area to the South of the ry line is clear of enemy to Pt 23 37332963 and there has been no enemy activity East of this pt since 22 Jul

In the West the 24 Ridge is completely clear of enemy and the line of FDLs appears to run from Ft 23 to Pt 17 37233002 then swinging NW

Observation of the enemy in the area is not possible and therefore nothing is known of his strength or type of defence.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Shelling: 2030 hrs 20 shells right fwd coy area from HD located 37073030. Thought to be 105mm. Otherwise no shelling. From this it appears that yesterday's GB work either silenced the guns operating on to our front or forced the enemy to shift his posns.
- (b) Observed movements: Observation was poor owing to dust-storm but there has been no veh movement on the In front.

SECTION "B" GENERAL INT

3. During present ops following enemy methods have been noted. It is stressed that while these have been greatly used to date they may not be used again in the future.

- (a) In sections when attack is unlikely the policy seems to be to put the Italians in the front line and as soon as an attack develops the Italians are taken to the rear and Germans become the spearhead.
- (b) The first counter attack follows quickly on after the posn has been lost and the use of tanks without inf is tried first. This is possibly because the enemy realises that a tk defence cannot usually be co-ordinated as soon as consolidation begins or because inf are not immediately available.
- (c) The enemy's direct air support proved effective as the first bombing of our objectives occurred within two hrs of the first objective being taken. From this it has been learned that quickness in dispersion of vehs and personnel and digging in particularly at a HQ is essential.
- (d) All subsequent attacks have been preceded by concentrations of arty and mortar fire commencing about 2 hrs before last light. The attack takes place after this and before last light and in all cases has been supported by tanks.
- (e) The policy of bringing landed inf up very close to our FDLs but out of SA fire range before debussing seems fairly general.
- (f) The enemy has been very loth to carry out any activity at night other than digging parties. There has been no evidence of enemy patrolling at all. This may be due to his lack of or silentness of patrols.
- (g) The policy with regard to outpost posns seems to be occupation by day and withdrawal by night as several patrols have reported that posns known to have been occupied by day are not occupied by night.
- (h) Use of flares on a large scale have been deduced to be for three reasons -
- (i) Signal of red and green flares for bringing vehs and tanks into leaguer areas.
- (ii) White red and green flares by night and white star flares by day as signals for arty or tank support or movement of inf. This seems to be closely co-ordinated as on several occasions within a minute of flare going up arty fire has been brought down on an area.

(iii) Use of flares to maintain contact by night. It is thought that this method is used instead of contact patrols.

SECTION "C" OWN OPS

4. Salvage patrols in the last 48 hrs have recovered the following equipment:

1 German Range-finder complete.
2 Bren MMGs
1 2" Mortar
1 TSMG
60 Shovels GS
22 Picks
26 Bayonets
42 Rifles - Lee Enfield
53 3" Mortar Bombs
12 Boxes Mk VIII Ammo
1 " Mk VII Ammo
4 " Grenades
10 Bren barrels
1 Versey pistol
1 Vickers MMG Tool box
Sets of eqpt
3 A A

5. Patrols night 26/27 Jul.

Normal protective patrols all report NMS. Recon patrol out from night fwd Coy to 87352995 reports no movement seen or heard.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 28

Based on information received for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 28 Jul 42

Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1:50,000

Section "A" Operations Int

1. ENEMY DISPOSNS: No info is available about present line of FDLs and after the operation of 27 Jul they will no doubt be altered. It still appears however that the enemy is holding the line from pt 23 (sq 872296) to pt 17 (sq 872300) and to the NW.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY: Owing to the ops in the South there was no enemy ground activity affecting our front.

(a) Shelling:

0910 hrs	-	6 shells	right coy
1230	-	4	" cutting area
1715	-	15	" left fwd coy area
1850	-	10	" right fwd coy
1945	-	15	" " "

Damage done - Nil

Enemy arty has obviously been too much engaged with ops elsewhere to concentrate on the area and only switched a few shells on to the fwd coys occasionally to keep the fwd tps on the alert.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY: There has been considerable air activity both by day and by night but again has been diverted on other fronts.

It is noted that when ops commenced in this area on 10 Jul many bombing raids followed the attack and continued for two days after. Since then his activity has been confined to recess, occasional bombing and machine gunning sorties. As soon as ops commenced in the South on 27 Jul the fwd tps in that area were subjected to by bombing attack. From this it may be deduced that while he has not air superiority the enemy keeps a res of planes for use as an immediate counter attack weapon. The likelihood of him having been able to reinforce his air strength is considered remote.

Section "B" General Int

4. ENEMY POLICY AND METHODS: In the present ops there has been no evidence of the use of booby traps. It is pointed out that this is most likely due to the fact that the defence consisted of Italian and that the attack was a complete surprise. Now that the GERMANS have taken over the defence and have had time to consolidate booby traps may be encountered. Warning against booby traps should be stressed and any evidence of them ~~are~~ reported immediately.

Section "C" Own Ops

5. Eqpt recovered and enemy eqpt captured by salvage patrols has been listed through other channels and will not be repeated in the summary.

6. Our patrols were active on the whole front and report the following:
Right fwd coy patrol report tank at 87372993 with trench beneath and sig wire connected running South. Wire was cut. Pt 24 (sq 873299) was again found to be clear of enemy. Six dead GERMANS were found on Pt24 plus a number of Italian rifles, amm and 45mm A Tk amm.
Left fwd coy report contact made with tps on our left.
B Coy patrol from Sta-87462981 - 87522976 did not observe any enemy movement.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 29

Based on infm received for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 29 Jul 42

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SECTION "A" OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSNS: On the front to the South of the two left fwd coys there are no enemy posns of any type which could immediately effect the front. On the right of the right fwd. coy no infm is yet available of enemy disposns.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY:

(a) Shelling:

1825 hrs	-	20 shells	75mm	Right	fwd	coy
1834 "	-	30 "	75mm	"	"	"
0100 "	-	14 "	75mm	"	"	"

These shells have been the only activity on our front during the day.

SECTION "C" OWN OPS

3. Our patrols very active night 28/29 Jul 42.

A Coy patrol of one offr and 3 ORs covered route from A Coy posn to 87322992 to 87252994 to Pt 17 (sq 872300). Patrol then moved South to 87222994 then East to 87422993 then NE to A Coy posn. No enemy was sighted on Pt 17 but enemy was located at 87252994. Listening post indicated by clicking of bolts at 87222993. Small working party of 4 were seen digging a slit trench. At approx 87242994 a further working party of 10 were seen but no notice taken of patrol. At 87252992 two trucks, one of which was burnt out, and two BP Mk V mines were located. Mines were 10 yds apart. No other mines were found - may be part of old field. Patrol report enemy scattered over area west of 24 and that listening posts are on the alert.

B Coy patrol-out from Sta to 87462981 to 87522976 reports NMS

C Coy - Salvage Patrol of one Pl strength report no enemy movement observed. This patrol reports our packs and haver-sacks being used extensively by enemy. Nine enemy dead were found on Pt 24.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 31

Based on infm received for 48 hrs ending 0600 hrs 31 Jul 42

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SECTION "A" OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSNS:- Patrol night 29/30 Jul est that the enemy were not in occupation of Pt 24 (Western) or Pt 17. Movement of vehs heard to the West of this Pt suggest that his PDLs are further West of Pt 17 than was first thought.

In the South the telegraph line has been patrolled from Pt 24 to 87552975 and NMS.

At last light night 30/31 one pl of enemy were observed to debus at 87222989 and commence to dig in. Enemy diggin in 87262985 - 87282978 in two coys strength.

2. ENEMY OBSERVED MOVEMENT:-

(a) Veh traffic moving NE and SW along escarpment 6000 yds to the West of Pt 24 has been observed almost continuously

(b) Shelling:-

1120 hrs	-	25 shells	A Coy area
1300	-	6 "	D Coy area
1315	-	5 "	C Coy area
1340	-	7 "	A Coy area
1735	-	7 "	A Coy area

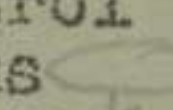
SECTION "C" OWN OPS

3. PATROLS:- Our patrols were active during night 30/31 Jul 42

A Coy Patrol:- At 87282998 a large dump containing 45mm a tk amm, lt and hy BREDA amm, sleepers, cooking dioxies and Italian rifles. Estimated size of dump - 20 truck-loads. Vicinity Pt 17 a mound of stones and two drums with crosses (wooden) on top. Patrol believe these crosses are placed to direct traffic indicated by well worn tracks.

A Coy Patrol:- Patrol moved to telegraph line where contact was made with B Coy patrol. Patrol moved 100 yds from telegraph line along route 87342989 and discovered a large mine similar to our pattern. The sheer-pin had been removed and a wooden pin substituted. Patrol suggests mine as belonging to old field. Patrol then moved on to within 150 - 200 yds from the enemy who was digging in between 87262985 and 87282978. At this stage (0015 hrs) our arty fired directly fwd of us on his posts. This hampered patrol and whilst arrangements were being made to attack one of our flank scouts reported that their listening post had run back to their lines. Another salvo from our arty came down in front of us and kept us on the ground for another 5 mins. Patrol made the following investigations and then moved back:-

(i) A three-row German pattern minefield is fwd 200 yds of this post. Mines 15 paces apart and 10 yds between rows.

(ii) Patrol struck centre of diggings which were shaped thus  and appeared to be 600 yds in length - depth unknown.

(iii) Area seemed very strongly held - estimated by patrol as two coys.

(iv) Identified as GERMAN by conversation used.

On return 450 yds from enemy posn to 87302986 we investigated a VALENTINE Tank. Tank seemed in good order and tracks were intact. At approx 87352990 Patrol found a ^{81mm} Mortar in a pit complete except for sights. No amm was found. Mortar was in well oiled condition and not rusty. Elevating and traver gear worked smoothly. This Mortar was taken by patrol. wire encountered.

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