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2nd Australian Imperial Force and
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diaries, 1939-45 War

Item number: 8/3/8

2/8 Infantry Battalion

January 1941, Appendices,
part 3 of 4

APPX 19

CASUALTY LIST - 2/8 Bn. - LIBYAN CAMPAIGN.

SUMMARY.

Battle of BARDIA

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>	<u>Total</u>
Killed	--	-	
Wounded	--	5	
Missing	--	2	7

Battle of TOBRUCH

Killed	4	19	
Wounded	5	76	
Missing	-	-	104

DERNA to BENGASI Operations

Killed		1	
Wounded	1	7	
Missing	-	-	9

GRAND TOTAL

120

CASUALTY LIST - 2/3 Bn. - LIBYAN CAMPAIGN

Officers. VX 6423 Lieut. W.K. Field Killed in action 11.1.41
 Ref. TOBRUCH 1/50,000 -4235,4233
 VX 139 Lieut. R. Coutts Wounded in action; G.S.W. Foot
 11.1.41 TOBRUCH
 VX 547 Lieut. S. Van Citters Killed in action 21.1.41
 Ref. TOBRUCH 1/50,000 -4285,4137
 VX 6594 Lieut. H.V. Anderson Killed in action 21.1.41
 Ref. TOBRUCH 1/50,000 -4285,4137
 VX 330 Capt. R.E. Campbell Died of wounds (abdominal)
 received Tobruch 21.1.41
 Died 23.1.41
 Ref. TOBRUCH 1/50,000 -4277,4130
 VX 313 Capt. W.T. Robertson Wounded in action 21.1.41
 Battle of TOBRUCH
 VX 6417 Lieut. A.C. Russell Wounded in action 21.1.41
 Battle of TOBRUCH
 VX 5258 Lieut. R.W. Trevorror Wounded in action 21.1.41
 Shrapnel wound left Buttock
 Battle of TORBUCH
 VX 9768 Lieut. M.J. Dwyer Wounded in action 26.1.41
 DERNA operations
 VX 533 Lieut. F.I. Phelan Wounded in action 21.1.41
 G.S.W. Scalp. Battle of TORBUCH

O.R's. VX13137 Pte. Daniells D.V.A. Killed in action)
~~VX13137 Pte. Daniells D.V.A.~~)
 VX 6851 Pte. Brandt R.A. Killed in action)
 VX 4897 Pte. Schultz A.B. Killed in action)
 VX13174 Pte. McOuat J.B. Killed in action)
 VX 6019 Pte. Stokes A.L. Killed in action)
 VX 6224 L/Cpl. Sauer B.C. Killed in action)
 VX 6313 Sgt. Burgess M.J. Killed in action) 21.1.41
 VX 4843 Pte. Judson S.V. Killed in action) Battle of TORBUCH
 VX14366 Pte. Cameron T.J. Killed in action)
 VX12727 Pte. Hawken L. Killed in action)
 VX 4988 Pte. Osborne J. Killed in action)
 VX 6522 Pte. Freeman C. Killed in action)
 VX12555 Pte. Greagen J.L. Died of wounds
 Wounded 21.1.41 Died 22.1.41
 VX 7020 Pte. Spilsbury B. Died of wounds
 Wounded 21.1.41 Died 22.1.41
 VX11988 Pte. McNair A.R. Died of wounds
 Wounded 21.1.41 Died 22.1.41
 VX 4815 Pte. McLachlan L. Died of wounds
 Wounded 21.1.41 Died 21.1.41
 VX 6010 Sgt. Jordan C.J. Died of wounds
 Wounded 21.1.41 Died 22.1.41
 VX11926 Pte. Cornwell R.L. Died of wounds
 Wounded 21.1.41 Died 27.1.41
 VX18301 Pte. Pascoe L. Died of wounds
 Wounded 21.1.41 Died 27.1.41
 VX 6450 L/Cpl. McInnes W.J. Killed in action 2.2.41 Ref. TOLMETA-
 BARCE 1/100,000 - 475,207

Sgt. Burgess, L/Cpl. Sauer and Ptes Daniells, Schultz, McOuat, Stokes, Judson, Cameron, Hawken and Osborne were buried by 2/8 Battalion burial party on 24/1/41. Map reference Tobruch 1/50,000 - 42774130.

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O.R's.	VX 18825	Pte. Doolan	R.S.	Wounded in action. Bardia 5.1.41 Shrapnel wound in leg	
	VX 6681	Pte. McDonald	L.N.	Wounded, Bardia 4.1.41. G.S.W. in leg	
	VX 5399	Pte. Cudmore	J.W.	Wounded in Action Tobruch area 10.1.41.	
	VX 6014	Pte. Neville	F.M.	Wounded in action Tobruch area 9.1.41.	
	VX 10554	Pte. Jones	L.E.	Wounded in action Tobruch area 11.1.41. Shrapnel wound in thigh.	
	VX 10553	Pte. Cavagna	A.J.	Wounded in action Tobruch area 14.1.41. Shrapnel wound forehead.	
	VX 12895	Pte. Whitaker	F.	wounded in action Bardia 4.1.41.	
	VX 10675	Pte. Hamann	C.	Wounded Bardia district 7.1.41	
	VX 29429	Pte. Swallow	F.E.	Wounded in action) Head & arm)	
	VX 4829	Pte. Ditchfield	J.A.	Wounded in action)	
	VX 4863	Pte. Taylor	J.H.	Wounded in action)	
	VX 13559	Pte. Turner	D.E.	Wounded in action)	
	VX 6088	Cpl. Doddrell	W.J.	Wounded in action)	
	VX 4877	Cpl. Lammin	J.L.	Wounded in action)	
	VX 6209	Sgt. Fishlock	G.F.N.	Wounded in action)	
	VX 6439	Cpl. Wales	N.J.	wounded in action) Thigh wound)	
	VX 13477	Pte. Osborne	W.R.	Wounded in action)	
	VX 6863	Pte. McMillin	A.C.	Wounded in action)	
	VX 40422	Pte. Manley	C.G.	Wounded in action) Hand wound)	21.1.41 Battle of
	VX 12563	Pte. Smith	R.E.	Wounded in action) Hand wound)	TOBRUCH
	VX 20061	Pte. Leslie	L.D.	Wounded in action)	
	VX 6588	Pte. Mitchell	G.McD.	Wounded in action) Leg wound)	
	VX 7016	Pte. Mahoney	R.F.	Wounded in action)	
	VX 6072	Cpl. Mitchell	A.L.	Wounded in action)	
	VX 29441	Pte. Martin	T.J.	Wounded in action)	
	VX 7057	Pte. Peerman	D.	wounded in action) Hand wound)	
	VX 6575	Sgt. Pinniger	H.H.	Wounded in action) Back wound)	
	VX 25938	Pte. Pretty	J.	Wounded in action)	
	VX 19067	Pte. Quinn	W.A.	Wounded in action)	
	VX 1883	W.O. II Stenning	W.H.	Wounded in action)	

CASUALTY LIST - 2/8 Bn. - LIBYAN CAMPAIGN.

O.R's (Continued)

VX 4898	Pte. Smith	K.	Wounded in Action Arm wound
VX 6474	Pte. Smith	A.H.	Wounded in Action
VX 6223	Pte. Sauer	C.	Wounded in Action
VX 9003	Pte. Johnston	J.J.	Wounded in action Chest wound
VX 13750	Pte. Angus	W.L.	Wounded in action Leg wound
VX 4824	Pte. Bassett	W.J.	Wounded in action Both arms
VX 6071	Pte. Clode	J.H.	Wounded in action Head, chest and arm.
VX 12821	Pte. Clancey	L.M.	Wounded in action Right thigh
VX 12036	Pte. Cooper	G.J.	Wounded in action
VX 6005	Pte. Devlin	L.M.	Wounded in action
VX 4785	Pte. Duscher	A.	Wounded in action Leg wound
VX 6008	Sgt. Edgley	J.H.	Wounded in action Right thigh and chest
VX 6837	Cpl. Fitzgerald	J.H.	Wounded in action Knees
VX 6411	Pte. Garlick	W.N.	Wounded in action
VX 5644	Pte. Gallagher	P.	Wounded in action
VX 41097	Pte. Golding	J.C.	Wounded in action
VX 7193	Pte. Harrison	E.	Wounded in action Arm wound
VX 6485	Pte. Hall	K.M.	Wounded in action
VX 13273	Pte. Hand	G.A.	Wounded in action
VX 6206	W.O. II Blackman	J.L.	Wounded in action
VX 6589	Sgt. Duncan	W.N.	Wounded in action Left leg
VX 6480	A/Cpl. Cooper	R.A.	Wounded in action
VX 6315	Cpl. Pywell	M.L.	Wounded in action Ear
VX 13319	Pte. Slavin	W.	Wounded in action Neck
VX 4849	Pte. Walker	O.	Wounded in action
VX 4878	Pte. Moorfoot	F.	Wounded in action
VX 6418	Pte. Ryan	M.M.	Wounded in action Right knee
VX 6829	Pte. Twitchett	R.M.	Wounded in action

21.1.41
Battle of
TOBRUCH.

CASUALTY LIST - 2/8 Bn. - LIBYAN CAMPAIGN.

O.I. (Continued)

VX 13583	Pte. Rowlings	G.W.	Wounded in action Left knee)	
VX 4805	Pte. Herbert	A.H.	Wounded in action Legs)	
VX 6422	Pte. Douthwaite	M.M.	Wounded in action)	
VX 14239	Pte. Johnstone	H.M.	Wounded in action)	
VX 20072	Pte. O'Leary	W.R.	Wounded in action)	
VX 13735	Pte. Jamieson	W.	Wounded in action)	
VX 6769	Pte. Corbett	W.	Wounded in action)	
VX 20057	Pte. Hore	L.K.V.P.	Wounded in action)	
VX 12537	Pte. Thomas	W.J.	Wounded in action)	
VX 12423	Pte. Wilson	C.R.	Wounded in action)	
VX 18057	Pte. Perham	H.C.	Wounded in action Right hand)	
VX 4933	Sgt. Elliott	T.E.	Wounded in action Right hand)	
VX 4970	Pte. English	C.E.	Wounded in action Head)	
VX 11677	Pte. Dougherty	R.E.	Wounded in action)	21.1.41
VX 6554	Pte. Colliver	R.H.	Wounded in action)	Battle of
VX 4915	Pte. Mayne	F.O.	Wounded in action Right leg)	TOBRUCH.
VX 4784	Pte. Dowrick	J.	Wounded in action)	
VX 7195	Pte. Elliott	L.	Wounded in action)	
VX 12548	Pte. Powell	H.A.	Wounded in action Shoulder)	
VX 13731	Pte. Phelp	A.	Wounded in action)	
VX 4894	Pte. Lister	A.N.	Wounded in action)	
VX 16740	Pte. Maloney	A.	Wounded in action)	
VX 4895	Pte. Murray	J.	Wounded in action)	26.1.41 Derna operations.
VX 6448	Pte. Luttbell	C.L.	Wounded in action)	26.1.41 Derna operations.
VX 30377	Pte. McDonald	J.E.	Wounded Derna district)	27.1.41. G.S.W. toe.
VX 29705	Pte. Bolton	W.C.	Wounded Derna district)	27.1.41. G.S.W. foot.
VX 9479	Pte. Kiley	E.G.	Wounded Derna district)	27.1.41. G.S.W. thigh.

CASUALTY LIST - 2/8 Bn. - LIBYAN CAMPAIGN.

O.A.s (Continued)

VX 11683 Pte. Hender

T. Wounded 3.2.41. G.S.W. leg.

VX 6126 Sgt. Reeder

A.J. Wounded in action 6.2.41.
Leg wounds (Land mine) Tolmeta
Barce area.

Posted as MISSING.

VX 13671 Pte. Artley C.W.

C.C.S. Bardia advised this unit that this man had been evacuated to Salum with a G.S.W.

VX 12775 Pte. Ellmore

W.A.

) Both were P.W. guard duty at
) Bardia 5.1.41, have not been
) heard of since this date.
(D.A.P.M. advised).

VX 28301 Pte. Westerland

L.

Abby R

APR 19

AX 88201 Pte. Westering G.) (D.V.P.M. advised).
) heard of since this date.
 AX 13212 Pte. ELLmore W.A.) Burdts S.I.F.I. have not been
) Both were P.M. Guard duty at
 listed to return with a C.S.M.
 C.C.S. Burdts advised this unit that this man had been evas-
 AX 13211 Pte. ALLEY C.M.

Posted as MISSING.

AX 8152 Sgt. Keeder V.A.) (D.V.P.M. advised).
) leg wounds (hand and face) Tolmets
 AX 11882 Pte. Hender F.) wounded in action S.I.F.I.
) wounded S.I.F.I. C.S.M. leg.

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CASUALTY LIST - 2/8 BR. - GIBYAN CAMPAIGN.

1.0
RRV/WAW.L 37
SECRET.(NOT TO BE TAKEN IN FRONT OF BN HQ)

ADDENDUM TO 6 AUST DIV INT SUMMARY No.16 - 22 JAN 41.

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM 13 CORPS.

ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION TOBRUCH.

1. One bn and HQ 4 Tk Regt incl 35 M.11. tks all reported unseviceable. 64 AUTOGRUPPO Bn. 22 Arty RAGGRUPPAMENTO stated by prisoners NOT same as 22 CORPS ARTY, comment unconfirmed. 70 inf NOT yet identified. 27 DIV was expected TOBRUCH but never arrived - comment believed now located DERNA area. *Remainder* 203 ARTY incorporated GAF TOBRUCH.

REPORT ON DERNA.

2. 65 Lt Tk Bn - 13 LT Tk Bn - comment latter doubtful. Special armoured bde reported consisting 50 to 60 M.11 Tks - ATk guns and lt arty. Two or three btys 75/27 under comd BABANI. 60 div between DERNA and BENGHAZI. Escarpment above DERNA reported mined, also road down hill. No defences GIOVANNI BERTA.

Time of Signature: 0900 hrs. 23 Jan

Method of Issue: Sigs.

[Signature]
Colonel,
GS, 6 Aust Div.

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RAE 6 Aust Div	24
Sigs 6 Aust Div	25
Comd	26
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AQ	29-30
No. 3 Sqn RAAF	31
AASC 6 Aust Div	32
ADMS	33
1 Aust Corps	34
Adv 13 Corps	35-36
7 Armd Div	37
7 RTR	38
1 NF	39
1 Cheshire	40
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War Diary	43-44
A Sqn 6 Aust Cav	45

DOBS NEWS SERVICE.

F.B.C. 0815 hrs. 29 Jan. 41

Free French Forces score independent successes in Southern Libya.
Aerodrome captured.

Aerodrome at Apalonia bombed. British bombers raid Assab.

Soviet Army Paper "Red Star" sums up situation in Mediterranean as follows: "Italy likely to be eliminated in Africa by British."

"Red Star" also quotes that before Germany ~~xxxx~~ can affect Britain Germany must first break through the barrier^{of} defences around Britain.

Two large Italian counter attacks in Greece broken up - tanks used.

Rumanian decree that no person is allowed to leave Rumania without special passport. Rumanian report states that 200 Italian civilians

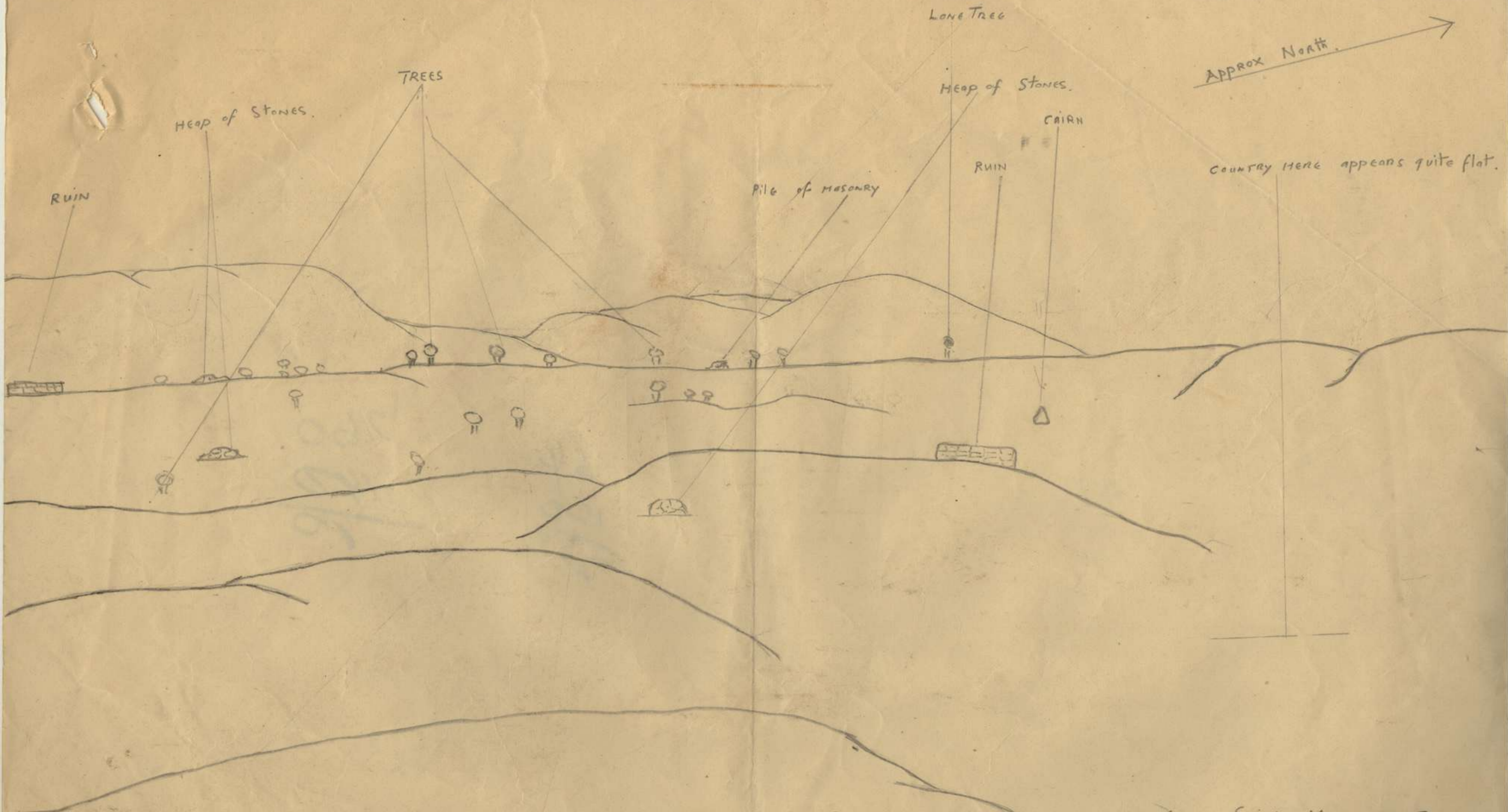
were killed when riots in Northern Italy were quelled by German soldiers who fired on them. The cause of the riots was ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~

~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ due to the presence of German soldiers in Italy.

Madrid reports that it is doubtful that Germany can do any harm to Britain. Germany must first cut Britains communication with the Empire and then land troops in England, ~~xxxx~~ which does not sound feasible.

London has ninth successive night without air raids. Members~~of~~ of the Birmingham Home Guard have been commended for their bravery in recent air raids.

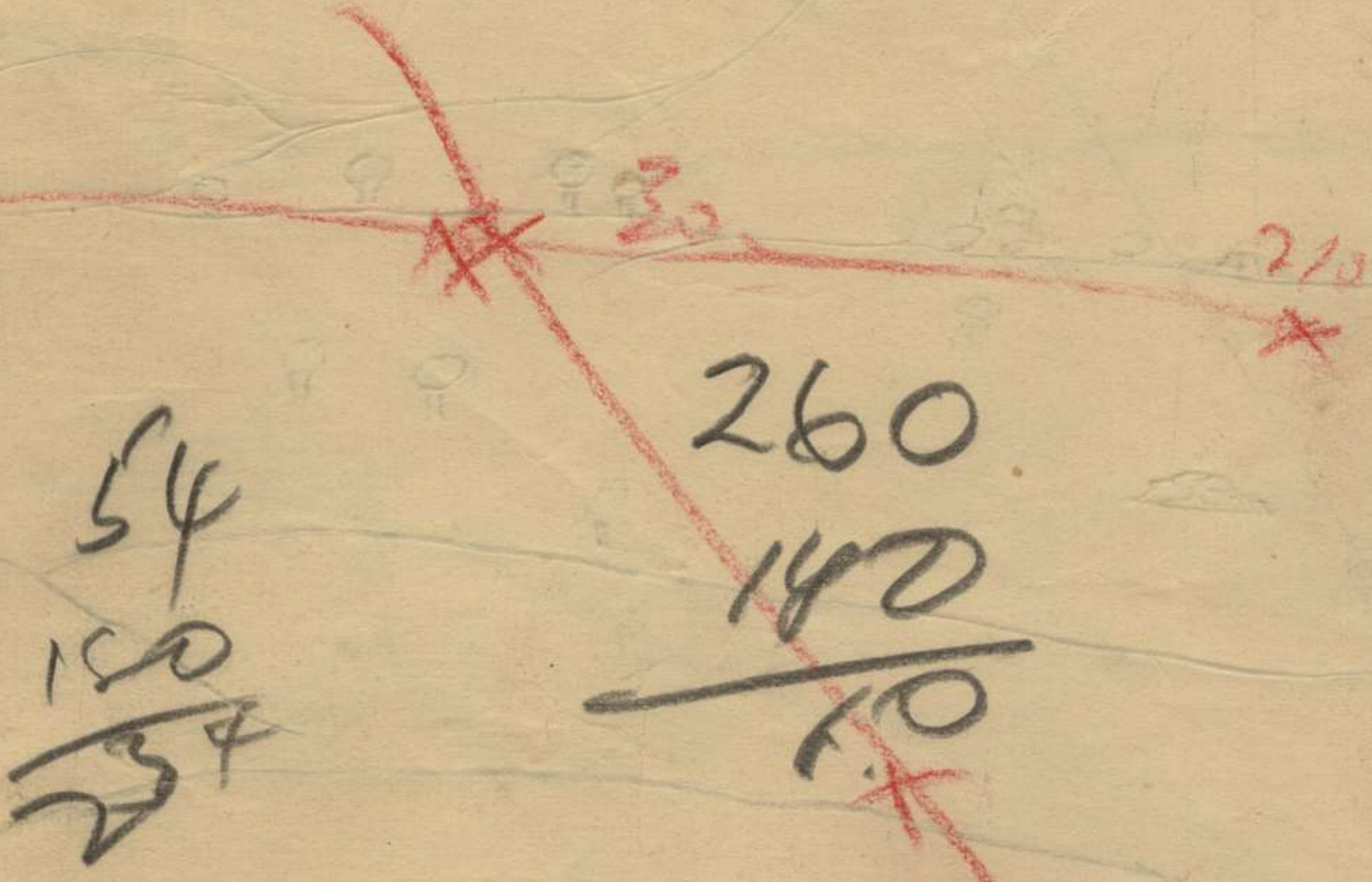
~~Italy~~ Although Mr Wilk~~ie~~'s visit to England is of a personal nature, Italy has the impression that there is political intrigue going on.



○ O.P.I.

Panorama Sketch of an Area from Siret MENDANART.
29 January 1941 - 0936 hrs.
Int Sec. 2/8 BN.

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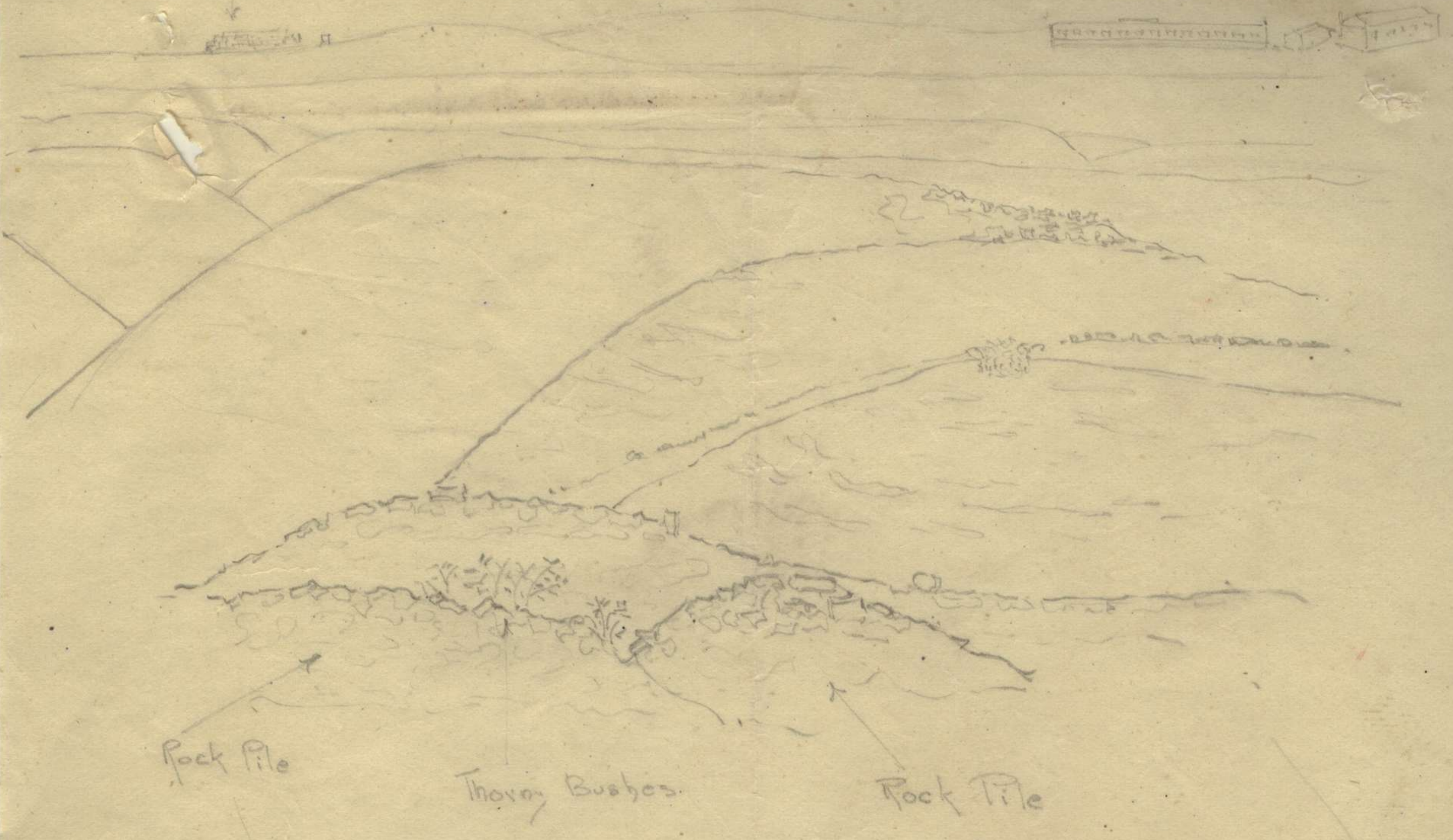
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Fort 20°

30° Herackome Buildings



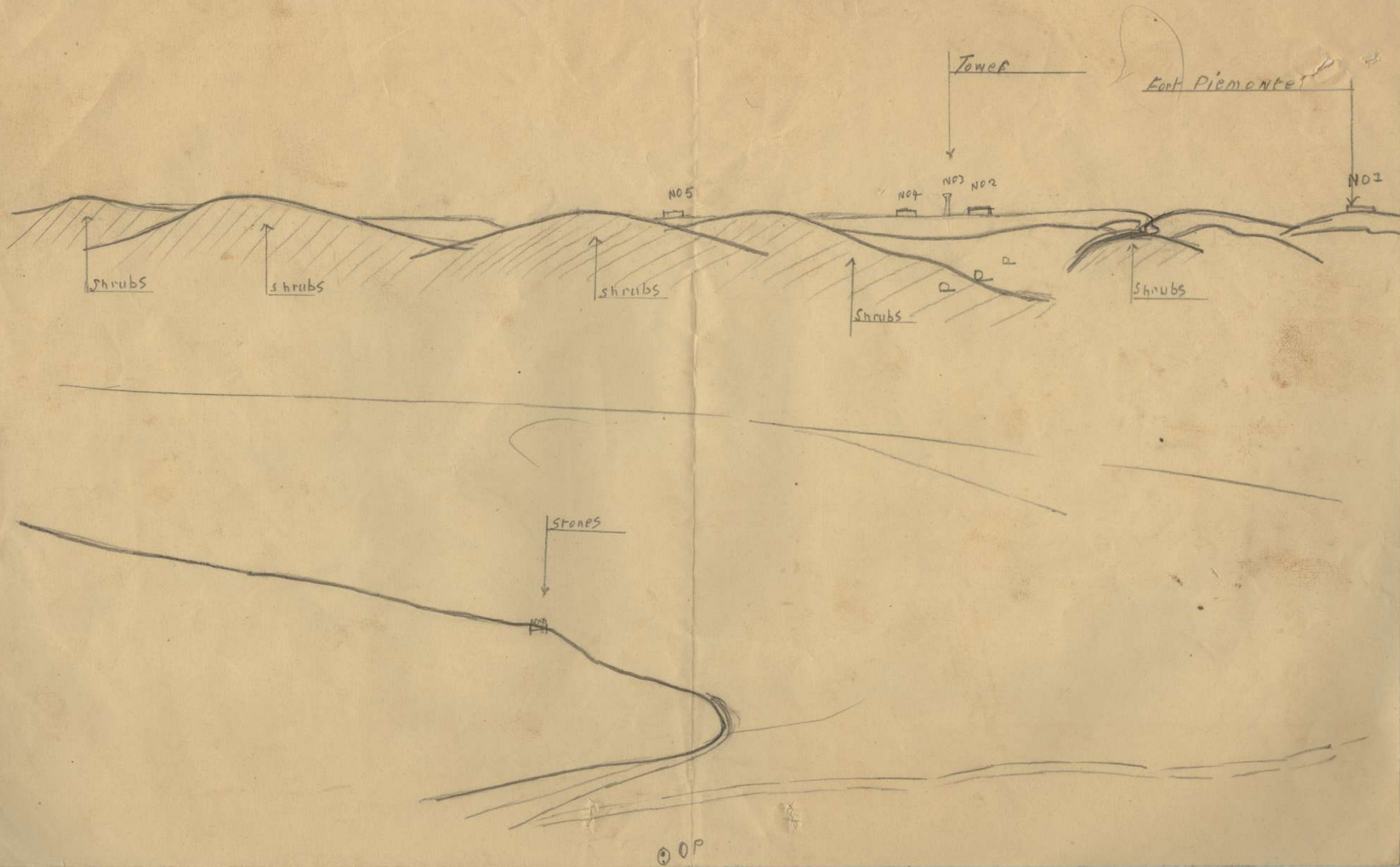
Rock Pile

Thorny Bushes

Rock Pile

Observation Post

Beavings taken from Observation Post.



20 C.O.
June 1.0.

29

C Coy adv. party in Wadi Derna
1615 hours at point approx 1000' north
of falls which are in position marked
on map ("Cascata"). Four prisoners
were captured by us at point where they
were seen by heat the last morning.
They say they were left to guard the
water & that all their comrades have
gone. C Coy is now investigating
Wadi Derna bed.

Between falls & this point 1000'
north there appears to be no crossing to
W side. Walls are rocky and steep.

No opposition encountered so
no task for unit as yet.

At Hemisphere.

1620 hours.

MESSAGE FORM.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO C.O. DOBS

FROM O.C. "B" Coy Originator's Number *4462* Date *29* In Reply to Number

RUNNER	BACK	FROM	PATROLS	⊙	LIEUT
WILMOTH	CONSIDERS	IT	WILL	BE	1300
<i>has</i>	<i>BEFORE</i>	<i>THEY</i>	<i>CAN</i>	<i>GET</i>	<i>IN</i>
⊙	BELIEVE	GOOD	INFTN	⊙	

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

[Signature]
SIGNED

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

SIGNED

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Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin.

1210 hrs

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

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

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	OUT		

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TO *D 6735*

FROM

C Coy

Originator's Number

51

Date

29

In Reply to Numbers

<i>New</i>	<i>position</i>	<i>occupied</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>now</i>
<i>347495</i>					

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means.

*Leh Simpson
C.C. Coy*

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Time of origin.

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

C.E.A. 5/40. 50.000 pads.

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 23

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OUT 100-B. V 10A Z

GR. 42

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TO ROAR DOBS. BOXE

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
HORA	I 114	2/6	

Following	troups	identified	DERNA	and
along	line	WADI	DERNA	Two
Bns	86 Inf	Reg.	One	in preser
Elements	42 DIV	ARTY	ONE COY	2.5 MG BN.
W. 60	and 201	COYS	BERSAGLIERI	Four COYS
LIBYANS				

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS

H. Mackay
for Lt. M. Knox

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SIGNED

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN.
1910

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MESSAGE FORM

FORM 100
(9-55)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

19 AU ST INF BDE

Headquarters.
26 Jan 41.

To:-

ROAR NABO
DOBS ✓ WOOL
BOXE UPOS
IDIR SAXO
DOAG

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS FROM PW INDICATE DERNA GARRISON
AS FOLLOWS :-

Approximately 60 guns, ^{FOUR} majority 20 MM AA/A.Tk.
115 Regt (3 bns) ~~from~~ Coys LIBYANS armed automatic *RIFLES*
60 and 201 Coys BERGSALGIERI both under strength.
Five Tanks MARK 13 of which only three mobile.
Dispositions as follows :-
Two Coys LIBYANS in contact BOXE.
Wire two Coys BERGSAGLIERI across Rd 367510.
Bty posns 380510 - 370510 - 364509.
Rd bends 345525 probably mined.
Wire 115 Regt across Rd 354535.
Inf also in hospital 359540.
Two Coys LIBYANS across Rd 322550

Leah
Lieut.
I.O.19 Aust Inf Bde.

I.O. To Aust Int. Dep.
Ident.

DOBS

Two Coys LIBYANS across Rd 3882550
Int also in heading 3882540.
Wire ID Refr across Rd 3845232.
Rd points 3452325 probably mine.
By means 380810 - 370210 - 384500.
Wire two Coys BERGSAVILLIENI across Rd 384510.
Two Coys LIBYANS in contact BOXE.
Dispositions as follows :-
Five Tanks MARK 12 of which only three mobile.
80 and 201 Coys BERGSAVILLIENI both under strength.
LIBNET (2 hrs) 3rd Coy LIBYANS armed up to
approximately 80 guns, majority 50 mm AA. LK.

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS WHICH INDICATE DEBRA GARRISON

DOBS 3VXXO
LDIR 3VXO
BOXE UPBO
DOBS MOOL
ROVR MABO
To:-

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TO W ST THE BDE

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

89 Jan 41.
Headquarters.

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MESSAGE FORM.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	No. of Groups GR.	Serial No. OFFICE DATE ST.
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TO C. O. DOBS

FROM O. C. B Coy	Originator's Number. 4262	Date 26	In Reply to Number
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ALMOST	TO	BROWN	PATCH	ON	SPECKLE
HILL	○	LAN	SEE	ITALIAN	FORT
APPROX	TWO	(2)	MILES	ON	OUR
RIGHT	○	TROOP	MOVEMENTS	AND	AT
LEAST	TWO	TANKS	○	WE	HAVE
NOT	STRUCK	OPPOSITION	AS	YET	○
By D.R.					

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Originator's instructions Degree of priority.

Time of Origin.

SIGNED

McBoombes Capt. O.C. B Coy

SIGNED

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1000 hrs

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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

Mail on Situation Map . W. J. McInnes June
CO's map board

SECRET

(NOT TO BE TAKEN FORWARD OF BN HQ)

6 AUST DIV INT SUMMARY No. 18

Copy No: 10

27 Jan, 41.

BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED
FROM 2000 HRS 25 JAN TO 2200
HRS 27 JAN 41.

Ref Maps: BENGHASI 1/500,000. DERNA 1/100,000.
GIOVANNI BERTA 1/100,000. MARTUBA 1/100,000.

1. OPERATIONS

Enemy force based at MECHILI evacuated the fort and moved to the NW by track MECHILI - EL FAIDIA. Earlier reports received that this force was based on GIRENE, which is approx 8 miles NNW of EL FAIDIA. Elements of 4 Armd Bde chased the coln which was observed by air throughout 27 Jan.

19 Aust Inf Bde continued attack on DERNA area and during 26 Jan 2/11 Bn proceeded slowly down escarpment against fairly steady resistance. Two BREDA carriers and two tanks (possibly M 13s) were captured. On 27 Jan this Bn was pinned by MG fire on line of rd running SOUTH from town 1000 yds EAST of WADI DERNA with RIGHT on beach. 70 PWs and some arty were captured.

2/8 Bn moved fwd to endeavour to cross WADI DERNA vicinity EW grid 45 but came under by MG fire from WEST bank WADI DERNA vicinity grid 45, so returned to former location at 3443. 2/4 Bn est two coys across WADI with intention of attacking NORTH objective DERNA. Enemy attacked these coys 2/4 Bn 27 Jan from NE but was repulsed by 2/4 Bn supported by 2/1 Pd Regt.

A Sqn 6 Aust Cav, protecting LEFT flank on line SOUTH of WADI EL HISCA from WADI DERNA to crossing at 37 NS grid, on 26 Jan was attacked by a force of 10 MET with BREDA MMGs, which it repulsed. In following this force to the SOUTH on 27 Jan, A Sqn ran over A Tk mines protected by MGs and suffered casualties to personnel and vehicles.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS

It has been ascertained from PW that the complete 60 Div is in MECHILI - GIOVANNI BERTA - DERNA area.

Total strengths of enemy forces on Corps front are believed to be as follows:-

(1) Area DERNA - GIOVANNI BERTA

6500 men (fighting troops only)
36 fd guns
13 med tanks

1315/28

(11) Area SOUTH of EL FAIDIA

5000 men (fighting tps only)
52 fd guns
60 med M 13 tanks
30 lt tanks (doubtful)

3. REPORTS FROM ARABS

(a) General. The general opinion in Arab circles is that the Italians have withdrawn to and have begun to prepare a defence line on the WADI GUF, approx 20 kilos WEST of BEDA LITTORIA.

(b) Apart from Arabs, the majority of whom probably remain in the areas previously occupied by them, complete evacuation is being carried out.

(c) The role of the Italian force defending WADI DERNA, which they estimate from 1000 - 2000 men with a large proportion of guns, MGs, and A Tk guns and some tanks, is solely to fight a delaying action; no serious attempt will be made to hold on for any length of time; the force is expected to withdraw when engaged by our tps.

Small reargds, consisting of a few hundred men only, are reported at CHAULON, GIBROAD, GIOVANNI BERTA and RAB EL HILAH.

(d) The morale of the Italians is extremely low. One Italian offr recently told an Arab that the Italian Army consisted merely of human bodies, who could NOT be expected to stand up against the armed forces opposing them. This offr expressed the opinion that the Italian Army would shortly evacuate the whole of CYRENAICA.

(e) According to Arab reports, no grain crops have been planted by Italian colonists in CYRENAICA this year. All families have been or are being withdrawn to DARCE; a small proportion has already returned to ITALY.

(f) Nothing was known about the Italian tps at EL MECHILI other than that they are based on GIRSNE via EL FAIDIA.

Roads

(1) Rd MARTUBA - GIOVANNI BERTA. From MARTUBA the road runs SW to BIR EL HAG RESQALIA, thence WEST passing approx 2 kilos NORTH of SIDI EL HAG MUZA via RDEUN BU ZEIN, DANAR SIDI CREIM, RAFAELA and BIR EL GEMEL to DAUJAI. Here the road branches; that for GIOVANNI BERTA turning NW via SIDI SCIAMER RUSA and joining the rd GIOVANNI BERTA - THOLAN at ELWET EL ASEL.

From MARTUBA the road is repaired as far as RDEUN BU ZEIN; thence it is a good natural track; movement off the road is possible as far as ELWET EL MEACH; from this pt to GIOVANNI BERTA movement is confined to the track owing

to the number of Wadis along the whole length, the bottom of the Wadi beds have been metalled and are passable in wet weather.

(ii) Rd DERNA - GIOVANNI BERTA via SIDI TANTAM.

Described as a good natural track partially repaired. Passable to MT but owing to the nature of the country movement off the road is possible in a few places only. Between GIOVANNI BERTA and BU HASAN going only fair.

(iii) Route MARTUBA - CHAULAN.

Follows the rd MARTUBA - GIOVANNI BERTA as far as DAUUAJ. Thence to ELUET EL MNEIACH and B ES SCEHAMI to CHAULAN. The first half of this road is described as fair, the latter half good.

(iv) GIOVANNI BERTA - GHEGAB via ABIAR HADDA.

Described as an animal track only and very difficult.

(v) DERNA - MECHILLI.

A good motor track partially repaired. Going improves SOUTH of RDEIN BU ZEID, thence movement off the road is possible.

(vi) EL MECHILLI - EL GHEGAB via CHAULAN.

A good natural track partially repaired as far as CHAULAN. Thence to GHEGAB movement by MT is difficult. Track is only used by camels and mules.

4. AIR

Tac R reports 27 Jan that there is an unoccupied fort at CHAULAN 0.8234 similar to that at MECHILLI.

5. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

(a) Road reports from Arab sources - see para 3(b).

(b) A Tk Obstacle. WADI DERNA runs SW from DERNA for 13 miles and then WNW towards GIOVANNI BERTA for another 13 miles to within a mile of this town. A gap of open country of 3 miles only exists NORTH of this town to the top of WADI HADDADIA, which runs NORTH to the sea. It would appear probable, therefore, that the 34 mile land perimeter of this area is tank-proof for all but 4 miles of its length, with the exception of possibly one or two crossings.

6. PRISONERS' STATEMENTS

PWs' statements as follows. BERGONZOLI DERNA. Alleged conversation overheard between BERGONZOLI and Comd tps DERNA stated escarpment rd EAST and WEST of DERNA mined and can be blown simultaneously. BERGONZOLI considered this would prevent adv this route. Two GERMAN Generals reported being seen posns WEST of DERNA and one or two Armd Divs LIBYA, one being in desert, i.e. Southern area. Latter comment believed propaganda to bolster morale. Large concen-

trations tps BARCE incl 100 tanks but this report NOT confirmed by air.

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6 AUST DIV INT SUMMARY No. 20.

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Based on information received from 1800 hrs 29 Jan to 1800 hrs 30 Jan 41.

Ref Maps: 1/500,000 BENGHASI
1/100,000 DERNA, BOMBA, CHAULAN, MARTUBA, GIOVANNI BERTA.

1. Operations. Although our patrols found posts on the rd at 0330 hrs 30 Jan, 2/11 Bn entered DERNA at 1030 hrs and found it had been evacuated. Patrols have extended one mile west of the town, which is relatively undamaged, but all official papers have been burnt, and it appears that all equipment of military value has been destroyed. The wireless station equipment has been either removed or destroyed. During morning 30 Jan 2/8 Bn had a encounter with the enemy on WADI DERNA about WADI GAHAM (323490); the MG posts in the west bank being active and difficult to reach with arty fire. During afternoon there was NO activity in this sector - it is believed that there is no opposition now on 19 Aust Inf Bde front.

Shell fire was encountered in 17 Aust Inf Bde area to the South of 19 Aust Inf Bde, on east side of WADI DERNA morning 30 Jan.

2. Facilities at DERNA. Water is running freely and is of good pressure and quality. The harbour appears to be effectively blocked by the ship sunk across the entrance and some other obstacle sunk south of this. There are several small boats still afloat moored inside the harbour, and the moorings and wharf appears to be in good order.

The road into the town has been blown in two places down the escarpment but it is estimated that this will be repaired early 31 Jan.

There are numerous arabs in the town, who had been collecting any food and clothing they could find.

The buildings and roads in the town itself are undamaged and are clean and well kept, but it is reported that some are electrically mined. No booby traps have been reported on the 19 Aust Inf Bde front since their arrival in this area.

3. PW Statements. (a) Troop movements: Bergonzoli was seen in DERNA at 2300 hrs 29 Jan, and had been there for 10 days. He has gone to GIOVANNI BERTA.

The 5200 tps around the town left this morning.

(b) Supplies: There had been NO butter, meat or ham for 10 weeks, and population were living mainly on bread, chocdate and camel meat. Petrol was scarce - with a population of 4000 there were only 20 cars running and these were limited to 30 litres per vehicle per month.

(c) Political: A slight political trouble started in the town when the BARDIA survivors arrived with the first news of the fall of the fortress. Anti-Facist inscriptions have been put on walls of the buildings.

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Based on information received from 1800 hrs 29 Jan to 1800 hrs 30 Jan 41.

Net Maps: 1/500,000 BENGAL, 1/100,000 DERRA, BOMBA, GAZAL, MARTINA, GIOVANNI BERTA.

Operations: "At 1800 hrs on the 29th at 0330 hrs
the 1st Bn entered DERRA, at 1800 hrs and found it had been
destroyed. Patrols have extended some 1/2 mile west of the town, which is relatively undam-
aged, but all official papers have been burnt, and it appears that all
equipment of military value has been destroyed. The wireless
station equipment has been either removed or destroyed. During morning 30
Jan 41 the 1st Bn had a
encounter with the enemy on WADI DERRA about WADI
GAMHAM (323490); the 1st Bn posts in the west bank being active and difficult
to reach with arty fire. During afternoon there was NO activity in this
sector - it is believed that there is no opposition now on 19 Aust Inf Bde
front.
Shell fire was encountered in 19 Aust Inf Bde area to the south of 19
Aust Inf Bde, on east side of WADI DERRA morning 30 Jan.

2. Facilities at DERRA. Water is running freely and is of good pressure
and quality. The harbour appears to be effectively blocked by the ship
sunk across the entrance and some other obstacle sunk south of this. There
are several small boats still afloat moored inside the harbour, and the
moorings and wharf appears to be in good order.

The food into the town has been blown in two places down the escarpment
but it is estimated that this will be repaired early 31 Jan.
There are numerous traps in the town, who had been collecting any food
and clothing they could find.
The buildings and roads in the town itself are undamaged and are clean
and well kept, but it is reported that some are electrically mined. No
body traps have been reported on the 19 Aust Inf Bde front since their
arrival in this area.

3. PW Statements. (a) Troop movements: Bergonzoli was seen in DERRA
at 2300 hrs 29 Jan, and had been there for 10 days. He has gone to
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BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED
FROM 1800 HRS 30 JAN TO 1800
HRS 31 JAN 41.

31 Jan, 41.

Ref Maps: 1/500,000 BENGHASI. 1/100,000 DERNA, BOMBA, MARTUBA,
GIOVANNI BERTA, CHAULAN.

1. OPERATIONS

During the morning our fwd tps advanced without opposi-
tion, but a bn moving along the coast rd met enemy opposi-
tion at BIR ES SEBIL (255570) and are held up on the line of
ARCUB MEGED (245558). No other contact with the enemy has
been reported. A fort was found vicinity 3145 which had
been recently abandoned.

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hrs2. ENEMY TACTICS

No booby traps have yet been reported in the DERNA area,
but A Tk mines (type B2) have been found with weak springs or
no springs at all, thus converting them into anti-personnel
mines.

3. AIR REPORTS

(a) Close. Reported that at 1220 hrs there were 20 MT at
P 0555, 40 MT and dragons' teeth being constructed at P
0545, and 40 MT at P 2248.

(b) Distant. Enemy forces reported 6 miles SOUTH of GIOVANNI
BERTA, and a force of 12 M.11 tanks, 4 AA guns and 40 MT were
reported at 1200 hrs today approx 12 miles SW of CHAULAN.
Activity was seen approx 16 miles WEST of WADI CUF at 0 0645
and 0 0549.

No movement was observed at CHAULAN at 1246 hrs, but 7
Armd Div report shell fire from this pt at 1007 hrs.

4. DERNA HARBOUR

A Naval LO reports that the harbour has a depth of 21 ft
shallowing to 16 ft beside the wharf. The scuttled ship is of
British make and it is thought that it has been sunk for at
least six months. There are no cranes or other unloading
equipt, and the wharf does NOT appear to have been damaged.

5. PW STATEMENTS

Inhabitants of DERNA thought that TOBRUCH would hold out
for 8 or 10 days after our first attack, and when it fell they
did NOT know whether to stay or NOT. When our tps contacted
DERNA defences, the Italian tps were marched and counter-marched
with BERGONZOLI cursing them. The military blamed the Fascists
and the Fascists blamed the military for the defeat, and all,
especially, the Arabs, blamed GERMANY.

Only 1500 of the 15,000 Arabs remained in the town, but it
is expected that they will return quickly.

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for Colonel,
GS, 6 Aust Div.

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C Coy patrol reports no crossing of Wadi DERNA for mile N or S of 327495. Sides of wadi very steep. Further investigation being made N for crossing. Latent information confirmed by information from Italian speaking Arab at our HQ. Latent to S of 327495 reported no enemy. Latent to N reported few enemy with possible HQ.

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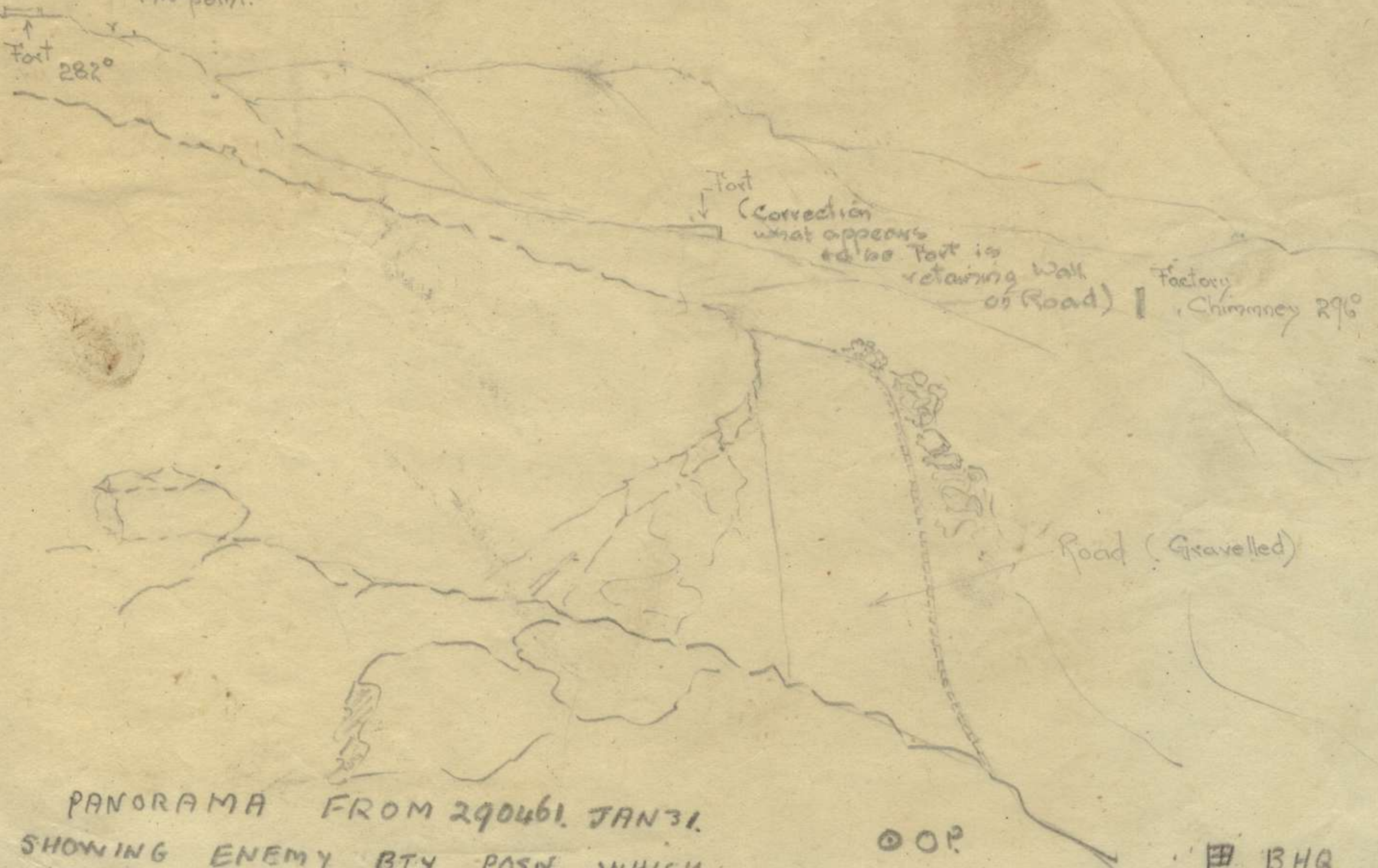
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<i>Patrols</i>	<i>report</i>	<i>definitely</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>crossing</i>	<i>for</i>
<i>mile</i>	<i>north</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>south</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>327495</i>
<i>to</i>	<i>Sides</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>wadi</i>	<i>very</i>	<i>steep</i>
<i>to</i>	<i>Further</i>	<i>investigation</i>	<i>being</i>	<i>made</i>	
<i>north</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>crossing</i>			

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Originator's instructions Degree of priority

Time of origin.

Signed *Let Simpson Capt C. Coy.*

Signed (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

System in	Time in	Reader	Sender	System out	Time out	Reader	Sender	System out	Time out	Reader	Sender

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

C.E.A. 5/49. 50,000 pads.

DOBS NEWS SERVICE.

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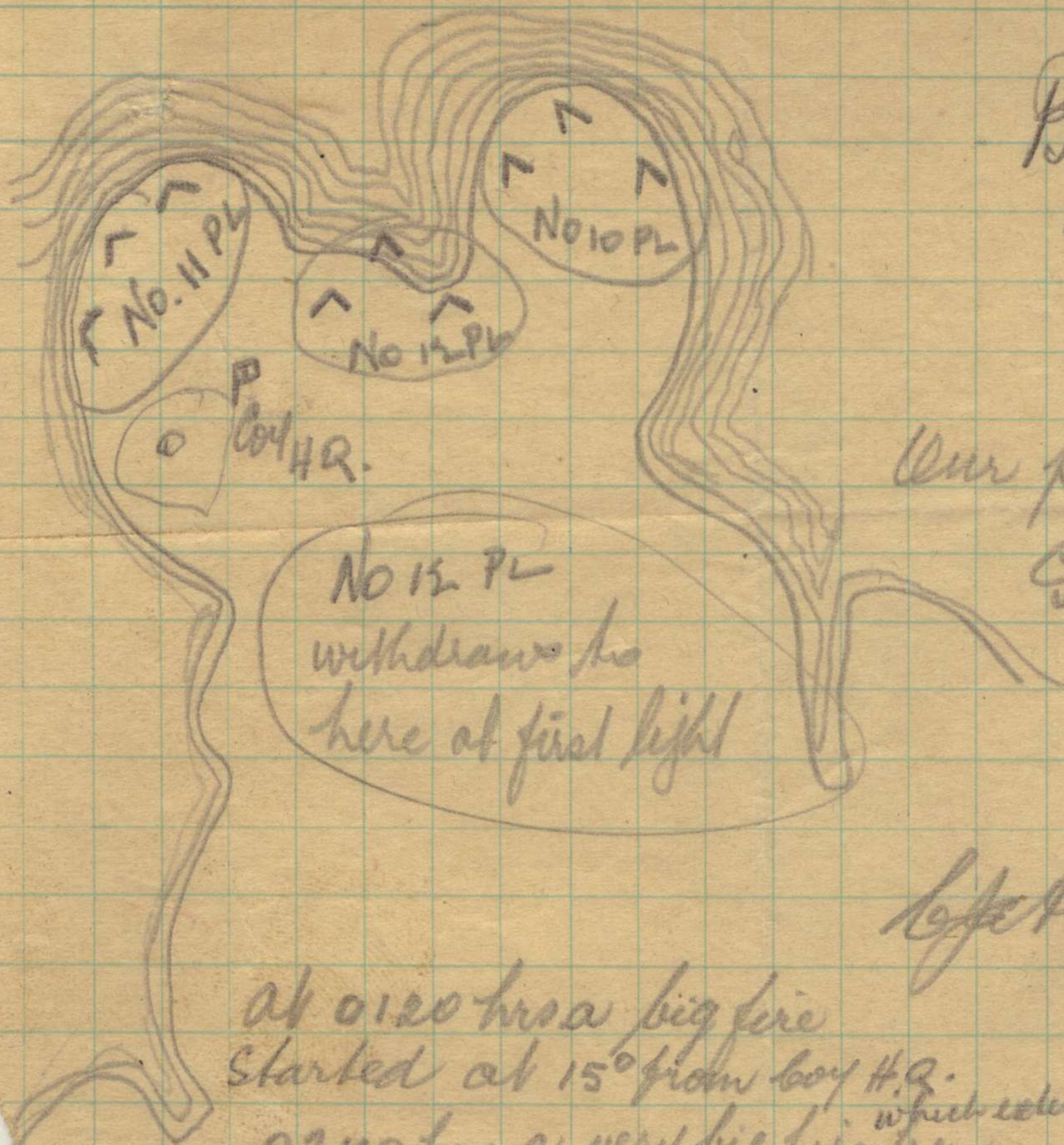
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B. Coy
 dispositions
 30 Jan 41.

Our position is in
 Grid Square
 33 47

Left Hooper
 Capt.
 O.C. "B" Coy

at 0120 hrs a big fire
 started at 15° from Coy H.Q.
 0240 hrs a very big fire from
 15° to 20° from Coy H.Q.s ^{which extended}

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Do BS

From O.C. Don Coy. DoBS

This prisoner has captured approx
 1 1/2 miles forward of 16 Platoon bearing 2100-
 Prisoner alone. He has had a few hours
 located complaining of hunger. He has not
 been questioned in any manner whatsoever.
 Captured by patrol approx 0600 hrs.

John H. Smith

0800 hrs

28.1.41.

10 Lt Braggioni