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1/4/1 CORPS

1 Australian Corps
General Branch (1 Aust
Corps 'G' Branch)

February 1941



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11400 1 Aust Corps

Operations- AFTER TOBRUK

February 41

To LIBYA

After journey from GAZA to IKHMI HARYUT,
move westward began 6 Feb 41.

Return move from CYRENAICA to EGYPT began
25 Feb 41. Arrived IKHMI on 1 Mar 41.

DEFENSE
COMBAT

At 2400 hrs on 15 Feb 41, 1 Aust Corps
relieved 13 Corps (British) and assumed
responsibility of BERGHAZI and BARCE areas.

17 Bde
17 Feb

Brigadier Savige advised that general
strategic situation necessitated attitude
mainly defensive. 17 Bde to be assembled
AGEDABIA area to prevent enemy advance
towards AGHEILA from direction of SIRTE
(Op Instn - app). Brig Savige assumed command
of forward area from 7 Armd Div.

Enemy Active
19 Feb 41-
24 Feb 41

Hesserschmidt's 110s attacked forward troops.
Six of these engaged by three Hurricanes
19 Feb.
Enemy armoured cars and tanks (some German)
attacked Australian and British outposts and
patrols.

HQ 1 AUST CORPS -- FEB 41.

WAR DIARY

Sheet One

Army Form C. 2118.

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will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Feb	LT	<u>OPERATION ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS.</u>	
IKINGI				
MARYUT	2	1520	00 No 4 - Move Westwards from EGYPT	Appx A 1
GAMBUT	10	1615	00 No 5 - Move Westwards from GAMBUT to DERNA	A 2
EL ABIAR	17	2250	Op Instn No 1 - Addsd to Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde	A 3
EL ABIAR	18	1220	Addendum to Op Instn No 1	A 4
EL ABIAR	23	1620	00 No 6 - Move Eastwards to EGYPT	A 5
			<u>OPERATION MESSAGES.</u>	
IKINGI	Jan			
MARYUT	31		01 to EGYPTFORCE requesting authority for issue of movement order (see 00 No 4)	B 1
"	31	2120	02 - Warning order for move westwards from EGYPT	B 2
"	Feb			
"	2		04 - Calling conference of Offrs i/c Vehicle Gps	B 3
"	2	2150	08 - Move postponed	B 4
"	3	1030	010 - do. do.	B 5
"	4	1520	014 - One bty 3 Lt AA Regt to be placed at 12 hrs' notice	B 6
"	4	1518	015 - To AUSBASE re move of above AA bty	B 7
"	4	2220	017 - Move Westwards to take place on 6 Feb	B 8
"	4	2315	018 - Warning order for move on 6 Feb	B 9
"	5		020 - Request for 6 Fd Bty to rejoin 2/3 Fd Regt	B 10
"	5		022 - Notifying 6 Aust Div and sig centres en route of move on 6 Feb	B 11
"	5		023 - Confirmation of arrangements for move made by telephone with MIDEAST	B 12
GAMBUT	9	1515	026 - Warning order for move of Adv HQ westwards	B 13
"	9		027 - Move postponed	B 14
"	10	1515	030 - Warning order for move of whole HQ and att tps to DERNA 11 Feb	B 15
DERNA	12	1925	033 - Warning order for move of HQ 1 Aust Corps and att tps to BENGHAZI 13 Feb	B 16
"	12		G.2/4 - Sig Comms to BARCE and TOBRUK	B 17
EL ABIAR	14		G.2/5 - Sig Comms to BARCE	B 18
"	15	1050	034 - Comd to pass from 13 Corps to 1 Aust Corps at 2400 hrs 15 Feb (sig comms appended)	B 19
"	15		035 - To 208 Sqn RAF re visit of Lt.-Col. Elliott to discuss AILO and operational locations	B 20
"	16		Western Desert Force code names, List No. 7 (1940), Four letter	B 21

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			<u>OPERATION MESSAGES - Contd.</u>	
EL ABIAR	Feb	LT		
"	16	1045	To CYRENAICA COMMAND re code names	Appx B 22
"	16	1046	To 6 Aust Div, 7 Armd Div and 208 Sqn RAF re code names	B 23
"	16		040 - One fd coy from 6 Aust Div reqd for work on ry BARCE-BENGHAZI	B 24
"	16		041 - 6 Aust Div to recce defensive position in AGHEILA area	B 25
"	16		042 - To CYRENAICA COMMAND requesting advice re tps under comd 1 Aust Corps	B 26
"	16		G.738 - Allocation of Areas of Responsibility	B 27
"	16		DRIS time-table -- BARCE-AGEDABIA, BARCE-BARACCA, BARCE-TOBRUK, TOBRUK-SOLUM	B 28
"	17		044 - CW agents located at magazine 2 kms west of BENINA	B 29
"	17	1145	Brig. Rowell flying to CAIRO (045)	B 30
"	17	1230	046 - To CYRENAICA COMMAND re cipher channels	B 31
"	17	2355	047 - 7 Armd Div withdrawing fwd area commencing 18 Feb	B 32
"	18	0940	048 - Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde to assume comd of fwd area from 7 Armd Div	B 33
"	19	1100	052 - Ref Op Instn No 1, 2/3 Fd Coy to move from TOBRUK to AGEDABIA area 20 Feb	B 34
"	19	1130	Report of telephone conversation -- G3(o) and BGS CYRENAICA COMMAND -- and action taken	B 35
"	19	1225	054 - 2/3 Fd Coy to carry out engr requirements of 7 Armd Div	B 36
"	19	1615	056 - Ref action to be taken regarding captured M13 tanks	B 37
"	19	1620	Report of incomplete 'phone message from No. 3 Sqn RAAF	B 38
"	19	1845	057 - German aircraft shot down; believed new type	B 39
"	19	1915	058 - To HQ AIF re 25 pr guns for 2/2 Fd Regt	B 40
"	21	0100	068 - Two enemy armd cs attacked patrol KDGs west of AGHEILA	B 41
"	21	0125	069 - To Adv HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde reporting request for Strat/R	B 42
"	21	1515	073 - 4 Bty of 106 RHA Regt to join 7 Armd Div forthwith	B 43
"	22		Report from Sig Offr AGEDABIA re seven unidentified EA	B 44
"	22	1230	080 - Warning order for move of Corps HQ and att tps to EGYPT commencing 25 Feb	B 45
"	22	2145	086 - To CYRENAICA COMMAND re move	B 46
"	23	1000	088 - To 17 Aust Inf Bde re lt AA bty to replace 155 Lt AA Bty	B 47
"	23		093 - Comd of 17 Aust Inf Bde and att tps to pass from 1 Aust Corps to 6 Aust Div on 24 Feb	B 48
"	24		022 - From 17 Aust Inf Bde re attack by enemy force west of EL AGHEILA	B 49
"	24	1000	096 - Re deviation to be followed between SOLUM and SIDI BARRANI on move to EGYPT	B 50
"	24		023 - From 17 Aust Inf Bde - enemy retiring	B 51
"	24	1020	097 - Amdt to para 6 of OO No 6	B 52

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<u>SITUATION REPORTS.</u>				
IKINGI	Feb	LT		
MARYUT	4		016 - To MIDEAST re situation reports	
EL ABIAR	19	1430	055 - Unnumbered sitrep	Appx C 1
"	19	2115	059 - Additional sitrep - also unnumbered	C 2
"	20	1520	065 - Sitrep No. 1	C 3
"	21	0700	070 - " " 2	C 4
"	21	1552	074 - " " 3	C 5
"	22	0530	077 - " " 4	C 6
"	22		083 - " " 5	C 7
"	22	1600	084 - " " 6	C 8
"	22	2130	085 - " " 7	C 9
"	23	0630	087 - " " 8	C 10
"	23		091 - " " 9	C 11
"	24	0630	094 - " " 10	C 12
"	24	1150	099 - " " 11	C 13
<u>INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES.</u>				
EL ABIAR	21	0900	Intelligence Summary No. 58	
"	23	2000	" " " 59	D 1
<u>LOCATION STATEMENTS and CHANGES.</u>				
IKINGI	Jan			
MARYUT	31		AIF Location Statement as at 27 Jan (excl PALESTINE)	
EL ABIAR	Feb 18		Location Statement No. 1 - 1 Aust Corps & att tps BENGHAZI Province	
"	20	2000	Changes 19 Feb	E 1
"	21	1445	Changes 21 Feb	E 2
"	22	1520	Changes 22 Feb	E 3
"	23	1515	Changes 23 Feb	E 4
				E 5
				E 6

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Sheet Four.

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			<u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u>	
GAZA TOWN	Jan 26		G.694 - Priority telephone calls on military lines	Appx F 1
IKINGI MARYUT	Feb 1		Security Instructions for Tps in EGYPT	F 2
	6		First stage of move to CYRENAICA -- IKINGI MARYUT to ELQUASABA	
	7		Second " " " -- EL QUASABA to FORT CAPUZZO	
	8		Third " " " -- FORT CAPUZZO to GAMBUT	
GAMBUT	8		G.1/1 - Safety Precautions	F 3
	11		Move westwards continued	
DERNA	11		G.2/3 - Recce Party Circular No. 1	F 4
	13		Move continued to EL ABIAR instead of BENGHAZI	
EL ABIAR	15		GS Instn No. 41/1 -- PAD Scheme for EL ABIAR	F 5
"	20		GSI 34 - Map Reference Codes operative from 0300 hrs 24 Feb	F 6
	25		First stage of return move to EGYPT -- EL ABIAR to DERNA	
	26		Second " " " " -- DERNA to BOBRUK	
	27		Third " " " " -- TOBRUK to BUG BUG	
	28		Fourth " " " " -- BUG BUG to EL QUASABA	
	Mar 1		Final " " " " -- EL QUASABA to IKINGI MARYUT	

CMR 1st Lt Brig.,
GS 1 Aust Corps.

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HQ 1 AUST CORPS WAR DIARY FOR FEB 41

in
NARRATIVE FORM.

HQ 1 Aust Corps opened at IKINGI MARYUT (EGYPT) at 1800 hrs on 29 Jan 41, following its move from GAZA (PALESTINE). On Feb 2, after receipt of authority from HQ BTE, HQ 1 Aust Corps OO No 4 was issued, ordering Corps HQ and att tps to move westwards to CYRENAICA on Feb 4. A postponement was necessary, however, and the move was commenced actually at 0730 hrs on 6 Feb. After staging nights 6/7 Feb and 7/8 Feb respectively at EL QUASABA and FORT CAPUZZO, HQ reopened at GAMBUT, approx 40 miles west of HARDIA at 1400 hrs 8 Feb, and remained there till 11 Feb when the move westwards was continued to DERNIA (OO No 5 refers). A day was spent at DERNIA, and continuation of the move to BENGHAZI early on 13 Feb was ordered at a conference of offrs presided over by Brig. W. Bridgeford, M.C., DA & QMG 1 Aust Corps, at 2100 hrs 12 Feb.

In view of heavy bombing attacks being directed against BENGHAZI by EA the veh gps were diverted at BARCE to EL ABIAR, until recently an Italian barracks 25 miles east of BENGHAZI. The location plan att serves as a key to the aerial photograph of EL ABIAR area, also appended. The latter was taken by No. 3 Sqn RAAF, then stationed at BENINA, 15 miles west of EL ABIAR on the road to BENGHAZI.

Relief of 13 Corps by 1 Aust Corps was finally effected at 2400 hrs on 15 Feb, at which hour comd of all British, Australian and att tps in the areas of responsibility defined hereunder was assumed by GOC AIF, Lt.-Gen. Sir T.A. Blamey, CB, CMG, DSO,--

(a) 1 Aust Corps Area - Italian Province of BENGHAZI as shown on map AFRICA 1/200,000 G.S.G.S. No. 2871 Sheet CYRENAICA, excl of BENGHAZI Base Sub-Area and BARCE Command HQ Area.

(b) BENGHAZI Base Sub-Area - Ref R.A.F. map B/2 BENGHAZI. Boundary all incl BENGHAZI Base Sub-Area. Northern wall of BENGHAZI Town - FORT ARTESIAN - Ry line 400yds EAST of FORT LUESHI - Ry spur running thence to the SOUTH - Main petrol depot (marked 24 on map) - FORT FUEIHOT continuing due south for a mile from FORT FUEIHOT - thence line due West to the Coast.

(c) BARCE Command Area - A circular area radius 4 kms from square in BARCE Town. The limits on roads and ry marked by notice bds.

1 Aust Corps and Area Comds were responsible for Internal Security in the areas allotted.

Code names in use by 13 Corps were taken over by 1 Aust Corps, as set out in Appx B 21.

One of the first operational messages despatched on 16 Feb ordered the move of one fd coy from 6 Aust Div to effect repairs on the ry BARCE-BENGHAZI (3'6" gauge), which had been blown up in several places by the retreating Italians. The work was carried out expeditiously and on 22 Feb the first train from BENGHAZI for several weeks passed over the line.

Message O41 of 16 Feb ordered 6 Aust Div to recce a defensive position in the AGHEILA area, near the boundary between CYRENAICA and TRIPOLITANIA, for a force of one bn and att tps.

The following day, 17 Feb, 1 Aust Corps Op Instn No 1 was despatched to Brig. S.G. Savige, DSO, MC, ED, Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde stating that the general strategic situation necessitated the adoption of an attitude in the main defensive. The force to be assembled in the AGEDABIA area to prevent any enemy advance towards AGHEILA from the direction of SIRTE was set out in the Instn, att at Appx A4. Brig. Savige assumed comd of the fwd area from 7 Armd Div the same day.

Signal 044 of 17 Feb to GHQ Middle East notified the discovery of CW agents at an Italian amn depot 2 kms west of BENINA. Included in the 360 drums (approx) were 70 drums of mustard gas, and there were several craters nearby, possibly caused by bombs dropped by the enemy in his efforts to destroy the dump.

On 19 Feb 2/3 Fd Coy was ordered from TOBRUK to AGEDABIA area, in accordance with Op Instn No 1, to carry out engr requirements of 7 Armd Div units pending the arrival of an engr det from 3 Armd Bde.

Signal 056 of 19 Feb to 6 Aust Div and 17 Aust Inf Bde and rptd to 7 Armd Div directed that no captured M13 tanks in the area south of BENNGHAZI would be retained or taken over by Australian units. All such tanks already taken over by Australian units were to be handed over to HQ 3 Hussars to take charge until the requirements of HQ 6 R Tanks had been met.

On 19 Feb also 1 Aust Corps signalled HQ AIF relative to DOS letter 203/10/1 of 9 Feb stating that CYRENAICA COMMAND had requested authority from GHQ Middle East for 2/2 Fd Regt to take over 25-pr guns from a unit in the fwd area and asking that all action referred to in DOS letter be deferred until further advice was received. The request subsequently was disapproved by GHQ.

There was considerable EA in the fwd area at this time. A telephone message from No 3 Sqn RAAF on 19 Feb reported that at 1145 hrs that day, at MERSA EL BREGA (MISURATA 1:1,000,000 12D64) three Hurricanes engaged six Messerschmidt 110s. One British aircraft was missing, the pilot believed to be killed, and the pilot of one of our own aircraft damaged in the fight was O.K. EA had been ground strafing fwd tps.

Signal 057 of 19 Feb to 6 Aust Div and 17 Aust Inf Bde intimated that a German aircraft, believed to be of a new type, had been shot down that morning. Units located near the coast were directed to report to 1 Aust Corps any wreckage washed ashore.

On 21 Feb 1 Aust Corps reported to CYRENAICA COMMAND that two enemy armd cars attacked a patrol of the King's Dragoon Guards 22 kms west of AGHEILA the previous day at 1530 hrs, a later report stating that the enemy force comprised three armd cars and one Breda gun on a truck. One enemy armd car was knocked out and the action was continuing two miles west of AGHEILA. A tactical reconnaissance had been arranged for first light on 21 Feb, but permission was desired for a strategical reconnaissance of the road west of BIR EL MERDUMA. At the same time Adv HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde was informed that a request had been made for the Strat/R.

A report from the Sig Offr at AGEDABIA stated that at 1100 hrs 22 Feb seven unidentified EA machine-gunned AGEDABIA aerodrome, damaging one Italian 'plane on the ground.

On 22 Feb a warning order was issued for the return move of HQ 17 Aust Corps and att tps to EGYPT, commencing 25 Feb, to be accomplished in five stages — DERNA, TOBRUK, BUG BUG, EL QUASABA and IKINGI MARYUT. OO No 6 of 23 Feb, amended slightly by Signals 096 and 097, refers.

Comd of 17 Aust Inf Bde and att tps passed to 6 Aust Div at 1200 hrs on 24 Feb.

At 0800 hrs on 24 Feb an enemy force composed of two heavy tanks, two light tanks, 14 motor-cycle combinations and three guns attacked an outpost position at AGHEILA. One offr was captured, together with one of our trucks, and one of our own men was killed. By 1100 hrs the enemy had retired westwards, however, and the AGHEILA fort was clear of enemy tps.

Situation reports issued by 1 Aust Corps between 16 Feb and 24 Feb are appended.

Two Int Summaries, Nos. 58 and 59, were issued whilst at EL ABIER.

Locations of AIF Units in the fwd area during the operations commanded by 1 Aust Corps are shown in Location Statement No. 1 of 18 Feb (Appx E1) and subsequent signals notifying changes.

CMR 11/12/42
G.S. 1 Aust Corps.

A 1
027
2 Feb 41

HQ 1 AUST CORPS OO NO 4

Ref Map EGYPT sheet 92 ALEXANDRIA 1:100,000.
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INFORMATION

1. The following are att to HQ 1 Aust Corps:-

HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps
7 Aust Div Amn Sub-Pk less spare vehs
HQ and 1 Sec 1 Aust Corps Pro Sec
1 Aust Corps Emp Pl
1 Aust Corps Pd Cash Office
1 Aust Corps Postal Unit.

2. Recce and billeting parties under separate orders are moving one day ahead of main body.

INTENTION

3. HQ 1 Aust Corps and att tps will move by RT to GAMBUT.

METHOD

4. The move will be done in 3 daily stages. (a) 4 Feb to BAHIGY BAGUSH. (b) 5 Feb to SIDI BARRANI. (c) 6 Feb to GAMBUT.

Attack

5. If attacked the coln will halt clear of rd and take offensive action. NO halting however is allowed in SALUM pass.

Distances (approx only)

	Miles
6. IKINGI HY STA - EL DABA	24
- MAATEN BAGQUSH	31 miles (approx)
- MERSA MATRUH	30 "
- SIDI BARRANI	25 "
- BUQEUB	24 "
- SALUM	23 "
- B ARDIA	20 "
From rd junc NW of - GAMBUT turn-off	35 "

TP's

7. Pro Sec will establish TP's at SP, and fd bakery 966236; junc Camp rd with rd CAIRO-ALEXANDRIA; turn off 966236.

The recce party will leave TP's as they are in direct areas.

Order of Move.

8. Vehs will move off in 4 gps, (a) Lt; (b) Hy; (c) Amn Sub-Pk; (d) Cars DS, and will halt in that order. After midday meals last DS will lead the coln.

Details of Move 1st Day

9. (a) SP's

Lt, Hy, Cars DS Gps -

Junc bitumen rd and track 400 yds NW of IKINGI HY STA

7 Aust Div Amn Sub-Pk -

Junc Camp rd and rd CAIRO-ALEXANDRIA

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(b) Gps will pass their respective SP's in following sequence

Lt Gp - 0730 hrs
Hy Gp - 0740 hrs
7 Aust Div Amn Sub-Pk - 0805 hrs
Car DS Gp - 0835 hrs

(c) Veh assembly areas. Vehs will be formed up fully loaded

Lt Gp under comd Lieut Corrie by 0715 hrs in area
NE of Camp office

Hy Gp under comd Lieut Sutton by 0715 hrs in area
NW of Camp office

Car DS Gp under comd Lieut Lewis by 0820 hrs in area
West of Camp office

7 Aust Div Amn Sub-Pk by 0745 hrs (in area clear of
rd selected by OC)

(d) Route

Lt, Hy, Car DS Gps -

SP - rd bakery 956223 thence NE to rd CAIRO-ALEXANDRIA
to turn off 966296 near KIL0 9 thence main rd
ALEXANDRIA-MATRUH.

7 Aust Div Amn Sub-Pk -

SP - rd CAIRO-ALEXANDRIA thence as in S(d) above

Detours

Except for special detours vehs will NOT run on
side tracks.

Running

10. (a) Density 15 vtm. (b) Speed Lt vehs 25 mih, hy vehs 20 mih,
cars DS 30 mih, except over 30 miles bad rd after BURG EL ARAB when
speed will be reduced. (c) Vehs will NOT close up when slowing down
or halting.

Halts

11. (a) 0830 - 0945 hrs. (b) for lunch etc 1200 - 1300 hrs.
(c) At halts vehs will stop clear of rd.

Details of 2nd and 3rd days

12. Later

Adm

13. Separately

INTERCOM

14. HQ closes 0830 hrs; reports thereafter to tail of car column
whilst on move

15. Watches will be synchronized at 2100 hrs daily.

ACK

[Signature]
Brig.
GS 1 Aust Corps

Issued by orderly
Time of signature 1940 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION -

CCRA	1
CSO	2
GHQ ME	3
HQ BTE	4
XIII Corps	5
G	6 - 8
A	9 - 10
Q	11 - 12
CE	13
Camp	14
AASC	15
Medical	16
Ord	17
Pro	18
Chaplains	19
Postal	20
Comds - Veh Gps	21 - 24
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War Diary A2

SECRET

HQ 1 AUSTRALIAN CORPS CO NO 5

Copy No. 19....

10 Feb 41.

Ref maps TOBRUCH and BENGASI 1:500000

INTENTION

1. Corps HQ and att tps will move on 11 Feb by MT to DERNA.

METHOD

2. Recce party will move on 10 Feb under separate orders.

3. Except for det of Corps Pro and cars DS of No 2 gp, vehs in all gps will run in the sequence shown in SOs.

4. (a) SP - GAMBUT rd 300 yds North of Sgts Mess.

- (b) Route - SP - rest house junc GAMBUT rd - triangle SW of TOBRUCH - turn off at BOMBA - DERNA.

Distances - GAMBUT to prisoners cage at EL ADEM turn off -
(from map) 34 miles
thence to TOBRUCH triangle - 5 miles
thence to BOMBA turn off - 70 miles
thence to DERNA - 37 miles

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Pass SP at hrs

5. (a) Det Corps Pro 0440
(b) Adv Party 0500 under adm comd Capt Bowden
(c) 2 gp Adv Corps HQ less cars DS 0700 under adm comd RQMS
(d) Cars DS only of 2 gp 0755 under adm comd Major K.A. Wills MC
and NOT to enter DERNA before 1400 hrs
(e) 4 gp Rear Corps HQ 0800 under adm comd Major R. McNicoll
(f) 7 Div Subpk 0815
6. Halts for those in para 5 (a)(b) 0550 - 0600
para 5 (c) 0750 - 0800
para 5 (d)(e)(f) 0850 - 0900
para 5 (c)(d)(e)(f) 1200 - 1215

After first halt vehs will stop every 2 hrs at 5 mins to the hr for 5 mins.

7. Density 15 vtm

Speed Set by gp comd who will go as fast as slowest vehs in gp can make with safety but NOT exceeding 30 mph for lorries. Cars DS will retain stations.

8. TPs (a) SP (b) first turn off to TOBRUCH
(c) EL ADEM turn off

ADM

9. Medical DDMS will arrange for an MO to travel in rear of 2 gp, 4 gp and Amn Subpk

10. Recovery by Amn Subpk

INTERCOMN.

11. HQ closes GAMBUT 0800 and opens new location 1800 hrs 11 Feb.
Reports on move to rear of car gp.

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Ch. 10001 Brig.
GS 1 Aust Corps.

Method of issue to reps

Time of signature 1615 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION -

CCRA

GSO

GOC

G (2)

A

Q

CE

Camp

AASC (2)

Medical

Ord

Pro

Postal

Major Wills

McNicoll

Capt Bowden

Camp HQMS

War Diary (2)

File (2)

HQ TOBRUCH BASE AREA - to be deld by hand SDR supplied by AASC

Spare (6) (4)

7 A3

SECRET

Copy No _____

17 Feb 41

1 AUST CORPS OPERATION INSTN NO 1

To - Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde

(Ref Map CYRENAICA 1:2,000,000 ; BENGASI 1 : 500,000)

1. Except for aerial activity in AGHEILA, AGEDABIA and BENGHASI Area the enemy has taken no action to indicate his future intentions and no details regarding his dispositions in TRIPOLI are yet available. A counter offensive by ground tps from TRIPOLI seems most unlikely at present.

2. The general strategic situation necessitates the adoption of an attitude which must be in the main defensive for the present.

3. As from 1600 hrs 18 Feb 1 Aust Corps is responsible for defence of CYRENAICA and patrol work in TRIPOLITANIA. 7 Armd Div (less units allotted 1 Aust Corps vide para 4 (b) below) is being withdrawn 18 Feb.

4. In order to stop any enemy advance West of EL AGEILA from direction of SIRTE the following force will be assembled in AGEDABIA Area -

(a) 17 Aust Inf Bde (less 2/5, 2/6 Bns who will come directly under 6 Aust Div).

2/3 Fd Regt (less 6 Fd Bty which will be sent by 6 Aust Div to join its Regt later).

(b) KDGs (Armd Cs) incl RAF Armd C Sqn.

1 Lt AA Bty

155 Lt AA Bty

ADW 7 Armd Div

Frce French (one Bn of two coys)

Det Flt 208 Sqn RAF

-
- Kilo 618
- MERSA BREGA
- BENGHASI Area
- X 0859
- (BENGASI Sheet)
- AGEDABIA

5. You are appointed to comd force detailed vide para 4 (a) & (b).

6. Units as in 4 (b) will come under your comd 1600 hrs 18 Feb.

7. Force placed under your comd will occupy defensive posn to cover AGEDABIA but it is not desired to push inf WEST of EL AGEILA. It is believed that a possible defensive posn exists about MARSA BREGA.

8. Your defensive plans should provide for patrolling to be carried out West and SW from EL AGEILA to the limit of reach of Armd Cs based on EL AGEILA with the object of obtaining information about the country and to give warning of any enemy advance.

9. In your movement fwd and in making your dispositions special attention will be paid to protection from air attack as during last week several dive bombing attacks have been carried out by the enemy in the area in which your force will be disposed. As a protection against these attacks RAF will be patrolling daily the area South of BENGHASI during the following hrs. -

1000 - 1230 hrs, 1500 - 1700 hrs.

10. One fd coy is allotted your cmd. Details follow. In addition CRE South CYRENAICA (Lt-Col J. Mann) HQ AGEDABIA, working directly under cmd 1 Aust Corps, has been instructed to assist in engr recce and development of water points.

11. Adm details will be issued separately.

12. (a) One No 3 set is allotted you for intercomm HQ 1 Aust Corps. Frequency and call sign FY 3720. Det will be at cross rds 1500 yds West of ry (South end of BERKA aerodrome) at 0900 hrs, 18 Feb. From then it will move under your cmd.

(b) A direct line exists between HQ 7 Armd Div and HQ 1 Aust Corps.

(c) A daily DRLS will operate under Corps arrangements between your HQ and HQ 1 Aust Corps.

(d) Rear HQ 7 Armd Div is at X 0397, Adv HQ 7 kilos North of AGEDABIA.

ACK.

(sgd) W. Bridgeford Brig
GS 1 Aust Corps.

Method of issue - DR

Time of signature 2250 hrs.

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6 Aust Div
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6

18 Feb 41.

ADDENDUM

1 ARIST CORPS OPERATION INSTN NO 1

To - Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde.

1. Para 5 - add at end of line 1 :
" and you will come under comd of HQ
1 Aust Corps direct. "

2. ACK.

Wells D Bl
Brig
G3 1 Aust Corps.

Method of issue - DR45

Time of signature 1220 hrs.

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HQ 1 AUSTRALIAN CORPS OO NO 6

Copy No 37

23 Feb 41.

Ref Maps 1:500,000 - Sheets BENGASI, TOBRUCH
MATRUH and CAIRO.

INFORMATION

1. In addition to those shown in HQ 1 Aust Corps OO No 4, the following are att and will also move with HQ 1 Aust Corps: -

Det Sigs 1 Aust Corps
three sec 1 Aust Corps Pro Coy.

INTENTION

2. HQ 1 Aust Corps and att tps will move by MT to EGYPT.

METHOD

3. (a) Route The move will be made in 5 days, staging nights 25/26 DERNIA, 26/27 TOBRUCH, 27/28 BUQ BUQ, 28 Feb/1 Mar QUASABA, 1/2 Mar AMIRIYA.

(b) Distances (in miles) Via BARCE to DERNIA 144, thence to TOBRUCH 107, to BUQ BUQ 120, to QUASABA 126, to AMIRIYA 157.

4. Recce and billeting parties under comd Lt-Col H. WELLS will move under separate instns one day ahead of main body.

5. Adv party will move at head of tpt gp of 2 gps.

6. Vehicles will report to branches, services, messes etc, by 1630 hrs 24 Feb and will remain under comd until arrival at destination. Vehs will be guarded under branch etc arrangements and must be kept dispersed.

7. Assembly Areas Vehs will be loaded and formed up in assembly areas as under, 20 minutes before time to pass SP.

- (a) Det Pro - Immediately North of GS office.
- (b) Cars DS (all gps) - Immediately North of GS office.
- (c) No 2 GP incl - East of line (GS office - West end
remainder Adv party. of Hospital wall.)
- (d) Corps Sigs - Immediately West of West wall of
Hospital.
- (e) No 4 GP incl rear - Area due East of EL ABIAR Barracks.
party, less cars DS
- (f) Arm Subpk - Present area.

8. SP NE corner of Fort EL ABIAR.

9. Time to pass SP

- (a) Det Pro ---- 0645 hrs
- (b) Cars DS (all gps) 0730 hrs under adm comd Maj WILLS
in car 2/4

W. W. Craig

- (c) No 2 Gp incl remainder Adv party 0740 hrs under command Lt SMITH in car 2/6
- (d) Corps Sigs 0750 hrs
- (e) No 4 Gp incl rear party, less cars DS 0800 hrs under command Maj Brighton in car 4/6
- (f) Amn Sub pk 0830 hrs

A minimum distance of 500 yds will be observed between gps. The only cars allowed to run independently are those in use by G2(o) DAFM and Camp.

10. Density 15 vtm.

11. Speed. As set by gp comds to make fastest time consistent with safety of vehs. Lorries will NOT exceed 30 mph.

12. Halts. Those in para 2 (b), (c), (d), (e) - 0820 - 0830, para 9 (f) 0920 - 0930, thereafter all halt for 5 mins at 5 mins to every even hr. For lunch from 1155 - 1215 hrs. No gp will halt in such a way as to foul any important defile.

13. AA Protection. One AA LG veh with gun ready for action will move at front and rear of rpt gp, each Nos 2 and 4 gps.

ADM

14. TP's will be established -

- (a) SP (b) in EARGE.

INTERCOM

15. (a) Corps HQ closes EL ABLAR 0700 hrs

(b) Reports on move to car 2/7, Maj SPRY (rear of cars DS).

ACK

St-Col
GS 1 Aust Corps.

Method of issue - by orderly

Time of signature 1620 hrs.

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7 Div Amn Sub pk	(1)	Pro	(1)
G	(1)	Postal	(1)
I	(1)	Peace Party	(1)
A	(2)	Gp comds (encl)	(1)
Q	(1)	TO	(1)
CE	(1)	Mass secretaries (encl)	(1)
Camp	(2)	(A,B,X,C,D,F,G,H)	(1)
AA3C	(2)	File	(1)
		War Diary	(1)

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MESSAGE FORM

131

Serial No

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	No of Groups GR	OFFICE DATE STAMP 18
	OUT		

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO Egyptforce

FROM	1 aust corps	Originator's Number 0 1	Date 31	In Reply to Number -
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Ref	CR/EGYPT/2/22607/G of	27 Jan (.)	HQ 1 aust corps
approx	90 vehs	460 all	ranks
IKINGI	4 feb	staging	night
MAA'TEN BAQQUSH	night	5/6 feb	SIDI BARRANT
evening 6 feb (.)	recce	and	arriving
moving	one	day	staging
order	be	issued	may
		please	movement

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Originator's instructions

Degree of priority

Time of origin.

Signed

Signed

sgd (Wells)

IMMEDIATE

T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

C.E.A. 5/40. 50,000 pads

Army Form C.2128

WAR DIARY

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

B2

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

SECRET

No of Groups

GR

OFFICE DATE STAMP

TO CCRA CSO G A Q CE DDST DDMS ADOS camp employment pl / Aust corps
pro coy ~~xxxxxx~~ 1 aust corps fd cash office corps postal unit

FROM

1 aust corps

Originator's Number

0 2

Date

31

In Reply to Number

-

WARNING

ORDER

(.)

HQ

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0600 hrs

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Time of origin.

2120

Signed

CH/Quatt Lt Col

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T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

C.E.A. 5:40 50.000 pado.

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. **133**

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OUT

No of Groups
OR

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO **Lieuts LEWIS, SUTTON, GORRIE rptd Camp**

FROM 1 Aust Corps			Originator's Number 04	Date 2	In Reply to Number
Ref	1	Aust	Corps	00	1
of	2	Feb	(.)	Offrs	1/c
gds	less	7	Aust	Div	Amn
Sub-Pk	will	report	to	Ops	office
at	1100	hrs	3	Feb	for
further	instructions				

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by any means.

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enemy hands, this message must be
sent IN CIPHER.

Originator's Instructions
Degree of priority

Important

Time of origin.

Signed

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T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

C.E.A. 5 40 50.000 pado.

ARMY FORM C-2123

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. **B 4**

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GR.

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TO

CRA GSO A Q CE Camp AASC Med Ord Pro Chaplains Postal
7 Div Amn Subpk Lieut Sutton Copies Capt Sadler Lt LEWIS

FROM

GS 1 Aust Corps

Originator's Number

0 8

Date

2

In Reply to Number

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sgd H Wells

Signed

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DEGREE OF PRIORITY

IMPORTANT

TIME OF ORIGIN

2150

Signed

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T.H.I.

SYSTEM

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READER

SENDER

T.O.R.

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

135

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No. of Groups
GR

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

6 aust div rptd sig centres MERSA MATRUH SIDI BARRANI

FROM

1 aust corps

Originator's Number

0 10

Date

3

In Reply to Number

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Originator's Instructions
Degree of priority

Time of origin

1030

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM 1 Aust Corps

Originator's Number
0 14

Date
4

In Reply to Number
0/39293

one	btty	3	It	AA	regt
available	and	ordered	to	stand	by
at	12	hrs	notice	(.)	request
you	issue	movement	order	AUSEBASE	GAZA
rptd	AUSFORCE	(.)	no	tpt	at
present	available	our	resources	(.)	if
any required	assume	you	will	supply	

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TO

Ausbase

FROM 1 Aust Corps

Originator's Number

0 15

Date

4

In Reply to Number

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One	bty	3	lt	AA	regt
to	be	placed	at	12	hrs
notice	to	move	to	fwd	area
to	man	captured	Italian	guns	(.)
HIDEAST	will	issue	movement	order	direct
to	you	(.)	make	necessary	arrangements
with	9	aust	div	(.)	if

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

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Immediate (by radio) 1518

T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 138

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	<i>Battle Board</i>	No. of Groups GR.	OFFICE DATE STAMP 3 2
	OUT			

TO (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)
CCRA CSO G A Q OE CAMP AASC MEDICAL ORD PRO CHAPLAINS
POSTAL CAPT SADLER LIEUT LEWIS LIEUT SUTTON

FROM 1 Aust Corps	Originator's Number 0 17	Date 11	In Reply to Number
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Ref	1	Aust	Corps	00	No 4
of	2 Feb 41	para 4	(.)	The	first
stage	of	the	move	will	take
place	on	6 FEB	(.)	Para	8 (c)
for	Lieut	BORRER	insert	Capt	SADLER
(.)	Para 8	delete	from	and	will
in second	line	to	and	of	para 8 Ack

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. **B9**

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TO **1 Aust Corps Pro Coy, G, A, Q, DEST**

FROM **1 Aust Corps**

Originator's Number

0.18

Date

4

In Reply to Number

WARNING	ORDER	(.)	1	Aust	Corps
Pro	Coy	loss	two	secs	moves
with	HQ	1	Aust	Corps	on
6 FEB	instead	of	4 Feb	as	Shown
in	para	4	of	1	Aust
Corps	0 0	No 4	Copy	25	att
to	Pro	Coy	copy	of	this

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ADV MEANS.

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- 2 -

FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

EXX 0.18

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 1310

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GR

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TO Mideast rptd Egyptforce AMIRIYA subarea

FROM 1 aust corps

Originator's Number
0 20

Date

In Reply to Number 7

request	approval	for	8	fd	btty
now	AMIRIYA	to	move	to	join
rest	of	unit			

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TO

6 aust div rptd sig centres MERSA MATRUH SALUM

FROM

1 aust corps

Originator's Number

0 22

Date

5

In Reply to Number

1	aust	corps	MOVES	GAMBUS	three
daily	stages	leaving	IKINGI	6	feb
(.)	urgent	messages	added	5	1
aust	corps	for	collection	by	them
"	can	be	collected	from	sig
centre	MERSA	MATRUH	0700	hrs	7
feb	SALUM	0700	hrs	8	Feb

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enemy hands, this message must be
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1312

CALL
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GR

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TO **MIDEAST**

FROM **1 Aust Corps**

Originator's Number

0 23

Date

5

In Reply to Number

Confirming	telephone	arrangements	made	with	movements
Mideast	at	1215	hrs	today	(.)
1 Aust Corps	moves	to	QAMBU	in	three
daily	stages	stopping	nights	6/7	MERSA
MATRUH	7/8	SALUN			

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TO ccra cso G A Q CE camp anso medical ord pro chaplains
postal Capt SADLER LIEUT LEWIS LIEUT SUTTON

FROM

1 aust corps

Originator's Number

0 26

Date

9

In Reply to Number

WARNING

ORDER

(.)

Adv

HQ

1

aust

corps

moves

Westwards

10 feb

(.)

gpc

move

as

follows

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party

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adv

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. **B 14**

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No. of Groups
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

TO **CORA CSO G A Q CG CAMP AASC MEDICAL ORD PRO CHAPLAINS**
POSTAL PAY

FROM **1 Aust Corps**

Originator's Number
0 27

Date
9

In Reply to Number

Move	whole	HQ	1	Aust	Corps
postponed	(.)	tps	and	tot	at
disposal	branches	services	for	morning	(.)
detail	parades	afternoon	later	(.)	ack

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SIGNED

Lt. Col

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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GR

OFFICE DATE STAMP

TO CGRA GSO G A Q CE Camp AASC Medical Ord Pro
Chaplains Postal Pay Maj Wills Maj McNicoll ~~W. Beauchamp~~ Capt Pooden

FROM 1 aust corps

Originator's Number

0 30

Date

10

In Reply to Number

WARNING	ORDER	(.)	HQ	1	slst
corps	moves	Westwards	tomorrow	(.)	adv
party	0500	No	2	gp	less
cars	0700	2	gp	cars	0755
4	gp	0800	hrs	(.)	reps
arms	branches	services	etc	collect	orders
G	office	1615	hrs	today (.)	ack

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Originator's instructions Degree of priority

Time of origin

Lt-Col

(sgd) CM L Elliot

IMMEDIATE

1515

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C.E.A. 5/40. 50,000 pads

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MESSAGE FORM

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1. DRLS

- (a) From BARGE and TOBRUCK daily due 1200 hrs.
- (b) To BARGE and TOBRUCK daily at 2215 hrs.

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- (a) The telephone is in operation to TOBRUCK and to the rear.
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COMD	passes	from	13 Corps	to	1 Aust	
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	Rear Hq 7 Armd Div		EARCE

(b) Speech (NON-SECRET) to Hq and sig centres listed in sub para (a) and in addition -

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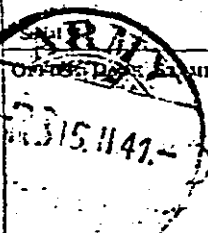
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Adv HQ 1 Aust Corps	MEGU	CHE L of C	OTIC
Rear HQ 1 Aust Corps	BUSO	2 Fd Coy	UDUK
104 Regt RHA	TORO	12 Fd Coy	REKA
339 Bty 104 RHA	HUME	42 Fd Coy	LOFI
414 Bty 104 RHA	WASH	4 Fd Coy S & M	RAPA
339 Bty 3 RHA	WOOL	18 Fd Coy S & M	MAYA
339 Bty 3 RHA	BOPO	CRE C 1st Eng	PROD
		708 Eng Const Coy	GUFP
		512 A 1st Svy Coy	FOUE
234 Med Bty RA	NABO	54 Fd Coy	TRUT
Sec 25/26 Med Bty	HEAT	292 A 1st Coy RE	ELSA
232 Lt AA Bty RA	SIFA	2/2 Aust Fd Coy	CRFU
5 Lt AA Bty RA	RIGA	2/8 Aust Fd Coy	UPOS
370 Bty RA	WARP	19 HZ Army Tps Coy	NAHO
51 A 1st Regt RA	BEAK	Boring Sec RE	GUSO
51 AA Regt	BARU		
1 Lt AA Regt	VOLA		
16 Hy AA Bty	OECF	Coy French Infanterie de Marine	OMAD
20 AA Bty	DAHA	2 Coy French Infanterie de Marine	MAKA
HQ Bty 7 Lnd Regt RA MATRUH	TUSK	Adv Corps Sigs	EDIN
Det 20 Hy AA Bty RA MATRUH	ULSA	Rear Corps Sigs	DEMA
64 Lnd Regt RA	SIDE	L of C Sigs (ECS)	LUDE
51 Hy AA Regt Workshops	HIOE	Ind Constr Sec R Sigs	ABBY
HQ 4 AA Bde	BOMA		
51 Hy AA Regt	EARU		
152 Hy AA Regt	PEGA	231 Coy RASC	INIP
153 Hy AA Regt	LEDA	234 Coy RASC	SERO
38 Lt AA Bty	VEDO	4 Res MT Coy NZASC	CHEN
Det 1st Lt AA Bty	JASA	Rlhd Sup Det	ABLO
		1st Workshop Subsec RASC	UCAL

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No 2 Water Tk Coy RASC	MUZE	'A' Sec 2/3 Cav Fd Amb	LOLA
Adv Rlhd Sup Det	LAIR	'B' Sec -do-	KUDE
X Res MF Coy	HYOT	'C' Sec -do-	JELA
232 Coy RASC	TEPI	4 Fd Amb	ABCO
		215 Fd Amb	URNE
		7 Adv Depot Ised Stores	VANE
		No 11 LAC	LEXA
Ord Fd Pk (HQ & Res Sec)	ARIT	FPO E 1	KAGO
LRS 19 Ord Wkshops Coy	APET	FPO E 2	HOMA
LRS 18 Ord Wkshops Coy	BUSE	FPO HE 1	ULAN
LRS 20 Ord Wkshops Coy	GUES	FPO DE 1	POSH
Ord Fd Pk (Corps Sec)	HUMF	HQ B Div Postal Unit	MEPO
GHQ Tps Wkshops Sec RACC	KASO	FPO E 3	DYSO
DADOS Dump MATRUH	DIDO		
4 AA Bde Wkshops Sec RACC	DELL		
21 Ord Wkshop Coy	EXIT	HQ Military Police 13 Corps	FENA
Det Corps Sec Ord Fd Pk	DENA		
LRS 17 Ord Wkshops Coy	NEKA	19 Salvage Unit	COOK
18 Ord Wkshops Coy	DRAT		
Res Sec Ord Fd Pk	MABE	No 1 Pnr Coy CYPRUS Regt	UNOC
		No 6 Cypriot Pnr Coy	BALL
		No 6 Cypriot Pnr Coy	BEEB
		No 3 Coy Cypriot Bn	HALO
2/2 MAC Tpt Wing	KUWI	2 Pnr Coy CYPRUS Regt	BOUT
2/2 MAC Medical Wing	TAKA	2 Palestine Pnr Coy	NIM
'A' Coy 2/5 Fd Amb	LOVA		
'B' 2/5 Fd Amb	HUTA		
2/1 Fd Hys Sec	LUGE	Fwd Map Depot	HAWA
'A' Coy 2/1 Fd Amb	VINA	Western Desert Liaison Offr	SADO
'B' Coy 2/1 Fd Amb	EPED		
2/1 Fd Amb	UPOT		
36 Fd Hy. Sec	TEAC		
2/5 CCS	BOTE		
2/3 Cav Fd Amb	JARG		

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ABBY	Ind Constr Sec R Sigs	EDIN	Adv Corps Sigs
ABGO	4 Fd Amb	ELSA	292 A.M. Coy RE
ABLO	Rtld Sup Det	EPED	151 Coy 2/1 Fd Amb
AHIT	Ord Fd Pk (Hq & Res Sec)	EXIT	21 Ord Workshops Coy
APES	LRS 19 Ord Workshops Coy	EYCT	1 Res 17 Coy
BALL	No 5 Cypriot Fmr Coy	FERA	HQ Military Police 16 Corps
BARU	51 AA Regt	GUSO	Boring Sec RE
BEAK	51 A.M. Regt RA		
BEEB	No 6 Cypriot Fmr Coy		
BOMA	Hq 4 AA Bde	FALO	3 Coy Cypriot Fmr
BOFO	'P' Bty 3 PMA	HEAT	Sec 25/26 Mac Bty
BOUT	2 Fmr Coy CYPRUS Regt	HOMA	PFO E 2
BUBO	Rear HQ 1 Aust Corps	HUMP	Corps Ord F1 F2 Sec
		HUTA	'B' Coy 2/5 Fd Amb
CECE	16 Hy AA Bty	HUME	339 Bty 104 PMA
CEFU	2/2 Aust P1 Coy		
CHIN	4 Res LT Coy HZASC	INIP	231 Coy HAST
COOK	19 Salvago Unit	IRUT	54 Fd Coy
CUFF	700 Eng Constr Coy		
CUS3	LRS 20 Ord Workshops Coy	JARO	2/3 Cav Fd Amb
		JASA	Det 1 Lt AA Bty
DAHA	20 AA Bty	JELA	'C' Sec 2/3 Cav Fd Amb
DEHA	Rear Corps Sigs		
DELL	4 AA Bde Workshops Sec HAO3	KASO	PFO E 1
DEHA	Det Corps Sec Ord F1 Pk	YASO	CHQ Tps Workshop Sec HAO3
DIDO	DADOS Dump MATRUH	HUDE	'B' Sec 2/3 Cav Fd Amb
DOUG	2/5 CCS	KUWI	2/2 MAC Tot Wing
DRAT	18 Ord Workshops Coy		
DUSK	LRS 16 Ord Workshops Coy	LAIR	Adv Rtld Sup Det
DYSO	PFO E 3	LEWA	No 11 MAC

LEDA	153 Hy AA Bty	SADO	W.D. Liaison Offr
LOLA	'A' Ssq 2/3 Qat Rd Amb	SIDE	64 Med Regt RA
LOHA	'A' Coy 2/5 Rd Amb	SERO	234 Coy RASC
LOTI	42 Fd Coy	SIFA	232 Lt AA Bty RA
LUDE	L of C Sigs (ECS)		
LUGE	2/1 Fd Hyg Ssq	TAXA	2/2 HAC Medical Wing
		TEFI	232 Coy RASC
MABE	Res Sec Ord Rd Pz	TORO	104 Regt RHA
MAKA	2 Coy French Infanterie de Marine	TUSK	HQ Bty 7 Med Regt RA MATRUH
MAVA	18 Fd Coy S & M		
MEGU	Adv HQ 1 Aust Corps	UDAG	36 Fd Hyg Ssq
MICE	51 Hy AA Regt Workshops	UDUK	2 Fd Coy
MIPO	HQ 5 Div Postal Unit	ULAR	FPO HE 1
MUZE	No 2 Water Tk Coy RASC	ULSA	Det 20 Hy AA Bty RA MATRUH
		UNAL	'D' Workshops Subsec RASC
NAHO	19 NZ Army Tps Coy	UNOG	No 1 Pnr Coy CYPRUS Regt (less Det)
NABO	234 Med Bty RA	UPOT	2/1 Fd Amb
NANA	Fwd Map Depot	UPOS	2/8 Aust Fd Coy
NEKA	LRS 17 Ord Workshop Coy	URNS	215 Fd Amb
NILA	2 Palestine Pnr Coy		
		VELO	38 Lt AA Bty
OMAD	Coy French Infanterie de Marine	VINA	'A' Coy 2/1 Fd Amb
OTIC	GRE L of C	VOLA	1 Lt AA Bty
FECA	152 Hy AA Regt	WARP	370 Bty RA
FOSH	FPO D E J	WOOL	'J' Bty 3 RHA
PROD	GRE C Sigs Bn	WASH	414 Bty 104 RHA
FUCK	512 A Fd Bty Coy		
RAPA	4 Fd Coy S & M		
RIGA	5 Lt AA Bty		
REKA	12 Fd Coy		

HQ 4 ARMD BDE

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HQ 4 Armd Bde
B Ech 4 Armd Bde
HQ 7 Hussars
A Sqn
B Sqn
C Sqn
B Ech
HQ 2 R Tanks
A Sqn
B Sqn
C Sqn
B Ech
HQ 6 R Tanks
A Sqn
B Sqn
C Sqn
B Ech

MILO B sqn 7 Hussars
PURA A Sqn 2 R Tanks
POPE B Ech 6 R Tanks
ULLA HQ 6 R Tanks
ABED B Ech 2 R Tanks
TEVI B Ech 6 R Tanks
LIME HQ 4 Armd Bde
RABA B Ech 7 Hussars
DEMI B Sqn 2 R Tanks
NASI C Sqn 6 R Tanks
TOSO A Sqn 6 R Tanks
ITRA HQ 7 Hussars
GIRA B Ech 4 Armd Bde
PEEY HQ 2 R Tanks
MAMO C Sqn 2 R Tanks
OIEE C Sqn 7 Hussars
FIVA A Sqn 7 Hussars

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HQ 7 ARMD BDE

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HQ 7 Armd Bde
B Ech
HQ 3 Hussars
A Sqn
B Sqn
C Sqn
B Ech
HQ 8 Hussars
A Sqn
B Sqn
C Sqn
B Ech
HQ 1 R Tanks
A Sqn
B Sqn
C Sqn
B Ech

TITI HQ 1 R Tanks
EMUG B Ech 7 Armd Bde
NAFO C Sqn 1 R Tanks
UDUX B Sqn 8 Hussars
ISCO B Sqn 3 Hussars
POTO B Ech 1 R Tanks
LOPE B Ech 6 Hussars
RENI B Ech 3 Hussars
MELZ A Sqn 8 Hussars
LEUX HQ 3 Hussars
SURA A Sqn 1 R Tanks
LIMO C Sqn 3 Hussars
BUXA HQ 8 Hussars
NUGO C Sqn 8 Hussars
URCB HQ 7 Armd Bde
LEGO A Sqn 3 Hussars
JEDA B Sqn 1 R Tanks

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Adv HQ 5 Aust Div	ENID	2/1 Fd Regt RAA	DOAG
Rear HQ 5 Aust Div	ZION	1 Bty 2/1 Fd Regt RAA	INUD
Adv HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde	PIPO	2 Bty 2/1 Fd Regt RAA	POCO
Rear HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	EEAL	2/2 Fd Regt RAA	CARI
Adv HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	RARA	3 Bty 2/2 Fd Regt RAA	ONED
Rear HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	UDAS	4 Bty 2/2 Fd Regt RAA	DUGO
2/1 Bn	PEG O	2/3 Fd Regt RAA	FAIR
2/2 Bn	AMAP	5 Bty 2/3 Fd Regt RAA	TOLA
2/3 Bn	GAMO	6 Bty 2/3 Fd Regt RAA	COIN
16 Aust A Tr Coy	DISC	2/2 Fd Regt RAA Sig Sec	UFAG
Adv HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	SEAR	2/1 Fd Coy RAE	EELDO
Rear HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	AMUM	Composite Coy AASC	ESOL
Adv HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	PULO	2/1 Fd Amb AASC	PONE
Rear HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	RAMI	2/2 Fd Pk Coy RAE	TEFE
2/5 Bn	GEHA	6 Aust Div Sup Coln	UDAX
2/6 Bn	KOWA	6 Aust Div Pet Coy	HUPE
2/7 Bn	ENGA	6 Aust Div Amn Coy	COMP
Adv HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	HOLA	No 2 DID	MANY
Rear HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	SILE	No 3 DID	HIRE
Adv HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	MEME	2/7 Fd Amb	NAME
Rear HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	CAFS	2/1 CCS	JOBH
2/4 Bn	ROAR	3 Special Dental Unit	DAGE
2/8 Bn	DCBS	4 Special Dental Unit	MAGA
2/12 Bn	DOXE	5 Special Dental Unit	IRTA
6 Aust Div Cav Regt	ROMA	2/1 Fd Hyg Sec	IESA
HQ Sqn 6 Aust Div Cav Regt	PUDA	HQ AASC	CURO
A Sqn 6 Aust Div Cav Regt	EDIR	7 Div Sec Ord Fd Pk	PALE
B Sqn 6 Aust Div Cav Regt	HESA	Pro Coy 6 Aust Div	LONO
C Sqn 6 Aust Div Cav Regt	DOMA	2/2 Fd Amb	PETH
6 Aust Div Cav Regt Sig Sec	PUB O	Det HQ AASC	REAL

HQ RAA 6 Aust Div	NOKO	HQ 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	TEWA
2/1 Pd Regt RAA Sig Sec	NOKA	Sig Sec Adv HQ 6 Aust Div	PEKI
HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	TETO	Sig Sec Rear HQ 6 Aust Div	NIBO
2/2 Pd Coy	GEFU	Data Aust Army Postal Unit	ROOM
HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div	NILE	2/2 Aust A Pd Workshop	WARM
2/3 Pd Coy RAE	UROS	6 Aust Div Pd Cash Office	SNIP
6 Aust Div Recce Camp	ESOH		
6 Aust Div Reception Camp	MORE		

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ANCE	Rear HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	ETAL	Rear HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde
ANAP	2/3 Bn	FAIR	2/3 Pd Regt RAA
BILE	Rear HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	GURO	HQ ASC 6 Aust Div
BOXE	2/11 Bn	HIRE	No 3 DID
CAYO	2/5 Bn	HORA	Adv HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde
CAYS	Adv HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	HUPE	6 Aust Div Pet Coy
CARI	2/2 Pd Regt RAA	IDIR	A Sqn 6 Aust Div Cav Regt
GEFU	2/2 Aust Inf Coy	INUD	1 Bty 2/1 Pd Regt RAA
GREX	2/5 Bn	INTA	5 Special Dental Unit
COIN	6 Bty 2/5 Pd Regt RAA	JOBA	2/1 CCS
COMP	6 Aust Div Inf Coy	LESA	2/1 Pd Hyg Sec
DACE	3 Special Dental Unit	LOHO	Pro Coy 6 Aust Div
DISC	16 Aust A Inf Coy	MAGA	4 Special Dental Unit
DOAG	2/1 Pd Regt RAA	MANY	No 2 DID
DOBS	2/3 Bn	NAWE	2/7 Pd Amb
DUMA	6 Sqn 6 Aust Div Cav Regt	NIBO	Rear HQ 6 Aust Div Sig Sec
DUGO	4 Bty 2/2 Pd Regt RAA	NILE	HQ Sigs 6 Aust Div
EIDC	2/1 Aust Inf Coy	NINE	Rear HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
ENGA	2/7 Bn	NOKA	2/1 Pd Regt Sig Sec
ENRO	Adv HQ 6 Aust Div	NOKO	CRA 6 Aust Div
ESOL	Composite Coy Amb	NORE	6 Aust Div Reception Camp
ESOH	6 Aust Div Recce Camp	NOVA	2/6 Bn

OHEN	3 Bty 2/2 Fd Regt RAA	RESA	B Sqn 5 Aust Div Cav Regt
PALE	7 Div Sec Ord Fd Hq	ROAR	2/4 Bn
PEGO	2/1 Bn	ROMA	6 Aust Div Cav Regt
PEKE	Adv Hq 6 Aust Div Sig Sec	ROOM	Data Aust Army Postal Unit
PIPC	Adv Hq 16 Aust Inf Bde	SEAR	Adv Hq 17 Aust Inf Bde
PITH	2/2 Fd Bn	SNIP	6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office
POGO	2 Bty 2/2 Fd Regt RAA	TIME	2/2 P1 P2 Coy RAB
POME	2/1 Bn Aust ARDC	TETO	Hq RAB 6 Aust Div
PURE	6 Aust Div Cav Regt Sig Sec	TENA	Hq 6 Aust Div Postal Unit
PUDA	Hq Sqn 6 Aust Div Cav Regt	TOLA	5 Bty 2/3 Fd Regt RAA
PULG	Adv Hq 17 Aust Div Bde Sig Sec	UDAS	Rear Hq 16 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
RACE	Spare	UDAX	6 Aust Div Sig Coia
RAME	Rear Hq 17 Aust Div Bde Sig Sec	UFAG	2/2 Fd Regt RAA Sig Sec
RAME	Spare	UPCS	2/3 Aust Fd Coy
RARA	Adv Hq 16 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	WARN	2/2 Aust 1 Fd Workshop
REAL	Data Hq ASC 6 Aust Div	ZICH	Rear Hq 6 Aust Div

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Adv Hq 7 Arm'd Div	GASO	Hq 1 R Tanks	HAUL
Rear Hq 7 Arm'd Div	RUEP	'A' Sqn	CELL
'B' Ech 7 Arm'd Div	RIGO	'B' Sqn	CLIP
Div Hq Sqn	PAIV	Hq 2 R Tanks	MAVE
'B' Ech 7 Hq Sqn	DACA	'A' Sqn	PAMA
Adv Div Sigs	NISA	'B' Sqn	CRIO
Rear Div Sigs	GRIF	'C' Sqn	WESO
ADMS 7 Arm'd Div	LAPH	'B' Ech	DUCK
CRA 7 Arm'd Div	NOAM	'C' Sqn 1 R Tanks	LISP
ADOS 7 Arm'd Div	NICE	'B' Ech 1 R Tanks	ALDO
Hq 4 Arm'd Bde	RITA	Hq Support Gp	IDEX
'B' Ech 4 Arm'd Bde	WARY	'B' Ech Sp Gp	UDLA
Adv Hq 5 Arm'd Bde	DUGO	Left Coln Sp Gp	PAFC
Rear Hq 5 Arm'd Bde	MIND	Hq 1 KRRC	ABBA
Hq 7 R	DOLO	Hq Coy	TATA
'A' Sqn	AMIP	'A' Coy	NAVO
'C' Sqn	DETA	'B' Coy	HELI
'B' Ech	TOOL	'C' Coy	UBIN
Hq 6 R Tanks	HERE	'D' Coy	DEAR
'A' Sqn	IPEM	'B' Ech	RITE
'B' Sqn	TENG	Hq 2 RB	BEAM
'C' Sqn	REEM	Hq Coy	TILA
'B' Ech	HUMM	'A' Coy	PURO
Hq 7 Arm'd Bde	JOPA	'B' Coy	BAYG
'B' Ech 7 Arm'd Bde	ULTC	'C' Coy	ULBA
Hq 8 R	KEGI	'D' Coy	JAFE
'A' Sqn	PIKO	'B' Ech	ULFO
'B' Sqn	CAPE	Hq 5 RHA	ROB E
'C' Sqn	SIVA	'B' Bty	PANT
'B' Ech	TIFO		

'J' Bty	WOOL	HQ 106 RHA	USHA
'K' Bty	SENT	3 Bty	WELL
'P' Bty	BOPO	4 Bty	NICO
'B' Ech	FACE	'B' Ech	MOAN
HQ 4 RHA	BAKP	HQ 2 Fd Sqn RE	COST
'C' Bty	UVOR	1 Tp	RENT
'F' Bty	MICA	2 Tp	JOCA
'B' Ech	TAKE	3 Tp	NUGE
37 Lt AA Bty RA	LAWS	HQ 141 Fd Pk Tp RE	DUST
HQ 3 H	SADA	GRASO	RIJO
'A' Sqn	EVAN	65 Coy RASC	PERM
'B' Sqn	EUTE	5 Coy RASC	IMOT
'C' Sqn	DEED	58 Coy RASC	TASK
'B' Ech	HICH	Wkshops Sec RASC	GAFF
HQ HDG	CRIB	HQ 2/3 Fd Amb	JARO
'A' Sqn	NESS	'A' Sec	LOLA
'B' Sqn	MIME	'B' Sec	KUDE
'C' Sqn	NAHA	'C' Sec	JELA
'B' Ech	PUKE	'D' Sec	LATA
HQ 11 H	POES	HQ 3/3 Cav Fd Amb	ROPA
'A' Sqn	GAGA	'A' Sec	DUNT
'B' Sqn	HOAD	'B' Sec	SEDO
'C' Sqn	MUZA	'C' Sec	GURE
'B' Ech	ROMA	'D' Sec	SINE
HQ 7 R Tanks	BOWS	7 Armd Div Wkshops	HELP
'A' Sqn	LEHA	No 1 Lt Rep Sec	SENO
'B' Sqn	NIMO	No 2 Lt Rep Sec	HISS
'C' Sqn	LADY	No 3 Lt Rep Sec	KEOS
'B' Ech	LALO	7 Armd Div Rec Det	SLIM
3rd RHA Gp	JEPO	Corps Ord Fd Pk Sec	ITMP
E. 1 RHA	REDO	Div Pro Sqn	LADA
A/E Bty	GUMB	Div Reinf Camp	YIPA
B/O Bty	OBAB	MF 7 Div	LEPO
'B' Ech	LEME	HQ 3rd Line MF WDF	BODY
		231 Coy RASC	INIP

231 Coy RASC	SPRO	Div Veh Res Pk	EUGO
1/106 Bty RHA	BODE	2 Bty 106 RHA	NUSO
550 Coy RASC	GPAS	1 A Tk Bty	EXUS
RAF Armcd Car Sqn	IRON	Res Mech Tpt Coy	EXOT

7 ARMoured DIVISION CODE NAMES

LIST NO 7 (1940)

FOUR LETTER

ALPHABETICAL

ABBA	H: 1 KRRC	EVOT	X Res 1st Coy
ADDO	'B' Ech 1 R Tanks	EVAN	'A' Sqn 3 H
AHIP	'A' Sqn 7 H	FOES	H: 11 H
BAYS	'B' Coy 2 RB	GRIF	Wshops Sec RASC
BEAM	HQ 2 RB	GASO	HQ 7 Armcd Div
BODE	1/106 Bty RHA	GPAS	550 Coy RASC
BODY	HQ 3rd 106th MT WDF	GRIF	Rear Div Wshops
BOPO	'P' Bty RHA	GURE	'C' Sec 3/3 Cav Ft And
BOWS	HQ 7 R Tanks	HAGE	'B' Ech 3 RHA
CAPE	'B' Sqn 8 H	HAUL	HQ 1 R Tanks
CACA	'A' Sqn 21 H	HELI	'B' Coy 1 KRRC
CELI	'A' Sqn 1 R Tanks	HELP	7 Armcd Div Wshops
CLIF	'B' Sqn 1 R Tanks	HICO	'B' Ech 7 Armcd Div
CJST	HQ 2 Ft Sqn RE	HOAD	'B' Sqn 21 H
CURE	A/E Bty 1 RHA	HRES	No 2 Lt Rep Sec
DACA	'B' Ech Div HQ Sqn	HULF	Corps Ord Ft Ft Sqn
DANI	'D' Bty 3 RHA	HUTE	'B' Ech 6 R Tanks
DEAR	'D' Coy HRC	IDEX	HQ Sp Cp
DOLO	HQ 7 H	IEEE	HQ 6 R Tanks
DUET	HQ 141 Ft Mk Tp RE	IKET	5 Coy RASC
DUCK	'B' Ech 2 R Tanks	INIT	231 Coy RASC
DUNT	'A' Sec 3/3 Cav Ft And	INTA	'A' Sqn 6 R Tanks
DUGO	Adv HQ 3 Armcd Ede	IRON	RAF Armcd Car Sqn
DUTA	'C' Sqn 7 H		

JASE	'D' Coy 2 RB	NUGE	3 Tp 2 Rd Sqn RB
JARO	2/3 Cav Rd Amb	NIMO	'B' Sqn 7 R Tanks
JELA	'C' Sec 2/3 Cav Rd Amb	NUSE	2 Bty 106 RHA
JEPO	3rd RHA Gp	ORIE	Hq 106
JOGA	2 Tp 2 Rd Sqn RB	ORLO	2 Sqn 2 R Tanks
JOPA	Hq 7 Armd Bde	OSAS	D/O Bty 1 RHA
KESI	Hq 8 E	PAIN	Div Hq Sqn
KIFA	Div Reinf Camp	PAMA	4 Sqn 2 R Tanks
KIOS	3 Lt Reg Sec	PERM	65 Coy RASC
KUDE	'B' Sec 2/3 Cav Rd Amb	RAFO	Left Coln Gp 3
KUGO	Div Veh Res Pk	PIKO	A Sqn 6 E
IAPS	ADMS 7 Armd Div	PUME	'B' Ech HQ
IATA	'D' Sec 2/3 Cav Rd Amb	PURO	'A' Coy 2 RB
LEHA	'A' Sqn 7 R Tanks	RAMP	Hq 4 RHA
LEFO	MP 7 Div	RENT	1 Tp 2 Rd Sqn RB
LINT	'B' Ech 1 RHA	RESE	3 Sqn 6 R Tanks
LISF	'C' Sqn 1 R Tanks	RISH	'B' Ech 3 E
IADY	'D' Sqn 7 R Tanks	RIVO	CHASO
LODA	Div Pro Sqn	STOO	Hq 1 RHA
LALO	'B' Ech 7 R Tanks	RITA	Hq 4 Armd Bde
LOHA	'B' Ech 11 E	RITE	'B' Ech 1 RRRC
LAWS	37 Lt AA Bty	ROAM	GR 7 Armd Div
LOLA	'A' Sec 2/3 Cav Rd Amb	ROSE	Hq 3 RHA
LICA	P Bty 4 RHA	ROPA	Hq 3/2 Cav Rd Amb
LISA	Adv Div Sigs	RUFF	Res 7 Armd Div
LUZA	'C' Sqn 11 E	SADA	Hq 3 E
LOAN	'B' Ech 103 RHA	SIED	'B' Sec 5/3 Cav Rd Amb
MESS	'A' Sqn HQ	SENI	'D' Bty 3 RHA
LIMS	'B' Sqn HQ	SENO	No 1 Lt Reg Sec
LAMA	'C' Sqn HQ	SEPO	254 Coy RASC
LIRE	Res Hq 3 Armd Div	SINE	'D' Sec 5/3 Cav Rd Amb
LICE	ADMS 7 Armd Div	SIVA	'C' Sqn 6 E
RAWO	A Coy 1 RRRC	SLIM	7 Armd Div Rec Det
KEWT	Hq 8 R Tanks		
NIGO	4 Bty 103 RHA		

TAME 'B' Ech 4 RHA

TASK 68 Coy RASC

TATA HQ Coy 1 KRRC

TEMU 'B' Sqn 6 R Tanks

TILA HQ Coy 2 RB

TITO 'B' Ech 8 H

TOOL 'B' Ech 7 H

UDLA 'E' Ech Sp Gp

UBIN 'C' Coy KRRC

UKUS 1 A Tk Bty

UIBA 'C' Coy 2 RB

ULFO 'B' Ech 2 RB

USHA HQ 106 RHA

ULTO 'B' Ech 7 Armd Bde

UKED 'C' Sqn 3 H

UVOR 'C' Bty 4 RHA

VESO 'C' Sqn 2 R Tanks

WARY 'B' Ech 4 Armd Bde

WELL 3 Bty 106 RHA

WOOL 'J' Bty 3 RHA

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DRIS TIME TABLE - Commencing 16 Feb 41

<u>OUT AND FROM BARCE</u>				<u>HOMEWARD TO BARCE</u>	
1.	<u>BARCE - AGEDABIA</u>				
BARCE	Dep	0700 hrs	1330 hrs	Arr	0930 hrs 1600 hrs
EL ABIAR	Arr	0930 "	1600 "	Dep	0700 " 1330 "
	Dep	0945 "		Arr	1515 "
BENGASI	Arr	1145 "		Arr	1315 "
AGEDABIA	Arr	1800 "		Dep	0700 "
2.	<u>BARCE - BARACCA</u>				
BARCE	Dep	0935 hrs	1605 hrs	Arr	1200 hrs 1320 hrs
BARACCA	Arr	1035 "	1705 "	Dep	1100 " 1720 "
3.	<u>BARCE - TOBRUCK</u>				
BARCE	Dep	0700 hrs		Arr	1730 hrs
DERNA	Arr	1130 "		Dep	1300 "
	Dep	1200 "		Arr	1130 "
TOBRUCK	Arr	1630 "		Dep	0700 "
4.	<u>TOBRUCK - SOLLUM</u>				
TOBRUCK	Dep	0800 hrs		Arr	1600 hrs
SOLLUM	Arr	1600 "		Dep	0800 "

Note: BARCE to EL ABIAR will carry all mail for BENGASI.

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6 Anst Div, 7 Anst Div, 208 AC Sqn RAF.

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TO

6 Aust Div, 7 Armd Div, 208 Sqn RAF

War Diary 2

FROM

1 Aust Corps

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FROM 1 Aust Corps		Originator's Number 041		Date 16		In Reply to Number	
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FROM **1 Anst Corps**

Originator's Number

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1 Aust Corps.

16 Feb 41.

All Branches & Services
Rptd Camp
Sigs 1 Aust Corps

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

1. Areas of responsibility have been allotted as follows:-

- (a) 1 Aust Corps Area.
Italian Province of BENGHAZI as shown on map Africa 1/200,000
G.S.G.S. No 2871 - Sheet CYRENAICA exclusive of BENGHAZI
Base Sub-Area and BARCE Command HQ Area.
- (b) BENGHAZI Base Sub-Area.
Ref R.A.F. map B/2 BENGHAZI.
Boundary all incl BENGHAZI Base Sub-Area. Northern wall
of BENGHAZI town - FORT ARTESIAN - Ry line 400 yds East
of FORT LUESHI - Ry spur running thence to the South -
Main petrol depot (marked 24 on map) - FORT FUEIHOT con-
tinuing due South for a mile from FORT FUEIHOT - thence
line due West to the coast.
- (c) BARCE Command Area.
A circular area radius 4 KM from square in BARCE Town.
The limits on Roads and Rly will be marked by notice
boards.

2. Responsibility for Internal Security.

1 Aust Corps and Area Comds will be responsible for Internal
Security in the areas allotted in para 1.

3. The maps referred to in Paras 1(a) and (b) are not available for
general distribution; the areas have been marked on maps in the
G III (o)'s room where they may be viewed.

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GS 1 Aust Corps.

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TO

"A" Sqn 6 Aust Div Cav Regt rptd Adv Hq 7 Armd Div

FROM	Originator's Number		Date	In Reply to Number
1 Aust Corps	0 47		17	
7	armd	div	withdrawing	area
commencing	18	feb	and	handing
over	to	6	aust	cav
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and	twentyfive	carriers	(.)	reorgan
and/part/to	report	Hq	4	bde
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come	under	comd	SEAR	upon	arrival

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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
& consequent action

To: G3(o)

From: BGS CYRCOM

1130 hrs 19 Feb

Political Offr reports last night Arabs murdered Italian family in settlement vicinity FILZI (.) Requested we provide one coy to be at disposal of Political Offr if required to round up Arabs concerned (.) also said he would send political offr to HQ 6 Aust Div in order to complete arrangements

ACTION:

Reported matter to G2(1) rang DA & GEG but could NOT contact him (.) Rang 6 Aust Div and asked them to provide one coy as requested by BGS CYRCOM (.) Arrangements completed.

Copies: File (1)
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" (2)

W. B. Board Maj
GS 1 Aust Corps.

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GASO rptd SEAR

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2/3	fd	coy	under	comd	SEAR
upon	arrival	AGEDABIA	will	carry	out
enr	requirements	GASO	units	pending	arrival
enr	det	DUGO			

11/18/52 per 17-104

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FROM HECU

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To MEGU

From LOCO

By 'phone from LOCO 1620 hrs 19 Feb

1145 hrs 19 Feb MERSA EL BAYDA MISURATA 1: 1,000,000
12 D 64 3 Hurricanes engaged 6 He 110s (.) one own
aircraft missing (.) believed killed (.) one own aircraft
damaged (.) pilot OK (.) ZA has been ground strafing
fwd tps (.) between 1230 and 1315 hrs 1 Blenheim 55 Sqn
at 21000 ft took photos coast road - - message ends
after fading - (Break in line LOCO - RUFF)

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FROM

MEGU

Originator's Number

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Date

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In Reply to Number

a	german	aircraft	was	shot	down
this	morning	ship	believed	new	type
ship	units	located	near	coast	will
any	wreckage	washed	ashore		

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TO: AIRBORNE (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

FROM: AMSTCORPS			Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
			0 58	19	
Per	DO3	203/10/1	of	9	Feb
41	⊙	OT COR	has	requested	authority
from	WIDEAST	for	2/2	fd	regt
to	take	over	25	pr	guns
from	a	unit	here	⊙	please
defer	all	action	referred	to	in
DO3	203/10/1	until	further	advice	

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TO
CYRCON

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FROM AUSTCORPS	Originator's Number 068	Date 21/2	In Reply to Number
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two	enemy	armd	Cs	attacked	patrol
KDG's	22	kilos	West	of	EL
AGHEILA	1530	hrs	20	feb	(.)
later	report	1932	hrs	(.)	enemy
forces	three	armd	Cs	are one	breda
gun	on	truck	(.)	one	enemy
armd	car	knocked	out	(.)	action

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FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

continuing	two	miles	West	EL	AGHEILA
(.)	Tas	R	arranged	for	first
light	21	feb	(.)	request	strat
R	rd	West	BIR	EL	KERDUMA
to	limit	of	range	21	feb

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TO Adv HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde

FROM			Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
AUSTCORPS PS			069	21/2	G0168
have	requested	strat	R	from	BIR
EL	MERDUHA	as	far	West	as
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TO 17 Inf Bde rptd 7 Armd Div CORA

FROM 1 Armd Corps Ref Q 30 of 20 Feb 41 (.)			Originator's Number 0 73	Date 21	In Reply to Number
4	bty	106	RHA	now	under
cond	KDCs	will	move	to	join
7	Armd	Div	forthwith	(.)	155
1t	AA	bty	remains	under	cond
17	Armd	Inf	Edie	but	at
12	lrs	notice	to	move	(.)
If	circumstances permit	155	Lt	AA	

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FORM No. 35

1 AUSTRALIAN CORPS
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 58.

From 0001 hrs 16 Feb 41 to 2000 hrs 20 Feb 41.

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1. OPERATIONS. Enemy -

(a) Ground. Air reports dated 19 Feb state two camps each of 50 tents or huts were observed in BIR DU REEM area 8c52 (MISTRA sheet 1-1,000,000) and that rd SINTE-MISURATA was "covered with I.T." moving North.

(b) Air. During the period under review the enemy has been more active in the air. German aircraft being mainly responsible. Bombing attacks have been chiefly against shipping and the harbour at BENGHASI. Low flying bomb and M.G. attacks have been made on our TWA's and particularly against M.T. on rd BENGHASI-AGHEILA-EL AGHEILA. Little damage and no casualties have been reported.

During the week the enemy has lost 14 or 15 machines, including Messerschmidt Fighters, JU 87's and a mine carrying aircraft. Four planes were shot down by AA fire in the BENGHASI Area, one by 3 Sqn RAAF and four or five by units of the Arm'd Div.

Our losses amounted to two aircraft shot down. One of the pilots is safe.

2. OPERATIONS. Own Troops -

(a) Ground. An unconfirmed report states that in an action against GIAPABUB on 16 Feb 600 Italians were captured. These prisoners stated there was only sufficient rations left to last the garrison another six days.

(b) Air. Fighter patrols have been sent out to combat enemy air activity and whilst considerably outnumbered have given a good account of themselves, having disabled a number of machines in addition to those brought down (see 1(b)).

3. ENEMY DEFENCES between AGHEILA and TRIPOLI area.

The following report is from a reliable source:-

(a) Apart from one or two old forts there were no defences to the East of TRIPOLI prior to early January. All defensive measures taken were against a possible invasion from the TUNISIAN frontier.

(b) There is an old fort 5 kilometres West of HOMS just north of the road to TRIPOLI and another where the littoral road from INARA from the sea to TAGIURA (approximately 20 kilometres West of TRIPOLI).

(c) It is reported that on 25 Jan two divisions began work on an anti-tank trench along the line TAGIURA-AIN ZARA. This is said to have been dug in sand for greater speed, but with resultant loss of efficiency.

(d) To the South of TRIPOLI, in the GEBEL, there are large scale defensive works at GARIAN and JEFFREN, designed for defence against the West.

(e) Prisoners of War state that there are no anti-tank mines between AGHEILA and TRIPOLI.

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4. ENEMY AMMUNITION DEPOT.

A P.W. has stated that an amm depot exists at GARS GARABULLI 6888 (TRIPOLI sheet 1-1,000,000) on the TRIPOLI-BENGHASI Road. The exact location is said to be half a kilometre East of GARS GARABULLI on the South side of the road. The only defence is a single naval coastal battery.

5. SECURITY OF INFORMATION.

P.W. Attached to this Summary is a circular issued by HQ BTE stressing the importance of the training of all ranks in Security matters and in particular to demonstrate the correct manner in which a P.W. should behave under enemy interrogation.

6. DOCUMENTS.

Experience in France and England has indicated the necessity for each HQ to classify files into "Essential for Operations" and "Non-Essential." The former category is reduced to a minimum and in the event of operations taking place the latter can be destroyed. In static periods also the majority of HQ down to Bde HQ collect elaborate map cabinets, boards, etc., on which are marked the locations of every formation and unit known. It was often found impossible to destroy these when a HQ suddenly became involved in an operation. Rapid destruction of such maps must always be possible.



Lt.-Col.,
GS 1 Aust Corps.

ISSUED WITH 1 AUST CORPS INT SUMMARY NO. 58

SECRET

Subject :- Conduct of British P. W.'s

CR/E/2/21675/GS "I".

Headquarters,
No. 1 L of C District.
Cairo Base Sub-Area
Canal L of C Area.
2nd Armoured Division.
2 A.A. Brigade.
1 Aust Corps
New Zealand Division.

Captured documents show that information has been divulged by British P.W.'s when interrogated by the enemy. They have given names and details of their units, including names of officers; they have described operations in which they have taken part, they have given information concerning the organisation and equipment of units.

2. It is pointed out that the enemy Intelligence on operations in the Western Desert was largely based on the result of prisoner of war interrogations and captured documents,

3. It is one of the most important duties of unit Intelligence and Security officers to ensure that all ranks are fully trained in security matters and that they are taught how great a part Intelligence plays in operations.

4. This can be done not only by lectures, orders, etc., but by demonstrations such as the correct and incorrect way to behave under interrogation, and the soldier who goes into battle with documents on him, illustrating, as each one is found, what information they reveal to the enemy.

5. Full instructions regarding the conduct of prisoners of war are laid down in Manual of Military Intelligence in the Field 1938, Chapter 2, Paragraph 12, and Commanding Officers should ensure that all ranks are fully and frequently acquainted with these instructions.

(Sgd) W.B. Emery, Maj,
for Brig
General Staff.

Headquarters,
British Troops in Egypt.

12 Feb 41.

1 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 59

From information received between 0001 hrs 21 Feb and 2000 hrs 23 Feb 41

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1. GENERAL.

During the last 48 hrs the enemy has continued aerial activity over BENGASI and fwd areas. Despite these attacks comparatively little damage has been done. Some civilian casualties are reported in BENGASI and 8 ORs have been reported wounded in the fwd areas.

The RAF and RAAF have continued their fighter patrols and reconnaissances.

One damaged enemy plane has been found abandoned.

A minor patrol action occurred West of EL AGHEILA.

Forward dispositions of our troops have been received.

A dump of poison gas has been located West of BENINA.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

(i) Ground. Air Recces report :-

21 Feb. A column of 16 enemy vehicles observed 4 miles East of RAS-EL-AALI. Most of these vehicles are believed to have been armoured cars. Uniforms of the crews appeared to be light blue and not of ordinary khaki pattern.

22 Feb. Two convoys each of 15 to 20 MT moving North on MISURATA-SIRTE road. Also small convoy of 5 MT moving South.

23 Feb. Four armoured cars including 1 with a large gun mounted on the front were seen 12 miles West of EL AGHEILA.

(ii) Air.

20 Feb. A German plane with damaged under-carriage was located by one of our ground patrols 19 miles West of EL AGHEILA. As there were two parachutes in the plane and no bodies in evidence, it is presumed the crew have escaped.

21 Feb. BENGASI was raided by at least 4 JU 88 dive bombers. Bombs were dropped on the town and harbour. Eight persons were wounded and one killed.

22 Feb. A further raid was carried out on BENGASI. There were no casualties but some damage was done to a road.

In a raid on an area 7 miles N.W. of MADDELENA bombs fell on the roadway and damaged some telegraph wires.

Four unidentified enemy aircraft were seen on the aerodrome at MISURATA, 20 fighter monoplanes on the ground at BONERAT-AL-SOUN, and 12 twin engined bombers on the ground at TAKET. No machines or activity of any kind were observed at SIRTE. Five sea-planes were moored in TRIPOLI harbour. No activity was observed at MALLALA aerodrome.

(iii) Sea. Air Recce reports -

22 Feb. Three large ships in TRIPOLI harbour each approximately 10,000 tons, three smaller ships each approximately 5000 tons, one Naval Auxiliary craft of approximately 5000 tons, and nine smaller craft each of about 500 tons.

3. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Ground.

20 Feb. One of our forward patrols encountered three armoured cars and 1 truck carrying a Breda Gun, 22 miles West

of EL AGHEILA. One enemy armoured car was put out of action.

21 Feb. A patrol of Armoured cars with A/Tx protection patrolled Westward to a point 27 miles West of EL AGHEILA. Rough going was encountered. No enemy were seen, but patrol reports :-

(i) A small dump of empty shell cases of approximately 37 mm calibre.

(ii) A collapsible boat at the grounded two-seater German bomber referred to in 2 (ii) above, and some red powder resembling an ochre which turns green when wet.

(iii) A number of dead camels and horses apparently shot whilst grazing.

- (b) Air. During the period under review our fighter and reconnaissance aircraft have maintained patrols over the BENGASI area, areas occupied by our forward troops, along our main lines of communication and enemy rear areas without loss of aircraft or personnel.

4. CHEMICAL WARFARE.

Large dumps of CW Material (Gas) and some equipment have been found at a magazine situated 200 yards North of the EL ABIAR-BENGASI Road, 2.5 kms West of the Fort at BENINA aerodrome.

Types and quantities are as follows :-

- 77 drums containing approx 17 tons of Mustard
- 98 drums containing approx 29 tons of Liquid (unidentified)
- 99 drums containing approx 24 tons of Miscelal (believed to be flame thrower Liquid)
- 91 drums containing approx 48 tons of Chlorsulphonic Acid
- 1430 cap generators 2 kg.

A number of chemical mines were found which apparently had been filled and emptied again.

Several drums of bleaching powder and a number of A/Gas suits and over-boots were discovered amongst the accessories.

At a salvage dump 39 miles North of AGEDABIA 20 to 30 infantry pattern flame throwers were located.

This is the largest quantity of gas yet discovered in LIBYA, and it is possible that other dumps exist. If found they should be marked with "Gas Warning" signs and this HQ notified immediately.

J. D. Page

Lt-Col
GS 1 Aust Corps.

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Medical, ord, pro, postal.

FROM: 1 Aust Corps

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Date
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ref para 3 (a) HQ 1 Aust Corps CO no 6 of 23 Feb (.)
att hereto is sketch showing deviation to be followed
between SALUM and SIDI BARRANI(.) This deviation is liable
to cancellation which will be notified by MP who be
posted at turn off from main rd

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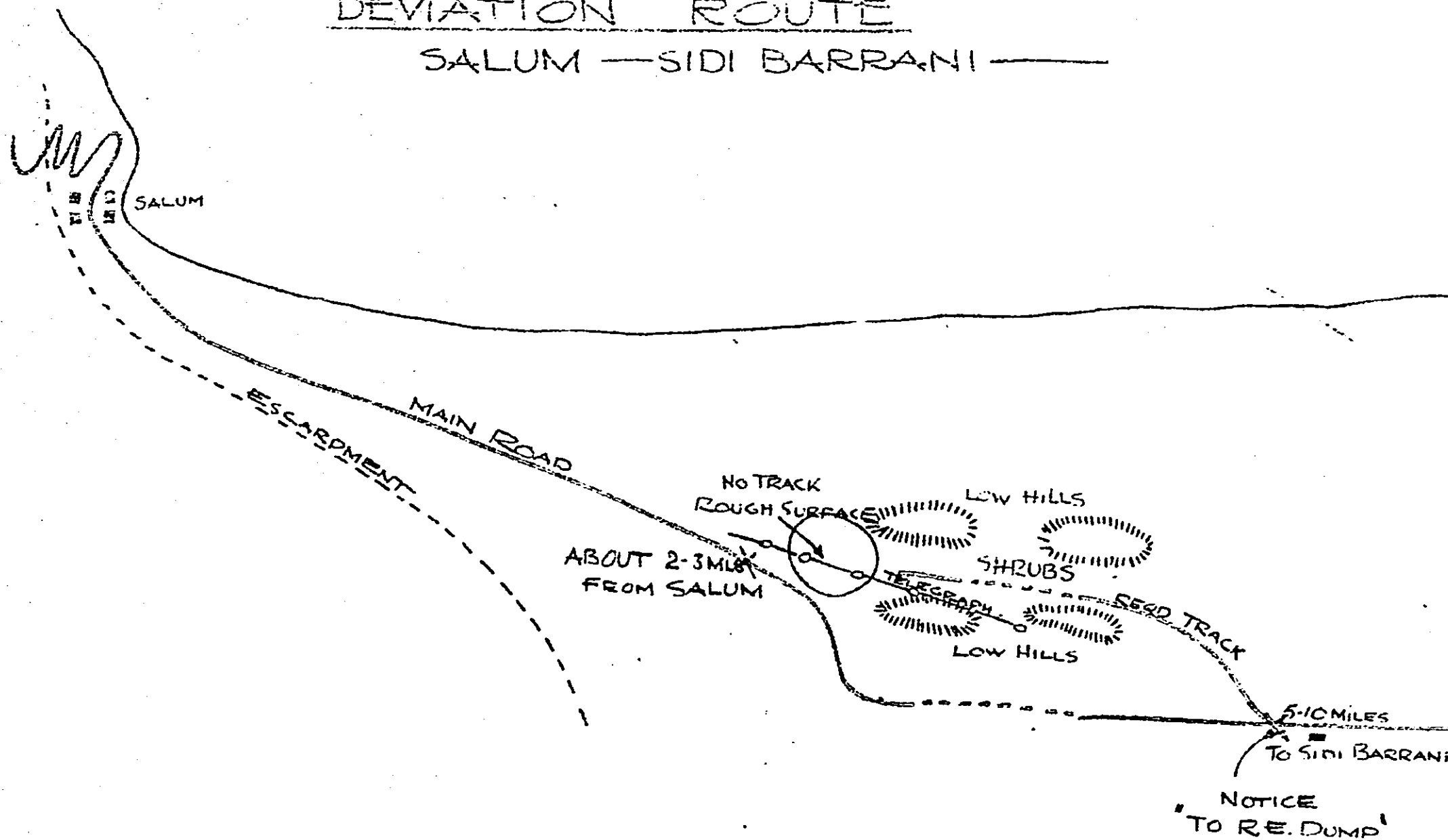
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DEVIATION ROUTE

SALUM — SIDI BARRANI —



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22 Feb
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INWARDS MESSAGE

Sig Cfr AGEDABIA reported as follows (.)
1100 hrs 22 feb seven unidentified EA MOD
AGEDABIA aerodrome damaging ~~one~~ one italian
plane on ground

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To : CCRA CSO Sigs 1 Aust Corps 7 Div Ann Sub Plr
Wkahop Sec 1 Aust Corps Pot Plr G A Q CE Camp
AASC Medical Ord Pro Postal Pay

From: 1 Aust Corps 0 80 22

WARNING ORDER (.) Corps HQ and att
tps move to EGYPT commencing 25 Feb (.)
Recce party moves 24 FEB

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CYRCON rptd AUSTFORCE, AUST BASE.

FROM

1 Aust Corps

Originator's Number

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Date

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In Reply to Number

0512

Aust	Corps	Hq	and	Sigs	1 Aust
Corps	move	by	road	25	Feb
staging	nights	25/26	Feb	DERMA	26/27
Feb	TOLBUCK	27/28	Feb	BUG BUG	28
28 Feb/1 Mar	QUASABA	1/2	Mar	AMIRYA	(.)
Recco	party	moves	one	day	ahead
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advised please (.) AUSFORCE to inform			
Brig. ROWELL.			

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CYRCON	advise	that	one	it	AA
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2ty	and	4/106	25A	during	course
of	few	days	(.)	also	advise
that	fighter	aircraft	strength	will soon	be
increased	over	your	area.	①	Case
strongly	represented	CYRCON			

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TO: CCRA CSO G I A Q CE Med Ord Pro AASC Camp

FROM: 1 Aust Corps

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Comd of 17 Aust Inf Bds and att tps passes from 1 Aust
Corps to 6 Aust Div from 1200 hrs 24 Feb

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Date

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In Reply to Number

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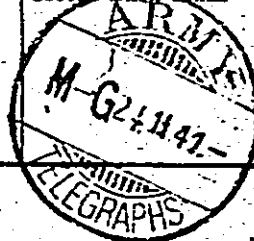
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TO MEGU RPTD ENID

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FROM SEAR

Originator's Number

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In Reply to Number

FOES report AGH eika fort clear of
enemy at 1100 hrs @ enemy retreating
westwards @ strength not stated

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AASC, Medical, Ord, Pro, Postal, Recce Party, Gp comds
(each) TO, Mess secretaries (each) A,B,X,C,D,F,G,H
Messrs. File. War Diary

From:	Originators No	Date
1 Aust Corps	0 97	24

ref para 6 HQ 1 Aust Corps 00 no 6 of 23 feb (.)

delete 1630 hrs and substitute 1400 hrs ☒ ACK

<i>16/11/40</i> Maj	Originators instns (by orderly) Degree - IMPORTANT	T00 <u>1020</u>
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FROM	1 Aust Corps	Originator's Number	0 16	Date	4	In Reply to Number	-
Prior	to	control	13	Corps	passing		
to	GHQ	daily	situation	reports	were		
received	at	this	HQ	from	BTE (.)		
in	view	participation	Australian	tps	request		
you	repeat	to	this	HQ	Austforce		
and	Ausbase	situation	reports	covering	operations		
in	which	AIF	engaged				

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Signed *McWells*
Lt.-Col.

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~~DELS~~ ~~MESSAGE~~

To: CINCEN rptd WHID, 23AP, No 3 RAMP 30n, No 6 RAMP 30n
From: HIGU

Originators No
055

Date
19

GITREF(.) 1600 hrs 18 feb three hurricanes engaged 10
to 12 JU 87's at 1000 ft 20 miles N? of AGZILA(.)
One shot down in flames (.) two probable (.) four damaged
(.) own casualties nil (.) 1935 hrs 18 feb bombing
vicinity BENGASI details later (.) WHID reports wireless
messages from ROMA picked up by IDIR evening 17 feb
reported 600 PWs taken yesterday at GIARABUB who stated
rations six days only existed (.) IDIR collection
213 tanks 63 miles SOUTH BENGASI was HGO at 1135 hrs
16 feb by 10 Messerschmitt fighters which flew in from
sea at 100 to 150 ft no casualties (.) 1015 hrs 19 feb
JHO BENGASI reported torpedo attack by aircraft from
SICILY (.) one brought down (.) two of German crew
captured

W. H. Jones
Brig
G3 1 Asst Corps. DELS

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1430 hrs

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one	can	aircraft	damaged	(.)	pilot
OK	(.)	has	been	ground	
straffing	from	the	(.)	between	1230
and	1315	hrs (.)	one	blenheim	55
seen	at	21000	ft	took	photos
coast	road	(.)	(	message	becomes
unintelligible	ends	after	ending	ends	

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number		
LOGO	recontacted	1905	hrs	(.)	continues
message	(.)	SIRTS	MISURATA	conditions	bag
(.)	two	small	camp	fifty	tents
of	huts	seen	vicinity	BIR	BU
RTMA	8058	(.)	rd	SIRTS	MISURATA
covered	with	BT	mostly	moving	NORTH
congestion	between	BIR	BU	RTMA	and

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FROM		Originator's Number		Date	In Reply to Number
MISURATA	(.)	nine	EA	NOT	identified
seen	flying	NORTH	at	1000	ft
at	BIR	BU	REFMA	(.)	1550
hrs	one	hurricane	from	patrol	over
BENGASI	engaged	one	JUGS	from	dive
bombers	over	BENGASI	without	success	(.)
1530	hrs	one	hurricane	was	attacked

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Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

by	six	No 110's	and	forced	back
to	base	when	was	exhausted	ten
miles	WEST	of	BENGASI	(*)	one
RA	damaged				

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Signed *W. H. P. J. M. J.* Maj
G. J. Aust Corp

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W. D. [Signature]

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DEIS MESSAGE

TO: CYRCON rptd ENID, 12AR, No 3 Cdn RCAF, No 6 RCF Sqn, I
FROM: HBCU

Originators No. Date
065 20

sitrep one (.) gd ops (.) nil (.) SA activity (.) 12AR
reported as follows (.) SA active over area afternoon
18 and early morning 19 feb (.) also reported eight SA
brought down in area 18 feb (.) WGM via 12AR reported
as follows (.) two hurricanes crashed 19 feb near HALLA
HBCU: one pilot killed and one injured (.) details also
items from crashed GREEN-H plane will be delivered HBCU
by GREGORY (.)

W. D. [Signature]
HBCU 1212

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1520 hrs

Not Sany (2).

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IRIS MESSAGE.

TO: CINCOM rptd IRIS, SEAR, NO 3 SQN RAAP, NO 6 RAF SQN

FROM: HMCU

Originators No
070

Date.
21

Sitrep two (.) at ops (.) 1530 hrs two enemy armd cars
attacked patrol of 11th Hussars 22 miles West of EL AGHEILA (.)
Details not yet reported (.) At 1932 hrs 17 Aust Inf Bde
report 11th Hussars reports enemy force 3 armd cars and
one Breda gun. (.) Enemy armd car knocked out (.)
Action continuing two miles West of EL AGHEILA (.) All
possible precautions taken (.) Message ends (.) IR activity (.)
Following is delayed message from SEAR despatched 1555 hrs
19 Feb (.) begins (.) approx nine JU 87's and 15 Ju 110's
bombed KANSA EL BERRA at 1120 hrs two confirmed destroyed (.)
one Hurricane crashed but pilot safe (.) Message ends (.)
Between 0530 and 0600 hrs morning 20 Feb BERRA was raided (.)
One Bristol III was brought down by gun fire (.) 2/4 Bn
machine gunned by bombers from height 50 ft after bombing
attack on BERRA (.) Explosive bullets used and planes
identified as twin engined German monoplane (.) No damage
or casualties (.)

T00
W00 hrs

Not for IRIS
HMCU

W. D. [signature]

DRLS MESSAGE

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To: CYRCOM rptd 6 Aust Div, 3 Armd Bde, 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp,
No 3 Sqn RAAF, No 6 Sqn RAAF, "I"

From: 1 Aust Corps

Originators No

Date

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21

Sitrep three (.) ground ops (.) adv HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
reported patrol from FOES approx 1915 hrs on 20 feb contacted
enemy truck and breida gun 19 repeat 19 kilos West of EL AGHEILA
(.) no casualties (.) EA activity (.) adv HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
reported FOES located German plane with undercarriage damaged
19 kilos East of EL AGHEILA two parachutes no bodies (.) FOES
sending patrol with anti-tank guns this morning (.) ~~CYRCOM~~
reported BENGAZI area raided 0600 hrs 20 (.) bombs dropped
on harbour town and main road South of town (.) slight damage
to road (.) no casualties (.) one shot down by AA

16/6/52 [signature]
Brig
1 Aust Corps

1552 hrs
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DELS MESSAGE

To OYRCON rptd 6 Aust Div, 3 Armd Bde, 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp,
No 3 Sqn RAAF, No 6 Sqn RAF, "I", "A"

From 1 Aust Corps

Originators No

Date

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Sitrep four (.) Ground ops (.) nil (.) RA activity (.)
3 Sqn RAAF telephoned 1831 hrs 21 feb and reported
no RA activity and confirmed that eight RA were shot
down by them 18 feb

Land. Division
Capt
for Brig

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0530 hrs

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DRLS MESSAGE

To: CYRCOM rptd 6 Aust Div, 3 Armd Bde, 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp,
No 3 Sqn RAAF, No 6 Sqn RAF, "I", "AQ".

From: 1 Aust Corps	Originators No	Date
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Sitrep five (.) ground ops (.) nil (.) EA activity (.)
adv HQ 19 aust inf bde reported BENGHASI raided 0640
to 0655 hrs 22 feb by five or six enemy bombers attacking
singly diving from approx 8000 to 4000 ft before releasing
bombs (.) raid restricted to BENGHASI town (.) unconfirmed
message from sig offr AGEDABIA reported AGEDABIA aerodrome
MGD by seven EA 1100 hrs 22 feb damaging one captured Italian
plane on ground (.) Adv HQ 17 aust inf bde reported that at
1047 hrs 22 feb five EA heavily bombed and MGD area NE and
NW of adv HQ 17 aust inf bde following attack by ten planes
on 2/7 bn (.) two appeared to be two-engined bombers
remaining three Mello's (.) reported attack ended approx
1110 hrs (.) no casualties or damage (.) also reported that
at 1545 hrs 18 feb approx fifteen low flying EA MGD 2/7 bn
whose small arms return fire caused one plane to roll emit
smoke and lose height rapidly

W. H. G. G. G. G.
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CRASH rptd 6 Aust Div, 3 Arm Bde, No 3 Bn RAAF, No 6 Bn RAF
"I", "10"

FROM

1 Aust Corps

Originator's Number

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Date

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In Reply to Number

INTER	six	(.)	ground	ops	(.)
adv	II	17	aust	inf	bde
reported	that	at	0830	hrs	21
feb	air	reported	column	sixteen	enemy
vehicles	four	miles	east	of	RAG
EL	ALLI	(.)	mostly	road	CS
at	least	three	appeared	of	eight

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FROM			Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
shoeled	type	(*)	uniforms	of	crew
appeared	light	blue	(*)	khaki	not
of	ordinary	plain	pattern		

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To: CYRCOM rptd ENID, SEAR, GASO, No 6 Sqn RAF, "I", "AQ"
From : 1 Aust Corps 0 85 22

Sitrep seven (.) LOCO reported following 1945 hrs (.) air
recce rd BENGAZI MISURATA 0700 to 1130 hrs height 15000
ft (.) four EA seen on ground MISOURATA aerodrome 0935 hrs
(.) type not identified (.) 1010 hrs twenty fighter monoplanes
seen on ground BOUERAT AL SOUN (.) three took off but did not
intercept (.) 1016 hrs twelve large twin engined bombers seen
on ground TAMET three with engines running (.) 1025 hrs ^{MIS} SIRT
no machines no activity any kind (.) report rd URATA SIRT (.)
five miles North cross rds EL GHEDDAHIA fifteen to twenty MT
travelling North (.) ten miles further North similar number
MT travelling North (.) fifteen miles South of MISOURATA
small convoy five to six MT travelling South (.) no further
movement sighted (.) first recce reports ends (.) second
recce report 0625 to 1320 hrs (.) three large ships approx-
imately each 1000 tons anchored in middle harbour TRIPOLI (.)
nine smaller approx five hundred tons scattered NW and East
of harbour (.) grey ships approx five thousand tons possibly
naval auxiliary half mile east of harbour (.) five seaplanes
moored on South side of harbour (.) no activity on MALLALA
aerodrome

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into Enemy hands, this
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CIPHER Sgd H Wells Lt-Col

2130 hrs

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DELS MESSAGE.

To CYRCOM rptd 6 Aust Div, 3 Armd Bde, 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp,
No 3 Sqn RAAF, No 6 Sqn RAF, "I", "AQ".

From: 1 Aust Corps

Originators No. Date
0 87 23

Sitrep eight (.) Ground ops (.) Adv HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde report tac/R nothing sensational (.) No detailed report yet to hand (.) Patrol FOES reports that no enemy seen on the road as far west as the frontier (.) On 20 Feb armd car put out of action by BOYES rifle (.) Believed to be FIAT ANSALDO 611 (.) Thought enemy would recover this vehicle during night (.) Enemy patrol, appreciation indicates, may have been despatched to salvage or destroy grounded German ~~bomber~~ near frontier (.) EA activity (.) AIL0 reported dive bombing attack by 3 JU 88s on BENGHASI 0630 - 0700 (.) No damage no casualties (.) Reports one ~~enemy~~ aircraft engaged by a machine of 73 sqn at long range (.) Believed hit but not seriously damaged (.) Patrol of 3 Hurricanes over BENGHASI 0645 - 0830 no enemy aircraft sighted (.) Further enemy activity over BENGHASI at 1210 (.) Apparently recce machine no bombs dropped (.) 3 Hurricanes took off but did not sight him (.) Further Hurricane patrol 1600 - 1800 up but saw nothing (.) Adv HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde reported one twin engine bomber dropped two sticks bombs area B8198 0916 hrs (.) Disappeared flying at approximately 8000 to 10000 feet due west (.) Two men wounded when enemy aircraft attacked Rear HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde area 1045 hrs (.) Fire started on AGEDABIA landing ground by enemy GHIBLI plane (.) Planes apparently photographed damage (.) At 1055 hrs attacked 2/3 Fd Regt RAA area one man 2/3 Fd Regt RAA and one man (YOLA?) wound d (.) Two enemy planes now established to be four engined bombers (.) Air reports proceeding west early from (MINHVGTAA?) ten heavy type armd cars appearance several wheels (.) No other movement so far as ARCH landing ground (.) FOES reports CSQDE attacked by five ME 110 1645 hrs 19 km east EL AGHEILA (.) Four wounded (.) FOES moving 1800 hrs XB 5582.

*St. Bernard
May
Brig.*
DELS

TCO 0630 hrs.

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DRIS MESSAGE

TO: CYRCOM rptd 6 Aust Div, 3 Armd Bde, 17 Aust Inf Bde Cn:
No 3 Sqn RAAF, No 6 Sqn RAAF, "I", "AQ"

From: 3 Aust Corps	Originators No.	Date
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Sitrep nine (.) ground ops (.) following report received from
Adv HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde 1145 hrs 23 feb (.) 208 sqn reported four
armd Cs facing East one with large gun mounted in front one and
half miles South of road just East of frontier (.) no other enemy
activity in area (.) EA activity (.) no reports received

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DRIS

TCO hrs

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DRLS MESSAGE

To: CYRCON rptd 6 Aust Div, 5 Armd Bde, 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp
No 3 Sqn RAAF, No 6 Sqn RAV ~~BT~~ AQ

From: 1 Aust Corps

Originators No Date

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Sitrep ten (.) ground ops (.) nil (.) EA activity (.)
AILO No 3 Sqn RAAF phoned 1950 hrs 23 feb reported air
recce BENGHASI TEAORGA BIR DUFAN EL AGHEILA BENGHASI
observed two aircraft on ground at BIR DUFAN (.) also
apparently large camp on NW side (.) no apparent movement
on ground

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0630 hrs

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3 Armd Bde, "I", "A" 1951

FROM 1 Aust Corps			Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
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sitren	eleven	(.)	ground	ops	(.)
adv	H:	17	Inf	Ede	message
originating	0958	hrs	21	feb	reported
enemy	force	seventeen	AV's	attacked	AGHEILA
at	0800	hrs	(.)	one	offr
and	crew	of	A TK	gun	of
our	forces	captured	(.)	one	men

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number		
Killed	(.)	one	LEIN	escaped	(.)
ULPI	(	this	so	unsuccessfully	period
owing	impossibility	consequence	for	)	remains
in	observation				

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AIF LOCATION STATEMENT ME (Excl PALESTINE)
as at 27 Jan 41

CORPS TROOPS

HQ 1 Aust Corps
Corps Int Sec
HQ RAA 1 Aust Corp s
Sigs 1 Aust Corps (less 2 and 3 coys)
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Corps Tps.

HQ 1 Aust Corps	EL ABIAR	S4483
Int Sec 1 Aust Corps	"	"
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HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps	"	"
Sigs 1 Aust Corps -		
HQ No 2 Coy	EL ABIAR	S4483
Dets Nos 1 & 2 Coy	"	"
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Dets No.2 Coy	BARRACA	N545195
Dets No.2 Coy	BENGASI	
7 Div Sub-Pk, Corps Amn Pk	EL ABIAR	S4483
2/2 A Fd Wkshop (less No 4 Rec Sec)	MADDALINA	N787260
No 4 Rec Sec, 2/2 A Fd Wkshop	BENGASI Area	R9574
7 Div Sec Grd Fd Pk	BARCE Area	8626
1 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office	EL ABIAR	S4483
1 Aust Corps Postal Unit	"	"
1 Aust Corps Emr Pl	"	"

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HQ 6 Aust Div	BARRECA	N545195
Int Sec 6 Aust Div	"	"
"B" Sec FSS	BENGASI area	R9574
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HQ RAA 6 Aust Div	BARACCA	N545195
2/1 Fd Regt (incl Sig Sec & LAD)	ER REGIMA	S 2170
2/2 Fd Regt (incl Sig Sec & LAD)	D'ANNUNZIO	N8926
HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	BARACCA	N545195
2/1 Fd Coy (less two secs)	EL ABIAR	S4483
Two Secs 2/1 Fd Coy	Area Ry line BENGASI - BARCE	N 8416
2/2 Fd Coy		R960730
2/8 Fd Coy	BENGASI Area	N9419
2/2 Fd Pk Coy (incl LAD)	TECNIS	N465108
Sigs 6 Aust Div (incl LAD but less det Fd & de Secs)	FILZI	
Det "D" Sec No. 1 Coy, Sigs		
6 Aust Div	BARACCA	N 545195
2/5 Bn	BARCE Area	N719168
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2/8 Bn	TOCRA	N4122
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6 Aust Div Amn Coy	BARACCA	N545195
6 Aust Div Pet Coy	TOCRA	N400213
6 Aust Div Sup Jol	TOCRA	N405215
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"B" Coy 2/1 Fd Amb	BENGASI Area	R9574
2/2 Fd Amb	TECNIS	N938183
2/7 Fd Amb	TOCRA	N3721
2/1 Fd Hyg Sec	BARCE Area	N708177
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6 Aust Div Postal Unit	BARACCA	N545195
6 Fd Cash Office	BARACCA	N545195
6 Aust Div Salvage Unit	BARACCA	N545195
6 Aust Div Empl H	BARACCA	N545195
6 Aust Div Reception Camp		N6520

17 Aust Inf Bde Gp

Hq 17 Aust Inf Bde (incl Sig Sec & LAD)	AGEDABIA Area
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2/3 Fd Regt (less 6 Fd Bty)	" "
1 Lt AA Bty RA	" "
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ADW 7 Armd Div	" "
Det Flt 208 Sqn RAF	" "

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6 Aust Div Reception Camp	N6520
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pro postal 1 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office *Reg Office, BENGAZI Libia Sub-aru*

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Originator's Number

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W. H. P. Young Maj for
Brig.

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To : CIRCONE rptd 6 Aust Div 17 Aust Inf Bde Corps Sigs CCRA G I A Q G
CSO AASC Medical Ord Pro Postal 1 Aust Corps Rd Cash Office Sigs
Office BRIGASI Base Sub Area

From : 1 Aust Corps 0 20 23

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(.)	6	aust	div	reception	camp	N 697

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W. J. Spence Maj.
for Brig.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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1 Aust Corps.
26 Jan 41.

PRIORITY TELEPHONE CALLS ON MILITARY LINES

1. A system of priority telephone calls as shown below will be brought into use forthwith within AIF Formations and Units only. This system will apply on military lines but not when calls are routed through exchanges operated by personnel other than Aust Sigs; calls routed on the military systems operated by British personnel will only be accorded priorities as shown in paras (a), (ba) and (c) below, as these are the only degrees of priority at present recognised by British Forces.

Degree of Priority in order	Officers authorised to make call	Remarks
(a) Clear the line call	GOC BGS DA & QMG	Unless of equal priority conversations in progress will be interrupted for this call.
(ba) Emergency Operations (AIR)	These calls are absolutely restricted to messages of the utmost importance having a direct bearing on operations in progress or about to begin	This call takes priority over all calls except as in (a) above. Conversations in progress may be interrupted for this call if caller so demands
(bb) Emergency Operations (Not yet recognised by Br Sigs for telephone calls)		This call takes priority over all calls except as in (a) and (ba) above. Conversations in progress may be interrupted for this call if caller so demands
(c) Priority (corresponds to IMMEDIATE messages)	Officers entitled to frank messages IMMEDIATE or higher	Takes precedence over all ordinary calls but conversations in progress will NOT be interrupted.
(d) Ordinary calls		In order of booking but non-service calls come after all service calls

2. All priority calls of whatever degree will be registered and any offr asking for any priority call will be asked for his rank and name which will be entered on the register together with details of the call.

3. In order that the objects of 'priority' may not be defeated the number of such calls will be kept to a minimum. Any offr making a priority call will be held responsible that the urgency is sufficient to justify it. The practice of some offrs making all their trunk calls "priority" must stop at once.

4. This supersedes all previous instns on the subject.

5. On the Civil System of telephone lines, the following priorities exist.

- (a) "Clear the line" calls. Offrs entitled to "clear the line" calls on Military lines may demand similar calls on the Civil System.
- (b) Urgent calls. Offrs entitled to frank messages IMMEDIATE or a higher degree of priority may demand "urgent calls".

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCESECURITY INSTRUCTIONS.1. GENERAL.

This paper contains the essential portions of all the letters issued on Security during the past 18 months. Though written primarily for troops arriving newly in EGYPT, it is also issued to those already there.

2. STATUS OF EGYPT.

EGYPT is an independent sovereign state which, although allied to GREAT BRITAIN and though she has carried out the terms of the Treaty of Alliance, at the time of writing is at war neither with GERMANY nor with ITALY. Her population is intensely nationalist, but, in the main, friendly. Within her borders are also 76,000 Greeks, 58,000 Italians, and some Germans. Most of the male Germans are now interned, also some of the male Italians, but no females.

What is talked of in EGYPT can, therefore, reach ITALY, and so GERMANY, in a few hours.

3. NOTES FOR GUIDANCE IN DEALING WITH EGYPTIAN OFFICERS OR OFFICIALS.

- (a) They believe the British Officer is always right. It is important that nothing shall disabuse them of this.
- (b) An Officer's efficiency is measured by his politeness.
- (c) Seniority counts. Never use a junior officer to convey instructions if a more senior one is available.
- (d) Speak slowly and distinctly. The average Egyptian officer's knowledge of English is normally limited, though he always tries to appear to understand. This appearance is most deceptive. British Officers must make quite sure they are understood, even at the expense of repetition.
- (e) A sense of security is almost non-existent among Egyptians. The more secret the subject, the more likely it is that it will at once be discussed on the telephone—even over W/T. Extreme care is necessary.

4. MOVES.

Troops, or individuals, may not discuss how they got here—in particular, the composition of the convoy and its route, if by sea.

Move of ships continue to be secret long after a move is completed.

5. HOTELS.

These are largely owned by foreigners, and it is not unknown for the baggage of officers secretly to be searched for secret papers. These latter will never be taken to hotels.

6. OFFICE AND CAMP SECURITY.

- (a) Strict attention to the rules of office security are necessary, particularly over the burning of waste paper, shorthand notes and rough drafts of secret correspondence, which must be done by responsible persons and not delegated to native orderlies.
- (b) All civilians allowed into camps and prohibited areas must be issued with passes, which are obtained as follows :-

1. Local - From Headquarters of Formations and Sub Areas.

ii. Prohibited Areas- From the Director General, Frontiers Administration, Qubi-el-Qubbeh.

Applications for such passes, for civilians employed under, and paid by, the War Department, will be forwarded by the following formations only :-

Headquarters, British Troops in Egypt.
Headquarters, Suez Canal Sub Area.
Headquarters, Alexandria Sub Area.

Applications in respect of contractors' employees should be forwarded direct to the Frontiers Administration by the unit concerned, together with a covering letter stating the number of contractors' employees for whom passes are required.

Application for passes must be made seven days in advance, on the official printed forms which may be obtained from the Frontiers Administration, or from the formation HQ mentioned above. Each application will be accompanied by two 5-mill. duty revenue stamps, and by two photographs for British and Egyptian employees, and three for other nationalities.

Passes must frequently be checked, otherwise they may be sold or lent.

- (c) Ghaffirs require constant supervision and check.
- (d) Arms in the Near and Middle East command a high value and will be stolen unless adequately guarded and frequently checked.

7. IDENTIFICATION PASSES.

- (a) Officers- All officers of the British Forces, including those from Colonies and Dominions and those of Foreign Armies fighting with the British Forces in EGYPT will be in possession of a British Forces Identification Card, issued by the Permits Officer, British Forces in Egypt, Bab el Hadid Barracks, Cairo.

Application forms can be obtained from Headquarters of Formations and Sub Areas.

- (b) O.Rs.- All O.Rs of the British Forces, including those from Colonies and Dominions and those of Foreign Armies fighting with the British Forces, in EGYPT will carry their A.B.64, or its equivalent, as a means of identification.

8. CENSORSHIP

(a) The rules for Military censorship are contained in Censorship Regulations, Middle East, issued separately.

(b) In addition, mention of the following air matters will be prohibited:-

Our own air losses; enemy air losses, except in general terms; location of attacks, except in general terms; aerodromes from which aircraft operate; camouflage; exactly where hostile bombs fall, and their effect or otherwise.

9. COMMUNIST LITERATURE.

This includes the following journals:-

"Week"
"Daily Worker"
"Labour Monthly"
"Action" (British Fascist Party).

If found, copies will at once be sent to HQ, BTE, with a full report of the circumstances in which found.

10. PHOTOGRAPHY.

(a) Cameras may NOT be taken into the Western Desert.

(b) The following may NOT be photographed anywhere:-

Tanks, artillery, military equipment, defended posts and vulnerable points.

Care must be taken as regards what appears in the background of photographs.

(c) In Egypt, vulnerable points include arsenals (e.g. CAIRO CITADEL) and all forms of waterworks and bridges, and barrages over the River Nile, none of which may be photographed.

11. SIGNAL SECURITY.

The following instructions are issued to amplify those given in E.S.R. Vol II, and Military Training Pamphlet No 23, Chap V. They apply solely to conditions in EGYPT and in no sense over-ride the general provisions of the books quoted above.

(a) W/T.

Everywhere throughout EGYPT-W/T must be considered dangerous. Therefore the strictest precautions are always necessary for wire-less traffic, whether in connection with operations in the Field, training in back areas, or normal routine.

Precautions to be adopted include:-

i. In rear of Divisional Headquarters, all W/T traffic will be in high grade cipher. In very exceptional circumstances during active operations this rule may have to be broken, but it will only be broken on the personal decision of the Commander on the spot. The order also applies to all W/T traffic of Areas and Sub Areas.

ii. In front of Divisional Headquarters, the use of W/T will be avoided, except as required in operations, or during training exercises.

iii. Syllabic cipher will never be used for W/T.

(b) L/T. No telephone is 100% secure.

Experience so far shows that military and civilian circuits frequently become crossed, and there is undoubtedly a considerable amount of fortuitous overhearing of military conversations. All lines in use in CAIRO, and other large towns, including special military lines, pass through Egyptian main exchange, whose staffs are of varying nationalities and who employ special listening apparatus to check and to ensure that mechanism is working correctly.

The following precautions should, therefore, be adopted:-

- i. Messages should be sent through Signals in preference to telephone conversations. This obviates risks from accidental overhearing, and also eases congestion on the lines.
- ii. Secret matters should be sent in cipher. High grade is preferable but field ciphers are permissible by L/T.
- iii. Officers should be warned of the danger of discussing secret matters over the telephone. Should it ever prove necessary to do so - and this should only arise in case of emergency - special steps should always be taken to mislead any possible listeners-in by means of simple codes, speech in parables, or other devices.
- iv. Where code names are in force they will always be used over the telephone. Units, formations etc. in possession of code names will always be addressed by their code names and never referred to in clear (vide Military Training Pamphlet No 23 Section 20).

(c) Transmission of Signal Messages.

- i. Message signed in "as written" space, - Signals entitled to send it by any means at their disposal, without regard to "security". Nevertheless, W/T may NOT be used for messages in "clear" in rear of Divisional Headquarters.
- ii. Messages signed in "if liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands etc." - Signals may not send the message by W/T unless they have it enciphered first, but may send it by Despatch Rider, or transmit it over any land line in which Tingey phone, Fullerphone or Sounder Baseboard is installed. The message may NOT be telephoned.
- iii. Should the originator decide that the contents of his message of such importance from a security point of view that the message must be sent in cipher, regardless of the method by which it is being sent, he will fill in the words "IN CIPHER" in block letters in the originator's instructions, and append his signature. Messages so marked must be kept to a minimum.

(d) Despatch Riders.

In view of the possibility of enemy agents disguising themselves as D.Rs, the staff of unit orderly rooms, Signal offices or Couriers will not hand over D.R.L.S. packages without first ensuring the genuineness of the D.R. This can be done by asking to see the man's A.B.64 and questioning him on the contents.

(e) Code Names.

Separate instructions will be issued concerning the use of Code Names in Egypt.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

G1/1

1 Aust Corps.

8 Feb 41.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

1. Blackout conditions are in operation in HQ 1 Aust Corps Area.

Fires and lights must not be used in the area after 1800 hrs and indoor lights may only be used if they are fully screened from the outside.

Lights are not allowed on cars in or around the camp area after dark.

2. Booby traps etc. Booby traps and road mines may still exist in this area; care should be taken to move only on roads and well used tracks.

If any trap is discovered it should not be interfered with in any way and its location will be reported immediately to Duty Staff Officer in 'G' office.

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Lt.-Col.
GS 1 Aust Corps.
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11 Feb 41.

RECCE PARTY CIRCULAR 1

The following information should be promulgated by branches and services to all ranks as early as possible -

1. P.A.D.

- (a) There is an AA gun lay out to cover the port area.
- (b) Billets, offices and HQ away from the port will provide their own protection.
- (c) Blackout conditions are in force in this area during the hours of darkness.
Unscreened lights and lights on vehicles are not permitted within these hours.
- (d) Air raid shelters are available close to your billet - recce them.
- (e) The air raid warning is by siren.

2. Treatment of Local Inhabitants.

- (a) Australian troops are now in an enemy country populated by natives and their European conquerors of 18 years ago; there is no love lost between the two.
- (b) On the principle that you do not kick a man when he is down, deal fairly with civilians, treat them with dignity and respect their property.

3. SECURITY - Personnel and Material.

- (a) The inhabitants of this country do not know that we are HQ 1 Aust Corps - they will not know unless we tell them. Do not refer to any unit by its particular name, AIF is sufficient designation.
- (b) Take the greatest care of your arms, ammunitions, and your kit otherwise they may be stolen.
- (c) Beware of 'Booby Traps' and 'Land Mines' which may still exist in this area.
- (d) Do not kick an enemy grenade - the pin may be out - many leg wounds have resulted from careless action of this kind.
- (e) Use every care in dealing with enemy equipment - do not touch anything which you do not understand - suspect everything which appears unusual or strange. Be very careful of tempting souvenirs as they often conceal explosives.

4. HYGIENE.

- (a) A large HQ only functions smoothly and efficiently so long as every one is doing his appointed job.
- (b) Efficiency can only be maintained by personnel remaining fit. To be fit you must be clean. On active service the cleanliness of the individual is largely his own responsibility - he must improvise where facilities are not available - but above all he must maintain a standard which should be as high as existing conditions will allow.

- (c) Never drink water unless it has been tested or unless it is issued from a source approved by our medical authorities. The water in this town is approved for drinking.
- (d) Where latrines are provided use them; don't go behind the nearest bush. Someone may want to sleep there after you are gone. Do not leave foul ground for the next tps using your camp. Remember the golden rule and treat the next man as you would like to be treated yourself.
- (e) If no latrines are provided go 100 yds from the camp, to leeward. Remember that even the cat covers it over.
- (f) Endeavour to get exercise or rest when you are not working - conserve your energies - at any time you may be called for an extra effort. Keep yourself as warm and as comfortable as conditions will permit.

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Lt.-Col.
OC Recce Party 1 Aust Corps.

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PAD Scheme for HQ 1 Aust Corps, EL ABIAR.

1. The area covered by this scheme consists of all billets in the village of EL ABIAR. Sketch of area is att.
2. The Area PAD Offr is Capt. A.R. GALLOW.
3. The object of the scheme is
 - (a) To organise the necessary protection against all forms of air attack, and
 - (b) To specify the services needed.
4. Shelters.
 - (a) Slit trenches are to be dug immediately by working parties detailed by Camp.
 - (b) They will be sited by PAD Offr.
 - (c) Splinter and blast protection will be provided under the supervision of PAD Offr for
 - (i) Sig Office
 - (ii) Operations Room (Q260)
 - (iii) Comd Post.
5. Fire Points will be provided in all billets and office buildings. The eqpt reqd for each point is
 - One long-handled shovel,
 - One bucket of water (to be improvised from petrol tins),
 - One bucket of sand, or fine earth if sand cannot be got,
 - One stirrup pump (if available).
6. Protection against Gas and Rescue.
 - (a) The Gas Defence and Cleansing Centre, and the Decon Squad will be at 2nd building on right entering Hospital Compound.
 - (b) Corp will detail
 - (i) 1 NCO and 5 men for a centre for Gas Defence and Cleansing
 - (ii) 1 NCO and 5 men for a decon squad,
 - (c) 1 NCO and 7 men to be at Q1 Store as a demolition and rescue party.

Sub paras (a) and (b) will NOT come into force until further orders.
7. Gas Spray Detectors will be put down at all A.A. posts and kept under observation by spare numbers.
8. Warning Signals.

Signals, except the All Clear, to be made by the sentry at the A.A. post on west corner of Q1's compound:-

 - (a) Series of short blasts on the siren - Hostile Aircraft.
 - (b) Short blasts on the whistle, followed wherever feasible by calling "Spray" - Gas Spray
 - (c) Sounding of trench rattle - Local Gas Alarm.

The ALL CLEAR will be two long blasts on siren rptd at 1-sec intervals, and will be sounded by the PAD Offr.

9. The PAD Command Post will be in the room of Chief Clerk, "G" Branch. It is on the telephone. Alternative comm will be by DRS.
10. The First Aid Post will be established at the R.A.P.
11. The Police Post will be at the Pro Coy office. Traffic posts will continue to be manned during air attack.
12. General.
 - (a) Manning details of this scheme will be notified separately.
 - (b) All centres will be clearly sign-posted, and all ranks will make themselves familiar with the locations, which are to be pointed out on the parades held by Camp on three successive days.
 - (c) All PAD eqpt will be inspected at regular intervals by PAD CFT.
13. Black Out.
 - (a) All buildings will be blacked out completely.
 - (b) No lights will be used on vehicles after dark.
 - (c) Bulbs on STOP lights will be removed from all vehicles immediately.
14. A.A. Defence.
 - (a) AA LMG posts are mounted
 - by B Coy 2/11 Bn at S corner Barracks
 - at E corner Barracks
 - by AA Sec HQ 1 Aust Corps at E corner Hospital enclosure
 - on rooftop 250 yds NW of water tower in township.
 and will be manned continuously.
 - (b) AA LMGs and rifles will open fire ONLY if a hostile aircraft is closer than 600 yds to the firer and shows by its actions that it has observed the camp.
15. Action on AIR RAID WARNING.
 - (a) All ranks, excluding PAD and traffic post personnel and sentries, will put on steel helmets, and, taking gascoats and respirators, will go immediately to air trenches and will NOT leave them till the "All Clear" is sounded. If men are caught far from a trench they will lie down on the ground.
 - (b) To those in rooms during bombing by far the greatest danger comes from window-glass broken into splinters by the blast and hurled with force across the room. Windows normally should be kept open. On the air raid warning being sounded all lights must be extinguished and windows opened.

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Jan R. Durrin
For Brig
GS 1 Aust Corps.

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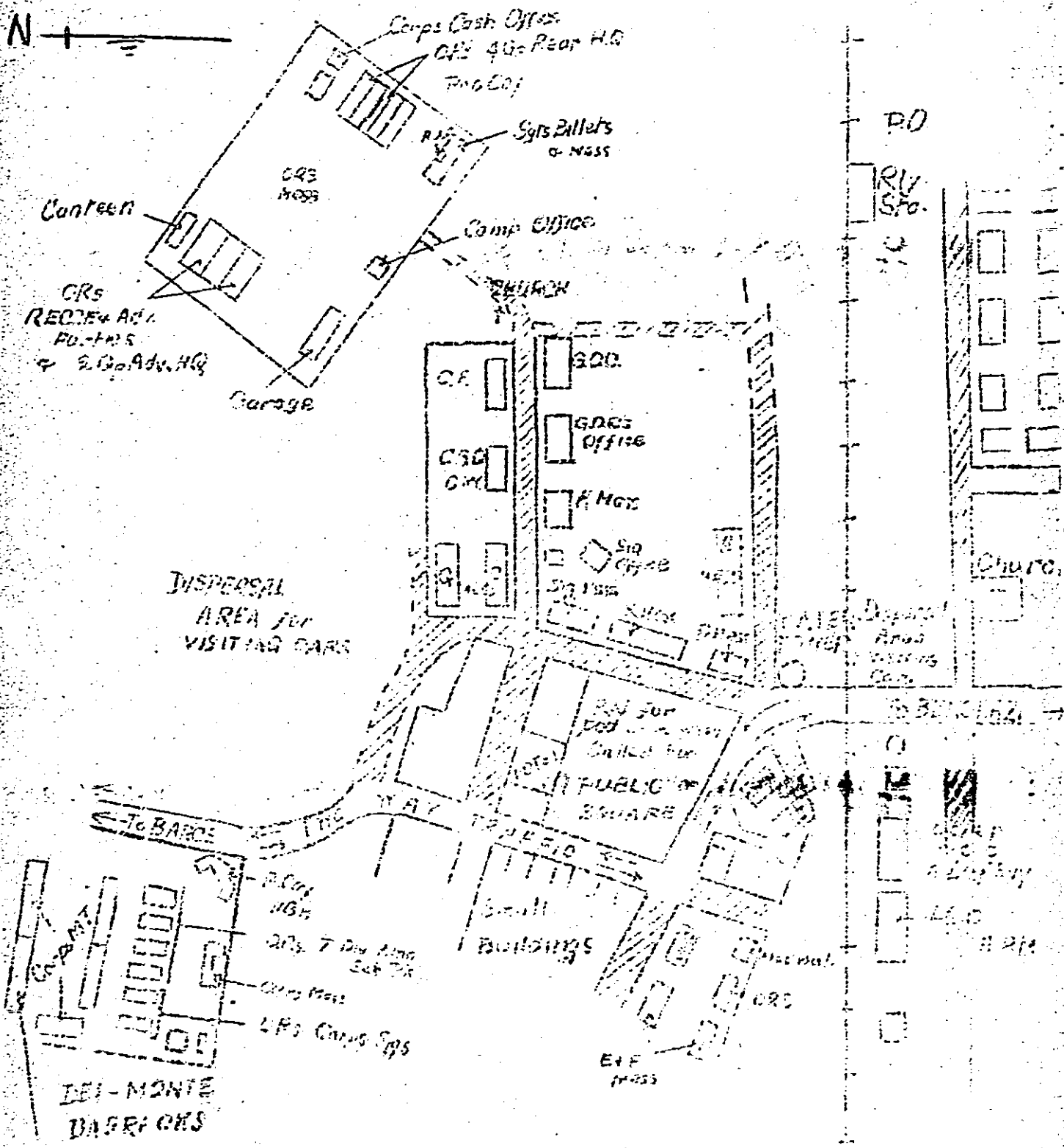
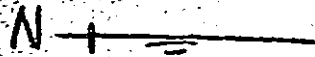
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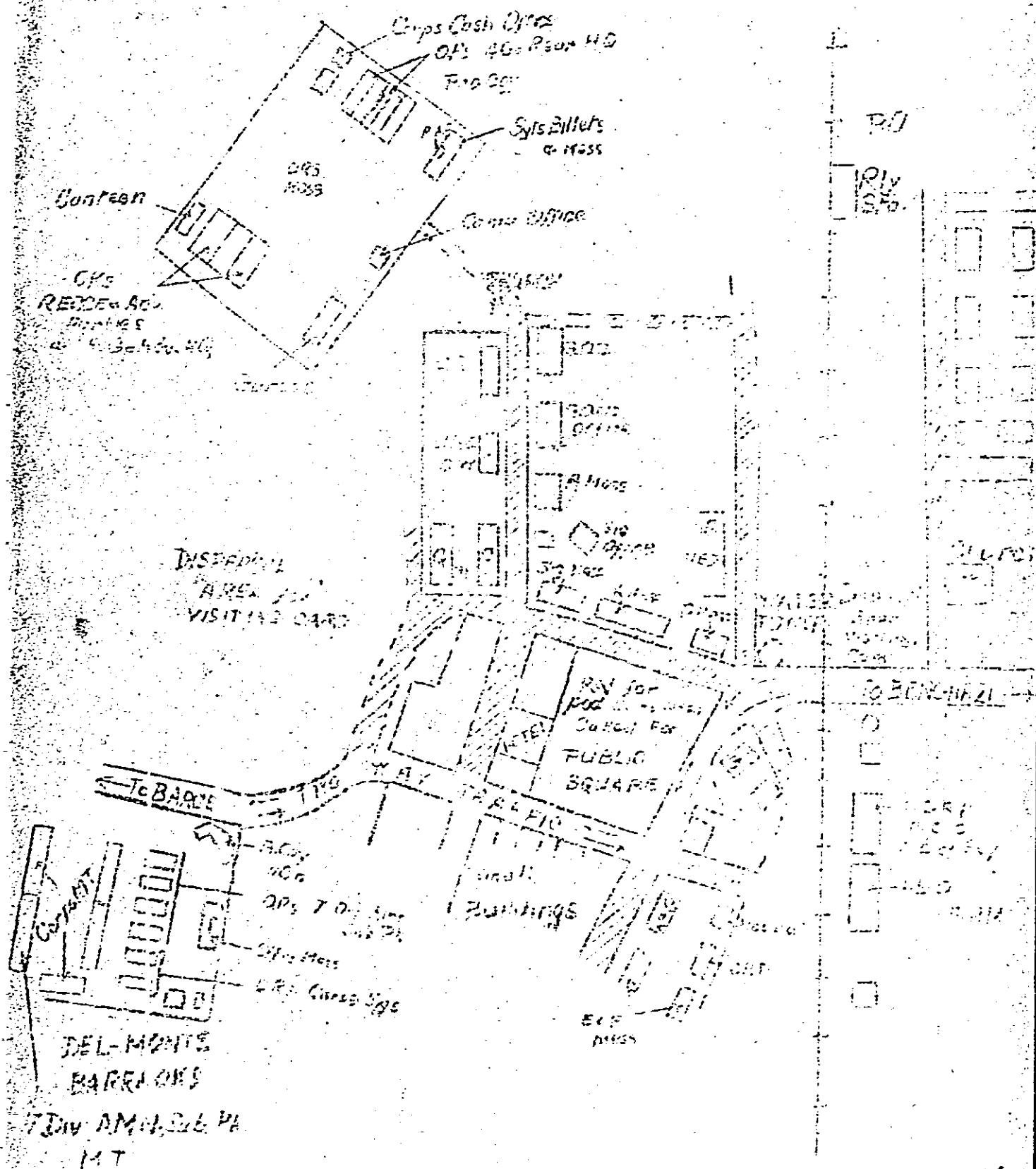
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1 AUST CORPS & ATT TPS - BENGASI PROVINCE.

(as at 2400 hrs 18 Feb 41)

(Ref Maps - { CYRENAICA 1:2,000,000 }
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Corps Tps.

HQ 1 Aust Corps	EL ABIAR	S4483
Int Sec 1 Aust Corps	"	"
"A" Sec FSE	"	"
HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps	"	"
Sigs 1 Aust Corps -		
HQ No 2 Coy	EL ABIAR	S4483
Dets Nos 1 & 2 Coy	"	"
Dets No 2 Coy	AGEDABIA	
Dets No.2 Coy	BARRACA	N545195
Dets No.2 Coy	BENGASI	
7 Div Sub-Pk, Corps Amn Pk	EL ABIAR	S4483
2/2 A Fd Wkshop (less No 4 Rec Sec)	MADDALINA	N787260
No 4 Rec Sec, 2/2 A Fd Wkshop	BENGASI Area	R9574
7 Div Sec Crd Fd Pk	BARCE Area	8626
1 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office	EL ABIAR	S4483
1 Aust Corps Postal Unit	"	"
1 Aust Corps Empl Pl	"	"
1 Aust Corps Pro Coy (HQ + two secs)	"	"
<u>6 Aust Div</u>		
HQ 6 Aust Div	BARRACA	N545195
Int Sec 6 Aust Div	"	"
"B" Sec FSE	BENGASI area	R9574
"A" Sqn 6 Aust Div Cav Regt		X0778
HQ RAA 6 Aust Div	BARACCA	N545195
2/1 Fd Regt (incl Sig Sec & LAD)	ER REGIMA	S 2170
2/2 Fd Regt (incl Sig Sec & LAD)	D'ANNUNZIO	N8926
HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	BAPACCA	N545195
2/1 Fd Coy (less two secs)	EL ABIAR	S4483
Two Secs 2/1 Fd Coy	Area Ry line BENGASI - BARCE	N 8416
2/2 Fd Coy		
2/8 Fd Coy (less det)	BENGASI Area	R960730
2/2 Fd Pk Coy incl LAD)	TECNIS	N9419
Sigs 6 Aust Div incl LAD but	FILZI	N465108
less det Fd & Bde Secs)		
Det "D" Sec No. 1 Coy, Sigs		
6 Aust Div	BARACCA	N 545195
2/5 Bn	EL GUARACIA	N719168
2/6 Bn (less one coy)	BARCE Area	N7665
HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde (incl Sig Sec	BARCE Area	N727167
and LAD)		
2/8 Bn	TOCRA	N4122
2/11 Bn (less "B" Coy)	TOCRA	N5320
"B" Coy 2/11 Bn	TOCRA	N4122
HQ ASC 6 Aust Div	EL ABIAR	S4483
6 Aust Div Amn Coy	BARACCA	N545195
6 Aust Div Pet Coy	TOCRA	N400213
6 Aust Div Sup Col (less one Ech)	TOCRA	N405215
2/1 Fd Amb (less "A" & "B" Coys)	BARCE Area	N766180
"B" Coy 2/1 Fd Amb	BENGASI Area	R9574
2/2 Fd Amb (less "B" Coy)	TECNIS	N938183
2/7 Fd Amb	TOCRA	N3721
2/1 Fd Hyg Sec	BARCE Area	N708177
6 Aust Div Pro Coy	BARCE Area	N708177
	BARCE Area	
	BARACCA	
Det 2/3 Fd Coy	AGEDABIA Area	

6 Aust Div Postal Unit	BARACCA BARCE AREA	N545195
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6 Aust Div Salvage Unit	BARACCA	N545195
6 Aust Div Empl Pl	BARACCA	N545195
6 Aust Div Reception Camp		N6520

17 Aust Inf Bde Gp

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde (incl Sig Sec & LAD) *(Adv HQ - B 7879)*
(Res HQ - AGEDABIA Area (on phone))

KDG's (incl RAF Armd C Sqn)	" "
2/3 Fd Regt (less 6 Fd Bty)	" "
1 Lt AA Bty RAA	" "
155 Lt AA Bty RAA	" "
2/7 Bn	" "
Free French Bn (two coys)	" "
ADW 7 Armd Div	" "
Det Flt 208 Sqn RAF	" "
B' Coy 2/2 Fd Amb	" "
One Ech. 6 Aust Div Sup Col	50111

Base & L of C Tps

6 Aust Div Reception Camp		N6520
5 Adv Ord Depot	} N6320	SLONTA 0 313246
6 Adv Ord Depot		BARACCA N 610390

Under comd BENGASI Base Sub-Area

2/4 Bn	-	BENGASI
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One coy 2/6 Bn	-	BARCE
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