

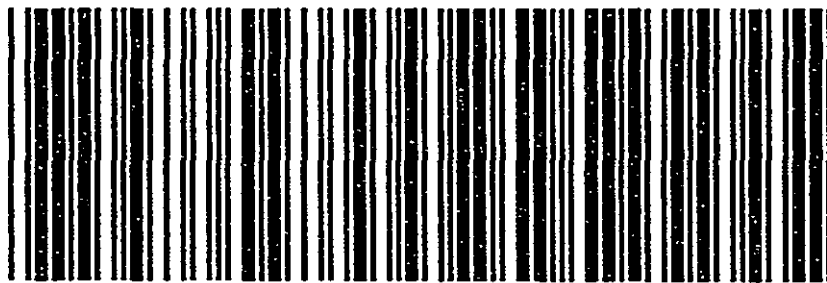
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1 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.17

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1. GROUND

Operations

(a) The battle for DAMOUR is still in progress and there has been heavy fighting. On the right 2/27 Bn has continued to press forward and captured its second objective from ER ROUHANE (12701984) to pt 218 (12621980) by 1400 hrs yesterday. From here the Bn pushed on and had seized its third objective (line of track from pt 355 (12691991) to 1000 yds SW) by 1800 hrs. Meanwhile 2/16 Bn had reached OUADI EL HAMRA (12541975) by about 1600 hrs but the left coy was still held up South of the river by fire from the olive groves about 12361972. The div arty was turned on to this area and the Bn was able this morning to advance its left flank to the small rd circuit about 12401977 with patrols in the olive country to its left. 2/14 Bn (less two coys) is preparing to pass through 2/27 Bn and to push forward to the northern end of DAMOUR itself. 17 Aust Inf Bde is still in reserve but has moved up to the wooded area SW of EL BOUM.

Last night and again this morning the enemy made repeated attacks on the rd block at 12801950 using Armd Cs and possibly infantry. This block was held by a coy of 2/14 Bn with another coy in reserve and the attacks were repulsed.

(b) In the JEZZINE Sector the enemy has evacuated his positions along OUADI EN MAGRAT (138181) and in front of NIHA and was reported to have withdrawn to AALATOUR (138189) by 2400 hrs last night. Our tps are following up and have occupied the ground just South of BATER ECHCHOUF about 13921848 with fwd elements on hill 1032 (13901863). 2/25 Bn is holding BEIKOUN (13601870) and CHARIFE (133189).

(c) In the MERDJAYOUN Sector patrols from 1/DLI and 4 Border Regt have been active and report the ground west of the LITANI river clear of enemy. There has been abnormally heavy MG and SA fire from RACHAYA EL FOKHAR all night.

(d) On the MAZAR front and in the FF areas there has been no material change in our dispositions. The enemy has evacuated DEIR AATIYE and appears to have withdrawn to the line HOMEIRA - BORDJ EL AYOUN

2. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

Both 2/22 and 3/22 R.T.A. are known to have suffered fairly

heavy casualties. A PW from 3/22 R.T.A. captured in the DAMOUR Sector states that these two bns have been amalgamated

Personalities: Colonel PEFONTAN, late Chief of Staff to General DE VERDILLAC, has taken command of 24 Colonial Infantry Regt (24 R.I.C.). He is succeeded as Chief of Staff by Lt-Col FILEPPI.

Colonel BARRE has been appointed OC defences of the BEIT ED DINE area. This colonel has been reported to be an Anglophile.

3. ENEMY ARMS AND EQUIPMENT

Referring to the paragraph in yesterday's Summary dealing with the Enemy "Armoured" Cars further infm has come to hand. The "armour plating" is made of single sheets of old four gallon standard petrol tins, coated with grey army paint and with thick muddy camouflage. The general appearance is reported to be very imposing.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES

A PW has given the following infm on the line of defence for BEIT ED DINE. He thought that the first line of defence stretched from MOUKHTARA to the valley around ES SEMQANIYE (136193), and that arty would be placed in this valley. There were also troops in BAAKLINE. At the rd junc (13551946) there were AA defences, these were however only MGs.

5. SUMMARY OF AIR RECCES

Tac/R 0830 - 1015 hrs 6 Jul: Area Battle of DAMOUR.
8 MT moving north including 5 staff Cs between 130208 and 125204 and later on another 2 trucks.

10 MT including 3 tanks at rd junc at 133203 and 6 MT later on rd at 133200 going South.

Lines of holes similar to those dug for light automatic posts from pt 125202 to 130200.

Tac/R 1130 - 1230 hrs 6 Jul: Area Battle front DAMOUR area.

NMS whole of task except as follows:-

Odd shelling NE corner of DAMOUR.

2 MT stationary NE of BEIT ED DINE.

40 men in khaki at northern end of outskirts of BEIT ED DINE.

Tac/R 1730 - 1830 hrs 6 Jul: Area Battle front DAMOUR area.

Br intact at 135199.

Just north of br at 134201 six MT facing north.

NMS along the northerly rd from DAMOUR to BEIT ED DINE leading to br.

NMS along coast rd to 130210.

Low cloud as low as 200 ft over most of area.

Tac/R 0630 - 0730 hrs 7 Jul: Area RACHAYA - JDEIDE -

BAALBEK - 179185 area.

1 staff car moving north on coast rd.

3 MT at pt 132201.

3 MT moving east at 138196.

Remainder of rds and tracks north of BEIT ED DINE odd vehicles observed - general trend northwards.

No sign of shelling, enemy tps or own tps.

Tac/R 0700 - 0800 hrs 7 Jul: Area RACHAYA - JDEIDE - ZAHLE -
BAALBEK - ZEBDANI - area 179185.

6 MT stationary 159176. 26 MT JDEIDE area mostly on east of rd. 2 MT moving north 167202. 5 MT moving NE 171214. Big concentration of 40 MT at 194229 - suitable bombing target. NMS BAALBEK to main DAMASCUS - BEIRUT rd.

Considerable reduction in MT in enemy defensive position at 179185, i.e.

7 MET facing North 182187- 15 MET facing North 181185.
20 MET dispersed 178185
5 MET 178184
5 MET 176182
13 around marsh at 177180
2 MET at 179184
4 MET at 182184

6. AIR.

Own operations.

Bombers. Our bombers have been assisting our ground forces in their push in the coastal sector. Close support bombing was carried out against enemy positions and batteries near EN NAAME. Difficulty was experienced in locating the specific target, but bombs were dropped in the area.

The bridge at 1344 1988 was bombed and straddled, one large bomb landing in the middle of the road, and personnel bombs were dropped on troops in an orchard.

Buildings and a nearby road, just North of DAMOUR, in which enemy supplies and troops were reported, were bombed and a fire was started.

Fighters. Tomahawks escorted our bombers throughout the above operations, but were unlucky in failing to meet any enemy aircraft.

This morning Tomahawks ground-traffed a column of 30 MT claiming to have damaged at least 15.

Throughout yesterday Hurricanes maintained a standing patrol over HM ships without incident.

Hurricanes carried out a "blitz" against BIALBECK and TALIA landing grounds, damaging one Glen Martin, four Leo 45s and two unidentified aircraft. They also HGd hangars and set an oil or petrol store on fire.

Pamphlets were dropped on SOUEIDA and several Strat/Rs and Tac/Rs were carried out.

Some photographs were taken, but low cloud prevented the completion of all requirements.

Enemy Operations.

Slight.

7. GENERAL.

(a) Reinforcements.

A PW of excellent intelligence and an experienced soldier stated that a month ago the French Forces in SYRIA were promised that reinforcements would be brought from overseas to help them. Personally, he had no knowledge of any having arrived, and in fact said that they had given up hope of receiving any. He was convinced that there were no formed bodies of German or Italian troops either in the Coastal sector or in the rear areas.

Another PW was told by the Colonel commanding his arty Regt that 4000 troops had arrived in BEIRUT by train through TURKEY. They were alleged to be part of a division, the whole of which was on its way to SYRIA.

From a Free French source an informer states that 40 troop carrying planes landed in ALEPPO recently. This has not been confirmed.

Comment.

So far no concrete evidence has been received of any reinforcements having arrived in SYRIA from overseas.

It is suggested that rumours of such may have been put about for propaganda purposes and to bolster the morale of the forward troops. At the same time the possibility of reinforcements having arrived by land, sea or air cannot be excluded.

(b) Morale.

A PW stated that the morale in his bn was rather low, the majority of the rank and file were afraid of being cut off from the main VICHY forces, but discipline and esprit de corps would force 70% of them to fight if ordered to by their officers. Propaganda in the VICHY forces appeared to lean towards the statement that the LEBANON would be handed over to the Jews, but the majority of soldiers realised the true reason for the invasion of SYRIA.

A prisoner of good type expressed the view that he was only concerned with fighting for the freedom of France. He knew that if Britain lost the war the whole of France and her colonies would be under the heel of Germany. He said he would be willing to go immediately and fight against the Germans or the Italians in the Western Desert, but not against his own comrades in SYRIA. So far as he knew this sentiment was shared by his own immediate comrades amongst the NCOs of his bn.

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It is reliably reported that there are strong patrols of marines in the streets of BEYROUTH owing to fear of disturbances.

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It appears that the French have tightened up their regulations regarding the control of the movements of civilians between towns and villages in the LEBANON.

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1. GROUND

Operations

(a) Fighting around DAMOUR has continued during the last 24 hours with undiminished intensity. Communication with forward units is difficult and the moves of the battle are still not certain. It appears, however, that 2/27 Bn were able to push on yesterday from their third objective into NAHR DAQOUN while 2/14 Bn (less two coys) were moving forward about track junct (1261 1994). Here there was considerable resistance and the 17 Aust Inf Bde (2/3 and 2/5 Bns) which had crossed the DAMOUR River at dawn and had moved up slowly owing to heavy enemy shell fire, was brought up to the approximate area DARAYA (1270 1991) to pt 512 (1276-1991). Later 2/5 Bn on the left crossed the NAHR DAQOUN about 1267 1995, and were soon joined by 2/3 Bn on their right. The two Bns then advanced to a line from pt 569 (1284 2008) to pt 353 (1208 2007) where they met MG fire from their right and were counter attacked about dusk. Meanwhile 2/27 Bn had been withdrawn to the vicinity of FOUR A CHOUX (1261 198) and 2/14 Bn was fighting in the NAHR DAQOUN about 1263 1995. 21 Aust Inf Bde had also formed a defensive flank about hill 560 (1276 1981) and were attacked about dusk. Defensive artillery fire was put down east of the hill and the enemy were repulsed. During the day 2/16 Bn was able to push forward up the main road with one coy in the orange groves on the left and reached a position just south of the grid line 199 by about 1800 hrs last night. There was considerable shell fire from the direction of ABEY (131200) and KAHR MATTA (131194) and the movement of our troops was hampered in consequence.

This morning the enemy again counter attacked from the East between pts 560 and 495 (1282 1987) and our troops after a slight withdrawal, again beat off the assault. The enemy artillery was still active and there was some shell and mortar fire near EL BOUM and on the 2/27 Bn position. The enemy supported by artillery and mortars were still in the orange groves near the coast and the advance of 2/16 Bn seems to have been temporarily halted.

(b) In the JEZZINE sector 2/31 Bn, with most of 2/33 Bn, is North of BATER-ECH CHOUF, and the Cheshire Yeomanry are moving on MOUKHTARA (139191) by way of EL KREIBE (141190). Part of the 2/33 Bn is allocated about 1390 1755. 2/25 Bn attacked hills 1015 (1352 1897) and 986 (1355 1889) but were held up by enemy fire and there are enemy MGs on hill 873 (1360 1877) as well.

(c) On the other sectors the situation has not materially changed. There has been patrol activity and intermittent shell and SA fire only.

2. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

A detachment of marines from the "VALLEY" is reported to have been sent to the front. It has not yet been identified in battle. There are still no identifications of any unit not previously known to be in SYRIA.

3. AIR

Our Operations

Bombers: A sqn of bombers attempted to carry out an attack but could not locate the target owing to cloud.

The Bomber sqn giving close support to 7 Aust Div carried out an attack on BEIT ED DINE with five aircraft yesterday evening. Ten 250 lb bombs and sixty 40 lb antipersonnel bombs, except for a few of the latter, are reported to have fallen upon the Serai or within the courtyard. The RAF would be interested to receive a report from our tps of just how much damage was in fact done. The illuminating fireworks and attendant volumes of smoke and dust which envelop the area where the bombs fall make the estimation of damage a trifle unreliable from the air.

This morning 10/10 cloud lying on top of the hills prevented our bombers from locating and bombing their target.

Fighters: Tomahawks escorted our bombers on their raids.

Yesterday evening the Tomahawks did a little ground-strafting, damaging four armd Cs, five MT and a staff car.

This morning on another ground-strafting expedition they damaged three armd Cs and four staff Cs.

Hurricanes maintained protective patrols over HM ships, intercepting and seriously damaging one enemy aircraft.

Beaufighters attacked five seaplanes reported at TRIPOLI. All were thoroughly peppered up, and although they did not blow up, catch fire nor sink, they are winged and probably not even runners.

Recce: Strat/Rs were carried out of aerodromes and harbours.

Photographic aircraft stood by all day waiting for low cloud to lift and disperse.

All our aircraft returned safely, although one Blenheim put a shot through its own tail

Enemy Operations

DEIR EZ ZOR was bombed and a few casualties were inflicted.

4. SUMMARY OF AIR RECCES

(a) Strat/R 7 Jul: LATTAKIA usual small shipping. DJEBLE BANIAS IMS vessels. ROUAD 15 small sailing vessels. TRIPOLI two ships each 600 tons in harbour, slight AA fire encountered. CHEKHA, BATROUN, JEBAIL NMS, DTOUNIEA 12 small sailing vessels. BEYROUTH one merchant ship approx 1000 tons alongside mole. Seaward recce CYPRUS, ALEXANDRETTA, LATTAKIA NMS.

(b) Tac/R 1230 - 1340 hrs 7 Jul: Area BEIT ED DINE and DAMOUR front.

Br at 147203 small with very little water is not blown, and if blown of very little consequence.

15 MT facing north on rd at 148203.

6 MT moving south at 145201.

Br at 134199 is O.K. still.

3 MT moving north at 134199 from br.

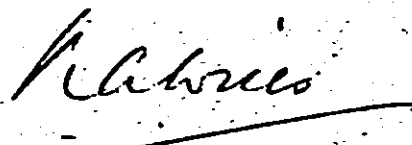
15 MT moving south between pts 133206 to 133201.
NMS coast rd and NMS battle area.
4 MT moving east at 142196 and just NW of BAAKLINE.
2 armd Cs and 2 or 3 other transport at 13351940.
In fort at BAAKLINE 3 large MT.

(c) Tac/R 1730 - 1835 hrs 7 Jul: Area battle front.
Several fires west of DAMOUR.
Intense shelling observed area K of DAKOUN.
NMS 128198.
Tomahawks observed ground-strafting in the valleys and wadis
south and SE of KAFTERMETTA.
Many fires in these wadis.

(d) Tac/R 0720 - 0750 hrs 8 Jul: Guns firing 12431989.
A lot of shelling in the area 12701984. On all rds and tracks
including the coast rd DAMOUR - BEIT ED DINE four individual vehicles
seen.

5. GENERAL

A message received from 10 Indian Div this morning states
that RAQQA has been occupied by our forces. NO opposition was
encountered.


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1. GROUND

Operations

(a) DAMOUR has been captured. 17 Aust Inf Bde pushed on down from near hill 353 (1268 2006) and by 1200 hrs 8 Jul were in position astride the Coast road about 1243 2016 with road blocks to the North and South. DAMOUR was then encircled and 2/16 Bn preceded by AFVs moved through the village this morning and completed the occupation by about 1100 hrs, linking up with 2/14 Bn in the OUADI DAQOUR. Meanwhile 2/27 Bn on hill 560 (1277 1981) was again counter attacked last night and was forced to withdraw slightly. The situation was restored early this morning. To the North 2/3 Bn entered BAOUARDCHE (1285 2006) about 0330 hrs and captured 5, 75 mm guns. Four guns were captured yesterday. Our Cav have pushed on up the Coast road and are now in position near KARACOL (125 204).

The road block at 1280 1950 held by two coys of 2/14 Bn was again attacked but the enemy were again repulsed. One A/Tk gun has now been brought up.

(b) In the JEZZINE sector 2/25 Bn have captured MAZRAA ECH CHOUF (136 189) at the point of the bayonet and have exploited on to the slopes beyond. 2/31 Bn attacked BAADARANE and hill 1041 (1392 1875) but were held up by fire. Later the enemy counter attacked hill 1069 (1395 1871) but the attack was repulsed. The Cheshire Yeo have captured HROUSTI (1418 1873) and hill 1158 (142 188) and are pushing on towards MAASSER ECH CHOUF (144 192).

(c) Elsewhere there has been no change in the situation.

2. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

It is reported that one coy 8 BDL is now at ALEPPO. This would be quite normal as prior to the commencement of hostilities this bn, part of the 2nd Levant half-bde, was disposed along the Turko-Syrian border and owing to the advance of our tps in that area, they have had to withdraw.

2/17 RTS less about one third casualties has been in the BEIT ED DINE area for some time. In addition, there are at least elements of another unidentified bn of this regt in that area, almost certainly from the MAZRAA - TEKIEH sector, where the rest of the regt has been in action and has suffered severe casualties.

6 LE 1 Bty (75 mm) formerly in the BEIT ED DINE area is stated by a PW to have been withdrawn. This infm is unconfirmed.

1/29 RTA, probably consisting of three small coys and formerly in the MAZRAA - TEKIEH area has now been identified in the DAMOUR sector. It arrived there on 7 Jul 41.

A PW gives the following infm. The 1/6 LE (2 coys strong) formerly in the BEIT ED DINE sector, embussed on the night 5/6 Jul and went to KAHR MATTA where they marched to a position between DAMOUR and DAKOUN. He said that his bn had two LMGs per coy but NO mortars and NO grenades. They were relieved in the BEIT ED DINE sector by the 2/17 RTS.

A PW captured yesterday in the DAMOUR area was from the 3/24 RMC. This unit was known to be in that area, but according to PW there is only one coy, the other two are at BEIRUT. He stated that he had arrived at ALEPPO by plane on 2 Jul 41 from SALONIKA having arrived there by train from LYONS via GERMANY. Concurrently, 60 officers and some 200 NCOs had also arrived by similar means. The present whereabouts of these personnel were unknown to him. All had come via GERMANY and SALONIKA and he personally disbelieves that any reinforcements are either on their way or waiting at SALONIKA.

Reinforcements: Concentration of Vichy tps have been reported at HOMS. However it has been impossible to form any accurate estimate of numbers.

Air recce reports the presence early on 7 Jul off CASTELLORIZZO Island (DODECANESE) of three VICHY destroyers, probably those that left BEYROUTH on 1 Jul. COMMENT: - These destroyers have been absent for a week, they may be waiting to convoy the THEOPHILE GAUTIER and CHATEAU YQUEM (the ST DIDIER having been sunk) or may be bringing tps themselves. In the latter case it is unlikely that they would be capable of carrying more than two bns less bn transport.

3. AIR

Our Operations

Bombers: One of our bomber sqns attacked the br at AIN ZHALTA, some bombs falling across the northern end of the br. Later the same sqn dropped bombs on a W/T Station at KHALDE causing a fire to break out amongst the buildings.

A further attack was also made on TRIPOLI and 2 direct hits were scored on the east side of the northern mole, other damage caused could not be ascertained as the building superstructures obscured the view.

More bombs were dropped on RAYAK, but cloud prevented the results being observed, and the same factor prevented any ground movement being seen.

Fighters: Hurricanes stood by all day for the protection of HM Fleet, and Tomahawks escorted our bombers on their raids

Enemy Operations

A number of enemy aircraft dropped bombs at EL BOUM.

4. SUMMARY OF AIR RECCES

(a) Strat/R 8 Jul: 1646 - 1818 hrs coast north of BEYROUTH no account owing to cloud. BEYROUTH outer harbour small vessels, inside mole usual small shipping. NO enemy aircraft on aerodrome, slight inaccurate AA encountered. Bombed TRIPOLI, two direct hits on warehouse east of Mole. Inaccurate Lt AA encountered.

(b) Tac/R 0914 hrs 9 Jul. Visual air recce. One large merchant vessel entering BEYROUTH harbour. This is subject to confirmation from photograph.

(c) Tac/R 0600 - 0700 hrs 9 Jul. Low cloud prevented observation.

5. GENERAL

Attached as Appendix "A" is a sketch map of SYRIA. The following facts may give a better idea of the general picture to those units who are naturally only concerned with their immediate front.

(a) 10 Indian Div is advancing on ALEPPO. The northern column is making along the railway just south of the Turkish Syrian border and the Vichy forces are retiring onto DJERABLOUSS.

Further south a strong column crossed the border at ABOU KEMEL and is advancing up the River EUPHRATES. It has taken DEIR EZ ZOR with its garrison and has now reached RAQQA.

(b) Habforce operating west along the pipe line captured PALMYRE and its garrison after some stiff fighting and is now at FORQLOSS only about 24 miles from HOMS.

(c) The Free French have advanced NNE from DAMASCUS to DEIR AATIYE and are themselves only about 40 miles from HOMS. They are in touch with Habforce around QARIATEINE.

(d) 6 Div (British) which includes 5 Indian Bde, after taking part with the Free French in the fighting for and capture of DAMASCUS have turned west and have pushed on and now hold positions in the gap between the ANTI LEBANON and HERMON ranges. One bde of this div also holds posns covering MERDJAYOUN between the southern extremity of HERMON range and the LITANI river.

(e) 7 Aust Div has, as a general role, carried out the advance up the coast and into the Lebanon. They have now taken DAMOUR, are within 9 miles of BEIRUT and are threatening BEIT ED

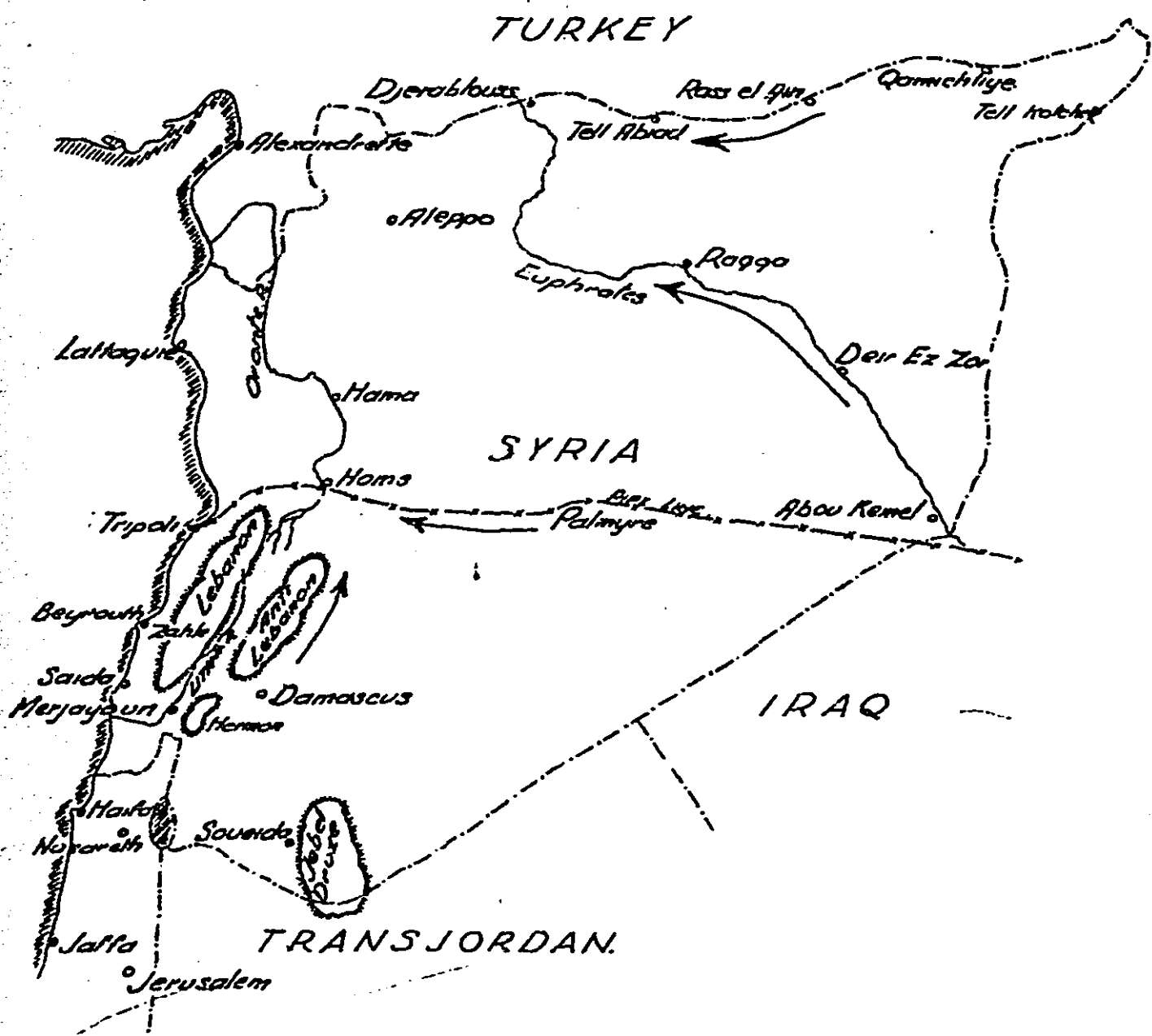
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APPENDIX "A"



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1 AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 20.

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1. GROUND.

Operations.

(a) In the DAMOUR area the last 24 hrs have been spent principally in consolidation and in cleaning up. 17 and 21 Aust Inf Bdes are disposed around the town and present locations are as follows :-

- North East
- HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde on the/out-skirts at 1250 1999.
- 2/5 Bn on the North from the Coast rd incl to EL KAAIE (126 201)
- 2/3 Bn to the North East in the area pt 230 - pt 353-DARAYA - BAOUARDCHIE.
- HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde about 500 metres South of DAMOUR at 1244 1985.
- 2/27 Bn on the East from about 127 199 to the DAMOUR River about 1265 1963.
- 2/16 Bn on both sides of the River incl EL-ATIQA from 1255 1970 to the Coast.
- 2/14 Bn (less 2 coys) is concentrated in the MAIR DAQOUN.

Yesterday a sqn of 6 Div Cav supported by a det of 2/2 Fnr Bn rushed North up the Coast Rd as far as KHALDE (127 207) and met little opposition. This morning however, they were forced to withdraw to about 1262 2055, and the enemy are reported to be astride the rd about 1267 2064. 2/2 Fnr Bn (less 2 coys) is holding a line astride the road about KARACOL (1250 2034). There has been vigorous patrolling towards the East and North East.

(b) In JEZZINE sector the enemy has been fighting back in minor engagements. 2/25 Bn encountered enemy posts yesterday and is making very little progress. The Bn is now holding hill 1054 (1358 1898) and the high ground North and East of MAZRAA ECH CHOUF. The enemy again counter attacked the 2/31 Bn on hill 1069 (1395 1872) late yesterday, but were repulsed. However, they still hold hill 1041 at 1392 1875. North of BROUSTI the Cheshire Yeo are still held up by enemy in position on hills 1328 and 1277.

A patrol from 2/33 Bn met opposition from well concealed LC posts about 141 174 and withdrew. The enemy appeared to be holding MACHGHARA in some strength.

(c) In the MERDJAYOUN sector the enemy is reported to be withdrawing his troops from their positions near HASDAYA and 23 Inf Bde is maintaining steady pressure in following them up.

(d) On the LAZAR front 6 Div launched a successful attack this morning and captured the high ground in front of the old 16 Inf Bde positions. The situation is still obscure and details have not yet been received.

(e) There has been no change in the dispositions of the PF Forces.

2. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

From various sources it is now certain that the 4 Bn of the Foreign Legion has ceased to exist. The few remaining personnel have been distributed amongst the other bns of the Legion.

Similarly, as mentioned in Summary No.17, what remained of 3/22 RTA has been absorbed by 2/22 RTA.

A prisoner stated to belong to the 4/4 Tunisian Spahis taken in JEZZINE area 5 Jul. The existence of a 4 Sqn of this regt was not previously known. The prisoner stated, however, that after the first battle the officer commanding the Tunisian Spahis was sent to the rear in disgrace, and the regt was reorganised into the 2 Algerian Sqn, 3 Tunisian Sqn, 4 Tunisian Sqn. The presence of a 2 Algerian Sqn suggests that the 1/8 Algerian Spahis who were one of the first units to be in action may have been amalgamated with the 4 Tunisian Spahis.

One coy of the 8 Levant Inf is reported to be in the ALEPPO area. The bn is normally based at KAMICHLIE.

A prisoner taken at DAMOUR states that he belongs to 93 Arty Regt. The prisoner reports that it has 75 mm guns drawn by mules. The personnel are chiefly Algerians with some French and Senegalese. Comment. The XI group 93 Arty was in ALEPPO last year. It was then a mountain group with 105 mm guns.

It appears likely, therefore, that this group went to form the I group 1 RAML and II group RACL. The prisoner's group was stationed originally at BAALBEK. Two btys were sent to DAMASCUS and two to KATANA when hostilities commenced.

3. AIR

Our Operations

Bombers: Yesterday railway sidings and rolling stock were bombed at RAYAK. Although cloud obscured observation of results, the first bombs were seen and indicated that the pattern should have covered the target.

Low cloud frustrated an attempt to bomb HAMMANA yesterday.

Today twelve Blenheims escorted by seven Tomahawks bombed the extensive dump at HAMMANA. The target was struck fairly and squarely. From 8500 ft the crews felt the concussion of what must have been a terrific explosion. On the return flight our formation met an enemy formation of three bombers escorted by five Dewoitines. The Dewoitines were able to attack our bombers from beneath before the Tomahawks higher up had spotted them. Two Blenheims caught fire immediately and dived towards the ground. Two or possibly three members of the crew of one escaped by parachute, and one from the other. A third Blenheim went down with smoke pouring from it. It landed behind the Vichy lines. A fourth was shot in the hydraulic system and had to land on its belly at base. The Tomahawks soon "got weaving" and shot down the five Dewoitines without damage to themselves.

Fighters: Ten Hurricanes ground-strafted ALEPPO. Two large troop carriers were set on fire and eight more were shot up.

Seventeen further sorties were carried out by Hurricanes, some in search of Vichy aircraft on landing grounds, and some in defense of HAIFA. No results are reported.

Six Tomahawks straffed three trains at MRAITTE, and the engine of one issued enormous volumes of smoke in protest. In all 16 MT were shot up along the rds east and SE of BEIRUT.

On another ground-strafting expedition four more MT and two AFVs were hit near AIN ZHALTA.

Tomahawks, after escorting a formation of Blenheims, later destroyed an arm dump and gave a field gun and its crew the once over.

Five Dewoitines were shot down as reported above.

This morning in view of enemy air action in the DAMOUR area, Tomahawks have been out on an aerodrome "blitz". Two aircraft were burnt at HOMS and six more were lacerated. Two more were shot up at TALIA, and 20 MT were shot up into the bargain. Further action is being taken.

While we apologise to the fwd tps for allowing them to be bombed by the impudent enemy, the fluid quality of air superiority is such that no Air Force, whatever its strength, can guarantee their Army 100% protection. However, let us assure them that there was no mean stir in the roost this morning, and there is more to come!

Recce: Several Tac/Rs and Strat/Rs were carried out during the period.

Today it was possible for the first time for four days to take the photographs so urgently required by the Army. These have been completed, and results are due at this HQ this evening.

Enemy Operations

Three bombers escorted by four fighters bombed a point on the DAMOUR river near our crossing, for which they were probably aiming. No damage or casualties are reported.

Today our tps have been bombed in the same area on three occasions by small formations of bombers.

A report that our own tps were ground-traffed at BATER ECH CHOUF by British Hurricanes was received. Careful investigation has been unable to throw any light upon the incident, except that no Hurricanes were in or anywhere near this area today.

4. SUMMARY OF AIR RECCES

Strat/R 1245 - 1435 hrs 9 Jul: NEBEK, DEIR AATIYE, RAS BAALBEK, JDITA, KABA, ELIAS NMS. EA on dromes HOMS, 4 fighters QUSIER, 2 BAALBEK 6 bombers 6 fighters, 1 very large A/C BAALBEK SATELLITE 15 small A/C. TALIA heavy accurate AA. QAYDK passenger train heading north. BEYROUTH 4 vessels 2000 - 5000 tons, very large fire on one vessel. Photographic recce ex ROSH PINNA photographs taken HAMMANA EL BAROUK remainder task impossible account of cloud.

Tac/R 1145 - 1230 hrs 9 Jul:

- (a) Coln 17 very large vehs moving north head of coln 149206 rear coln 146202.
- (b) Coln 7 large vehs moving east head of coln at 154208.
- (c) 6 vehs dispersed off rd 155200.
- (d) Large dump just west of HAMMANA confirmed. Good bombing target.
- (e) No branch ry from HAMMANA to main ry.

Tac/R 1530 - 1715 hrs 9 Jul: Area MACHRHARA - JDITA RD - BEIT ED DINE - DAMOUR - BAAEDA - AIN SOFAR.

NMS rd MACHRHARA to JDITA except 1 armd car and 1 MT facing NE at 149189.

NMS all rds leading north and NE from BEIT ED DINE.

NMS areas CHOUEIFAT pt 130208.

NMS area BAAEDA.

5 MT facing NW 134213.

Heavy AA-fire encountered at BAAEDA.

Tac/R 0730 - 0815 hrs 10 Jul:

NMS MACHAHARA - JDITA.

3 MT moving east 156207.

Independent MT moving west on main rd BEIRUT to JDITA.

4 MT moving west 136207.

Shelling observed 126205.

Heavy AA from 182212 and 134214.

5. TOPOGRAPHICAL

Routes

- (a) QOUCIER NW to HOMS - TRIPOLI rd
230291 to br at HOUDENE 224294 passable track.
Most of tracks from HOUDENE NW are believed to be passable.
ORONTES river at this point pt several yards wide and 3 to 4 feet deep.
- (b) NEBEK - LABOUE (207250). Track passable to MT except with trailers.
NEBEK - 228244 - poor 3rd class.
228244 - 221249 - narrow and rough, many watercourses.
221249 - LABOUE - fair 3rd class.
Probable time for journey 10 hrs.
Estimated 200 men could repair bad section in 1 day.
- (c) BAALBEK to HOMS - The main rd - a first class rd - runs BAALBEK - RAS BAALBEK STN - QOUCIER - CHOUNCHAR - HOMS.
- (d) HASSIE to QOUCIER
(i) Two good 3rd MT class tracks, one running direct WNW over JEBEL HASSIE, the other, slightly better, skirts the northern slopes of this range passes through pt 239285 thence west to QOUCIER.
(ii) or main rd to 244283 thence to 239285.
- (e) DEIR AATIYE to HASSIE and HOMS (East of main rd)
Practically all of the red dotted tracks on the HOMS 1/200,000 and east of main rd are good 3rd class MT rds:- in particular DEIR AATIYE - HOMEIRA - HAFER - HASSIE and HAFER - SADAD - TELL ESH CHIN - HOMS.

Information from Air Photographs

Rd DAMOUR to BEYROUTH
13122099 Br 115' long 22' wide. Estimate height 10'.
Sandy bed of creek dry, and with no natural feature to stop detours of br.

12972080)
12992083) Culverts

Easy grades and no other structures between 13072130 and 12892080.

6. GENERAL

In the north all available VICHY tps from HASSETCHE and KAMASHLIE have been ordered to withdraw on DJERBLOUS on the Turkish frontier as quickly as possible. Our forces in this area captured the station at DEMIR KAPOU, 18 miles WEST of TEL KOTCHEK on 4 Jul. We suffered no casualties. Three enemy officers and 135 O.Rs were captured. The railway was undamaged at this pt.

Communications: It has already been established that pigeons are being used by the Vichy forces for the delivery of urgent messages.

A small pigeon-message container with inward message intact was found in the possession of Lt-Col ROUGER commanding 22 RTA captured near DAMOUR.

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1. GROUND.

Operations.

(a) In the attack launched by 6 Div on the MAZAR front yesterday some initial success was obtained. On the right 2 Leicesters captured pt 1225 (185 184) and DIMAS, in the centre 2 KORR captured pt 1404 (181 182), and on the left 2 Queens captured pt 1634 (179 180) and most of the ridge of the J. MAZAR itself. On the extreme right however, 2 attacks by the B.I.M. were unable to obtain their objective and the Leicesters took over their task by attacking JBEIDA ES ZOHRIE (184 184) and J HABIL. This attack took place at 2300 hrs last night under cover of arty fire and the fire of AFVs which had been pushed forward up the rd to about 1820 1835. Meanwhile on the extreme left N.Somerset Yeo were driven back by strong and unexpected MG fire and withdrew to the area COL DE YAAFOUR (185 173) and 1 RF took over protective duties on the left flank instead.

This morning the enemy aided by 4 tanks and increased arty support strongly counter attacked up the valley between pt 1404 (181 182) and pt 1455 (180 181) and recaptured the latter position. Fierce fighting for pt 1404 is still in progress. Our troops are experiencing administrative difficulties as their mule transport has deserted them.

(b) In the MERDJAYOUN sector the enemy commenced to withdraw his troops night 9/10 Jul. Early yesterday 1 DLI on the left sent forward fighting patrols and occupied BOURQOUZ and "Enemy Hill" (139 161), but 4 Borderers on the right found the enemy still in possession of ROCHAYA EL FOKHAR, and the enemy even made a local counter-attack and re-occupied KAFR CHEBAA (145 156). Later in the day 3 colns were organised to follow the enemy: C coln (N Staff Yeo) on rd HASBAYA-ROCHAYA EL OUADI, A coln (1 DLI) on rd DNEIZE-KAFER MECHKI, B coln (4 Border Regt) from QELLIYE towards YUHMOUR. A and B colns are supported by arty and A/Tk guns. Two of the colns were soon held up by road blocks and booby traps, but the advance was resumed this morning.

(c) In the area South of BEIT ED DINE there have been frequent though comparatively minor engagements with varying success. An attack by 2/31 Bn on night 9/10 Jul against BAADARANE, which is apparently strongly held by the enemy, was not completely successful but "Greenhill" at 1393 1882 was secured and consolidated. A further attack supported by organised arty fire captured AAMATOUR Ridge (139 189) but we were unable to hold it in the face of a strong counter attack. Patrols of the Cheshire Yeo could not get forward North of MAZRAA ECH CHOUF and patrols from 2/25 Bn found that the enemy has established a line from 1380 1905 through 1343 1915 across

road to 1333 1905. In this line patrols could not find any gaps. The position of the Cheshire Yeo North of MROUSTI is unchanged. East of JEZZINE 2/33 Bn has withdrawn its forward troops to hill 1377 (1385 1798).

(d) In the Coastal sector 17 Aust Inf Bde moved up the Coast road towards the road block at 1264 2058 yesterday afternoon and encountered opposition from enemy MG and Mortar fire. Later 2/5 Bn with a sqn 6 Div Cav were attacked from the front and flank just South of KHALDE (129 207) but after a sharp engagement the enemy were driven off. In the afternoon 10 Jul 2/14 Bn pushed out Eastwards from the DAMOUR position and has occupied ABEY (131 200), KAHER MATTA (131 199) and pt 903 (1317 1997). 4 abandoned 6 inch guns were destroyed about 1296 1998. The enemy hold AIN DRAFIL (1295 2018). There has been some further enemy activity against pt 567 (1284 1953).

(e) FF Force have occupied DEIR AATIYE (247 239) and QARA (244 245) without opposition.

2. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

ARTY: 1/1 R.A.C.L.:-- This group, consisting of one bty 155 mm and one bty 75 mm, was destroyed at QASMIE soon after the commencement of hostilities. A PW states that the 75 mm bty was reformed with great difficulty, PW himself being taken from AA duty to form part of the gun crew. The bty consisted of 3 guns.

A PW reports that after the engagement at KISSOUE, 3/29 RTA suffered such severe losses that the bn was disbanded. What remained was drafted to 1/29 RTA which is composed of 1, 3 and 9 Coys.

Attached as Appx "A" is a new VICHY FRENCH ORDER OF BATTLE. This supersedes all previous ones, which should be destroyed.

3. ENEMY ARMS AND EQUIPMENT

Attached as Appx "B" is a table of the main characteristics of the VICHY FRENCH Field and Medium Arty. Details of their A/Tk Arty will be promulgated in the next Summary. NOTE: The guns captured in the Coastal Sector consisted of four 6" and five 105 mm. They were successfully spiked by the enemy and will be of no further military use.

4. AIR

Our Operations

Bombers: Bieheims carried out seven raids against a diversity of targets with varying degrees of success. What remains of the petrol dump at TEL KELAK was bombed. The Vichy Air Force camp was bombed at TALIA. A column of MT some 5 miles west of ZAHLE and another column south of the town were bombed. In addition to the successful attack on the HAMMANA dump reported in yesterday's Summary, our aircraft attacked the buildings, rds and railway beside it, claiming to have added appreciably to the damage already done. A very close support target was bombed on the DAMOUR - BEIT ED DINE rd. No effects were observed by the pilots, but it is reported that our tps were duly impressed.

Fighters: Hurricanes ground-strafted TALIA aerodrome, damaging eight Vichy aircraft. They also attacked a railway engine at RAYAK.

Tomahawks escorting our bombers on a close support errand, ground-strafted the DAMOUR - BEIT ED DINE rd.

Recce: Photographs were taken yesterday. Strat/Rs were carried out in search of shipping along the Syrian coast. Further Strat/Rs were carried out of harbours and aerodromes.

A Blenheim dropped pamphlets in the form of the GOC's proclamation on BEIRUT. This operation was carried out by night.

Enemy Operations

The enemy have been in the air on several occasions, and bombing attacks are reported from the DAMOUR area.

A twin engined bomber flew low over 17 Aust Inf Bde area to which no exception was taken.

Three enemy bombers flew over HQ RAA 7 Aust Div. One was brought down.

It is a moot point as to whether a report of an "unidentified EA" is not a slight contradiction in terms. One of these infernal machines was reported by 6 Div.

As a result of all these diverse enemy air activities, no damage is reported.

5. SUMMARY OF AIR RECCES

Strat/R 10 Jul: Results Strat/R today TELKAKH Northern half dump completely gutted. EA observed approx 1700 hrs BEIRUT one RAYAK 2 bombers BAALBEK satellite 8 small to medium, BAALBEK satellite large and several smaller types. 11 MT proceeding east BEIRUT to BAALBEK.

Tac/R Morning 11 Jul: NMS MACHRHARA to JDITA.
5 MT moving west 157208.
4 MT " " 147207.
3 MT " north AIN ZHALTA 148202.
Otherwise nil round DAMOUR and
-BEIT ED DINE.
AA from CHOUEIFAT 133208. Photos
will be taken very shortly.

6. TOPOGRAPHICAL

In the LATTAKIA area, immediately NORTH of the seashore and some 280 yards EAST of ED DEARHA (159396), there is a munition dump consisting of 17 magazines. Two tracks lead to the dump area. The magazines consist of a concrete foundation measuring approx 52 feet square, laid on ground level. No overhead or side protection is visible.

None of the magazines appear to be full, but 12 are partly so, while the other 5 are empty.

7. GENERAL

Local Feeling: The general feeling of civilians in the BEIT ED DINE Sector is still favourable towards us, but slightly impatient of the delay in our advance, as is always the case with civilian opinion largely ignorant of the military difficulties involved.

It is learnt that as a result of our bombing the telephone and electric system was severely damaged and BEIT ED DINE and DEIR EL QAMAR were in darkness and without means of communication for two days.

- The following extract from Force HQ Weekly Int Review No.3 of 6 Jul is published for interest.

Our advance on BEIRUT in the coastal sector is likely to meet, not only with considerable opposition, but with ground just as difficult as that which our tps have so far successfully traversed since they crossed the frontier. The merits of their performance in this sector have not perhaps been sufficiently realised. The coastal strip from the frontier to BEIRUT is laterally intersected by a series of ridges and wadis, so spaced as to offer every advantage to the defence in a delaying action. This coupled with other major obstacles such as the river LITANI and the river immediately South of DAMOUR, throws into high relief the performance of our tps in advancing as far and as fast as they have, in the face of opposition which although not overwhelming has been consistently bitter and unrelenting. Critics of the slowness of our advance, both here and in other sectors of the LEBANON and South SYRIA, tend to ignore the difficulties of the country over which our tps are advancing and the long time previously available to the enemy for preparing its defence.

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APPENDIX "A"

VICHY FRENCH ORDER OF BATTLE

From information received up to 1200 hrs 11 Jul 41

Note: The number of a unit before the oblique stroke indicates the bn, the number after indicates the regt.

1. ABEY

ARTY One 105 mm bty (10th)
 One 155 mm "

2. ALEPPO

INF 8 B.D.L. (one coy probably ex DJEZIREH area)

CAV (Horsed) E.L.N.S. (Syrian Cav) - 19, 20, 26 and 27 Sgns

CAV (Mech) R.C.A. - 4 Sqn (Still at ALEPPO - PW 2.7.41)

ARTY 2 R.A.M.L. HQ and HQ Bty)
 1/2 R.A.M.L. - one bty 75 mm (Horsed) ?)
 2/2 R.A.M.L. - one bty lorryborne)
 1 Bty 75 mm lorryborne)
 An unidentified portion of this arty is thought
 to have moved south.

ENG 3/33 Eng Bn

MISCL 1/43 Communication Bn

3. BAALBEK - TRIPOLI

INF 1 B.D.L.

ARTY 1/2 R.A.M.L. ? One bty 75 mm horsed thought to
 have moved south.
 12 Bty-4 R.A.C.L. 75 mm AA
 9 Bty 3 R.A.C.L. (Coastal Defence)
 half 90 mm and half 75 mm-
 1/1 R.A.M.L. - one bty 105 mm and one bty 65 mm

4. BEIRUT

INF 2 B.C.L.
3 B.C.L.
3/24 R.M.C. one coy (two at DAMOUR) - PW

CAV (Mech)	Unknown
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ARTY R.A.C.L. 4 Gp (AA) - 10 Bty 75 mm
11 " 75 mm
4/1 R.A.M.L. 10 Bty (AA) 25 mm
4 - 220 mm naval guns at NAHR EL KELB, north of
BEIRUT (PW)

ENG Special Eng Coy
 " Telephone Coy

MISCL 43 Communication Bn 3 and 4 Coys
631 Pioneer Bn (A detachment only)

5.

BEIT ED DINE

INF 2/17 R.T.S. Elements of another bn of this regt identified.
4 B.D.L. (from ALEPPO) - PW

CAV (Horsed) 5/4 Tunisian Spahis) Possibly
1/8 Algerian Spahis (unconfirmed)) amalgamated

CAV (Mech) 2/6 R.C.A. 3 Sqn (Probably one tp)

ARTY 6 LE 1 Bty 75 mm (Thought to have moved elsewhere - PW)
1/1 R.A.M.L. One bty 105 mm and one bty 65 mm (7 guns)
One bty 75 mm - PW - unconfirmed
4 R.A.C.L. 10 Bty 105 mm long (4 guns)
Some 155 mm guns ? (PW)

6.

DAMOUR

INF 1/6 LE - 3 depleted coys
2/22 R.T.A.
17 R.T.S. (a few elements only about one coy)
2/6 LE
2/24 R.M.C. ? 2 coys strong

3/24 R.M.C. 9 and 10 Coys (PW)
1/29 R.T.A. (Three small coys, 1, 3 and 9, arrived from MAZRAA - TEKIEH 7.6.41)

CAV (Horsed) 4 Tunisian Spahis - one sqn

CAV (Mech) 7 Lt tanks - 2/6 R.C.A. at least two tps and probably whole sqn (PW)
4 Armd Cs - 1/6 R.C.A. (Portion of armd car sqn - PW)

ARTY At least one bty 75 mm guns
6 LE Arty-Regt (Two btys 75 mm)
R.A.C:L. 3 Gp (Coastal Defence)
7 Bty (145 mm) 2 guns DAMOUR ?
8 Bty (164 mm) 2 or 4 guns KHALDE

ENG 1/33 Eng Bn

7.

DEIR EZ ZOR SECTOR (Capt 3 Jul 41)

INF 6 B.D.L. (Less one coy RAQQA)
Pl Gardes Mobiles

CAV (Horsed) Four sqns Spahis (Unidentified)

CAV (Mech) 2 Lt Mech Unit
2 Lt Desert Coy
3 Lt " " (Unidentified portion at SUKHANE)

ARTY 2/2 R.A.M.L. One mixed bty 65 mm and 75 mm

8.

HASBAYA

INF 2/29 R.T.A. ?
1/22 R.T.A.
3/6 LE
1 B.C.L.
2/16 R.T.T. 5, 6 and 7 Coys (8 Coy DEIR AATIYE arca)

CAV (Horsed) 15 Sqn Partizans (One tp identified)
15 " Tcherkess (Mostly wounded) PW
16 " "
38 " "

CAV (Mech) Probably one tp tanks

ARTY Unidentified - 3 btys ?

MISCL 631 Pioneer Bn (A detachment only)

9.

HOMS - HAMA

INF 7 B.D.L. Less deserters
Local recruits

CAV (Horsed) 3 Sqn Levant Line Cav (60 horsemen)
4 " " " "

CAV (Mech) One sec armd cars (One tp from DERAA 21.6.41)
Tp of tanks (5) from SAIDA
4 armd cars

ARTY Two btys medium arty
6 or 7 med guns (probably 155 mm)
Bty 75 mm (5 guns)

10.

JEBEL DRUZE Sector

INF 1/16 R.T.T. two coys
3/16 R.T.T. (was at EZRAA) probably two coys
4/16 R.T.T. 11 Coy ? (Formerly at EZRAA) ?

CAV (Horsed) 4 Sqns Druze Cav, less deserters
1 R.S.M. - one gp (Moroccan Spahis) ?

CAV (Mech) One armd car - damaged

ARTY Some fortress guns only

11.

LATTAQUIE

INF 2 B.D.L.
5 B.D.L.

CAV (Mech) Special pl armd cars

ARTY 2/2 R.A.M.L. - one bty 65 mm lorryborne
One coastal defence bty (2 R.A.M.L. ?)

12.

MAZRAA - TEKIEH

INF 5/1 R.T.M. (Two disorganised coys)
1/17 R.T.S. (Four coys - tired - capt doc 17.6.41)
3/17 R.T.S. (Two tired coys)
1/24 R.M.C. from BEIRUT

CAV (Horsed) E.L.Tch (Circassian Lt Cav)
12 Sqn) Numerous deserters
14 ") Elements moved on or moving to
27 " KURDS) HASBAYA
Partizans Tcherkess
41 Sqn
42 "
3/1 R.S.M. (Moroccan Spahis) - possibly 1½ sqns

CAV (Mech) 2/7 R.C.A. including 6 A/Tk guns
1/7 R.C.A. (an unidentified portion)

ARTY 1 R.A.M.L. (2 Gp motorised of two btys 105 mm and
one bty 47 mm A/Tk)
13 Bty 65 mm (Mountain) R.A.C.L. ?
1 R.A.M.L. 16 Bty (A/Tk 47 mm) attached to R.T.S.
3/1 R.A.M.L. 8 Bty (AA) 75 mm motorised
Lebanese Mtn Bty (65 mm) PW

ENG 2/33 Eng Bn
B.P.I.C. 4 and 6 Coys (Indo-Chinese Labour Bn)
2/43 Comm Bn

MISCL 101/29 Horsed Transport Coy

13.

QARA - MOMEIRA

INF 2/16 R.T.T. 8 Coy) about 300 men
1 mixed coy)

CAV One dismounted MG sec MEHARISTES (Camel Corps)
One tp Spahis ?
7 - 10 tanks (probably portion of a sqn in that area)
8 A.M.L. (about eight armed Cs att 7 R.C.A.)

ARTY One bty or part of a bty 105 mm
Two btys 75 mm or 65 mm

14.

RAYAK - ABLAH

ARTY 111/1 R.A.M.L. 7 Bty 75 mm motorised AA
and one similar bty
iv/1 R.A.M.L. 25 mm 11 Bty ? motorised AA

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DETAILS of VICHY FRENCH ARTY

65 mm Mle 1906 Mountain Gun.

Calibre	65 mm (2.56").
Length of bore	18.8 calibres
Muzzle velocity	1,080 ft/sec.
Weight of shell	8.75 lb.
Max range	7,000 yds.
Elevation	35 deg.
Depression	10 deg.
Traverse	6 deg.
Rifling No of grooves	24
Twist	7 deg.
Weight in action	900 lb.

This gun fires both shrapnel and H.E. It can be carried in 4 pack loads of 230 lb each.

75mm Mle 1919 and Mle 1928 Mountain Gun.

Calibre	75 mm (2.95").
Length of bore	18.6 calibres
Muzzle velocity	1,310 ft/sec.
Weight of shell	14 lb.
Max range	9,600 yds.
Elevation	40 deg.
Depression	10 deg.
Traverse	15 deg.
Rifling No of grooves.	24
Twist	8 deg.
Weight in action	1,540 lb

Fires both shrapnel and H.E. Carried in 7 loads.

75 mm Mle 1897 Field Gun.

Calibre	75mm (2.95").
Length of bore	35 calibres.
Muzzle velocity	2,050 ft/sec.
Weight of shell	12.5 lb.
Max range	14,000 yds.
Elevation	18 deg.
Depression	11 deg.
Traverse	6 deg.
Rifling No of grooves.	24
Twist	7 deg.
Weight in action	1.25 tons

The range quoted is with the new streamlined shell (H.E.) The max range with the Mle 1918 H.E. shell is 11,400 yds. Range with shrapnel is 7,700 yds.

75 mm Mle 1897/33 Field Gun.

Calibre	75 mm (2.95").
Length of bore	36 calibres
Muzzle velocity	2,050 ft/sec.
Weight of shell	12.5 and 14 lb.
Max range	14,000 yds.
Elevation	45 deg.
Depression (Traverse 55 deg)	5 deg.
Rifling. No of grooves	24
Twisting	7 deg.
Weight in action	1.5 tons.

This gun fires the same ammunition as the Mle 1897 and the same remarks apply. It is the same piece mounted on a modernised carriage. Solid shot is employed for Anti-Tank use.

75 mm Field / Anti-Tank Gun.

Calibre	75 mm (2.95").
Weight of shell	14 lb solid A.P. shot.
Traverse	360 deg. on three armed mounting when used as an anti-tank gun.
Weight in action	over 1.5 tons.
Prototype completed successful trials in March 1940.	

75mm Long Tank Gun.

Calibre	75 mm (2.95").
Muzzle velocity	1,800 ft/sec for H.E. 1,940 ft/sec for A.P.
Weight of Shell	14 lb.
Elevation	30 deg.
Depression	10 deg.
Traverse	12 deg.
Used as mobile artillery. Mounted in the hull of the Somua tank, 32 of these guns are known to exist.	

75 mm Short Tank Gun.

Calibre	75 mm (2.95").
Mounted in Standard Somua Tank.	

105 mm C. 1935 B Howitzer.

Calibre	105 mm (4.14").
Length of bore	11 calibres.
Muzzle velocity	1,450 ft/sec
Weight of shell	34.5 lb.
Max Range	11,200 yds.
Elevation	50 deg.
Depression	6-deg.
Traverse	53 deg.
Rifling. No of grooves	32
Twist	8 deg.
Weight in action	1.6 tons.
The carriage is believed to be the same as the 75 Mle 1897/33.	
The accuracy of the piece is said to be excellent.	

105 mm C. 1934 S. Howitzer.

Calibre	105 mm (4.14").
Length of bore	15 calibres.
Muzzle velocity	1,525 ft/sec.
Weight of shell	34.5 lb
Max Range	11,200 yds.
Elevation	50 deg.
Depression	6 deg.
Traverse	39 deg.
Rifling No of grooves	32
Twist	8 deg
Weight in action	1.7 tons.

105 mm Mle 1919 and Mle 1920 Mountain Howitzer.

Calibre	105 mm (4.14").
Length of bore	12.4 calibres
Muzzle velocity	1,150 ft/sec.
Weight of shell	26.5 lb
Max range.	8,500 yds.
Elevation	43 deg.
Depression	0 deg.
Traverse	9 deg.
Rifling No of grooves	32
Twist	12 deg
Weight in action	.75 tons

3.

105 mm L. 1913 Gun.

Calibre	105 mm (4.14").
Length of bore	27 calibres.
Muzzle velocity	1,800 ft/sec.
Weight of shell	35.2 lb.
Max Range	13,400 yds.
Elevation	37 deg.
Depression	0 deg.
Traverse	6 deg.
Rifling No of grooves	40
Twist	7 deg 10 min.
Weight in action	2.3 tons

105 mm L. 1936 S. Gun.

Calibre.	105 mm (4.14").
Length of bore	37.5 calibres.
Muzzle velocity	2,410 ft/sec.
Weight of shell	35 lb.
Max range	18,900 yds.
Elevation	43 deg.
Depression	0 deg.
Traverse	50 deg.
Weight in action	3.4 tons.
Mounted on rubber tyred wheels for motor traction.	

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1. ARMISTICE

(a) At 2110 hrs 11 Jul the following order was issued by the Corps Commander :-

At 0001 hrs 12 Jul forward tps will stand fast and stop firing (.) Full military precautions will be taken (.) Troops in rear and adm movement will carry on (.) NO fraternization (.) EMPY will be prepared meet VICHY envoy 0900 hrs 12 Jul at Australian outpost on rd BEYROUTH-HAIFA (.) Envoy should come in under flag of truce (.) After verification of credentials envoy will be escorted under arrangements EMPY to SYDNEY SMITH BARRACKS ACRE to arrive NOT before 1115 hrs.

(b) The sequence of events leading up to this cessation of hostilities was as follows :-

i. After some preliminary exchanges in which the method of approach was fixed and proposals for declaring BEYROUTH an open City were discussed, Gen DENTZ, High Commissioner and GOC-in-C, Tps in the LEVANT, intimated at 1800 hrs 11 Jul that he was prepared to discuss terms and to send an Envoy Plenipotentiary to any place the British High Command appointed. He added that he intended to order his own troops to cease fire at 2101 hrs G.M.T. 11 Jul.

ii. This proposal was accepted by the C in C ME and orders to our tps to stand fast and to cease fire were issued accordingly by the Corps Commander as shown in the message quoted above.

iii. At 0405 hrs 12 Jul a signal from GHQ ME stated that Gen DENTZ'S Envoys would present themselves at our advanced posts as had been directed.

iv. At 0820 hrs 12 Jul the Envoys Plenipotentiary from Gen DENTZ arrived at the forward posts of 7 Aust Div and were escorted to ACRE as ordered, where the conference has since been in progress.

(c) Although the time available for the transmission of the requisite signals was short and the orders did not reach many of our forward units until just before 2400 hrs, all our tps with one exception did in fact stand fast and stopped firing at 0001 hrs 12 Jul. The exception did not receive the signal until about 0130 hrs when operations immediately ceased. The enemy, however, appears to have experienced greater difficulty in communicating with his forces,

especially as Gen DENTZ had just moved his HQ from BEYROUTH. Whatever the reason, the enemy arty continued to shell 7 Aust Div positions, especially the EL MTOLLE and hill 1054 areas, after midnight, and did not cease in all sub-sectors until 0400 hrs. There was even spasmodic shelling on 2/25 Bn area until 0900 hrs this morning. On the other hand the cease fire order was observed on the MAZAR front.

2. GROUND

Operations (From 1200 hrs - 2400 hrs 11 Jul)

The following is a brief resumé of the last phase of the operations in each of the Corps sectors:-

(a) FF Forces advanced yesterday afternoon and captured ZAMRANI (228243), QARA (244245) and HOMEIRA (254248). A patrol to BRELGE (246257) found no enemy there.

(b) On the MAZAR front it is now possible to complete the summary of 16 Ind Bde's offensive: the attack by 2 Leicesters on the right flank on night 10/11 Jul (mentioned in Summary No. 21) was successful and pt 1293 (183192) and the Western end of EZ ZOHRIE (183184) were captured. In addition 2 KORR captured pt 1455 (18081815) but were unable to exploit beyond pt 1404 (18141823). 2 Queens on the left were unable to reach the summit of J. MAZAR about 179180 and 179181, and in the subsequent fighting two coys of this bn were cut off. Subsequently one pl fought its way out. The enemy counter-attack on the left flank posns on morning 11 Jul resulted in the loss of pt 1455, as stated yesterday. Later in the day the enemy also counter-attacked our right flank with inf and AFVs and after fierce fighting drove 2 Leicesters from pt 1293 and from most of the EZ ZOHRIE feature, though later still part of this ridge was re-taken. The general situation of 16 Inf Bde was, however, very difficult, and it was decided to withdraw them to their original posns on the general line DEIR QANOON (18751850) - rd junc (18561805) - YAAFOUR (18101764). This decision was in fact not carried out owing to the announcement of the armistice, but 2 Queens was relieved by 2 Yorks and Lancs from 14 Inf Bde, which had just arrived in that area.

(c) In the MERDJAYOUN sector the advance of the 3 colns formed 10 Jul was again impeded yesterday by rd blocks and booby traps. The centre coln was also held up by arty fire. C coln made the best progress but were ordered to wait so as to maintain the general line. By the end of the day 1 DLI had reached area YOHMOUR (145172) with patrols towards SOHMOUR (145176). 4 Border Regt was near DNEIBE (149168) and N. Somerset Yeo was at AIN HERCHE (154168). 11 E. CZECH Bn was still in the MERDJAYOUN area itself. HQ 23 Inf Bde were at 144164.

(d) South of BEIT ED DINE 2/31 Bn seized pt 1041 (13931875) and captured the rd bend near HARET JANDAL (13811881) by 1400 hrs 11 Jul. Later AAMATOUR was occupied without resistance. It appears the enemy has been withdrawing to a defensive line MOUKHTARA - EL KHEIBE - MAZRAA - ECH CHOUF --- in effect a continuation of the system to the West of the OUADI BAAROUK, which is now reported to be a general line from 13401900 to 13751908 excl KAHLOUNIYE (13631907).

(e) In the Coastal sector patrols from 2/5 Bn with patrols from 2/3 Bn on their right advanced in the early morning 11 Jul from the rd block towards KHALDE (127207) where they came under heavy mortar and arty fire. At 0700 hrs six enemy tanks appeared over ridge about 12782083, but were engaged by our arty and withdrew.

Coys from 2/3 Bn moved towards the high ground about 130 204 and 130 203. 2/14 Bn pushed out towards rd junc 1325 2021. Yesterday afternoon a patrol from 2/5 Bn again moved North from the rd block but withdrew after meeting considerable fire from vicinity Wireless Mast about 1275 2080 where tanks and Arm'd Cars were again reported. There was continuous and heavy arty fire on the whole sector last night.

3. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS. (See Int Summary No 19 para 5 and Appendix "A" att thereto).

The positions of the various British forces operating in SYRIA were approximately as follows when the "stand fast and cease fire" order came into effect at 0001 hrs (L.T.) 12 Jul :

(a) 10 INDIAN DIV was moving on ALEPPO. Northern coln on the Rly line just South of the TURKISH frontier had taken TELL ABIAD and was preparing to continue the advance on DJERABLOUS.

The Southern coln which had moved up the EUPHRATES had taken RAQQA, and after repulsing a counter-attack was also preparing to move forward.

(b) HABFORCE after the capture of PALMYRE continued its advance and had occupied FORQLASS about 25 miles West of HOMS. Forward patrols were in JERBOUAIYA, some 8 miles further on.

(c) FREE FRENCH FORCES had moved further North from NEBEK and after taking DEIR AATTYE had occupied QARA & HOMBIRA. They also were preparing to advance on HOMS.

(d) 6 DIV was still standing on the positions which its forward tps held after the enemy's counter-attacks of 10-11 Jul.

(e) 23 INF BDE GP was moving from HASBAYA and had reached positions about 4 miles South of the RACHAYA EL GUADI line.

(f) 25 ABST INF BDE was in contact with the enemy on his defensive lines 3 miles South and South East of BEIT ED DINE.

(g) 17 and 21 AUST INF BDES on the Coast were astride the Coast road North of KARACOL and after capturing ABEY and KAFR MATTIA were pushing further out into the hill country to the East and North East.

4. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

It is reported that 40 arm'd Cs, with what was reported as a large mechanised force, are operating in the area of SFIRE, SE of ALEPPO. These are as yet unidentified, but it seems probable that they may be two sqns of 7 RCA. This unit has not been reported as engaged recently, but it was in the DAMASCUS area before our entry into the town. A certain number of units were known to have withdrawn North from DAMASCUS towards HOMS, HAMA and ALEPPO. Though the regt has suffered some losses in arm'd Cs, it is reasonable to suppose that these could have been made up by now.

It is learnt from a source whose reliability cannot be assessed, that the garrison of SOUEIDA (JEBEL DRUZE Sector) consists of the following. Some DRUZE cav, 2, 3 and 9 Coys 16 RTT. The garrison arty consists of two 120 mm guns; one 90 mm and one 75 mm. The strength of the coys is approx 130, although there were many deserters last week.

From a captured document it would appear that the following enemy arty units were at DAMOUR.

1/1 RACL
2/1 RACL

V Group RACL: 13 Bty
14 "
15 "

Coastal Defence Bty

1/1 RACL originally consisted of one bty 155 mm and one bty 75 mm. Both btys were put out of action in the early stages of the campaign and it is thought that 1/1 RACL now consists of one bty 75 mm of three guns, with the possible addition of one or two secs 75 mm A/Tk.

2/1 RACL originally consisted of $\frac{1}{2}$ bty 105 mm and $\frac{1}{2}$ bty 65 mm, both stationed at QUNEITRA before hostilities commenced. This may or may not be the group referred to above.

V Group RACL is a new identification. 13 Bty of this group is thought to be 75 mm; the composition of the other two btys is uncertain.

5. ENEMY ARMS AND EQUIPMENT

Attached as Appx "A" is a table of the main characteristics of the VICHY FRENCH A/Tk Arty.

6. AIR

Our Operations

Bombers: Blenheims carried out bombing attacks on SOUEIDA fort. Pamphlets were also dropped. Direct hits were scored. Another attack was made by Blenheims on RAYAK railway junc. Hits on stores and on sidings were registered.

Fighters: Tomahawks had a successful outing operating from PALMYRA against landing grounds and aerodromes at FAH - ALEPPO and HAMA. In all, three aircraft were burnt and thirteen others well ground-strafted. The Tomahawks have therefore annihilated the equivalent of a whole sqn.

One of our Tomahawks was unfortunately surprised and shot down by a Dewoitine. It was a little unwise of the Frenchman to interfere with our aircraft. The Dewoitine was of course destroyed.

Hurricanes provided escorts for our bombers, carried out a little ground-strafting and chased a Bosch away from HAIFA.

Tomahawks also generally created havoc behind the French lines in the 6 Div area. Troops, MT and guns all came in for a sprinkle of lead. Three patrol vehicles were set on fire and at least 30 more were badly damaged. A bty of French fd guns was "done over", and what is thought to have been amn beside one, went off like a box of fireworks.

One of our Tomahawks was shot in the cooling system and had to force land. The pilot has returned to base unhurt.

Those of us who were entertained by the German Air Force in GREECE or CRETE will recollect that steely cold feeling in the small of the back which we felt whenever we were motoring along the rds. The tables are now turned. We have been comparatively free from this demoralising form of air attack. We accept this without realising that such freedom has to be wrested by force from the enemy. Our Air Force has done this for us, chiefly by getting at the root of the trouble and destroying the enemy on the ground. It must also be remembered that the light AA guns have done exceptionally well in this campaign (statistics below).

ENEMY OPERATIONS

Three enemy aircraft are reported to have bombed the Northern part of DAMOUR village. No casualties have been reported.

General

In spite of the fact that the French claim the astronomical figure of 620 mph for the speed of the Dewoitine in a dive, our Tomahawks find no difficulty in catching them. The Tomahawk is a much more manoeuvrable machine at these high speeds.

Analyses of Engagement of Enemy Aircraft by
57 Lt AA Regt from 10 Jun to 29 Jun 41

Sector	No. of Guns in Sector	No. of Engagements	Total of Enemy Aircraft Engaged	No. of Hits Scored	No. of Enemy Aircraft Confirmed destroyed
DAMASCUS	12	62	220	46	9
MERDJAYOUN	4	6	25	9	2
JEZZINE	4	14	59	7	1
COASTAL	8	22	55	34	4
TOTALS	28	104	359	96	16

In addition, Regt has engaged 5 and destroyed 2 tanks.

7. SUMMARY OF AIR RECCES

Tac/R 0930 - 1030 hrs 11 Jul: Area MERDJAYOUN - MACHRHARA - QARAOUN - BAR ELIAS - MASNA - RACHAYA - HASBAYA.
NMS 139165 to camp at QARAOUN. 3 MT entering HASBAYA.
MT activity at JDITA.
NMS rd JDITA - MASNA.
12 individual MT between MASNA and RACHAYA.
5 MT in and around village of RACHAYA.
Much MT and inf on track from pt 148168 to MERDJAYOUN.

Tac/R 1805 - 1905 hrs 11 Jul: Area rds area CHOUEIFAT - BAABDA - ALEY.
Bty posn observed at 12692082 and defended posns in that area.
NMS remainder of task.
Owing to lateness of recce long shadows made observation impossible.

Strat/R afternoon 11 Jul: EA HAMA 17 twin engine HOMS 3 large 3 small RAS BAALBEK 4 burnt out 1 large troop carrier BAALBEK 6 including 4 damaged RAYAK satellite 4 including 2 damaged. LGT 4 EAST FURQLUS black smoke rising to 2000 feet. HOMS 46 closed trucks no engine. BAALBEK train 30 passenger coaches moving North. RAYAK rly siding successfully bombed. No shipping on coast except 1 medium tanker TRIPOLI.

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DETAILS OF VICHY-FRENCH ARTY.

25 mm S.A. Mle 1934 ANTI-TANK GUN.

Calibre	25 mm (.985").
Length of bore	64 calibres
Muzzle velocity	3,000 ft/sec
Weight of shell	.70 lb.
Max range	11,200 yds.
Elevation	15 deg
Depression	5 deg
Traverse	60 deg
Rifling No of grooves	12.
Twist	6 deg 10 min.
Weight in action	1,050 lb.
Penetration	40 mm plate at 30 deg at 400 yds 60 " " " normal " 100 yds.

25mm S.A. Mle 1935 Anti-Tank Gun.

Calibre	25 mm (.985").
Length of bore	50 calibres
Muzzle velocity	3,000 ft/sec.
This is a shortened 25mm Mle. 1934 used on an armoured car.	

37 mm S.A. Infantry Gun.

Calibre	37 mm (1.45")
Length of bore	17 calibres.
Muzzle velocity	1,200 ft/sec.
Weight of shell	1.23 lb
Max range	2,600 yds.
Most accurate range for this gun is said to be from 1,100 to 1,300 yds.	

37 mm T.R. Mle 1916 Anti-Tank Gun.

Calibre	37 mm (1.45").
Length of bore	21 calibres.
Muzzle velocity	1,970 ft/sec.
Weight of shell	.86 lb.
Elevation	17 deg.
Depression	8 deg.
Traverse	34 deg.
Rifling. No of grooves	12.
Twist	6 deg.
Weight in action	240 lb.

37 mm S.A. Mle . . . 1918/M. 1937 Tank Gun.

Calibre	37mm (1.45").
Length of bore	31 calibres.
Muzzle velocity	1,970 ft/sec
Weight of shell	1.1 lb.
Elevation	20 deg.
Depression	16 deg 30 min.
Rifling. No of grooves.	12
Twist	6 deg.
Weight in action	158 lb.

Mle 1918/M. 37 is used on the Renault Hotchkiss and F.C.M. tanks.
These guns fire the same ammunition as the 37 mm T.R. Rifle 1916.

37 mm S.A. Mle 1938 Tank Gun.

Calibre	37mm (1.45")
Length of bore	30 calibres.
Muzzle velocity	2,300 ft/sec.
Weight of shell	1.54 lb.
Elevation	20 deg.
Depression	17 deg.
Traverse	10 deg.
Rifling No of grooves	12.
Twist	7 deg.
Weight in action	890 lb.

This weapon was intended to replace the armament of the Renault Hotchkiss and F.C.M. tanks.

Penetration. 40 mm at 400 yds plate at normal.
30 mm at 400 yds plate at 30 deg.

37mm de Casemate Mle 1934. A Tk Gun.

Calibre	37mm (1.45")
Length of bore	50 calibres.
Muzzle velocity	2,680 ft/sec.
Weight of shell.	1.98 lb.
Elevation	25 deg.
Depression	15 deg.
Traverse	43 deg.
Rifling No of grooves	12.
Twist	7 deg.
Weight in action	1,100 lb.

A cartridge enabling an A.P. shot with ballistic cap weighing 1.98 lb to be fired was believed to be under development.

47mm Naval Mle 1902 Anti-tank gun.

Calibre	47mm (1.85").
Muzzle velocity	2,260 ft/sec.
Weight of shell	4.4 lb.

Mounted as an anti-tank gun in fortified positions.

47mm de Casemate Mle 1934 Anti-tank gun.

Calibre	47 mm (1.85").
Length of bore	50 calibres.
Muzzle velocity	2,800 ft/sec.
Weight of shell	3.8 lb.
Elevation	10 deg.
Depression	15 deg.
Traverse	45 deg.
Weight in action	2,200 lb.

This model with deepened rifling was mounted in fortifications. Marked with an "A" on the breeching.

47 mm de Casemate Mle 1934 Anti-Tank Gun.

Calibre	47mm (1.85").
Length of bore	50 calibres
Muzzle velocity	2,260 ft/sec.
Weight of shell	4.4 lb.
Elevation	10 deg.
Depression	15 deg.
Traverse	45 deg.
Weight in action	2,200 lb.

Only employed in fortifications. It is known as the 47 with non-deepened rifling

47 mm de Char Mle 1935 Tank Gun.

Calibre	47 mm (1.85").
Length of bore	27.6 calibres.
Muzzle velocity	2,160 ft/sec.
Weight of shell	3.56 lb.
Elevation	20 deg.
Depression	15 deg.
Weight in action	750 lb

Chief turret armament of the Char B and Somua tanks.

47 mm Mle 1937 Anti-Tank Gun.

Calibre	47 mm (1.85").
Length of bore	50 calibres.
Muzzle velocity	2,000 ft/sec.
Weight of shell	3.8 lb (solid shot capped).
Max range	5,500 yds.
Elevation	13 deg.
Depression	16 deg.
Traverse	68 deg
Weight in action	2,310 lb.
Penetration	60 mm at 30 deg at 600 yds. 80 mm at 15 deg at 200 yds.

This is believed to be used for anti-tank defence in fortifications on a twin mounting as well as on the normal wheel mounting.

47 mm Mle 1939 Anti-Tank Gun.

Calibre	47 mm (1.85").
Length of bore	50 calibres.
Weight of shell	3.8 lb (Solid shot capped).
Muzzle velocity	2,300 ft/sec.
Max range	5,500 yds.
Elevation	15 deg.
Depression	5 deg.
Traverse	45 deg on wheels. 360 deg on 3 armed mounting.
Penetration	60 mm at 30 deg at 600 yds. 80 mm at 15 deg at 200 yds.
Carriage	Pneumatic tyre& wheels.

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NOTE: Operations in SYRIA having ceased, as from tomorrow this Summary will consist of:-

Part I

- (a) Brief Intelligence notes on the situation on other fronts.
- (b) Notes on German and Italian arms, equipment and tactics.

Part II

Security matters in SYRIA.

1. ARMISTICE TERMS

The Terms of the Armistice were initialled at ACRE at 2250 hrs (LT) 12 Jul. The principal provisions can be summarised as follows:-

- (1) Hostilities to cease at once and all Vichy Forces to concentrate in selected areas. All compliments of war to be accorded.
- (2) All warships to be surrendered and all naval establishments to be handed over intact.
(Note: It is known that all or practically all Vichy warships have already left Syrian waters and have either been interned under Turkish control or have made their escape)
- (3) All other ships (including British), harbours and services to be handed over intact.
- (4) All aircraft whether Vichy or Axis and all war materials to be handed over undamaged.
- (5) All service personnel to be given an opportunity to join the Free French Forces. Those who do not wish to do so are to be repatriated under arrangements controlled by the Vichy Government. This applies also to the High Commissioner, his Staff, all French officials and French nationals.
- (6) All ports, aerodromes, communications, fuel stocks and installations to be handed over intact for our use.
- (7) Administrative and public utility services to be maintained and operated for the time being under Allied Military direction
- (8) Cable and wireless services to cease operations and to be handed over intact.

(9) Exact positions of minefields to be disclosed: all charges to be withdrawn from bridges: all other prepared demolitions and booby traps to be disarmed. Where this is not possible in the time, we are to be notified of their location and nature.

(10) All allied prisoners taken in the course of the operations in SYRIA and the LEBANON to be released. If any Allied prisoners taken in the course of these operations are not returned to us, but remain interned in FRANCE, a suitable number of Vichy supporters from SYRIA are to be retained pending the release of these Allied prisoners.

(Note: This applies particularly to Allied officers who have in many cases been evacuated to FRANCE.)

2. SECURITY

(1) Our troops, British and Australian, will be occupying the whole of SYRIA from 16 Jul.

The Security problem that lies before us is not going to be a simple one, but its execution will be rendered either most difficult or comparatively easy in accordance with the attitude that the present inhabitants adopt towards our troops.

(2) This attitude will be formed quickly and will be almost entirely dictated by the behaviour of our troops, both officers and men in the occupied territory.

(3) The French forces under General DENTZ have put up a very gallant defence against our superior forces. It is up to each of us, officers and men to show to the defeated enemy all possible courtesy and consideration.

If we do so, we will find that not only will this courtesy and consideration be reciprocated but also that it will do much to heal the bitterness of defeat, may even mean that later these same Frenchmen will join us against our common enemy - GERMANY.

(4) The local inhabitants as a whole welcome our arrival - the Christians with some enthusiasm, the Arabs and Druzes in a rather neutral manner.

They will judge our troops by their behaviour off parade largely by the way they take their liquor.

Scoffing, or laughing at their religious customs will be deeply resented, while interference with their women will be the surest road to trouble.

It is worthwhile explaining to troops that to the Syrian it is almost as objectionable for his women to be stared at, called out to or whistled at as it is for them to be actually accosted or seduced. In either case his honour and Oriental proprietary sense is violated, and he will never forgive.

(5) It is known that German agents still exist in the country. They will not be slow to spread and magnify the importance of any incidents which occur.

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PART 1.

1. LIBYA

(a) In the large scale tank versus tank engagements on 15, 16 and 17 Jun around the frontier area, the enemy was able to throw in considerably stronger forces and eventually our weakened armoured formations were compelled to withdraw. Since then activity has been on a considerably reduced scale. The enemy has been salvaging tanks damaged during the battle and making good deficiencies in his defences. It appears that these were originally based on the fortification of the line SOLLUM-MUSAID-CAPUZZO with a strong outpost at HAIFAYA to control the escarpment and the approaches to the SOLLUM bottle-neck. Strong points were also to be constructed South of CAPUZZO and at BIR HAFID to the West. This latter post on the Western flank was to be particularly strong. Behind these defences another strong point at SIDI AZEIZ and a small force at BARDIA were designed to give further protection to flank and rear. The general lay-out was designed to meet attack from the direction of SIDI OMAR. Since this defensive plan was put into effect HAIFAYA has been further strengthened and, judging by the amount of blasting that has been carried out, it would seem that the defences have been extended to cover the line of HAIFAYA-SIDI SULEIMAN, through which gap our forces penetrated in their attack of 15 Jun.

(b) On 7 Jul German aircraft bombed our mobile patrols and during the night 7/8 Jul MATRUH was bombed 4 times, though only slight damage and few casualties were inflicted.

(c) At TOBRUK the situation was unchanged up to 9 Jul.

2. RUSSIA.

(a) Last night it was announced in LONDON that a Treaty of Alliance had been signed by BRITAIN and RUSSIA. The text of the Agreement was as follows :-

"The two Governments undertake to render each other assistance and support of all kinds in the present war against HITLERITE GERMANY. They further undertake that during this war they will neither negotiate nor conclude an armistice or treaty of peace except by mutual agreement".

(b) An attempt to convey some idea of the present situation on the various fronts between RUSSIA and GERMANY will be given in subsequent summaries.

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PART II.

SECURITY.

Nil.

Att at Appendices "A" and "B" are preliminary instructions for the Security Organization of SYRIA.

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APPENDIX "A".

SECURITY.

1. (a) Divs, FF and Habforce will be responsible for the internal security in areas shown on att diagram (Appx "D").

(b) Corps Western and Southern boundary: all incl JELL ED DIB 136 219 - BEIT MERI 138 214- AIN ANOUB 132 206- SOUK EL GHARB-135 206- CHENAYE 144 206- KABB ELIAS 159 206- DARAIYA 197 169- HIJJANE 225 156.

(c) Interdiv boundaries -

i. Free French. The watershed of ANTI LEBANON South to Corps Southern boundary, Eastward to HIJJANE- thence NE to North end JEBEL ECH CHARQI- thence Westwards, incl QARIATEINE to the ANTI-LEBANON watershed.

ii. Between 7 Aust Div and Habforce and 6 Div. From Southern point of TURKISH border Southwards along the watersheds both of the main mountain chain West of R ORONTES and of the LEBANON to excl AIN DARA 149 205.

iii. Between Habforce and 6 Div. An East-West line 10 miles North of HAMA.

2. Divisions, FF and Habforce are responsible that Security Offrs are appointed by units and by sub areas.

A return, giving the names of such offrs and clearly setting out the sub-areas for which they are responsible, will be rendered to HQ 1 Aust Corps by 12 noon 20 Jul.

3. As from 21 Jul Divs, FF and Habforce will render reports to HQ 1 Aust Corps by 1200 hrs daily, stating Security position in their areas and giving names of suspects and accounts of any action taken.

4. District Political Offrs are being appointed and instructions will be issued later correlating the activities of these Offrs and Security personnel.

5. (a) In the meantime, it will be necessary for COs and Security Offrs to study pages 5-28 of the Military Handbook of SYRIA in order to familiarize themselves with the races, religions and internal politics of the country.

(b) Tps will be instructed in these matters in so far as it affects the area in which they are stationed in order that "incidents" may be prevented.

6. In addition to the FS sections att to 6 Div and 7 Aust Div there are two sections att to HQ 1 Aust Corps whose services will be available throughout the Corps area as and when required.

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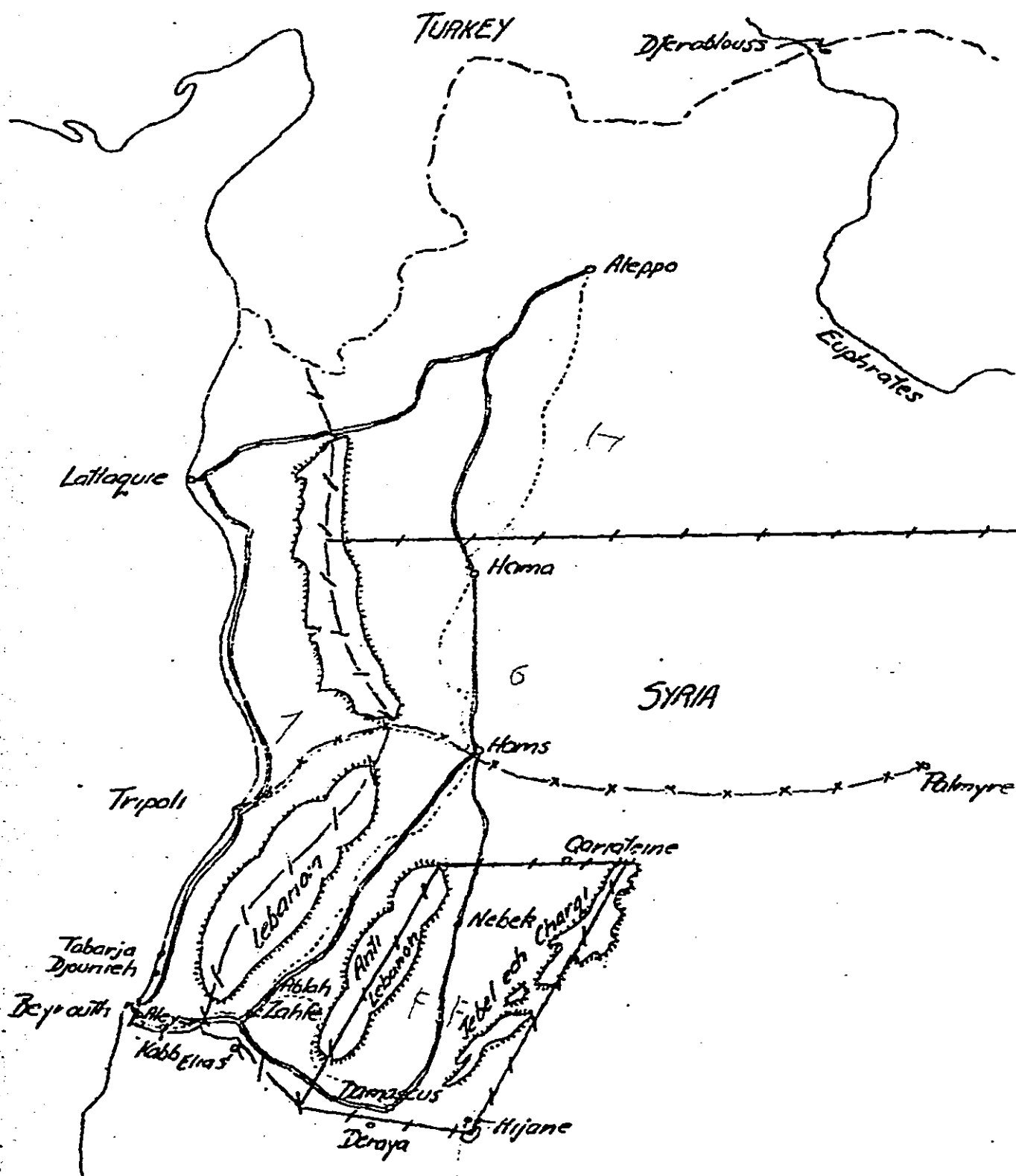
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APPX B.

f. 2)

DIAGRAM SHOWING DIV BOUNDARIES IN SYRIA.

(ISSUED WITH 1 Aust Corps COMB dated 13 Jul 41)



- Railways
- ===== Roads
- +--- Pipe Line
- - - - - Divisional Boundaries

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PART I

(a) U.S.S.R.

The following extract is reprinted from GHQ ME Weekly Summary No.58. It contains a summary of events up to 7 Jul in GERMANY's campaign against U.S.S.R., an indication of the probable strategical aims of the German High Command in this struggle, and a general appreciation of the principal factors which affect the tactics employed by both sides. It is suggested that this extract may well form a basis for the understanding of future developments.

"Events are moving very quickly in RUSSIA. During the week, the Germans have accelerated their initial penetration in the Baltic States and East of MINSK. They appear to have reached TALLIN and they claim that their forces are fighting near SHOLENSK. South of the PRIPET Marshes, they have reached NOVOGRAD-VOLENSK and, with a simultaneous movement South from TARNOPOL and North from CERNAUTI, are attempting to pinch out the Russian forces in this area. German and Roumanian forces have at last crossed the River PRUTH into BESSARABIA where progress appears to be slow.

The principal Russian line of defence is believed to run on the general line of the railway DVINSK - SHOLENSK and thence along the eastern bank of the River BERESINA towards BOBRUISK. The Germans appear to have penetrated this line at one or two places, especially by their drive from GRODNO across the DVINA and by their advance along the road to SHOLENSK. Whether the Germans can exploit these successes and widen the base of penetration remains to be seen.

The lack of initiative on the Dessarabian front has been noticeable. This may be due to the difficult terrain which is intersected by numerous streams and not suited to mechanised warfare; or it may be due to a desire to spare the resources of the UKRAINE. In BESSARABIA itself the grain is already ripe enough to burn and the Germans will not provoke unnecessary destruction.

As the campaign progresses, it becomes clearer that there are two main objectives. The first is to seize the centre of control at MOSCOW and possibly LENINGRAD too. The second is to occupy the UKRAINE with the minimum of fighting in that province.

The drive along the MINSK - SHOLENSK route is evidently an attempt by HITLER to paralyse the Soviet Government by seizing its centre. GERMANY has relied upon internal dissolution as a chief factor in bringing her previous campaigns during this war to a successful close. In RUSSIA she may hope to stage a revolution or at least bring about political disintegration, which would render the military defeat of the whole Russian Army unnecessary. An obvious move would be to promise the peasants the re-institution of individual possession of the land in the hopes that this will at once produce large scale desertion from the Russian Army. The Russian Government, after over twenty years of concentrated propaganda has shown itself to have a strong hold over its people. It will be surprising if STALIN has not taken measures to counter any political promises made by HITLER to the Russian people.

The drive to obtain the UKRAINE with a minimum of damage to its precious crops seems to be taking shape as a wide outflanking movement from the North towards KIEV, designed to force Russian retirement from BESSARABIA and the Southern UKRAINE. The Germans may hope that this retirement will of necessity be so hurried that the Russians will not have time to carry out destruction on a wide scale, especially as the corn is stated still to be green.

The principal difficulty in estimating the progress and, what is much more important, the probable outcome of this campaign is still the almost complete impossibility of reconciling the public claims made by each side. Accurate details of the fighting are not available, and it is not yet possible to assess two qualities of the first importance; the value of German Panzer tactics in a country of such wide distances as RUSSIA; and the limit of Russian resistance. That Russian courage and stubbornness in the field are causing the Germans extremely heavy losses is admitted by the Germans themselves. The Russian Command appears to have learnt well the lesson of FRANCE, that passive defence is fatal. Every German attack is followed by an immediate Russian counter-attack. This is, however, one of the most tiring and costly methods of conducting war and it remains to be seen whether the Russians have sufficient stamina to carry it through to a successful conclusion.

The Germans have pierced deep into RUSSIA at several points. In FRANCE and in the BALKANS, reasonable penetration brought the Panzer formations to objectives of definite value, such as PARIS and the Channel ports. They never outstripped the rest of the Army to such an extent as they can do and probably have done over the perfect tank country of Western RUSSIA. Their supply problem in a countryside where supplies are sparse and scattered compared with the compact, well-furnished land of FRANCE will be the crux.

The Germans have as usual struck hardest at the enemy's communications. How far local stocks of ammunition and supplies are available to the Russian troops cut off is not known. It is a type of war where each side is fighting not a frontal battle but a battle to sever his opponent's channels of supply. As long as the Russian forces can continue to struggle in the pockets left behind, the German advance will become more precarious the further it progresses. On the other hand, if the Germans are able to nourish their Panzer columns they may succeed in striking a fatal blow at RUSSIA's all too few centres of administration and communications.

Tactically, German armoured fighting vehicles would appear to be nearing a period of difficulty. In some sectors they have already covered some 400 miles and track life, without adequate maintenance, is not indefinite. The Russian Air Force was undoubtedly hit very hard in the first two days of war. Much now depends on whether it is still in a position to harry the cumbersome supply columns of the German armoured forces and to prevent effective supply by air.

A war of this type is one of diminishing effort after a first fierce crescendo on both sides. On the German side, the furious rush of the Panzer columns will reach a peak after which maintenance will become increasingly difficult. On the Russian side, exhaustion of reserves and political and military paralysis will make the Russians unable to prolong effective resistance indefinitely. What remains to be seen is which of these efforts will first succumb to the other."

Attached as Appx "A" is a sketch of RUSSIA showing the central area of fighting.

(b) The following report on the "Vulnerability of the German Mark IV Tank to the British 2-pdr A/Tk Gun" is reprinted from GHQ ME Technical Summary No.29 (dated 30 Jun 41):-

"The result of a Test Shoot carried out with a 2-pdr A/Tk Gun against a GERMAN Mark IV Tank was as follows:-

The first shots were fired at a range of 500 yards with the target broadside on. All shots on the side of the turret where the plate is 20 mm thick, and on the side of the hull, went right through the GERMAN tank and penetrated the far side.

Six shots were fired against the 40 mm band of armour plate in the centre of the hull. Everyone of them penetrated and three also went through the 20 mm plate on the far side of the hull. The other three struck the gun or the gun mounting inside the turret and broke up. The gun crew would almost certainly have been casualties.

At 700 yards range, all shots penetrated the 20 mm plate on both sides of the hull. They also penetrated the 40 mm plate and penetrated to a depth of 10 to 15 mm on the far side of the hull before breaking up.

At 1100 yards range, all shots penetrated both the 20 and 40 mm plate but did not all go through the far side of the tank.

Two tests were made firing at the tank head-on at a range of 500 yards. Three shots were fired at the thick double plate in front of the auxiliary gunner; all went right through it. Three shots were fired at the thick single plate in front of the driver's seat. Two of these went right through and one just failed to go right through.

It will be seen from the above facts that the GERMAN Mark IV Tank is completely vulnerable, both in front and broadside on, to the BRITISH 2-pdr Anti-tank Gun."

NOTE: Two types of German Mk IV Tanks are mentioned in "Brief Notes on the Organisation, Equipment and Tactics of the German Army" issued April 1941. The type referred to above may be a new and somewhat heavier model: the principal characteristics of the German Tank Mk IV Type B are:-

Weight	over 20 tons
Crew	Four or five (Driver, Hull gunner who is also a wireless operator, and three men in the turret.)
Armour Basis	30 mm on the turret front and less elsewhere.
Armament	One 75 mm (2.95 in) gun and one LMG coaxially mounted in turret. One LMG in ball mounting beside driver.
Speed	31 mph on roads.

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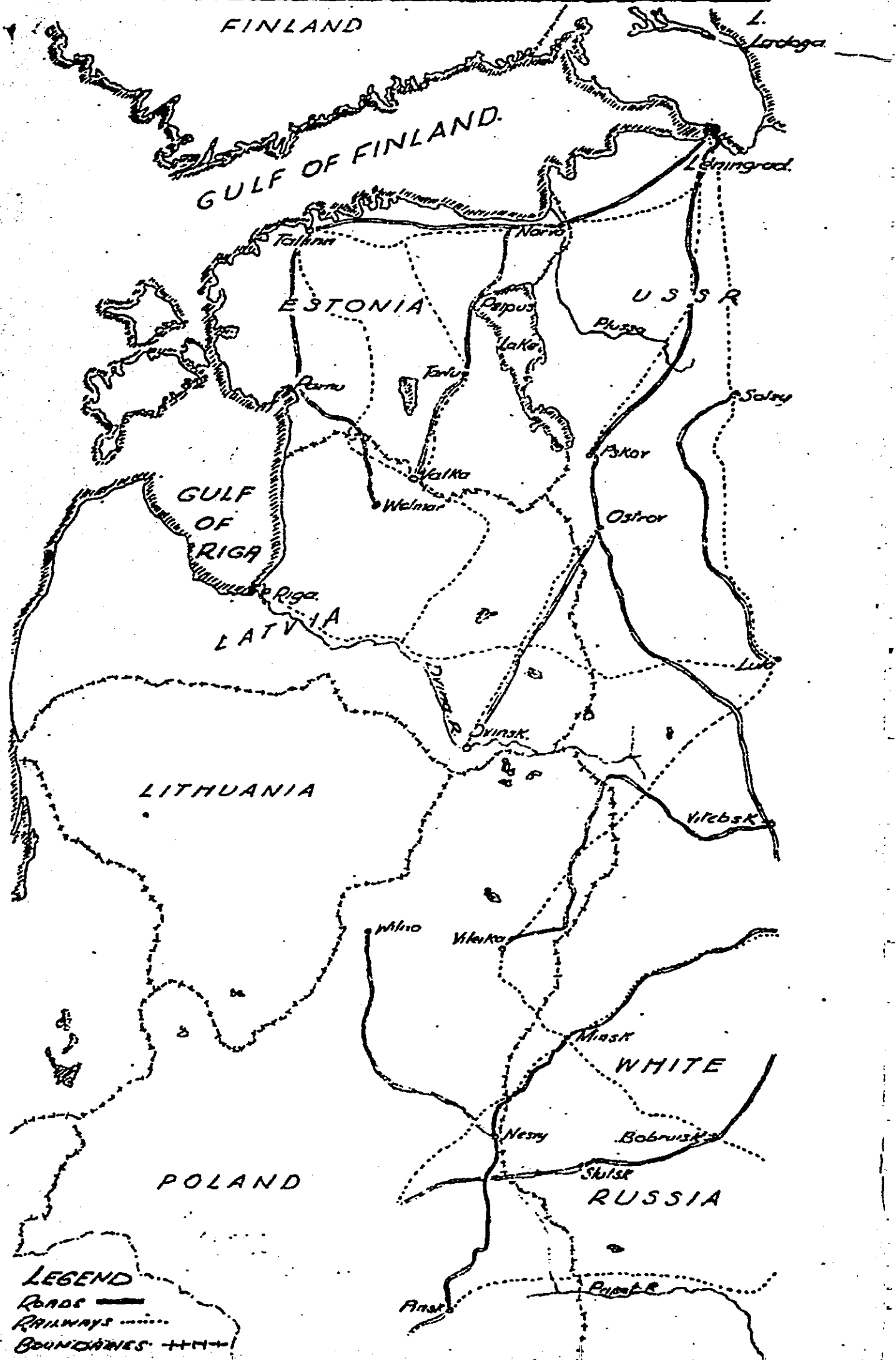
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1 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY HC.25 - APPENDIX "A"



EXTRACT FROM CODE LISTS USED AS FROM 8 JUL 41

AFAR	2 Leicesters	ONTO	2/27 Aust Inf Bn
APAD	HQ Free French Div	OSDA	84 L of C Area
BEGA	Adv HQ 1 Aust Corps	PAIR	2/31 Aust Inf Bn
BONE	HQ 6 Cav Bde		
		ROOK	2 KORR
CAMO	HQ Aust HQ Gd Bn	RUGO	1 RF
CHAR	2/2 Aust Pnr Bn		
		SANG	2/3 Aust Inf Bn
DAVY	Adv HQ 16 Inf Bde	SHAM	HQ 5 Cav Bde
DEFI	N Somerset Yeo	SLID	2/14 Aust Inf Bn
DING	2/1 Aust CCS (See also MAKE below)		
DUES	2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec (See also NOON below)	UFEB	11 E Czech Bn
EDDA	2/13 Aust Fd Amb	UGUT	2/5 Aust Inf Bn
EMPY	Adv HQ 7 Aust Div		
GLUM	85 L of C Area		
GOVE	4 Borders	VATA	Adv HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
		VIBA	Adv HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
HEMA	Adv HQ 23 Inf Bde	VIKO	11 Sqn RAF
HULK	Onesh Yeo		
		WEAN	2/16 Aust Inf Bn
IBEN	Adv HQ 6 Div	WEPT	Rear HQ 1 Aust Corps
ISAT	3 Sqn RAAF	WORE	O Flt 208 A C Sqn
JAFO	2/3 Aust A Fd Wkshop (See also JULY below)	ZUNI	2/25 Aust Inf Bn
JULY	2/3 Aust A Fd Wkshop (See also JAFO above)		
LAMP	HQ P & TJ		
LULO	2/3 Aust MG Bn		
MAKE	2/1 Aust CCS (See also DING above)		
MUSE	1 DLI		
NIGA	2/33 Aust Inf Bn		
NOON	2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec (See also DUES above)		

EXTRACT FROM CODE LISTS USED UP TO AND INCLUDING 7 JUL 41

BAKE	HQ 13 Bde Free French Div	NEVI	Adv HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
BIDA	2/33 Aust Inf Bn (See also ZUZE below)		
BIPA	Adv HQ 1 Aust Corps	OWAG	Adv HQ 6 Div
BIPI	Adv HQ Habforce		
		PEPI	HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps
DASA	2/27 Aust Inf Bn	PEXO	2/3 Aust Inf Bn
DONE	2/25 Aust Inf Bn (See also MORO below)		
DOXI	208 Sqn RAF	RENU	N Somerset Yeo
DROV	"B" Sqn Ghesh Yeo	RUTU	2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec
DUET	Adv HQ 16 Inf Bde		
DUKU	HQ 2/6 Aust Fd Regt	SLAP	HQ 9 Aust Div Cav Regt
FAIL	2/13 Aust Fd Amb	TID U	2/2 Aust Pnr Bn (See also HUTA above)
FUME	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	TIKA	2/1 Aust OOS
		TOPO	4 Fd Regt
GENO	2/3 Aust MG Bn		
GIFI	"A" Sqn 6 Aust Div Cav Regt	UPEF	2 Leicesters
GOLE	Adv HQ 7 Aust Div		
		VOSU	Rear HQ 1 Aust Corps
HAVO	208 A O Sqn		
HUFF	2 QUEENS	WICK	Adv HQ 23 Inf Bde
HUMU	HQ 5 Cav Bde	WIVA	Adv HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde
HUTA	2/2 Aust Pnr Bn (See also TIDU below)	WOPU	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
		WUVI	2/14 Aust Inf Bn
JIRU	11 Sqn RAF		
		YADU	2/31 Aust Inf Bn
KAJU	Force HQ P & TJ	YEDA	Adv HQ Free French Div (See also KISA above)
KEFU	HQ 2/3 Aust A Fd Wkshop	YUJU	HQ 1 Aust Corps Tps Engrs
KEVU	3 Sqn RAAF		
KINS	85 L of O Area	ZOVA	Adv HQ 5 Ind Inf Bde
KISA	HQ Free French Div (See also YEDA below)	ZUZE	2/33 Aust Inf Bn (See also BIDA above)
LUPA	2/16 Aust Inf Bn		
MOBE	2 KORR		
MORO	2/25 Aust Inf Bn (See also DONE above)		

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REPORT BY Lt-Col ROGERS

Situation is briefly as follows :-

Free French

At 2130 hrs 10 Jun. Free French reported KISSOUE empty. Their Senegalese Bn had captured WADI NE of KISSOUE. They are pushing North and meeting some opposition - extent unknown - expect to get further North today.

25 Bde

Attack was launched at 0230 this morning. 31 Bn captured KHIRBE, QLEAA (ref 1/100,000 sheets) DEIR and advanced along rd towards MERDJAYOUN but are held up athwart the rd 600 yds from MERDJAYOUN where they have met mortar and MG fire. They are consolidating their posn. No news of coys of 2/33 Bn who were reported at KHANE ES SOUQ yesterday. Tac R at 0830 this morning reports two cols one of 20 MT and one of 24 MT moving NE from MERDJAYOUN. 2/25 Bn were attacking IBELES SAKI this morning but no news yet. Little news of left centre but it is believed that Cheshire Yeo and a portion of Royals which moved yesterday West from KAFR SIR towards QASMIYE are believed to be mopping up North of R LITANI towards ED DOUER.

21 Bde

At 1015 today 2/14 Bn had reached vicinity EL KHODOR and were held up on ridge there by tanks moving North of that point. 2/27 Bn on rd in vicinity INNSARIYE (1/100,000). 2/16 Bn holding br at QASMIYE. 4 enemy tanks moving West along rd NABATIVE-JISR-ABOU EL ASSOUD. No enemy aircraft anywhere. Brig Stevens going fwd to expedite advance.

(sgd) J.D. ROGERS Lt Col

HQ 7 Aust Div
1145 hrs.

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Senior LO's Report on visit to HQ
7 Aust Div and HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde - 11 Jun 41

Itinerary

I arrived 7 Aust Div 1030 hrs and obtained general situation on whole front. (This was included in special report forwarded to BGS per truck driver.)

At 1230 hrs I left with G1 for HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde proceeding via ACRE, TYR and coast rd to 106163 where Bde HQ is established in an olive grove one hundred yards East of rd. We returned by same route reaching Div HQ at 1800 hrs.

The "blow" at ISKANDAROUN has been well patched to allow one-way traffic readily. In about three days the 20 yards involved should take two-way traffic.

Beyond the blow the rd is in good condition four series of steel tank blocks and several rows of boulders having been readily removed.

Situation on Front of 21 Aust Inf Bde

Dispositions have been marked on operations map.

2/14 Bn (less two coys) is attacking rd junc at 113173 and the high ground at HASSANIYE which commands it during night 11/12 Jun. Before daybreak 12 Jun 2/27 Bn passes through 2/14 and pushes on as advance guard during 12 Jun. This bn will be motorised and will be preceded by a light force of Carriers, Tanks, Arty and A Tk guns. It is expected to reach SAIDA without much difficulty and will endeavour to get through that town and push on.

2/16 Bn will be brought fwd during 12 Jun and will take over role of advance guard for 13 Jun.

Brig has posted tps on all East West tracks leading to Coast rd to serve as blocks against any enemy moving West.

Prisoners taken by 21 Bde to 2300 hrs 10 Jun :

14 offrs
80 NCOs
354 men

These were all colonial tps, Senegalese, Spahis, Algerians, Tunisians. In the fighting night 10/11 Jun approx 100 PW were taken by 2/27 Bn in vicinity of INNSARIYE. These proved to be from a bn of Foreign Legion who had been hurriedly moved from MERDJAYOUN to hold our advance along the coast. Our casualties to date are believed to be :

2/16 Bn	120
2/27 Bn	30
2/14 Bn	Negligible.

Situation on Front of 25 Aust Inf Bde

At 1500 hrs elements of this bde entered MERDJAYOUN without opposition.

In order to push the attack in this sector GOC 7 Aust Div is forming "TODD FORCE" under comd Lt-Col TODD and consisting of - HQ and 2 Sqns Greys, Sqn 6 Div Cav, together with Arty, MGs, Engrs, A Tk and AA units. This force assembles at 2100 hrs 11 Jun and will advance at daybreak

- 2 -

12 Jun along rd from MERDJAYOUN through ZELLAYA and SARHBINE towards CHTUARA.

In meantime 25 Aust Inf Bde will spend 12 Jun reorganizing.

No information was available concerning casualties suffered by this Bde nor of prisoners taken.

Free French Sector

There has been no news of progress on this front today.

SUNDRY MATTERS

Wireless and Ciphers

W/T comm with fwd units has been abortive due to time spent in coding and de-coding messages. Either they must be sent in clear or a simple type of code used.

Navy Co-operation

A naval LO is with CO advanced guard bn. He has power to ask Navy for support as the bn comd may require and signals instns direct. Plan works splendidly.

E.A. Activity

5 Junkers planes flew over 21 Bde Area throughout whole afternoon 10 Jun. They took no action against our tps but dropped one bomb at a destroyer unsuccessfully.

Booby traps

A trip wire in a small crater when struck produced a small detonation and MG fire immediately opened on that spot.

Enemy Morale

On coastal sector none of enemy have voluntarily surrendered. On two occasions parties of 30 to 40 have hoisted the white flag but only after being well shot up.

Foreign Legion PW state that they would prefer to be fighting with us, but they obey orders.

Order of Battle

The Royals have been withdrawn from Comd 7 Aust Div and revert to Force.

2030 hrs 11 Jun

(sgd) J.D. ROGERS Lt-Col

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REPORT OF LOS VISIT TO 7 AUST DIV

12 Jun 41

Itinerary - Arr HQ 7 Aust Div 1215 hrs
Dep " " " 1335 "
Arr " 1 Aust Corps 1500 hrs

Situation on front of 7 Aust Div -

Right Sect - TODD FORCE held up by MG fire at HASBAYA 145162 and BOURGOUZ 139165.

25 Aust Inf Bde Gp. Re-organizing to the north east and south of MERDJAYOUN. Bde HQ is in MERDJAYOUN.

Centre Sect - Cheshires at RIHANE 134168 - ARAB SELIM 129167 - HABBOUCH 127164. This location was timed 1930 hrs, 11 Jun. No later news of Cheshires.

There was some doubt as to whether NABATIYE 127161 was clear of enemy, but from posn of Cheshires it appears probable that it was clear.

Left Sect - Sitrep from 21 Aust Inf Bde timed 0900 hrs showed that bde had not yet secured rd junc 113173. Enemy was in occupation of very strong posn and opposing our advance with MG and mortar fire. Tanks had also been used. Nature of country prevented employment of more than one bn at a time on narrow coastal plain. 2/14 bn fwd tps, with 2/27 bn close behind.

LOs report timed 1000 hrs showed that 21 Inf Bde intended to attack as follows:-

2/27 Bn to pass through 2/14 Bn and secure high ground about HASSANIYE 114173. Starting time 1100 hrs.

Arty and naval forces to begin bombardment at 1040 hrs.

A brief report received at Div HQ at 1230 hrs showed attack was successful. Cav were being pushed in to recce br at DARB ES SIM 115177. Carriers were being pushed down rd to endeavour to contact Cheshires at HABBOUCH.

Brig hoped to reach SAIDA tonight. Dispositions in detail shown on op map.

ENEMY. One bn and some tanks reported to be at DARB ES SIM.

50 MT and 200/300 troops seen from air at JEZZINE at 0930. Two Hurricanes detailed by RAAF to straff t is concentration.

MT seen at AIN TINE 141173 at 0850.

DEMOLITIONS. Br at 133157 blown
Crater 100 ft x 18 ft in rd at 132155
Crater in rd at approx 115172.

INTERCOMN - Div HQ moves to MERDJAYOUN possibly tonight, probably tomorrow.

GENERAL - Generals WAVELL and WILSON visited Div HQ during the morning.

(sgd) E.G. KEOGH Major.
LO 1 Aust Corps.

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LO's REPORT

Report - visit to 7th Div 12 Jun 41.

Dep Corps HQ	1545 hrs	Arr 7 Div	1715 hrs
Dep 7 Div	1915 hrs	Arr Corps HQ	2020 hrs

Right Flank

F.F.F. - hold high ground east KISSOUZ overlooking river from south. Enemy line held by 3 recognised Bns. Enemy MT reported east JEBAB 1000 hrs 12 Jun.

Centre

TODD FORCE - held at BOURZQOZ and NW BOUKAMHA by MMG and arty fire. Enemy arty at HASBAYA and QELLIYE.

CHES YEO - no further movement reported Rd MERDJAYOUN - COAST reported blocked.

Left Flank

6 Div Cav hold bridge DARH ES SIM.
Fwd inf 1150 - 1750 2/27 Bn
2/14 Bn at Rd junc 1135 - 1735
No contact with Ches Yeo reported
Approx 2 Bns enemy reported SAIDA Area

Enemy Action reported -

7 EA (Fr) bombed MERDJAYOUN 1545 - 1615 hrs 12 Jun

4 EA (Fr) bombed Rd junc 1150 - 1770 at 1650 hrs. One EA destroyed by SA fire

EA MG'd METULLA - No reports of damage or casualty.

PW (rank Major) reports future line of resistance RACHAYA EL OUADI - JAZZINE - KANANE.

(sgd) W.B. GRIFFITHS

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LO 1 Aust Corps.

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LIASON OFFICERS REPORT.

Visit to HQ. 7 Aust Div Pm 13 Jun 41.

Itinerary Dep Corps Hq 1630 hrs arr. 7 div 1715 hrs.
dep 7 Div 1830 hrs arr Corps HQ 1915 hrs.

Situation according to latest reports received by 7 Aust Div. Dispositions of our own and enemy tps have been recorded on Battle Room Map.

5 Ind. Bde. Advance not commenced.

Free French No change throughout the day. Are encountering opposition from 75's Mg's and Aircraft.


Toddforce. Has been held up all day by enemy who occupies hills on both sides of our coln. Artillery duel in progress. 33 Bn moving over hills to HASBAYA to endeavour to mop up enemy guns.

25 Bde Sector. 25 Bde (less 33 Bn) moves night 13/14 to advance north along roads between MERDJAYOUN and NABATIYE towards JEZZINE.

21 Bde Sector Evening 13 Jun, 2/16 Bn with one Coy 2/14 Bn in support is making a frontal attack on SAIDA, whilst 2/27 Bn is moving to EL AALIYA to NE outskirts of the town.

Our tps have been subjected to artillery fire during day and also ground shelling by French planes which dropped a number of bombs of an incendiary nature.

A number of enemy tanks have also engaged our forward tps. Our casualties are light.

 Lt-Col
LO 1 Aust Corps.

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REPORT ON VISIT TO HQ 7 AUST DIV

Afternoon 14 Jun 41.

Itinerary.

Dep Corps HQ 1600 hrs
Arr Div HQ 1800 "
Dep " " 2245 "
Arr Corps HQ 2330 "

Situation.

RIGHT SECTOR. No reports of any change since 1350 hrs.

CENTRE " " " " " " " "

LEFT SECTOR. At 2015 hrs G1 returned from a visit to 21 Inf Bde and reported that during the late afternoon the garrison of SAIDA had counter-attacked 2/16 Bn. Tanks (number not definitely known) had got in amongst 2/16. 75s had also been pushed well fwd and had effectively engaged our arty OPs. 2/16 Bn had been forced to withdraw across the stream South of SAIDA. Attack of 2/27 Bn from the hills to the East of SAIDA was proceeding. Brig intended to move 2/14 Bn around the East of SAIDA and attack from the North East.

EA.

EA had been actively machine gunning tps and tpt on centre and left sector.

OWN AIR.

Sorties of two fighter machines had patrolled centre and left sector one half hour in every two hours.

INTER COMN

Adv Div HQ opened during the afternoon on South side of rd TYR-TIBNINE at 173297.

(Sgd) E.G. KEOGH Maj
LO 1-Aust Corps

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L. O's REPORT.

Report: Visit to 7 Div HQ 14 Jun 41.

Itinerary: Arrived Div HQ 1230 hours Left Div HQ 1350 hours.

1. Div HQ closed at ER RAMA 1400 hours 14 and opened at BORJ CHEMALI.
2. Right Flank. 5 Ind Bde moving up to support FFF. No particulars available.
3. Centre. 2/33 Bn and some attached troops become MONFORCE and take over from TODDFORCE to hold line BOUKAMHA - BOURQOUZ TODDFORCE withdraws to area MERDJAYOUN. 25 Bde less 2/33 Bn with Ches Yeo, 2/6 Fd Regt and probably 1 Coy MMG Bn to attack JEZZINE. 25 Bde HQ at JERME. One Coy 2/2 Pnr.Bn completing road from ^{MAZRAAT} KOUFRA to ZHALTA.
4. 2/16 2/27 Bns and one Coy 2/14 Bn with supporting tps pressing SAIDA.
5. Enemy Action. Some E AMGing our tps South SAIDA

W.B.Griffiths Capt.

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REPORT OF LT-COL C.M.I. ELLIOTT ON VISIT TO

B.D.

7 AUST DIV on 15 JUN 41

1. Accompanied by Lt-Col Wills, I left Corps HQ at 1000 hrs and went to HQ 7 Aust Div at BORJ CHEMALI, 173297. Saw Col Chapman, who had just interviewed Lt-Col Rogers and given him latest situation (see Lt-Col Rogers' report dated 15 Jun). G1 gave authority to visit HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde and on return to report situation there.
2. Proceeded to Rear HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde at SARRAFEND, 109168, and on way called in at 7 Rec Sec at 105156 on East of main road $\frac{1}{2}$ mile North of LITANI River.
3. (a) Inspected 5 French tanks which Sec were repairing. Tanks weigh about 12 tons - squat and heavy type - powerful RENAULT engine - capable of doing 12 mph on the flat - good manoeuvre - armament one gun approx 1.5", one MMG - space inside tank very limited - no seat for driver - crew cannot, with any efficiency, be men of over 5'2" in stature.
(b) One tank had following markings - APXR 7 1937
LOIRE N 1697
(c) Armour on turret - 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " armour plate
Armour on bulge immediately below turret - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " armour plate
Remaining armour 2" but NOT armour plate.
(d) Four of the tanks had probably been abandoned for mechanical defect - fan belts had been deliberately cut by enemy. One tank had been pierced in belly (2", not armour plate) by what (from the aperture) appeared to have been a two inch shell. Another tank had received a hit by a two inch shell on the turret. Shell had not penetrated, but had made a scar about 1" deep. Nothing to indicate clearly range at which hit.
(e) Conclusions come to -
Our 25 pr A.P. will pierce this tank
At long range our 2 pr A.P. will pierce this tank anywhere below turret and below bulge immediately below turret
If the instn to fire low is carried out our 2 pr will stop this tank
At short range (in view of tests against German 40 mm armour plate) our 2 pr will penetrate anywhere unless angle of blow is too glancing
4. Rear HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde was reached at 1400 hrs. BM informed me Brigadier was at HQ 16 Bn at HASSANIYE 114174.
5. Went to HASSANIYE, saw Brigadier. OC 27 Bn arrived to state he had entered SAIDA itself and Mayor was waiting to receive Brig.
6. With his permission accompanied Brig to SAIDA carrying interpreter in our car. Mayor formally handed over town at 1530 hrs.
Brig detailed 1 coy 16 Bn to garrison town and imposed curfew at 2000 hrs.
7. 16 Bn on left, 27 Bn on right, were to push on and take up defensive posn on South side of NAHR EL AOUALI about AIN MAYA to the sea - with Right Flank protection JABAL DAR EL HAZEM. 14 Bn was in reserve, but was to take over from 27 Bn on night of 15/16 Jun.
8. Returned to HQ 6 Aust Div, gave infm to G1, and returned to Corps HQ at 2000 hrs.

C.M.I. Lt-Col
GS 1 Aust Corps.

LO's REPORT

Visit to HQ 7 Aust Div 15 Jun 41.

Information was required on the following specific questions.

1. Is activity of EA harassing our fwd tps to a serious extent?
2. Is the lack of co-operation on the part of our own air force impeding our progress?

The following summarizes EA activity on 7 Div front since the battle began.

25 Bde Sector -

- 12 Jun - During morning 5 fighters MGd our fwd posns north of MERDJAYOUN
Afternoon, 5 bombers dive bombed our fwd posns and dropped incendiary bombs
- 14 Jun - 3 JU88s flew over this same area for some time from 1500 hrs, apparently on photographic work. They were protected by 6 Messerschmidt fighters.
- 15 Jun - During morning one of our aircraft on Tac R was forced back by a French fighter patrol.

21 Bde Sector -

- 10 Jun - 10 bombers flew over naval vessels close to coast and dropped bombs, but without result.
- 11 Jun - No report of EA activity
- 12 Jun - 7 EA MGd and bombed fwd tps
- 13 Jun - 1 bomber seen at 0600, later in the morning arty posns were bombed and MGd
- Night 13/14 Jun - Several raids were made during the night
- 14 Jun - 5 raids were made on our posns along the coast, arty receiving special attention.

Generally, the GOC and G1 agree that EA activity had not been intense, but it has been sufficient to worry our inf and arty. It would appear that the enemy has used approx 10 planes and at the very outside about 20.

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In regard to 2, EA activity has been somewhat demoralising to our tps due to the absence of our own aircraft. Although a Wing Commander, RAF, is att to Div HQ, it is extremely difficult to obtain any of our machines for a specific job as was evidenced today, when the General asked for fighter protection for a Bn which was moving by MT northward to JEZZINE. No attention whatever was given to his request until he eventually took the matter up personally (on this occasion it was known that priority in air support was given to the attack on DAMASCUS).

Undoubtedly it would help considerably if more fighter and bomber aircraft were available to this division, but the GOC made the point strongly that they would prefer medium tanks to aircraft, because he is certain that the various points of enemy resistance, which are causing quite a lot of trouble and in particular the constant use by the enemy of light tanks, could be countered immediately by the use of medium tanks or better still 'I' tanks.

The Lt AA Bty working in the coastal sector is unable to give the support they would like, due to the very great difficulty in distinguishing our own from enemy aircraft, and they have orders not to fire on any account against aircraft unless they are certain it is hostile.

SITUATION ON WHOLE FRONT-

Damascus Sector - Early today 5 Ind Bde and the Free French attacked enemy posns on the River AOUAJ running East and West through KISSOUE. At 0800hrs The Indian Bde had taken KISSOUE. Collet's Cavalry were in NAJHA and a bn of the Free French had crossed the river west of KISSOUE near MOUKELBE.

Qouneitra Sector - Movement of enemy AFVs along the Damascus-Qouneitra rd approx 10 miles from Qouneitra is reported.

Merdjayoun Sector - Monforce has taken over from Todforce with a role of active defence. Friendly Druses are in Hasbaya and have sent a message indicating that they are prepared to help us. Col Monaghan is hoping to be able to move his outposts fwd this evening to the line Hasbaya - Jesr el Hasbani. A fairly large amount of enemy MT is reported by Tac R 10 to 20 miles north east of our posn, whilst the infantry line of the French runs approximately East and West 4 miles north of Hasbaya. Exact dispositions are marked on the map in battle room.

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Jezzine Sector - Commencing at 0400 hrs 14 Jun 2/31 Bn moved north on the rd through el Aichaye to Jezzine, which they entered without much opposition at 1930 hrs 14 Jun. CO 2/31 Bn had orders then to send out a reconnaissance patrol westwards along the rd towards SAIDA. 2/25 Bn moved by MT up the same rd during 15 Jun and if SAIDA has not fallen by 16 Jun, it is proposed to push one of these bns, plus a bty of arty, and advance on SAIDA from the sea.

Coastal Sector - Lively opposition has been experienced in this sector from enemy tanks some 10 or 12 of which have been operating continuously against the 2/16 Bn. This bn had reached the southern outskirts of SAIDA, but was forced back during the afternoon of 14 Jun behind the river at Darbes Sin. Enemy tanks brought between 8 and 10 MGs on a ridge overlooking and to the east of their posn and when these MGs had dug in, enemy tanks forced their way amongst the posts of 2/16 bn. They were forced to break cover and then met MG fire from the enemy posts just taken up. Our arty was unable to engage the enemy MG posns and tanks because of danger to our own tps.

2/27 Bn supported by 2/14 Bn are advancing along the ridges some 2 miles east of SAIDA; the furthest village reached is Miye ou Miye. It is expected that progress will be made by this bn during today.

Adv HQ 7 Aust Div expects to move from present location to Zebdeine south west of NABAKIYE early morning 16 Jun.

(sgd) J.D. ROGERS

Lt-Col.

LO 1 Aust Corps.

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LO's REPORT

Report on visit to 7 Div HQ 16 Jun 41

Left Corps 1000 hrs Arr Div 1200 hrs
" Div 1500 hrs " Corps 1700 hrs

Right Flank

In a state of flux following enemy attacks on EZRAA QOUNEITRA and MERDJAYOUN.

The following forces are allotted to stabilise this flank:

BLACKBURN FORCE at BENETT JACOB.

CHAPMAN FORCE on north frontier road near EL MALIKIYA, with tanks and carriers.

MONFORCE in area KHIAN RACHAYA EL FORHAR.

BERRYMAN FORCE in area QLEAA KAFR TIBMIT.

Centre JEZZINE still held by 25 Bde.

Left Flank 21 Bde consolidating north of SAIDA, between coast POSTA TANTA and ES SAROUNIYE. One bn south of SAIDA.

W.B. Griffiths

Capt

LO 1 Aust Corps

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LO's Report on visit to 7 Aust Div

18 Jun 41

Itinerary

Dep Corps Hq	1015 hrs
Arr Div "	1215 "
Dep " "	1500 "
Arr Corps "	1700 "

Situation to 1300 hrs

BERDJAYOUH AREA: BERRY FORCE shelled the fort and blew up the magazine. Inf succeeded in penetrating the wire but were driven out by tanks. EA active and bombs dropped on our tps.

JEZZINE AREA: At 2130 hrs 17 Jun message recd at 7 Div from 25 Bde stated that from 3 to 4 enemy bns were moving against JEZZINE and that unless reinforcements received a withdrawal might become inevitable.

2/14 Bn was ordered from SAIDA to JEZZINE where it arrived during the morning 18 Jun. GOC 7 Div asked Force Hq for KORR bn which left ROSH PIENA at 0910 hrs this morning en route for SAIDA.

G II 7 Div went to JEZZINE and reported by message timed 1110 hrs 18 Jun that the situation was quiet, only enemy activity being intermittent arty fire.

SAIDA AREA: Message from BH, 21 Aust Inf Bde timed 1005 hrs states -

" Infms coming in of enemy concentrations at BIKFA 128184 and MAZRAAT EB DEIR 129184. Rd SAIDA-JEZZINE is being shelled. McIntyre, Sqn 9 Div Cav, is patrolling as far as JOUR 125185 and is there now reccing. If OK he may have crack towards BIKFA. He is patrolling as far as RAS NEBI YOUNES and along lateral running east from QULDI ZEINI.

2/14 Bn has been despatched to JEZZINE and KORR is expected to arrive SAIDA area about 1600 hrs.

Detail dispositions are shown on maps in Op Office.

Groupings

The composition of the various gps under comd 7 Aust Div is shown in Appx "A" att.

(sgd) E.C. KEOGH Maj
LO 1 Aust Corps.

Appx B.11

Composition of various Groups

under comd 7 Aust Div

- as at 1200 hrs 17 Jun

21 Aust Inf Bde Gp

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde

2/16 Bn

2/27 Bn

WARR Bn (en route from ROSH PINNA)

One coy 2/3 Bn

D Coy 2/3 HG Bn, less one pl

A Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav Regt

Det 9 Aust Div Cav with 4 captured enemy tanks

Chesh Yeo, less one sqn

2/4 Fd Regt, less one tp

6 Bty, 4 A Tk Regt

171 Lt AA Bty, less one tp

2/6 Fd Coy

Sig Sec and LAD

Det Div Sigs

W/T tender, RAF

5 Res IT Coy, less part HQ and two secs

2/4 Fd Amb, less HQ Coy

25 Aust Inf Bde Gp

HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde

2/31 Bn

2/14 Bn

B Coy less one pl, 2/3 HG Bn

One pl D Coy, 2/3 HG Bn

C Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav Regt

One sqn Chesh Yeo

2/6 Fd Regt less one tp

One tp 2/4 Fd Regt

7 Bty less one tp, 2 A Tk Regt

One tp (K?) 171 Lt AA Bty

2/5 Fd Coy

Sig Sec and LAD

Det Div Sigs

W/T tender, RAF

HQ and 2 secs 5 Res IT Coy

2/4 Fd Amb less HQ Coy

BERRY FORCE

HQ RA Aust Div Exporter

6 Aust Div Cav Regt less W Det. A Sqn

The Greys

2/25 Bn

2/33 Bn

One Coy 2/5 Bn

2/2 Pnr Bn

A Coy less one pl, 2/3 HG Bn

One pl 2/3 HG Bn

Apix "A" contd

BERRY FORCE contd

2/5 Fd Regt
One tp 2/6 Fd Regt
One tp 7 A Tk Bty
One tp 5 A Tk Bty
One tp 170 Lt AA Bty
One Sec 14 Lt Fd Amb

2/3 HG Bn Gp (ELACKBURN)

A Gp Br at JISR BENNETT YACOB 209268

HQ Coy
1 pl A Coy
Two 2 pdrs and two salothurnes of 5 A Tk Bty
Two carrier.tps of 6 Aust Div Cav Regt
One sec 14 Lt Fd Amb

B Gp JOUNEITRA

C Coy 2/3 HG Bn
Two 2 pdrs and two salothurnes of 5 A Tk Bty
Two Armd Cars of Pal Frontier Police

RESERVE

HQ Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav Regt) This was known as CHAPMAN
Det 6 " " " ") FORCE
(The above at EL ELIKIYA 198279)
2/9 Fd Coy
A Sqn 6 Aust Div Cav Regt
2/5 Fd Plk Coy
2/2 Fd Hyg Sec

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LO's REPORT

Visit to HQ Free French Div and HQ 5 Ind Bde - 18 Jun 1941.

ITINERARY

<u>Outward</u>		<u>Miles</u>
NAZARETH	1010 hrs	
TIBERIAS	1050	21
JISR EL MAJAMI	1115	32
IRBID	1155	55
DERAA	1250	70
GABARHEB	1430	108

First class rd to IRBID - Fair metalled rd to DERA -
DERAA Northwards - surface covered with loose metal.

<u>Homeward</u>		
GABARHEB	1605	
SHEIKH MISKINE	1645	23
QUNEITRA	1750	53
NAZARETH	1820	108
(via ROSH PINNA TIBERIAS.)		

It will be noticed that each route is 108 miles and takes
approx 4 hrs including stops amounting to about 40 minutes.

DISPOSITIONS AND ORDER OF BATTLE

Dispositions and O de B of following were handed to Ops
Room -

FREE FRENCH
5 IND BDE
QUNEITRA FORCE (under Lt Col HAGGARD 2/QUEENS)
SHEIK MISKINE FORCE (under Lt Col WILSON TJFF)
2/3 Aust MG Bn

VICHY FRENCH DAMASCUS Sector (from deserter at 1530 hrs
18 Jun.)

SITUATION - DAMASCUS AREA

Plans for attack on DAMASCUS night 18/19 June were
explained by General Le Gentilhomme and Brig Lloyd.

Free French and 5 Ind Bde were to leave their existing
posns at 2300 hrs 18 Jun and proceed respectively by the DERA -
DAMASCUS and QUNEITRA - DAMASCUS rds to be on the line QADAM
AERODROME by 0430 hrs 19 Jun. 5 Ind Bde were then to take MEZZE
whilst the Foreign Legion of the Free French Div were to enter
DAMASCUS and seize the administrative section of the city (a tri-
angular block towards the Western end of the city).

Brig Lloyd informed me that Gen Wilson had instructed him
that DAMASCUS was to be entered first by the Free French, NOT by
the British.

General Le Gentilhomme, Brig Lloyd and staff officers
all asked me if I knew the whereabouts of the Indian Bn that had
been promised them by Force HQ 3 days before and for which they had
sent their transport to DERA. I advised them that as far as I knew
nothing was known of such a bn nor should they build on its arrival
for the attack.

I promised that I would make enquiries on my return which
was done. (See report of visit 19 Jun)

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On my return trip I contacted HQs of the following :

SHEIK MISKINE FORCE

This force captured EZRAA on 17 Jun and took 200 prisoners: their casualties were light. Conflicting orders were received and eventually they were told to withdraw which they did after destroying the water supply.

At 1700 hrs 18 Jun they sent a force again to take this village.

QUNEITRA FORCE

2/ Queens and attd tps captured QUNEITRA at 1900 hrs 17 Jun -- their casualties being one killed and about 15 wounded. Enemy withdrew in Armd Cars and MT as they attacked and only a few prisoners were taken. They destroyed two Armd Cars, one tank and captured one A Tk gun.

They had orders from Brig Lloyd to patrol rds from QUNEITRA towards ARTOUZ on DAMASCUS rd and towards MASSAADE on the MERDJAYOUN rd. Former patrol met opposition from Armd Cars at a road block at 233287. Later patrol had not returned.

Lt-Col HAGGARD, Comdr, felt that QUNEITRA should continue to be strongly held.

Most of the buses used for transport had fallen to bits and he had no other than his first line transport and a little from the Royal Fusiliers - enough to lift 250 to 300 men.

Lt-Col BLACKBURN 2/3 Aust MG Bn had visited him.

2/3 Aust MG Bn

I saw Lt-Col BLACKBURN at 1900 hrs. He had just established his HQ at MISHMAR hay YARDEN (near Ben Yacoub Bridge)

J.D.ROGERS Lt-Col
LO 1 Aust Corps.

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S E C R E T

IO's report on visit to RAA HQ

SAFIR TIBHIT

18 Jun, '41

GOUNEITRA AREA

Village captured by Bn of QUEEN'S REGT evening 17, and held by them. Situation stable.

HERDJAYOUN AREA

VICHY FR FORCES reported to be preparing defensive line from HERDJAYOUN FORT to FORT MEHAM and beyond. Digging and wiring.

Our troops as on 17, but 2/25 Bn more concentrated north of town. One Bty Arty moved over from MEHAM AREA to posn south HERDJAYOUN.

An attack on HERDJAYOUN from north is being considered.

(sgd) W.B. GRIFITHS Capt
IO 1 Aust Corps.

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LO's REPORT

Visit to HQ Free French Div and HQ 5 Ind Bde- 19 Jun 41

ITINERARY

Accompanied by Lt-Col H Wells. I proceeded to the new location of HQrs above formations using same routes going (and returning) as in report of 18 Jun.

We left NAZARETH at 0415 hrs and reached KHANE DEMOUN at 0850 hrs. We left there at 1100 hrs and reached NAZARETH at 1510 hrs calling on Col HAGGARD at QUNEITRA en route.

SITUATION at 1100 hrs

Free French had made no progress as they encountered stiff opposition immediately they left their SP. (Vichy French Offrs along the line called them "Gangs of Cutthroats" and cursed them for fighting their own countrymen)

Actually they were driven back slightly on the NW slopes of JEBEL KELB, thus losing a comdg position.

With the 5 Ind Bde situation was very obscure. Little information had come in, practically their only source being a Bde Wireless truck which reported its posn at 199173 in a wood on the Southern outskirts of MEZZE at 0600 hrs. This truck reported that there had been heavy firing in MEZZE but it had ceased at 0600 hrs. They had seen tps on the hills West of the QUNEITRA - DAMASCUS rd at approx 190170 (later estimated to be Bn HQ and two Coys). They had also seen tps on the AERODROME. It appeared that approx 100 men were with this truck.

There was little news of the other bn and it was uncertain whether they had been held up at MOUADDAMIYE where heavy fighting was reported, or whether they had gone through this village along the road towards MEZZE.

Brig Lloyd was leaving at 1130 hrs to visit Fwd Bde HQ in an endeavour to clear up the position.

INTENTION

Brig Lloyd felt that an additional bn on his front might swing the whole battle. (Representations were made in respect to this).

If his personal recce indicated the advisability of doing so, this bn would be pushed in along this same road towards MEZZE. He would retain three coys in the neighbourhood of ARTOUZ to block any enemy movement along QUNEITRA rd, or from QATANA.

In the meantime he asked Gen Le Gentilhomme to continue the pressure particularly NW from JEBEL KELB in order to take the high ground across the main road and to assist Brig Lloyd by containing the fairly strong Vichy French forces in the DARAYA - AACHRAFIYE Area. Gen Le Gentilhomme agreed and was endeavouring so to reorganise his units to make the bn of Foreign Legion available for this attack. He did not appear very optimistic about their giving much help.

If the attack on DAMASCUS did not succeed Brig Lloyd proposed to place his force defensively along the mountain ridge JEBEL AANNTAR - DAHR ES SELSELA and to connect with Free French at JEBEL MADAN and JEBEL KELB.

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It was decided to bring 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Coys of Senegalese and Tp of 4 guns from SHEIK MISKINE to help Free French in these operations.

SOUEIDA

Free French received a message that at 0930 hrs 19 Jun. JEBEL DRUSE Cav surrounded SOUEIDA and are besieging the garrison there.

This lessens any threat against SHEIK MISKINE through EZRAA.

J.D. ROGERS. Lt-Col
1 Aust Corps.

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LO's REPORT

Visit to 7 Aust Div - 19 Jun 41

ITINERARY

Dep Corps HQ - 1130 hrs
Arr Div " - 1345 "
Dep " " - 1610 "
Arr Corps " - 1820 "

SITUATION

JEZZINE AREA No change since yesterday. Position stable. During day, enemy arty put down three heavy concentrations on our tps (NOTE: Yesterday reports from this area gave probable hostile strength as three 4 gun btys).

Enemy bombed the town and wrecked Hotel Egypt burying some of our tps (number not known at Div HQ).

COASTAL AREA On moving out this morning, our patrols found rd block at QUADI ZEINI 118188 covered by MG fire from JADRA 119189. One of our tanks broke through block but was knocked out by A Tk gun. Carrier following tank destroyed gun and crew.

FW stated there were approx 70 men, 4 MGs and 2 Ms at JADRA.

Brig Stevens intended to attack JADRA late this afternoon with 2/16 Bn. If successful he would endeavour to move his arty to shell BEIT ed DINE.

An unconfirmed report states that there is an enemy bn disposed in depth from JADRA to about YAROUTI 123196.

Brig Stevens reports that for "some distance" north of his present posn gun posns are hard to find off the rd.

CAVALRY

7 Div cannot relieve C Sqn 9 Div Cav Regt until 6 Div Cav Regt released from MERDJAYOUN Area.

Composition and eqpt of 9 Div Cav Regt

HQ Sqn	Nothing
A "	2 tanks and 19 carriers.
B "	4 tanks, 1 French Armd Car, and no carriers.

AIR Areas in which tac R required on 20 Jun have been given to G III(air).

Areas in which 7 Div desires photographed have been indicated to GII(o).

7 Div request bombing of BEIT ed DINE.

E.G. KEOGH. Maj
IO 1 Aust Corps.

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LO's REPORT

Visit to HQ RAA KAFR TIBNIT - 19 Jun 41

ITINERARY

Left Corps HQ	1145 hrs
Arr Bde HQ	1445 hrs
Left Bde HQ	1610 hrs
Arr Corps HQ	1945 hrs

MERDJAYOUN AREA

2/25 Bn attacked MERDJAYOUN from north this morning. 2/2 Pnr Bn attacked from SW. One Coy 2/25 Bn reported in north of town by 1500 hrs. One Coy 2/25 Bn in Cemetery on NW of town at same time. At 1530 hrs 2/2 Pnr Bn reported one coy moving into town from SW. The FORT was not attacked directly, the attack sweeping round on the SW side to get to the north of the fort. Further operations are planned for the night 19/20 to capture the position.

KHIAM AREA

No change other than Right Flank MONFORCE moving back out of village of BMERIQ. There is no report to indicate that the enemy have occupied BMERIQ.

Enemy Air Activity

One bomber with escort of three fighters was over MERDJAYOUN at 1600 hrs. No hostile act.

W.B.GRIFFITHS. Capt
LO 1 Aust Corps.

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LOS REPORT

On visit to BERRYFORCE 20 Jun 41

Itinerary Dep Corps HQ 1030 hrs
Arr 7 Div HQ 1230 hrs
Dep 7 Div HQ 1300 hrs
Arr Berryforce HQ 1445 hrs
Dep Berryforce HQ 1615 hrs
Arr Corps HQ 1930 hrs

Situation MERDJAYOUN AREA. During night 19/20 Jun enemy in town of MERDJAYOUN counter attacked with tanks and forced them to withdraw to the posns shown on Op maps. Enemy made no serious attempt to follow up. Activity during day confined to harassing arty fire on both sides. Recce this afternoon disclosed that enemy is NOT occupying KHIAM FORT. Brig intended to re-occupy the fort before this evening.

Casualties

2/2 Pnr, unknown
2/5 Bn; is now apparently about 500-550 strong

JEZZINE AREA. Situation unchanged. Posn of units shown on Op maps.

COASTAL SECTOR. 21 Inf Bde holds JADRA with a standing patrol of cav at RAS NEBI YOUNES 118192

LOCATION
OF
UNITS

Location statement showing locations of units under comd 7 Aust Div is in office of G 111 (O)

ROADS

The route from NAZARETH via METULLA to HQ BERRYFORCE is passable

Signed E.G. KEOGH

Maj.

LC 1 Aust Div, etc.

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LO's REPORT

Visit to DAMASCUS SECTOR 21 Jun 41

ITINERARY

Accompanied by Capt W.B. Griffiths I met GOC and Staff 6 Div at ROSE FINTA at 0715 and proceeded thence to HQ Free French and HQ Brig Lloyd at KHAIR DEHOUN - Departed KHAIR DEHOUN 1400 hrs arrived Corps HQ 1900 hrs calling with GOC 6 Div at 3rd HQ Queens at QUHEITRA.

SITUATION

At 1100 hrs Gen. Evetts held a conference with Brig Lloyd, Brig Lomax (16 Inf Bde), Staff of 6 Div and LOs Gen Le Gentilhomme and his staff being present.

Plans for completing capture of DAMASCUS, of consolidating and of exploitation were formulated and issued. (Copy given to GCS).

In brief the boundary between Free French and 5 Ind Inf Bde is the N-S 20 Grid Line.

Free French are to clear and block roads running N & NE and to be responsible for internal security and administration in DAMASCUS.

5 Ind Bde (including 2/3 Aust Inf Bn) are to block DAMASCUS - BEIRUT Road and patrol Westward.

16 Inf Bde are to concentrate in ARTOUZ Area, Leicesters being in position at 1200 hrs 21 Jun. Queens less one coy to leave QUHEITRA for ARTOUZ at 0710 hrs 22 Jun cleaning the road up on the way.

(A note calling on the Vichy French garrison on this road in vicinity JAASAA to surrender by 1930 hrs 21 Jun was sent to them at 1600 hrs)

16 Inf Bde is to attack QATANA morning 22 Jun and to proceed thence North along track running to DAMASCUS - BEIRUT road.

At 1400 hrs the situation was reported to be as follows:-

At 1215 hrs Civic authorities of DAMASCUS approached Free French with Flag of Truce:- Their surrender was accepted.

At 1315 hrs all fighting had ceased and the whole town was in our hands. Col Collet was to arrange with the civil administration for Gen. Le Gentilhomme to enter the city in the late afternoon.

Intense fighting between our infantry and enemy tanks and infantry had taken place in MEZZE for 36 hours and it appeared that a considerable number of 5 Ind Bde including several senior officers had been captured.

2/3 Aust Inf Bn had cut the DAMASCUS - BEIRUT road West of MEZZE during night 20/21 Jun., and although they had captured a number of prisoners, it appeared certain that many of the garrison had escaped before they reached the road.

Until units have been reorganised it is impossible to state what our casualties have been.

Probably 300 to 400 prisoners were taken during night 20/21 Jun and morning 21 Jun.

Several senior offrs spoke of the good job done by 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.

LOCATIONS Locations of various units have been given to G3(o).

GENERAL

1. A personal note from Gen Evetts to Gen Lavarack was handed to BGS. This dealt with -
 - (.) Immediate use of Pro-Islam propaganda.
 - (b) Internal security and control HOURAN.
 - (c) Declaration of Independence to SYRIA.
 - (d) Information re movements of HABFORCE.
 - (e) Propaganda concerning fall of DAMASCUS to be used at MERDJAYOUN and BEIRUT.
 - (f) Recommendation of Gen. Evetts and Col Collet in respect to SOUEIDA.
2. Gen Evetts requests that 2 Sqns 5 Cav Bde be made available at QUNEITRA if possible by midday 22 Jun and to remain there as garrison.
3. Gen. Evetts requests that Corps Comd asks Gen. Wilson to have Gen. Le Gentilhomme placed under his (Gen. Evetts') comd.
4. Gen. Evetts and Brig Lloyd are particularly anxious to retain 2/3 Aust Inf Bn for the present.
5. Free French asked permission to send one of their offrs to interview Foreign Legion PW with view to having them join FF forces.

(sgd) JD.ROGERS Lt-Col
Snr LO 1 Aust Corps.

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L. O's REPORT

Visit to DAMASCUS Sector 22 Jnn.

ITINERARY

Departed NAZARETH 0900 hrs visited HQ 6 Div thence to QUNEITRA contacting rear Coy QUEENS, thence along QUNEITRA - DAMASCUS road to road junction 187162 thence through BOUVAIDIYE - KOUAELBE - KISSOUE - DAMASCUS Returned by same route reaching Corps HQ 1945 hrs.

SITUATION

FREE FRENCH

After the capture of DAMASCUS the Free French Forces advanced along the road NE of DAMASCUS a distance of 15 miles without opposition and have placed 13 Bde (1 Bn Foreign Legion and two Bns Senegalese and a bty of 4 75's) across the roads near KHANE AYACHE 2218. The 31st Bn moved North to BARZE which they hold but are opposed by Vichy French in the hills to North West. Supported by British Arty they propose to attack this position. Of another Senegalese Bn (B M 4) 2 Coys are stationed at QADEM and one at KISSOUE. A Senegalese Bn (B M 3) and 150 Marines from the garrison of DAMASCUS.

Col Collet's cavalry hold the roads running SE from DAMASCUS in an approx line from RHOZIANIYE to KISSOUE. (Free French Bns average strength is between 600 & 700)

BRITISH

5 Ind Bde with 2/3 Aust Inf Bn hold MEZZE and the DAMASCUS BEIRUT road westward including DUULMAR. One fort was still holding out at 1600 hours 22 Jun and this is being attacked this evening (22 Jun)

16 Bde holds the QUNEITRA - DAMASCUS road from QUNEITRA to the aerodrome, the Leicesters holding the Northern Section and joining the QUEENS at KHANE ech CHIH.

QATANA is to be taken night 22/23 after which the Bde will advance North to the DAMASCUS-BEIRUT rd. (It is expected that this will take place during 23 Jun)

ENEMY'S PLANS.

From a reliable source to-day information was received that the Vichy garrison ~~from~~ DAMASCUS had orders to withdraw to a definite position at BALBECK.

REQUESTS FROM 6 DIV - PER G I.

(a) They recommend policy on this front of reinforcing success, but question of supplies and amm has become a real problem. Either they must be given 3rd line tpt (3 Coys) or use rail.

They have only 100 rds per gun.

(b) They are very anxious to have two sqns of 5 Cav Bde at QUNEITRA.

CAPTURED ENEMY AM.

At QUNEITRA there is a dump of land mines, small aerial bombs, aluminium grenades, S A A and a few rounds of amm for 75's and 65's.

J.D. Rogers Lieut -Col
Gen. LO HQ 1 Aust Corps.

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Visit to HQ BERRYFORCE and 7 Div -22 Jun 41

ITINERARY

Dep Corps HQ	0930 hrs	
Arr BERRYFORCE HQ	1115 "	Journey made as
Dep " " "	1245 "	guide to Maj Gen
Arr 7 Div HQ	1500 "	Plant, DSO.
Dep " " "	1755 "	
Arr Corps HQ	1925 "	

BERRYFORCE AREA

K.O.R.R. have moved from coast to Rd Junc (P) 213-297
KHIAM FORT - EMERIQ Line has been reoccupied by 2/33 Bn
and attached tps.
Two Sqns Greys have moved to area east of EL ALCNIYE
(F) 133-163.
Otherwise the situation is as before.

21 BDE AREA

Fwd tps 2/16 Bn on rd about BARJA (F) 191-123.
2/27 Bn hold line SEBLINE-JAMLIYE.
Coy 2/3 Bn cover rd from coast to JOUN.

25 BDE AREA No change.

ENEMY ACTION

EA reported to concentrate attacks against arty.

CHEHIM (F) 127-188 reported to be strongly held.
Mortar fire from here is considerable.

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(sgd) Capt
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REPORT OF LOS VISIT TO BERRYFORCE HQ 25 JUN 41

Left Corps HQ	0915 hrs
Arr Berryforce HQ	1100 hrs
Left Berryforce HQ	1200 hrs
Arr Corps HQ	1330 hrs

1. Berryforce HQ has moved to Police Barracks on north of METULLA.
2. MERDJAYOUN is held by 2/2 Pnr Bn who are pushing north to high ground east of BALATE.
3. Carriers are exploiting along road north-east towards KHANE ES SOUQ.
4. 2/33 Bn hold IBELES SAKA-KHEIBE and KHIAM villages...
5. KORR's hold area east MERDJAYOUN and west of KHIAM.
6. Horsed patrol 6 Div Cav regt are operating on east flank towards RACHAYA EL FOKHAR.

Signed W.B. GRIFFITHS Capt.
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L. O's REPORT

Visit to Free French Forces and 6 Div - 25 Jun.41.

Departed Corps HQ 0900 hrs. returned 1845 hrs.

Situation:

F.F. have pushed out to QASTAL and. MMINA whilst patrols have reached within 5 km of NEBK and east of DMIER. They expect to occupy SAIDNAYA this evening. One officer and 100 men of Camel Corps (Vichy) crossed to our side at DMEIR. A plan of PALMYRA defences was captured and has been sent to 85 Sub Area for despatch to HABFORCE. Royals remain under comd and have 10 Armd cars functioning.

5 Div.

Position of Leicesters, Queens and 2/3 Aust Inf Bn has been marked on map in Ops room. Bde is endeavouring to take the commanding feature JEBEL MAZAR. They have had considerable hostile arty fire to-day on fwd tps; on arty positions and on road thence Eastward to the gorge. OP is being pushed fwd for counter battery fire but in meantime bombing of gun positions is asked for. Report from Comd 16 Inf Bde is attached (to BB Copy).

Locations:

H.Q.16 Inf Bde	in quarry at 195179
H.Q. 5 Ind Bde	Pink Chateau - MEZZE.
Strength of Bns 5 Ind Bde as at 23 Jun (from SC)	
	Offrs ORs
Royal Fusiliers	18 253
3/1 Punjabs	6 499
4/6 Rajput Rifles	6 239
2/3 Aust Inf Bn	23 343 x
x Does not include A Coy which arrived QATANA 1630 hrs.	

Q.Matters.

Requests for transport and for establishment of a Bulk EPI store in DAMASCUS have been passed to AQMG.

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02(e) visit to 85 L of C Sub Area - 2/5 Bn 25 Jun 41

1. 2/5 Bn less coy with 7 Aust Div is disposed as follows -

2/5 Bn less three coys

One coy

One coy

DERAA

EZRAA

RHAB ARNEB)

) these two coys have enough MT to enable them to work complete on MT

In view of French tps being provided for RHABARNEB the coy of 2/5 Bn is to be moved to join the coy at EZRAA.

The CO 2/5 Bn is without a comd - each of his rifle coys being under a sector comd - an offr of the TJFF.

Col Wright agreed that with the concentration of two coys at EZRAA and means of communication the Bn could be placed under comd of the CO, the CO remaining under the Col Comd TJFFs.

2. TJFF

Two $\frac{1}{2}$ sqns - patrolling to the east of the ry area on -

(a) Rd EZRAA - SOUEIDA

Rd DERAA - BOSRA + ESKI CHAM
and area in between

(b) DEIR ALO 2729 - MESMIYE - KHABAB 2727

(c) One tp bridge HASSIB

(d) One tp bridge TELL CHEHAB 2423

3. POLITICAL.

(a) Information re garrison SOUEIDA from agent -

150 Algerians

10-11 Armd Cars

Two or three sqns Druzes

(b) Remainder believed to have left for PALMYRA

(c) With concurrence of the French High Commissioner BUVIER Sheikh ATRASH has gone to JERUSALEM to parley. Result not known but this may be the end of resistance in which case Col Wright agreed that 2/5 Bn was unnecessary for this area and that TJFF could do the protection.

(d) Col Wright considers that a strong line politically is required if the country is to be kept quiet
Cannot leave the same French Govt officials in power

(e) Druzes near the ry are well disposed to us.

4. COMM

(a) requests wireless working between DAMASCUS and DERAA

(b) line between EZRAA - DERAA to be re-established.

5. TJFF were to show the Flag in BOSRA today

6. Q matter passed to AQMG separately.

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LO's REPORT

Visit to HQ Free French and HQ 6 Div - 27 Jun

Departed Corps HQ 0800 hrs
Arrived Corps HQ 2030 hrs

Object of visit was to convey to Comd 6 Div message from BGS covering the decision of the GOC-in-C and Corps Comd in respect to future intentions.

This decision was read to Comd 6 Div and G1 and the Order of Battle of 23 Inf Bde was handed to them.

Comments of Comd 6 Div have been passed direct to BGS. In particular these were -

1. Enveloping movements around the North of BEIRUT will be considerably less expensive in men than a frontal attack on BEIRUT. Free French all hold this opinion.
2. The slow rate of progress of 23 Inf Bde into the Corps Area.
3. The formation of a MERDJAYOUN forde to come direct under HQ 1 Aust Corps and not under Comd 6 Div. If this sector is controlled by 6 Div they will have formations on both sides of Mt Hermon without any lateral communication.
4. Reasons why HQ 6 Div should not move from DAMASCUS.
5. 23 Inf Bde to be placed under his comd if at all possible.

SITUATION

Free French - One bn captured NEBEK at 2000 hrs 26 Jun, has pushed patrols North to QARA and blocked the rd from HOMS: 50 PW and 15 men of a Spanish labour bn were captured.

A recce is being made of rd across Anti Lebanon from NEBEK to LABOUE. Report should be available midday 28 Jun.

Div Comd FF is hoping to see HABFORCE through PALMYRA immediately even if they have to go round it, so that they can push on and capture HOMS.

He will then garrison HOMS and make HABFORCE available to push on to TRIPOLI or for whatever other purpose they may be required.

6 Div - 16 Bde during night 26/27 and during morning 27 gradually moved units forward along both sides of DAMASCUS-BEIRUT rd and towards the JEBEL MAZAR feature. One coy 2/3 Bn gradually made its way to top of this 'col' with little opposition, a few casualties. They took about 70 prisoners.

In the late afternoon however, this coy of 2/3 Bn was surrounded by the enemy and apparently captured. It was stated that it was impossible to reinforce them or to extricate them from their difficulty.

16 Bde line has now been withdrawn to the series of 'cols' running from DEIR QAMOUN to YAAFOUR.

- 2 -

Gen Evetts enquires whether we could provide pack transport - mules etc for one bn. He will have continual need for such in his area when he desires to move a bn away from rds. Supplies for 2/3 Bn have been taken up in this way with tpt borrowed from Free French.

Honours and Awards

Gen Le Gentilhomme sent a message thro' Gen Evetts to Corps Comd that he feels very deeply that they should be considered for Honours and Awards, but they cannot consider it, as they are fighting against their own countrymen.

(sgd) J.D. ROGERS
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For attention Q - see last para under 6 Div

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LO's REPORT

Visit to HQ Free French, 6 Div and 2/3 Aust Inf Bn - 28 Jun

Departed Corps HQ 1015 hrs
Returned " " 2030 "

Copies of 1 Aust Corps Op Instn No 24 were taken to Free French, 6 Div and 85 L of C Area.

FREE FRENCH

No change has taken place in situation nor has any report yet been received of the reece being made for the rd across the Anti-Lebanon.

6 DIV

After a discussion on the Op Instn GOC 6 Div decided to visit Corps HQ.

G1 informed me that the reason that no use was made of the plane sent on Arty/R on 27 Jun was that a mistake had been made in a word sent in a cipher message to the arty unit concerned and as a result they had NOT been able to communicate with the aircraft.

2/3 AUST INF BN

I saw Maj J.R. Stevenson Acting CO 2/3 Bn who gave me the following story of the struggle on JEBEL MAZAR.

On 26 Jun A Coy obtained a footing on this steep and prominent feature and captured 70 prisoners. They were later withdrawn to conform to the line of bn on their right (QUEENS). On evening 26 Jun C Coy who had just arrived in the area (strength 105) were sent up to retake the crest and the stone sangar there - which they did. Early in the afternoon 27, 2 bns VICHY French surrounded their posn and it is believed that most of this coy were captured. It is reported that they mistook the French (who wore shorts and shirts and had mud-bespattered helmets) for our own tps and allowed them to come within 40 yds before firing a shot. It is hoped that some of them may have been hiding in ravines during 28 Jun and would report in morning 29.

JEBEL MAZAR commands the whole of our posns on the western side of our front in this area.

As at 1900 hrs 28 Jun, 2/3 Bn could muster 300 men of whom 120 were in the lines and 180 at wagon lines.

LOCATIONS

2/3 Aust MG Bn

HQ plus one coy and another coy less two pls is att to 16 Inf Bde. HQ with 16 Inf Bde.

9 Aust Div Cav Regt

HQ in wood at MOUADDAMIYE - approx 193167. One sqn was moved to area NW QATANA 28 Jun to protect our SW flank.

2/3 Aust Inf Bn

HQ in WADI at approx 184169.

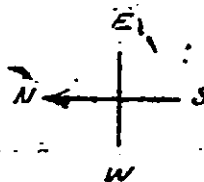
FDLs on COL DE YAAFOUR.

The sketch attached shows location of HQ FFF and 6 Div at DALASCUS.

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LO's REPORT 29 Jun 41

Visit to 7 Aust Div -

Dep Corps HQ 0900
Dep 7 Div 1330

Arr 7 Div 1100
Arr Corps HQ 1530

Distribution of troops marked on Map in Battle Room.

Enemy Activity - consistent shelling in 2/27 Bn area during last 24 hrs. Cav(horsed) patrol observed on rd MEJBALOUNA-JAMLIVE. Our set of Inf and 6 Div Cav JAMLIVE have not reported any contact.

MAPS made from air photos of DAMOUR Area are reported to be excellent.

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LO's REPORT 20 Jun 41. Visit to METULLA.

1. Orders for Greys Comp Regt delivered to 23 Bde and Greys See BB.
2. 23 Bde are in process of taking over. Border Regt having relieved FORB's and part of 2/3 Bn DLK I, move in night 26 Jun/1 Jul.

No change in general disposition of troops

W.B. Griffiths:Capt
LC. 1. Aust Corps.

LC's REPORT

Visit to 6 Div and FFF 5 Jul 41.

6 Div

1. Orders (OO and Operational Instn) delivered.
2. Location of Units obtained and marked on BB. There have been no changes in posns, but the KORR's have relieved the Queens on the left of Rd DAMASCUS-BEYROUTH. A Composite Bn of 3/1 and 4/RR Ind Inf Bns, is covering QATANA. Cav (Mech Aust and Horsed FF) are patrolling on left flank.

FFF

1. Request for infm about rds in HOLMS area delivered to Lt-Col Rogers. Answers will probably arrive tomorrow.
2. Strength states obtained from Lt-Col Rogers. These are approx.
3. Location of tps marked on BB
4. Arty papers delivered to FF for comment about French arty weapons.

Sundry

1. Papers delivered to RTO.

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LO's REPORT

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8 Jul 41.

LO's REPORT - DAMASCUS SECTOR

This report contains -

1. Confidential information in respect of approach to Comd HOMS Garrison
2. VICHY French Dispositions
3. FF O of B
4. Roads and Tracks

1. Approach to Comd HOMS. I went to NEBEK this morning with G3(o) FF Div who there handed a letter to Capt VABRE, Native Control offr for that district, who is to arrange to have it sent to HOMS.

The wife and family of Comd HOMS (a Colonel) are in DAMASCUS and his son, a Vichy offr, has recently come across to join the Free French.

The letter contains an approach to the Colonel to join the FF with his garrison. Capt VABRE takes it to QARIATEINE tomorrow 9 Jul and there will arrange for a friendly Syrian to take it to HOMS. I gave to Capt VABRE a letter which would establish his bona fides with Offr i/c HABFORCE at QARIATEINE.

2. VICHY French Dispositions. Whilst Vichy French have evacuated DEIR ATTIYE, they still cover this village with MG and field gun fire, and they have a few armoured cars and tks in this area. Their main posn is on the line QARA to HOMEIRA (253247). After that there is little in the way of defensive posns and tps until CHCUNCHAR (243295) which is strongly held and blocks the road from GOUCIER as well as the main rd to DAMASCUS.

On the line QARA-HOMEIRA they have eight tks, eight 75's (one of which is used as A Tk gun) two 105's, four Armd Cars, apparently based on SADAD (261264), and about 300 men.

3. FF Order of Battle. Please correct Order of Battle which I gave you a few days ago. The bns of Ire Bde are BM3, BM4, BKM and of 13me Bde BM1, BM2 and Legion.

The attached 'Situation d'effectifs' was obtained by Maj Callow today and is the most accurate strength return yet obtained.

4. Roads and Tracks.

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North

(a) Tracks from GOUCIER North West to HOMS - TRIPOLI Rd. No further information is available beyond what I gave Ia on 6 Jul. Provided however the bridge at MOUDENE (224294) is not blown, it is believed that most of the tracks thence to HOMS - TRIPOLI Rd would carry MT. There is always water in the River ORONTES and at this point the river is several yards wide and about 3 to 4 feet deep. The whole area is swampy during Winter.

(b) Track NEBEK to LABQUE (207250). This is passable to cars and trucks, but only just and NOT to trucks with trailers. From NEBEK to pt approx 228244 it can be described as poor 3rd class. From this pt to 221249 it is very bad, being narrow, much broken by watercourses and rough: from latter pt to LABQUE it is fair 3rd class. Some months ago this track was traversed by car and took 10 hrs. It is estimated that 200 men in one day could make the bad section reasonably good.

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(c) BAALBEK to HOMS - The main rd - a first class rd - runs
BAALBEK - RAS BAALEEK STN - QOUCIER - CHOUNCHAR - HOMS.

(d) HASSIE to QOUCIER.

(i) Two good 3rd MT class tracks, one running direct
WNW over JEBEL HASSIE, the other, slightly better,
skirts the Northern slopes of this range passes through
pt 239285 thence West to QOUCIER.

(ii) or main rd to 244283 thence to 239285.

(e) DEIR AATIYE to HASSIE and HOMS (East of main rd).
Practically all of the red dotted tracks on the HOMS
1/200,000 and east of main rd are good 3rd class MT rds:-
in particular DEIR AATIYE - HOMEIRA - HAFER - HASSIE and
HAFER - SADAD - TELL ESH CHIN - HOMS.

(sgd) J.D. ROGERS

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SITUATION D'EFFECTIFS DE LA 1ère DIVISION
D'INFANTERIE au 5/7/41. (PRESENTS & DETACHES)

UNITES	OFFI- CIERS	EUROPEENS		INDIGENES		TOTAL		TOTAL GENERAL
		S/OFF.	TROUPE	S/OFF.	TROUPE	EUROPE	INDIG.	
B.R. 1	18	26	12	36	786	63	842	905
B.R. 2	10	44	27	43	598	90	641	731
LEGION	Bta.	15	40	342	—	397	—	397
	C.H.R.	2	10	65	—	77	—	77
	C.D.T.	8	17	94	—	119	—	119
	C.D.A.C.	2	14	76	—	92	—	92
(1) B.R. 3	13	33	14	55	625	—	—	751
B.R. 4	12	42	13	48	561	67	609	676
FUSILIERS MARINS	5	10	117	—	1	132	—	135
1er B.I.M.	14	71	336	—	—	481	10	491
TRANSMISSIONS	1	7	35	—	—	43	—	45
ARTILLERIE	12	22	79	8	84	115	92	205
GENIE	2	3	37	—	10	38	10	48
CHARS	5	16	84	—	—	105	—	105
Cie. de G.C. (Y COM- PRIS SUBSISTANTS)	31	31	46	1	55	108	55	135
(1) TRAIN	2	7	102	—	37	—	—	148
G. E. D.	—	—	—	—	—	11	76	87
G. S. D.	—	—	—	—	—	84	56	140
HARFIELD SPEARS	7	—	—	—	—	66	14	80
(1) SPAHIS	4	14	14	6	23	—	—	121
(GROUPEMENT TCHER) KESS	—	—	—	—	—	—	700	700
Cie MAROCAINE por- tec	17	23	—	—	—	—	90	90
Cie MECHANISTES	—	—	—	—	—	12	220	232

Ind squad Spahis

(1) - Effectifs au départ de PALESTINE.

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LO's REPORT

on

Visit to 7 Aust Div

9 Jul 41.

Dep Corps HQ 0915 Arr 7 Aust Div 1200
Dep 7 Aust Div 1345 Arr Corps HQ 1315

1. Documents delivered to 7 Div Sigs for DRLS.
2. " " to 7 Div for G.S.I.
3. " " to ~~7~~ Corps Sigs for DRLS
4. " " to G.S.I. for 7 Div

5. There was no information to phone back to Corps HQ as the Div staff pass it back automatically.

6. Village of DAMOUR finally cleaned up. Patrols pushed north to KHALDE. No new information of area north of JEZZINE.

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L.O's REPORT

VISIT TO 23 BDE

10 JUL 41

Dep Corps HQ 1045 hrs
Dep 23 Bde 1515 hrs

Arr 23 Bde 1155 hrs
Arr Corps HQ 1630 hrs

On arrival at Bde I was told that they were waiting reports of patrols from BORDER Bn in area RACHAYA EL FOKAR and beyond and from DLI in area BOURQUOZ. DLI had one Coy on high ground at 139161. This was held by enemy yesterday.

At the suggestion of GSO 2 23 Bde, I went to HQ DLI MERDJAYOUN. The country was pointed out. By 1300 hrs they had two Coys on high ground at 139161 (see above) and BOURQUOZ was reported clear of enemy. Patrols were pushing on towards DELAFI.

I returned to Bde at 1430 hrs. RACHAYA EL FOKHAR was reported clear and occupied by BORDER Bn. The CZECH Bn had put patrols into CHEBAA (150156) but the enemy had retaken it. Reports were shortly expected of the CZECH Bn who were again attacking CHEBAA.

The Bde was to move north at 1630 on three routes as follows:-

- (a) To DNEIBE (149169) NABATT (163173) BORDER Bn plus dets
AtkArty & Fd Arty Eng Sec Amb Sec.
- (b) To QELLIYE (142167) SOHMOUR (146175) DLI Bn with dets
as for BORDER Bn.
- (c) To HASBAYA (145162) AIN HERCHE (153167) B Sqn N Staff
Yeo.

Bde HQ expected to move forward this evening. Recce party was to leave at 1600 hrs.

(Signed) W.B. GRIFFITHS Major.
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LO's REPORT

Visit to 23 Inf Bde 11 Jul 41

Dep Corps HQ 1030
Dep Bde HQ 1540

Arr Bde HQ 1115
Arr Corps HQ 1715

Ref Map BEYROUTH 1:200,000

1. Papers delivered to Bde Sigs.

2. I was informed that Adv Report Centre was at 139159, west of IBELES SAKI. On arrival at this point they were moving forward to 144165, where the Report Centre was found in olive grove on west of rd. Adv Bde HQ was to be established at this point at about 1600 hrs today.

3. Fwd posns were reported as follows :

N STAFF YEO on high ground at 153168 and astride rd between AIN AATA and AIN HERCHE.

BORDER Bn held up by blown bridge 149169 north of D in DNEIBE. It is estimated that a detour will not be finished before 1800 hrs tonight.

DLI Bn taken up def posn round YOHMOUR (144173) following some shelling on their immediate front, on village of SOHMOUR (145177) and south of high ground at 142173. Patrols were endeavouring to locate enemy gun posns. No further move forward was expected tonight.

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SITREF (.) No 1 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) attack on MEZZE and
DAMASCUS by 5 Ind Inf Bde and FF Div held up by heavy shelling (.)
further attack being prepared (.) QOUNEITRA captured by QUEENS
2100 hrs 17 Jun (.) 25 enemy MT seen halted on rd 7 miles NE of
QOUNEITRA 1500 hrs 18 Jun (.) direction of move doubtful (.)
MERDJAYOUN sector (.) our attack held up by heavy mortar and MG fire
and by tanks (.) magazine in fort blown up by our arty fire (.) six
med tanks reported in fort (.) one knocked out (.) continuous EA
activity over area to 1300 hrs (.) fighter screen suspected (.)
KHAM held by enemy who is building defensive line from MERDJAYOUN
to KHAM (.) JEEZINE sector (.) 0715 hrs concentration of enemy
observed two miles North of JEEZINE possibly preparing an attack (.)
enemy believed to have large number mortars and MGs and three 4 gun
bty (.) no news of attack yet

If liable to be intercepted
or fall into enemy hands
this message must
be sent in CIPHER.

[Signature]
tr/Lt-Col

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TOO 1845

To:- KAJU GOLE DUET ZOVA YEDA YUJU TIKA KEFU DOXI JIRU
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From:- BIPA


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SITREP 2 (.) MERDJAYOUN sector (.) BERRY FORCE attacked this morning and 2/25 bn from north (.) after some initial success attacking tps held up by tanks and MG nests on outskirts of town where they are holding on despite strong counterattacks (.) no movement to the south (.) we still hold KHLAM (.) garrison of MERDJAYOUN reported to be 2 coys inf with ~~two~~ tanks in fort and three in town (.) garrison of IBELES SAKI approx 400 inf (.) MT seen moving from IBELES SAKI to MERDJAYOUN (.)

JEZZINE sector (.) no change (.)

COASTAL sector (.) cav patrols at WADI ZEINI were MGD this morning and are engaging enemy (.) enemy concentrations reported near BKIFA (128186) and HAZRAAT EB DEIR (129184)

DAMASCUS sector (.) 5 Ind Bde situation obscure (.) at 0600 hrs they were moving between NOUEDDAMIYE and DARRYA towards aerodrome (.) 13 FF bde attack on JESEL KELB at dawn driven back with heavy losses (.) VICHY counter attacks continuing


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SITREP 3 (.) ref LEVANT series 1/200,000 (.) SOUEIDA area (.)
local JEBEL DRUZES are reported to have surrounded VICHY FRENCH
garrison (.) EZRAA NOT occupied by either side (.)
DAMASCUS sector (.) 5 Ind Bde situation still obscure (.)
MOUEDDAMIYE captured and rd to MEZZE opened (.) 5 Ind Bde
believed now in MEZZE area (.) VICHY counter-attack held on
front of 13 FF Bde (.) deserter reports general withdrawal from
DAMASCUS in progress (.) no degree of reliability stated (.)
QOUNEITRA area (.) enemy MT column still located 5 to 10 miles
NE of QOUNEITRA with rd block and armed cars at 223287 (.)
MERDJAYOUN sector (.) posn still obscure at 1330 hrs (.) our
tps still holding on 1000 yds NW of MERDJAYOUN but have suffered
some casualties (.) considerable enemy tank activity (.) our
arty harassing enemy (.) enemy hold KHEIBE and high ground to
East (.) our posn from BMERIQ hill to South end KHAM ridge (.)
JEZZINE sector (.) attack by 2/31 Bn noon yesterday on high
ground 13791804 NOT successful (.) intense arty activity today (.)
posn now stable (.) our fwd tps at 137179 (.)
Coastal Sector (.) our tps moving fwd encountered MG fire near
QUADI EL ZEINI but are pushing on slowly (.) further tps have
been sent up

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SITREP 4 (.) SOUEIDA area (.) no report (.) DAMASCUS sector (.)
on right 13 FF Bde attack 1830 hrs 19 Jun NOT successful (.)
VICHY forces still astride rd KISSOUE-DAMASCUS (.) on left 5 Ind
Inf Bde occupied outskirts MEZZE/0530 hrs (.) civilian sources
state guns and tps leaving DAMASCUS for posn 12 miles north (.)
Tac/R 0530 hrs reports 63 MT on rd 183184 (.) QOUNEITRA area (.)
MG Bn less two coys with five A Tk guns moving up rd QOUNEITRA-
DAMASCUS to protect rear 5 Ind Inf Bde (.) MERDJAYOUN sector (.)
heavy fighting (.) our further attack from north NOT successful (.)
more enemy tps and tks brought up and our tps forced withdraw one
kilo to river line (.) on south of MERDJAYOUN we hold line from
143153 to 138153 (.) Tac/R 0530 hrs reports 15 MT moving west from
rd and track junc 159176 (.) JEZZINE sector (.) no change (.)
coastal sector (.) our cav patrols near RAS NEBI YOUNES (.) our
inf consolidating at JADRA 120188

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SITREP 5 (.) DAMASCUS area (.) right sector (.) attack
by Foreign Legion supported by arty on pt 743 197165
successful (.) simultaneous attack from JEBEL MADANI on
SAHNAYA 195165 also successful (.) operations continuing (.)
left sector (.) force attempting to reach ZOVA garrison
in MEZZE advancing slowly (.) Aust inf bn now helping (.)
munition dumps in MEZZE now exploding (.) tac/R reports
1800 hrs considerable MT seen on rd leading NW from
DAMASCUS (.)

QOUNEITRA sector (.) tac/R reports 1600 hrs some enemy MT
on rd 178153 (.)

MERDJAYOUN sector (.) tac/R reports 1140 hrs some MT
facing south at 167196 (.) other sectors no change

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SITREP 6 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) VICHY counter attack at MEZZE repulsed leaving 200 PWs incl 2 colonels (.) 2/3 Aust Inf Bn astride rd DAMASCUS-BEIRUT NW of MEZZE on hill 198176 (.) FF forces engaged in area QADEM (.) COLLETT operating against few armd Cs east of QADEM (.) 16 Inf Bde now concentrating AARTUZ 188165 (.)

MERDJAYOUN sector (.) at BMERIQ 141155 patrols report no sign enemy last night and we hold high ground to north (.) some enemy MGs still in west end KHLIBE 142157 (.) our tps entered KHIAM fort 2000 hrs 20 Jun and are still there but no enemy contacted (.) enemy arty active (.)

COASTAL sector (.) situation static (.) car patrols at RAS NEBI YOUNES and KAHER MAYA 124187 report MES (.) inf consolidating line east RAS NEBI YOUNES and also astride rd from SEBLINE 123188-EL QUARDANIYE 123187 - JAILIYE 122186 (.)

other sectors (.) no change (.)

total EA destroyed to date by AA fire 7 on 6 Div front and 4 on 7 Aust Div front (.) these are confirmed crashed aircraft

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SITREP 7 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) after further fierce
fighting MEZZE had been completely captured (.) coln from
QOUNEITRA in outskirts of MEZZE protecting comms (.) civil
authorities of DAMASCUS surrendered city to FF who now occupy
whole city and citadel except barracks where hand to hand
fighting continues (.) casualties to both sides (.)
Gen Le Gentilhomme may enter city tonight (.) 16 Inf Bde
to concentrate AARTOUZ 188165 (.) LEICESTERS in posn (.)
QUEENS less one coy to clear rd QOUNEITRA-DAMASCUS tomorrow
morning (.) MERDJAYOUN sector (.) sporadic shelling only
during day (.) 75 mm guns identified (.) other fronts (.)
situation unchanged

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SITREP 8 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) all resistance ceased by
1800 hrs 21 Jun and city is occupied by FF (.) beleived formal
entry of Gen Le Gentilhomme made last night but no official
confirmation (.) FF forces moved north to cover city and
now hold BARZE 204180 (.) DUET about 3 kilos west of KISSOUE (.)
UPEF in posn near AARTOUZ protected by rd blocks (.) ZOVA about
MEZZE with PEXO on DAMASCUS rd to north (.) situation quiet
but sound of shelling to west possibly on rd MEZZE -AARTOUZ (.)
coln from QOUNEITRA reached JAZSAA 177151 by 0945 hrs (.)
after delay caused by large undefended rd block coln moved on
and beleived now near AARTOUZ (.) no casualties reported (.)
MERDJAYOUN sector (.) enemy constructing fd defences with wire
obstacles east of town (.) our arty shelled barracks yesterday (.)
no activity on north side (.)
JEZZINE sect or (.) no change (.) enemy shelling roads to west
and south (.)
COASTAL sector (.) normal patrolling only (.) no change in
general situation (.)
morning Tac/R reports (.) considerable MT on DAMASCUS - BEIRUT
rd between DIMAS and MASNAA (.) large coln dust on rd between
CHAABA 212168 and TELLMESKENE 221158

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SITREP 9 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) some shelling NW of MEZZE (.)
indications VICHY French will make stand near QATANA (.) enemy
guns reported defile 183169 (.) otherwise situation unchanged (.)
DAMASCUS quiet (.) coln from QOUNEITRA reached AARTOUZ 1300 hrs
after clearing rd block at JAZSSAA but rd NOT considered suitable
for traffic beyond Y of TABOU SIY 187163 owing to intermittent
shell fire (.)
all other sectors (.) no change (.)
afternoon Tac/R reports (.) 19 MT on rd between 184182 and 190180
(.) 18 MT and 2 guns near rd junc 179185 (.) these guns going
east (.) 87 MT stationary in area 171196 and 174190 (.) 9 cars
at 168198 (.) NMS between ZAHLE VIKFAYA 145220 - BEIRUT

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SITREP 10 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) FF forces established posts RHAZLA'IYE 218161 and KHANE AYACIE 222187 but withdrew several kilos from latter owing to water difficulties (.) attack from BARZE successful and FF consolidated on high ground of CHARQI feature 206183 (.) 5 Ind Inf Bde consolidating on same feature astride rd DAMASCUS-BEIRUT (.) yesterday enemy arty maintained fire on rd AARTOUZ-MEZZE from area SABBOURA 186175 to KHENEIFSE 183171 (.) 16 Inf Bde began attack 2000 hrs 22 Jun through QATANA towards rd junc 178181 (.) no reports yet (.) confirmed Gen LE GENTILHOMME entered DAMASCUS (.) town quiet (.) LERDJAYOUN sector (.) attack by our tps from south in progress (.) sound of hy shell fire (.) no reports yet (.) JEZZINE sector (.) no change (.) small skirmish last night (.) results not known (.) COASTAL sector (.) DABA report BARJA 123191 BAASSIR 124192 and JIYE 122194 clear of enemy (.) our patrols also attacked CHEHIE 127188 forcing small body enemy inf with some AFVs and supporting weapons withdraw towards BEIT ED DINE (.) our arty fire on DAMOUR line defences increasing (.) morning Tac/R reports (.) 150 MT west of rd 172191 (.) no sign of life (.) may be salvage area (.) otherwise small movements only

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SITREP 11 (.) SOUEIDA area (.) on morning 22 Jun two sqns TJFF supported by arty successfully attacked UMMI EL OUALAD 285230 held by 100 Druze cav under French offr (.) Druzes fled to SOUEIDA from which AFVs later came but took no offensive action (.)

DAMASCUS area (.) DUET have reached pass 183172 with fwd elements near SABBOURA 187175 and YAAFOUR 182177 (.) enemy apparently evacuated QATANA by 0800 hrs and our advance unopposed (.) slight AFV rearguard action only (.) PEXO preparing move down rd from high ground 197177 to junc with DUET (.) ZOVA very tired remaining high ground north MEZZE (.) rd QOUNEITRA - DAMASCUS now open (.)

MERDJAYOUN sector (.) BIDA attacked from south (.) 0530 hrs first objective high ground NW KHIAM captured (.) MOBE continued attack and occupied end of ridge 138158 (.) further attack on IBELES SAKI unsuccessful (.) operation continuing (.)

JEZZINE sector (.) by shelling and mortar firing (.) YADU attacked this morning but later forced back to previous posns (.) DROV to west compelled to retire 400 yds by arty fire (.)

coastal sector (.) no change (.)

afternoon Tac/R (.) nothing to report

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SITREP 12 (.) MERDJAYOUN area (.) patrols entered IBELES SAKI
0850 hrs 24 Jun without opposition and have since entered
MERDJAYOUN where they encountered sporadic fire only from
northern outskirts of village (.)

morning Tac/R reports (.) 80 MT stationary area SABBOURAI
186175 (.) 30 MT stationary area YAAFOUR 181177 (.) shells
landing on track at 186179 (.) 15 MT moving north and west
from shelled area (.) 5 MT facing north 181186 (.) 181186 to
BAALSEK NMS (.) BAALBEK to JDITA 161209 NMS (.) rds JDITA -
MERDJAYOUN MASHNAA - HASBAYA and laterals connecting them NMS (.)
4 EAC on landing ground at RAYAK (.) Tac/R timed at 0730-0815
hrs (.) visibility very good (.) flying between 2000 - 2500 ft

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SITREP 13 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) BESE has occupied
DEIR QANOUN (.) DUET has reached point 15 km from DAMASCUS
along DAMASCUS - BEIRUT rd and is approaching DIMAS having
captured 9 French tanks and 3 Armcd cars (.) MERDJAYOUN
sector (.) following enemy withdrawal we now hold
MERDJAYOUN, IBELES SAKI with patrols at JERME and EL AICHIYE
(.) enemy appears to be holding HASBAYA in force and is
shelling MERDJAYOUN and rd running south to KHIRBE from that
vicinity (.) JEZZINE sector (.) no change (.) COASTAL
sector (.) Navy is co-operating with our fwd patrols and
bombarding enemy positions (.) Tac/R 1500 to 1600 hrs
reports 150 MT along DAMASCUS - BEIRUT rd between DIMAS
and point 10 km westward (.) enemy gun positions vicinity
junction this rd with rd running north to ZE BE DANI

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SITREP 14 (.) DAMASCUS area (.) DUET hold line 187185 to
181178 (.) left held up by MG fire (.) whole adv
slowed by arty fire from NW LAZAR feature (.) FF reached
QASTAL 239220 (.) EA MGd tps south of QTAIFE (.) FF
occupied MAARABA 203182 (.) posn DOVA 232220 (.)

HERDJAYOUN area (.) BIDA hold IBELES SAKI KHEIBE and BIERIQ
(.) MOBE consolidated ring contour 138157 (.) HUTA on
commanding posn NE of HERDJAYOUN (.) enemy accurately shelled
some of our posns (.) otherwise no change (.)

JEZZINE area (.) ref LEVAIT 1/50,000 (.) our pl at KHARATT
13951807 counterattacked by 200 enemy night 24/25 Jun (.)
result not yet reported (.) two coys TUVI at 13751805 were
also attacked and forced withdraw (.) otherwise no change (.)

coastal sector (.) RU and our arty still shelling DAMOUR
defences (.) enemy reported holding line from 12981848 to
13691870 (.) our tps actively patrolling (.)

morning Tac/R reports (.) 10 MT only on rd HASBAYA - HASHAA (.)
45 LT dispersed off rd DILAS - JDEIDE (.) two bty posns
located near rd junc 179185

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SITREP 15 (.) DAMASCUS area (.) FF ho: pt 1367 205192
and are attacking towards SAID NAYA (.) UPEF and HUFF
on line 187185 - 185181 - 181178 (.) coy PEXO at 180180 held
up by arty fire from area 178183 (.) no other change (.)
EA bombed city about 0400 hrs (.) damage believed slight
but no accurate report yet received (.) MERDJAYOUN area (.)
situation secure (.) hy enemy arty and MG fire on IDELES
SAKI (.) our cav patrols on rt flank in touch enemy cav (.)
120 Circassians surrendered (.) JEZZINE area (.) no change (.)
COASTAL sector (.) two Vichy naval vessels came down coast
in afternoon and shelled NEVI (.) enemy arty also shelled
our fwd tps (.) CB action in progress (.) otherwise
nothing to report (.) afternoon Tac/R reports nil

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SITREP 16 (.) DAMASCUS area (.) 13 FF Bde entered QASTAL
239220 and have one coy on rd 3 miles south NEBEK 231243 (.)
SAID NAYA 209195 has been occupied (.) DUET with two coys
PEXO in left made slight advances only in centre and on left (.)
TOPO had 5 guns knocked out north of COL DE YAAFOUR 188174 by
hy CB fire and withdrew to south (.) hy arty fire also from
rd block 185181 (.) PEXO less two coys at QATANA (.) above
up to 1945 hrs 25 jun (.) later reports not available (.)
MERDJAYOUN area (.) enemy reported on line astride rd from
140163 SE along fwd slopes to FERDISSE 144160 (.) JEZZINE
area (.) no change (.) COASTAL sector (.) LUPA and DASA
moved fwd to line of wadi north of KASSOUBA 122194 (.)
slight EA activity (.) morning Tac/R reports nil

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SITREP 17 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) no report received (.)

MERDJAYOUNI sector (.) our tps are attacking JISREL HABANI
142163 (.) otherwise no change (.)

JEZZINE sector (.) no change in posn (.) DUKU report our fire
effective (.)

coastal sector (.) strong offensive patrol activity especially
by MORO against SHIFA 127185 (.) otherwise no change in
situation (.) no damage or casualties from EA action this
morning (.)

afternoon Tac/R reports (.) two lines of digging parallel to
ZEBEDANI rd (.) one on each side (.) 220 MT dispersed off rd
about 178185 with 4 AA guns nearby (.) other movement normal

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DAMASCUS area (.) patrols from HUFF and PEXO got well fwd afternoon
26 Jun (.) enemy arty fire much reduced (.) appears probable
enemy preparing evacuate posn (.) DUET ordered to push fwd night
26/27 Jun (.) PEXO met opposition but now hold part of JEEL
LAZAR 180182 (.) HUFF continues to advance (.) to north FFF
captured NEDEK 26 Jun (.) DAMASCUS landing ground MGD by 3 EA
0545 hrs today (.) no damage or casualties (.)

MEERDJAYOUN sector (.) HUTA and FUME attacked this morning and captured first objective (.) later by enemy opposition forced them withdraw original posns (.)

JEZZINE sector (.) no change (.)

costal sector (.) MORO occupied CHEHIM 127188 and MAZBOUD 127187 by 0430 hrs (.) some opposition by tanks and armd Cs overcome (.) LUPA and DASA reached objectives ES SAADIYATE 122195 and ES SAYAR 123195 at 2300 hrs 26 Jun and still occupy them 1200 hrs (.) lt opposition only (.) RN shelling TAMOUR (.)

morning Tac/R reports (.) large number MT approx 200 still in area
near rd between MAZAR posn and KASHAA (.) elsewhere movement
normal

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SITREP 19 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) operations are in progress (.)
detailed sitrep being brought back by LO not yet available (.)

MERDJAYOUNH sector (.) no change (.)

JEZZINE sector (.) intermittent shelling only (.)

coastal sector (.) our tps are consolidating on posns reported
this morning (.)

afternoon Tac/R reports (.) not yet available

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SITREP 20 (.) DAMASCUS Sector (.) JEBEL MAZAR front (.) UPEF
 HUFF and PEXO attacked 27 Jun (.) two coys PEXO captured summit
 179181 (.) HUFF seized lower slopes same feature (.) enemy
 counter attacked successfully about 1500 hrs and forced our tps
 back to original defensive posn 188184 - 186181 - 182177 (.)
 one coy PEXO failed extricate itself (.) northern area (.)
 FFF occupy QTAIFE and yesterday captured NEBEK (.) otherwise
 no change (.)

Other sectors (.) no change in situation (.) intermittent
 shelling and patrol activity only (.)

morning Tac/R reports (.) 70 MT area rd junc 129184 (.) 60 MT
 between 172191 and 174196 (.) 35 MT moving on tracks and rd
 between HASBAYA and KASNA

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SITREP 21 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) MAZAR front (.) no
change in situation (.) HUFF reported in new posn (.)
all quiet except for shelling near DUET (.) railway
DEIR QANOUN 187185 has been blown (.) other sectors (.)
no change (.) afternoon Tac/R reports (.) br 12371969
blown with rd blocks north side river (.) one tank approaching
DAMOUR at 124203 (.) otherwise NMS

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SITREP 22 (.)

DAMASCUS sector (.) MAZAR front (.) no change in situation (.)
 unidentified tp movement 0800 hrs area RAS EL AIN 179177 (.)
 most of PEXO reported cut off 27 Jun have since come in (.)
 some EA activity yesterday (.) QATANA and AARTOUZ bombed (.)
 one EA shot down 0530 hrs on rd near ADSAYA 195178 (.)

MERDJAYOUN area (.) no change in situation (.) cav patrols
 reported no enemy in KAHR HAMAME 144157 but found RACHAYA EL
 FOKHAR 143158 held (.) lt shelling near KHAM (.)

JEZZINE area (.) no change (.)

Coastal sector (.) patrols LUPA and DASA gained OPs overlooking
 DAMOUR defences (.) FDLs now on line ES SADIYATT-ES SIYAR -
 EL FESTE QANIYE - ER REZANIYE (.) enemy shelling increased on
 whole front last 24 hrs (.) arty and RN shelled DAMOUR defences
 (.) MORO holding pt 746 12781879 in contact with enemy (.)
 1800 hrs 28 jun enemy horsed cav patrol moved from MEJDALOUNA
 12371848 to JAMLIH 12741854 (.) counter measures taken (.)

morning tac/R reports (.) approx 60 MT dispersed area rd junc
 179184 but no fresh digging (.) otherwise NMS

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SITREP 23 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) HAZAR front (.) nothing to
 report (.) 13 FF Ede have made contact with enemy estimated one
 Pl inf 2 guns 3 tanks 5 armd cars at DEIR AATIYE 246239 (.)
 otherwise no change in situation (.)
 MERDJAYOUN sector (.) no change (.)
 JEZZINE sector (.) we reached hill 1332 13781805 (.) opposition
 from mortar bombs only (.) patrols now proceeding towards KHARATT
 13951802 (.)
 COASTAL sector (.) no change (.)
 afternoon Tac/R reports (.) nil

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SITREP 24 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) MAZAR front (.) situation unchanged (.) arty OP reports small enemy movement area 179180 (.) hostile shelling night 29/30 jun 2030 hrs in DIMAS area and 0655 hrs in area 189183 (.) otherwise nothing to report (.) NORTHERN area (.) enemy est 2 lorried inf coys 1 bty arty 14 AFVs attacked NEBEK dawn 30 jun (.) attack driven off (.) enemy patrols in QTAIFE area also driven off (.) MERDJAYOUN sector (.) no reports received (.) JEZZINE sector (.) fighting patrol YADU found enemy posns at pts 1284 13741802 and 1332 13781806 vacated morning 29 jun (.) 1100 hrs secs sent to occupy them (.) sec at 1332 later withdrew to 1284 feature owing to mortar fire (.) today pt 1332 re-occupied and KHARATT was captured (.) enemy still holding ground north of WADI MAGRAT area 139181 (.) COASTAL sector (.) further consolidation in fwd posns (.) MORO have consolidated in DARAYA and AANOUT (.) RN shelling DAMOUR defences (.) morning Tac/R reports (.) 97 MT dispersed in groups in general area from HAZRAA 176182 to TELKIYE 183187 (.) elsewhere small movement only (.) enemy gun posn 176183 apparently heavily shelled

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SITREP 25 (.) DANASCUS sector (.) situation unchanged on MAZAR front (.) FFF have made no further contact with enemy (.)

MERDJAYOUN sector (.) relief of BERRYFORCE by WICK in progress (.) situation quiet (.)

JEZZINE sector (.) intermittent shell fire (.) no change on northern front but patrols from YADU active NE of KHARATT (.) patrol from WUVI met enemy gp area 140178 and took 14 PSW identified from 1/6 LE (.) further details not yet available (.)

Coastal sector (.) patrol activity in front of our FDLs (.) at 394 12551956 occupied by DASA after successful action night 29/30 Jun (.) on right flank cav patrols occupied MAZRAAT ED DAHR 129184 and EL JLEILIYE 130185 and contacted enemy at EL MTOLLE 132186 (.) after sharp engagement our cav still hold EL JLEILIYE (.)

afternoon Tac/R reports (.) normal movement only on coastal area

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SITREP 26 (.)

DAMASCUS sector (.) enemy attack on NEBEK afternoon 30 jun driven off by counter attack (.) 3 enemy tanks knocked out 1 captured in running order (.) 1300 hrs convoy coming from PALMYRA turned round and went back NE (.) Free French armd C recce evening 30 jun from QTAIFE to COLAT 29 km NE of NASRIYE reached NASRIYE without incident (.) yesterday considerable movement of mules NW YAAFOUR 182176 (.) SABBOURA shelled 1400 hrs (.)

MERDJAYOUN sector (.) light shelling areas KHIAM and IBELES SAKI morning 30 jun (.) further shelling rd 138158 approx 1630 hrs (.)

JEZZINE sector (.) yesterday enemy arty active rd JEZZINE - ROUM (.) 1400 hrs enemy shelled high ground area 133179 and ZHALTA rd (.)

COASTAL sector (.) DASA now holding pt 394 at 12551956 (.) MORO continues penetration eastward and reported yesterday afternoon vicinity HASROUT 13151885 (.) enemy opposition encountered (.)

Tac/R this morning reports br about 125196 blown

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 VOSU FAIL RUTU TIKA KEFU CCRA CSO GOC G I
 G3(Air) A Q SLO CE DDST DDES ADOS AFH DADPS
 E Coy Gd Bn 13 Corps Sigs BGS (BB WD -2 G2I)

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SITREP 27 (.) DALASCUS sector (.) nothing further to report (.)

MERDJAJOUN sector (.) no change (.)

JEZZINE sector (.) YADU patrolling towards WADI MAGRAT (.)
 enemy shelled WUVI area morning and afternoon no damage
 or casualties (.) our arty shelled EL MTOLLE 1300 hrs (.)

COASTAL sector (.) patrols established south bank R DALOUR (.)
 patrols GIF1 at MAZRAAT EB DEIR reported enemy in EL JLEILIYE
 and EL MTOLLE (.) both places shelled causing enemy to
 evacuate former which was then occupied by patrol GIF1 (.)
 patrols DONE occupied HASROUT without interference (.)
 intermittent shelling on fwd areas NEVI (.)

Tac/R which covered rd NASRIYE (250214) EL QARYATEIN (290253)
 PALMYRA and tracks between this and HOMS - QTAIFFE rd reported
 as follows (.) 6 LT dispersed 285248 (.) landing ground with
 wireless masts and hangar at 282272 (.) balance of area NMS (.)
 all informed

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 G3 (Air) A Q SLO CE DDST DDLS ADOS APM DADPS
 E Coy Gd Bn 13 Corps Sigs EGS (BR WD-2 621)

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SITREP 28 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) patrols UPEF night 30 Jun/1 Jul reported no enemy seen DIMAS 183183 DEIR QAKOUN 187185 BARADA 185187 (.) Free French recce patrols on 30 Jun and 1 Jul to NE NASRIYE returned with nothing to report (.) recce patrol yesterday to establish liaison with VARI fired on at SABA BIAR 331204 (.) CTAG reports all quiet night 1/2 Jul (.)

MERDJAYOUN sector (.) slight shelling KHAM area yesterday afternoon otherwise nothing further to report (.)

JEZZINE sector (.) YADU patrols active (.) unconfirmed reports suggest offensive enemy action (.)

COASTAL sector (.) no change general situation (.) MAZRAAT EB DEIR reported reoccupied by enemy (.) all informed

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VOSU FAIL RUTU KEFU CCRA TIKA CSO GOC G I G3(Air)
A Q SLO CE DDST DDMS ADOS APM DADPS E Coy Gd Bn
13 Corps Sigs BGS - (BB WD(2) G2(i))

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SITREP 29 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) BAKE area quiet night
1/2 Jul (.) enemy inf hold outskirts DEIR AAQIYE 247239 (.)
JIREDJIR 236238 not held by enemy but is patrolled by them
at night (.) information received by KISA of 12 tanks NW
of DEIR AAQIYE and 8 AFVs in JEBEL dominating QARA 244245 (.)
OWAG reports slight local activity between patrols on CORE
left otherwise no change (.) MERDJAYOUN JEZZINE and COASTAL
sectors no change (.) air recce today at 1730 hrs over sea
west of BEYROUTH and TYR and south of TYR reports no movement
of ships seen (.) all informed

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 VOSU FAIL RUTU KEFU CCRA TIKA CSO GOC G I G3(Air)
 A Q SLO CE DDST DDMS ADOS AFM DADPS E Coy Gd Bn
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SITREP 30 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) northern front nothing further to report (.) HAZAR front (.) quiet afternoon but increased shelling whole front night 1/2 jul (.) 1700 hrs yesterday no abnormal movement rd TEKIYE 182187 to ZESEDANI 184198 (.) enemy cav patrols on ridge area MADAYA 184195 and HOUREIRE 187193 (.) MT movement 1851 1868 (.) MERDJAYOUN sector (.) recce patrol to 139161 reported enemy in posn there (.) fighting patrol along river LITANI to 137164 night 1/2 jul encountered no enemy (.) JEZZINE sector (.) quiet night (.) yesterday patrol YADU held up at 137181 (.) COASTAL sector (.) enemy arty fire increased past 24 hrs (.) our patrols encountered enemy patrols and some fighting reported (.) during night 1/2 jul patrols LUPA and DASA reconnoitred possible crossings over river DAMOUR (.) patrol DONE entered JEILIYE 131185 and captured one prisoner (.) Tac/R 0700 hrs today reports 46 MT dispersed area JDLIDE 172190 (.) 23 MT and 2 armd Cs dispersed area DAHR EL AHLAR 160177 (.) NMS along rd from rd junc 179184 to BAALBEK and tracks to east (.) all informed

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A Q SLO CE DDST DDHS ADOS APM DADPS E Coy Gd Bn
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SITREP 31 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) nothing further to report (.)
MERDJAYOUN sector (.) movement at 1395 1615 engaged by our
arty (.) enemy building OP and MG posts on ridge 1395 1590 (.)
all units had signal lines cut during night 2/3 jul (.)
JEZZINE sector (.) no further reports (.)
COASTAL sector (.) GOLE reports that of three big guns ABEY
131200 area shelled by navy only two remain (.) all informed

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SITREP 32 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) northern front no report received
(.) MAZAR front (.) heavy shelling DUET front 1300 and 1630 hrs
yesterday after our guns had opened fire (.) patrols investigating
MT reported at 18741953 (.) SLAP encountered enemy yesterday
QATANA area one offr one OR killed (.) night 3/4 Jul quiet (.)
MERDJAYOUN sector (.) enemy shelled areas 13551550 and 136155
yesterday afternoon (.) BOURQUOZ 139165 reported clear of enemy
but covered by fire (.)
JEZZINE sector (.) yesterday enemy shelled JEZZINE and feature
1284 at 13731802 (.) patrol entered WADI NAGRAT where Wadi cuts
escarpment east of main rd (.) no enemy found here nor at suspected
gun position about 13781830 (.) patrol proceeding to investigate.
report of enemy just south of BAHAMINE 137183 (.) ARAY 137182
reported clear of enemy (.)
COASTAL sector (.) HUTA holds JLEILIYE 131186 (.) DONE has reached
objective pt 832 at 13201865 pt 814 at 13221873 (.) our arty
continues to harrass enemy DAMOUR area (.) enemy patrols active
on south bank of river DAMOUR (.) all informed

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SITREP 33 (.)

DAMASCUS sector (.) sqn of SLAP reached QARIATEINE 290253 this morning and found it clear (.) 5 Armd Cs fled along track running west several kilos from the town (,) 2 European prisoners and one Armd C captured early today JIRE DJIR 236237 (.)

MERDJAYOUN sector (.) marked movement area 139162 1900 to 2030 hrs 3 jul (.) heavy shelling this morning on KHIAM fort and area NE of MERDJAYOUN (.)

JEZZINE sector (.) patrol sent out last night to area just south of BAHAMINE reported no enemy seen (.)

COASTAL sector (.) last night skirmishes occurred between our own and enemy patrols south of river DAMOUR (.) WUVI concentrating forward area in rear of LUPA and DASA (.) our forces occupied EL MTOLLE about 1500 hrs today and are now moving NE along rd to RHARIFE 134189 (.) contact has been established between HUTA and DONE (.) Br north of RHARIFE reported blown (.)

Gist of report of Tac/R 0600 hrs today follows (.) 17 aircraft on BAALBEK aerodrome (.) defensive location at 18051834 and 181185 being extended and 114 MT in area extending from these localities to MAZRAA 178182 (,) 51 MT around JDEIDE 172190 (.) 20 MT and 3 Armd Cs dispersed 158175 (,)

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SITREP 34 (.) DAMASOUS sector (.) northern front (.) patrol of
SLAP which entered QUARIATIENE yesterday morning well received
by inhabitants (.) night 4/5 jul quiet (.) OFAG front (.) relief
of HUFF by MOBE completed night 4/5 jul (.) heavy enemy arty
concentrations area 184178 at 0815 hrs today (.) SLAP reports
130 men and some mules and MT area 174169 at 1600 hrs yesterday (.)
CORE area normal (.)
MERDJAYOUN sector (.) WICK reports HASBAYA vacated by enemy as
result of our arty fire but enemy still holds previous positions
outside the town (.)
JEZZINE sector (.) vigorous patrolling (.) progress made among
hills north of WADI NAGRAT (.)
MTOLLE sector (.) DONE occupied RHARIFE 134169 by 0700 hrs
5 jul (.) TIDU captured 7 prisoners and some MG's during advance
through area EL JLEILIYE (.) Bridge at 13311901 north of RHARIFE
reported blown (.)
COASTAL sector (.) one of our recon patrols crossed river DAMOUR (.)
successful bombardment DAMOUR defences by navy 1300 hrs 4 jul (.)
Tag/R 0615 hrs today reports NMS rd BAALBEK to ZAHLE (.) NMS rd
MASNAA 167196 to RACHAYA 160173 (.)
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 G3 (Air) A Q SLO CE DDST DDMS ADOS APM DADPS E Coy
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SITREP 35 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) nothing further to report (.)
 MERDJAYOUN sector (.) patrol entered RACHAYA EL FOUMAR last
 night and had to fight way out (.) REHU patrol sent out yesterday
 morning reported AIN JERFA 145161 FERDISSE 144160 HEDJARIYE
 146159 CHOUAYA 147162 occupied by enemy but KAFR CHEBAA 145155
 unoccupied (.) curfew imposed WICK area (.)

JEZZINE MTOLLE and COASTAL sectors no further reports received (.)

our planes successfully bombed CHATEAU BEIT ED DINE 0950 hrs
 today (.)

Tac/R 1200 hrs today reports no bridges from MERDJAYOUN to CAMP
 DE QARAOUN 146181 (.) rd badly blown at K in KAHLOUHIYE 134191 (.)
 Br at CAMP DE QARAOUN intact (.) all informed

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SITREP 36 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) northern front (.) KISA patrol met BIPI patrol at QARIATIENE 1800 hrs yesterday (.) patrol to JIRE JIRU 236238 found village evacuated (.) MAZAR front (.) slightly increased shelling yesterday otherwise situation normal (.)

MERDJAYOUN sector (.) 4 missing from patrol to BOURQUOZ night 4/5 Jul (.) another patrol located enemy post BOURQUOZ area (.) our arty concentrations on area RACHAYA EL FOKHAR last night (.)

JEZZINE sector (.) general situation quiet yesterday afternoon (.) report from ZUZE received this morning states approximately 80 enemy moved into YUHMOUR 143172 and have NOT moved (.) situation today generally quiet (.)

COASTAL sector (.) attack launched by NEVI (.) DASA took EL BOUM 0705 hrs (.) WUVI established rd block at 127195 (.) enemy shelling rd in 122196 stopping movement to the river (.) engineers under fire at bridge site 12371968 (.) later report timed 1200 hrs states DASA has three coys fwd on first objective namely track from 12701976 to 12561975 (.) reserve coy moving up and now north of river (.) fwd tps LUPA previously reported just south of MAR MIKHAIL 12451982 now stated to be probably much further south (.) this report states LUPA right coy just south of 12471972 (.) centre coy north of river loop 12431973 (.) third coy in olive gro on south bend of river and out of touch at present (.) reserve coy south of centre coy (.) one enemy tank entering DAMOUR from north engaged by our arty (.) no result reported (.) all informed

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SITREP 37 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) YAAFOUR shelled 0600 hrs this morning (.) DUET patrols last night made no contact with enemy (.) MERDJAYOUN sector (.) nothing further to report (.) JEZZINE sector (.) tp DROV working along rd from EL MTOLLE to BEIKOUN 136187 (.) inf patrols working overland to pt 987 at 13491870 and pt 984 at 13551890 (.) COASTAL sector (.) reported 1645 hrs DASA on second objective line ER ROUMAINE pt 212 at 12571980 and proceeding to third at DARAYA (.) LUPA in WADI HAMRA (.) none of our troops in wooded area west of rd (.) later report states DASA have reached or are about to reach track line pt 355 at 12691991 to 1000 yds SW (.) position LUPA unchanged but stabilized (.) enemy positions in wooded area about 123197 defined and our arty engaging (.) general situation satisfactory (.) Tac/R machine this morning attacked by two DEWOITINE fighters (.) pilot unhurt but aircraft severely damaged (.) Tac/R 1130 hrs reports NMS rds and tracks north of BEIT ED DINE and rds and tracks south of BEIRUT (.) all informed

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G3 (Air) A Q SLO CL DDST DDMS ADOS APM DADFS E Coy
Gd Bn 13 Corps Sigs (33 ED(2) G3 (I))

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SITREP 38 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) patrols confirm DELIRATIVE
247239 free of enemy (.) otherwise situation normal (.)

MERDJAYCUN sector (.) area 137157 shelled yesterday evening (.)
our patrols active (.) JLAZINE sector (.) DONE moving on BEIKOUN
and high ground east of RHARIFE (.) reported 1000 hrs today YADU
vicinity BATER ECH CHOUF 13931853 with some elements hill 1032
to NW at 13901862 (.) ZUZE SE of BATER ECH CHOUF (.) at midnight
last night rear elements enemy vicinity AAHATOUR 13851895 (.) SSG
br 13921849 completed 0630 hrs today (.)

COASTAL sector (.) DASA now on final objective for yesterday (.)
HEVI preparing push HEVI less two coys through DASA in general
direction north end DAMOUR (.) one coy HEVI at rd block 12801950 (.)
one coy on rd further west (.) coy at rd block sustained 8 attacks
yesterday and last night (.) enemy Armd Cs used (.) WOPU across
river in area SW of EL BOUL (.) not yet being employed (.) LUPA
reorganised during night and now holds posn along track from
12481972 to approx 12401975 (.) pa rolling into groves on left (.)
also elements to east about 12531974 (.) apparently small elements
enemy still interspersed between latter point and main posn LUPA
but situation improving probably owing to attack of remainder HEVI
further north (.) total LUPA casualties 60 incl 3 offrs killed (.)
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 G3(Air) A Q SLG CE DDST DDMS ADOS APH DADPS
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SITREP 39.0. DAMASCUS sector no further reports (.)
 MERDJAYOUNE sector (.) inhabitants area 137165 reported hostile (.)
 JEZINE sector (.) enemy seen AAHATOUR 1200 hrs strength
 unknown (.) YADU dispositions one coy north BATER ECH CHEUF (.)
 two coys to move through and occupy posns at 14031878 and
 13951872 (.) DONE to attack line 13551889 to 13551880 (.)
 enemy arty AATRINE 13471917 (.)
 COASTAL sector (.) at 1800 hrs WUVI less two coys in NAHR
 DAQOUN where fighting is taking place (.) PEXO at pt 355 and
 DARAYA just south of NAHR DAQOUN (.) WOPU will push on to
 objectives to night (.) considerable shell fire today into
 EL BOUH area from DIRECTION ABLY (.) about 1730 hrs heavy
 shellfire into southern portion of wooded area near coast (.)
 crossing about 12561964 can be made feasible and A Tk guns
 will be passed across tonight (.) 47 Ps^W up to present

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G3(Air) A Q SLO CL DDST DDMS DDOS AF. DADS
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SITREP 40 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) northern front nothing to report
(.) MAZAR front (.) some enemy shelling yesterday afternoon (.)
cav patrol reports no enemy seen AFM 192190 (.) night 7/8 jul
quiet (.)
HINDJANOU sector (.) intermittent enemy shelling yesterday (.)
patrols report two small wooden bridges and two fords over river
LITANI between BIRDIHI and HINDJANOU (.)
JEZLINE sector (.) reported 0900 hrs DAVY in defensive posn
13601870 (.) coy ZUMI attacking features 1015 at 13521097 and
984 at 13551889 held up (.) enemy HGs holding out feature 873
at 13601877 (.) enemy reported BS SUMQANIL and 13411905 (.)
COASTAL sector (.) br 12381969 over river DAMOUR in posn yesterday
evening (.) late yesterday forward to NEAN about 199 grid line (.)
report timed 0900 hrs states VATA reached line at 569 at
12842008 pt 353 at 12682007 yesterday and were counter attacked
about dusk (.) VATA met IC fire from right (.) since then their
W/T set out of operation all night (.) VIBA was counter attacked
about same time on hill 560 at 12761980 (.) both our tns and
enemy are on hill and our arty shelling eastern side (.) enemy
still in orange groves on coast (.) one A Tk gun has been got
through to rd block 12801950 and work commenced on crossing
12551964 (.) between 0600 and 0700 hrs this morning our fighter
aircraft included ADM in their sweep (.) all informed

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WEPT EDDA NOON JULY MAKE CCRA CSO GOC BGS G I
G3 (Air) A Q SLO CE DDST DDMS ADOS APM DADPS
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SITREP 41 (.) DAMASCUS and MERDJAYOUN sectors(.) nothing further to report (.)

JEZZINE sector (.) PAIR front (.) two coys PAIR engaging enemy vicinity pt 1041 at 13921874 (.) HULK disposed of weak opposition MROUSTI 143188 and captured 6 PSW (.) HULK to reconnoitre MASSER ECH CHOUF 144193 (.) our arty registering BAADARANE 139189 (.) one coy PAIR to attack BAADARANE this afternoon (.) BATER ECH CHOUF shelled this morning (.) ZUNI front (.) ZUNI attack developing on MAZRAA ECH CHOUF from west and SW (.) three tps HULK operating ZUNI area (.)

DAMOUR sector (.) SANG reached objective pt 569 at 12842006 at 0930 hrs (.) at 1400 hrs UGUT on objective general line DEIR MAR JIRIOS 126202 EL NAAME 125202 BAAL EL NAAME (.) covering rd north of DAMOUR with small arms fire (.) patrols established rd blocks about 124202 and 124201 (.) left coy SANG moving NW from vicinity pt 569 at 12842006 to contact UGUT at DEIR MAR JIRIOS (.) no reports present position WEAN (.) crossing 12551964 anticipated ready for MT 1700 hrs (.)

Tac/R this afternoon reports NMS all rds and tracks out of BEIT ED DINE (.) all informed

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SITREP 42 (.) DAMASCUS area MAZAR front and MERDJAYOUN sector (.)
situation unchanged and nothing to report (.)
JEZZINE sector (.) ZUNI captured MAZRAA ECH CHOUF (136189)
afternoon 8 jul and are exploiting beyond village (.) PAIR
continued advance beyond BATER ECH CHOUF (139185) and met some
opposition (.) enemy hold BAADARANE (139189) (.) HULK occupied
MROUSTI (141187) and hill 1158 (142188) (.)
COASTAL sector (.) DAMOUR village completely occupied this morning (.)
our tps now hold poen astride coast rd near KARACOL (125204) (.)
SANG captured 5 75s near BAOUARDCHE (12852006) about 0330 hrs in
addition to four guns captured yesterday (.) ONTO was again counter-
attacked on hill 560 (12771981) yesterday afternoon and forced
with-draw slightly (.) situation completely restored this morning (.)
SLID in QUADI DAQOUN (126199) captured 80 PsW (.) further counter
attack on rd block at 1280 1950 repulsed

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SITREP 43 (.) DAMASCUS area and MAZAR front (.) situation unchanged and nothing to report (.)

MERDJAYOUN sector (.) patrol activity by both sides and some MG fire last night and today (.) CHEBAA 150157 reported evacuated by enemy and will be occupied by HEMA tonight (.) village at 13601655 also reported clear of enemy but protected by fire from 13701664 (.)

JEZZINE sector (.) ZUNI has come up against enemy posts and is making very little progress (.) PAIR at 13891852 A coy 14031878 B coy 14131872 C coy NIHA 13981842 D coy 13951858 (.) NIGA at JEZZINE A coy 13951802 B coy 13301754 C coy 13821780 D coy 13911775 (.) ZUNI at 13221888 A C coys MAZRAA ECH CHOUF D coy 13721881 (.) CHAR A coy 13381880 C coy 13301864 (.)

COASTAL sector (.) advanced tps EMPY established KHALDE 127207 and patrolling towards CHOUEIFAT 131208 (.) MOSS encountered rd block covered by arty and SA fire near 12582048 and withdrew slightly (.) NOT proposed to make further advance tonight (.) recces proceeding with view obtaining infm re routes eastwards towards high ground about ABEY 131220 and also along rd DALASCUS - BEIT ED DINE (.) present locations VATA and VIBA (.) UGUT area 125201 incl coast rd (.) SANG on high ground NE DAMOUR 128200 (.) ONTO about hill 560 and EL BOUM (.) WEAN on both sides DAMOUR river about 124197 (.) SLID about 125199 (.) captures include 17 guns 3 tanks 5 Armd Cs and about 1000 PsW

John P. Smith
 Lt Col
 ICW

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 addressees underlined
 all others by DR in clear

T00 1900

To - LAMP EMPY IBEN APAD WORE ISAT VIKO OSDA GLUM LULO
WEPT EDDA MOCH JULY MAKE CCRA CSO GOC BGS G I
G3 (Air) A Q SLO CE DEST DDMS ADOS APM DADPS
E Coy Gd Bn 13 Corps Sigs (BB 15(2) G3 (I))

From - BECA

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SITREP 44 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) MAZAR front (.) IBEN attack launched on JABAL HABIL and JABAL MAZAR features (.) at 0630 hrs everything going according to plan but little detail available (.) report received 1000 hrs stated exact posn fwd tps still a little obscure but generally on line of objective except on extreme right (.) OP reported considerable enemy movement to the west from west end of ZOHRIE village ridge about 18401854 (.)

MERDJAYOUN sector (.) inhabitants reported most of enemy moved out during night (.) patrols sent to verify held up (.) UFEB occupying KAFR CHEBAA 145155 (.)

JEZZINE sector (.) situation yesterday evening ZUNI and CHAR holding high ground north and east of MAZRAA ECH CHOUF hill 894 at 13551880 and BEIKOUN (.) on PAIR front enemy holding out pt 1041 at 13921875 (.) our arty engaging enemy BAADARANE and EL KHAREBE 14151904 (.) enemy appear to hold MACHRHARA in some strength (.)

COASTAL sector (.) enemy recce plane over DAMOUR area this morning and area has been bombed three times since (.) patrol has reached ABEY 131200 and two coys moving to ABEY due to arrive between 1400 and 1500 hrs today (.) locations VIBA 12441985 VATA 12501999 (.)

Tac/R 0730 hrs this morning reports NMS area MACHRHARA to JDITA 160209 (.)

correction to SITREP 43 last line (.) instead of 1000 PsW it is now confirmed about 143 PsW have been counted into BECA cage at TYRE (.) all informed

Al. Thompson
for Lt-col
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TOO ~~1900~~ 1200

To - BAMP EMPY IBEN AFAD WORE ISAT VIKO OSDA CLUM LULO
WEPT EDDA HOCH JULY LAITE CCRA CSO GOC 3GS G I
G3(Air) A Q SLO CE DDST DDES ADOS APM DADPS
E Coy Gd Bn 13 Corps Sigs (BB 10(2) G3(1))

From - BECA

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SITREP 45 (.) DAMASCUS sector (.) IBEN holds pt 1225 at 185184
DINAS 183183 and line of crest of J HAZAR (.) attack on ZORIE
184164 by bn AFAD failed (.) AFAR to attack north of main rd
but probably not before tonight (.) DEFI probably fwd on left
but not confirmed (.)

LERDJAYOUN sector (.) enemy attacked CHEHAA early today and
occupied village (.) HEMA now occupies general line BOURQOUZ -
AACHAYA EL FOKHAR and is attempting regain CHEHAA (.) HEMA
intended push fwd 1630 hrs in pursuit of enemy who appear to
be retiring (.)

JEZZINE sector (.) attack on BAADARAHE last night failed but
hill about 139182 secured (.) this morning AAFATOUR ridge
was captured but counter attack pushed our tps back to original
posns (.)

COASTAL sector (.) advanced tps EMPY withdrew slightly last
night (.) at approx 1630 hrs today our inf about 126206 and
making good progress (.) all informed

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Al H. H. H. H. H. IMMEDIATE only to
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To - LAMP EMPY IBEN APAD WORE ISAT VIKO OSDA GLUM LULO
 WEPT EDDA NOON JULY HAKE CCRA CSQ GOC BGS G I
 G3(Air) A Q SLO CE DDST 'DDMS ADOS APH DADPS
 E Coy Gd Bn 13 Corps Sigs (BB WD (2) G3 (I))

From - BECA

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SITREP 46 (.) DAHASCUS sector (.) DEFI withdrew yesterday from left flank and was replaced last night by coy RUGO (.) during night AFAR replaced one bn APAD (.) AFAR secured pt 1293 at 183184 and EZ ZOHRIE (.) enemy arty fire increased last night and early this morning evident preparing counter attack our new posns on J MAZAR (.) at 0800 hrs enemy captured pt 1455 at 180181 and hard fighting going on around pt 1404 at 181182 where ROCK reported to have suffered heavy casualties (.)

MERDJAYOUN sector (.) yesterday advance of two columns HEMA pushing north delayed by rd blocks and booby traps (.) these removed and inf patrols occupied line HASBAYA - QILLIYE 143167 (.) GOVE reached DNEIBE 149169 this morning (.) MUSE vicinity YOHMOUR 143172 last night (.)

JEZZINE sector (.) no change (.)

COASTAL sector (.) SLID occupied ABEY and KEFER MATTA 1530 hrs yesterday (.) enemy hold AIN DRAFIL 129202 (.) attack on UGUT south of KHALDE yesterday evening driven off with much aid from div cav (.) all informed

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To : LAMP EMPY IBEN APAD WORE ISAT VIKO OSDA GLUM LULO HEMA
 REPT EDDA NOON JULY MAKE OCRA OSO GOC BGS G I
 G3(Air) A Q SLO CE DEST DDMS ADOS APM DADPS
 E Coy Gd Bn 13 Corps Sigs (BB WD(2) G3(I))

From : BECA

O 790

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SITREP 47 (1) DAMASCUS sector (.) APAD has occupied DEIR AATIYE
 246239 and QARA 244245 (.) No enemy seen (.) on IBEN front enemy
 had launched several counter attacks by 1600 hrs today and we had
 lost pt 1455 at 180181 and a considerable portion of the
 EL BEIDAH posn 18311840 (.) at 1600 hrs not known who held pt 1404
 at 18151823 but our tps still on edge of plateau (.)
 MERDJAYOUN sector (.) HEMA advance halted this afternoon on general line
 high ground 153168 - DNEIBE - YOUHMOUR (.) slight enemy shelling
 YOURMOUR area and br at 149169 blown (.) probably no forward move
 before tomorrow (.)
 JEZEINE sector (.) our tps have reached AAMATOUR 139190 (.) our
 arty shelling BEIT ED DINE from coastal area (.)
 COASTAL sector (.) our advanced tps in coastal area south and east
 of 126206 report continuous enemy mortar and arty shelling (.)
 we have tps on high ground about 130204 (.)
 all informed

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 HEMA WEPT EDDA NOON JULY MAKE CCRA CSO GOC BGS
 G I G3(Air) A Q SLO CE DDST DDMS ADOS APM
 DADPS E Coy Gd. Bn 13 Corps Sigs (BB(WD(2) G3(1))

From - BECA

O 838

12

SITREP 48 (.) GENERAL (.) armistice as from 0001 hrs 12 jul (.)
 Vichy envoy arrived at EMPY post on main rd BEYROUTH-HAIFA on
 time this morning and terms at present being discussed (.)
 DAMASCUS sector (.) APAD front (.) patrol yesterday to BRELGE
 246257 found no enemy (.) our tps now hold HOMEIRA 254248
 QARA 244245 ZAMRANI 227243 (.) IBEN front (.) hostilities ceased
 at midnight last night (.) our tps holding present posns (.)
 MERDJAYOUN sector (.) enemy shelling ceased about 0200 hrs
 otherwise nothing further to report (.)
 JEZZINE sector (.) enemy reported holding line MAASSER ECH
 CHOUP - EL KHEIBE - MOUNHTARA (.) NIGA moving vicinity NIHA
 140184 yesterday afternoon (.) report timed 1000 hrs today
 states enemy shelling ZUL area at approx rate 40 rds each hour (.)
 a series fell at 0945 hrs (.)
 COASTAL sector (.) in view of armistice our tps holding present
 posns but no offensive action (.) sporadic enemy shelling
 continued until approx 0350 hrs today but report at 0610 hrs
 stated no enemy shelling since (.) enemy fire thought to be
 due to information failing to reach the Vichy tps concerned (.)
 situation now quiet (.) all informed

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To - LAMP EMPY IBEN APAD WORE ISAT VIKO OSDA GLDM LULO
HEMA WEPT EDDA NOON JULY MAKE CCRA CSO GOC BGS
G I G3(Air) A Q SLO CE DDST DDMS ADOS APM
DADPS E Coy Gd Bn 13 Corps Sigs (BB WD(2) G3(I))

From - BECA

O 812

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SITREP 49 (.) DAMASCUS and MERDJAYOUN sectors nothing further to report (.)

JEZZINE sector (.) enemy shelling ZUNI area ceased about 0945 hrs (.)

COASTAL sector (.) at 1407 hrs two large flashes observed on outskirts of BEYROUTH (.) four or five heavy explosions heard in BEYROUTH today (.) all informed

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for Lt-col
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To - LALR EMFY IBEN APAD WORE ISAT VIKO OSDA GLUM LULO
HEMA WEPT EDDA NGON JULY MAKE CCRA CSO GGS BGS
I- G3(Air) A Q SLO CE DDST DDMS ADOS APL DADPS
E Coy Gd Bn 13 Corps Sigs (3B WD(2) G3(1))

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SITREP 50 (.) nothing further to report (.) all informed

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to - LAMP EMPY IBEN APAD WORE ISAT VIKO OSDA GLUM
 LULO HEMA WEPT EDDA DUES JAFD DING CCRA CSO
 GOC BGS G I G3(Air) A Q SLO CE DDST DDMS ADOS
 APM DADPS E Coy Gd Bn 13 Corps Sigs BB WD(2) G3(1)

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SITREP 51 (.) nothing further to report (.) all informed.

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HEMA WEPT EDDA DUES JAFO DING GCRA OSO GOO SGS
G I G3(A1r) A Q SLO GE DDST DDMS ADOS APM DADPS
E Coy Gd Bn 13 Corps Sigs (SB WD(2) G3(I))

From - BECA

O 832

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SITREP 52 (.) nothing further to report (.) all informed

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Lt-col
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 HEMA WEPT EDDA DUES JAFO DING CCRA CSO GOC BGS G
 I G3(Air) A Q SLO CE DDST DDMS ADOS APM DADFS
 E Coy Gd Bn 13 Corps Sigs (BB WD(2) G3(I))

From : BECA

0 833

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SITREP 53 (.) no change in dispositions reported from any sector (.)
 VATA-report French Engr party disarmed mines on French side rd block
 1800 hrs. 13 jul (.) French Armistice Delegation conducted by GULP
 passed our fwd post going south 0905 hrs 14 jul (.) total Ps. taken
 on Coastal, JEZZINE and MERDJAYOUN sectors since 5 jul now 649 all
 ranks (.) all informed

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HEMA WEPT EDDA DUES JAFQ DING CCRA CSO GOC BGS G
I G3(Air) A Q SLO CE DDST DDMS ADOS APM DADPS
E Coy Gd Bn 13 Corps Sigs (BB WD(2) G3(I))

From: BECA

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SITREP 54 (..) nothing further to report (..) all informed.

Ken A. Brown

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HEMA WEPT EDDA DUES JAFU DING CCRA CSO GCC EGS G
I G3(Air) A Q SLO CE DDST DDES ADOS APN DADPS
E Coy Gd Bn 13 Corps Sigs (BB WD(2) G3(I))

From - DECA

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SITREP 55 (.) HEMA reports bridge 146181 QARAOUN NOT repeat NOT
traversable until 2000 hrs today (.) nothing further to report
other sectors (.) all informed

Janet Dwyer
Lt-Col.
Capt for ICH

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TOO 1900 hrs
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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G. 271

HQ 1 Aust Corps,
15 Jul 41.

ORDER OF BATTLE - FORCE EXPORTER

Ref 1 Aust Corps G.163 of 21 Jun 41; herewith amendments:-

AUSTRALIAN UNITS

6 AUST DIV

Arty

Delete "HQ & 3 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt" and substitute
"3 Bty (less one tp) 1 Aust A Tk Regt".

BRITISH UNITS

Corps Tps

Medical

Below "One sec 7 MAC"
Add "2 CCS".

Miscellaneous

Below "One Mobile Met Unit"
Add "8 Mob Laundry".

Cav Div Units

Delete "One Sqn ROYALS"
Delete "HQ & one bde gp sec 1 Cav Div Wkshops RAOC" and
Substitute "1 Cav Div Wkshops RAOC - One bde gp sec".

FREE FRENCH DIVISION

Delete all detail under this heading and substitute :-

" HQ Free French Div
Circassian Cav.
One sqn Spahis
One Tank Coy
1 Bty Arty
2 Bty Arty
One A/Tk Coy
HQ 1 re Bde
 BM 3
 BM 4
 BLM
HQ 13 me Bde
 BM 1
 BM 2
 Legion
One coy Marines
One group Meharistes
Tpt Coy
Amb Unit

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TJFF

Delete heading and all detail.

HABFORCE

Below "FREE FRENCH DIVISION" and detail insert:-

"HABFORCE"

Came under comd 1 Aust Corps 14 Jul - OOB will be included later."

H Wells 11 Jul
1st Brig
GS 1 Aust Corps.

Distribution

Force HQ P & TJ	(12)
6 Div	(8)
7 Aust Div	(8)
Free French Division	(8)
5 Cav Bde	(1)
84 L of C Area	(1)
"C" Flt 208 Sqn.	(1)
CCRA	(1)
CRE C Tps	(1)
CSO	(3)
GOC	(1)
BGS	(1)
G	(2)
I	(1)
A	(1)
Q	(3)
CE	(1)
AASC	(3)
Medical	(1)
Ord	(3)
Pro	(1)
Postal	(1)
HQ AIF (ME)	(3)
HQ AIF Base Area	(3)
Rear HQ 1 Aust Corps	(1)
HQ 6 Aust Div	(2)
Aust LO, GHQ, ME	(1)
File	(2)
War Diary	(2)
Spare	(10)

ORDER OF BATTLE - FORCE EXPORTER

Amendment No. 4

Ref 1 Aust Corps G163 of 21 Jun 41.

The following amendments are forwarded.

AUSTRALIAN UNITS

Corps Tps

- (a) Arty
Below '2/9 Aust A Fd Regt' insert
'2/11 Aust A Fd Regt'
- (b) Arty 6 Aust Div
Delete '1 Aust A Tk Regt' and substitute
'HQ & 3 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt'

BRITISH UNITS

Corps Tps

- (c) Arty
Delete '212 Med Bty' and substitute
'64 Med Regt'
- (d) Ord
Below '57 Lt AA Wkshon Sec RAOG' insert
'1 Independent Bde Wkshon'
- (e) Div Units
Below '239 Bty RA (60 Fd Regt)' insert
'12 Fd Coy RE'
- (f) Above 'HQ 23 Inf Bde' insert
'HQ 14 Inf Bde
1 Bde's Horse
2 Black Watch
2 Y & L
- (g) Above '16 Inf Bde Gp Coy' insert
'14 Inf Bde Gp Coy RASC'
- (h) Below '16 Inf Bde Gp Coy' insert
'173 Fd Amb'

Amendment No. 4 for Brig.
GS 1 Aust Corps.

Distribution

Force HQ P & TJ	(12)	Medical	(1)
6 Div	(8)	Ord	(3)
7 Aust Div	(8)	Pro	(1)
Free French Division	(8)	Postal	(1)
5 Cav Bde	(1)	HQ AIF (ME)	(3)
84 L of G Area	(1)	HQ AIF Base Area	(3)
"C" Flt 208 Sqn	(1)	Rear HQ 1 Aust Corps	(1)
CCRA	(1)	HQ 6 Aust Div	(2)
QRE C Tps	(1)	Aust LO, GHQ, ME	(1)
OSO	(3)	File	(2)
GOC	(1)	War Diary	(2)
BGS	(1)	Spars	(10)
G	(2)		
I	(1)		
A	(1)		
Q	(3)		
OE	(1)		
AASO	(3)		

ORDER OF BATTLE - FORCE EXPORTER

Amendment No 3

Ref 1 Aust Corps G 163 of 21 Jun 41.

The following amendments are forwarded.

AUSTRALIAN UNITS

Corps Tps

(a) HQ Units

Delete 'one pl Aust HQ Gd Bn' and substitute 'E' Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn'

(b) Arty

Delete '5 Aust Hy AA Bty'

Delete 'one tp 2/1 Aust Svy Regt' and substitute

'2/1 Aust Svy Regt -

F Tp Svy Bty

one F Sp Tp

one S Rg Tp'

(c) Engrs

Below '2/15 Aust A Fd Coy' insert

'2/3 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy'

(d) AASC

Delete 'Det 2 Aust Hy AA Regt Sec AASC' and substitute

'2 Sub Pk 1 Aust Corps Pet Pk

opposite '3 Sub Pk 1 Aust Corps Amn Pk)

3 Aust Sup Fer Sec

delete 'As 7 Aust Div Sup Coln'

and substitute 'As 7 Aust Div Tps Composite Coy AASC'

(e) Medical

Below '2/1 Aust CCS' insert

'2/3 Aust CCS'

(f) Ord

Above '2/3 Aust A Fd Wkshop' insert

'2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop -

4 Rec Sec'

(g) Inf

6 Aust Div

Above '2/3 Aust Inf Bn' insert

'2/2 Aust Inf Bn'

Aust Base & L of C Units

(h) Delete '4 Aust L of C Rec Sec'

BRITISH UNITS

Corps Tps

(i) RASC

Delete '61 Res MT Coy'

Below 'MT Sec PALESTINE Police'

insert '4 Animal Tpt Coy'

Cav Div Units

(j) Above 'CHESHIRE Yeo' insert

'N SOMERSET Yeo'

Div Units

(k) Below '239 Bty RA (60 Fd Regt)' insert
'6 Div Sigs'

Above '23 Bde Gp Coy RASC' insert
'16 Inf Bde Gp Coy (61 Coy) RASC'

5 IND BDE GP

(l) Delete 'E/K Mtn Bty (4 3.7 Hows) and substitute
'J & K Mtn Bty (4 3.7 Hows)'

Delete '5 Ind Inf Bde Gp Composite Coy RASC' and substitute
'5 Ind Inf Bde Gp Composite Coy RIASC'

(m) Delete 'Three Sqns TJFF' and substitute
'TJFF Cav Regt (Horsed)
'TJFF Mech Regt'

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GS 1 Aust Corps.

Distribution

Force HQ, P & TJ	(12)
6 Div	(8)
7 Aust Div	(8)
Free French Division	(8)
5 Cav Bde	(1)
84 L of C Area	(1)
"C" Flt 208 Sqn	(1)
CCRA	(1)
CRE C Tps	(1)
CSO	(3)
GOC	(1)
BGS	(1)
G	(2)
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A	(1)
Q	(3)
CE	(1)
AASC	(3)
Medical	(1)
Ord	(3)
Pro	(1)
Postal	(1)
HQ AIF (ME)	(3)
HQ AIF Base Area	(3)
Rear HQ 1 Aust Corps	(1)
HQ 6 Aust Div	(2)
Aust LO, GHQ, ME	(1)
File	(2)
War Diary	(2)
Spare	(10)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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G. 200

HQ 1 Aust Corps,
30 Jun 41.

ORDER OF BATTLE - FORCE EXPORTER

Amendment No. 2

1. Ref 1 Aust Corps G.163 of 21 Jun 41.
The following amendments are forwarded.

AUSTRALIAN UNITS

Corps Tps

- (a) Arty
Below "HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps" insert "2/9 Aust A Fd Regt"
- (b) Engrs
Below "2/9 Aust A Fd Coy" insert "2/14 Aust A Fd Coy"
- (c) Miscellaneous
Below "1 Aust Corps Graves Registration and Enquiries Unit " insert -
"1 Aust Corps Salvage Unit."
- Aust Base and L of C Units
- (d) Below "4 L of C Rec Sec" insert "
"HQ 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp "
"7 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp."

BRITISH UNITS

Corps Tps

- (e) Arty
Above "HQ 57 Lt AA Regt" insert "212 Med Bty."
- (f) Ord
Below "3 Independent Bde Wkshop" insert -
"6 Independent Bde Wkshop "
"HQ 6 Div Ord Fd Pk "
"16 Bde Sec Ord Fd Pk "
- (g) Below "4 Fd Regt" insert "2 Fd Coy RE."
- (h) Below "2 LEICESTERS" insert
"HQ 23 Inf Bde "
"4 Border Regt "
"1 DLI "
"11 E Czech Bn"
"23 Bde Gp Coy RASC "
"189 Fd Amb."
- (i) Below "33 Fd Hyg Sec" insert "6 Div Pro Coy."
- Base and L of C Units
- (j) Delete "CRE L of C NAZARETH."

5 Ind Bde Gp

- (k) Below "17 Mob Wkshop IAOC" add "5 Ind Inf Bde Sec Ord Fd Pk."

FREE FRENCH DIVISION

- (l) Delete "1 coy Marine Fusiliers."
- (m) Below "One Coy Colonial Inf (Mech)" add -
"One Sqn Spahis "
"One Coy 3 Bn de Marche."
- (n) Below "FREE FRENCH DIVISION" and detail, insert
the following :

(5) TJFF

Three Sqns TJFF.

~~Command~~ 1st Aust Brig
GS 1 Aust Corps.

Distribution

Force HQ P & TJ	(12)
6 Div	(8)
7 Aust Div	(8)
Free French Division	(8)
5 Cav Bde	(1)
84 L of C Area	(1)
"C" Flt 208 Sqn	(1)
CCRA	(1)
CRE C Tps	(1)
CSO	(3)
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Ord	(3)
Pro	(1)
Postal	(1)
HQ AIF (ME)	(3)
HQ AIF Base Area	(3)
Rear HQ 1 Aust Corps	(1)
HQ 6 Aust Div	(2)
Aust LO, GHQ, ME	(1)
File	(2)
War Diary	(2)
Spare	(10)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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G. 187

HEADQUARTERS,
1 Aust Corps,
26 Jun 41.

ORDER OF BATTLE - FORCE EXPORTER

Amendment No. 1

1. Ref 1 Aust Corps G.163 of 21 Jun 41.

The following amendments are forwarded :-

AUSTRALIAN UNITS

Corps Tps

- (a) AASC Above "2 Sub Pk 1 Aust Corps Amn Pk" insert
"Det 1 Ech C Tps Sup Coln"

Delete "2 Res MT Coy (Composite Unit)."

- (b) Medical Above "2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec" insert "2/13 Aust
Fd Amb."

BRITISH UNITS

Corps Tps

- (c) Ord Below "57 Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec RAOC" insert
"3 Independent Bde Wkshop"

Div Units

- (d) Delete "369 Bty RA (60 Fd Regt)" and substitute
"239 Bty RA (60 Fd Regt)".
- (e) Below "2 LEICESTERS" add -
"215 Fd Amb
33 Fd Hyg Sec
47 Fd Post Office."

Base & L of C Units

- (f) Above "660 Gen Construction Coy" add
"CRE L of C NAZARETH."

5 IND BDE GP

- (g) Below "1 Fd Regt" insert
"E/K Mtn Bty (4 3.7 Hows)".
- (h) Below "14 Inf Fd Amb" insert
"12 Ind Staging Sec (Medical)."

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Brig
GS 1 Aust Corps.

Distribution

Force HQ P & TJ	(12)
6 Div	(8)
7 Aust Div	(8)
Free French Division	(8)
5 Cav Bde	(1)
84 L of C Area	(1)
"C" Flt 208 Sqn	(1)
CCRA	(1)
CRE C Tps	(1)
CSO	(3)
GOC	(1)
BGS	(1)
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Medical	(1)
Ord	(3)
Pro	(1)
Postal	(1)
HQ AIF (ME)	(3)
HQ AIF Base Area	(3)
Rear HQ 1 Aust Corps	(1)
HQ 6 Aust Div	(2)
Aust LO, GHQ, ME	(1)
File	(2)
War Diary	(2)
Spare	(10)

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HEADQUARTERS,
1 Aust Corps,
21 Jun 41.

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for Brig
GS 1 Aust Corps.

Force HQ P & TJ	(12)
6 Div	(8)
7 Aust Div	(8)
Free French Division	(8)
5 Cav Bde	(1)
84 L of C Area	(1)
"C" Flt 208 Sqn	(1)
CCRA	(1)
CRE C Tps	(1)
CSO	(3)
GOC	(1)
BGS	(1)
G	(2)
I	(1)
A	(1)
Q	(3)
CE	(1)
AASC	(3)
Medical	(1)
Ord	(3)
Pro	(1)
Postal	(1)
HQ AIF (ME)	(3)
HQ AIF Base Area	(3)
Rear HQ 1 Aust Corps	(1)
HQ 6 Aust Div	(2)
Aust LO, GHQ, ME	(1)
File	(2)
War Diary	(2)
Spare	(10)

SECRET

ORDER OF BATTLE

FORCE EXPORTERS

(i) AUSTRALIAN UNITS

(a) Corps Troops

HQ Units

HQ 1 Aust Corps
1 Aust Corps Int Sec
1 Aust Corps "A" Security Sec
1 Aust Corps AIL Sec
One pl Aust HQ Gd Bn

Arty

HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps
5 Aust Hy AA Bty
One tp 2/1 Aust Svy Regt

Engrs

2/9 Aust A Fd Coy
2/15 " " " "

Sigs

Det 1 Aust Corps Sigs

MG

2/3 Aust MG Bn

Pnr

2/2 Aust Pnr Bn

AASC

2 Sub Pk 1 Aust Corps Amn Pk
3 Sub Pk 1 Aust Corps Amn Pk) As 7 Aust Div Sup Coln
3 Aust Sup Per Sec)
Det 2 Aust Hy AA Regt Sec AASC
2 Aust Sup Per Sec
5 " " " "
6 " " " "
2 Res MT Coy (Composite Unit)

Medical

2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec
2/1 Aust CCS

Ord

2/3 Aust A Fd Workshop
Details 1 Aust Corps Ord Fd Pk

Pay

Det 1 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office

Postal

Det 1 Aust Corps Postal Unit

Pro

1 Aust Corps Pro Coy

Miscellaneous

1 Aust Corps Emp Pl
1 Aust Corps Graves Registration and Enquiries Unit.

(b) 6 Aust Div

Cav

6 Aust Div Cav Regt

Arty

1 Aust A Tk Regt

Inf

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde
2/3 Aust Inf Bn
2/5 " " "

(c) 7 Aust Div

HQ Units

HQ 7 Aust Div
7 Aust Div Int Sec
7 Aust Div "A" Security Sec
One Pl 1 Aust HQ Gd Bn

Arty

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div
2/4 Aust Fd Regt
2/5 " " "
2/6 " " "
2 Aust A Tk Regt

Engers

HQ RAE 7 Aust Div
2/5 Aust Fd Coy
2/6 " " "
2/5 Aust Fd Pk Coy

Sigs

Sigs, 7 Aust Div

Inf

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
2/14 Aust Inf Bn
2/16 " " "
2/27 " " "
HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde
2/31 " " Bn
2/33 " " "

AASC

HQ AASC 7 Aust Div
7 Aust Div Amn Coy (21 Bde Composite Coy AASC)
7 Aust Div Pet Coy (25 Bde Composite Coy AASC)

Medical

2/4 Aust Fd Amb
2/6 " " "
2/2 Aust Fd Hyg Sec

Pay

7 Aust Div Fd Cash Office

Postal

7 Aust Div Postal Unit

Pro

7 Aust Div Pro Coy

Miscellaneous

7 Aust Div Employment Pl
7 Aust Div Mob Bath Unit
7 Aust Div Mob Laundry
7 Aust Div Salvage Unit.

(d) 9 Aust Div

Cav

9 Aust Div Cav Regt

Inf

2/25 Aust Inf Bn (under comd 25 Aust Inf Bde)

(e) Aust Base & L of C Units

1 Aust Mob Bact Laboratory

1 Aust L of C Rec Sec

4 " " " " " "

(2) BRITISH UNITS

(a) Corps Troops

Arty

HQ 57 Lt AA Regt

169 Lt AA Bty

170 Lt AA Bty

171 Lt AA Bty

Engrs

290 A Tps Coy RE

Sigs

Details Sigs 13 Corps

57 Lt AA Regt Sig Sec

RASC

57 Lt AA Regt Sec RASC

4 Res MT Coy

5 Res MT Coy

61 Res MT Coy

129 Res MT Coy (25 Army Tank Bde Coy RASC)

MT Sec PALESTINE Police

Medical

168 Lt Fd Amb

2 MAC

One sec 7 MAC

14 CCS

HADFIELD SPEARS CCS

Ord

57 Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec RAOC

Miscellaneous

One Mob Met Unit

(b) Cav Div Units

CHESHIRE Yeo

GREYS)

STAFFS Yeo) Composite Mech Regt

One Sqn ROYALS

14 Lt Fd Amb

HQ & one bde gp sec 1 Cav Div Wkshops RAOC

1 Cav Div Ord Fd Pk (less div sec)

4 CLVS

(c) Div Units

HQ 6 Div
4 Fd Regt
369 Bty RA (60 Fd Regt)
HQ 16 Bde
2 QUEENS
2 KORR
2 LEICESTERS

(d) Base & L of C Units

660 Gen Construction Coy RE
One Mob Bact Laboratory
6 L of C Rec Sec
HQ 84 L of C Sub Area
HQ 85 L of C Sub Area

(3) 5 IND BDE GP

1 Fd Regt
One Independent A Tk Tp
18 Fd Coy S & M
HQ 5 Ind Inf Bde
1 RF
3/1 PUNJAB
4/6 RAJPUT Rifles
5 Ind Bde A Tk Coy
5 Ind Inf Bde Gp Composite Coy AASC
14 Ind Fd Amb
17 Mob Wkshop LAOC
25 Ind Postal Unit
Four secs 44 Gp Indian Labour Companies

(4) FREE FRENCH DIVISION

HQ Free French Div
Circassian Cav
HQ Bde d'Orient
1 BM Bn
2 BM Bn
4 BM Bn
Foreign Legion
One Bty Arty (4 - 75 mms)
(4 - 65 mms)
Tpt Coy (60 vehs)
Amb Unit (10 ambs)
1 Tank Coy
1 A Tk Coy
1 Coy Marine Fusiliers
One Coy Colonial Inf (Mech)

FORCE EXPORTER

SECRET

LOCATION STATEMENT (By Groups)
as at 1700 hrs 21 Jun 41

(1) HQ 1 Aust Corps & UNITS UNDER COMD

HQ Units

Adv HQ 1 Aust Corps
Rear HQ 1 Aust Corps
1 Aust Corps Int Sec
1 Aust Corps 'A' Security Sec
1 Aust Corps AIL Sec
One Pl Aust HQ Gd In

NAZARETH
DEIR SUNEID
NAZARETH
"
"
"

Arty

HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps
1 Aust A Tk Regt (less one bty)
HQ 57 Lt AA Regt

NAZARETH
Not yet arrived
1015 1505

5 Aust Hy AA Bty
One tp 2/1 Aust Svy Regt

HAIFA Area
moving up

Engrs

290 A Tps Coy RE
660 Gen Construction Coy RE

TIBERIAS

Sigs

Det 1 Aust Corps Sigs
Details Sigs 13 Corps
57 Lt AA Regt Sig Sec

HQ at NAZARETH
" " "

ASC

2 Sub Pk 1 Aust Corps Amn Pk
Det 2 Aust Hy AA Regt Sec AASC
57 Lt AA Regt Sec RASC
2 Aust Sup Per Sec
5 Aust Sup Per Sec
6 Aust Sup Per Sec
2 Res MT Coy
HQ & two Secs 5 Res MT Coy
129 Res MT Coy (25 A Tk Bde Coy RASC)

ACRE Stock Farm
HAIFA

TYRE
ROSH PINNA
DERAA

HQ at 25 kilo peg
ACRE SAFAD Rd
HQ at kilo 14
HAIFA-NAZARETH Rd

Medical

168 Lt Fd Amb
2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec
2 MAC
One sec 7 MAC
2/1 Aust CCS
14 CCS
HADFELD SPEARS CCS
One Mob Bact Lab (Br)
1 Aust Mob Bact Lab

HAIFA
DEIR SUNEID
HQ with HQ 7 Aust Div
Split and functioning by secs

NAZARETH
TULKARM
DERAA
NAZARETH
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Ord

2/3 Aust A Fd Wkshop (less three rec
secs)
1 Aust Corps Ord Fd Pk -
3 Corps Sec

HQ at MAJD EL KURUN
174258 (HAIFA Sheet)

MAJD EL KURUN
174258 (HAIFA Sheet)

Ord (cont)

57 Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec RAOC
1 Aust L of C Rec Sec
4 Aust L of C Rec Sec
6 L of C Rec Sec

BARBARA
"
MAJD EL KURUN
174258 (HAIFA sheet)

Pay

Det 1 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office

Not yet arrived

Postal

Det 1 Aust Corps Postal Unit

NARARETH

Pro

1 Aust Corps Pro Coy (less two secs)

AL MUJEIDAL
173232 (HAIFA Sheet)

Misc

1 Aust Corps Emp Pl
1 Aust Corps Graves Registration and
Enquiries Unit
HQ 84 L of C Sub Area
One Mob Met Unit

NAZARETH

HAIFA
TYRE

(2) 7 AUST DIV AND ATT TPS

(a) HQ 7 Aust Div and Units under Comd

HQ Units

Adv HQ 7 Aust Div, Int Sec,
FSS Sec and Gd Pl
Rear HQ 7 Aust Div

BORJ CHEMALI 173295
TEL QUANIYE 16532818

Cav

6 Aust Div Cav Regt

Arty

HQ 2 Aust A Tk Regt

BERGOULIYE 103153

Engrs

HQ RAE 7 Aust Div
2/9 Aust A Fd Coy
2/5 Aust Fd Pk Coy

ROSH PINNA Area
106158

Sigs

Sigs 7 Aust Div

HQ at BORJ CHEMALI

ASC

HQ 7 Aust Div AASC

3 Sub Pk 1 Aust Corps Amn Pk) 7 Aust Div
3 Aust Sup Per Sec)Tps Composite
Coy

AL BIRWA 167257
(HAIFA Sheet)

Two Secs 5 Res ~~MT~~ Coy

HAIZA KHANE 107168

Medical

HQ 2/4 Aust Fd Amb
 HQ 2/6 Aust Fd Amb
 14 Lt Fd Amb (less three secs)
 2/2 Aust Fd Hyg Sec
 Det 2 MAC
 Det 2 MAC

HOSPICE 20242542
 (near TABIGHA)
 QASMIYE 104155
 HQ at 2 mls N of TYRE on
 coast rd 103151
 HOSPICE 20242542
 " "
 QASMIYE 105155

Ord

2/3 Aust A Fd Wkshop
 7 Rec Sec
 8 Rec Sec
 9 Rec Sec
 1 Aust Corps Ord Fd Pk
 B Div Sec
 C Div Sec

10511572
 AL BINA 176260
 (HAIFA Sheet)
 KAIFR GILADI 204295
 1 mile N of br at 105156
 ROSH PIINNA

Pay

7 Aust Div Fd Cash Office

TEL QANIYE 173295

Postal

7 Aust Div Postal Unit

TEL QANIYE 173295

Pro

Two secs 7 Aust Div Pro Coy
 One sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy
 One sec 1 Aust Corps Pro Coy
 Det 1 Aust Corps Pro Coy
 Det 1 Aust Corps Pro Coy

SAIDA
 KAIFR HOUN 136173
 " " "
 LITANI Br
 BORJ CHEMALI

Misc

4 CMVS
 7 Aust Div Emp Pl
 7 Aust Div Mob Bath Unit
 7 Aust Div Mob Laundry
 7 Aust Div Salvage Unit

105155 (from 23 Jun)
 TEL QUANTIN 16532818
 KEFAR GILADI 20452950

(b) 21 AUST INF BDE GP

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
 Cheshire Yeo (less 'B' Sqn)
 2/4 Aust Fd Regt
 6 Aust A Tk Bty
 170 Lt AA Bty (less one tp)
 2/6 Aust Fd Coy
 Det Sigs 7 Aust Div
 2 KORR
 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
 2/27 Aust Inf Bn
 One Coy 2/3 Aust Inf Bn
 'D' Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn
 21 Aust Inf Bde Composite Coy AASC
 'A' and 'B' Coys 2/6 Fd Amb
 One sec 14 Lt Fd Amb

HASSANIYE 11391735
 Coastal Sector (HQ at 113171)
 " " (HQ at
 RHAZIYE 11501758)
 " "
 DARB ES SIM Area 116178
 Coastal Sector
 " "
 Moving MERDJAYOUN Area
 JADRA (120189) area
 EL QUARDINYE (122187) area
 Coastal Sector
 " "
 HQ at TYRE
 Coastal Sector
 " "

(c) 25 AUST INF BDE GP

HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde	KAFR HOUN	136173
'B' Sqn Cheshire Yeo	JEZZINE sector	
2/6 Aust Fd Regt (less one tp)	" "	
One tp 2/4 Aust Bd Regt	" "	
(with 2/14 Bn)	" "	
7 Aust A Tk Bty	" "	
One Tp 171 Lt AA Bty		
2/5 Aust Fd Coy (less one sec		
with BERRY FORCE)		
Det Sigs 7 Aust Div		
2/14 Aust Inf Bn	JEZZINE area	
2/31 Aust Inf Bn	" "	
One Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn (less det with	" "	
BERRY FORCE)	" "	
25 Aust Inf Bde Composite Coy AASC	HQ at TYRE	
(less BERRY FORCE det)		
Det 5 Res MT Coy		
'A' Coy 2/4 Aust Fd Amb		

(d) BERRY FORCE

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div	KEFAR GILADI	214295
GREYS)	MERDJAYOUN area	
STAFFS Yeo)	" "	
2/5 Aust Fd Regt	" "	
One Tp 2/6 Aust Fd Regt	" "	
Two Tps 5 Aust A Tk Bty	" "	
8 Aust A Tk Bty	" "	
One Tp 170 Lt AA Bty	" "	
2/25 Aust Inf Bn	" "	
2/33 Aust Inf Bn	" "	
One coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn	" "	
2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	" "	
Det 2/3 MG Bn	" "	
Det 25 Aust Inf Bde Composite Coy AASC		
'B' Coy 2/4 Aust Fd Amb		
One sec 14 Lt Fd Amb		

(3) 6 DIV & ATT TPS

(a) HQ 6 Div and Units under Comd

HQ 6 Div	ROSH PINNA (moving to	
	QOUNEITRA 22 Jun)	
One Sqn ROYALS	DAMASCUS area	
9 Aust Div Cav Regt	Concentrating at	
	EL MALIKIYA	128279
369 Bty RA		
One Tp 5 Aust A Fd Bty	DERAA area	
One Tp 169 Lt AA Bty (remainder	DERAA area	
of 169 Lt AA Bty with HABFORCE)	Moving QOUNEITRA pm 21 Jun	
171 Lt AA Bty (less one tp)	DAMASCUS area	
2/15 Aust A Fd Coy	HQ & one coy at DERA	
2/3 Aust Inf Bn (less one coy)	Two coys SHEIK MESKINE	
2/5 Aust Inf Bn (less one coy)		259249
4 Res MT Coy		
HQ & one Bde Gp Sec 1 Cav Div Wkshop	HQ - DERA	
RAOC	Wkshop Sec SANAMIEH	190276
17 Mob Wkshop IAOC	MAJD EL KURAN	174218
HQ 85 L of C Sub Area	DERAA	

(b) 16 INF BDE Gp

HQ 16 Bde
4 Fd Regt
2 Queen's
2 Leicesters
61 Res MT Coy
MT sec PALESTINE Police

Moving to AARTOUZ 189165
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Moving to AARTOUZ

(c) 5 IND BDE Gp

HQ 5 Ind Inf Bde
1 Fd Regt
5 Ind Inf Bde A/Tk Coy
One Independent A/Tk Tp
Det 57 Lt AA Regt & Sig Sec
1 RF
3/1 Punjab
4/6 Rajput Rifles
1 Fd Regt
18 Fd Coy S & M
5 Ind Inf Bde Composite Coy ASC
14 Ind Fd Amb
Det 57 Lt AA Regt Wkshop sec
25 Ind Postal Unit

DAMASCUS area
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DAMASCUS area

HQ at DERA
HQ at DERA

(4) FREE FRENCH FORCES

HQ Free French Div
Circassian Cav
HQ Bde d'Orient
1 BM Bn
2 BM Bn
4 BM Bn
Foreign Legion
One Bty arty (4-75 mm's)
(4-65 mm's)
Tpt Coy (60 vehs)
Amb Unit (10 Amb's)
1 Tank Coy
1 A/Tk Coy
1 Coy Marine Fusileers
One Coy Colonial Inf
4 Res MT Coy

DAMASCUS area
DAMASCUS area

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DAMASCUS area

DERA

DAMASCUS area
DAMASCUS area
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DAMASCUS area

H. Wells
Brig.
GS 1 Aust Corps.

DISTRIBUTION -

Force HQ P & TJ
6 Div
7 Aust Div
Free French Division
5 Cav Bde
84 L of C Area
'C' Flt 208 Sqn
CCRA
CRE C Tps
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CE
Sig Office
AASC
Medical
Ord
Pro
Postal
HQ AIF (ME)
HQ AIF Base Area
Rear HQ 1 Aust Corps
HQ 6 Aust Div
Aust LO, GHQ ME
File
War Diary
Spare

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LOCATION STATEMENT (By Groups)
as at 1800 hrs 28 Jun 41.

(1) HQ 1 Aust Corps & UNITS UNDER COMD

HQ Units

Adv HQ 1 Aust Corps	JEBEL KANAN (197264 SAFAD 1/100,000)
Rear HQ 1 Aust Corps	DEIR SURFID
1 Aust Corps Int Sec	JEBEL KANAN
1 Aust Corps 'A' Security Sec	" "
1 Aust Corps AIL Sec	" "
One pl Aust HQ Gd Bn	" "

Arty

HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps	JEBEL KANAN
1 Aust A Tk Regt (less 4 bty)	JULIS
4 bty	With HADFORCE
HQ 57 Lt AA Regt	JEBEL KANAN

Engrs

CRE Right Sector 1 Aust Corps	CHEFERIL DU GENIE
Tps Engrs	DALASCUS
CRE Left Sector 1 Aust Corps	Opposite HERZELIH HOTEL
Tps Engrs	SAFAD
290 A Tps Coy RE	TIBERIAS.
660 Gen Construction Coy RE	HEMMADIYE

Sigs

Det 1 Aust Corps Sigs	JEBEL KANAN
Details 13 Corps Sigs	" "
57 Lt AA Regt Sig Sec (less dets)	" "

ASC

Det 1 Ech C Tps Sup Col	ET TIRA (south of HAIFA)
2 Sub Pk 1 Aust Corps Amn Pk	HQ at ACRE Stock Farm
Det 2 Aust Hy AA Regt AASC	HAIFA
57 Lt AA Regt Sec AASC	
2 Aust Sup Per Sec	TYRE
5 " " " "	ROSH PINA
6 " " " "	JAZSSAA 178150.
5 Res MT Coy (less 'B' and 'C' secs)	HQ at 250 kilo peg
	HAIFA - DEIRUT rd.
129 Res MT Coy (25 A Tk Bde Coy	HQ & Wkshop Sec ER RAMA
RASC)	A Sec - 250 kilo peg on
	ACRE SAFAD rd.
	B Sec - ET TIRA
	D Sec - JISR EL RAJALIE
	C Sec - ACRE Stock Farm.

Medical

2/13 Aust Fd Amb (less one coy)	AL MUJEIDAL
One coy 2/13 Aust Fd Amb	EZ ZIB 160273.
2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	DEIR SURFID
2 MAC	HQ & one sec AL MUJEIDAL
	One Sec SAIDA area
	One sec ET TAFIGNA 203254
	One sec HAZARETH
2/1 Aust CCS	HAZARETH
14 CCS	TULHARM
HADFIELD SPEARS CCS	ITALIAN Hospital DAMASCUS
One Mob Bact Lab (Br)	HAZARETH
1 Aust Mob Bact Lab	HAIFA
168 Lt Fd Amb	HAIFA

Ord

2/3 Aust A Fd Wkshop (less three
rec secs) MAJD EL KURUN
1 Aust Corps Ord Fd Pk - MAJD EL KURUN
3 Corps Sec MAJD EL KURUN
1 Cav Div Ord Fd Pk (less Div Sec) MAJD EL KURUN
57 Lt AA Wkshop Sec RAOC TYRE
1 Aust L of C Rec Sec BARBARA
4 " Rec Sec "
6 L of C Rec Sec MAJD EL KURUN 174258
(HAIFA sheet)

Pay

Det 1 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office JEEEL KANAN

Postal

Det 1 Aust Corps Postal Unit JEBEL KANAN

Pro

1 Aust Corps Pro Coy (less two
secs) JEBEL KANAN

Miscellaneous

1 Aust Corps Emp Pl JEBEL KANAN
1 " " Graves Registration
& Enquiries Unit HAIFA Fortress Area.
HQ 84 L of C Sub Area TYRE
HQ 85 L of C Sub Area DAMASCUS
One Mob Met Unit
1213 Ind Labour Coy -
One pl One mile south of DAMASCUS
One pl QOUNEITRA

(2) 7 AUST DIV & ATT TPS

(a) HQ 7 Aust Div and Units under Comd

HQ Units

Adv HQ 7 Aust Div, Int Sec, BORJ CHEMALI 173295
FSS Sec and Cd Pl (moving to BRAMIYE 118183
1630 hrs 29 Jun.)
Rear HQ 7 Aust Div TEL QANIYE
HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde Arr HAIFA pm 29 Jun.

Arty

HQ 2 Aust A Tk Regt BERGOULIYE area 103153.
Det 2 Aust A Tk Regt LITANI br 105156.
'F' Tp 2/1 Aust Svy Regt MAALQIYE area 172290.

Engrs

HQ RAE 7 Aust Div BORJ CHEMALI, 173295
(moving to BRAMIYE 118183
1630 hrs 29 Jun)
2/5 Aust Fd P Coy Coastal area 105158.
2/9 Aust A Fd Coy METULLA.

Sigs

Sigs 7 Aust Div (less dets) BORJ CHEMALI, 173295
(moving to BRAMIYE 118183
1630 hrs 29 Jun.)

ASC

HQ AASC 7 Aust Div BORJ CHEMALI 173295
(moving to BRAMIYE 118183
1630 hrs 29 Jun)
3 Sub Pk 1 Aust Corps Amn Pk) 7 Aust Div Tps Composite Coy
3 Aust Sup Fer Sec) AASC
'B' Sec 5 Res LT Coy KAIF ROULIAME 127162
'C' Sec " " " " BERGOULIYE area 103154

Medical

HQ 2/4 Aust Fd Amb	Hospice at TABIGHA 20242542
HQ 2/6 Aust Fd Amb	LITANI R area 10551570
2/2 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	TYRE 169298.
'A' Coy 2/4 Aust Fd Amb (less det)	12901575
Det 'A' Coy 2/4 Aust Fd Amb	135170
'B' Coy 2/4 Aust Fd Amb	20352905
'A' Coy 2/6 Aust Fd Amb	11851840
'B' " " " " "	SAIDA
One sec 14 Lt Fd Amb	13101795
One " " " " "	12251875

Ord

2/3 Aust A Fd Wkshop -	
7 Rec Sec	106156
8 Rec Sec	ED DOUER 123161
9 Rec Sec	ROSH FIHNA
1 Aust Corps Ord Fd Pk -	
B Div Sec	106156
C Div Sec	ED DOUER 123161.

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7 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	TEL QUANIYE.
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Postal

7 Aust Div Postal Unit	TEL QUANIYE
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Pro

Two secs 7 Aust Div Pro Coy	SAIDA
One sec " " " " "	JEZZINE area
One sec 1 Aust Corps Pro Coy	" "
Det 1 Aust Corps Pro Coy	LITANI br 105155
Det " " " " "	BORJ CHEMALI 173295.

Miscellaneous

4 Cav Mob Vet Sec	N of LITANI R 10481564
7 Aust Div Emp Pl	TEL QANIYE
7 " " Mob Bath Unit	TEL QANIYE
7 " " Mob Laundry	-
7 " " Salvage Unit	KEFAR GILADI 20452930.

(b) 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp

Adv HQ 21 Aust Inf Ede	QUADI EL ZEINI 11921880.
Rear HQ " " " "	SAIDA 11791818.
'A' Sqn 6 Aust Div Cav	Coastal Sector
Cheshire Yeo (less B Sqn)	HASSANIYE 11331735
2/4 Aust Fd Regt	EL QUARDANIYE 11901871.
6 Aust A Tk Bty	" " "
170 Lt AA Bty -	
One tp	(HASSOUBA 122195.
	Area (HAANIYE 124189.
	(EL QUARDANIYE 119187.
One gun	SE SAIDA at 117180.
2/6 Aust Fd Coy	Coastal sector.
Det Sigs 7 Aust Div	Att EDE HQ.
2/16 Aust Inf Bn	QASSOUBA 12151933
2/25 " " "	KAFR MAYA area 12501865
2/27 " " "	KAFR MAYA area 12301873.
'D' Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn (less one pl)	AALMANE 11811854
21 Aust Inf Bde Composite Coy AMSC	ADLCUH 10601555.

(c) 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp

HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde	ROUM area 132180.
One tp 'C' Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav Regt)	
'B' Sqn CHESHIRE Yeo)
2/6 Aust Fd Regt (less one tp	) JEZZINE area.
with BERRY FORCE))
7 Aust A Tk Bty)
One tp 171 Lt AA Bty	JEZZINE 137178.
One tp 170 Lt AA Bty -	
One Sec -	Between KHIRBE 134154-
	& DEIR KIMESS 132151.
One Sec	139152.
2/5 Aust Fd Coy.	ROUHANIYE 134175
Det Sigs 7 Aust Div	Att Bde HQ
2/14 Aust Inf Bn)
2/31 " " ")
B Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn (less one pl)	) JEZZINE area.
(with 2/31 Bn))
One pl D Coy 2/3 Aust MG BN)
(with 2/14 Bn))
25 Aust Inf Bde Composite Coy	
AASC (less BERRY FORCE Det)	near IMSAR 114161.

(d) BERRY FORCE

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div	METULLA
6 Aust Div Cav Regt (less)
A Sqn))
GREYS) Composite Regt)
STAFFS Yeo))
2/5 Aust Fd Regt)
One tp 12 Bty 2/6 Aust Fd Regt)
One tp 5 Aust A Tk Bty)
8 Aust A Tk Bty (less four guns))
2 KORR	) MERDJAYOUN area.
One coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn)
2/33 Aust Inf Bn)
A Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn (less one pl))
One pl B Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn)
2/2 Aust Pnr Bn)
Det 25 Aust Inf Bde Composite	
Coy AASC	KEFAR GILADI.

(3) 6 DIV & ATT TPS

(a) HQ 6 Div and Units under Comd

Adv HQ 6 Div	DAMASCUS
Rear HQ 6 Div	19651715
HQ 6 Div RA	DAMASCUS
HQ 6 Div RE	"
HQ 6 Div RASC	19651715
9 Aust Div Cav Regt (less B Sqn)	HQ in wood at HOUADDAMIYE
	193167.
B Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav Regt	BOSH PINNA.
J/K Htn Bty	Arrives QOUNEITRA evening
	30 Jun.
1 Independent A Tk Tp	
2/5 Aust Inf Bn -	
HQ and one coy	DERAA
Two coys	EZRAA
215 Fd Amb -	
HQ	British Mission Hospital
	DAMASCUS
Two coys	DAMASCUS area.
One sec 9 Lt Fd Amb	QOUNEITRA
One Sec 7 MAC	-

33 Fd Reg Bde
3 Independent Bde Wkshop
6 Div Ord Fd Pk
47 Fd PO

DAMASCUS
AARTOUZ
HQ at MEZZE
JAZSSAA 178150.

(b) 16 Inf Bde Gp

Adv HQ 16 Bde	19401795
Rear HQ 16 Bde	183164.
4 Fd Regt)
One tp 239 Bty 60 Fd Regt)
5 Aust A Tk Bty (less one tp))
2/15 Aust Fd Coy)
2 QUEENS)
2 LEICESTERS)
2/3 Aust Inf Bn)
2/3 Aust MG Bn (less two coys))
and two pls))
61 Res MT Coy RASC)
HQ & 2 secs 14 Lt Fd Amb	MOUADDAMIYE 194168.

(c) 5 Ind Inf Bde Gp

HQ 5 Ind Inf Bde)	
1 Fd Regt	)	MEZZE area.
One Independent A Tk Tp)	
5 Ind Inf Bde A Tk Coy)	
One tp 169 Lt AA Bty	)	Two tps with frd tps
One tp 170 Lt AA Bty	)	DAMASCUS-BEIRUT rd. Two
171 Lt AA Bty (less one tp)	)	tps DAMASCUS aerodrome and
	)	RH.
18 Fd Coy S & M)	
1 RF)	
3/1 PUMJAS	)	MEZZE area.
4/6 RAJPUT Rifles)	
5 Ind Inf Bde Composite Coy		
RIASC		QADEM 202169.
14 Ind Fd Amb		DAMASCUS
12 Ind Staging Sec (Medical)		DIRAA
17 Mob Wkshop IAOC		HQ at MEZZE
Lt Repair Sec		MEZZE
25 Ind Postal Unit		-

(4) FREE FRENCH DIVISION

HQ Free French Div	DAMASCUS
One Sqn ROYALS)
Circassian Cav)
HQ Bde d'Orient)
1 BM Bn)
2 BM Bn)
4 BM Bn)
Foreign Legion)
One bty arty (4- 74 mms))
4 -65 mms))
239 Bty (less one tp) 60 Fd Regt))
Tpt Coy (60 vehs))
Amb unit (10 ambs))
1 Tank Coy)
1 A/Tk Coy)
One Coy Colonial Inf)
4 Res MT Coy	SARAFAND
HQ 1 Cav Div Wkshop	MEZZE
Bde Gp Sec	MEZZE

Distribution - overleaf.

Brig
GS 1 Aust Corps.

DISTRIBUTION -

Force HQ P & TJ	6	AASC	3
6 Div	4	Medical	1
7 Aust Div	4	Ord	2
Free French Division	4	Pro	1
5 Cav Bde	1	Postal	1
84 L of C Area	1	HQ AIF (IE)	3
'C' Flt 208 Sqn	1	HQ AIF Base Area	2
CCRA	1	Rear HQ 1 Aust Corps	1
CRE C-Tps	1	HQ 6 Aust Div	1
CSO	1	Aust LO GHQ IE	1
GOC	1	HAIFA Fortress Area	1
G	2	Movement Control HAIFA	1
I	1	Army Post Office HAIFA	1
A	1	File	2
Q	3	War Diary	2
CE	1	Spare	5
Sig Office	2		

FORCE EXPORTER

SECRET

LOCATION STATEMENT (by Groups)
as at 2359 hrs 30 Jun 41

(1) HQ 1 Aust Corps & Units under Comd

HQ Units

Adv HQ 1 Aust Corps	JEBEL KANAN (197264 SAFAD 1/100,000)
Rear HQ 1 Aust Corps	DEIR SUNEID
1 Aust Corps Int Sec	JEBEL KANAN
1 Aust Corps 'A' Security Sec	" "
1 Aust Corps AIL Sec	" "
'E' Coy Aust HQ Fd Bn	" "

Arty

HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps	JEBEL KANAN
1 Aust A Tk Regt (less 4 Bty) 4 Bty	JULIS with HABFORCE
HQ 57 Lt AA Regt	JEBEL KANAN
212 Med Bty	BINYAHINA (moving up - arrives AL BASSA 1 Jul)

Engrs

CRE Right Sector 1 Aust Corps Tps Engrs	QOUNEITRA
CRE Left Sector 1 Aust Corps Tps Engrs	opposite HERZELIH HOTEL SAFAD
2/14 Aust A Fd Coy	HIRBYA (NOT yet arrived - still under comd 6 Aust Div)
290 A Tps Coy RE	TIBERIAS
660 Gen Construction Coy RE	HEMMADIYE

Sigs.

Det 1 Aust Corps Sigs	JEBEL KANAN
Details 13 Corps Sigs	" "
57 Lt AA Regt Sig Sec (less dets)	" "

MG

2/3 Aust MG Bn (less four coys)	ROSH PINNA
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ASC

Det 1 Ech Aust C T Sup Col	JAZSSAA 178150
2 Sub Pk 1 Aust Corps Amn Pk	HQ at ACRE Stock Farm 15892605
2 Aust Sup Per Sec	TYRE 176296
5 Aust Sup Per Sec	ROSH PINNA 202264
6 Aust Sup Per Sec	DAMASCUS
5 Res MT Coy	AL BIRWA 16712576
129 Res MT Coy (25 A Tk Bde Coy RASC)	HQ & Wkshop Sec AR RAMA 18482599
	A Sec - AL BIRWA 16712576
	B Sec - ACRE Stock Farm 15862612
	C Sec - ACRE Stock Farm 15862612
	D Sec - CADEM 200169
	JISR EL MAJAMI 20292257
4 Res MT Coy	SARAFAND (refitting)

Medical

2/13 Aust Fd Amb (less one coy and one Lt Sec)	AL MUJEIDAL
one coy 2/13 Aust Fd Amb	EZ ZIB 160273
one Lt Sec 2/13 Aust Fd Amb	DERAA
2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	DEIR SUNEID

Medical (contd)

2 MAC

2/1 Aust CCS
14 CCS
HADFIELD SPEAKS CCS
One Mob Bact Lab (Br)
1 Aust Mob Bact Lab
168 Lt Fd Amb

HQ & one sec AL MUJEIDAL
One Sec SAIDA area
One Sec ET TABIGHA 203254
One Sec NAZARETH
NAZARETH
TULKARM
ITALIAN Hospital DAMASCUS
NAZARETH
HAIFA
HAIFA

Ord

2/3 Aust A Fd Wkshop (less three
rec secs)
1 Aust Corps Ord Fd Pk -
3 Corps Sec
1 Cav Div Ord Fd Pk (less Div Sec)
57 Lt AA Wkshop Sec RAOC
1 Aust L of C Rec Sec
4 Aust Rec Sec
6 L of C Rec Sec

MAJD EL KURUN
MAJD EL KURUN
MAJD EL KURUN
TYRE
BARBARA
"
MAJD EL KURUN 174258
9 (HAIFA sheet)

Pay

Det 1 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office

JEBEL KANAN

Postal

Det 1 Aust Corps Posta' Unit

JEBEL KANAN

Pro

1 Aust Corps Pro Coy (less two
secs)

JEBEL KANAN

Miscellaneous

1 Aust Corps Emp Pl
1 Aust Corps Graves Registration
and Enquiries Unit
1 Aust Corps Salvage Unit
HQ 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp)
7 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp)

JEBEL KANAN
HAIFA Fortress Area
AR RAMA (moving up)
BEIT JIRJA)-moving up - at
) present under comd
6 Aust Div

HQ 84 L of C Area
HQ 85 L of C Area
One Mob Met Unit
1213 Ind Labour Coy
one pl
one pl

TYRE
DAMASCUS

one mile south of DAMASCUS
QOUNEITRA

(2) 7 AUST DIV & ATT TPS

(a) HQ 7 Aust Div and Units under Comd

HQ Units

Adv HQ 7 Aust Div, Int Sec,
FSS Sec and Gd Pl
Rear HQ 7 Aust Div

BRAMIYE 118182.
East of SAIDA 11741804

Arty

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div
HQ 2 Aust A Tk Regt
'F' Tp 2/1 Aust Svy Regt

BRAMIYE 118182
BERGOULIYE area 103153
BERGOULIYE 103153

Engrs

HQ RAE 7 Aust Div
2/5 Aust Fd Pk Coy
2/9 Aust A Fd Coy

BRAMIYE 118182
Coastal area 105158
METULLA

Sigs

Sigs 7 Aust Div (less dets)

BRAMIYE 118182

ASC

HQ AASC 7 Aust Div

EL RAYLE 11831813

3 Sub Pk 1 Aust Corps Amn Pk) 7 Aust Div Tps)-

BONJ CHEM ALI 173298

3 Aust Sup Per Sec

) Comp Coy AASC)-

Medical

HQ 2/4 Aust Fd Amb

Hospice at TABIGHA 20242542

HQ 2/6 Aust Fd Amb

SAIDA

2/2 Aust Fd Hyg Sec

ER RMEILE 11881866

1A Coy 2/4 Aust Fd Amb (less det)

12901575

Det 1A Coy 2/5 Aust Fd Amb

135170

1B Coy 2/4 Aust Fd Amb

20352905

1A Coy 2/6 Aust Fd Amb

11851840

1B Coy 2/6 Aust Fd Amb

SAIDA

One sec 14 Lt Fd Amb

13101795

One sec 14 Lt Fd Amb

12251875

Ord

2/3 Aust A Fd Wkshop -

7 Rec Sec

NAHR LITANI 106156

8 Rec Sec

TOUL 123162

9 Rec Sec

ROSH PINNA

1 Aust Corps Ord Fd Pk -

NAHR LITANI 106156

B Div Sec

NAHR LITANI 106156

C Div Sec

TOUL 123162

Pay

7 Aust Div Fd Cash Office

SAIDA

Postal

7 Aust Div Postal Unit

SAIDA

Pro

Two secs 7 Aust Div Pro Coy

SAIDA

One sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy

JEZZINE area

One sec 1 Aust Corps Pro Coy

JEZZINE area

Det 1 Aust Corps Pro Coy

LITANI br 105155

Det 1 Aust Corps Pro Coy

BRAMIYE 118182

Miscellaneous

4 Cav Mob Vet Sec

N of LITANI R 10481564

7 Aust Div Emp Pl

SAIDA

7 Aust Div Mob Bath Unit

SAIDA

7 Aust Div Mob Laundry

SAIDA

7 Aust Div Salvage Unit

KEFAR GILADI 20452930

(b) 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp

Adv HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde

QUADI EL ZEINI 11921880

Rear HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde

SAIDA 11791818

A Sqn 6 Aust Div Cav

ER RMEILE 10801845

Cheshire Yeo (less B Sqn)

HASSANIYE 11331735

2/4 Aust Fd Regt

QUADI ZEINI 11911880

6 Aust A Tk Bty

QUADI ZEINI 11911880

170 Lt AA Bty -

ER RMEILE 119187

D Tn

2/6 Aust Fd Coy

ER RMEILE 11911866

Det Sigs 7 Aust Div

Att Bde HQ

2/16 Aust Inf Bn

QASSOUBA 12151933

2/25 Aust Inf Bn

KAHR RMEILE area 12501865

(to rejoin 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp)

2/27 Aust Inf Bn KAFR MAYA area 12301873
D Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn (less one pl) AALMANE 11811854
21 Aust Inf Bde Composite Coy AASC 11681792

(c) 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp

HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde	ROUM area 132180
'B' Sqn CHESHIRE YEO	west of JEZZINE
2/6 Aust Fd Regt (less one tp	
incl MERDJAYOUN area)	JEZZINE area
7 Aust A Tk Bty	JEZZINE area
One tp 171 Lt AA Bty	JEZZINE 137178
One tp 170 Lt AA Bty -	
One Sec	between KHIRBE 134154 and
	DEIR MIMESS 132152
One Sec	139152
2/5 Aust Fd Coy	JEZZINE area
Det Sigs 7 Aust Div	Att Bde HQ
2/14 Aust Ing Bn	) South of JEZZINE (moving to
	) coastal area night 1/2 Jul
	) Comes under HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde)
2/31 Aust Inf Bn	) Moving KAFR HOUN area from
	) MERDJAYOUN area night 30 Jun/1 Jul
2/33 Aust Inf Bn	) JEZZINE area
B Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn (less one pl))
One pl D Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn)
25 Aust Inf Bde Composite Coy	
AASC (less det)	near IMSAR 114161

(d) 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	HABBOUCH 126164
2/3 Aust Inf Bn	moving DEIR ES ZAHRANI (124167)
	area from DAMASCUS area night
	30 Jun/1 Jul

(3) 6 DIV & ATT TPS

(a) HQ 6 Div and Units under Comd

Adv HQ 6 Div	LYCEE Francais - Arab DAMASCUS
Rear HQ 6 Div	19651715
HQ 6 Div RA	19401795
HQ 6 Div RE	LYCEE Francais - Arab DAMASCUS
HQ 6 Div RASC	19651715
9 Aust Div Cav Regt (less two sqns)	HQ in wood at MOUADDAMIYE 193167
B Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav Regt	ROSH PINNA (moving to QOUNEITRA
	0600 hrs 2 Jul)
J/K Mtn Bty	QOUNEITRA
1 Independent A Tk Tp	
6 Div Sigs	LYCEE Francais - Arab DAMASCUS

215 Fd Amb -	
HQ	British Mission Hospital DAMASCUS
Two coys	DAMASCUS area
One sec 9 Lt Fd Amb	QOUNEITRA
One sec 7 MAC	
33 Fd Hyg Sec	SW of JEZZINE 196173
3 Independent Bde Wkshop	AARTOUZ
HQ 6 Div Ord Fd Fk	MEZZE
47 Fd PO	

(b) 16 Inf Bde Gp

Adv HQ 16 Bde	19401795
Rear HQ 16 Bde	183164
One sqn 9 Aust Div Cav Regt	19401795
4 Fd Regt	19401795
One tp 239 Bty 60 Fd Regt	DAMASCUS area
5 Aust A Tk Bty (less one tp)	19401795
2/15 Aust Fd Coy	DAMASCUS area
KORR	DAMASCUS area
2 QUEENS	185172
2 LEICESTERS	193183
61 Res MT Coy RASC	QATANA 186165
HQ & 2 secs 14 Lt Fd Amb	MCUADDAMIYE 194168
One coy and one pl 2/3 Aust MG Bn	184164

(c) 23 Inf Bde Gp

HQ 23 Inf Bde	METULLA
2/9 Aust A Fd Regt	BEIT LIDD
2 Fd Coy RE	BEIT LIDD
4 BORDER Regt	MERDJAYOUN area
1 DLI	MERDJAYOUN area
11 E Czech Bn	BEIT LIDD (moving MERDJAYOUN area 0800 hrs 1 Jul)
23 Bde Gp Coy RASC	KEFAR YONA
189 Fd Amb	KEFAR YONA
6 Independent Bde Wkshop	NATHANIYA

(d) Units in MERDJAYOUN area which came
under comd, (temporarily pending reallot-
ment) 23 Inf Bde at 1800 hrs 29 Jun 41

6 Aust Div Cav Regt (less A Sqn)	METULLA
GREYS)	KHIRBEH - moving to SHEIKH MISKINE
STAFFS Yeo) Composite Regt	1 Jul (comes under 85 L of C Area on arrival)
2/5 Aust Fd Regt	KAFR KILA
One tp 12 Bty 2/6 Aust Fd Regt	with 2/5 Aust Fd Regt
One tp 5 Aust A Tk Bty	MERDJAYOUN area
8 Aust A Tk Bty	MERDJAYOUN area
One coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn	MERDJAYOUN - moving night 1/2 Jul to HABBOUCH 126164 (comes under HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde on arrival)
A Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn (less one pl)	MERDJAYOUN
One pl B Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn	MERDJAYOUN
2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	MERDJAYOUN - moves night 1/2 Jul to KAFR TIBNIT 129158 (comes under HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde on arrival)
Det 25 Aust Inf Bde Composite Coy	
AASC	KEFAR GILADI

(e) 5 Ind Inf Bde Gp

HQ 5 Ind Inf Bde)	
1 Fd Regt)	MEZZE area
One Independent A Tk Tp)	
5 Ind Inf Bde A Tk Coy)	
One tp 169 Lt AA Bty)	Two tps with fwd tps DAMASCUS-
One tp 170 Lt AA Bty)	BEIRUT rd. Two tps DAMASCUS
171 Lt AA Bty (less one tp)	aerodrome and RH
18 Fd Coy S & M)	
1 RF)	MEZZE area
3/1 PUNJAB)	
4/6 RAJPUT Rifles)	

5 Ind Inf Bde Composite Coy RIASC	QADEM 202169.
14 Ind Fd Amb	MEZZE
12 Ind Staging Sec (Medical)	DERAA
17 Mob Wkshop IAOC	HQ at MEZZE
Lt repair Sec	MEZZE
25 Ind Postal Unit	-

(4) FREE FRENCH DIVISION

HQ Free French Div	DAMASCUS
One Sqn ROYALS)
Circassian Cav)
HQ Bde d'Orient)
1 BM Bn)
2 BM Bn)
4 BM Bn)
Foriegn Legion)
One bty arty (4 - 75 mms))
(4 - 65 mms))
239 Bty less one tp (60 Fd Regt))
Tpt Coy (60 vehs))
Amb Unit (10 ambs))
1 Tank Coy)
1 A Tk Coy)
One Coy Colonial Inf)
HQ 1 Cav Div Wkshop	MEZZE
Bde Gp Sec	MEZZE
One Sqn Spahis	KARKUR (moving up - arrives
	AFFULE 1 Jul)
One coy 3 Bn de Marche	WADI SARAR (moving up)

(5) UNITS UNDER COMD 85 L of C AREA

<u>TJFF</u>	
TJFF Cav Regt (Horsed) -)
HQ Sqn)
Three Sqns)
TJFF Mech Regt)
HQ Sqn)
Two Sqns)
2/5 Aust Inf Bn -	
HQ & one Coy	DERAA) Moving night 1/2 Jul
Two coys	EZRAA) to HABBOUCH 126164
	(comes under HQ 17
	Aust Inf Bde on
	arrival).

Brig.
GS 1 Aust Corps.

DISTRIBUTION -

Force HQ P & TJ	6	Sig Office	2
6 Div	4	AASC	3
7 Aust Div	4	Medical	1
Free French Division	4	Ord	2
5 Cav Bde	1	Pro	1
84 L of C Area	1	Postal	1
85 L of C Area	1	HQ AIF (ME)	3
'C' Flt 208 Sqn	1	HQ AIF Base Area	2
CCRA	1	Rear HQ 1 Aust Corps	1
CRE C Tps	1	HQ 6 Aust Div	1
CSO	1	Aust LO GHQ ME	1
GOC	1	HAIFA Fortress Area	1
G	2	Movement Control HAIFA	1
I	1	Army Post Office HAIFA	1
A	1	File	2
Q	3	- War Diary	2
CE	1	Spare	5

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LOCATION STATEMENT (by Groups)
as at 1800 hrs 5 Jul 41

(1) HQ 1 Aust Corps & Units under Comd

HQ Units

Adv HQ 1 Aust Corps	JEBEL KANAN (197264 SAFAD 1/100,000)
Rear HQ 1 Aust Corps	DEIR SUNEID
1 Aust Corps Int Sec	JEBEL KANAN
1 Aust Corps 'A' Security Sec	" "
1 Aust Corps AIL Sec	" "
'E' Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn -	
HQ and two pls	TYRE (POW cage)
one pl	JEBEL KANAN
one pl	LITANI Br 105155

Arty

HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps	JEBEL KANAN
1 Aust A Tk Regt (less 4 Bty)	JULIS (one tp arrives DERA 6 Jul)
4 Bty	with HABFORCE
HQ 57 Lt AA Regt	JEBEL KANAN

Engrs

CRE Right Sector 1 Aust Corps	
Tps Engrs	QOUNEITRA
CRE Left Sector 1 Aust Corps	opposite HERZELIH HOTEL
Tps Engrs	SAFAD
2/14 Aust A Fd Coy	HIREYA (NOT yet arrived -
	still under comd 6 Aust Div)
2/3 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy	MUSEIRAT
290 A Tps Coy RE	TIBERIAS
660 Gen Construction Coy RE	HEMMADIYE

Sigs

Det 1 Aust Corps Sigs	JEBEL KANAN
Det 1 Aust Corps Sigs	DAMASCUS*
Details 13 Corps Sigs	JEBEL KANAN
57 Lt AA Regt Sig Sec (less	" "
dets)	

Inf

2/2 Aust Inf Bn	JULIS
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MG

2/3 Aust MG Bn (less four coys)	BLIDA 198283
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ASC

Det 1 Ech Aust C T Sup Col	ES SAKIYE 108167
2 Sub Pk 1 Aust Corps Amn Pk	HQ at ACRE Stock-Farm 15892605
2 Sub Pk 1 Aust Corps Pet Pk	AL HUMEIMA 16062682
2 Aust Sup Per Sec	TYRE 176296
5 Aust Sup Per Sec	ROSH PINNA 202296
6 Aust Sup Per Sec	DAMASCUS
4 Res MT Coy	SARAFAND (refitting)
5 Res MT Coy (less one sec)	AL BIRWA 16712576
129 Res MT Coy (25 A Tk Bde	HQ & Wk shop Sec AR RANA 18482599
Coy RASC)	A Sec - AL BIRWA 16652575
	B Sec - ACRE Stock Farm 15862612
	C Sec - ACRE Stock Farm 15862612
	D Sec - CADEM 200169
	JISR EL MAJAMI 20292257

Medical

2/13 Aust Fd Amb (less one coy	
and one Lt Sec)	AL MUJEIDAL
one coy 2/13 Aust Fd Amb	EZ ZIB 160273
one Lt Sec 2/13 Aust Fd Amb	DERAA

Medical cont'd

14 Lt Fd Amb (less two secs)	ER RAMA
168 Lt Fd Amb	HAIFA
2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	DEIR SUNEID
2 HAC	HQ & one sec AL MUJEIDAL
	one sec SAIDA area
	one sec ET TABIGHA 203254
	one sec NAZARETH
2/1 Aust CCS	NAZARETH
2/3 Aust CCS (less Lt Sec)	GAZA area
Lt Sec	EZ ZIB 090273
14 CCS	TULKARM
HADFIELD SPEARS CCS	ITALIAN Hospital DAMASCUS
One Mob Bact Lab (Br)	NAZARETH
1 Aust Mob Bact Lab	HAIFA
168 Lt Fd Amb	HAIFA

Ord

2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop -	
4 Rec Sec	DAMASCUS
2/3 Aust A Fd Wkshop (less three rec secs)	MAJD EL KURUN 174258 (HAIFA sheet)
1 Aust Corps Ord Fd Pk -	
3 Corps Sec	MAJD EL KURUN
1 Cav Div Ord Fd Pk (less Div Sec)	MAJD EL KURUN
57 Lt AA Wkshop Sec RAQC	TYRE
1 Aust L of C Rec Sec	BARBARA
6 L of C Rec Sec	MAJD EL KURUN

Pay

Det 1 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office JEBEL KANAN

Postal

Det 1 Aust Corps Postal Unit JEBEL KANAN

Pro

1 Aust Corps Pro Coy (less two secs) JEBEL KANAN

Miscellaneous

1 Aust Corps Emp Pl	JEBEL KANAN
1 Aust Corps Graves Registration and Enquiries Unit	HAIFA Fortress Area
1 Aust Corps Salvage Unit	AR RAMA
HQ 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp)	GAZA area (at present under comd 6 Aust Div)
7 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp)	
HQ 84 L of C Area	TYRE
HQ 85 L of C Area	DAMASCUS
One Mob Met Unit	
1213 Ind Labour Coy	
one pl	one mile south of DAMASCUS
one pl	QOUNEITRA

(2) 7 Aust Div and Att Tps

(a) HQ 7 Aust Div and Units under Comd

HQ Units

Adv HQ 7 Aust Div, Int Sec,	
'C' Sec FSS and Gd Pl	BRAMIYE 118182
Rear HQ 7 Aust Div	SAIDA 11741804

Cav

HQ Cheshire Yeo -	RHAZIYE
A Sqn	KAFR MAYA area
C Sqn	KAFR JARA

Cav Cont'd

6 Aust Div Cav Regt (less A Sqn
and dets of B & C Sqs 11801845
One tp B Sqn & one tp
C Sqn NABATIYE

Arty

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div 11921875
2/4 Aust Fd Regt (in support
21 Aust Inf Bde) JIYE
2/5 Aust Fd Regt (in support
21 Aust Inf Bde) 12081913
One tp 2/6 Aust Fd Regt 12081913
2/6 Aust Fd Regt (less one tp)
(in support 25 Aust Inf Bde) JEZZINE area
'B' & 'E' Tps 2/9 Aust A Fd
Regt COASTAL area
HQ 2 Aust A Tk Regt BERGOULIYE
212 Med Bty RA 12181937
2/1 Aust Svy Regt -
F Svy Tp 11551783
One F Sp Tp
One S Rg Tp
170 Lt AA Bty (less two tps) area MAQSABA 120195
One tp 171 Lt AA Bty JEZZINE

Engrs

HQ RAE 7 Aust Div BRAMIYE 118182
2/9 Aust A Fd Coy (less one sec) 11801850
One sec 2/9 A Fd Coy JELIYE area 131186

Sigs

Sigs 7 Aust Div (less dets) BRAMIYE 118182

ASC

HQ AASC 7 Aust Div BRAMIYE
3 Sub Pk 1 Aust Corps Amn Pk) as 7 Aust Div Tps BORJ CHEMALI
3 Aust Sup ~~for~~ Sec) Composite Coy AASC 173298
21 Aust Inf Bde Composite Coy HASSANIYE area
AASC
25 Aust Inf Bde Composite Coy DARB ES SIM area
One sec 5 RASCMT Coy COASTAL area
4 Animal Tpt Coy (less det) AMRIT PACHA 112170

Medical

2/4 Aust Fd Amb QASMIYE 10551560
HQ 2/6 Aust Fd Amb
2/2 Aust Fd Hyg Sec ER RMEILE 11881866
'A' Coy 2/4 Aust Fd Amb 12751615
Det 'A' Coy 2/5 Aust Fd Amb 135170
'B' Coy 2/4 Aust Fd Amb 10551575
'A' Coy 2/6 Aust Fd Amb 11911870
'B' Coy 2/6 Aust Fd Amb SAIDA
One Sec 14 Lt Fd Amb 12901814
One sec 14 Lt Fd Amb CHEMIM 127188

Ord

2/3 Aust A Fd Wkshop -
7 Rec Sec NAHR LITANI 106156
8 Rec Sec TOUL 123162
9 Rec Sec ROSH PINNA
1 Aust Corps Ord Fd Pk -
B Div Sec NAHR LITANI 106156
C Div Sec NAHR LITANI 106156
TOUL 123162

Pay

7 Aust Div Fd Cash Office SAIDA

Postal

7 Aust Div Postal Unit SAIDA

Pro

Two secs 7 Aust Div Pro Coy SAIDA
One sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy BRAMIYE
Two secs 1 Aust Corps Pro Coy SAIDA

Miscellaneous

4 Gav Mob Vet Sec EL KHODOR 108168
7 Aust Div Emp Pl SAIDA
7 Aust Div Mob Bath Unit SAIDA
7 Aust Div Mob Laundry EGYPT
7 Aust Div Salvage Unit SALHIYE 122179

(b) 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp

Adv HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp QUADI EL ZEINI 11921880
Rear HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde SAIDA 11791818
A Sqn 6 Aust Div Cav ER RMEILE 11911866

6 Aust A Tk Bty QUADI ZEINI 11911880
one sec 7 Aust A Tk Bty
2/6 Aust Fd Coy ER RMEILE 11911866
Det Sigs 7 Aust Div att Bde HQ
2/14 Aust Inf Bn QASSOUBA 12151933
2/16 Aust Inf Bn QASSOUBA 12151933
2/25 Aust Inf Bn CHEMIM 12681880
2/27 Aust Inf Bn BARJA 12311907
2/2 Aust Pnr Bn (less two
coys) JELIYE area 13071856
'D' coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn
(less one pl) EL RMAILEH 11911866

(c) 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp

HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde ROUM 132180
'B' Sqn CHESHIRE Yeo JEZZINE area
7 Aust A Tk Bty (less one sec) JEZZINE area
2/5 Aust Fd Coy JEZZINE area
Det Sigs 7 Aust Div Att Bde HQ
2/31 Aust Inf Bn JEZZINE
2/33 Aust Inf Bn South of JEZZINE
B Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn (less
one pl) JEZZINE area
One pl D Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn JEZZINE area

(d) 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde 11241938
2/3 Aust Inf Bn 12541939
2/5 Aust Inf Bn 12381937
Two coys 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn Moving night 5/6 Jul QASSOUBA area

(3) 6 DIV & ATT TPS

(a) HQ 6 Div and Units under Comd

Adv HQ 6 Div LYCEE Francais - Arab DAMASCUS
Rear HQ 6 Div 198172
HQ 6 Div RA LYCEE Francais - Arab DAMASCUS
HQ 6 Div RE LYCEE Francais - Arab DAMASCUS
HQ 6 Div RASC (Adv) LYCEE Francais - Arab DAMASCUS
HQ 6 Div RASC (Rear) 198172

N SOMERSET Yeo (less one sqn) (to come under comd 5 Cav Bde)
 9 Aust Div Cav Regt (less two Sqn) HQ in wood at MOUADD AMIYE 193167
 1 Fd Regt (in support 16 Inf Bde) 194179
 4 Fd Regt (in support 5 Ind Inf Bde) 183169
 5 Aust A Tk Bty (less one tp) 195178
 (in support 16 Inf Bde and 5 Ind Inf Bde)
 One tp (less one gun) 170 Lt AA Bty QADEH area
 One tp 171 Lt AA Bty area DOUMMAR 197177
 One tp 171 Lt AA Bty MEZZE aerodrome
 6 Div Sigs LYCEE Francais - Arab DAMASCUS
 215 Fd Amb - British Mission Hospital DAMASCUS
 HQ Rd junc AARTOUZ 188164
 A Coy Area 196173
 B Coy QOUNEITRA
 One sec 14 Lt Fd Amb British Mission Hospital DAMASCUS
 One Sec 7 MAC 198173
 33 Fd Hyg Sec
 3 Independent Bde Wkshop
 (serving with 16 Inf Bde) AARTOUZ
 HQ 6 Div Ord Fd Pk MEZZE
 HQ 1 Cav Div Wkshop)
 One Bde Gp Sec) serving with FFF - MEZZE
 6 Div Pro Coy 198172
 'A' Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn (less one pl)
 (b) 16 Inf Bde Gp

Adv HQ 16 Bde 195178
 Rear HQ 16 Bde AIM AALLAGITE 183164
 One sqn 9 Aust Div Cav Regt 19401795
 5 Aust A Tk Bty (less one tp) 19401795
 2/15 Aust A Fd Coy DOUMMAR 197177
 2 QUEENS 183180
 KORR 195179
 2 LEICESTERS 189181
 One coy & one pl 2/3 Aust MG Bn 184164
 16 Inf Bde Gp Coy (61 Coy) 195172
 RASC

(c) 23 Inf Bde Gp

HQ 23 Inf Bde (Adv) 205299
 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Rear) 203295
 One sqn N SOMERSET Yeo 140152
 2/9 Aust A Fd Regt (less two tps) 202297
 8 Aust A Tk Bty 137157
 One tp 5 Aust A Tk Bty 137157
 One tp 170 Lt AA Bty -
 One sec DEIR MINESS 133154
 One sec 139154
 2 Fd Coy RE KAHR KILA 203299
 4 Border Regt KHAM 138155
 1 DLI 136158
 11E Czech Bn BANIAS 214295

(d) 5 Ind Inf Bde Gp

'C' Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav Regt	181166
HQ 5 Ind Inf Bde	183166
One Independent A Tk Tp	DOUMA 212181
5 Ind Inf Bde A Tk Coy	183166
J & K Mtn Bty 1SF	MOUAODAMIYE 193168
18 Fd Coy S & M	QATANA 183166
1 RF	184167
3/1 Punjab)	
4/6 Rajput Rifles)	183168
One coy 189 Fd Amb	203254
23 Bde Gp coy RASC	203295
6 Independent Bde Wkshop	ROSHPINNA
16 Inf Bde Sec Ord Fd Pk	QATANA

(4) FREE FRENCH DIVISION

HQ Free French Div	DAMASCUS
Circassian Cav	
One Sqn Spahis	DAMASCUS area
One Sqn ROYALS	DOUMA (212181) area
"A" Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav Regt	QTAIFE area
One Tank Coy	
1 Bty Arty	
2 Bty Arty	
239 Bty (less oneTp)(60 Fd Regt) Bty HQ QASTAL - remainder NEBEK area	
One A/Tk Coy	
One Tp 169 Lt AA Bty	NEBEK area
HQ 1 re Bde	DAMASCUS
BM 1	QTAIFE AREA
BM 2	NEBEK area
Legion	DOUMA (212181) area
HQ 13 me Bde	DOUMA 212181
BM 3	
BM 4 (less one Coy)	DAMASCUS
One Coy BM 4	KISSOUE
BIM (less one Coy)	SAID NAYA (210195) area
One Coy BIM	DAMASCUS area
One Coy Marines	
One Group Meharistes	
Tpt Coy	
Amb Unit	

(5) UNITS UNDER COMD 85 L of C AREA

<u>TJFF</u>	
TJFF Cav Regt (horsed))
HQ Sqn)
Three Sqns)
TJFF mech Regt)
HQ Sqn)
Two Sqns)
Greys) Composite Regt	DERAA area
Staffs Yeo)	

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<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>		GS 1 Aust Corps.	
Force HQ P & TJ	6	GOC	1
6 Div	4	G	2
7 Aust Div	6	I	1
Free French Division	4	A	1
5 Cav Bde	1	Q	3
84 L of C area	1	CE	1
85 L of C area	1	Sig Office	2
C Flt 208 Sqn	1	AASC	3
CCRA	1	Me ical	1
CRE C Tps	1	Pro	1
CSO	1	Postal	1
SPARE	5		
		Ord	2
		DP & L	1
		HQ AIF (ME)	3
		HQ AIF Base Area	2
		Rear HQ 1 Aust Corps	1
		HQ 6 Aust Div	1
		Aust LO GHQ ME	1
		HAIFA Fortress area	1
		Movement Control HAIFA	1
		Army Post Office HAIFA	1
		FILE	2
		WAR DIARY	

FORCE EXPORTER

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LOCATION STATEMENT (by Groups)
as at 2359 hrs 15 Jul 41.

(1) HQ 1 Aust Corps & Units under Comd

HQ Units

Adv HQ 1 Aust Corps	JEBEL KANAN (197264 SAFAD 1/100,000)
Rear HQ 1 Aust Corps	AR RAMA
1 Aust Corps Int Sec	JEBEL KANAN
1 Aust Corps 'A' Security Sec	" "
1 Aust Corps AIL Sec	" "
'E' Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn -	
HQ and two pls	TYRE (POW Cage)
one pl	JEBEL KANAN
one pl	LITANI Br 105155

Arty

HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps	JEBEL KANAN
HQ 64 Med Regt	
HQ 57 Lt AA Regt	JEBEL KANAN

Engrs

CRE Right Sector 1 Aust Corps	
Tps Engrs	QOUNEITRA
CRE Left Sector 1 Aust Corps	opposite HERZELIH HOTEL SAFAD
Tps Engrs	
2/14 Aust A Fd Coy	HIRBYA (NOT yet arrived -
	still under comd 6 Aust Div)
2/3 Aust Corps Fd Pk Coy	NUSEIRAT
290 A Tps Coy RE	DAMOUR area
660 Gen Construction Coy RE	HEMMADIYE

Sigs

Det 1 Aust Corps Sigs	JEBEL KANAN
Det 1 Aust Corps Sigs	DAMASCUS
Details 13 Corps Sigs	JEBEL KANAN
57 Lt AA Regt Sig Sec (less dets)	JEBEL KANAN

Inf

2/2 Aust Inf Bn	JULIS
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ASC

Det 1 Ech Aust C T Sup Col	KHALDE 128208
2 Sub Pk 1 Aust Corps Amn Pk	HQ at ACRE Stock Farm 15892605
2 Sub Pk 1 Aust Corps Pet Pk	HQ at AL HUMEIMA 16062682
2 Aust Sup Per Sec	TYRE 176296 and BATROUNE (144258)
	area
5 Aust Sup Per Sec	ROSH PINNA 202296 and AIN SOFAR
	(148207) area.
6 Aust Sup Per Sec	DAMASCUS
4 Res MT Coy	SARAFAND (refitting)
5 Res MT Coy	HQ at AL BIRWA 16712576
129 Res MT Coy (25 A Tk Bde Coy	HQ at AR RAMA 18482599.
RASC)	

Medical

2/13 Aust Fd Amb (less one coy	
and one Lt Sec)	AL MUJEIDAL
one coy 2/13 Aust Fd Amb	EZ ZIB 160273
one Lt Sec 2/13 Aust Fd Amb	DERAA
HQ 14 Lt Fd Amb	ER RAMA
168 Lt Fd Amb	-
2/3 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	ROSH PINNA
2 MAC	HQ & one sec Police Station 202264.
	one sec SAIDA area
	one sec ET TABIGHA 203254
	one sec NAZARETH
2/1 Aust CCS	NAZARETH
2/3 Aust CCS (less Lt Sec)	GAZA area
Lt Sec	EZ ZIB 090273
Hy Sec	HAIFA

Medical (contd)

2 CCS	HAIFA
14 CCS	DAMASCUS
HADFIELD SPEARS CCS	ITALIAN Hospital DAMASCUS
One Mob Bact Lab (Br)	NAZARETH
1 Aust Mob Bact Lab	HAIFA

Ord

2/2 Aust A Fd Wkshop -	
4 Rec Sec	DAMASCUS
2/3 Aust A Fd Wkshop (less	
three rec secs)	MAJD EL KURUN 174258 (HAIFA sheet)
1 Aust Corps Ord Fd Pk -	
3 Corps Sec	MAJD EL KURUN
1 Cav Div Ord Fd Pk (less	
Div Sec)	MAJD EL KURUN
57 Lt AA Wkshop Sec RAOC	DARB ES SIM
1 Aust L of C Rec Sec	BARBARA
6 L of C Rec Sec	MAJD EL KURUN

Pay

Det 1 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office	JEBEL KANAN
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Postal

Det 1 Aust Corps Postal Unit	JEBEL KANAN
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Pro

1 Aust Corps Pro Coy (less two	
secs)	SAFAD

Miscellaneous

1 Aust Corps Emp Pl	JEBEL KANAN
1 Aust Corps Graves Registration	
and Enquiries Unit	HAIFA Fortress Area
1 Aust Corps Salvage Unit	AR RAMA
HQ 1 Aust Corps Reception Camp	AL BASSA
7 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp	GAZA area (at present under comd
	6 Aust Div)
HQ 84 L of C Area	TYRE
HQ 85 L of C Area	DAMASCUS
One Mob Met Unit	
1213 Ind Labour Coy	
one pl	one mile south of DAMASCUS
one pl	QOUNEITRA

5 Ind Inf Bde Gp (Corps Reserve)

HQ 5 Ind Inf Bde	183166
5 Ind Inf Bde A Tk Coy	183166
J & K Mtn Bty 1SF	MOUAODAMIYE 193168
18 Fd Coy S & M	QATANA 183166
3/1 Punjab)	183168
4/6 Rajput Rifles)	
5 Ind Inf Bde Gp Composite Coy	RIASC -
16 Ind Bde Sec Ord Pf Pk	QATANA

(2) 7 Aust Div and Att Tps

(a) HQ 7 Aust Div and Units under Comd

HQ Units

Adv HQ 7 Aust Div, Int Sec,	
'C' Sec FSS and Gd Pl	BRAMIYE 118182
Rear HQ 7 Aust Div	SAIDA 11741804

Cav

6 Aust Div Cav Regt (less one	
sqn)	HQ at QADI ZEINI 119188

Arty

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div	12151958
2/4 Aust Fd Regt	DAMOUR area 12422005
2/5 Aust Fd Regt	DAMOUR area
One tp 2/6 Aust Fd Regt	(With 2/5 Aust Fd Regt)
2/6 Aust Fd Regt (less one tp)	ROUM 132180
HQ 2 Aust A tk Regt	BERGOULIYE
211 med Bty RA (64 Med Regt)	AR RAMA
212 med Bty RA (64 Med Regt)	DAMOUR area 12482001
2/1 Aust Svy Regt -	
F Svy Tp)	
One F Sp Tp)	DAMOUR area
One S Rg Tp)	
170 Lt AA Bty (less two tps)	DAMOUR area
One sec 171 Lt AA bty	JEZZINE area.
One sec 171 Lt AA Bty	DAMOUR area.

Engrs.

HQ RAE 7 Aust Div	BRAMIYE 118182
2/9 Aust A Fd Coy (less one sec)	QASSOUBA area 12151934
2/5 Aust Fd Pk Coy.	DARB ES SIM 11501175

Sigs.

Sigs 7 Aust Div (less dets)	BRAMIYE 118182
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MG. 2/2 Aust MG Bn (less four coys)

ASC

HQ AASC 7 Aust Div	BRAMIYE 118182	
3 Sub Pk 1 Aust Corps Amn Pk)	as 7 Aust Div Tps	SARAFENND
3 Aust Sup Per Sec)	Composite Coy AASC	106169
21 Aust Inf Bde Composite Coy	HASSANIYE area	
AASC		
25 Aust Inf Bde Composite Coy	DARB ES SIM area	
4 Animal Tpt Coy (less det)	118184.	

Medical

HQ 2/4 Aust Fd Amb	LITANI Br area 10551575
'A' Coy 2/4 Aust Fd Amb	11571804
Det 'A' Coy 2/4 Aust Fd Amb	12401976
'B' Coy 2/4 Aust Fd Amb	10551575
HQ 2/6 Aust Fd Amb	11721795
'A' Coy 2/6 Aust Fd Amb (less det)	11911870
'B' Coy 2/6 Aust Fd Amb	11611804
Det 'A' Coy 2/6 Aust Fd Amb	12121936
2/2 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	ER RMEILE 11881866
One Sec 14 Lt Fd Amb	12881895
One Sec 14 Lt Fd Amb	12901814

Ord

2/3 Aust A Fd Wkshop -	
7 Rec Sec	SAIDA north 11781844
8 Rec Sec	ZEBDEINE
9 Rec Sec	SALHIYE
1 Aust Corps Ord Fd Pk	
B Div Sec	SAIDA north 11781844
C Div Sec	SALHIYE

Pay

7 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	SAIDA
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Postal

7 Aust Div Postal Unit	SAIDA
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Pro

Three secs 7 Aust Div Pro Coy	JIYE area
Two secs 1 Aust Corps Pro Coy	SAIDA & JEZZINE.

Miscellaneous

4 Cav Mob Vet Sec	11631792
7 Aust Div Emp Pl	SAIDA
7 Aust Div Mob Bath Unit	SAIDA
7 Aust Div Mob Laundry	EGYPT
7 Aust Div Salvage Unit	SALHIYE 122179

(b) 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp

Adv HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp	DAMOUR area 12441985
Rear HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	SAIDA 11791818

6 Aust A Tk Bty (less one tp)	DAMOUR area
2/6 Aust Fd Coy	12421982
Det Sigs 7 Aust Div	att Bde HQ
2/14 Aust Inf Bn	ABEY 13082002
2/16 Aust Inf Bn	South of DAMOUR -123196
2/27 Aust Inf Bn	EL BOUM area 126196
1 D Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn (less one pl)	JELIYE area 13071856

(c) 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp

HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde	ROUM 132180
7 Aust A Tk Bty	Area north of JEZZINE
2/5 Aust Fd Coy	JEZZINE area
Det Sigs 7 Aust Div	Att Bde HQ
2/31 Aust Inf Bn	BATER area 13901854
2/33 Aust Inf Bn	NIHA area 140184
2/25 Aust Inf Bn	RHARIFE area 13261877
B Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn (less one pl)	Area north of JEZZINE
One pl D Coy 2/3 Aust MG bn	Area north of JEZZINE
A & C Coys 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	

(d) 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	DAMOUR area 12501999
One tp 6 Aust A Tk Bty	DAMOUR area
2/3 Aust Inf Bn	12562096
2/5 Aust Inf Bn	125203
One pl B coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn	DAMOUR area
2/2 Pnr Bn (less A & C Coys)	12531995
Det 4 Animal Tpt Coy	DAMOUR area

(3) 6 DIV & ATT TPS

(a) HQ 6 Div and Units under Comd

Adv HQ 6 Div	LYCEE Francais - Arab DAMASCUS
Rear HQ 6 Div	198172
HQ 6 Div RA	LYCEE Francais - Arab DAMASCUS
HQ 6 Div RE	LYCEE Francais - Arab DAMASCUS
HQ 6 Div RASC (Adv)	LYCEE Francais - Arab DAMASCUS
HQ 6 Div RASC (Rear)	198172
9 Aust Div Cav Regt	Area west of DAMASCUS
1 Fd Regt	Area west of DAMASCUS
4 Fd Regt	Area west of DAMASCUS
2/11 Aust A Fd Regt	DAMASCUS area
239 Fd Bty (60 Fd Regt RA) (less one tp with HABFORCE)	KISWE
3 Bty (less one tp) 2/1 Aust A Tk Regt	DAMASCUS area
One Independent A Tk Tp RA	Area west of DAMASCUS
One tp 169 Lt AA Bty	NEBEK Area
One tp 170 Lt AA Bty	QADEM area
One tp 170 Lt AA Bty	MERDJAYOUN Area
One tp 171 Lt AA Bty	area DOUMAR 197177
One tp 171 Lt AA Bty	MEZZE aerodrome

A & C Coys 2/3 Aust MG Bn
 6 Div Sigs
 215 Fd Amb
 173 Fd Amb -
 HQ
 A Coy
 3 Coy
 One sec 14 Lt Fd Amb
 33 Fd Hyg Sec
 3 Independent Bde Wkshop
 HQ 6 Div Ord Fd Pk
 1 Cav Div Wkshop -
 - One Bde Gp Sec
 6 Div Pro Coy
 8 Mob Laundry

Area west of DAMASCUS
 LYCEE Francais - Arab DAMASCUS
 KISSOUE
 British Mission Hospital DAMASCUS
 EL HAME
 Area 196173
 MOUADDAMIYE (192167)
 Area 197171
 AARTOUZ
 MEZZE
 MEZZE
 198172
 DAMASCUS

(b) 14 Inf Bde Gp

HQ 14 Inf Bde)
 12 Fd Coy RE)
 1 Bedfs Herts)
 2 Black Watch) DAMASCUS area
 2 Y & L)
 173 Fd Amb)
 1 Independent Bde Wkshop)
 14 Bde Gp Coy RASC)

(c) 16 Inf Bde Gp

HQ 16 Bde)
 5 Aust A Tk Bty (less one tp))
 2/15 Aust A Fd Coy)
 2 Queens) DAMASCUS area
 KORR)
 2 Leicesters)
 16 Inf Bde Gp Coy (61 Coy) RASC)

(d) 23 Inf Bde Gp

HQ 23 Inf Bde (Adv) 144164
 HQ 23 Inf Bde (Rear)
 2/9 Aust A Fd Regt)
 8 Aust A Tk Bty) Area north of MERDJAYOUN
 One tp 5 Aust A Tk Bty)
 One tp 170 Lt AA Bty -
 One sec DEIR MIMESS 133154
 One sec 139154
 2 Fd Coy RE 13751590
 4 Border Regt DNEIBE area 149169
 1 DLI YOUHMOUR area 144172
 11 E Czech Bn MERDJAYOUN area
 23 Inf Bde Composite Coy RASC MERDJAYOUN area
 189 Fd Amb MERDJAYOUN
 Independent Bde Wkshop MERDJAYOUN area

(4) FREE FRENCH DIVISION

HQ Free French Div (Adv) QTAIFE 231199
 HQ Free French Div (Rear) DAMASCUS
 Circassian Cav
 One Sqn (horsed) QATANA
 One Sqn (mech) JERAMANA
 One Depot Sqn DAMASCUS
 One Sqn Spahis DAMASCUS area
 One Tank Coy
 1 Bty Arty
 2 Bty Arty
 One A Tk Coy

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HQ 1 Fe Bde
 BM 3
 BM 4 (less one Coy)
 One Coy BM 4
 DIM (less one Coy)
 One Coy BIM
 HQ 13 me Bde
 BM 1
 BM 2
 Legion
 One Coy Marines
 One Group Meharistes
 Tot Coy
 Amb Unit

DOUMA 212181
 DAMASCUS
 KISSOUE
 SAID MAYA (210195) area
 DAMASCUS area
 DAMASCUS
 QTAIFE area
 NEBEK area
 DOUMA (212181) area
 DAMASCUS area

(5) UNITS UNDER COMD 84 L of C AREA

One Bn
 One Sqn 6 Aust Div Cav Regt

(6) UNITS UNDER COMD 85 L of C AREA

1 RF
 One Sec 14 Lt Fd Amb
 One Sec 7 MAC
 DAMASCUS area
 QOUNEITRA
 British Mission Hospital -
 DAMASCUS

(7) HABFORCE

Came under comd 1 Aust Corps 14 Jul - Order of Battle and Locations have not yet been obtained.

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 GS 1 Aust Corps

		<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	
Force HQ P & TJ	2	GOC	1
6 Div	4	G	2
7 Aust Div	6	I	1
Free French Division	4	A	1
5 Cav Bde	1	Q	3
84 L of C area	1	CE	1
85 L of C area	1	Sig Office	2
C flt 208 Sqn	1	AASC	3
CCRA	1	MEDICAL	1
CRR C Tps	1	Pro	1
CSO	1	Postal	1
DP & L	1	Ord	2
HQ AIF (ME)	3	Rear HQ 1 Aust Corps	1
HQ AIF Base Area	2	HQ 6 Aust Div	1
Aust LO GHQ (ME)	1	HAIFA Fortress Area	1
Movement Control HAIFA	1	Army Post Office HAIFA	1
FILE	2	WAR DIARY	2
SPARE	5		

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

G. 273

HQ 1 Aust Corps,
16 Jul 41.

COMPOSITION OF 4 CAV BDE GP CONCENTRATING
AT ALEPPO.

HQ 4 Cav Bde
HCR (Household Cav Regt)
Royal Dragoons (less one sqn in EGYPT)
Warwicks Yeo
Wilts Yeo (less one sqn in EGYPT)
237 Fd Bty RA (less one tp)
4 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt
169 Lt AA Bty (less two tps)
Tp 2 Ches Fd Sqn RE
552 Coy RASC
8 Lt Fd Hyg Sec
166 Lt Fd Amb (less ADS at PALMYRA)
2 Bde Gp Wkshop 1 Cav Div Ord Wkshop
Div Sec 1 Cav Div Ord Fd Pk
1 Cav Div Pro Coy
Det 1 Cav Div Postal Unit

} Mech

PALMYRA Det (Under Comd 6 Div)

1 Essex
One Tp 239 Fd Bty RA
One tp (18 pr) 1 Bty 1 Aust A Tk Regt
One Tp 169 Lt AA Bty
One ADS (from 166 Lt Fd Amb)

Disposal of remaining units of HABFORCE.

HQ 60 Fd Regt (under comd 6 Div)
1 Aust A Tk Regt (less three btys & one tp) -
(under comd 6 Div)
3 Res MT Coy RASC (reverts to comd Force HQ)
~~54~~ Coy RASC (under comd 1 Aust Corps)
543

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Lt-col
GS 1 Aust Corps.

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