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2/13 Infantry Battalion
August 1942, Appendices

7 Aug 42

COPY NO. 7

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.13

REF MAP :

1 : 50,000 SHEET EL ALAMEIN

1. Two normal and one emergency gaps through the minefields are established at -
 - (a) Emergency Gap at 87822977 (West of Block House.
 - (b) Normal Gaps at 87972966 (CENTRE TRACK)
88022956 (QATARA TRACK)

Gaps mentioned in (a) and (b) above will be opened and closed by 2/13 Bn-at first light in morning and last light at night respectively.
2. The Sqn wishing to use the gaps described above, will notify 2/13 Bn per medium of Regt L.O. established with O.C. B Coy 2/13 Bn (at 87972973).
3. Reserve Sqn will provide an L.O. with two operators and Carrier complete with wireless set, to report to O.C. B Coy 2/13 Bn by 1200 hours each day commencing with B Sqn at 1200 hours 7 Aug 42.
Tour of duty of L.O. from 1200 hours to 1200 hours.
4. (a) Requests for opening minefields at first light will be made through Regtl L.O. to O.C. B Coy 2/13 Bn by sending code-word UNEASY to L.O. with O.C. B Coy 2/13 Bn, stating time at which gap is to be cleared. In any case the two gaps will be required to be opened by 0600 hrs daily.
(b) Closing of gaps at last light - 2 I/Cs of the forward Sqns will notify L.O. when last remaining vehicle is clear of the gap in each case. Code word that last vehicle is through - LOUSY.
5. L.O. with B Coy 2/13 Bn will keep post informed of activities of the two forward Sqns.
6. As extra precaution, the 2 I/Cs of the forward Sqns will notify the posts of the gaps they are using when the last vehicle is clear.
7. L.O. with B Coy 2/13 Bn will ensure that the emergency gap is left open during the hours of daylight.
8. Normal Routes for Sqns -
TEL EL-EISA SECTOR - normal gap at 87972966 (Centre Gap)
In emergency - the emergency gap at 87822977 (West of Block House)
EL ALAMEIN SECTOR - the Qatara Road gap at 88022956.
RHQ and Reserve Sqn - centre gap and Qatara Road Gap.

Signed at 1200 hrs.

J. D. Ferguson Lieut
Adjt 9 Aust Div Cav Regt

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| 1. Os C Sqns by hand and initialled | <i>For Information</i> |
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2/15 AUST INF BN
OPERATION ORDER NO. 9

Ref Map: EL ALAMEIN 1/50000

INFORMATION

1. Enemy } as detailed in I Summaries.
Own Tps }

INTENTION

2. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will be relieved by 2/13 Aust Inf Bn on nights 20/21 Aug and 21/22 Aug 42.

METHOD

3. NIGHT 20/21 AUG

- (a) C Coy 2/15 Bn relieves D Coy 2/15 Bn
(b) A " " " A Coy "
(c) Mortar Pls change over
(d) Carrier Pls " "

4. NIGHT 21/22 AUG

Relief of remainder of Bn.

5. ROUTES & TIMINGS (night 20/21 Aug)

- (a) C Coy 2/13 Bn march along beach track to minefield gap 87693023 arriving 2200 hrs.
(b) A Coy 2/13 Bn march along bitumen rd to rd block 87623007 arriving 2200 hrs.
(c) Mor pl 2/13 Bn move in trucks along routes as arranged mutually between mortar officers.
(d) Carriers - by coast rd. 2/13 Bn carriers arrive minefields gap 87693023 at 2400 hrs.

6. GUIDES 2/15 Bn (night 20/21 Aug)

- (a) Pl guides from D Coy will report minefield gap 87693023 at 2145 hrs.
(b) Pl guides from A Coy will report rd block 87623007 at 2145 hrs.
(c) Mor guides as arranged mutually by respective mortar offrs.
(d) Carrier guides to be at minefield gap 87693023 at 2345 hrs.

7. ROUTES & TIMINGS (NIGHT 21/22 AUG)

- (a) B Coy 2/15 Bn move along bitumen rd to rd block 87623007 arriving 2200 hrs.
(b) D Coy 2/13 Bn move along ~~CENTRE TRACK~~ arriving at 2/17 Bn RAP 87713014 at 2200 hrs, thence along ridge below skyline to fwd posn. From 2/17 RAP to new coy area coy will move with 300 yds between pls.
(c) 2/13 Bn HQ is moving direct to new area.
(d) 2/13 Bn HQ Coy (less carriers, mor pls) is moving along beach track

8.

GUIDES 2/15 BN (NIGHT 21/22 AUG)

- (a) Pl guides from B Coy to report rd block 87623007 at 2145 hrs.
- (b) Pl guides from C Coy to report 17 Bn RAP 87713014 at 2145 hrs. Pl guides to recon route during daylight 21 Aug.

9.

NUCLEUS PARTIES

- (a) B and C Coys will detail the following nucleus parties to move to REDCLIFFE 87773017 during night 20 Aug:-
 - 1 Offr each Coy
 - CSM each Coy
 - one man each sec.
- (b) Similar parties from 2/15 Bn will arrive at Bn HQ at 2200 hrs 20 Aug. One guide from each C & B Coys report Bn HQ by 2145 hrs.
- (c) 2/15 Bn nucleus parties spend night at REDCLIFFE and move to new areas during morning 21 Aug.
- (d) Offr commanding Coy nucleus party will detail one man to return from present 2/15 Bn posn to his Coy in the fwd area during the day preceding the relief. This man will act as a guide.

10.

DISPOSITIONS NEW AREA

- (a) D Coy will occupy area vacated by C Coy 2/15 Bn during night 20 Aug, but will relieve B Coy 2/15 Bn in outpost posns during afternoon of 21 Aug.
- (b) B Coy 2/15 Bn will occupy the posn vacated by C Coy 2/15 Bn.

11.

ROUTES OUT - for 2/15 Bn will be the same as those used by the Coys relieving them.

12.

PATROLS

Fwd Coys will be responsible for protective patrols covering the relief between the hours of 2100 and 0500 hrs.

13.

REAR ELEMENTS

Each Coy 2/15 Bn will leave one man per pl in present fwd locations for a period of 2 days following relief

14.

Tps will march out with 50 rds SAA, 4 filled Bren and 4 TSMG mags each gun. All other amm will be left as post stores.

ADM

15.

POST STORES

The following post stores will be left in position. Receipts will be obtained in triplicate, one copy to QM and one to each Coy.

- All Amm (less amount detailed para 14)
- Reserve rations (fwd Coys only)
- Reserve water (fwd Coys only)
- All foreign weapons (including 81mm Mortar)

16. TOOLS

All picks and shovels will be taken out.

17. TPT

TO's will mutually arrange for tpt carrying incoming stores and kits to be available to lift similar stores off outgoing tps.

18. HYGIENE

- (a) All latrine boxes will be left in area.
- (b) All areas are to be thoroughly clean before departure.
Sec Comds will inspect each site to ensure that this has been done.
- (c) Fly-traps will be taken out by Coys.

INTERCOMN

19. Comd fwd area will pass to 2/15 Bn on completion of relief on 22 Aug. Relief to be completed before 0130 hrs.

20. 2 i/c will move to new posn during the afternoon 22 Aug and establish Adv HQ.

21. Signal change-over as arranged mutually between Sig ofrs. All lines to remain in position.

22. Code words for completion of relief:-

- A Coy TAPPER
- B Coy RASTUS
- C Coy BUTCH
- D Coy SLOGGER.
- HQ Coy FRIEND

ACK

Time of Signature 1555 hrs.

[Handwritten Signature]
 (M. HARLAND) Capt.
 Adj. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

A Coy	Copy No.	1
B Coy		2
C Coy		3
D Coy		4
HQ Coy		5
C.O.		6
2 i/c		7
Adj. 2		8
Q.M. (for perusal TO)		9
R.M.O.		10
20 Aust Inf Bde		11
2/13 Aust Inf Bn		12
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24 Aug 42.

2/15 AUST INF BN OPERATIONAL ORDER NO.10

Ref Maps EL ALAMEIN 1:50000
EL HIQEAF 1:50000
GHALAL 1:50000

INFORMATION

Enemy

1. The enemy is expected to attack on EIGHTH ARMY front during the moonlight period during 25 Aug and 1 Sep.
2. Patrol 2/13 Bn night 14/15 Aug located enemy strong post at 87122977. Further observation over area has indicated that the main post is at 87212977, marked by two derelict vehs in the wire. The post is strongly wired with triple dambert as is also a post at 87222981 and pt 23 (87242969). All posts are interconnected with wire on long pickets.
3. Arty has registered on known strong posts in squares 871298 and in 871297. Patrols have met outposts fwd of these posts. These posts are confirmed by aerial photographs.
4. In other sectors beebie traps have been discovered and care should be exercised in approaching enemy ~~PLs.~~
5. On 24
A Bn raid similar to that envisaged in this order is being prepared by 2 NZ Div as immediate counter stroke to enemy attack or as a diversion prior to enemy attack.

6. Additional tps under Comd

1 Sqn (less 4 Tps) 9 Aust Div Cav Regt
B Sqn 40 R T R
1 Sqn R T R (Crusaders)
1 Tp B Bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt
1 Tp 4 Aust Lt A A Regt
9 Aust A Tk Bty
1 Sec 2/13 Aust Fd Coy
B Coy (less 1 Pl) 2/2 Aust MG Bn

INTENTION

7. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn with tps under comd will raid vicinity west Pt 23 (87252969) and enemy localities and communications farther west.

METHOD

8. COMPOSITION OF RAIDING FORCE

- (a) ATTACKING FORCE
2/15 Aust Inf Bn (less 7 Pl, less 1 Sec carrier) Tk Pl
B Sqn 40 R T R.
1 Tp 4 Aust Lt AA Regt.
9 Aust A TR Bty (less 1 tp)
1 Sec 2/13 Aust Fd Coy (less dets)
B Coy (less 1 pl) 2/2 MG Bn

/EXPLOITATION DET

8. (b) EXPLOITATION DET

Comd - Maj. A. E. McINTYRE - 9 Aust Div Cav Regt
 1 Sqn (less 4 Tps) 9 Aust Div Cav Regt
 1 Sqn R.T.R. (Crusaders)
 1 Tp 13 Bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt
 2 Tps A/Tk guns (1 tp 6 pdr from 9 Aust
 A/Tk Bty)
 (1 Pl 2/pdr 2/5 Bn)
 Det 2/13 Fd Coy
 7 Pl A Coy
 1 Sec carriers
 1 motor Amb (8 Fd Amb)

9. The op will be carried out in the following phases

PHASE I

ATTACKING FORCE will seize and hold at "First Light" the enemy defences in the vicinity of Pt 23 (87252969) as a firm base for further ops.

PHASE II

EXPLOITING FORCE will pass through the "Firm Base" and raid localities and communications running South from SIDI EL RAHMAN, returning to "Firm Base" by 1500 hrs same day.

PHASE III

Entire force will be withdrawn into present FDLs on day of raid.

10. DATE OF OP

Preparation will be completed before night 25/26 Aug.

11. WARNING

- (a) Warning of raid will be received NOT later than 2030 hrs on the night before the attack.
- (b) An LO from each of the units under comd will call at HQ 2/15 Bn at 2030 hrs 25 Aug and each night following.

12. ARTY

(a) Fd
RAA 9 Aust Div is supporting the op by timed concentrations and observed fire as follows:-

Ser No.	Area	Timings	Remarks
1	Enemy wire between 87212977 and 87242971	Zero plus 15 to Zero plus 20	
2	Strongpost area from 87192975 to 87182971	Zero plus 20 to Zero plus 34	
3	Strongpost area from 87182977 to 87102973	Zero plus 20 to Zero plus 34	
4	Strongpost area 87162983 to 87102987	Zero plus 35 to Zero plus 75	After Ser 3 1 Bty ea. Regt on observed fire, remainder on task 4. Proportion smoke

- (b) Areas which include enemy O.Ps north of ry and areas South of objective are to be smoked from Zero plus 15.
- (c) Arty LO (Maj. JOHNSON) and one F.O.O. each Regt accompany ATTACKING FORCE. One F.O.O. is to accompany EXPLOITING DET.

13. Mortars

Four 81 mm mortars (Italian) under comd Lieut. A.P. BEVAN (2/13 Aust Inf Bn) will sp the attack by concentrations on strongpost area 87162983 to 87102987 from Zero plus 15 to Zero plus 75.
Rate Zero plus 15 to Zero plus 25 at r.p.g. thereafter at 2 r.p.g.
200 rds additional amn to be available at weapons for assistance during withdrawal if required.

14. Med MG

- (a) One Pl (Lieut. FERGUSON) will sp attack fire by fire from right flank onto strongpost area 87182982 to 87122987 from Zero plus 15 to Zero plus 75. Additional amn to be with guns for assistance during withdrawal if required. In addition pl will be prepared to move fwd for reorganisation if ordered.
- (b) One pl (Lieut. LAVAN) will r.v. in area behind PIMPLE about 87622982 and be ready to move fwd for reorganisation.

15. A Tk Guns

16. Lt AA will assemble in area 87622978 and accompany attacking force.

17. Engrs will be responsible for:-

- (a) Locating, making and marking gaps in enemy minefields with inf assistance. Minimum of three gaps required.
- (b) Making gaps in enemy wire with Bangalore torpedoes. Minimum of three gaps are required.
- (c) Assisting inf to lay Hawkins minefields during reorganisation.
- (d) Providing demolition dets working with the EXPLOITING DET.
- (e) Making and marking gaps in own minefields to permit egress of tanks and vehicles.

18. Tanks (ATTACKING FORCE)

- (a) Will proceed to Assembly area about 87602975 during the night prior to the raid. Route :- MERSA MATRUH Rd to gap 87992963 thence along track direct to Assembly area.
- (b) Starting Line about 87552980 to 87562974.

18.

- (c) Direction of Attack 264 degrees GRID
- (d) Time Crossing S.L. = Zero plus 15.
- (e) Task - To sp by fire the breaking of enemy minefield and infantry attack on the objective.

19.

Inf

- (a) Fwd Coys

C Coy	Right
D Coy	Left
- (b) Res Coys

A Coy (less 7 Pl)	Right
B Coy	Left
- (c) Frontage

Bn	- 300 yds)	See App A
Each Coy	- 250 yds)	
Between Secs	- 50 yds)	
- (d) Objectives Pointed out on ground.
- (e) Starting Line 87162979 to 87173973. To be marked by tape by I Sec.
- (f) Direction of Attack 264 degrees GRID.
- (g) Rate of Advance 75 yds in a minute.
- (h) Action on reaching objective - B Coy will exploit Southwards after passing through enemy wire to capture Pt. 23. C Coy to capture strongpoint extending westward to 87122973.
- (j) Hawkins Mines
C and A Coys will detail party to assist engr to lay Hawkins minefields from approx 87202973 to 87122973 to 87082970.
- (k) Tools carried on man
Each sec will carry one pick and one shovel on the man. Each man will carry two sandbags.
- (l) Reorganisation will be effected immediately with the object of holding the base until nightfall. Fullest possible use will be made of enemy diggings. Tps should be reminded that in the event of tanks penetrating the posn, their best defence is to remain in slit trenches and to allow the tanks to pass over them. Every opportunity will be taken to knock out tanks with S.T. and 75 Grenaded.
- (m) Mortars - One sec under comd each B, C, and A Coys
All to move fwd with Coys Stores trucks.
- (n) Carrier Pl (less one sec) Move from assembly area at Zero plus 15 along right flank of the advance. Be prepared to engage strongpoint between DERELICT TRUCKS 87222973 and any other enemy m.g. posts which is holding up advance of tanks
Two carriers to remain on eastern side of enemy minefield and return to starting line to act as guides for first line vehs fwd to the minefield gaps.
Each carrier to carry 25 sandbags, 3 picks, 3 shovels, 1 case S.T. grenades.
One Sec to follow tks through gaps and assist B Coy to capture pt. 23.

20. ZERO will be approx 30 mins before first light. Exact time will be notified by signal.
21. Inf will be lifted from present area to Assembly Area about 07522932 by tp carrying MT during the night prior to the attack.

ADM

22. Amn
Each rifleman will carry 100 rds 3AA and two grenades 36. Each sec will carry all TSMG mag filled and 12 Bren mags.
23. Amn reserve will be carried on Bn SAA truck and also distributed amongst all Coy Stores trucks.
24. Rations
One days battle rations will be carried by each man. Emergency rations will be checked on night prior to attack.
25. Water bottles will be filled before departure from present areas.
26. Bn Tpt
Distribution as arranged at conference.
27. Medical
RAP estab about 07552973. Entry through gap in minefield at telephone line 37542973.
28. Trucks to be provided for conveyance casualties from BASE to RAP.
29. One motor amb to accompany EXPLOITING DET.
30. One fwd RAP det under medical Sgt to move with attacking GP to objective.
31. Fd Amb not to proceed to Pt 23 area unless requested by CO Raiding Party.

32. Rec.
(a) A representative 58 LAD will be available to phone at B Coy 2/17 Aust Inf Bn
(b) 58 Aust LAD will estab a rec point in B Coy area 2/17 Aust Inf Bn at TELL EL KISA Stn.

33. P.W.
(a) 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will escort prisoners back to SANDY KNOLL (rear starting line) where they will be handed over to 9 Aust Div Pro Coy.
(b) One spare truck will accompany EXPLOITING DET for prisoners.

INTERCOMN

34. BN HQ will move on axis of attack with A Coy. On moving through enemy wire, will establish as close to original axis as possible. Marked by 80 sign on unpainted tin.
35. Coys will send two runners to BN HQ as soon as it is estab. One runner will return to Coy HQ.

- 36. One Sig each Coy will carry set of flags. One MC-DR
- 37. each from Mortar and Carrier Pls will report BN HQ after passing through enemy wire,
- 38. All lines from BN HQ to Coys will be duplicated.
- 39. 20 Aust Inf Bde is running duplicate lines fwd to the objective.
- 40. No. 18 Sets will be carried fwd with Coys. Sets at C and D Coys 2/17 Bn are being netted in.
- 41. No. 11 Set with CO's carrier to be linked with that of Comd. EXPLOITING DET, B Sqn Com RTR, 20 Aust Inf Bde.
- 42. Sigs will follow attacking tps with line from vehicle park to enable order to be passed back for sending fwd of trucks when objective is captured.
- 43. one 18 Set will also remain at vehicle park.
- 44. Pl MMG (Lieut. FERGUSON) will run a line to VEHICLE PARK and tee into 81 mm mortar post.
- 45. TO will remain at VEHICLE PARK to receive messages from fwd area and send vehicles fwd as requested.
- 46. Synchronisation of watches by BBC time signal 2100 hrs daily.
- 47. Code Words

- (a) The code word for the op will be "BULIMBA". On receipt of this code word tps will r.v. as follows:-
 Those under comd - as ordered by CO 2/15 Aust Inf Bn
 Those in support - as ordered by respective comds.
- (b) The following code words will be used in messages:-

<u>Place</u>	<u>Codeword</u>
TELL EL EISA STA (87612991)	CHEESE
BARREL HILL (87542972)	BARREL
PIMPLE (87592932)	PIMPLE
SANDY KNOLL (87462976)	SANDY
WEST PT 23 (87252969)	BEEF
TRIG 29 (86323008)	MUSTARD
SKYLINE TRACK (running approx S E along dark 25 metre contour line about 868 GRID line)	SKYLINE
Main SW track from SIDI ABD EL RAHMAN	ONIONS
SIDI ABD EL RAHMAN (86553085)	RAZOR.

- 48. Air Sp - Intelligence Sec will carry Ground indicator, smoke signals and ground strips and will be responsible for placing in posn when called for by planes. Call by planes will be two Green Verrey lights. This is to be replied to by fwd Coys firing one White Verrey light.
- 49. Final conference at BN HQ 2/15 Aust Inf Bn 87913002 at 1400 hrs 25 Aug. To be attended by all Comds, TO and I.O.

ACK *ell Harland*
 (M. HARLAND) Capt.
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2/13 AUST INF BN - OPERATION ORDER NO. 23.

REF MAP: EL ALAMEIN 1 : 50,000

INFORMATION

As per daily Intelligence Summaries.

INTENTION

1. B Coy will relieve D Coy in Pt 33 Area on night 30/31 Aug 42.
2. D Coy will relieve C Coy in Beach Area on date to be advised.

METHOD

3. Coys relieved will occupy posns at present held by coys relieving.
4. Recce Parties. Coy Recce Parties of the following strength will move as under:-

B Coy) 1 Offr)	}----night 29/30 Aug 42.
) CSM)	
) 1 Sig)	
) 1 rep per pl)	
D Coy) 1 rep per sec)	
C Coy))	}----Date to be advised.
D Coy)As above)	
5. Guides. The personnel mentioned in para 4 will act as guides on the night of the relief to bring coy HQ, pl HQ and secs into posn.
6. Movement.
 - (a) Coy vehs plus one lt veh per coy will be available.
 - (b) HQ Coy veh to D Coy, 2030 hrs, 30 Aug 42.
A Coy veh to B Coy, 2030 hrs, 30 Aug 42.
HQ Coy veh to C Coy, for second move on date to be advised.
A Coy veh to D Coy, for second move on date to be advised.
 - (c) Personnel will march to new posns.
 - (d) Vehs mentioned in sub-para (a) and (b) will be used for packs, weapons etc
7. Patrols.
 - (a) Outgoing coys will be responsible for patrolling on night of relief, but mutual arrangements will be made for taking out personnel of incoming coy for instruction in topography.
 - (b) One selected OR per pl will remain in posn and will accompany patrols by incoming coy.
They will remain for three days.
8. Weapons. All foreign weapons will be left as post stores.

ADM.

- 9. Amn. "on the man" amn only will be taken to new posns. All other amn will be left as Post Stores.
- 10. Rations. All reserve rations and water will be left as Post Stores in posns.
Five day reserve rations and water will be handed over separately from two-day battle rations
- 11. Certificates of hand-over will reach thás HQ by 1200 hrs on day following relief.
- 12. Engr Stores. All Engr Stores will be left as Post Stores. On NO account will dugouts be disturbed.

INTERCOMN.

- 13. (a) All phones will be left as Post Stores.
(b) CODE WORDS will be phoned to this HQ as follows:-

On completion of relief -

- i. First relief B Coy - STRIFE
D Coy - REST
- ii. Second relief C Coy - DIRTY
D Coy - CLEAN

ACK.

S. R. Leach Capt,
Adit 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(S. R. LEACH)

TIME OF SIGNATURE 2005 hrs.

METHOD OF DESPATCH Pipps

DISTRIBUTION

COPY NO.

A Coy
B Coy
C Coy
D Coy
HQ Coy
Q.M.
Comd
War Diary
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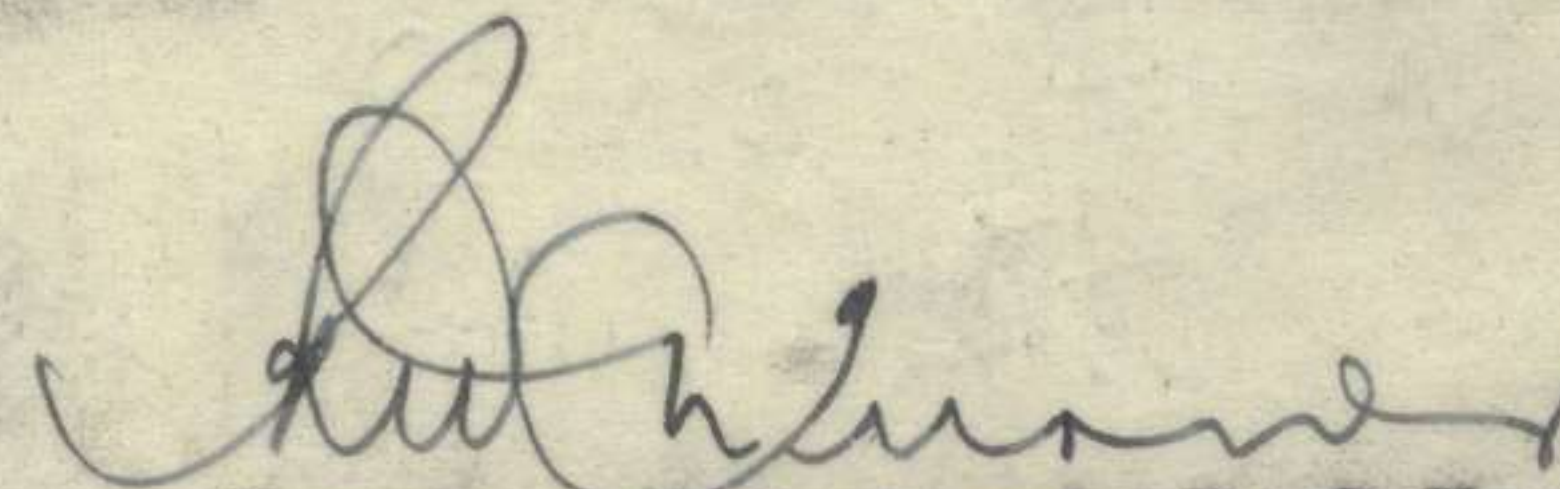
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HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN
28 AUG 42.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

OUTLINE PLAN FOR COUNTER ATTACK ON EAST PT 24 and PT 33.

Herewith Outline Plan for Counter Attack on East Pt 24
and Pt 33.


Lt-Col.
Comd 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(R.W.N. TURNER)

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HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN
In the Field,
28 AUG 42.

OUTLINE PLAN FOR COUNTER ATTACK ON EAST PT 24.

Attack to be carried out by -

1 bn or elements thereof as required

In ^{support} sp: 1 bn R.T.R.
1 fd regt R.A.A.

Until infm is received as to the exact nature and extent of enemy attack and success it is considered impossible to lay down any more than the outline plan.

The following outline is suggested:-

Tks and inf to have same axis of adv.

Tks to be in three waves:-

1st wave -(Assaulting tks)- 1 sqn
2nd wave -(Shepherding tks)-1 sqn
3rd wave -(Reserve) -1 sqn.

Inf: One or two coys as required.

F.U.P.: Area of track and rd crossing (87823005).

Marshalling in F.U.P.:

1st wave tks parallel to Pt 33 - Pt 26 ridge and just below skyline to NORTH of ridge. Rd to be in centre of line

2nd wave tks: Track running along ridge half way down NORTH slope. Sqn Comd's tk to be right on junc rd and track, as guide.

3rd wave tks: Near bottom of NORTH slope of ridge.

Inf to be on ground astride rd in front of 2nd wave tks.

Axis of adv - line joining rd and track junc and pt on ry midway between TELL EL EISA Sta and EASTERN end of CUTTING until ry is crossed, then swing right onto Pt 24.

Arty: to provide concentrations on portions of Pt 24 feature known to be occupied by enemy, and smoke on ring contour (87343025) if in occupation ~~and~~ by enemy.

If operation carried out in daylight all tps to cross track as start line on the move. First wave of tks timed to cross it 2 minutes ahead of inf.

OUTLINE PLAN FOR COUNTER ATTACK ON PT 33.

F.U. P. Same area but rotated through 90 degrees at rd and track crossing so as to face WESTWARD towards Pt 33.

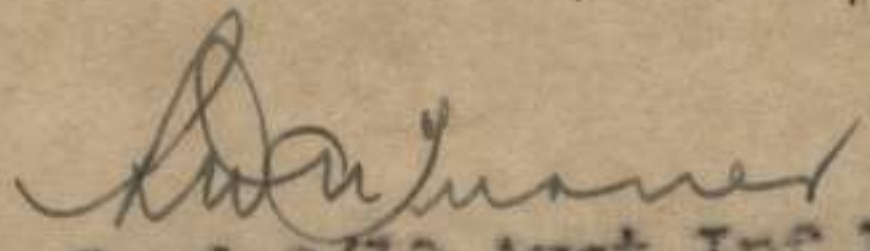
Axis of Adv: to be along NORTH slopes of ridge.

Owing to confined nature of gnd at Pt.33 only one tp of 1st wave tks will be able to get fwd of Pt 33 to present coy area there. Remainder of sqn will adopt hull-down posns along ridge immediately EAST of Pt.3

OUTLINE PLAN FOR COUNTER ATTACK ON PT 33 (Contd)

ATTN sp: Concentrations on Pt 33 lifting to ring
contour (87343025).
If in daylight smoke on Pt.33 during adv.

Note: This plan has been discussed and
practised with all squadron comds of 40 RTR.

 Lt-Col,
Comd 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(R.W.N. TURNER)

ALL COYS
TO.

ADDENDUM TO OO No 22.

The following addendum to OO NO 22 is promulgated:

1. Guides: by
Guides will be provided ~~for~~ 2/15 AUST INF BN for Coys as follows:
D Coy at 2/17 AUST INF BN HQ at 2200 hrs 21 Aug
C Coy at gap in minefield in rear of posn at 2200 hrs 20 Aug.
A Coy at Rd Block at 2200 hrs 20 AUG

One man per pl from 2/15 AUST INF BN Recce Party will go fwd as guides for 2/15 AUST INF BN to new area.
2. Carriers:
Carriers will NOT arrive at new posn before 2400 hrs 20/21 Aug.
3. Vehs:
(a) 2/13 AUST INF BN vehs will bring out 2/15 AUST INF BN gear after unloading 2/15 AUST INF BN load, dump in new area and then return to B Ech.

(b) Mortar vehs will return to B Ech after unloading 2/15 AUST INF BN with the exception of veh att to B and D Coy (one veh only) which, after unloading 2/15 AUST INF BN will return to HQ Coy area.

(c) Vehs that bring out 2/15 AUST INF BN D Coy will remain with that Coy overnight with load on. Following day loads will be taken to 2/13 AUST INF BN B Coy, then load B Coy gear for transit to new area. After unloading B Coy gear, return to B Ech.
4. Mortars:
The following allotment of mortars is made for new posn:

C Coy	4 dets
D "	1 "
B "	1 "

31mm mortar to remain at BN HQ.

OC, 3 Pl will arrange to have dets with Coys as above by 2000 hrs 20 Aug.

R. Leach
.....Capt
Adjt 2/15 AUST INF BN
(SR - LEACH)

2/13 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER NO 22.

INFORMATION.

As per I Summaries and SITREPS.

INTENTION.

- 2/13 AUST INF BN will relieve 2/15 AUST INF BN in present posn.

METHOD.

- Coys of 2/13 AUST INF BN will relieve Coys of 2/15 AUST INF BN as follows:

<u>Coys 2/13 AUST INF BN</u>	will relieve	<u>Coys 2/15 AUST INF BN.</u>
A Coy		A Coy
C		B
B		B
D		C
HQ		HQ

- Recece parties: Recece parties of the following strength will report at HQ 2/15 AUST INF BN asunder:

Coys	Composition	Time of reporting	Date
A Coy	HQ (1 ofsr (CSM (1 OR Per section 1 OR	2200 hrs	19 Aug
C	ditto	2200	19
B	ditto	2200	20
D	ditto	2200	20
HQ	3 Pl: 1 Sgt per 2 dets (4 Pl: Pl HQ- 1 Sgt) (Per section- 1 OR) 5 Pl A Tk: Lieut FITCHER and 2 ORs Remaining Pl: 1 OR HF Pl	2200 2200 2200 1000 2200	19 19 20 20

The following will accompany BN S 1/c on recece at 1000 hrs 20 Aug:-

- OC, 1 Pl plus 1 Sig.
- OC, 2 Pl
- RSM
- 1 member "I" section. (to remain and take over maps etc.)
- RMO.

- Post stores: Full list of stores to be handed or taken over will be prepared by Coys and section reps. signed receipts and handover certificates will be submitted to this HQ by 1200 hrs on day following completion of relief.
- Relief will be completed by first light 21 Aug 42.
- Movements:
 - NO move before last light.
 - Movement of Coys will take place night following recece parties.
 - Personnel will march to new areas. One veh per pl will be made available for packs etc.
- Routes:
 - A Coy- Track (87805005) to Main Rd thence WSW to Coy area in vicinity of road block.
 - C Coy- Via coast track to pt 17, Coy area.
 - B Coy- Via centre track to pt 33 Coy area.
 - D Coy- Will be relieved during daylight 21 Aug. They will move by sections to present area.

*move by sections to present area
 C Coy area*

METHOD CONTD.

7. Routes Contd.

B Coy - On night 21/22 Aug move via track (87903003) to Main Rd then W18T to Coy posn behind A Coy.
BN HQ - Via centre track to newposn
a
HQ Coy

8. Attached personnel.

Personnel of 44 British Division will remain in present posns and will be taken over by 2/15 AUST INF BN.

9. Patrols.

2/15 AUST INF BN arr/leave 1 OR in each PI area for the purpose of guiding on patrols etc. He will remain for three or four days.

10. Porters.

CC, 3 PI will arrange transfer of detachments to Coys as required for new posn by 1900 hrs 20 Aug. Detailed instrs will be issued later.

11. A Tk.

3 AUST A Tk Regt personnel and weapons will remain in present posns and be taken over by 2/15 AUST INF BN. Unit A Tk guns will be relieved as arranged between A Tk offrs.

12. MSG.

As for A Tk.

13. Engineers.

Engineers attached B Coy will remain in present posn.

14. Weapons.

- (a) One 20 mm Breda at present at B Echelon will be handed over to 2/15 AUST INF BN at its location. CC, 2 PI will arrange to train a crew at 2/15 AUST INF BN B Echelon.
- (b) Three Spandau MG will be handed over by 2/15 AUST INF BN in present posns.
- (c) One 81 mm mortar (Italian) and amn will be handed over by 2/15 AUST INF BN.

15. Transport.

TO will arrange one heavy vehicle per platoon to report to Coy at ~~20~~ hrs on the day of Coy move.

2030

16. B Echelon.

B Echelon will remain in present posn.

AMN.

17. Rations and water.

- (a) Veh rations (three days) will remain at B Ech.
- (b) B Coy will hand over all reserve rations and water to 2/15 AUST INF BN as post stores. CM will ensure that 70 x 2 gal cans of water are delivered to B Coy by 2000 hrs 20 Aug. This will be handed over.
- (c) Reserve rations and water will be taken over from 2/15 AUST INF BN as post stores. These will be found in all FBIs on the basis of two days rations and water.

18. Amn.

- (a) RSN will arrange equitable exchange of all 1st Line Amn.
- (b) "on the men" amn only will be carried fwd by Coys. Remainder will be handed over as post stores.
- (c) B Coy will hand over all reserve amn.
- (d) All amn other than "on the men" will be taken over in 2/15 AUST INF BN area.

ADM Contd.

- 19. Engineers stores.
All existing dug outs will be left as at present.
On no account must any dug out be dismantled.
- 20. Latrines.
All box latrines will be handed over as post stores.
- 21. Tools.
Tools will be carried on Pl vehs.
- 22. Medical.
Mutual arrangement by RMOs.

INTERCOMN.

- 23. Signals.
Lines and phones by mutual arrangements of sig offrs.
Existing laid cable to be handed over.
- 24. BN HQ will close at present posn at 2200 hrs 2¹/₂ Aug
and reopen at new location at the same time.

ACK.

R. Leach
Capt
 Adjnt 2/13 AUST INF BN
 (SR LEACH)

TIME OF SIGNATURE1230.....hrs.

METHOD OF DESPATCH.....SDR.....

DISTRIBUTION:

HQ Coy

A

B

C

D

2/15 AUST INF BN

Comd - to be shown to QM and TC by Adjt

War Diary

File- to be shown by IO to RMO and RSM

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Two
SECRET

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13 AUG 42

2/13 AUST INF BN 00 No.21

REF MAP: EL ALAMEIN 1: 50,000
[Signature]

INFORMATION.

1. Recce patrols have reported TWO occupied SANGARS at 87272973 with one coil damert wire running NE-SW. These SANGARS appear to be rather isolated and do not seem to be heavily manned.

INTENTION.

2. C Coy Fighting Patrol will engage enemy in sq 872297, inflict casualties and secure prisoners.

METHOD.

3. Strength.
 - (a) 1 Offr - Lieut DH.GREEN
1 Sgt
11 ORs.
 - (b) Covering Party for vehs - 2 ORs.
 - (c) Stretcher Bearer - 1 OR.
4. Weapons. 2 Bren LMGs, 3 TSMGs remainder of patrol rifles and bayonets.
2 Pistols Signalling.
5. Timings. Time out from 87452980 - 2100 hrs.
Time back to B Coy, 2/17 AUST INF BN, 0400 hrs or earlier as required.
6. Route. By MT to B Coy, 2/17 AUST INF BN, thence to 87452980.
By foot on bearing of 245 degrees to SANGARS at 87272973. If no contact made, NORTH along wire until contact is made with the enemy.
7. Limit of Exploitation, NORTH. 1000 yds from 87272973.
8. Local support. One Bren LMG on each flank to give supporting fire if required. These LMGs will give covering fire when patrol commences to withdraw until patrol has passed through.
9. Rear Guard. 2 men with TSMGs and Cover Patrol as they move back to RV.
10. Arty. Concentrations as follows on SOS:-
 - (a) Report at coy area at 87282984.
 - (b) Pt 23 WEST 87242969.
Z to Z plus 5, rate INTENSE.
Z plus 5 to Z plus 10, rate RAPID.
 - (c) SOS will be fired by command of patrol leader in case of necessity when in contact with enemy
 - (d) SOS will be fired by command of patrol leader when withdrawing and is well clear of contact, if it has not previously been fired so that fire plan may be fired as a harassing shoot.

ADM.

- 11. Rations. Hot meal in coy at 1900 hrs.
- 12. Vehs. One light veh from each C and HQ Coys.
HQ Coy veh will report to C Coy at 1930 hrs
(driver will have been fed).
- 13. Arm. (a) 5 mags per Bren IMG
(b) TSMG - as considered necessary.
(c) Rifles loaded with 10 rds SAA.
(d) Quantity 69 and 36m grenades.
(e) 4 Cartridges Sig RED.
(f) 20 rds RED tracer.
- 14. Medical. One stretcher bearer with stretcher at veh.

INTERCOMM.

- 15. SOS. 2 REDS fired simultaneously.
- 16. Guiding. 1 RED tracer fired vertically at 5 minute intervals (to be fired from posn 200 yds to left of veh).
- 17. Arty. OP on feature 26.
FOO with R/T with veh at 87452980.
FOO will be reporting to C Coy lines prior to patrol moving out.

ACK.

S. R. Leach Capt,
Adjut 2/15 AUST INF BN
(S. R. LEACH)

TIME OF SIGNATURE: 1640 hrs.

METHOD OF DESPATCH: *Sig*

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>
HQ Coy	1
A Coy	2
B Coy	3
C Coy	4
D Coy	5
2/15 AUST INF BN	6
2/17 AUST INF BN	7
58 BTY, 2/8 AUST FDREGT	8
20 AUST INF BIE	9
Comd	10 ✓
I.O.	11
War Diary	12-13
File	14.

2 AUG 42.

2/13 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER NO.

REF MAP: EL ALAMEIN 1 : 50,000.

INFORMATION.

1. As per SITREPS and "I" Summaries to date.

INTENTION.

2. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will partially relieve 2/48 Aust Inf Bn and will form 20 Aust Inf Bde Reserve in Coastal Sector on night 2/3 Aug 42.

METHOD.

3. MOVE. No move before 2200 hrs 2 Aug 42. Relief to be complete by 0300 hrs 3 Aug 42.
4. RECCE and ADV PARTIES.
 - (a) Recce Parties will carry out recce of coy areas on 1 and 2 Aug 42.
 - (b) Adv Party, D and HQ Coys will move to new areas on night 1-2 Aug 42.
 - (c) Adv Parties will consist of one rep per coy, pl and sec.
5. ORDER OF MARCH. See Appendix "A".
6. ROUTE.
 - (a) KATARA track to MAIN COASTAL rd then WEST to track junc at 88042973 thence causeway to unit track to rear of Bn Area.
 - (b) A, C and D Coys will recce route from above track junc to coy areas.
7. PATROLS. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for patrols up to and incl night 2-3 Aug 42 until relieved.
8. FD WORKS.
 - (a) Coys will take with them all materials in present posn for Fd Wks, excl wire and mines.
 - (b) Defensive posns in new area will be strengthened
9. COY AREAS. Coys will relieve 2/48 Aust Inf Bn Coys as follows:-
 - (a) D Coy, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn to relieve D Coy 2/48 Bn
 - (b) A Coy, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn to relieve old B Coy 2/48 Bn
 - (c) C Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn to relieve C Coy 2/23 Bn.
 - (d) HQ Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn to relieve HQ Coy 2/48 Bn.
 B Coy will assist C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn and 10 Bty, 3 Aust A Tk Regt in forming Strong Posts at the following posns:-
 - i. 87822981
 - ii. 87842970
 - iii. 87962969
 - iv. 88022963
 - v. 88042954.

METHOD (Cont)

10. CARRIER PL. Carrier P1 will move with HQ Coy and will be in reserve with HQ Coy.
11. MORTARS; will move with present coys.
12. A TK PL. will receive posns for guns with 2/48 Aust Inf Bn, A TK Offr on 2 Aug 42.
13. MIG. P1 2/2 Aust Inf Bn will revert to comd 2/2 Aust Inf Bn at 2300 hrs 2 Aug 42.
14. B Ech. B Ech will be Brigaded. QM will arrange a recon party to report to Staff Capt, 20 Aust Inf Bde at 1300 hrs 2 Aug 42 at 88602948 NORTH of MAIN COASTAL rd. QM will arrange coy B Ech areas and reps will guide their coy B Ech into posn.

ADM.

15. ADM.
 - (a) All amm will be taken.
 - (b) Excess of G.1098 held by 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will be taken over by coys.
16. RATIONS.
 - (a) One days hard ration on the man.
 - (b) Three days veh ration will remain intact on unit vehs.
 - (c) Veh rations at present loaded in 345 Gen Tpt Coy vehs will be unloaded and held in coy B Ech posn.
17. PACKS. Packs will be taken into posts with the man.
18. TPT CARRYING TPT. Coy tpt carrying vehs (345 Gen Tpt Coy) will tpt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn personnel to new area.
Further instructions will be issued with regard to 345 Gen Tpt Coy's vehs at B Ech.
Vehs which take in C Coy will bring out C Coy 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
19. FOREIGN WEAPONS. Foreign weapons will be taken over by coys relieving coys of 2/48 Aust Inf Bn.
20. INVENTORY OF POST STORES.
 - (a) An inventory of post stores and supplies will be prepared by Adv Parties and will be fwded, receipted to this HQ by 1200 hrs 3 Aug 42.
 - (b) Receipts will be given for all stores taken over.
21. HYGIENE. Every effort will be made at new areas to ensure complete hygiene. Flyproof latrines will be supplied to coys as soon as possible.
22. TPT. The minimum amount of tpt will be kept fwd and the remainder returned to B Ech area. NO more vehs than at present with coys will be allowed fwd.
23. MEDICAL. Relief of RAP will be mutually arranged between RMOs.
24. SUPS, POL, WATER. Instns will be issued later.
25. AP. Will be notified later.

INTERCOM.

26. LOCATION OF BN HQ. Bn HQ will close in present posn at 2300 hrs 2 Aug 42 and will re-open at 87933001 at the same time.

27. CODE WORDS. Coys will telephone the following code word to this HQ:-

Relief completed -	HQ Coy	-	"PULL"
	A Coy	-	"PUSH"
	C Coy	-	"LIFT"
	D Coy	-	"DROP"

ACK.

S. R. Beach
 Capt,
 Adj. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
 (S. R. BEACH)

TIME OF SIGNATURE hrs.

METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION - DR.

<u>DISTRIBUTION.</u>	<u>Copy No</u>
A Coy	1
B Coy	2
C Coy	3
D Coy	4
HQ Coy	5
P1, 345 Gen Tpt Coy	6
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	7
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	8
P1, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn	9
Comd	10
2 1/6	11
Adj. 2	12
CM	13
TO	14
Sig Offr	15
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File	18

Durkman

2/13 AUG 42 INF III

MOVEMENT TABLE

ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH CO NO.

ROUTE: KATARA RD-MAIN COASTAL RD-TRACK JUNC 87922984-Bn Area.
 S.P. KATARA RD and TELEPHONE JUNC.
 START TIME: 2250 HRS.
 V.I.M. Visibility distance.
 M.I.M. Six
 T.C.P. Will be established along route at main turnoffs
 DISTANCE TO TURNOFF 87922984. 1⁶/₁₀ miles.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SER- IAL NO.</u>	<u>COY</u>	<u>NO OF VEHS</u>	<u>TIME PAST SP.</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
2 AUG 42.	1	D	10	2250	1st and last veh to have man to call "FIRST" or "LAST VEHICLE D COY".
	2	A	13	2253	" " " ---A COY".
	3	HQ	27	2300	" " " --HQ COY".
	4	Bn HQ	10	2307	" " " --Bn HQ".
	5	C	9	2310	" " " ---C COY". (Last of convoy)
	XXX				

2/13 AUST INF BN ADM ORDER NO. 1.

REF MAP. EL HAMMAM 1 : 100,000.

1. GENERAL. In the defended area at present held by this unit, Reserve Rations and Water are to be made available. These reserves must be treated as such and severe disciplinary action will be taken against any person who uses or who allows reserves to be used unless under direct orders from Coy Comds who will act on orders received from this HQ.

2. RESERVES. Reserves will be held on the following scales:-

i. Rations. Five days to be distributed as follows:
Three days with the coys
Two days under Bn control.

ii. Water. Three days with the coys (in 44 gal. drums and 2 gal containers).
Two days in Bde Reserve.

For detailed instructions re distribution see Appx "A" to this Order.

iii. Amn. Reserve amn will be notified later.

iv. POL. Full tanks plus 100 miles for all vehs will be stored at B Ech and loaded onto vehs on code word being given.

3. (a) The five days reserve rations detailed in para 2 (i) above are in addition to the 2 days reserve now carried by fwd coys and will be kept separate at all times.

(b) Reserves of all natures will be kept dispersed in small dumps, each containing all items of reserves concerned, i.e. supply dumps will each contain balanced quantities of all commodities, and amn dumps all natures of amn.

Coy will ensure that all amn above E.2 (G.1098) Scale is put into such dumps.

(c) Unless orders to the contrary ALL reserves will be left for incoming unit even though relief has not been effected. Receipts for reserves will be given and/or demanded on any relief taking place.

(d) Every effort will be made to maintain reserves intact and in good condition and to ensure this, ALL reserves will be boxed. Coys will be responsible for providing boxes.

(e) Coys will ensure that weekly inspections of all reserves are made and a certificate will be rendered by 1800 hrs on each SATURDAY as follows:

"CERTIFIED that all reserve rations and water on charge to this coy are intact and in good condition.

The number of man-day rations held is -----"

This certificate will be signed by the 2 i/c coy.

(f) Coys will record the location of all reserve dumps and will notify this HQ of each location

3. (Continued)

(g) Reserve water in 2 gallon containers will be turned over at frequent intervals. Reserve water in 44 gallon drums need not be turned over but frequent tests will be made of the water.

(h) All dumps will be dug in and covered over and will be well dispersed.

(i) Special care will be taken that these rations are kept intact and special lines, such as fruit, milk, tea and sugar are not abstracted and used.

4. ADM AREA.

(a) Adm Area is located SOUTH of rd ALEXANDRIA-MATRUH and NORTH of Grid 905 between grids 454 and 459.

(b) On code word being given all tpt, which is surplus to comd, intercomm and adm will be returned to adm area. TO has been given list of all vehs to be returned.

(c) LOB personnel, also drivers and other personnel as detailed to TO will move to Adm Area on code word being given.

(d) To ensure quick movement of personnel mentioned in sub-para (c) above, the following procedure will be adopt ed:-

- i. On re-organisation of LOB Gp, nominal rolls will be typed by this HQ and issued to Coys.
- ii. A Master Roll will be kept by this HQ.
- iii. When a member of LOB Gp is evacuated for any reason the coy concerned will notify this HQ, at the same time nominating a substitute of the same rank or appointment.
- iv. LOB Gp must NOT fall below establishment in numbers or ranks at any time.
- v. TO will act in accordance with the above sub-paras.

5. CODE WORDS. The code word, on receipt of which tpt and personnel will move to Adm Area and POL reserve will be carried on vehs, will be ---- "DUSTY".

6. MEDICAL.

(a) 2/8 AUST PD AMB remains under comd ADMS.

(b) ADS is established at 88272981.

(c) A MDS is to be established at 89022942, when the MDS at 42609085 will close.

ACK.

S.R. Leach Capt,
 Adit 2/13 AUST INF BN
 (S.R. LEACH)

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>COPY NO.</u>
A Coy	1
B Coy	2
C Coy	3
D Coy	4
HQ Coy	5
2 i/c	6
Adjt	7
Q.M.	8
T.O.	9
R.M.O.	10
R.S.M.	11
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APPENDIX "A".

ISSUED WITH 2/13 AUST INF BN ADM ORDER NO. 1.

DISTRIBUTION OF RESERVE WATER IN 2-GAL. CONTAINERS AND
44 GAL. DRUMS.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
SUB UNIT	STRENGTH	2 GAL. CONTAINERS	44 GAL. DRUMS.	GALLONS, RESERVE WATER.
BN HQ	87	98	-	196
HQ COY	272	241	3	614
A COY	122	71	3	274
B COY	138	90	3	312
C COY	121	71	3	274
D COY	119	69	3	270
TOTALS	859	640	15	1,940.

- NOTE:
- (i) Figures in coln 2 are ration strengths as at 23 Aug 42, including normal attached personnel.
 - (ii) Mortar Pl are shown with HQ Coy.
 - (iii) Intelligence Section are shown with Bn HQ.
 - (iv) B Ech personnel are shown included in Coy strengths.

No., 20 MUST INF BR.

PATROL REPORT.

(For 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 31 Aug)

SERIAL NO. 2.

SUB UNIT. : B Coy.
COMD : Lieut. H W Pope
STRENGTH : 1 Oftr, 1 Sgt (Sgt Morris F of B Coy) & 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2015 hrs.
TIME IN : 0145 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : Out from 87503018 to 8745530300 to 87373031. Return to 87503016.
OBJECT : To obtain details of previously reported enemy minefield.
REPORT. : First Leg. Out on a bearing of 339 degrees (grad) for 1400 yds. RTA.

Second Leg. Bearing 284 degrees. After covering 500 yds, the patrol laid up and a scout was sent fwd to locate enemy wire, but failed to do so. Patrol proceeded for a further 100 yds, laid up again. Voices were heard at least 500 yds away to the NORTH and a truck to start up from the same pt and proceed EASTWARDS. Sounds of digging, SOUTH, about 500 yds were also heard. Patrol proceeded by bounds for a further 500 yds. Here (at 8732530325) were heard guttural voices 200 yds to the front and a sound as of tin cans being dumped. Dig figures were observed through binoculars - at least 6 being seen.

The moon was now bright and behind the patrol, which was withdrawn to a posn 800 yds to the rear with the object of striking on a new bearing further SOUTH, as Sgt MORRIS was of the opinion that the patrol had penetrated deeper than where minefield was previously contacted by him (at 87413030). But before a new bearing was taken approx 20 men were seen advancing towards the patrol (at 87433030) in extended line. Patrol had withdraw again, as they were silhouetted against the moon. The enemy party was observed to turn SOUTH towards a known enemy listening post. The patrol took up a new posn 400 yds in front of right fwd pl PMLs of coy on fwd slopes of TRIG 33. Patrol leader decided to move SOUTH to cut off enemy party and warn our tps but was forestalled by enemy arty and MGs opening up. Patrol was pinned down first by enemy fire and then by our own fire, incl LMGs and mortar fire. Our own fire appeared to be most effective. During lulls enemy voices were heard 600 yds to the NORTH, sometimes sounding like the delivery of orders. After a quarter of an hour spank and mortar flashes were seen in same direction. After a further quarter of an hour 20 to 30 men were seen coming from the direction of our own lines in extended order. Patrol leader did not know whether men were enemy or own tps and moved to a flank SOUTH for 200 yds towards TRIG 33 where they were forced to ground by our mortar fire. Voices in a foreign language were heard on the flat (patrol leader was unable to say whether they were GERMAN or ITALIAN, but some of them appeared high pitched while others were fairly deep) - and men were seen forming up and moving towards enemy lines. The patrol shortly afterwards reported in (time 0145 hrs).

SERIAL NO. 1.

SUB UNIT : A Coy
COMD : Lieut WJ BARRETT.
TIME OUT : 2030 hrs
TIME IN : 0315 hrs
STRENGTH : 1 Oftr, 6 ORs (2 NCO Learners)
ROUTE and AREA to be PATROLLED. From 87513010 to 87323018 to 87323017 to 87373012 and return to 87513010.
REPORT Patrol moved on 295 degrees to 87403015 where digging was heard on a bearing of 325 degrees distance approx 300-400 yds away, NMS or H; until 87363016 where single pits were encountered, approx 3 in all, they did not appear to have been recently occupied. GREEN flare seen from this point at 220 degrees. Patrol continued on until 2000 yds covered, where further group of single pits were seen, these pits sited in scrub below a rocky bare ridge.

31 Aug

Patrol continued to 87343017 from where digging could be heard on a bearing of 235 degrees, approx distance 300-400 yds. Working party could be heard talking. Patrol moved on to 87323018. At this pt a fairly thick high scrub was encountered and as the moon had risen and the continued sounds of a working party persisted, patrol lay up. A Spandau opened up from a bearing of 5 degrees followed later by another spandau at 20 degrees and just over main ridge, approx 600 or 700 yds. Time was 2115 hours. At this time the enemy arty opened up from 270 degrees to 325 degrees. At 300 degrees guns appeared to be almost wheel to wheel. Times of flash to report of guns on the following bearings:-

	275 degrees	-	13	seconds.
	235	"	7	"
	300	"	8	"
by gun at,	355	"	12	"

Patrol decided to await further developments. Later a further 2 spandaus opened up, one at 355 degrees and the other at 40 degrees. A mortar started to fire at 20 degrees, (Kilo 110 region) and our arty fire was falling in the same vicinity (mortar) as well as our own mortar fire, upon which enemy mortar ceased to fire. Spandaus at 355 degrees and 20 degrees had also ceased. At 0130 hrs patrol seeing no movement of tps or hearing no sounds of mechanical vhs decided to return via ry as enemy arty was falling fwd of TRAILER RIDGE. Patrol moved on 190 degrees for 150 yds to ry at 87323017 and turned left, keeping ry line on their right. At 750 yds from turning point i.e. from ry a group of about 25 shallow pits at 87373012 was encountered between ry line and track which runs approx 100 yds parallel with ry. These diggings appeared to be of fairly recent construction. Patrol again laid up as enemy arty was falling on left and fwd to patrol's line of advance. A spandau opened up at approx 220 degrees, distance 600-700 yds, SOUTH of an old ry. Patrol moved on bearing of 100 degrees to rear of a ridge in front where an old gun pit was found. Patrol was busy investigating this pit when our own arty opened up. Shelling was all round the patrol which became separated. Arty continued to pound patrol's area but no casualties were sustained. As soon as shelling had stopped, patrol made for own lines, returning at 0315 hrs except for three members who had become detached from patrol but who reported in safely at 0335 hrs.

SERIAL NO. 3.

SUB UNIT 1. C Coy.

REPORT will be supplied later.

David Branch Lieut,
 I.C. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
 (D.W.B. MAUGHAN)

Smith
SECRET
HQ., 2/13 AUST INF BN.
31 AUG 42.

HQ., 20 AUST INF BDE

PATROL REPORT (ADDITIONAL)

SERIAL NO. 3

SUB UNIT : C Coy.
COMD : Lieut. D S Webb
STRENGTH : 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 1 OR & 1 Offr (Learner)
TIME OUT : 2000 hrs.
TIME IN : 0200 hrs.

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : From 87013029 along coast to 87533039
thence to 87523041 and return by same route.

REPORT : Patrol moved out from 87613029 to 87533039 from
second rd junc - NTR. At this point left flank man of patrol saw
one enemy sentry 80 yds away on left. Patrol continued along track
on left of hummocks for another 100 yds when a few voices and slight
hammering were heard above the murmuring of the sea. Patrol moved
on to 87523047 50 yds SOUTH of second rd junc, when an order in
German, presumably, was heard to be given and all sounds of work
ceased. Patrol laid up for 30 minutes and then moved over the
second rd junc and observed from a posn 20 yds beyond rd junc, both
along NORTH rd and along left slope of sand hummock by the sea, while
looking for wire which leader reckoned must be close by. At three
pts observations were made towards the beach but no wire could be
seen ahead. Patrol then withdrew to posn of truck and trailer
(87523039) to observe from the sand hummocks and whilst doing so
a bright gun flash preceded mortar fire and fire from 3 spandaus
and one Zollorthorn, all from 87513044. Fire was then observed
87343025 to the coast. Patrol then went to ground until our arty
fire commenced neutralizing enemy fire from 87513044. Patrol then
returned along sandhills and saw 4 enemy vicinity first rd junc.
Patrol went to ground until it was possible to approach our lines.

DWB
Lieut.
HQ., 2/13 AUST INF BN.
(DWB MAUGHAN)

SECRET.
HQ., 2/13 AUST INF BN.
30 AUG 42.

NO., 20 AUST INF BDE.

PATROL REPORT.
(for 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 30 Aug)

SERIAL NO. 1

SUB UNIT : B Coy.
COMD. : Sgt Mair D C
STRENGTH : 1 Sgt, 4 ORs & 1 Officer (Learner)
TIME OUT : 2005 hrs.
TIME IN : 0115 hrs.

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : Out from 87613029 to ~~87543035~~ to 87543036. Return to 87613029. 87513043

REPORT : Patrol moved out with a pt scout approx 20 yds ahead of the main body to rd June at ~~87543035~~ and continued along coastal track for a further 100 yds when the pt scout veered off the rd towards the left having been deflected by a coil of single dannert lying across the rd, and which came to an end on the southern edge of the rd. As the scout went round the end of the dannert he struck a trip wire, which later inspection proved to run obliquely to the dannert and in front of it and continued in a southerly direction for approx 100 yds. The pt scout immediately went to ground, followed by the whole patrol. The patrol comd went fwd and listened for 10 minutes. A noise as of a man kicking a drum came from about 500 yds SW and at the same time sounds of movement on the sand dunes nr the shore within 200 to 300 yds were heard. As this wire must have been freshly placed (which was borne out by the freshly chipped appearance of the pegs holding the wire) patrol comd investigated fwd for mines to a depth of 50 yds on the left hand side of the track, and then moved left at rt angles to the rd track for about the same distance until the trip wire was again contacted. As the moon was about to rise, patrol comd moved the patrol back for 50 yds, and listened for movement - NMS or H. After about $\frac{1}{2}$ hr- the moon having now risen- Sgt Mair and 1 OR moved fwd and investigated the trip wire. It was at this stage that the discovery was first made that the trip wire traversed the rd obliquely in front of the dannert. The trip wire was investigated for its entire length from a point on the edge of the rd sand dunes, 5 yds off the rd, across to its pt of junct with the dannert and then into the salt pans for 100 yds, where it came to an end. Numerous diggings were observed and at least 5 dug outs were closely investigated, but none were freshly dug or showed signs of recent occupation. The trip wire was a sig wire held in place by wooden pegs from 6 ins to 1 ft off the ground and between each gap tins were strung on the wire. The wire was strung very taut which also gave the impression that it had been freshly laid. Further investigation was made within a 50 yds radius of the end of the trip wire after which a return was made to the main body of the patrol. Next patrol leader and 1 OR investigated the dannert from the edge of the rd northwards to where it also (like the trip wire) came to an end in the sand dunes about 5 yds off the rd. They then investigated eastwards between the rd and the coast back to the patrol. Apart from old diggings and a dead Australian Soldier, NTR. A post of observation was then taken up ^{at} high pt on the sand dunes ~~NMS or H.~~ As patrol comd ~~had been informed~~ ^{had} of the previous night's patrol ~~had~~ ^{had} taken up a post in this area, now for the first time found to be wired, an ambush was suspected by patrol leader, and so patrol was withdrawn, reporting in at 0115 hrs. No sooner had the patrol reported in than an enemy mortar opened up, the rds falling between where the patrol had been and our FDLs

Chris Thompson Lieut.
HQ., 2/13 AUST INF BN
(DUB:RACOMAP)

All Coys.

PATROL.

The attached reported of a patrol led by WX35162 Sgt McVICAR MN. is fwded. Comd directs that this be studied by all prospective patrol leaders as an example of initiative and daring.

McVic Capt,
ADIT 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

REPORT OF PATROL (A COY), NIGHT 27/28 AUG 42.
PATROL LEADER - SGT McVICAR MN.

Patrol moved out from SP on bearing of 292 degrees and proceeded for 900 yds to a pt where a cable was found running SOUTH to NORTH. Whilst examining the wire a bird call was heard from direction of ry line. Patrol moved on and at 1600 yds one full case of amm was found intact. Patrol leader opened case and found it contained GERMAN mortar bombs. One bomb was taken out and kept by Patrol Leader. Voices and the sound of digging were heard at this pt on a bearing of 280 degrees and approx 200-300 yds away from patrol. Patrol continued on for another 200 yds when digging was again heard and also an explosion, which sounded like a mine. Simultaneously three gun flashes from enemy arty were seen on a bearing of 280 degrees. From this pt patrol moved another 100 yds and as no wire had been encountered patrol leader moved to right on second leg bearing due NORTH. After covering distance of 200 yds diggings were encountered, consisting of approx 6 weapon pits on a 40 yds frontage. Near one pit was a box containing white bread, stale and about 1 week old. BRITISH biscuits were also found in the box. Patrol moved on for a further 100 yds and as the moon was obscured by cloud patrol leader decided to move on further than was originally intended in the hope of finding enemy wire. Due to the chdly conditions patrol had been able to move quietly and the hour was still early. Patrol then continued on for 250 yds to where the main (bitumen) rd was met. On the road were 2 derelict trucks which were inspected by patrol leader. One was of BRITISH make and the other too damaged for identification. Patrol leader decided to take third leg on a bearing of 120 degrees and return to SP. After going for approx 1200 yds a single row of dannert wire was met, patrol went to gnd whilst patrol leader moved fwd and around the wire to a pt where triple dannert ran off at right angles to the single row. Immediately beyond patrol leader saw a gap leading to the right through which he entered. EP mines were seen stacked in a heap near entrance on his right and on the left BRITISH Mk IV mines were laid on top of gnd. On opposite side of triple dannert more mines were seen laid on top of gnd. Patrol leader moved on for approx 60 yds and suddenly noticed a figure standing near some diggings about 50 yds to his left. Patrol leader immediately commenced to whistle and turning round slowly retraced his steps out through the gap and back to his men. He explained to the men that they might find trouble inside the wire and that the patrol was going to investigate further. Patrol leader then led his men back inside the wire to the pt from where he had seen the figure. On reaching this pt patrol leader saw that instead of one man there were now 8 or 9 enemy standing in a group. Patrol leader was the only member of the patrol who saw the group so he signalled to his men to follow him out again through the gap in the wire. Patrol leader moved approx 15 yds out from wire for some distance and then moved further out until patrol was approx 100 yds in front of post. Patrol went to gnd and the leader told his men where their front was and to prepare to fire at the group of enemy he had located. Patrol leader then gave order to fire and patrol opened up with two TSMGs and three rifles. After only firing a burst each, both TSMGs jammed. The riflemen (one being the patrol leader) fired 10 rds each in the enemy. Squeals and yells were heard from the enemy and one man was seen to fall down on the gnd. Then a voice was heard giving an order. Voice was of GERMAN accent. Immediately after command was given spandax and rifle fire opened up on patrol. Patrol leader gave order to withdraw and patrol ran towards own lines, going to gnd three times until eventually SP was reached. Patrol returned safely. One man had a lucky escape when mortars opened up as patrol first turned for home, one bomb landing approx 25 yds away on his left. Patrol covered approx 800-900 yds from time of withdrawal to SP. Patrol reported in through No. 9. Pl at 0015 hrs.

UNIT 2/13 Inf Bn PATROL REPORT 24 hours ended 0600 hrs 28 Aug, 47.

Serial: SUB : TIME : Route and : Report
 No : UNIT : OUT : IN : Strength : area patrolled:

1	A Coy.	2030	0015	1 NCO Sgt. RM McVICAR E 4 ORs.	^{cut} from SP for 1900 yds on bearing 292° - thence due NORTH 550 yds in on 120° approx 2100 yds. From 8751 3009 to 8725 3016 to 8735 3025 & return to 8751 3009
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As Attached

Patrol moved out from SP on bearing of 292° (~~proceeded for 900 yds to a point where~~) ^{AL 8743730125} a cable was found running SOUTH to NORTH. Whilst examining the wire a bird call was heard from direction of my line. Patrol moved on ⁸⁷³⁷⁷³⁰¹⁴⁸ at 500 yds one full case of amm was found - intact. Patrol leader opened case & found it contained German mortar bombs. One bomb was taken out & kept by T. leader. Voices & the sound of digging were heard at this point on a bearing of 280° & approx 200/300 yds away from patrol. Patrol continued on ⁸⁷³⁵⁸³⁰¹⁵⁴ (for another 200 yds) when digging was again heard & also an explosion, which sounded like a mine. Simultaneously ³ three gun flashes from enemy arty were seen on a bearing of 280°. From this point patrol moved on another 100 yds & as no wire had been encountered, patrol leader moved to right on 2nd leg bearing DUE NORTH. (After covering distance of 200 yds) ^{AL 8734930176} diggings were encountered, consisting of approx 6 weapon pits on a 40 yd frontage. Near one pit was a box containing white bread - stale & about a week old ^{and} British biscuits, were also found in the box. Patrol again moved on for a further 100 yds & as the moon was obscured by cloud -

patrol leader decided to move on further than originally intended in the hope of finding enemy wire. Due to the cloudy conditions patrol had been able to move quickly & the hour was still early. Patrol then continued ~~on~~ for ~~250 yds~~ ^{to where} ^{the} main (Bitumen) rd was met. ^{Lat 87353025} On the road were two derelict trucks, which were inspected by patrol leader. One was of British make, & the other ^{was} too damaged for identification. Patrol leader decided to take 3rd leg ~~on~~ bearing of ~~120°~~ & return to S.P. ^{At approx 8743730105} After going for approx ~~1200 yds~~ a single row of danner wire was met, patrol went to ground whilst patrol leader moved forward & around the wire to a point where triple-danner ran off at right angles to the single row. Immediately beyond P. leader saw a gap leading to the right, through which he entered. EP mines were seen stacked in a heap near entrance on his right & on the left Brit MK IV mines were laid on top of ground. On opposite side of triple-danner more mines were seen laid on top of ground. P. leader moved on for approx 60 yds & suddenly noticed a figure standing near some diggings about 50 yds to his left. P. leader immediately

commenced to whistle & turning round slowly retraced his steps out through the gap & back to his men. He explained to the men that they might find trouble inside the wire & that the patrol was going to investigate further. P. leader then led his men back inside the wire to the point from where he had seen the figure. On reaching this point patrol leader saw that instead of one man, there were ^{now} 8 or 9 enemy standing in a group. P. leader was the only member of the patrol who saw the group, so he signalled to his men to follow him out again. ^{patrol leader led} through the gap in the wire, ^{patrol} ~~leader~~ led his patrol ~~moved~~ through the gap and then ~~leader~~ moved approx 15 yds out from wire for some distance & then moved further out until patrol was approx 100 yds in front of post. Patrol went to ground & the leader told his men where their post was & to prepare to fire at the group of enemy he had located. P. leader then gave order to fire & patrol opened up with two TSMG's & 3 rifles. After only firing a burst each - both TSMG's jammed. The riflemen (one being P. leader) fired 10 rds each into the enemy. Squeals & yells were heard from the enemy & one man was seen to fall.

The.....
Die

at 1100 hrs

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The first occurrence of this nature was heard on a beam of
of 30 ft height from A Coy HQ

W. J. M.

detected on the ground. They were
was heard giving out order. Voice was
of German accent. Immediately after
command was given Spandan & rifle
fire opened up on patrol. P. leader
gave order to withdraw & patrol ran
towards own lines, going to ground 3
times until eventually SP was reached.
Patrol returned safely. One man had
a lucky escape when mortars opened
up as patrol first turned for home,
one bomb landing approx 25 yds away
on his left. Patrol covered ^{returned} approx 800/900
yds from time of withdrawal to SP.
Patrol reported in through 9PL at 0015 hrs.

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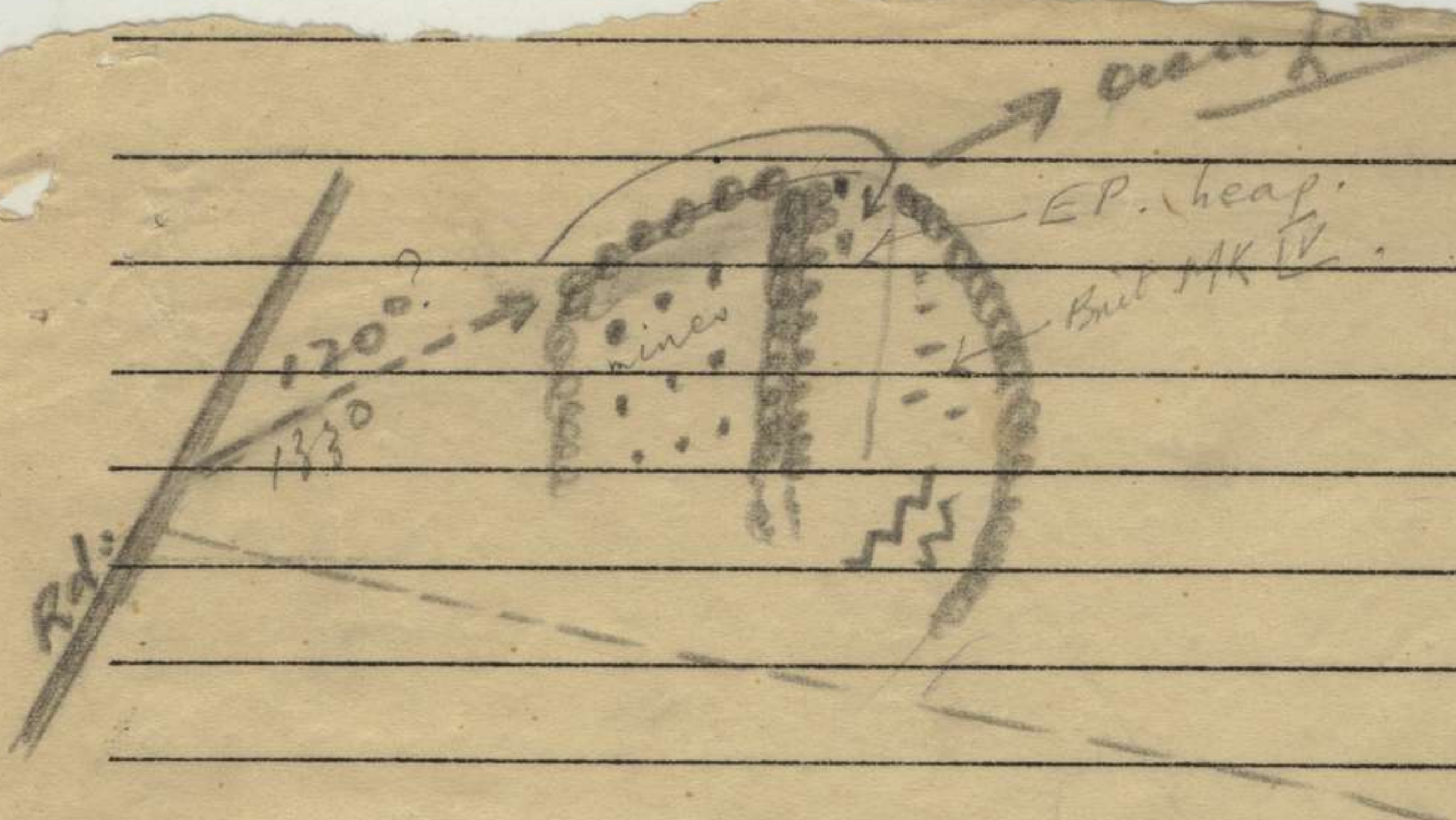
The
Die

at 1150 hrs

Note

The fire occasioned by this patrol was heard on a bearing
of 305 degrees from A Coy HQ

At 1155 hrs 3 pandan fire landed in T Pl and Coy HQ
This fire was coming from a pt which was actually one
of our mortar tasks, and our mortars engaged this area



OVER.

Randerson
Capt.
McCoy

At 1150 hrs rifle fire was heard on bearing
of 70.5° from A Coy HQ. This was followed
by Spandau, rifle & mortar fire @ 1155 hrs.
Spandau fire landed in 9 PL & Coy HQ
area. Fire lasted for some minutes
& a white flare was seen, but it only
lasted for a few seconds.

Sgt. McVicar & Pahal reported through
9 PL HQ to Coy at 0015 hrs.

Arrangements were made with Sgt.
Power (3PL) to fire on pt which fire
had come from & which was actually
one of 3 PL's tasks. This fire appeared
to fall on the area from which the
Spandau rifle fire was heard.

R. Henderson
Capt.

OC A Coy

0300 28 Aug 42.

All gaps open by 0530

9 Aug 42 Div 2/13 Bn Regt 41T SECRET

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Op Instr n° 13. ^{Post comes} ~~me~~ ^{re closed} 7 AUG 42

Ref Map

Copy n° 2

1:50,000 sheet El Hamein

1. Two normal and one emergency gaps through the minefields are established at.

(A) Emergency Gap at 87822977. (West of Block-house)

(B) Normal Gaps at 87972966 and 88022956 (Qutara track)

all other gaps under control 2/13 Bn will be closed permanently.

Gaps mentioned in (A) + (B) above will be opened and closed by 2/13 Bn at first-light in morning and closed last-light at night

2. The Regt wishing to use the gaps described above will notify 2/13 Bn per medium of Regt L O established with O.C. B Coy 2/13 Bn

3. Reserve Sqn will provide an L O with 2 operators and carrier complete with wireless set to report to O.C. B Coy 2/13 Bn by 1200 hrs each day commencing with B Sqn at 1200 hrs 7 AUG.

Hour of duty of L.O. from 1200 hrs to 1200 hrs.

4/ (A) Requests for opening minefields, at first light will be through Reptl L.O. to O C B Coy 2/13 Bn by sending code word UNEASY to L.O. with O C B Coy 2/13 Bn. stating time at which gap is to be cleared. In any case the 2 normal gaps will be required to be opened by 0600 hrs daily.

(B) Closing of gaps at last light, with 2 i/c's of the forward Sgns will notify L.O. when last remaining vehicle is clear of gap in each case. Code word that last vehicle is through LOUSY.

5/ L.O. with B Coy 2/13 Bn will keep post informed of activities of the two forward Sgns.

6/ ^(at 19112913) As extra precaution the 2 i/c's of the forward Sgns will notify the posts of the gaps they are using ~~the~~ when the last vehicle is clear.

7/ L.O. with B Coy 2/13 Bn will ensure that the emergency gap is left open during the hours of daylight.

2. Normal routes for Sgns.

El el Eisa sector, normal gap at
87972966 (centre gap). In emergency the
~~El el Eisa sector~~; Sgn in this sector
the emergency gap at 87722977 (West of
Block house)

El el Eisa sector — the Quatarra Rd
gap at 88022956

RHG and Reserve Sgn, centre gap
and Quatarra Rd gap

Signed at 1200 hrs

JXD Ferguson Lieut
ADST 9 Aust Div (Av Regt)

Distribution

To OC Sgns by hand copy of 1 and
intailed

Copy 2 + 3 War Diary.

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" 5 20 Bde Aust Inf Bde.

" 6 24 Aust Inf Bde

" 7 OC. B Coy 2/13 Bn

HQ., 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
In the Field.
5 Aug 42

HQ., 20 AUST INF BDE.

PATROL REPORT
(for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 5 Aug 42)

Normal protective patrols only were sent out.
NMS/H.

W. J. Maughan Lieut
IO, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

HQ., 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
In the Field
6 Aug 42.

HQ., 20 AUST INF BDE

PATROL REPORT
(for 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 6 Aug)

1. Serial No. 1
2. Sub Unit A Coy
3. Time Out 2230 hrs
4. Time In 0415 Hrs
5. Strength 1 Offr & 6 ORs.
6. Route & Area Patrolled - From 87832971 to 87642958 to 87612958. Return through 87642958 to 87832971.
7. Report - After proceeding from starting point on bearing of 218 degrees for 2800 yds, patrol leader halted patrol having failed to find Trig 22. Patrol leader then investigated the ground within 200 yds radius but observed no Trig. Patrol then moved on same bearing for a further 530 yds then turned WEST. After proceeding due WEST for 335 yds, diggings were observed covering approx a Coy area, advanced to weapon pit stage. The nature of the diggings and the fact that a GERMAN leather holster was found indicated them to be of GERMAN origin. 25 pdr amn was found and a double telephone cable running NORTH to SOUTH. Diggings had signs of recent occupation. No mines or booby traps. Patrol listened for half an hour. NMS/H. Return by same route.

Shyngman Lieut.
IO 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

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HQ., 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
In the Field
7 Aug 42

HQ., 20 AUST INF BDE

PATROL REPORT
(for 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 7 Aug 42)

1. SERIAL No, 1.
2. SUB UNIT C Coy
3. TIME OUT 2230 hrs
4. TIME IN 0400 hrs
5. STRENGTH 1 Offr & 6 ORs
6. ROUTE Out from 87842972 to 87542962 to 87542944 to 87632952 to 87642951 to 87682954 to 87632956. Return to 87842972.
7. REPORT
1st Leg - After moving 1450 yds on a bearing of 252 degrees from 87842972 a single strand of barbed wire was crossed running EAST to WEST. At 3000 yds a double sig wire (not twisted) was found which continued to Cairn (which marked end of first leg) and past it.
2nd Leg - At 1000 yds on second leg, single Italian sig wire was found.
During patrol NMS/H with the exception of flares SOUTH and SW not within 1500 yds of patrol.
8. OTHER PATROLS
Protective only, NMS/H

John Whangan Lieut.
IO., 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

525/2/58

SECRET.
HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN.
8 AUG 42.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

PATROL REPORT.

SUB UNIT: A Coy
STRENGTH: 1 Sgt, 6 ORs
TIME OUT: 0015 hrs.
TIME IN: 0225 hrs.

ROUTE: Out from pt 87672958 on a bearing of 254 degrees for 1900 yds. Return to 87672958.

REPORT: At 1800 yds a whistled warning call was given from close at hand, whereupon illumination flares were fired 400 yds left on a bearing of 190 degrees. Three flares landed in the same place, at which also long range MG fire was directed at the same time from further back.

Patrol reported in at 0225 hrs.

D.W.B. RAUGHAN
for Lt. D.W.B. RAUGHAN Licout.
HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN.
(D.W.B. RAUGHAN)

SECRET.
HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN
9 AUG 42.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

PATROL REPORT.

(UP TO 0600 HRS 9 AUG 42)

Normal protective patrols only. NMS.

DWB Maughan Lieut,
I.O. 2/13 AUST INF BN.
(DWB MAUGHAN)

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SECRET

HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN
10 AUG 42.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

PATROL REPORT.

(FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 0600 10 AUG 42)

Normal protective patrols only were out.
NMS/H.

NOTE:

After arrangements had been made for a deep patrol, in patrol area allotted to this Unit, it was found that 2/17 AUST INF BN had already made arrangements for patrolling the same area. As C.O., 2/17 AUST INF BN was fwd and momentarily could not be contacted, it was decided to cancel the projected patrol for last night.

D.W.B. Maughan Lieut,
I.O. 2/13 AUST INF BN.
(D.W.B. MAUGHAN)

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HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN
11 AUG 42.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

PATROL REPORT.

SUB-UNIT. C Coy.
STRENGTH. 1 Sgt, 6 ORs.
TIME OUT. 2145 (from B Coy 2/17 AUST INF BN)

TIME IN. 0100 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED. By MT from B Coy 2/17 Aust Inf Bn 87442980 thence by foot to 87302972 thence to ~~87442980~~ 87302975; return to 87442980 and thence to own lines by MT.

REPORT.

First Leg. After patrol had covered 1285 yds GERMAN voices and sounds of digging were heard due WEST. Patrol continued on for further 170 yds. At this pt sounds of continuous and rapid hammering of pickets were heard from the direction 245 degrees to 270 degrees. Patrol continued on but completed first leg with NMS. ~~Patrol~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Here sounds of hammering came from direction 245 degrees at an estimated distance away of 300 yds.

Second Leg. Hammering was still heard on the left and once what might have been the rattling of a box of mines being carried.

At end of second leg, our arty opened up, and the danger of silhouette against gun flashes rendered further investigation impractical while the noise of shells exploding together with the sound of MG fire from the front of A Coy 2/17 Aust Inf Bn made it impossible to tell ~~whether~~ whether enemy continued working.

Third Leg.

NMS/H.

Quintin
Lieut.
I.O. 2/13 AUST INF BN.

SECRET
HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN
12 AUG 42.

HD 20 AUST INF BDE.

SUB UNIT: C Coy
STRENGTH: 1 Offr, 6 ORs.
TIME OUT: 2130 hrs.
TIME IN: 0530 hrs.
ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED: Out by MT via TELL EL KESBA
Sta to 87442980 thence by foot to 87272972 to
87282973 to 87252974 to 87282973 to 87282976. Return
to 87442980 and thence by MT.

REPORT. As 87342975 sounds of digging and MT movement were heard some considerable distance to NORTH, and at this pt a wire running EAST-WEST was encountered. Wire was not ordinary sig wire but appeared to be a hy conductor and a specimen was therefore cut off and is fwded herewith. Patrol continued for a further 700 yds (to 87272972) where a single darnert fence with short pickets running NW-SE and, 50 yds inside the wire, 2 sangers were observed. Sangers were occupied as a glow of light came from inside one of them, but no work was being done here. Patrol then withdrew 200 yds to 87282973 and made another inroad towards only sound of digging to be heard, bearing 295 degrees. At 87252974 digging sounded very close and patrol leader and a private crawled fwd of patrol to recon. MT were heard to start up. After crawling fwd 90 yds patrol leader found that 4 men were standing between him and his patrol, and on his attempting to rejoin patrol a challenge or warning by whistle was given whereupon a flare was sent up from the enemy lines. Patrol leader managed by deviation to evade enemy party who withdrew. Patry then moved back to 87282973 made another leg NORTH for 400 yds to 87282976 and then returned to 87442980, but for remainder of patrol reported NMS/H.

David Maughan Lieut,
I.C. 2/13 AUST INF BN.
(DMS MAUGHAN)

S E C R E T
HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN
13 AUG 42.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

PATROL REPORT.

SERIAL NO. 1.

SUB UNIT : C Coy.

STRENGTH : 1 Sgt, 6 ORs.

TIME OUT : 2130 hrs.

TIME IN : 0245 hrs.

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. By MT to 87442980 thence by foot to 87272976 to 87272970. Return 87442980.

REPORT. : Truck was left 87442980.

FIRST LEG. bearing 258 degrees, ~~making~~ distance 1900 yds. At 87352978 after covering 1000 yds the patrol saw a white (BRITISH) flare fired from 400 yds away on a bearing of 200 degrees otherwise NMS or H on this leg.

SECOND LEG. From 87272970, bearing 180 degrees, distance 700 yds. After moving for 10 yds on second leg patrol found 4 slit trenches, next to a 44 gal oil drum (empty). GERMAN biscuits in a fresh condition were also found from which it was inferred that the posn had been recently occupied. At 87272974 the patrol came across a dirt track running on a bearing of 150 degrees and on its WESTERN edge a power cable which had been cut in 3 places by arty fire. Remainder of leg NMS or H.

THIRD LEG. Bearing 61 degrees, distance 2000 yds. Just as leg was commenced a spandau fired one burst from 600-800 yds on patrol's left (estimated 87232975) followed by one mortar from approx 87302974. Otherwise NMS or H.

The truck guard reported that the spandau and mortar fire was directed to a pt 100 yds from the truck. Guiding tracer shots had previously been fired from a pt about 100 yds away on the opposite side.

REMARKS. ~~The complete absence of sounds of digging or other work in this area is in contrast to the intense night activity reported up to 2 nights ago.~~

SERIAL NO. 2.

SUB UNIT : C Coy

STRENGTH : 2 ORs.

TIME OUT : 0330

TIME IN : -

ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED. -

REPORT. This patrol has not yet reported in.

Don McManus Lieut.
I.O. 2/13 AUST INF BN.

S E C R E T
HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN
14 AUG 42.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

2/13 AUST INF BN, PROJECTED PATROLS, NIGHT 14/15 AUG.

SERIAL NO. 1

SUB UNIT: D Coy
STRENGTH: 1 Offr, 7 ORs.
TIME OUT: 2130 hrs.
TIME IN: 0400 hrs.

ROUTE and AREA to be patrolled:

From 87452980 on a bearing of 262 degrees for 2175 yds to 87252977. Then to investigate NORTHERN half of sq 872297.

OBJECT : (i) To locate and reconnoitre enemy posns in the NORTHERN half of sq 872297
(ii) If possible, to penetrate to the minefield which has been located by aerial photography.
(iii) To obtain identifications. Permission is given to shoot up small enemy parties or patrols.

SERIAL NO. 2.

SUB UNIT: 9 AUST DIV COMMANDO GP.
STRENGTH: 1 Offr, 2 Sgts, 4 ORs.
TIME OUT: (From B Coy 2/13 AUST INF BN) - 1600 hrs.
(From 87542974) - 2030 hrs.
TIME IN: 0400 hrs.

ROUTE : From B Coy by MT to 87542974 thence by foot to 87312962.

OBJECT : To locate definitely and ascertain the limits and nature of ~~the~~ workings contacted on last night's patrol and, if opportunity offers, to shoot up the working party and obtain prisoners.

ARTY FIRE:

No harassing fire required in sq 873296, NORTHERN half 872297, EASTERN half of sq 872296.

DWB Maughan
Lieut,
I.O. 2/13 AUST INF BN
(DWB MAUGHAN)

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.PATROL REPORT.SERIAL NO. 1.

SUB UNIT: D Coy
STRENGTH: 1 Offr, 7 ORs.
TIME OUT: 2130 hrs.
TIME IN: 0330 hrs.
ROUTE and AREA PATROLLED: By MT through B Coy, 2/17 AUST INF BN, to 87452980 to 87182977. In through B Coy, 2/17 AUST INF BN.

REPORT: Of this patrol 4 ORs only have so far returned; Pte MYERS (TSMG), Pte ANDERSON (Bayonet), Pte WILLITS (Bren) and Pte SUPCLIFFE (TSMG).

The following report is consolidated from their information, where the information is from any of these individually that fact is indicated.

Lieut EDMUNDS - Patrol Leader. Truck was left at 87452980. From here patrol moved on a bearing of 261 degrees for 1500 yds where a large RED cable, half an inch thick, was found.

At approx 2,800 yds (approx 87182977) a digging party was heard in close proximity at a bearing of 200 degrees and the patrol laid up. Up to this point no wire had been seen, nor any mines. Lieut EDMUNDS moved fwd over a slight RIDGE for about 150 yds and returned after about three-quarters of an hour and informed the patrol that the diggings were in the form of a "V". The patrol being inside the "V". The patrol laid up for another half an hour, during which voices were heard on the left and in front and sounds of digging increased.

While the patrol leader was away shells had been falling 400-500 yds in front of the patrol, behind the enemy lines. During this time also an explosion was heard some hundreds of yds ahead followed by cries and calls. The opinion of all members who returned was that this was a mine exploding and that at least two men were injured. MT movement had been heard but it was not definite whether or not the explosion was caused by a veh or not. Sounds of pouring water were also heard.

Patrol Leader then decided to move up for 300 yds on the right hand side of the "V". The patrol moved in arrow-head formation. After 15 or 20 yds voices were heard and patrol went to ground. Patrol moved fwd again and after a further 15 or 20 yds was challenged twice by an enemy, who stood up in a slit trench between 5 and 10 yds away on left of the patrol. Lieut EDMUNDS then gave the order to charge and rushed on the sentry (who was in a slit trench) and attempted to bayonet him, but the enemy fired upwards and apparently hit Lieut EDMUNDS, who sank to the ground. Meanwhile patrol had closed in and the sentry was despatched by TSMGs. Survivors, MYRES and ANDERSON were on each side of Lieut EDMUNDS at this time. MYRES held the enemy by the hair with one hand and fired his TSMG with the other. Fire then opened up on the patrol from all sides, at very close range, and particularly from the right, including many rifles and a number of MGs, which the patrol returned. Pte WILLITS, who was covering the patrol with a Bren gun then heard Cpl HUMPHRIES (2 i/c) rally the patrol and then say "We cannot do much good here, let's get out". Cpl HUMPHRIES then led the patrol back but ran into another enemy post and the patrol was dispersed by more by fire. Two members were seen heading back towards the enemy by Pte WILLITS. Pte WILLITS stated that he covered the withdrawal of the patrol with his Bren, and being pinned down by intense SAA fire, he remained in the area after the patrol had withdrawn. He was of opinion that 2 of our men had been wounded. Afterwards the enemy came out of their trenches and one enemy went up to where a wounded member of the patrol was lying and groaning and attempted to make him stand up by kicking him. He then put a bullet through the man who ceased groaning. Later, however he was heard to groan again. It is thought that this victim was probably Lieut EDMUNDS.

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REPORT FROM 2 MEMBERS OF 2/13 BN PATROL - NIGHT 14/15 AUG.

2/17 AUST INF BN.
15. AUG, 42.

Report

To Capt. J. R. Broadbent O.C. B Coy 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

Sutcliffe inter alia states:-

Above 2000 yds on leg 1 large working party heard to front and left front. Comd investigated and subsequently advised 100-150 yds ahead and determined to go right. Had moved 100 to 150 yds ahead when challenged twice. Comd said "in". All went fwd and met by fire. No grenades thrown but all patrol fired. I hit a large hun with a burst. One of our men in a dark shirt- thought to be the comd- was hit and seen to fall towards pits. The cpl said "are you all here - we'd better get out- its getting too hot"- fire was coming everywhere. Patrol withdrew and ran into fire and got separated. I moved back fairly slowly and carefully and was about 200 yds from the truck when it drove off.

Willetts:- Heard someone say 3,000 yds, then we waited, hearing voices. Comd went fwd and was away 3/4 hr and, on his return, we waited 1/2 hr- then moved to right. Intention was to go 300 yds. Had gone about 15 yds when voices, and halted moving on again about the same distance when twice challenged and patrol moved in. Moving in arrowhead comd leading, pte Myers on his right. Comd short distance ahead. Did not see him hit but think he must have been. Our 3 TSMOSz fired at man challenging- I am sure he was hit. I was giving covering fire from right flank. Did not hear Been on left. Patrol reached enemy pits then turned and moved back in direction they had come from and ran into fire from party we had heard previously. I fired at a spandau firing from there. Our patrol divided. Sutcliffe (who had been nearest to me) ran to left; others ran to right (i.e. WEST). I was pinned down by fire then by enemy coming towards a man groaning (I believe Pte Myers from voice).

Sutcliffe moved about for a while having difficulty in obtaining direction. Encountered dannert wire not previously met by patrol. Also derelict vehicle- later a stone revetted pit. He referred to earlier explosion as if a mine and later arty fire. Alleges heard own vehicle start and rev. hard as if in sand when he was only about 200 yds from enemy posns. He reached FDLs about 0450-0500 hrs.

Sutcliffe
Lieut.
D. J. Carledge).
I. O. 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

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16 AUG 42

No 10 AUST INF BR.

PATROL REPORTSERIAL NO. 1.

SUB UNIT : B Coy
 STRENGTH : 1 Oftr, 31 ORs.
 TIME OUT : 2130 hrs.
 TIME IN : 0345 hrs

ROUTE and AREA PATROLLED. Standing Patrol at 87382980. Out and In by RT through B Coy 2/17 AUST INF BR.

REPORT. The object of the patrol was to lay an ambush where an enemy patrol had been reported on night 14/15 Aug. 1942 or it apart from flares at approx hourly intervals at 220 degrees from 87382980.

RT movement behind our lines some 2000 yds in rear could be most distinctly heard.

SERIAL NO. 2.

SUB UNIT : 9 AUST DIV COMMANDO CP.
 STRENGTH : 3 Sgts, 4 ORs.
 TIME OUT : 2015 hrs
 TIME IN : 0115 hrs

ROUTE and AREA PATROLLED. From 87352967 by RT to 87562974 thence by foot to 87312968. Return to 87562974 and thence by RT.

REPORT. At 87352967 patrol laid up owing to the unfavourable conditions for observation. While at this point flares were seen on bearings of 340 degrees and 296 degrees. Moonset completed, patrol moved another 170 yds and found 2 stacks of 210 mm shell cases, stacks five yds long by 2ft 6 ins high. A large number of slit trenches found in this area. At 87312968 dunnert wire running due NORTH and SOUTH was contacted. From dunnert wire flares were observed at 305 degrees and 273 degrees also three tracers at 273 degrees. The sound of small work party digging could be heard on bearing of 294 degrees. Further investigation ~~past~~ past this wire revealed no mines or booby traps for a distance of 225 yds. At 87312968 a cross rd was found rds running 195 degrees and 186 degrees, both rds had been used extensively but not recently. Flares from crossroads on bearing of 306 degrees at 170 yds distant, on same bearing sound of truck moving round posts and stopping at short intervals. Sounds of dummies could be clearly heard. Truck stopped 6 times while patrol was in area. Patrol considered it unwise to go any further in view of the fact that when the flare on 306 degrees went up, all work ceased and quiet prevailed. It was thought that patrol's presence was suspected and the ^{enemy} were organising a trap. Patrol then moved back along log on bearing of 77° to SP. At 600 yds on return log two flares were observed in area of cross rds. Flares were going up at short intervals. It was considered that the small digging party heard was used for a decoy to lure patrol into trap ~~and~~ and that the holding of fire was part of the trap.

Geo W. Thompson Lieut.,
 I.C. 2/13 AUST INF BR.
 (1942 MADMAN)

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HQ. 2/13 ABST INF BN.
19 AUG 42

NO 24 ABST INF BNS

PATROL REPORT

SERIAL NO. 1.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	:	Lieut. S.C.F. NORTH.
<u>STRENGTH</u>	:	1 offr, 6 ORs. (incl 1 offr lance)
<u>TIME OUT</u>	:	2100 hrs.
<u>TIME IN</u>	:	0330 hrs.
<u>ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED.</u>	:	By RT to 87562973 thence to 8732-2967 to 87272968. Return to 87562973.
<u>REPORT</u>	:	Left SP and after going 2000

yds laid up to await MOONSET (2350 hrs) but favourable cloud conditions enabled the patrol to reach wire at 87232967 by MOONSET.. Sounds of blasting were heard on approx 270 degrees estimated to come from beyond WEST Pt 23. Voices, RT movement, metal clanging and an occasional sound of digging were heard on a line NORTH-SOUTH through Pt 23, approx distance 800-1000 yds. In immedia a locality NMS and H.

Patrol also heard LMS and mortar fire from approx 1000 yds due SOUTH, the spent bullets falling amongst the patrol. Many flares sent up by enemy on immediate front. This activity ceased at 0030 hrs. In immediate locality NMS or H. With some difficulty the guide located the K rd at 87322967 from which the patrol completed the second leg. While observing at 87272968 enemy used a reflector burning three WHITE flares in succession from a post 100 yds ahead. At the same time a similar reflector was used at the left rear 200 yds away and 75 yds from our line of approach while the usual WHITE flares were fired from the right of Pt 23. Patrol withdrew at 0215 hrs.

Enemy continued to fire WHITE flares during the withdrawal.

Patrol leader states that sounds of working parties and voices ceased after MOONSET.

D.W.S. NAUGHAN Lieut,
L.O. 2/13 ABST INF BN.
 (D.W.S. NAUGHAN)

NOTE. The reflector ~~reported above~~ is probably what has previously been reported as a searchlight. It appeared to consist of a polished shield which was fit over the ground flare, as it reflected a well defined beam and excluded light from the edge of the beam outwards. The beam was observed to traverse from left to right.

The flare is a ground flare which burns a WHITE light very steadily.

When the flare lit up, a glow could first be seen in which the reflector could be observed, before the flare was burning sufficiently brightly to be concentrated into a bright beam.

It appeared to the patrol leader, from the number of flares being fired that the patrol was under observation, and this impression was confirmed by the fact that as soon as the patrol withdrew the number of flares being fired immediately died down.

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HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN
21 Aug 42.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

PATROL REPORT 24 hrs ended 0630 hrs 21 Aug 42.

SERIAL 1.
SUBUNIT 1 AUST COMMANDO GP.
TIME OUT From B Coy, 2/13 AUST INF BN 1830 hrs.
TIME IN 0630 hrs.
STRENGTH 1 Sgt, 6 ORs (and 1 NCO Learner)
ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED Out from B Coy 2/13 AUST INF BN to 87562973
 by MT thence by foot to 87322967 to 8732953 to 87402968 to
 87332967 *thence along wire to 87332964(?) and return via 87332967.*
REPORT: Patrol laid up near 87562973 until approaching moonset.
~~At 0110 hrs patrol moved~~ At 0110 hrs patrol moved
 off to crossroads at 87322967. Sounds of digging were
 heard in the direction of western pt 23. Patrol then moved
 on a mag bearing of 180 degrees. At 600 yds some unused
 weapon pits were found. Patrol continued for 900 yds further
 SOUTH. Empty crates for Mk III and Mk IV mines were strewn
 about this side of route. Otherwise NMS or H.
 From 87402968 patrol moved on a bearing of 30 degrees mag
 for 1700 yds. Intention was to hit wire at 1200 yds but
 as wire was not struck patrol continued on same bearing,
 until a derelict ITALIAN truck known to patrol was
 encountered. Patrol then returned to the road which led back
 to the crossroads.
 At crossroads main body of patrol remained but patrol leader
 and one OR plotted the wire as follows:

FROM MAP REF	ON BEARING	DISTANCE	REMARKS
:	DEGREES	YARDS	:
87562973	210	100	to gap 12 yds wide
thence	210	60	to gap 8 yds wide
thence	165	33	where wire is flattened out for 20 yds
thence	196	50	to gap 28 yds wide with a pit in the centre in which is a wooden stake
thence	185	115	where wire swings away at a bearing of 248 degrees.

Patrol returned with nothing further to report.

DWB Maughan
Lieut
 IO, 2/13 AUST INF BN
 (DWB MAUGHAN)

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HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN
22 AUG 42.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

PATROL REPORT
(FOR 24 HRS ENDED 0600 HRS
22 AUG 42)

Normal protective patrols only operated - nothing to report.

DWB Maughan Lieut,
I.O. 2/13 AUST INF BN
(DWB MAUGHAN)

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HQ., 2/13 AUST INF BN.
23 AUG 42.

20 AUST INF BDE.

PATROL REPORT.
(for 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 23 Aug 42)

SERIAL NO. 2

SUB-UNIT. : D Coy
PATROL COMD. : Sgt Morris F W
STRENGTH : 1 NCO & 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2400 hrs
TIME IN : 0455 hrs

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : Out from 87503018 to 87413029 and return to 87503018.

REPORT

; After 600 yds from 87503018 on a grid bearing of 320 degrees, patrol crossed at rt angles a well made soil rd. At 87453024 voices and sounds of digging and hammering of pickets were heard on an approx bearing of 300 degrees. A further bearing was taken onto these sounds from 87433026; 250 degrees. A large square truck was in vicinity where last bearing was taken. Patrol continued through area marked by shell holes filled with water to 87413029.
At this pt patrol encountered short angle iron pickets and approx 12 yds inside the short iron pickets was a single row of long angle iron pickets. The top half only of these pickets were skylined and only one strand of wire was seen strung along the top of the long pickets.
Patrol ~~has~~ laid up on the home side of this field intending to examine it after moonset. The field ran on a bearing of 345 degrees and therefore crossed the line of march of the patrol obliquely. At least three rows of short angle iron pickets were observed and the line of pickets continued in both directions out of sight. Detailed examination of this field was later rendered impracticable owing to the arrival of enemy. While patrol was laying up sounds were heard as if someone was digging a hole and burying tins 50/70 yds from the patrol. Then at approx 0305 hrs a party of about 15/20 men moved along the inside of the fence from SOUTH to NORTH, and stopped opposite the patrol where the greater part of them seemed to vanish into the ground all the men were carrying either tools or boxes. More voices and a noise of tools being collected were heard in the SOUTH, then approx 12/15 men in small groups moved past to the NORTH; whilst this was going on a voice was heard to call impatiently a word sounding like "Oh-de-sheen". A party of 6/8 men returned to the SOUTH and appeared to move into an area in the line of what was to be the patrol's next leg and to remain there in proximity.
Throughout this time a man, who appeared to be a sentry, strolled round the area inside the wire. At 0400 hrs patrol backed out and returned to SP on a bearing of 140 degrees (Grid).
At least one man in the area was seen to be wearing soft cloth cap.

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SERIAL NO. 3
SUB-UNIT : C Coy
PATROL COMD. : Cpl Genner H D
STRENGTH. : 1 NCO & 4 ORs.
TIME OUT. : 2400 hrs.
TIME IN : 0500 hrs.
ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED. : From 87513029 to 87543035 to 8753530438 to 8753030345. Return to 87513029.

REPORT ; The object of this patrol was to find whether the posn at 87543038 was occupied by the enemy. From start pt patrol moved in open formation in the salt marsh 10 yds to the left of the rd along the line of the rd until crossrds were encountered at 87543035. Patrol turned down left hand track for 110 yds then turned again and moved on a bearing of 315 degrees for 100 yds (at 8753030345). Patrol went to ground and listened. Sounds of digging and hammering of pickets were heard and cigarettes were observed being lit on a bearing due NORTH. Patrol leader estimated that the strongpost was 500 yds from the crossrds; owing to bright moonlight closer recce was impracticable. The patrol returned by route along sand hummocks NORTH of the rd looking for booby traps but none were found.

SERIAL NO 1.
SUBUNIT A Coy
PATROL COMD Lieut RJ BARRETT.
STRENGTH 1 Offr, 6 ORs (1 Offr Learner)
TIME OUT 2400 hrs
TIME IN 0530 hrs
ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED- From 87533009 to 87403016 to 87393018 return

REPORT by same route.
 At 87474012, old enemy minefield was encountered alongside a derelict carrier in the centre of the field. This field runs on a bearing of 335 degrees at this pt and consists of British Mk IV mines
 At 87453014 patrol crossed a road running on a bearing of 95 degrees. At this pt muffled sounds of pickets being driven in came from the direction 325 degrees. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ At approx 87443016, 250 yds to the right, a large derelict trailer could be seen.
 At 87423015 a track running approx due NORTH was encountered. At this pt a dozen empty boxes thought to have contained mines were seen, and a small car was heard to start up on a bearing of 355 degrees and within 600 yds of patrol and to proceed in a Westerly direction. At 87403016 a rd was again encountered. Patrol then moved on right hand side of track (grid bearing 334 degrees) for 240 yds to 87393018 approx, where patrol turned back as time was getting late (0425 hrs). At the last pt a compressor could be heard distinctly directly ahead possibly 1000 yds away.
 No enemy movement was seen during the patrol and no recently occupied diggings. Old diggings were encountered 87473012 and 87443014. No wire was encountered.

DWB Maughan
Lieut
 IO, 2/13 AUST INF BN
 (DWB MAUGHAN)

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HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

PATROL REPORT.
(FOR 24 HRS ENDED 0600 HRS)

SERIAL NO. 1.

SUB UNIT: A Coy
COMD : Sgt R.S. SLAUGHTER.
STRENGTH: 1 NCO, 5 ORs (1 Offr learner)
TIME OUT: 2300 hrs.
TIME IN: 0300 hrs.
ROUTE and AREA PATROLLED: From 87533009 to 87443014 and return.
REPORT : This patrol was apparently observed by enemy who were protecting a working party.

Patrol moved out on a bearing of 295 degrees and proceeded for 1100 yds, having passed through the old GERMAN mine-field, to 87443014 where a dirt road was crossed with a small KNOLL beginning 30 yds to patrol's right, ground being very stony. Here patrol stopped on hearing sounds of digging, first a clanging sound as of light spade work, approx 200 yds to the right and then sounds of heavier digging further away again. Patrol moved towards this direction having to top the stony knoll. On topping the knoll an enemy working party was seen approx 400 yards away, bearing of 355 degrees. - ~~approx 400 yds~~ Patrol went to ground and observed a working party which consisted of 18 men who were engaged in digging. In immediate rear and close to the enemy a number of dark regular shapes were seen on ground, possibly engineer's stores, wire or other material. Patrol leader decided to retrace steps back below knoll and regain bearing of 295 degrees. Patrol withdrew 20 yds and then proceeded on 295 degrees for a further 50 yds until enemy were again sighted on the right. The enemy could be more clearly seen from this point, but patrol was skylined to them. Up to this point patrol had been forced to crawl for the 50 yds, as the light moonlight gave visibility up to 900 yds. At this point RED tracer was observed being fired from the enemy. The strike of the bullets was seen to land on the fwd slope of the small stoney knoll 400 yds to the right. This fire came from a Spanda u MG and subsided, to be followed by two sharp pistol reports from approx 200 yds to patrol's right. Spandau fire was then resumed falling 50 yds to patrol's right rear. No sooner had the MG fire again ceased than a sub-machine gun opened up on the left from a bearing of 280 degrees, hitting ridge in front of patrol, approx 50 yds and ricocheting over the patrol's head; simultaneously two WHITE flares were fired towards patrol on bearing of 330 degrees. After this further fire ceased and enemy working party were again centre of attention. One man left party and went diagonally up the ridge, right and towards enemy lines, finally disappearing before reaching the top. The remainder of working party then descended to the lower ground which was of a darker nature and rendered enemy less visible. At same time two men at about 30 yds interval were seen running from stoney knoll back towards working party. They joined the working party and then a small group of 8 or 9 men started to move out towards patrol. Patrol Leader's appreciation at this stage led him to believe that the working party had their covering party in the vicinity of the small stoney knoll and that the two men who had run back to the main body of working party were used as runners from covering party and that the force of 8 or 9 men which had moved out would engage patrol's attention whilst covering force endeavoured to cut off patrol by working round the rear. Patrol leader withdrew patrol in a SOUTHERLY direction for approx 300 yds where a halt was made for further observation. Enemy were not seen or heard again. As the time was then 0230 hrs and the moonlight was hampering further movement in this area patrol withdrew further and returned to SP by 0300 hrs. No wire was seen during entire patrol. The first sounds of light spade work did not come from the main working party of enemy (later seen) but appeared to be used as a decoy, because the sounds were as of a shovel being deliberately run over rocks making a clanging sound. Further to this each time patrol moved the sounds would cease.

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SERIAL NO. 3.

SUB UNIT : C Coy
COMD : Lieut DS WEBB
STRENGTH : 1 Offr, 4 ORs (1 NCO learner) - 4 TSMGs.
ROUTE :
TIME OUT : 2200 hrs
TIME IN : 0300 hrs.

ROUTE and AREA PATROLLED. From 87613029 to 87543035 where two ptes were left in OP. Thence to 87543034 to 87503037 to 87513039 and back to 87543035. Return to 87613029.

REPORT. : From SP at 87613029 to vicinity Xrds ^{where} patrol laid up.
 NMS or H.

Two men placed in OP at X Rds.
 From X rds on SW track for 150 yds. NMS or H.
 From 87543034 to 87503037. At 87523035 old diggings filled with water where clothing was found (shoulder straps submitted).
 From 87503037 to 87513039. At 87513039 more old diggings were encountered but no wire. NMS or H.
 Patrol moved out 150 yds from the road and then parallel with it until level with the Xrds. Patrol passed numerous slit trenches, many of which were of recent origin but already contained water. NMS or H.
 Patrol would have been clearly visible from suspected enemy posn but was never challenged.

SERIAL NO. 2 (DAYLIGHT PATROL)

SUB UNIT : C Coy
COMD : Cpl REEDY A.
STRENGTH : 1 Cpl.
TIME OUT : 1300 hrs
TIME IN : 1530 hrs.

ROUTE and AREA PATROLLED. From 87533009 to 87553036 and return.

REPORT. Cpl REEDY visited an OP and made a resection which places the OP due EAST of X rds in sq 975303 and 75 yds from the sea shore - map ref 8755530361.

The OP is well constructed and a sig wire has been laid back to our lines.

One enemy soldier was seen moving about at 87473068 and one other at the RUINS in sq 872303.

Cpl REEDY reports a knocked out tk at the Xrds. Signs of digging and line of low pickets about 30 yds apart in front of the posn at 87543038 were seen but no movement.

Visibility was poor.

SERIAL NO. 4.

SUB UNIT : D Coy
COMD : Lieut HESLOP RW.
STRENGTH : 1 Offr, 1 Sgt (Sgt MORRIS FW), 6 ORs.
TIME OUT : 2400 hrs
TIME IN :

ROUTE and AREA PATROLLED: From 87503038 to 87443026 and return.

REPORT. : After crossing a rd 600 yds from SP (at 87463022) voices and the sound of a picket being driven were heard by the patrol in the same direction as the sounds of digging heard on the previous night - estimated map ref 87433025.

At 87443026 patrol went to ground and the area became suspiciously quiet. Sgt MORRIS therefore investigated the patrol's left flank whilst Lieut HESLOP took up a posn to retain contact with both Sgt MORRIS and the patrol. Sgt MORRIS moved out for 50 yds and lieut HESLOP about 20 yds. There was a ridge to left of patrol approx parallel at this point to the patrol's course. Sgt MORRIS' posn gave him observation over this ridge. Sgt MORRIS saw two enemy moving about 100 yds away on a bearing of about 250 degrees, and 3 minutes later a patrol moved out from the same place and came towards our patrol. Sgt MORRIS counted 15 men but thought there may have been more.

The patrol was moving in single file, the leading man carrying a paandau slung on his shoulder. It crossed Sgt MORRIS' front and swung left onto a sally pan in low ground and walked right into our patrol. Behind ~~the~~ patrol's main body were two men, Pte APPELT and the ~~drag~~ man. Pte APPELT called out "HALT". But the leading man of the enemy patrol replied "WAS WAR DASS"? Whereupon our

24 Aug

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patrol opened fire. Four or five grenades were thrown by the main body of our patrol right into the enemy patrol and our patrol fired at least 4 mags from 2 TSMGs. At the same time Sgt MORRIS emptied rds of TSMG right into the patrol from the rear and threw one grenade. After the first grenades were thrown the patrol (enemy) went to ground and groans were heard. Pte APPELT states that when the main body opened with TSMG fire he could see the rds striking sparks from the bayonets and rifles of the enemy. *He states definitely saw two men on ground groaning.*

The enemy replied with a spandau, firing tracer high and also with rifle fire and threw about 10 grenades. This was directed towards where the challenge was first made. Pte APPELT and Pte GILBERT - the ~~drag~~ man - then moved to the left to where there was a truck, and then further left into the salt pan where they were joined by the NCO learner. The enemy then brought his fire onto the truck and also threw 4 grenades. This fire was falling between the party in the salt pan and the main patrol. The former party were short of amm and being separated from the main body decided to return to our lines in order to report what had occurred and act as guides if necessary. This was the first party to report in from the patrol.

Meantime Sgt MORRIS, who was short of amm, moved out round the rear of the patrol to the same point in the salt pan where he was later joined by Lieut HESLOP. Firing had now ceased.

Lieut HESLOP and Sgt MORRIS then searched for members of the patrol but found none. Then, at a point 200 yds back in the home direction, it was decided that Lieut HESLOP would remain while Sgt MORRIS returned to his platoon to bring out another party, should this be necessary to extricate the remainder of the patrol.

Two members of the patrol remained in the area (being short of amm) until they had seen the enemy withdraw, and then, being unable to contact the patrol leader returned to our lines.

Lieut HESLOP remained until rejoined by Sgt MORRIS and his party. The patrol then split and fired bursts of automatic fire from either side onto the point where the enemy patrol had been. There was no reply. The area was then searched but neither enemy or members of our own patrol were seen. This party then returned home. On the way home a spandau opened up onto a point SOUTH of where the patrol had been. The remaining member of the patrol, his gun had jammed at the outset, had moved to a posn which he found to be close to the enemy lines. He was in the area when the second party returned but deemed it inadvisable to move or call out. He returned to our lines after moonset.

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PATROL REPORT,

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PATROL REPORT

(FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 0600 HRS)
27 AUG 42

SERIAL NO 1.

SUB UNIT : A Coy
PATROL COMD: Lieut FS BISSAKER
STRENGTH : 1 Offr, 5 ORs and 1 Offr, 1 NCO Learner.
TIME OUT : 2300 hrs
TIME IN : 0300 hrs.
ROUTE and AREA PATROLLED. From 87513010 to 87363013 thence to 87403016. Return to 87513010 on 120 degrees.

REPORT. Patrol, moved out from SP at 87513010 and proceeded for 725 yds on a bearing of 284 degrees until old enemy minefield was reached. Patrol crossed this field on left of derelict carrier - approx 20 yds away. At 87443011 a rd was reached which ran NORTH and SOUTH. After a further 50 yds some hastily dug slit trenches were found which appeared old and dis-used. At 87423012 a distinct bird whistle was heard. Patrol went to ground here and waited for a few minutes for further noises. Again patrol moved. At 87413012 patrol halted, whilst two members moved out 200 yds to right where a ridge could be seen. These men topped the ridge and observed beyond for movement but could see nothing. Both heard sounds of steady digging probably some 400 yds away. On rejoining patrol a spade was heard to right rear of patrol, which sounded as if it was being hit against a stone. This sound ceased after approx a minute and was not heard again. It was difficult to judge the distance to the sound. Again patrol moved and at 87403012 a telephone cable was found which ran through a slit trench approx 5 ft wide and continued on, this line ran NORTH to SOUTH. At 87393012 patrol encountered a well used rd (white sand) running NORTH and SOUTH. At this point the ridge on patrol's right had fallen away to level ground and the ridge beyond the former ridge could now be seen approx 400 yds away. At 87383013, three slit trenches 5 ft wide were seen and these appeared to be newly dug. At 87373013 patrol stopped and went to ground on hearing sounds of movement ahead. At this point patrol was approx 30 yds from ry line. After a few minutes wait a sound similar to a dog whining was heard to the immediate front by all members of the patrol. This was heard for only half a minute, it sounded to patrol leader as if not made by a dog but by some person imitating a dog. After a few minutes wait sounds of continuous digging were heard on right of patrol, these at least 400 yds away. It was felt that at this stage patrol was under observation. After approx 20 mins. patrol moved on new bearing of 50 degrees on fresh leg. At 87393015 after going for 350 yds along left edge of a well used track, which was a branch of the road formerly crossed by patrol on first leg, a telephone cable, already cut, was found. After going for 500 yds (87403016) patrol turned right and fresh bearing of 120 degrees. At 87413016 fresh enemy diggings were seen, being a series of slit trenches, approx 10 in all and covering a 50 yd frontage. These did not appear to be in use but were freshly dug and all spoil had been removed and ground perfectly levelled all round each digging. At 150 yds patrol passed through a peculiar shaped feature, elongated twin pimples and in centre a slit trench was found, apparently a listening post. At about 450 yds, eqpt (AUSTRALIAN) was seen and packs with contents spilt in all directions. These articles were not touched as it was thought they may be booby traps. After going on for approx 1000 yds patrol came to SP.

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SERIAL NO. 3.

SUB UNIT : D Coy
 COMD : Lieut RW HESLOP.
 STRENGTH : 1 Offr, 6 ORs (1 Offr Learner).
 TIME OUT : 2300 hrs.
 TIME IN : 0245 hrs.
 ROUTE and AREA PATROLLED. From 87513018 to 87443033 to 87423031.
 Return to 87513018.

REPORT. The patrol moved out along the bearing of 329 degrees from SP. At 87453028 the patrol laid up to make observation and 2 enemy were seen to move in a westerly direction on the left flank of the patrol. These two men joined a working party of approx 10 men on a bearing of 260 degrees and approx distance of 400 yds (approx 87413028). A further party of approx 10 were observed on a bearing of 245 degrees at a distance of approx 400 yds. There were occasional sounds of pickets being driven and of picking, otherwise the parties were very quiet for their size, although there was considerable activity.

From this point a lso could be heard several pickets being driven in the direction of the Palms and also from the general direction of Clover Leaf feature.

The patrol then moved on to 87443030 and laid up again. Here it was seen that the working parties previously mentioned and who had been visible since the 1200 yds pt, had disappeared and there was complete silence from this area. One man was seen to move from the working party area and go in the direction of the PALM TREES. The ground where the working parties had been was not hidden by any ground formation.

Here the bearing of the patrol was changed to 310 degrees. At 8742-3031 the patrol laid up. Visibility was good. In the direction of the PALM TREES and in the area immediately NORTH of palms NMS or H. But working parties were clearly heard, sounds of hammering of pickets, voices and laughter in the direction of CLOVER LEAF feature. The PALMS could be seen SW of patrol and CLOVER LEAF to the right of the patrol. The patrol could see into the area immediately in front of the patrol which seemed to be devoid of sound or movement. The whole area was now suspiciously quiet. The patrol's time had almost expired so the patrol returned. On return NMS or H.

SERIAL NO. 2.

SUB UNIT : C Coy
 COMD : Lieut SCF NORTH.
 STRENGTH : 1 Offr, 1 Pte (1 NCO Learner)
 TIME OUT : 2100 hrs
 TIME IN : 2400 hrs
 ROUTE and AREA PATROLLED. From 87613029 to 87533034 to 87503037 to 8751030395 to 87543035. Return via 87613029.

REPORT. From SP to 87533034 patrol moved 100 yds off the rd on the SOUTH side - NMS or H. From 87533034 to 87503037, old diggings, NMS or H.

From 87503037 to rd at 8751030395 - NMS or H. Here patrol crossed the rd and the patrol leader crawled over the sandhills to the beach. Width of sandhills, about 80 yds. Patrol leader returned to patrol.

The patrol then moved parallel to the rd and about 20 yds NORTH of it for about 600 yds through the sandhills, until the rd junc at 87543035 was reached. The patrol crawled the entire distance and at 5 different places crossed to the beach. As the patrol progressed the sandhills became flatter and the distance between rd and beach ~~became~~ narrowed to about 50 yds at a pt close to the rd junc, where it broadened out again.

Throughout the whole length of the sandhills, diggings both old and new were found, and the area was littered with eqpt of every kind, both GERMAN and BRITISH. There was no single isolated strongpost, but the system appeared to be a line of pits along the whole length of the sandy ridge, continuous for 500 yds, and sited to command the salt pans. They are sited in places in tiers at

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different heights along the ridge. The pits were of slit trench type built so that they could be fired from. Some were camouflaged with bushes, some sandbags, some had head cover and some were recessed. In some the soil was freshly trodden as if recently occupied and alongside untarnished cartridges were found. Fresh truck tire marks were seen on the road which appeared of recent origin. Empty 20 mm BREDA cartridge cases were also observed and there were shell holes among the posns. Sig wires were running everywhere, mainly parallel to the rd. No wire or pickets were found. A few diggings were found which covered the beach. Numerous unburied GERMAN (but no BRITISH) dead were seen. Eqp't did not appear to be of great salvage value. The patrol leader reports that the posn is excellently sited for use as an ambush by either side. No sign or sound of enemy throughout the whole patrol.

This report seems to indicate that the previously occupied posn has now been abandoned by reason of our MG, mortar and arty fire

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2/13 AUST INF BN PATROL REPORTS.(FOR 24 HOURS ENDED 0600 HRS 28 AUG 42)SERIAL NO. 1.

SUB UNIT : A Coy
 COMD : Sgt McVICAR MN
 STRENGTH : 1 NCO and 4 ORs.
 TIME OUT : 2030 hrs
 TIME IN : 0015 hrs
 ROUTE and AREA PATROLLED. From 87513009 to 87353016 to 87353025 and return to 87513009.

REPORT. Patrol moved out from SP on a bearing of 292 degrees. At 8743730125 a cable was found running SOUTH to NORTH. Whilst examining the wire a bird call was heard from the direction of ry line. Patrol moved, and at 8737730148 one full case of amm was found intact. Patrol leader opened case and found it contained GERMAN mortar bombs. One bomb was taken out and kept by patrol leader. Voices and the sound of digging were heard at this point, on a bearing of 280 degrees and approx 200-300 yds away from patrol. Patrol continued on to 8735830154 when digging was again heard and also an explosion, which sounded like a mine. Simultaneously three gun flashes from enemy arty were seen on a bearing of 280 degrees. From this point patrol moved on another 100 yds and as no wire had been encountered patrol leader moved to right on second leg bearing due NORTH. At 8734930176 diggings were encountered consisting of approx 6 weapon pits on a 40 yd frontage. Near one pit was a box containing white bread, stale and about a week old, and BRITISH biscuits. Patrol again moved on for a further 100 yds and as the moon was obscured by clouds patrol leader decided to move on further than originally intended in the hope of finding of enemy wire. Due to the ~~windy~~ cloudy conditions patrol had been able to move quickly and the hour was still early. Patrol then continued ~~for 250 yds~~ till the main (bitumen) road was met at 87353025. On the rd were two derelict trucks which were inspected by patrol leader. One was of BRITISH make the other was too damaged for identification. Patrol leader decided to take third leg and return to SP. At approx 8743730165 a single row of dannert wire was met, patrol went to ground whilst patrol leader moved fwd and around the wire to a point where triple dannert ran off at right angles to the single row. Immediately beyond patrol leader saw a gap leading to the right through which he entered. EP mines were seen stacked in a heap near the entrance on his right and on the left BRITISH Mk IV mines were laid on top of the ground. On oppo site side of triple dannert wire mines were seen laid on top of ground. Patrol leader moved on for approx 60 yds and suddenly noticed a figure standing near some diggings about 50 yds to his left. Patrol leader immediately commence to whistle and turning round slowly retraced his steps out through the gap and back to his men. He explained to the men that they might find trouble inside the wire and that the patrol was going to investigate further. Patrol leader then led his men back inside the wire to the point from where he had seen the figure. On reaching this point patrol leader saw that instead of one man there were now 8 or 9 enemy standing in a group. Patrol leader was the only member of the patrol who saw the group so he signalled to his men to follow him out again through the gap in the wire. Patrol leader led his patrol through the gap and then, approx 15 yds out from wire, for some distance and then moved further out until patrol was approx 100 yds in front of past. Patrol went to ground and the leader told his men where their front was and to prepare to fire at the group of enemy he had located. Patrol leader then gave order to fire and patrol opened up with two TSMGs and three rifles. After only firing a burst each both TSMGs jammed. The riflemen (one being patrol leader) fired 10 rds each into the enemy. Squeals and yells were heard from the enemy and one man was seen to fall down on the ground. Then a voice was heard giving an order. Voice was of GERMAN accent. Immediately after command was given spandau and rifle fire opened up on patrol. Patrol leader gave order to withdraw and patrol ran towards own lines going to ground three times until eventually SP was reached. Patrol

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returned safely. One man had a lucky escape when mortars opened up as patrol first turned for home, one bomb landing approx 25 yds away on his left.

Patrol returned to SP. Patrol reported in through No 9 Pl at 0015 hrs.

NOTE. The fire occasioned by this patrol was heard at 1150 hrs on a bearing of 305 degrees from A Coy HQ.

At 1155 hrs spandau fire landed in No 7 Pl and Coy HQ. This fire was coming from a point which was actually one of our mortar tasks and our mortars engaged this area, *36 rounds being fired.*

SERIAL NO. 2.

SUB UNIT : B and C Coys
 COMD. : Covering Party Lieut AR ROBERTS.
 : Recce Party Sgt MEARS JF.
 STRENGTH : Covering Party - 1 Offr, 8 ORs.
 : Recce Party - 1 Sgt and 2 ORs.
 TIME OUT - Covering Party - Last Light.
 : Recce Party - 2100 hrs.
 TIME IN : Covering Party - 0330 hrs
 : Recce Party - 0100 hrs.

ROUTE and AREA PATROLLED. - Covering party from 87623029 to 87543038. Recce Party from 87623029 to 8753030345 to 87513040 to 87543035. Return to 87623029.

REPORT. The object of the Recce Party was to observe by moonlight enemy wire and posns between "CLOVER LEAF" and strongpoint on coast at 87513042. The object of the covering party was first to protect the Recce Party and second to ambush any enemy attempting to occupy the posn previously occupied at 87543038.

The covering party moved out to 87523038 where they arrived at 2050 hrs, and took up a firing posn. At 2120 hrs they observed the Recce Party moving forward.

Recce Party moved out to 8753030345 and thence on a bearing of 338 degrees for 650 yds. Here, at 87513040 the patrol saw, on a bearing of 355 degrees, and 150 yds distant, an enemy sentry or scout. Patrol was already crawling so remained stationary ~~unobserved~~ and observed.

An enemy party was then seen skylined on the right of the Recce Party and about 200 yds in front of the Covering Party. The recce party then withdrew to the telephone posts which had been established nr the X rds to warn the standing patrol. The standing patrol waited in the hope that the enemy party would attempt to occupy the posns where they were lying in ambush, and the recce party reported in to the Coy lines, arriving at 0100 hrs. As no enemy appeared Patrol Leader of covering party at 0130 hrs moved fwd and searched the area 200 yds in front of his posn, but neither heard or saw a ny enemy.

From 1145 hrs to 0030 hrs covering party heard sounds of digging and driving of pickets, apparently coming from 87493047. Covering party reported in at 0330 hrs.

SERIAL NO 3.

SUB UNIT : D Coy
 COMD : Lieut. F.N. WEST.
 STRENGTH : 1 Offr, 1 Sgt (Sgt Morris F W) & 5 ORs.
 TIME OUT : 22 30 hrs.
 TIME IN : 0130 hrs.

ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED : From 87513019 to 87453030 to 87433028. Return by same route.

REPORT : After moving from SP on 334 degrees for 600 yds the patrol heard faint clanking of tools straight ahead. The patrol moved on to 87473027 where it laid up. Sounds similar to a pick being used were heard SW. The patrol had been listening for approx five minutes when automatic and rifle fire were heard and tracer bullets seen over the ridge in a SW direction. Immediately all noises of working in the area ceased.

The patrol moved fwd to 87453030 where it laid up. NMS or H. From this point Sgt Morris moved out by himself in a SW direction for 350 yds, where he laid up in a posn giving him observation over

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SERIAL NO. 3

OWN UNIT - C Coy
COMP - Lieut SOF NORTH.
STRENGTH - 1 offr, 3 ORs (incl 1 sapper)
TIME OUT - 2100 hrs
TIME IN - 0100 hrs
ROUTE and AREA From Pt 17 to 87513035 to 87473042, then
SOUTHWARDS for 400 yds. Return to Pt. 17.

REPORT. - The object of this patrol was to ascertain the depth and extent of the enemy minefield from 87473042 SOUTHWARDS From Pt 17 to derelict carriers at 87513035, NTR. From 87513035 to 87473042 voices and occasional hammering of pickets further WEST were heard. At 87473042 the minefield was encountered without the patrol having previously seen a furrow across it's path. Here the depth of the minefield was investigated. It was found to be of a depth of only one line of mines. The patrol leader searched behind the first line of mines for other mines to a depth of 50 yds without result. Patrol then moved along the edge of the minefield for 400 yds in a SOUTHERLY direction, mines being observed the whole length of this leg. Patrol then turned for home on a bearing of 120 degrees, the arty sp plan for D Coy patrol rendering further progress SOUTH dangerous. On the homeward leg some old diggings, consisting of 12 well-concealed weapons pits protected by a semicircle of single dunnert was searched but no signs of recent occupation were seen.

at the first point of contact with the minefield three ITALIAN B.4 mines were disarmed by the sapper and these were brought in. Otherwise nothing to report.

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29 AUG 42.

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PATROL REPORT.
(for 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 29 Aug)

SERIAL NO. 1.

SUB UNIT : A Coy.
COMD. : L/Sgt Ahearn R
STRENGTH : 1 NCO, 6 ORs & 2 Officers (Learners)
TIME OUT : 2030 hrs
TIME IN : 0135 hrs.

ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED : From 87513010 to 8735530155 to 8735530200. Return to 87513010.

REPORT : Patrol moved out on bearing of 292 degrees. At 87463011 a track was met leading on a bearing of 295 degrees. At 87433013 patrol came upon a mound on the right of the rd. This feature was examined and diggings were found cut into it from enemy's side. Diggings consisted of three slit trenches and appeared to be suitable cover for anyone using the mound as an OP. On left of rd, approx 30 yds further on, more diggings, slit trenches were found, these were clean and appeared to have been occupied for some time. Patrol continued on and at 87373015 came to a very stony ridge. Patrol went to ground owing to good visibility and the fact of being skylined on ridge. Patrol Leader went forward to observe, but no enemy movement was seen fwd of ridge. By MT movement could be heard some considerable distance away on bearing of 240-250 degrees. The movement sounded as of tks, being a continuous rumbling sound, and continued for an hour. At this stage cloud obscured moon and patrol moved on for approx another 270 yds to 8735530155. During this advance sounds of enemy digging could be clearly heard ahead of patrol on bearing of 292 degrees, approx 300 yds away. At this point another ridge was confronted and this feature was almost white, the moon now being clear of cloud. Patrol leader decided to turn on second leg, as the moon, being behind the patrol, ~~and~~ the whiteness of the ridge would have hampered further a dvance across it. On fresh bearing of 360 degrees patrol crossed track after 70 yds, where more diggings, recently dug, consisting of 6 to 10 slit trenches were inspected, on NORTHERN side. Here a thin sig wire was found and cut and a piece was brought back by the patrol. While patrol was examining the diggings a series of whistles (human) were heard approx 300 yds to left. Sounds of digging had now ceased and all was quiet, for some 5 to 10 mins. so patrol continued on for approx 80 yds where more old diggings were seen. During the remainder of second leg NMS or H. Patrol turned to third leg on bearing of 123 degrees. At 87373020 large numbers of patrol drums and boxes were seen approx 80 yds to left. Another 50 yds on, track was met running on a bearing of 130 degrees. This was well worn, but not recently used, 300 yds further on it passed to the left a stony ridge running due NORTH and SOUTH. Patrol inspected this area but found nothing. A further 300 yds on a derelict trailer was passed on left of patrol approx 20 yds away. The area was inspected. A large number of old diggings were found. During remainder of leg NMS or H. Patrol returned to Coy at 0135 hrs.

NOTE: During first leg AA fire was seen to WNW of patrol and a plane was heard. Almost simultaneously a large flare was seen which was soon recognised as the ~~plane~~ ^{plane} in flames. Plane was seen to crash approx 1500 yds away behind main ridge and in ground dead to patrol's vision.

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SERIAL NO 2.

SUB UNIT - B Coy
 COMD - Lieut AR ROBERTS.
 STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 1 Cpl, 5 ORs (2 Offrs Learners)
 TIME OUT - 2000 hrs.
 TIME IN - 0115 hrs.
 ROUTE and AREA PATROLLED. From 87623039 to 87543035 (rd June)
 to 87543037 thence to 87513038 thence to 8750530405. Return via
 87543035 to 86623039.

REPORT. Patrol moved to posn occupied on the previous night and searched the area. A few sangars were found and diggings in the sand dunes near the rd. Patrol laid up here for a few minutes and then, keeping to the sand dunes, moved fwd towards suspected enemy OPat 8751030405. At 87513038 patrol examined a res and found no signs of recent enemy occupation apart from box of unopened s pandau am which the patrol brought in. Moon was just rising so the patrol moved fwd on the low salt pan on the left of and parallel to the rd to 87513039. Here patrol laid up while patrol leader and NCO went fwd 75 yds further on and examined a dugin derelict BRITISH BEDFORD water truck. Patrol also found, 15 yds further on, what appeared to be a teal limber, having the appearance of an arty limber but of much greater size. Patrol leader and NCO moved fwd a further 20 yds into the sand dunes and took up a posn of observation (2140 hrs). At 2145 hrs patrol leader heard sounds of an implement striking a picket 5 or 6 times, the sound coming from along the coast. Patrol leader and NCO rejoined the patrol and the patrol moved fwd to a 100 yds forward of the limber, observed for a while, and then moved fwd again to 8750530405 where a rdway was seen 50 yds ahead, coming from the SW to join the track along the coast. Cpl SMITH moved fwd to rd June and found diggings all round it - diggings appeared to be made for purpose of containing stores and vchs rather than fighting pits. Further sounds of white earth were seen towards enemy posns. On the top of the sand dune just past the rd June were two isolated sangars overlooking the rd. No signs of occupation. NCO returned.

While Cpl SMITH was absent Lieut ROBERTS observed him through binoculars. ~~Whilst doing so he observed~~ whilst doing so he observed another man skylined about 400 yds to the left of Cpl SMITH. Shortly afterwards he was approached by another man who moved towards the patrol to what seemed to be a black object and disappeared. Cpl SMITH returned and patrol leader handed him the binoculars. Three other men appeared and then Cpl SMITH observed to the left of them a large party of approx 50 men moving about in what appeared to be a posn, but making no sound. Distance from our patrol, 400-500 yds on a bearing 310 degrees. At this time a plane was observed to be shot down on a bearing of 275 degrees. Patrol withdrew under cover of a dark cloud, carefully pacing the distance hom. On the way back at approx 87543036 an enemy water bottle (filled) was picked up and some documents were found in a GERMAN truck nearby.

SERIAL NO 3.

SUB UNIT - B Coy
 COMD - Lieut RW HERLOF
 STRENGTH - 1 Offr, 4 ORs (2 Offrs Learners)
 TIME OUT - 2215 hrs
 TIME IN - 0350 hrs
 ROUTE and AREA PATROLLED. From 87503018 550 yds to 87423028
 to 87423008 .

REPORT. First Leg. The leg was completed with ^{out} event but towards the end sounds of working parties were heard from direction in which party was reported by patrol of 26/27 Aug. Second Leg. Movement during this leg was slow owing to the bright moonlight. A working party was seen at about 87433026. When patrol had completed the first 200 yds of second leg an enemy party of approx 8 men left the area in the vicinity of the working party and moved in single file in the direction of the PALMS. On completion of the second leg, the patrol moved in 150 yds to the edge of the salt pan towards the enemy party which now was digging in one or two areas. Only a very few men were engaged on the work while others were moving freely to and from nearby mounds which appeared to be defensive posns. Two men moved from the mounds along the edge of salt pan in the direction from which the patrol had come, to an old truck ~~xxxx~~

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where one member of the patrol reports that they were challenged. The patrol moved closer and came upon two rows of long pickets running towards the PALMS on a bearing of 320 degrees approx. It was estimated that the pickets and rows were approx 5 paces apart and the pickets seem^{ed} to cover ^{the} dead ground on the EAST of the position and extended in the WEST to the PALM TREES area but the bright moonlight rendered any closer investigation impracticable.

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PATROL REPORT 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 30 Jul 42

2/13 Aust Inf Bn

Serial No	Sub Unit	TIME out in	strength	Route and Area Patrolled	REPORT
1	C Coy	2300 0200	1 Offr and 1 OR	From 87852930 to 87792923 thence along minefield to 87812917 thence to 87842916 returned to 87852930	<p>First leg to 8778529232 (which ^{has} been fixed by daylight resection as location of Mk III GERMAN TR) which was uneventful. During second leg after patrol had proceeded along outside of minefield for 700 yds a flare fired from an unknown direction, fell within 20 yds of patrol and burned over ground. Patrol paused for 10 minutes, then proceeded to elbow in minefield at 87822911.</p> <p>Patrol intended to follow minefield to position where sentry was observed on previous night but was interrupted by a SPANDAU, estimated to be about 500 yds SW, which fired on patrol with several bursts. Four flares were also fired which fell short of patrol. Patrol then swung away from minefield at a bearing of 110 degrees moving for approx 300 yds to observe 3 derelict tanks located on high ground. Nothing further to report.</p> <p>Patrol returned, arriving in at 0200 hrs.</p>

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Serial No	SUB UNIT	TIME OUT	TIME IN	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
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3	C Coy	1510	1640	1 Cpl 1 OR	87852932 to 87832915 to 87782912 return to 87852932	
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Object of patrol was to capture single soldier, suspected as sniper seen at approximately 87832916. At 87832915 patrol found first of 4 burnt-out British tks on a British MK IV minefield, German laid. From the most easterly tank patrol ^{leader} moved 700 yds SW to old Italian diggings (unoccupied for 7 days). About 1000 yds SOUTH of patrol three distinct mounds rose above the ^{level} ground, on which three soldiers, presumed German, were observed, one of whom was cleaning his rifle. Patrol returned without seeing any sign of suspected sniper.

NOTE: Two daylight OPs were sent fwd before first light, one to area 87832915, one to fwd OP of 2/43 Bn.

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Lieut
10 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

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PATROL REPORT 24 hours ended 0600 hrs 1 AUG ,42.

UNIT.....

Serial:	SUB	TIME	Route and	Report
No	UNIT	OUT : IN	Strength : area patrolled:	

3	C Coy	1510 1640	1 Cpl 1 OR	87852932 to 87832915 to 87782912 return to 87852932
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Object of patrol was to capture single soldier, suspected as sniper seen at approximately 87832916. At 87832915 patrol found first of 4 burnt-out British tks on a British Mk IV minefield, German laid. From the most easterly tank patrol ^{leader} moved 700 yds SW to old Italian diggings (unoccupied for 7 days). About 1000 yds SOUTH of patrol three distinct mounds rose above the ^{level} ground, on which three soldiers, presumed German, were observed, one of whom was cleaning his rifle. Patrol returned without seeing any sign of suspected sniper.

NOTE: Two daylight OPs were sent out before first light, one to area 87832915, one to find OP of 2/43 Bn.

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Lieut
10 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

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UNIT... 2/13. ADST. INF. BN.....

DATE: 01/08/42 0600 hrs

2 Aug '42

Serial: SUB : TIME : Route and : Report
To : FROM : OUT : IN : Strength : area patrolled:

4	C Coy	0400	0800	1cpl 1OR	87842932 to 87832915 thence to 87842916 where OP was established. Return to 87842932.
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From OP a sketch was made by patrol leader from which the att sketch was plotted. At 0430 on bearing of 202° from OP (approx 87812908) 4 men were seen but were not observing. Otherwise NMS. At 0645 hrs for 10 minutes a SPANDAU was heard firing from NW. Distance impossible to estimate.

*John W. ...
Lieut*

W.D. 2/13 AUST INF BN PATROL R. FIVE 0600 hrs 2 AUG ,42.

Serial: SUB : TIME : Place and : Report
 To : UNIT : OUT : IN : Strength : Area patrolled:

4 C Coy 0400 0600 1cpl 1OR 87842932 to
 87632915
 thence to
 87842916
 where OP was
 established.
 Return to
 87842932

From OP a sketch was made by patrol leader from which the att sketch was plotted. At sangar on bearing of 202° from OP (approx 87812908) 4 men were seen but were not observing. Otherwise NMS. At 0645 hrs for 10 minutes a SPANBAU was heard firing from NW. Distance impossible to estimate.

Joe Mangan
 Lieut

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UNIT 2/13 Aust Inf Bn PATROL 2 BATT 24 hrs 0600 hrs 2 AUG 52

Serial: SUB : TIME : Force and : Report
To : UNIT : OUT : IN : Strength : Area patrolled:

4 C Coy 0400 0600 1cpl 1OR 87842932 to
87832915
thence to
87842916
where OP was
established.
Return to
87842932.

From OP a sketch was made by patrol leader from which the att sketch was plotted. At sangar on bearing of 203° from OP (approx 87812908) 4 men were seen but were not observing. Otherwise NMS. At 0645 hrs for 10 minutes a SPANBAU was heard firing from NW. Distance impossible to estimate.

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HQ., 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
In the Field.
7 Aug 42

HQ., 20 AUST INF BDE

SHELLING REPORT
(for 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 7 Aug 42)

Nil return

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IO., 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

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HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

SHELLING REPORT.

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Lieut,
I.O. 2/13 AUST INF BN.
(D.W.B. MAUGHAN)

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SECRET.

HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN
9 AUG 42.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

SHELLING REPORT.

(Up to 0600 hrs 9 Aug 42)

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I.O. 2/13 AUST INF BN.
(DWB MAUGHAN)

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2/13 AUST INF BN
10 AUG 42.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

SHELLING REPORT.

(FOR 24 HOURS ENDING 0600 10 AUG 42)

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D. W. B. Maughan Lieut.,
I. O. 2/13 AUST INF BN
(D. W. B. MAUGHAN)

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HQ. 2/13 AUST INF BN.
11 AUG 42.

HQ. 20 AUST INF BDE.

SHELLING REPORT.

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(DWB MAUGHAN)

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HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN
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HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

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I.O. 2/13 AUST INF BN
(DWB MAUGHAN)

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HQ, 2/13 AUST INF BN.
13 AUG 42

HQ, 20 AUST INF BDE.

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(DWB MAUGHAN)

HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN
14 AUG 42

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

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HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

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HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN
17 AUG 42.

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SHELLING REP ORT.

SUB UNIT: A Coy

MAP REF and LOCATION from which reported: 87853000

GRID BEARING OF FLASH: From direction of coast.

TIME: From 1030 hrs
To 1031 hrs.

AREA SHELLIED: 2 shells in 87783003. 1 shell in 87863002

DAMAGE DONE: N I L

NATURE OF FIRE: Shelling truck

NO OF RDS. Three

CALIBRE. 105 mm

NO OF GUNS. one

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HQ., 2/13 AUST INF BN
20 AUG 42.

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SHELLING REPORT
(for 24 hours ended 0600 hrs 20 Aug)

SUB UNIT : D Coy

Map Reference of location
from which reported. : 87893003

Grid bearing of flash or
groove made by shell : -

TIME - From : 1900 hrs
To : 1915 hrs

AREA SHELLLED : 87893003 - 87923003

DAMAGE DONE : NIL

NATURE OF FIRE : Area shoot (harassing)

NO. OF RDS. : 14

CALIBRE : 75mm

NO. OF GUNS : 4

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SHELLING REPORT
(For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 21 Aug)

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H OSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

(24 HRS ENDED - 0600 HRS 22 AUG 42)

SUB UNIT C Coy
MAP REF OF LOCATION FROM WHICH REPORTED: 87663025.
GRID BEARING OF FLASH. 270 degrees,
TIME: From 0630 hrs to 0745 hrs.
AREA SHELLED. 876 302 (number of shells fell in sea)
DAMAGE DONE. One man wounded (subsequently died)
NATURE OF FIRE. Area shoot
NUMBER OF RDS. 130
CALIBRE. 105 ~~75~~ mm
NO of GUNS. 4

SUB UNIT: C Coy.
MAP REF OF LOCATION FROM WHICH REPORTED. 87 663025
GRID BEARING OF FLASH 270 degrees
TIME From 1920 hrs to 1935 hrs.
AREA SHELLED 876302
DAMAGE DONE one man killed.
NATURE OF FIRE. Bombardment
NUMBER OF RDS. 73 rds
CALIB RE 105 mm
NO of GUNS 4

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UNIT..... 2/13 AUST INF BN

HOSTILE SELLING REPORT.

for 24 hours ending 0600 hrs 23 Aug 42, 4

SUB : Map ref of : Grid bearing : TIME : AREA SELLING : DAMAGE DONE : NATURE OF : No of : Cali : No of : Time
 UNIT : location from : of flash or : FROM : TO : : FIRE : rds : bre : guns : betwe
 : which reported : groove made by : : : : (Registration) : : : : flash
 : : shell : : : : : (Bombardment) : : : : report
 : : : : : : (Area shoot) : : : : :

SUB	Map ref of	Grid bearing	TIME	AREA SELLING	DAMAGE DONE	NATURE OF	No of	Cali	No of	Time
UNIT	location from	of flash or	FROM	TO		FIRE	rds	bre	guns	betwe
	which reported	groove made by				(Registration)				flash
		shell				(Bombardment)				report
						(Area shoot)				
D COY	8793530170	274 degrees (ground bearing)	1915	1915	D Coy	NIL	AREA SHOOT	15	105	2

Robert Thompson
Lieut

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24 AUG 42.

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HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

UNIT... 2/13. AUST. INF. BN.....

for 24 hours ending 0600 hrs 25 AUG 42, 4 .

SUB UNIT	Map ref of location from which reported	Grid bearing of flash or groove made by shell	TIME FROM TO	AREA SHELL'D	DAMAGE DONE	NATURE OF FIRE (Registration) (Bombardment) (Area shoot)	No of rds	Cali: bre	No of guns	Time between flash reports
D Coy	87533017	-	1200 1300	87523017	N I L	Area Shoot	12	105mm	2	

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 (D. W. B. MAUGHAN)

UNIT..... 2/13 AUST INF BN

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

for 24 hours ending 0600 hrs 26 Aug 42 , 4 .

SUB UNIT	Map ref of location from which reported	Grid bearing of flash or groove made by shell	TIME FROM TO	AREA SHELLED	DAMAGE DONE	NATURE OF FIRE (Registration) (Bombardment) (Area shoot)	No of rds	Cali bre	No of guns mortars	Time between flash reports
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D Coy

8753030185

-

1730

1800

87533017

NIL

Area Shoot

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81mm mortar

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HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

UNIT.....

for 24 hours ending 0600 hrs 28 AUG 42, 4.

2/13 ARST INF BN

SUB UNIT	Map ref of location from which reported	Grid bearing of flash or groove made by shell	TIME FROM TO	AREA SHELLIED	DAMAGE DONE	NATURE OF FIRE (Registration) (Bombardment) (Area shoot)	No of rds	Cali bre	No of guns	Time between flash reports
A Coy	Coy HQ 87593007	276°	0820 0825	S PL. 87543013	2 Casualties	Area shoot	3	75mm	-	-
D Coy	8753530180	265° (sound)	0930 0945	87533017	N I L	Bombardment	3	88mm	1	-
D Coy	8753530180	269° "	1100 1200	87543017	N I L	Area shoot	87 2500	? 25Pr	2	-
D Coy	8753530180	295° "	1630 1730	87543018	N I L	" "	25	105mm	2	-

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L. C. 2/13 ARST INF BN
 (DW. B. MAUGHAN)

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29 AUG 42.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

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30 AUG 42.

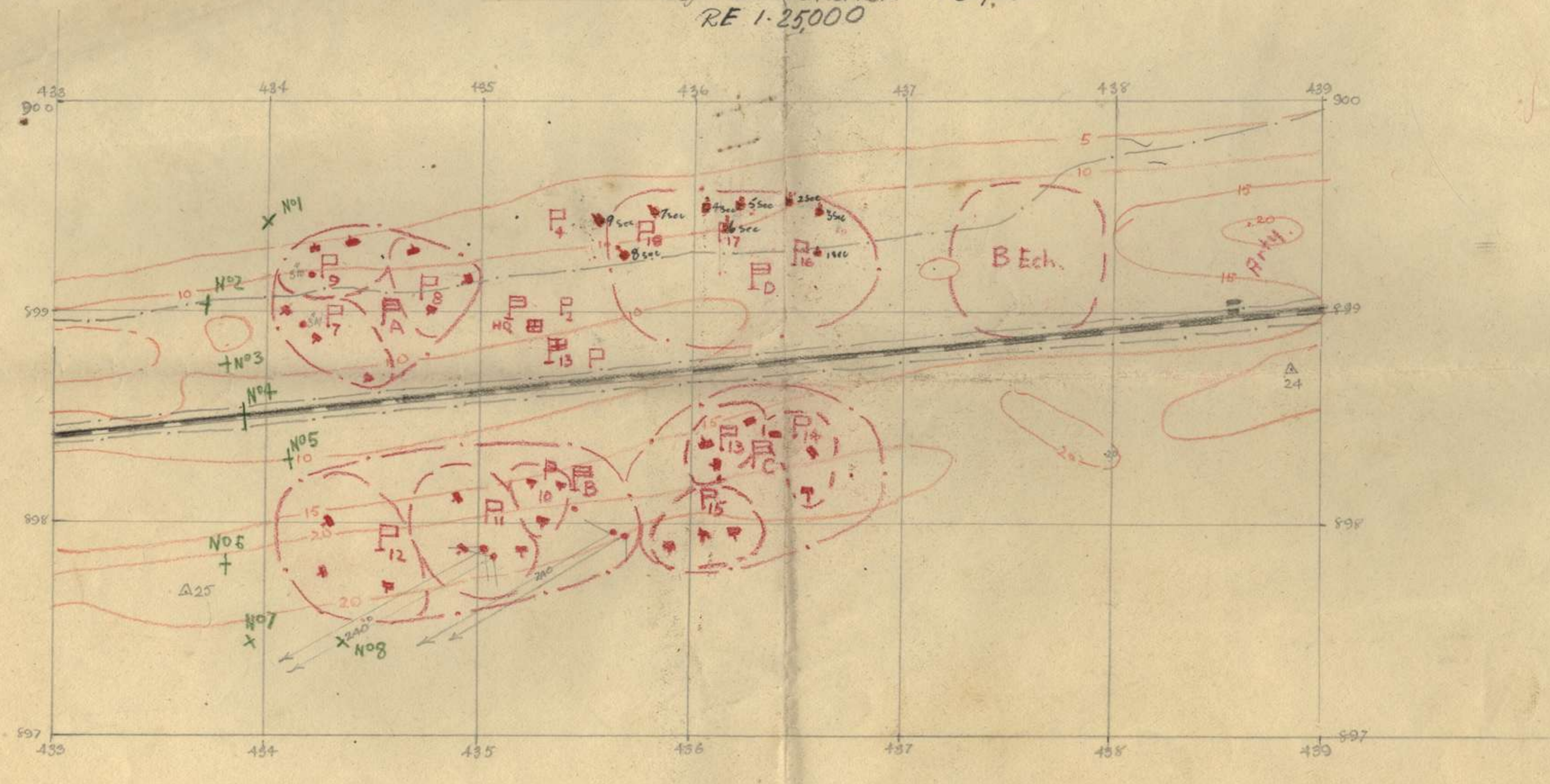
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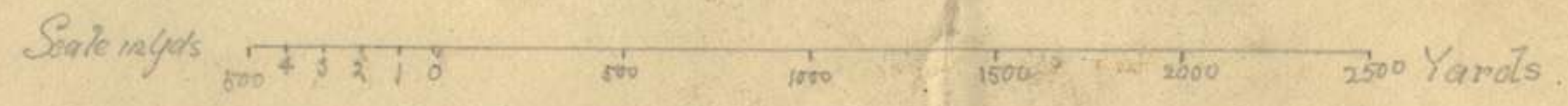
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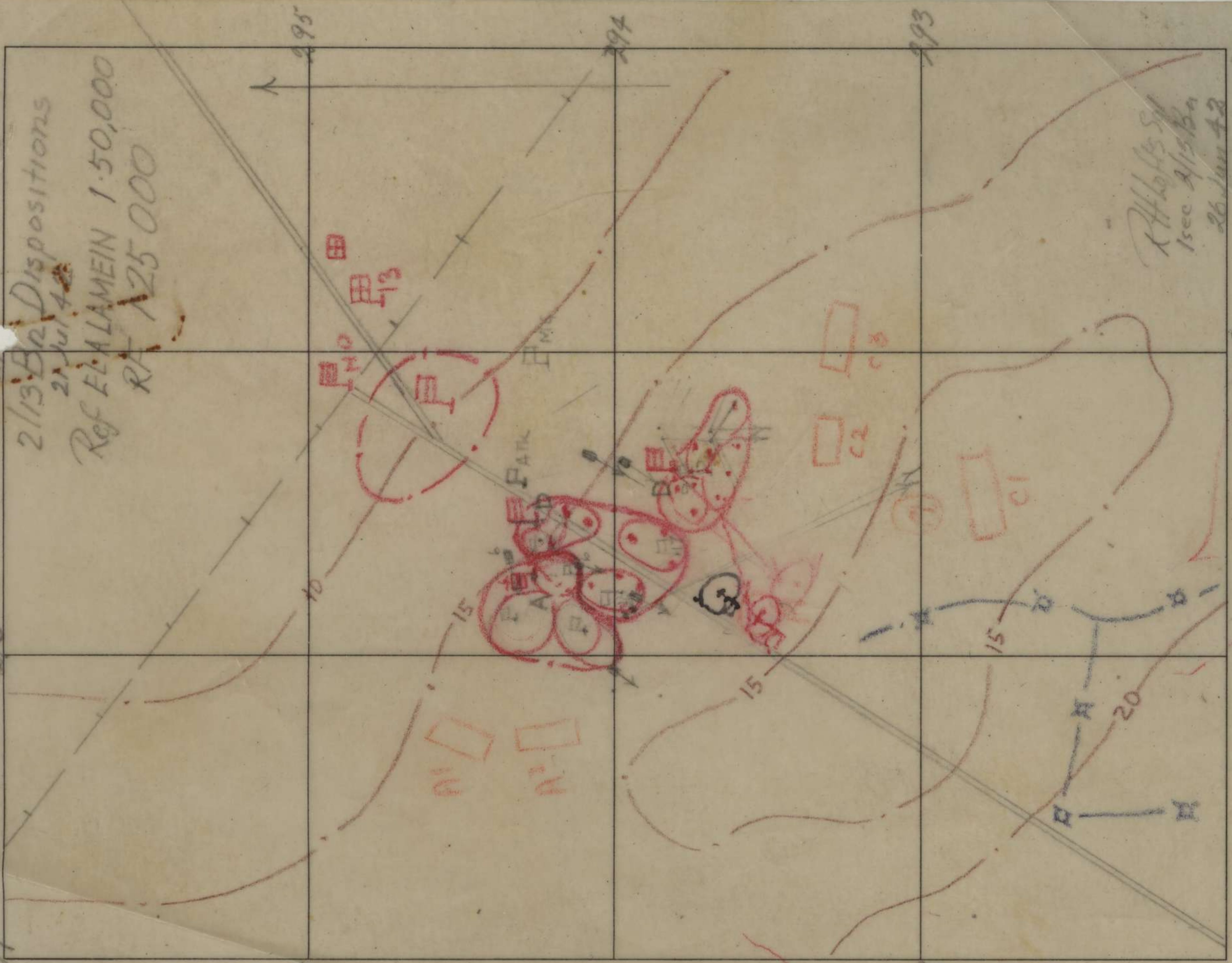
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 2/13 Am
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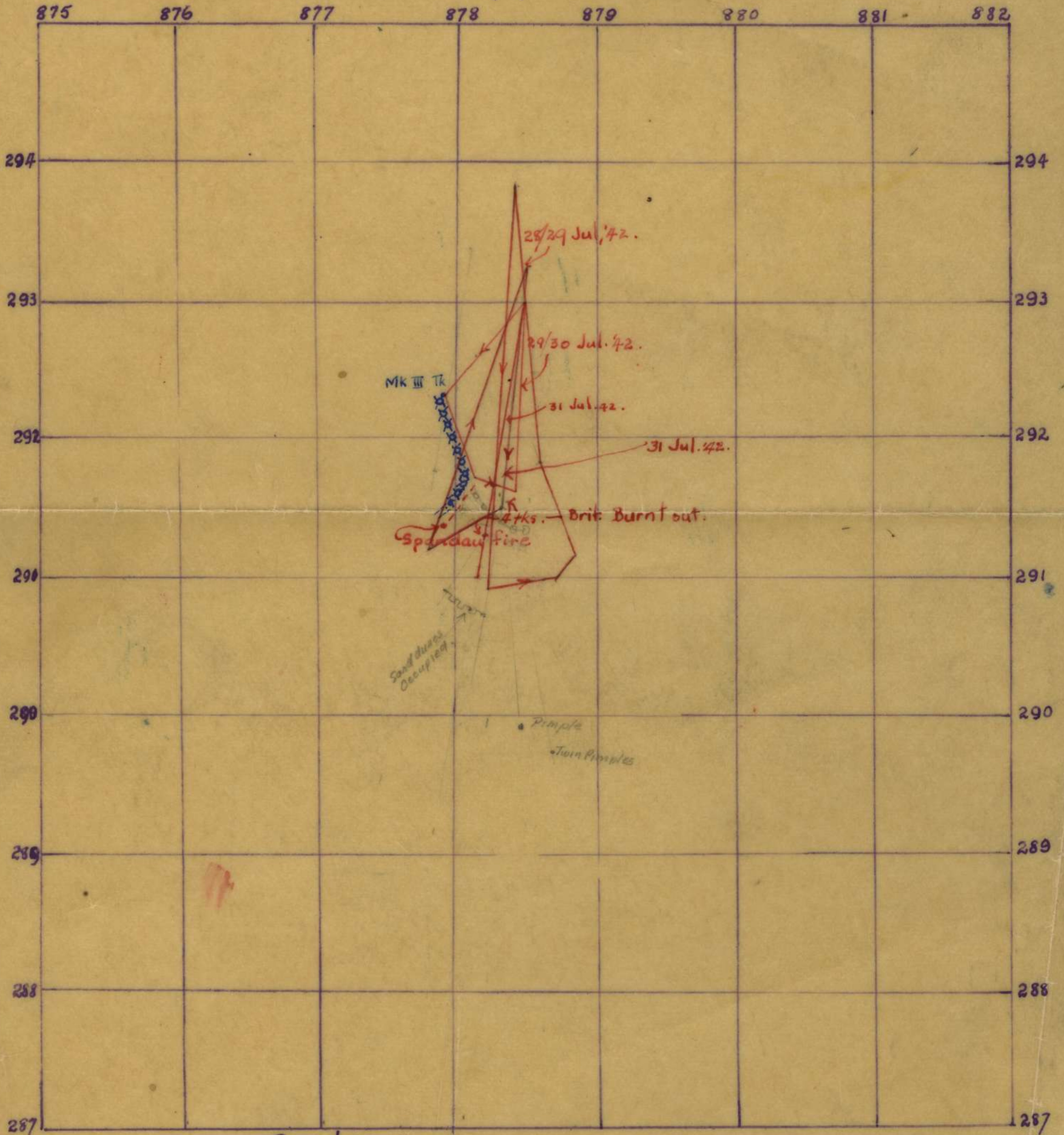


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From. 28 Jul, '42.

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R.F. 1:50,000.



Scale. 1:50,000.

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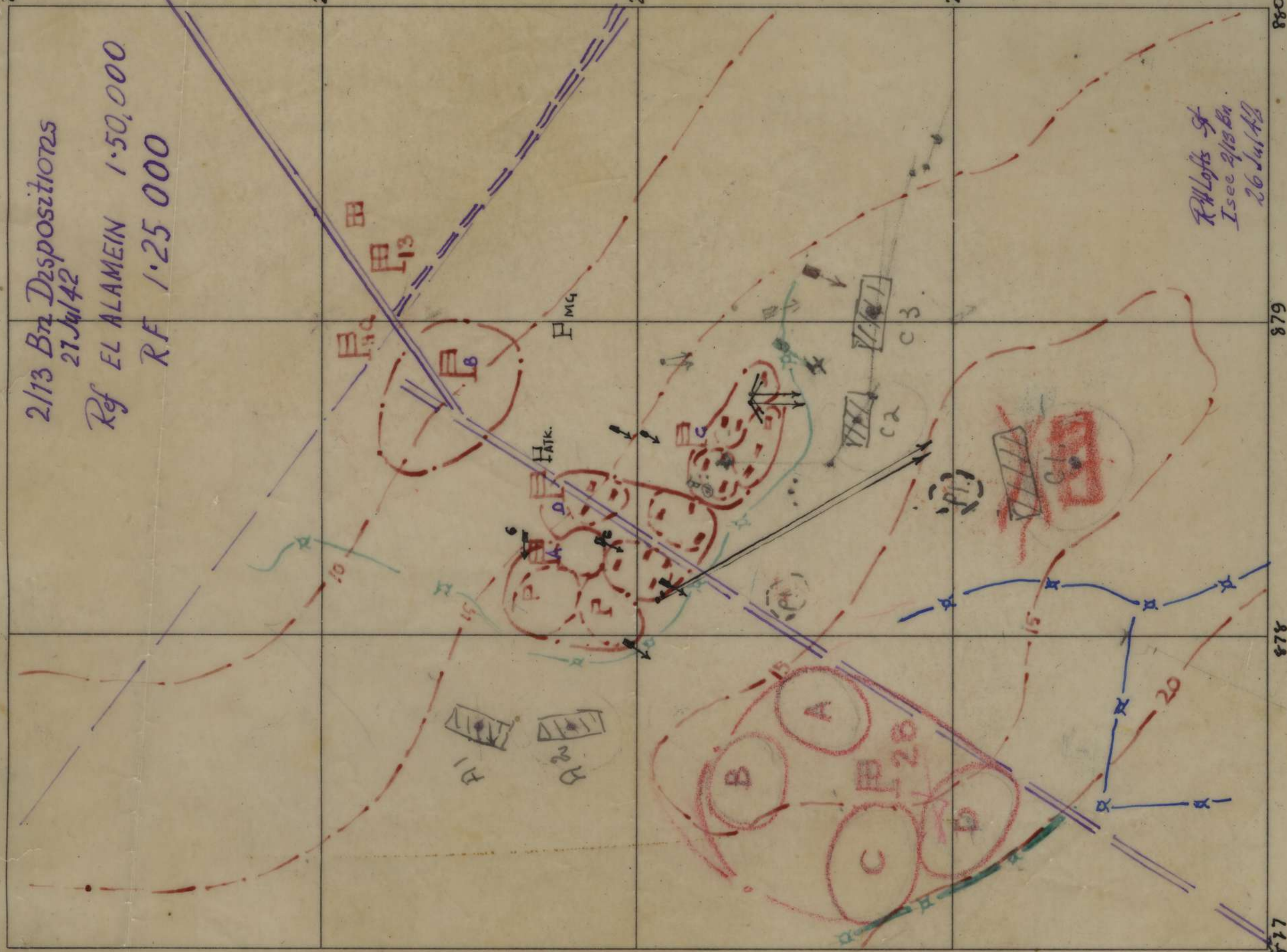
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RAF Lofts St
 I see 2/13 Bn
 26 Jul 42



2/13 Bn Disposition

21 Jul 42

Ref EL ALAMEIN. 1:50,000

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I Sec 2/13 Bn
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2/13 Bn.

A Coy Position. 7/8 Aug 42
Ref EL ALAMEIN Sheet 1-50000

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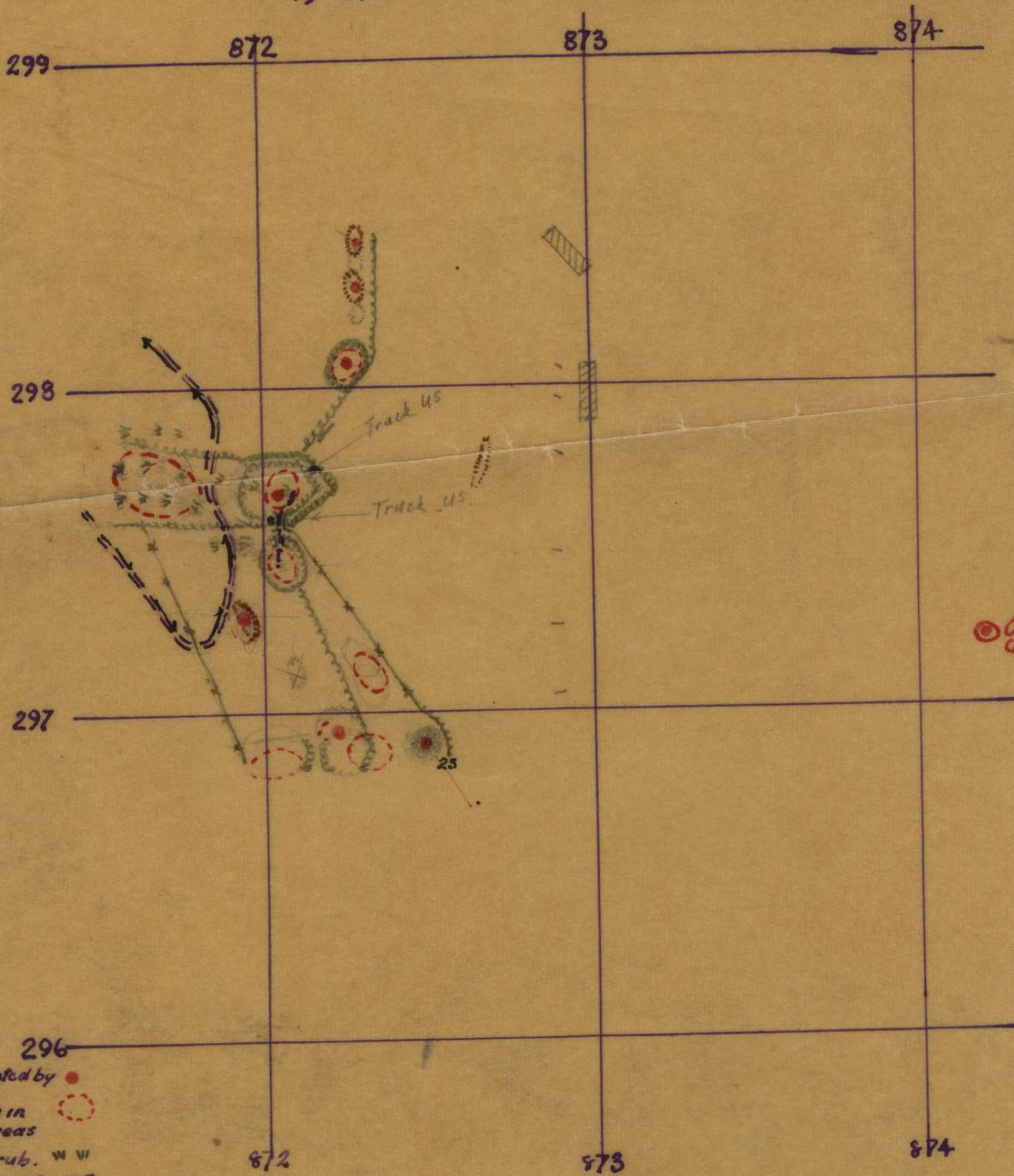
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Observations from OPs at 87422972 & 87442977
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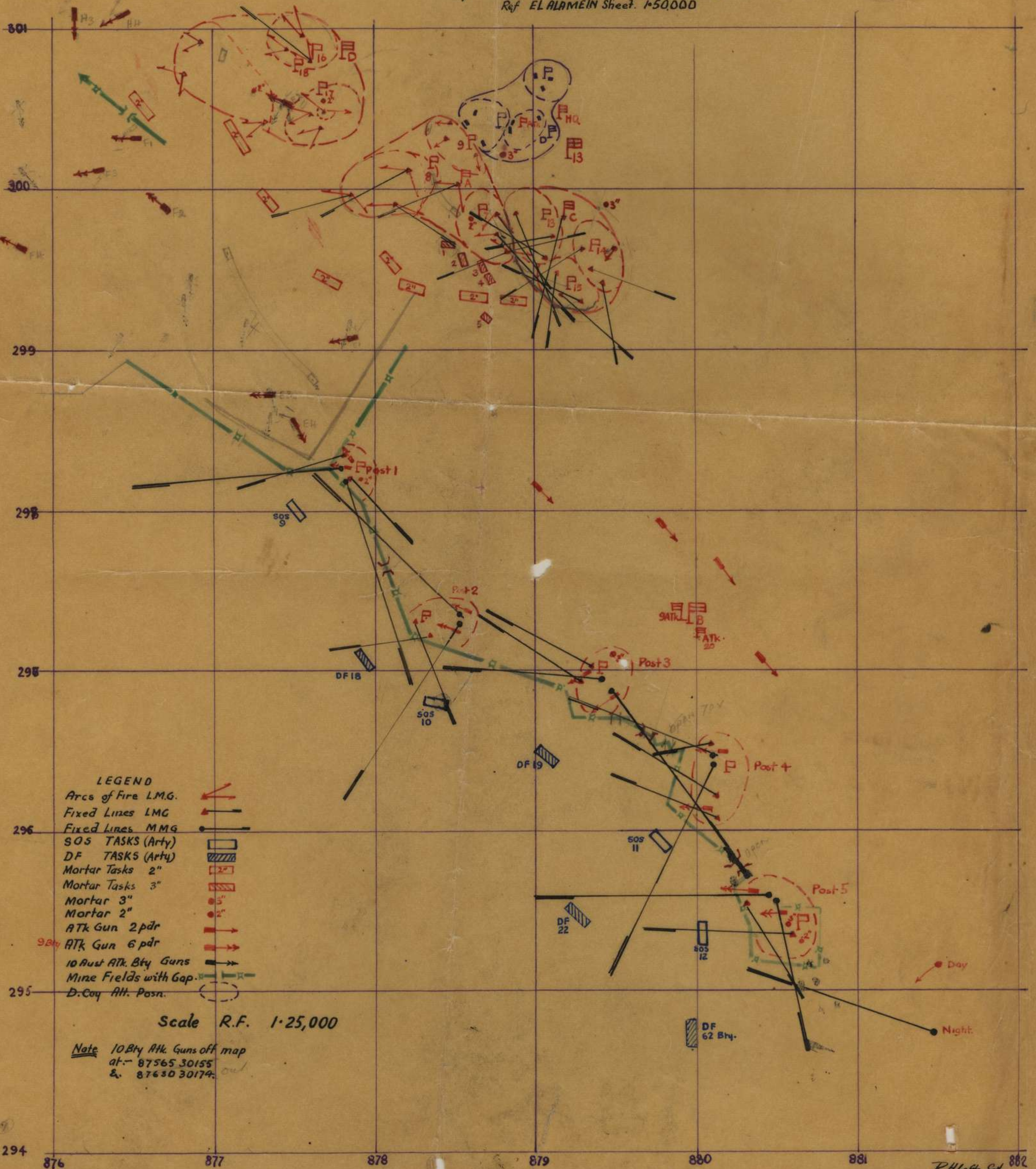
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- Posns located by Cav. ●
 - Men seen in these areas ○
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 - Foot ---
 - Wire. Darnert
 - " Fence.
 - Triple Darnert.
 - Truck. US ■
 - Direction in which truck moved →

R F 1-25,000

by Sgt R H Lofts.
 2/13 Bn.
 17. Aug 42.

2/13 Bn Disposition Overlay.
Ref EL ALAMEIN Sheet. 1:50,000

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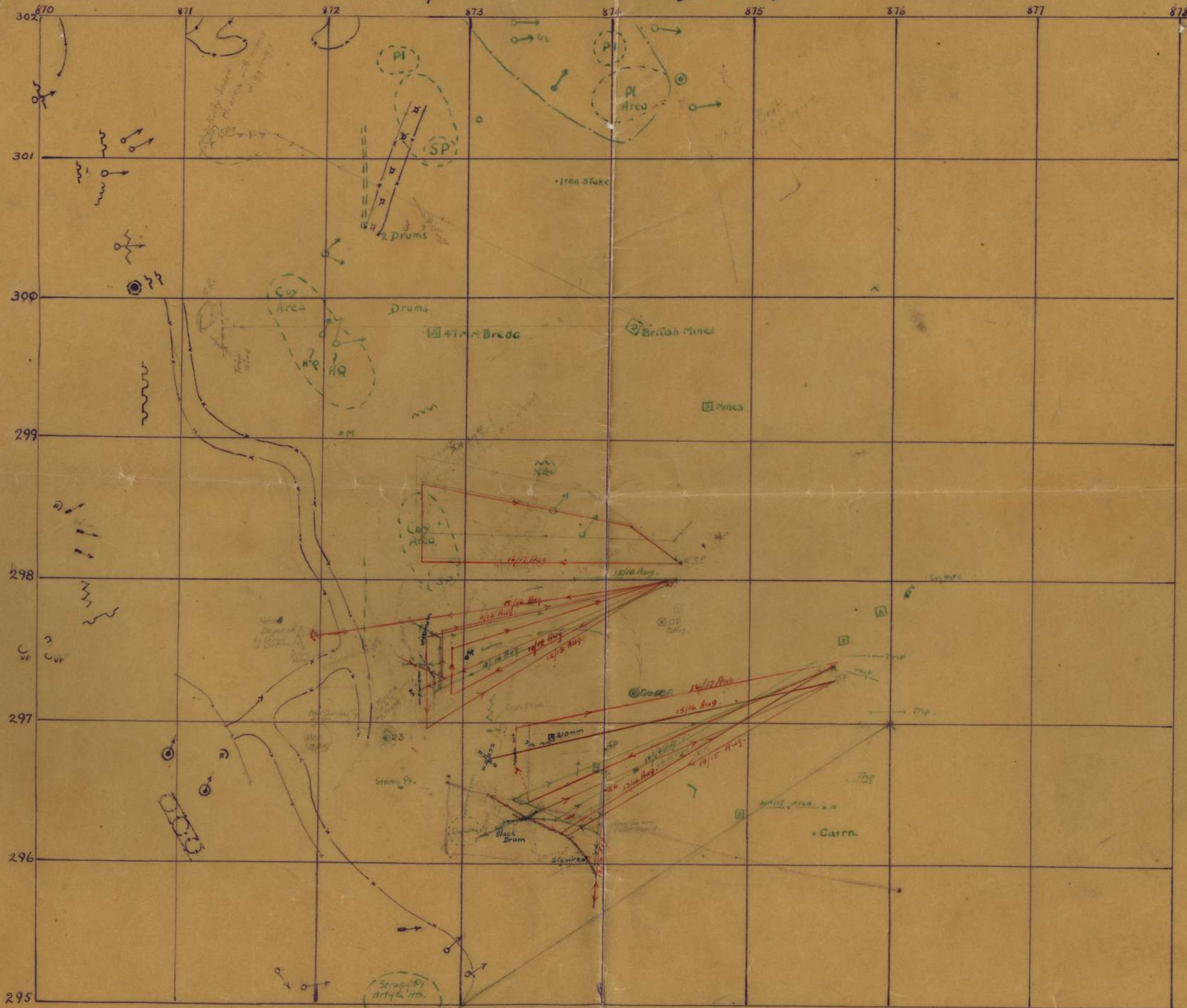
- LEGEND**
- Arcs of Fire LMG.
 - Fixed Lines LMG
 - Fixed Lines MMG
 - SOS TASKS (Arty)
 - DF TASKS (Arty)
 - Mortar Tasks 2"
 - Mortar Tasks 3"
 - Mortar 3"
 - Mortar 2"
 - Atk Gun 2 pdr
 - 98 Bty Atk Gun 6 pdr
 - 10 Bty Atk. Bty Guns
 - Mine Fields with Gap
 - D. Coy Att. Posn.

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Note 10 Bty Atk. Guns off map
at:- 87565 30155
& 87630 30174.

R.H. Lefts Sgt.
2/13 Bn. 12 Aug 42

2/13 Bn PATROLS 10 Aug to 17 Aug 42



- Dump.
- ▲ Ammunition.
- ☞ Truck.

Information in Purple
from Air Photo Map
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Sgt R.H. Lott.
2/13 Bn
17 Aug 42.

2/13 Bn Patrols 17 Aug to 42.

870 (LA) 872 873 874 875 876 877 878

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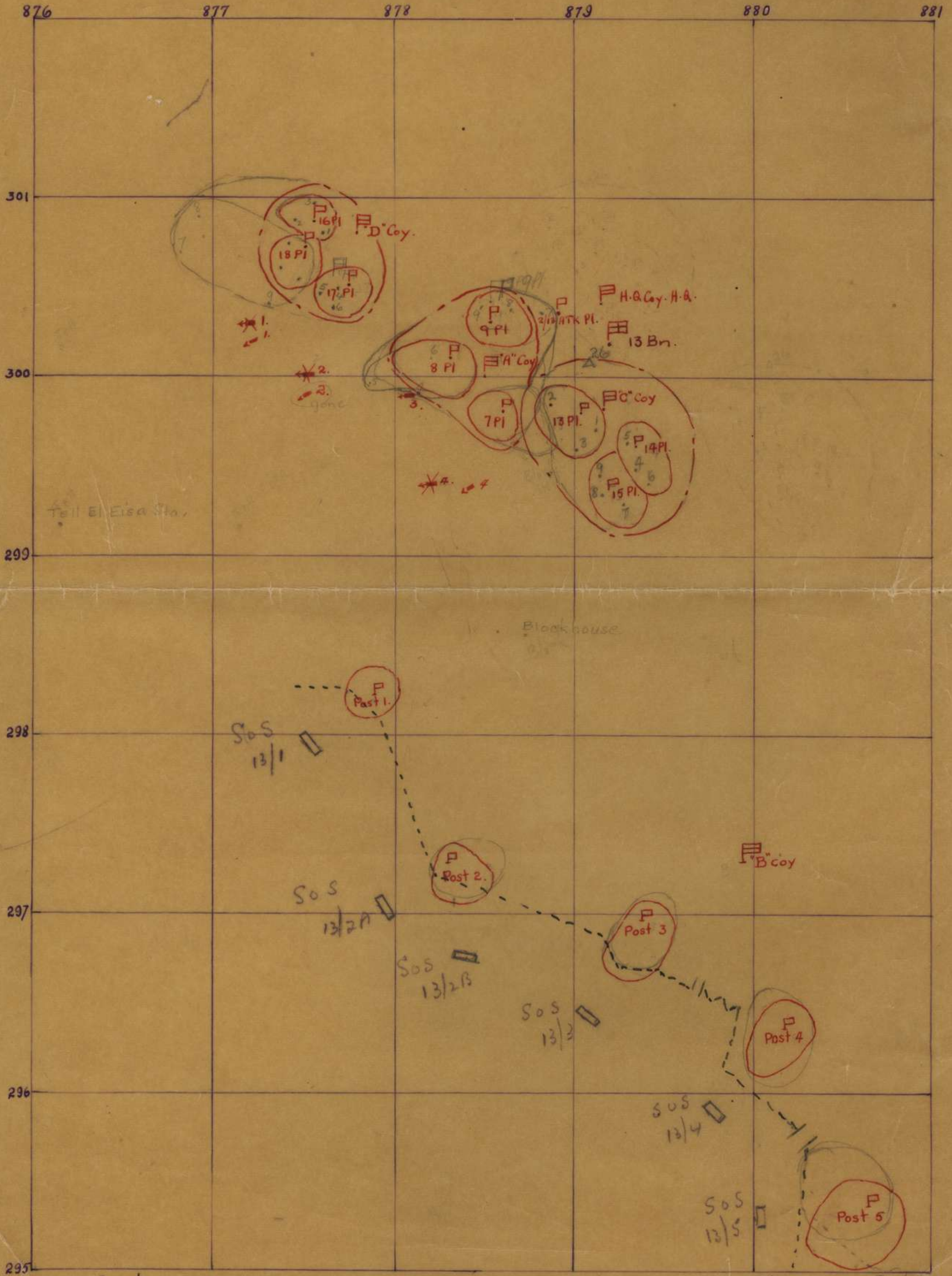
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2/13 Bn. DISPOSITION TRACE.

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2/13 Bn.
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