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In The Field	Oct 1	0105	(Continuation of tac exercise with tps) Line laid at assembly area. FUP commenced.	
		0215	FUP established.	
		0315	Moved fwd from FUP. Minefd at 2100 yds cleared by engrsr.	
		0330	First objective taken.	
		0415	Second phase of exercise began.	
		0505	Final objective gained and tps exploited.	
		0528	Coys reported exploitation complete.	
		0645	B coy reported being attacked by enemy tks.	
		0730	Exercise concluded. CO's inspection of coys.	
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		2030	CO held conference ref rehearsal of bde exercise.	
	3		Lieut EM PINKNEY left for navigation course at ABBASSIA.	A
			Lieut RLS DODD and 12 re-inft OR joined unit.	A
			Lieut EL JORY and 3 NCOs returned from 9 Aust Div MG School.	A
	4	0930	Bn Church pde. CO addressed pde and indicated that Aust tps would play an important part in future ops.	

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In The Field	Oct 5	0800	2 men per gun crew of the A Tk pl attended tng in 50 Mm German A Tk gun.		
		0945	Offrs and senior MMOs RV at CAIRN 24 (426896) for demonstration.		
		1000	Tks and inf demonstration by B coy. Demonstration was made of tks getting fwd with inf without arty sp by using their own weapons, in particular firing smoke from the tank whilst in motion.		
				Demonstration of inf and tks for pl comds of 20 Aust Inf Bde under Div arrangements.	
				Sgt LOFTS RH marched out to 9 Aust Div Spec Gp staff.	A
	6			Preparation for bde exercise 6/7 Oct 20 Bde and 40 RTR.	C
	7	0435	Reports from all coys started to come in of movement of tks etc and the general situation on bn front.		
		0646	CO reported by W/T to Bde the sound of tracked vehs on right flank which are unlocated owing to the fog. Own tks standing by.		
		0700	Brig WINDSOR of 30 Corps visited bn.		
		0730	Conclusion of exercise.		
			Lieut HESLOP RW det to 20 Bde as LO (III).	A	
			Lt-Col CHAMBERS visited bn.		

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In The Field	Oct 7		CO left for two days leave in ALEXANDRIA.		
			Adjut left for four days leave.		
	8	0900		Sgt McCREA J and Cpl LIVERMORE conducted all-day cadre on 20mm Breda for 2/3 Aust Bnr Bn.	
				Lieut DS WEBB marched out to METS 2-pr A Tk Gun course No.5.	A
	9	1100		Conference of bn comds at bde.	
				Bn received 3 mortar carriers.	
				ADMS (Col HG FURNELL, DSO) visited bn.	
	10	1500		GOCs conference for bn comds at HQ RAA.	H
	12	0700		Bn exercise commenced.	
				1530 Exercise completed. Tps returned by MT.	
				Adjut returned and resumed duties.	
				Lieut GC CLARK marched out to MES Arty and tac handling of A Tk units.	A
	13	0900		Bde exercise commenced. The object of this exercise was to practice night formations.	
			1055 Dog fight SOUTH of bn area. At least 3 enemy 'planes shot down.		
			Lieut EM PINKNEY returned from navigation course.	A	
			Capt HG GILLAN marched in from ITB staff.	A	

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In The Field	Oct 13	1055	Cpl LIVERMORE det to 13 Corps as instructor on foreign weapons.	
		1130	Bn reached assy area.	
		1230	Bn left assy area. Lieuts STEVENSON and OVERALL (RAE) moved with bn and made three gaps in minefd, 1000 yds fwd of FUP on axis of adv.	
		1338	Bn reached FUP.	
		1432	Fwd tps crossed FUP on correct timing.	
		1500	Reports from coys of opposition encountered on adv and then of capture of first objective.	
		1540	Guides are sent to pick up tks and gaps are made in minefds.	
		1610	Bde is established in new posn.	
		1620	Zero for further adv.	
		1645	Reports from coys of enemy posns being dealt with.	
		1715	Exercise finished.	
			WO 11 HALL KJ and Sgt McDOUGALL L march out to ME OCTU.	A
	14	0830	CO to bde for conference.	
		1000	Coy comds conference and discussions of leasons arising from excercise, 13 Oct.	
			Informed of change-over with 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	H

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In The Field	Oct 14	1000	2/15 BN 2 i/cs arrived at bn.	
		1400	Bn coy 2 i/cs moved out to recce coy areas.	
		1730	Coy comds RV at bn HQ for discussion with Col FINIGAN and sqn leaders of 40 RTR.	
	15		Bn relieved 2/15 BN.	
			Lieut TM HUGHES marched out to METC Adm School.	A
	16		Lieut CS TAYLOR marched in from ITB.	A
		1400	COs conference at which CO issued orders concerning future ops and the tasks of each coy within the bn and bde plan.	
		1600	Conference of sp arms comds.	
	17		Capt DF FAULKNER evacuated to MDS.	A
	18	0930	COs conference	
		1100	CO attended a further conference at bde.	
		1500	CO visited 40 RTR.	
		1830	Lieut DWB MAUGHAN returned to unit from bde.	
		1900	CO went to bde and thence to Corps HQ, where all bn comds to participate in future ops were addressed by C-in-C 8TH ARMY.	

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In The Field	Oct 19	0830	CO to bde.		
		1500	CO attended Brigs conference at bde. Sand table exercise of forthcoming ops was held by bde comd and GI, 9 AUST DIV.	H	
	20	0900	CO attended continuation of sand table exercise at bde.		
		0930	A conference was held at bn HQ between coy comds and adjt 2/13 BN and CO and coy comds of 5 GORDONS. Lieut RW HESLOP (Bde LO) reported to bn and will remain until ops commence. 7 offr (Maj GE COLVIN, Capt HG GILLAN, Lieut GC CLARK, Lieut RJ BARRET, Lieut AR ROBERTS, Lieut DS WEBB & Lieut TM HUGHES) and 46 OR were posted LOB and moved out to LOB area.	A	
		2130	Bn convoy left bn SP.		
		2200	Left bde SP.		
		2345	All coys in new area.		
	21			CO, IO and adjt working on final details for orders, traces etc.	
			1400	COs conference at which coy comds discussed any points of difficulty which occurred to them.	
			1700	Infm received from bde that responsibility for strongpost at 86962963 would be shared with 5 GORDONS as in the original plan. Throughout the day sand table exercises were held by each coy comd in which the op was discussed with pl comds and all NCOs.	<i>[Signature]</i>

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IN The Field	Oct 21	1700	Coy guides, bn guides and tape laying parties were rehearsed in their duties by CO and adjt. Issue of Bn OO No 27.	C
		22	Message received that GOC 9 AUST DIV was coming to see CO.	
	1000	Orders conference held by CO, attended by coy comds, comds of sp arms att, comds of bn sp arms pls, comd and sqn comds of 40 RTR and comd, 1 sec 2/13 AUST FD COY and all LOs att to BN.		
	1045	Bde comd arrived and heard orders being given.		
	1155	GOC arrived and discussed the forthcoming op with CO. Afterwards the GOC spoke to some of the yps and stated that he was sure the bn would do the good job that it had always done.		
	23	1230	Sp arms gps moving to coys.	
	1400	NCOs of all coys again saw sand table.		
	1500	Infm received that A Tk bty could not move before 1900 0 hrs.		
	1730	Hot meal was served to all ranks.		
	1800	Maj GE COLVIN detailed to bring 40 RTR fwd and marry them into the convoy. CO saw all coy comds in comd post and wished them all good luck.		
	1900	Convoy assembling near main road.		

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In The Field	Oct 23	1930	Convoy left assy area.	
		2125	Bn arrived at de-bussing area.	
		2140	Arty barrage opens.	
		2200	Bn left de-bussing area on foot for FUP.	
	24	0012	Fwd coys arrived at FUP without 40 RTR.	
		0030	Message received from 2/15 BN indicated success achieved.	H
		0043	Fwd coys crossed FUP. 40 RTR had not arrived owing to hindrance from minefds. Almost immediately an enemy minefd was encountered. The inf continued to adv keeping well up to arty concentrations whilst the engnrs immediately prepared to clear a gap in the fd. The fd proved to be of a depth of about 1500 yds creating a serious problem of getting up the re-organisation stores and A Ech vehs getting back before daylight.	
		0125	First pockets of enemy have been encountered and have withdrawn.	H
		0200	Tks moved fwd from FUP.	
		0210	Reported that the tks were held up near the Start Line . As the depth of the minefd will in any case prevent the tks accompanying A and B coys during Phase 2 of the attack, the CO orders (0214 hrs) A and B coys to move fwd.	H

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In The Field	Oct 24	0220	15 pl under comd Sgt CARSON left axis of C coy advance on a bearing 307-deg to assault post of	
			2 fd guns and 2 MGs.	
		0225	In a response to a request for a report it was reported to bde that the tps were following up the arty concentrations but no contact had yet been made with the enemy.	H
		0236	Both C and D coys reported that they were adv through enemy wire on to the objective. This was reported to bde.	H
		0247	Minesfd has been gapped and 40 RTR are at last moving fwd.	H
		0250	C coy encountered by fire on the right flank in front of the enemy wire but maintained progress.	
		0300	C and D coys mopping up. The D coy sent out 18 pl under Sgt EASTER to contact 5 GORDON BN and co-operate with them in mopping up strong pt at 86962963. This had actually been achieved by the GORDONS before the arrival of 18 pl and consequently Sgt EASTER joined the right flank of another company of the GORDONS and moved fwd a further 800 0 yds mopping up an enemy strong post on the way. Hy shelling was encountered and owing to casualties and the withdrawal of the GORDONS, Sgt EASTER withdrew his pl and rejoined D coy. All enemy encountered so far, GERMAN.	H
		0305	A and B coys now passing through C and D coys.	
		0315	A coy camd under hy fire from posts immediately in front. Capt RG SANDERSON was killed and	H

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In The Field	Oct 24	0315 contd	<p>and Lieut EFC NORRIE was seriously wounded. Lieut NORRIE who was near coy HQ, although seriously wounded, on hearing that Capt SANDERSON had been killed, immediately took charge of the coy, ordering the adv to be resumed. Soon afterwards he was killed and word was passed to Lieut CA O'CONNOR. Lieut O'CONNOR was also wounded but took charge of the coy, calling for volunteers to assault the strong post in their way. With 12 volunteers he personally led the assault. During the action he received further serious wounds in the head but continued to lead his party and overran the post. He personally inflicted several casualties on the enemy with the bayonet.</p> <p>By this time A coy was so seriously disorganised by casualties of offrs and senior NCOs that an immediate further adv was not possible.</p> <p>B coy encountered wire and mines within 3 mins of passing through C coy. After a further 600 yds B coy encountered by MG fire straight ahead. The coy went to ground. Capt KC WILSON then moved fwd in order to lead the assault and in doing so was seriously wounded.</p> <p>11 and 12 pls were now fwd, 11 pl on the right. 12 pl comd Sgt KELLY SINGLETON was also wounded. Pte BURGESS (Int Sec) then took charge of the fwd pls and moved 11 pl left and fwd in an encircling movement. It was thought that Sgt KELLY, comd 11 pl, was also wounded at this time. In the meantime 10 pl under comd Lieut HW POPE moved through on the right and assaulted</p>	

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In The Field	Oct 24	0315 contd	<p>another post. Shortly afterwards voices called out, "Hold your fire, we are coming in" and figures ran towards the centre post. Fire was held and the figures entered the post and it was realised that this was an enemy ruse. Lieut FS TREWEEKE now moved fwd and took charge and organised an assault on the post. Two assaults were made, the second of which was successful. About 12 enemy were killed and 23 PW taken incl 2 offrs, all GERMAN.</p> <p>C coy was reorganising 250 yards WEST of the enemy wire.</p>	
		0317	Reported to bde that rear coys had passed through the fwd coys and that all enemy were GERMAN.	H
		0318	C coy report having contacted D coy but that no word has been received from left pl of D coy.	
		0330	No word yet from B coy. A coy reports serious casualties. Tks held up by further minefd.	
		0331	Code word "TURNER" sent to bde indicating objectives of Phase 1 secured.	
		0340	CO reported to bde that fwd coys were fighting their way fwd and asked for report of flanking <u>units</u> .	H
		0345	<p>After reorganisation B coy HQ was established in post and 2 pls sent 150 yds fwd. 10 pl on right an 11 pl on left. Owing to heavy casualties incurred Lieut TREWEEKE decided that further adv was impracticable. At this time Lieut O'CONNOR came into B coy HQ in a very seriously wounded condition, partially unconscious. Attempts were made to get into comm with bn HQ by W/T but this failed. Pte BURGESS was sent back to bn HQ with PW.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p>

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In The Field	Oct 24	0355	CO reported to bde that casualties have been hy.	H
		0405	CO reported to bde that fwd coys were held up and would not be able to adv until tks had been got through.	H
		0415	There appears to be no fwd movement on the left flank. CO has reported this to bde.	
		0423	Pte PURCELL (Int Sec) came in from D coy and reported that A coy had withdrawn into D coy area. He also reported to Bn HQ for the first time that Capt SANDERSON had been killed in an assault on a strong post and that Lieut FS BISSAKER was the only offr left in A coy. Lieut NORRIE had been killed and Lieut O'CONNOR had been badly wounded. Capt CRIBB had taken charge and reorganised the remnants of A and D coys into a composite coy. The CO instructed Pte PURCELL to inform Capt CRIBB that he was to take A coy's original objective with the forces available and to contact Maj TODD of 40 RTR to guide the tks fwd to participate in the op.	
		0425	Bde informed that bn is 1700 yds from the FUP on the centre line.	H
		0440	B coy are sending out mopping patrols. Instructed by CO to reorganise and to await further	
		0430	13 and 14 pls (C coy) reorganise as 1 pl at Sig Centre, 86872975. Sgt CARSON reported back that 15 pl had successfully assaulted the enemy post at 86892980 and had made contact with C coy of the 2/48 BN, on the right flank.	

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In The Field	Oct 24	0450	Tks now moving fwd through 2nd minefd which is 650 yds deep. CO reported to bde that no progress had been made on the left flank past line "B " and that he would appreciate inf assistance if possible.	H
		0545	C sqn 40 RTR mopping up in coy area. Reported that Lieut DODD was missing, believed killed.	
		0605	Capt CRIBB went across to C coy and made contact with C coy comd and with comd of C sqn 40 RTR, Maj TODD. He then guided the tks through the minefd to D coy posn where 2 i/c D coy Lieut MADDEN had reorganised A and D coys in preparation for a further advance. Lieut JE WOOD was wounded. Bde comd and bde IO came fwd to C coy and recced with the comd C coy.	
		0630	A ech vehs being brought fwd to B coy. A coy 6-pr A Tk guns being unable to locate their coy remained in sp B coy.	gll

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In The Field	Oct 24	0630	C coy reorganising and digging in.		
		0730	Lieut EM PINKNEY organised and assisted in evacuation of wounded from B coy being under hy fire whilst doing so.		
		0755	In a bombing attack by our own aircraft some bombs fell on B coy FDL causing four casualties, two of which were fatal.		
		0800	A and D coys were still digging in at first light in an exposed posn and coming under hy MG and mortar fire, were forced to withdraw. Eventually a front line was established in front of enemy minefds at approx 86852970.		
		0820	Posn reported to bde.		
		0825	9 enemy tks reported approaching out FDL.		
		0845	50mm A Tk gun sent fwd to A and D coys in response to request of sp MGs. No sign of enemy tks previously reported.		
		0900	Reported that Lieut FLETCHER had been wounded.		
				Since first light there had been hy MG and arty fire directed	
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In The Field	Oct 24	0900	on to all bn posns.	
		1000	A and D coys reorganising about 86992968.	
		1040	Comd D coy Capt CRIBB in comn with CØ by R/T from C coy.	
		1100	5 enemy tks adv towards B coy FDL from approx 1500 yds out. Message received from Lieut MADDEN reporting that he had re-organised A and D coys into a composite coy and formed it into an L formation facing NORTH and SOUTH and that he was unable to contact Capt CRIBB. This composite coy consisted of 1 pl A coy 1 pl D coy and one composite pl.	H
		1120	Tks and inf adv towards FDL. Bde asked if tks could be moved fwd of inf.	
		1156	Bn area was hy shelled and sig office received a direct hit. L/Cpl NEEDHAM was killed.	
		1200	Disposition sent to bde in CODE. Bn HQ at 86922974, B coy at 86832973, C coy at 86862972, 1622/PMEA/1-500,000-9/41.	JML

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		1325	Bn area shelled. 1 carrier and 2 tks hit.	
		1410	Shelling continuing. Appears to be from 88 mm gun behing TRIG 32. This was reported to bde also that it was still impossible to move the left front owing to fire from hull-dpwn tks.	
		1500	Warning order received from bde that bn will have to take original objective tonight in conjunction with 2/17 BN. Capt CRIBB evacuated with jaundice. Capt BURRELL, MC took comd A and D coys.	A
		1600	Lt-Col TURNER and adjt, CAPT LEACH, wounded while conferring with tk comd. Maj DAINTREE assumed comd. Reported to bde that both CO and adjt were evacuated. Bde immediately sent down to bn B ech to bring fwd Maj COLVIN.	A
		1730	Message from bde that our tks were moving fwd through gap on centre line.	
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		1825	Maj COLVIN arrived and assumed comd giving immediate orders that the bn was to be prepared to move at a moments notice. ZERO hour for night's op to be 0200 hours and 2/17 BN would relieve our right fwd coy by 2200 hrs.	
		1845	COs conference of coy comds, sp arms comds and engr offr at which orders were given out for the night's op. Two coys fwd, C coy on the right, B coy on the left. A and D composite coy in reserve. Composite coy to send out patrols to ascertain nature of opposition to be encountered. Minefd immediately fwd of bn to be gapped before ZERO. 2/13 BN objective 867 EASTING GRID LINE. Bndy between 2/13 and 2/17 BNS which was attacking on right, 87002972 to 86702975. Bearing of attack 271 deg. FUP would be laid 350 yds WEST and 200 yds SOUTH of Bn HQ.	
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		1930	Fwd elements of D and A coy withdrawn for reorganisation.	
		2000	Lieut FW TYLER joined unit.	A
			Patrol of 1 sgt and 10 OR (comd Sgt EASTER RK) went out from D coy to contact 5 GORDONS on left flank.	
		2100	The following LOB offrs reported for duty: Capt GILLAN appointed OC C coy, Lieut CS TAYLOR (retained at Bn HQ for LO duty), Lieut DWB MAUGHAN (appointed IO), Lieut BARRETT (A coy) and Lieut ROBERTS (B coy).	A
		2200	D coy patrol returned and reported that patrol had been unable to contact any elements of GORDONS on left flank but had encountered and engaged enemy strong posts. In the patrol comd's opinion, strong opposition would not be encountered in the left sector.	<i>gll</i>
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In The Field	Oct 24	2330	Maj COLVIN considering only that isolated pockets of resistance would be encountered, conferred with 2/17 BN and requested bde to cancel the arty sp programme giving reasons for preference of silent attack. This was approved.		
			FUP layed at approx 86912968 and Start Line 650 yds fwd. Engnrs gapped minefd between FUP and Start Line while FUP and Start Line were being laid.		
		2400	Coys in assy areas in rear of FUP.		
		25	0152	Moving from FUP.	
			0200	Fwd coys cross Start Line. Tks and A ech moving simultaneously in rear of bn.	
			0220	Enemy fire coming from post fwd of B coy. Lieut TREWEEKE's coy however maintained a steady adv and enemy withdrew. ll pl sent to left flank of coy to mop up post.	
			0230	C coy encountered two small pockets of enemy and inflicted	
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In The Field	Oct 25	0230	casualties and took some prisoners.	
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		0235	Objectives reached.	
		0240	Coys reorganising on objectives. Reported no further minefids <u>encountered.</u>	
		0300	Tks piloted by carriers through minefd. One tk and one carrier disabled by two unlocated mines. Tks halted in res coy locality and mistaking our fwd coys for enemy, proceeded to fire on them. This was rectified before casualties were inflicted. Mortar amn truck was set on fire by spandau MG fire in C coy <u>area.</u>	
		0315	SUCCESS notified to bde by CODEWORD.	
		0330	PW sent back to bde.	
		0450	Bde informed that contact had been made with 5 GORDONS by B coy.	
		0600	Rifle Bde moving into bn area.	
		0700	Bn completely dug-in and all sp arms have been sight sited. There has been continuous sniping by spandau MG from a SW direction since occupation of posn. A large concentration of vehs	

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In The Field	Oct 25	0700	belonging to Rifle Bde in bn area and on the left flank are drawing hy enemy fire.	
		0715	Fwd coys being hy gunned and shelled. Arty OPO unable to establish comn with sp bty.	H
		0800	Bn disposns are as follows:- C Coy 86732972, B Coy 86732967, A and D Coyx 86782968, Bn HQ 86812968.	
		1000.	SITREP from D and A Coys. Enemy-no sign except in form of very heavy shelling. Few casualties. SITREP from B Coy-hy shelling and intermittent MG fire from left flank since first light to 0930 hrs- also some MG fire from right flank- several enemy seen walking on skyline at 1500 yds on bearing of 280 degs and what appears to be an OP at 2000 yds on a bearing of 288 degs. 7 RB moving fwd on left brought large numbers of MT into the area which drew hy shell fire. Lieut RYAN was wounded and evacuated. 1622/PMEA/1-500,000-9/41.	gll

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In The Field	Oct 25	1100	Bde reported that a large enemy force was moving SOUTH in area 860297 on immediate front.		
		1130	Bde comd visited bn HQ.		
		1220	Enemy tp carriers approaching our FDL set on fire. Enemy laying down smoke screen about 900 0 yds fwd of our FDL.		
		1315	L/T re-established with B Coy after having been ^{out} for over two hours.		
		1335	About 30 tks accompanied by 2 scout cars and an anti-tk gun approached in coln two-deep from NW.		
		1340	These tks reported by B and A coys.		
		1350	B coy reported both tks and inf coming in fwd of FDL at 1000 to 1750 yds maximum. CO ordered fwd coys to stand firm and hold both A Tk and SA fire until last minute. Orders were also given to MMG pl to engage tk crews as they baled out of tks.		
		1353	B coy reported tks 350 yds from FDL. When the tks were 1000 yds from FDL an A Tk gun opened up on the right flank but tk contd		
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In The Field	Oct 25	1353 contd	<p>To adv to within 800 yds of B coy FDL, where coming under further A Tk fire they changed formation, 15 tks swinging to right and SOUTHWARDS and 11 continuing straight towards our FDL. Enemy arty has been very active since attack began. Some tks further out took up hull-down posns on ridge. 11 tks were engaged at close range by 2-pr and 6-pr A Tk gun fire. Many direct hits were scored and 6 were set on fire. 15 tks also came within close range of A Tk guns on the left flank and suffered further casualties. Enemy inf did not approach us. 5 taks were knocked out by No.1 gun of 2/13 BN A Tk plov which Sgt BENTLEY was i/c. 1 tk was within 40 yds of 15 pl when it was hit.</p> <p>1405 Def fire called for and was brought down/tp ^{on} carriers.</p> <p>1525 A and B coys report the enemy to be withdrawing and B coy reported that Lieut AR ROBERTS had been killed. All coys report ed a number of casualties.</p>	A

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In The Field	Oct 25	1525 contd	These were brought in by carriers and a Jeep. 15 enemy tks have been knocked out of which many were GERMAN. Remainder of enemy tks withdrew to a posn about 2000 yds from our FDL. IO went fwd to B coy to count enemy tks knocked out.	
		1545	A coy reported tks still 2000 yds from FDL. L/T to all coys which had been cut by shellfire when the attack commenced has now been established.	
		1550	A coy reported inf walking around tks which were still in the same place. 10 to 12 enemy tks followed by an A Tk gun on limber were seen approaching 2/17 BN FDL. Shelling became intense on whole bn area. The impending attack on the 2/17 BN was reported to bde by W/T.	
		1605	CO and adjt visit fwd coys.	
		1650	Tks seem to be withdrawing from 2/17 BN front, one being towed.	
		1720	SITREP to bde reporting that 15 enemy tks had been knocked out and attack repulsed.	
		1740	C coy reported Lieut MADDEN seriously wounded in the head.	
		1750	Maj COPELAND returned from bde with message to say that 40 RTR would pass from under comd 20 Aust Inf Bde to 26 Aust Ing Bde immediately.	
		1810	Arty OP at A coy reported tks moving in towards B coy at 1000 to 1500 yds. No attack eventuated.	
		1820	Def fire being reregistered in front of fwd coys.	
		1845	Warning order to coys (A and D) to take over posn of B coy 2/17 BN and C coy 2/13 BN. C coy to come into res. Capt BURRELL and Capt GILLAN attended conference at Bn HQ. This move increased our front by a further 800 yds.	
		1900	R/T at Bn HQ jammed by enemy interference. Bde was asked for new frequency.	
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		2255	Hawkins Mines being laid in front of fwd coys.	
		-	A coy have taken over from 2/17 BN left fwd coy.	
		2400	Our mortars engaging enemy spandau posns on left flank.	
	26	0120	B coy reports sniping and MG fire is interfering with the laying of mines.	
		0150	Capt BURRELL reported that D coy dug in new posn and Hawkins Mines tac laid in front of fwd pls.	
		0240	B coy reported our own arty falling short.	
		0249	Bde enquired as to distance of A coy from left flank of 2/17 BN.	
		0300	Bde informed that 2/17 BN are 200 yds away from our right fwd coy.	
		04 15	Tks were reported coming in on right of A and D coys.	
		0420	CO orders a stand-to at Bn HQ and asks OPO for def fire. Bde informed.	
		0430	Tks appeared to be going in on left front and B Coy reported that they were followed by lorried inf. 2 tracked vehs carrying inf came to within 60 yds of B coy and were knocked out by bn A Tk guns.	
		0455	3 M-13 tks run on to Hawkins Mines and were disabled.	
		0500	Carrier patrol was sent out to collect PW from knocked-out vehs and brought back 1 PW. (wounded).	
		0515	Captured armed tp carrier driven in by B coy.	
		0530	7 RB reported lorried inf and tks moving on NW. It appears that an attack is developing for first light.	
		0630	Tracked vehs fwd B coy are reported to be armed tp carriers. About thirty Sherman tks can be seen to the SOUTH on our left flank. They appear to be engaging the enemy.	
		0715	Enemy tks and lorried inf previously reported are moving across to 2/17 BN front. Coln consisting of 30 tks in 3 colns each of 10 tks followed by 11 tp carriers.	
		0725	Smoke screens were reported fwd of both A and B coys.	

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In The Field	Oct 26	0845	Air co-operation available. Targets asked for and bde advised that 18 Boston Bs will engage our targets on 6 separate sorties.	
		0900	Warning order from bde that 1st wave of Bs will be over at 0925 hrs.	
		0935	Our aircraft bombed enemy posns WEST of our FDL and approx 1 mile too far NORTH. Our mortars are attempting to shoot up enemy snipers.	
		0945	LO 40 RTR arrived at Bn HQ.	
		1000	CO and adjt visit fwd coys.	
		1145	Further attack by our Bs. Blue smoke sent up from our FDL to indicate fwd tps. Target is hit, tks and tp carriers badly damaged.	H
		1200	Brig WINDEYER and Brig WRIGLEY at Bn HQ. Departed at 1230 hrs. CO and adjt arrive back from fwd coys.	
		1300	Arty OP at A coy reported 30/40 enemy tks moving WEST to EAST approx 86513022. It later appeared that tks were moving in SOUTHERLY direction and that inf were riding on the tks.	
		1310	Reported that inf had gone to ground about 1500 yds fwd of our FDL. Tks remaining as if in close support. Our med arty engaged tks which moved NORTH into dead ground. Simultaneously Bn HQ was hy gunned and shelled by enemy high velocity guns.	
		1345	Third sortie of Bs bombed the area in which tks and inf had been reported, with good results.	
		1400	Arty thought to be that of formation on LEFT flank, brought concentration on B coy.	
		1405	Tk LO reports concentration of enemy tks at 86572980. Tp carriers are also reported well out.	
		1411	Our Bs again over for fourth sortie.	
		1430	Our Bs over once more for fifth sortie. RAF LO advised of results.	
1440	A coy report enemy tks and inf adv on right flank towards 2/17 BN.			

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In The Field	Oct 26	1440	This was confirmed by C coy and reported to bde. Inf were riding on tks. Subsequently the tks moved NORTH into dead ground after being engaged by arty in sp of 2/17 BN.	
		1455	A coy reported that enemy tks and inf had withdrawn to their original posns.	
		1510	Intense enemy arty fire on 2/17 BN front but dust and smoke render observation impossible. Coy comds are standing by on R/T.	
		1514	12 enemy tks on A coy front 2000/3000 yds distance.	
		1515	16 tks now reported.	
		1522	More tks appear in sp.	
		1523	Arty OP with D coy reports enemy inf in gps of 15 to 20 behind tks.	
		1525	Tks now moving towards our right flank.	
		1537	Informed that engnrs will lay a minefd on our front tonight.	
		1545	Registration of def fire tasks being corrected. Spandau MG is again sniping across Bn HQ area.	
		1606	Enemy tks which had been sitting out 2000 yds commenced to move in but after one minute movement again ceased when our arty engaged them.	
		1625	B coy reports being shelled by our own arty.	
		1704	Enemy tks reported from C coy to be still well out and sniping our area, but again being engaged by our arty.	
		1707	A coy reports that enemy is laying a smoke-screen across our front.	
		1710	Message received that Lieut MADDEN had died of wounds at MDS.	A
		1735	A coy report that smoke had dispersed and that about 1000 yds out were two gps of tks 500 yds apart, 6 on the left- 7 on the right.	
		1743	Arty again engaging tks which are withdrawing.	
		1815	LO 40 RTR reports SITREP to his regt. Maj DAINTREE detailed to proceed to tank harbour and guide one sqn up to bn area in case an attack develops.	
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In The Field	Oct 26	1840	Reported to bde 88-mm in posn behind tks approx 86562965.		
		1845	Flash brgs on enemy guns sent to bde.		
		1900	Tks arrive. CO, Sqn leader and Maj DAINTREE leaning on Jeep when hit by 88-mm AP shell. Jeep destroyed, no casualties.		
		1950	SITREP to bde.		
		2030	Engnrs arrive and sent fwd with guides to B and D coys.		
		2100	Message received from 20 bde and immediately relayed to B coy that arty concentrations would be laid down fwd of our left coy FDL. Message was received in insufficient time to warn engnrs who had already commenced laying mines and were caught between our arty fire and fire which the enemy brought down.		
		2300	Engnrs have now all returned safely to Bn HQ. One truck loaded with mines however received a direct hit. A and D coys have now been reorganised into two separate coys, A coy remaining on the right and now being under comd Lieut BARRETT. D coy under comd Capt JR BURRELL, MC, have now moved to the left and taken up posn between A and B coys near original C coy posn (86752973). that		
		27	0020	Reported to bde via GERMAN PW from 50 Regt being sent back, 12 and 2 wounded.	
			0230	A coy reported sounds of a tk and a truck moving about 100 yds fwd of our FDL.	
			0405	B and D coys both report that tks and inf are coming in close towards our FDL. Def fire was called for. Bde informed and Capt WILLIAMS (Duty Offr) offered additional arty sp. CO asked for the additional sp and then telephoned coys. D coy reported fire falling mainly behind target and too far SOUTH. Enemy did not appear to be adv, possibly trying to salvage vehs.	

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In The Field	Oct 27	0455	Bde was then asked to repeat def fire after correcting to 100 yds further NORTH and shortening range by 200 yds. Further arty fire was effective. At conclusion of arty fire D and A coys reported enemy apparently withdrawing. Within 3 mins however a further def fire was brought down by our arty. Bde inquired if a further repeat was required and were advised, "No". CO asked OPO to enquire why fire was brought down. OPO later reported that another repeat was ordered by regt.	
		0515	Situation now quiet. SITREP sent to bde.	
		0630	With the coming of daylight enemy inf were seen retreating about 1000 yds fwd of B coy FDL. Enemy were engaged from B and D coys with LMG, MMG and 3-in mortar fire.	
		0715	A conglomeration of soft-skinned vehs belonging to RBs came up on left and remained near Bn HQ and the FDL. A great of confusion was apparent. Fwd of our FDL some of our tks came up from SOUTH whereupon enemy inf who had been digging in fwd of our FDL pulled out and were engaged by SA fire from our FDL.	
		0745	2 pl, B coy 2/2 MG BN report 50 to 60 carriers engaging the enemy well fwd of out FDL. These carriers belonged to Rifle Bde.	
		0750	B coy comd took out patrol, 1 offr 12 OR, to clear front 400 yds fwd of FDL from left to right. Covered by this patrol Pte BURGESS J moved fwd a further 400 yds to an enemy tk from which he was able to observe for a further 300 yds. D and A coys and MG pl were notified of this patrol from Bn HQ.	
		0810	B coy reported that patrol had returned. About 15 enemy dead and some wounded had been observed. Further movement fwd was impracticable owing to sniping by tks.	
		0815	Sniper again operating with spandau across Bn HQ area.	
		0820	CO directed A coy to endeavour to destroy the enemy sniper with their sp mortars. This was done.	

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		0837	CO sent for comd A Tk guns with C coy.	
		0840	Pte BURGESS returned to Bn HQ and reported enemy in slit-trenches apparently waiting to be taken prisoner. CO sent for comd 4 pl and instructed B coy to prepare to send out a patrol well armed with automatic weapons to be supported by carriers. CO then informed A and D coys of proposed patrol.	
		0845	CO gave instns for 2 carriers to go to B coy to come under comd Lieut TREWEEKE for patrol.	
			Pte BURGESS had returned to the tk OP with Sig WALPOLE and a soldier from 7 RB to act as runners.	
		0855	Message from B coy OP in tk that two enemy tks dug in could be seen. It is thought these are not manned.	
			A Tk comd suggested that it was unwise to disclose new location of 6-pr guns by using them to destroy knocked out enemy tks. CO agreed that 2-prs could be used.	
			CO has ordered all knocked out tks to be destroyed either by A Tk guns or bombs.	
		0900	A Tk comd reported to Bn HQ. CO has agreed that if knocked out tks can be destroyed otherwise, A Tk guns need not be used. In the meantime preparations would be made to destroy tks by gun fire.	
			Enemy is hy shelling B coy and an enemy tk is firing across Bn HQ. B coy has requested a carrier to evacuate a casualty.	
		0906	27 GERMAN PW being marched in by RB and out tps.	
		0915	Shelling of Bn HQ area.	
		0935	B coy reported that it was impracticable to send a patrol fwd owing to sniping by pockets of enemy and hull down tks.	
			Infm had been received that Lieut O'CONNOR had died of wounds.	
		1020	RSM reported that he had salvaged high powered enemy sniping rifles with amn.	

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In The Field	Oct 27	1030	Pte TAYLOR JD (A Tk pl) volunteered to destroy the knocked-out tks on A coy front. He went out and accomplished this task under continuous hy MG fire and sniping from individual rifles. He was pinned down by fire in NO MANS LAND for some time.	
			Message received from bde that KEIL GP is equipped with Crusaders and Honey tks and is situated WEST of SIDI RAHMAN.	H
			CO also received from bde advising of promotion in the field which reads: "Congratulations to LteCol COLVIN."	
		1040	Pte BURGESS returned again to B coy HQ, reported to CO by L/T, and asked permission for to take fwd FOO to OP in tk. He reported that an 88-mm gun has been shelling Bn HQ area and causing damage to RB vehs in the vicinity, and other likely targets could be observed from the OP. CO approved.	
		1050	Pte BURGESS and FOO returned to OP and a line was laid to the FOO's ACV.	
		1100	CO went fwd to B coy HQ.	
		1130	A warning order received from bde. Bn will be relieved tonight by 2 SEAFORTHS by 2400 hrs. Bn will come into bde res in area 87002985 - 87002990. March route back along centre line to 870 Grid. Arrange track to BOOMERANG track 2987 NORTHING. A warning order was immediately sent to coys.	
		1150	FOO brought down arty fire on 88-mm gun which was then withdrawn.	
		1220	About 12 enemy observed by OP in tk about 300 yds away. Pte BURGESS requested the use of the nearest carrier which was manned by 2 OR of 7 RB. Pte BURGESS guided them out to where enemy had been seen and 30 PW were taken.	
		1235	D and B coys reported 5 enemy tks 2000 yds NW.	
		1245	D coy reported a smoke screen at 255 deg.	
		1250	Pte BURGESS reported in from B coy. 30 PW on way to Bn HQ. He also reported much abandoned enemy eqpt and 2 knocked-out tks not destroyed.	

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		1335	Message received from bde that bn would be relieved by 5 CAMERONS and not 2 SEAFORTHS.	
		1339	D coy reported 6 enemy tks at 1000 yds on a brg of 280 deg being engaged by our arty.	
		1350	Coys were asked to send one man per pl to report to bn HQ immediately to act as adv party for the move.	
		1355	A coy reported 13 men digging in a fd piece, looking like A Tk gun, at 2000 yds on a brg of 306 deg. Arty OPO was informed and moved armed OP up to posn of observation. Bde was informed.	
		1400	CO, IO and Sig Offr and 1 rep per coy of 5 CAMERONS arrived at bn.	
		1420	Our arty engaging fd piece. 2/17 BN informed.	
		1430	2 carriers were sent fwd to B coy and were guided out by Pte BURGESS to the derelict enemy tks with the intention of destroying them by ST bombs. Shortly after arrival at the first tk and before there had been time to destroy it, four enemy tks were seen approaching about 1500 yds away. At the same time enemy inf were seen to be withdrawing in a disorderly way 400 to 500 yds away on the right front and our patrol engaged them. Patrol then withdrew to the posn where PW had been taken previously and salvaged two Bren LMG, two GERMAN SMG, one Thompson SMG and a GERMAN 2-in mortar. Patrol was further engaged by tk and A Tk gun fire and withdrew. Bde advise that bn will not go into res but will relieve 2/24 BN.	
		1440	CO and party left to recce new bn area.	
		1444	Carriers of 7 RB are moving fwd on left flank.	
		1445	B coy reported enemy inf about 1500 yds fwd of A coy FDL and tks on the skyline moving in.	
		1450	Enemy appears to be adv against 2/17 BN and is laying down smoke.	
		1455	1 GORDONS asking for infm regarding pending counter-attack.	

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In The Field	Oct 27	1500	Our Bs bombed in front of 2/17 BN. A coy again report enemy tks at 2500 yds on a brg of 315 deg.	
		1510	Bn HQ area is being hy shelled.	
		1518	A coy is being hy shelled and are asking for stretcher bearers. Adjut sent two carriers fwd.	
		1520	Div enquiring whether we have seen RB carriers during last hour. IO contacted A and B coys.	
		1530	B coy reported that RB coys had gone fwd on our left about 1-hr previously and that 2 carriers, thought to be RB, had gone fwd during the last ten minutes. This was reported back to bde by IO but it was overlooked that the two carriers were probably those sent fwd to A coy.	
		1540	A coy reported that the two carriers sent fwd with SBs had been knocked out by A Tk gun fire and the crews were casualties.	
		1555	RSM recovered a dud 25-pr shell manufactured in GERMANY.	
		1615	D coy reported enemy tks and inf milling on their right front at 1500 yds on a brg of 320 deg. Bde was informed and our OPO proceeded to engage them.	
		1640	B coy reported some enemy tks approaching. Our arty is engaging the tks and no attack developed.	
		1700	Tks stopped 2000 yds out on being engaged by our arty.	
		1715	Our Bs again attacked over battle area.	
		1720	A coy reported 8 enemy tks still visible at 2500 yds on brgs 310 deg and 340 deg. Smoke is being laid on our left flank and inf, presumed to be 1 GORDONS, are adv. B coy reports a Crusader coming in on their front without recognition signals and asked permission to engage as enemy is equipped with some Crusaders. Instructed not to engage unless tk taked hostile action.	
		1725	B coy report having shot up Crusader before order could be given not to engage. Crew were British and other British tks also coming in.	

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In The Field	Oct 27	1800	D coy reported that enemy inf and MGs were dropped from 6 tks at 1000 yds on brg of 320 deg.			
		1805	CO returned from recce and instructed IO to leave immediately with pl guides and party for relief of 2/24 BN. CO reported to bde his anxiety about the proposed relief and the unlikelihood of completing it within the time laid down.			
		1835	B coy reported a smoke screen 2000 yds SW.			
		1850	A coy reported 10 tks and enemy tp carriers milling out in front at 4000 yds on a brg of 310 deg to 340 deg. Enemy laid smoke on our front.			
		1851	A coy now report 16 tks in same area.			
		1900	Bde LO (Lieut HOLTSBAUM) arrived with details of tonights relief and and infm of proposed attack to be carried out by 2/13 BN tomorrow night. Final mopping up of coastal sector to the NORTH is to take place and 2/13 BN will take part in these ops.			
		1930	At last light 12 enemy guns were observed on the skyline to the WEST. The gun flashes were also counted by OPO. Bde informed.			
		1940	A coy reported sounds of hy MY movement due WEST.			
		2125	Message received from bde to expect arty fire on bn front and to withhold LMG fire. Infm was rptd to coys.			
		2130	Still no sign of 5 CAMERONS. Bde informed.			
		2140	B coy area bombed by light enemy Bs.			
		2330	5 CAMERONS commenced moving up on foot after being lost. 20 Aust Inf Bde arranged that tp carrying tpt standing by to move 2/24 BN should be used to pick up 5 CAMERONS and lift them to 2/13 BN area then lift 2/13 BN personnel to 2/24 BN area. To facilitate complete change over before first light, IO and party to guide tpt to respective areas.			
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In The Field	Oct 28	0010	Message received from bde that relieving tps might not arrive until 0045 hrs or later.	
		0020	Bde instructed that same guides be sent back to meet 5 CAMERONS.	
		0045	Arty report counter-attack on pt. 29 repulsed. IO reported to bde with convoy and Lieut HOLTSBAUM. Lieut HOLTSBAUM guided the convoy to where 5 CAMERONS were on the road. The tps were strung out in a long thin coln and it was decided to ferry tps fwd in batches commencing at the front.	
		0105	Bde reported that some of Highland Div tps on left flank had been overrun and might attempt to come back through us. CO informed coys.	
		0115	5 CAMERONS arrive. Lieut VINCENT returned from "X" list and took over comd B coy. Lieut WB BIRMINGHAM reported in and was posted to A coy.	A
		0200	IO returned to new area.	
		0250	Bn HQ closed at present location. Convoy moved off.	
		0430	Tps debussed SOUTH of minefd and moved up through minefd gap on foot. A ech vehs followed tps through gap.	
		0500	Arrived in new area. CO 2/24 BN states that Div are worried about the delay.	
		0511	C coy reported move complete.	
		0555	A coy reported move complete.	
			B coy reported move complete.	
		0558	D coy reported move complete.	
		0600	Move reported complete to bde. Bn disposns are as follows: Bn HQ 86853001; Coys on reverse slopes of Pt 22 to reverse slopes of TRIG 29, from right to left- C, B, A and D Coy.	
		0730	2/17 BN carriers in bn area. CO requested 2/17 BN to move vehs away from Bn HQ.	
		0900	CO went to 20 Aust Inf Bde TAC HQ to an orders conference for tonights ops.	

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0900 Since daylight enemy has been continuously shelling and sniping across bn area.
 1030 Casualties evacuated by carriers of 2/17 BN.
 1100 No comms with B coy. Presumably owing to shelling. Sig TURNER seriously wounded whilst repairing lines to B coy.
 1300 CO returns with orders for tonight's ops. Lack of space in Comd Post made it necessary to conduct conference in 2 gps.
 1445 The first orders conference was attended by: CO, 2 i/c, IO, OPO, FOO 13 Bty FD REGT, Lieut GOULD (2/3 A TK REGT) Lieut OVERALL and Sgt of 2/13 FD COY, Bn Pnr and A Tk offr.
 1845 Whilst orders were issued to first group, Lieut PINKNEY put remainder of 0 gp into the picture. Second order gp incl CO, all coy comds, TO, adjt, QM, MO, RSM, Carrier offr, bn sp offr, (MG and Mortars), pl comd 2/2 MG BN. Verbal orders were brief and as follows:--

Information: Enemy:

- (a) Enemy has counter attacked TRIG 29 Sq 868300 by night and day from NORTH and NW. Observations show enemy concentrations of all arms 3,500 yds NW of TRIG 29.
- (b) Our arty has had a damaging effect on their morale.

Own Tps:

- (a) 9 AUST DIV is attacking NORTH in three stages.
- (b) 20 AUST INF BDE by penetration towards coast 2/15 BN on left, 2/13 BN on right. 2/17 BN remain in present posn to form firm base.

Div Sp:

23 ARMD BDE - 40 RTR - 3 MED REGT - 12 AUST A TK BTY
 1 SPT REGT (2/7 AUST FD REGT) - 34 NZ A TK BTY -
 RAF, full sp by B and F gp. RAF on 28 and 29 Oct.

BN Sp:

12 TP 12 AUST A TK BTY One sec 2/13 AUST FD COY
 one pl 2/2 AUST MG BN.

Intention:

2/13 BN will capture and hold area 87023014.

Method:

Attack will be in two phases.
 (a) First Phase A & B coy fwd. B coy on right.

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(b) Second Phase. When B & A coys have captured objective, B Coy will pass through and continue on same axis of adv and exploit fwd as far as 87103016 towards THOMPSONS POST. After exploitation D coy will return through B coy and take up posn in res on right of centre line. C coy will remain in res on left of centre line.

Assembly area: Immediately in rear of Bn HQ.

Timings: (a) Time of arrival at assembly area, 2115 hrs.

(b) Leave assembly area 2130 hrs.

(c) Arrive FUP 2150.

(d) Leave FUP 2200.

(e) D coy will remain in present posn to cover Start Line and will move 500 yds in rear of first wave of A and B coys.

Bearing of Attack: 51-deg. (GRID).

Rate of Advance: From FUP to minefd 75 yds in 1-min.

From minefd to objective, 100 yds in 3-mins.

Axis of Advance: (a) Markings normal. Color green.

(b) All vehs move left of centre line.

(c) Lights and poles supplied by CRE.

(d) TCPs normal.

Zero: 2200 hours.

Arty: (a) Arty sp will be by timed concentrations of known enemy posns.

(b) Timing in accordance with rates of adv.

(c) Barrage will proceed inf in adv and pause for 10-mins on first objective (line shown on trace) to enable res coy (D coy) to pass through A and B coys.

RAE: (d) Hy concentrations on THOMPSONS POST will be brought down during attack.

(a) Provide dets of 3 men to each fwd coy for normal tasks on AP mines.

(b) Provide 3 Bangalore torpedoes and personnel to fire them. Carrying parties normal.

(c) Drill for marking and making gaps in minefds normal.

(d) Re-organisation stores normal.

MGs: OC No.1 pl 2/2 MG BN will co-ordinate bn MG defense:

(a) In conjunction with bn MGO on reaching objective.

(b) One sec bn MG pl to A and B coys.

No.1 pl 2/2 MG BN to C Coy.

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A/Tk: (a) one sec bn A Tk guns to each fwd coy.
 (b) one sec 12 A Tk bty to each res coy.
Mortars: 1 det of mortars to each A, B and C coys.
Carriers: (a) Mob res. To remain at assembly area until called for.
 (b) 2 carriers to assist in towing A Ech vehs on axis of adv.
TCPs: Pts will be established on track juncs on DIAMOND track approx 86992986 and track junc from BOOMERANG to DIAMOND 87022983.
A Ech Veh Park: All A Ech vehs will be parked in sq 869299 and remain until minefds are gapped.

ADM: Normal.
MEDICAL: RAP will remain in present location.
INTER-COMN: Code words (a) First minefd -- A coy, LEMON B coy, ORANGE
 (b) Have reached objective -- A coy APPLE, B coy PLUM
 (c) Exploitation complete and re-organisation proceeding -- COLVIN
Success Signals: RED, GREEN, RED to Bde.
BHQ: During adv will move on axis of adv 400 yds in rear of fwd coys.

1730 Adjt and IO mark assembly area.
 1815 Lieut TREWEEK killed by direct hit on his dug-out.
 2000 Lieut FN WEST reported in and was returned to B Ech. A.
 2030 Adjt and IO laid FUP.
 2100 Tps movinf to assembly area.
 2130 Tps left assembly area.
 2150 Fwd coys arrive at FUP.
 2200 Fwd coys cross Start Line on time.
 2250 Fwd coys arrive on objective. Casualties during attack occurred from booby traps and shelling. Svere spandau fire was experienced across axis of adv from left flank. Arty barrage was steady. Tps kept well up. Lieut BISSAKER reported missing from A coy. 1 PW taken during adv, had been wounded in knee 2 days previously during previous attack by 2/24 BN.
 On reaching objective arty fire paused for 15 mins. A coy continued to adv but had to be brought back to original objective. B coy established HQ near centre line. D coy have moved up close to barrage and are ready to adv, when adv continues. A and B coys moved fwd a further 50 yds on slight fwd slope.
 2310 1st Phase complete. Sig sent to bde. D coy moved off to complete 2nd phase to time. fcl

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In The Field	28	2320	Bn HQ established in posn near orchard 87053009. L/T being laid to fwd coys. Engrs are utilising an old enemy gap for access to fwd coys.	
		2340	A coy has reported to BN HQ by mortar and MG fire from left flank. 4 casualties from booby traps have been brought in to Bn HQ. Lieut OVERALL has reported minefd clear to Bn HQ. Tpt has come up and is waiting behind orchard for clearance of a further minefd to fwd coys.	
		2350	CO and IO left to recce area for possible new site for BN HQ.	
		2352	Severe spandau fire on Bn HQ from NW.	
		2400	A coy comd sent out 7 pl as fighting patrol to mop up 88-mm gun posn thought to be at 86983019. Patrol later reported that it had failed to locate the post.	
	29	0005	Hy mortar fire in rear of bn on A Ech tpt.	
		0010	B coy reported that reorganisation was proceeding satisfactorily. D coy returned and were put in posn about 400 yds SE of Bn HQ by adjt. C Coy reorganising and digging in in area 87033007.	
		0015	CO and IO return to Bn HQ. Message to bde that engrns have struck S mines and TELLER mines on bn front, which have been cleared.	
		0015	Message to bde. Have eaten APPLE, PLUM. It is now COLVIN.	
		0018	C coy sent out patrol to silence spandau in rear of left flank. Patrol moved towards spandau but finding that it was in area to be attacked by 2/23 BN, returned.	
		0020	CO ordered C coy to send out patrol to destroy enemy mortar which was still firing on bn tpt and on HQ area.	
		0030	CO wishes it to be recorded that he is not satisfied with the ground.	
		0035	C coy patrol of 1 cpl (Cpl McKELLAR) and 5 OR has gone out to silence enemy mortar. CO sent message to bde enquiring if he was to "expect anybody."	
		0055	Engrns are still clearing and looking for unlocated minefds and A Ech vehs are still held up. Further casualties from booby traps reported.	
		0100	CO reported situation to bde.	
		0110	Gapping of fwd minefds has been completed. A Ech vehs are now moving fwd.	
		0120	CO directed mortars to engage post which No.7 pl's patrol had failed to locate.	
		0130	CO directed that an ambulance be sent fwd immediately to pick up wounded. Wounded are being collected at Bn HQ.	
		0131	Message sent to all coys directing detailed disposns to be fwd by first light.	
		0135	CO sent for D coy comd.	
		0142	B coy casualty return received. C coy report 1 killed, 3 wounded from booby traps.	
		0150	C coy reported that Cpl McKELLAR's patrol had returned. Patrol had assaulted post going directly across booby trap fd, killed 2 enemy and captured 5 PW whom they made carry out	

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In The Field	Oct 29	0150 contd	3 spandau MGs and 1 81-mm mortar and guide our patrol back through a gap in the minefds. Bde informed.	
		0155	Message received from bde that 2/15 BN was on its objective.	
		0210	5 PW arrive in from C coy. There is continuous sniping across Bn HQ area.	
		0230	Sgt CHURCH wounded.	
		0240	B coy reported casualties from enemy mortar mortar fire to own tps and engnrs. RSM wounded by sniper. Wounded are suffering from severe cold whilst awaiting evacuation.	
		0255	Message was received from bde enquiring if we had taken any PW and where MG and mortar fire was coming from. Also instructing mopping up to continue. Message in reply was sent that we had taken 8 PW and that mopping up was continuing on the left and completed on the right.	
		0300	A coy enquired if they would send patrol to deal with spandau MG on left flank. CO instructed A coy comd to mortar spandau post before sending out patrol. Ambulance arrived and evacuated most of the wounded.	
		0310	D coy reported their posn from Bn HQ at 350 yds on a brg of 190-deg. Spandau fire still coming across Bn HQ.	
		0312	CO asked A coy if patrol had yet been sent out to destroy spandau. A coy replied that mortars were in action against the post and that patrol was waiting for mortars to cease. CO instructed A coy to cease fire and send the patrol. A coy sent out patrol consisting of 1 offr and 3 OR. At the outset patrol suffered casualty from booby trap, who was replaced. Patrol was unable to silence enemy MG post and received a further casualty in attempting to engage it.	
		0355	C Coy reported 1 OR killed and 3 wounded from booby traps. C coy posn is apparently in middle of minefd. C coy comd however wishes to remain there.	
		0338	CO informed bde by message that an enemy post about 1500 yds away on left flank was causing trouble and enquiring if tps would be coming through and should we mop up the post. Awaiting reply.	
		0340	C coy reported further casualties from booby traps.	
		0345	A second enemy MG post has been wiped out by our mortars. Comms throughout have been excellent.	
		0355	Lieut BISSAKER still missing. Now thought killed or wounded.	
		0410	Message sent to bde that bn was being subjected to by shelling and casualties are now high fairly high.	
		0415	A coy enquired if engnrs could neutralise AP minefd in their area as casualties were increasing, no engnrs are available for the task at present.	

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In The Field	Oct 29	0420	Enemy flank post in rear of left flank opened up. Co instructed C Coy comd to send out a patrol to mop it up.	
		0440	Short burst of SA fire on Bn HQ area from THOMPSON'S POST, reported to bde.	
		0455	C coy reported that last patrol had already suffered 4 casualties. A coy also reported casualties to their last patrol.	
		0500	C coy report casualties now 6 and ask for tpt to evacuate them. CO sent D coy runner to bring D coy SBs to command post. There are still casualties unevacuated near Comd Post, the cold is intense. Message received from bde asking for SITREP. Bde was informed that we are having considerable difficulty in mopping up isolated posts and were receiving casualties from SA fire and asked if FD AMB could arrange to supplement our amb arrangements.	
		0525	Message from bde that 26 BDE would be coming through/ourselves and 2/15 BN and that a hy barrage would be laid down to cover their adv.	
		0700	Bn HQ area being hy shelled by enemy.	
		0720	Hy shelling on fwd coys. Fwd coys are on fwd slope, B on right of track, A on left of track at 870730ll.	
		0735	Hy shelling on Comd Post.	
		0740	Lieut 'EM PINKNEY Adjt was killed by direct hit from enemy shelling and CO and Lieut GOULD (12 AUST A TK BTY) were wounded.	
		0745	Fwd coys being informed of situation through OPO and FOO. C coy 'phone not yet answering.	
		0750	Message sent to bde by W/T informing them of situation and requesting Maj DAINTREE to be sent up.	
		0755	Capt GILLAN informed of situation.	
		0800	CO and Lieut GOULD were evacuated. In the absence of SBs, Sgt KENDRICK and 3 ORs of 5 pl carried CO for 1200 yds to RAP.	
		0830	Disposns sent to bde.	
		0900	Capt GILLAN arrived at Bn HQ. Message to bde. "Where is DAINTREE." "Can you get him fwd to take over from GILLAN?" "PINKNEY and his boss casualties."	
		0915	Message from bde, to Capt GILLAN. "Bad luck, carrymon, trying to find DAINTREE!"	
		1030	Dive Bg attack on FDL by enemy aircraft.	
		1045	Further hy shelling of Bn HQ until 1100 hours.	
		1145	Bde Comd arrived at Bn HQ with Lieut TAYLOR and had conference with Capt GILLAN. He informed Capt GILLAN that Maj DAINTREE had been seriously wounded. Capt GILLAN suggested to Bde Comd that an offr of greater experience be appointed to comd Bde comd stated that 2/23 BN had been unable to get fwd and that situation was unsatisfactory, but that 9 AUST DIV were preparing plans to restote the situation attacking further NORTHWARDS.	

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In The Field	Oct 29	contd 1145	2/13 BN is to send patrol to THOMPSONS POST tonight. Bde Comd then made recce of area in rear of Bn HQ with IO and indicated a possible location for new Bn HQ and an area to which bn might be withdrawn. It was suggested that to withdraw tps from ground from which they had fought might have an adverse effect on morale as well as deprive tps of much-needed rest. D Cpy comd also came on this recce. Lieut TAYLOR took over duties as adjt.	
		1230	Fwd coys reported that they were short of amm.	
		1400	Message sent to bde. Will move Bn HQ only unless otherwise instructed. Move in darkness.	H
		1415	Lieut TAYLOR and IO recced for new bn area. Area indicated by bde comd was found to be hy booby trapped and an area free of booby traps was found at 87013007 and decided upon for new bn area. Lieut NORTH was instructed to send patrol to contact tps on left.	
		1500	Bn HQ again shelled. Lieut NORTH reported tps on left were from 2/23 BN.	
		1530	Hy fire on enemy mortars on bn area. Message sent to RMO for SBS to be sent fwd to bn.	
		1700	Parties move to new bn area and commence to dig in.	
		1800	Maj KELLY arrived at Bn HQ and assumed comd. He decided that offr would serve in the follg capacity; Capt GILLAN, 2 i/c, Lieut TAYLOR, Adjt until Capt WALSOE arrived, and then Lieut TAYLOR would become QM, Lieut BARRATT to comd A Coy, Lieut VINCENT B coy, Lieut NORTH C coy, Capt BURRELL MC D coy. B coy will send out a patrol to THOMPSONS POST at last light. A telephone w ill be laid to RAP.	

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In The Field	Oct	29	1900 Occasional sniping and spandau fire on Bn HQ.		
		1930	Lieut BIRMINGHAM wounded.	A	
		2000	Lieut BISSAKER was found dead near new bn HQ area.	A	
		2030	Lieut RCM TURNER and Lieut OL TIMGCOMBE joined unit. Lieut TURNER was posted to C coy and Lieut TINGCOMBE B coy.	A	
		2100	Lieut POPE and 4 OR and 1 spr left on a patrol for THOMPSONS POST.		
		2130	Spr recced route through minefd to new Bn HQ area.		
		2200	A coy reported 1 OR killed and 6 wounded by S mines.		
		2300	Bn HQ opened at new location 87013007.		
		2350	Engnrs have gone fwd to A and B Coys to clear section tracks through minefds.		
		2400	A coy patrol reported in. Foreign voices and sounds of digging were heard from inside THOMPSONS POST.		
		30	0100	Sprs swept Bn HQ area for mines.	
			0800	SITREP sent to bde. Throughout the night there was some arty harrassing fire on Bn area.	
			0930	CO and IO recced bn area and visited fwd coys.	
			0950	Enemy aircraft jettisoned bombs WEST of our FDL.	
1000	Tps were observes moving fwd on our left flank. Judged by appearance to be Australians. CO instructed Lieut NORTH to contact these tps and to ascertain their disposns. Later reported to be 2/23 BN. Efforts are being made to recompile records lost by enemy action and to ascertain exact details of casualties and losses of eqpt. Pnrs are making preparations for burial of dead in the area.				
1145	Capt WALSOE takes over duties as adjt. Lieut TAYLOR apptd QM.				

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In The Field	Oct 30	1700	COs conference. 2 patrols are to be sent out tomorrow morning in conj with Div op in which 2/3 PNR BN and 2/32 BN are attacking towards the coast and 2/48 BN EASTWARDS towards Ring Contour 25. Signal for sending out patrol will be codeword MOP. A & D coys will supply the patrol which will move from A coy to far side of minefd at 87133018 and thence along minefd in NORTHWEST direction. D coy patrol for 700 yds and A coy 1100 yds thence in NORTHEAST direction to ry. Lieut BARRATT to lead A coy patrol, Sgt EASTER D coy patrol.	
			40 RTR will be passing through our FDL in connection with the op.	
		1730	Hy shelling has commenced after a quiet day.	
		1845	Message from bde that area WEST of THOMPSONS POST to be patrolled by us is mined by aerial bombs to which wires are att. Infm passed to patrol leaders.	
		1900	Lieut POPE took out a patrol to THOMPSONS POST.	
		1930	1 OR (Sigm) wounded by AP mine near Bn HQ.	
		2015	Lieut POPEs patrol returned. Post was not entered because of risk of own harrassing arty but LMG fire was directed on post from outside and no response was made by enemy.	
		2025	Result of patrol reported to bde.	
		2030	Lieut MT FAIRBAIRN returned to unit and was appointed to comd A Tk pl. Lieut DH GREEN returned and took up duties as Acting 2 i/c A coy.	A. A.
		2200	Hy arty barrage (our own) opened up. Enemy arty fire in reply fell on all coy areas and Bn HQ.	
		2215	Bde ordered by armed patrol to stand by to raid THOMPSON'S POST. Code word for patrol wouls be ROTO. CO instructed B coy to entrust this task to Lieut POPE.	
		2300	Code word ROTO received by W/T. Patrol ordered out immediately.	
31		0030	Message to bde that patrol to THOMPSON'S POST hadmleft.	
		0230	Patrol returned and reported having passed through THOMPSON'S POST and inspected some diggings under light from enemy flares. No enemy	

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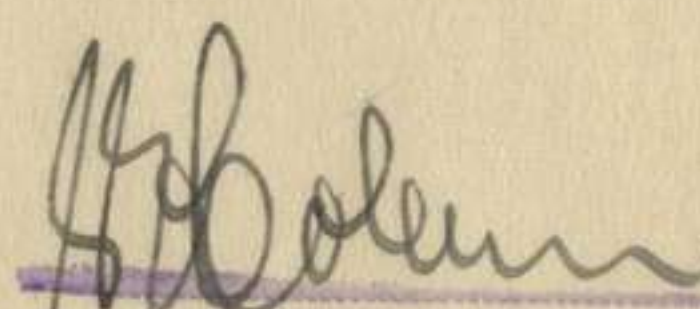
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
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In The Field	Oct 30	0230	fire from within post but fire was encountered inside post no booby traps were found.	Ring Contour 25.
		0235	Lieut VINCENT reported THOMPSONS POST unoccupied but enemy in occupation NORTH of ry.	
		0239	This infm was passed on to bde.	
		0555	Message received from bde to "mop cautiously" CO instructed A coy to send out patrols and to proceed with caution. Patrols left immediately. Before going fwd from minefd, Lieut BARRATT informed CO of the proposed routes of patrols.	
		0700	A coy patrol has returned. Forced to withdraw after moving short distance fwd of minefd as they were shot up from the rear by our own tks.	
		0720	Sgt EASTER's patrol returned. Sgt EASTER reported the area was unoccupied but confirmed the presence of mines. He had contacted wounded of 2/48 BN at ry.	
		0945	CO instructed by bde comd to relieve 2/23 BN immediately in their present posn. CO immediately instructed C coy to take over posns from coy of 2/23 BN on our right flank and left instns for Capt GILLAN to get remainder of bn on the move and also to move Bn HQ. RV for guides - Bn HQ 2/23 BN. CO requested bde to smoke coastal area from 1100 hrs to 1230 hrs during change over. Co then left with IO for 2/23 BN HQ to arrange details of the relief.	
		1015	CO at 2/23 BN HQ. Lt-Col EVANS Comd 2/23 BN arranged for guides to be sent immediately to Bn HQ and then arranged indicated coy areas to Maj KELLY.	
		1020	Bde instructed Capt GILLAN at Bn Hq to send out carrier to THOMPSON'S POST with water and amm.	
		1200	CO enquiring from Capt GILLAN why A and B coys have not yet arrived.	
		1240	Carrier patrol returned. Was engaged by fire from THOMPSON'S POST. Reéorted that Sgt WELDON, Int Sgt, had been left behind as a guide for tks. Later Sgt WELDON was wounded by a sniper whom he attempted to engage and reported through POST 8 of COMPOSITE FORCE to bde that THOMPSON'S POST was still occupied. He also gave details of weapons firing from THOMPSON'S POST and Ring Contour.	
		1250	Bn HQ opened in new posn at 87003035.	
		1300	Enemy aircraft bombing on right flank.	
		1315	Move complete except for mutual relief of sp arms. 2/23 Bn are remaining in present posns.	

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Month and Year Oct 42

Unit: 2/13 AUST INF BN
Commanding Officer: Lt-Col GE COLVIN

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Reference to Appendices
In the Fd	Oct 31	1315	Both Bns are in same area except in the case of C Coy, which under instns from Bde Comd has moved to new posn on left to link up with 2/15 Bn. Bn dispositions are as follows: C Coy in ares 86993015, D Coy 86953020, A Coy 86923018 and B Coy 86073023.	
		1350	Sp arms now moving in. Capt WALSOE went to Bde to report the situation.	
		1600	Capt WALSOE returned.	
		1645	Bde IO called at Bn	
		1650	CO and IO visited fwd coys of 2/23 Bn.	
		2000	Lt-Col EVANS requested, in view of his counter attack role that Maj KELLY take command of the area. Maj KELLY consented. Lieut DS WEBB returned to Unit. Lieut ER MILLS joined unit and was posted to C Coy.	A
		2020	Straglers came in from 2/3 Pnr Bn and were sent on to Bde.	
		2400	SITNOR.	


Lt-Col.
Comd. 2/13 Aust. Inf. Bn.

J Murray
IO. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

2/13 AUST INF BN (Unit) 3 Oct 42 194 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os Class II.	9	2	-
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.	6	1	-
Staff Sergeants.			
Sergeants.	34	-	3
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	86	-	6
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	657	-	57
TOTALS.	773	3	65

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
SX 7183 Sgt	BELL JR AANG		
KX 17338 Cpl	WENT GJ "		
KX 21151 Pte	FRASER R "		
KX 36646 L/Sgt	FRASER AJ AANG		
KX 60042 Cpl	LARKIN D "		
KX 59597 Pte	WOODS AG "		
KX 16669 Pte	EVANS J "		
KX 58335 Pte	SMITH S "		
KX 58488 Pte	NORWOOD RA "		
KX 30030 Sgt	COX BE AANG		
KX 16001 Cpl	BOWYER RE AA Post C		
KX 4303 Pte	NAYWOOD HV 20 Bde		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS					
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.		Sergeants	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates. Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers.																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks... ..																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders. ...																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)..																				
> > (Wheeled) .																				
Driver-Mechanics ...																				
Driver-Operators. ...																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers..																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners ...																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics ...																				
Pioneer, Infantry ...																				
(other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors.																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel .	2	1							3					3	2	5	57	65		
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)	2	1							3					3	5	57	65			

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

2/33 AUSTRALIAN INF BN (Unit). 3 Oct 48 194 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.			
W.Os Class II.	1		
W.Os Class III.	9	2	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.	6	1	
Staff Sergeants.			
Sergeants.			
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	32		3
Corporals.			
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	66		5
	657		57
TOTALS.	773	*	*
		3	65

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
EX 7183 Sgt	BELL JE AMCO		
EX 17338 Cpl	WATSON GE "		
EX 21151 Pte	FRASER R "		
EX 38616 W/Sgt	BRADSHAW AJ AMCO		
EX 60042 Cpl	LARKIN D "		
EX 39537 Pte	WOODS AG "		
EX 16669 Pte	EVANS J "		
EX 57335 Pte	SMITH S "		
EX 58488 Pte	HORWOOD RA "		
EX 36066 Sgt	COX DE AMCO		
EX 16601 Cpl	BOYD HS RA Post 6		
EX 4885 Pte	HAYWOOD HV 20 Me		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS					
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.		Sergeants	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers. ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks ...																				
Cooks ...																				
Despatch Riders. ...																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
> > (Wheeled) ..																				
Driver-Mechanics ...																				
Driver-Operators. ...																				
Electricians ...																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers.. ...																				
Fitters ...																				
Machine Gunners ...																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics ...																				
Pioneer, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ...																				
Plumbers and Pipelitters.																				
Range Takers ...																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers ...																				
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors.																				
Wheelers ...																				
General duty personnel .	2		1						3				1		3	63			77	
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)	2		1						3				1		3	63			77	

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

2/13 AUST INF BN

7 OCT 42.

(Unit). 194..... (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.	1		
W.Os Class II.	9	2	
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.			
Staff Sergeants.	6	1	
Sergeants.	36		1
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	63		8
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	655		59
TOTALS.	770	* 3	* 68

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
SX 7183 Sgt Bell J.E.	AAMC		
NX 17336 Cpl West OT	"		
21151 Pte Fraser R.	"		
36646 L/Sgt Brasier AJ	AACC		
60042 Cpl Larkin D.	"		
59597 Pte Woods AC	"		
16669 Pte Evans J	"		
57335 Pte Smith S	"		
58488 Pte Norwood RA	"		
50068 Sgt Cox D.K.	AAPC		
16001 Cpl Bownds RE	AA Post G.		
WX 4303 Pte Baywood HV	20 Bde.		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS					
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.		Sergeants	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers.																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders.																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
> > (Wheeled) .																				
Driver-Mechanics																				
Driver-Operators.																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers..																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons..																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneer, Infantry																				
(Other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors.																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel .	2	1							3					3	2	5	57		65	
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)	2	1							3					3	5	57		65		

2/13 AUST INF BN

Unit.

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 3 Oct 42

2/13 AUST INF BN

Bde, Divn, Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

2/15 AUST INF BN (Unit). 7 OCT 42. 194 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

Table with 4 columns: 1. Detail, 2. Posted strength counting against authorized establishment, 3. Surplus to Establishment, 4. Reinforcements required. Rows include W.Os Class I-III, Staff Sergeants, Sergeants, Buglers, Corporals, Troopers, and a TOTALS row.

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Table with 4 columns: Detail, Unit and Corps to which they belong, Detail, Unit and Corps to which they belong. Lists individuals with ranks like Sgt, Cpl and their respective units such as AAAC, AAOC, AAPC.

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

Table with 5 columns: Army No., Rank, Name and Initials, Corps, Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known). This table is mostly blank.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Maj		JLA KELLY	2/13 BN	Yes		Adm Cond
2		Capt		HG GILLAN	"	"		A/21/c
3		Capt		OM WALSOE	"	"		A/Adj
4		Capt		JR BURRELL	"	"		A/OC D COY
5		Lieut		CS TAYLOR	"	"		A/TO
6		Lieut		MD VINCENT	"	"		OC B COY
7		Lieut		GC CLARK	"	"		2 1/c D Coy
8		Lieut		DWB MAUGHAN	"	"		IO
9		Lieut		MT FAIRBAIRN	"	"		P1 Cond
10		Lieut		RJ BARRETT	"	"		A/OC A Coy
11		Lieut		TM HUGHES	"	No		MRTC
12		Lieut		DH GREEN	"	Yes		P1 Cond
13		Lieut		DS WEBB	"	No		MR A Tk
14								Gunnery course
15		Lieut		EL JORY	"	Yes		P1 Cond
16		Lieut		SCP NORTH	"	"		"
17		Lieut		FM WEST	"	"		"
18		Lieut		HW POPE	"	"		A/21/c B Coy
19		Lieut		PH TYLER	"	"		P1 Cond
20		Lieut		RCM TURNER	"	"		"
21		Lieut		OL TINGCOMBE	"	"		"
22								
23								
24								
25								
26								
27								
28								
29								
30								
31								
32								
33								
34								

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		FOR GOODE	A MG	27.3.41	RMO
Chaplain		AJ ROBERTS	A Ch B	19.11.41	Padre

2/13 AUST INF BN (Unit.)

31 Oct 42. (Date of Despatch.)

Taylor Lieut for
(Signature of Commander.)

Adm Cond 2/13 AUST INF BN
(JLA KELLY)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

2/13 AUSTRALIAN INF BN (Unit) 10 Oct 42 194 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.			
W.Os Class II.	1	-	-
W.Os Class III.	9	8	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.	6	1	-
Staff Sergeants.			
Sergeants.			
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	36	-	1
Corporals.			
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	63	-	3
	646	-	63
TOTALS.	761	*	* 77

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
SX 7185 Sgt	BELL JB AAOC		
NX 17336 Cpl	WEST GT "		
NX 21151 Pte	FRASER R "		
NX 36646 L/Sgt	BRAZIER AJ AAOC		
NX 60042 Cpl	LARKIN D "		
NX 59597 Pte	WOODS AC "		
NX 18869 Pte	EVANS J "		
NX 57335 Pte	SMITH S "		
NX 58488 Pte	NORWOOD RA "		
NX 30066 Sgt	COX DK AAPC		
NX 16001 Cpl	BOWNES RB AA POST C		
NX 4303 Pte	HAYWOOD RV 20 BDE.		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

2/15 AUST INF BN.

Unit.

Mr. Davis

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS					
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.		Sergeants	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers.																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks... ..																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders.																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)..																				
> > (Wheeled) .																				
Driver-Mechanics																				
Driver-Operators.																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers..																				
Fitters... ..																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneer, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors.																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel .	2		1						3					1	8	59	68			
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)	2		1						3					1	8	59	68			

2/15 AUST INF BN

Unit.

Date of Despatch 7 Oct 42.

[Signature]
Signature of Commander

Bde, Divn, Ares, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

2/13 AUST INF BN

(Unit) 10 Oct 42

194 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os Class II.	9	2	-
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.	6	1	-
Staff Sergeants.			
Sergeants.			
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	36	-	1
Corporals.			
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	63	-	8
	646	-	63
TOTALS.	761	* 3	* 77

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
SX 7183 Sgt	BELL JE AANG		
NX 17336 Cpl	WEST GT "		
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NX 57335 Pte	SMITH S "		
NX 58488 Pte	NORWOOD RA "		
NX 30066 Sgt	COX DK AAPC		
NX 16001 Cpl	BOWEN RE AA POST O		
WX 4303 Pte	HAYWOOD HV BO BLE.		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS				
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks ...																				
Cooks ...																				
Despatch Riders.																				
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Driver-Mechanics ...																				
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Farriers.. ...																				
Fitters ...																				
Machine Cunnners ...																				
Masons ..																				
Motor Mechanics ...																				
Pioneer, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ...																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers ...																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers ...																				
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors. .																				
Wheelers ...																				
General duty personnel .	2		1						3					1	8	59	68			
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)	2		1						3					1	8	59	68			

2/13 AUST INF BN

Unit.

Date of Despatch 7 Oct 42.

Command 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

Signature of Commander.

20 Aust Inf Bde.
Bde, Divn, Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

2/13 AUST INF BN

17 Oct 42

194 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os Class II.	8	1	-
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.	6	1	-
Staff Sergeants.			
Sergeants.	37	-	-
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	63	-	8
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	639	-	75
TOTALS.	754	* 2	* 83

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
SX 7183 Sgt	BELL JE AAMC		
NX 17336 Cpl	WEST GF "		
NX 21151 Pte	FRASER R "		
NX 38646 L/Sgt	BRADIER AJ AAOC		
NX 60042 Cpl	LARKIN D "		
NX 59597 Pte	WOODS AG "		
NX 16669 Pte	EVANS J "		
NX 57335 Pte	SMITH S "		
NX 58488 Pte	NORWOOD RA "		
NX 30066 Sgt	COX DK AAPC		
NX 16001 Cpl	BOWNS RE AA Post 2		
NX 4303 Pte	HAYWOOD HV 20 BDE		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS					
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.		Sergeants	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks ...																				
Cooks ...																				
Despatch Riders ...																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
> (Wheeled) ..																				
Driver-Mechanics ...																				
Driver-Operators ...																				
Electricians ...																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers ..																				
Fitters ...																				
Machine Gunners ...																				
Masons ..																				
Motor Mechanics ...																				
Pioneer, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers ...																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers ...																				
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors. .																				
Wheelers ...																				
General duty personnel .						1													3 75	85
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)						1													3 75	85

2/13 AUST INF BN

Unit.

Date of Despatch 17 Oct 42

COMD 2/13 AUST INF BN

20 AUST INF BDE

Bde, Divn, Area, etc, with which unit is serving.

Signature of Commander.

LT-COL

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

2/13 AUSTRALIAN INF BN (Unit). 17 Oct 42 194 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.			
W.Os Class II.	1	-	-
W.Os Class III.	8	1	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.	6	1	-
Staff Sergeants.			
Sergeants.	37	-	-
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.			
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	63	-	8
	639	-	75
TOTALS.	754	*	83

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
SX 7183 Sgt	BELL	JE	AAMC
NX 17336 Cpl	WEST	GT	"
NX 21151 Pte	FRASER	R	"
NX 36646 L/Sgt	BRAZIER	AJ	AAOC
NX 60042 Cpl	LARKIN	D	"
NX 59597 Pte	WOODS	AC	"
NX 16669 Pte	EVANS	J	"
NX 57335 Pte	SMITH	S	"
NX 58488 Pte	NORWOOD	RA	"
NX 30066 Sgt	COX	DK	AAPC
NX 16001 Cpl	BOWNDS	RS	AA Post G
NX 4503 Pte	HAYWOOD	HV	20 BDE

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS				
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers. ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks... ..																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders. ...																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)..																				
> > (Wheeled) .																				
Driver-Mechanics ...																				
Driver-Operators. ...																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers..																				
Fitters... ..																				
Machine Gunners ...																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics ...																				
Pioneer, Infantry ... (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors.																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel .	2		1						3					1	8	68		77		
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)	2		1						3					1	8	68		77		

2/ AUST INF BN

Unit.

Signature of Commander. *[Signature]*

Date of Despatch 10 Oct 42

Comd 2/13 AUST INF BN

20 AUST INF Bde, Divn, Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

2/13 AUST INF BN

24 Oct 42

(Unit) 194..... (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os Class II.	9	2	-
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.	6	1	-
Staff Sergeants.			
Sergeants.	39	2	1
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	69	-	2
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	622	-	92
TOTALS.	746	* 5	94

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
SX 7183 Sgt	BELL. JE AAMC		
NX 21151 Pte	FRASER R "		
NX 36646 L/Sgt	BRAZIER AJ AAOC		
NX 60042 Cpl	LARKIN D "		
NX 59597 Pte	WOODS AC "		
NX 16669 Pte	EVANS J "		
NX 57335 Pte	SMITH S "		
NX 58488 Pte	NORWOOD RA "		
NX 30066 Sgt	COX DK AAPG		
NX 16001 Cpl	BOWNS RE AAPSTC		
WX 4203 Pte	HAYWOOD EV 20 Bde		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS. TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS				
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers, ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks ...																				
Cooks ...																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
• • (Wheeled) .																				
Driver-Mechanics ...																				
Driver-Operators. ...																				
Electricians ...																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers.. ...																				
Fitters... ..																				
Machine Cunnors ...																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics ...																				
Pioneer, Infantry ... (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers ...																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers ...																				
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors.																				
Wheelers ...																				
General duty personnel	2			1	2				5							2			92	94
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)	2			1	2				5						2			92	94	

2/13 AUST INF BN

Unit.

COND. 2/13 AUST INF BN

Signature of Commander, Lt-Col

Date of Despatch 24 Oct 42

20 AUST INF BDE

Bde, Divn, Area, etc, with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

2/13 AUST INF BN

(Unit). **24 Oct 42** 194... (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os Class II.	9	2	-
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.	6	1	-
Staff Sergeants.			
Sergeants.	39	2	3
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	69	-	2
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	622	-	92
TOTALS.	746	* 5	* 94

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
SX 7183 Sgt	BELL. JE AAMG		
NX 21151 Pte	FRASER R "		
NX 36646 L/Sgt	BRAZIER AJ AAOC		
NX 60042 Cpl	LARKIN D "		
NX 59597 Pte	WOODS AG "		
NX 16669 Pte	EVANS J "		
NX 57335 Pte	SMITH S "		
NX 58488 Pte	NORWOOD RA "		
NX 30066 Sgt	COX DK AAPG		
NX 16001 Cpl	BOWNDS RE AAPOStC		
WX 4203 Pte	HAYWOOD EV 20 Bde		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS			
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c. Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.		Sergeants	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c. Corporals.	Troopers, Privates. Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.
Bricklayers ...																	
Butchers. ...																	
Carpenters and Joiners..																	
Clerks... ..																	
Cooks																	
Despatch Riders. ...																	
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																	
> > (Wheeled) .																	
Driver-Mechanics ...																	
Driver-Operators. ...																	
Electricians																	
Equipment Repairers ...																	
Farriers..																	
Fitters... ..																	
Machine Cunnors ...																	
Masons..																	
Motor Mechanics ...																	
Pioneer, Infantry ...																	
(other than tradesmen)																	
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																	
Range Takers																	
Saddlers & Harness Makers																	
Saddle Tree Makers ...																	
Sanitary & Water Duties.																	
Signallers																	
Storemen technical ...																	
Tailors.																	
Wheelers																	
General duty personnel .		1			1			2							3 75	85	
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)		1			1			2							3 75	85	

2/13 AUST INF BN Unit.

Date of Despatch 17 Oct 42

2/13 AUST INF BN

20 AUST INF BN

Bde, Divn, Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Signature of Commander.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

2/13 Light Inf Bn (Unit) 20 Oct 42 194 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.	1		
W.Os Class II.	0	1	
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.	6	1	
Staff Sergeants.			
Sergeants.	30		7
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	30		11
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	501		213
TOTALS.	606	* 2	* 231

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
SX 7183 Sgt BELL JE	AAMC		
NX 21151 Pte FRASER R	"		
NX 36646 L/Sgt BRASTER AJ	AACC		
NX 60042 Cpl LARKIN D	"		
NX 59597 Pte WOODS AC	"		
NX 16669 Pte EVANS J	"		
NX 57335 Pte SMITH S	"		
NX 58488 Pte NORWOOD RA	"		
NX 30066 Sgt COX DK	AAPC		
NX 16001 Cpl BOWNDS RE	AA Post C		
NX 4203 Pte HAYWOOD BV	20 Bde.		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS					
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.		Sergeants	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers. ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks... ..																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders. ...																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)..																				
> > (Wheeled) .																				
Driver-Mechanics ...																				
Driver-Operators. ...																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers..																				
Fitters... ..																				
Machine Cunnners ...																				
Masons..																				
Motor Mechanics ...																				
Pioneer, Infantry ... (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors.																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel .	1		1						2					7		11	213	231		
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)	1		1						2					7		11	213	231		

2/13 AUST INF BN Unit.

Colvin Capt IN Lt Col
Comd 2/13 AUST INF BN Signature of Commander.
(GE COLVIN)

Date of Despatch 28 Oct 42.

Bde, Divn, Area, etc, with which unit is serving.

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TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

2/13 AUGST INF BN (Unit). 28 Oct 42. 194 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.			
W.Os Class II.	1		
W.Os Class III.	8	1	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.	6	1	
Staff Sergeants.			
Sergeants.			
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	30		7
Corporals.			
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	60		11
	501		213
TOTALS.	606	*	* 231

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
NX 7183 Sgt BELL JE	AANG		
NX 21151 Pte FRASER R	"		
NX 38646 L/Sgt BRAZIER AJ	AAPC		
NX 60042 Cpl LARKIN D	"		
NX 59597 Pte WOODS AC	"		
NX 16669 Pte EVANS J	"		
NX 57335 Pte SMITH S	"		
NX 58488 Pte NORWOOD RA	"		
NX 30066 Sgt COX DK	AAPC		
NX 16001 Cpl BOWNS RE	AA Post C		
NX 4203 Pte HAYWOOD HV	20 Bde.		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS			
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers. ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks ...																				
Cooks ...																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
" (Wheeled) .																				
Driver-Mechanics ...																				
Driver-Operators. ...																				
Electricians ...																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers.. ...																				
Fitters ...																				
Machine Cunnors ...																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics ...																				
Pioneer, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers ...																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers ...																				
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors.																				
Wheelers ...																				
General duty personnel.	2	2		1	2				5						2	92	94			
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)	2			1	2				5						2	92	94			

2/13 AUST INF BN

Unit. COMD. 2/13 AUST INF BN

Hubert E. Capt W Lt-Col
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 24 Oct 42

20 AUST INF BN

Bde, Divn, Area, etc, with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

(Unit) 194 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.			
W.Os Class II.			1
W.Os Class III.	8	1	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.	6	1	
Staff Sergeants.			
Sergeants.			
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	23		12
Corporals.			
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	51 408		20 306
TOTALS.		*	*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
SX 7183 Sgt BELL JE	AAMG		
NX 16636 L/Cpl STOKES LWJ	"		
NX 21151 Pte FRASER R	"		
NX 36646 L/Sgt BRAZIER AJ	AAGC		
NX 60042 Cpl LARKIN D	"		
NX 59597 Pte WOODS AC	"		
NX 16669 Pte EVANS J	"		
NX 57335 Pte SMITH S	"		
NX 58488 Pte NORWOOD RA	"		
NX 30066 Sgt COX DK	AAPC		
NX 16001 Cpl BOWNS RE	AA Post G		
NX 4203 Pte HAYWOOD EV	20 Bde		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED							REMARKS				
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers.																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks... ..																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders. ...																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)..																				
> > (Wheeled) .																				
Driver-Mechanics ...																				
Driver-Operators. ...																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers..																				
Fitters... ..																				
Machine Gunners ...																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics ...																				
Pioneer, Infantry ...																				
(other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors.																				
Whealers																				
General duty personnel .		1	1						2	1				12	20	306	339			
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)		1	1						2	1				12	20	306	339			

2/13 AUST INF BN

Unit.

Date of Despatch

31.10.42

JLA KELLY
Signature of Commander.
(JLA KELLY)

Bde, Divn, Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

(Unit). 2/13 AUS Tmp Bn 194 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.			
W.Os Class II.			1
W.Os Class III.	8	1	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.	6	1	
Staff Sergeants.			
Sergeants.			
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	25		12
Corporals.			
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	51		20
	408		33
TOTALS.		*	*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
SX 7183 Sgt BELL JS	AANC		
NX 16636 l/cpl STORES LWJ	"		
NX 21151 Pte FRASER R	"		
NX 38646 l/sgt BRAZIER AJ	AAOC		
NX 60042 Cpl LARKIN D	"		
NX 59597 Pte WOODS AC	"		
NE 16669 Pte EVANS J	"		
NX 57335 Pte SMITH S	"		
NX 58483 Pte NORWOOD RA	"		
NX 30066 Sgt COX DK	AAPC		
NX 16001 Cpl BOWEN RE	AA Post C		
NX 4205 Pte HATWOOD RV	20 Bde		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS					
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.		Sergeants	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ...																				
Butchers. ...																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks ...																				
Cooks ...																				
Despatch Riders. ...																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)..																				
> (Wheeled) .																				
Driver-Mechanics ...																				
Driver-Operators. ...																				
Electricians ...																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers.. ...																				
Fitters ...																				
Machine Gunners ...																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics ...																				
Pioneer, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers ...																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers ...																				
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors.																				
Wheelers ...																				
General duty personnel .	1		1						2	1				12	20306				339	
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)	1		1						2	1				12	20306				339	

2/13 AUST INF BN Unit.

[Signature]
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 31.10.42

Adm Comd 2/13 AUST INF BN
(JLA KELLY)

Bde, Divn, Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/13 AUST INF BN

(Unit.) For Week Ending 3 Oct 42

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment:	1	2	3	4
	Ranks..	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1	0	0
	Majors... ..	2	0	1
	Captains	7	0	4
	Lieutenants	23	2	-
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	33	2	5

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lt-Col	RWH TURNER	2/13 Bn	30.9.42	From detached duty 20 Aust Inf Bde

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	HH COOPER	2/13 Bn	27.9.42	Seconded to 20 ATTB
Capt	HJ SHERVILLE	"	27.9.42	Seconded to 9 Aust Div spec. op.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Col		RWN TURNER	2/13 INF BN	Yes		COMD
2		Major		GE COLVIN	"	"		2 1/c
3		Major		CM DAINTER	"	"		CC HQ Coy
4		Captain		BA HANDLEY	"	"		CC C Coy
5		"		BC CRIBB	"	"		CC D Coy
6		"		RG SANDERSON	"	"		CC A Coy
7		"		OM WALSON	"	"		"
8		"		DF PAULSEN	"	"		CC B Coy
9		"		SR LEACH	"	"		ADJT
10		Lieut		KC WILSON	"	"		2 1/c B. Coy
11		"		AC PLATMAN	"	"		P1 Comd
12		"		RD VINCENT	"	"		2 1/c C. Coy
13		"		CC CLARK	"	"		2 1/c B. Coy
14		"		MB MAUGHAN	"	NO		Det 20 BDE
15		"		EM PINKNEY	"	Yes		IO
16		"		RJ BARRETT	"	"		2 1/c A Coy
17		"		JA MADSEN	"	"		P1 Comd
18		"		EM HUGHES	"	"		Asst. Adjt
19		"		JB WOOD	"	"		P1 Comd
20		"		AR ROBERTS	"	NO		MR TRG CENTRE
21		"		FC APPLETON	"	Yes		2 1/c 4 P1
22		"		EP DEVAN	"	"		P1 Comd
23		"		FS BISSAKER	"	"		"
24		"		FS TREWICK	"	"		"
25		"		DS WEBB	"	"		"
26		"		RW HESLOP	"	"		"
27		"		RL JORY	"	NO		9 AUST DIV
28		"		CA O'CONNOR	"	Yes		MRG SCHOOL
29		"		SCF NORTH	"	"		"
30		"		IV POPE	"	"		"
31		"		NW SIMMONS	"	"		"
32		"		RFC HORN IS	"	"		"
33		"		RW SANDSON	"	"		"
34								

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		PCR GOODE	AANC	27.3.41	RMO
CHAPLAIN		AJ ROBJOENS	AA CR D	19.11.41	PABRE

2/13 AUST INF BN

(Unit.)

[Signature]

(Signature of Commander)

2/13 Col

3 Oct 42

(Date of Despatch.)

COMD 2/13 AUST INF BN

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/13 AUST INF BN

3 Oct 42

(Unit.) For Week Ending

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment:	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1	-	-
	Majors... ..	2	-	1
	Captains	7	-	4
	Lieutenants	23	2	-
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	33	2	5

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lt-Col	RWN TURNER	2/13 BN	30.9.42	From detached duty 20 Aust Inf Bde

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	HH COOPER	2/13 BN	27.9.42	Seconded to 20 AIFB
Capt	RJ SOMERVILLE	"	27.9.42	Seconded to 9 Aust Div spec. op.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Lt-Col		GE COLVIN	2/13 BN	Yes		Comd
2		Capt		GM DAINTON	"	"		2 1/8
3		Capt		MG GILLAN	"	"		A/OC C COY
4		Capt		OM WALSON	"	"		QM
5		Lieut		JR BURRELL	"	"		A/OC D COY
6		Lieut		CS TAYLOR	"	"		A/TO.
7		Lieut		MD VINCENT	"	"		Pl Comd
8		Lieut		GC CLARK	"	"		2 1/8 B Coy
9		Lieut		DWB NAUGHAN	"	"		IO
10		Lieut		EM PINKNEY	"	"		A/Adjt
11		Lieut		RJ BARRETT	"	"		A/OC A COY
12		Lieut		IM HUGHES	"	No		WSTC.
13		Lieut		EP DEYAN	"	Yes		Pl Comd
14		Lieut		FS BISSAKER	"	"		A/21/c A Coy
15		Lieut		FS TREWEEK	"	"		A/OC B COY
16		Lieut		D3 WEBB	"	No		ME A TK
17		Lieut		EL JOBY	"	Yes		Gunnery Course
18		Lieut		SGP NORTH	"	"		Pl Comd.
19		Lieut		HW POPE	"	"		"
20		Lieut		FW TYLER	"	"		A/21/c B Coy
21		Lieut		WS BIRMINGHAM	"	"		Pl Comd.
22								
23								
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25								
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31								
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		PCR GOODE	AANG	27.3.41	RMO
Chaplain		AJ. ROBJOHN	AA Ch D	19.11.41	Padre

2/13 AUST INF BN

(Unit.)

28 Oct 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

M. Walson Capt

Comd 2/13 AUST INF BN (Signature of Commander.)

(GE COLVIN)

20 AUST INF BN

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.) For Week Ending

10 Oct 42

2/13 AUST INF BN
PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors... ..	1	-	-
	Captains	2	-	1
	Lieutenants	7	-	4
	2nd Lieutenants	24	3	-
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	34	3	5

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	LtJ DODD	2/13 BN	3.10.42	BEING Taken on Strength
"	LtJ JORY	"	3.10.42	FROM 9 AUST DIV INF SCH.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	LtJ FINKNEY	2/13 BN	3.10.42	ATTEND NAVIGATION COURSE
"	LtJ WISE	"	3.10.42	" BE 2Pr A/Tk Gunnery Cse
"	LtJ HESLOP	"	7.10.42	DET. 20 BDE LO

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	
	1st Col		RWN TURNER	2/13 Bn			COMD	
1	Major		GE COLVIN	"			2 I/c	
2	Major		GM DAINYER	"			OC HQ Coy	
3	Capt.		BA HANDLEY	"			OC G "	
4	"		BO GRIBB	"			OC D "	
5	"		RG SANDERSON	"			OC A "	
6	"		OM WALSOB	"			OC B "	
7	"		DF PAULNER	"			ADJT	
8	"		SR BRACH	"			2 I/c B Coy	
9	"		RO WILSON	"			PL COMD	
10	"		AC FITCHER	"			2 I/c C Coy	
11	"		MD VINCENT	"			2 I/c B Coy	
12	"		GC CLARK	"	NO		DET 20 BDE	
13	"		DWB MAUGHAN	"	NO		NAVIGATION SC	
14	"		EM FINEBERG	"	Yes		2 I/c A Coy	
15	"		BJ BARRETT	"	Yes		PL COMD	
16	"		JE MADSEN	"	Yes		ASST ADJT	
17	"		TM HUGHES	"	Yes		PL COMD	
18	"		JS WOOD	"	NO		ME TRG CNT	
19	"		AR ROBERTS	"	Yes		2 I/c 4 Pl	
20	"		RC APPERTON	"	Yes		PL COMD	
21	"		EP NEVAN	"	Yes		"	
22	"		FS BISSAKER	"	Yes		"	
23	"		FS TREVILLER	"	Yes		"	
24	"		DS WEBB	"	NO		ME A/TK GUNN- ERY COURSE	
25	"		RW HESLOP	"	NO		DET 20 BDE. LO	
26	"		EL JORY	"	Yes		PL COMD	
27	"		CA O'CONNOR	"	Yes		"	
28	"		SCF NORTH	"	Yes		"	
29	"		EM POPE	"	Yes		"	
30	"		EM SIMMONS	"	Yes		"	
31	"		RFC NORRIE	"	Yes		"	
32	"		RW SAMPSON	"	Yes		"	
33	"		LKJ DOBB	"	Yes		"	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		PCR GOODE	AAMC	27.3.41	RMO
CHAPLAIN		AJ ROBJOHNIS	AA CH D	19.11.41	PADRE

2/13 AUST INF BN

[Signature]

1st COL

10 Oct 42

(Unit.)

COMD 2/13 AUST INF BN
20 AUST INF BDE

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.) For Week Ending

2/13 AUST INF BN

10 Oct 42

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
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Lieut.-Colonels ...				
Majors... ..		1	-	-
Captains		2	-	1
Lieutenants		7	-	4
2nd Lieutenants		24	3	-
Quartermasters				
District Officers				
TOTALS		34	3	5

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	IRJ DODD	2/13 In	3.10.42	REINF. Taken on Strength
"	EL JORY	"	3.10.42	FROM 9 AUST DIV MMG SCH.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	EM PINKNEY	2/13 In	3.10.42	ATTEND NAVIGATION COURSE
"	DE WEBB	"	8.10.42	" NR 2Pr A/Tk Gunnery Cso
"	RW HESLOP	"	7.10.42	DET. 20 BDE LO

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Col		JWN TURNER	2/13 INF BN	Yes		COMD
2		Major		CH COLVIN	"	"		2 I/c
3		Major		CH DAINTER	"	"		OC HQ Coy
4		Captain		EA HANDLEY	"	"		OC C Coy
5		"		BC CRIBB	"	"		OC D Coy
6		"		RC SANDERSON	"	"		OC A Coy
7		"		CH WALSON	"	"		"
8		"		DF PAULNER	"	"		OC B Coy
9		"		SR LEACH	"	"		ADJT
10		Light		KC WILSON	"	"		2 I/c B. Coy
11		"		AC FLETCHER	"	"		Pl Comd
12		"		MD VINCIG	"	"		2 I/c C. Coy
13		"		CC CLARK	"	"		2 I/c D. Coy
14		"		DWB MAUGHAN	"	NO		Det 20 BDE
15		"		EM PINKNEY	"	Yes		IO
16		"		RJ BARRATT	"	"		2 I/c A Coy
17		"		ED MADDEN	"	"		Pl Comd
18		"		TM HIGHER	"	"		Asst. Adjt
19		"		JB WOOD	"	"		Pl Comd
20		"		AR ROBERTS	"	NO		ME TRG CENTRE
21		"		PC APPLETON	"	Yes		2 I/c 4 Pl
22		"		EP EVAN	"	"		Pl Comd
23		"		ES BISSAKER	"	"		"
24		"		FS TREWEEK	"	"		"
25		"		DS WEBB	"	"		"
26		"		RW HESLOP	"	"		"
27		"		EL JURY	"	NO		9 AUST DIV
28		"		CA O'CONNOR	"	Yes		MMO SCHOOL
29		"		SCP NORTH	"	"		Pl Comd
30		"		EV POPE	"	"		"
31		"		RW SIMMONS	"	"		"
32		"		HFC MORRIS	"	"		"
33		"		RH SAMPSON	"	"		"
34								

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		PCR GOODE	AANC	27.3.41	RMO
CHAPLAIN		AJ ROBJOINS	AA CH D	19.11.41	PADRE

2/13 AUST INF BN

(Unit.)

[Signature]

(Signature of Commanding Officer)

3 Oct 42

(Date of Despatch.)

COMD 2/13 AUST INF BN

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

Wm Derry

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/13 AUST INF BN

(Unit.) For Week Ending 17 Oct 42

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
	Majors... ..	2		1
	Captains	0		3
	Lieutenants	25		
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	36	4	4

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	HC GILLAN	2/13 Bn	15.10.42	From A.I.T.B.
Lieut	CS TAYLOR	"	16.10.42	From A.I.T.B.
"	EM PINNEY	"	15.10.42	From Navigation Course

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	GC CLARK	2/13 Bn	12.10.42	Att.N.E.T.C. No 20 A/Tk Course
"	TM HUGHES	"	15.10.42	Attend N.E.T.C. School of Adm No 5 Course

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1								
2		Lt-Col		RWH TURNER	2/13 In	Yes		COMP
3		Major		CS COLVIN	"	"		2 1/2
4		Capt		CM DAINFRAE	"	"		OC B Coy
5		"		EA HANDEY	"	"		OC C Coy
6		"		EG GILLIAN	"	"		Coy Comd
7		"		BO CRIBB	"	"		OC D Coy
8		"		RC SANDERSON	"	"		OC A Coy
9		"		OM WALSON	"	"		"
10		"		SP FAULKNER	"	"		OC B Coy
11		Lieut		SR LEACH	"	"		"
12		"		EC WILSON	"	"		2 1/2 B Coy
13		"		CS TAYLOR	"	"		"
14		"		AC FLETCHER	"	"		Pl Comd
15		"		MO WINGETT	"	"		2 1/2 C Coy
16		"		GC CLARK	"	No		M.R.T.C
17		"		DWB MAUGHAN	"	"		Det 20 Bde
18		"		EM PINKNEY	"	Yes		IO
19		"		RJ BARNETT	"	"		2 1/2 A Coy
20		"		JE MADSEN	"	"		Pl Comd
21		"		EM HIGGINS	"	No		M.R.T.C.
22		"		JE WOOD	"	Yes		Pl Comd
23		"		AR ROBERTS	"	No		M.R.T.C.
24		"		PC APPLETON	"	Yes		2 1/2 4 Pl
25		"		SP EVAN	"	"		Pl Comd
26		"		ES BISSAINT	"	"		"
27		"		ES TREMELKE	"	"		"
28		"		DS WEBB	"	No		M.R. A/Ch Gunnery Course
29		"		RW HESLOP	"	"		Det 20 Bde
30		"		EL JOYE	"	Yes		Pl Comd
31		"		GA O'CONNOR	"	"		"
32		"		SCP NORTH	"	"		"
33		"		HW POPE	"	"		"
34		"		RW SIMONS	"	"		"
35		"		EPG NORMAN	"	"		"
36		"		EW SAMPSON	"	"		"
37		"		LRJ DODD	"	"		"

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		PCR GOODE	ANG	27.3.41	EMO
Chaplain		AJ ROBJOINS	AA Ch D	19.11.41	Padre

2/13 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

17 Oct 42

(Date of Despatch.)

Comd 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
20 Aust Inf Bde

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

[Signature]
(Signature of Commandant.)

Lt-Col

W. J. Denny

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/13 AUST INF BN

(Unit.) For Week Ending 17 Oct 42

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment:	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors... ..	1	-	-
	Captains	2	-	1
	Lieutenants	8	-	3
	2nd Lieutenants	25	4	-
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	36	4	4

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	HQ GILLAN	2/13 Bn	13.10.42	From A.I.T.S.
Lieut	CS TAYLOR	"	16.10.42	From A.I.T.S.
"	SM PINKNEY	"	13.10.42	From Navigation Course

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	GC CLARK	2/13 Bn	12.10.42	Att. N.E.T.C. No 20 A/Ek Course
"	TM HUGHES	"	15.10.42	Attend N.E.T.C. School of Adm No 5 Course

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Lt-Col		RWN TURNER	2/13 Bn	Yes		COND
2		Major		GE COLVIN	"	"		2 I/c
3		Major		GM DAINTON	"	"		OC HQ Coy
4		Capt.		EA HANDLEY	"	"		OC C "
5		"		BO CRIBB	"	"		OC D "
6		"		RO SANDERSON	"	"		OC A "
7		"		GM WALSH	"	"		QM
8		"		DF FAULKNER	"	"		OC B "
9		"		SR BEACH	"	"		ADJT
10		"		KC WILSON	"	"		2 I/c B Coy
11		Lieut		AC FLETCHER	"	"		PL COND
12		"		MD VINCIGUE	"	"		2 I/c C Coy
13		"		OC CLARK	"	"		2 I/c D Coy
14		"		DWB NAUGHAN	"	NO		DET 20 BDE
15		"		EM PINKNEY	"	NO		NAVIGATION SC
16		"		HJ BARNETT	"	Yes		2 I/c A Coy
17		"		JE HANSEN	"	"		PL COND
18		"		TM HIGHERS	"	"		ASST ADJT
19		"		JE WOOD	"	"		PL COND
20		"		AR ROBERTS	"	NO		ME TRG CENT
21		"		PC APPLETON	"	Yes		2 I/c 4 PL
22		"		EP DEVIAT	"	"		PL COND
23		"		SA HINSKOPF	"	"		"
24		"		FS TRENKLE	"	"		"
25		"		DS WEBB	"	NO		ME A/TR GUNN- ERY COURSE
26		"		RW HESLOP	"	NO		DET 20 BDE LA
27		"		EL JOHY	"	Yes		PL COND
28		"		CA O'CONNOR	"	"		"
29		"		SCP NORTH	"	"		"
30		"		HW POPE	"	Yes		"
31		"		HW SIMMONS	"	"		"
32		"		WEG MORRIS	"	"		"
33		"		RM SAMPSON	"	"		"
34		"		LRJ DODD	"	"		"

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		PCR GOODE	AANC	27.3.41	HQO
CHAPLAIN		AJ ROBERTS	AA CH D	19.11.41	PADRE

2/13 AUST INF BN

(Unit.)

10 Oct 42

(Date of Despatch.)

COND 2/13 AUST INF BN
20 AUST INF BDE

(Signature of Commander.)

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

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LT-COL

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/13 AUST INF BN (Unit.) For Week Ending 24 Oct 42

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment:	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1	-	-
	Majors... ..	2	-	1
	Captains	3	-	3
	Lieutenants	24	3	-
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	35	3	4

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	MS. MAUGHAN	2/13 BN	18.10.42	Causes to be detached. 20.10.42
"	GC CLARK	"	22.10.42	From MB School of Arty
"	AR ROBERTS	"	22.10.42	From MATC weapon trg Coo
Capt	JR BURRELL	"	23.10.42	From A List
Lieut	JT WEAVER	"	23.10.42	From COTI

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	EF PAULSEN	2/13 BN	17.10.42	was MIA Defective Hepatitis
Lieut	MD VINCENT	"	18.10.42	" " "
"	PC APPLETON	"	19.10.42	" " "

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		LT-COL		RWB TURNER	2/13 Inf	Yes		Comd
2		Major		GR COLVIN	"	"		OC, LOB, GP
3		Capt		GA DAINFRED	"	"		2 1/2 Coy
4		"		EA HANLEY	"	"		OC, C Coy
5		"		HD GILLAN	"	"		LOB, GP
6		"		BO CRISS	"	"		OC, D Coy
7		"		RO SANDERSON	"	"		OC, A Coy
8		"		OR WALSON	"	"		Adjt
9		"		KB WILSON	"	"		2 1/2 B Coy
10		Lieut		JR BURNELL	"	"		2 1/2 D Coy
11		"		CS TAYLOR	"	"		P1 Comd
12		"		AC FLETCHER	"	"		LOB, GP
13		"		OC CLARK	"	"		Asst. Adjt
14		"		DWB NAUGHAN	"	"		SO
15		"		EM PINKNEY	"	"		LOB, GP
16		"		HJ BARRATT	"	"		P1 Comd
17		"		JE HADEN	"	NO		R.R.T.C.
18		"		FW ICHES	"	Yes		P1 Comd
19		"		JE WOOD	"	"		LOB, GP
20		"		AR ROBERTS	"	"		P1 Comd
21		"		EP BEVAN	"	"		P1 Comd
22		"		FS BISSAKER	"	"		P1 Comd
23		"		FS FRANKIE	"	"		"
24		"		DS WARR	"	NO		MS A/Tk Gunnery Course
25		"		RW HESLOP	"	"		Det. 20 Bde
26		"		EL JORY	"	Yes		P1 Comd
27		"		CA O'CONNOR	"	"		"
28		"		SEP NORTH	"	"		"
29		"		IN ROPE	"	"		"
30		"		NW SIMMONS	"	"		"
31		"		KPC MORRIS	"	"		"
32		"		RW SAMPSON	"	"		"
33		"		EMJ DODD	"	"		"
34		"		JH RYAN	"	"		SO

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		PCR COOPER	AANC	27.3.41	RMO
Chaplain		AJ ROBJOINS	AI Ch D	19.11.41	Padre

2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(Unit.)
24 Oct 42
(Date of Despatch.)

Quaker Capt f
(Signature of Commander.) Lt-Col
Comd 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
20 Aust Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.) For Week Ending 24 Oct 42

2/13 AUST INF BN
PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment:	1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors ...	1	-	-
	Captains ...	2	-	1
	Lieutenants ...	8	-	3
	2nd Lieutenants ...	24	3	-
	Quartermasters ...			
	District Officers ...			
	TOTALS ...	35	3	4

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	DWB. MAUGHAN	2/13 Bn	18.10.42	Ceases to be detached 20 Bn
"	GC CLARK	"	22.10.42	From MB school of Arty
"	AR ROBERTS	"	23.10.42	From MBTC Weapon Trg Cse
Capt.	ER HIRRELL	"	23.10.42	From X List
Lieut	JW REAN	"	23.10.42	From OCTO

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	DF FAULKNER	2/13 Bn	17.10.42	Evac MDS Defective Hepatitis
Lieut	MD VINCENT	"	18.10.42	" " "
"	PC APPLETON	"	19.10.42	" " "

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1								
2		Lt-Col		RWN TURNER	2/13 Inf Bn	Yes		COMD
3		Major		CA GOLVIN	"	"		2 I/c
4		"		CM DAINTER	"	"		OC HQ Coy
5		Capt		EA HANDELY	"	"		OC C Coy
6		"		HG GILLIAN	"	"		Coy Comd
7		"		BC CRIBB	"	"		OC D Coy
8		"		RC SANDERSON	"	"		OC A Coy
9		"		CM WALSOE	"	"		CM
10		"		DF PAULKNER	"	"		OC B Coy
11		"		SR BRACH	"	"		Adjt
12		"		KC WILSON	"	"		2 I/c B Coy
13		Lieut		CS TAYLOR	"	"		
14		"		AC FLETCHER	"	"		Pl Comd
15		"		MD VINCENT	"	"		2 I/c C Coy
16		"		GC CLARK	"	No		M.E.T.C.
17		"		DWB MAUGHAN	"	"		Det 20 Bde
18		"		EM PINNEY	"	Yes		10
19		"		RJ BARRITT	"	"		2 I/c A Coy
20		"		JE MADDEN	"	"		Pl Comd
21		"		TM HUGHES	"	No		M.E.T.C.
22		"		JE WOOD	"	Yes		Pl Comd
23		"		AR ROBERTS	"	No		M.E.T.C.
24		"		PS ADDINGTON	"	Yes		2 I/c 4 Pl
25		"		EP BEVAN	"	"		Pl Comd
26		"		PS BISSAKER	"	"		"
27		"		PS TREWICK	"	"		"
28		"		ES WESS	"	No		MB A/Rk Gunn- ery Company Det 20 Bde
29		"		EM HESLOP	"	"		
30		"		EL JORY	"	Yes		Pl Comd
31		"		CA O'CONNOR	"	"		"
32		"		SUP NORTH	"	"		"
33		"		HW POPE	"	"		"
34		"		HW SIMONS	"	"		"
35		"		RPG NORRIS	"	"		"
36		"		RW SAMPSON	"	"		"
37		"		LRJ DODD	"	"		"
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		FOR GOODS	AASC	27.3.41	RMO
Chaplain		AJ ROBJOINS	AA Ch B	19.11.41	Padre

2/13 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

17 Oct 42

(Date of Despatch.)

Comd 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

20 Aust [Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.]

(Signature of Commandant.)

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Lt-Col

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/13 AVST INF BN

(Unit.) For Week Ending 28 Oct 42.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment:	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
	Majors... ..	1		2
	Captains	3		8
	Lieutenants	16		5
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	21		15

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	FR TYLER	2/13 BN	25.10.42	From reinforcements. #
Lieut	HD VINCENT	"	27.10.42	From X List.
Lieut	WB BIRNINGTON	"	27.10.42	From reinforcements. #
				# Taken on strength.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
for details see reverse hereof.				

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

RANK:	NAME	CORPS	DATE	CAUSE
Lieut CA	O'CONNOR	BHST	24.10.42	Evac BC 2/3 CCS, severe head injury - since died of wounds.
Lieut RW	SAMPSON	"	24.10.42	Evac 2/11 Pd Amb BC GSW R.calf.
Capt KC	WILSON	"	24.10.42	Evac 2/3 CCS, GSW Abdomen.
Lieut JE	WOOD	"	24.10.42	Evac 2/8 Pd Amb BC, GSW Pen L. shoulder.
Lieut AG	FLETCHER	"	24.10.42	Evac 2/8 Pd Amb BC, GSW L.thigh.
Capt SR	LEACH	"	24.10.42	Evac 2/8 Pd Amb BC, GSW Pen L. thigh.
Lieut JW	RYAN	"	25.10.42	Evac 2/8 Pd Amb GSW Pen R.foot.
Lt-Col RAN	TURNER	"	24.10.42	Pen SW buttocks, since died of wounds.
Capt BG	CRIBB	"	24.10.42	Evac to 2/3 CCS, Infective hepatitis.
Capt EA	HANDLEY	"	24.10.42	Evac to 2/3 CCS, Scalded foot.
Lieut NW	SIMMONS	"	25.10.42	Evacuated sick.
Lieut LRJ	DODD	"	24.10.42	Killed in action.
Lieut AR	ROBERTS	"	25.10.42	Killed in action.
Capt RG	SANDERSON	"	24.10.42	Killed in action.
Lieut EPC	NORRIS	"	24.10.42	Killed in action.
Lieut JE	NADEN	"	25.10.42	Evac 2/8 Pd Amb BC, SW head, since died of wounds.
Lieut RW	HESLOP	"	24.10.42	Evac 2/11 Pd Amb, BC, SW R.thigh. Cases to be detached.

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Lt-Col		RWH TURNER	2/13 Bn	Yes		Comd
2		Major		GH COLVIN	"	"		OC. LOB. GP
3		Capt		CH DAINES	"	"		A/21/c
4		"		BA HANLEY	"	"		OC. C Coy
5		"		HO GILLAN	"	"		LOB. GP
6		"		BO CRIBB	"	"		OC. D Coy
7		"		RC SANDERSON	"	"		OC. A Coy
8		"		CH WALSON	"	"		OC
9		"		MR LEACH	"	"		Ajlt
10		Lieut		KC WILSON	"	"		2 I/c B Coy
11		"		JR BURRELL	"	"		2 I/c D Coy
12		"		CS TAYLOR	"	"		
13		"		AC FLETCHER	"	"		Pl Comd
14		"		CC CLARK	"	"		LOB. GP
15		"		DWB MAUGHAN	"	"		Asst. Ajlt
16		"		EM PINKNEY	"	"		IO
17		"		RJ BARRITT	"	"		LOB. GP
18		"		JE HADDEN	"	"		Pl Comd
19		"		IR HUGHES	"	NO		M.E.T.C.
20		"		JE WOOD	"	Yes		Pl Comd
21		"		AR ROBERTS	"	"		LOB. GP
22		"		EP BEVAN	"	"		Pl Comd
23		"		FS BISSAKER	"	"		Pl Comd
24		"		FS TREWEE	"	"		"
25		"		DE WREBB	"	NO		MR. A/Tk Gunnery Course
26		"		RW HESLOP	"	"		Det. 20 Bde
27		"		EL JORY	"	Yes		Pl Comd
28		"		CA O'CONNOR	"	"		"
29		"		SCF NORTH	"	"		"
30		"		EV POPE	"	"		"
31		"		HW SIMMONS	"	"		"
32		"		RPG NORRIE	"	"		"
33		"		HW SAMPSON	"	"		"
34		"		ERS DODD	"	"		"
		"		JH HAN	"	"		TO

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		PCR COOPER	AASC	27.3.41	RMO
Chaplain		AJ ROBERTS	AA Ch D	19.11.41	Padre

2/13 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

Quibberly Capt JW
Lt-Col

(Signature of Commander.)

24 Oct 42

(Date of Despatch.)

Comd 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
20 Aust Inf Bn

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/13 AUST INF BN (Unit.) For Week Ending 28 Oct 42.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		2
	Majors... ..	1		8
	Captains	3		5
	Lieutenants	16		
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	21		15

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	FR TILSH	2/13 BN	25.10.42	From reinforcements. #
Lieut	MD VINCENT	"	27.10.42	From R List.
Lieut	WB BIRMINGHAM	"	27.10.42	From reinforcements. #
				# Taken on strength.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
FOR DETAILS SEE REVERSE HEREOF.				

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

RANK:	NAME	CORPS	DATE	CAUSE
Lieut CA	O'CONNOR	"	24.10.42	Evac BG 2/3 CCS, severe head injury - since died of wounds.
Lieut RW	SAMPSON	"	24.10.42	Evac 2/11 Pd Amb BG GSW R.calf.
Capt KC	WILSON	"	24.10.42	Evac 2/3 CCS, GSW Abdomen.
Lieut JE	WOOD	"	24.10.42	Evac 2/8 Pd Amb BG, GSW Pen L. shoulder.
Lieut AC	FLETCHER	"	24.10.42	Evac 2/8 Pd Amb BG, GSW L.thigh.
Capt SR	LEACH	"	24.10.42	Evac 2/8 Pd Amb BG, SW Pen L. thigh.
Lieut JW	RYAN	"	25.10.42	Evac 2/8 Pd Amb GSW Pen R.foot.
Lt-Col RWN	TURNER	"	24.10.42	Pen buttocks, since died of wounds.
Capt BG	CRIBB	"	24.10.42	Evac to 2/3 CCS, Infective hepatitis.
Capt EA	HANDLEY	"	24.10.42	Evac to 2/3 CCS, Scalded foot.
Lieut NW	SIMMONS	"	25.10.42	Evacuated sick.
Lieut LRJ	DODD	"	24.10.42	Killed in action.
Lieut AR	ROBERTS	"	25.10.42	Killed in action.
Capt RG	SANDERSON	"	24.10.42	Killed in action.
Lieut EFC	NORRIS	"	24.10.42	Killed in action.
Lieut JE	MADSEN	"	25.10.42	Evac 2/8 Pd Amb BG, GSW head, since died of wounds.
Lieut RW	HESLOP	"	24.10.42	Evac 2/11 Pd Amb, BG, SW R.thigh. Ceases to be detached.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known)

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS					
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os Class III	S.Q.M.S, C.Q.M.S, or Colour-Sergeants.		Serjeants	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates. Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers.																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders.																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)..																				
> > (Wheeled) .																				
Driver-Mechanics																				
Driver-Operators.																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers..																				
Fitters... ..																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneer, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors.																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel .		1	1						2					7				11213	231	
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)		1	1						2					7				11213	231	

2/13 AUST INF BN

Unit.

28 Oct 42.

Date of Despatch

Orlando Colvin Lt-Col
Comd 2/13 AUST INF BN

(GE COLVIN)

Signature of Commander.

20 AUST INF BDE.

Bde, Divn, Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/13 AUST INF BN

(Unit.) For Week Ending

31 Oct 42.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...			2
	Majors... ..	1		3
	Captains	3		5
	Lieutenants	16		
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	20		16

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
For particulars see back hereof.				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
For particulars see back hereof.				

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	PH WEST	"	28.10.42	From X List
Lieut	RCM TURNER	"	29.10.42	Reinf't
Lieut	OL TINGCOMBE	"	29.10.42	Reinf't
Lieut	HT FAIRBAYRN	"	30.10.42	From X List.
Lieut	PH GRISKIN	"	30.10.42	From X List.
Maj	JLA KELLY	"	30.10.42	From seconded duty 9 AUST DIV.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	PS TREWSEK	2/13 BN	28.10.42	Killed in action.
Lt-Col	GE COLVIN	"	29.10.42	Evac 2/8 Pd Amb, BC concussion.
Lieut	EP BRYAN	"	29.10.42	Evac to 2/11 Pd Amb, BC SW R. leg, SW R. thigh.
Maj	CM DAINTRER	"	29.10.42	Evac to 2/11 Pd Amb BC, BW back.
Lieut	EM PINKNEY	"	29.10.42	Killed in action.
Lieut	FS BISSAK	"	29.10.42	Killed in action.
Lieut	WV BIRMINGHAM	"	29.10.42	Evac to 2/11 Pd Amb, BC, CS both forearms.

PART B - PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known)

PART D. - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Maj		JLA KELLY	2/13 BN	Yes		Adm Comd
2		Capt		HD GILLAN	"	"		A/21/c
3		Capt		OM WALSOE	"	"		A/Adj
4		Capt		JR BURRELL	"	"		A/OC D Coy
5		Lieut		CS TAYLOR	"	"		A/IO
6		Lieut		MD VINCENT	"	"		OC B Coy
7		Lieut		GC CLARK	"	"		2 1/c D Coy
8		Lieut		DWB MAUGHAN	"	"		IO
9		Lieut		MT FAIRBAIN	"	"		Pl Comd
10		Lieut		RJ BARRETT	"	"		A/OC A Coy
11		Lieut		TH HUGHES	"	No		METC
12		Lieut		DH GREEN	"	Yes		Pl Comd
13		Lieut		DS WEBB	"	No		ME A Tk
14								Gunnery course
15		Lieut		EL JORY	"	Yes		Pl Comd
16		Lieut		SGP NORTH	"	"		"
17		Lieut		FN WEST	"	"		"
18		Lieut		HW POPE	"	"		A/21/c B Coy
19		Lieut		FN TYLER	"	"		Pl Comd
20		Lieut		RCM TURNER	"	"		"
21		Lieut		OL TINGCOMBE	"	"		"
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		RCM GOODE	A MG	27.3.41	RMO
Chaplain		AJ ROBERTS	AA CH D	19.11.41	Padre

2/13 AUST INF BN

(Unit.)

31 Oct 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

JLA Kelly
Adm Comd 2/13 AUST INF BN

(Signature of Commander.)

(JLA KELLY)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/13 INF BN

31 Oct 42.

(Unit.) For Week Ending

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment:	1	2	3	4
	Ranks..	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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*				1
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1			2
Majors... ..	3			3
Captains	16			5
Lieutenants				
2nd Lieutenants				
Quartermasters				
District Officers				16
TOTALS	20			

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
For particulars see back hereof.				

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
For particulars see back hereof.				

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

FIELD REPORT OF OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	FN WEST	2/13 BN	28.10.42	From X List
Lieut	RCM TURNER	"	29.10.42	Reinft
Lieut	OL TINGCOMBE	"	29.10.42	Reinft
Lieut	WT FAIRBAIRN	"	30.10.42	From X List.
Lieut	DH GREEN	"	30.10.42	From X List.
Maj	JLA KELLY	"	30.10.42	From second duty 9 AUST DIV.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	FS TREWERKE	2/13 BN	28.10.42	Killed in action.
Lt-Col	GE COLVIN	"	29.10.42	Evac 2/8 Pd Amb, BC concussion.
Lieut	RP BEVAN	"	29.10.42	Evac to 2/11 Pd Amb, BC SW R. leg, SW R. thigh.
Maj	CM DAINTREE	"	29.10.42	Evac to 2/11 Pd Amb, BC BW back.
Lieut	EM PINKNEY	"	29.10.42	Killed in action.
Lieut	FS BISSAKER	"	29.10.42	Killed in action.
Lieut	WV BIRMINGHAM	"	29.10.42	Evac to 2/11 Pd Amb, BC, GSW both forearms.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

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

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Lt-Col		GE COLVIN	2/13 INF BN	Yes		Comd
2		Maj		CM DAINTON	"	"		2 1/c
3		Capt		HG GILLAN	"	"		A/OC C COY
4		Capt		OW WILSON	"	"		"
5		Capt		JR BURRELL	"	"		A/OC D COY
6		Lieut		CS TAYLOR	"	"		A/TO.
7		Lieut		MD VINCENT	"	"		Pl Comd
8		Lieut		GC CLARK	"	"		2 1/c D Coy
9		Lieut		WTE MAUGHAN	"	"		TO
10		Lieut		EM BIRNIE	"	"		A/Adjt
11		Lieut		RJ BARNETT	"	"		A/OC A COY
12		Lieut		TM HUGHES	"	No		WRTC.
13		Lieut		EP BEVAN	"	Yes		Pl Comd
14		Lieut		FS BISSAKER	"	"		A/21/c A Coy
15		Lieut		FS THOMPSON	"	"		A/OC B COY
16		Lieut		DS WEBB	"	No		ME A TK
17		Lieut		AL JORY	"	Yes		Gunnery Course
18		Lieut		SCF NORTH	"	"		Pl Comd.
19		Lieut		EW POPE	"	"		"
20		Lieut		EM TYLER	"	"		A/21/c B Coy
21		Lieut		WB BIRMINGHAM	"	"		Pl Comd.
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt		PCR SCOTT	AUST	27.3.41	RMO
Capt		AJ ROBERTS	AUST	19.11.41	Padre

2/13 AUST INF BN (Unit.)

28 Oct 42. (Date of Despatch.)

Colvin Capt for
(Signature of Commander.)

Comd 2/13 AUST INF BN
(GE COLVIN)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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TO FROM	Originators No	Date	
20 Aust Inf Bde 2/13 Aust Inf Bn	055	21	
Adm Order No I2 received.			T.O.O.0940
20 Aust Inf Bde 2/13 Aust Inf Bn	056	21	
Received Adm Order No I3.			I245
20 Aust Inf Bde 2/13 Aust Inf Bn	057	21	
Received addition to 00 23 timed I030hrs.			I245
40 RTR 2/7 Fd Regt 9 Bty ATK Regt 2/13 Aust Inf Bn	058	21	
Orders conference this HQ I030 hrs 22 Oct 42.			I730
2/13 Aust Inf Bn 2/13 Aust inf Bn	059	21	
Your 00 No 4 received.			I740
20 Aust Inf Bde (4) 24 Aust Inf Bde (4) 26 Aust Inf Bde (4) 9 Div Cav Regt RAA(6) RAE (5) Sigs 2/2 MG Bn 2/3 Pnr Bn 40 RTR 23 Armd Bde 30 Corps (2) Comd G (2) AQ(3) AASG 9Aust Div Medical Ord DAPM (2) Main 9 Aust Div	065	22	
Ref 00 Appx H para I0. This route will be marked by pet tins on stakes			2010
2/13, 2/15, 2/14 Aust Inf Bns 9 Aust ATK Bty 2/13 Aust Fd Coy 2B2 Coy 2/2 MG Bn J Sect Sigs 58 Aust LAD No I Pl HQ Gd Bn.			
20 Aust Inf Bde	094	22	
MOST SECRET OFFRS ONLY. Ref our 00 23. D Day will be 23 Oct. Zero Hour will be 2200 hrs. Ack.			0600
2/13 Aust Inf Bn 20 Aust Inf Bde	33	23	
Want a report on the position			0200
2/13 Aust Inf Bn 20 Aust Inf Bde	34	23	
Ask for report on position immediately			0215
2/13 Aust Inf Bn 20 Aust Inf Bde		24	
Want your position by codeword immediately			0315
AllCoys Bn HQ	062	23	
Information para of 00 27 and distribution page will be burnt before moving from this area			I020
Main HQ 2/13, 2/15 Aust Inf Bns Main HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	0102	23	
Following Offrs OP for Corps Comd in fwd area night 23/24. Maj SMEATON Capts CRAIN and GREEN-WILKINSON. Please assist these Offrs			I030
2/13 Aust Inf Bn 20 Aust Inf Bde		23	
W/T netted in			2200
2/13 Aust Inf Bn 20 Aust Inf Bde		23	
Report situation			2222
W/T C.O.			
Contact w/T and see if they have any word from other units involved with us			2315
2/13 Aust Inf Bn 20 Aust Inf Bde		24	
Left and right BITTERS			0030
2/13 Aust Inf Bn 20 Aust Inf Bde		24	
Report situation			0140
W/T 6		24	
Both fwd Coys are through enemy wire			0240
2/13 Aust Inf Bn 20 Aust Inf Bde		24	
Report your position by Map Ref Code immediately			0325
W/T 6		24	
Report Turner. fwd Coys through			0335
20 Aust Inf Bde 2/13 Aust Inf Bn		24	
Report Handley and Cribb			0335
20 Aust Inf Bde			

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FROM	TO	DATE	
2/13 Aust Inf Bn	20 Aust Inf Bde	24	
Fwd Coys fighting their way through. can I have report of flanking units			0342
2/13 Aust Inf Bn	20 Aust Inf Bde	24	
Fwd Coys advance held up casualties very heavy. incl offr. cannot advance till tanks get through			0405
2/13 Aust Inf Bn	20 Aust Inf Bde	24	
Appreciate inf assistance if possible. no progress on left flank past line B situation on right flank not clear			0415
2/13 Aust Inf Bn	20 Aust Inf Bde	24	
Exact location required urgently			0423
2/13 Aust Inf Bn	20 Aust Inf Bde	24	
1700 yds from FUP on Centre Line			0425
2/13 Aust Inf Bn	20 Aust Inf Bde	24	
Getting tks through m/field to make progress. casualties very heavy incl offr			0500
2/13 Aust Inf Bn	20 Aust Inf Bde	24	
Report exact location. arty sp available			0515
2/13 Aust Inf Bn	20 Aust Inf Bde	24	
Further progress being made on our left. PW brought back incl one Italian			0620
Bn HQ			
D and A Coys			
Have collected 36 ORs one Offr (Lieut Bissaker) and have formed them in to "L" formation facing WEST and SOUTH. unable to contact Capt Cribb. would you please advise action to be taken. Right flank approx centre line			I040
6			
W/T		25	
Report tps on FUP. Tks held up by m/field.			0032
6			
W/T		25	
Bn crossed starting line on time without tks			0100
6			
W/T		25	
Many scattered m/fields encountered. now 600 yds in front of FUP			0100
6			
W/T		25	
Still advancing. no contact made yet			0131
6			
W/T		25	
Advanced 1700yds. one small pocket of enemy withdrew			0139
2/13 Aust Inf Bn	20 Aust Inf Bde	25	
No further information re fwd tps. tks and vehs held up by big m/field near FUP			0220
6			
W/T		25	
Tps are keeping on tail of our arty but have not contacted enemy			0225
6			
W/T		25	
Heavy fighting in enemy area. all enemy appear to be German			0305
2/13 Aust Inf Bn	20 Aust Inf Bde	25	
m/field has been cleared. tks going through first			0320
6			
W/T		25	
Both fwd Coys passed through. enemy definitely German			0320
2/13 Aust Inf Bn	20 Aust Inf Bde	25	
Position obscure. our casualties very heavy. having great difficulty in mopping up. intend sending tps in when m/field gapped			0355
2/13 Aust Inf Bn	20 Aust Inf Bde	25	
PW coming back is from PANZERGRENADIER II5. Some Spandau fire coming			

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TO	from in front but traffic passing through well	0502
FROM	20 Aust Inf Bde	
	2/I3 Aust Inf Bn	25
	Contact made with units on left flank. HQ 550yds fwd of SP	0530
	20 Aust Inf Bde	
	2/I3 Aust Inf Bn	25
	Report re Sanderson not confirmed. IO Corps passing through	0645
	20 Aust Inf Bde	
	2/I3 Aust Inf Bn	25
	Being heavily gunned and shelled. OPO cannot contact Bty	0714
	2/I3, 2/I5, 2/I7 Aust Inf Bns rptd 40 RTR	
	20 Aust Inf Bde OIIO	25
	40 RTR reverts from comd 20 Aust Inf Bde to comd 26 Aust Inf Bde	
	vide my 00 23 para 32	1330
	20 Aust Inf Bde	
	2/I3 Aust Inf Bn I 7	25
	Dead about 20 maximum. established FDLS through Pt27 sq 866296	
	and Pt 27 866297	
	2/I3, 2/I5, 2/I7 Aust Inf Bns, 2/I3 Fd Coy, B Coy 2/2 MG Bn	
	Main HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde O II2	25
	MOST SECRET. I Armd Div, 24 Armd Bde and possibly I33 Inf Bde are	
	to exploit to-night WEST through Northern lane and thence NORTH.	
	Warn fwd tps accordingly. all informed	1920
	2/I3 Aust Inf Bn	
	20 Aust Inf Bde	26
	Message from 2/I7 Aust Inf Bn. No 9 (C.O.) should not come to	
	this area	0900
	2/I3, 2/I7, 9 Bty ATK A I3	
	20 Aust Inf Bde	26
	2/8 Aust fd amb closes present location 1700hrs reopens 875297	
	same hour. evacuation along present I3 Bn axis	1000
	2/I3 Aust Inf Bn	
	20 Aust Inf Bde	26
	ETA 1405hrs approx	1200
	2/I3 Aust Inf Bn	
	20 Aust Inf Bde I6I	29
	Will move only Bn HQ unless instructed otherwise. move in darkness	
		1345
	2/I3, 2/I5, 2/I7 Aust Inf Bn	
	20 Aust Inf Bde OI7	29
	Bde Res AP closes present location 1830 hrs reopening at Tac Bde	
	86982985 same hr.	1830
	20 Aust Inf Bde	
	2/I3 Aust Inf Bn I I4	30
	Ref enemy tks. fifteen destroyed by ATK guns one destroyed by	
	Hawkins mine one stopped by ATK gun later destroyed by sticky bomb	
	total seventeen	1602

Army Form C 2128.

1800 hrs 208

MESSAGE FORM.

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN *Cook 049 2 P BNC*
OUT

No. of Groups.

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8/13 Aust Inf Bn

FROM

20 Aust Inf Bn

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO : 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Aust Inf Bns, 9 Aust A Tk Bty, 2/13 Aust Fd Coy,
" B" Coy 2/2 MG Bn, J Sec Sigs, 58 Aust LAD, No 1 Pl HQ Gd Bn.

FROM : HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde : 0 94 : DATE 22 : ---

MOST SECRET OFFR ONLY (.) ref our 00 23 (.) D day will be 23 oct
(.) zero hr will be 2200 hrs (.) ack

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TO

2/13 Aust Inf Bn

Originator's Number

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Date

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In Reply to Numbers

FROM

20 Aust Inf Bde

2/13	Aust.	Inf	Bn	will	relieve
2/15	Aust.	Inf	Bn	afternoon	15 Oct
and	exchange	operational	notes		
Relief		be	completed	by	2000
hrs		all	informed		

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20 Air Inf Bde

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T H E K I N G ' S M E S S A G E T O T H E
E I G H T H A R M Y

I pray that God may bless the Desert Army in the important battle which has now begun, from which great results may flow to the cause of the United Nations in every part of the world. I have the utmost confidence in the troops from all parts of my Empire and in their Commanders.

All my thoughts are with you.

G E O R G E R. I.

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

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TO

2/13 BN rptd 40 RTR 2/8 AUST FO AMB

FROM

20 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

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Date

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In Reply to Numbers

Respirators	will	NOT	be	worn
gas	capes	may	be	taken
view of	ground	sheets	⊙	all
informed				

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EXERCISE.

SECRET

Copy No-----

6 Oct 42.

2/13 AUST INF BN 00 NO.26

REF MAP. EL QASABA - 1 : 50,000.

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy. as per att trace - Appx "A". New enemy strongposts have been located at the following pts: Pt 23 (427807), Pt 17 (437-895), Pt 19 (429896), Pt 17 (431805) (43158968).
2. Own tng
 - (a) 9 AUST DIV as part of a general adv is attacking Eastwards with 20 AUST INF BDE on the right and 24 AUST INF BDE on the left.
 - (b) Flanking Bdes are attacking as follows:-
 - (i) East along the general line GEBEL BEIN GABIR RIDGE.
 - (ii) East along the general line ALAM-EL-DAKAR RIDGE.
 - (c) 2/15 and 2/17 AUST INF BNS have attacked and captured objectives on the general line 43008960 to Pt 25 (42968975)- 2/17 AUST INF BN on the right.
 - (d) The two Bns have marked centre lines to objectives as follows:-
 - 2/15 AUST INF BN - RED lights.
 - 2/17 AUST INF BN - WHITE lights.
 - (e) 2/13 AUST INF BN has in sp the following tps:-
 - 40 RTR.
 - 9 Bty, 3 AUST A Tk Regt. (Less two tps).
 - 2 Pl, B Coy 2/2 MG BN.
 - 1 Sec, 2/13 AUST FD COY RAE.

INTENTION.

3. 2/13 AUST INF BN will attack on night 6/7 Oct 42 and capture objectives general line Pt 17 (43148959) to 43158968 and exploit with tks not beyond general line 43248953 - 43328966.

METHOD.

4. Operation will be in two phases:
 - PHASE 1. - capture of objective.
 - PHASE 2. - exploitation with tks.
5. PHASE 1.
 - Assembly area.
 - (a) Area on East of track (42418967).
 - (b) Bn Veh Pk - West of track 89172980.
 - (c) Tk harbour - 89234246 (East of track).
6. FUP.

Centre of FUP - 4292089666 - will be taped and marked by two GREEN lights.
7. Routes and formations.
 - (i) Routes.
 - (a) To assembly area - Via Main Rd to TCP I.
 - (42609024) then to TCP II,)
 - (42509010) and TCP III.) BDE TCPs.
 - (42398987))
 - (b) To FUP- follow 2/17 AUST INF BN centre line to 4286089625 then by GREEN lights.

METHOD CONTD.

7. Routes and formations contd.

(ii) Formations.

- (a) From assembly area to FUP - coin of route, to be deployed if necessary at the discretion of coy comds.
- (b) From FUP to objective - as per att sketch.

8. Order of march - See Appx "B".

9. Objectives.

- Right coy - from FUP - 3300 yds.
- Left coy - From FUP - 3000 yds.
- Res coys - move to posn - 2500 yds fwd of FUP, where they will wait and marry up with tks. This pt on centre line will be marked with double GREEN light.

10. Bearing of attack. 98 degrees (Mag).

X { 11. Fwd coys.
C Coy - A Coy - C Coy on right.

12. Res.
B Coy - D Coy - B Coy on right.

13. Adv to objective.

From FUP - navigated by IO - centre line will be marked by GREEN lamps under direction of IO - lamps 10 yds apart.

14. Rate of adv. 100 yds = 3 minutes.

15. Timings.

- (a) Leave bivouac area 1630 hrs.
- (b) Arrive fwd Biv area 1900 hrs.
- (c) Leave fwd Biv area 2330 hrs.
- (d) Arrive assembly area 0030 hrs.
- (e) Leave assembly area
- (f) Arrive FUP 0215 hrs.
- (g) ZERO - fwd coys - 0230 hrs.
- res coys - 0300 hrs.

16. Start line. FUP will be start line.

PHASE II.

17. FUP. - start line 2500 yds fwd of FUP for Phase I to be marked by two GREEN lights.

18. Bearing of attack. - 109 degrees Mag.

19. Limit of exploitation. - 1800 yds from FUP.

X 20. Fwd coys.
B Coy - D Coy - Coy on right.

21. Rate of adv. - 100 yds = 3 minutes.

22. Timings.

On orders from comd - estimated time - ZERO 0430 hrs.

23. Traffic control.

- (a) Pnr offr will establish traffic control pts along centre line in rear of minefield. Each TCP will be 500 yds in rear of minefield - approx 900 yds fwd of FUP.
- (b) Pnr offr will liaise with CC, of Engr Sec and will NOT allow any vehs fwd of TCP until gaps are reported clear for traffic.
- (c) 6 ORs of Pnr P1 will be used for TCPs - Pnr offr will remain IC, TCP at minefield.

METHOD CONTD - PHASE II.

24. Report centres - will be established along centre line. Shaded 91 sign at each report centre.
25. Order of movement of vehs from assembly area to objective.
- i. (a) Two secs carriers.
(b) 40 RTR.
(c) A Tk gun portees.
(d) Mortar carriers.
(e) MMGs.
(f) A Ech vehs.
(g) J Sec Sigs cable laying veh.
NOTE. A Ech vehs after off loading will report back to TC at FUF.
 - ii. The following vehs will move with BN HQ throughout move to objective:
(a) W/T van.
(b) 1 Jeep with No 18 Set.
(c) Wheeled carrier (OPO)
(d) A Tk Bty Comd's veh.
(e) MMG Comd's veh.
(f) LO, 40 RTR veh.
 - iii. Engr vehs will move immediately in rear of fwd coys.
 - iv. At 3-15 (Phase I) TO will move all vehs to FUF from where he will send vehs fwd as above when called for.
 - v. Tracked vehs use right hand gaps in minefields - wheeled vehs, left gaps. All vehs WILL move at all times on left of centre line lights.
26. Pioneer Pl tasks.
- (a) Detail men as under:
 - (i) 6 ORs for protection BN HQ and for digging same in on objective.
 - (ii) Provide light carrying party of 6 men for centre line, report to Adjnt on arrival at assembly area. These men, on completion of this task will report to RP Sgt at PWCP to assist in evacuation of PW.
 - (iii) With remainder of men, establish TCP as above.
27. Arty.
- (a) Arty ~~sp~~ will be provided by DIV arty in the form of lifting concentrations on enemy posns. Timed to synchronise with stipulated rate of adv of inf.
 - (b) OPO will move with BN HQ.
 - (c) FOC with each C Coy and B Coy and with 40 RTR.
(For exercise FOCs will NOT be with coys.)
28. A Tk. Bty comd 9 Bty will coordinate all A Tk guns.
29. MMGs. Comd 2 Pl 2/2 AUST MG BN will coordinate all MMGs.
30. Mortars. Move fwd on success and will be under comd BN HQ to be disposed as situation demands. Probable disposns - two dets each B and D Coys - two dets res, vicinity C Coy.
31. One sec protection BN HQ, one Sec protection gap in fwd minefield.
32. Carriers.
- (a) Two secs report mortar Pl at 1200 hrs 6 Oct 42.
 - (b) One sec (less one carrier) to TC in veh pk. These carriers will move under direction of TC for the purpose of assisting vehs bogging in heavy going.
 - (c) Two secs will move fwd in front of tks and guide them through minefield gaps. After ZERO Phase II, these will be under comd BN HQ to be used as mob res.

33. Engrs.

- (a) will provide reconnaissance parties each of 3 sprs to each fwd coy. Coys will provide one OR with TSMG for protection.
- (b) provide bangalore torpedoes. Coys with bangalore torpedoes att will provide carrying parties.
- (c) make and mark gaps in minefields as encountered. Gaps to be 8 yds wide - one on centre line - one 150 yds to left - gap on centre line to be widened to 24 yds.
- (d) provide RAE stores for reorganisation as necessary.
- (e) provide 1000 HAWKING A Tk mines and personnel to lay 350 mines to each A & B Coys, 300 to C Coy.

34. Tks.

- (a) will move fwd from harbour area on direction of TO to FUP (Phase I).
- (b) on being notified that gap ^{in minefield} is clear, they will be guided through gap by carriers and will marry up with exploiting coys on FUP (Phase II). Exploiting coys will provide guides on each centre line, 400 yds in front of minefield.
- (c) Tks will assist exploiting coys during exploitation and will remain with exploiting coys until these coys have dug in sufficiently to provide own protection.
- (d) On orders from Comd, 40 RTR, they will rally in area North of Pt 17 (431895).
- (e) Code word for rally - "WHITTINGTON".

ADM.

35. Rations.

- (a) Two days battle rations will be carried on the man.
- (b) One additional day battle ration in A Ech tpt.
(For purpose of exercise unconserved portion of days ration ONLY will be carried.)
- (c) Water bottles will be filled prior to leaving bivouac area and will NOT be touched prior to commencement of op.
- (d) QM will arrange for hot meal to be served at last light in fwd bivouac area, vicinity track and ry junc (42509010).

36. Amn.

- (a) Full E2 scale will be carried.
- (b) 100 rounds SAA on the man.
- (c) Personnel with Basic Dren pouches not filled by mags will fill pouches to capacity with extra SAA.
- (d) Extra amn to be issued at fwd bivouac area.

37. Tools.

- (a) One pick or one shovel to be carried by each man, remainder in A Ech tpt.
- (b) To be issued at fwd bivouac area.

38. Sandbags.

Four per man to be carried - issued at fwd bivouac area.

39. SAA res.

Centre line between C & A Coys.

- 40. PWCP. - Centre line between C & A Coys. RP Sgt with, under comd, 6 ORs pnr Pl, will arrange evacuation FW to FDLs, 2/17 AUST INF BN where they will be taken over by personnel 2/17 AUST INF BN.

41. Medical.

- (a) RAP - Centre line - 200 yds East of PWCP.
- (b) WWCP - RAP.

ADM CONTD.

- 42. Markers and guides. 2 ORs per Pl will report to Adjnt immediately on arrival at assembly area.
- 43. Tnt.
 - (a) Allotment of tnt - See Appx "D".
 - (b) All MT of sp arms (less 40 RTR) will report to this HQ by 1800 hrs 6 Oct and move under direction BN TO.

INTERCOMN.

- 44. (a) Means.
 - W/T
 - R/T
 - L/T
 - Runner
 - Lucas lamp
- (b) Allotment of No 18 sets.
 - CO - - 1.
 - Each coy - 1.
 - Control - 1.
 - TO - 1.
- (c) L/T.
 - i. Coys will carry with them sufficient line to link with BN HQ and will be responsible to link with BN HQ immediately on arrival on objectives.
- (d) Runners.
 - i. Each coy, immediately on arrival on objective, will send two runners to BN HQ, one to remain at BN HQ and one to return to Coy.
 - ii. Carrier Pl will detail two runners to report to BN HQ one hour before BN due to move from bivouac area. These runners will be required to report to Bde HQ on success.
- (e) Lucas lamps.
 - Each coy will carry one Lucas lamp for use in F procedure if necessary.
- 45. Coy code names.
 - A Coy - G O N A.
 - B " - A C A M.
 - C " - W U D A.
 - D " - T I T O.
- 46. Code word for success: E M U.
- 47. Success signal.
 - (a) Right coy - R E D R E D GREEN.
 - Left coy - G R E E N G R E E N R E D.
 - (b) To be confirmed by all other means until acknowledgement obtained.
 - (c) Light sigs not to be fired if immediate acknowledgement can be obtained by W/T.
- 48. Map Ref Code. - issued as Appx "C".
- 49. Ground to ground recognition.
 - One pennant Top
 - One pennant Centre.
 - Reply to challenge - BLUE flag horizontal.

INTERCOMN CONTD.

50. Ground to air recognition.
WHITE strip "V" - GREEN smoke.

51. BN HQ.
Closes at present posn 1900 hrs. Moves along centre line between rear coys until success, then to 43198955 marked by one BLUE light.

52. Other locations.
Bde HQ - 42508975 - marked by two BLUE lights.
AP - 42428993 after 2000 hrs.

53. Synchronisation. - BDC at 1400 hrs.

54. PASSWORD. - " G U N Y A H " .

ACK.

SR Leach

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

Signed at 1120hrs

and issued at conference at 1400 hrs.

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C "	3
D "	4
HQ "	5
1 Pl	6
2 Pl	7
3 Pl	8
4 Pl	9
5 Pl	10
MG Pl	11
A Tk Pl	12
40 RTR	13
13 Bty, 2/7 AUST FD REGT	14
9 Bty, 3 AUST A TK REGT	15
2 Pl, B Coy, 2/2 AUST MG BN	16
1 Sec, 2/13 AUST FD COY	17
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ISSUED AS APPK "B".
to 2/13 AUST INF BN 00 No 26.

ORDER OF MARCH AND MOVEMENT TABLE

SERIAL NO	SUB-UNIT	TIME PAST (42589018)	SP:ARRIVAL	AT : REMARKS
COLN NO 1.				
1.	C Coy	1600 hrs	1830 hrs	
2.	A Coy	1615 hrs	1845	
3.	BN HQ	1625 hrs	1855	
4.	B Coy	1630 hrs	1900	
5.	D Coy	1645 hrs	1915	

COLN NO 2.

6.	A Ech vehs	1745	1830	
Arrive at assembly area				
7.	13 Bty 2/ 7 AUST FD REGT	2230	0030) In convoy under comd TO. All comds report to comd, 2/13 BN at assembly area
8.	9 Bty 3 A Tk Regt	2230	0030	
9.	2 Pl B Coy 2/2 MG BN	2230	0030	
10.	1 Sec 2/13 Fd Coy	2230	0030	

COLN NO 3.

11.	40 RTR	-	-	Report to tk harbour at 0030 hrs. Comd report to comd 2/13 BN at assembly area.
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ALLOTMENT OF VEHs.
2/13 AUST INF BN

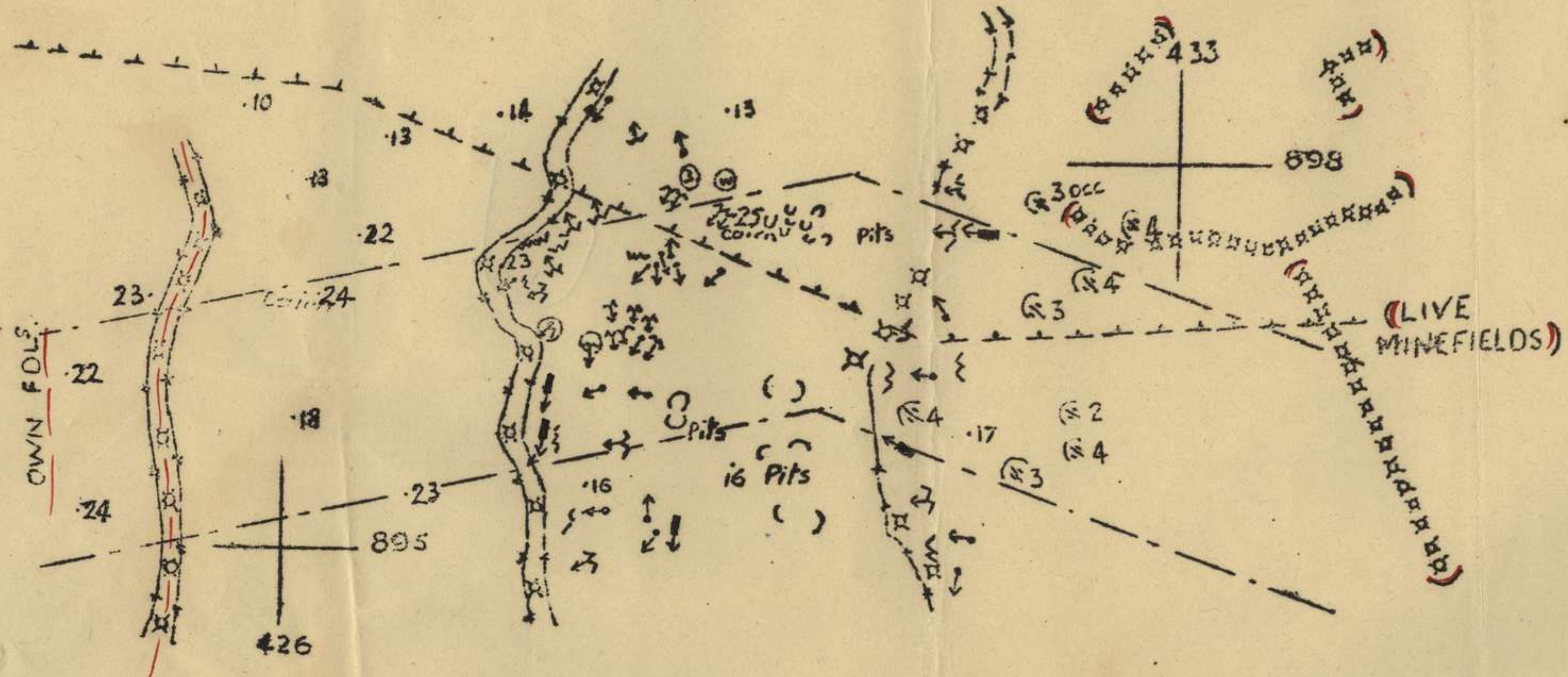
SUB-UNIT	Carriers	Lt vehs	Hy vehs	Jeeps
BN HQ	-	-	2 (Amn)	2
"	-	-	1 (IO, FUP Party)	-
HQ Coy	1 Fl	1 (plus Bde W/T)	-	-
"	2 Pl	-	2	-
"	3 Pl	6	-	-
"	4 Pl	8	-	-
"	A Tk Pl	-	6 Portees	-
"	MMG Pl	-	2	-
"	RAP	-	1 (Plus Amb)	-
A Coy	-	1	1	-
B "	-	1	1	-
C "	-	1	1	-
D "	-	1	1	-
TOTAL	14	5	18	2

ISSUED AS APPX "C" to 2/13 MUST INF BR CO No 39.

MAP REF CODE

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TRACE OF ENEMY DISPOSITIONS DIV EXERCISE WITH TROOPS NO 2



S E C R E T

COPY NO. 1

20 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER No. 12

(To be read in conjunction with 20 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order No. 11)

Ref Maps: EL HAMAM: 1/100000
EL QASABA: 1/50000

GENERAL

1. This order concerns tps and tpt moving to 9 Aust Div Adm Area

COND

2. S/Sjt DEVLIN J.A. of HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde will command parties of 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp in Adm Area.

DEFINITION ETC

3. SOUTH from Main rd to 905 Northing grid, between 454 and 459 Easting grids - ALSO NORTH from Main rd to the sea, between 454 and 456 Easting grids.
4. 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp has been allotted an area in sq 458904. OC party will receive this area.

MOVE

5. Vchs proceeding to Adm Area will assemble at rd and track junc 43329016 at 1930 hrs D MINUS 1 day. Convoy will move off to cross start line at 2000 hrs. Start line - 436 grid line.
6. All vchs MUST get clear of the Main rd before halting.

MAINTENANCE OF DETS

7. OC will be responsible for indenting and drawing of rations. Units will ensure that dets are provided with sufficient t.t to maintain themselves, and with water containers on the basis of one gallon per man.

SUPPLY

8. (a) Sup P for tps in 9 Aust Div Adm Area opens at 45639077 on D MINUS 2. Closes when necessary for it ceases.
(b) AASC will maintain a continuous report centre at Sup P.
9. Units will advise SC 20 Aust Inf Bde vch and personnel strength of their parties immediately on receipt of this order.
10. As soon as possible after arrival in Adm Area, OC Bde Gp party will send a representative to the report centre and notify actual strength.
11. On receipt of orders to leave Adm Area, OC will notify the report centre the last day on which rations will be required by them from Area Sup P.

WATER

12. TP for tps in Adm Area at HAMAM ry sta.

MEDICAL

13. Casualties will be evacuated to most accessible ADS or HSC

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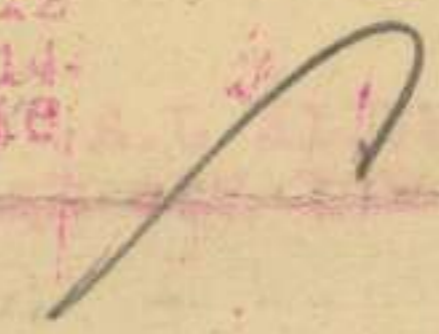
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2/13 AUST INF BN O.O. No. 27.

LIGHTFOOT.

REF MAPS:- EL LAMEIN - 1 : 50,000
EL HISHKA - 1 : 25,000 (Special Defences Overprint dated 8 Oct 42).

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy:

- (a) As per Intelligence Summaries and special information supplied from air photographs issued to units as it becomes available.
- (b) Defence overprints 1 : 50,000
Defence overprints 1 : 25,000.

2. Own Tps:

- (a) (i) Eighth Army is attacking with the object of destroying the enemy forces in their present posn.
- (ii) 30 Corps is attacking simultaneously with (in order from the NORTH) 9 AUST DIV, 51 HD, 2 NZ DIV, 1 SA DIV and to secure PT 27 867298-86702960-TRIG 30-870292-~~WITEIRIYA~~ RIDGE to PT 33 877287.
- (iii) On capture of this bridgehead 10 ARMD CORPS is to debouch through 30 CORPS to continue the battle to the WEST and SW.
- (iv) 13 CORPS is attacking in the SOUTH at the same time as 30 CORPS.
- (b) 9 AUST DIV is to:
- (i) Capture and hold the area incl the enemy locations at 87122991-PT 23 872296-86702960-PT 867298.
- (ii) Facilitate the passage of 10 CORPS through the bridgehead.
- (iii) Exploit.
- (c) 26 AUST INF BDE, less 2/23 AUST INF BN, and 20 AUST INF BDE are to be fwd - 26 AUST INF BDE on the right.
- (d) 26 AUST INF BDE is attacking on the right flank of 9 AUST DIV and are to form right flank protection.
- (e) 20 AUST INF BDE is attacking with 2/15 AUST INF BN on the right, 2/17 AUST INF BN on the left. 2/13 AUST INF BN is to pass through 2/17 AUST INF BN. *Right*
- (f) 2/48 AUST INF BN will attack on the right of 2/13 AUST INF BN.
1st GORDON HIGHLAND BN will attack on the left of 2/13 AUST INF BN.
- (g) Composite Force:
Comd: Lt-Col. MACARTHUR ONSLOW - 2/2 AUST MG BN.
- Tps: C Sqn 9 AUST DIV CAV REGT.
Two tps 11 AUST A TK REGT.
D Coy, 2/2 AUST MG BN.
A Coy, 2/3 AUST PNR BN.
One A Tk Pl, 2/3 AUST PNR BN (4 - 47/32mm).
- Tasks: Secure NORTHERN flank from our FDLs, area EASTERN 24, through WESTERN 24 to excl enemy FDL area 8714299.

INFORMATION (Contd)

2. Own Tps-Contd.

(h) Air. Tac R and air sp is under control of Eighth Army and is being provided as follows:-

Fighters:

D day : F cover over 30 CORPS.
Not continuous.

Night D/D + 1 day : Night F patrols over NORTHERN routes in 30 CORPS area.

D + 1 day : F cover over NORTHERN area after first light

Bombers:

Night D/D + 1 day : Hy B attack on enemy gun posns from ZERO onwards.

D + 1 day : Hy B attack on NORTHERN flank of 9 AUST DIV after first light to assist establishment of defensive flank.

Tac R:

D day : Extensive Tac R particularly at last light.

D + 1 day : Tac R at first light on NORTHERN sector.

3. Additional Tps. In sp 2/13 AUST INF BN:-

40 R.T.R.
9 AUST A TK BTY
2 Pl, B Coy, 2/2 AUST MG BN.
1 Sec, 2/13 AUST FD COY RAE.

INTENTION.

4. 2/13 AUST INF BN will :-

(a) Capture and hold objectives as shown in trace "A"

(b) Exploit WESTWARDS to TRIG 33 (866296).

METHOD.

5. (a) The attack will be in two phases.

(b) Phase II will follow immediately on the completion of Phase I by the passing through of coys in res during Phase I. To cover this passing through, arty programme will remain stationary for 15 minutes.

6. PHASE 1.

(a) Fwd Coys. Right - C Coy, with in sp, A Sqn 40 RTR.
Left - D Coy, " " " C Sqn 40 RTR.
Inter Coy Bdy incl to left coy, Bn Centre Line.

(b) Res Coys. Right - B Coy
Left - A Coy
Mobile Res: B Sqn 40 RTR and one sec carriers.

METHOD (Contd).

(c) Objectives.

Right Coy - All enemy occupied localities NORTH of Centre Line and up to and incl Line "B" (see trace "A" Excl SOUTHERN tip of enemy locality, vicinity 89612982 which will be dealt with by 2/48 AUST INF BN.

Left Coy - All enemy occupied localities SOUTH of Centre Line and up to and incl Line "B" with the exception of enemy locality vicinity 86952965 which will be dealt with by 1st GORDON HIGHLAND BN.

(d) Mopping Up - Fwd coys are responsible for mopping up in respective areas.

(e) Tks. - Tks will marry with coys on FUP and will move fwd with coys. B Sqn will marry with A Coy at FUP.

(f) Action at Minefields. On reaching minefields it will be the responsibility of inf to warn sp tks which will remain outside minefield and provide sp fire and, if necessary, smoke to cover the adv of the inf into the enemy locality. Coy Comds and Sqn Comds will mutually arrange details of sp fire to be given.

(g) Protection. D Coy will provide cover for Engr parties while they commence gapping minefd immediately on left of Centre Line.

7. PHASE 11. (following immediately on completion of PHASE 1)

(a) Fwd Coys. - Right - B Coy
Left - A Coy - with in sp - B Sqn 40 RTR and one sec carriers.

(b) Objectives.

Right Coy - All enemy posns up to and incl grid 867 EASTING and NORTH of Centre Line.

Left Coy - All enemy posns up to and incl grid 867 EASTING and SOUTH of Centre Line.
Centre Line incl right Coy.

(c) Tks. - From gap in minefd, tks will move on bearing of 236 degrees (Mag), to enemy gun line and will be piloted by one sec carriers both on outwards and return trip.

(d) B and D Coys will clear enemy localities as fully as possible as they move fwd.

8. F.U.P.

(a) Centre of FUP will be at 87082976 (marked by 2 GREEN lights)

(b) FUP will be laid on bearing of 353 degrees (Mag).

9. RE-ORGANISATION

(a) B Coy - NORTHERN half of sq 867297, immediately NORTH of spot height 26.

(b) A Coy - vicinity spot height 27 (86742966).

9. RE-ORGANISATION (contd)

(c) Res Coys - On B and A Coys moving fwd, C and D Coys will move fwd and re-organise:-

C Coy - Vicinity Signal Centre - 86832975

D Coy - Vicinity and fwd of pits, 86842967.

C Coy and D Coys will be responsible for mopping up in these two areas.

10. EXPLOITATION. As soon as possible after re-organisation, B Coy will be prepared to send exploiting force of one pl, to proceed to and clear TRIG 33 (shown on EL WISHKA sheet as TRIG 32 - 86622969).

This will be despatched after orders from Bn HQ, in order that covering arty fire may be given on enemy posn WEST of TRIG 33.

On clearing TRIG 33 feature, pl to return to coy area. Should this pl hear or see tps of 10 CORPS approaching, they will immediately return. ARMD.

SUPPORTING ARMS.

Arty.

(a) One FOO with each A and B Coys.

(b) One OPO with Bn HQ

(c) Arty Sp will be by timed concentrations under control 30 CORPS.

(d) Timings are in accordance with rate of adv of attacking inf as ordered.

12. A Tk.

(a) Co-ordination of A Tk defence by Comd 9 AUST A TK BTY.

(b) On re-organisation and when ordered fwd from tp:-

One tp 9 BTY - B Coy Area

One tp 9 BTY - A Coy Area

Four guns 2/13 Aust Inf Bn (2 Pr) - C Coy Area.

Two guns 2/13 Aust Inf Bn (2 Pr) - D Coy Area.

Remaining two (Bn 2 Prs) await orders on final co-ordination at first light. Will remain portee in situation rear of Bn HQ.

13. Mortars. 2 dets - sp B Coy.

2 dets - sp A Coy.

2 dets - res vicinity Bn HQ.

14. MMGs.

(a) Co-ordination of MG defence will be by OC 2 Pl, 2/2 AUST MG BN.

(b) Co-ordination of Bde MG fire plan will be by Comd, B Coy, 2/2 AUST MG BN.

(c) 2 Pl, MG BN - one sec - sp A Coy.

one sec - sp D Coy.

(d) 2/13 AUST INF BN, MMG PL - one sec - sp B Coy

one sec - sp C Coy.

METHOD (Contd)

SUPPORTING ARMS. Contd.

15. R.A.E. - Tasks.
- (a) Provide dets of 3 men with each fwd coy to locate and neutralise AP mines.
 - (b) Provide 3 Bangalore Torpedoes per fwd coy and personnel to fire them - carrying parties will be provided by coys.
 - (c) Make and mark gaps in enemy minefids, each gap to be initially 8 yds wide.
 - (d) Widen one gap to left to 24 yds on Centre Line, and proceed with widening until receipt of further orders.
 - (e) Provide R.E. stores for, and assist in, re-organisation on objective.
 - (f) Provide 1000 No.75 HAWKINS Grenades and 4 men to supervise laying them.
 - (g) RAE vehs coming fwd with stores for minefid gaps will unload and move back 500 yds to vicinity of T.P.
16. Carrier Pl. - Tasks
- (a) Provide guides to guide tks up to and incl marrying at TP.
 - (b) Provide 2 carriers on centre line to assist vehs through "soft spots".
 - (c) Provide one sec in sp of A Coy for the purpose of piloting B Sqn, 40 RTR through to gun line and back to rally area.
 - (d) Maintain mobile res.
 - (e) Bn re-organisation adopt posn for local protection of Bn HQ.
 - (f) At first light send out special mopping patrol as ordered.
 - (g) Each sec, other than sec armed with MMG, will carry one grapnel and will be available for clearing wire as required.
17. A.A. Pl. One sec - local protection Bn HQ.
One sec - protection of Bn Veh Pk Area.
18. Pnr Pl. will be responsible for:-
- (a) Lighting Route
 - (b) Establishing TP.
 - (c) Provision of 6 men for local protection Bn HQ and digging same in. These men to carry one pick or shovel each.
- Personnel mentioned in sub-para (a) on completion of laying lights will report to Regtl Police Sgt at PWCP to assist in control and evacuation of PW.
19. Bearing of Attack. 263 degrees (Mag).
20. Rate of Adv.
- (a) From debussing pt to FUP - 100 yds in 2 mins.
 - (b) From FUP to Bde First Objective - 100 yds in 2 mins.
 - (c) From Bde First Objective onwards - 100 yds in 3 mins.

METHOD (Contd)

- 21. Centre Line.
 - (a) 2/17 AUST INF BN Centre Line will be used to 87132978. 2/17 AUST INF BN Centre Line will be marked by WHITE lights.
 - (b) From 87132978 2/13 AUST INF BN Centre Line will be marked with GREEN lights.
 - (c) A Ech tpt and 40 RTR will move on LEFT of Centre Line to F.U.P.

- 22. Traffic Control.
 - (a) Bde Traffic Pts will be established as follows:-
 - TP.1 - Rd Junc - 88732942.
 - TP.2 - Main rd and track junc = 87912984.
 - TP.3 - Track turning - 87702974.
 - TP.4 - Control (Cross tracks) - 87622973.
 - TP.5 - Main Rd and track junc - 87812992.
 - TP.6 - Track turning - 87732980.
 - TP.7 - Control (Cross tracks) - 87632979.
 - (b) ALL Bde TPs will be marked by ONE BLUE light and number sign.
 - (c) Pnr Offr will establish TP on Centre Line at 8694029745. No traffic other than tks and escorting carriers and Bn HQ vehs will pass this pt until called for by Bn HQ. They will then move fwd preceded by guides provided by coys.

- 23. Guides.
 - (a) Guides for Adjts Party will report to Bn HQ one hour before Bn is due to move from present area.
 - (b) Guides for tks (3 per coy, less B Coy) will report to the Centre Line at FUP and will guide tks to coy areas.
 - (c) Three guides per coy will report to TP at 8694029745 to guide A Ech vehs fwd to coys. These guides to move to TP immediately coy reaches re-organisation area.

24. Debussing Point)
Routes to F.U.P.) ----- See Trace "A".

25. Timings.)
Order of March) ----- See Appx "B".

ADM.

- 26. Rations.
 - (a) Two days hard rations on the man.
 - (b) A careful check will be made to ensure that each man has emergency ration.
 - (c) Timings for Sup Pts and types of rations will be notified to Q.M. separately.

- 27. Water.
 - (a) WPs and time table will be notified to Q.M. separately.
 - (b) Water bottles will be filled on D day at the latest possible moment. Time will be notified to Q.M.
 - (c) QM will arrange for water replenishment by ration veh on night D + 1, D + 2.

28. Re-organisation Stores.

- (a) **Wire:** Two coils dunnart on each veh.
- (b) **Tools:** One pick or shovel carried by each man. Spare tools on A Ech vehs.
- (c) **Sandbags:** Six sandbags to be carried on the man.
- (d) **Nines:** 500 HAWKINS No. 75 to each B and A Coys. To be carried in A Ech vehs.

29. Am.

- (a) Full First Line Am will be carried on the man and in vehs plus extra am as detailed.

30. P.W.

PWCP - on Centre Line 86882973.
 All PW will be passed back from PWCP to 2/17 AUST INF BN FDLs. 2/17 AUST INF BN will take over responsibility for the delivery to Bde PWCP.

RP. Sgt will be responsible for evacuation of PW from PWCP. Demand for extra personnel for guards will be met by D Coy.

In PHASE 11 fwd coys will deliver PW to reserve coys who will pass back to PWCP.

31. Medical.

- (a) RAP will move behind rear coy until success. After success it will be established at 86902973.
- (b) WWCP - at RAP.
- (c) One shell dressing per 4 men to be drawn from RMO and carried on the man.
- (d) Mob Sec of 2/8 AUST FD AMB will move fwd when practical for the purpose of collecting wounded. To facilitate the collecting of wounded during adv lying wounded will be marked by inverted rifle surmounted by steel helmet.

During adv and prior to re-organisation coy SBs will only dress wounded and follow on with coy.

Evacuation to RAP will not commence until establishment of RAP on re-organisation.

- (e) On re-organisation coys will conduct search for wounded and evacuate back to RAP.
- (f) Enemy Medical Personnel are allowed to continue work. Evacuation of enemy casualties through same channel as our own.
- (g) Enemy medical eqpt will be passed back to RAP.
- (h) 2/8 AUST FD AMB ADS - 88272981 - MDS, 89042943.
 2/11 AUST FD AMB ADS - 88022980 - MDS, 88602948.
 Lt Sec, 2/3 AUST CCS - 83339024.
- (i) Prior to ZERO all evacuations to 2/8 AUST FD AMB. After ZERO normally to 2/11 AUST FD AMB. Subject to re-routing at Car Post at Cross Roads 88052974 for all casualties passing that pt. Casualties EAST of these cross rds to most accessible ADS or MDS.

32. Dress. Battle order with trousers KD, gaiters or puttees, shirts and sweaters, respirators will NOT be worn. Gas Capes will be carried in lieu of ground sheets.

ADM - Contd.

33. Blankets, Tents Bivouac.
(a) Blankets and tents bivouac will be returned to B Ech on D day.
(b) QM will arrange delivery of 2 blankets per man to coys on night D + 1/D + 2.
34. Packs.
(a) Packs will be clearly marked on back with owner's Regtl No., Name, Initials and Unit Serial No (91).
(b) Packs will be returned to B Ech on D Day.
35. L.O.B. Personnel will remain with Unit B Ech.
36. Burials.
(a) Coys will do their utmost to avoid burials in scattered graves.
(b) Fatal casualties will be passed back to RAP to facilitate burial in established cemeteries.
37. A.P.
(a) APs close at present location 1700 hrs D - 3. One AP who serve all units opens at 43509020 at the same hour. This AP closes at 1700 hrs D Day after which amm expended will be replenished from res AP at 88102975.
(b) One-third of Bn Res Amm will be loaded as a balanced load on one veh and will be pooled to form a mob Bde Res. These will be under comd BSM and will report to "overflow" veh RV, by 2330 hrs on D - 1. This res will move fwd on night of D Day and will establish in vicinity Main Bde HQ. Report Centre will be at Pro Post at Bde HQ.
(c) 2/13 AUST INF BN will draw from Bde Res and NOT direct from Res AP 88102975.
(d) The supplies available, the extent of the battle and possible difficulties in replenishment, demand that careful control be exercised to prevent excessive expenditure.
38. Bn SAA Reserve. Immediately SOUTH of Centre Line at 86932974.
39. Bn Veh Pk. A Ech vehs other than coy lt vehs and A Tk portees will, before first light, report to Bn Veh Pk, vicinity 86952973.
40. P.O.L.
(a) PP will be located at 43369016 operating between 1400 hrs and 1600 hrs on 21 and 22 Oct 42. Stocks will consist of tinned petrol, oils and lubricants.
(b) TO will ensure that after drawing on D - 1 all vehs have full tanks plus 100 mls POL on the veh. Unit petrol veh to be fully loaded.
(c) A Res PP will be established at 88062976 under AASC control POL will only be drawn to replenish tanks after veh res and Bn Res have been exhausted. Sufficient petrol will be drawn to fill tanks only and NOT to replace reserve.
(d) It is anticipated that normal replenishment will be resumed on D + 5.

INTER COMM.

41. Passing of Incom:

- (a) The capture of coy objectives will be reported by every means available.
- (b) In the event of delay in securing coy objectives, reports will be furnished at short intervals, until the objective is gained.
- (c) Coys will immediately report all minefields and wire obstacles met with.

42. Codewords.

(a) On capture of final coy objectives:-

C Coy	-----	H A N L E Y
D Coy	-----	C R I B B
B Coy	-----	W I L S O N
A Coy	-----	S A N D E R S O N

(b) Bn Codewords to Bde:-

Bn First Objective - T U R N E R

Bn Second Objective - F I G.

43. Map Ref. System of lettered squares - Appx D.

44. Success Signals.

(a) Right Coys ----- GREEN GREEN RED.
 Left Coys ----- RED RED GREEN

(b) Bn to Bde on Second Objective only --- Signal Rocket, Y.M.I. In addition - RED GREEN RED, rpt after 5 seconds.

(c) Signals will be fired twice at intervals of 1 minute to ensure recognition.

45. L/T.

- (a) Coys will lay line to Bn HQ.
- (b) Line is to be laid to Bn from Bde after A Ech vehs have move up.

46. W/T.

(a) Bde working to Comd 2/13 AUST INF BN - 101 set.

(b) Res 101 Set in COs Carrier.

(c) No.18 Sets:-

Each Coy	1
CO	1
TO	1
Carriers	1
Control	1
Spare	1

(d) Arty FOO working to OPO.

(e) Tks working to Regtl HQ.

(f) Call Signs for Bn Gp down to coys will be issued separate

(g) Bn frequency - 18 Sets Trig 8250 K/cs

INTER COMM (Contd)

47. Pigeons. One pigeon will be carried by Signal Pl HQ. NOT to be released unless on orders from Bn HQ.
48. Wireless Deception.
(a) Complete wireless silence will be maintained from 1000 hrs on D - 2 until ZERO.
(b) All frequencies will change at 0300 hrs D - 1.
49. A.F.V. Recognition. Will be notified later.
50. S.O.S.
(a) SOS light signals will be "Signal Rocket 3 Star with Trailer MKP ITP."
(b) This Rocket shows 3 WHITE stars with a very pronounced tail.
(c) Will be fired by Bn HQ ONLY.
51. Ground to Air Recognition. BLUE smoke
ALDIS Lamp - Letter " G ".
52. Liaison.
(a) C Coy will liaise with 2/48 AUST INF BN at PT 86832982.
(b) D Coy will liaise with 1st GORDON HIGHLAND BN at ^{PT} 86882962.
(c) B Coy will liaise with 2/48 AUST INF BN at PT 86702982.
(d) A-Coy will liaise with 1st GORDON HIGHLAND BN at PT 86702960.
(e) Liaison Offr from 20 AUST INF BDE will remain with Unit until capture of objective when he will return to Bde Hq.
53. Runners.
(a) One runner from each coy will report to Bn HQ one hour before Bn due to move from present posn.
(b) Two runners from each coy report to Bn HQ on capture of objective. One runner will remain at Bn HQ. One runner will guide Bn HQ Runner to Coy. Bn HQ Runner will then return to Bn HQ.
54. H.Q. Bn HQ moves along Bn Centre Line behind rear-coys. During passing of Line "B" will be established at 86902674.
On capture of objective will move to 86862972
55. Synchronisation. Bn HQ 1900 hrs D Day.

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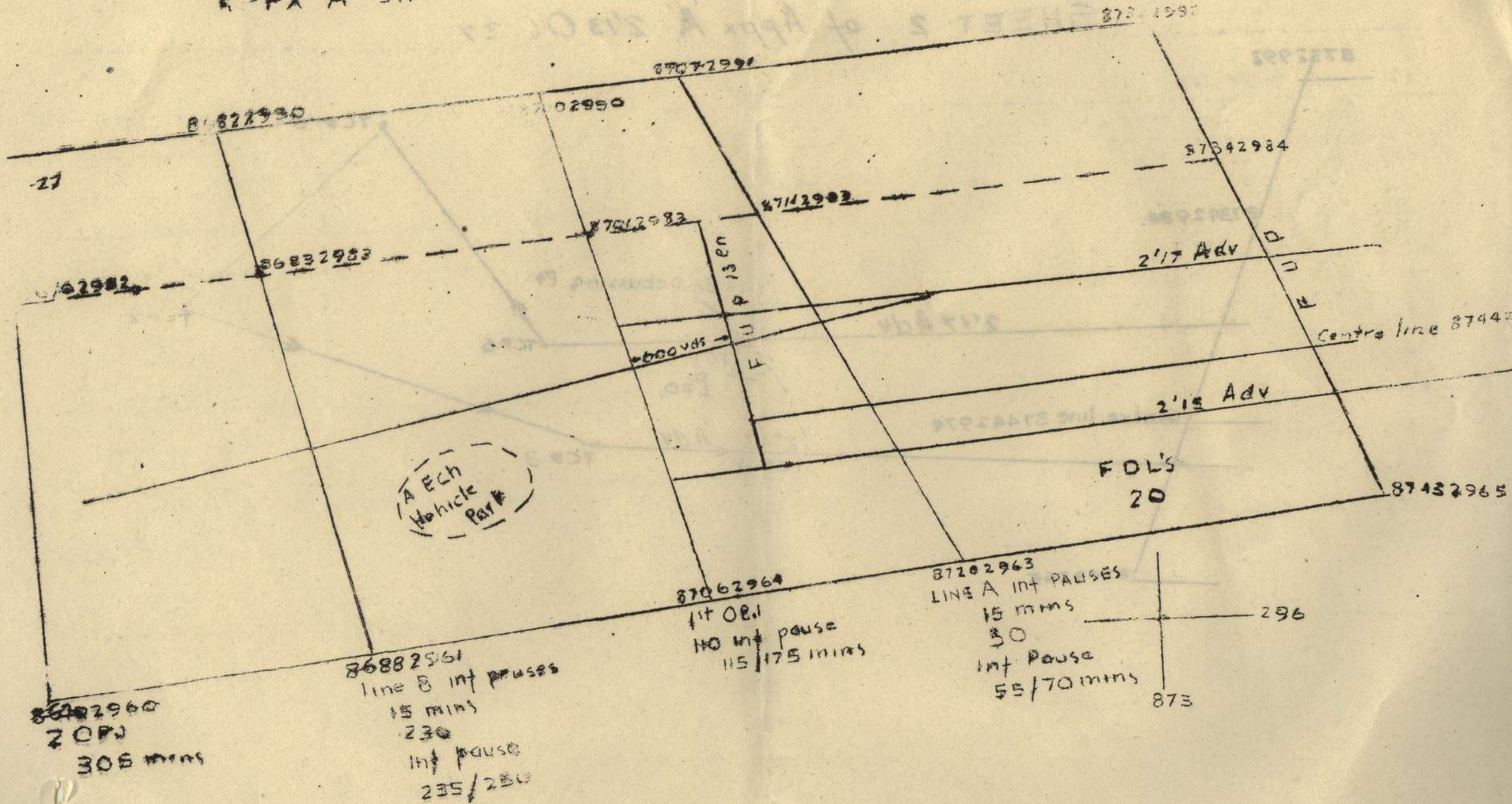
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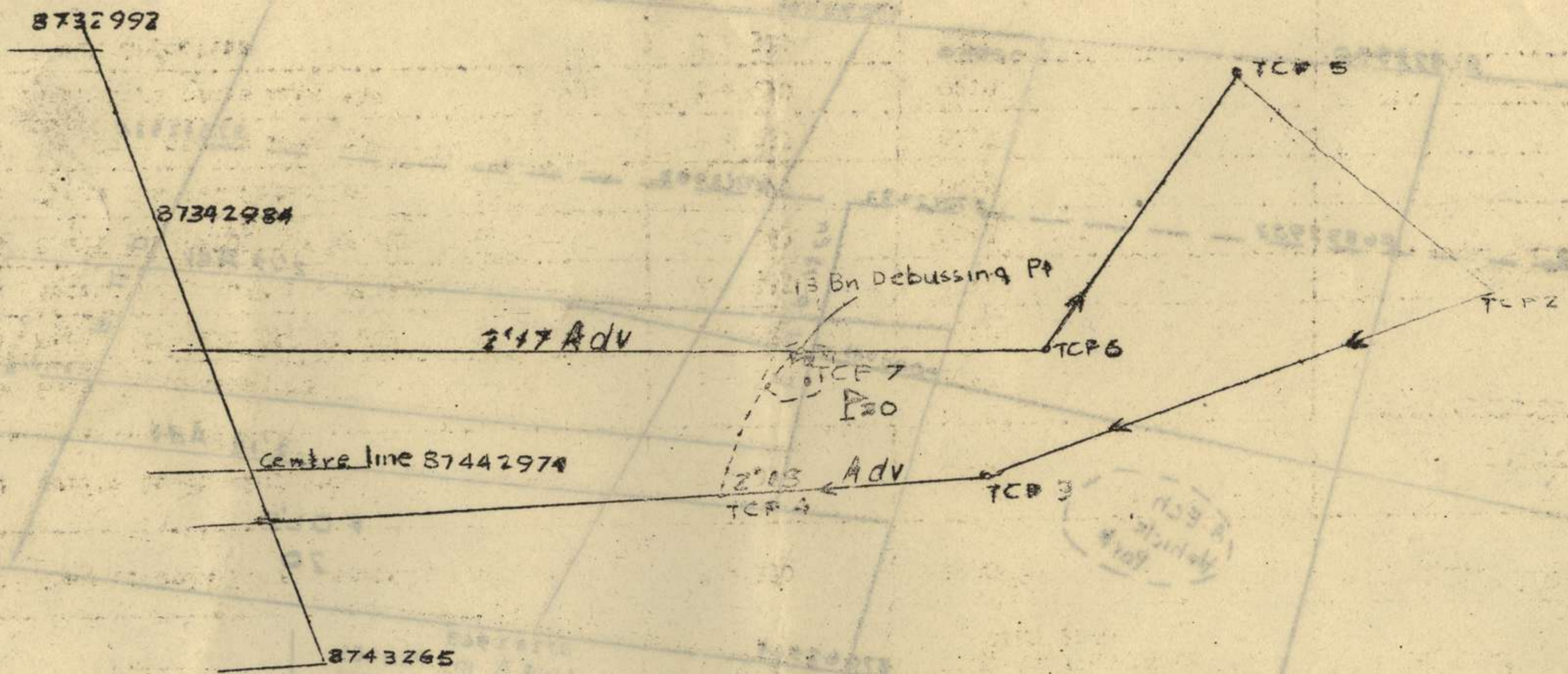
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A Tk Pl	11
MMG Pl.	12 -
40 R.T.R.	13-16
13 Bty, 2/7 AUST FD REGT RAA	17
9 Bty 3 A TK REGT.	18
2 Pl, 2/2 AUST MG PL.	19
1 Sec, 2/13 AUST FD COY RAE	20
Comd	21
2 i/c	22
Adjt	23
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APPX A SHEET



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2/13 AUST INF BN.

D.O. No. 27.

APPENDIX "B"

TIMINGS

POINT	TIME	TIME CONVERSION ON ZERO 2200	REMARKS.
(a) Head of coln leave Assembly Area	Z - 150	1930	
(b) Arrive De-bussing Area	Z - 35	2125	
(c) Leave De-Bussing Area	Z - 5	2155	
(d) Pass 2/17 AUST INF BN FUP	Z + 68	2308	
(e) Arrive 2/13 AUST INF BN FUP	Z + 133	0013	
(f) Leave 2/13 AUST INF BN FUP	Z + 163	0043	
(g) Cross Bde 1st Objective	Z + 175	0055	
(h) Fwd Coys arrive Line "B"	Z + 235	0155	
(i) Rear Coys cross Line "B"	Z + 250	0210	
(j) Reach Objective	Z + 310	0310	

MOVES OF TPT NIGHT D-D plus 1

MOVEMENT TABLE.

1. ROUTES.

- (a) IN to debussing Pt - Main Rd to TP.2 - Track to TP.3 - 4 to TP.7.
- (b) OUT from debussing Pt - Track to TP.6 - TP.5 - Main Rd (applicable to-turning personnel-carrying vehs only)

2. SPEED and DENSITY

	Main Rd.	Tracks
vtm	40	40
mih	8	5

3. S.P.

TP.1. - 88732942

4. MOVEMENT.

NO movement of tpt before 1930 hrs.

5. DISPERSAL POINT.

On arrival at debussing pt vehs must NOT be kept standing on tracks but will halt well clear. T.O. will arrange tpt in coy gps facing WEST. C and D Coys fwd, C on right, B and A Coys rear, B on right.

6.

T.O. will ensure that all drs are fully aware of their instns, place in convoy and route.

7. COY GROUPS.

See Page 4, APPENDIX "B".

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Serial	Group	Total of Vehs	Composition.
1	Adjts and 10s Party	3	2 Tp Carriers 1 Int. Veh.
2	D Coy Personnel Gp	4	4 Tp Carriers
3	C Coy Personnel Gp	4	4 Tp Carriers
4	Engrs (whole sec)	5	5 vehs (subject to amendment)
5	COs Party	4	1 Jeep 1 Carrier 1 W/T Veh (Bde) 1 30-cwt (Bn Sigs)
6	B Coy Personnel Gp	4	4 Tp Carriers
7	A Coy Personnel Gp	4	4 Tp Carriers
8	One Sec 4 Pl	3	3 Carriers
9	40 RTR Gp	58	43 Tks 6 Scout Cars 9 Jeeps
10	Sp Arms Orders Gp	4	1 Tk (Tk LO) 1 Veh (OPO) 1 Veh (Comd. 2 Pl, B Coy 2/2 MG Bn). 1 Veh (Comd. 9 AUST A TK BTT)
11	4 Pl Gp	5	5 Carriers (Comd 4 Pl, 2 MG 2 LMG)
12	D Coy, A Ech & Sp Arms Gp.	5	2 A Tk Guns (2/13 Bn 2 Prs) 1 MG Veh (2/2 MG Bn) 2 A Ech vehs
13	C Coy, A Ech & Sp Arms Gp	7	4 A Tk Guns plus 1 M/C (2/13 Bn 2 Prs & ATK Pl Comd) 1 MG Veh (2/13 Bn MG Sec) 2 A Ech Vehs
14	B Coy, A Ech & Sp Arms Gp	11	1 Arty Veh (FOO) 5 A Tk-Vehs (1 Tp. Comd Veh & 4-6 Prs) 1 MG Veh (2/13 Bn MG Sec) 3 Mortar Carriers 2 A Ech Vehs
15	A Coy, A Ech & Sp Arms Gp	10	1 Arty Veh (FOO) 5 A Tk-Vehs (1 Tp Comd Veh & 4-6 Prs) 1 MG Veh (2/2 MG Bn) 1 Mortar Veh. 2 A Ech Vehs.
16	Res. Gp.	4	2 A Tk Vehs (2/13 Bn 2 Prs) 2 Mortar Carriers.

Serial	Sub Unit	From	To	No of Vehs	Time Past SP (First Veh)	Remarks.
1	Adj't's Party & I.Os Party	Present Posn	Debussing Point	3	1930	
2	D Coy Personnel Gp	" "	" "	4	1931	
3	C Coy Personnel Gp	" "	" "	4	1932	
4	Engrs	" "	" "	5	1933	
5	COs Party	" "	" "	4	1934	
6	B Coy Personnel Gp	" "	" "	4	1935	
7	A Coy Personnel Gp	" "	" "	4	1936	
8	One Sec, 4 Pl.	" "	" "	3	1937	
9	40 RTR Gp	" "	" "	58	-	To guide tks 40 RTR will join convoy at a point to be notified.
10	Sp Arms, Orders Gp	" "	" "	4	1938	
11	4 Pl Gp	" "	" "	5	1939	
12	D Coy A Ech & Sp Arms Group	" "	" "	5	1940	
13	C Coy A Ech & Sp Arms Group	" "	" "	7	1941	
14	B Coy A Ech & Sp Arms Group	" "	" "	11	1943	
15	A Coy A Ech & Sp Arms Group	" "	" "	10	1946	
16	Reserve Group	" "	" "	4	1948	
17	Bn HQ Group	" "	" "	4	1949	
18	Amn Group	" "	" "	3	1950	
19	RAP Group	" "	" "	4	1951	Tail of convoy to pass S.P. not later than 2000 hrs.

Serial	Group	Total of Vehs	Composition
17	Bn HQ Gp	4	2 Tp Carriers 2 Vehs AA Pl.
18	Amn Gp.	3	3 Vehs.
19	R. A. P. Gp	4	4 Vehs

For Traffic Control

1 Jeep (2 i/c)
1 Veh (T.O.)
3 Carriers (for towing)

NOTE 1- Carriers for towing will be dispersed in the convoy at discretion of T.O.

2/13 AUST INF BN.

O.O. No. 2.

APPENDIX - "C"

COURSE	ROUTE	SPEED	REMARKS.
(a) Assembly Area to Debussing Pt.	Via Main Rd to TP.1, 2, 3, 4, 7.		See March Table.
(b) Debussing Pt to 2/17 AUST INF BN FUP	2/17 AUST INF BN axis of adv 2850 yds - 269° (Mag)	100 yds 2 mins.	Marked WHITE lights. Coln of route/ ^{until} conditions compel dispersion
(c) 2/17 AUST INF BN FUP to Branch Pt.	2500 yds - 269° (Mag)	100 yds 2 mins	WHITE lights. Sections dispersed from coln of route.
(d) Branch Pt to FUP	750 yds - 257° (Mag)	100 yds 2 mins	GREEN lights. Sections dispersed from coln of route.
(e) FUP to Bde 1st Objective.	600 yds - 263° (Mag)	100 yds 2 mins.	GREEN lights. Battle formation as discussed
(f) Bde 1st Objective to Line "B"	1950 yds - 263° (Mag)	100 yds 3 mins.	GREEN lights. Minefds expected at 1700 yds. Course for SOUTHERN force after 700 yds, 221° (Mag) for 1500 yds. Possible minefd at 1200 yds.
(g) Line "B" to Objective.	1700 yds - 263° (Mag) (Distance taken on Bn Centre Line)	100 yds 3 mins.	Bearing for tks from minefd gap to Centre Gun Line, 237°, distance 2000 yds. Rear wire at 1200 yds.

MAP REF CODE

LETTERING OF GRID SQUARES.

APPENDIX "D" to 2/13 AUST INF BN OO No.

	865	866	867	868	869	870	871	872	873	
299	I	T	D	O	H	N	B	R		299
298	P	A	M	Y	K	G	W	S		298
297	V	X	Q	F	C	Z	L	E		297
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- (a) Assembly Area to Debussing Pt.
- (b) Debussing Pt to SWP
- (c) SWP to Branch Pt
- (d) Branch Pt to SWP
- (e) SWP to Bde Ist Objective
- (f) The Ist Objective to Line "B"
- (g) Line "B" to Objective

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20 Oct 42

20 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER NO 13.

(Issued in amplification of 20 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order No 11 of 19 Oct 42).

LEAVE PARTIES

1. Leave parties will return on due dates to incl 24 Oct. Previous tpt arrangements stand. Units will arrange collection, and retention with B Ech or LOB if applicable.

TRAFFIC ROUTES

2. Routes for particular moves are as ordered in 20 Aust Inf Bde OO No 23 and Appxs thereto.
3. From last light to 2400 hrs D day, the Sea Track, and COAST Rd west from incl Locality A, are one-way westbound. Main Rd is two-way at all times, but Eastbound traffic during these hrs must be reduced to minimum.
4. From 2400 hrs D day, COAST Rd continues one-way westward from X tracks 883294 (near Main HQ 9 Aust Div), but becomes two-way from there to the East. The Sea Track becomes one-way Eastbound from 83043005, and will be used by light traffic only.
5. Traffic routes west of 831 grid are as indicated in Appx J to 20 Aust Inf Bde OO No 23.

MEDICAL

6. (a) Ref Para 32(a) of Adm Order No 11, a guard will be placed over any enemy medical building, camp or unit, and the medical personnel will be ordered ("NOT allowed") to continue their normal work.
(b) All personnel will carry field dressing.

TREATMENT OF PW

7. (a) Attention of all ranks likely to be concerned with PW will be drawn to matters covered by DRO 503 dated 29 Aug 42.
(b) DRO 503 refers to Rear HQ 30 Corps letter No 1166/A of 7 Jul 42, of which para 3 and list B are reproduced.

Para 3. "It should be stressed that news of any abuse passes very rapidly to the enemy. The result is direct deterioration of the treatment given to our own friends and comrades captured by them".

List 'B'. "Articles that will on no account be taken from PW:

- Watches
- Money
- Rings and Jewellery
- Decorations
- Clothing
- Vallets (incl contents)

RECOVERY

- 8 (a) 23 Armd Bde Rec Sec and Collecting Point will be located area 831295. 23 Armd Bde are also undertaking rec of the tp of scorpions att 20 Aust Inf Bde, to Collecting Point by vehs of 23 Armd Bde Rec Sec, and thence via Main Rd to 23 Armd Bde kshop 452905 by vehs of R.33 Transporter pl att 23 Armd Bde.
- (b) Requests for rec will be made by DR to Collecting Point, or if that is impracticable, through 23 Armd Bde IOs att HQ and Bns 20 Aust Inf Bde.
9. Armd Rec Post - opens in sq 835295 0700 hrs D PLUS 1.
10. Special measures to keep main routes open during major moves, nights D MINUS 3/D MINUS 2, D MINUS 1/D day, and D day / F PLUS 1.
- (a) It is vital that moves are completed to time.
- (b) A breakdown must NOT be allowed even to slow up traffic longer than avoidable.
- (c) No attempt will be made to take a veh in tow, or pull it back onto the track if bogged, unless it can be done without slowing up traffic. Instead vehs will be moved off tracks the quickest way if impeding traffic.
- (d) An Offr or responsible NCO will travel at the tail of each unit or sub-unit to ensure as above.
- (e) Breakdown vehs will be dispersed through cols as possible, and one will bring up the rear.
- (f) A breakdown veh, for rapid clearing of routes only, will be stationed during the above nights on Main Rd at--

June with SWINNEY Rd
 Eastern minefield of EL ALAMEIN 425902
 -rds 88052974.

- (g) Any offr or MP observing trouble which the resources of the unit or coln cannot clear at once will send for the nearest of these breakdown veh, or for one from Rec Secs in NW corner of Adm Area, and will notify the dr that he has done so, to avoid duplication.

ARMY DUMPS

11. Large dumps of various commodities in vicinity of EL ALAMEIN and EL MAMMAD are NOT for 9 Aust Div. These dumps must NOT be interfered with under any circumstances.

SECURITY

12. (a) Paybooks will be carried.
- (b) No envelope, private papers or documents which disclose the identity of the unit will be taken fwd.
- (c) Attention is drawn to PSPB Pamphlet No 3 Sec 17 "The duty of a soldier when captured is to refuse any information to the enemy, except his rank, true name and number".
- (d) Attention is drawn to the wearing of identity discs.

ACKNOWLEDGES:

Time of Signature... 0845... hrs.
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Yun/oung Capt.
 3. 3. 20 Aust Inf Bde

HIS PRESSION - As for 20 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order No 11.

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19 Oct 42
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20 AUST INF BDE ADM ORDER NO 11.

(Issued in conjunction with 20 Aust Inf Bde OO No 25).

Ref Map :- EL ALAMEIN 1/50000

EL JASABA 1/50000

EL HAVVAM 1/100000

SECURITY

- 1 Information of operation "LIGHTFOOT" must NOT reach the enemy. There must be the minimum apparent change of adm installations and methods as observed from ground or air or by enemy agents in rear areas until after zero.
- 2 The contents of this order will be disclosed only to those required to act upon it, and then only in sufficient detail and in time to enable them to act efficiently.

9 AUST DIV ADM AREA - Location

- 3 South from Main Rd to 905 Northing Grid, between 454 and 459 Easting grids - also North from Main Rd to the sea, between 454 and 456 Easting grids.

AMN

- 4 APs close present locations 1700 hrs D MINUS 3. One AP to serve ALL units opens 43509020 same hr. This AP closes 1700 hrs D day, after which units will replenish amn expended from Res AP 88102975 in accordance with para 7.
- 5 Units will make a physical check to ensure that 1st line amn holdings, for all weapons in possession, are complete before 1700 hrs D MINUS 3.
- 6 One third of Bn reserve amn will be loaded as a balanced load on one veh and will be pooled to form a mobile Bde res. These will be under comd B.S.M. and will report to "overflow" veh RV by 2330 hrs D MINUS 1. This reserve will move fwd on night of D day and will establish in vicinity Main Bde HQ. Report centre will be at Pro post at Main HQ.
- 7 Inf Bns will draw from Bde res and NOT direct from Res AP 88102975. Units other than inf bns will draw from Res AP ONLY to replace 1st line amn expended and NOT in anticipation of expenditure.
- 8 The supplies available, the extent of the battle and possible difficulty in replenishment demand that careful control be exercised to prevent excessive expenditure.

SUPS

- 9 Sups will be drawn by units as follows :-
(a) until incl D MINUS 2 - as at present

hob. to Bde before move

- (b) on D MINUS 1 -
- (i) inf bns - dry rations for one day, with bread substituted for biscuits, from normal Sup Ps, and dry rations for one day from Res Sup P 88782945.
 - (ii) Units other than inf bns - dry rations for one day, with bread substituted for biscuits, from normal Sup Ps.
- (c) on D day - Units other than inf bns, dry rations from Res Sup P 88782945.
- (d) on D PLUS 1 - dry rations from Sup P 43289023
- (e) on D PLUS 2)
- dry rations from Res Sup P 88782945
& D PLUS 3)
- (f) It is anticipated that normal replenishment will be resumed on D PLUS 4, for consumption on D PLUS 5.

10 Timings at Sup Ps

Units will draw from Res Sup P 88782945 and Sup P 43289023 in accordance with the time table att as appx "A". Unit reps sent to Sup Ps will be clearly instructed that timings and notes given in this appx must be rigidly observed.

11 General

- (a) From D MINUS 1 onwards, units may draw on any day the whole or any part of a full scale dry ration, or may draw full scale for part of their strength, and a reduced scale for the remainder. To save time and congestion at Sup Ps and in their own handling, units will underdraw such items as they cannot use. Reduction desired will be indicated on indents whenever they can be forecast in time. Otherwise they should be notified in writing through Bde AASC Offr, as soon as known, to avoid delay at Sup Ps. If this is impossible, they may be notified at Sup Ps when drawing.
- (b) Where, owing to its exposed situation, part of the strength of a unit cannot handle tinned vegetables, the unit may specify M and V to that number on indents or at Sup Ps. Units will NOT specify M and V where they can handle preserved meats and tinned vegetables but a general issue of M and V will be made on D PLUS 2 if stocks permit.
- (c) A careful check will be made to ensure that the tinned emergency ration is in possession of all ranks and that it is actually carried by those tps taking part in the attacks.

12 Meals on D day

- (a) As attacking tps of 2/17 and 2/15 Bns will be lying up in slit trenches during D day every effort will be made to prepare a really first class evening meal.
- (b) Breakfast will be a unit responsibility and may be delivered on the morning of D day providing all vchs are clear of the area by 0600 hrs.

- (c) Midday meal will be carried on the man.
- (d) Evening meal will be delivered to tps of 2/17 and 2/15 bns in assembly areas. No move towards area before 1900 hrs and all vehs will be clear by 2030 hrs.
- (e) Arrangements have been made with 2/32 Aust Inf Bn for assistance in preparation of meals. 2/32 Bn will also supply three vehs per bn for delivery to assembly area.

13 Rations for D PLUS 1 will be carried on the man and will be distributed on D MINUS 1.

P.O.I.

- 14 D MINUS 1 will be the last day of normal replenishment by AASC or tankers.
- 15 Units will ensure that after drawing on D MINUS 1 all vehs have full tanks plus 100 miles PCL on the veh. In addition to this, unit petrol vehs will be fully loaded.
- 16 A Res PP will be established at 88062976 under AASC control. PCL will only be drawn by units from Res PP to replenish tanks after veh res and unit res have been exhausted. Sufficient petrol will be drawn to fill tanks only, and NOT to replace res.
- 17 It is anticipated that normal replenishment by 2nd line tpt will be resumed on D PLUS 5.

WATER

- 18 WPs (a) Up to incl D day, nearest WP at present in use.
(b) From incl D PLUS 1, for all units at new WP at 88282962.

19 Scale

To avoid congestion at the WP and extra movement on rds, units will NOT draw more than ONE gall per man per day.

20 Time Table

20 Aust Inf Bde Co will draw from WP 88282962 between 0300 and 1000, and 1400 and 1500 hrs daily, except in emergency.

21 Discipline at WP

- (a) Instructions issued by MPs on duty will be implicitly obeyed. Not more than one veh at a time will be at each of the four pairs of veh filling stand pipes, and one unloading or loading at each of the two container filling points. While containers are being filled, vehs will be moved to dispersal areas.
- (b) Filling of containers at WP will be avoided as far as possible. Units which must use some containers will provide their own filling parties.

- 22 (a) 2/17 and 2/15 bns will arrange for half gall per man, in containers to be taken fwd on night D MINUS 1 / D day for attacking tps lying up in the vicinity of FDLs on D day. These containers will be collected in coy lots

for later recovery. They will NOT be left in slit trenches.

- (b) Tps will be encouraged to drink freely on D day, as this has a beneficial effect if wounded.

CANTEEN STORES

- 23 (a) Adv Canteen Depot will close at 1700 hrs D MINUS 1. It is hoped to open mob canteen pts for a restricted range of essential items on D PLUS 4. Units should therefore accumulate small stocks of the most important items to cover this period.
- (b) Units will avoid accumulating a res of supplementary ration items which they would be unable to carry.

ORD

24 Controlled Stores and Vehs

Losses and casualties to controlled stores and vehs will be reported to Main Bde HQ by quickest possible means.

25 Ord Stores

While normal maintenance is operating, ord stores will be delivered and returned through Sup Ps as at present. From both incl D day to D PLUS 3 there will be no normal delivery, but fighting stores of high priority will be delivered under special arrangements if obtainable.

26 (a) Rec R H - HAMMAM

- (b) Fwd Rec Post will be established initially at 42469030. Later Fwd Rec Posts will be notified separately.
- (c) Rec will be impeded by traffic on rds and tracks. Units will give earliest possible advice of recoverable vehs and material stating map refs if possible and including all possible info concerning minefields.
- (d) 58 Aust LAD will remain initially at Rear Bde HQ.

PW

- 27 (a) 2/17 and 2/15 Bns will be individually responsible for evacuation of PW to Bde collecting Post.
- (b) PW from 2/15 bn area will be passed back to units in rear who will take over responsibility for them.
- (c) Bde PWCP will be established at 37642977.
- (d) 24 Aust Inf Bde will take over PW from 23 Aust Inf Bde at PWCP and will march them to Div cage at 38192962.
- (e) Erection of Bde PWCP on night of D day / D PLUS 1 will be the responsibility of one sec 1 Pl 2/1 Aust Hq Gd Bn.

MEDICAL

<u>28</u>	2/8 Aust Fd Amb	ADS 88272981	MDS 89042943
	2/11 Aust Fd Amb	ADS 88022980	MDS 88602942
	Lt Sec 2/3 Aust COS	43339024	

- 29 Prior to Zero all evacuations to 2/8 Aust Fd Amb. From Zero

normally 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp to 2/11 Aust Fd Amb. Subject to re-routing at Car Post at Xrds 88052974 for all casualties passing that point. Casualties East of these Xrds to most accessible ADS or RPS.

- 30 Mob Sec of 2/8 Aust Fd Amb will move fwd in support of 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp when practicable, and for co-ordinating clearance of assembly areas by Fd Amb SBs when unit SBs move fwd.
- 31 Arrangements have been made for vechs to patrol tracks as far fwd as RAPS for collection of walking wounded.
- 32 Units will ensure that, to enable our medical organisation to concentrate to maximum on our, rather than enemy, casualties.
- (a) Enemy medical personnel are allowed to continue work.
 - (b) Enemy medical equipt is NOT touched except by medical personnel.
 - (c) Enemy medical vechs are NOT used for other than medical purposes.
- 33 Casualties for 40 RTR will be handled in accordance with paras 28 and 29.

DRESS

- 34 Battle order with trousers KD, gaiters, or puttees, shirts sweaters.

BLANKETS

- 35 (a) Distribution of third blanket before operations commence will be at the discretion of COs.
- (b) No blankets will be carried in initial stages, but units will arrange for delivery of at least one blanket per man on night D PLUS 1 / D PLUS 2.

LOB

- 36 (a) Unit LOB personnel will be as laid down in 20 Aust Inf Bde A20/3758 of 17 Oct 43.
- (b) LOB personnel will move and remain with unit's Ech.

BURIALS

- 37 (a) Units will do their utmost to avoid burials in scattered graves.
- (b) Bde cemetery, in which all possible burials will be effected, will be advised later.
- (c) Only if casualties in a particular unit are very heavy will a unit cemetery be used. Prior application will be made to Main Bde HQ.
- (d) Burials in rear of bde cemetery will only be effected in cemeteries already established.
- (e) Units will provide their own burying parties

ADM OF 40 R.T.R.

- 38 Except for medical, 40 RTR will be administered entirely by 23 Armd Bde.

INTERCOMM

- 39 (a) A & Q will be divided between Main and Rear HQ.
 (b) Bde AASC Offr at Rear HQ.
 (c) Q Link to plv remains at Rear HQ.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Time of Signature 2215

Issued through Sigs.

J. Young Capt
 S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde

DISTRIBUTION

Adm Order and Appa "A" as for 20 Aust Inf Bde OO No. 23, and in addition :

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 Adm L.O. " " 36
 10 Coy AASC " " 37

TIMINGS AT SUP PS

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 APPX "g"
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(Issued with 20 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order No 11)

Serial	Unit	Arrive at D'D daily
1	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	1015
2	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	1015
3	2/15 Aust Inf Bn	1030
4	2/17 Aust Inf Bn	1030
5	2/7 Aust Pz Regt	1045
6	9 Aust A Tk Bty	1045
7	11 Aust Lt AA Bty	1100
8	2/3 Aust Pz Coy	1100
9	B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	1115
10	12 Aust A Tk Bty	1115
11	C Coy 2/2 MG Bn	1130
12	9 Aust Div Cav	1130
13	HQ 2/2 Aust MG Bn	1145
14	9 Aust Div Salvage Unit	1145

- NOTES
- (a) Only two vehs at a time will be allowed at the Sup P.
- (b) Vehs will be despatched from units in good time to arrive at Sup Ps at time shown. If they arrive early, they will wait dispersed as indicated by AASC RPs until called fwd.
- (c) Vehs will leave Sup Ps area immediately loading is complete.

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22 Oct 42

2/48 AUST INF BN ADM INSTNS NO 14

(Issued in conjunction with 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
OO No 46)

Ref Maps:	EL ALAMEIN	1:50000
	EL HIQEIF	1:50000
	EL WISKA	1:25000
	EL MAHK KHAD	1:25000
	EL QASABA	1:50000

1. BRESS: Battle Order (less respirators).

2. GAS CAPES: May be taken in lieu of waterproof capes.

3. TCPs:

(a) To be established as follows:-

- TP1 Main rd and track junc 87782994.
- TP2 Rail and Track crossing 87682986.
- TP3 Exit from own FDLs at 87592986.
- TP4 Main rd and track junc 87722999.
- TP5 Exit from FDLs 87592989.

(b) TPs to be marked with one red light and numbered signs.

(c) Bn TO will est check pts at Rear Veh Assembly area and Fwd Veh Assembly Area.

4. MEDICAL:

(a) Four stretcher bearers per rifle coy - 2 stretcher bearer NCOs with Bn HQ.

(b) WWCP - walking wounded move East along right axis to Fd Amb Report Centre at 87342987.

(c) Non-walking wounded to be left with lights and guides on Right axis, to be picked up by RAP truck and other vehs.

(d) RAP moves rear A Ech vehs and establishes on Left axis at 86952984 - stretcher bearer NCOs establish wounded collecting post vicinity Bn HQ.

(e) Fd Amb Report Centre at 87342987 - vehs carrying wounded report to this centre - tactical vehs will NOT evacuate beyond this pt.

(f) ADS at 88022980 - CAR POST at crossrds 88052974.

(g) On completion of cable laying, sig veh will report to stretcher bearer NCOs at Bn HQ.

(h) Sub units will ensure that to enable our medical organisation to concentrate on own rather than enemy casualties:

- i. A gd will be placed over any enemy medical building, camp, or unit and the medical personnel will be ordered to continue their normal work.
- ii. Enemy medical eqpt is NOT touched except by medical personnel.
- iii. Enemy medical vehs are NOT used for other than medical purposes.

(i) If wounded are left unattended on the ground, their rifle and bayonet will be stuck in the ground beside them. If dead place steel helmet over rifle butt and straighten the body.

5. RATIONS:

(a) Chocolate emergency and one (1) days hard ration to be carried on man.

- (b) One days hard ration carried on Coy A Ech vehs.
(c) One days hard ration carried on Coy Pack Carrier.
(d) A further days hard ration will be brought fwd to Coys during night 23/24 Oct 42.
(e) The one days hard ration carried on the man will be consumed on 24 Oct 42.

6. WATER:

- (a) All water bottles filled.
(b) 1½ galls water per man for two days in 2 gall containers divided and carried on Coy A Ech vehs and Coy Pack Carriers.
(c) Res of one gall per man will be brought fwd to Coys on night 23/24 Oct 42.

7. AMM:

- (a) Carried on man - 150 rounds SAA, 1 36M Gren, 1 69 Gren - All IMG mags to be filled and carried throughout sec.
(b) TSMG - Gns carry 250 rounds.
(c) Coy res amm to be equally divided - carried on A Ech vehs and Coy Pack carriers.
(d) Unit res amm vehs will on arrival at objective deposit their loads and return for replenishments from 87552988. Amm dumps will be dispersed in Coy areas.

8. POL:

- (a) All tanks filled and 100 miles res. carried on each veh.
(b) Res POL will be dumped at Assembly area and on objective during night 23/24 Oct 42.

9. STORES:

- (a) .. Ech vehs and carriers will carry stores, weapons, picks, and shovels in excess of WE. One coil danner wire will be carried on front of veh.
(b) Blankets: Delivery of at least one blanket per man on night 23/24 Oct 42 if practicable.
(c) Greatcoats: A Ech vehs.

10. ORDNANCE: Sigs will be fwded stating casualties and losses of guns, weapons and vehs to this HQ as they occur.

11. Ps:

- (a) Bde Collecting Post est at 87652987.
(b) Coys escort to Right Axis thence to Bn FUP
(c) RPs and I Sgt est collecting post at FUP and escort to Bde Collecting Post.

12. GENERAL: Personnel riding in vehs will be protected by sandbags placed on front mudguards and floor boards. One incendiary bomb will be carried on each veh for destruction of same if required.

W. R. ... Capt
Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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HQ 2/13 AUST INF BN.
10 Oct 42.

FIELD FIRING

GENERAL. A suitable site has been selected for a field firing range. All coys will complete the practices set out below ensuring that every available man attends.

LOCATION. Ref. 44029029 - NE AACS Bulk Depot.

ROUTE. Via track junc 4358090195 and coast rd to AACS Bulk Depot thence left towards beach. Suitable signs will indicate range.

DATE. Commencing Sunday 11 Oct 42 at 1300 hrs.

ALLOCATION. A Coy - Sun 11 Oct 42 - 1300 hrs to 1800 hrs
 B Coy - Mon 12 Oct 42 - 0800 hrs " 1300 hrs
 C Coy - Mon 12 Oct 42 - 1300 hrs " 1800 hrs
 D Coy - Tue 13 Oct 42 - 0800 hrs " 1300 hrs
 HQ Coy - Tue 13 Oct 42 - 1300 hrs " 1800 hrs
 HQ Coy - Wed 14 Oct 42 - 0800 hrs " 1300 hrs.

PRACTICES. 1. LMG - 1 Mag per man
 2. Rifle - 10 rounds per man
 3. Rifle, firing from hip - 2 rounds
 4. 69 Grenade - 2 per man
 5. Bayonet Assault.
 6. TSMG - 1 Box Mag per man.
 7. Pistols
 8. Bayonet Trg.

METHOD.

(a) TARGETS. Number of targets - 10.
 LMG. - 3 x 4 gal tins placed together
 Rifle - i. 1 x 4 gal tin
 ii. 1 x 4 gal tin.
 69 Grenade - sandbag dummies
 Bayonet - sandbag dummies
 TSMG. Sandbag Dummies and
 . 4 gal tin

- (b) All practices will be carried out by secs under comd of Sec Leader.
- (c) Coy and Pl Comds will supervise fire orders, fire discipline and correct range discipline.
- (d) Coaches on the mound only. Coys will arrange for own coaches with each weapon.
- (e) LMG. 10 Bren Guns will be placed on the mound opposite each target. After firing LMG practice (1) the section will be moved back from the mound prior to next practice.

RIFLE. The sec will adv to the mound with fixed bayonets, fire practice (2), then under comd of Sec Leader move fwd to butts where the next row of targets come into view. Firing from the hip, Practice (3) will then be carried out whilst advancing.

GRENADE. After passing through second row of targets, sand bag dummies will be encountered. 69 Grenades - Practice (4) - will be thrown, followed up by a bayonet assault.

TSMG. Secs, after completion of course, will move left along the beach to the TSMG Butts for practice (6).

METHOD (Contd)

(e) PISTOLS. A small Butt will be available for offrs and ORs equipped with pistols.

BAYONET TRG. Whilst secs are waiting their turn on the mound, bayonet trg will be exercised 100 yds in rear of mound.

ADM. Weapons. All weapons will be carried.

Amn. SAA. All amn will be carried on the man - 50 rounds per man - all Bren mags to be filled.

69 Grenades. - 2 per man - available on the mound.

TSMG - 20 rounds per man - available on the mound.

ARMOURER. Regtl Armourer will be in attendance, on mound, during all shoots.

ALL clips and empties to be collected and returned to RSM.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

1. Each coy will appoint one offr to act as Safety Offr.
2. RED flags will be placed on flanks of course.
3. Piquets will also be posted at suitable pts.
4. Strict Range discipline will be observed throughout.

AA SEC.

AA Pl will provide local AA protection.

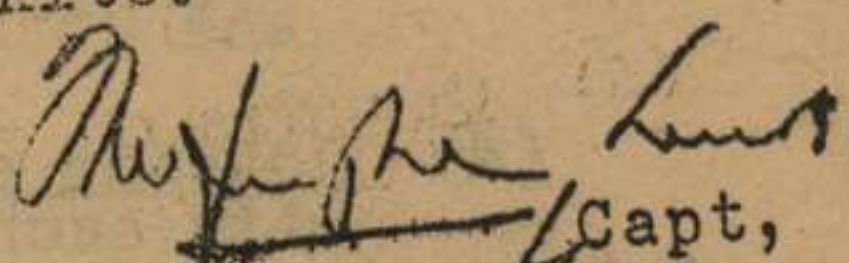
DRESS. Battle order.

RATIONS. Coys will mess in camp.
Water bottles will be carried.

LATRINE. A box latrine will be dug and placed in posn by A Coy and returned by HQ Coy.

MEDICAL.

1. RMO will arrange for amb to be in attendance.
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Capt,
Adjut 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

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Raymond Lewis
Capt,
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HQ 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
19 Oct 42.

HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.

ALLOTMENT OF VEHICLES.

Reference 20 Aust Inf Bde G23/1/509 dated 21 Sep 42 the following is submitted:-

Ref.:	Sub Unit	Motor Cycles	Carriers	Lt Vehs	Hy Vehs	Jeeps
W	Bn HQ	2	1	-	2 (Ammunition)	2
	Bn HQ	-	-	-	1 (IOs party and stores for Assembly Area, FUP)	-
	<u>HQ Coy</u>					
	No.1 Pl.	3	-	-	1 + Bde W/T Veh.	-
	No.2 Pl.	-	-	-	2	-
	No.3 Pl.	-	4	-	2	-
	No.4 Pl.	-	12	-	-	-
	A Tk Pl.	1	-	X	8 (Portees)	-
	MMG Pl.	1	-	-	2	-
	R.A.P.	-	-	-	1 + Ambulance	-
	<u>A Coy</u>	-	-	1	1	-
	<u>B Coy</u>	-	-	1	1	-
	<u>C Coy</u>	-	-	1	1	-
	<u>D Coy</u>	-	-	1	1	-
	<u>TOTAL</u>	7	17	3	23	2
X	T.O.	-	-	1	-	-
	Q.M.	-	-	-	2 (Rations from S.P. etc)	-
	Fitters	-	-	-	1	-
	Bn Rear HQ	-	-	1	-	-
	Each Coy(1)	-	-	-	6 (Rations and Stores)	-
	Mines	-	-	-	1	-
	Water Tks	-	-	-	2	-
	<u>TOTAL</u>	-	-	2	12	-
Y	Bn	-	-	-	20	-
Z		-	-	-	1 x	-

x One hy veh to be sent to 20 Aust Inf Bde - Amn Res.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

2/13 AUST INF BN.

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt Col R.W.N. Turner Comd.

Part 1. No 450.

In the Field.

5 Oct 42.

1. INJURIES. DRO No 565 of 28 Sep 42 is reprinted:-

(a) Attention is directed to ARO 381 of 1942 which is republished.
381. INJURIES. ACCIDENTAL.

(b) The number of accidental injuries causing absence from duty, has reached serious proportions. In the case of British Troops it gives rise to 20% of the admissions to hospital and it is the greatest single cause of admission in the Army as a whole.

(c) The main causes of these accidental injuries are:-

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ORs (Excl natives) 54 Rue ALY el KHABRI.

Native Troops- 2 Rue el KSOLE.

3. DISCIPLINE. The undermentioned sentences by Court Martial are published for information:-

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3. DISCIPLINE Contd.

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(a) Except in cases of extreme urgency or distress, officers or soldiers of the AIF will not apply to a Cash Office or Unit of British or other forces for payment, unless the Officer or soldier is attached for duty to such unit. Patients in hospitals or Convalescent Depots of other forces may be paid by such hospital or depots.

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for Adjnt 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

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ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt Col R.W.N. Turner Comd
Part 1. No 451.In the field.
5 Oct 42.

1. DISCIPLINE.

FGCM, NX 17825 CPL Patrick Maxwell TUCKER, held at MUSTAPHA BARRACKS.
ALEXANDRIA on 25/26 Sep 42.

CHARGES.

First charge sheet.

Charged con-) I. WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order & milit-
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NX 24367 Pte) 42, improperly used a War Department vehicle for
H. McCusker.) private purposes, that is to say an 8 cwt FORD num-
bered 4523654, the property of the War Department,
without lawful authority. AA Sec 40.

CHARGES:- Second charge sheet.

1. WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he at DEKHEILA
on the night 4/5 Aug 42 was absent from his platoon area from
2130 hrs until 0830 hrs on 5 Aug 42, being a total absence of
11 hrs. AA Sec 15 (1)

CHARGES:- Third charge sheet.

1. WOAS absenting himself without leave when in open arrest in
that he, at DEKHEILA on 13 Aug 42 when in open arrest, absent-
ed himself without leave from his platoon area from 1100 hrs
on 13 Aug 42 until 1525 hrs on 13 Aug 42, a total period of
absence of 4 hrs 25 mins. AA Sec 15 (1).

FINDING. 1st charge sheet.

NOT GUILTY.

2nd charge sheet.

GUILTY.

3rd charge sheet.

GUILTY with the exception that his absen-
-ce without leave began at 1130 hrs on
13 Aug 42 and not as alleged in the
particulars.

SENTENCE. To be reduced to the ranks.

CONFIRMATION. Charges on 1st, 2nd and 3rd charge sheets confirmed.
Sentence of Court confirmed by Brig A. Ramsay Adm Comd
9 AUST DIV on 30 Sep 42.

DATE OF PROMULGATION. 3 Oct 42.

PERIOD OF CONFINEMENT AWAITING TRIAL 44 days.

TOTAL FORFEITURE. 44 days.

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FINDING. 1st charge sheet.

NOT GUILTY.

4th charge sheet.

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13 Aug 42, and not as alleged in the particulars.

SENTENCE. To suffer Field Punishment for 28 days.

CONFIRMATION. Charges on 1st & 4th charge sheets confirmed. Sentence
of Court confirmed by Brig A. Ramsay Adm Comd 9 AUST DIV
30 Sep 42.

DATE OF PROMULGATION. 4 Oct 42.

PERIOD OF CONFINEMENT AWAITING TRIAL 37 days.

TOTAL FORFEITURE. 65 days.

for Adj't 2/B Aust Inf Bn
Cap

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NOT GUILTY.

4th charge sheet.GUILTY with the exception that absen-
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ROUTINE ORDERS

by

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Part 1. No 452.

In the Field.
19 Oct 42.

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1. **VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER.** A letter has been received from the Prime Minister asking that his thanks be conveyed to those responsible for the arrangements made for his various visits to the front and elsewhere. The Prime Minister asks that his personal thanks be conveyed to all who rendered him excellent service. This will be brought to the notice of all ranks.
 2. **APPLICATION OF GOs.** Attention is directed to the following GOs.
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 - (a) Imprisonment with hard labour for two years and to be discharged with ignominy from His Majesty's Service.
 - (b) Imprisonment with hard labour for 18 months and to be discharged from His Majesty's Service.
 - (c) Two years detention.

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AWL 5 days	-	6 months imprisonment.
" 36 hrs	-	do do
" 1 day	-	Six months detention.
" 1 day	-	Nine months detention.
" 5 days	-	Imprisonment with hard labour for one year.
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 - (e) A private soldier convicted of two charges of desertion from this area and one charge of escaping from confinement was sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for five years.
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3. DISCIPLINE Contd.

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	Eggs	9.000	
	Vinegar	1.600	
	Cakes	40.500	£E 188.500

The vegetables consisted of:-

	Lbs.
Pumpkin	1517
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Sweet Potatoes	1786
Cucumbers	680
Bananas	1925
Cabbages	380 (only)
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Other purchases from regimental funds were as under:-

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Mincing Machine	2.200	
Flags for MT	5.490	
Batteries	2.160	
Blow Lamp	2.500	
	33.000.	£E 93.350.

Free issue of X mas cards.

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CANTEEN PROFIT DISTRIBUTION.

- (a) Canteen profit amounting to £A 5126.13.6 have been distributed for the month of July 1942.
- (b) Total amount distributed to 31 July 42 is £A 251,381.18.0.

(Signature)

.....Capt
for Adjt 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

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Mincing Machine	2.200	
Flags for MT	5.490	
Batteries	2.160	
Blow Lamp	2.500	
Free issue of X mas cards.	33.000.	£E 93.350.

(5) CANTEEN PROFIT DISTRIBUTION.

- (a) Canteen profit amounting to £A 5126.13.6 have been distributed for the month of July 1942.
- (b) Total amount distributed to 31 July 42 is £A 251,381.18.0.

Chubwaizor
Capt
 for Adjt 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

Mails- Delivery in Australia. Advice has been received that mails posted in the Middle East between 9 Aug 42 and 21 Aug 42 were received in Melbourne by 19 Sep 42.

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THE QUEEN'S BAYS O. INSTR. No. 1 for
Operation "LIGHTFOOT"

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Ref. Maps : 1/100,000 EL HAMMAN
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MOST SECRET.

1. INF.

Enemy.

90 Lt. Div. - Area 850310
15 Pz. Div.)
Littorio) - Area 860303
F.D.L's 164 Div)
Trento) - Area Coast to 285 NORTHING.

Own Tps

30 Corps

30 Corps are attacking as follows :-

(a) Right 9 Aust. Div.
Right-Centre 51 Div.
Left-Centre 2 New Zealand Div.
Left 1 S.A. Div.

(b) 30 Corps objective on 9 Aust Div and 51 Div front is as follows :-

86702980 - 86702960 - 86952923

(c) Junction Pt of 9 Aust Div and 51 Div on final objectives is 86702960

10 Corps

10 Corps are advancing through the bridge made by 30 Corps and deploying to the WEST of the minefields.

1 Armd Div - Right
10 Armd Div - Left

Tanks

(a) 40 RTR (Valentines) are under comd 9 Aust Div.

(b) Two Tps Churchills are under comd 7 Motor Bde.

7 Motor Bde

7 Motor Bde is advancing in rear of 2 Armd Bde and is covering the Northern Flank when 2 Armd Bde advancing to SKINFLINT.

12 L

12 L are receiving from first light D plus 1 in area EL KHARASH 854304 - GIBRIL KHAMIS 863303 - centre Div boundary with 10 Armd Div between Pt 32 866293 and Pt 47 854294.

2 Armd Bde.

2 Armd Bde will advance through and deploy beyond the enemy minefields on night D/D plus 1 with the object of preventing counter-attacks by enemy tanks on 9 Aust Div and 51 Div.

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R.A.

2 RHA is deploying at approx. 874296 with the primary role of supporting the 2 Armd Bde. O.Ps will be allotted to fwd Sqns.

Defensive Flanks.

On arrival in deployment area One Bty 76 A/Tk RA will extend right flank of Bays Eastwards to 9 Aus Div final objective at approx. 86702970.

2. INTENTION.

Bays Regtl. Gp will move from Assembly Area by S.P. and Regulating Pt and pass through minefields (PHASE 1) The Gp will deploy to prevent counter-attacks by enemy tks on 9 Aust Div. (PHASE 2)

3. METHOD.

Phase 1.

(a) Bays Regtl. Gp. will be ready to pass S.P. (to be notified later) at 2130 hrs D day.

(b) Order of March.

- Recce Tp.
 - "H" Det. 1 Fd Sqn, RE.
 - B Sqn, Bays.
 - C Sqn, Bays.
 - RHQ.
 - A Sqn Y.D.
 - D Sqn, Y.D.
 - A Sqn, Bays.
 - A Bty, 11(HAC) RHA
- B.1 Ech will follow in the rear of Bty of 76 A/Tk Regt, RA.

(c) Speed and Density

From S.P. to Regulating pt 6 min. 50 v.t.m.
From Regulating Pt fwd 3 m.i.h. 50 v.t.m.

(d) Bays Regtl. Gp. will move fwd from Regulating Pt on D plus 1 at 0200 hrs

Phase 2.

(a) Bays Regtl. Gp. will be prepared to fight their way through the enemy minefields and will deploy two up:

- B Sqn - Right
- C Sqn - Left
- 10 H Regtl. Gp left of C Sqn.

Right of B Sqn at pt 33 866296.
Left of C Sqn at 30 Ring Contour at 86642957.
O.C. A Sqn, Y.D. will dispose his MG to support the Bty 76 A/Tk Regt RA.
A Bty 11(HAC) RHA will come into action to support above dispositions.
Remainder of Gp in res. behind RHQ.

(b) Recce Tp and A Sqn Bays will be prepared to move fwd to high ground 863295.

4. ADM.

- (a) One RASC Pet lorry for each B and C Sqns, Bays will accompany Sqns from Assembly Area to 'top up' at the Regulating Pt. On completion of 'topping up' these lorries will report to the Adj. All other vehs will carry 20 miles of pet.
- (b) Further Adm Instr will be issued later.

5. INTERCOMM.

- (a) Wireless silence will be maintained until first contact.
- (b) Rear Link will maintain listening watch from 2000 hrs D day.
- (c) All sub-unit rear links will maintain listening watch from the Regulating Pt.
- (d) AEV Recognition.
 - Oct 23 - 26 Pennants two centre.
Reply to challenge - Flag vertical.
 - Oct 27 - 30 Pennants two top.
Reply to challenge - Flag horizontal.
- (e) Ground to air recognition.
 - Blue smoke.
 - Aldis lamp - letter G.
- (f) Target Land Mark.
 - Red smoke.
 - Aldis lamp - letter V.
This letter may be used in conjunction with the ground strip V.
- (g) Code Words.
 - First Bound - PEARSON.
 - Second Bound - SKINFLINT.
 - 30 Corps Final Objective - OXALIC.

6. GENERAL.

- (a) Re-allotment of Routes.
 - As soon as possible after D plus 1 Star route will be reserved for all rearward traffic.
 - Sun and Moon routes will not be available for this purpose.
- (b) Gap Codes.
 - Gaps through all minefields will be known as follows :-
 - OWN Minefield - "SUNBEAM"
 - ENEMY Minefield 1 - "SUNRISE"
 - ENEMY Minefield 2 - "SUNLIGHT"
 - ENEMY Minefield 3 - "SUNSET"
- (c) Reqs of sub-units will meet Major G.L. Streeter, MC to receive routes to Regtl. S.P. at 1400 hrs 22 Oct 42.
- (d) Dispersal.
 - WEST of SPRINGBOX rd and EAST of own minefields; NO dispersal off the routes is permitted.
- (e) Route markings, etc.
 - (i) By night - Sun, Half Moon, and Star punched in illuminated Pet tins.
By day. Tin signs of these shapes.
 - (ii) Red lights will be indicated to denote mines, broken down vehs, or areas to be avoided, also red lights will be used at T.C.Ps to halt vehs for reporting purposes, etc.
 - (iii) Wld vehs will leave all route marking lights on their RIGHT.
 - (iv) Tracked vehs will move to one side of the routes. The side on which they move will vary and further instr. will follow.

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- (v) Blue and white lights will indicate a telephone.
 - (vi) All minefield gaps will be marked with AMBER and GREEN lights.
 - (f) The floor-boards over the wheels of all B vehs passing through the minefields will be sandbagged.
 - (g) All windscreens of vehs moving from Assembly Area will be 100% clean by 1700 hrs D day. Sunshields and Cannibal lorries will be removed by 1930 hrs D day.
 - (h) All sub-units will synchronize watches at regular intervals with the Signal Officer, Bays. All sub-unit comds will render a return to this HQ by 1800 hrs 22 Oct 42 stating :-
 - (i) Number of Vehs that will move on night D/D plus 1, less B.L Ech Vehs.
 - (ii) Number of Vehs that will travel with B.L. Ech.

Field.
 Time of Signature.....hrs, 22 Oct 42.
 Method of Despatch.....S.D.R.
OFFICER ONLY.

B. R. Nicholson Capt.,
 Adjt., The Queen's Bays Regt. Gp.

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Distribution :-

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	5.....	O.C.	A Sqn,	Y.D.
	6.....	O.C.	D Sqn,	Y.D.
	7.....	O.C.	R Det,	1 Fd Sqn, RE.
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Appendices
A & B following

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Copy No. 29
2/48 Aust Inf Bn
22 Oct 42

2/48 AUST INF BN OO NO 46

Ref Maps: EL ALAMEIN 1:50000
EL HIQEIF 1:50000
EL WISKA 1:25000
EL MAHK KHAD 1:25000

INFORMATION

1. Latest enemy infm is contained in:-
 - (a) Defences overprints 1:25000 and 1:50000
 - (b) Aerial photograph interpretation traces.
 - (c) Patrol and OP infm traces.
 - (d) Latest sitreps and 9 Aust Div Summaries.
2.
 - (a) 9 Aust Div is to attack with the object of destroying the enemy forces in their present locations.
 - (b) 20 Aust Inf Bde is to attack on the left and 26 Aust Inf Bde on the right. 24 Aust Inf Bde is holding present FDLs as a firm base.
 - (c) 2/24 Aust Inf Bn is to attack first line of enemy FDLs to RED LINE and reorganise from their objective to first enemy FDLs - facing North.
 - (d) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn is to move through the 2/24 Aust Inf Bn, attack second enemy line and reorganise facing North and West in the area bounded by 867 and 299 grid lines.
 - (e) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will remain as a mob Divisional res.
 - (f) A composite force is to hold the line facing North from our present FDLs to first enemy line.
3. Tps in support of 2/48 Aust Inf Bn:-
 - M and N Tps 12 Aust A Tk Bty
 - 3 Pl A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
 - 2/7 Aust Fd Coy is responsible for mine clearance and mine-field gaps.
4. Arty support divided on all known enemy localities, mine-fields and wire and on the right flank of 2/48 Aust Inf Bn line of adv.

INTENTION

5. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will attack and capture enemy localities and hold the area between 867 and 869 grids.

METHOD

6. The attack will be carried out in three phases:-
7. PHASE 1 - INTERMEDIATE OBJECTIVE: The capture of the enemy second line of defences by the two fwd Coys - as per Appx A.
 - (a) Fwd Coys: D Coy right - B Coy left.
 - (b) Res Coys: C Coy right - A Coy left.
8. PHASE 2 - The passing through of C and A Coys to continue the adv to the final objective.
 - (a) Fwd Coys: C Coy right - A Coy left.
 - (b) Res Coys: D Coy right - B Coy left.

9. PHASE 3 - FINAL OBJECTIVE: Coys swing to the North and NW reorganising on the general line as per Appx A.
- (a) D Coy - Right fwd facing North.
 - (b) C Coy - Centre fwd facing North.
 - (c) A Coy - Left fwd facing NW.
 - (d) B Coy - Bn res facing NW.
10. COY TASKS:
- (a) D Coy right:

TASKS: i. Capture enemy localities from Centre line (incl) to right flank - as per Appx A.

 - ii. Hold ground gained on line of Intermediate Objective until res Coys pass through.
 - iii. Swing to North and reorganise on general line of 299 grid facing North.
 - iv. Lay protective minefield to link up with enemy wire on East, to C Coy on the West.
 - (b) B Coy left:

TASKS: i. Capture enemy localities from Centre line (excl) to inter Bde Boundary (incl) - as per Appx A.

 - ii. Hold ground gained on line of Intermediate Objective until res Coys pass through.
 - iii. Continue adv in rear A Coy and reorganise in Bn res facing NW in the general area of 25 Contour to 86802984.
 - (c) C Coy right:

TASKS: i. Follow in rear of D Coy from FUP until capture of Intermediate Objective - distance in rear

 - ii. Pass through D Coy and adv to North South track on 8681 grid then swing North to general line of 299 grid reorganising facing North - as per Appx A.
 - iii. Lay protective minefield to link up with A Coy on the West.
 - (d) A Coy left:

TASKS: i. Follow in rear of B Coy from FUP until capture of Intermediate Objective - distance in rear

 - ii. Pass through B Coy and adv to track just East of 868 grid then move NW to general line of 867 grid facing West to NW linking up with C Coy on the right - as per Appx A.
 - iii. Lay protective minefield from North to South to link up with C Coy on the right.
11. ASSEMBLY AREA: Area sq 873298 - See Appx A.
12. FUP: Covers complete frontage of attack (800 yds) - See Appx A.
13. BEARING OF ADV: 267 deg (grid).
14. RATE OF ADV:
- (a) Assembly area to FUP - 100 yds in two mins.
 - (b) FUP to Objectives - 100 yds in three mins.
15. PAUSES: Various pauses as set out in table of timings, distances etc - See Appx B.

- 16. LIMIT OF EXPLOITATION: Limited to immediate fronts of Coys sufficient to clear pockets of enemy to assist reorganisation.
- 17. JUNC PTS AND REPORT CENTRES:
 - (a) A Coy 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will contact B Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn at 86702982.
 - (b) B Coy 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will contact C Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn at 86832982.
 - (c) Report centres will be established as shown in Appx C and marked with two green lights one above the other.
- 18. TIMINGS: See Appx B.
- 19. MOPPING UP:
 - (a) To ensure mopping up and the covering of the frontage of the attack:
 - Left fwd Coys will echelon res pl to cover inter Bde Boundary.
 - Right fwd Coys will echelon res pl to cover Centre line.
 - (b) Careful Coy arrangements to eliminate any pockets of enemy resistance on line of adv.
- 20. LIGHTS AND GUIDES: All lights placed in posn by 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will be attended by a guide.
 - (a) Present location to Assembly Area:
 - i. Bn TO will liaise with Bde TO and establish the required TCFs en route.
 - ii. Bn TO to light route to 2/48 Aust Inf Bn debussing area. Unit A Echelon Pk Bn Assembly area.
 - iii. Adjut responsible to guide Bn from Debussing area to respective posns in Assembly area.
 - (b) Assembly area to FUP:
 - i. IO to mark Assembly area as follows:-
Two green lights centre
Green light 200 yds to each flank.
 - ii. Centre line to FUP - line of green lights laid by 2/24 Aust Inf Bn as axis of adv.
 - (c) FUP to Objective:
 - i. IO to mark FUP as follows:-
Centre - two green lights
Green light 200 yds to each flank (this indicates middle of Coy frontage).
Tape between flank lights.
 - ii. Centre line to Objectives will be marked under direction of IO with green lights every 200 yds on axis of adv.
 - (d) Guides - Supporting Arms and Weapons: Guides to move to Objectives with Coys - return down vehicle axis and guide vehs fwd.
 - (e) Eng Plan
 - i. Axis Marking - the marking and taping of Right Axis. the marking, taping and lighting of Left Axis (2/48 Aust Inf Bn veh axis)
 - ii. Gaps: 2/48 Aust Inf Bn veh gap 200 yds South of Right Axis.
Emergency gap 100 yds South of Right Axis.

21. MORTAR PL:

- (a) Two dets each A and C Coys.
- (b) One det each B and D Coys.

Tasks: Assist in reorganisation.

22. CARRIER PL:

- (a) One sec each A and C Coys.
- (b) Two carriers and one trailer B Coy.
- (c) Two carriers D Coy.
- (d) One carrier (with Coy pack) res to replace casualties.
- (e) If time permits before first light, two secs return to veh assembly area for refill.
- (f) Carriers with Tow Hooks available for towing. All carriers prepared to ferry weapons and amm from casualty vehs.
- (g) Carrier Comd est Route patrol to assist in towing, ferrying, clearing of vehs from gaps.
- (h) Move into Bn res in area 86902980 when above tasks complete.

23. PIONEER PL:

- (a) Three Pnrs with each B and D Coys for booby traps and laying mines.
- (b) Pnr Pl (less 6 Pnrs) Bn HQ Gp.

Tasks: i. Protection of Bn HQ from enemy, booby traps and mines.
ii. Preparation of Bn HQ.

24. MMGs:

- (a) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn - i. One Pl (4 guns) - A Coy.
ii. Two guns, unmanned, for res guns to be manned if personnel available after reorganisation.

Tasks: DF across A Coy front during reorganisation. By observation at daylight.

- (b) 2/2 Aust MG Bn - One Pl - C Coy

Task: DF across C Coy fronts during reorganisation. By observation at daylight.

25. A TK GUNS:

- (a) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn - One sec each C and D Coys.
Task: A Tk defence to North linking up with A Coy on the left.

- (b) 12 Aust A Tk Bty - i. One tp A Coy. Task: A Tk defence to the West and NW.
ii. One tp B Coy. Task: Defence in depth covering arc from SW to NW of A Coy.

(Note: One tp A Tk guns are held in Ede res probably in the area junc 869 - 298 grids.)

26. ARTY:

- (a) Arty representatives with Bn HQ.
- (b) At first light OPOs available to operate over Bn front.
- (c) Repeats on numbered concentrations as per arty task diagram may be called for during hrs of darkness.
- (d) Defensive fire plan to assist reorganisation is being arranged.

27. SEC 2/7 AUST FD COY:

- (a) Att parties to each coy for disarming booby traps.
- (b) Personnel to Coys to fire Bangalores to clear gaps in wire etc.
- (c) Move in rear of 2/48 Aust Inf Bn to sweep Bn veh routes clear of mines - est and maintain gaps in minefields encountered.
- (d) Mark and light route of 2/48 Aust Inf Bn A Ech Axis.
- (e) Personnel to move with A, C, D Coys A Ech vehs to lay Hawkins mines to protect fwd Coys on reorganisation.
- (f) Improve above minefield as situation permits.

28. AIR SP: Requests for air sp to Bn HQ giving type of target and area located.

29. VEH - SUPPORTING ARMS AND WEAPONS: RV present Bn area D day to come under comd Maj F A G TUCKER for move from lying up area - veh assembly area - objective.

30. ZERO:

ADM: See separate instns.

INTERCOMM:

31. Bn HQ:

- (a) Present location till 1845 hrs.
- (b) Opens at Assembly Area on arrival.
- (c) During adv between res pls of res coys along axis of adv.
- (d) Objective, area 86862984 marked by two (all round) blue lights.

32. REPORT CENTRES:

- (a) Bn Assembly area.
- (b) Start line.
- (c) On centre line at 86862986 in vicinity of Bn HQ.

33. R/T:

- (a) Control set at Bn HQ, one set with each Coy, CO and rear HQ. Frequency and call signs issued separately.
- (b) R/T to Bde Gp.
- (c) Wireless silence till Zero.

34. L/T:

- (a) From Bde to veh Assembly area.
- (b) Bde cable following adv to objective.
- (c) Bde cable from 2/24 Bn to 2/48 Bn.
- (d) To all Coys during reorganisation.

35. V/S: Lucas lamp as alternative means - Lamps will flash back from Coys to indicate location - clipped dots for three secs every two mins (A Coy red, B Coy green, C Coy amber, D Coy white).

36. RUNNERS:

- (a) Pro forma messages used where applicable.
- (b) One runner from each coy remain with Bn HQ during adv.
- (c) One runner to report to Bn HQ on reaching final Objective.

- 37. GROUND TO AIR RECOGNITION: ALDIS lamp letter for the day will be G and ground sig blue smoke by A, C, D Coys. (Sigs fired at 0800 hrs D plus 1.
- 38. REPORTS: The capture of Objectives will be reported and repeated by every means available. Progress reports to be continually sent back.
- 39. CODE WORDS FOR OBJECTIVES:
 - (a) Capture of Intermediate Objective:-
 - D Coy "ROBINS"
 - B Coy "EDMUNDS"
 - Codeword to 26 Bde "HAMMER"
 - (b) Final Objective:-
 - A Coy "SHILLAKER"
 - C Coy "ERYANT"
 - Codeword to 26 Bde "GRAPE"
- 40. In event of R/T failure:
 - (a) On capture of Intermediate Objective:
 - D Coy fires two white flares.
 - B Coy fires two green flares.
 - (b) On capture of Final Objective:
 - A Coy fires red green flares repeated two min interval.
 - C Coy fires white red white repeated two min interval.
 - D Coy fires green green green repeated two min interval.
- 41. SUCCESS SIGNALS: On capture of Final Objective one sig rocket yellow will be fired by Bn HQ. This sig will be repeated twice at intervals of one min to ensure recognition.
- 42. SOS:
 - (a) By all available means.
 - (b) SOS light sig will be SIGNAL ROCKET three star with trailer.
- 43. SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES: By sigs at 1700 hrs D Day.

W. Read Capt
 Adit 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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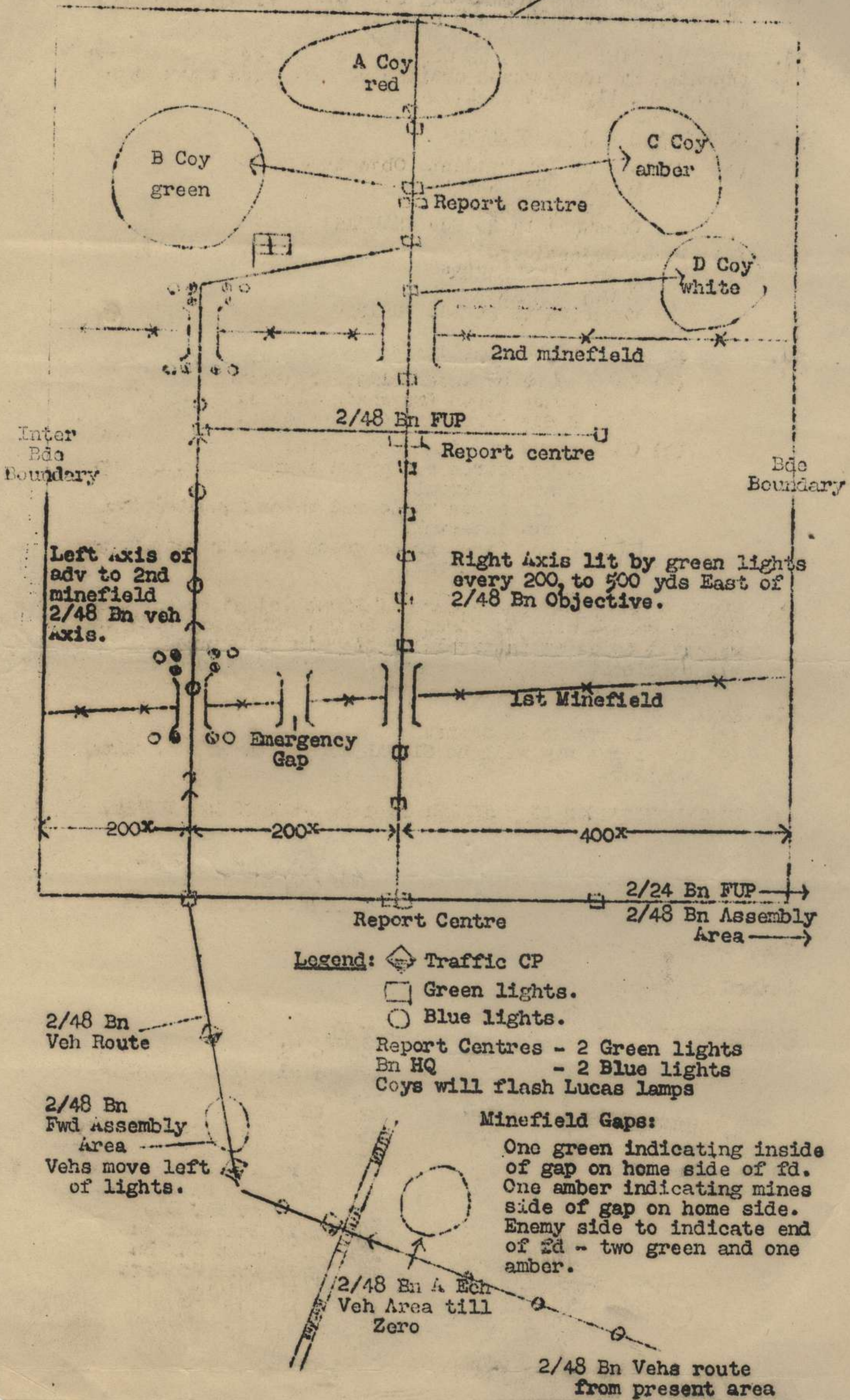
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Method of Issue: *Sigs*

<u>DISTRIBUTION:</u>	<u>Copy No</u>	<u>Copy No</u>
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	2 B Coy	19 5 P1
	3 C Coy	20, 21 A Tk P1
	4 D Coy	22 MG P1
	5 HQ Coy	23 M Tp 12 Aust A Tk Bty
	6 CO	24 N Tp 12 Aust A Tk Bty
	7 2 I/c	25 3 P1 A Coy 2/2 MG Bn
	8 Adjt	26 2/7 Aust Fd Coy RAE
	9 QM	27 26 Aust Inf Bde
	10 IO	28 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
	11 TO	29 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
	12 RSM	30 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
	13 RMO	30, 31 War Diary
	14 PRO SGT	32 File
	15 1 P1	33, 34 Spares.
	16 2 P1	
	17 3 P1	

DIAGRAMMATIC ONLY

2/48 Bn Objective



Legend:

- ◇ Traffic CP
- Green lights.
- Blue lights.
- Report Centres - 2 Green lights
- Bn HQ - 2 Blue lights
- Coys will flash Lucas lamps

Minefield Gaps:

One green indicating inside of gap on home side of fd.
 One amber indicating mines side of gap on home side.
 Enemy side to indicate end of fd - two green and one amber.

2/48 Bn Veh Route

2/48 Bn Fwd Assembly Area

Vehs move left of lights.

2/48 Bn A Ech Veh Area till Zero

2/48 Bn Vehs route from present area

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2/48 AUST INF BN MOVEMENT TABLE

(issued in conjunction with 2/48 Aust Inf Bn OO No 46)

1. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn and Supporting Arms will move to 87652998 on night 23/24 Oct 42.
2. START POINT: Track junc at 88172973
3. START TIME: 1910 hrs
4. ROUTE: From SP along COAST RD to North - South track (879298) then ~~COAST~~ RD to No 1 TCP at 87782994 thence to Debussing Area at 87652998. Tps will NOT debuss until ordered by CO.
5. SPEED AND DENSITY: 8 mih 40 vtm.
6. AASC TPT: Will return under direction of AASC Offr after debussing tps in Debussing Area.
7. BN AND SUPPORTING ARMS A ECH VEHS: Under comd Maj F A G TUCKER will move to Debussing Area as per table, and remain until ordered to move by Maj TUCKER, then proceed to fwd veh Assembly Area at 87562986 and form up on left of Left Axis in the 200 yds space between Left Axis and Inter Bde boundary; move from fwd veh Assembly Area on orders from Maj TUCKER.
8. TRAFFIC CONTROL: (a) Comde all tpt gps will pull into a posn in present area prior to last light to ensure that they join convoy in correct order of move as shown below:
(b) TO will control move this area.
9. Strict adherence to times is essential.

SERIAL	SUB UNIT ORDER OF MOVE	REMARKS
1	D Coy	
2	B Coy	
3	Bn HQ, Sigs, Pnrs	
4	C Coy	
5	A Coy	
6	One Sec 2/7 Aust Fd Coy RAE	
7	One sec carriers	A Coy packs
8	M and N Tps 12 Aust A Tk Bty	B and A Coys Guns

1. D Coy to pull down out track and ensure that SP is crossed on time.

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Appx B
23 Oct 42SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

(issued in conjunction with 2/48 Aust Inf Bn OO No 46)

SERIAL	EVENT	DISTANCE IN YDS	CLOCK TIMINGS	ZERO TIMINGS Z - 2200 hrs	REMARKS
1	Bn and att tps leave present area	-	1910)
2	Bn and att tps arrive Debussing Pt	7500 (approx))
3	Rifle Coys move to Assembly Area	3700 (")	2135	Z minus 25)
4	Arrive Assembly Area	-	2305	Z plus 65)
5	Depart Assembly Area	-	2323	Z plus 83	
6	Arrive FUP	3000	0023	Z plus 143	
7	Depart FUP	-	0038	Z plus 158	
8	Fwd Coys arrive 2nd Minefield	1500 (approx)	-	-	
9	Fwd Coys stop on Intermediate Objective	2550	0155	Z plus 235)
10	Res Coys pass through Fwd Coys	2550	0210	Z plus 250)
11	D Coy - swings NE	2550	0215	Z plus 255	Left flank on 2550 ^x line
12	C Coy - swings North	2775	0217	Z plus 257	Right flank pivots on track
13	A Coy - moves NW (at line of cairns and track)	2800	0217	Z plus 257	
14	B Coy - halts and reorganises	2900	0220	Z plus 260	Distance represents coy rear boundary.
15	A Coy - halts and reorganises	3900	0250	Z plus 290	Distance represents coy fwd boundary.

Note: Zero - 2200 hrs 23 Oct 42.

SERIAL.	SUB-UNIT	ORDER OF MOVE	REMARKS
9	Bn A Tk Pl	C and D Coys Guns	<p>2. Following gps must liaise and ensure that they fall into correct order of move and without leaving gaps in convoy.</p> <p>3. Last veh in convoy will report convoy clear of TCPs.</p>
10	One sec carriers	C Coy packs	
11	Two carriers	D Coy packs	
12	Two carriers (with trailer)	B Coy packs	
13	Two carriers res	Bn res	
14	Bn MMG Pl	A Coy guns	
15	3 Pl A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	C Coy guns	
16	Two dets Mortars	A Coy	
17	Two dets Mortars	C Coy	
18	One det Mortars	D Coy	
19	One det Mortars	B Coy	
20	A Ech vehs	Order of A, C, D, B, Coys	
21	1 Pns	Bn res	
	Wireless veh		
	RAP		

W R Reid Capt
 Adj't 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Distribution as per CO No 46.

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APPX "J"

23 Oct 42.

ACTION OF 1 ARMD DIV

(Issued in conjunction with 9 Aust Div OO No 21 dated 17 Oct 42)

A NIGHT D/D plus 1

ATTENTION

1 Armd Div will pass through the bridgehead to be seized by 30 Corps on night D/D plus 1 as quickly as possible

METHOD

2. SUN MOON and STAR tracks west of SPRINGBOK RD will be reserved exclusively for the use of 1 Armd Div w.e.f. 2400 hrs D/D plus 1 day.

3. Minefield Task Force

(a) Clear 3 gaps in all enemy minefields up to and incl 9 Aust Div and 51 HD final objective. A fourth gap may be made and kept as a res.

(b) Mark with and maintain lights on all gaps made in enemy minefields.

4. RA

- 2 RHA approx area 874296
- 4 RHA Minefield area approx 870295
- 78 Fd Regt Div arty area approx 866294
- HAMMER FORCE Div arty area approx 866294

5. Minefield Gap Code

- Own minefield
- 1st enemy minefield
- 2nd enemy minefield
- 3rd enemy minefield

SUN ROUTE

- SUNBEAM
- SUNRISE
- SUNLIGHT
- SUNSET

B Summary of 1 Armd Div Op Instn No 20

ATTENTION

1 Armd Div will destroy the enemy armour on or west of the 867 easting easting. The code word for this line is OXALIC.

METHOD

7. (a) 2 Armd Bde will precede the div initially on 10 Corps first bound (code word PIERSON) pt 23 866296 - Ring Contour 866295 - Pt 29 865294.

(b) The div will take part in a 10 Corps advance to the Corps objective TEL EL AQQAQIR 860297 - 863295 - cairn at 864290 - 859292.

8. 2 Armd Bde will be prepared to overcome possible enemy resistance during its passage through the enemy posns to the line OXALIC.

9. Infrm about enemy movements and dispositions west of OXALIC will be obtained by recon tps from first light in the area EL KHARASH 854304 - GIBRIL KHAMIS 863303 - Div bndy with 10 Armd Div between pt 32 866293 and pt 47 854294.

10 (a) On arrival at OXALIC 2 Armd Bde will deploy on bound PIERSON.

(b) Second posn will be HIGH GROUND 863295 (SKIN PLINT) and 2 Armd Bde will advance to this when Motor Bde Gp is in a posn to cover the northern flank as it extends.

(c) During the adv of 2 Armd Bde, 7 Motor Bde Gp will establish an A Tk screen facing north from about pt 33 866296 to north flank of 2 Armd Bde Gp.

11. Subsequent action to engage and destroy the enemy armour.

NOTE:- 1 Armd Div may use one of the gaps in the enemy fwd minefields made by RAE in 2/15 Bn sector, to pass through his RE minelifting parties. Armour is not using gaps made by 9 Aust Div.

Distribution:- 20 Aust Inf Bde (8 - incl copy for 40 RTR) 24 Aust Inf Bde, 26 Aust Inf Bde (4), 9 Aust Div Cav Regt, RAA(6), RAE(4), Sigs, 2/2 Aust MG Bn, 2/3 Par Bn, Comd, G(2), Q(2), AASC, Medical, Ord,

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20 AUST INF BDE- CO.No.24.

Ref Maps Overprints TEL EL EISA Area 1; 25000.

INFORMATION:

1. (a) 40 RTR passes from under comd 20 Aust Inf Bde to in sp 26 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) 26 Aust Inf Bde is to capture and hold on night 25/26 Oct 42 the following objectives:-
 - all incl 25 Contour spur in 867301 and 868300- enemy locality.
 - 87053008- excl composite force Post 6 87152989- excl present northern flank to 86702990
- (c) Composite Force will conform to the adv by establishing a new line to link Post 3 to excl enemy post 87053008.

INTENTION:

2. 20 Aust Inf Bde will take over 26 Aust Inf Bde fwd area to excl the 299 northing grid by 2100 hrs and subsequently to 300 northing grid excl.

METHOD:

3. Bndys:
 - (a) Inter-Bde between 20 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes
87342984- 87012983-86802990 thence 299 northing grid.
 - (b) Inter-on Bndy between 13 and 17 Aust Inf Bns
87002972- 86702975.
4. Movement:
 - (a) 2/17 Aust Inf Bn will extend FDLs to the north and take over 2/48 Aust Inf Bn area. Altered disposns by direct Liaison with 2/48 Aust Inf Bn.
 - (b) 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will alter disposns in accordance with verbal orders by Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde. Fwd tps on the 8701 casting grid.
 - (c) 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will extend FDLs to the inter-Bn bndy.
5. Subsequent Action:

2/17 Aust Inf Bn will be prepared to take over defended locality in square 867299 and link with 2/48 Aust Inf Bn after 26 Aust Inf Bde have gained objectives stated in para 1 (b).
6. A Tk:
 - (a) 9 Aust ATK Bty reverts to comd 20 Aust Inf Bde and will be disposed to cover new Bde front under direction Comd 9 Aust ATK Bty.
 - (b) Co-ord of Bde ATK resources by Comd 9 Aust ATK Bty.
7. RAE:

2/13 Aust Fd Coy will supply and supervise the laying of ATK mines on Bde front.
8. MG: Comd B Coy will co-ord Bde MMG def.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

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Issued through Sigs and LOs.

Burton Maj.
EM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	3.	SC.	10.
9 Aust ATK Bty.	4.	Sigs.	11.
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.	5.	2/8 Aust Pd Amb.	12.
2/13 Aust Pd Coy.	6.	File.	13.
26 Aust Inf Bde.	7.	War Diary.	14-15.

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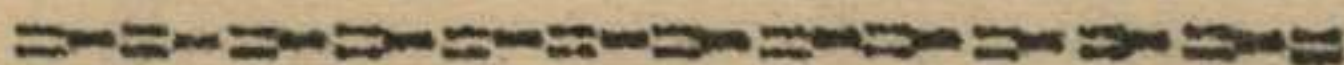
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OPERATIONAL ORDER "SYDNEY".

D I S T R I B U T I O N.

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" "	6.	O.C. "A" Sqn.
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" "	9.	O.C. "H.Q." Sqn.
" "	10.	Capt. R.S.G. Strachan. (B.T.A.)
" "	11.	Capt. H.J.C. Robinson. (E.M. ¹ / ₂ E.)
" "	12.	Lieut. R.M. Arnold.
" "	13.	2/Lt. W.J. Thompson.
" "	14.	2/Lt. E.J.P. Roberts.
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" "	16.	Capt. W.C. Hayes. (Padre).
" "	17.	Lieut. F.C. Churchman. (Q.M.)
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" "	19.	9 Aust Div.
" "	20.	20 Aust Inf Bde.
" "	21.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
" "	22.	H.Q. 23 Armd Bde Gp.
" "	23.	2/12 Aust R. A.
" "	24.	War Diary.
" "	25.	File.
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OPERATIONAL ORDER "SYDNEY".

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Ref. Maps: El Alamein. 1: 50,000.
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 El Hqeif. 1: 50,000.

INFORMATION:1. Enemy.

As given verbally and shown on defence overprint 1: 50,000.

2. Own Tps.

(a) (i) Eighth Army is attacking to destroy the enemy in his present positions

(ii) 30 Corps is attacking simultaneously with (in order from the North)
 9 Aust. Div., 51 ID., 2 NZ Div., 1 SA Div. fwd to secure Pt. 27
 867298 - 86702960 - Trig 30 870292 - MITEIRIYA RIDGE to Pt. 33 877287.

(iii) On capture of this bridgehead 10 Armd Corps is to debouch through
 30 Corps to continue the battle to the WEST and SW.

(b) 9 Aust Div is to:

(i) Capture and hold the area incl the enemy locations at 87122991 - Pt 23
 872296 - 86702960 - Pt 867298.

(ii) Facilitate the passage of 10 Corps through the bridgehead.

(iii) Exploit. 9 Aust Div will attack in the following formation:

24 Aust Inf Bde holding present coastal sector.

26 Aust Inf Bde - centre.

20 Aust Inf Bde - left.

51 Highland Div - on 20 Aust Inf Bde left flank.

23 Armd. Bde. Gp., less three Regiments, will be in 30 Corps
 Reserve in Area 876297.

INTENTION.

20 Aust Inf Bde which consists of, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn., 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.,
 2/17 Aust Inf Bn., att. Tps. all Arms and 40 R. Tanks.

This Bde. will capture and hold area as shown on trace Appx "A".

40 R. Tanks will support 2/13 Aust Inf Bn and put them on their objective
 shown in trace Appx "A".

METHOD.

(a) The attack will be carried out in two phases.

PHASE 1. Capture of first objective by 2/15 Aust Inf Bn and 2/17 Aust Inf
 Bn.

PHASE 2. Capture of second objective by 2/13 Aust Inf Bn with in support
 40 R. Tanks.

There will be a pause of 1 hour between beginning of Phase 1 and
 Phase 2.

(b) Routes to F.U.P. shown on Appx "^B1".

(c) Objectives and Boundaries. - see Appx. "A".
 For 20 Aust Inf Bde and 2/13 Aust Inf Bn see Appx "A".

(d) F.U.P. see Appx "A".

(e) Order of March, to F.U.P. "C" Sqn., "A" Sqn., R.H.Q., "B" Sqn.

NOTE: Appx "A" issued to Sqn. Comds. only.

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METHOD. (CONT.)

- (f) Centre of F.U.P. marked by two Green Lights.
- (g) Code Names (objectives) Appx. "B". (issued to Sqn. Comds. only.)
- (h) R.A.E. Provide one section to pilot "B" Sqn. through to objective and back to Rally Area.
- (i) Bearing of Attack shown on Appx. "C".
- (j) All Tank Speedometers to be zeroed at F.U.P.
- (k) Rate of Advance.
 From Inf. Debussing Point to F.U.P., 100 yds in 2 mins.
 " F.U.P. to First Objective, 100 yds in 2 mins.
 " First Objective onwards, 100 yds in 3 mins.
- (l) Centre Line shown on Appx "A" and detailed in Appx "C".
 Tanks will move on left of Centre Line.
- (m) Timings. ZERO 2200 hrs.
 Head of Tank column to be in position facing South, Track and Main Rd. junction, Map Ref. 88602947. Zero - 180 (i.e. 1900 hrs.)
2/13 Aust Inf Bn timings, leave Debussing Area Zero - 5 (2155 hrs).
 Leave Inf F.U.P. Zero + 163 (0043 hrs).
 Cross First Objective. Zero + 175 (0055hrs).
 Reach Final Objective. Zero + 310 (0310hrs).
- (n) Fwd. Rally Area.
 40 R. Tanks. will rally before first light D + 1 day, Area 869297.
- (o) Arty.
 Heavy concentrations by Div. Arty.

ADMIN.

A.1 Echelon remains present position.
 R.A.P. rear of column on Centre Line.
 L.A.D. with A.1. Echelon.
 B.T.A. and E.M.E. details later.
 Spare Crews in A.1. Echelon.

A.F.V. Recognition Signal issued later.

Tanks returning from action towards our own Tps will fly the Recognition Signal and traverse guns to the rear.

Synchronised Watches - Bn. H.Q. at ¹⁹¹⁵ 1800 hrs. "D" Day.

Dress: Fighting Order; long trousers to be worn, if possible; shirtsleeves to be rolled down to the wrist.

Rations: Four days hard rations and two days battle rations to be carried by every vehicle. All Water Containers and Bottles will be filled.

INTER-COMM. 40 R. Tanks H.Q. on Centre Line.
 2/13 Aust Inf Bn. H.Q. on Centre Line.

System of lettered squares, see Appx "D".

Complete Wireless Silence until Zero.

Information. It is absolutely essential that regular and rapid information is passed back immediately.

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INTER-COMM. (cont.)

Success Signals, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

- (a) Right Coys. GREEN, GREEN, RED.
Left Coys. RED, RED, GREEN.
- (b) Bn. to Bde., on 2nd Objective only, Signal Rocket in addition
RED, GREEN, RED repeated after 5 secs.
- (c) Signals will be fired twice at intervals of 1 min. to ensure
recognition.

Bantams accompany Tanks until ordered back. They will report back on
Centre Line to E.M.E.

Scout Cars.

2/Lt. W.J. Thompson to report to 20th Aust Inf Bde.
Lieut R.M. Arnold to report to 20 Aust Inf Bde.
Sgt. Roddan in Tank Column at R.H.Q.
Remainder as detailed by Lieut. Arnold.

22. 10. 42.

J. Arnold
Adjutant, 40th (The King's) Bn. Royal Tank Regt. Capt.,

APPENDIX "C".

<u>COURSE.</u>	<u>ROUTE.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
Present leaguer to junc. of MAIN RD and track 88602947.	Main EAST-WEST Track and Track SOUTH to MAIN ROAD.	Join in with 2/13 Aust Inf Bn coln at junc.
To 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Debussing Pt.	Via MAIN RD to T.P. 2. 87912984. T.P. 3. 87702974. T.P. 4. 87622973. T.P. 7. 87632979.	All 20 Aust Inf Bde TRAFFIC POINTS marked by ONE BLUE light, and number sign. Debussing Pt. Area T.P. 7.
To 2/17 Aust Inf Bn F.U.P.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn Centre Line 1.6 miles/269°	Marked by WHITE lights.
To Branch Pt.	1.4 miles/269°	WHITE lights.
To 2/13 Aust Inf Bn F.U.P.	.4 miles/257°	GREEN lights. (Centre of F.U.P. marked by 2 GREEN lights.)
To Bde 1st Objective.	.3 miles/263°	GREEN lights.
To Line "B"	1.1 miles/263°	GREEN lights.
To OBJECTIVE.	1 mile/263°	<u>N.B.</u> Bearing for "B" Sqn. from Minefield gap to Centre Gun Line, 237°/2000yds.



40TH (THE KING'S) BN. ROYAL TANK REGIMENT.

SECRET.

ADDITION TO OPERATIONAL ORDER "SYDNEY".

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1. All the particulars given under para. 'Information' on Page 1 of O.O. "Sydney" will NOT, NOT be taken into battle. They will be burnt.
2. Maps will not be marked with information other than that referring to 20 Aust Inf Bde.
3. Saddle Tanks will be dropped at A.I. Echelon and left in Sqn. dumps.
4. Approach March.- V.T.M. 40.
M.I.H. 8 on the road.
" 5 in the desert.
5. 20 Aust Inf Bde Fwd Routes marked by a Square.
" " " " Rearward Routes marked by two bars.
6. Officers and O.R's. will NOT under any circumstances discuss battle plans, timings or movement of this Unit with strange Officers or O.R's.
7. Battle Order.
Right "C" Sqn. supporting "C" Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
Left "A" Sqn. " " "Don" Coy " " " "
Reserve "B" Sqn " " "A" Coy " " " "

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Adjutant, 40th(The King's) Bn. Royal Tank Regt. *[Signature]* Capt.

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LIGHTFOOT

The following additions are made to 20 Aust Inf Bde OO.No.23:-

1. Para 15 (c):

An additional junc pt with 153 Bde will be at 87082962.

2. Para 33 (f):

From first light D plus 1 day a FOO will be provided by RAA for use with 40 RTR in event of that unit being employed.

3. Para 35 (c) (vii):

Where minefds are discovered and time does not permit their being lifted, the fd will be fenced and marked with the notice-

D A N G E R----- M I N E S.

4. Para 32:

The fwd rally area of 40 RTR will include 869297.

5. PHASE- 2 :

The sigs for the commencement of Phase 2 will be :-

(a) Arty:

The quickening of the rate of arty fire.

(b) SL:

The concentration in a cone over the battlefd at Z plus 175 of three SLs operating from approx 430902, 425904, and 426892.

6. Aircraft Landmark:

Red smoke.

Aldis lamp letter "V".

This will be provided by 24 Aust Inf Bde in the TELL EL EISA STA area.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature] Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Time of signature 1030 hrs.

Issued through Sigs and LOS.

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As for 20 Aust Inf Bde OO.No.23.

20 AUST INF BDE- CO.No.23.

LIGHTFOOT.

Ref Maps: EL ALAMEIN 1: 50,000.
GHAZAL 1: 50,000.
EL HIQEIF 1: 50,000.

INFORMATION:

1. Enemy.

(a) As per Intelligence Summaries and special information supplied from air photographs issued to units as it becomes available.

(b) Defence overprints 1:50,000.
Defence overprints 1:25,000.

2. Own Tps.

(a) (i) Eighth Army is attacking with the object of destroying the enemy forces in their present posn.

(ii) 30 Corps is attacking simultaneously with (in order from the north) 9 Aust Div, 51 HD, 2 NZ Div, 1 SA Div fwd to secure Pt 27 867298- 86702960- Trig 30 870292- MITEIRIYA RIDGE to Pt 33 877237.

(iii) On capture of this bridgehead 10 Armd Corps is to debouch through 30 Corps to continue the battle to the west and SW.

(iv) 13 Corps is attacking in the south at the same time as 30 Corps.

(b) 9 Aust Div is to:

(i) Capture and hold the area incl the enemy locations at 87122991- Pt 23 872296- 86702960- Pt 867298.

(ii) Facilitate the passage of 10 Corps through the bridgehead.

(iii) Exploit.

(c) 26 Aust Inf Bde, less 2/23 Aust Inf Bn, and 20 Aust Inf Bde are to be fwd- 26 Aust Inf Bde on the right.

(d) 26 Aust Inf Bde less 2/23 Aust Inf Bn, with under comd:
12 Aust ATk Bty.
A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
One sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy

and in sp:
2/7 Aust Fd Coy with under comd one scorpion.

Tasks:

(i) Capture and hold the northern 300 yds of the div area.

(ii) Protection of the northern flank. For this task, a composite force to hold this flank between our present FDL and enemy locality 87142993 is under comd 26 Aust Inf Bde.

(iii) Exploitation northwards to trig 29 868300.

- (e) 24 Aust Inf Bde with under comd:
 66 Mortar Coy (18 4.2 in mortars).
 Det SL (2)

Tasks:

- (i) Hold the present FDL in the coastal sector.
 (ii) Carry out a diversionary op, commencing at zero, designed to draw enemy arty fire on to 24 Aust Inf Bde area.
 (iii) Maintain one bn at call as div res.

- (f) Composite Force:
 Comd: Lt-Col MACARTHUR ONSLOW 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

Tps: C Sqn 9 Aust Div Cav Regt.
 Two tps 11 Aust ATk Bty.
 D Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
 A Coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn.
 One ATk Pl 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn (4 47/32 mm).

Task: Secure northern flank from our FDL, area eastern 24, through western 24 to excl enemy FDL area 87142993.

- (g) Air: Tac R and air sp is under control of Eighth Army and is being provided as follows:-

Fighters:

D day :F cover over 30 Corps.
 Not continuous.

Night D/D plus 1 day :Night F patrols over northern routes in 30 Corps area.

D plus 1 day :F cover over northern area after first light.

Bombers:

Night D/D plus 1 day :Hy B attack on enemy gun posns from zero onwards.

D plus 1 day :Hy B attack on northern flank of 9 Aust Div after first light to assist establishment of defensive flank.

Tac R:

D day :Extensive Tac R particularly at last light.

D plus 1 day :Tac R at first light on northern sector.

Air Sp:

Normal air sp tasks are being accepted to the extent that available aircraft allow.

3. Additional Tps:

- (a) Under comd 20 Aust Inf Bde:
 40 RTR.
 9 Aust ATk Bty.
 B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
 one sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy.

- (b) in sp: 2/13 Aust Fd Coy with under comd:
 B Coy 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn.
 one Tp scorpions (less one scorpion).

INTENTION:

- 4. 20 Aust Inf Bde will:
 - (a) Capture and hold area as shown on Trace "A".
 - (b) Facilitate the passage of 10 Corps through the Bridgehead
 - (c) Exploit westwards to trig 33 866296.

METHOD:

- 5. (a) The attack will be carried out in two phases:-
 - Phase 1- Capture of 1st objective by two Bns.
 - Phase 2- " " 2nd " by one Bn with Tk sp.
- (b) There will be a pause of 1 hr between Phase 1 and beginning of Phase 2.

PHASE-1.

- 6. Right: 2/17 Aust Inf Bn with in sp:-
 - C Tp 9 Aust Atk Bty.
 - 3 Sec 2/13 Aust Fd Coy.
 - 3 Pl B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

- Left: 2/15 Aust Inf Bn with in sp:-
 - A Tp 9 Aust Atk Bty.
 - 2 Sec 2/13 Aust Fd Coy.
 - 1 Pl B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

- 7. Objectives and Bndys: see Appx "A".

- 8. FUP:
 - (a) Will be laid in accordance with Appx "E".
 - (b) Pts 87322992, 87342984 and 87432965 are to be marked by CRE 9 Aust Div by D minus 3 day.

- 9. Bearing of Attack: 268° grid.

- 10. Rate of Adv:
 - (a) From FUP to enemy wire- 75 yds in 1 min.
 - (b) From enemy wire onwards- 100 yds in 3 mins.

- 11. Assembly Posns and Routes to FUP:
 - (a) As shown on Appx "A".
 - (b) Slit trenches will be dug in these areas to accommodate Bns during D day.

- 12. Unit Centre Lines:
 - (a) Marking: Unit Centre lines will be marked by coloured lights -

- 2/17 Bn- White.
 - 2/15 Bn- Red.

- (b) Unit vehs will move as follows:-
 - 2/17 Bn- right of centre line.
 - 2/15 Bn- left " " " .

- (c) Units are responsible for establishing and marking Unit TCPs at least 500 yds east of enemy minefds.

13. Timings: as shown at Appx "F".
14. Move to Assembly Areas: in accordance with Appx "B".
15. June Pts:
 - (a) 2/17 Aust Inf Bn with 2/24 Bn- 87342984, 87112983, 87012983.
 - (b) 2/15 Aust Inf Bn with 153 Bde at 87172962.
16. Bde Report Centre:
 - (a) Will be established by Bde I.O. at 87402973.
 - (b) 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns will report to Bde I.O. when units have completed forming up.
17. Liaison with 2/13 Aust Inf Bn:
On capture of 1st objective 2/17 Bn will send an offr to contact comd 2/13 Bn on centre line and inform him of the situation.

PHASE- 2.

18. Tps: 2/13 Aust Inf Bn with in sp:-
40 RTR.
9 Aust Atk Bty less two tps.
1 Sec 2/13 Aust Fd Coy.
2 Pl "B" Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
19. Objectives and Bndys: see Appx "A".
20. FUP: As shown in Appx "A". Will be laid under unit arrangements
21. Bearing of Attack: 262° grid.
22. Rate of Adv:
 - (a) From Debussing Pt to FUP- 100 yds in 2 mins.
 - (b) From FUP to 1st objective- 100 yds in 2 mins.
 - (c) From 1st objective onwards- 100 yds in 3 mins.
23. Assembly Posn: as shown at Appx "B".
24. Debussing Pt: Vicinity TP7 87642979.
25. Route to FUP:
 - (a) Via Main Rd to TP5 to debussing Pt.
 - (b) Debussing Pt to FUP along 2/17 Bn Centre line up to enemy wire and as far beyond as is considered necessary
26. Centre Line:
 - (a) From pt where 2/13 Bn leaves 2/17 Bn centre line, route will be marked by GREEN lights.
 - (b) 2/13 Bn "A" ech tpt and 40 RTR will move on LEFT of 2/17 Bn Centre Line.
27. Timings: as shown at Appx "F".
28. Move to Assembly Areas: In accordance with Appx "B".
29. June Pts:
 - (a) 2/13 Aust Inf Bn with 2/48 Aust Inf Bn-86832982, 86702982.
 - (b) 2/13 Aust Inf Bn with 153 Bde -86702960.

30. Action on Capture of Final Objective:

- (a) Re-organise to defeat counter attack.
- (b) Send fighting patrols to attack enemy gun posns.
- (c) Assist the passage of 10 Corps when and where required.
- (d) Exploit westwards to Trig 33 366296.

31. Zero Hour:

- (a) Zero hour and D day will be notified separately.
- (b) will be the time at which fwd tps of 2/15 and 2/17 Bns cross their FUP.

32. RAC:

On completion of Phase 2 40 RTR will move to fwd rally 370297 coming under comd 26 Aust Inf Bde for employment with either 20 or 26 Aust Inf Bdes.

33. Arty:

- (a) From Z-minus 20 to Z-minus 5 CB programme.
- (b) Arty sp will be by timed concentrations under control 30 Corps.
- (c) Timings are in accordance with rate of adv of attacking inf as laid down.
- (d) A trace showing arty concentrations will be issued after Bde requests for arty sp have been co-ordinated.
- (e) Arty concentrations are to comply with the lift line trace Appx "C".

34. AA:

- (a) Arty AA defence is under control 30 Corps.
- (b) AA defence is being provided for minefd gap areas.

35. RAE:

- (a) All RAE are under comd CRE.
- (b) CRE is responsible for:-
 - (i) preparation and marking of routes to present FDLs.
 - (ii) lifting mines in No Man's Land.
 - (iii) testing for mines on bn routes fwd.
 - (iv) making and marking gaps in own minefds.
- (c) Secs of 2/13 Aust Fd Coy in sp of Bns will in each case:-
 - (i) provide det of 3 men with each fwd coy to locate and neutralise AP mines.
 - (ii) provide 3 Bangalore torpedoes per fwd coy and personnel to fire them. Carrying parties provided by Bns.
 - (iii) make and mark gaps in enemy minefds, each gap to be initially 8 yds wide.
 - (iv) widen one minefd gap to LEFT to 24 yds on each Bn front on Centre line.
 - (v) further widen and increase number of minefd gaps as possible for the employment of our Tks.
 - (vi) provide RE stores for, and assist Bn in, re-organisation on objective.

- (d) Additional Tasks for 1 Sec.
Provide 1000 No 75 Hawkins Grenades for 2/13 Bn and 4 sprs to supervise laying of them by Bn. *copy personnel*
- (e) *500 to B4 P Comp*
RAE vehs coming fwd with stores for minefd gaps will off-load and move back 500 yds from minefids to vicinity unit TPs. *of B + P Comp*

36. MGS:
(a) Comd "B" Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn will co-ordinate Bde MMG defence.

(b) Pls in sp Bns will move fwd under unit arrangements.

(c) One coy MGS Mx Regt is to provide flanking fire for 2/15 Bn on West Pt 23 area from Z + 10 on a timed programme.

37. Air Sp:
Requests for air sp will be submitted by Bns to this HQ.

38. Arm:
The supplies available, the extent of the battle and possible difficulty in replenishment demand that careful control be exercised to prevent excessive expenditure.

39. Fwd move of "A" Ech and Sp Arms Tpt:
As laid down in Appx "D".

40. Traffic Control:
(a) Traffic Pts will be established as follows:-

TP 1-	Rd junc.	88732942.
TP 2-	Main Rd & track junc.	87912984.
TP 3-	track turning	87702974.
TP 4-	control (X tracks)	87622973.
TP 5-	Main Rd & track junc.	87812992.
TP 6-	Track turning	87732980.
TP 7-	Control (X tracks)	87632979.

(b) All TPs will be marked by ONE BLUE light and numbered signs.

(c) Bde T.O. will establish Control Pt at TP 1 and supervise traffic as laid down in Appx "D".

41. Unit "A" Ech veh Parks:
Until such time as the first enemy minefd is opened unit "A" Ech vehs and vehs of sp arms will park as follows under unit arrangements:-

2/17 Aust Inf Bn Gp- Outside own FDLs on right of Centre line.
No movement through own FDLs before Z.

2/15 Aust Inf Bn Gp- Outside own FDLs on left of Centre line.
No movement through FDLs before Z.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp- Inside own FDLs in 2/17 Aust Inf Bn Assembly area.

ADM: Adm orders are being issued separately.

INTERCOMN:

43. Passing of Infm.

(a) The capture of objectives down to and incl coy objectives will be reported and repeated by every means available.

(b) Reports will be furnished when each coy objective is secured or, on the event of delay, at the time at which it was planned to secure the objective. In the latter case progress reports will be furnished at short intervals until the objective is gained.

44. Code-words for Objectives:

- (a) Code-words given in Appx "G" will be used for reporting capture of objectives.
- (b) They will be used as follows e.g.:-
 - (i) BITTERS left captured.
 - (ii) Am held up 500 yds short of FIG.
 - (iii) Am held up 500 yds short of BRIEN B.
 - (iv) COBB captured.

45. Map Refs: System of lettered squares- Appx "H".

46. Success Signals:

- (a) Success signal to be used by Bns on 1st Objective and 2nd Objective will be signal rocket yellow. This signal will be repeated twice at intervals of one min to ensure recognition.

This rocket shows a large number of yellow stars.

Signal rockets yellow will not be used for any other purpose than shown in this para.

- (b) In addition, the following sigs will be fired:-

2/17 Bn- THREE REDS rptd after 5 secs.

2/15 Bn- THREE GREENS rptd after 5 secs.

2/13 Bn- RED-GREEN-RED rptd after 5 secs.

47. L/T:

- (a) Lines are to be provided to 9 Aust Div and flanking Bdes by Sigs 9 Aust Div.
- (b) Lines will be laid to Bns after unit "A" ech tpt has moved up to Bn.
- (c) Lines will be laid to 2/15 and 2/17 Bns in assembly areas on night D minus 1/D.
- (d) Line will be laid from Bde HQ to Bde report centre on FUP.

48. W/T and R/T.

- (a) W/T gps will be provided within the Bde as follows:-

- (i) Bde HQ working to:-Comd.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

Bde "B" Ech. (101 sets).

Res 101 sets for each Bn will be provided on gp.

Freq will be supplied to 9 Aust ATK Bty for intercept purposes.

- (ii) Arty LOs set working to Fd Regt.

- (iii) LOs from 23 Armd Bde at Bde and Bn HQs working to 23 Armd Bde.

- (iv) 2/13 Bn gp (incl MG Pl) 13 sets Trig 3250 k/cs.

- (v) 2/15 Bn gp (" ") " " " 3500 " .

- (vi) 2/17 Bn gp (" ") " " " 3750 " .

- (vii) Rear link to 9 Aust Div (ops).

(viii) Rear link to 9 Aust Div (AQ-from Rear Bde HQ).

- (b) Call signs for Bde Gp (down to Coys) and flanking units will be issued separately.
- (c) Call signs within Bns will NOT change after D day until ordered by this HQ. Unit Comds may either continue to use call signs allotted for D day or may allot numbers to each sta.

These will NOT be used before D day.

49. Pigeons:

- (a) One pigeon will be provided to each Bn and will be released on capture of Bn Objectives.
- (b) Message will notify by Code-word capture of objective.
- (c) Mob Homing Loft is situated at MAIN HQ 9 Aust Div.

50. Wireless Deception:

- (a) Complete Wireless Silence will be maintained from 1000 hrs on D minus 1 until ZERO.
- (b) All wireless sets within the Bde will operate on normal schedules from present locations until 1000 hrs D minus 1.
- (c) 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will NOT use W/T after move on night D minus 3/D minus 2.
- (d) All frequencies will change at 0300 hrs D minus 1.

51. AFV Recognition: will be notified by signal later.

52. SOS.

- (a) SOS will be called for by:- light signals and through sigs.
- (b) SOS light signal will be "signal rocket three star with trailer Mk I TP".
This rocket shows three white stars with a very pronounced trail.
- (c) SOS will be answered only by div concerned.
- (d) On capture of objectives def fire plan will be co-ord by CRA.

53. Ground to Air Recognition:

- (a) Ground to Air Recognition:- Blue Smoke.
Aldis Lamp letter "G".
- (b) Target Landmark:- Red Smoke.
Aldis Lamp letter "V".

54. Location of HQ:

- (a) Main HQ moves in accordance with Appx "B".
- (b) Location Main HQ- 87642977.
Rear HQ- "B" Ech area.
- (c) On capture of final objective Tac HQ moves to new location on 2/15 Aust Inf Bn Centre Line.

55. Marking of HQ:

- (a) Units will ensure that their HQs are clearly marked by day and night and that signs leading to them are placed on the unit Centre Line.
- (b) Bde HQ will be marked by TWO BLUE lights.

56. Liaison Offrs: with Bns until capture of Objectives when they will report back to Bde HQ.

57. Synchronisation: Through Bde Sigs:-

2/15 Aust Inf Bn- at 2000 hrs.

2/17 Aust Inf Bn- " " "

2/13 Aust Inf Bn- 1900 hrs through Main HQ
9 Aust Div and 2130 hrs
on arrival at Debussing Pt.

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Signed at 1330 hrs.

Issued through Sigs and LOs.

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2/13 Aust Inf Bn.....	1.	1-6.	1.	2.	1-3.	1-3.	1.	1-6.	1.
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.....	2.	7-12.	2.	2.	4-6.	4-6.	2.	7-12.	2.
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.....	3.	13-18.	3.	3.	7-9.	7-9.	3.	13-18.	3.
40 RTR.....	4.	19-22.	-	4.	10.	-	4.	19-22.	4.
2/7 Aust Fd Regt.....	5.	23.	-	-	11.	-	5.	23.	5.
9 Aust Atk Bty.....	6.	24.	4.	5.	12.	-	6.	24.	6.
4 Aust Lt AA Regt.....	7.	25.	-	-	13.	-	7.	-	7.
2/13 Aust Fd Coy.....	8.	26.	5.	6.	14.	10.	8.	25.	8.
"B" Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn..	9.	27.	6.	7.	15.	-	9.	26.	9.
9 Aust Div.....	10.	28.	7.	8.	16.	11.	10.	27.	10.
24 Aust Inf Bde.....	11.	29.	4.	-	17.	12.	11.	28.	11.
26 Aust Inf Bde.....	12.	30.	-	9.	18.	13.	12.	29.	12.
153 Bde (HD).....	13.	31.	-	10.	-	14.	13.	-	-
Comd.....	14.	32.	8.	11.	19.	15.	14.	30.	13.
BM.....	15.	33.	9.	12.	20.	16.	15.	31.	14.
SC.....	16.	34.	10.	13.	21.	17.	16.	32.	15.
IO.....	17.	35.	-	14.	22.	18.	17.	33.	16.
LOs.....	18-20.	36-38.	11-13.	15-17.	23-25.	19-21.	18-20.	34-36.	17-19.
TO.....	21.	39.	14.	-	26.	22.	21.	37.	20.
Sup.O.....	22.	40.	15.	-	27.	-	22.	38.	21.
Sigs.....	23.	41.	16.	18.	28.	23.	23.	39.	22.
58 Aust LAD.....	24.	42.	17.	-	-	-	24.	-	-
Gd Pl.....	25.	43.	18.	-	29.	-	25.	-	-
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.....	26.	44.	-	-	30.	-	26.	-	-
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MARKING OF BDE F.U.P.

1. FUP: will be laid through Bde centre pt 8739529735 on brg 333° grid.
2. Unit Start Lines: will consist of independent coy tapes running on brg 353° grid with the southern ends resting on FUP line. This will be done by Z minus 30.
3. Adv Tape Laying Party:
 - (a) Composition: Bde I.O., 2 sigs- 20 Aust Inf Bde.
One offr, 5 ORs (incl 1 TSMG)-each 2/15 and 2/17 Bn.
 - (b) Route: BARTLETTS GAP (87532973) to SANDY RIDGE (8743829770) thence- on 226° grid for 650 yds to Bde centre Pt.
 - (c) Time out: Z minus 135.
4. Adv tape laying parties will RV at Bde HQ by Z minus 150.
5. Main Tape Laying Parties:
 - (a) Composition: Bn'I'Sjt.
Taping party.
Coy guides.
Lighting parties.
 - (b) Route: 2/15 Bn-From 8753029715 for 1100 yds on 338° grid.
2/17 Bn-From 87562980 for 1700 yds on 338° grid.
 - (c) Time out: 2/15 Bn- Z minus 130.
2/17 Bn- Z minus 130.
6. Unit Centre Pts:
From Bde Centre Pt, adv tape laying parties will move to unit Centre pts:-
 - 2/15 Bn- on 153° grid to 87402971.
 - 2/17 Bn- on 338° grid to 87372979.On lighting unit centre pts the main tape laying parties will move fwd.
7. Intercomm:
 - (a) L/T will be laid to Bde centre pt from Bde HQ.
 - (b) Units will report to Bde centre pt when-
 - (i) start lines are laid.
 - (ii) units have formed up.
 - (c) Comm will cease at Z + 5.

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MARKING OF BDE F.U.P.

1. FUP: will be laid through Bde centre pt 8739529735 on brg 338° grid.
2. Unit Start Lines: will consist of independent coy tapes running on brg 358° grid with the southern ends resting on FUP line. This will be done by Z minus 30.
3. Adv Tape Laying Party:
 - (a) Composition: Bde I.O., 2 sigs- 20 Aust Inf Bde. One offr, 5 ORs (incl 1 TSMG)-each 2/15 and 2/17 Bn.
 - (b) Route: BARTLETTS GAP (87532973) to SANDY RIDGE (8743829770) thence- on 226° grid for 650 yds to Bde centre Pt.
 - (c) Time out: Z minus 135.
4. Adv tape laying parties will RV at Bde HQ by Z minus 150.
5. Main Tape Laying Parties:
 - (a) Composition: Bn I'sjt. Taping party. Coy guides. Lighting parties.
 - (b) Route: 2/15 Bn-From 8753029715 for 1100 yds on 338° grid.
2/17 Bn-From 87562980 for 1700 yds on 338° grid.
 - (c) Time out: 2/15 Bn- Z minus 130.
2/17 Bn- Z minus 130.
6. Unit Centre Pts:

From Bde Centre Pt, adv tape laying parties will move to unit Centre pts:-

2/15 Bn- on 158° grid to 87402971.
2/17 Bn- on 338° grid to 87372979.

On lighting unit centre pts the main tape laying parties will move fwd.
7. Intercomm:
 - (a) L/T will be laid to Bde centre pt from Bde HQ.
 - (b) Units will report to Bde centre pt when-
 - (i) start lines are laid.
 - (ii) units have formed up.
 - (c) Comm will cease at Z + 5.

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MARKING OF BDE F.U.P.

1. FUP: will be laid through Bde centre pt 8739529735 on brg 333° grid.
2. Unit Start Lines: will consist of independent coy tapes running on brg 350° grid with the southern ends resting on FUP line. This will be done by Z minus 30.
3. Adv Tape Laying Party:
 - (a) Composition: Bde I.O., 2 sigs- 20 Aust Inf Bde.
One offr, 5 ORs (incl 1 TSMG)-each 2/15 and 2/17 Bn.
 - (b) Route: BARTLETTS GAP (87532973) to SANDY RIDGE (8743829770) thence- on 226° grid for 650 yds to Bde centre Pt.
 - (c) Time out: Z minus 135.
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 - (a) Composition: Bn'I'Sjt.
Taping party.
Coy guides.
Lighting parties.
 - (b) Route: 2/15 Bn-From 8753029715 for 1100 yds on 333° grid.
2/17 Bn-From 87562980 for 1700 yds on 333° grid.
 - (c) Time out: 2/15 Bn- Z minus 130.
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 - (c) Comm will cease at Z + 5.

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MOVEMENT TABLE.
Description and Preliminary Moves.

S E C R E T.
C O P Y N O.
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1. Speed and Densities: Main rd 40 vtm 10 min.
Coast rd 40 vtm 8 min.
2. Staging areas- see att diagrams.
3. LOB personnel will move with unit "B" Ech's.
4. Each serial is responsible for prior liaison with following serial and for informing it when its tail is passing.

Serial.	Day.	Unit.	Move to.	Route.	Vehs.	SP.	Time Past SP.	TPP. (mins)	Remarks.
1.	D minus 3/D minus 2.	2/13 Bn Gp. (less B echs)	ALAMEIN.	Main rd.	96.	western minefd locality "A".	2200.	21.	20 Tp Carriers report 2/13 Bn 1900 hrs. Serial follows 26 Bde Gp.
2.	D minus 1/D.	HQ 20 Bde "B" ech.	ALAM EL MILH.	Coast rd.	22.	western minefd posn A 43119021.	1930.	4.	
3.	"	9 Aust ATK Bty "B" ech.	"	"	8.	"	1934.	3.	
4.	"	2/15 Aust Inf Bn "B" ech.	"	"	18.	"	1937.	4.	
5.	"	B Coy 2/2 MG Bn "B" ech.	"	"	9.	"	1941.	2.	
6.	"	2/13 Aust Inf Bn "B" ech.	"	"	14.	"	1943.	3.	
7.	"	2/17 Aust Inf Bn "B" ech.	"	"	24.	"	1946.	6.	
8.	"	20 Bde Gp. Surplus vehs. (2/13 Bn 2, 2/15 Bn 5, 2/17 Bn 5, MG Coy 1, A Tk Bty 2).	Adm area.	"	15.	436 grid.	2000.	6.	Surplus vehs to assemble 100 yds south Bde HQ by 1900 hrs.
9.	"	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.	Fwd area.	Main rd.	12.	western minefd locality "A".	2400.	3.	8 vehs return ALAMEIN staging area.

Serial.	Day.	Unit.	Move to.	Route.	Vehs.	St.	Time Past SP.	TPP. (mins)	Remarks.
10.	D minus 1/D.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	Fwd area.	main rd.	53.	western minefd locality "A".	0003.	10.	20 Tp carriers report 2/17 Bn by 2300 hrs.
11.	"	2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	"	"	53.	"	0013.	10.	20 Tp carriers report 2/15 Bn by 2300 hrs.
12.	"	2/13 Aust Fd Coy, less one sec.	ALAMEIN.	"	37.	"	0023.	7.	6 Tp carriers for coy 2/3. Pnr in report 2300 hrs.
13.	"	B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn, less one pl.	"	"	8.	"	0030.	2.	
14.	"	A & C tps 9 Aust ATK Bty.	"	"	12.	"	0032.	4.	
15.	"	"Overflow" vehs. 2/15 Bn 6, 2/17 Bn. 6, Bde HQ. 3, (Bde res amn). Sigs. 5, FOCs. 2, OPOs. 3, Gd Pl. 2.	ALAMEIN Staging area.	"	27.		0036.	5.	"Overflow" vehs RV 100 x south of Bde HQ by 2330 hrs under Lieut HOLTSBAUM.

5. Composition 2/13 Bn Gp for Move:

Unit.	Vehs and Carriers.
2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	47.
HQ 9 Aust ATK Bty.	2.
B Tp " " "	6.
D Tp " " "	6.
2 Pl "B" Coy MG.	3.
1 Sec 2/13 Fd Coy.	8.
Bde W/T Van.	1.
Amb Car.	1.
FOO.	1.
LC.	1.
	<hr/> 76.
Tp carriers.	20.
	<hr/> 96.
TOTAL:	96.

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Moves of Tpt Night D-D plus 1.

MOVEMENT TABLE.

1. ROUTES:
Route "IN" to fwd area: Main rd to TP 2, thence by track via TP 3 and TP 4.
Route "OUT" from fwd area: Track via TP 7, TP 6, TP 5 thence east along Main rd.
2. Speed and Density:

	<u>Main rd.</u>	<u>Tracks.</u>
VTM:	40.	40.
MIH:	10.	5.
3. No move of tpt before 1900 hrs.
4. Dispersal Pts:
On arrival at destination, vehs must NOT be kept standing on tracks, and blocking the routes, but halt well clear.
5. Unit comds will ensure that all drs are fully aware of their destination and route.
6. 2/15 Bn will ensure that its tpt is assembled on the south of the "IN" track by 2030 hrs.

Serial	Unit.	From.	To.	Route.	Vehs.	SP.	Time past SP.	TPP (mins)	Remarks.
1.	2/17 Bn "A" Ech Tpt.	Fwd Staging area.	2/17 Bn area.	via TP 2.	33.	Unit	1900.	10.	Tail to clear TP 2 by 1930 hrs.
2.	2/15 Bn "A" Ech Tpt.	" " "	2/15 Bn area.	via TP 2.	33.	"	1910.	10.	Tail to clear TP 2 by 1940 hrs.
3.	3 Sec 2/13 Aust Fd Coy.	ALAMEIN.	2/17 Bn area.	Main rd, to TP2, TP4, TP7.	10.	TP1.	1905.	2.	incl 2 Tp carriers for det B Coy Pnr Bn.
4.	ATk Pl 2/17 Bn.	"	" " "	"	3.	"	1907.	2.	
5.	C Tp 9 Aust ATk Bty.	"	" " "	"	6.	"	1909.	2.	
6.	3 Pl B Coy MG Bn.	"	" " "	"	3.	"	1911.	1.	
7.	Amb Car 2/8 Fd Amb.	"	" " "	"	1.	"	1912.	1.	
8.	2 Sec 2/13 Aust Fd Coy.	"	2/15 Bn area.	Main rd to TP2, TP3.	10.	"	1915.	2.	incl 2 Tp carriers for det B Coy Pnr Bn.
9.	A Tk Pl 2/15 Bn.	"	" " "	"	3.	"	1917.	2.	
10.	A Tp 9 Aust ATk Bty.	"	" " "	"	6.	"	1919.	2.	
11.	1 Pl B Coy MG Bn.	"	" " "	"	3.	"	1921.	1.	
12.	Amb Car 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	"	" " "	"	1.	"	1922.	1.	
13.	2/13 Aust Fd Coy, less three secs.	"	Bde HQ area.	Main rd to TP2, TP3, TP4.	15.	"	1923.	4.	
14.	B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn, less three pls.	"	" " "	"	2.	"	1927.	1.	
15.	2/13 Bn Gp.	"	Debussing Pt (TP 7).	"	96.	"	1930.	21.	
16.	40 RTR.	"	" " "	"	73.	2/13	--	15.	Joins serial ¹⁵ under 2/13 Bn arrangements.
17.	Bde HQ "overflow"	"	Bde HQ area.	"	19.	TP1.	2015.	5.	Tail to clear junc track-main rd 87922934 by 2100 hrs.

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MAP REF CODE.
LETTERING OF GRID SQUARES.

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C O P Y N O. 1.

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299.	865.	866.	867.	868.	869.	870.	871.	872.	873.	299.
	I	T	D	O	H	N	B	R		
298.	P	A	M	Y	K	G	W	S		298.
297.	V	X	Q	F	C	Z	L	E		297.
296.	865.	866.	867.	868.	869.	870.	871.	872.	873.	296.

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS - LIGHTFOOT.

1. Secrecy and Deception:

In this battle the fighting is likely to be in proportion to the surprise achieved. Much thought and hard work has been expended in plans to outwit the enemy.

The density of vehs in the div area on D day has been maintained since 1 Oct and is being regulated to remain constant during the concentration period.

Once the fwd movement commences, the appearance of large numbers of tps in fwd areas, if picked up by the enemy airman or air camera, would warn the enemy of the impending attack.

Unit comds will see that surprise is not jeopardised in this respect. Tps must be kept fighting fit and at the same time effective organisation must ensure that their presence is not observed by the enemy air or ground observation.

2. Passing of Infm:

The larger issues of the battle may well depend on the speed with which infm from fwd tps reaches the higher comds. For this reason every possible means of comn will be organised to ensure the rapid passage of infm. Every comd will keep his superior comd informed as to his situation.

3. Reporting Objectives:

The capture of each objective will be reported by the quickest means available and repeated by all the alternative means which exist.

Where the capture of an objective is delayed progress reports will be fwded at short intervals.

4. Tp Movements:

(a) All comds responsible for moves will ensure that the moves are carried out strictly in accordance with the timings and routes ordered.

Successful concentrations will be largely dependent on adherence to allotted timings and the rapid movement of vehs off the rds into dispersal areas.

(b) Completion of each move will be reported by the offr responsible for the move to this HQ by the quickest means.

(c) Offrs responsible for movement by night will recce by night assembly areas, routes to be used, dispersal areas and FUPs prior to the night of the move.

5. Tanks:

(a) Units must be prepared to meet and deal with enemy tks well fwd in the enemy minefds and also dug in acting as pill-boxes.

(b) Any of our tks knocked out will continue to fight as pill-boxes.

This has been impressed on tk crews.

6. Lighting of Routes:

Routes to be marked by RAE will not be marked with lights except where the going is bad or the tracks are ill-defined.

7. Svy Beacons:
Eighth Army is to:

- (a) posn three beacons in rear of 30 Corps on night D/D plus 1 day to help divs reset their posns during the battle. It is hoped to mark these beacons by vertical SL beams.
- (b) One Svy party will be att to 20 Aust Inf Bde and will reset posns as is thought necessary.

8. Night Fighter Patrols:

All ranks must be warned not to fire on our Beaupfighters which will be operating over northern routes in 30 Corps sector on night D/D plus 1 day.

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The following additional paras to Appx "I" are issued:-

9. LOB:
Where the strength of inf secs is less than five, LOBs may be reduced to bring secs up to that strength.
10. Marked Maps:
 - (a) The value to the enemy of a captured marked map is evident. The enemy gained the plan of the southern minefds in this way.
 - (b) Marked maps which indicate the ops of flanking divs will not be taken fwd of div HQ.
 - (c) Marked maps which indicate the ops of flanking bdes or the general lay-out of our minefds will not be taken fwd of bde HQ.
 - (d) Generally, only the "Defences Overprint" map, which shows the enemy locations and not our own, should be taken into battle and on this should be shown only that infm which each particular offr needs for the battle.
11. Svy Beacons-(Ref para 7 of Appx "I")
 - (a) Svy beacons are to be established at approx:-
430902 435904 426892.
They are to be marked by vertical SLs and be illuminated for five mins after every hr, quarter hr and half hr.
 - (b) These lights are to be diverted from the vertical and be concentrated in a cone over the battlefd at:-
Zero hr for 5 mins.
Zero hr plus 175 for 5 mins.

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The following additional paras to Appx "I" are issued:-

12. Maintenance of Direction:

- (a) Bofors lt AA guns will be used to mark the direction of the attack.
- (b) RAA will arrange details direct with comds 20 and 26 Aust Inf Bde.

13. Sigs for Commencement of Phase 2:

An additional sig for the commencement of Phase 2 will be a short burst from each Bofors used, vide para 12 above.

14. Red Tracer:

All ranks will be informed that the tracer fired from our ATK guns with AP amm is red.

15. Wireless Silence:

After 1000 hrs 22 Oct wireless silence will not be broken until Zero on D Day.

16. Pigeons: Ref OO para 49:

Pigeons are only trained for "homing" during daylight.

Pigeons will be used for urgent messages during daylight only.

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T I M I N G S.

General Timings:

- (a) Z minus 20 to Z minus 5 - CB programme.
- (b) Zero: Fwd inf bns cross the starting line.
All available guns open on enemy FDL.
- (c) Z plus 55 to Z plus 70 pause of 15 mins to pass coys through on the line 87072991- 87202963.
- (d) Z plus 115 to Z plus 175 pause of 60 mins to pass bns, which are to take the second objective, through on the line 87002990- 87062964 (first objective).
- (e) Z plus 235 to Z plus 250 pause of 15 mins to pass coys through on the line 86822990- 86822961.
- (f) Z plus 310 inf reach final objective.

2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

Leave Assembly area (TP7)	Z - 88.
Arrive FUP	Z - 30.
Leave FUP	Z.

2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

Leave Assembly area (TP4)	Z - 80.
Arrive FUP	Z - 30.
Leave FUP	Z.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

Leave Assembly area	Z - ¹⁵⁰ 120 .
Arrive debussing area (TP7).	Z - 35.
Leave " " "	Z - 5.
Arrive FUP	Z +133.
Leave FUP	Z +163.
Cross line of 1st objective	Z +175.

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DETAILS OF ROUTES, ROUTE MARKINGS AND TRAFFIC MOVEMENT.

(Issued in conjunction with 9 Aust Div OO No 21 dated 17 Oct 42) in also
Ref Appx "A" and 9 Aust Div Adm Order No 5 Paras 3 to 6.





1. The following made rds will be in use:-

- (a) SEA Track leading to fwd area with a branch from HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) COAST RD leading to fwd area with a short branch leading on to the SEA Track for traffic moving to 24 Aust Inf Bde.
- (c) MAIN RD.

2. The following laterals connect the above routes in 9 Aust Div area. All are available at all times for traffic in either direction.

- (a) NE and SW through cross-tracks at 88102982.
- (b) Causeway in area 886296 with extension to MAIN RD.
- (c) NE and SW through cross-tracks at 88822946.

3. Routes to assembly areas for fwd bdes.

- (a) 26 Aust Inf Bde fwd route marked by  Diamond signs
- (b) 26 Aust Inf Bde return route marked by  Boomerang signs
- (c) 20 Aust Inf Bde return route marked by  Two bar signs
- (d) 20 Aust Inf Bde fwd route marked by  Square signs

4. 20 yds gaps suitable for AFVs are provided over the ry on routes 3(a), (b), (c) and (d).

5. Traffic on the night D/D plus 1 day will be one way fwd on the routes given in paras 1(a) and (b) and all routes given in para 3 until the following hrs when further traffic will be prevented from entering the routes:-

SEA TRACK 2400 hrs thereafter one way east bound from 88043005 for light traffic

COAST RD 2400 hrs thereafter one way west bound from X tracks 888294

Route 3(b) To be laid down by 26 Aust Inf Bde

Route 3(c) To be laid down by 20 Aust Inf Bde

6. (a) The MAIN RD will be a two way route throughout.

(b) The COAST RD may be opened for two way traffic in daylight at a later stage.

7. The route juncs with the MAIN RD are being widened to facilitate the passage and entry of traffic.

8. In the event of traffic being held up, the nearest offr in the coln will proceed to the hold up, take charge of the traffic, organise the clearance of the block and restore the traffic flow.

Suitable dispersal areas along routes are shown on the att trace. These areas (if not already occupied) are available for vehs to move off the rd temporarily until the traffic flow is restored.


Every dr will be made to understand that he must drive on the right of and halt off the rd or failing that as close to the right edge of the rd as possible. The failure to carry out these simple rules may cause untold delay and loss of life.


9. Rd movement during bombing or MG attack.

If it is feasible rd movement will continue in spite of bombing and machine gunning.

Under conditions of intense bombing and machine gunning, convoys may be forced to halt. In such cases the following rules will be a guide as to action necessary.

- (a) Halting will be only by order of the coln comd, if he is in a posn to exercise comd.
- (b) When halting, convoys will retain the distance ordered between vehs.
- (c) Vehs will be pulled off to or as close to the right side of the rd as possible before halting.
- (d) AA LMG crews will remain at their guns and fight them.
- (e) All other personnel will dismount and move 100 to 150 yds away from the rd, taking cover as soon as possible.
- (f) Control will be maintained by subunits whilst away from vehs so that the convoy can continue as soon as the attack ends.
- (g) Tps will not be allowed to move long distances from the rd.

10. At first light D plus 1 RAE are to recce to obtain the most covered route to the fwd area. This route will be marked by  triangle signs.


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APPX "G".

CO-ORDINATION ON INTER-DIV AND INTER-BDE BNDYS.

(issued in conjunction with 9 Aust Div OO No 21 dated 17 Oct 42).

Ref Map Defences Overprint 18 Oct 42: EL WISHKA 1/25,000.

1. 51 HD has accepted the following arrangements and direct liaison between bn comds involved.

2. Units concerned- 2/15 Aust Inf Bn, 5 BW 153 Bde.

Area- Strongpost shown as diggings and MG at 87102962 on the inter-div bndy.

Decision- The post will be included in 51 HD objective in this area.

3. Units concerned- 2/13 Aust Inf Bn, 1 Gordons 153 Bde,

Area- Strongpost and ATK gun locality with centre at 86922962.

Decision- To be shared by 9 Aust Div and 51 HD each taking that part which lies within their bndy.

4. Unit concerned- 2/13 Aust Inf Bn, 1 Gordons 153 Bde.

Area- Enemy localities, centre at 86722962.

Decision- To be shared by 9 Aust Div and 51 HD each taking that part which lies within their bndy.

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5. MG sp area Pt 23 has been arranged by 51 HD in accordance with the att trace with timings. (trace to 20 Aust Inf Bde only).

20 Aust Inf Bde will advise this HQ if these timings are suitable.

6. That portion of the enemy locality which lies south of the inter-bde bndy and extends south to 86902981 will be included in 26 Aust Inf Bde's objective.

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War Diary
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20 AUST INF BDE- OO. No. 26.

Ref Maps: TELL EL BISA 1:25,000 Series.

CHANGE FROM VERBAL ORDERS. Para 9.

INFORMATION:

1. Enemy:

(a) Additional info of enemy defences is shown on air photos was issued 28 Oct 42.

(b) The enemy has counter-attacked trig 29 sq 868300 by day and by night from north and NW. Observations show enemy concentrations of all arms 3500 yds NW trig 29.

(c) Our arty has had a damaging effect on enemy morale.

2. Own Tps:

(a) 9 Aust Div is attacking northwards to capture and hold area incl MAIN rd from 870304 to trig 25 873302 and enemy localities at 870301, 868301 and 868303; and the area between MAIN rd and the sea.

(b) The attack is being made in three stages-

(i) Penetration by 20 Aust Inf Bde as shown on trace Appx "A".

(ii) Exploitation to the MAIN RD 870305 then east along the rd and south to THOMPSONS POST (871301).

(iii) Capture and hold area between MAIN RD and sea.

(c) 9 Aust Div Commando Pl is to move with 2/15 Aust Inf Bn, pass through after the objective is gained and operate against enemy HQ in the area 868306, 868305, 869305, returning to 2/15 Aust Inf Bn before first light.

(d) The attack is being sp by:-

23 Armd Bde (less two Regts).
12 Fd Regt.
3 Med Regt.
1 Sp Regt.

(e) RAF:

The operation is to have the full B and F sp of the RAF during 28 and 29 Oct.

3. Additional Tps in Sp: 40 R.T.R.
34 NZ Atk Bty.

INTENTION:

4. 20 Aust Inf Bde will capture and hold the areas shown on trace Appx "A".

METHOD:

5. General:

The op will be carried out by a simultaneous attack on the areas shown.

6. Groupings: Right: 2/13 Aust Inf Bn with in sp:-
one tp 12 Aust ATK Bty.
1 Sec 2/13 Aust Fd Coy.
one Pl A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

Left: 2/15 Aust Inf Bn with in sp:-
one tp 12 Aust ATK Bty.
2 Sec 2/13 Aust Fd Coy.
one Pl A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

Firm Base:
2/17 Aust Inf Bn with in sp:-
one tp 12 Aust ATK Bty.
3 Sec 2/13 Aust Fd Coy.
one Pl A Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.-

remains in present location.



7. Objectives, FUPs, Line of Attack:

Shown at Appx "A".

8. Bearings of Attack:

2/13 Aust Inf Bn- 51° Grid.
2/15 Aust Inf Bn- 360° Grid.

9. Rate of Adv:

- (a) From FUP to enemy mine 75 yds in 1 min.
- (b) From enemy mine to final objectives:-
2/13 Aust Inf Bn 100 yds in 3 mins.
2/15 Aust Inf Bn 100 yds in 2 mins.

10. Unit Centre Lines:

- (a) Marking: 2/13 Aust Inf Bn- GREEN.
2/15 Aust Inf Bn- RED.
- (b) Unit vehs will move on LEFT of Centre Lines.
- (c) Coloured lights electric are being supplied by CRE to supplement any held by units.
- (d) Units are responsible for establishing unit TCPs at least 500 yds on our side of any enemy minefds.
- (e) Bofors will fire down 2/15 Aust Inf Bn Centre line as in initial attack on 23 Oct if available.

11. Zero:

- (a) will be 2200 hrs.
- (b) will be the time at which fwd tps of 2/15 and 2/13 Aust Inf Bns cross their start line.

12. RAC:

40 RTR will endeavour to take up "hull-down" posns between 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns facing west and will assist these Bns to defeat any counter-attack.

13. Arty:

- (a) Arty sp will be by timed concentrations on known enemy posns under control CRA.
- (b) Timings are in accordance with rate of adv of attacking inf.
- (c) Trace showing concentrations is to be issued by RA.
- (d) Hy concentrations on THOMPSONS POST will be brought down during attack.

(e) Arty programme will pause at line as shown on trace, to enable res coys to pass through.

14. RAE:

(a) All RAE under comd CRE.

(b) CRE is responsible for lighting Diamond track.

(c) Secs 2/13 Aust Fd Coy with attacking Bns will in each case:-

(i) provide det of 3 men with each fwd coy to locate and neutralise AP mines.

(ii) provide 3 Bangalore torpedoes per fwd coy and personnel to fire them. Carrying parties provided by Bns.

(iii) make and mark gaps in enemy minefds, each gap to be initially 8 yds wide.

(iv) widen one minefd gap to LEFT to 24 yds on each Bn front on Centre line.

(v) further widen and increase number of minefd gaps as possible for the employment of our Tks.

(vi) provide RE stores for, and assist Bn in, re-organisation on objective.

(d) Additional Task for 2 Sec:

Provide 1000 No 75 Hawkins Grenades for 2/15 Bn and 4 sprs to supervise the laying of minefd in new posn.

(e) RAE vehs coming fwd with gap-making stores will move back 500 yds from minefds to unit TPs.

15. MG:

(a) Comd "A" Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn will co-ord Bde MG defence, with special ref to gap between 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns.

(b) Pls in sp of Bns will move with Bns under unit arrangements.

(c) Pl A Coy will provide flanking fire to cover 2/15 Bn on the left flank from 2/17 Bn area.

16. Air Sp:

(a) Requests for air sp will be submitted through this HQ.

(b) Ground to air recognition BLUE smoke in FDLs.

17. TPs:

Traffic pts will be established on tr juncs where new Diamond tr turns NW approx 86992986 tr junc lateral from Boomerang to Diamond 87022983.

18. Unit "A" Ech veh Parks:

Until such time as minefds have been opened "A" Ech and sp arms vehs of 2/13 and 2/15 Bns will be parked in squares 869299 and 870298 respectively.

ADM:

19. PW:

(a) Units will be responsible for speedy evacuation of PW. Det 1 Pl 2/1 HQ Gd Bn will assist by patrolling routes.

(b) 1 Pl 2/1 HQ Gd Bn will be responsible for erection of a PW cage in the vicinity of Tac Bde HQ.

(c) In addition 26 Aust Inf Bde will erect PW cages:-

(i) fwd of Bn HQ 2/13 Aust Inf Bn (DIAMOND track),

(ii) half way between DIAMOND and BOOMERANG tracks in original start-line area.

- (d) Det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy will assist 4 Pl 2/1 HQ Gd Bn in handling of PW at rearmost cage (c ii).
- (e) 24 Aust Inf Bde will take over PW from rearmost cage and march them to Div Cage at 88192962.

20. Arm:

- (a) Bde res AP is est at 87592981.
- (b) Inf Bns will continue to draw at Bde AP and NOT from Res AP at 88102975.
- (c) A limited res of .303 MKVII Stripless belts is held for use in extreme emergency. Units will endeavour to refill strip belts but where this is impossible will return them to Bde HQ for refilling.
- (d) A number of strip belts are held at Res AP at 88102975 for replacement of u/s belts. Application for replacement will be made through Bde AP.

21. Ord:

- (a) Losses and casualties to weapons and vehs will be reported to Main Bde HQ by quickest possible means.
- (b) All possible infm should be stated, giving map refs and location of minefds.

22. Med:

2/8 Aust Fd Amb has arranged med plan and advised RMOs accordingly.

INTERCOMN:

23. Code words given in Appx "C" will be used for reporting capture of objectives.

24. Map Refs:

System of lettered squares Appx "D".

25. Success Sigs:

(a) Success sigs to be used on capture of objectives will be sig rocket yellow.
 This sig will be repeated twice at intervals of one min to ensure recognition.

(b) In addition the following sigs will be fired:-

2/13 Bn- RED-GREEN-RED rptd after 5 secs.
 2/15 Bn- THREE GREENS.

26. L/T:

- (a) Lines are to be provided to 9 Aust Div by sigs 9 Aust Div.
- (b) Lines to Bns after unit "A" Ech tpt has moved to Bn.
- (c) Lines to be laid on RIGHT of Centre lines.

27. W/T and R/T:

Existing arrangements stand.

28. Pigeons:

To be used for urgent messages during daylight ONLY.

29. SOS:

(a) SOS will be called for by:- light sigs and through sigs.

(b) SOS light sig will be "sig rocket three star with trailer Mki Tp".
 This rocket shows three white stars with a very pronounced trail.

- (c) SOS will be answered only by div.
- (d) On capture of objectives def fire plan will be co-ord by CRA.
- (e) Bns will arrange local SOS tasks direct with FOO or OPO.

30. Location of HQ:

- (a) Main and Rear Bde HQ remain present location.
- (b) Tac HQ moves to vicinity tr junc, old Diamond and new Diamond tracks at approx 86992986 opening 2000 hrs.
- (c) Tac HQ will be marked by 65 sign and lighted tin.

31. Code Words:

- (a) Formed up on FUP- 2/13 COCOA.
2/15 COFFEE.
- (b) Minefd- KNOTTY.
Minefd OK for vehs- KNOTTY OK.
2nd Minefd- KNOTTY 2.

32. Synchronisation: Through Bde sigs.

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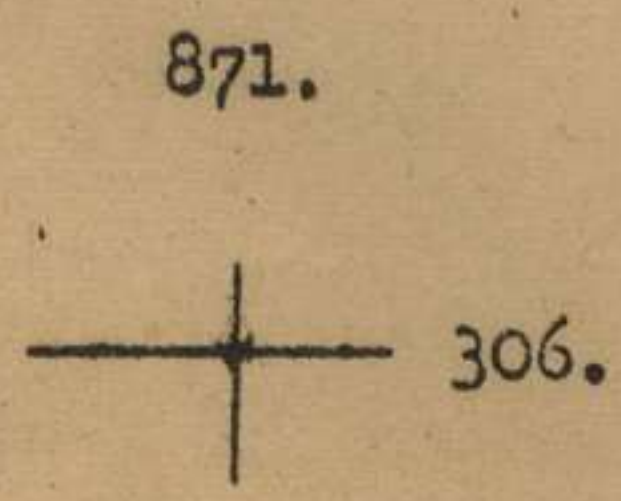
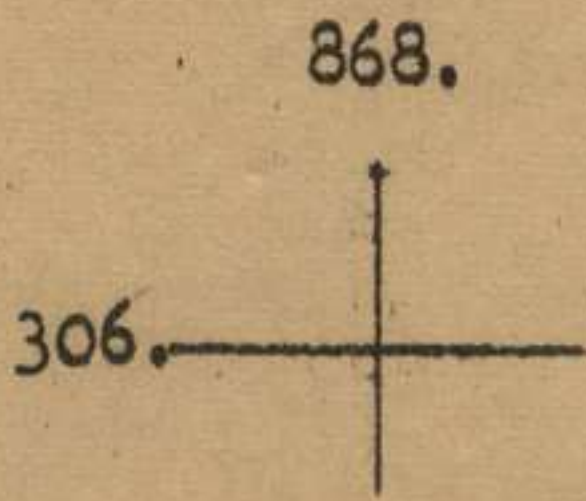
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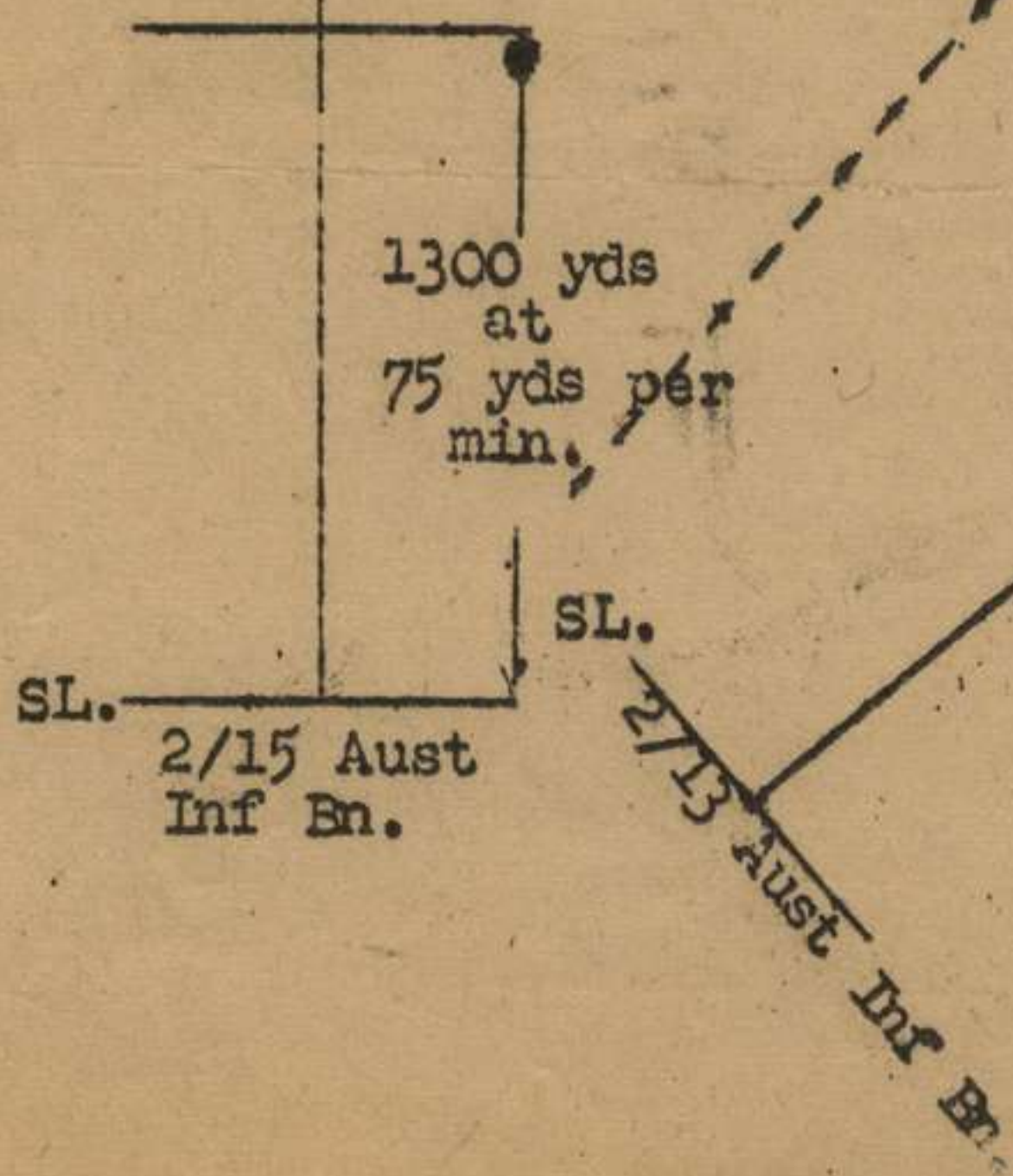
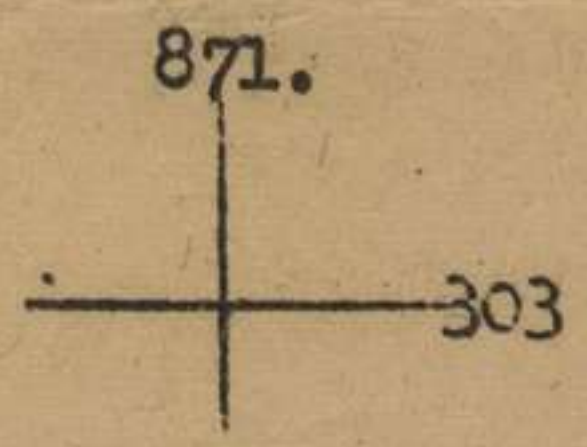
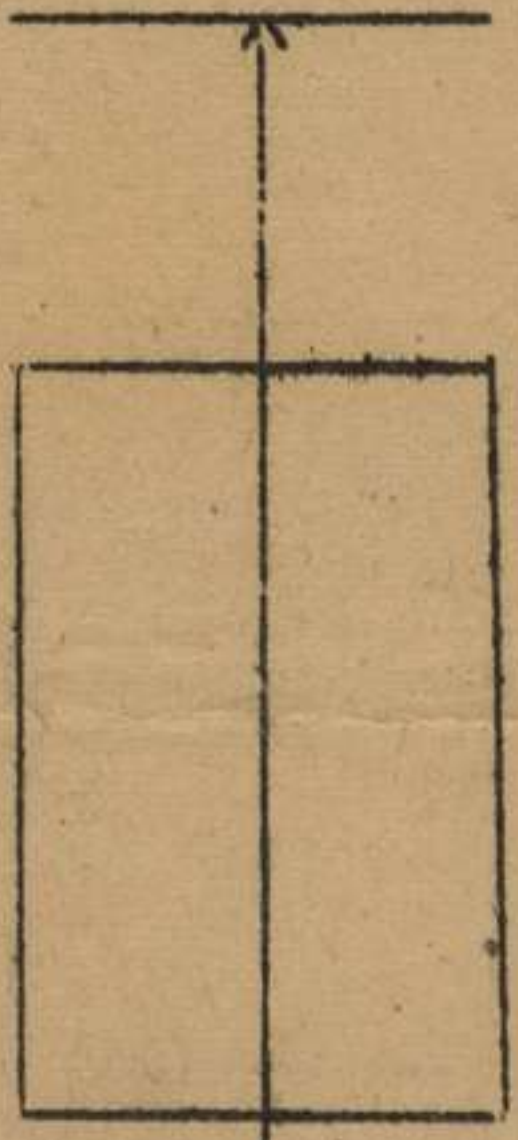
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EXPLOITATION.

OBJECTIVE.

Inf pause line
10 min.



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FINAL OBJECTIVE.

Exploitation after
10 mins pause on
Final Objective.

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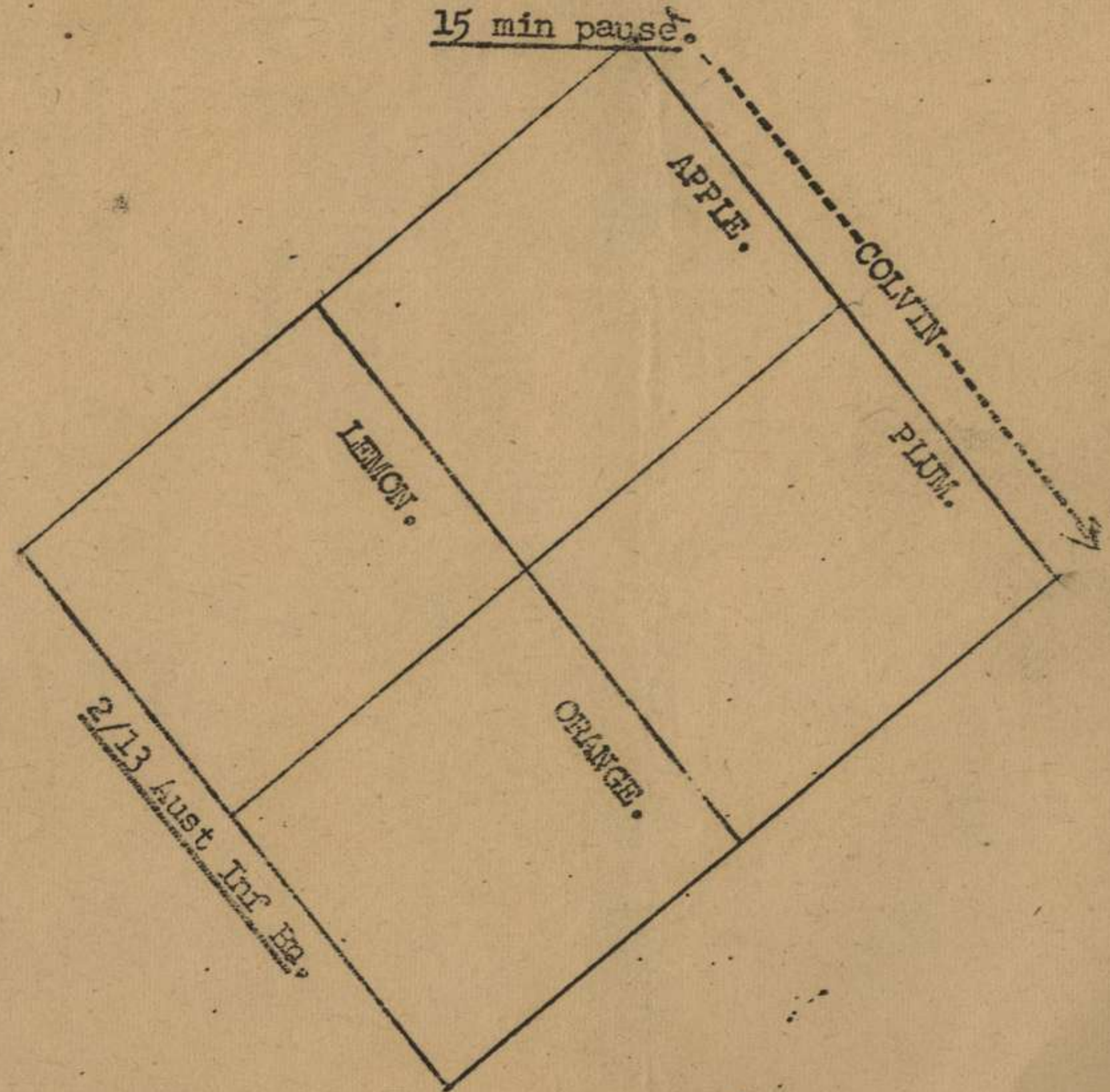
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2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

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Appa C

20 AUST INF BDE-TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TPS.

1. Object.
To practice night attack, vide 9 Aust Div Trg Instn No 21, Paras 2 and 3.
2. Tps Taking Part.
20 Aust Inf Bde, 40 RTR, Repts 2/7 Aust Fd Regt.
9 Aust ATK Bty, 2/13 Aust Fd Coy, B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
3. GENERAL.
The exercise will be carried out during the night 16/17 Oct 42, in accordance with 20 Aust Inf Bde OO.22. (to be issued).
4. Dress, Eqpt, Tpt.
As arranged by bns.
5. Exercise Starts:
With Bns in assembly areas.
6. Assembly.
(a) 2/13 Aust Inf Bn: By rd south of ry via TP1, TP2, TP3, to debussing pt. See 20 Aust Inf Bde OO.22, Appx "B".
(b) 2/15 Aust Inf Bn: By rd south of ry to TP1, thence by march route to reach assembly area by 1830 hrs.
(c) 2/17 Aust Inf Bn: By MAIN RD to debussing area north of ry, thence by march route to reach assembly area by 1830 hrs.
(d) Traffic Control (i) Tail 2/17 Bn tpt to pass TP1 by 1745 hrs.
(ii) Head 2/15 Bn " " " TP 1 not before 1745 hrs.
7. Safety Precautions, and preservation of trg area, as in 9 Aust Div G790/80/2 of 3 Oct 42.
8. Umpires:
As for Bde exercise 13 Oct 42, under direction of Chief Umpire, Maj GRACE. Umpire comms (if any) will be notified later.
9. Skeleton Enemy:
As for Bde exercise night 6/7 Oct 42.
10. AA Protection:
Will be provided in Assembly Area from 1730 hrs.
11. Dispersion of Vehs:
Dispersion of 150 yds between vehs will be maintained.
12. End of Exercise:
Will be notified by Director.

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ADMS, 9 AUST DIV.
RAP DIARY (2).
FILE.

MEDICAL REPORT ----- 1 Oct 42/23 Oct 42.

1. SITE.

From 1 Oct 42 to 16 Oct 42 the BN was near the coast at the Main Rd - Sydney Rd Junc.

On 16 Oct 42 the BN moved SOUTH along the Sydney Rd to an area astride the ry line where it remained for 4 days.

From 20 Oct 42 to 23 Oct 42 the area was near the Main Rd - Springbok Rd Junc.

2. SICKNESS.

Total attendance at RAP was 302, a considerable decline from attendance over a similar period in previous months.

(a) Enteritis.

There were 17 new cases; a decrease on earlier figures.

(b) Dysentery. 3 cases were evacuated with clinical dysentery.

(c) PUO. There were 33 new/cases with 19 admissions to MDS.

(d) Infective Hepatitis. There were 22 cases; a marked increase over previous month's figure of 6.

(e) Desert sores. The incidence showed a rapid decline with the cooler weather and relative absence of flies. There were 26 new cases.

(f) VD. There were 5 cases of VD - all men who had returned from Staging Camp.

3. EVACUATIONS.

There were 100 evacuations in the 23 day period - the majority being PUO and infective hepatitis.

4. SANITATION.

This was very satisfactory as reflected by the low incidence of enteritis.

5. MEDICAL STORES.

Prior to the battle, stretchers, Thomas Splints and Shell Dressings were indented for, surplus to WR.

All A Echelon vehicles and carriers, universal, were equipped with stretchers. Each SB squad was provided with Thomas Splint and two kept in reserve at RAP.

Shell Dressings were issued on basis of 1 to every 4 men. Foreseeing difficulty in obtaining supplies, a reserve of drugs, bandages and morphia was built up.

6. TRAINING.

During this period there were several night exercises. The RAP and all SBs participated in these. Mock casualties were evacuated, but owing to the limited time, evacuation of these casualties to RAP and beyond was unsatisfactory. This is the usual experience with BN and Bde exercises.

MEDICAL REPORT 23 Oct 42/4 Nov 42.

Prior to, and during the first attack on night 23/24 Oct 42, the RAP convoy, consisting of RAP truck, 2 ambulances and 1 WW truck, moved in its usual posn at rear of A Echelon vehicles.

During the initial phases the wounded were dressed and evacuated by a det of 2/8 AUST FD AMB under comd Maj SEYMOUR.

7 casualties were treated at RAP en route. About this period the

RAP Sgt, Sgt BELL J was wounded in R. thigh by a shell fragment, but remained on duty.

24 Oct.

On re-organisation after the attack, the RAP vehicles were among the first to reach BN HQ and were sited in a shallow depression approx 200 yds behind BN HQ.

On the morning of 24 Oct the RAPs of 40 RTR and QUEENS BAYS arrived, but did not establish themselves and worked in conjunction with our RAP.

Approx 140 casualties were treated and evacuated on 24 Oct 42, incl att units and POW.

The help of two GERMAN medical orderlies was enlisted to treated PW. The supply of ambulances was more than adequate, and evacuation was swift. At stages there were as many as 6 ambulance/att.

Although no cover was available, and treatment was carried out in the open, only one man was wounded at RAP.

On night 24/25 Oct 42 the BN attacked again and RAP moved fwd, again establishing itself about 200 yds in rear of BN HQ.

25 Oct.

Little cover was available and the RAP was sited in a shallow vehicle pit. During the morning, the RAP of the Rifle Bde arrived but did not establish itself.

Heavy shell fire was experienced during the day, probably due to the fact that MT and AFVs of RB congregated around the RAP.

Approx 120 casualties were treated during the day, incl about 60 from the RB.

The ambulance service was again excellent. Liaison with 2/8 AUST FD AMB was very good and additional blankets, shell dressings and morphia were supplied.

A squad of SBs from 2/8 AUST FD AMB was att under Cpl PAYNTER W.

26 Oct.

The area was again subjected to heavy shell fire but casualties were lighter. About 50 casualties were treated during the day.

At this stage 3 SBs had been killed and 4 wounded. The shortage of SBs was largely overcome by the excellent work of the Carrier Pl who travelled continuously to and fro between the fwd coys and the RAP.

Towards the end of the day 2 carriers received direct hits from A Tk shells, and 3 SBs from the 2/8 AUST FD AMB were killed and one wounded.

27 Oct.

This day was quiet r. Approx 40 casualties were treated and evacuated. During the 3 days 90% of casualties from the RB were treated at our RAP and were evacuated by AUSTRALIAN ambulances.

On the night 27/28 Oct the BN moved NORTH and relieved 2/24 BN. The RAP was established in a small sandbagged dugout capable of holding one stretcher.

28 Oct.

Casualties were light. About 10 were evacuated during the day.

On the night 28/29 Oct 42 the BN made its third attack.

Casualties were moderate - the greater proportion resulting from booby traps and mortar fire. Although BN HQ moved fwd the RAP remained in its present site approx 1000 yds behind the new BN HQ, as amb's were unable to move fwd because of the exposed posn.

29 Oct.

About 50 casualties were evacuated as a result of the night's attack through the unit RAP, the remainder were taken straight back to the FD AMB MOB SEC.

Since amb's were unable to go fwd, the RAP acted as a clearing sta for the 2/17 BN and 2/23 BN as well as our own unit. On the night 29/30 Oct the Moari BN and the DLI attacked WEST, their start line being approx 30 yds WEST of the RAP.

Casualties from the Moari BN, incl the CO, were evacuated through our RAP.

Direct hits were received on dugouts around the RAP from shell fire this night.

30 Oct.

Incl the previous night's casualties approx 50 casualties were treated and evacuated during this day.

31 Oct/4 Nov.

These 5 days were relatively quiet, approx 20 casualties being treated in all. The RAP truck which had previously been held at the Transport Park was brought up.

During the time that the RAP was separated from BN HQ, a medical Orderly with morphia and 4 SBs were att to BN HQ to carry between BN HQ and RAP. On the night 4/5 Nov the BN moved NORTH towards the ry line in the BLOCKHOUSE area and the RAP was re-established next to BN HQ. No more casualties were incurred however.

LESSONS TO BE DRAWN FROM THE BATTLE.

1. STRETCHER BEARERS.

During the battle, the establishment of 20 SBs is quite inadequate. But for help from Carrier Pl and SBs of 2/8 AUGST FD AMB we would have been in an embarrassing position.

Six SBs, incl att, were killed and 6 wounded, with 1 evacuated sick.

The SBs did very creditable work and all received high praise from their respective Coy Comds.

During attacks they worked in squads of two, moving fwd slightly behind the Coy.

Dressings were applied and haemorrhage stopped, but evacuation to RAP was delayed till re-organisation on the objective.

In desert warfare, the 'carries' are long and arduous, and in many cases impracticable.

The majority of cases were brought back to the RAP by carriers universal, jeeps and trucks.

2. RAP STAFF.

Throughout the battle there were the Sgt, 1 Medical Orderly, a SB Cpl and 1 batman. Another orderly returned from X List on 29 Oct 42.

This staff is the absolute minimum required. In the first three days the pressure of work was so great that records and Field Medical cards were neglected.

A clerk was later att to deal exclusively with records of evacuations.

Failure to fill in Field Medical Cards in the early stages was considered justifiable, since speedy evacuation is the first aim of an efficient RAP, and there were often as many as 12 casualties at one time awaiting evacuation during heavy shelling.

3. THOMAS SPLINTS.

Although splints were carried by SBs they were not used, probably owing to pressure of work and tense conditions.

Six Thomas splints were applied at RAP. Craser wire was used for other splints.

4. SUCKING WOUNDS OF CHEST.

The unusually high number of 6 were encountered. These were all sutured deeply with silk worm gut. Asepsis was, of course, impossible.

5. MORPHIA.

600 ccs of morphia were used during the battle. The dose injected varied from gr. 3/8 to gr. 1/2. A dose of less than gr. 3/8 is considered totally inadequate.

SBs were provided with morphia tablets to give orally, but sufficient syringes have now been acquired to provide the senior SB of each Coy. This is considered necessary, owing to the unavoidable delay which sometimes occurs in removing casualties from Coy areas.

6. NYD/N.

Considering the duration and intensity of the battle the 8 cases evacuated NYD/N is considered reasonably low. 9 cases of 'physical exhaustion' were sent back to B Echelon for varying periods of 1-4 days rest. These were brought fwd each night to RAP by ration truck and assessed as to fitness to return to Coy.

7. PHYSICAL FITNESS AND MORALE.

Prior to the battle the men were in wonderful physical condition having had several weeks swimming and sunbathing, as well as hardening marches and strenuous night exercises. The food was good and plentiful having been supplemented by food vegetables bought from Regtl funds. They were in great spirits and morale was greater than ever before. In spite of lack of sleep, hard rations continuous fighting and nervous strain their condition deteriorated remarkably little, and they recovered within two or three days after the fighting was over.

8. PEP B TABLETS.

Prior to the attack on the night 28/29 Oct 42 each man in B Coy was given 2 Pep B tabs. Subsequent comments were very favourable. some 'felt like continuing the attack after reaching the objective' other were 'so fresh they had no desire to try and get some sleep after digging in.'

9. EVACUATION.

The approx total of 440 casualties treated and evacuated incl 2/13 BN, 2/17 BN, 2/23 BN, 3 AUST A TK Regt, 2/2 AUST MG BN, 2/7 AUST PD REGT, 2/8 AUST PD AMB, MOARI BN, GORDON HIGHLANDERS, 40 RTR, QUEENS BAYS and RIFLE BRIGADE.

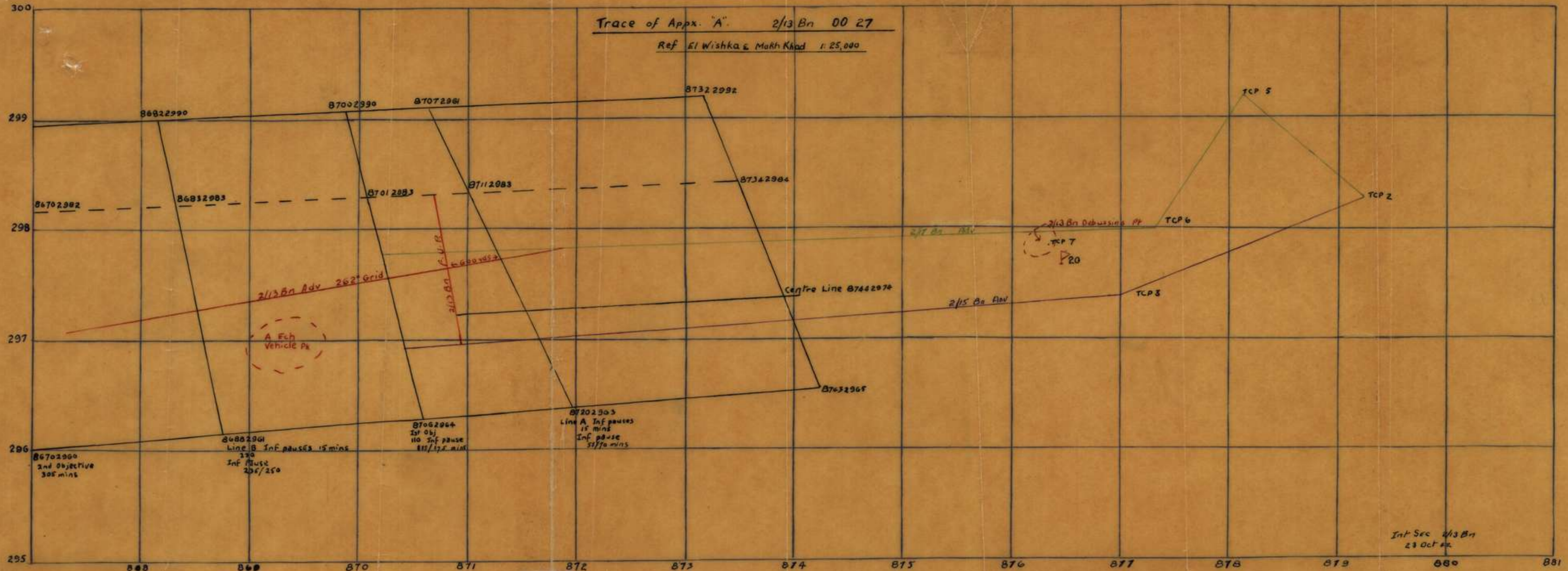
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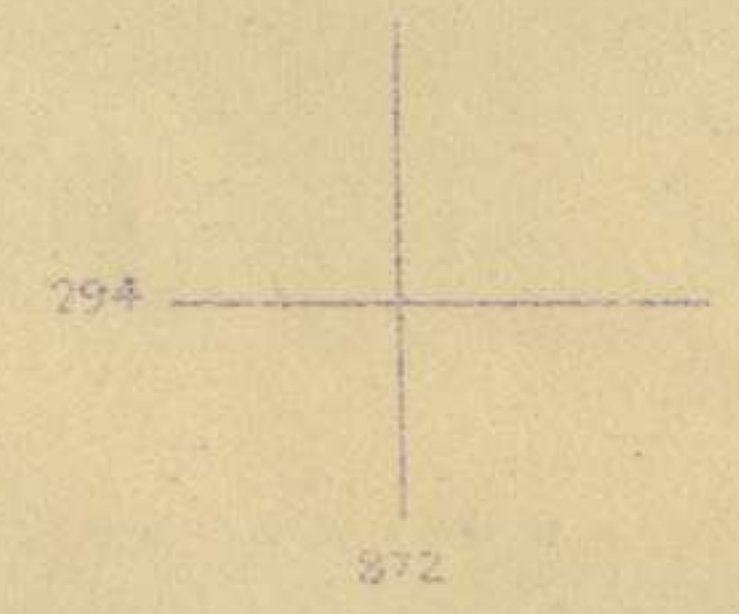
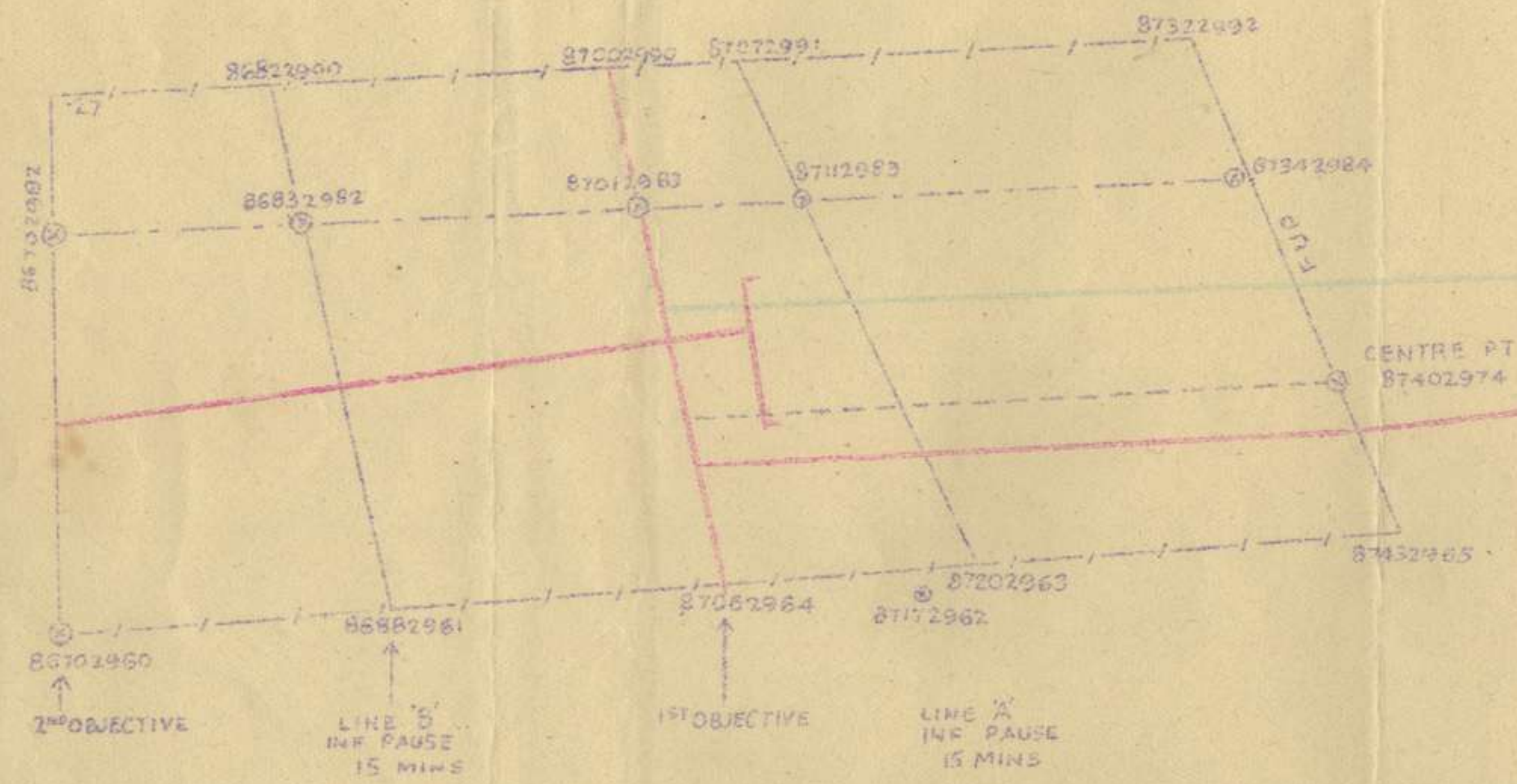
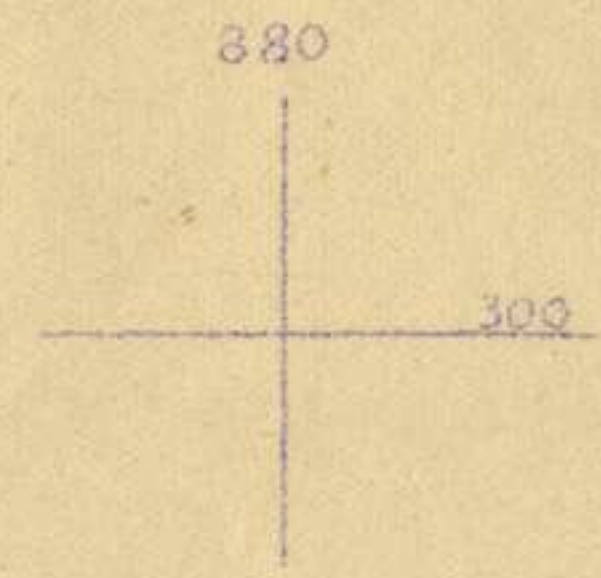
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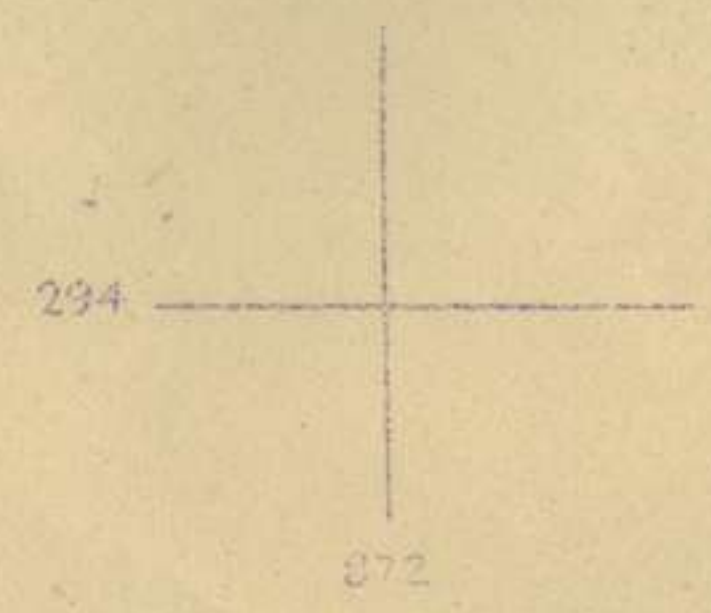
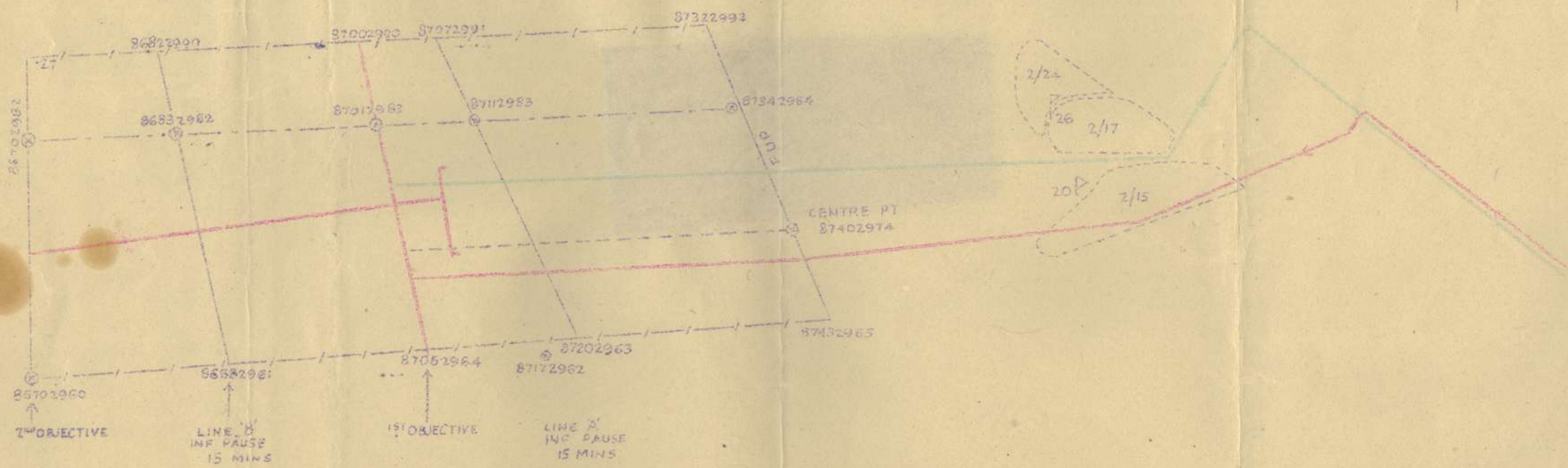
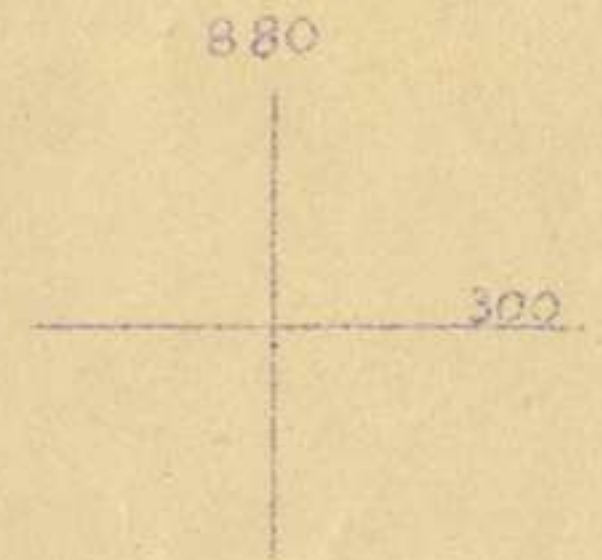
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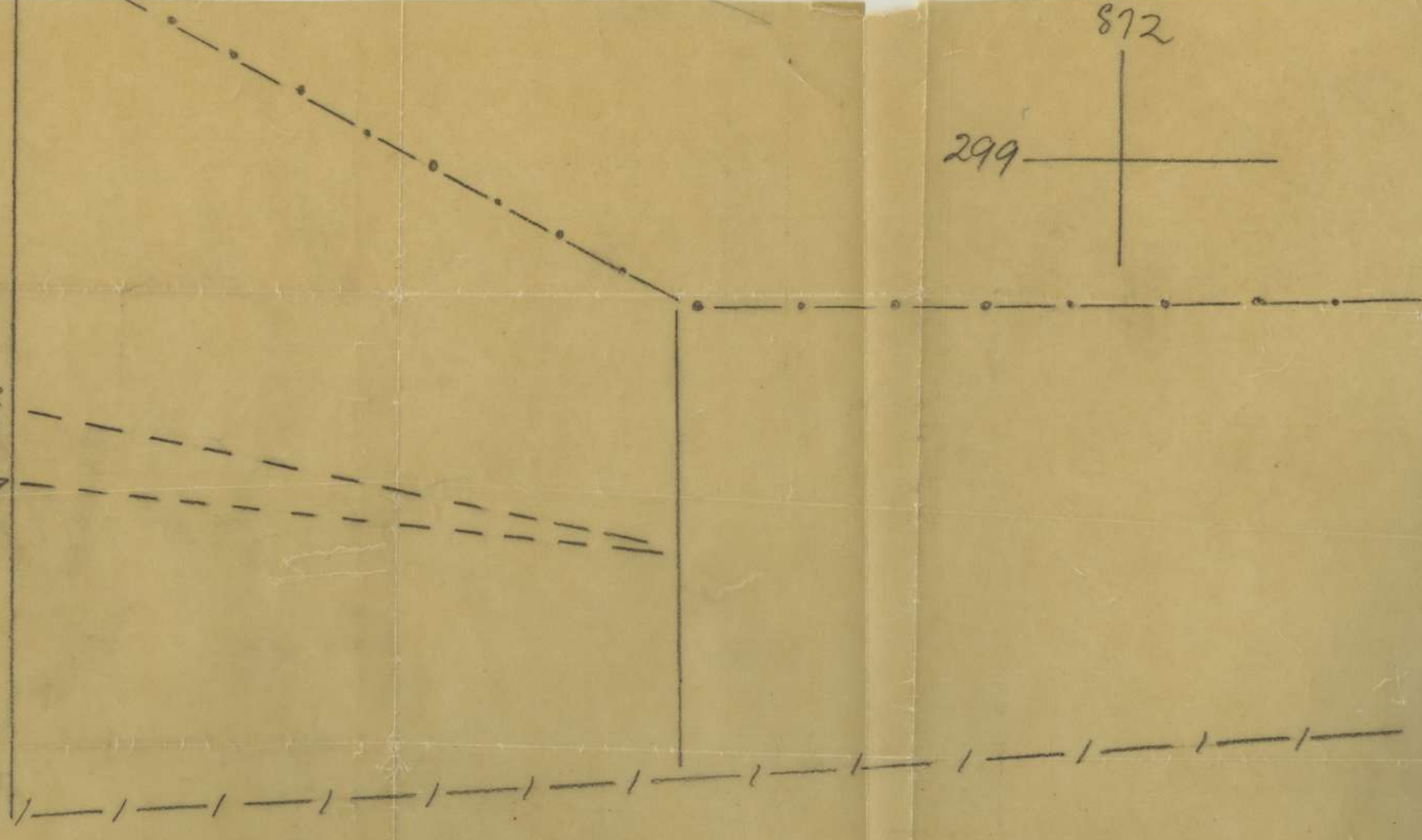
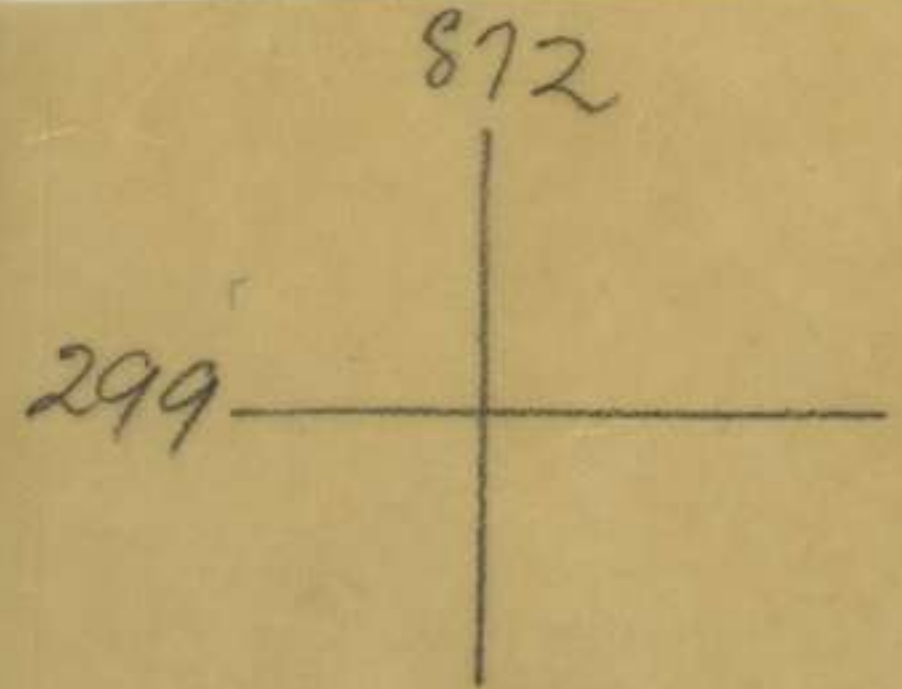
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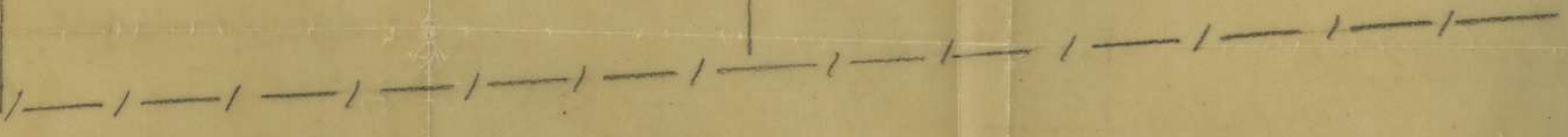
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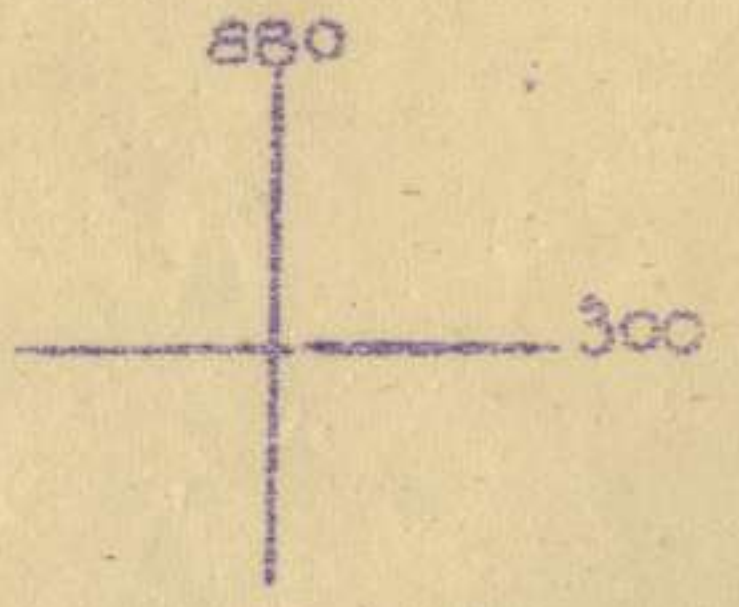
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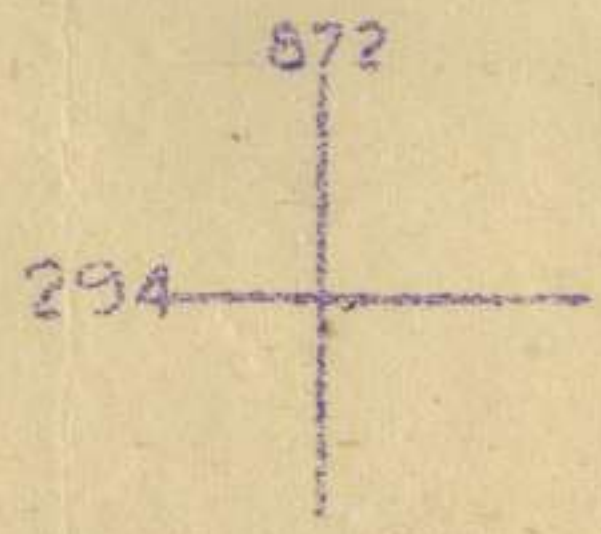
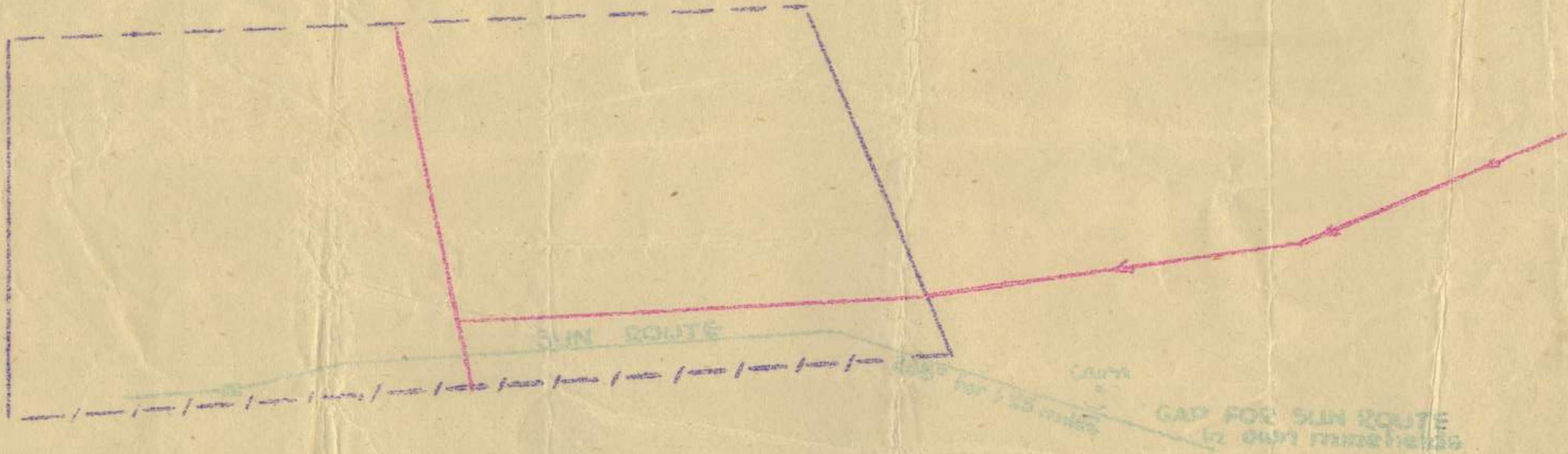
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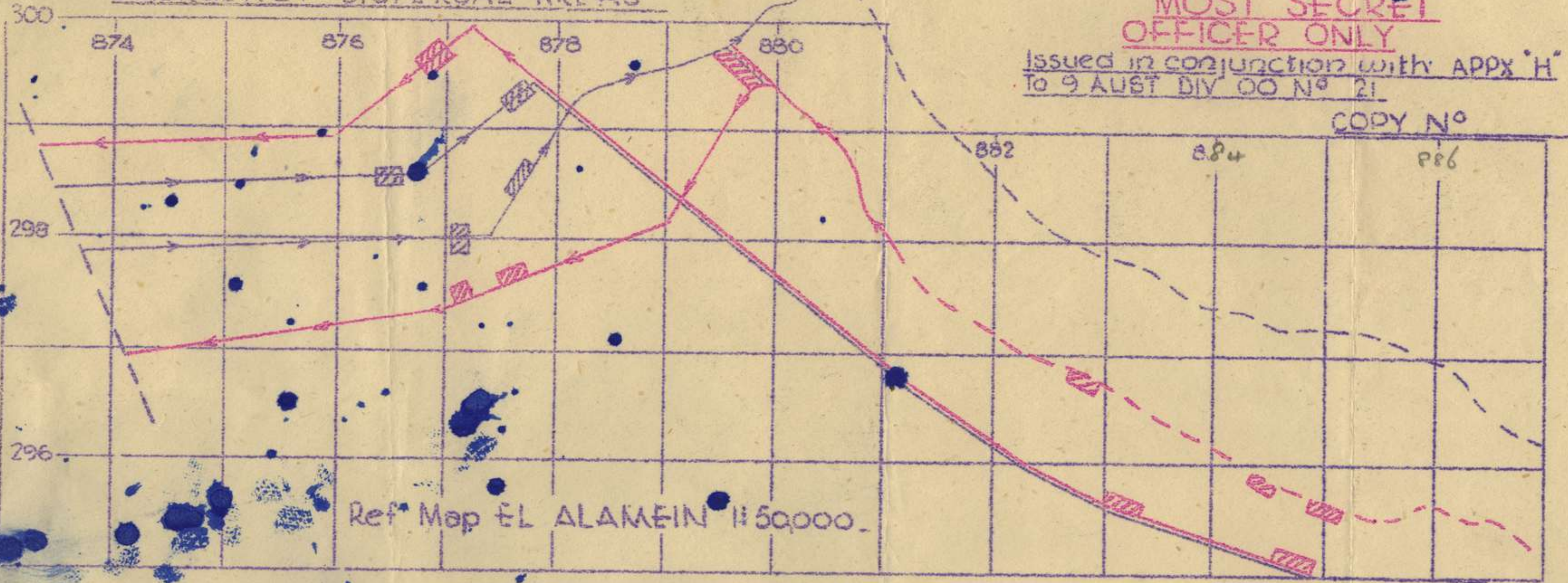
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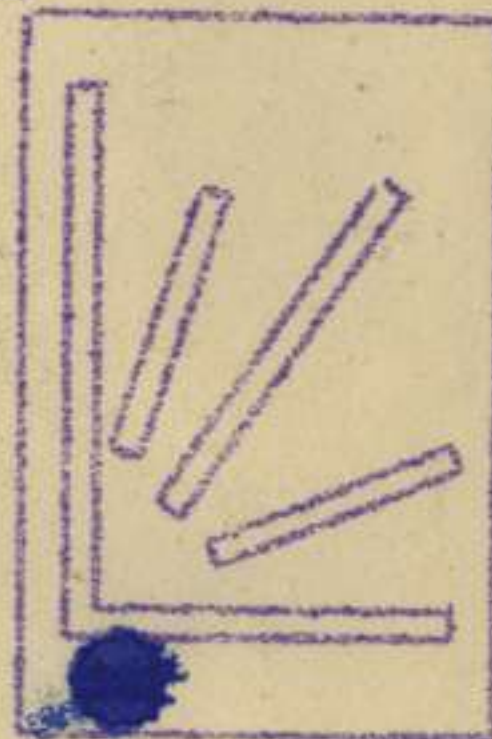
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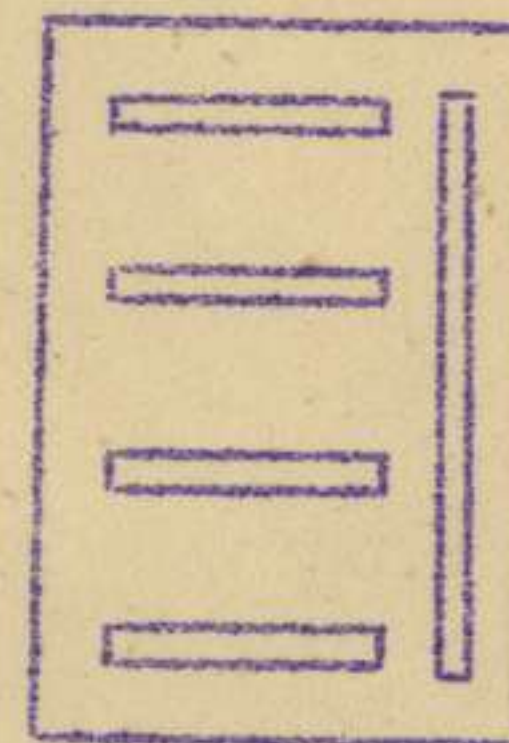
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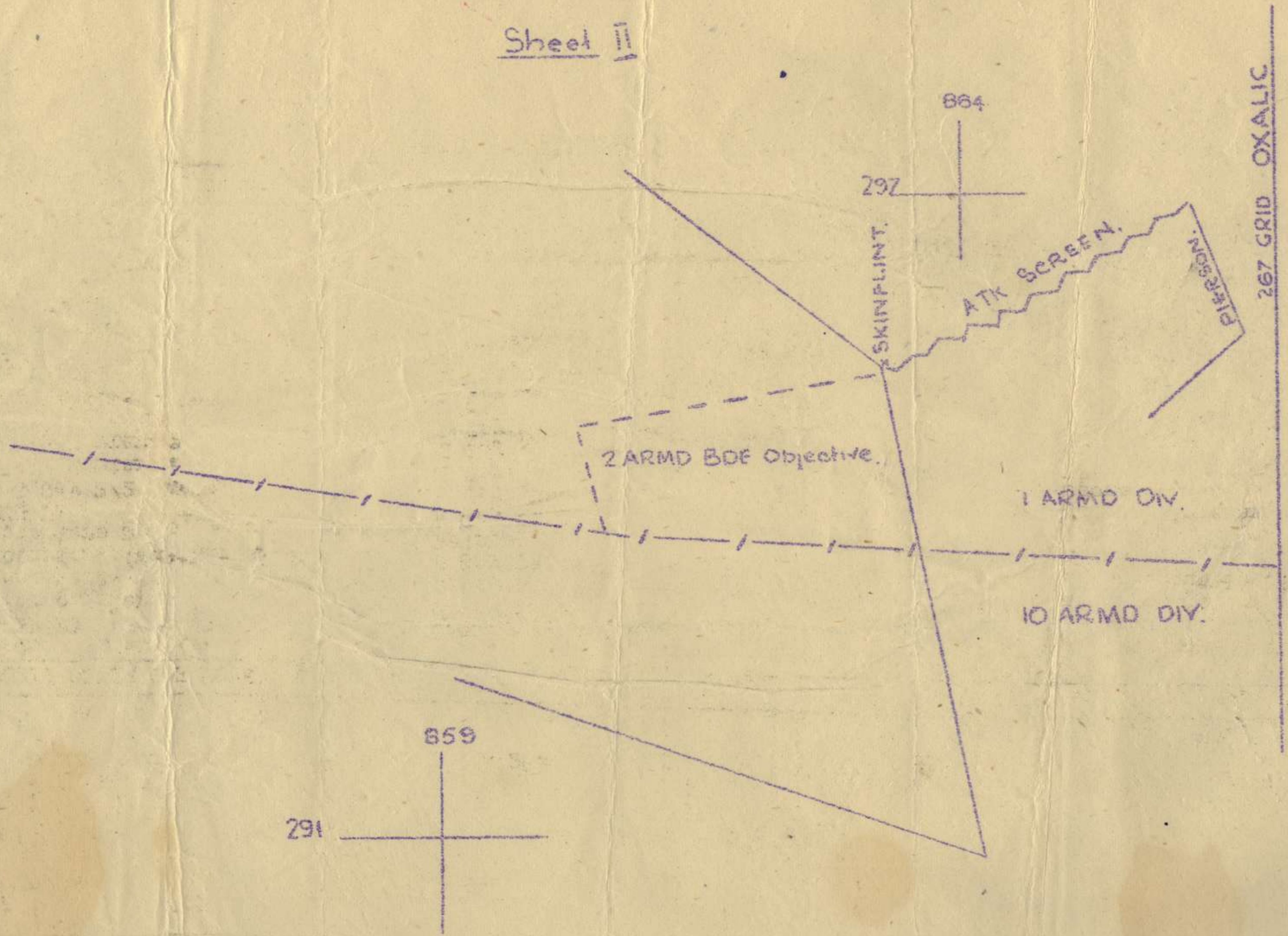


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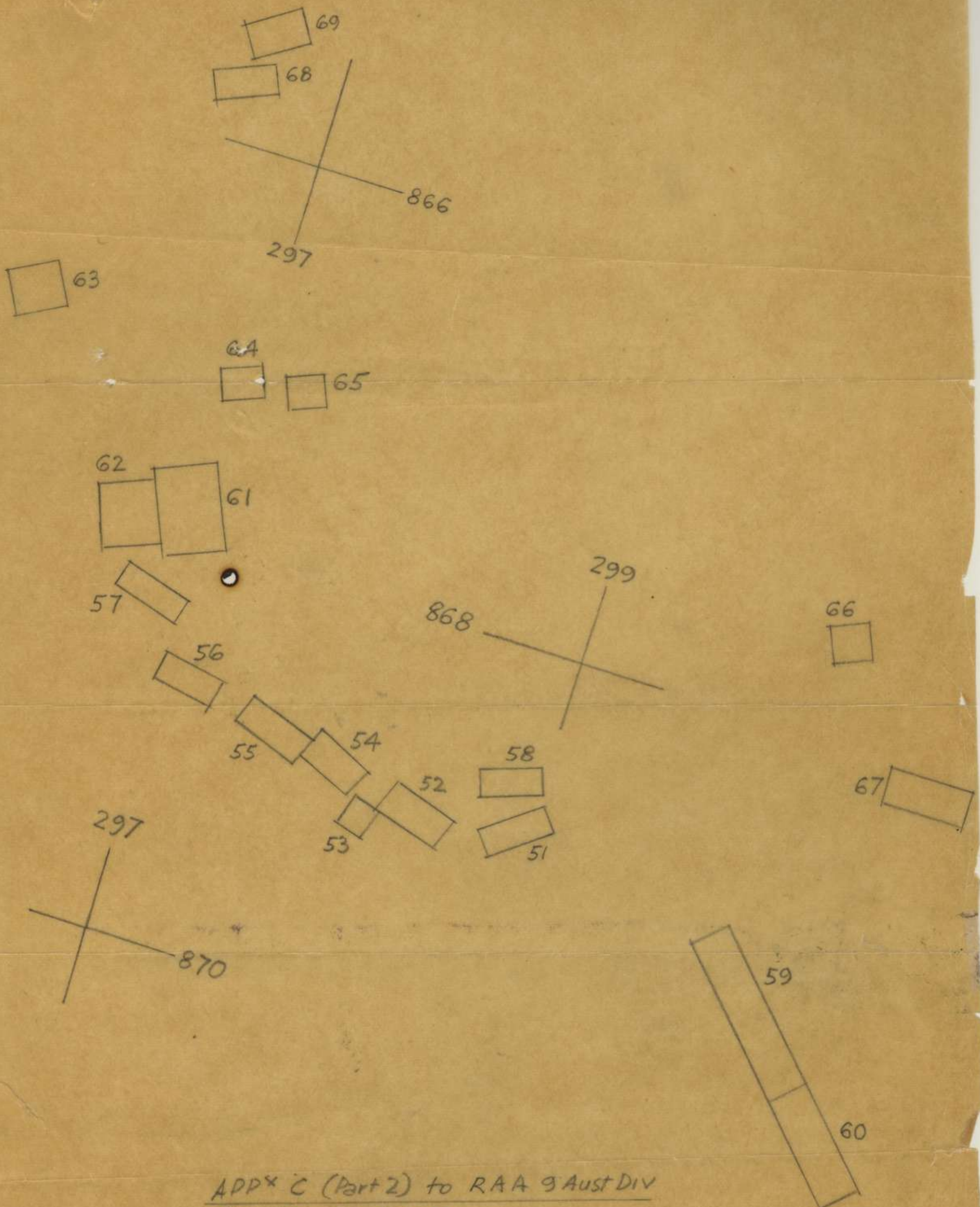
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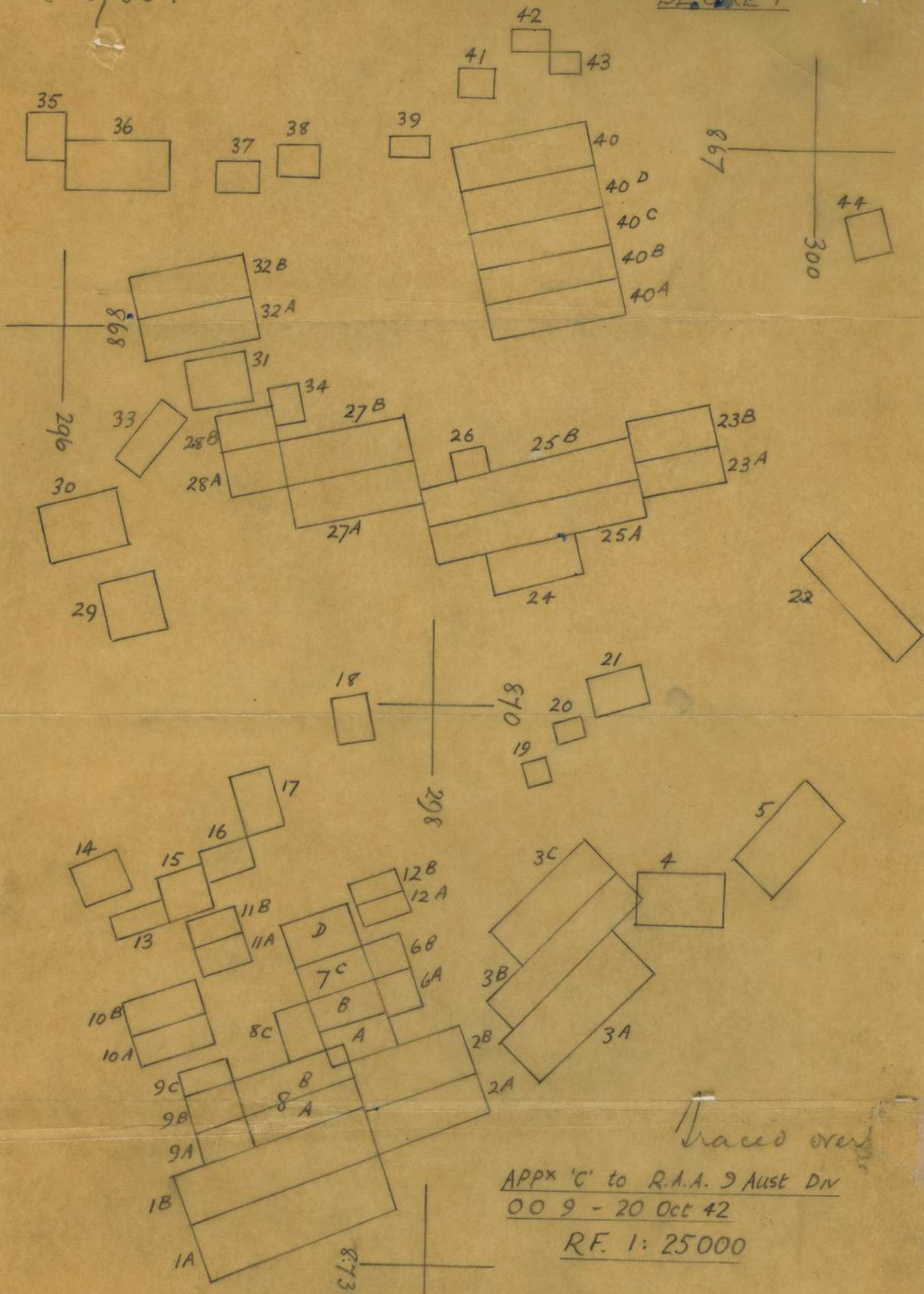
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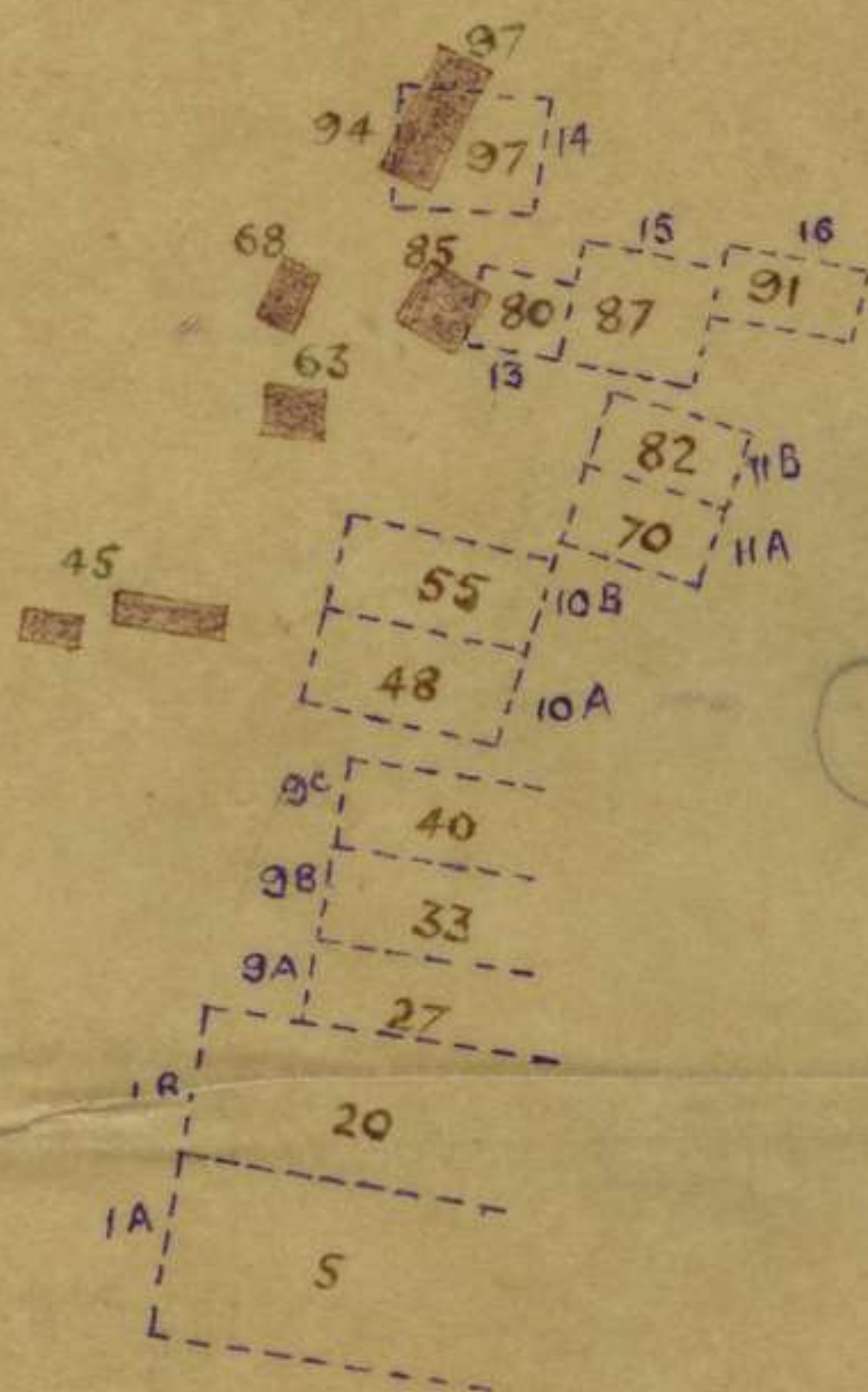
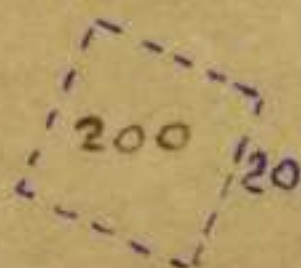
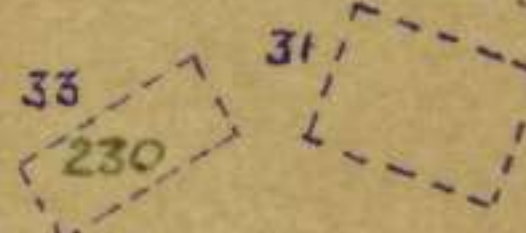
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All concentrations near the mutual boundary have
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The few slight discrepancies were examined
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