

**AWM52**  
**2nd Australian Imperial Force and**  
**Commonwealth Military Forces unit war**  
**diaries; 1939-45 War**

**Item number: 8/3/27**

**2/27 Infantry Battalion**

**April 1941**

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0600 1 Apr 41 to 0600 2 Apr 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DIMRA	1	0900	<p>INT SEC under LIEUT BENNIER leave on rd secce to RAFAH and parts beyond.</p> <p>Member of BN takes part in firing party at funeral of Pte PARKER a member of the 2/48 BN who died yesterday</p> <p>Schools continue.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DIMRA	2	0845	<p>Schools and Biv lig continue                      INT SEC return                      Preparation for practice entrainment.                      Lieut C. Dean - Jacobs - J.D. Lee &amp; S. Thomas - newly appt. to                      2/27 BN - dined in Mess - Attd to 21 Inf Bn.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DIMKA	3	0845. -1500 1200 1500. 1600 0715.	Preparation for trial entainment. as per Adm Quet No 1. Capt Austin's inspection of camp lines after Bw (main body) had left. Bde leaves camp and moves to entainment point Bw returns to camp and settles in again C.O. returns from Cairo with <sup>Brig.</sup> <del>Bde</del> 21. Inf Bde.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DIMRA	4		<p>NIL</p> <p>One of the few days nowadays that something does not happen.</p> <p>I see recce. party went out again South of GAZA</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DIMRA	5	0900	Sjt R.S. WHITINGTON, Int. Sgt. moved out to Int Wing. This Specialist training unit has not yet been formed completely so he has been sent to a training Bn on interim. It is likely that others may go to this unit.	
		1800	Rd Recon party returns from South of GAZA	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DIMRA	6		<p>Church Parade - fine weather x The general leave was taken advantage of by many who went on one day bus trips run by FAREED IMAM a guide from JERUSALEM. The tour took them to JERUSALEM, DEAD SEA and JERICHO.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DIMRA	7	1500  2045	<p>Map reading School (Second one) started by CAPT D.G. RICE x</p> <p>Su. Leaders School started by Lieut R.L. JOHNSON</p> <p>Capt F. HURLEY arrived cameras an' all and took shots of Bn on parade and marching in conjunction with 2/16 Bn x</p> <p>3 Buses from Bde on leave to TEL AVIV 25 from 2/27 Bn x. Prone to be lost leave here x</p> <p>Coy Ando conference in C.O.S office x</p> <p>All leave cancelled</p> <p>Equipment issues to be completed tomorrow</p> <p>All house keeping to be completed in readiness for possible move x Four hours notice after 0600 hrs 9 APR 41</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DIMRA	8		<p>1330 Finished packing and making of crates. Bulk of the Bn were inoculated - those who were not done since November - that meant all of us.</p> <p>1345 C.O. and Adjt up to Bde about Bde Group photographs by Capt J. HURLEY</p> <p>1915 Another draft of 2nd Reinforcements 2 Offrs LIEUT. S.J. JACOBS and LIEUT A.C. DEAN 43 ORs</p> <p>2400 Adm Instruction No 3 from Bde. Tpt to move out at 0600 hrs</p>	

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0600 9 APR 41 to 0600 10 APR 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DIMRA	9		<p>All the tents were struck and unit was ready to move at 1000 hrs</p> <p>Beer in the canteen - not Australian though.</p> <p>2200 2/14 Bn departed DEIR SUNEIO station by train</p> <p>2400 2/16 Bn leave</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
KANTARA	10		Stood by all day until train arrived (late)	
		1810	Train arrived	
		1825	Entrainment complete	
		1855	Goodbye DIMRA	
		1905	Arrived GAZA	
			picked up stores and extra coaches	
		2055	Left GAZA after bad loading had been adjusted and rations taken from brake van	
	11	0300	Due in KANTARA EAST but 25 miles to go	
		0400	Arrived	
		0330	(EGYPTIAN time now) Breakfast in the same place as same months ago on our way up the line off the H.M.T. TAKLIWA	
		0415	Breakfast	
		0500	Across the canal per ferry and onto the train x A "Gully Gully" expert entertained the boys x	



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0600 11 APR 41 to 0600 12 APR 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
IKINGI MARIUT	11	0800	<p>Train pulled out from KANTARA WEST for our ride across the NILE DELTA. Noticed plenty of A/A guns (BOFORS) and search lights along the canal.</p> <p>One of the reasons why we didn't leave on time was that it took 2 1/2 hours to get 7 luggage vans across the canal on the ferry.</p> <p>At the last minute the ration truck with QM stores was taken off the train and had to be tacked on a later one.</p>	
		1555	<p>R.T.O. Staff could have been brighter.</p> <p>IKINGI MARIUT! What a dump - rolling dust hills and not much else - no canteen in the camp. The camp was left in a remarkable condition and we found all sorts of equipment and rubbish.</p> <p>Rt. Col M.S. MOTEN is acting as Bde Comd and Major A. POPE as our CO. Brig J.S. STEVENS acting as Comd of 7 Div. Maj. Gen. J.G. LAVERACK as G.O.C. Western Desert Force <sup>AIF</sup> whatever that may mean.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1 KINGI MARIUT	12		<p>All settled                      Slit Trenches dug                      Pistol practice with our SMITH and NESSON'S                      More wind - more dust</p>	

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0600 <sup>13</sup> APR 41 to 0600 <sup>14</sup> APR 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1 KINGI 13 MARIUT		1400	<p>Easter Sunday - a service in two tents at 0600                      Dust is getting worse                      Pay - but no beer                      Issue by QM of long drill trousers                      Our Tommy Guns arrived in the morning                      Corp spent afternoon on a compass March                      of same miles</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices		
IKINGI MARIUT	14	0900	Lt. Col MOTEN returns from Bde & command unit.			
		1000	Warning Order for movement issued			
		1100	Rece party - Major ISAACHSEN and I.O. with driver and 3 OR to SIDI HANEISH			
		1130	Proposed practice pack for move turns out to be genuine pack.			
		1205	Goodbye baggage - to ALEXANDRIA Kit Store M.T. is pooled for Bde move			
		1500	Movement Order issued for SIDI HANEISH (by M'ATENBAGGUSH)			
		2300	Clocks advanced one hour (Egyptian day light saving) Bn receives 3 Bren carriers & 2 MT during day			
		15	0400	Dust Tps awakened by piquet		
				0525	Break camp	
				0615	Hot meal IKINGI MARIUT Railway Station	

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0600 15 APR 41 to 0600 16 APR 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ON THE TRAIN	15	0725	C.O. with one sub sec A/A pl proceeded to SIDI HANEISH by MT	
		1200	Had tack lunch at the Railway Station	
		1315	Train arrives - 5 1/4 hrs late	
		1405	On our way	
		1605	Engine broke down for 1/2 hours at RONESSAT. Rly Sta.	
		1715	Had meal on train and on again - slowly	
	16	0230	Trouble again - Third engine	
	15.	1200	C.O. arrived Sidi Haneish and presented an piece of "BAGGOSH Box" of 1/2 Bn allotted role of 1/4 Bn with 2/14 Bn on Western face of box forward on Right 2/16 Bn fwd on left.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
'BAGGUSH 16		0620	SIOI HANEISH A 1 1/2 mile march to our Reserve Bn area in M'ATENBAGGUSH BOX which is a perimeter defense scheme about 8 miles long to defend water supply.	
		0950	Spodding sand from half filled trenches	
		1015	Warning Order for move issued	
		1025	C.O. and 1 Sub Sec 2pl follow Bde, R Gp MERSA	
		1235	Order to move by M.T. convey (Arms Supply MATRUH to MERSA MATRUH)	
		1400	First lift - BTHQ, HQ Coy, A Coy, B Coy in 49 vehicles	
		1750	First lift reach, B Section MATRUH fortresses from BUFFS who went to 'BAGGUSH.	
		2359	C and D Coy leave 'BAGGUSH	
17	0150		Reach MATRUH	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MERSA MATRUH	17		<p>Fleas enjoyed change of diet from BUFFS to 2/27 Bn in dugouts - all quarters underground                      Defence Orders issued.</p>	

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0600 18 APR 41 0600 19 APR 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MATRUH	18	043	<p>Few mines in area exploded - no casualties - except camels</p> <p>Busy coordinating fireplan</p> <p>Off the hardtack - a bread and cheese ration</p> <p>3 M/C assembled from the bits and pieces of</p> <p>7 M/C allotted to us.</p>	

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0600 19 APR 41 to 0600 20 APR 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MATRUH	19	1700	<p>Beginning to become familiar with our "B" sector of the MATRUH defenses.</p> <p>JUNKERS 88 came over very high - about 20000 ft or more</p> <p>3 R.E.s killed in minefields "C" Sector</p> <p>An average of about one man a day has been killed for months</p>	

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127 Bn AIF

0600 20 APR 41 to 0600 21 APR 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MATRUH	20		<p>Padre went to lay areas and held church services</p> <p>Beer for the troops - Padre got it from the NAAFI - on Hitler's birthday too</p> <p>Second mail since IKINGI</p> <p>R.E. working in area - redigging A/TK ditch (outer) with mechanical Scoops. They are starting from the other end with native lps from MAURITIUS. R.E. mapping doubtful minefields too.</p> <p>As much wire as we want is obtainable from "Fortress"</p> <p>Three new Australian Bren carriers arrived bringing total to six carriers</p>	

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0600 hrs 21 APR 41 to 0600 hrs 22 APR 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MATRUH	21	1930	<p>Dummy Air Raid - the sirens could be much louder.</p> <p>Our first field pay day and issue of clothing</p> <p>15 tons of wire came in - some of the 100 tons available to us from "fortress"</p>	

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0600 hrs 22 APR 41 to 0600 hrs 23 APR 41

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MATRUH	22		<p>200 Rolls will arrive from fortress.</p> <p>Lieut P.H. GEDDES (formerly Lt.) newcomer to BHA mess - Ass. Adjt.</p> <p>2200 2/32 Bn take over from 1 Bn Argylls and Sutherland Highlanders in "C" Sector. They were to have taken over during the afternoon.</p> <p>First R.O. since day before leaving IKINGI. To be issued every Monday.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MATRUH 23			<p>3 of our Bren carriers and 4 from 2/14 Bn under          command of Lieut FAWCETT to ensure strength of          Inter Bn boundary area. 9 men from us and          12 from 2/14 Bn</p> <p>Lieutenant General Sir THOMAS BLAMEY C.B., CMG., DSO.,          now appointed, under General WAVELL, as 2 1/2          of British forces in the Middle East</p>	

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0600 hrs 24 APR 41 0600 hrs 25 APR 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MATRUH 24	1040	<p>Mine explosion in our area x Fatally wounded Sapper M. HARSE of 295 Army Fd Coy R.E. First fatality in our Sector since we've been here.</p>		
	1045	<p>Our R.M.O. attended but he died x          Arrangements made for Anzac Day Service for Returned Soldiers and others. There are now only 10 returned soldiers in the unit x          3 more Green Carriers bringing the total up to 9          6 British with the steering wheel and 3 Australian with levers</p>		

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0600 25 APR 41 to 0600 26 APR 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MATRUH	25	1835	<p>Anglican Day Church services in the town, at the GREEK CHURCH WARELL WAY</p> <p>The padre and 6 others attended the 0900 hrs service. A photograph was taken</p> <p>One enemy bomber flew very high over MATRUH - there was no alarm until the first of the nine bombs dropped. Everybody bobbed out of their dugouts to see their first active air raid looked like. Couldn't see much - they dropped on 295 A/A Battery - a British unit. Casualties - 1 dead &amp; injured.</p> <p>It served as a rather cheap lesson to us.</p>	
	26	0147	<p>1 Bomb dropped - not in our area, but it seemed fairly close. Bomb never disclosed nothing.</p>	
		0530	Stand to	
		0630	Stand to	

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0600 hrs 26 APR 41 0600 hrs 27 APR 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MATRUH 26			<p>A few at a time the men are going down to the beach for a swim in the MEDITERRANEAN. The water is very good and clear and everyone appreciates it.</p> <p>Hear that a MMG Coy will be taking over the MMG'S in this sector.</p> <p>27 0210g what seemed like 5 or 6 bombs dropped in the direction of MATRUH. No alarm given.</p> <p>Our first direct information concerning the enemy direct from Bde by 'phone</p>	

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0600 hrs 27 APR 41 to 0600 hrs 28 APR 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MATRUH	27	1600	<p>Service in the town and burial of R.E. man blown up in our area. Padre WHEREAT conducted the service</p> <p>Lieut B.A. MAGAREY commanded an observation patrol of 2 Sections to go to EL MATARIH with 7 day rations</p> <p>Very dusty.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MATRUH			<p>Our Cruiser tanks cruising outside of perimeter to enable tps in fwd areas to recognise our AFV's.</p> <p>Every available man on fieldworks.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MATRUH	29	<p>Sx 3304</p> <p>0900</p> <p>1400</p> <p>1730</p>	<p>Pte W. H. FAGG of 9 Sec 18 pl D Coy was killed by a mine explosion in front of his Section post. He had received word of a baby daughter in the previous mail.</p> <p>Artillery ranging tasks on D.F. tasks and C.P. Forward Coy were withdrawn for ranging over our Sector</p> <p>Pte W. H. FAGG was buried in MATRUH</p> <p>Fine weather all day not to mention 3 mails in one</p>	

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0600 hrs 30 APR 41 to 0600 hrs 1 MAY 41

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MATRUH	30	0900 to 1700  1400 to 1600 <del>0830</del> 0630 0830  1615 to 1820	<p>A/TK using Arty range for fieldfiring practice also on Dana 2 MAY</p> <p>Shore Battery firing practice onto Arty range from Spit other side of harbour</p> <p>Ben Guns to fire every second day at these hours under supervision of an Offr.</p> <p>NABOC relieved NABOD and NABOB will be relieved NABOA</p> <p>Australian Canteen Service took over from NAAFI in MATRUH. Beer will be rationed bottle per person per week until more comes.</p>	<p>Op Instr no 4</p> <p>O.O.3</p>

2/27 BN

MOVEMENTS A - EGYPT

10 APR

KANTARA from DIMRA

11 APR

IKINGH

2/27 BN  
APR 41.

17 APR

MATRUH

APPOINTMENTS & COMMAND

GENERAL BLANEY  
2 1/c MIDDLE EAST

23 Apr. Lt Gen Sir Thomas  
BLANEY appointed, under General  
WAVELL, Second-in-Command 2/27 BN  
British Forces in MIDDLE EAST. APR 41.

PLANS

LOCATIONS

7 Aust Div units at IKINGH, Apr. 2/27 BN  
APR 41.



M E D I C A L . . . . . R E P O R T .

For April, 1941.

During the early part of this month there was an epidemic of diarrhoea in the Bn. Although this caused a large number of men being 'off duty' only three had to be sent to hospital with diarrhoea. In most cases complete rest, no food and liberal doses of chlorodyne were quite effective. For awhile it was difficult to make the men keep off all food and it was found necessary to make all cases with diarrhoea report for medicine at the R.A.P. at meal times and hold them there, thereby making sure that they missed their meals.

During the latter part of the month the Bn moved to the field. The men have welcomed their new work and as a result lots of little minor complaints and ailments have disappeared, the total now sick dropping from 182 the first week, 108 the second week to 58 the last week of the month and the 'No duties' from 168,84 to 18.

The stretcher bearers have been distributed throughout the Bn. so that all isolated Coy H.Q. or pls have a man in attendance. Each of these men have been provided with a certain amount of extra First Aid equipment to enable them to deal with emergencies.

The Hygiene Section has had a busy time attending to the Sanitary arrangements of the new conditions and are carrying out their work well.

A. T. Harris . Capt.

R. M. C.

NABO WAR DIARY...SUMMARY...APR.41.

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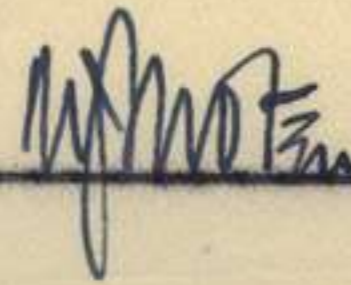
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R O By  
Maj A. Pope  
A/Comd 2/27 Bn AIF

NO. 17

DILRA, 1 Apr 41

1. DUTIES

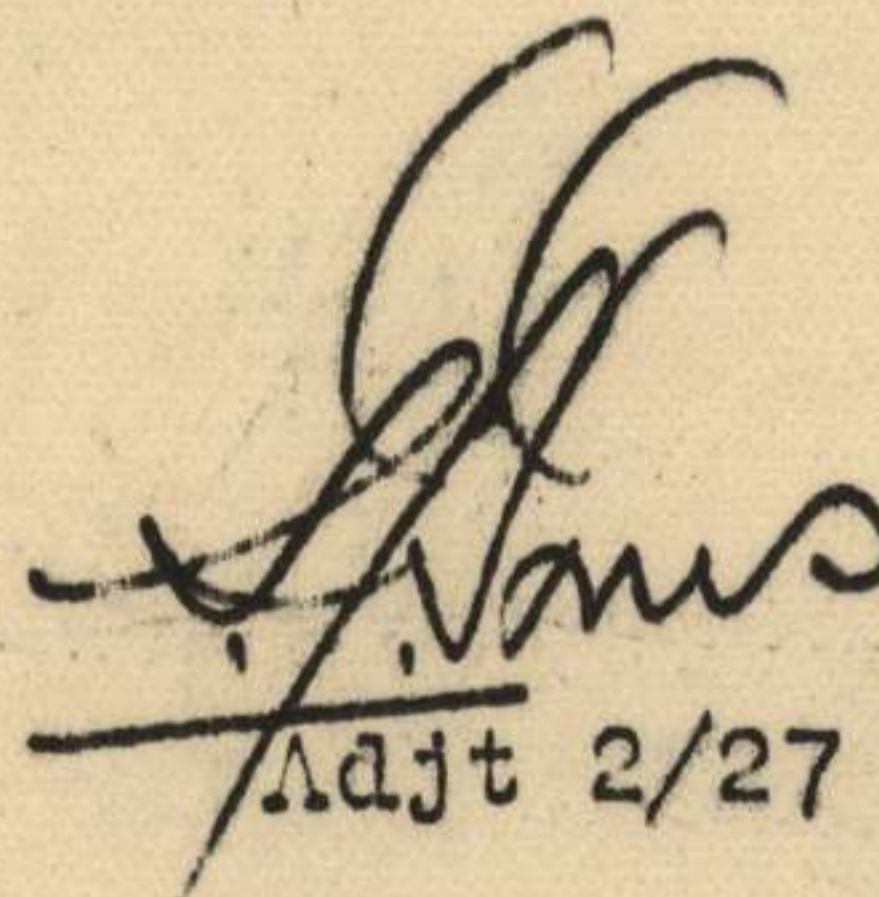
Mounting 2 Apr 41 - Duty Coy - B. Coy.

Bn Orderly Offr - Lieut A.J. Lee.

Bn Orderly Sjt - S/Sjt Geddes.

Bn Orderly Cpl - Cpl J.S. Wade.

Next for Duty - C. Coy.

  
Capt  
Adjnt 2/27 Bn AIF.

NOTICES.

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS.

A limited number of the above have been made available by the Salvation Army and are obtainable from Sjt Bloor at the R.A.P.

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A M R & O 1537

R O By  
Maj A. Pope  
A/Comd 2/27 Bn AIF

NO. 18

DIHRA, 2 Apr 41

1. DUTIES

Mounting 3 Apr 41 - Duty Coy - C. Coy.

Bn Orderly Offr - Licut Skipper.

Bn Orderly Sjt - S/Sjt Geddes

Bn Orderly Cpl - Cpl H.H. Baker.

Next for Duty - D. Coy.

2. OFFRS VISITING ALEXANDRIA

All offr of the AIF visiting ALEXANDRIA from places other than the AMIRYA-INKINGI area, either on duty or on leave, will report to AIF HQ 1 Rue de Musee. On reporting, the nature of the visit and other relevant particulars will be recorded in a book kept for this purpose in A Branch.

*[Signature]* Capt  
Adj 2/27 Bn AIF.

NOTICES

FOUND - 1 Leather Tobacco pouch - branded J.V.L.

*Wentworth*

2/27 Dn ADM ORDER NO. 1

Move Kidna Force

SECRET

Copy No \_\_\_\_\_

1 Apr 41.

1. KIDNA force will move 3 Apr 41.

2. Composition.

The force referred to in these instns as KIDNA force is composed as under:-

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.  
"I" sec 7 Div Sigs.  
2/14 Bn  
2/16 Bn  
2/27 Bn  
21 A/Tk Coy  
59 LAD

3. METHOD OF MOVE - As per Movement Table att.

4. Rail Party

(a) Kit as instructed will be packed in seakit bags and universal kitbags.

(b) Sea-kit bags and Universal kitbags will be dumped separately by Coys at Coy Orderly Rooms by 1200 hrs 3 Apr.

(c) Seakit bags on arrival at entrainment pt, will be dumped by Coys and personnel will pick up these on arrival and carry them in the carriage.

(d) Universal kitbags will be moved by pool tpt, but will be loaded direct into brake vans on arrival of train.

5. Personnel

i. Bn will move with all att tps.

ii. Personnel on leave will rejoin rear party and move under orders issued for that party.

iii. Personnel at schools, courses and duty will rejoin at destination under arrangements made by HQ AIF Base Area.

6. Dress F B Dress, full marching order with greatcoat in pack and blanket round pack.

7. Blankets

i. One blanket vide para 6 above.

ii. Two blankets will be rolled by secs - tied within hessian and labelled. These will be dumped at Coy HQ by 1200 hrs.

8. Accommodation Stores.

(a) Coy war eqpt will be dumped by 1200 hrs for loading.

(b) Orderly room records etc will be conveyed by pool-tpt to entrainment pt.

(c) Lamps Hurricane, Buckets I.C. Bowls washing  $3\frac{1}{2}$  gall, Tubs, Tables and trestles, Pans - to be dumped WEST of No. 2 Q Store by 1230 hrs.

(d) Kitchen gear will be stacked in front of Gd Hut by 1400 hrs

(e) QM will have stacked all surplus stores for return to DOD.

9. Tentage

Tentage at present on issue will be left standing and will be handed over to incoming unit by the rear party.

Sides of tents will be rolled and in the case of EPIP tents the sides will be rolled and stood at the corners of the tents in an upright posn.

10. Baggage All offrs trunks for AIF Kit Store to be correctly labelled with Regimental No. Name, Rank and Serial Number and stacked at Offrs mess.

Keys of all locked trunks will be deposited at QM Store and will have firmly att a label to shew to which article it belongs.

QM A nominal roll of depositors (AIF IS 4) in duplicate will accompany bulk deposit of keys to Bde HQ.

11. Rations Dinner 1230 hrs. To be prepared and put in Hot boxes by 1100 hrs. All other kitchen gear to be cleaned and ready for removal to dump.

A Haversack meal will be issued to all ranks immediately after the midday meal

12. Rear Party - Unit - B. Coy OC Capt McPhee

12. Rear Party (Contd).

In addition to normal rear party duties it will be responsible for the security of the En Area, and the dumped stores and the Arm dump pending loading.

OC rear party is responsible that En lines are clean and tidy and a credit to the unit, prior to handing over.

Representative Bde HQ will inspect before handing over.

13. Movement by Rail

O C Train - Liaj Pope

Duties - as per Bde Adm Order No. 1.

Entraining Offr - Lieut R.L. Johnson.

Duties - responsible for issuing the order, in consultation with DFO for entrainment and detrainment of tps. No personnel will entrain or detrain except upon receipt of an order from this offr.

13. A/A Protection - 1 NCO and 4 ORs - AALMG.

Alarm notified later.

In alarm - glass window will be lowered, shutters raised, and lights extinguished.

Separate instructions will be issued in the case of the train halting through break in line and dispersal being necessary.

14. Duty Coys mounting 1600 hrs 3 and 4 Apr.

Duty Coy - C and D Coys respectively.

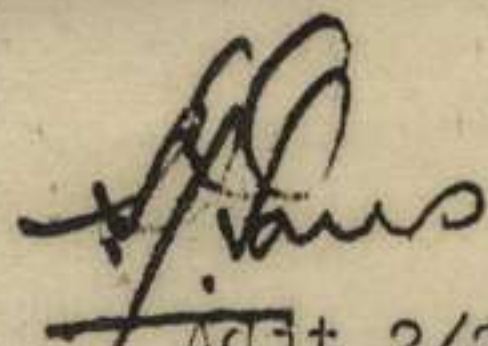
15. Security

Extreme care will be exercised by all ranks for the safe custody of arms, amm, capt and rifles. They will not be left unattended at any time.

All ranks to be warned against attempting in any way to convey infm that they are moving, to any person either by letter or by talk in front of strangers.

Unit franking and censor offr will pay particular attention to this matter.

Signed at 1500 hrs.  
Issued by runner.

  
Capt  
Adjnt 2/27 Bn A.M.

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No. 1	A. Coy	Copy No. 9	RSM
2	B. Coy	10	Adjnt
3	C. Coy	11	"I" sec 7 Aust Div
4	D. Coy		Sigs.
5	HQ Coy	12	21 Inf Bde.
6	QI	13	File
7	C O	14)	
8	2 i/c	15)	War Diary.
		16	RMO

Ø Baggage (Contd)

Offrs - One suite case and one valise to be stacked in front of Offrs Mess at 1200 hrs 3 Apr.

Band - Instruments and rifles carried. Packs to be treated as offrs gear.



MOVEMENT TABLE

SECRET

Appx "A" to ADM Order No. 1

Copy No \_\_\_\_\_

"A"

ENTRAINMENT TABLE

Unit	Place of entrainment	Train	Time at Siding for loading of Baggage.	Time entrainment and loading complete	Time of Departure.	Remarks.
2/27 Bn "K" sec Sigs 7 Aust Div	Level Crossing 11161156	C	1630 hrs	1730 hrs	1745 hrs	Sea kit bags & Universal kitbags load at 1530 hrs. Ø

Unit Baggage Party

Ø Lieut Thomas and 15 ORs 7 pl will load and travel to entraining pt with baggage trolleys.

"B" Times of moves of marching personnel to Entraining Pt.

Unit	SP	Time	Route	Remarks.
2/27 Bn "K" sec 7 Aust Div Sigs.	Wadi King 1094- 1084	1500 hrs.	SP - Tk junc 10951100 - BENT JIRJA 11041125 - Entraining pt	2/27 Bn and att tps will move in the Order - BHHQ-HQ-A-C-D Coys - "K" sec Sigs 7 Aust Div - at 100x intervals.

"C" Times for loading and moving of BN TPT

Unit	No of vchs	Time of loading to be completed	S.P.	Time	Speeds and densities		Remarks
					VMI	MMH	
2/27 Bn	21	1530 hrs	Rd junc 1073 1086	1613 hrs.	15	20	
"K" sec Sigs 7 Aust Div.	9	1530 hrs	Rd junc 1073 1086	1605 hrs	15	20	

*[Signature]*  
Capt  
Adj 2/27 Bn AIF.

R O By  
Lt Col H J Moten M D  
Comd 2/27 Bn AIF

DHIRA,  
3 & 4 Apr 41

NO. 19

PART "A"1. DUTIES

Mounting 4 Apr 41 - Duty Coy - D. Coy.

Bn Orderly Offr - Licut J.G. Crafter.  
Bn Orderly Sjt - S/Sjt P.H. Geddes.  
Bn Orderly Cpl - L/Cpl S.R. Penney.

Mounting 5 Apr 41 - Duty Coy - A. Coy.

A/Bn Orderly Offr - S/Sjt P.H. Geddes.  
A/Bn Orderly Sjt - Cpl D.L. Coombe.  
Bn Orderly Cpl - L/Cpl L.H. Brown.

Next for Duty - B. Coy.

2. CHURCH PARADES - 6 Apr 41.

Time	Denomination	Units	Place	Chaplain	Duty Unit
0720	C of E. (Holy Communion)	All Units (Voluntary)	2/27 Bn Reading Room	Chap Whercat	2/27 Bn
0730	R C (Mass)	All Units (Voluntary)	BdeHQ Rec Hut near 2/14 BdeHQ	Chap Whelan	7 Div Sigs.
0830	R C (Mass)	All Units	Ditto	Chap Whelan	7 Div Sigs.
0900	Protestant	2/27 Bn 2/6 Pd Amb	Open Air	Chap Whercat	2/27 Bn
1930	Lantern Lecture	All Units (Voluntary)	2/27 Bn Reading Room	Chap Whercat	2/27 Bn
2000	All Denominations	All Units (Voluntary)	Rec Tent 2/14 Bn.	Adjt Moore.	2/14 Bn

PART "B"

SX 2279 Cpl Mortimer R.G. to be A/Sjt as from 1/4/41  
SX 3178 Pte Andrews J.J. to be A/Cpl as from 1/4/41  
SX 4026 Pte Camp R. to be L/Cpl as from 1/4/41  
SX 4262 Cpl Underwood RV to be L/Sjt as from 1/4/41.  
SX 3962 Cpl E.T. Leckie - Rank confirmed.

*[Signature]* Capt  
Adjt 2/27 Bn AIF.

X. Routine for Church Parades will follow along same lines as previously and should weather prove unsuitable for the open air service, coys will be advised.

R O By  
 Lt-Col H J Moten M D  
 Comd 2/27 Bn AIF

NO. 20

DILRA, 5 Apr 41

1. DUTIESPART "A"

Mounting 6 Apr 41 - Duty Coy, - B. Coy.

Bn Orderly Offr - Lieut A.J. Tee  
 Bn Orderly Sgt - S/Sgt P.H. Geddes.  
 Bn Orderly Cpl - L/Cpl D.J. Bond.

Next for Duty - "C" Coy.

2. BLACKOUT

Blackout regulations are NOT being observed and such carelessness will cease immediately.

ALL RANKS will co-operate to see that the necessary restrictions are strictly enforced.

PART "B"

3X10149	A/Sgt Bloor R	rank confirmed	Sgt	17 Mar 41
4710	A/Cpl Brand T P C "	"	Cpl	17 Mar
6430	Pte Hawker D S	promoted	A/Cpl	5 Apr
4758	" Muleahy J R	appointed	L/Cpl	5 "
2227	L/Cpl Gibson R M	reverts to	Pte	5 "

*A. J. Tee*  
 Capt  
 AIF 2/27 Bn AIF.

NOTICES

Receipt is gratefully acknowledged of the gift of 772 packets Cigarettes from The Australian Comforts Fund, which were distributed as follows:-

HQ Coy	293
A Coy	123
B Coy	114
C Coy	117
D Coy	<u>125</u>

772

FOUID - One Australian coin.

*W. J. ...*

# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. *66*

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

No. of Groups.

GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP



(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

*2/14 Bn 2/27 Bn rpld 7 Aust Div*

*war priority*

FROM

*21 Aust Inf Bde*

Originator's Number

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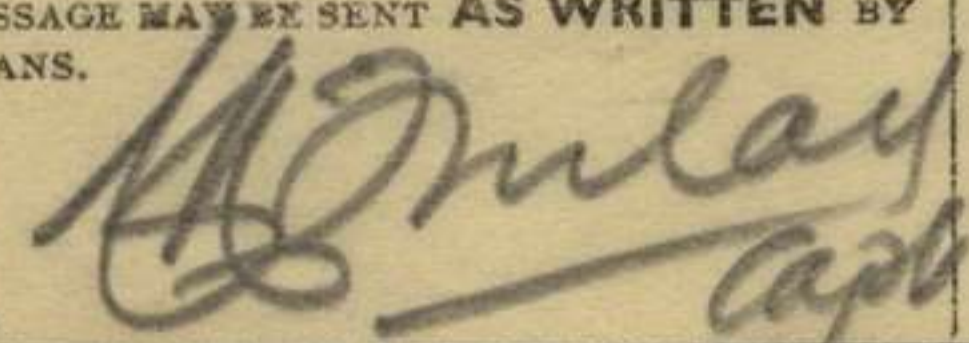
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In Reply to Number

<i>2/27</i>	<i>bn</i>	<i>relieves</i>	<i>2/14</i>	<i>bn</i>	<i>pro</i>
<i>duties</i>	<i>SARAFANO</i>	<i>1600</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>apr</i>
<i>o</i>	<i>units</i>	<i>liaise</i>	<i>direct</i>	<i>re</i>	<i>strength</i>
<i>hpt</i>	<i>duties</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>other</i>	<i>details</i>	

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS.

SIGNED  
  
*W. M. Murray*  
*Capt*

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER.

SIGNED

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY



TIME OF ORIGIN

*1130*

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

SYSTEM IN		TIME IN		READER		SENDER		SYSTEM OUT		TIME OUT		READER		SENDER	

Strength. Two pks. and ~~1 cook.~~  
 2. Lts. ~~1. B.P.P.~~  
 1. Capt. O.C.

Duties: Act as reserve to assist  
 English Prov.  
 1-15 act, 2-30 act as reserve

Sarafan provide Rations + quarters.

Lead. O.Rs. + Affs take all  
 gear as a new flow camp.

1-15 act 6-30 act

Coz Lines 134.5 hrs

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/27 BN. A.I.F. (Unit). 5 APR 1941 (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 authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	4		2
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	4		1
Staff Serjeants	3		
Serjeants	<del>26</del> 27		4
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	60		13
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	604		197
TOTALS	703	*	* 197

\* 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.
SMITH R.L. (Sjt)	AAPC	HIND A.S. pte	AACAC (21 Aust Inf Bde)
DRAGE G.T. (L/Sjt)	AADC	PHILIPSON W.J. L/Sjt	AAPSC
DALY T.K. cpl	"	BLOOR R. Sjt	AAMC
HARPER E.C. pte	"	BRAND T.F.C. cpl	"
DDE P.A. "	"	FREAKE J.A. pte	"
SMART H.F. "	"	LOMMAN G. "	"

**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).

19

2/27 BN. A.I.F.

Unit.

Army Form W.3009

(page 2)

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.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	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) ... ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																				
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers ... ..																				
Farriers ... ..																				
Fitters ... ..																				
Machine Gunners ... ..																				
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ... ..																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ... ..																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers ... ..																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties ... ..																				
Signallers ... ..																				
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
W.O.I.										2										
Sjts													5							
Ptes																			177	
Cpls																			13	
										2				5					13	177
																				197
General duty personnel ... ..																				
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).																				

2/27 BN. A.I.F.

Unit.

Adjt Sgnt of A.I.F. Commander.

Capt

Date of Despatch

5 APR 1941

21: AUST INF BDE

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

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/27 BN. A.I.F. (Unit.)

**PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

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	1		
Majors.....	3		
Captains	6		2
Lieutenants	19		7
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
District Officers			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>9</b>

\* 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.
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**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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**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).
LIEUT	DEAN A.C.	SX2643 A.I.F.	ADJUTANT
"	McFARLANE	D.S.A	1 A.G.H.
.....			
.....			



**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
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT. COL		MOTEN M.J.	2/27 Bn	YES	C.O.
MAJOR		POPE A	"	"	2/c
"		DOBBS J.G.	"	No	MET School
"		KACHSEN D.C.	"	YES	O.C. D Coy
CAPT		McPHEE D.R.	"	"	O.C. B Coy
"		PRICE J.H.M.	"	"	Q.M.
"		WOORE T.G.	"	"	O.C. C Coy
"		WHITE D.A.H.	"	"	O.C. A Coy
"		STUCKEY G.R.	"	"	2/c B Coy
"		RICE D.G.	"	"	2/c A Coy
"		TOMS S.J.	"	"	ADJT
LIEUT		JOHNSON R.L.	"	"	O.C. 14 pl
"		LEE A.J.	"	"	O.C. 10 pl
"		CUMING J.C.	"	"	O.C. 16 pl
"		RUDD L.K.	"	"	O.C. 17 pl
"		SKIPPER J.W.	"	"	O.C. 13 pl
"		THOMAS R.A.	"	"	O.C. 7 pl
"		KIMBER H.R.R.	"	"	O.C. 18 pl
"		BEARE J.H.	"	"	O.C. 5 pl
"		McFARLANE D.S.A.	"	No	1 A.G.H.
"		GILL T.F.	"	YES	O.C. 8 pl
"		MAGAREY B.A.	"	"	O.C. 12 pl
"		SIMS C.A.W.	"	No	CAIRO LEAVE
"		BENNIE F	"	YES	I. off
"		KATEKAR H.J.	"	No	CAIRO LEAVE
"		FANCETT G.H.	"	YES	O.C. 4 pl
"		HARRY G.H.	"	"	O.C. 6 pl
"		MADIGAN R	"	"	O.C. 3 pl
"		CRAFTER J.G.	"	"	O.C. 16 pl
"		SANDISON C.H.	"	"	SIG OFFR

(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		HARBISON A.T.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.
PADRE		WHEREAT C.R.	A.A.C.C.		CHAPLAIN

2/27 BN. A.I.F.

(Unit.)

5 APR 1941

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]* Capt  
(Signature of Commander.)

21 AUST INF BDE

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

NO. 21

R O By  
Lt-Col H J Moten E D  
Comd 2/27 Bn AIF

DHRA, 6 Apr 41.

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for Adj't 2/27 Bn AIF.

*W. J. Moten*

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*Montgomery*

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Comd. 2/27 Bn AIF

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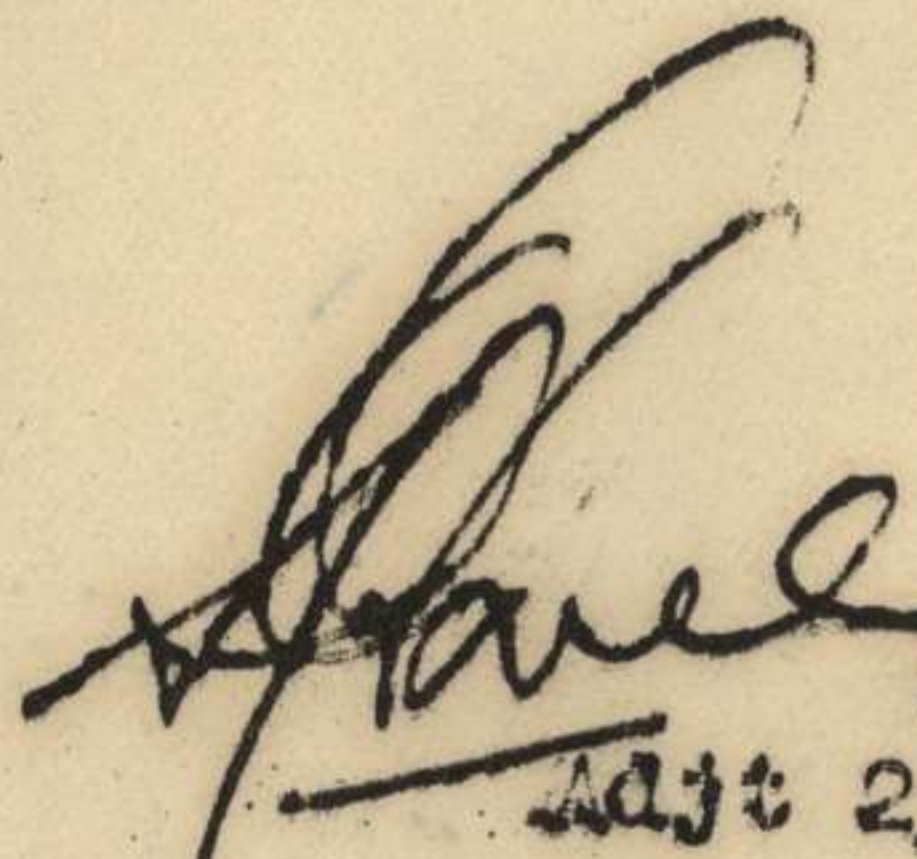
DIMRA. 7 Apr 41

1. Duties.

Mounting 8 Apr 41 - Duty Coy - A. Coy.

Bn Orderly Offr - Lieut Gill  
Bn Orderly Sgt - S/Sgt Cadden  
Bn Orderly Cpl - Cpl Buchanan.

Next for Duty - B. Coy.

  
Capt  
Adj. 2/27 Bn AIF.

*War diary*

R O By  
 Lt-Col M J Moten M D  
 Comd 2/27 Bn AIF

NO. 23

DHMA, 8 Apr 41

PART "A"1. DUTIES

Mounting 9 Apr 41 - Duty Coy - B. Coy.

Bn Orderly Offr - Licut Magarey.  
 Bn Orderly Sjt - Sjt Blackmore  
 Bn Orderly Cpl - I/Cpl E. Crowe.

Next for Duty - C. Coy.

2. WASHING OF MESS UTENSILS.

The practice of washing mess utensils at ablution benches must cease forthwith. It causes small deposits of food in and around the benches and is most unhygienic, providing breeding places for flies. CO's will provide special arrangements for washing mess utensils.

3. MAIL, INCORRECT POSTING OF -

An increasing amount of mail is being posted in civilian Post Offices. All ranks are notified that, in future, mail posted in civilian Post Offices will be intercepted by the censor and disciplinary action taken against the offender. After such action has been taken, the letter will be destroyed.

4. INDISCREET GOSSIP

All ranks are again warned of the need for discretion in conversations in public or private places or on the telephone on subjects relating to military matters. Reports of indiscreet conversations are constantly being received at HQ 7 Aust Div. It is the duty of all ranks to report any such conversations. The severest disciplinary action will be taken by units against offenders in this regard.

PART "B"

SX 3995 L/Cpl Burr F.S. promoted A/Sjt 5 Apr 41.

*[Signature]* Capt  
 Adj 2/27 Bn AIF.

NOTICES

LOST - 1 Hat F.S. complete with chin strap, rising sun, puggaree and color patch (hat marked Pte E.A. Robinson - SX 4151)

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R O By  
Lt-Col H J Metton M D  
Comd 2/27 Bn AIF

NO. 24

DHRA, 9 Apr 41

1. DUTIES

PART "A"

Mounting 10 Apr 41 - Duty Coy - C. Coy.  
Bn Orderly Offr - Lieut H.J. Katchar.  
Bn Orderly Sjt - L/Sjt Malligan.  
Bn Orderly Cpl - Cpl Dale.

Next for Duty - D. Coy.

PART "B"

3K2878	L/Sjt	Cramp L W	promoted	A/Sjt	8 Apr 41
4790	"	Wigg M C	"	A/S/Sjt	8 Apr
1916	Sjt	Murphy F R	"	A/S/Sjt	8 Apr
4229	Pte	Brand H J C	"	A/Cpl	8 Apr

*[Signature]*  
Capt  
Adj 2/27 Bn AIF.

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9 Apr 41

- 2/27 Bn will move on 10 Apr 41.
- Method of move - as per att Movement Table.
- Personnel
  - i. Bn will move with all att tps.
  - ii. Personnel at schools, courses and duty will rejoin at destination under arrangements made by HQ AIF Base Area.
- 4. Dress - F.S. Dress, full marching order with greatcoat in pack and blanket round pack within groundsheet.
- 5. Return of Stores -
  - (a) Palliascs - will be carried to point near latrines between "A" and "B" Coy lines. Coy Orderly offr will march the Coy to the burning area.  
Burning will be carried out under supervision of DCO. Duty Coy will detail 4 men to assist. Palliascs will then be handed in to QMIS - stacked and tied in bundles of 25 and returned to QM. To be completed by  
hrs.
  - (b) Blankets - Two blankets per man will be rolled along the length by Sec lots. Roll will be securely tied by cord to be issued. A dump will be made at Coy HQ.  
To be completed by  
hrs.
  - (c) Beds Palm - Coys will march men to a point West of Q. Store No. 2 and supervise stacking of beds palm. They will be collapsed prior to stacking. Stacking will be done under direction of L/Cpl S.L. Butler.  
To be completed by 1000 hrs.
  - (d) Bowls Wash 3/4 Gall - Brooms Bass - Buckets I.G. Tubs 8 Gall.  
Will be thoroughly cleaned and returned by Coys to rear of Q Store No. 2, and stacked. To be done under the direction of L/Cpl S.L. Butler. To be completed by  
hrs.
  - (e) Lamps - Hurricane. Kerosene will be emptied out and Glasses will be cleaned. To be returned to QM Store to Sjt Saunders by 0930 hrs.
  - (f) Tentage - Tents R.D. will be struck forthwith. They will be stacked in Coy lines with bags pin.  
Poles upright and poles ridge will be broken into sections tied with tent sets and stacked with tents.
  - (g) Tables - Trestles - Forms. To be stacked with those from Mess Tent area. To be completed by 0900 hrs.
  - (h) Kitchens
    - i. Surplus rations will be returned to Ration Store by  
hrs.
    - ii. Kitchen Gear will be stacked on rd side of laundry by  
hrs.
    - iii. To be supervised by Sjt Hartley.
  - (i) Offrs and Sjts Mess Gear  
To be stacked in front of respective messes by  
hrs.
- 6. Baggage -
  - (a) Following will be lodged at Kit Store Alexandria -
    - i. Offrs Trunks and suit cases etc.
    - ii. Kit bags - Universal-- all ranks.
    - iii. Band Instruments.
    - iv. Surplus Offrs and Sjts Mess Eqpt.
    - v. Cases containing Text Books.
    - vi. Case containing cameras.

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(b) Offrs Baggage will be placed in Offrs Mess by                   hrs.  
Offrs Valises will be stacked in front QMStore by                   hrs.

(c) Kit bags - Universal will be stacked in Coy Lines by

Nominal rolls for both Offrs and OR's baggage will be made out in Alphabetical order in three GPs -

Gps are 1. A - H.

2. I - Q

3. R - Z.

Rolls to be in hands of QM by                   hrs.

Each kit bag will have attached a label showing No, Name, Rank and S N of unit. Keys will be handed to QM by                   hrs, with similar labels attached.

7. Rations

(a) Rd Parties (vide 2/27 Bn Adm Instn No. 3 sent to those concerned.

(b) Rd Parties

i. Unconsumed portion of day's ration will be carried.

In addition two days track ration, one day's res ration and 5 days rations for food consumption will be carried on the train.

ii. A hot meal will be provided at KMT. II.

Mess gear will be available.

iii. Water bottles will be carried full.

(c) Unconsumed res rations will be delivered to nearest AASC Sup Depot on arrival at destination.

8. Weapons and Amn.

(a) On the man - 50 rds SAA. (i)

One sub sec 2 pl will accompany the rd convoy, with one gun and mounting and 1000 rds SAA. (ii)

(b) Ra Party

(i) As (a) (i) above.

(ii) One LMG and mounting with 1000 rds SAA will be carried by each Rifle pl - 2 pl and 4 pl HQ coy.

9. Rd Movement Will be carried out under Bde TO.

(Vide 2/27 Bn Adm Instn No. 3 issued to those concerned)

10. Movement by RA Party

O. C. Train - Maj Pope.

Duties - as per Bde Adm Order No. 1.

Intraining Offr - Lieut R.L. Johnson.

Duties - responsible for issuing the order, in consultation with DFO for entrainment and detrainment of tps. No personnel will entrain or detrain except upon receipt of an order from this offr.

11. Frontier Passes Will be issued to Adv party and others where necessary.

12. PAD As per Bde Instn.

Coy Comdrs are responsible that these PAD measures are thoroughly understood by each man in the Coy.

13. SECURITY

Extreme care will be exercised by all ranks for the safe custody of arms, amn, capt and files. They will not be left unattended at any time.

All ranks to be warned against attempting in any way to convey info that they are moving, to any person either by letter or by talk in front of strangers.

Unit franking and censor offrs will pay particular attention to this matter.



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14. POSTAL Regimental P O will close at 1200 hrs 9 Apr.

15. Cleaning up Camp Area.

Each Coy will be responsible for the cleanliness and tidiness of its own lines.

Kitchens will be thoroughly scrubbed and surroundings left spotlessly clean and tidy.

16. Adv Party - Lieut Lawcett.

COMS Viney

9 ORs 4 pl.

Will report to Bn HQ ready to move at 1315 hrs 9 Apr 41.

Rail warrants will be issued by RTO GAZA.

Frontier pass in duplicate will be issued by Bn.HQ.

Uncconsumed portion of the day's ration will be carried plus two days ration.

17. Bn HQ closes at . . . . . hrs.

Signed at 1100 hrs.

Issued by runner at 1130 hrs.

*Lawcett* Capt.  
Adj 2/27 Bn AIF.

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DISTRIBUTION

Copy No. 1	A. Coy	Copy No. 9	2 1/c
2	B. Coy	10	Adj 2
3	C. Coy	11	RSM
4	D. Coy	12	QM
5	HQ Coy	13	21 Dde,
6	Bn HQ	14	File
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2/27 Bn MOVEMENT TABLE - ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
ADM ORDER NO. 2

SECRET  
Copy No \_\_\_\_\_  
9 Apr 41

Unit	S.P.	Time	Route	Place of entrainment	Time of Entrainment	En departs.	Remarks.
BTHQ		1650		Deir Suneid	1705	1800	Kit bags will be carried onto train by personnel.
HQ COY		1653		" "	1708	"	Coys will submit state of numbers travelling by ra to Adjt at 1600 hrs.
A. Coy	Sjts' mess	1658		" "	1715	"	One train marker per Coy and BTHQ will report to Lieut Johnson at BTHQ 1640 hrs.
B. Coy		1701		" "	1719	"	Entrainment will be carried out in an orderly manner and in accord with times laid down.
C. Coy		1704		" "	1723	"	Synchronising of watches at BTHQ 1600 hrs.
D. Coy		1707		" "	1727	"	

BAGGAGE PARTY - Lieut Shipper, No. 15 pl will be responsible for leading baggage and eqpt onto LT for transporting to GIZA STA - and loading same into Vans. At no time will baggage at GIZA be left unguarded.

Signed at 1515 hrs.

Issued by runner.

Distribution - As per ADM Order No. 2.

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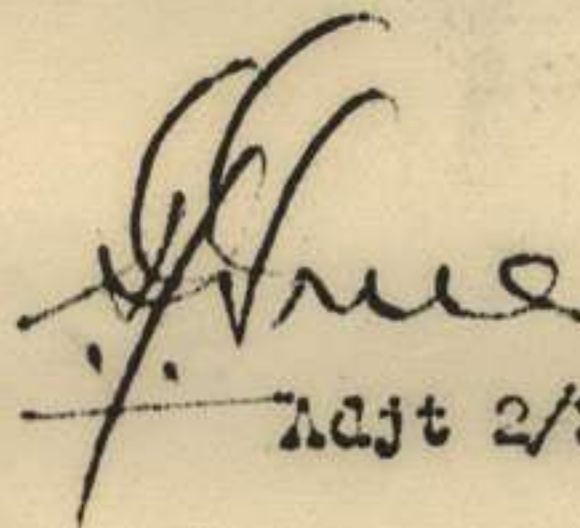
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2/27 Bn AIF P/D Instns to be read in conjunction  
with Adm Order No. 2.

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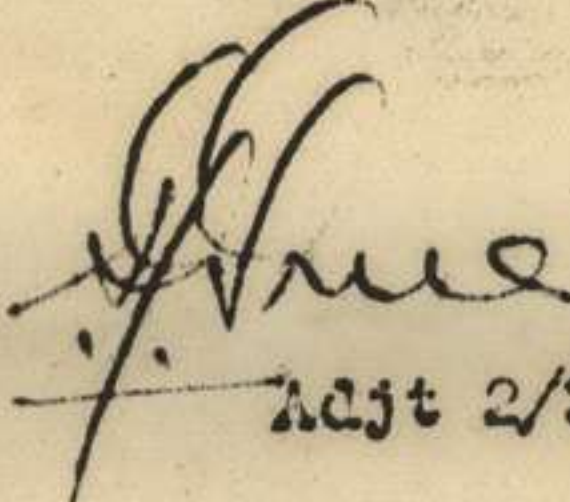
  
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2/27 W.I. A.P.

W.I. COURSES

1. During the period 31 Mar to 12 Apr - Courses will be conducted as under:-

(a) Anti-Gas Eng C. I. Lieut H. R. Kimber.  
Asst Instructor - Sgt A.P. Pope.

There will be two courses of three days -

- i. 31 Mar to 2 Apr
- ii. 3 Apr to 6 Apr

Personnel to attend i. 1 Sgt, 3 cpls or I/Cpls per Coy = 16  
1 NCO per pl HQ Coy = 6  
1 NCO BN HQ.

ii. Ditto.

Personnel to attend detailed by Coys.

Names of students to BN HQ 1600 hrs 29 Mar.

Students to report to CI at New Recreation Hut at 0830 hrs daily.

Note - The object of the course is to produce instructors able to train the troops in protection from and down of gas and instil into them the fact that gas can be effectively coped with.

(b) Grenade Eng C. I. Lieut G.H. Pawcett. *Lt. Lind. Croft*  
Asst Instructor Sgt R.W. Clappett.

Three courses of 1 day:-

- i. Mon 31 Mar
- ii. Tue 1 Apr
- iii. Wed 2 Apr

Personnel to attend in each case:-

1 Sgt 3 cpls or I/Cpls per Coy.  
1 NCO per pl HQ Coy.

Names to BN HQ 1600 hrs 29 Mar.

To report to C.I. New Recreation Hut 0830 hrs.

(c) Ed Wks Course - C. I. Lieut J.H. Beare.  
Asst Instructor - Cpl R.V. Underwood.

Object of the course.

- (a) The correct application of various types of works.
- (b) The proper standards of performance.
- (c) The necessity for carefully planned orgzn before putting work in hand.

Period of the Course - 31 Mar - 5 Apr

Personnel to attend

1 Offr, W.O. 1 Sgt, 2 cpls or I/Cpls per Coy.

Students to report to Pioneer shop 0830 hrs 31 Mar.

Names to BN HQ 1600 hrs 29 Mar.

(d) Compass and Map Reading Course

C. I. Capt D.G. Rice  
Asst Instructor -

Period of Course - Mon 7 Apr to Sat 12 Apr

Personnel to attend 1 off & 1 NCO per pl throughout Bn.

Names to BN HQ 1600 hrs 5 Apr.

2. C. I.'s will issue separate instructions on Dress, Equipment and writing materials required.

3. Efforts are being made - with hopes of success - in the securing of necessary equipment for conduct of the courses.

2/27 Bn SYLLABUS OF TNG - 31 Mar to ... Apr

Date	Time	Coy	Subject	Date	Time	Coy	Subject
Mon 31 Mar	0845- 0945- 0945- 1100- 1100- 1215- 1345- 1500- 1500- 1615-	All A&C B&D B&D A&C B&D A&C A&C B&D	Drill Bayonet Assault Course. Digging and Wiring. Digging and Wiring. TOLT Bren. Bayonet Assault Course. Digging and Wiring. Digging and Wiring. TOLT Bren	Tue 1 Apr	0900 on	All	Coy Exercise No. 1 to include - (a) Van Gd Exercise (b) Hasty occupation of def posn. (c) Night march (i.e. withdrawal) One sec 4, pl att to co-operate.
Thu 3 Apr	0845- 0945- 0945- 1100- 1100- 1215-  1345- 1500- 1615-	All A&C B&D A&C B&D  A&C B&D A&C B&D	A G Tng First aid to casualties TOLT Bren Grenade Tng Less 1&2 Pam 13. Grenade Tng Less 1&2 Pam 13. A G Tng-Description of War gases and Gas weapons. Method of attack. A G Tng - Personal & Unit AG equipment. Care and Maintenance of same. Grenade Tng Less 8&9 Pam 13 Bayonet - Assault course. A G Tng (a) Personal & Unit AG equipment. (b) Care and Mtee same.	Wed 2 Apr	up to 1230 1345- 1500  1500- 1645 1900- 2200	All A&C B&D A&C B&D All B&D A&C B&D	Move back to Camp - REST. A G Tng - description of War Gases and Gas weapons. Methods of attack. TOLT - Bren Grenade Tng Lesson 1 & 2 Pam 13. Bayonet - Assault Course. Night wiring and patrolling.
Fri 4 Apr	0845- 0945- 0945- 1100- 1100- 1215-  1345- 1500- 1500- 1615-	A&C B&D A&C B&D B&D A&C B&D A&C B&D	TOLT Bren Grenade Tng Less 8&9 Pam 13. Grenade Tng Less 8 & 9 Pam 13. Digging and Wiring. TOLT Bren A G Tng - Deen of Personnel-weapons & materials. A G Tng Ditto. Grenade Tng-TOLT, Sec 4, Pam 13. Digging and Wiring. Grenade Tng-TOLT-Sec 4, Pam 13.	Fri 4 Apr	0845- 0945- 0945- 1100- 1100- 1215-  1345- 1500- 1500- 1615-	A&C B&D A&C B&D B&D A&C B&D A&C B&D	TOLT Bren Grenade Tng Less 8&9 Pam 13. Grenade Tng Less 8 & 9 Pam 13. Digging and Wiring. TOLT Bren A G Tng - Deen of Personnel-weapons & materials. A G Tng Ditto. Grenade Tng-TOLT, Sec 4, Pam 13. Digging and Wiring. Grenade Tng-TOLT-Sec 4, Pam 13.
Sat 5 to Apr 1200 1200 on	0001	BH	Night march - Occupation of defensive posn in daylight.  Rest - Coy Adm.	Sun 6 Apr	0700	All Coys	Selected personnel fire IKG Classification and Live Grenade Tng at JAFFA Rifle Range. Remainder of Bn Free after Church Parade.

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Mon 7 Apr	0845 0945 0945- 1100 1100- 1215 1345- 1500 1500- 1615	All A&C B&D A&C B&D A&C B&D A&C A&C B&D	Selected personnel at JAMFA Rifle Range. A G Tng - Donning & removing AG clothing TOET - Rifle TOET - Rifle. Digging and wiring. Digging and wiring. Bayonet Assault Course. A G Tng - Donning & removing AG clothing Digging and Wiring Digging & Wiring Bayonet Assault Course.	Thu 10 Apr	0830- 1030  1030- 1230  1400 on  1500- 1500 1345- 1500 1500- 1700 1500- 1630 1900- 2200	A C B&D  B A&C  D A&B  C D D C C&D	Close Battle Tng Gd Fd Works. A G Tng - Deen Personnel weapons and materials. Effect of Gd & weather on Gas. Close Battle Tng Gd. A G Tng - Deen Personnel weapons and Equipment. Effect of Gd & weather on Gas. Fd Works. Coy Exercise No. 2 to include Van Gd Exercise Coy attack and consolidation. Night withdrawal. Close Battle Tng Gd. A G Tng - Respirator Drill & disinfection. Close Battle Tng Ground. A G Tng - Respirator drill & disinfection. Night wiring and Digging.
Tue 8 Mar	Up to 1300 0845- 0945 0945 1100 1100- 1215 1400 on	All A&C B&D A&C B&D A&C B&D Bn	Up to Selected personnel at JAMFA rifle range. A G Tng - Duties of Air sentries. Protection against Aerial Spray. TOET - Bren TOET - Bren Bayonet Assault Course. Bayonet Assault Course. A G Tng - Duties of Air Sentries Protection against Aerial Spray. Bn Exercise - embodying (a) Hasty occupation of defensive posn. (b) Night withdrawal. (c) Occupation of Def in daylight.	Pri 11 Apr	up to 0845-1045 1045-1215 1300-1500 1345-1500 1500-1700 1500-1630 1400 on 1900-2200	A&B C&D C&D A B B A C&D A&B	Coy exercise concludes-rest till midday. Fd Works. A G Tng - Recapitulation. Close Battle Tng Gd. A G Tng-Respirator Drill & disinfection. Close Battle Tng Gd. A G Tng-Respirator drill & disinfection. Coy Exercise No. 2 Night wiring and digging.
Wed 9 Apr	up to 1200 1200 on	Bn Bn	Bn in Defence - Return to Camp. RMST IN CAMP.	Sat 12 Apr	up to 1230 0845-0030 1030-1315 1300-1500 1345-1500 1500-1700 1500-1630	C&D Coy A&B A&B C A&B D C A&B	exercise concludes-rest till midday. Fd Works. A G Tng - Recapitulation. Close Battle Tng Gd. Fd Works. Close Battle Tng Gd. Fd Works. Fd Works.

- Note 1 Anti-Gas Tng Designed to make tps familiar with gases - their effects - and teach them thoroughly the methods of combatting them and treatment of same.  
Familiarity with them will do much to overcome ~~for~~ an inherent fear.
- Note 2 Grenade Tng Practice in the use of live grenades will be carried out on JAPPA rifle range on 6-8 Apr.
- Note 3 Night Wiring & Patrolling.  
The results of the last exercise were not all that could be desired. Little infn was collected by patrols and large numbers were captured.  
Patrols must be handled with greater care and small patrols will have a better chance of success than large ones.
- Note 4 Coy Exercise No. 1 Will be prepared by OC's Coys and submitted to Bn HQ 24 hrs prior to exercise.  
(Umpiring to be carefully co-ordinated.  
2 i/c Coy to Comd.  
Area to be indicated.
- Note 5 Coy Exercise No. 2 To be prepared by Coy 2 i/c - directed by OC and Comd - by each Pl comd in its various phases.  
Scheme to be at Bn HQ 24 hrs prior to exercise.  
Area to be indicated by BnHQ.
- Note 6 Digging and Wiring  
Existing trench system to be developed - Tactical wiring on front of system to be carried out.  
Areas to be indicated.
- Note 7 LMG & Grenade courses.  
Details will be notified later.
- Note 8 Ed Works. List of subjects for these periods will be issued separately. It will include
- (a) Trenches - Tasks etc.
  - (b) Breastworks and tracings.
  - (c) Wire and A/Tk obstacles.
  - (d) Revetting.
  - (e) Lectures and possible demonstration on A Tk mines.
  - (f) Camouflage and concealment.
- Note 9 Close Battle Tng Cd  
~~will~~ A recce will be carried out and separate instructions and infn will be issued.
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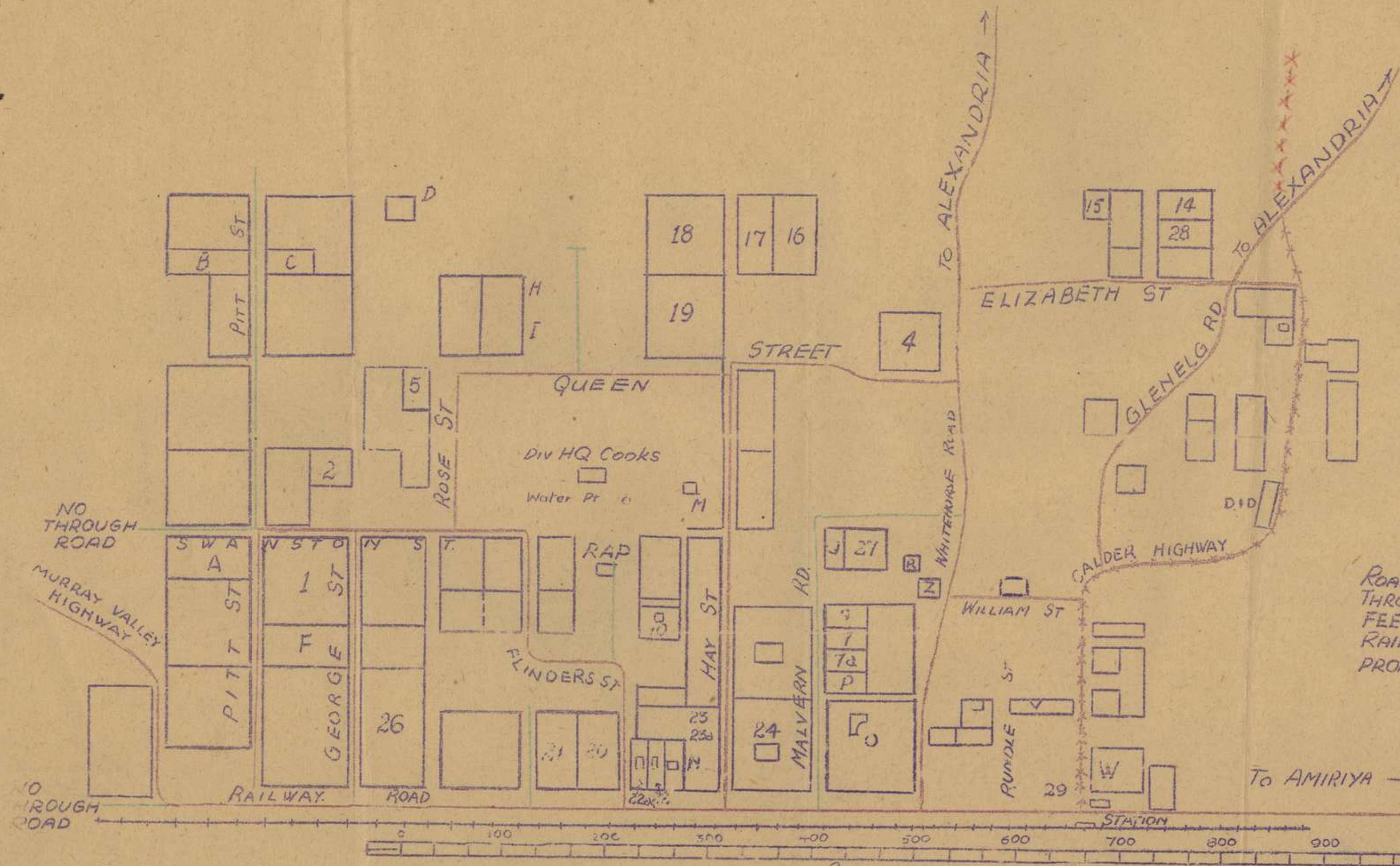
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LOCATION OF HQ 7 AUST DIV  
IN AREA IKINGI MARYUT

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- B RAE
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- D Offrs Qrs
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- F DAPM
- G Cash Office
- H Postal
- I Town Major
- J Camp
- K Wkshop
- L Gd Bn
- M Hyg Sec
- N Pro Coy

- 1 B Mess
- 2 Offrs Qrs
- 4 ASC
- 5 Offrs Qrs
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- 10 AQ Office
- 14 RAA
- 15 "
- 16 Div Sigs
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- 19 Sig Mess
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- 22 Sgts Mess
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- 27 Tpt Office
- 28 RAA
- 29 Area Sigs



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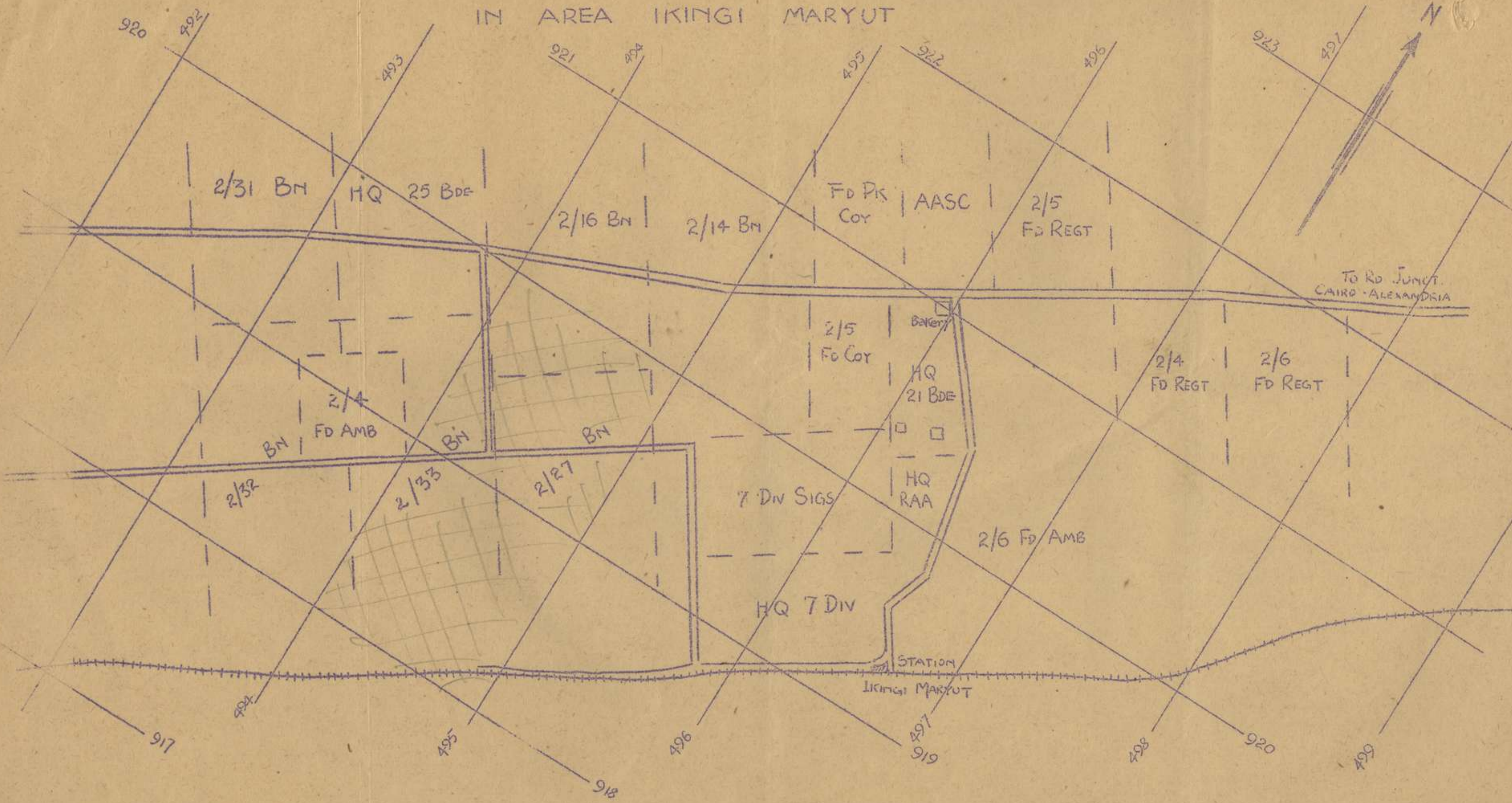
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# LOCATION OF UNITS

# 7 AUST DIV

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R O By  
Maj A. Pope  
A/Cond 2/27 Bn AIF

IKINGI MARIUT  
13 Apr 41.

NO. 2

1. DUTIES

Mounting 1800 hrs 13/4/41 -  
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En Orderly Offr - Lieut A.J. Lee  
En Orderly Sjt - Sjt G.C.R. Blackmore.  
En Orderly Cpl - S/Cpl C.R. Hobbs.

Next for Duty - Mounting 14 Apr 41 - C. Coy.

PART "B"

S: 4229 Pte Brand H.J.C. promoted A/Cpl 8 Apr 41.

*[Signature]*  
Capt  
Adj 2/27 Bn AIF.

NOTICES

RECREATION TENT is established - Situation double MIP  
Tent near RAP.

*Patrol*

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R O By  
Lt-Col H J Koten D D  
Comd 2/27 Bn AIF

MINI MARIUT  
14 Apr 41

NO. 3

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Capt  
Adj 2/27 Bn AIF

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

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TO

A B C D HQ Bn HQ RSM RMO QM

FROM

Bn HQ

Originator's Number

17

Date

14

In Reply to Number

Timings following	15 Apr	Reveille	0430	leave	camp
B Coy	0510	Bn HQ	0500	A Coy	0505
HQ Coy	0525	C Coy	0515	D Coy	0520
departs	0800	0	Entrainment	0700	train
hour	at	0	clocks	advanced	on
Breakfast	at	2300	has	14 APR	0
		station	on	arrival	

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TIME OF ORIGIN

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SIGNED

*[Signature]*  
Capt

SIGNED

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 18

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

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TO

~~2/14 2/16 2/27 Cms 59 LHO~~

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FROM

21 Arst Inf Bde

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

Warning	order	©	21	Arst	Inf
Bde	stand	by	move	rd	and
haul	MHA Tin	BAGOSH	forthwith	©	unit
vice	parties	one	veh	per	br
one	LMS	full	amm	per	veh
2/14	br	carry	one	A TR	rifle
full	amm	RV	Bde	HQ	1100

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T.O.R.

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# MESSAGE FORM

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FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

<i>bus</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>details</i>	<i>times</i>	<i>rd</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>roll</i>	<i>later</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>expect</i>	<i>near</i>	<i>parties</i>
<i>pick</i>	<i>up</i>	<i>new</i>	<i>vehs</i>	<i>ack</i>	

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*A. J. Dumas*  
*capt*

SIGNED

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 15

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

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TO 2/14, 2/16, 2/27 Bns

FROM 21 Aust Inf Bde  
 Originator's Number 96  
 Date 14  
 In Reply to Numbers

Following	units	available	for	collection	⊙
Drs	detailed	below	report	Bde	Hq
immediately	⊙	2/14	Bns	Pen	drs
MT	and	four	carriers	drs	⊙
2/16	Bns	ten	drs	MT	⊙
2/27	ten	drs	MT		

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Time of origin.

Signed

*[Handwritten signature]*

Signed

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1415

T.H.I.

System in	Time in	Reader	Sender	System out	Time out	Reader	Sender	System out	Time out	Reader	Sender
B/R	1428		Kang								

T.O.R

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



Low Box van

11 Cami + travel

Bloubaet

Twice Transport to leave

2/27 BN

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 5

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

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TO 2/14. 2/16 2/27 On

FROM 21 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

02

Date

14

In Reply to Numbers

Three	carriers	per	bn	available	today
from	25	Bde	complete	with	drivers
0	unless	exceptional	circumstances	25 Bde	
drivers	will	drive	0 crew	comds and	
gunners	provided	by	trns	this bde	0 one carrier
per	bn	will	mount	A TR rifle	as well as LMG

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1143.

Signed

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T.H.I.

1150

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T.O.R.

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

# MESSAGE FORM

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**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS**

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TO LT. JACOBS.

FROM

Bn HQ.

Originator's Number

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Date

14.

In Reply to Number

LIEUT	JACOBS.	SUPPLY	ONE	Cpl.	AND.
FOUR	OTHER	RANKS	AS	BAGGAGE	GUARD
ON	BAGGAGE	TRAIN	due	TO	DEPART
AT	0001	HRS	15	APR.	0
OC	GUARD	AN	OFFICER	2/14	Bn.

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2/27 BWAIF. RD. MUMT. TABLE

14 APR 41.

SECRET.

ROUTE. SP (~~BWAIF~~). - RD JUNG. 988251 - RD JUNG 942303 - EL DAB'A - MAATEN BAGGUSH.  
SPEED. 20 MIH SP TO BAKERY 500 YDS NORTH OF BDE. HQ.  
DENSITY. 15 VTM. DISPERSAL PT. MAATEN BAGGUSH.  
HALTS. FIRST HALT. 0750 hrs. FOR 10 MINS THENCE 10 MINS IN EVERY TWO HRS AT 10 MINS TO THE HR.  
 HALT 30 MINS AT 1230 hrs. FOR LUNCH.

SIGNED. 2040 hrs  
 14 APR 41.  
*James Capt.*

Serial NO.	Date	Formation or unit	No of vehs.	Place.		Time Past PT	Speed to SP	Remarks.	
				FROM	TO.			Grp	
5	15. APR	2/2-1 Bn.	<del>24</del> 24	IKINGI MARIYUT.	MAATEN BAGGUSH.	0620 hrs.	20 MIH	GP 2.	Convoy divided into two Gps as shown. Comd. Gp. 1. Lieut James <sup>2/14</sup> Bn. Comd. Gp 2. Capt. Munklock <sup>2/16</sup> Bn. General control. whole convoy Capt. RT. White HQ 21. and def Bde

NOTES.  
TRAFFIC.  
 IC PS at doubtful pts on route under arrangements DAPM 7 and DIV.  
MEDICAL.  
 Two Lt Secs 2/6 Fd Amb will move at rear 2/27 Bn. in Gp 2.  
PET. Rd parties will carry  
 Lorries 30 aut 3x4 gal TINS.  
 Vans. 20 \* 2x4 \* \*  
 \* 15 2x4 \* \*  
 Car DS. 2x4 \* \*

WATER.  
 ONE X 4 GAL TIN carried on each veh.

21 AUST INF BDE OO No 1

14 Apr 41

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Sheets 1/100000

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INTENTION

4. 21 Aust Inf Bde will concentrate 15 Apr in MAATEN BAGGUSH area.

METHOD

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Cars DS	-	2 x 4	"      "
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OVER

INTERCOMN

16. HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde closes present location 0600 hrs - thence route BURG EL ARAB - DAABA - MAATEN BAGGUSH - reopening new location on arrival.

17. Wireless silence.

Ack  
Signed at 1730 hrs  
Issued to Sigs.

*M J Furlan*  
Maj  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>COPY NO</u>	<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>COPY NO</u>
2/14 Bn	1	Comd	9
2/16 Bn	2	BM	10
2/27 Bn	3	SC	11
Sigs	4	LOs (3)	12-14
59 LAD	5	Bde TO	15
2/6 Pd Amb	6	File	16-17
7 Aust Div	7-8	War Diary	18-19

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

D R L S.

7 Aust Div Area - IKINGI MARYUT.

7 Div Sigs HQ	dep	0810	1610
AASC	arr	0818	1618
	dep	0823	1623
RAA	arr	0825	1625
	dep	0830	1630
21 Aust Inf Bde	arr	0832	1632
	dep	0837	1637
25 Aust Inf Bde	arr	0853	1653
	dep	0858	1658
7 Div HQ Sig Office	arr	0910	1710
	dep	0925	1725
Ikingi Sigs	arr	0930	1730
	dep	0945	1745
7 Div HQ Sig Office	arr	0950	1750
	dep	1015	1815
25 Aust Inf Bde	arr	1026	1826
	dep	1031	1831
2/5 Fd Pk Coy	Deliver traffic if any		
21 Aust Inf Bde	arr	1046	1846
	dep	1051	1851
RAA	arr	1053	1853
	dep	1058	1858
AASC	arr	1100	1900
	dep	1105	1905
7 Div HQ Sig Office	arr	1113	1913

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PROCESSED IN SEVERAL PLACES



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21 AUST INF BDE RD MVMT TABLE.

Route. SP - Rd June 988251 - Rd June 942303 - RI DAB'A - MAATEN BAGGUSH. SP. Pd BAKERY 500 yds North of Bde HQ. Dispersal Pt - MAATEN BAGGUSH.

Speed.- 20 mih. Density - 15 vtm.

Halts - First halt 0750 hrs for 10 mins thence 10 mins in every two hrs at 10 mins to the hr. - halt 30 mins at 1230 hrs. *for lunch*

Serial No (a)	Date (b)	Formation or Unit (c)	No of vehs (d)	Place		Time Past SP (g)	Speed to SP (h)		Remarks (i)			
				From (e)	To (f)							
1 2 3	15 Apr " "	2/14 Bn HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde K Sec Sigs	46	IKINGI MARIYDI	MA'ATEN BAGGUSE	0600 hrs	mih	Gp 1	Convoy divided into two gps as shown. Comd Gp 1 - Lieut James <sup>2/14</sup> Bn Comd Gp 2 - Capt Murdoch 2/16 Bn General control whole convoy Capt R J. White, HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.			
4 5 6 7	" " " "	2/16 Bn 2/27 Bn Lt Sec 2/6 Pd Amb 59 LAD	59			0620 hrs				20	Gp 2	
8		Rear parties all units	-									Gp 3

21 AUST INF BDE.

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ENTRAINMENT TABLE

Appx B to 21 Aust  
Inf Bde OO No 1.  
Copy No \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No (a)	Date (b)	Unit (c)	Place of Entrainment (d)	Train (e)	Time of			Composition of train (i)	Personnel (j)		Remarks (k)
					arr. (f)	loading to be complete (g)	dep (h)		offrs	ORs	
1	15 Apr	2/14 Bn HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	IKING, BARIJUT	B	0300	0400	0400	Not yet notified.	36	798	OC Train - Maj Evans 2/14 Bn Ent Offr - Lt Whittaker 2/14 Bn
2	"	2/16 Bn Det 7 Div Ann Coy		C	0500	0600	0600		32	670	OC Train - Maj Potts 2/16 Bn Ent Offr - Capt Inkpen 2/16 Bn
3	"	2/27 Bn Det 7 Div Ann Coy		D	0700	0800	0800		33	680	OC Train - Maj Pope 2/27 Bn Ent Offr - Lieut Jacobs 2/27 Bn
4	"	Bag all units		A			0001 15 Apr				Bag gd as under for Train A 2/14 Bn 1 Offr 4 ORs 2/16 Bn 1 Sgt 4 ORs 2/27 Bn 5 ORs

Notes 1. Carriers all units entrain on flat tops of baggage train  
Entrained under rep D Tr and lashed by unit personnel.  
Entrainment offrs allot accommodation to units on train.

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R O By  
Lt-Col M J Koten M D  
Comd 2/27 Bn AIF

IMINGI MARIUT  
14 Apr 41

NO. 3

1. DUTIES

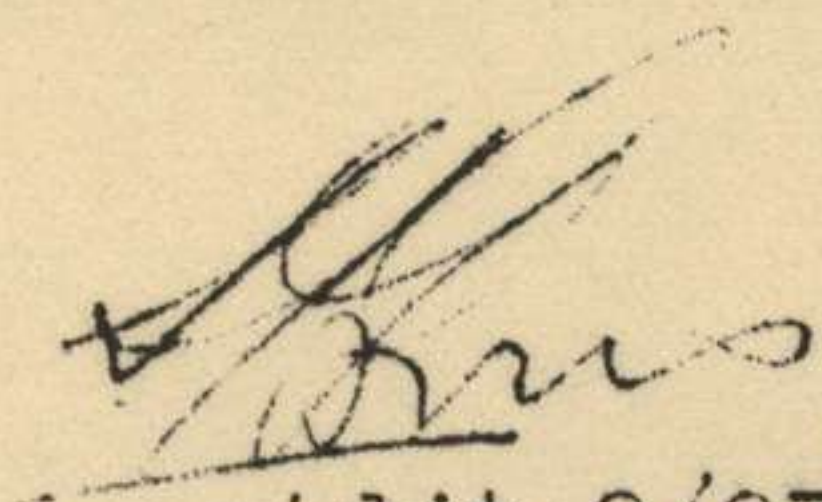
Mounting 1800 hrs 14 Apr 41 -  
Duty Coy - C. Coy.

Bn Orderly Offr - Lieut J. Lee  
Bn Orderly Sjt - L/Sjt Malligan  
Bn Orderly Cpl - Cpl J. H. Gilbert.

Next for Duty - D. Coy.

2. SUMMER TIME IN EGYPT

Summer Time will obtain in EGYPT from 15 Apr 41 to  
17 Sep 41. At 2300 hrs 14 Apr clocks will be advanced  
one hr.

  
Capt  
Adjt 2/27 Bn AIF

Ref Map : RAS EL KANAYIS 1/100,000 Sheet.

INFORMATION

1. The enemy attacked TOBRUCH morning 14 Apr but was repulsed with substantial losses in tanks and personnel.
2. An enemy force is operating in the vicinity of SOLLUM where it is opposed by our mobile tps.
3. 21 Aust Inf Bde, plus 7 Div Amn Coy concentrates 15 Apr in MATRUH BAGGUSH area.

INTENTION

4. 21 Aust Inf Bde will occupy the Western Sector of the BAGGUSH Box.

METHOD

5. Two bns fwd - right 2/14 Bn  
left 2/16 Bn.
6. Inter-bn boundary incl to 2/14 Bn Rd ALEXANDRIA - MERSA MATRUH.
7. FDLs - A Tk ditch and defended posts already sited.
8. Rear boundary of fwd bns : North and South line through water pt KILO 42.
9. Res : 2/27 Bn.

Roles : Protective duties on escarpments between areas pointed out on ground, and to be prepared to counter attack to recapture western edge of BAGGUSH Box.

10. Patrols. 2/14 Bn and 2/16 Bn will maintain mobile patrol fwd of their areas throughout daylight hrs a distance of one mile with normal patrols half a mile fwd during dark.
11. On the escarpment 2/16 and 2/27 Bns will patrol to the south for a similar distance during the daylight and for half a mile during the hours of darkness.
12. Fd Works. Order of priority :
  - (i) Clearance and completion of western A Tk ditch;
  - (ii) Wiring of western edge of defence;
  - (iii) Repair of existing defended localities.

13. Additional shovels have been allotted as follows :

2/14 Bn	60
2/16 Bn	140

will be delivered to unit HQ.

14. Fifty native laborers will be available to 2/16 Bn as from 0700 hrs 16 Apr and this number will probably be increased. Laborers are to be utilised only for clearing and constructing A Tk ditch.

/ 15. Fwd bns -----

- 15. Fwd bns will repair and complete TDF across their front.
- 16. Res bn will wire defended localities in its area. Demands for wiring stores to reach HQ by 1200 hrs 16 Apr.
- 17. 2/27 Bn will make available one coy daily to 2/16 Bn to assist in fd works.
- 18. Existing sec posts, etc, in the fwd and res areas will be cleared immediately.

ADM

- 19. Water. Pending the opening of a water pt at KILO 42 water will be drawn from a pt at SIDI HANESH ry sta.
- 20. Tpt. All vehs other than essential fighting vehs will move to Bde Tpt area at BIR HAFIZ 5730 by 1200 hrs 16 Apr.
- 21. Accommodation. Tentage will not be erected. Tent flies may be used to cover dug-in shelters.

INTERCOM

- 22. Wireless silence.
- 23. Signal L/T layout will be fwded separately.
- 24. HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde opens 500 yds North of entrance to SIDI HANEISH ry sta 1630 hrs.

ACK.

Signed at 1700 hrs.  
Issued to Sigs.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Maj.  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

COPY NO

2/14 Bn	1
2/16 Bn	2
2/27 Bn	3
Protective pl	4
Sigs	5
59 LAD	6
Det 2/6 Fd Amb	7
Desert Force	8-9
Comd	10
SC	11
LOs	12-14
Bde Tpt O	15
File	16-17
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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 7

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

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TO

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All Bns

FROM

21 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

AC 6

Date

16

In Reply to Number

Receiv	parties	to	report	2/27 Bn	HQ
1030 hrs	to	move	MATRUIH	with	Bde
Comd	⊙	Bde	moving	MATRUIH	following
order	2/27 Bn	2/27 Bn	2/27 Bn	sent	Bn
not	before	1400	⊙	acks	

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1005

H. Challers (signed)  
S.A.

SIGNED

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T.H.I.

1013

T.O.R.

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				DR	1020						



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TO  
A B C D HQ. Bw HQ.

FROM HQ	Originator's Number T1	Date 16	In Reply to Number
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D.O. 2, Sector attack later @ MEH x MATRUH Disengagement Patrols	3/17 Bu fwd. Western Int Coy 3 C and D	will B. right edge boundary N and S C. left maintain	occupy A left BAGGUSH incl A line D Coy patrols	Bde role BOX Ad through to fwd	Res counter plan ALEYANDRA KILO 42. contact 2/16 own
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T.O.R.

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2

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TO A B C D Bn HQ HQ

FROM Bn HQ

Originator's Number

11

Date

16

In Reply to Number

Complete	wiring @	demands	more	were	reach
Bn HQ 1100 hrs	@ Repair	existing	defended	localities	immediate
@ A Coy	report 2/16	16 Apr	B Coy	report 2/16	17 Apr.
@ Water pt	Kilo 42.	@ B. Ech	at BIA, HAFIZ	5730 by	1200 hrs
16 Apr.	1-15 cut	remain	with Coys	@ Tentage	not to be
ected	@ Flies	may be	used	as	shells
covers	@ Wireless	Silence	@ Bn HQ	near A	Coy Area

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09500

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T.H.I. 1015

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**TO**

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B. C. D. HQ Bn.

**FROM**

B. C. D.

Originator's Number

12

Date

10

In Reply to Number

warning	Order	3	All	Coys	5th Div
by	to	mess	immediately	0	by
1st	report	Bn HQ	immediately		

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SIGNED

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**T.H.I.**

**T.O.R.**

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2/14

2/16

21 Aust Inf Bde relieves  
garrison right sector MATRUH

○ 14 right relieving  
scots lds 27 Left relieving  
BUFFS ○ Piece parties both  
Bns arrange relief direct with  
outgoing bns ○ 16 Bn  
reserve orders on arrival  
MATRUH ○ Bde HQ two miles  
West of Township along  
beach rd ○ 27 Bn move  
immediately by arm boy  
vhs. ○ These vhs left  
personnel of BUFFS back  
to BAGGUSH

16 Apr 4/  
1235 hrs

JM Finlay

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IN

OUT

*get report from following rifle Coy*

*War Room*

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TO

*adft.*

*A B C D*

*War Room*

FROM

*Wf*

Originator's Number

*T6*

Date

*17*

In Reply to Number

<i>advise</i>	<i>1500 hrs</i>	<i>today</i>	<i>condition</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>posts</i>
<i>in</i>	<i>your</i>	<i>sector.</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>show</i>	<i>on</i>
<i>sketch</i>	<i>dispositions</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>sections.</i>	<i>also</i>	<i>of</i>
<i>fire</i>	<i>ATK rifle</i>	<i>tasks.</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>what</i>	<i>construction</i>
<i>tasks</i>	<i>are</i>	<i>you</i>	<i>undertaking</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>suggest</i>
<i>any</i>	<i>improvements</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>your</i>	<i>sector -</i>	<i>of</i>
<i>condition</i>	<i>of where</i>	<i>wire</i>	<i>required</i>	<i>repairing.</i>	<i>at one</i>

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*Wf*

SIGNED

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T.O.R.

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A. Coy.

Construction being undertaken:-

- (i)..Completion of Battle H.Q.(Coy H.Q.) & camouflage.
- (ii)..No 7 pl.(Hawthorn Hill) requires lot of construction & camouflage. Quantities of TIMBER, IRON, SAND BAGS & CAMOUFLAGE NETS required in this posn.
- (iii)..No 8 pl.(Rutland Hill) requires some construction of COMMUNICATION trenches and fire bays plus camouflage. TIMBER IRON & CAMOUFLAGE NETS required
- (iv).. here also.  
Burton Gt only requires small amount of re construction plus camouflage.  
An estimate of material required will be supplied later.
- (v)..WIRE FENCE (Double apron) in front of Hawthorn Hill requires lot of repairing.  
MOST FENCES REQUIRE SOME ATTENTION.

A.T.Rifles are with fwd secs of each pl.

No 7 pl. A.T.Rifle covering A/Tk ditch to flank flank.

No 8 pl. A/T Rifle covering approach towards front down re-ent.

No 9 pl. Covering front.

IN NEARLY ALL CASES SEC.POSTS HAVE FIELD OF FIRE ON THREE (3) SIDES.

Coy H.Q. 500 yds east of Hawthorn Hill.

Pls have only UNSIGNED copy of stores taken over from outgoing unit. Outgoing copy taken by unit handing over

B. Coy.

Condition of posts FAIR-much work to be done. Sec dispositions att. A/T tasks as shown on sketches. Construction tasks are completion and clearing out of trenches & dug outs, widening of trenches and comm trenches. Improvements are concealment and alt. posns. WIRE in good condition. COVER DO WITH SUPPLY OF SAND BAGS.

C. Coy.

Posts Nos 1 & 3 good condition. Post No 2 fire bay to be completed. Posts Nos. 4 & 5 condition fair. Post No 6 construction NOT COMPLETED. Improvement & completion of these posts progressing. 150 YARDS TRIPLE DANNERT required to complete wiring of 14 pl sector. Posts Nos 7, 8, 9, slightly SANDED UP. Work of clearing continuing. Suggested improvement completing Alt. posn for 7 sec. Also continue comm trench to link all posts WIRE requires securing by use of more pickets. Flwg general improvements could be made to all posts:-

- (1) Digging alt. posns.
- (2) Completing comm trenches.
- (3) Securing of wire by use of MORE pickets.

D. Coy.

Condition of posts GOOD. Sketch fwd with ration party. NO construction tasks being undertaken other than construction of THREE comm trenches partially dug only or marked out. NO WIRE required for repairs. A/Tk ditches require clearing.

REPORT ON A A L M G Pposts att.

Construction being undertaken

A Coy

- (1) completion of Batt's HQ. (Coy HQ) & camouflage
  - (2) No 7 Pl. This position (Hawthorn Hill) requires quite a lot of construction & camouflage. There is a quantity of timber & sand bags. Camouflage nets are required in this position.
  - (3) Rutland Hill No 8 Pl. This position requires some construction of communication trenches & fire bags plus camouflage. Timber & sand bags & camouflage nets are required here also
  - (4) Burton Ct. This position requires only a small amount of reconstruction plus camouflage. An estimate of material required for all tasks will be submitted later.
  - (5) Wire fence (Double strand) requires a lot of repairing in front of Hawthorn Hill. This fence requires some attention
- As above left.

A.T. Rifles are with forward sections of each Pl.

No 7 Pl. AT Rifle covering anti Tank Det to left flank.

No 8 Pl. covering approach towards front door re-entrants.

No 9 Pl. covering front.

In nearly all cases section Posts have field of fire on three sides.

Coy. H.Q. 500 yds east of Hawthorn Hill.

~~Reference~~ Reference stones taken over in Pl areas.

No Pls have signed copy of stones taken over from outgoing units. They only have unsigned copy. Outgoing copy was taken by unit handing over!

D.H. White left



REPORT ON AA LMG POSTS.

2/27 Bn Area.

J. E. Thomas, Lieut

OC. No 2 Pl

HQ Coy.

17 Apr 41.

AIR MAIL

DISPOSITION OF PERSONNEL.

No. 1 Post.

D Sub-Section. 3 OR's.

and No 2 Sec Comd Lawrence 1 NCO.

No 2 Post

B Sub-Section. 1 NCO and 2 OR's.

No 3 Post.

A Sub-Section 3 OR's

and No 1 Sec Comd 1 NCO

" Pl HQ. 1 Off and 2 OR's.

No 4 Post.

C Sub-Section 1 NCO + 2 OR's.

CONDITION OF POSTS.

No 1 Post.

Gun fit in good order. Net needs repairs  
3 Bunks.

No 2 Post

Gun fit in good order. Net needs repairs  
6 Bunks.

No 3 Post.

Sleeping accommodation for 8. Good order.  
Has no camouflage net.  
Gun pit has been repaired with  
sandbags by A Sub-section.

No 4 Post.

Gun fit in good order. Net needs [repairs].  
2 Bunks in sleeping quarters.  
Third man sleeps in palliase on  
ground.

P.T.O.

D Sub-section 3 OR's

General

At present there are only (2) two pairs of binoculars in the pl and a pair is required for each post.

~~and No 1 sub-section~~

1 OR

No 4 Post C Sub-section 1 NCO + 2 OR's

CONDITION OF POSTS

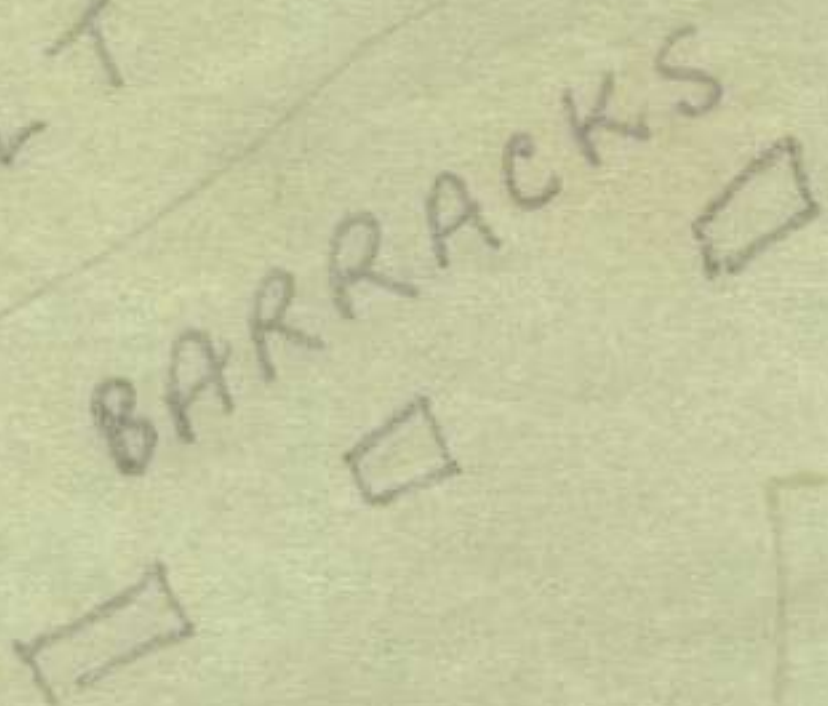
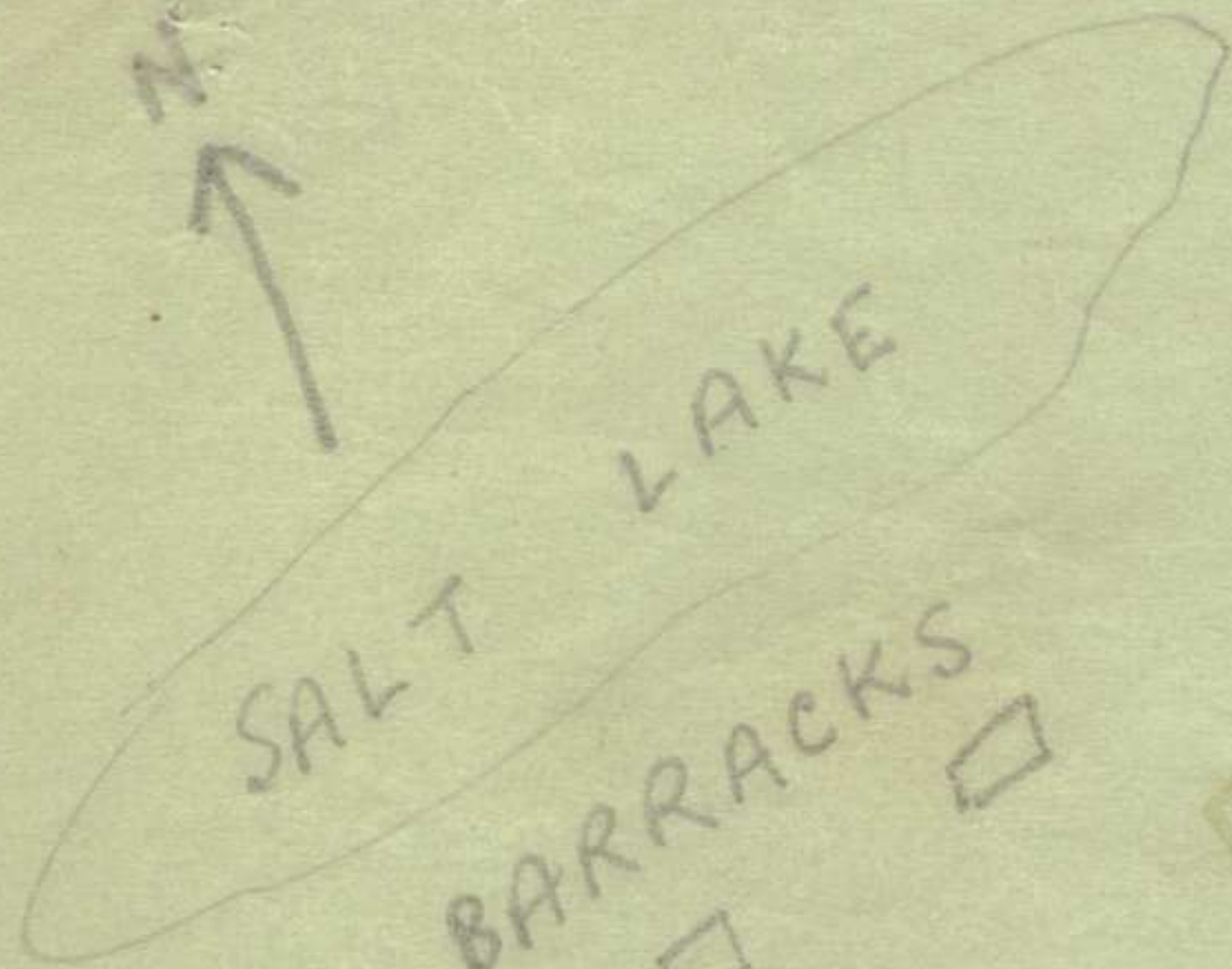
No 1 Post	3 Banks	Gum fit in good order. Net needs repair.
No 2 Post	6 Banks	Gum fit in good order. Net needs repair.
No 3 Post		Gum fit has been repaired with sleeping accommodation for 8. Good order. Has no camouflage net.
No 4 Post		Gum fit in good order. Net needs repair. Sleeping quarters. Think man sleeps on pallets on ground.

P.T.O.

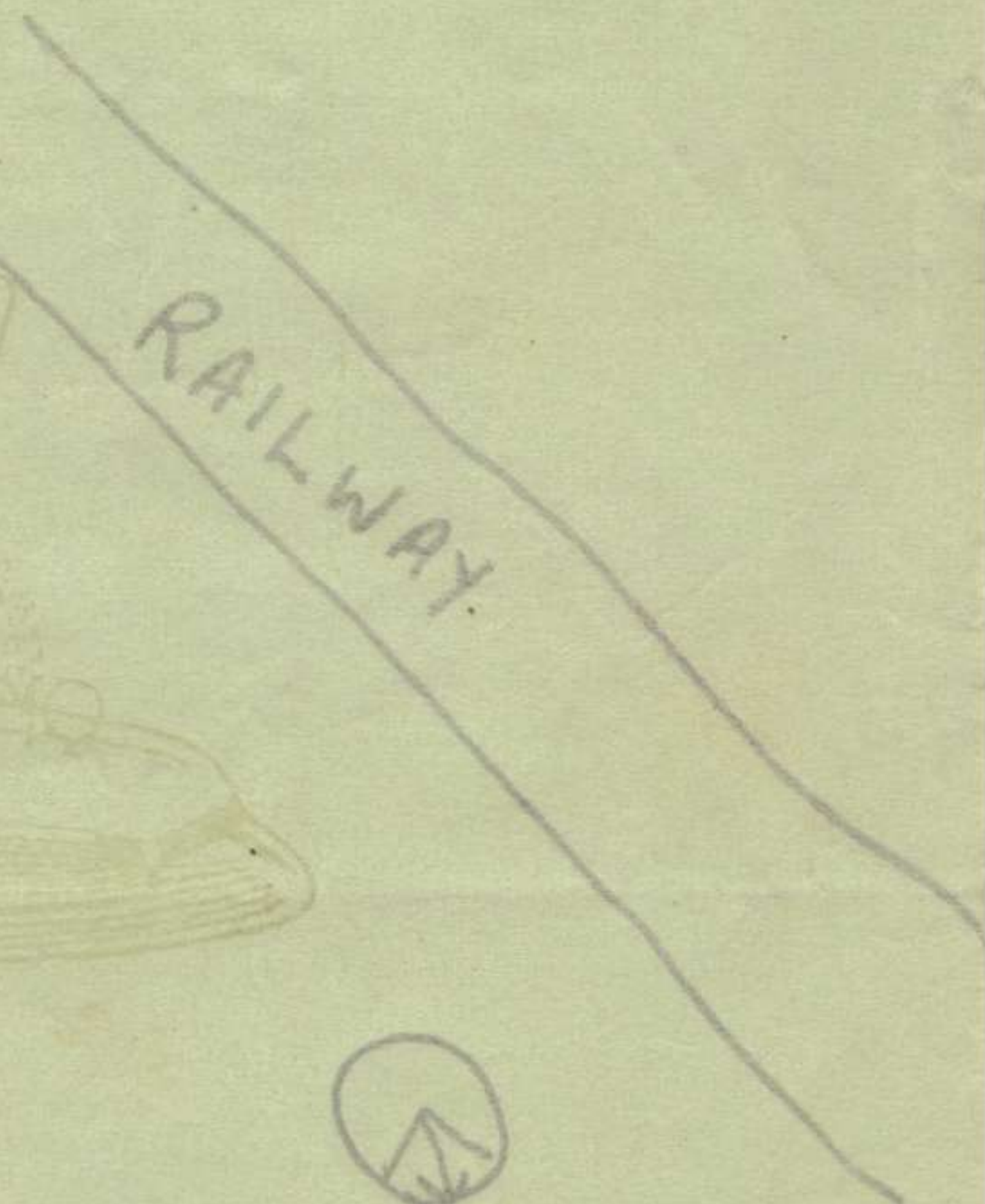
ARMS AND AMN.

ESTABLISHMENT.	HELD AT PRESENT.
4 LMG's (Brens) with Tripods	{ 4 LMG's (2 on loan from
4 A Tk Rifles	{ 4 Tripods (one on loan). Rifle Coys). 4 A Tk Rifles
15 Rifles	15 Rifles
2 Pistols	2 Pistols.
<u>Amn.</u> 800 rds .55 (200 per A Tk rifle)	220 rds .55. A Tk amn.
4000 rds .303 Mk VII (1000 per gun)	5700 rds .303 Mk VII
2000 rds .303 Mk VII (Reserve).	(originally drew 4436).
1500 rds .303 Tracer.	1300 rds .303 Tracer
750 rds .303 Mk VII (Rifles).	750 rds .303 Mk VII (Rifles)
100 Magazines Bren. (2 boxes of 12 per gun plus one on each gun)	190 Magazines  21 rds .45 (Pistols)

SKETCH MAP OF POSTS (NOT TO SCALE).



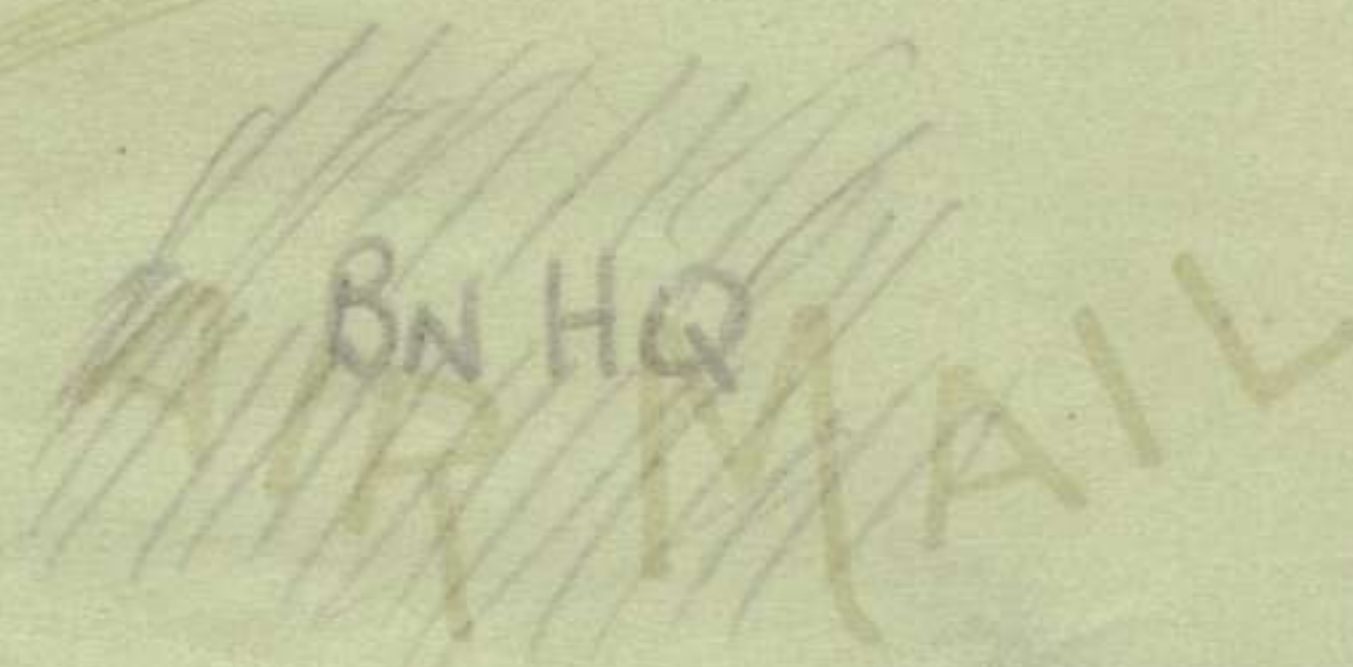
PAR AVION



No 4 Post



No 3 Post



Coy HQ  
HQ Coy



Flag pole



No 2 Post



No 1 Post

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TO

BHQ

FROM

B G

Originator's Number

M 3

Date

17

In Reply to Number

T-6

Condition	of	Posts	⊙	fair.	much
work	to	be	done	⊙	Section
Disposition	Sketches	attached	⊙	ATT	Tasks
as	shown	on	Sketches	⊙	Construction
Tasks	are	Completion	+	Clearing	out
of	trenches	+	2 Dig-outs	widening	of
trenches	+	Com.	trenches	⊙	

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471645 K. P. 2/39

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TO

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BHO

FROM

B

Originator's Number

M3

Date

17

In Reply to Number

T6

Improvements are  
Wire in  
do with

Concealment + alt  
good  
Supply

forms  
Condition  
of  
Sandbags.

①  
Cover  
①

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T.O.R.

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TO

Bn HQ.

1

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
C Coy	W4	17.	T6
Post	3	good	condition ⊙
Post	bay	to	be
Completed	No 4 & 5	condition	fair ⊙
Post	<del>no</del> NOT	complete	⊙
Improvement	of	these	posts
progressing	150 YDS	Dannert	required
to	wiring	of	14 PL sectors

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TO

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1

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
Posts	No 7, 8, 9	slightly	rounded up
Work	of	clearing	continuing
<del>Work</del>	improvement	completing	alternative position
7 Sec.	⊙	Also	continue communication trench
to	link	all	posts
requires	securing	by	use of
pickets	⊙	the	following general improvements

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TO

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FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

could	be	made	to	all	posts
(1)	digging	alternative	positions	(2)	completing
communication	trenches	(3)	securing	of	wire
by	use	of	more	pickets	

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1455

SIGNED

*[Handwritten signature]*

SIGNED

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T.H.I.

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TO

Bn HQ

FROM

D Coy

Originator's Number

D 3

Date

17

In Reply to Number

—

Condition	of	posts	good	⊙	sketch
forwarded	with	position	party	⊙	no
construction	tanks.	being	under the	⊙	than
construction	of	three	comms	⊙	partially
dug	only	or	marked	⊙	⊙
no	wire	required	for	⊙	⊙
anti tank	ditches	required	clearing	⊙	⊙

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1555

Signed

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T.H.I. 1616

T.O.R.

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

System in	Time in	Reader	Sender	System out	Time out	Reader	Sender	System out	Time out	Reader	Sender
5/7	1622	Sp	booby								

GREECE

Ops -

Increasing enemy pressure on front in Greece.

RAF playing prominent part, bombing enemy tpt and L of Cs.

General- 25 pdr arty proving very effective in Greece.

Aussies say - Jerry is a good fighter.

Germans using Alsatian dogs in fwd patrols.

Patrols of enemy disguising themselves as Greeks and getting close to our lines and then opening up with IMGs.

LIBYA

Ops -

British Navy still has the impudence to wander in MUSSO'S LAKE and sank 3 destroyers and 5 supply ships on their way to LIBYA - no damage to our fleet.

Fleet bombarded FORT CAPUZZO and BARDIA very heavily, causing much damage, and destroying all water supplies in BARDIA.

100 enemy tanks and MT damaged by fleet bombardment on road SOUTH of BARDIA.

Prisoners - During German attacks on TOBRUCH 25 effrs and 760 ORs have been captured and 200 enemy killed.

The Aussies in TOBRUCH are using the bayonet very effectively and have successfully beaten off five enemy attacks.

German prisoners were very surly and had had no water for 2 days. Morale in the German forces in LIBYA is very low and the Huns seem to dislike desert fighting as much as their other Axis friends.

ENGLAND

12 enemy fighter bombers were shot down over the channel today.

Last night LONDON suffered its most severe air raid in the war and many casualties were caused, including Lord STAMP - Director of the Bank of England and Economic Adviser to the Army.

BREMEN and HELIGOLAND were bombed for 12 hrs last night by squadrons of the RAF and much damage was caused.

2/27 Bn AIF DEFENCE ORDER NO. 1

SECRET  
copy to 15  
17 Apr 41

Confirming verbal instns issued 16 Apr 41  
Ref Map - MATRUH 1/100,000  
1/12500 Sheets 1 and 2.

1. ITEM Enemy mob cols in area BARDIA - CAPUNZO containing force in contact with 9 Aust Div at TOBRUK. Own mob tps holding SALUM escarpment.

MATRUH FORTRESS sectors to be held as under and coming under control of 21 Aust Inf Bde AIF.

- |                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| A. 2/14 Bn AIF    | D. 2 Queens  |
| B. 2/27 Bn AIF    | E. 2 Leicesters  |
| C. 1 Argyles & SH | F. One coy Coldstream & to be relieved by 2/16 Bn AIF. |

Fortress res 2/16 Bn AIF.

Dispositions right and left of B. Sector.

- A. sector 2/14 right  
C. Sector 1 Argyles & SH Left.

2. ITEM 2/27 Bn will defend B. Sector.

3. ITEM

- (a) A. Coy HQs 172496  
7 pl HAMTHORN HILL 172497  
8 pl ARUNDELL 168496  
9 pl BURTONS COURT 176493
- (b) B. Coy HQs 185502  
10 pl WATFORD 165503  
11 pl 183501  
12 pl 186499
- (c) C. Coy HQs 188492  
13 pl 190488  
14 pl JAMESONFIELD 187486  
15 pl ORCHARD 195490
- (d) D. Coy HQs PILTDOWN 176483  
17 pl " 176483  
16 pl less one see PILTDOWN 176483 see post 173487  
18 pl less one see JAMESONFIELD 182480 see post 178478
- (e) HQ Coy Vicinity 192494.
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ACK.

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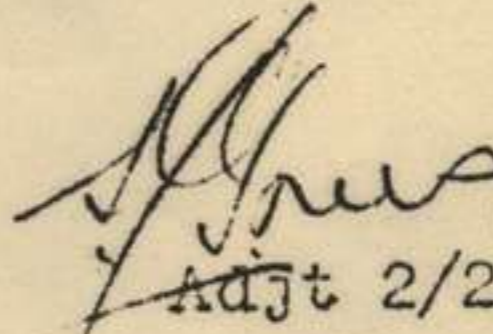
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2/27 Bn AIF DEFENCE ORDER NO. 1

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14

Confirming verbal instns issued 16 Apr 41  
Ref Map - MATRUH 1/100,000  
1/12500 Sheets 1 and 2.

1. INFO Enemy mob cols in area BARDIA - CAPUZZO containing force in contact with 9 Aust Div at TOBRUK. Own mob tps ~~holding~~ SALUM escarpment.

MATRUH FORTRESS sectors to be held as under and coming under control of 21 Aust Inf Bde AIF.

- |                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| A. 2/14 Bn AIF    | D. 2 Queens  |
| B. 2/27 Bn AIF    | E. 2 Leicesters  |
| C. 1 Argyles & SH | F. One coy Coldstream & to be relieved by 2/16 Bn AIF. |

Fortress res 2/16 Bn AIF.

Dispositions right and left of B. Sector.

- A. sector 2/14 right  
C. Sector 1 Argyles & SH Left.

2. DEFENCE 2/27 Bn will defend B. Sector.

3. DEFENCE

- (a) A. Coy HQs 179496  
7 pl HAZTHORN HILL 179497  
8 pl ARUIDELL 168496  
9 pl BURTONS COURT 176493
- (b) B. Coy HQs 185502  
10 pl TWYFORD 165503  
11 pl 183501  
12 pl 186499
- (c) C. Coy HQs 188492  
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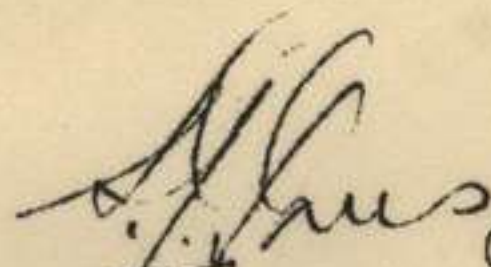
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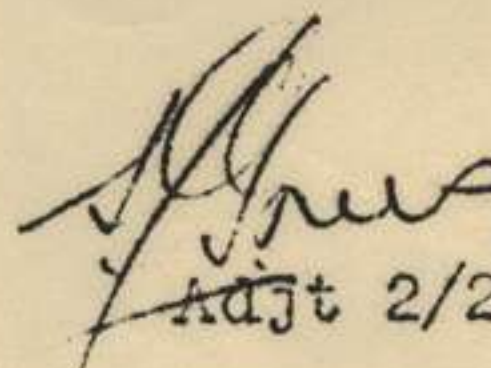
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IN

OUT

No. of Groups.

GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

A B C D HQ BWHQ

FROM

BWHQ

Originator's Number

T4

Date

16

In Reply to Number

Warning	Order	to	2/27	BN	stand
by	ready	to	move	to	BN
rece	party	Rv	2/27	BN	HQ
immediately	to	2 1/2	to	take	over
cond.					

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*[Signature]*  
Capt

SIGNED

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SIGNED

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

1015

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T.H.I.

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER

T.O.R.

Baggage by Rail.

By Road.

43925 R Tentage less 6 RD ✓

✓ 6 RD. Tent.

68000 } SAA G. Stores ✓

✓ Kitchen Gear

75000 } A.G. Egypt. ✓

✓ Rations - 2 days

3520 } Rations + 6 1/4 ✓

~~Spread~~ 50%

2500 ATK Amun 50% ~~spread~~ 3 B 1 ATK ✓

✓ Weapons.

108 Sig R Spare Weapons.

✓ Tools

108 - G Surplus Coy Stores

✓ Water

1210 Balls ✓

180 Gren Rifle

Blankets

864 HE 2" M

185 S

- HE 3" "

78 S "

Coy ✓

Man 50 rds. = 6000 ✓

Rail party.

Bren 3 per Coy = 1500 ✓ + 3000 Band. + 3000 1248 ✓

1 ATK per Coy = 40 rds. ✓

Rd. Party.

HQ Coy. 1 pl. = 50 rds.

2 pl = 1 Sub rec. CO. <sup>250 +</sup> 1248 ATK 40 rds 15 est

4 - = 1 Br A/A <sup>250 + 1248</sup> 1 A.T. 40 rds + spare

1000 rds Band per pl.

Rd Party = 2 Bren <sup>1 Sub Sec</sup> 2 pl <sup>1 Sec</sup> 1 ATK

Rear Ra Party

30 Durs 6 pl.

2 Seas 4 pl

2<sup>nd</sup> M HE 56

2<sup>nd</sup> S 16

3<sup>rd</sup> HE 3

3 S 13

303 - Bowl 87

" Certan 41

55 13

Remains 15

Signal 2



Clear Rtg  
Bren

A/T

Ra Pl. 1	1	1	5 <sup>B</sup> ✓	2 Pl.	
" 2	4 <sup>8</sup>	<del>5</del>	6 ✓	4 Pl.	30
Corp (4)	13	4 ✓		Corp.	
H.Q.	4	2			
	<u>25</u>	<u>18</u>			

Ann. } To Stn  
A Tr. } →

Rear	1	1
	<u>26</u>	<u>19</u>

Guard at Rear Stn

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**TO**

*All Coy's*

**FROM**

*Bn HQ*

Originator's Number

*T 5*

Date

*16*

In Reply to Number

<i>OO 1.</i>	<i>ready</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>issue</i>	<i>but</i>	<i>movement</i>
<i>order</i>	<i>issued</i>	<i>before</i>	<i>it</i>	<i>came</i>	<i>into</i>
<i>operation</i>					

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SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER

Ref map. RAS. EL. KANAYIS. 1/100000

Information

1. The enemy attacked TOBRUCH morning 14 apr but was repulsed with substantial losses in tanks and personnel.
2. An enemy force is operating in the vicinity of SOLUUM where it is opposed by our mobile cps.
3. 21. Aust 2nd Bde to occupy the Western Sector B44905H BOX with two Bn fwd. 2/4 Bn right 2/16 Bn left. FDLs. ATK detach and defended posts already set.

Intention

4. 2/27. Bw will occupy the Bde Res Sector.

Method

5. Two Coys fwd - Right. B Coy  
Left. A Coy.
6. Inter-coy boundary incl to A Coy Rq. ALEXANDRA-MERSHAMATRUH.
7. FDLs NORTH and SOUTH line through water pt KALO. 42.
8. Two Coys on escarpment on left flank protective duties -  
Right D Coy (to ambush 7/16 Bw)  
Left. C Coy.
9. ~~Bw. Role. Protective duties on escarpment to be prepared to counter attack to recapture western edge of B44905H BOX. (Separate <sup>type</sup> <sup>instructions</sup> to be issued).~~
10. PATROLS C and D Coys will maintain ~~wide~~ patrols fwd. of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~posts~~ <sup>posts</sup> for a mile during daylight and half a mile during the hours of darkness.
11. Fd works.
  - i. Coys to complete wiring in areas. Demands for wiring stores to reach BWHQ 1100 hrs 16 apr.
  - ii. Repair of existing defended localities
12. A Coy to report to 2/16 Bw 16 apr.  
B Coy . . . . . 2/16 Bw 17 apr.
13. Existing sec posts ~~to be~~ will be cleared immediately.  
Adm.
14. Water. Pending the opening of a water pt at kilo 42 water will be drawn from a pt at SIDI HAESH. Ry Sta.
15. Tpt. All vehs other than 1-15 cut per Coy will move to Bde tpt area at BIR HAFIZ 5730 by 1200 hrs 16 apr.
16. Accommodation Tentage will not be erected. Tent flies may be used to cover dug-in shelters.

Intercomm

77. Wireless silence.

18. Bw. HQ open at ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~post~~ <sup>post</sup> near A Coy at 0930 hrs.

Act.

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_

Issued by sigs.

Thursday - 18 Apr.

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The German air attack on Britain was centered principally on Portsmouth last night. The attack was started after dark on a fairly heavy sea. An official communique states that first reports show the damage to be comparatively slight and casualties not severe.

All essential services had been maintained in London yesterday following the previous night's vicious German attack. The calm courage of the Londoners had brought forward widespread admiration from every corner of the world. This ability of the Londoners to take everything that the Nazi could hurl against them has prompted further appeals for help in New York papers which combine in describing the people of the British capital as absolutely unafraid.

The United States is assembling an Air Corps of 600,000 men on the lines of the British Observer Corps to give warning of the approach of possible enemy planes.

A statement that there would be no abrupt change in Japan's foreign policy, even after the return of Mr Matsuoka from Berlin and Rome, was made by a Japanese Ministry of Information spokesman.

/ As a result -----

A result of recent fighting Chinese troops are reported via Russia to have occupied a number of important points in Central China.

German and Italian newspapers are joining in making a sharp attack on Switzerland and the Swiss press which is accused of drawing a veil over axis successes and of favouring the British cause.

An ANKARA (TURKEY) BROADCAST declared that for the time being it was inappropriate to make any forecast regarding the probable outcome of the fighting in Greece but all reports indicated an amelioration of the position in North Africa. It would seem that the British had decided to await the enemy at Mersa Matruh and it would seem too that the Germans were preparing for an assault on the Mersa Matruh fortifications. Britain now clearly held the Vichy Government as being responsible for the success of the Germans in getting troops to Tripoli. The Vichy Government was accused of permitting the German ships to shelter in French territorial waters and thus sneak into Tripoli. If Admiral Darlan were not actually helping the German authorities he had closed his eyes to this flagrant breach of neutrality. Britain had therefore decided to take every measure possible to prevent a repetition of this and the sinking of five transports and three torpedo boats which formed an enemy convoy was the first evidence of this determination. Britain would act with absolute energy in the matter and it was clear that sufficient steps were being taken to ensure a British victory. From Cairo it had been announced that operations in Tobruch had developed completely in favour of the British forces. While this did not mean that the battle of the desert had reached its final stages it was undoubtedly an indication that the Germans were being well contained in this area.

The Same Ankara broadcast stated that a Gallup poll had shown that 73 percent of Americans definitely approved of President Roosevelt's recent international policy.

In an earlier BEC broadcast, the BEC commentator, in a review said that the stiff defence of Tobruch was gaining most valuable time for the reorganization of the British forces in the Western Desert. The stout resistance was delaying the progress of the Germans beyond Sollum and meanwhile the defences of Mersa Matruh and other points were being brought up to concert pitch. These defences were prepared last year and it might safely be assumed that they were already formidable.

There was room for encouragement, too, in the fact that the enemy's air force had not had things all its own way in Libya.

One British land patrol in a sortie from Tobruch had penetrated well beyond the defensive position and had captured 150 prisoners including officers and men while another had captured 800 prisoners. Already the German losses at this point had reached 1500 while 35 tanks had been destroyed there. This was striking proof that the garrison at Tobruch was fighting back with great skill, tenacity and determination, but it must not be forgotten that the Germans had 600 tanks and three Panza divisions - a formidable force. The loss of Benghazi too had made it possible for them to bring up large numbers of bombers and fighters. At first the Germans had under-rated the British air strength in Libya and Egypt. They had used obsolete Messerschmitts but having learned their lesson they were introducing Messerschmitt 110s. These however were being shot down with almost equal facility by the British pilots. British fighters in Greece had also proved that the best of Germany's dive-bombers were practically sitters for them. One squadron alone had shot down 100 there.

Tanks on the ground and planes overhead - this was how the Germans had overrun Europe from Poland to the Low Countries and France, and their tactics remained the same. But for the Navy's great coup in sinking a whole convoy laden with men and weapons the Germans' position in Libya would have been greatly strengthened. In other ways too the Navy had come into the picture. The fire of our ships had greatly harrassed the enemy's advance.

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The German air attack on Britain was centered principally on Portsmouth last night. The attack was started after dark on a fairly heavy scale. An official communique states that first reports show the damage to be comparatively slight and casualties not severe.

All essential services had been maintained in London yesterday following the previous night's vicious German attack. The calm courage of the Londoners had brought forward widespread admiration from every corner of the world. This ability of the Londoners to take everything that the Nazi could hurl against them has prompted further appeals for help in New York papers which combine in describing the people of the British capital as absolutely unafraid.

The United States is assembling an Air Corps of 600,000 men on the lines of the British Observer Corps to give warning of the approach of possible enemy planes.

A statement that there would be no abrupt change in Japan's foreign policy, even after the return of Mr Matsuoka from Berlin and Rome, was made by a Japanese Ministry of Information spokesman.

/ As a result -----

As a result of recent fighting Chinese troops are reported via Russia to have occupied a number of important points in Central China.

German and Italian newspapers are joining in making a sharp attack on Switzerland and the Swiss press which is accused of drawing a veil over axis successes and of favouring the British cause.

An ANKARA (TURKEY) BROADCAST declared that for the time being it was inappropriate to make any forecast regarding the probable outcome of the fighting in Greece but all reports indicated an amelioration of the position in North Africa. It would seem that the British had decided to await the enemy at Mersa Matruh and it would seem too that the Germans were preparing for an assault on the Mersa Matruh fortifications. Britain now clearly held the Vichy Government as being responsible for the success of the Germans in getting troops to Tripoli. The Vichy Government was accused of permitting the German ships to shelter in French territorial waters and thus sneak into Tripoli. If Admiral Darlan were not actually helping the German authorities he had closed his eyes to this flagrant breach of neutrality. Britain had therefore decided to take every measure possible to prevent a repetition of this and the sinking of five transports and three torpedo boats which formed an enemy convoy was the first evidence of this determination. Britain would act with absolute energy in the matter and it was clear that sufficient steps were being taken to ensure a British victory. From Cairo it had been announced that operations in Tobruch had developed completely in favour of the British forces. While this did not mean that the battle of the desert had reached its final stages it was undoubtedly an indication that the Germans were being well contained in this area.

The same Ankara broadcast stated that a Gallup poll had shown that 73 percent of Americans definitely approved of President Roosevelt's recent international policy.

In an earlier BBC broadcast, the BBC commentator, in a review said that the stiff defence of Tobruch was gaining most valuable time for the reorganization of the British forces in the Western Desert. The stout resistance was delaying the progress of the Germans beyond Sollum and meanwhile the defences of Mersa Matruh and other points were being brought up to concert pitch. These defences were improved last year and it might safely be assumed that they were already formidable.

There was room for encouragement, too, in the fact that the enemy's air force had not had things all its own way in Libya. One British land patrol in a sortie from Tobruch had penetrated well beyond the defensive position and had captured 150 prisoners including officers and men while another had captured 300 prisoners. Already the German losses at this point had reached 1500 while 35 tanks had been destroyed there. This was striking proof that the garrison at Tobruch was fighting back with great skill, tenacity and determination, but it must not be forgotten that the Germans had 600 tanks and three Panzer divisions - a formidable force. The loss of Benghazi too had made it possible for them to bring up large numbers of bombers and fighters. At first the Germans had under-rated the British air strength in Libya and Egypt. They had used obsolete Messerschmitts but having learned their lesson they were introducing Messerschmitt 110s. These however were being shot down with almost equal facility by the British pilots. British fighters in Greece had also proved that the best of Germany's dive-bombers were practically sitters for them. One squadron alone had shot down 100 there. Tanks on the ground and planes overhead - this was how the Germans had overrun Europe from Poland to the Low Countries and France, and their tactics remained the same. But for the Navy's great coup in sinking a whole convoy laden with men and weapons the Germans' position in Libya would have been greatly strengthened. In other ways too the Navy had come into the picture. The fire of our ships had greatly harrassed the enemy's advance.

In East Africa the British advance was hastening with such tempo that the Duke of Aosta, Governor of Eritrea, had sent envoys asking for Armistice terms.

GREECE - British lines holding well against powerful German attack. The Germans have not succeeded in breaking the British lines and have sustained tremendous casualties in the heaviest fighting, which took place in the Caterina and coastal areas on the east. The Australian troops had been heavily engaged, and had given the Germans a severe hammering in places. So far the enemy have failed to make a dent in the main British front.

An English Officer says "Tank for tank we are better than the Germans. Our shells go through the German tanks like cheese but numerically they are superior and are supported by bombers and fighters."

The R.A.F. and ground forces are co-operating, and on British front yesterday shot down 5 German planes. The R.A.F. is doing splendid work.

ALBANIA - Latest info is that the Greeks may have to evacuate Albania altogether and there is no attempt to conceal that the situation in general is serious.

The Athens radio while not minimising the seriousness of the situation has appealed to the people to carry on as usual and not to believe extravagant German claims, such as the claim that the Yugo-Slav forces had laid down their arms unconditionally. There was no reason to believe this claim.

YUGO-SLAVIA - Observers who saw the serious German air raids on Belgrade describe them as more severe than Rotterdam. Belgrade was completely unprepared for the attack and after the first raid, an observer counted 200 dead in one street. Many public buildings were destroyed. However, the Germans did not get away unscathed as 18 German Bombers were shot down. The behavior of the Yugo-Slav population is described as heroic and there is no choking of the roads with refugees.

NORTH AFRICA - R.A.F. has been very active, and bombed the harbor at Tripoli in a raid lasting over an hour.

The British force in Tobruk yesterday took 800 prisoners. The Tobruk garrison is proving a thorn in the flesh to the enemy ~~in making long detours into the desert or run the risk of severe damage~~ by causing their mechanised forces to make long detours into the desert or run the risk of severe damage.

In the withdrawal from Derna the Germans attacked with powerful tanks, and armoured car forces, but British A/Tk gunners accounted for 15 German vehicles while retiring.

EUROPE - The German Radio states that during the night the R.A.F. carried out attacks on Northern Germany, reaching as far as Berlin, where fires were started in residential quarters.

During daylight yesterday our planes made a heavy attack on the French coast.

The main German attack on Britain was transferred from London to a town on the south east coast. At least one German raider was shot down in flames.

During the previous night the U.S.A. Ambassador made a tour of bombed areas and said "I ~~know~~ now know what "London can take it" really means; The people seem to be absolutely unafraid.

SIGNALS.

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SATURDAY - 19 APR.

German infantry continues to be thrown against our lines in Greece regardless of consequences. The fighting is growing in intensity. The enemy is attempting to drive his forces both to the east and west of Mt Olympus, held by the Australians, in an endeavour to surround it. It is estimated that the Australians are facing 10 German divisions but they continue their fierce opposition unflinchingly. Waves of German infantry are attacking from dawn to dusk until the ground is literally covered with their dead, while German planes come over in groups of twenty to thirty, drop their loads of bombs and return for more. One of our transport vehicles alone brought down five German bombers with Bren guns during one attack. Even the German papers admit very heavy losses. They quote a high German officer who describes the opposition as fierce. News from other sectors of the field shows that bitter fighting is continuing right along the lines and Hitler is reported to be with his Army in Southern Europe.

The latest Greek communique states that in the Olympus region all attacks have been successfully held. On the Albanian front, the Greek movements - on Albanian soil - have been carried out calmly.

The sudden death of M Alexander Korizis, Prime Minister of Greece, following so closely on the death of Gen Metaxas only a few months ago, has been a sad blow to this brave people. The announcement of the formation of a new Government is expected shortly.

It has been announced by the Board of Trade that Yugoslavia is to be regarded as enemy occupied territory for the purposes of the Trading With the Enemy Act. The Germans are repeating their claim that Yugoslavia has capitulated but the King, Government and people of the country intend to continue the fight in every way they can. The first illustration of this determination is to be found in the decision to make available to the Allies 120,000 tons of Yugoslavian shipping at present in Western Hemisphere ports. The Premier, Gen Smilovitch, is in Greece. Organized resistance in Yugoslavia itself has undoubtedly collapsed but observers are filled with admiration for the effort that this nation has made. They have tried with rifles and with ox-drawn artillery to battle with the great odds against them. Women and children lie in hundreds in the mass of debris in their cities. At least 10,000 are dead in Belgrade alone. Resistance henceforth must be limited to guerilla warfare but Yugoslavia will always stand as a wonderful example of courage which despised temporary disadvantage.

German bombing attacks on Britain last night were not of the same magnitude as on the previous two nights. A list of the famous buildings that have been hit recently by bombs includes St Pauls, the City Temple, Chelsea Old Church, Chelsea Royal Infirmary and Guy's Hospital. St Paul's which had been damaged in an earlier raid, this time suffered a direct hit. Many tons of masonry were dislodged but the Great Dome, the Whispering Gallery and the Tomb of Nelson were untouched. Several pensioners were killed when the Chelsea Royal Hospital was struck, including the oldest inmate, a man of 101.

News from North Africa indicates that the Germans are not having everything their own way there. The German drive has stopped in the Sollum area. Whether this is because the enemy is unable to advance or is stopping to revise his activities is not yet clear. What is clear however is that enemy losses have been severe. British and Australian planes have taken heavy toll on their lines of communication and pilots who destroyed a number of German planes on the Derna aerodrome were tossed about in their planes at a height of 3000 feet as their bombs exploded on the ground.

Our troops have had to negotiate extremely difficult country in Abyssinia, in the neighbourhood of Dessia, but have progressed 150 miles from Addis Abbaba.

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During a recent air attack in Libya, German bombers bombed a building in which Italian prisoners were held. The Hospital staff rushed to the aid of the Italians in spite of the enemy's machine gun bullets.

It was announced officially from Rome that the Italian Government wishes it to be understood that if the German Government begins the systematic bombing of Rome and other Italian cities until all objectives have been destroyed, the Italian Government however wants to make it clear that no bombs will be dropped on the Vatican City. It is learned however that the Germans hold a number of captured British bombs at a nearby air base and plan to drop these on Vatican City in an attempt to gain the sympathy of Roman Catholic neutrals throughout the world. It is well to make this clear in advance.

Wednesday night's raid on Berlin, although not as severe as the vicious raid on London the previous night, was the first that Berlin has yet suffered. The bombs that were dropped on Berlin had five times the blasting power of any bomb dropped on an American capital. Already the Germans have admitted that four public buildings including the State Library were hit. This raid was part of a concerted plan and its intensity would increase as the war progressed. In making this clear the British Minister, Mr. Morrison, had said it was remarkable how the city of London went on its business after its severe attack.

The RAF also bombed aerodromes at Rotterdam and other German-occupied targets on the French coast. From all of these operations eight of our bombers are missing. Three enemy bombers were destroyed over England on Thursday night. Two were shot down during the attack on Portsmouth.

It is announced in Dublin that a German bomber came down inside Territorial Waters. The plane sank and the crew of six were interned.

The German Ambassador, Herr von Papen, who flew from Berlin to Berlin yesterday, may, according to Berlin circles, be absent from Turkey for about five weeks. The German Ambassador to Russia, Herr von Schulenburg, has also returned to Berlin on a visit.

The Soviet Government has given China an assurance of continued assistance. It has stated that this assistance is unaffected by the Russian-Japanese Pact.

It is officially announced that a large number of the latest American planes, Brewster Buffalos, have arrived in Singapore and have already been put into service in Malaya. They were put through their paces by the RAF and RAAF.

The US Department of War has announced that the first batch of American troops has left to garrison the island of Bermuda which was included in the list of concessions granted to US at the time of the transfer of American destroyers to Britain.

The BBC commentator in a review of the military situation said that if the conflict in the Balkans had been a matter entirely of men there was little doubt that the outcome would have been favourable to the Allies but today it is a war of machine. Today armies ate up space on lorries, armoured cars, motor cycles, etc. An army without these things, even if it has the spirit of lions, is doomed. This had been the secret of Yugoslavia's collapse. Infantry that Mussolini had described as the best in the world had gone down in ten days. The Germans possessed hordes of infantry but man for man the British, the Australians, the Greeks and the Yugoslavians have proved themselves every scrap the equal if not the better of these hordes, and despite defeat the Yugoslavian people would carry on the fight against the Axis. This declaration was made in Washington by the Yugoslavian Ambassador there. The collapse of the country's

country's armies, through no fault of their own, has let the enemy through to Greece. The Greeks have to face this situation but are continuing to fight to the utmost of their ability. According to one estimate the enemy has already lost 50,000 dead in the Battle of Greece alone. In the history of warfare there may have been stories as stirring as the way the British and Australians have held on to vital points but there has not been and never shall be anything to surpass it. If the heroes of Olympus of bygone days could look down and see the fight that these gallant men were making they could be stirred only by pride. Unfortunately, however, bravery is not enough. As the Germans continue to throw in fresh divisions the Greeks are being driven back. Retreat in such circumstances is a most difficult operation and if they in the face of the German drive give way it will expose the left flank of the Allied lines. Last night our men were retreating to shorter lines in an effort to avoid this possibility.

The brilliant feats of the British and Australians and of the Greeks do not blind the Allies and the Greek authorities to the gravity of the position. All that can be said at this stage is that Hitler has paid a high price in Yugoslavia and in his attack on Greece. If it proves that Greece is unable to withstand the forces that are being thrown against her we have the consolation that we have inflicted tremendous losses, we have gained precious time and we have paid our debt of honor to the Greeks. We were pledged to send aid to the Greeks. That has been done. Whatever the outcome of this campaign Britain and the Dominions will not be dismayed.

In Lybia there has been no change in the situation. Yesterday after discussing the African situation with Mr Cordell Hull, US Secretary of State, the British Ambassador to US, Lord Halifax, declared that this front was now more important than the Balkan fighting. The brilliant defence of Tobruch has caused the enemy annoying losses and delay. Here, where the mechanical position is more even, we have shown our ability to hold the Germans. We have gained invaluable time for the strengthening of Egyptian defences. This is being done without a moments delay because when the enemy's thrust does come it will be extremely formidable in both men and tanks. It is characteristic of the British that they do not underestimate the danger.

Among other important news, the commentator went on, was a warning by President Roosevelt that most Americans did not yet realise the great danger that threatened them. Hitler and his fanatics made no secret of the fact of their determination to rule the world. Hence President Roosevelt's anxiety to get aid to Britain at all costs. That help was reaching England and was reaching Egypt and would continue to reach these countries.

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B.H.O.

SUMMARY OF D.B.C. NEWS 19 Apr 41

BALKANS - In Macedonia all enemy advances were successfully held and in Albania our movements were carried out calmly.

The Greek air report states that all enemy concentrations constantly bombed and all our planes returned safely.

Herr Hitler is with his army in South Eastern Europe where the German forces are making a terrific effort to break through and are suffering exceptionally heavy losses. The British Imperial Forces have thrown back the enemy time after time and the Australian tps are putting up a stiff resistance to 10 German Divisions. The British are outnumbered by 3 to 1, and there are always fresh German tps to take up the fighting. The valleys are filled with German dead but still they come on to be mown down. 2 Australian Battalions occupying advanced posns in the mountains are successfully holding up a tremendous German drive. One German prisoner who had fought on half a dozen battlefronts said "he had never met opposition such as that put up by the Australians.

On the left wing the Italians had been unable to hinder the orderly Greek withdrawal from Albania, and the Allied front now stretches in an unbroken line from the Ionian to the Aegian coast.

YUGO-SLAVIA The The capitulation of the Yugo Slav armies does not mean the end of Yugo-Slavia's part in the war. The Yugo Slav Minister to America said that Yugo-Slavia is to give immediate aid to Britain by making available 120,000 tons of shipping now in the Western Hemisphere.

The statement of the British Govt that Italian planes are ready to drop British bombs on the Vatican City if we attack Rome has brought forth a storm of protest from the German radio, which says that by such lies Mr. Churchill paves the way for another British "atrocitiy". The statement from Downing Street said that Rome would be systematically bombed if the Germans carried out their threat to bomb Athens and Cairo.

LIBYA - The belief that the British forces had stabilised the enemy advance in North Africa, was expressed by Lord Halifax in Washington yesterday. This is supported by the Cairo communique which says that around Tobruk and Sollum the initiative is now with our tps.

BRITAIN - Britain has had a night free from air raids except for isolated visits to Northern Scotland.

In the attack on Portsmouth the night before the Germans themselves brought down one of their own planes. A German pilot released a load of bombs on a plane below him which he took to be British, but which turned out to be one of his own. Recent raids on London have damaged the following buildings among others:-

St Paul's Cathedral - A direct hit on the North Chancel, and further damage from a bomb falling in an adjoining street. The Great dome whispering Gallery and Tomb of Nelson are undamaged.

Chelsea Royal Hospital - (The home of aged Naval pensioners.) Several pensioners were killed including the oldest resident a man aged 101 years.

Guys Hospital - City Temple - the leading Congregational Church.

U.S.A. Maritime Commission has given contracts for the building of 184 merchant ships at a cost of 191 million pounds including 101 of the so called "ugly duckling" merchant ships for delivery to Britain.

U.S.A. tps to garrison the base leased from Britain at Bermuda have left New York.

REF MAP MATRUH Sheets 1 &amp; 2 1/12500

INTENTION

1. B. Sector defences are to be brought to the highest possible state of readiness.

METHOD

2. Wire - The order of priority for the repair of wiring is:-
  - (a) Across PDLs
  - (b) Around fwd posts
  - (c) Switch lines.
  - (d) Res posns.
3. The minimum number of gaps are to be left in the wire. All other gaps are to be closed permanently. Mr. Beare will supervise.
4. Coys will detail wiring parties immediately and work pushed on with the utmost vigour.
5. Concealment
  - (a) fwd posts must be concealed.
  - (b) Unnecessary timber and iron to be clear from Coy areas and placed in a dump in Quarry 187496.
  - (c) All bright objects such as kerosene tins ~~will~~ used for revetting and other purposes will be covered with sand.
  - (d) Permanent tracks to and from posts to be curtailed.
  - (e) When essential work is completed movement to and from and around posts will be rigidly restricted.
  - (f) AALMGs (2 pl) maximum concealment. They must be dug well in and not left standing up like statues.
6. Alternative posns. Immediately fwd posts are put in order, Coy Comds will see that secs are thinned out during daylight hrs and all available personnel put to work on alternative posns. These, when completed are to be maintained in good order.
7. AMM
  - (a) The following amm is to be maintained in all fwd sec posts of rifle coys:-
    - SAA - On the man - 100 rds.
    - " - LMGs - 25 mags.
    - .55 A/Tk Rifle 50 rds per A Tk Rifle
    - Grenades. 5 per sec post.
  - (b) The Bn res of 500 grenades is to be distributed as follows-
    - (a) A.B.C.D. Coy HQs - 80
    - (b) Isolated fwd posts -(2 per Coy) 10 each.
    - (c) Balance in Bn SAA res - 100
8. Pistols and cartridges Signal will only be used by Coy Comds. Cartridges illuminating will not be used and Coys will return same immediately to HQ.
9. Mobile patrol

C. Coy will maintain mob patrol of one sec on Knoll 30 - ref 167485. If forced to withdraw patrol leader will fire two signals RED RED with thirty seconds interval. ARUMDLE post 167493 will maintain continuous OP to watch for this signal.

Alternative routes for withdrawal

  - (a) Through CHARING CROSS gate
  - (b) Through gap in front of ARUMDLE
  - (c) Through coast rd gap 151509.

The patrol leader will be in possession of fd glasses.
10. PATROLS

C. & D. Coy will be responsible for patrolling the outer A/Tk ditch and outer belts of wire from the inter-bn boundary at 159499 to the CHARING CROSS Gate at 183473.

Inter Coy boundary - The A/Tk switch at 172487

Contacts will be made as follows:-

  - (a) A. Coy with 2/14 Bn patrols at Inter Bn Boundary 159499 at 2300 hrs and 0515 hrs.
  - (b) A. Coy with D. Coy at Inter Coy boundary at 172487 at 2200 hrs and 0445 hrs.
  - (c) D. Coy with 1 A & S.H. at CHARING CROSS Gate at 183473 at 2300 hrs and 0515 hrs.

PROCS (Contd)

Strength of patrol - one rifle sec. ( 1 NCO & 6 ORs)  
Patrol leaders will be warned of the location of all  
minefields.  
Immediately each patrol returns BN HQ will be notified.

11. MOLOTOV COCKTAILS

Coys will save all large bottles in preparation for the  
manufacture when the material is available.

12. SPECIAL GROUND TO AIR RECOGNITION SIGS

Special ground to air recognition signals arranged as  
follows. If our aircraft requires formation or unit to  
identify itself, the plane will perform series of "3" turn.  
Formation or unit should then put out a white sheet (suar  
on or beside vehicle. Bath towel or large map can be used.  
This system will come into force as at and from 0100 hrs  
19 Apr. All ranks to be notified.

*[Signature]* Capt  
Adj 2/27 Bn AIF.

ACK

Signed at 2140 hrs.  
Issued by sigs at 2200 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION

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| 4          | D. Coy           | 11         | File       |
| 5          | HQ Coy           | 12)        |            |
| 6          | 2/14 Bn          | 13)        | War Diary. |
| 7          | 1 Argyles & S.H. |            |            |

21 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE

SECURITY

1. CENSORSHIP - All franking officers will watch the following points in letters:-

- (1) The word "EGYPT" must not be mentioned.
- (2) All references to any happening during recent weeks must be written in the first person singular, i.e., "I saw ---" NOT "We saw ----"
- (3) Minor references to conditions may be mentioned, such as sand storms, etc., but any reference to fortifications, weapons, dug-outs, etc must NOT be mentioned.
- (4) Address will be as before, i.e., :-  
SI 4542  
Pte J. JONES  
A Coy  
2/27 Bn  
AIF ABROAD.
- (5) In general franking officers must realize that nothing can be laid down covering every word a man may or may not write, and the main thing to watch is that no info is allowed to pass which would in any way disclose any of our or other movements during the past weeks.  
Rumours are still very persistent and all ranks must be reminded that it is in their own interests that these rumour mongers be stopped immediately.

2. PRISONERS OF WAR

Unit Security officers will ensure that all ranks are instructed in exactly what info they are to give if captured and also the procedure they are to adopt having taken enemy prisoners. Special care must be taken to ensure that enemy prisoners do NOT get a chance to destroy any documents they may be carrying. On the other hand all our officers and NCOs carrying marked maps or secret documents must ensure that these are destroyed when there is any likelihood of them being captured.

3. SECURITY OF DEFENCES

It will be pointed out to all ranks that the works being carried out here are vital and it would be of the utmost value to the enemy to have info of them.

Personnel must question tactfully, therefore all persons, when they do not know personally, approaching their posts or showing an interest in their disposal.

Any person who does not appear to have a satisfactory reason for their presence in or near any works will be conducted to the sub-unit camp.

In conclusion men must be reminded that any tendency to treat lightly the job we are now doing as part of the defence of MALDEN will most assuredly lead to disaster.

J.F. Cunneen Lieut  
IO 21 Aust Inf Bde.

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/27 BN, A.I.F.

(Unit).

19 APR 1941

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(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 authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	3		
Serjeants	26		5
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	59		14
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	638		147
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>737</b>	*	<b>163</b>

\* 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.
SMITH R.L. Sjt	AAPC	HIND A.S. pte	21 Aust Inf Bde (AAChc) AAPC
DRAGE GT (L/Sjt)	A.A.O.C.	PHILIPSON W.J. L/Sjt	AAPSC
DALY T.K. cpl	"	BLOOR R Sjt	AAAC
HARPER CC pte	"	BRAND T.F.C. cpl	"
DOE P.A. "	"	FREAKE J.A. pte	"
SMART H.F. "	"	LDMAN G.	"

**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).



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2/27 BN. A.I.F. Unit.

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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.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusillers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusillers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
"    " (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers														5						
Sjts																				
PTES																				
Chls																				
General duty personnel														5		14				
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).																				14/44/163

2/27 BN. A.I.F.

Unit.

19 APR 1941

Date of Despatch

Adj. 2/27 BN. A.I.F.

Signature of Commander.

21 AUST INF BDE

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

*[Signature]*  
Capt

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/27 BN, A.I.F. (Unit.)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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	3		
Captains	6		2
Lieutenants	23		3
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
District Officers			
TOTALS	34		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	MOTEN	M.J.	2/27 Bnd	14 Apr Rejoined Unit

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	SKIPPER	J.W.	2/27 Bnd	15 Apr No 8 Aust Gen Hosp

## 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).
LIEUT	SKIPPER	J.W.	2/27 Bnd No 8 Aust Gen Hosp
	McFARLANE	D.S.A.	I.A.G.H.

**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
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.		Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT. COL		MOTEN	M.T.	2/27 Bn	YES	C.O.
MAJOR		POPE	A	"	"	2/pl
"		DDBBS	J.G.	"	"	O.C. HQ Coy
"		ISAACHSEN	O.C.	"	"	O.C. D Coy
CAPT		MCPHEE	D.R.	"	"	O.C. B Coy
"		PRICE	J.H.M.	"	"	R.M.
"		WOORE	T.G.	"	"	O.C. C Coy
"		WHITE	D.A.H.	"	"	O.C. A Coy
"		STUCKEY	G.R.	"	"	2/pl B Coy
"		RICE	D.G.	"	"	2/pl A Coy
"		TOMS	S.J.	"	"	ADJT
LIEUT		JOHNSON	R.L.	"	"	2/pl C Coy
"		LEE	A.J.	"	"	O.C. 10 pl
"		CUMING	J.C.	"	"	2/pl D Coy
"		RUDD	L.K.	"	"	O.C. 17 pl
"		SKIPPER	J.W.	"	No	nos. Aust Gen Hosp.
"		THOMAS	R.A.	"	YES	O.C. 7 pl
"		KIMBER	H.R.R.	"	"	O.C. 18 pl
"		BEARE	J.H.	"	"	O.C. 5 pl
"		GILL	T.F.	"	"	O.C. 8 pl
"		MAGAREY	B.A.	"	"	O.C. 12 pl
"		SIMS	C.A.W.	"	"	O.C. 9 pl
"		BENNIER	F	"	"	I.O.
"		KATEKAR	H.J.	"	"	O.C. 15 pl
"		FANCETT	G.H.	"	"	O.C. 4 pl
"		HARRY	G.H.	"	"	O.C. 6 pl
"		MADIGAN	R	"	"	O.C. 3 pl
"		PRAFTER	J.G.	"	"	O.C. 16 pl
"		SANDISON	C.H.	"	"	S.O.
"		DEAN	A.C.	"	"	REINF. DEER
"		JACOBS	S.J.	"	"	O.C. 11 pl
"		THOMAS	S.E.	"	"	O.C. 2 pl
"		LEE	J.D.	"	"	O.C. 14 pl
"		McFARLANE	D.S.A.	"	No	1 AGH

(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		HARBISON	A.T.	AAME		R.M.O.
PADRE		WHERBAT	C.R.	AACHC		CHAPLAIN.

2/27 BN, A.I.F.

(Unit.)

19 APR 1941

(Date of Despatch.)

Adj't 2/27 Bn AIF

(Signature of Commander.)

21 AUST INF BDE

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

Original Defence Order  
of the Buffs on Taking  
over "B" Sector MATRUH  
defences. Found in  
the Orderly Room

1. The following instructions are issued pending  
for information ~~para~~ ~~action~~, ~~pending~~ ~~action~~  
~~deducted orders are issued~~ pending ~~action~~

2. H M positions will be as below.  
2 at with D by.  
2 with A by.  
2 with H.Q. by.  
Instructions issue later.

5. H.Q. by will be prepared to counter attack Hill  
34. (71893489)

6. The following patrols are being formed <sup>down</sup> ~~order~~ <sup>forward</sup> ~~order~~ <sup>forward</sup>  
~~and operate down from dawn to dusk.~~  
A Patrol. Rds Matruh - <sup>Sidi Barrani</sup>  
~~Sidi Barrani~~ <sup>Sidi Barrani</sup> ~~Sidi Barrani~~ <sup>Sidi Barrani</sup>

B Patrol. Coast Road

C Patrol. Matruh - Alexandria Road.

7. 8 7d Rest are covering L.G. (aerodrome) and approaches  
ashidi road Matruh - Suva.  
one Sec is covering the harbor.  
Defensive fire

- (1) L.G.  
Green over green.
- (2) Hostile craft in harbor  
Red Green Red.

1. The following instructions are issued to supplement verbal orders already given and pending issue of detailed orders, to put all concerns in the picture.

2. <sup>Day out of the picture</sup> The Battalion is holding "B" Sector. Sergeant in A Sector on Right 1 AS & H in C Sector on left. The Battalion is deployed in B Sector as follows.

- B Co vicinity Eastern and Western Barabats.
- A Co Anndel - Cent.
- C Co Hill. orchard. Jesmond.
- D Co Pitt-dun, Maresfield.
- H.Q. Co vicinity
- Batt. H.Q.
- Bechelm. Eastern Barabats.

3. Positions will be defended to the last man and to the last round.

4. Companies will concentrate on the following.
- (a) To make all posts battleworthy and to clear fields of fire etc.
  - (b) To repair or renew wire as required.
  - (c) To conceal posts particularly Pill Boxes
  - (d) To ~~prepare~~ select and prepare alternative and dummy sector positions.

8. M. M. Co are dispersed as follows at the conduct

2 at 71523516  
2 at 71353493

SECRET

*War Diary*

SUBJECT - CAMOUFLAGE Suggestions No. 1 MINEFIELDS

General Headquarters -  
Middle East.

1. It is clear from a recently captured document that enemy air-photo interpreters take special note of any tracks or roads that twist and turn suddenly for no reason apparent in the nature of the ground. They ascribe such twists and turns to the probable existence of a Minefield and they enjoin care on their own troops to avoid giving away the position of their own Minefields in this way.
  
2. While there is nothing new in this, it may provide a timely reminder that here is a simple, cheap and effective way of misleading the enemy as to the general plan of defence and the location of real minefields in a defended area. Dummy tracks with these characteristic twists, in association with lightly disturbed soil in plausible locations, might be successful as decoys.

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*Howes Capt*

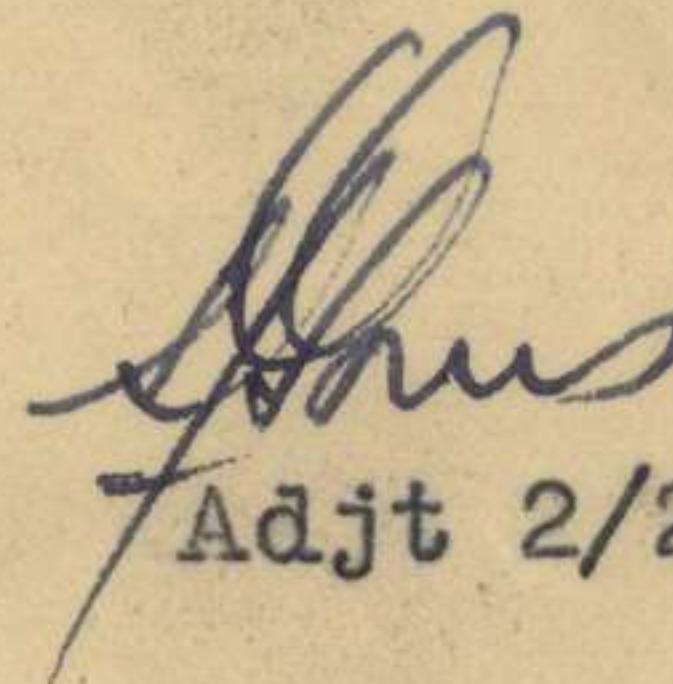
Bn HQ.

P.A.D

19 April 41

1. Signal for Air Raid Alarm will be given sounded at BN HQ, which will immediately be taken up by all Coy HQs.
2. Tin hats and respirators at the alert will be worn immediately on alarm is given.
3. Blackout regulations are to be rigidly enforced.

ALL BATTLES TO BE INFORMED

 Capt  
Adjt 2/27 Bn AIF



# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS**

IN

SECRET

No. of Groups.

GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

OUT

BY RUNNER

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

2/27 Bn. A.I.F.

FROM

1/ A. & S. H.

Originator's Number

0 62

Date

19

In Reply to Number

Understand your patrol may  
return through our front @ our  
password tonight is "GOMORRAH"

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS.

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER.

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

2108

SIGNED

*W. H. Dargie Lt.*

SIGNED

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T.H.I.

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A. ~~B.~~ C. D.

FROM

2/27 Bw #0

Originator's Number

T 7

Date

20

In Reply to Number

Amendment	2/27	Bw	Ops	Justin	Not.
dated	19	Apr	para	10	o
C	and	D	Coys	will	be
responsible	o	Should	read	A	and
D	Coys	will	be	responsible	o
ACK.					

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T.O.R.

REF MAP MATRUH Sheets 1 &amp; 2 1/12500

INTENTION

1. B. Sector defences are to be brought to the highest possible state of readiness.

METHOD

2. Wire -- The order of priority for the repair of wiring is:-
  - (a) Across PDLs
  - (b) Around fwd posts
  - (c) Switch lines.
  - (d) Res posns.
3. The minimum number of gaps are to be left in the wire. All other gaps are to be closed permanently. Mr. Beare will supervise.
4. Coys will detail wiring parties immediately and work pushed on with the utmost vigour.
5. Concealment
  - (a) Fwd posts must be concealed.
  - (b) Unnecessary timber and iron to be clear from Coy areas & placed in a dump in Quarry 187496.
  - (c) All bright objects such as kerosene tins ~~will~~ used for revetting and other purposes will be covered with sand.
  - (d) Permanent tracks to and from posts to be curtailed.
  - (e) When essential work is completed movement to and from and around posts will be rigidly restricted.
  - (f) AALIGs (2 pl) maximum concealment. They must be dug well in and not left standing up like statues.
6. Alternative posns. Immediately fwd posts are put in order, Coy Comds will see that secs are thinned out during daylight hrs and all available personnel put to work on alternative posns. These, when completed are to be maintained in good order.
7. AMM
  - (a) The following amm is to be maintained in all fwd sec posts of rifle coys:-
    - S.A - On the man - 100 rds.
    - " - LMGs - 25 mags.
    - .55 A/Tk Rifle 50 rds per A Tk Rifle
    - Grenades. 5 per sec post.
  - (b) The Bn res of 500 grenades is to be distributed as follows-
    - (a) A.B.C.D. Coy HQs - 80
    - (b) Isolated fwd posts -(2 per Coy) 10 each.
    - (c) Balance in Bn SAA res - 100
8. Pistols and cartridges Signal will only be used by Coy Comds. Cartridges illuminating will not be used and Coys will return same immediately to HQ.
9. Mobile patrol

C. Coy will maintain mob patrol of one sec on Inoll 30 - ref 167485. If forced to withdraw patrol leader will fire two signals RED RED with thirty seconds interval. ARUIDLL post 167493 will maintain continuous OP to watch for this signal.

Alternative routes for withdrawal

  - (a) Through CHARING CROSS gate
  - (b) Through gap in front of ARUIDLL
  - (c) Through coast rd gap 151509.

The patrol leader will be in possession of fd glasses.
10. PATROLS

C. & D. Coy will be responsible for patrolling the outer A/Tk ditch and outer belts of wire from the inter-bn boundary at 159499 to the CHARING CROSS Gate at 183473.

Inter Coy boundary - The A/Tk switch at 172487

Contacts will be made as follows:-

  - (a) A. Coy with 2/14 Bn patrols at Inter Bn Boundary 159499 at 2300 hrs and 0515 hrs.
  - (b) A. Coy with D. Coy at Inter Coy boundary at 172487 at 2200 hrs and 0445 hrs.
  - (c) D. Coy with 1 A & S.H. at CHARING CROSS Gate at 183473 at 2300 hrs and 0515 hrs.

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Immediately each patrol returns BN HQ will be notified.

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Coy's will save all large-bottles in preparation for the  
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 This system will come into force as at and from 0100 hrs  
 19 Apr. All ranks to be notified.

ACK

*[Signature]* Capt  
 Adj 2/27 Bn AIF.

Signed at 2140 hrs.  
 Issued by sigs at 2200 hrs.

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21 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

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 SX 4542  
 Pte J. JOHNS  
 A Coy  
 2/27 Bn  
 AIF ABROAD.
- (5) In general franking officers must realise that nothing can be laid down covering every word a man may or may not write, and the main thing to watch is that no info is allowed to pass which would in any way disclose any of our or other troops movements during the past weeks.  
 Rumours are still very persistent and all ranks must be reminded that it is in their own interests that these rumour mongers be stopped immediately.

2. PRISONERS OF WAR

Unit Security officers will ensure that all ranks are instructed in exactly what info they are to give if captured and also what procedure they are to adopt having taken enemy prisoners. Special care must be taken to ensure that enemy prisoners do NOT get a chance to destroy any documents they may be carrying. On the other hand all our officers and NCOs carrying marked maps or secret documents must ensure that these are destroyed when there is any likelihood of them being captured.

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J.F. Cunneen Lieut  
IO 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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J.F. Cunnock Lieut  
IO 21 Aust Inf Bde.



Subject:- 2/27 Bn Ops Instr No.1.  
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SECRET.  
1/A.&.S.H.  
Field.  
C/12.  
20 Apr 41.

To:-  
2/27 Bn A.I.F.  
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R/L/11/10  
name  
10/10/41

Receipt is acknowledged of your Ops Instr No.1.  
Copy No.7 dated 19 Apr 41.

Bainson Capt. & Adj.

Commanding, 1st Bn. The Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.  
J.M.K.

in  
Lieutenant-Colonel,

SUNDAY - 20 APR.

The latest Greek communique states that our troops continue the struggle in good order. In Macedonia they have carried out a retiring movement without being impeded by the enemy. The fighting along the whole front continues to be as fierce as ever. The Australians and New Zealanders have not only repelled all German attacks on their lines but have charged down on them with great violence, but the movement that has been undertaken by our troops has resulted in some advance by the enemy.

King George of Greece has himself undertaken the formation of a National Government following the death of M Korizis. The former Minister of War will become vice-President of the Cabinet.

London, last night, had its second big night raid of the week. Waves of German bombers came over the city from soon after dark until just before dawn. The Houses of Parliament were among the buildings damaged in the recent raid but no vital damage was done and not one life lost as a result of the attack on the famous buildings.

It is officially stated that night fighter pilots have shot down 66 raiders in the last two months and damaged several more.

Malta was raided by large formations of enemy planes yesterday some damage being caused and six people killed.

In Lybia, British mobile columns supported by aircraft continue to take the offensive around Sollum.

In a broadcast yesterday the Premier of the Union of South Africa said that South Africans must be prepared to go right up to Egypt when the call came. They would have to play their part in the defence of the Mediterranean. The struggle was growing more intense and South Africa needed more man-power.

Canada's total contribution this year to the Empire's war effort will be 70 percent greater than in 1918.

Hitler is 52 years of age today and was last night described by the German Propaganda Minister, Dr Goebbels, as a genius building a new world.

A strong Imperial force has been landed at Basra to guard lines of communication to Iraq. A warm welcome was given to our troops.

300,000 women born in 1920 registered in Britain yesterday for national service. The next age group will be required to register on May 23.

The Moscow paper "Pravda" reveals that Russia refused an offer to join the axis in December.

The BBC military commentator prefaced his review with a tribute to the fighting power of the Australians and New Zealanders in Greece. These troops, he said, have been distinguishing themselves by the intrepid way they have not only repelled all German attacks on their lines but have counter-attacked. These counter-attacks are reported to have created havoc in the German lines and have been described as being of fantastic fierceness.

But, none the less, the general situation in Greece, as was only to be expected after the collapse of Yugoslavia, was becoming daily more serious. Prodiges have been performed and the prolonged battle against odds will rank with the greatest feats of history but they cant be prolonged endlessly against the German's great superiority in forces. There is evidence that where British tanks

/meet-----

most German tanks in anything like even numbers they can deal effectively with them but in the Balkans the tremendous weight of the German divisions cannot be without effect. If it is true that the Germans have now won a way through the passes in the neighbourhood of Mt Olympus, the plains to the south will be well suited to the mechanical warfare which has been their means of overwhelming a succession of smaller countries. We can expect that fighting will progress on shorter lines but much depends on the ability of the Greek commander to organize these lines before the full force of the German thrust is felt.

But no matter what the future holds in Greece one thing is certain. A campaign which was originally intended to be a parade to Salonika has cost the German greatly in men, equipment and time. The Greeks by extraordinary skill and gallantry have wakened the young Nazi to the real meaning of war and all its seriousness. The blow they have struck for final victory has proved highly inconvenient to Hitler. It has cost the Germans tens of thousands of men and this fact must be particularly unwelcome to Hitler. It cannot be without effect on German public opinion. Nothing hitherto has so promoted his popularity as the fact that the majority of his conquests have been almost bloodless, but when aggression has to pay dearly for its victories it begins to lose much of its attraction.

There seems to have been no change in the situation in North Africa. This fact in itself is favourable. For a moment it looked as if the powerful German force concentrated in Lybia might strike right to the heart of Egypt itself. That danger remains but the truth is that the German's time-table has gone wrong. The skill and tenacity of the defenders of Tobruch have taken some of the sting out of the enemy blow. So great is Tobruch's nuisance value that it is difficult to see any vital operations to the east unless Tobruch is reduced. The danger threatened by Tobruch is a danger that no sane commander can ignore. So before the main thrust can be expected we can look for a determined attempt to force Tobruch's defences. The fact that it can be reinforced from the sea makes the German's task of subduing it more difficult.

From Iraq comes news that British troops have landed in Basra with a view to safeguarding our communications with that country. The German drive in the Balkans and the advance against Egypt are accompanied by a definite threat to Asia Minor and Iraq. The British action therefore is timely.

China and Japan have now entered into the 5th year of their war. The invasion so lightly launched by the Japanese militarists has produced four years of fighting accompanied by great losses. Will it weaken Japan too much to permit her to think of participating in a much wider fray or will the very troubles produced by this so-called "incident" force the militarists to plunge more heavily in the hope that they will be able to regain some of their prestige? The answer to these questions is of vital interest to Australia and New Zealand and to the whole world. It can only be awaited but meanwhile the Chinese have gained the admiration of the whole world and the right to settle their own destinies in peace. The country which was once only a geographical position has become a nation.

# MESSAGE FORM

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OUT

No. of Groups.  
GR.

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TO *Y14 Bn Y16 Bn Y27 Bn. K' Sec Sig 59 L.A.D 9 PC 9D.BN. Y6 FDAMB.DET.*

FROM *H.Q. Y1 Aust Inf Bde*

Originator's Number

*M 1*

Date

*20*

In Reply to Number

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<i>RAF</i>	<i>report</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>TO BROUK</i>	<i>enemy</i>	<i>dropped</i>
<i>number</i>	<i>small</i>	<i>aluminium</i>	<i>canisters</i>	<i>resembling</i>	<i>shaving</i>
<i>sticks</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>waste</i>	<i>film</i>	<i>containers</i>	<i>which</i>
<i>explode</i>	<i>when</i>	<i>unscrewed</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>warn</i>	<i>all</i>
<i>marks</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>full</i>	<i>description</i>	<i>being</i>	<i>circulated</i>
<i>when</i>	<i>received</i>	<i>⊙</i>			

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**T.O.R.**

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TO

*BWHQ.*

FROM

*A Coy.*

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

*20*

*A bat*

*Coy H.Q.*

*report at*

*explosion 1044*

*north hrs.*

*of*

*Note: I see this was an M16 Grenade at 1044 hrs. Do not attach to this report.*

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TO

B.A.Q.

FROM

B.A.Q.

Originator's Number

M 1

Date

20

In Reply to Number

—

R.A.F.	report	from	Tobruk	enemy	dropped
number	of	small	aluminium	canisters	resembling
shaving	sticks	or	waste	film	containers
which	explode	when	unscrewed	⊙	warn
all	rankes	⊙	full	description	will
be	circulated	when	received		

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SUMMARY OF BBC FILMS 20 Apr 41

ALBANIA - Our troops continue the struggle in good order. Greek forces stopped an Italian motorised column.

MACEDONIA - The advance of the German forces towards the south continued but with great losses. There is no indication of the exact position of the German push southwards in Macedonia. On the right of the Allied lines fighting is now as fierce as ever. Australian and New Zealand troops are not only holding the Germans, but are charging down upon them in fierce counter attacks.

Greece has formed a new Government; the late Prime Minister was buried yesterday in Athens with full military honors.

MAITA - A large formation of enemy aircraft yesterday flew over the island and dropped bombs, causing damage and killing 3 people. Terrific fire met the enemy and one was shot down.

Speaking in Cape Town yesterday the South African Premier - Gen. Smuts said "I want you people of South Africa not to slacken your efforts, but to be proud to have part in a struggle which is proving more and more intense. We are in the struggle 100 per cent."

LIBYA - British mob arms supported by aircraft continued to take the offensive. German advance held at Tobruk. The RAF made half hourly attacks throughout yesterday and destroyed hundreds of vehicles including munition wagons.

LONDON - The second big raid of the week lasting from dark to daylight took place yesterday. It is officially stated that in the last two months our night fighters pilots have shot down 66 enemy planes. 9 were destroyed last night.

It is revealed that the Houses of Parliament received further damage in the recent raid on London, but neither House was in session and no one was injured. St Mildred's Church is also in ruins.

The first step in the recruitment of women for war work was taken yesterday. The first group registered yesterday and the second will register on May 3. Those who can be of greater service to the nation in war work will be picked out for service.

CANADA - The total industrial production for the war this year will be 70% more than in 1918. Canada is also sending vast quantities of food to Britain. During the next 12 months Canada has all the wheat Britain may require. One ninth of the population of Canada have pledged themselves to buy War Savings Certificates for the duration of the war.

Herr Hitler is 52 years old today. Goering is to broadcast the nation's greetings to-night.

Strong Imperial forces have arrived in Persia on route to Iraq including troops from India.

Japanese troops are reported to have landed on coast south of Shanghai. Ningpo, one of China's few remaining ports is the object of this attack, and has been heavily bombed.

2/27 Bn ADI INSTR NO. 2

SECRET  
Copy No 11  
20 Apr 41

1. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATROLS

Vide Para 10 CP3 INSTR NO. 1

- (a) Arms and Amn - Rifle, bayonet fixed.  
Mags charged with 5 rds and 15 rds  
3AA in pocket.  
LMG with 7 mags.  
Grenades M.I. 5.
- (b) Eqpt - None on man except for LMG Mags & Grenades  
Wirecutters.  
Two torches.  
Whistle and message pad.
- (c) Dress - Steel helmet (Banded or bag covered)  
Cardigan under shirt.  
Trousers  
Canvas or muffled footgear.  
No badges or documents.
- (d) Recognition - Normal recognition will be pre-arranged.  
Series of flashes or hooded torch.

2. RATIONS

An emergency (chocolate) ration will be issued to Coys through CQMS on application to the QM and to be issued to all ranks on the scale of one tin per man.

The unauthorised consumption of this ration will be treated as a serious offence, and Pl comds will inspect kits regularly to ensure that it is held. A report will be called for periodically by this HQ.

3. RETURNABLE CONTAINERS

All sacks and empty tins and cases are returnable containers. Any surplus of the above will be returned to the QM on CQMS trucks.

ACK

Signed at 2000 hrs.  
Issued by Sigs at 2015.

*[Signature]*  
CAPT  
Adjt 2/27 Bn ADI

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No. 1	... Coy	Copy No. 7	21 Inf Bde
2	B. Coy	8	Comd
3	C. Coy	9	File
4	D. Coy	{10	
5	HQ Coy	{11	War Diary.
6	D. cch		



2/27 Bn ADM INSTN NO. 2

SECRET

Copy No 10

20 Apr 41

1. GENERAL INSTNS FOR PATROLS

Vide Para 10 OPS INSTN NO. 1

- (a) Arms and Am - Rifle, bayonet fixed.  
Mags charged with 5 rds and 15 rds  
3AA in pocket.  
LMG with 7 mags.  
Grenades M.M. 5.
- (b) Load - None on man except for LMG Mags & Grenades  
Wirecutters.  
Two torches.  
Whistle and message pad.
- (c) Dress - Steel helmet (Banded or bag covered)  
Cardigan under shirt.  
Trousers  
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2/27 Bn ADM INSTN NO. 2

SECRET

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20 Apr 41

1. GENERAL INSTNS FOR PATROLS

Vide Para 10 OPS INSTN NO. 1

- (a) Arms and Amn - Rifle, bayonet fixed.  
Mags charged with 5 rds and 15 rds  
SAA in pocket.  
IMG with 7 mags.  
Grenades M.I. 5.
- (b) Lght - None on man except for IMG mags & Grenades  
Wirecutters.  
Two torches.  
Whistle and message pad.
- (c) Dress - Steel helmet (Banded or bag covered)  
Cardigan under shirt.  
Trousers  
Canvas or muffled footgear.  
No badges or documents.
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6	B. ech		

A. COY.

7 Pl.

2 SEC.

L. M. G. firing from Pillbox bearing  $160^{\circ}$   
Digging being done at this sec.

3 SEC.

L. M. G. firing from Pillbox bearing  $300^{\circ}$   
A/A Post underconstruction.

1 SEC.

L. M. G. firing from Pillbox bearing  $300^{\circ}$

This Pl has one pillbox in use for each sec.  
P.B. H.Q. is a dugout underground.  
Also trench connections underground.

8 Pl.

6 SEC.

No L. M. G. yet.  
Firing from Pillbox bearing  $299^{\circ}$   
P.B. H.Q. alongside P.B.

4 SEC.

L. M. G. firing from P.B. bearing  $170^{\circ}$   
A/TK Rifle bearing  $294^{\circ}$  on Tank ditch.

5 SEC.

L. M. G. firing from P.B. bearing  $157^{\circ}$

This Pl has A/A post 50 yds from P.L. H.Q.

9 Pl.

9 SEC.

L. M. G. firing from P.B. bearing  $328^{\circ}$   
A/TK Rifle also from P.B. firing up A/TK ditch.

8 SEC.

L. M. G. firing from P.B. bearing  $310^{\circ}$

7 SEC.

L. M. G. firing from P.B. bearing  $170^{\circ}$

All section post connected by underground trenches.

B. Coy.

11 PL

5 SEC.

L. m. G. mounted in trench bearing  $272^{\circ}$ .  
Pillbox not used for L. m. G. in this case.

4 SEC.

no L. m. G. yet waiting for same. Gun  
will be mounted in trench bearing  $212^{\circ}$ .  
Pill box not in use.

6 SEC.

L. m. G. mounted in dugout bearing  $216^{\circ}$   
on Rd. block.  
A/TK Rifle covering same position.

This Pl. is well dug in & trenches link up  
with section posts.

12 PL.

Long bearing  $305^{\circ}$  & from trench position.

8 SEC.

9 SEC.

L. m. G. bearing  $155^{\circ}$  from trench position.  
A/TK Rifle covering same objective.

7 SEC.

L. m. G. bearing  $170^{\circ}$  from trench position.

This Pl has quite a good deal of digging  
to do & are hard at it.

10 PL.

3 SEC.

L. m. G. mounted in dugout bearing  $291^{\circ}$ .  
Pillbox not in use.  
A/A post with this sec.

1 SEC.

L. m. G. mounted in dugout bearing  $175^{\circ}$ .

2 SEC.

L. m. G. mounted in trench bearing  $319^{\circ}$ .  
A/TK. Rifle covering Rd. block bearing  $279^{\circ}$ .

This Pl has all underground  
connections. Crawl trenches to sec. posts.

C. COY.

14 PL.

5 SEC.

L. M. G firing from dugout bearing  $188^{\circ}$ .  
This sec. has 1924 model med tank in its  
area & it is as much underground as possible

4 SEC.

L. M. G firing from dugout bearing  $130^{\circ}$ .  
A/TK rifle bearing  $180^{\circ}$  on pipe line.

6 SEC.

L. M. G firing from dugout bearing  $310^{\circ}$ .  
This PL has much work to do.

13 PL.

1 SEC.

L. M. G firing from P.B. bearing  $95^{\circ}$ .

2 SEC.

L. M. G firing from dugout bearing  $195^{\circ}$ .  
A/TK rifle covering mine field.

3 SEC.

L. M. G firing from P.B. bearing  $310^{\circ}$  &  $228^{\circ}$ .  
A/A post 50 yds from P.B.

15 PL.

9 SEC.

L. M. G firing from P.B. bearing  $218^{\circ}$ .  
A/A post near P.B.

7 SEC.

L. M. G firing from P.B. bearing  $172^{\circ}$ .  
A/TK rifle firing left of P.B.

8 SEC.

L. M. G firing from dugout bearing  $73^{\circ}$ .  
This PL is well concealed from areal  
observation as it is situated in a garden &  
well dug in. Underground trenches connect  
section posts.

D Coy.

16 PLATOON.

No 1 SECTION.

L.H.G. firing from snibox on gateway in wiring, bearing  $82^{\circ}$ . Alternative task for same left of snibox at No 21 section angle  $384^{\circ}$ .

Anti tank rifles are of fire from gateway  $7^{\circ}$  to along wiring  $324^{\circ}$ .

All trenches, pits and snibox are in working order.

No 21 Section.

L.H.G. firing from snibox down A.I. ditch bearing  $318^{\circ}$ .

Other than a bit of work to be done on fire posts and trenches etc are in working order.

No 23 Section.

L.H.G. firing from snibox along wiring, bearing  $338^{\circ}$ .

Alternative task for same on wiring, bearing  $133^{\circ}$ .

Snibox and trenches in working order.

TO ALL COYS

Trial Air Alarm

Duty Officer

At 1930 hrs tonight alarms at all HQ will be sounded by a succession of short blasts for five minutes, then all clear will be sounded by a series of long blasts with five seconds interval. Sentries will be placed on Coy perimeter as a check on strength of alarms.

All ranks will stand to; but not in slit trenches.

Coys will report condition on alarm by 2015 hrs 21 Apr.

NOTE:

Where no alarms exist use motor horns.

ACK

*[Signature]*  
Capt  
Adj't 2/27 Bn A I F

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TO

B Coy

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FROM

2/27 Bw HQ.

Originator's Number

T 12

Date

21.

In Reply to Number

M26

Withdraw

Guards

at

D10

awa

Patrol

pt

at

1800

has

today

as

they

will

be

relieved

by

2/16 Bw.

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M26

no

assistance

at

the

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but

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will

help

you.

position

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TO

C. Coy

FROM

Batt Q

Originator's Number

Tn

Date

21

In Reply to Number

M M G

Post

190488

placed

under

your

come

and

manned

by

C. Coy

as

from

2400 hrs

21 Apr.

0

Major DOBBS

will

arrange

training

M M G

personnel

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as

soon

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men

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(4 PL)

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**TO**

A Coy

**FROM**

2/27 B.W.H.Q.

Originator's Number

T.6.

Date

21

In Reply to Number

MMG	Posts	166494	165495	placed	under YOUR
cond	and	manned	by	A Coy	as
from	2400 hrs	21 apr.	o	Maj DOBBS	were
arrange	training	MMG	personnel	o	as
soon	as	men	become	proficient	o
Present	gun	teams	will	be	relieved
except	one	trained	gunner	(4 PL)	o ACK

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**T.O.R.**

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*ack & copy nameal P.M. Madge*

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TO

*2/14<sup>m</sup> 2/16<sup>m</sup> 2/27<sup>m</sup> Bns 21 Bae C.C.*

FROM

*21<sup>st</sup> Dist Inf Bae*

Originator's Number

*sc 9*

Date

*21*

In Reply to Number

<i>Arty</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>carrying</i>	<i>out</i>	<i>calibration</i>
<i>test</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>H1</i>	<i>between</i>	<i>hrs</i>
<i>0900</i>	<i>1700</i>	<i>danger</i>	<i>areas</i>	<i>squares</i>	<i>0750</i>
<i>0757</i>	<i>0752</i>	<i>0850</i>	<i>0857</i>	<i>0852</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>sentry</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>posted</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>coast</i>
<i>track</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>ack</i>	<i>0</i>		

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T.H.I.

*2117*

T.O.R.

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	<i>2140</i>	<i>1300</i>									

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EXTRACTS FROM BBC NEWS BULLETIN BROADCAST  
AT 0915 hrs 21 Apr 41.

CANADA - It is estimated that Canada will supply in excess of \$7,000,000 worth of necessary war materials in guns and ammunition, tanks etc. next year. Canadian factories, like those in Great Britain are working flat out to supply Britain with all she needs.

GREECE - A communique from the Greek High Command states last night that despite intense air activity by the enemy yesterday the entire line remains unbroken. This report is substantiated by the Cairo Army HQ who state that the Australians in the Mt. Olympus sector are weaving fresh legends around those of Gallipoli of the last war. Their deeds can only be termed as heroic and fantastic. A NZ offr just out of the front line tells of these exploits in a few words. He says "I saw the Germans launch a dawn attack across a river, on a sector of the Australian front. They crossed in boats as parachutists landed from tp carrying planes. The Australians opened fire and boat after boat of tps was wiped out. The Germans seem to have an absolute disregard for life and as one Australian offr said "We got sick of killing it was wholesale slaughter." The river became thick with German and never ending stream of reinforcements still arrive to replace the enormous loss of life along the whole front.

RAF Communique - declares that 10 enemy planes shot down and many more surely destroyed in the past 48 hrs on the Greek front. Dive bombers of the enemy on our tp colsns have been repeatedly repulsed.

ATHENS - There were 7 alerts in Athens yesterday and German bombers came over in waves. They machine-gunned civilians in the main streets. Casualties are numerous.

KING GEORGE OF THE HELLENES is now head of the new Greek cabinet formed yesterday.

ROUMANIA - There are reports of serious trouble pending in this country. Frontiers are closed and guards open fire on any person approaching these barriers.

TOBRUK - The enemy attacked in the south west yesterday and were repulsed with the further loss of 4 tanks. The artillery barrage and RAF broke up any concentration they tried to make. Indian mechanised tps have arrived by sea to reinforce the garrison, which shows no sign of abating its continuous attack on the enemy flank. There were 2 German and 1 Italian planes destroyed yesterday.

ADDIS ABABA - The whole city is preparing for the Emperor's official re-entry. 1500 prisoners have been released and will be given a fair trial. They were imprisoned by the Italians on ridiculous charges and will now have a chance to prove their innocence.

NAVY - The R H report the sinking of two enemy vessels off the French coast in a convoy - one of 5000 tons and one of 7000 tons.

LONDON - There were no alerts sounded last night. An occasional bomb fell in the south west.

BRESLAU wireless reports that twice as many planes took part in recent non stop attack by the German Air Force on London and the casualties must be regarded as enormous.

ATLANTIC The battle of the Atlantic continues. Yesterday the Navy were successful in sinking the German U Boat 100. 2½ million tons of enemy shipping have been either destroyed, sunk or scuttled since the war began.

TURKEY - Ankara is highly delighted with the news that Imperial tps have arrived in Iraq. This news came as a complete surprise to the German Embassy in Ankara who at first strongly disbelieved the report.

U.S.A. Roosevelt appeals for 1000 young American doctors to join the Red Cross for service in Great Britain to relieve the shortage of this profession in British Hospitals.

**EXTRACTS FROM THE IRVING DILLINGER BROADCAST  
AT 0915 hrs 21 Apr 41.**

**CANADA** - It is estimated that Canada will supply in excess of \$7,000,000 worth of necessary war materials in guns and ammunition tanks etc. next year. Canadian factories, like those in Great Britain are working flat out to supply Britain with all she needs.

**GREEK** - A communique from the Greek High Command states last night that despite intense air activity by the enemy yesterday the entire line remains unbroken. This report is substantiated by the Cairo Army HQ who state that the Australians in the Mt. Olympus sector are weaving fresh legends around those of Gallipoli of the last war. Their deeds can only be termed as heroic and fantastic. A NZ effr just out of the front line tells of these exploits in a few words. He says "I saw the Germans launch a dawn attack across a river, on a sector of the Australian front. They crossed in boats as paratroopers landed from the carrying planes. The Australians opened fire and boat after boat of tps was wiped out. The Germans seem to have an absolute disregard for life and as one Australian effr said "We got sick of killing - it was wholesale slaughter." The river became thick with German dead. A never ending stream of reinforcements still arrive to replace the enormous loss of life along the whole front.

**RAF Communique** - declares that 10 enemy planes shot down and many more surely destroyed in the past 48 hrs on the Greek front. Dive bombers of the enemy on our tp colsns have been repeatedly repulsed.

**ATHENS** - There were 7 alerts in Athens yesterday and German bombers came over in waves. They machine-gunned civilians in the main streets. Casualties are numerous.

**KING GEORGE OF THE HELLENES** is now head of the new Greek cabinet formed yesterday.

**ROUMANIA** - There are reports of serious trouble pending in this country. Frontiers are closed and guards open fire on any person approaching these barriers.

**TOBRUK** - The enemy attacked in the south west yesterday and were repulsed with the further loss of 4 tanks. The artillery barrage and RAF broke up any concentration they tried to make. Indian mechanised tps have arrived by sea to reinforce the garrison, which shows no sign of abating its continuous attack on the enemy flank. There were 2 German and 1 Italian planes destroyed yesterday.

**ADDIS ABABA** - The whole city is preparing for the Emperor's official re-entry. 1500 prisoners have been released and will be given a fair trial. They were imprisoned by the Italians on ridiculous charges and will now have a chance to prove their innocence.

**NAVY** - The R II report the sinking of two enemy vessels off the French coast in a convoy - one of 5000 tons and one of 7000 tons.

**LONDON** - There were no alerts sounded last night. An occasional bomb fell in the south west.

**BRESLAU** wireless reports that twice as many planes took part in the recent non stop attack by the German Air Force on London and that casualties must be regarded as enormous.

**ATLANTIC** The battle of the Atlantic continues. Yesterday the Navy were successful in sinking the German U Boat 100. 2½ million tons of enemy shipping have been either destroyed, sunk or scuttled since the war began.

**TURKEY** - Ankara is highly delighted with the news that Imperial tps have arrived in Iraq. This news came as a complete surprise to the German Embassy in Ankara who at first strongly disbelieved the report.

**U.S.A.** Roosevelt appeals for 1000 young American doctors to join the Red Cross for service in Great Britain to relieve the shortage of this profession in British hospitals.

2/27 Bn ROSTER FOR DUTY OFFR.

HRS

0001 - 0600 }  
0601 - 1800 } Daily  
1801 - 2400 }

1. Offrs detailed as duty offrs will be notified prior to tour of duty, and all offrs so concerned will make it their duty to know their exact times.
2. The duty offr will be stationed at the Bn Orderly Room phone, and he will not leave the vicinity of that phone, except in urgent circumstances. Should necessity arise, he will make arrangements for his own relief by another available offr.
3. The duty offr will act for all offrs on Bn HQ, accepting responsibility for all minor decisions.
4. If an urgent situation arises as a matter for a major decision he will wake the C.O. and Adjt.
5. The duty offr will maintain a night diary during tour of duty in book provided.

NOTES - to be entered in diary.

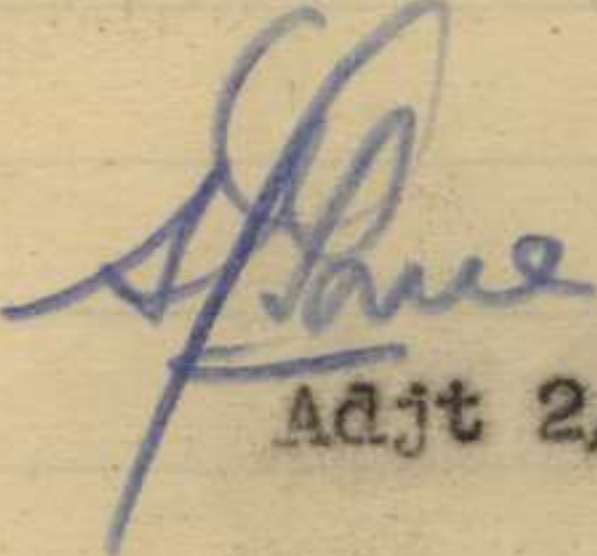
OP offr will report daily at 1900 hrs.

Reports from A and D. Coys twice nightly to be entered in diary.

Stand to reports from all Coys at 0445 hrs daily.

Check Guard every half hour Bn HQ "ALL QUIET".

21 Apr 41.

  
Capt  
Adjt 2/27 Bn AIF.

OPS INSTN NO. 2

REF MAP - MATRUH - Sheet 1 1/12,500

~~SECRET~~  
Copy No. 9  
21 Apr 41

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Two guns 165495

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MMG posts 166494 and 165495 will be placed under comd of and manned by A. Coy.

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2. MORTAR TASK - PILEDOWN area - 2 dets No 3 pl.

Re-entrant 167484 to 171478.

3. FLAG SIGNALS RAC

(a) In future I Tk Bns in the Middle East will be equipped with a red flag for signalling to other tks and guns of the service.

(b) The signal denoted by this flag is:-

I AM ON A MINE FIELD.

4. HOSTILE SHELLING REPORTS

Accurate reports of hostile shelling will frequently assist Arty Ops to confirm the location of suspected enemy bty posns. Reports should be made out in the following form:-

- (a) Time of shelling.
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- (d) Map ref from which bearing was taken.
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5. TELEPHONE CABLE

All cable fwd of the Quarry 186492 is to be buried. This work is to proceed immediately.

6. FIELD WORKS

The priority of field works is already set out in OPS INSTN No. 1. The immediate repair, replacement and maintenance of fwd wire at all section posts is an urgent and vital task and Coy Comds will be held personally responsible for any neglect or lag in this direction. The work of making the fwd edge of the defended localities battleworthy must be pressed on with the utmost vigour. Particular attention will be paid to field of fire to the flanks of sec posts and at least two sec posts in each Pl area should have a field of fire to the rear.

7. MATRUH must be held and no ground within the outer defences is to be yielded to the enemy. Posts isolated must continue the fight and this fact is to be impressed on all ranks in the Bn.

ACK

Signed at 1530 hrs.

Issued by Sigs at 1600 hrs.

*[Signature]* Capt  
Adj 2/27 Bn AIF.

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MONDAY - 21 APR.

The destruction of enemy aircraft on various aerodromes in Lybia and heavy attacks on the harbours of Benghazi and Tripoli were features of the Battle of Lybia yesterday. The increased strength of the RAF in Lybia was proving a particularly serious thorn to the Germans there. Its activities had led almost to a complete discontinuance of German dive bombing attacks. Tobruch was subjected to another land attack yesterday and a press correspondent there had telegraphed a graphic account of the fighting. The attack was first launched by enemy tanks who came out of a cloud of dust in which visibility was reduced to 20 yards. Three of the 12 tanks which penetrated the defences were destroyed by anti-tank fire while a fourth was destroyed by an Australian who crawled up on its blind side and thrust a piece of angle iron into its tracks. Infantry followed in the wake of the tanks but was subjected to heavy artillery fire and immediately endeavoured to withdraw. It was not able to do so however before 20 Australians started an encircling movement and captured 847 prisoners. The total number of tanks now destroyed at Tobruch stands at 53 while 24 planes have been destroyed over the fortress. As many as 20 enemy planes at a time make hit and run attacks on the fortress. They are usually Junkers or Messerschmidts but as soon as British hurricanes appear they vanish completely. The garrison now includes Indian troops who were previously stationed further along the coast. Life goes on normally and an Australian military band still finds time to play every day.

The Allied line in Greece remains unbroken. The German thrust is proving so costly that Hitler finds it necessary to throw in still more reinforcements of mechanised units and infantry. His bases and supply columns are being subjected to a ceaseless hammering and an RAF communique discloses that our planes, without loss to themselves, destroyed 10 enemy aircraft in the area of fighting on Friday and Saturday. Yesterday another 5 German raiders were shot down during attacks on Greek seaports. Athens has now had seven alerts and bombers have machinegunned nearby streets. A Greek communique describes the fighting in Southern Albania and states that a fierce enemy attack was driven back beyond the lines previously held by the Italians. A young New Zealand officer wounded on Mt Olympus, in an interview, said that the Germans had attacked his section of the line across a river. They launched rubber boats and parachutists. The toll taken of these was incredible. It was mass slaughter.

In Yugoslavia guerilla resistance was continuing. Armed bands of up to 8,000 men were fighting their way southwards to Greece to assist the Allies. Resistance was being rapidly organized in a number of districts.

In a proclamation King George of the Hellenes has announced the formation of a new Government under his own Presidency and he has called upon the people to defend the nation to the very end.

Another enemy supply ship bound for Lybia has been sunk by the Royal Navy. The submarine Tetrarch, distinguished for its operations off Norway last year, sunk this ship - a fully laden enemy tanker.

Attacks on two enemy supply ships off the French and Dutch coasts had also been announced. The ships, of a total tonnage of 12000, had almost certainly been sunk.

Arrangements are now well in hand for the official re-entry of Haile Sellasie into his former capital, Addis Abbaba. This is acclaimed as a striking pointer to the fact that Britain is not fighting this war for territorial gain but for the restoration of the territories overrun by the enemy to their rightful peoples.

/ It is learned ----

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It is learned in London that the RAF attacked objectives in Western Germany and French invasion ports last night. Except for one or two bombs dropped over England last night there was little air activity over the British Isles.

President Roosevelt and the Canadian Prime Minister last night issued a joint statement in which it was announced that the two countries had agreed to mobilise the entire resources of Northern America for the defence of the British Empire. The agreement would involve the exchange of materials, etc. to facilitate production of essential equipment.

President Roosevelt has appealed to young American doctors to help meet the shortage of doctors in British hospitals.

Hungary has renewed her bitter attacks by press and wireless on Rumania and are seeking to get Gen Antonescu into trouble with the Germans. The Rumanian wireless however is taking no chances and last night joined profusely in the tributes to Hitler on the occasion of his birthday and congratulated him on freeing Europe from Communism.

Some interest has been aroused in Spain by the announcement that the Spanish Cabinet has spent two full days in discussing foreign policy.

Latest development in the Battle of the Atlantic was the sinking of the U-Boat 100 and the death of its commander who was one of the three German U-Boat aces to win Hitler's "Oak Leaves". Only one of these commanders remains at sea. The third was taken prisoner a few days ago.

In his review of the military situation the BBC commentator said that although the Germans had continued to push the Allies back in Greece the Anzacs had woven for their countries fresh legends of glory. The withdrawal to shorter lines was being carried out without any of the confusion that marked the retreat in Northern France last summer. Our troops were facing overwhelming odds but were winning for themselves immortal glory. As they were forced to fall back their position was in one respect becoming easier and in another respect harder. It was becoming easier because their lines were shortening but it was becoming harder because geographically the country on which they would now have to face the German attack was more suited to mechanized warfare.

The story of Greece was not unexpected. The authorities had not been taken by surprise. The course of events was foreseen by many. We went to Greece with our eyes open. We knew what German superiority in men and materials would be like. We knew that there would be limits to resistance to such odds and for that reason we never at any stage, as the Secretary of State for India, Mr Amery, in a broadcast last week had revealed, asked the Greeks to resist German or Italian aggression. They, however, entirely of their own initiative, decided to fight, and if need be to fight alone. They said they had no chance but they would just rather fight than give in. The British response in such circumstances was automatic. Britain simply had to help them. If ever a nation were worthy of help it was Greece.

The fundamental point for England at this stage was Egypt and for its defence we could still do with time. The battle of Greece had enabled us to win time. More would be won and whatever now happened in Greece there would be no outcry in Britain for "heads on a charger." The country's leaders and the people themselves would do the same thing again tomorrow in similar circumstances.

The Middle East could be considered as one big theatre of war - not three. Events in the Balkans, in East Africa and in Lybia could be woven into the one campaign. In fact they went to form a great letter "Y". The right arm of the letter extended into the Balkans and along it the Germans were attempting one thrust toward Egypt. The left arm ran along the Southern shore of the Mediterranean

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while down the leg of the Y - Eritrea, Somaliland and Abyssinia - the British had almost completed their task of eliminating the enemy. This leg was now open for a movement northward in order to strengthen the position in Egypt. This would bring South Africans, Australians, New Zealanders and British together, shoulder to shoulder, to defend the crucial point in the Middle East.

Meanwhile along the left arm of the Y, Tobruch was reported to have beaten off its seventh attack. He was inclined to think however that in spite of the grand defence being maintained Tobruch had not entirely influenced the halt in the German advance. The British defences further on had been tremendously strengthened while a still further influence had been the strength of the RAF's offensive in Lybia. Recent communiques had told of numerous attacks on aerodromes, etc, occupied by the enemy. Indeed the Royal Air Force was staging in Lybia a blitz of its own and doing it most effectively. Whatever the reason for the halt of the German advance on the border of Lybia and Egypt for a week one no longer heard from Axis propagandists the triumphant prophesies that their armies would occupy Cairo within seven days.

A further important consideration in the Battle of Lybia was the fact that the sinking of an entire convoy last week had brought the total tonnage of enemy transports sunk in the Mediterranean to 100,000.

TUESDAY - 22 APR.

The latest news from Greece is that in Macedonia and Albania the withdrawal of Imperial and Greek forces to their new lines has been successfully carried out. Although the situation is still serious the Germans have been prevented from making a quick break-through in the Allied lines. This was their main objective. In the withdrawal our casualties have been light but the Germans have suffered very severely.

The withdrawal was covered by Australian and New Zealand troops whose delaying action was, according to every report, brilliantly executed. One party was cut off when the Germans surrounded Larissa but after vicious street fighting they managed to win a way out. The Anzacs blew up bridges and railways and blasted roads in their successful attempt to hold the enemy up until the main body of the army had completed its withdrawal movement. There is as yet no indication of the exact location of the new positions taken up but it has been officially stated that the new lines lend themselves to defence.

In an unforgettable broadcast the new Greek Premier declared that the Greeks would ever remain faithful to their friendships and to the great and noble British peoples whose sons had gone to their lands of their own free will and had fought for them in the cause of justice. The nation would continue the struggle until the very end.

King Peter of Yugoslavia who is now somewhere in the Middle East declared his intention of carrying on the fight against Germany with every resource at his command until he could return in triumph to his national soil.

A naval communique issued this morning revealed that the Navy has struck another severe blow at the German and Italian lines of communication to Libya by heavily bombarding the Port of Tripoli at dawn yesterday. The bombardment was carried out by both heavy and light units. The communique concluded by stating that no further details of the bombardment are yet available. The Navy is keeping a constant watch on the waters between Sicily and the African coast.

On land the Germans had made no fresh attacks against Tobruk while in the area around Sollum our patrols had kept up their worrying tactics against the enemy. The intense activity of the RAF AND RAAF had been maintained.

Yesterday the Germans carried out a bombing attack on a suburb of Athens - the port of Piraeus - and a number of people were killed or injured. Houses were damaged and a number of bombs fell on Athens itself. The Germans also bombed two Greek hospital ships sinking one and setting fire to the other. The identity of the ships could not possibly have been mistaken.

While these attacks were proceeding a record toll of German planes was taken in this sector of the war zone. At least 16 planes were brought down over Greece - the biggest total for any one day. Of this number 14 were destroyed over Athens including 7 dive-bombers, 5 Messerschmidt fighters and two unidentified aircraft. Seven RAF planes failed to return but three of our pilots were known to be safe. Enemy occupied aerodromes and troop columns were successfully attacked and a fire which was started on the Catalini aerodrome was visible sixty miles away.

The question of the partition of Yugoslavia is already, it is reported, being considered by Germany and Italy at talks in Vienna while Hungary and Rumania are at loggerheads on the question. As a result a large number of Rumanian troops have been sent to districts bordering on Hungary. The Ankara radio aptly points out that any adjustments and partitions of Yugoslavia or any other country will remain only wishful thinking so long as the British Empire is intact and in fighting trim.

/ In Rome

In Rome it was announced that the Duke of Aosta had refused the British demand for the unconditional surrender of his forces in East Africa. In Abyssinia fighting about Dessye continues, satisfactory progress being made in all sectors. In the south mopping up operations are well in hand.

Plymouth bore the brunt of the enemy air activity over England last night. The raid was short. Several fires were started but were well under control before daybreak.

The total of enemy aircraft destroyed by ground defences this war now stands at 1,000. Of this figure over 500 have been definitely destroyed over Britain. The total has been increased by recent British successes in Malta, Tobruk and Greece. It contained only certainties.

Confirmation of the destruction of German communications in the Balkans was to be found in a Zurich message. It stated that a number of bridges over the Danube had disappeared and that transport of essential raw materials for Germany was being delayed. It had to be ferried in many parts across the Danube.

There were indications of renewed Nazi pressure on the Vichy Government. Hitler in a statement had said that he was prepared to reopen collaboration with Marshal Petain but it was generally considered that his "preparedness" to do so was based upon his determination that M Laval should be reinstated in the French Cabinet.

The BBC commentator, reviewing the happenings of the last 24 hours, said that the German advance in Greece had continued and Larissa had fallen. As the crow flies Larissa was 100 miles from the northern frontier of Greece so the Germans were not making bad time. The British and Greeks were falling steadily back to the second line of defence. The important point was that their lines were intact. The resistance had been amazing. It was in striking contrast to the breakthrough that the Germans were able to effect in France last year. There had been no loss of big numbers of prisoners. There had been no abandonment of large quantities of equipment. The danger of a breakthrough was very real a few days ago but the Germans had failed to carry out their primary aim. Never anywhere had Hitler met with such punishment. The world knew to whom the glory for this splendid achievement was attributable. It belonged to the Anzacs - the best and bravest fighting men in the world. When the story of the great action came to be told in full it would be the story of the soul of young and unafraid countries.

London had taken a couple of extremely heavy air raids last week and familiar buildings and familiar faces were gone. Londoners were still counting its dead. The world might well think that Londoners would have enough of their own worries without thought of other places but it was a fact that all their thoughts had been concentrated on the brilliant deeds of the Anzacs and others in Greece.

In Libya all was fairly quiet but that quiet might easily be deceptive. The position must still be most carefully watched.

War Diary

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RO By  
Lt-Col H J Moten ED  
Comd 2/27 Bn AIF

FIELD,  
22 Apr 41

PART "D"

PROMOTIONS

To be Lieuts.

- SX 2998 Sjt Lee J.D. as from 30 Mar 41.
- SX 3124 Sjt Thomas S.L. as from 30 Mar 41.

To be A/Cpls.

- SX 3397 Pte Hill A. as from 7 Apr 41.
- SX 5167 Pte Hay D.W.J. as from 21 Apr 41.

APPOINTMENTS

To be L/Sjt

- SX 2830 Cpl Waye H. as from 21 Apr 41.

To be L/Cpls

- SX 4348 Pte Griffiths R.J. as from 21 Apr 41.
- SX 4486 Pte Atkinson A.J. as from 21 Apr 41.
- SX 4419 Pte Wright J.L. as from 21 Apr 41.

CLASSIFICATIONS

To be Td Gp ii Cook.

- SX 3100 Pte Jarvis W.W. as from 24 Mar 41.
- SX 7769 Pte Berryman G.A.J. as from 10 Apr 41.

To be Td Gp ii Signaller.

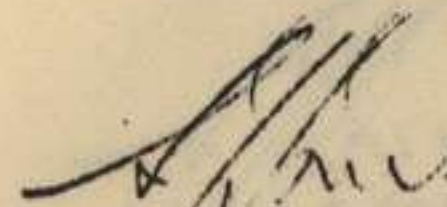
- SX 3904 Pte Telfer G.E.
  - SX 3474 Pte McDougall C.
  - SX 3744 Pte Williamson P.L.
  - SX 2145 Pte Davis G.D.
  - SX 3448 Pte Colbey G.C.
  - SX 3548 Pte Godlee H.R.
  - SX 4564 Pte S.G. Smith
  - SX 3338 Pte Grievie I.M.
  - SX 4556 Pte Burns J.H.
  - SX 4509 Pte Harris W.J.
- } AS FROM 1 APR 41.

NOTICES

The following are results received from Driving & Maintenance School - Kilo 89:-

- SX 2830 L/Sjt Waye H. Distinguished.
- SX 4157 Dvr Wicks R.J. Distinguished.
- SX 3934 Dvr Johncock P.L. Distinguished.
- SX 3235 Dvr Patrick L.F. Qualified.

The CO desires to commend the three candidates who obtained Distinguished passes, on their excellent results.

  
 Capt  
 Adjnt 2/27 Bn AIF.

# MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

**CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS**

IN

OUT

No. of Groups.  
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OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

*714 727 Bns*

FROM

*21 Aust. Inf Bde*

Originator's Number

*08*

Date

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In Reply to Number

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<i>Ack</i>					

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IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER.

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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This message may be sent <b>AS WRITTEN</b> by any means.	If liable to be intercepted or fall into Enemy Hands, this message must be sent <b>IN CIPHER</b> .	Originator's instructions Degree of priority	Time of Origin.
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TO *District Office*

FROM *Bw HQ*      Originator's Number *T 8*      Date *22/33*      In Reply to Number

<i>Patrols</i>	<i>3 PL</i>	<i>taking</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>1000 hrs</i>
<i>Tunies</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>Report</i>	<i>Bw HQ</i>	<i>2000 hrs</i>	<i>8 PL</i>
<i>HQ</i>	<i>2100 hrs</i>	<i>return</i>	<i>8 PL</i>	<i>2230 hrs</i>	<i>Report</i>
<i>Bw HQ</i>	<i>2330 hrs</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>Report</i>	<i>Bw HQ</i>	<i>0315</i>
<i>through</i>	<i>wire</i>	<i>0415 hrs</i>	<i>Report</i>	<i>Bw HQ</i>	<i>after</i>
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23 Apr '41.OPS INSTN NO.5.

1. A complete check of all wiring and obstacles in sectors "A" and "B" of MATRUH defences will be carried out on 23 Apr '41.

2. Method :

(i) The sectors will be divided as follows, and with concurrence of bns the undermentioned personnel detailed:-

Area	RV	Personnel
'a'	Arranged by Lieut McAllister	Lieut McAllister and two men from 2/14 Bn Int Sec.
'b'	on rd at 7153235148	Cpl McGrath and two men from 2/14 Bn Int Sec.
'c'	on main rd at 7192035013	Lieut Cunneen, Cpl Kealy and one man from 2/27 Bn Int Sec.
'd'	as for area 'c'	Lieut Bennier, Cpl Cheong and two men from 2/27 Bn Int Sec.

- (ii) The first mentioned in each party will be in charge and will be responsible for the final accurate reproduction of all wiring and obstacles in his area.
- (iii) Parties will be at RVs by 0930 hrs 23 Apr '41.
- (iv) Before commencing Os C parties will be personally responsible for informing their party of location of mine fields in their area.
- (v) Marked maps showing areas and RVs are attached.
- (vi) Main tracks in areas will also be shown together with gaps in wire and obstacles through which they pass.
- (vii) It is important that correct conventional signs be used as set out in legend on MATRUH Sheet 1, 1/12500.
- (viii) When area has been covered, comd of each party will dismiss his party, complete his map neatly and return same to Bde HQ not later than 2100 hrs 23 Apr '41.
- (ix) Rations will be carried by all personnel for midday meal.

*W. J. M. J.*  
Maj  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

Copies to: Lieut McAllister - 2/14 Bn  
Lieut Cunneen - HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.  
Lieut Bennier - 2/27 Bn  
Cpl McGrath - HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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Signed at 1630 hrs.  
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Admin Order

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Please notify all Returned Soldiers, and others who may be interested, that Anzac Day, Fri 25 Apr 41, will be commemorated in the following manner :-

- 0700 hrs Holy Communion.
- 0900 hrs Service of Commemoration.

These will be held in the Greek Church on Wavell Way.

*Silvester* Capt  
SC 21 Aust Inf Bde

*Cops. notified.  
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WEDNESDAY - 23 APR.

Statements made yesterday by Mr Churchill, the Australian Prime Minister (Mr Menzies) and the New Zealand Prime Minister (Mr Fraser) all agreed that Britain had no other course but to send material help to Greece. Mr Menzies had said that the criticism that had been voiced was as nothing to the criticism that would have been forthcoming if Britain had left Greece to fight alone. Mr Fraser also declared that Britain had been in honor bound to help the Greeks. Whatever might be the temporary outcome the campaign in Greece had contributed very definitely toward ultimate British victory.

Mr Menzies also announced that Lieut-Gen Sir Thomas Blamey had been appointed second-in-command under General Wavell of the whole of the Imperial forces in the Middle East.

The Australian Minister for War (Mr Spender) declared in Sydney that the Australian line in Greece had remained unbroken. He also quoted a message from Lieut-Gen Sir Thomas Blamey which stated that our men had successfully taken up their new positions and were fighting on. There had been losses but these were much lighter than might have been feared.

Yanens was now in German hands and the line taken up by the Allied forces was about 50 miles south of Larissa and about 100 miles north of Athens. The Germans were maintaining heavy pressure on these lines.

The activity of the RAF in Greece had been maintained and it was now known that instead of 16 German planes destroyed on Sunday the total was 22. Of this number 20 were brought down by our fighters and 2 by AA fire.

A despatch from the BBC's own observer in Greece, Edward Ward, had confirmed that the successful establishment of the new British lines had largely depended on the brilliant rearguard action fought by the Australians and New Zealanders. A famous Highland Regiment had also contributed. A feature of the withdrawal had been the way civilians had been kept off the roads enabling transport and guns to pass unhampered.

British naval aircraft have sunk three large enemy supply ships carrying supplies intended for the use of the enemy in the Balkans. The Commander in Chief of the Naval Forces in the Mediterranean, Admiral Cunningham, had reported that these comprised a tanker of 10,000 tons, a supply ship of 6000 tons and an ammunition ship of 3000 tons. All were torpedoed from the air and when the ammunition ship was hit the explosion was terrific. Flames shot 3000 feet into the air.

Mr Churchill revealed in the House of Commons that the extent of the damage inflicted by the Navy in conjunction with the RAF and Fleet Air Arm at Tripoli was not yet fully known. The fleet was not seriously molested during the attack and suffered no loss of ships. Six enemy transports were hit by heavy shells while extensive damage was done to the port itself including direct hits on the Quay, the power station and the enemy naval stores depot. Ten tons of bombs were dropped on the harbour by the RAF during the engagement.

Mr Churchill also told the Commons that he did not think a statement regarding Libya would be appropriate at present and indeed might not be for some time to come. He had not formed the view however that there was any uneasiness among the public regarding the situation there.

During one air engagement over Libya yesterday an RAF plane rammed a Messerschmidt causing it to crash. Our plane landed safely.

Free French Naval HQ announced that a Free French submarine left an enemy supply ship in a sinking condition off the Norwegian coast.

More than 2000 US troops have arrived in Manila, in the Philippines, to reinforce the garrison there.

/ In the German -----

In the German air raid on Northern Ireland last week 500 people were killed, 200 seriously injured and 1000 received minor injuries.

A town in southwest England was the centre of the German air attack on England during the night. Many fires were started and the damage was considerable. Reports of the casualties were not yet complete. Bombs were also dropped in parts of Scotland and Wales.

The Italian army in Abyssinia has turned to give battle before Dessye. It is showing obstinate resistance but according to a Reuter report British officers express the opinion that as soon as closer contact is established the enemy will be blown away from his present position. At this stage the Italians are using their heavy artillery extensively. Frequent storms and thunder-claps drown the sound even of the heaviest gunfire.

In a statement yesterday President Roosevelt said the main defence of democracy throughout the world was Great Britain. The war would not be won or lost by one defeat or victory, whether it be in Greece or elsewhere. It would be won by Britain's ability to keep going and it was his firm intention to do everything humanly possible to enable her to do so.

American doctors have rushed to answer the appeal for volunteer doctors to go to England to help in British Hospitals. Already 200 applications have been received in Washington alone.

The United States Army Department expects to have 1,500,000 men in service by the end of June.

In his daily review the BBC commentator said that the situation in Greece had shown a marked deterioration in the last 24 hrs. This was only to be expected in view of the heavy price the German was prepared to pay for his advance. The Anglo-Greek troops had fallen back to the Thermopylae line which had played such an important part in history. Although no position is impregnable in modern warfare Thermopylae is capable of obstinate defence. That defence however must depend on general strategical factors, especially the position of the Greek Army on the Albanian front. The decision to retreat on this front was left late, however as the sudden collapse of the Yugoslavian Armies was not anticipated. In the absence of definite news it may be that some at least of this Army had been cut off. It may be that the German and Italian armies, if they have not already done so, will be able to pierce the Greek lines on this sector of the front and in doing so to outflank the Imperial armies. Should further retreat and eventual evacuation be necessary it would cause great disappointment to the sympathisers of the Greek and British cause throughout the world. Most of all it would grieve the Australians and New Zealanders who had fought so brilliantly and had inflicted such a savage mauling, to use the words of one correspondent, on the Germans. Some of these troops had only recently participated in fighting in Libya and had won one of the most amazingly brilliant victories the world had ever known. They had carried on their splendid work in Greece and if for reasons beyond their own control they were forced to retire they would be particularly disappointed but no doubt would take it philosophically.

Britain had given of her best. With Egypt threatened by a sudden German thrust she could do no more. Regrets now were entirely out of place and were utterly useless. In the words of the New Zealand Prime Minister the heroic and hazardous work of the Anzacs in Greece had never been surpassed in history and whatever might be the outcome of this campaign the Anzacs were making a very large contribution to final British victory.

The results of the Balkans campaign must be judged dispassionately and as a whole. What had Hitler gained? He had gained control of the Rumanian oil-fields and could now claim the whole of the Rumanian oil output. He however was getting this in any case and it was doubtful if with the dislocation of transport both by rail and by the Danube that had been occasioned by the operations in the Balkans he would be getting as much as he had been able to get with the Balkans at peace. He had gained ports which would be useful for U-Boat bases but he already had these in Italy and Italian occupied countries. He had gained

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airports that would be available for use in the bombing of Egypt but he already had these in Sicily and Lybia - much nearer to this objective than those he had recently gained. The chief importance of the Nazi conquest probably lay in the proximity of Asia Minor and the threat he was able to hold over Turkish and Russian shipping and the Dardanelles. Against this he had turned a larder into a battlefield. He had lost morally by invading countries which even Dr Goebbels could not describe as aggressors and by the appalling massacre of Belgrade which had damned his cause in the eyes of neutral countries everywhere. The Greeks would have their reward by knowing that they had played a very big part toward final victory for democracy.

In Lybia the enemy was still trying to build up his mechanized forces for the attack on Egypt. This no doubt accounted for the lull in the fighting. Meanwhile it was apparent how vigorously our Navy and Air Force were harrassing the enemy. It would be too much to claim that they could cut off German supplies altogether. Only 70 miles separated Sicily and the Algerian coast and across this space reinforcements could slip by night. Even submarine activity was difficult because of the shallowness of the waters. The seabed sloped very gently away from the Algerian coast enabling surface craft to creep along but placing underwater operations very largely out of the question. In spite of these difficulties the Navy was doing its utmost and a statement by Mr A V Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, showed that the tonnage of enemy transports sunk in the Mediterranean ran well into six figures. Still, the position must be faced that the enemy could not be prevented from getting troops to Africa up to a point. Whether supplies could be maintained on any great scale without devastating loss was another matter.

Great pleasure had been caused in England by the announcement that Lieut-Gen Sir Thomas Blamey was now to be second-in-command of the entire forces of the British Empire in the Middle East. A more worthy deputy to Sir Archibald Wavell would not be found. It was a great honour and compliment to Gen Blamey himself and to his wonderful fighting men.

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Adjt 2/27 Bn AIF.

THURSDAY - APR 24.

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The damage done to the enemy's North African base of Tripoli now appeared to be much greater than was at first thought or had been suggested by the Admiralty communique issued at the time. In addition to six supply ships and one destroyer which had been hit in the harbour it now appeared that at least another four ships were set ablaze. Buildings, believed to be the Army Headquarters, were seen to collapse under the bombardment. The damage is described as terrific, a large section of the port being left an inferno of flames.

A neutral correspondent on board one of the ships that participated in the bombardment described the attack as one of the biggest and most spectacular bombardments of history. Manoeuvring through minefields the ships, both light and heavy units, reached point-blank range but did not open fire until wave after wave of British bombers had handed Tripoli one of the severest aerial attacks of the war. The correspondent declared that as a result of the RAF attack fires sprang up like mushrooms. Bomb explosions split the darkness in rapid succession. And then before leaving the RAF showered thousands of incendiary bombs on the harbour and town. This gave the Navy just the illumination it required, and ten shells were sent rumbling through the night with the noise of subway trains to explode on targets in Tripoli including the underground reserves of oil. Over 1000 tons of shells were fired into the port.

British forces were landed at Bardia on Saturday and succeeded in blowing up a vital bridge. They made a huge bonfire of a store dump. They were equipped with special demolition material and put four defence guns out of action. The majority of the men returned safely to their ship. The German wireless claimed that the whole party was rounded up but it was officially announced that those who failed to re-embark numbered 60.

Another sortie was made by Australian soldiers from Tobruk on Monday night and resulted in the capture of 17 Italian officers and 430 other ranks. Eight additional enemy planes have been brought down over Tobruk.

In an RAF raid on Benghazi bombs were dropped on two moles. Shipping at one was damaged while the other received a direct hit.

King George of the Hellenes and the Greek Government arrived in the Greek Island of Crete last night. In a message to his people issued earlier in the day the King announced that he and the Government were compelled by the destinies of war to leave Athens and transfer the capital to Crete. The King's message also said that the Greek army in the Epirus, close to the Albanian frontier, had reached an Armistice involving its capitulation.

This army had been fighting far remote from the main Greek and Imperial armies. The fact that it had been unable to continue hostilities was not surprising. The unexpected dislocation of the Yugoslavian force had left this army to face the German drive. Without anti-tank weapons it had been obliged to turn off into the mountains where it was unable to obtain supplies or reinforcements. On the evening of 20 April therefore it had been compelled to capitulate but at the time of its capitulation the enemy had not succeeded in penetrating into Greek soil in this sector.

Axis broadcasts had announced the terms of the armistice. The men of this army were to become prisoners of war but in consideration of the valor they had shown in their long fighting, it was said, the officers were to be allowed to retain their swords. All Italian prisoners held in this sector were to be handed over immediately and the Greek prisoners would shortly be released from their concentration camps.

A Cairo communique states that the Allied forces are consolidating their new defensive positions while an Akara broadcast described the German losses as staggering. Meanwhile even the German official news agency had paid tribute to the fierce and spirited resistance of the Anzacs who were only compelled to withdraw by weight of numbers. The four days of fighting from April 15 had been the heaviest of the war, the agency admitted.

/ The new -----

The new Allied line is reported to be south of Larua.

The Minister of Aircraft Production, Lord Beaverbrook, told the Commons that British aircraft production in March was  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times as great as that of March of last year. It had been greater than the output at which the Government had aimed. Lord Beaverbrook referred to "immense American deliveries". Nearly 1000 United States and Canadian machines had been handed over in fighting trim. In all the ferrying operations from North America only one machine had been lost. Indeed one bomber had crossed the North Atlantic in  $7\frac{1}{2}$  hrs, four hrs less than the previous record for an Atlantic crossing held by the flying-boat *Cambria*. The average time for the Clipper crossing from New York to Lisbon was 20 hrs. Already his department had been able to establish a reserve of 100 per cent for the RAF and now aimed to increase that reserve to 200 or 300 per cent.

The United States Secretary for the Navy, Col Knox, had announced that 20 fast torpedo boats were ready for delivery to Britain under the Lease and Lend Act. These torpedo boats were capable of a speed of 60 miles an hour. Other mosquito craft capable of 70 miles an hour were being constructed.

In a statement in the Commons Mr Eden said that King Peter of Yugoslavia had established his Government in the Middle East and would continue to exercise his authority as the properly constituted Government of the nation. On Monday King Peter had given Britain assurances of his Government's resolve to continue the struggle.

Bombers of the RAF attacked Brest where the *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau* are still lying for the tenth time this month. It was the 11th attack on Brest since an RAF pilot had discovered the secret hiding place of these ships. Raids over Britain had again largely been concentrated over Plymouth. The raids were over by midnight and the situation was always under control. Plymouth had been the principal target on the two previous nights. It was feared that the death roll in the second attack would be heavy. Several cinemas, a post office and a number of large stores were wrecked.

Yesterday the King and Queen visited bombed areas in East London. The crowd was undaunted and greeted them enthusiastically. One woman said to the Queen "So long as we can get a cup of tea we will stick it!"

The British liner *Rajpatani* has been torpedoed and sunk.

Another British battleship - the *Prince of Wales* has been commissioned. The *Prince of Wales* is a sister-ship of *King George Fifth* and has a displacement of 35,000 tons. Three other battleships of this class are due to be completed this year.

British pressure against the Italian army at Dessye in Abyssinia has increased and our armies are getting to closer grips with the enemy who had turned before the town to give fight with his heavy artillery. South African planes have been responsible for the destruction of another 4 Nazi aircraft.

In a broadcast from London the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Menzies, said that Lieut-Gen Blamey's handling of the forces in Greece had called forth the very highest praise from Gen Sir Archibald Wavell. The British press welcoming the appointment of Gen Blamey as Gen Wavell's deputy, said that it was particularly pleasing because of the prowess of the troops he had led and his own distinction as a soldier.

The German radio in a broadcast yesterday, discussing the Balkan situation, added "We know that the ultimate decision will come in the principal theatre of war - the British Isles".

The French vice-Premier, Admiral Darlan, has left Vichy for Paris to confer with the German authorities there. Coinciding with its military offensive in the Balkans Hitler has launched a diplomatic

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offensive in the Western Mediterranean against Spain and France. He was trying his hardest to win Spain over to his side. The Spanish Government undoubtedly were under extreme pressure. The Germans of course were assuming that their military successes in the East would encourage Spain to throw in her lot with the Axis but it was known that the Spanish people were the last to want to enter the war. Food was short throughout the country and responsible authorities had a lively sense of Britain's sea-power. The eclipse of Italy seemed to have brought the importance of sea-power home to Spain. Meanwhile the recent loan to Spain is regarded as an earnest of Britain's desire to maintain most friendly relations with that country, and there is considerable doubt whether Gen Franco will allow himself to be deflected from his well-chartered course.

Another enemy supply ship of 2000 tons has been left in a cloud of smoke and steam off Norway after an air attack.

Prior to a meeting of the Australian Advisory War Council Mr W M Hughes described the present situation as bad, but the German blows though terrible were not deadly. Now was the time to show courage worthy of our traditions.

On the occasion of the anniversary of the establishment of the new Turkish state the leading Ankara newspaper Ulus said "War is right on our frontiers now. We will defend the ideal of April 23 with all the resources at our command."

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The BBC commentator said that nothing could be gained by disguising the fact that the situation in Greece was critical. The Empire forces were reported to be digging themselves in and preparing against a great attack. The country was rough and lent itself to defence. If all other circumstances were favourable there was no doubt that resistance might be continued for some time but unfortunately the RAF was left with very little in the way of landing fields. Crete was too far away for the operation of fighters and our men would have to face everything that the German could hurl at them from the air. No one in history had ever fought with greater gallantry, tenacity and skill than the Greeks and their Allies. In the words of their Prime Minister they had fought against iniquitous infamy. They had been stabbed in the back by an Empire 100,000,000 strong in order that it might save the face of its cowardly partner. They men of Greece had fought like lions and they had gained more honor in defeat than their enemies in victory. The Anzacs fighting on the other side of the mountains would be the first to say "Well done" even to those who had been forced to throw in the sponge. British people everywhere were touched by the scrupulous way in which they had fought back so that the flanks of the Empire troops would not be uncovered. They had proved well worth fighting for while other factors that might be placed in the scales included the terrific losses of the Germans. One estimate was that 75,000 had been killed. The enemy had also suffered severely in tanks and supplies. The Greek war could not be written down a failure.

Incidentally the campaign had brought to the fore a leader of the highest ability, Lieut-Gen Sir Thomas Blamey. He had proved himself one of the Empire's most brilliant militarists. Nothing tested the quality of a leader like adversity. The manner in which he had controlled the Anzacs fighting withdrawal had been worthy of the men he led. Both Mr Churchill and Gen Sir Archibald Wavell were loud in their praises of his ability, and the Germans themselves had repeatedly referred to the strong resistance offered by the fighting men of the British Empire.

The front that was now of the greatest strategical importance was Egypt. Yesterday there were no major developments but that did not mean of course that the enemy had not been preparing for the coming thrust at Egypt. The raids that British forces had carried out on Lybian centres were useful and destructive but they must not be allowed to blind us to the fact that an enemy attack on a large scale is imminent. Although the Navy had inflicted severe punishment on the enemy it would be senseless to assume that the Germans had not succeeded in getting reinforcements through to their Panza divisions. The German forces in Lybia undoubtedly were preparing finally before engaging in one of history's most spectacular gambles. Meanwhile every praise should be

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given to the forces who had temporarily thwarted the Germans' advance.  
The general war position today was not in any way worse than it  
was six months ago. In some ways it was better. We had destroyed  
an Italian army of 200,000 men. The situation was certainly better in  
the Red Sea. A road had been completely cleared for our shipping. Our  
armies in the Middle East had been strengthened considerably and our  
powerful bomber force had reached proportions that enabled it to  
dominate the position there, while from the United States had come  
heartening deliveries of both aircraft and shipping.

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NBC NEWS.

FRIDAY - APR 25.

The possibility that the United States may soon provide convoys across the Atlantic for supplies of war equipment to Britain is being eagerly discussed in Washington this morning following speeches last night by both the Secretary of State, Mr Cordell Hull, and the Secretary for the Navy, Col Knox.

Mr Cordell Hull called on the 130,000,000 American citizens to make a gigantic effort to defend themselves. The times were desperately serious. The safety and security of the United States required that aid must be supplied without hesitation to Britain and those other countries who were resisting the sweep of aggression.

Col Knox declared that America should no longer occupy the immoral and craven position of letting others make the sacrifices. Its destiny was as much at stake as that of any country which had felt the weight of Germany's armed forces. "We must see the job through. Hitler can't allow our war supplies to Britain and we for our part cannot allow them to fail to reach Britain. We ourselves will be beaten if they do not cross the Atlantic safely."

In a statement to the Press the Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, Mr Fadden, said that despite the heroism of the Anzacs and the heavy losses to the enemy there was no ground for hoping that the fighting in Greece could take a turn to our advantage. We were seeing the last stages of a glorious rearguard action in which the Greeks had fully shared.

Answering questions in the House of Commons Mr Churchill indicated that if it could be arranged simultaneous debates on the campaign in Greece would take place in the Parliaments of Britain and the Dominions, while the New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, repeated again yesterday that New Zealand troops had been sent to Greece only after very long consideration. If the same set of circumstances arose again, similar action would be taken.

Mr Churchill promised that full information regarding the campaign would be given the House immediately he was in a position to make a statement but there rested on him a serious responsibility not to take any step which would prejudice the British, Australian, New Zealand and Greek troops at a time when they were in contact with the enemy.

The latest news from Greece is that German infantry attacks on the Thermopylae line were hurled back yesterday. A more general offensive had been expected here but, as a German broadcast had indicated yesterday our new positions are in country favourable for defence. Nevertheless the enemy had brought up the heaviest artillery yet used in the Balkan warfare and the heavy barrage was supported by sustained dive-bombing attacks. Widespread raids had been carried out on Greek towns. Many refugees were killed and wounded when a passenger ship was bombed.

In East Africa, South African troops have smashed their way through the mountain barricades in front of Dessays. The battle is described as the fiercest of the entire Abyssinian campaign. The Italians had entrenched themselves 6000 feet up on the mountain heights but despite a hail of bullets our troops swarmed up the mountains. The battle raged for two hours before the Italians broke up and fled. Our aircraft are constantly harrying the Italians and meanwhile British patrols are pressing down from the north.

The Imperial forces at Tobruch continue to carry out successful sorties. The conditions there do not tally with the German broadcasts. The only form of attack on the town is from the air and the troops are finding that the Italian built shelters are both safe and comfortable.

The Commander of the Egyptian Territorial Army said today that Egypt would remain loyal to her Allies and to the National policy to the end. Egypt had already honored her obligations in a way that had completely satisfied the British Government.

The British troops who landed at Basra some days ago have already reached the Iraq oil-fields.

Successful attacks by the R.A.F. have been carried out in recent hours on the Lybian bases of Tripoli and Benghazi and on the Italian islands of Sicily and Rhodes.

As the result of a renewed appeal from London by the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Menzies, that at such a critical time the people of Australia should close their ranks and form a national government, the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Fadden, yesterday announced that Labour had again been invited to join the Government. The Deputy Labor leader, Mr Forde, however, repeated that Labour insisted on maintaining its separate identity in order that it might be able to offer constructive criticism as occasion demanded.

On the anniversary of Anzac Day many special messages had been addressed to the Australians and New Zealanders. The King and Queen had sent a message to the Governor General of Australia in which he stated that the unflinching heroism of the Anzacs had shown itself again. Australia had good reason to be proud of her sons.

Mr Menzies, in a cable to Lieut-Gen Sir Thomas Blamey said "I send greetings to you and your gallant men. You are all magnificently carrying on the Anzac tradition of supreme courage in the face of odds and Australia's history will be enriched by your deeds. Our great confidence in you has been more than justified.

Gen Birdwood sent his most devoted wishes for that complete victory which he had no doubt would be ours.

Considerable reinforcements to the Australians already in Malaya reached Singapore yesterday afternoon and with their arrival the Australian Imperial Forces now in Malaya are complete in every detail.

The Curtiss Wright Aircraft Corporation of America is building a faster and deadlier dive-bomber than any at present in existence. It has twice the power, twice the bomb carrying capacity and twice the range of the most efficient planes now being used and will have a maximum speed 100 miles an hour faster than current types. It has 1700 hp engines.

An Admiralty communique reports that a heavily laden enemy oil tanker of over 10,000 tons had been torpedoed and sunk by the submarine Urge - one of the latest additions to the British Navy.

In confirming the damage inflicted on at least 10 enemy ships by the raid on Tripoli by the Royal Navy the Admiralty said that it was considered certain that damage was caused to still more ships. Several of the ships, hit by 15 inch shells, were seen to sink almost instantly. No damage or casualties were caused to our ships or personnel by shore batteries or aeroplanes during the engagement, the Admiralty announced, nor were any enemy naval units encountered during the action.

Awards to British airmen announced yesterday revealed that at least one of the two German battle cruisers, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, which had been subjected to eleven bombing attacks at Brest, had been hit by a very heavy bomb. The extent of the damage to the ship was not known but special armour piercing bombs had been used. The continued presence of the ships in Brest may be due to damage caused during these raids.

Extensive attacks have been carried out by the R.A.F. on vital targets in Germany and our attacks on German shipping have been almost equally successful. In all, five ships had been hit off the Dutch coast. From all these operations one of our bombers was missing.

In the third successive night raid on Plymouth two enemy bombers were accounted for. Four churches, a market, blocks of offices and houses were destroyed in the raid. The destruction of a further two planes before breakfast was also confirmed.

Asking the United States Congress for £875,000,000 in new taxes the Secretary to the Treasury, Mr Morgenthau, declared that the

United States was facing the greatest challenge in its history. He was convinced the American people were prepared to make such a sacrifice and make it willingly.

The BBC commentator said today's Anzac anniversary recalled the day when the armies of the Anzacs received their first baptism of fire. They came through it triumphantly. They didn't gain victory in that campaign. For victory they had to wait three long years. Today the Anzacs were fighting on the shores of the same sea adding to the reputation their fathers had won for brilliance of attack and resoluteness of defence.

No details of the present position in the fighting were available but Mr Fadden had summed up the position well when he said our troops were in the last stages of a glorious rearguard action, and Mr W M Hughes had given it as his opinion that as long as we controlled the seas and the Empire remained intact Hitler was bound to be defeated in the end but to accomplish this it needed all our courage.

The smashing blows that Britain had been able to deal against Italy on land and sea had induced a mood of easy conscience. Now we had been forced back on the defensive where we were some six months ago and must not complain if the going were hard for the next six months. By then we would be feeling the full benefit of the growing American aid while increased British production would tip the scale in our favour. We could see preparations for a blow at Gibraltar, with or without Spanish aid. We could see German infiltration into Morocco and French territory in Northern Africa. The Germans by the occupation of islands off Greece were trying to give the Turks a hint of what might be in store for them. They had had a setback in Iraq where an invasion from the air might have been feared but they had not given up hope of an invasion of Syria with the aid of Fifth Columnists there, thus threatening Turkey on both sides. The Turks, however, were not an easy race to frighten and Anatolia was not an easy place to invade.

We could see that the enemy was active everywhere. The danger extended from the Pillars of Hercules to the Bosphorus but on the credit side it was pleasing to see the preparations being made by Britain to meet this threat on every hand. In Egypt men and material were being accumulated. More would be available when the British finally defeated the Italians in Abyssinia and Britons were not dismayed by the grim prospect. In the words of Lord Cranbourne, Secretary of State for the Dominions, the Germans had asked for total warfare and we would give them total warfare.

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Originator's Number

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WARNING SYSTEM

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Following air raid warning system will be adopted in "B" sub sector.

1. Upon the approach of enemy aircraft W/ H will notify all coys by 'phone.

2. Coys will then -

(a) sound local alarm - succession of one min blasts on horns or short blasts on whistle.

(b) Personnel will on the air raid signal being sounded:-

i. wear steel helmets and carry respirators at the "Alert".

ii. Carry on with normal duties until actual attack commences, when exposed personnel will immediately take cover. This also applies to W/ personnel in any vans. They will then stay below until "all clear" is sounded.

3. When "all clear" has been notified to all coys by 'phone coys will -

(a) sound all clear signal - succession of short blasts on horns or two long blasts on whistle, repeated at intervals of 5 sec.

(b) Carry out bomb runs when bombs have landed in Coy area. If unexploded bombs or bomb chimneys are found immediately notify W/ H, giving map ref.

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26 Apr 41.

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SUB SECTOR "B" MATRUH WOPRESS

<u>Patrol</u>	<u>Time to Leave</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
(1) TWINFORD PL OR BARRACKS COY	0130 hrs 2130 hrs	1 NCO 1 OR "	(a) Contact A Sub Sector at 0200, 2200 at 159511. (b) A Sub Sector contact TWINFORD at 0400, 2000, 2400 at 166503. (c) BH HQ to be advised as each patrol returns.
(2) COY AT ARUNDILL AREA.	2130 hrs	1 NCO 6 ORs	(a) (Contact PILEDOWN? patrols at 2200 hrs at 172487. (Contact A Sub Sector patrols at 2300 hrs at 159499.
	0415 hrs	" "	(b) (Contact PILEDOWN patrols at 0415 hrs at 172487. (Contact A Sub Sector patrols at 0515 hrs at 159499.
	2100 hrs	1 NCO 6 ORs	(c) (Contact ORCHARD & JESMONDINE Coy Mob patrol 2200 hrs at Knoll 30 162484 and feature at 167485.
	0100 hrs	1 NCO 6 ORs	(d) Ditto 0200 hrs.
(3) COY AT ORCHARD AND JESMONDINE AREA	0600 hrs (Period 24 hrs)	1 Sec	(a) (Mob Patrol - <u>2:30</u> watching front Location Knoll 30 162484 & 167485. (b) (ARUNDILL COY contacts Mob Patrol at 2200 hrs and 0200 hrs.
(4) PILEDOWN COY	0130 hrs	1 NCO 1 OR	(a) (Contact C Sub Sector at SIMA Gate 183473 at 0200.
	2130 hrs 0415 hrs	1 NCO 6 ORs	(b) (Contact ARUNDILL COY at 2200 and 0415 hrs at 172487.
	2215 hrs 0430 hrs	1 NCO 6 ORs	(c) (Contact C Sub Sector at SIMA Gate 183473 at 2300 and 0515 hrs.

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(1) TIMFORD PL OR BARRACKS COY	0130 hrs 2130 hrs	1 NCO 1 OR "	(a) Contact A Sub Sector at 0200, 2200 at 159511. (b) A Sub Sector contact TIMFORD at 0400, 2000, 2400 at 166503. (c) BN HQ to be advised as each patrol returns.
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SUB SECTOR "B" LATRUH FOREST

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(1) TWYFORD PL OR BARRACKS COY	0130 hrs 2130 hrs	1 NCO 1 OR "	(a) Contact A Sub Sector at 0200, 2300 at 159511. (b) A Sub Sector contact TWYFORD at 0400, 2000, 2400 at 166503. (c) BN HQ to be advised as each patrol returns.
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ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

PLACE	DATE	TIME	PARTICULARS	DEDUCTIONS	NOTES	ACTION TAKEN
	26	1745	Colns adv Capuzzo area this posn. East Coln est 150 MT with A F V at 533370 at 1745 hrs near top HALFAYA pass. Own tps engage it.	150 MT with A F V moving N E		
		L" 1920	West Coln smaller point 207 (515364) Armd Carriers area			
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		2100	ALAM EL RAGEL patrol sighted 4 unidentified vehicles at 1530 4 miles N.W.	4 vehicles travelling N E.		
		"2050	Considerable number of A F V in Halfaya area and enemy attack coming along main rd from Sollum.			
		1500	Tac R 10 tanks, 20 armd cs 20 large covered MT AZEIZ Capuzzo area. Ten large MT 5 miles north CAPUZZO. Some movement CAPUZZO- SIDI OMAR area, Very hy AA from BARDIA			

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FROM SCAN

Originator's Number

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Date

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<i>coy</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>subsector</i>	<i>2100 hrs</i>	<i>○</i>	<i>from</i>
<i>PILTOWN</i>	<i>2115 hrs</i>	<i>○</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>left</i>	<i>coy</i>
<i>C</i>	<i>subsector</i>	<i>2130 hrs</i>	<i>○</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>D</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>subsectors</i>	<i>2145</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>2200 hrs</i>
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<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>arrange</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>this</i>
<i>signal</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>fired</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>report</i>
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25 Apr 41

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Conference - Unit Comds

Unit Comds will please attend Bde Comd's conference at these HQ at 1930 hrs 25 Apr 41.

Agenda :-

- (i) LMG posns - importance of flank and rear.
- (ii) A Tk rifle posns - inside or outside.
- (iii) Physical condition of men
  - (a) outside exercises when defences complete
  - (b) Swimming
- (iv) Storage of amm in posts
- (v) Recce by comds in front of wire
- (vi) Counter attack
- (vii) Fleas
- (viii) New wiring - design to conform with weapons
- (ix) Protection of all posts from our ATk guns
- (x) Gaps - posn of
- (xi) Air sentries - alertness
- (xii) Patrols-contacting flanks
- (xiii) Inter coy reliefs
- (xiv) Digging in vehs
- (xv) Role of carriers.

*H. Geraden Capt.*  
*for* Maj  
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/27 BN. A.I.F. (Unit.)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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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	3		
Captains	6		2
Lieutenants	24	5	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
District Officers			
TOTALS	35	5	2

\* 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	GEDDES	PHG	2/27 Bw	8 Apr. PROMOTION from S/Sjt with AIF MED NO 305/311 18 Apr 41

### 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).
LIEUT	SKIPPER	J.W	Nos AGH
	McFARLANE	D.S.A	1.A.G.H.



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**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
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
L.T.-Col.		MOTEN M.J.	2/27 Bn	YES	C.O.
MAJOR		POPE A	"	"	2/c
"		DABBS J.G.	"	"	O.C. HQ Coy
"		ISAACSEN I.C.	"	"	O.C. D Coy
CAPT		McPHEE D.R.	"	"	O.C. B Coy
"		PRICE J.H.	"	"	Q.M.
"		WADRE T.G.	"	"	O.C. C Coy
"		WHITE D.A.H.	"	"	O.C. A Coy
"		STUCKEY G.R.	"	"	2/c B Coy
"		RICE D.G.	"	"	2/c A Coy
"		TOMS S.J.	"	"	ADJT
LIEUT		JOHNSON R.L.	"	"	2/c C Coy
"		LEE A.J.	"	"	O.C. 10 pl
"		CUMING J.C.	"	"	2/c D Coy
"		RUDD L.K.	"	"	O.C. 17 pl
"		SKIPPER J.W.	"	No	No 8 AGH
"		THOMAS R.A.	"	YES	O.C. 7 pl
"		KIMBER H.R.R.	"	"	O.C. 18 pl
"		BEARE J.H.	"	"	O.C. 5 pl
"		GILL T.F.	"	"	O.C. 8 pl
"		MAGAREY B.A.	"	"	O.C. 12 pl
"		SIMS E.A.W.	"	"	O.C. 9 pl
"		BENNIER F	"	"	J.O.
"		KATEKAR H.J.	"	"	O.C. 15 pl
"		FAWCETT G.H.	"	"	O.C. 4 pl
"		HARRY G.H.	"	"	O.C. 6 pl
"		MADIGAN R	"	"	O.C. 3 pl
"		CRAFTER J.G.	"	"	O.C. 16 pl
"		SANDISON C.H.	"	"	<del>J.O.</del> SIG. O.
"		DEAN A.C.	"	"	REINF OFF
"		JACOBS S.J.	"	"	O.C. 11 pl
"		THOMAS S.E.	"	"	O.C. 2 pl
"		LEE J.D.	"	"	O.C. 14 pl
"		GEDDES P.H.G.	"	"	ASST/ADJT
"		McFARLANE D.S.A.	"	No	TAGH

(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		HARBISON AT	AAME		R.M.O.
PADRE		WHEREAT CR	AACHE		CHAPLAIN

2/27 BN. A.I.F.

(Unit.)

20 APR 1941

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]* Capt  
Adj. (Signature of Commander.)

21 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE

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

**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

..... 2/27 BN. A.I.F. (Unit). **26 APR 1941** 19... (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 authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	26	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	59		2
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	633		19
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>21</b>

\* 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.
SMITH R.L. Sjt	A.A.P.C.	HIND A.S. pte	219/Bde (A.A.C.C.)
DRAGE G.T. 1/sjt	A.A.O.C.	PHILIPSON W.J. 1/sjt	A.A.P.S.C.
DALY T.K. cpl	"	BLOOR R. Sjt	A.A.M.C.
HARPER C.E. pte	"	BRAND T.F.C. cpl	"
DOE P.A.	"	FREAKE J.A. pte	"
SMART H.F.	"	LOMMAN G.	"

**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).

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2/27 BN. A.I.F. Unit.

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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.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	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) ... ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																				
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers ... ..																				
Farriers ... ..																				
Fitters ... ..																				
Machine Gunners ... ..																				
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ... ..																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ... ..																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers ... ..																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties ... ..																				
Signallers ... ..																				
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
Sjts Cpls Ptes						1										2			19	
						1										2			19	21
General duty personnel ... ..																				
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).																				

2/27 BN. A.I.F.

Unit.

Date of Despatch

26 APR 1941

Signature of Commandant

Adjt 2/27 Bn AIF

21 AUST INF BDE

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

# MESSAGE FORM

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*Wardham*  
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TO

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*CEPA EPED NABO*

FROM

*SCAN*

Originator's Number

*011*

Date

*27*

In Reply to Number

*Sitrep @ TOBRUK area 1800 hrs 26 Apr*

*Sandstorm prevented ground and air observation*

*otherwise situation normal SALUM area 0*

*Further details yesterday's ops enemy coln*

*about 150 vehs incl trucks advanced SE*

*to HALFAYA PASS another coln composition*

*unspecified advanced from SIDI OMAR to*

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escarpment SE HALFAYA both columns opened very by only fire on our tips the in Northern column lined up for attack NO FORCE judged it necessary extricate DLI @ withdrawal general line BUQBQQ - SOFAFI completed night 26/27 @ Tack 0700 hrs reports small MT movement from TRIGH CAPUZZO and			

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FROM

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Date

In Reply to Number

CAPUZZO	to SIDI OMAR	ground	tro report
Coln	20 enemy MT	4 1/2 miles	South
NAHFAYA	and small	Coln SW	today
DM Tac R	reports	NO repeat	NO enemy seen
East of above	but	sanstom	conditions
giving	bad	visibility	⊙
now in	observation	East	SALUM
			at

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
ALAM EL KIDAD and ALAM BARGHUT @ SOFAFI			
held by own mob coln with role op Westwan			
top escarpment @ Siat R		1140 hrs	
reports slight MT mt Rd BENGASI			DERNA
N7 TRIGH CAPUZZO			

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*Wardrain*

SUMMARY REPORT - INTELLIGENCE MESSAGE FROM ENEMY - 28 APR 42

TERRAIN AREA 1800 hrs 26 Apr SANDSTONE PREVENTED GROUND AND AIR OBSERVATION OTHERWISE SITUATION NORMAL SALIN AREA 25% FURTHER DETAILS YEMERHAYS OPS ENEMY COLN ABOUT 150 VMS INCL TANKS ADVANCED S S TO HALPAYA PASS ANOTHER COLN COMPOSITION UNDEVELOPED ADVANCED FROM SIDE CHAIR TO ENCAMPMENT S S HALPAYA BOTH COLNS OPENED FIRE BY ARTY FIRE OF OUR TPS THIS IN INCIDENT COLN LINED UP FOR ATTACK MOB FORMS JUDGED IT NECESSARY INVESTIGATE DLI GROUP WITHDRAWAL GENERAL LINE HQ HQ - SOPAFI COMPLETED NIGHT 26/27 GROUP TAG R 0700 HRS REPORTS SMALL RE MOVEMENT FROM TRICH CAPUSSO AND CAPUSSO TO SIDE CHAIR GROUND TPS REPORT COLN 20 ENEMY RE 4 1/2 MILES SOUTH HALPAYA AND SMALL COLN S W today GROUP IN TAG R REPORTS NO REFRAT NO ENEMY SIGHT EAST OF ABOVE BUT SANDSTONE CONDITIONS GIVING BAD VISIBILITY GROUP OUR PATROLS NOW IN OBSERVATION EAST SALIN AT ALAN EL KIDAD AND ALAN BARKHUT RE GROUP. SOPAFI HELD BY OWN MOB COLN WITH BULK OF WESTWARD TOP ENCAMPMENT GROUP. SERAF R 1140 HRS REPORTS SLIGHT RE MOVE TO INTERLUCE DAREA 17 TRICH CAPUSSO.

28 APR 42.

*[Signature]* Capt.  
TAG 6



SUNDAY - 27 Apr.

Most recent reports from Greece indicate that the British and Empire forces continue their delaying actions while a German High Command communique claims that a force landed on an island close to Athens was able to re-land on the mainland 40 miles North of Athens. The scarcity of news from this theatre of war is due largely to the difficulties of communication but it is known that the Imperial forces are continuing to inflict heavy losses on the advancing Germans. They have been waging an unequal struggle in the mountains north of Athens but have maintained their line unbroken.

An advisory committee representing 21 American republics has recommended the seizure of 750 foreign ships lying idle in ports on the American continent.

The Canadian Defence Minister has called for the enlistment of a further 20,000 men in the next two months for service overseas.

British factories are now producing a faster and more formidable fighter aircraft than anything hitherto. It is the Hawker Typhoon. It has a top speed exceeding 400 miles an hour. It mounts both multiple firing machine guns and cannon and with its increased range would prove not only a shield but a scourge.

Yet another success has been scored at Tobruch where an enemy concentration was broken up by artillery fire.

Our troops are closing in on Dessye where the main body of the Duke of Aosta's troops are making their last stand. Our troops have penetrated to positions covering the town. Patriot forces are cooperating increasingly with them. It is pointed out in London that the refusal of the Duke of Aosta to surrender is gravely endangering the lives of Italian subjects in areas of Abyssinia not yet occupied by the British. There is the very real danger that native deserters from the Italian ranks may seize upon the opportunity to commit atrocities against these Italians.

The Premier of South Africa, General Smuts, in a broadcast declared that this war would not be settled in the Balkans. The commotion and confusion caused there would in the end only contribute to Hitler's undoing. Perhaps Germany only turned to this sector to hide her discomfort at failing to invade Britain as promised. If Hitler failed however to invade Britain he would have lost. Alongside the battle of Britain all these things were mere incidents in the war. He looked forward to the end of the war with steadfast confidence, particularly as the American giant had at last been aroused from its slumbers. America he anticipated would yet go all the way.

Visiting Manchester and inspecting air raid damage caused there Mr Churchill said "It is a tragedy but they will get it back three-fold."

The Minister for Home Security, Mr Morrison, has made an order compelling all males between the ages of 18 and 60 working in the City of London to do their share of fire watching. The Battle of the Flames, he declared, was as important as any battle taking place on land or sea.

President Roosevelt said that United States aircraft and tanks would go in ever increasing quantities to Britain and today there is news of these two classes of war equipment from the United States. An authority in United States declared that American aircraft production had increased so rapidly that by September the country's factories would turn out 1800 machines a month, while it is reported that the new Chrysler works in Detroit which are to produce 25,000 tanks have already reached the production stage. Tanks are already rolling off the lines ready for combat.

/The BBC

The BBC commentator said that in such a desperate and heroic struggle as that being waged in Greece detailed reports could not be expected and even if news could be got through the nation would not wish that information of value to the enemy should be divulged. The fighting there was closer to its final phase and despite personal anxiety British people must wait with fortitude and courage for definite tidings. In the meantime they should not be misled by rumours. Athens newspapers describing the Battle of Thermopylae as one of the most desperate of the war said that the Allies' gunners, especially the Australians and New Zealanders, were displaying a contempt for death that had seldom been equalled.

While every Australian was justifiably proud of the gallant effort of the country's sons the latest dirty trick of the German wireless had been to invent dissention in Australia about the decision to send troops to Greece. The lie was very quickly nailed by the Acting Prime Minister, Mr Padden, who declared that Australia was one of the Empire team and would pull her full weight to victory. There had never been any half-heartedness in Australia.

The world did not need to be told these things but the lie had to be scotched. To date a disproportionate share of the fighting had fallen on the Anzac troops. For many obvious geographic reasons the principle task of Australians had been in the Middle East, particularly in the safeguarding of the Suez Canal. As things were there would be no Australian or New Zealand who would not be proud that Australians had been given the opportunity of writing such an imperishable story.

Although the weight of German infantry and mechanised units had been contributory factors in the German advance in Greece, the real cause of our failure undoubtedly had been the fact that we did not hold air superiority there. It was German air superiority that in the end beat our men. One observer had declared that 100 Hurricanes would have turned the tide of one battle he had watched. We must achieve at all costs a reversal of the position regarding mechanized and air strength. We needed not only the lead in quality but in quantity. As Dr Ewart had declared in Australia the outstanding lesson of Greece had been that even matchless courage needed the support of mechanized might. He had expressed the unanimous resolve of the Labor Party to strive for an improvement in the country's war effort.

In Britain there was no doubt that the nation's war effort supported, as it was being, from America would eventually turn the tide and what was more it might, as in 1918, turn rapidly.

7 Aust Div Cir G86.

HC MATRUH FORTRESS,  
28 Apr 41.

R 3/1/20  
78/4

2/27 Bm

Arty Registration. 2120

Arty registers to-morrow 29 Apr from 0900 hrs to 1400 hrs. Danger area from 0830 hrs to 1430 hrs ref map MATRUH 1/100,000 - area outside perimeter bounded by following grid lines: East 732 South 340, West 710. Main rds MATRUH-SIDI BARRANI and MATRUH-ALEXANDRIA open to traffic. All other rds in danger area closed during period of shoot.

Responsibilities for clearing area <sup>\_\_\_\_\_</sup> prior to shoot:

- 25 Aust Inf Bde - North of rd MATRUH - ALEXANDRIA
- 6 Aust Cav - between above rd and rd MATRUH-SIDI BARRANI
- 21 Aust Inf Bde - North of latter rd.

Suggest carriers be used for above recce. Traffic posts will be established by DAPM at rd junc 73353422 and at CHARING CROSS to warn traffic to keep to the two main rds and stop traffic on North rd leading into MATRUH on the East. 21 Aust Inf Bde will arrange to close Coast rd. Sectors will be cleared under arrangements between sector comds and arty reps. Standing patrols will be moved out of danger area. /within perimeter

Ack.  
✓

*Edward Chapman*  
Col.  
GS MATRUH Fortress

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~~CEDA EPED~~ NABO

FROM SCAN Originator's Number 012 Date 28 In Reply to Number

Ref area	practices	on	DF	CP	tasks
and be	likely	approaches	fortress	area	will
Ref area	map	out	29	apr	0
guideline	follows	MATRUH	Sheet	1/100 000	danger
guideline	South	North	Coastline	East	732
guideline	©	340	guideline	West	710
		SCAN	responsible	clearing	area

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**FROM**

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

written	danger	area	North	of	SIWA
rd	to	Coast	Corner	patrols	will
clear	following	areas	by	0900 hrs	
29 Apr	○	CEDA	area	between	Coast
and	line	W in	W MAGRID	710346	- Coast
rd gate	○	NABO	area	between	last
named	line	and	line	Pc 124	71083432

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
- PILTOWN post	71753482	⊙ EPED	area between
last named line and	SIWA rd	⊙ EPED	
will please instruct	SIWA	gate piquet to	
warn all traffic of firing	and to remain		
rigidly on main rd	⊙ Post at	HIATARIH	
will stop all traffic	by coast rd	until	
message received from	fortress reopening	rd	

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
① Firing expected completed 1500 hrs if earlier will be notified by phone Carrier patrols must report areas cleared by 0900 hrs ② EPED specially warned of Bodu camp night of rd two to three miles SIWA rd ③ Submit interpreter accompany patrols ack all informed			

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*M. Mulvaney*  
 55  
 May

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T.H.I.  
 7320  
 T.O.R.

ALL COYS & TIENT FANCENT

All areas forward of the A/Tk ditch from 161508 to 191479 will be evacuated between 1200 and 1400 hrs 29 Apr  
Stop Tps will be withdrawn complete with arms Stop  
Baggage, amm and stores left in posn Stop Sentries will  
be posted to observe and prevent any person from entering  
protected area Stop NABO A12 and NABO D12 will personally  
assure C O that all tps have vacated their respective  
areas at 1200 hrs Stop Pioneer Offr will take especial  
care that no working parties are operating in prohibited  
area.

ACK

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B.

C.

D.

HQ.

B Ech. DR 2235.

BW HQ

Fancent DR 2345 ✓

new copies, 0045



Capt  
NABO 6



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*War Diary*

*See*

TO **(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)**  
LEDA EPED H4BO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
SCAN	I 13	28	-

Some	of	our	cruiser	tanks	will
be	moving	in	areas	A	B
and	C	this	afternoon	⊙	this
is	being	done	to	assist	troops
in	recognizing	our	own	tanks	⊙
all	troops	must	study	them	carefully

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A. I. R. & O 1587

R C BY  
HADO 12'

NO. 2

FIELD, 28 Apr 41

PART "B"

PROMOTIONS

SX 2997 S/Sgt Geddes P.M.C. promoted Lieut - vide AIF MEO  
Nos. 305-311 of 18 Apr 41 - As from 8 Apr 41.

APPOINTMENTS -

SX 4944 Pte Harper F. H. appointed L/Cpl as from 23 Apr 41

SX 4165 Pte Whelan R. appointed L/Cpl as from 23 Apr 41

NOTICES

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NO. 2

FIELD, 23 Apr 41

PART "B"

PROMOTIONS

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Nos. 305-311 of 18 Apr 41 - As from 8 Apr 41.

APPOINTMENTS -

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HQ 7 Aust Div

27 Apr 41

7 AUST DIV ADM CIR A107

HEALTH

1. GENERAL HEALTH OF TFS

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ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

PLACE	DATE	TIME	PARTICULARS	DEDUCTIONS	NOTES	ACTION TAKEN
HALFAYA PASS	26 Apr		150 vehs incl tks advanced SE to <del>BNIXNY</del> HALFAYA PASS. Another coln composition unspecified advanced from SIDI OMAR to escarpment vs E HALFAYA			
	27	0700	Small M T movement posn TRIGH CAPUZZO and CAPUZZO to SIDI OMAR.			
		1140	20 MT 4 1/2 miles South HALFAYA and small coln S W slight M T movement rd BENGASI - DERNA - N7 TRIGH CAPUZZO			
TOBRUCH area	26	2000	Long coln enemy MT on TRIGH CAPUZZO at EL ADEM moving WEST			
SALUM area			On 26 Apr enemy advanced in four colns NOT Two as previously reportd. Three colns MUSAID BIR WAIR and fourth from B P 38. believed to occupy old ITALIAN camp Pt 207, 7 1/2 miles S.W. SALUM. 100 JU 52 tp carrying aircraft loading troops or stores BENINA L 6.			
MATRUH			One unidentified E A dropped two sticks bombs in sea off MATRUH.			
TOBRUCH SALUM	night 27/26		Patrols contacted enemy coln area ABU Fayres 10 miles south SALUM 200 enemy MT moving up and down HALFAYA pass.			
	26	0500	60 MT 4 miles north CAPUZZO 400 Mt mostly derelict BARDIA MONASTIR area			

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HQ MATRUH FORTRESS,  
29 Apr 41.

G Cir 27

Movements in MATRUH area.

1. Any movements of personnel down to sub units and dets either of a temporary or permanent nature will be immediately notified through normal channels to these HQ. Map refs of posns or localities which have been occupied as well as those vacated will be reported.
2. In order that arrangements for res of rations and amn can be provided this report will also include the period of movement (if temporary) and the number of personnel involved.

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21 AUST INF BDE

29 Apr 41

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INFM REQUIRED IN SITREPS

Attention is drawn to paras 24 and 26 of Standing Orders  
7 Aust Div and to the following instn from Western Desert Force :

1. Units in contact with the enemy will despatch situation reports daily at 0800 and 1700 hrs.  
Should any event of particular importance take place a supplementary situation report may be sent at any time.
2. Units not in direct contact with the enemy will report air raids as they occur stating the number and type of aircraft duration of raid, type of attack and any damage and casualties.
3. It is of the utmost importance that the times at which event happen should be reported.
4. Movements and changes in the disposition of own tps and a summary of any projected moves and ops timed to take place during the following 24 hrs will be included.
5. Offrs writing sitreps must place themselves in the posn of the recipient and frame their reports accordingly.
6. Sitreps will normally be franked IMMEDIATE. If anything of special importance or urgency is being reported the priority EMERGENCY OPERATIONS will be used.

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BM 21 Aust Inf Bde

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NABO ack.  
THIS IS A SECURITY DOCUMENT  
AND SHOULD BE DESTROYED  
WHEN READ

HC MATRUH FORTRESS,  
28 Apr 41.

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INT SUMMARY No 6

(Infm up to 2000 hrs 28 Apr 41)

Ops:

1. CAPUZZO-SALUM area

Our patrols contacted an enemy coln in the ABU FAYRES area 10 miles south of SALUM during night 27/28 Apr. Air reports state that an enemy coln, probably the same, was seen moving later towards CAPUZZO. This coln is reported to consist of 10 large armd Cs, 4 AA guns, 4 fd guns towed by lorries, 2 MCs and 10 large MP. This coln was being trailed by 3 of our armd Cs. A coln of 20 enemy MP was reported moving up and down HALFAYA pass. Three of our armd Cs were reported at MADDALENA. 80 MP were reported 4 miles north of CAPUZZO and 400 MP, mostly demerit, at BARDIA-MENASTIR area.

No movement seen on frontier between GIARABUB and SIDI OMR.

2. TOBRUK area

No enemy activity. Our active patrolling continues.

Parachute ops

3. The following has been received from HC Western Desert Force:

(a) "A dead German soldier in a uniform and equipment of the Parachute Troops was examined near DERNA about 11 April. His uniform was described as follows:-

(i) Fawn silk parachute, silk cords, rubber fittings, metal where cords attached to parachute.

(ii) Greenish grey silk jacket, pantaloons lined with wool. Soldier had three reversed stripes on right arm and wore silk scarf.

(iii) Wore light steel helmet padded with thick rubber about two inches up from narrow brim.

(iv) Boots of rubber heavily creped soles and fastened with two metal clips.

(v) Also equipped with Spandau machine pistol (name on woodwork and painted white with name of town printed underneath). Enemy soldier carried pistol holster - no pistol.

The parachutist's badge is a wreath encircling a diving eagle and is worn on the left hand side immediately above the belt by men who have made six or more jumps.

We have no knowledge of any Spandau machine pistol, and units capturing any such weapons will forward them to this HC complete with magazines and ammunition if possible.

(b) This is the first report of parachute troops being used by the Germans in LIBYA. There have been no identifications of parachute units, and while it is not impossible that such units may be in LIBYA it may be that the Germans are now attaching a few parachutists to ordinary divs for special purposes.

The parachutist's function up to date has been the disorganisation of comms and creation of confusion behind defending tps, usually in areas occupied by Civil populace. It would seem that their functions in LIBYA in these roles could be only on a very limited scale. If they are used in a country which is entirely under military occupation they are liable to receive extremely short shifts.

Large numbers of JU 52 aircraft are in the country. These are at present used for the tpt of supplies to advanced ards.

isolated parties. They are, however, the normal aircraft used for the tpt of parachutists. It is therefore possible that parachutists may be used. It must not be forgotten that they may be landed in British uniforms. Any such parachutists captured wearing our uniforms should be sent to this HQ before being shot.

Parachutists and tps landing from aircraft (the normal accompaniment of parachutists) are most liable to attack when they are landing or immediately after they have landed. They do not require specially prepared aerodromes but after a certain period must be reinforced by arty and tanks and supplied with ammunition, food and tpt.

All parachutists are not desperate men and the temptation to surrender to superior forces must often be overwhelming. German PWs seen by this HQ up to date are by no means desperate characters, particularly when separated from their officers.

Operations by air-borne tps are liable to be undertaken in the following circumstances:-

- (i) Where the German airforce has temporary local superiority.
- (ii) Where operations by other German forces ensure that air-borne tps are reinforced with arty and AFVs soon after landing.
- (iii) Where tps landed can be maintained and if necessary provided with tpt."

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4. Following message has been received:-

"Empress on ALL RANKS all AFVs are more vulnerable in flanks and rear than in front. AFVs when climbing obstacles expose the belly, which is the weakest place and should be fired at immediately. .303 SAA will damage the wheels and tracks of all types of armd Cs. Bullets fired for ricochet effect on hard ground in front of approaching armd Cs will damage gear boxes, axles and engines. .55 should be aimed at base of turret, rear of body and all visors. Fire at the radiator of 6-wheeled armd Cs and the sides of the engine or rear of the car in the case of 8-wheeled. .55 will also penetrate certain pts of the sides and the rear of both 6 and 8-wheelers. 2-prs will penetrate 6 and 8-wheelers anywhere. When firing at tanks, aim at the sprockets, suspension turrets or the base of the driver's visor. It is not essential to have A Tk guns or rifles to deal with tanks. Several cases have occurred in the Middle East where individual infantry men have disabled tanks by ingenuity, 'guts,' rifle fire and bombs."

Enemy organisation

5. All interrogation of PW tend to show that blind reliance is placed by German tps on their offrs. The tps know very little about what is happening, are entirely dependent on their offrs for desert navigation, and seem completely lost without an offr at hand.

Enemy passwords

6. Enemy passwords are changed daily; weekly lists are issued. Italians and Germans use the same words, which captured documents show to be Italian words or names. Passwords and counter-word always begin with the same letter, e.g.  
FERMO - FATA  
ANZIO - ADA.

Enemy map references

7. A new method of pin-pointing, easily understandable by both Italians and Germans, has been introduced by the enemy. It is a type of map reference code.  
A strip of tracing paper is graded off into centimetres. A given point on the WEST side of the 1:400,000 map in use is then marked and communicated to all units concerned. The graded line

runs due EAST, and any location can be given by stating the number of centimetres right or left. The first number is preceded by two dummy figures, e g, 4542 comma 1, left 2 comma 8, means 42.1 cms due EAST, 2.8 cms NORTH, from given point (variable at will) on 1:400,000 map of area.

Enemy signals

8. German units are issued with a variety of cartridges for signalling purposes; these include violet and blue parachute flares, white, red and green star cartridges, violet and blue smoke cartridges, a whistle cartridge amongst others.

Searching of PW

9. ALL RANKS should be reminded of the importance of searching PW and removing -  
(i) any weapon;  
(ii) any documents.

In particular, the soldier's pay book should always be carefully labelled and preserved and sent back with escort. In the paybook of German soldiers the unit of the person concerned is set out on page 4.

German tanks

10. PZ KW IV: The heaviest German tank reported at TOBRUK is the PZ KW IV. Specifications of this tank are -  
type: med point (variable at will) on 1:400,000 map.  
weight: about 20 tons

crew: four or five (dr, hull gunner, who is also wireless-operator, and three men in turret)  
armament: One 75 mm (2.95") gun and one LMG (Spandau) in ball mounting beside the dr.  
armour: About 15 mm turret front, sides and hull front - less elsewhere. violet and blue smoke cartridges  
height: 8'6"  
length: 16 to 17 ft.  
width: 7'3"

suspension: eight small bogie wheels in four bogies - four jockey wheels.  
engine: 350 HP Maybach.  
max speed: 31 Mph on rds.  
intercomm: transmitter receiver fitted.  
units in which incorporated: Med tank coys of mixed tank bdes.

This tank was produced in 1938 and can be distinguished by its four-track rear wheels and by the thick, square gun barrel.

DISTRIBUTION:

As for Int Summary No 5 dated 24 Apr 41.

Col  
GS MATRUH FORTRESS.

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TO

NABO A B D HQ Bn HQ Coys

FROM

NABO

Originator's Number

T4

Date

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In Reply to Number

NABO C	has	mobile	patrols	situated	knoll
to	162484	and	feature	167485	MATRUM
map	12500	⊙	they	advise	shots
from	own	troops	have	been	microcheking
near	and	over	their	post	⊙
Coys	are	advised	to	warn	all
troops	of	the	presence	of	this

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*patrol and the necessity for precautions against any indiscriminate shooting accidental or otherwise.*

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TO

CEDA EPED NABO

FROM

SCAN

Originator's Number

*I 18*

Date

*29*

In Reply to Number

Navy

will

carry

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test

shoots

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MATRUH

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area

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Tank killing as a sport takes two forms, firstly the individual who stalks and kills and secondly the organised "drive".

In our defence system both methods can be availed of by any wishing to enjoy themselves.

In the "drive" the place of the boatman is taken by the natural instinct of the tank to seek and kill in cowardly fashion, a soft target, while his efforts in this regard are guided by obstacles and mines into the best killing area.

All allotted stands are equally well placed, and provided that certain simple rules are followed, all should obtain excellent bags.

The rules are as follows:-

1. All emplacements must be built to withstand the initial bombardment and dive bombing which certain unsportsmanlike persons will use to interfere with the sport.

Build your emplacement faithfully, covered in all around, except in the arc of fire, and with overhead cover at least three sandbags thick and topped off with a layer of hard rock to ensure that such missiles as may hit the emplacement do their exploding without penetrating.

2. The tank is a wary and cunning animal, like most carnivora, and anything that will make him aware of the position of killers should be avoided. Break square outlines wherever they exist and, above all, keep covered the opening through which the gun will speak - a walk to the front of your emplacement will show this up as a black rectangular, unmistakable mark. The best cover is wire netting threaded, without loose ends, with hempen.

3. Don't leave your blankets airing, your spare water tin lying about or any sign of your occupation of the stand, otherwise you need not blame the management if you don't get a shot.

4. Keep the area under the muzzle, which should be concreted, and the inside of your emplacement clean and free from dirt and sand, as, otherwise, you will get about one shot every two minutes on account of the dust. Keep a kerosene tin of salt water in the emplacement to assist in overcooking this dust nuisance.

5. Keep a circle round the gun free of all except your shooting material. While comfort is a grand thing, you will be very disappointed if your traverse is interfered with by fittings, or if you sprain your ankle on a tin of bully jerked from a nearby shelf, or fall over a pack left lying about. Live in your dugout and keep your emplacement for shooting.

6. Like most sports, if you are not wide awake you don't get a bag. Wank like the early morning, so get up an hour before day-break and be ready at first light to collect your share. One member of your shooting party should always be watching for the game to appear.

7. Guns are allotted areas for three reasons: firstly to keep the gun crew alive until the tank appears; secondly to protect - (a) you and your mates from the fire of other enthusiasts (b) to protect other enthusiasts from you and your mates and thirdly to ensure that one gun, at least, is firing on the area into which the tank is driven.

8. Because you get only one good shot at a tank and that is the first, all your stands are so placed that no one should get a head on shot - the tank is well armoured there and not on the sides or where a good smack seldom does any harm. So get aiming marks (black tar tins with a white strip facing you will do). Mark the limits of your arc, and examine your arc, particularly towards the main fire for the spot where you will get the first shot. On this spot your gun should normally be laid.

9. If you fire over 500, in the case of an 18 pdr, or over 500 in the case of other weapons, there is a possibility that the hide of the tank will turn your shot and, instead of killing, you may miss or only wound. An enraged tank is a nasty bit of work as well as more careful in its movements, and consequently harder to hit.

10. Another thing - if you fire without killing you can expect serious interference and perhaps no more shooting because of haze and dust caused by further shells and dive bombs from the enemies of blood sports.

11. It may be some days or it may be hours only before tanks appear and when they do appear they may stay for days. So stock up well in your emplacements and dugouts with am (and don't forget your rifles in this regard) rations and water. Gun crews should also work on a definite duty roster, so that each man gets adequate amount of rest from what is sometimes a very tiring sport.

12. While you are waiting for the arrival of tanks, practice laying, and practise loading all the time. Loading practice, though onerous, is most vital as you can't kill a tank without a round in the breech of your gun.

13. Keep yourselves clean, because tank killing is a good clean sport for good clean men and it isn't done to wear whiskers or to be an offence to the other inmates of your stand.

14. Get your sanitary convenience underground. I understand that it is most unpleasant to be shot without pants on.

That covers the "drive". Much remains for all gun detachments to work out for themselves. The keen interest in mine fields, wire hedgehogs and mines affecting your are will pay you well.

Make friends with those people who will comprise your audience (neighbouring inf posts) as their verification will be necessary when the time comes to peg out your skins.

Tank tally-boards should be kept in all emplacements and the following is the allotted scale of points:-

Each unarmoured veh	1 pt
Each motor-cycle and sidecar	2 pts
Each Bren carrier	3 pts
Each armoured car	4 pts
Each light type	5 pts
Each cruiser type	7 pts
Anything over 35 tons	10 pts and a pair of "Gripu" cream trousers.
Each low flying plane	50 pts and a court-martial.

In so far as the sportmen who does not like driven game is concerned, those tanks that pass the allotted stand - and there may be a few - will offer much amusement for the possessors of Boyes rifles, Molotoff cocktails, blankets or bags soaked in petrol (don't forget the box of matches) and iron bars for poking in wheels.

No more thrilling experience can be obtained than that of the man who can climb on the back of a tank and poke a Mills bomb and some petrol in its ear - or any other orifice - at the same time.

Those in the front line who are in possession of Boyes rifles can expect good fun, but they should remember that the joy is to kill, kill, not to wound, and wait for the 500 yards limit. The possession of rifles, MGs and IGs are not excluded from this sport, as the missiles from these weapons will, at least, close the tanks' eyes and make him that much easier and at the best through "flake", "splash" or by direct hit, through one of the many apertures obtain a kill.

Possessors of these weapons are permitted to keep tally cards and the scale of points are trebled.

One last word. The tank is a cowardly creature and will always seek the easy prey. Div HQ, Bde HQ, En HQ, Orderly Rooms, veh dispersal areas, workshops, stores, where people are generally far too busy to have time for sport attract him immensely and good shooting will always be had there.

Somewhere quite close to you in your areas you will find professional tank killers of 2 Lt and Lt Regt and their knowledge is at your disposal free of charge.



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TO

CEDA EPED NABO ✓

FROM

SCAN

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

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SITREP	⊙	TOBRUK	AREA	⊙	NAVY
BOMBARDED	MT	CONCENTRATIONS	SIDI	BU	AMUD
⊙	GROUND	REPORTS	CONSIDERABLE	MT	AND
TK	MOVEMENTS	DURING	NIGHT	OPPOSITE	SW
SECTOR	⊙	TAC/R	1030	HRS	29
APR	250	MT	OUTSIDE	SW	SECTOR
WITH	POSSIBLY	FURTHER	100	MT	APPROACHING

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EL	ADEM	AREA	WESTWARD	ALONG	TRIGH
CAPUZZO	0	ABOUT	300	MT	SIDI
BU	AMUD	DECREASED	BY	1900	HRS
WHEN	350	MT	SEEN	ON	MAIN
ROAD	AT	AMUD	MOVING	EAST	0
50	MT	MOVING	DERNA	TOBRUK	1400
HRS	0	"CHALKA"	SUNK	IN	HARBOUR

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TO BRUCH	0	NO	TPS	DN	BOARD
0	SALUM	AREA	0	DOWN	TPS
CONTINUED	HARASSING	ACTION	AGAINST	ENEMY	PARTIES
IN	AREAS	SIDI	SULEIMAN	4	MILES.
SE	SALUM	MAINLY	BY	SHELLING	0
TAC/R	1900	HRS	REPORTS	CONCENTRATION	
BARDIA	MUCH	DECREASED	0	12	ARMY

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CARS	60	MT	MOVING	SOUTH	ON
RD	BARDIA	CAPUZZO	⊙	NMS	SALUM
⊙	CAPUZZO	SALUM	100	MT	MOVING
EAST	⊙	100	TO	150	MT
AFVs	AND	TANKS	IN	WADI	BOTTOM
HALFA	(PASS)	⊙	DURING	DAY	2
ENEMY	EIGHT	WHEELED	ARMY	CARS	2

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ARMoured	PICK	VPS	AND	DNE	TANK
BELIEVED	MK IV	RECCED	COAST	RD	TO
8	MILES	WEST	BUG	BUG	⊙
IN	ENCOUNTER	KNOCKED	OUT	ONE	OF
OVR	ARMoured	CARS	⊙	PATROL	WITHDREW
WEST	⊙	11 H	ATTACKED	BY	8
ME 110	1930	HRS	⊙	BACK	AREAS.

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①	STRAT/R	NMS	SIDI	OMER	BENGASI
①	BENGASI	NO	NEW	SHIPPING	①
SLIGHT	MT	TRAFFIC	RD	BARCE	DERNA
①	50	JU 52	BENINA	LG	①
DERNA	LG	70	EA	MANY	LARGE
①	ALL	INFORMED			

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ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

PLACE	DATE	TIME	PARTICULARS	DEDUCTIONS	NOTES	ACTION TAKEN
TOBRUK Area	29		SIDI BUAMUD M.T. concentrations	bombarded by Navy.		
			Considerable M.T. & tk mvmt	during night. Opposite		
			S W Sector.			
	29	1030	250 MT outside SW sector with	possibly further 100		
			MT approaching EL ADEM area	westward along TRIGH		
			CAPUZZO.			
SIDI BUAMUD	29	1900	MT decreased by 1900 hrs when	350 MT seen on main rd		
			at AMUD mvg East.			
DERNA-TOBRUK	29	1400	50 MT moving Derna-TOBRUK at	1400 hrs.		
TOBRUK	29		"CHALKA" sunk in Tobruk harbor.	No tps on board.		
SALUM Area	29		Harassing action agst enemy parties	in areas SIDI		
			SULEIMAN 4 miles S.E. SALUM-	mainly by shelling		
BARDIA	"	1900	Concentration much decreased.	12 armd cras, 60 MT		
			mvg south on rd BARDIA-CAPUZZO			
SALUM			NMS.			
CAPUZZO-SALUM	"		100 MT moving East.			
HALFAYA PASS	"		100-150 MT. AFVs & Tks in WADI	bottom HALFAYA PASS.		
			During day two 8-wheeled armd	cars, 2 armd pick ups		
			& 1 tk (Mark IV) reece along	coast rd to 8 miles west		
			BUG BUG. Patrol withdrew West.	11H attached by 8 MELIC		
BENGASI	"		1930 hrs.			
			NMS..NO new shipping. Slight	MT traffic rd BARCE		
			DERNA.			
SIDI OMAR	"		NMS.			
BENINA LG	"		50 JU52			
DERNA LG	"		70 EA (Many large).			

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Ops	Instrn	No. +	⊙	The	following		
pts	will	be	used	for	firing		
of	Dren	guns	starting	1 May	and		
every	second	day	between	0630	and		
0830	hrs	⊙	Number	of	rd		
to	be	fired	not	more	than		
10 rds	per	gun	under	the	supervision		

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Of an	Offr.	Young	pto
and direction	0	H.Q. Coy	Sand
heap range	10x	A Coy	Bearing
360° Range	300x	B Coy	Post
71673497 Bearing	225°	Range	166491
C Coy Western	side	sec	71743481
Bearing 225°	range	Post	D Coy
	300x	71693475	

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187492	Quarry Range	⊙	Coy	Comds
<del>          </del>	<del>          </del> responsible	all	attached	personnel
in	Coy areas	are	advised	⊙
Coy	reports required	on	completion of	
sa	shoot	⊙ ACK	all	informed

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NABO  
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AND SHOULD BE DESTROYED WHEN  
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HF MATRUH FORTRESS,  
29 Apr 41.

INT. SUMMARY No 7

(Infm up to 2000 hrs 29 Apr 41)

Ops

SALUM-CAPUZZO area

Information received since yesterday's summary was issued states that enemy adv on 26 Apr was in four cols - three cols from area MUSAID-BIR WAIR and the fourth from BP 38. It is believed that the old Italian camp at pt 207, 7½ miles SW of SALUM, is in enemy hands.

Air reports early on 29 Apr state that an enemy coln of about 100 MT was moving down the escarpment into SALUM and dispersing in the east end of the village. It is believed that no AFVs are with this coln, but this is NOT confirmed.

About 50 MT were reported dispersed at the bottom of HALFAYA pass, and some MT were seen at the top.

Reports state no movement seen HALFAYA, CAPUZZO, SIDI OMAR or MADDALENA.

Our own mob patrols were reported at DAR EL HAMRA.

TOBRUK area

Air activity: At 1630 hrs on 27 Apr, 24 JU 87s dive-bombed by AA posns at TOBRUK. 46 casualties are reported and some damage to AA eqpt. This is being repaired. Two high-level bombing attacks on the harbour caused no casualties, but demolished Admiralty House. A Blenheim courier plane was shot down in flames leaving TOBRUK; it is stated there were no survivors. At 0900 hrs 28 Apr 500 MT were reported at and SW of ACROMA. At 1100 hrs 500-600 MT were reported 15 miles east of TOBRUK, and at 2000 hrs a long coln was seen on TRIGH CAPUZZO at EL ADEM, moving west.

DERNA-BENGHAZI area

100 JU52 (tp-carrying) aircraft were reported to be loading tps or stores at BENINA landing ground. 10 JU52 were reported at DERNA and 4 at GAZALA.

Enemy methods

(a) Sig security: It is reported that the enemy has tried to talk on our sets more than once. It should be remembered that the enemy probably possesses captured type 9 and 11 sets.

(b) All ranks are reminded that the telephone system in WESTERN DESERT is NOT secure, and telephone conversation should be regulated accordingly.

Enemy map refs

Ref para 7 of Summary No 6 dated 28 Apr - The direction Left or Right for the second half of the map ref is always given facing the enemy. As the Germans and Italians are now facing east, left is always north, and right south.

Enemy arty

With ref to reports that the German Army is in possession of a special type of Pz Kw 111 tank with a squat turret and a 7.5 cm gun, additional photographs and a description have now appeared in a German journal. It appears that this is in fact a mobile gun intended for the support of inf. It is referred to as "the new assault gun" and as "a worthy successor to the famous inf close support gun of the World War."

The gun mounted appears to be a short-barrelled 7.5 cm, and may be an adaption of the piece used for the 7.5 cm L inf GL/13. The superstructure of the tank is all welded. The height of the gun from the ground seems to be about 4'0", and the over-all height of the vehicle about 5'0". There is no indication as to the thickness of the armour.

Amn is carried in an armd trailer towed by an armd tractor. The latter is semi-tracked, has a very low bonnet, low driving compartment and streamlined tail. Over-all height is about 4'0". Amn seems to be carried in the tail of the tractor as well as in the trailer.

Enemy orgzn

In the German 5 Light Armd Div there is a special unit for the repair of tyres. It is not known whether this implies vulcanising eqpt.

Enemy morale

The following is an extract from the private diary of a German PW:-

"They already have a lot of dead and wounded in the 3rd Coy. It is very distressing. In their camp, faces are very pale and all eyes are downcast. Their nerves are taut to breaking point. If only we had artillery to reply to theirs! But now it is just a question of holding on, after every salvo from the Tommies..."

(This tails off into a pious decision to devote himself solely to God after the war, if he comes out of it alive! -- and it is the last entry in the diary.)

Security

Fifth Coln in Western Desert: All ranks must be prepared to safeguard themselves against possible fifth coln activities. It is quite conceivable that the enemy may attempt to seek infm by using agents wearing British uniforms, and no one can be considered as being above suspicion until he has produced his bona-fides.

On 17 Apr a New Zealand spr at DABA saw a British maj, a sgt-maj and one other person who enquired where the amn and pet dumps were located and asked questions regarding convoys etc. The spr refused to give the infm and suggested that they went to enquire at his orderly room. This they did not do and drove away. The number of the car had been taken, but when further inquiries were made it appeared that the car in question, No 14275 and believed to be a Ford 8, had been written off as destroyed in Feb of this year.

*RW Inall* Capt  
for Col  
GS 7 Aust Div.

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- 21 Aust Inf Bde (4)
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- RAA 7 Aust Div (8)
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- ASC 7 Aust Div (4)
- AIAE 7 Aust Div (4)
- DADOS 7 Aust Div (3)
- Postal 7 Aust Div (1)
- 7 Aust Div Fd Cash (1)
- 10 Pl C Coy Aust H Gd Bn (1)
- G (2)
- AC (2)
- Camp (1)
- LSS Sec (1)
- War Diary (2)
- File (2)
- HC. Matruh Sub-Area (1)
- 6 Aust Cav (1)
- 2/2 MG Bn (1)
- 295 Fd Coy (1)
- 122 Rd Construction Coy (1)
- 231 Coy RASC (1)
- Desforce (1)

Tuesday - 29 Apr.

Many Imperial troops have now left Greece. This news was given in Sydney this morning by the Acting Prime Minister, Mr Fadden. He said the evacuation of Greece was proceeding and the Imperial Forces were conducting themselves with great heroism in the face of heavy enemy pressure. Many had now left Greece after stubbornly contesting the enemy's advance. Unfortunately we could not hope to avoid casualties. The nation would be told the full story at the earliest possible moment. Meanwhile he knew the nation would wait with courage.

Chester Wilmot, of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, in one of the first detailed accounts of the fighting in Greece, had told how for more than a fortnight the small Anzac force supported by British artillery and tanks fought the whole enemy force. Their line was never broken. German dive-bombers attacked their lines of communication and smashed ports through which reinforcements might have come. The forward troops withstood these dive-bombers but transport was bombed as many as 40 to 50 times a day. Every 10 minutes or so they would have to stop to take shelter and even then they were subjected to constant machine-gun attacks. The troops fought by day and withdrew by night. They went for days with little or no sleep. In one group he had encountered there was not a man who did not wear a bandage and a smile. Another group, north of Larissa, manned 21 guns for more than eight hours firing at the rate of a round a minute until the plain before them was a vast graveyard of Germans.

In a fighting speech in Crete the Greek Prime Minister said that destiny had chosen two islands as the last ramparts of the free people of Europe - the islands of Britain and Crete. Both would lead the supreme battle of liberty. He was certain his Government would soon be back in Athens.

The Greek Minister in Cairo announced that the whole Greek merchant navy consisting of millions of tons of shipping had now been placed at the disposal of the British Government.

Twentyfive Yugoslav pilots have reached Moscow in three Savoia planes. They gave a graphic account of the air battles that had taken place over their country. Their country had possessed barely 100 up-to-date fighters, they said. The force had fought valiantly and during the second attack on Belgrade brought down 50 German machines. The next day they destroyed another 50 but the time came when only three fighters and 30 airmen survived. Even this insignificant force had continued to serve its country until it could resist no longer. At one stage 35 Yugoslav craft attacked a German mechanised column flying so low that debris from the vehicles they wrecked pierced the planes.

The latest news from North Africa is that a violent sand-storm is holding up the enemy forces. Visibility in some places has been reduced to five yards and it was thought likely at the time that the conditions would get worse. An American commentator in Cairo had written that this sand storm would prove a valuable ally to the British as our troops were far more experienced in desert warfare than the Axis forces.

Earlier it was reported from Cairo that the enemy forces which had penetrated into Egypt were believed to have captured the town of Sollum. Light elements of a well-known English armoured division were said to be in contact with the enemy still and yesterday our planes attacked a number of troop-carrying aircraft landing troops in Libya. One was left in flames and others damaged.

The identity of the three warships sunk when an entire enemy convoy was obliterated approaching Tripoli on the night of April 15 has been established. They were all Italian destroyers, one being of 1500 tons, another of 1000 and the third of 650 tons.

It is believed that in entering Dessye the British took charge of Italian stores and supplies accumulated as a three months reserve. The Italians are now holding out at only two points in Abyssinia - at Gonda in the northwest and a point in the southwest. Neither however are strong enough to withstand attack.

The Imperial forces have in taking Dessye won their battle against the seasonal rains. Already some rains are reported.

Remnants of the Italian forces are being given no rest by the RAF or the South African Air Force.

Last night the RAF made a further attack on the docks at Brest where the German battle cruisers, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, are still sheltering. Two enemy destroyers supporting supply ships off the Dutch coast were attacked. One was brought to a stand-still with smoke pouring from it. An official communique stated that from this gallant action, pressed home very desperately, four of our machines failed to return.

A Netherlands pilot, taking part in an offensive patrol, contacted an enemy bomber and shot it down over his own country.

In a daylight raid a new Stirling bomber swept down over Emden to a height of only 1500 feet, dropped its heavy load of bombs and opened up with its machine-guns.

Plymouth was once more the chief target for raiders over Britain last night. The attack lasted about two hours. Casualties were not heavy though the damage was severe.

A Fight for Freedom Committee recently constituted in the United States is urging everyone to support convoys across the Atlantic by making representations to their local Congressional member.

The Canadian Prime Minister, Mr McKenzie King, pledging that Canada would not spare either resources or man-power in the battle for freedom, declared that there would be more reverses on land and sea. They might even see attacks on Singapore and Gibraltar but as long as Britain stood no reverse would be decisive.

The British Minister in Washington denied emphatically suggestions that Britain was trying to persuade the United States to send another expeditionary force to the theatre of war.

President Roosevelt's eldest son has reached Chungking, the seat of the Chinese Government. He expects to stay there three or four days and will then fly on to Cairo.

A trade agreement for £11,000,000 between Turkey and Germany has been initialled. Turkey, under the agreement, is to sell tobacco to Germany in return for mechanical supplies.

Writing in the influential newspaper Akdem a Turkish Deputy said today that nothing would ever make Turkey renounce her alliance with Britain.

A statement that although mighty forces still threatened Eire it was intended to maintain the strictest neutrality, was made last night by the Eire Minister for Supply.

The BBC commentator said that in the absence of final news regarding the evacuation of Imperial troops from Greece there were one or two pointers worthy of note. Had they been in a position to do so the Germans would have been the first to claim the capture of a big number of prisoners. They had not done so.

In Libya, Tobruk still held out firmly astride the German lines. The defence, far from being passive, had now taken a total of 2000 prisoners. Meanwhile British forces were harrassing the three enemy columns which had penetrated across the frontier of Egypt to a distance of five or six miles but it seemed that Gen Wavell would not engage them until they were farther east. When the time was ripe he could be relied on to again take the offensive.

Every day brought fresh evidence of the growing striking power of the RAF. Particularly interesting was the growth of its daylight activity.

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ITEM

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 Air Activity - NIL
2. SOLLUM area -  
 The enemy in this area are at present making no offensive move. Rather are they on the gd against the harrassing activities of our mob cols. These cols are constantly raiding and preventing any fwd mvt, on the part of his, at present, not very strong forces. A P W statement reveals that there is one I/C Bn in area SOLLUM Bks - MUSAID - CAPUZZO. This is thought to be self supporting but rather under strength. It is also reported that one motorised Inf Bn is in area SOLLUM Bks. From observations made by one of our cols who carried out an attack in this area recently it is thought there is roughly about a bde in the whole area with 6 A Tk guns and 2 fd guns in the fort and 7.5 cm guns on East side of the fort.
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Arm. Res Water. Res Rations.

- (b) Coys will retain 100 rds per man and 1000 rds per MG(Bren)
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15. INTERCOM

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Signed at 1445 hrs.  
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Capt  
HADO 6

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ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

PLACE	DATE	TIME	PARTICULARS	DEDUCTIONS	NOTES	ACTION TAKEN
TOBRUK	Apr 29		Six air raids directed against port fd guns AA and Fwd posns Number of MT surrounding TOBRUK remains fairly constant about 500, but much movement East and West on route GAZALA - ATROMA) EL ADEM- MUD- BARDIA.			
SALUM	29	1800	12 vehs SIDI SUL IM N. 40 vehs area pt 207			
	30	0730 to 9000	60 to 100 MT moving in three colns southwards from BP 38 to BIR BUTT. First coln 4 large guns and tanks. Second coln lorries towing guns 20 MT 3 med tanks. Third coln 9 MT 2 M/Trs.			
		morning	Tac/R 40 AFV in BARDIA south and SW SALUM. 15 AFV bottom HALFAYA NMS SIDI CMAR - SALUM NMS coastal plain to top of escarpment between SALUM - HALFAYA 300 MT in convoys 10-20 moving East and North TRIGH CAPUZZO to GAMBUT Thence towards BARDIA. Concentration Mt MENASTIR - BARDIA numbers not stated.			