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2/27 Infantry Battalion

June 1941, Appendices,
part 3 of 3

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21 ABST INF BDE GP OP INSTN NO 15.

Evidence is mounting that the French tps in SYRIA will resist. The minimum time therefore is to be spent in parleying and the maximum force available applied quickly. In order to save unnecessary casualties to the civilian population of towns en route, the towns should be surrounded, telephone communications cut, and an offer with an interpreter, sent in under a flag of truce to demand an unconditional surrender.

2. It is not possible to forecast at this stage the trend of events after the frontier is crossed. It seems probable, however, that the first serious resistance will be encountered North of the LITANI River in which area a force of at least one bn of Algerians is reported. The leading elements of DONCOL when approaching this area therefore should be well covered by A Tk guns and by fd arty. It would be unwise for much lorry-borne inf to be pushed up with the fwd elements in view of their vulnerability.
3. Leading elements approaching QASMIYE and the LITANI River crossing must be forewarned of the presence there of the SS Bn and of the fact that enemy MGs are reported in posn on the north bank.
4. The protection of the LITANI River crossing by AA guns is essential. A permanent det of two guns may be placed there later.
5. In suggesting that the first opposition of note may occur at SAIDA the possibility of some trouble from TYR must not be overlooked as it tks, armd cars and inf, in addition to two 75 mm guns and two A Tk guns are reported there. An early recce for bty posns along the TIBNINE - TYR rd must form portion of DONCOL's plan so that arty fire may be quickly brought to bear on any centres of resistance at TYR.
6. Should a halt be necessary on the line of the rd JEZZINE - SAIDA to await contact with 25 Bde Gp, the following pts are to be borne in mind by DONCOL :
 - (a) Disposns to be in depth to facilitate dispersal of MF;
 - (b) Immediate recce to JEZZINE to contact 25 Bde Gp;
 - (c) Armd patrols fwd to the general line BEIT ED DINE - BAAKLIN - YUROTI.
7. In the adv north of the line JEZZINE - SAIDA the importance of four places en route to BEYROUTH must be borne in mind, viz :
 - KHALDE - four 75 mm guns.
 - CHOUIEFAT - pro-German settlement and garrison town.
 - ALEY (139208) - reported amn dump.
 - BEAMDOUN (about 143208) - reported petrol dump.
8. One source of infm indicates that there is a strong defensive posn between ALEY and CHOUIEFAT.
9. On this sec of the adv I may, after DONCOL has taken CHOUIEFAT, divert MOFCOL via the route CHEMLIN 135205 - ALEY and att to it additional mobile tps. MOFCOL after securing ALEY would have to leave a garrison there and move to the general line as laid down in OO No 3.
10. During the ops against BEYROUTH armd Cs will be required to patrol the rds BEYROUTH - RAYAK as far west as AIN SOPAR and BEYROUTH - TRIPOLI as far north as NAHR EL KELB.
11. The first action against BEYROUTH will be to isolate the town, destroy telephone comm unications leading from it and send in a

flag of truce. DONCOL will seize the aerodrome immediately, dispose tps for its defence and occupy posns between HSAIME and the COAST about BIR HASSEN 127214. MOTCOL will est posts on the rds from incl ZAAJAR 134215 and ANPELIAS 137220.

12. Special instns regarding entry into BEYROUTH and the pts to be taken first will be issued later but DONCOL and MOTCOL should make plans at this stage for organizing up to 4 colns of varying strength incl lt tks, carriers, A Tk guns and a coy or pl of inf.
13. The factors which have to be considered in devising any plan are :
 - (a) the strength and attitude of the garrison;
 - (b) the attitude of the French Navy, about six ships of which are in BEYROUTH HARBOUR;
 - (c) the desire of the British Navy to avoid shelling BEYROUTH unless absolutely necessary.
14. In broad principle, however, the plan will be to infiltrate small colns from DONCOL and MOTCOL to strategic pts such as :- Radio Broadcasting stations, Municipal offices, Power Station, Hotels Normandie and Metropole, Residence of High Comr, Military and civil telephone exchanges.
15. The locations of all of these are shown on the map already issued. Arty will recce bty posns to enable it to take on the enemy bty posns and AA defences as shown on the enemy location map.
16. No special mission is being provided to administer the town when captured but certain people who are familiar with it will be available to assist me. British martial law will be imposed immediately on occupation and a curfew introduced.
17. The probable moves of 2/14 Bn during the adv will be to concentrate in TYR area, thence QUADI ZEINE area 118188 utilising the line of the rd to RHARIFE 134188 as a dispersal area. 2/14 Bn will take over the garrison of SAIDA on arrival and the dets of 2/16 Bn left there will rejoin their own unit without delay. Orders will be issued for these moves when the time is opportune for them to take place.

ACK.

Issued to sigs.

Signed at hrs.

J. Stevens Brig.
Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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DONCO L	1
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21 AUST INF BDE GP CO No 7.

Ref Map : HAIFA and BEISAN Sheets 1/100,000.

INFM.

1. See 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp Int Summary No 1 issued in conjunction with these orders.
2. Aust Div Exporter Force moves to assembly areas general line ROSH PINNA 201264 - TARSHIHA 175268 - UMM AL FARAJ 161267.
3. Tps under comd -

Two tps ROYALS
CHESHIRE Yeo (less one sqn)
"A" sqn 6 Aust Cav
2/4 Rd Regt
6 A Tk Bty
170 Lt AA Bty (less one tp).
2/6 Rd Coy
Det Sigs Aust Div Exporter
2/6 Rd Amb (less HQ Coy)

INTENTION.

4. 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp will assemble in the general area TARSHIHA 175268 - UMM AL FARAJ 161267 - AZZIB 159272.

METHOD.

5. 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be divided into colns as under :

(i) Designated "DONCOL".
Comd - Lt-Col A B MacDonald 2/16 Bn.
Two tps ROYALS
A Sqn 6 Aust Cav (less Lt Tk tps)
2/4 Rd Regt (less one bty)
Two tps 6 A Tk Bty (less two guns)
One tp 170 Lt AA Bty
2/6 Rd Coy (less one sec)
2/16 Bn
One coy 2/6 Rd Amb.

(ii) Designated "MOTCOL".
Comd - Lt-Col M J Moten 2/27 Bn.
Lt Tk Tps A Sqn 6 Aust Cav
One bty 2/4 Rd Regt
6 A Tk Bty (less two tps)
170 Lt AA Bty (less two tps)
One sec 2/6 Rd Coy
2/27 Bn
One coy 2/6 Rd Amb

Components of above colns come under comd 0900 hrs D - 2.

(iii) Cheshire Yeomanry.

(iv) 2/14 Bn (with special and res roles).

6. Assembly areas are allotted as follows :-

/DONCOL -

DONCOL - Area TARSHIHA 175268
 MOTCOL - " UMM AL FARAJ 161267
 Two coys
 2/14 Bn
 (less one
 pl) - " AZZIB 159272
 2/14 Bn
 (less
 above) - Wooded area 160265
 CHESHIRE
 YEO - ALKABRI 164268
 B Ech (all
 units) - UMM AL FARAJ (after departure of
 MOTCOL).

7. The movement will be carried out by night in accordance with Movement Table att as Appx "A".
8. During the move absolutely no lights will be used after passing SHA'AR HA AMAQIM 160236.
9. Immediately on arrival in assembly areas all vehs and personnel will be placed under cover and camflg. The various colns will "lie up" during the day of D - 1. No mvt of vehs will be permitted and such personnel mvt as is necessary will be made under cover.
10. Outline instns have already been issued for the further actions of colns after leaving the assembly areas and colns will move to the assembly area in the order they will leave for their subsequent action to reduce mvt in the assembly area to a minimum.

ADM.

11. B Ech all units move on D1 to UMM AL FARAJ after MOTCOL has vacated that area.
 The order of march of B Ech will be as follows -

(i)	All subunits "DONCOL"	} Comd - Capt R White, Bde Tpt Oftr
(ii)	HQ Bde Gp	
(iii)	All subunits "MOTCOL"	
(iv)	CHESHIRE YEO	
(v)	2/14 Bn	
12. B Ech remains this area until ordered fwd.
13. 5 Res MT Coy reports 1200 hrs D - 2. Units will have guides detailed ready to report to HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp as soon as signalled for.
14. Embussing Pts - Unit areas.
15. Further Adm Orders issued separately.

INTERCOMM.

16. Wireless silence during move and whilst in assembly areas.
17. HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp closes present location 0130 hrs D minus 1 and reopens ALBAHJA 159260 at same time.
18. DR routes fwd from Bde HQ will be by track AL BAHJA - AL KABRI and rd TARSHIHA - NAHARIYA.
 The main rd will NOT be used.

/19. Following -

19. Following dets Div Sigs are att from 1900 hrs D minus 3:

Three W/T sets 109
 One Cable det
 Four MC DRS.

Maj.
WM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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 Signed at 2010 hrs.

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2/14 Bn	1	2/6 Pd Amb	13
2/16 Bn	2	AILO	14
2/27 Bn	3	25 Aust Inf Bde Gp	15
Sigs	4	Aust Div Exporter	16
59 IAD	5	Comd	17
A Sqn ROYALS	6	LOs	18-20
CHESHIRE YEO	7	Bde TO	21
A Sqn 6 Aust Cav	8	File	22-23
2/4 Pd Regt	9	War Diary	24-25
6 A Tk Bty	10	Spare	26-27.
Tp 170 Lt AA Bty	11		
2/6 Pd Coy	12		

MOVEMENT TABLE.

ROUTE : AFFULA - Rd JUNC 17762292 - SHIMRON 170234 - SHA'AR HA ANAQIM 160236 - Rd JUNC 16302438 - ACRE - NAHARIYA
 159268 - TARSHIHA 17532687.

DISPERSAL PTS : Assembly areas as shown.
 HALTS : 10 mins before every even hr (except DONCOL and MOTCOL).

Serial No (a)	Date (b)	Formation or Unit (c)	No of vehs (d)	Place		SP (g)	Time past SP (h)	Speed to SP (j)	Speeds and Densities		Remarks
				From (e)	To (f)				min (k)	veh (l)	
1	D-3	"A" Sqdn 8 Aust Cav	18	AFFULA	SHA'AR HA ANAQIM 160236	Rd & Track June 17442298	2030	6 mih	6	30	Move to intermediate "lying up" area as already received.
2	"	2/4 RI Regt	105		Rd June 17742246	2030					
3	D-2	"A" Sqdn 8 Aust Cav	18	AFFULA	SHA'AR HA ANAQIM	Rd June 16102364	2030	6 mih	6	30	
4	"	2/4 RI Regt	105		Assembly Areas DONCOL & MOTCOL						
5	D-2	2/14 Bn	19	AFFULA	AZZIB NAHARIYA	Rd June 17762292	2215 2230	12 mih	12	30	On reaching AZZIB all vehs for these coys return to unit assembly area.
6	"	2/14 Bn	57								
7	D-2	HQ Bde Gp	17	AFFULA	ALBAHJA	Rd June 17742246	2345	12 mih	12	30	Ø halts 10 mins before every odd hr.
8	"	DONCOL Ø (incl Tyforce)	218		TARSHIHA	Rd June 16952340					
9	D-1	MOTCOL Ø	167		UMH AL FARAJ	" " " 0140					
10	D-1	Vehs serial No 5 above	19	AZZIB	Wooded Area 160265	AZZIB	0340 0340	12 mih	12	30	Vehs of 5v Res MT Coy which lifted 2/14 Bn report to 25 Aust Inf Bde as soon as this move complete.
11	D1	2/6 RI Amb (less two coys)	20	AFFULA	AL BIRWA	Rd June 17742246	0800	20 mih	20	15	
12	D1	B Ech all units	147	AFFULA	NAHARIYA	Rd June 16952336	1200	20 mih	20	15	

CHESHIRE YEO moves to ass embly area across country under separate arrangements.

21 AUST INF BDE GP ADM INSTN No 1.
(Issued in conjunction with 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp
OO No 7.)

Ref Maps : HAIFA sheet 1/100,000
SAFAD sheet 1/100,000

1. AMN.

(a) Units will move to Assembly Areas with first line amn complete as follows :

(i) With man or gun -

Rifle	-	100
LMG	-	1000
.55 AP	-	200
T. SMG	-	250
3 in Mor HE	-	up to 75 if available.
3 in Mor Smok	-	45
2 in Mor HE	-	9
2 in Mor Smok	-	27

(ii) On A Ech vehs - the balance to G1098 scale. Normal replenishment will be carried out by units.

(b) Locations and times of opening of APs will be advised as situation develops, except for 2/4 Pd Arty, for which amn will be delivered by Bde Gp Comp Coy to Bty posns.

2. POL.

(a) All vehs will proceed to Assembly Areas with tanks full and res on vehs as follows :

Cars	-	8 gals
Vans	-	12 "
Lorries	-	16 "

(b) One veh from B Ech of inf bn in each coln will accompany its coln with sufficient pet to replace consumption during move to Assembly Areas. On completion of replenishment, these vehs will return to B Ech.

(c) Two pet vehs from own unit will accompany 2/4 Pd Arty, 6 A Tk Bty, A Sqn 6 Aust Cav, to Assembly Area, one of which will replenish their vehs and return to B Ech. The other veh will accompany the colns on D1.

(d) Location and times of opening of PPs will be notified.

3. SUPS.

(a) Four days hard rations and the unconsumed portion of the day's ration will be taken from concentration area and carried as follows :

- One day on the man,
- One day with the tps in the tp carrying vehs for consumption in Assembly Areas,
- Two days in A Ech vehs,
- One day in B Ech vehs.

(b) One day's hard ration will be for consumption on D2 day and the remaining will be res.

/(c) Units -

- (c) Units will be maintained in the normal manner. Locations and times of MPs will be notified daily.
- (d) Indents (AB55) will be submitted to Bde by all units in Gp by 0830 hrs daily. Indents will be for rations for consumption on the third day after rendition.
- (e) Fully motorised units will carry the full four days rations plus the unconsumed days ration in their unit vehs from the Concentration Area.
- (f) Rations vehs of 2/14 Bn only will move fwd to the unit on D1 at a time and to a RV to be notified. They will be accompanied by water veh.

4. Water.

- (a) The following res will be carried :

Cars	-	4 gals.
Vans	-	8 gals.
Lorries	-	16 gals.

- (b) Water tanks as under will accompany colns to the Assembly Areas:

From 2/16 Bn with DONCOL.
" 2/27 Bn with MOTCOL.

All water bottles and water containers will be replenished to the scale shown in sub-para (a) before colns move out of Assembly Areas and the water tanks will then refill at the nearest WP to be notified later. On filling they will move fwd again and rejoin their respective colns.

- (c) Water tank of 2/14 Bn only will move fwd to the unit on D1 with ration vehs referred to in para 3 (d).
- (d) Water for filling radiators will be obtained from creeks, etc., so far as possible.
- (e) Any additional res in addition to that in sub-para (a) which can be carried without overloading vehs will be taken.

- 5. BLANKETS, GREATCOATS. Blankets will be placed in packs and greatcoats rolled outside and att'd to packs. Packs will be carried in pl vehs.

6. MEDICAL.

- (a) A Coy 2/6 Fd Amb will accompany DONCOL and B Coy 2/6 Fd Amb will accompany MOTCOL. One Lt Sec plus one amb veh will be att'd to 2/14 Bn.
- (b) Evacuation will be by MAC direct from Fd Amb until MDS is est.

7. REC.

- (a) LA DS will move with B Ech.
- (b) Second line rec posts will be located on D1 at AL BAHJA 15892612. Mainshop will be located at AD DAMON 16742534.

8. TRAFFIC.

- (a) TCFs will be est under arrangements of DAPM Exporter.
- (b) Traffic circuits as shown in map already issued will be adhered to, except

(1) on day D-1 from 0600 hrs until 2000 hrs routes A7, A5, B3, B4 will be one way routes running North.

(11) On nights D-2/D-1 and D-1/D1 from 2000 hrs until 0600 hrs route B5 is res for 25 Inf Bde Gp traffic.

9. FW.

(a) Collecting centres will be est at :

TYR - Gd detailed by 2/14 Bn.
SAIDA - Gd detailed by 2/16 Bn.

(b) FWS, under escort provided from above gds, will be sent back to cages est at MALIKIYA 198279 and JUEILA 170273. The actual cage to be used will be notified later when posn respecting COAST Rd is known.

(c) Gds at cages will be provided by tps quartered at the frontier camps in these areas.

10. STRAGGLERS. DAPM will arrange line of straggler posts along the frontier.

11. TPT. B Ech will be bded under BTO as from 1800 hrs D - 2. It will remain in the present area until 1000 hrs on D1 when it will move to the Assembly Areas UMM AL FARAJ and await further orders.

12. BURIALS. Attention is drawn to Aust Div Exporter Adm Instn No 6 of 3 Jun 41 on this subject, distributed to all units 4 Jun 41.

ACK.
Issued to Sigs.
Signed at 12⁰⁵ hrs.


Capt.
SC 21 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

As for 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp OO No 7.

War Diary

2/27 Dn AIF O C No. 5

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5 Jun 41

REF MAP - HAIFA and BEISAN sheets
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ITEM I

1. 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp moves to assembly areas in the general area MASHIHA 175268 - UMI AL PARAJ 161267 - AZZIB 159272.

2. 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be divided into colns as under:-

i. Designated "DOKCOL"

Cond. - Lt-Col A.B. MacDonald 2/16 Dn.

Two tps ROYALS

A. Sqd 6 Aust Cav (less Lt Mk tps)

2/4 Pd Regt (less one bty).

Two tps 6 A.Mk Bty (less two guns)

One tp 170 Lt A.A. Bty.

2/6 Pd Coy (less one sec).

2/16 Dn

One Coy 2/6 Pd Amb.

ii. Designated "MOTCOL"

Cond - Lt-Col M. J. Koton 2/27 Dn

Lt Mk tps A. Sqd 6 Aust Cav.

8 Bty 2/4 Pd Regt.

6 A.Mk Bty (less two tps).

170 Lt A.A. Bty (less two tps)

One Sec 2/6 Pd Coy

2/27 Dn.

One Coy 2/6 Pd Amb.

Components of above colns come under comm

0900 hrs D-2.

iii. Cheshire Yeomanry

iv. 2/14 Dn (with special and res roles).

3. INFORMATION

2/27 Dn and att tps will assemble in area

UMI AL PARAJ 161267.

ITEM II

4. The movement will be carried out by night in accordance with Movement Table att as Appx "A".

5. During the move absolutely no lights will be used after passing SIA'AR HA MIAQHI 160236.

6. Immediately on arrival in Assemble Area all vehs and personnel will be placed under cover and camflg. "MOTCOL" will "lie up" during the day of D-1. No movement of vehs will be permitted and such personnel movement as is necessary will be made under cover.

7. ADM

"B" Ech all units move on D1 to UMI AL PARAJ after MOT has vacated that area.

The order of march of "B" Ech will be as follows:-

- i. All sub-units "DOKCOL"
- ii. HQ Bde Gp
- iii. All sub-units "MOTCOL"
- iv. Cheshire Yeomanry
- v. 2/14 Dn.

} Cond - Capt White
Bde Tot Offr.

(2)

- 8. "D" Bn remains this area until ordered fwd.
- 9. One guide per Coy 2/27 Bn will report to Bn HQ at 0900 hrs D-2 to lead Bn Coy vehs to Coy areas for transporting tps.
- 10. Embussing Pts - Coy Areas.
- 11. Further Adm Orders issued separately.

WIRELESS

- 12. Wireless silence during move and whilst in Assemble Areas.
- 13. HQ 2/27 Bn closes at KIFAR YEMEZEL at 0015 hrs D-1 and reports thereafter to the head of "LORCOL".
- 14. DR routes fwd from Bde HQ at AL BANJA 159260 will be by track: AL BANJA - AL KABRI and rd TARGHINA - HAWARIYA to Assemble area. The main rd will NOT be used.

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Issued to Sigs.
Signed at hrs.

[Signature]
Capt
Adj 2/27 Bn AIF.

DISTRIBUTION

HQ Coy	No. 1	170 Lt AA Bty No. 9	9
A. Coy	2	2/6 Pz Coy	10
B. Coy	3	2/6 Pz Inf	11
C. Coy	4	21 Inf Bde H.Q.	12
D. Coy	5	2/16 Bn	13
A. Coy 6 Aust Coy	6	2/14 Bn	14
2/4 Pz Regt	7	Comd	15
6 A. M. Bty	8	Pz Co	16
		War Mary	17
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MOVEMENT TABLE - "KOTCOL" - Issued with 2/27 En 00 No. 5.

SECRET

Route - ABFULA - Rd June 17762292 - SHIRON 170234 - JHIDA 160236 - Rd June 15302430 - AKRE - HAHARIYA - 159268 - UMI AL FARAJ 161267.

Dispersal Pt - (a) Assembly areas previously pointed out to Unit Comds.
 (b) Guides will meet Coys of 2/27 En at Rd June 1592680.
 (c) Sketch of dispersal area is att to Coy No. ___ for info by Comd 170 Lt AA Bty.

Halts - Ten minutes before every odd hr.

Speeds and Distances to the Starting Point and on route - 12 KM 30 VMI

"KOTCOL" crosses SP (Rd June) 16952340 at 0140 hrs D-1.

Serial No.	Date	Formation	No of vehs.	Place		Unit S.Ps	Times past Unit S.Ps	REMARKS
				From	To			
1	D-1	HQ "KOTCOL" Lt Al 2/27 En Coy 2/6 Lt AA Bty	2 10 9	Kofar Yehesgol	UMI AL FARAJ 161267	Rd June 16952340	0140 0140 0142	
2	D-1	One Sec 2/6 Lt AA Coy 6 Lt AA Bty (less two tps)	8 11	Dalfourya area "	-do- "	Rd June 17762292	0105 0105	To pass "KOTCOL" SP 16952340 at 0145.
3	D-1	2/27 En (less K-F1)	80	Kofar Yehesgol	-do-	Rd June 17762240	0045	To pass "KOTCOL" SP at 0147.
4	D-1	170 Lt AA Bty (less two tps)	7	JHIDA	-do-	JHIDA	0212	Join in rear of Serial 3.
5	D-1	"D" Ech all Units "KOTCOL".		ABFULA	HAHARIYA	Rd June 16952335	1200	DO NOT STOP 15 VMI 16 VMI before each over- car.

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2/16 Bn

Ref. MAP sheet 1/100,000

SECRET
CO No 5
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3 Jun 41.

INFM

- 1 See 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp Int Summary No 1
- 2 Aust Div Exporter Force moves to assembly area ROSE PINNA 201264 - TARSHIHA 175268 - URM AL FARAJ 161267.
- 3 DONCOL, component of Exporter Force, consists of :-
Lt Col A B MacDonald 2/16 Bn with under comd :-
Two tps Royals
A sqn 6 Aust Cav (less two lt tk tps)
2/4 Fd Regt less one bty
Two tps 6 A Tk Bty (less one sec) --(one gun reports 21 Aust Inf Bde
(one gun reports to TYR Force

One tp 170 Lt AA Bty
2/6 Fd Coy less one sec plus det Fd Park Coy
2/16 Bn less 2 secs 2 pl
One Coy 2/6 Fd Amb
- 4 TYR Force consists of :-
One rifle coy 2/14 Bn
Two mortar det 2/14 Bn
Two carriers 2/14 Bn
One A Tk gun 6 A Tk Bty
- 5 TYR Force comes under comd DONCOL at 0900hrs D-2 & remains under comd till TYR is taken.
- 6 One coy 2/2 Pnr Bn moves with DONCOL
- 7 One gun 6 A Tk Bty reports 21 Aust Inf Bde at 0900hrs D-2. One gun reports to TYR Force at 0900hrs D-2.

INTENTION

- 3 DONCOL, TYR Force & one coy 2/2 Pnr Bn will move by RT to assembly area TARSHIHA at 2345 hrs D-2

METHOD

- 9 Adv gd - Maj Potts with under comd :-

	Vehs	AFV OR GUNS	MC
Engr mine party	1		
Two tps Royals		6	
X Four tps carriers 6 Aust Cav		12	
9 pl A coy	3		
Comd	1		3
c Recce Party 2/6 Fd Coy	2		
X One sec 2/4 Fd Regt	1	2	2
A coy less 9 pl	3		
One sec 6 A Tk Bty	1	2	
One sec 170 Lt AA Bty	1	2	
RAP	1		
	19	24	5
Main body :-			
HQ	4	1	6
A det - MC			3
one sec 4 pl		3	
one A Tk gun		1	
B det - MC			3
sec 4 pl		3	
one A Tk gun		1	
One sec 2 pl	1		
4 pl (less two secs)		3	
B coy	11		
X C coy	11		
3 pl	4		
X 2/4 Fd Regt less one bty less one sec	35	10	
2/6 Fd Coy less one sec less recce party	17		
X Det Fd Park Coy	9		
One sec 170 Lt AA Bty	1	2	
X D coy	11		
One coy 2/6 Fd Amb	2		1

9 Main body (contd)

	Vehs	ATV or guns	MG
Petrol & mechanics waggon 6 Aust Cav	2		
One sec 6 A Tk Bty	1	2	
One sec 2 pl	1		
TYR Force	14	2	
x One coy 2/2 Pnr Bn	9		

x These units move separately to assembly area as per appx A but on move from assembly area will be in the above formation.

- 10 Movement - see appx A
- 11 No lights to be used after passing SHA'AR EL AMAQIM 160236
- 12 Immediately on arrival in assembly areas all vehs & personnel will be placed under cover & camflg. Units will "lie up" in their areas during the day D-1 & from daylight till dark no movement of vehs will be permitted. Any movement of personnel necessary will be made under cover.

ADM

- 13 B ech all units remain in present areas till ordered fwd then move to UMM AL FARAJ.
- B ech will be ready to move at 0600hrs DL.
- 14 OC coys will arrange for one guide per coy to stand by at 1100hrs D-2 to guide MT of 5 Res MP Coy to coy areas.
- 15 Embussing pts - coy areas
- 16 OC HQ coy will arrange guides for the coln & for sub unit assembly areas for traffic guides en route & for preparing areas for rapid dispersal.
- 17 Further adm orders will be issued separately.

INTERCOM

- 18 Wireless silence during move.
- 19 Bn HQ closes present location 2345hrs thence moves at head of main body to TARSHIMA where it re-opens on arrival.

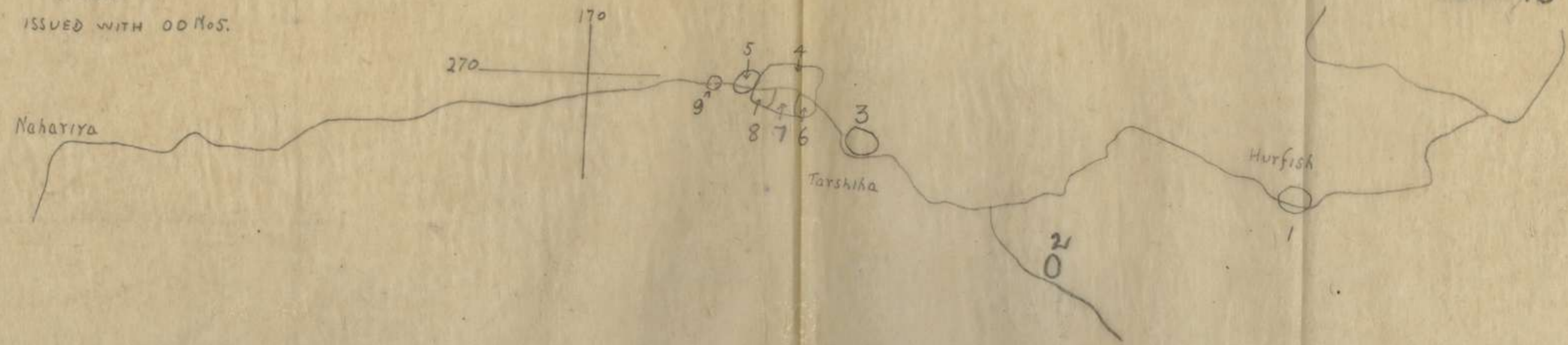
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Signed at 1430 hrs 5 Jun 41.
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G H Lockall
Adj't 2/16 Bn AIF Capt

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5 Jun 41.MOVEMENT TABLE

ROUTE: AUFULA - Rd June 17762292 - SHIMRON 170234 - SHAFAR HA AMAQIM 160236 -
Rd June 15302438 - AG-NE - NAHARTYA 159268 - TARSHEHA 17332687.

SPEED: to SP & speed & density on march 12 min - 30 vtm.

~~DISPERSAL PTS : assembly areas - see tracing A~~

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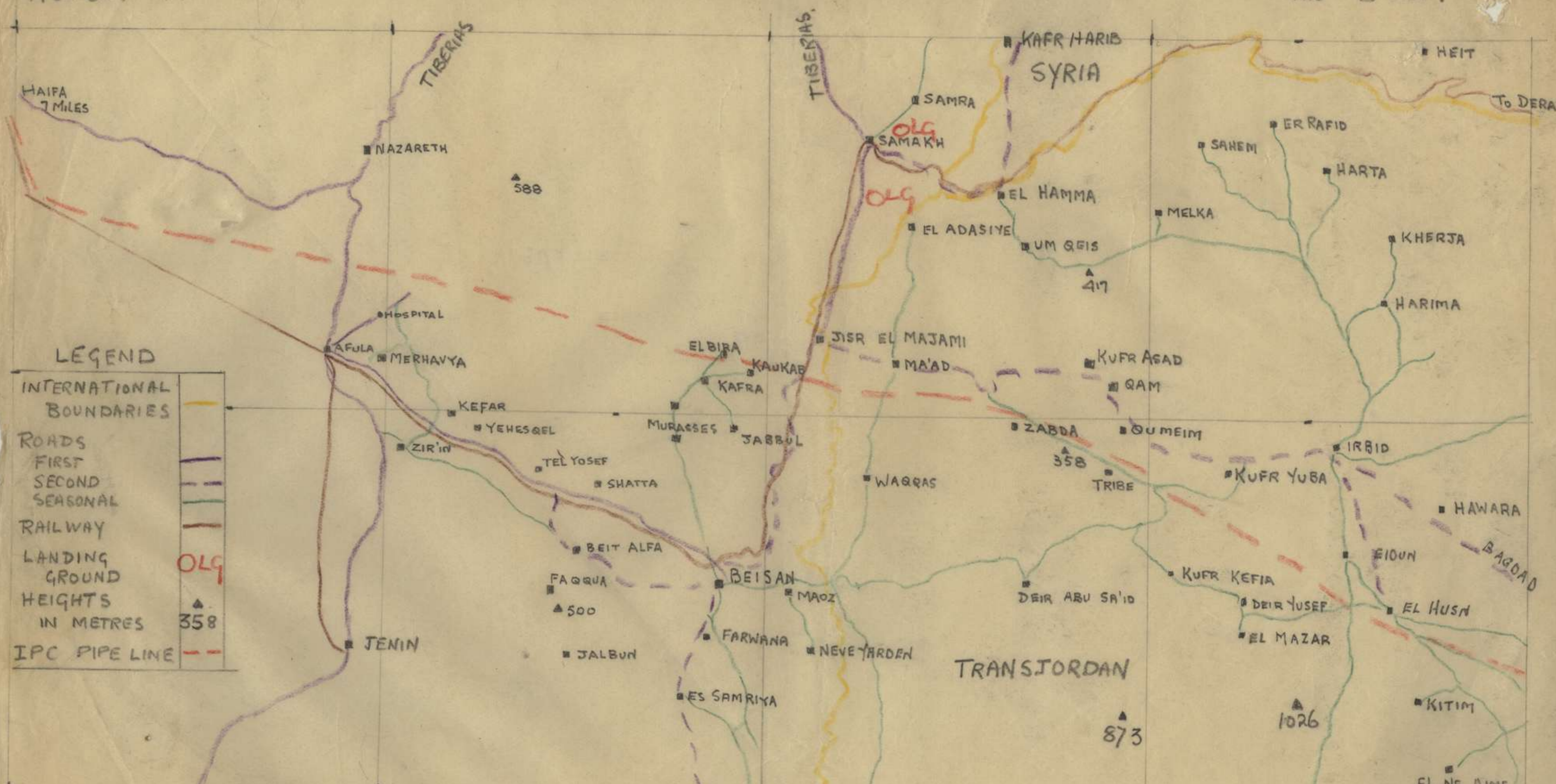
HALTS: at 10 min to every odd hr. First halt at 0050hrs.

Serial No	Date	Unit	No of Vehs	Place		Time Past		Remarks
				From	To	SP	SP	
1		D-2 C coy	11	AUFULA	areal rd junc			
1a		D-2 D coy	11	"	"	16982340	2345	
2		" Pnr coy	9	"	"	16982340	2346	
3		" 2/5 Rd Coy	1	"	area2	"	2350	
4		" Two tps Royals	6	"	"	"	2350	
5		" Four tps 6 Aust Coy	12	SHAFAR HA	AMAQIM area6	-	-	Moves separately. Reports to OC Adv gd 20-5hrs D-1 at area2
6		" 9 pl A coy	3	AUFULA	area2 rd junc	16982340	2351	
7		" Comd	1	AUFULA	area2	"	2351	
8		" R pty 2/6 Rd coy	2	AUFULA	"	"	2351	
9		" Sec 2/4 Rd Regt	3	SHAFAR HA	AMAQIM area4	-	-	Moves with Rd Regt. Reports to OC Adv gd 2100hrs D-1 at area 2
10		" 9 pl less	8	AUFULA	area2 rd junc	16982340	2352	
11		" Sec 6 A Tk Dty	3	"	"	"	2353	
12		" Sec 170 AA Lt Bty	3	"	"	"	2353	
13		" RAP	1	"	"	"	2353	
14		" HQ DONCOL	5	"	area3	"	2356	
15		" Sec 4 pl	3	"	"	"	2356	
15a		" A Tk gun	1	"	"	"	2356	
16		" Sec 4 pl	3	"	"	"	2357	
16a		" A Tk gun	1	"	"	"	2357	
17		" Sec 2 pl	1	"	"	"	2357	
18		" 4 pl less two secs	3	"	"	"	2357	
19		" B coy	11	"	"	"	2358	
20		" 3 pl	4	"	"	"	2359	
21		" 2/4 Rd Regt less one bty less one sec	66	SHAFAR HA	AMAQIM area4	"	-	

ENLARGEMENT
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MOTOR MAP

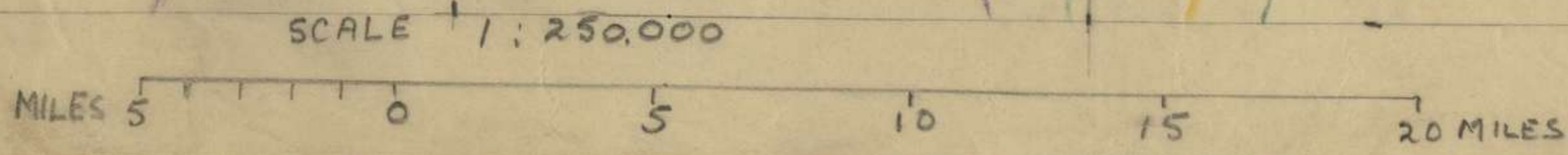
KEFAR YEHEZQEL AREA

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LEGEND

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES	
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21 AUST INF BDE GP OF INSTN No 13.

Ref Map : BEYROUTH Sheet 1/200,000.

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MOTCOL will be placed in order of march with leading veh immediately East of rd junc 159268 by 0500 hrs D1.

Comd MOTCOL is his own veh and with one MCDR will report to Bde Comd at 0500 hrs D1 at North SOMERSET YEO post at RAS EN NAQURA.

+ Recce Imp
Lt Tks and one pl of inf in lorry from MOTCOL will arrive in area immediately North of rd junc 161276 at 0530 hrs D1 and await orders. If the COAST Rd is declared safe, they will be required to clear this rd of blocks and enemy posts between ISKANDAROUN and RACHIDLYE.

When DONCOL reaches COAST Rd, lt tks of MOTCOL will join DONCOL. Pl of inf referred to above will wait at RACHIDLYE and rejoin MOTCOL when latter arrives.

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Signed at *0921* hrs.
Issued to Sigs.

[Signature]
Maj.

EM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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MOTCOL	1
North SOMERSET YEO	2
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Pass word.
Treatment of French.
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Local govt impressions.
maps - documents FSS
Don't touch anyone.
Good luck.*

21 AUST INF BDE GP OO NO 8.

Ref Maps : BEYROUTH Sheet 1/200,000
HAIRA and SAFAD Sheets 1/100,000.

INFM.

1. Vide 21 Aust Inf Bde Int Summaries Nos 1 & 2.
2. Exporter Force is to adv on D1 day into SYRIA and seize the aerodromes at BEYROUTH and RAYAK. 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp will adv on the right on the axis METULLAH 204298 - MERDJAYOUN 136159 - HASBAYE 145162 - RAYAK 175213.
21 Aust Inf Bde Gp will move on the left on the general axis COAST Rd.
3. Inter bde boundary (all incl 21 Aust Inf Bde) - EL MALIKIYA 198271 - TIBNINE 188289 - HARBOUCH 126164 - JEZZINE 136179 - MOUKHTARA 139191 - BAROUCH 145196 - AINSOFA 148207 - (all incl 25 Aust Inf Bde) HAMMANA 151210 - MROUJ 152219.
4. 5 Ind Inf Bde and Free French Forces are operating on the right of the 25 Bde Gp.
5. C Bn SS is landing near the mouth of the LITANI River at 0200 hrs D1 to secure a br head over that river and prevent the demolition of the br there and the br at ABU EL ASSOUD. This bn will remain in posn until DONCOL passes North of the river when it will withdraw from the op.

INTENTION.

6. 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp will seize the aerodrome at BEYROUTH.

METHOD.

7. 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be divided into the following colns :

(a) To be known as "DONCOL"

Comd - Lt-Col A B MacDonald 2/16 Bn
Two tps ROYALS (armd Cs)
A Sqn 6 Aust Cav (less tk tps)
2/4 Fd Regt (less one bty)
Two tps 6 A Tk Bty
One tp 170 Lt AA Bty
2/6 Fd Coy (less one sec)
2/16 Bn
One coy 2/6 Fd Amb
C Sec 5 Res MT Coy

(b) To be known as "MOTCOL"

Comd - Lt-Col M J Moten 2/27 Bn
Two tk tps A Sqn 6 Aust Cav
One bty 2/4 Fd Regt
6 A Tk Bty (less two tps)
170 Lt AA Bty (less two tps)
One sec 2/6 Fd Coy
2/27 Bn
One coy 2/6 Fd Amb
D Sec 5 Res MT Coy.

Rear HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde moves in rear of MOTCOL.

- (c) To be known as TYR FORCE and to be utilised to garrison TYR after capture :

/Comd -

Comd - Capt S Howden 2/14 Bn
C Coy 2/14 Bn
Two carriers 2/14 Bn
Two dets 3 Pl 2/14 Bn
One gun 6 A Tk Bty

- (d) CHESHIRE YEO (less one sqn)
- (e) 2/14 Bn (less TYR FORCE)

8. Objective : Rd RAYAK - BEYROUTH west of AIN SOFAR (incl).

Intermediate Objectives : First, Rd MERDJAYOUN - HABBOUCH - COAST.
Second, Rd JEZZINE - SAIDA.

A halt will be made on second objectives until contact has been made with 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp or permission to adv is given by Bde. Armd patrols will however be sent fwd of this objective during any period that the adv is delayed.

Pts of contact with 25 Bde Gp are
HABBOUCH
JEZZINE
AIN SOFAR.

DONCOL is responsible for establishing contact at these pts.

9. Separate instns have been issued to the following units for the creation of br heads at the places shown :

- (a) DONCOL : YAROUN 189276 - AIN EBEL 188279 - AITAROUNE 194280 - BENNI JBAIL 191281.
- (b) CHE SHIRE YEO : KH JERBINE 172279 - RAMIET 179279 - AITA ECH CHAAB 182278 - REMEICHE 185275.
- (c) 2/14 Bn : ALMA CHAAB 167279 - LABOUNA 164277 - NAQOURA 163281 - ISKANDAROUN 166284.

10. As soon as the enemy posts YAROUN, AIN EBEL, AITAROUNE and BENNI JBAIL have been captured by DONCOL a track will be built by one coy 2/2 Pnr Bn from the PALESTINE frontier rd at EL MALIKIYA to join up with the French frontier rd. DONCOL will cross the frontier by this track at 0445 hrs and adv via TIBNINE 189289 and TYR 170296.

11. TYR FORCE will follow immediately after DONCOL and will be under comd until placed in TYR as garrison. Tpt for TYR FORCE will be drawn from extra vehs of C and D Sub-sections of 5 MF Res Coy.

12. CHESHIRE YEO, on completion of task in para 10 above, will adv via TIBNINE - TIERZEBNA 187295 - SRIFA 187298 to KAHR SIR 121154. It will be prepared to turn from the East any defences on the line of the R LITANI should DONCOL be held up South of the R. Any orders for this op will be given by DONCOL at rd junc 186294 South of TIER ZEBNA. If not required for this op, CHESHIRE YEO will proceed to area ZEBDEINE 124160 - HABBOUCH and provide flank protection astride the rds NABATIYE - ABOU EL ASSOUD 106159 and HABBOUCH - COAST during night D1/D2.

13. MOTCOL will move from Assembly Areas and halt with the leading elements of the coln at rd junc 15962680 at 0500 hrs and there await orders from Gp Comd. If the COAST Rd is passable, MOTCOL will send det to clear the rd as far North as RACHIDLYE 170293. Further adv of MOTCOL via the COAST Rd will only take place after TYR has been captured by DONCOL. The responsibility of advising MOTCOL of the capture of TYR rests with DONCOL.

14. Should the COAST Rd be rendered impassable, MOTCOL will be /diverted -

diverted by Gp Comd to follow DONCOL.

15. The action to be taken on arrival at BEYROUTH will be covered in an op instn to be issued but DONCOL must seize aerodrome and approaches between HSAIME 132214 and the COAST while MOTCOL seizes the Eastern and Northern entrances between ZAAJAR 134215 and ANTELIAS 137220.

ADM.

16. See Adm Instn No 1 issued separately.

INTERCOMN.

17. Ground to ground : W/T dets will be provided as under :

- (a) Adv Bde Gp HQ - 109 sets
- (b) DONCOL - 109 and 101 sets
- (c) MOTCOL - 101 set
- (d) 2/14 Bn - 101 set.

Message bag sent to the F.S.S. personnel document to be 15/2

18. Ground to air :

- (a) RAF Tender with Adv Bde Gp HQ
- (b) Recognition strips.

19. Air to ground : Color of day and message dropping (see supplementary code list issued separately). Sig layout diagram is being issued separately.

20. White square to indicate posn fwd tps and AFVs to be displayed on call from air by color of day or by aircraft flying a series of "g" turns. *wing wobbling*

21. Adv Bde Gp HQ at RAS EN NAQURA till ISKANDAROUN captured thence via COAST Rd. If rd destroyed at that pt, follows DONCOL. Wireless silence until zero.

22. Rear Bde HQ moves in rear of MOTCOL.

23. LOS with DONCOL and MOTCOL as from 2000 hrs D - 1.

24. Password in two parts :-

Question; Where is the KOOKABURRA
 Answer, At CANBERRA.

ACK. *0745*
 Signed at hrs.
 Issued to sigs.

M. J. Mear
 Maj.
 BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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A Sqn 6 Aust Cav	9
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6 A Tk Bty	11
170 Lt AA Bty	12
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21 Aust Inf Bde Gp	
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OP INSTN

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INFM

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- 4 C Bn SS is landing near the mouth of the LITANI river at 0200 hrs D1 to secure a br head over that river and prevent the demolition of the br there & the br at ABU EL ASSOUD. This bn will remain in posn until DONCOL passes north of the river when it will withdraw.
- 5 DONCOL followed by TYR FORCE will move via the prepared track EL MALIKIYA - AITAROUNE thence via rd BENNT JBAIL - TIBNINE - TYR, thence via Coast rd to BEYROUTH.
- 6 MOTCOL is to move via the Coast rd from NAQOURA & is to follow in rear of DONCOL as soon as TYR is contained. If the Coast rd is blown between NAQOURA & TYR & passage is blocked MOTCOL will follow DONCOL via rd from EL MALIKIYA.
- 7 If Coast rd is open two tps (Lt tks) 6 Aust Cav will come under comd DONCOL for attack on TYR & remain under comd DONCOL.
- 8 DONCOL is to attack TYR & when captured it will be contained by TYR FORCE.
- 9 The CHESHIRE YCO is to move via the rd AIN EBEL - TIBNINE - TEIR ZEBNA - KAFIR SIR & gd the right flank.

INTENTION

- 10 DONCOL will cover the adv of 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp & seize the aerodrome at BEYROUTH.

METHOD

- 11 Outline sequence of ops is as follows :-
 - D-2 DONCOL followed by TYR FORCE plus one coy 2/2 Pnr Bn moves to concentration area TARSHIHA - HURFEISH.
- 12 D-1 All units lie up in concentration areas, no movement whatsoever in or about areas.
- 13 D1
 - (a) C & D coys move out & capture posts AITAROUNE, BENNT JBAIL, YAROUN & AIN EBEL.
 - (b) Coy 2/2 Pnr Bn prepares rd from EL MALIKIYA to SYRIAN FRONTIER rd.
 - (c) As soon as BENNT JBAIL is taken adv gd moves along TIBNINE rd
 - (d) Main body follows on.
Det A closes track at BAR ACHIT.
Det B closes rd at DEIR KIFA.
 - (e) Two tps Royals go fwd to main COAST rd & cut comm north & south of TYR, then proceed direct on LATINI river. One tp closes rd at ASIZIYE.
 - (f) Adv Gd by passes TYR by rd through M in MAACHOUK & proceeds direct to LATINI river, captures br head & exploits to ABOUEL ASSOUD.
 - (g) Main body supported by two tps Lt Tks which join from MOTCOL invests TYR & on completion of ops hands over to TYR FORCE, then proceeds north. One tp Royals proceeds via rd KAFAR BADDA - EDQUER - & contacts right bde at HABBOUCH. Then proceeds via rd ZEMTA to COAST rd. Remainder of coln proceeds northward by COAST rd & on reaching outskirts of SAIDA two tps Royals by pass & enter outskirts of SAIDA from the north.

- (h) 3 tps Carriers 6 Aust Cav by pass SAIDA & enter town from NE, east & SE; create alarms & despondency in town of SAIDA.
 - (i) Adv Gd supported by lt tks & one tp carrier push from south and locate enemy posns.
 - (j) Main body attacks enemy posns. On capture of SAIDA adv proceeds to north. One tp Royals contacts right coln at JEZZINE and proceeds via NORTHERN rd to BEIT EDDINE.
 - (k) One tp Royals moves via rd RHIRIFE & contacts first tp at BEIT EDDINE. Both tps report in at DALOUR.
 - (l) Remainder of coln moves by available rds mainly COAST rd on DALOUR.
 - (m) From DALOUR a dash will be made to seize CHOUIFAT by investing it from the north & south and then proceed to capture BEYROUTH aerodrome, holding all rds west of A in CHIYAH.
- 14 The enemy may employ parachute tps against DONCOL. These will be dealt with without hindering the march of the main body by tps on the spot. Dets as necessary will be ordered out of the coln by comd DONCOL to deal with parachute tps not in close proximity to the coln.

ADM

15 See Adm Instn No 1 issued separately.

INTERCOLN

- 16 (a) On capture of TYR, MOTCOL will be advised.
- (b) A halt will be made at SAIDA & contact established with 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp at JEZZINE.
- 17 Gd to air
Recognition strips with Adv Gd HQ & HQ DONCOL.
- 18 Air to gd: Colour of day & message dropping. (Code list issued separately.)
- 19 White squares 6 x 6 to indicate posn of fwd tps & AFVs to be displayed on call from air by colour of day or by aircraft wing wagging.

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Signed at 20 30 hrs

M H Goddard
Adjt 2/16 Bn AIF Capt

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(BEYROUTH sheet - 1/200,000
(HAIFA sheet - 1/100,000

REF - All names south of border ref SAFA & HAIFA sheets & names north of border ref BEYROUTH sheet.

INTENT

- 1 There are small garrisons & the French frontier posts at AITAROUNE (strength unknown), BENNT JBAIL (about 50 spahis), YAROUN (about 15 spahis), & AIN EBDEL (strength unknown). The French frontier rd is patrolled frequently.
- 2 BENNT JBAIL is reported as being the HQ of the frontier garrison posts & may be therefore more strongly held than indicated above.
- 3 EKPOKOR FORCE is entering SYRIA to capture the aerodromes at BEYROUTH & RAYAK. The force will move in two cols, the left coln via AL MALIKIYA - TIBNINE - TYR to BEYROUTH. DONCOL will lead the left coln & will have as the ultimate objective the BEYROUTH aerodrome.
- 4 It is not known whether the French will oppose our adv, & in the first place the opportunity for them to surrender is to be given. (See separate notes on this aspect) Nothing however must delay our adv & the maximum force is to be applied IMMEDIATELY in the event of resistance.
- 5 The post mentioned in para 1 must be captured as the preliminary to the main op. A track must also be built between the frontier rds at AL MALIKIYA & AITAROUNE by one coy 2/2 Par Bn.
- 6 CHESHIRE YEO & the 2/14 Bn are capturing posts from incl REMEICHE to NAQOURA while 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp will capture BLIDA.

INTENTION

- 7 C & D coys will capture posts AITAROUNE, YAROUN, BENNT JBAIL, AIN EBDEL by 0430hrs on D 1 & cover the construction of a track across the frontier by one coy 2/2 Par Bn as a preliminary to the adv of DONCOL on TYR.
adv

METHOD

- 8 (a) Route ; HURFEISH - SUSA - KAFR BIR'EM - Frontier rd - Pt 19792800 - SYRIA
Frontier rd - AITAROUNE - BENNT JBAIL - TIBNINE.
- (b) SP : Rd june 18822701
- (c) C coy 2255 hrs D-1 passes SP
0015 " D1 arrives assembly area AL MALIKIYA
0035 " leaves FUP SYRIAN side of frontier wire
Objective - AITAROUNE
At a time to be decided by OC coy a small recon patrol will be sent fwd to cut the telephone lines to BENNT JBAIL & AIN EBDEL. This patrol will avoid the enemy & will complete its task at 0155 hrs.
- (d) D coy 0020 hrs D1 passes SP
0100 " D1 arrives assembly area 19092749
0120 " leaves FUP SYRIAN side of frontier wire
Objective - YAROUN
- (e) By 0200 hrs C coy will have surrounded AITAROUNE & D coy YAROUN. Every effort will be made to carry out this op without disturbing the enemy. At 0200 hrs the interpreter with each coy will enter the post with the intention of requesting the post to surrender.
On any sign of resistance the maximum force will be immediately applied.
- (f) On capture of posts AITAROUNE & YAROUN :
C coy reports capture to bn HQ at AL HANNIYA, moves fwd & attacks BENNT JBAIL from north & east.
D coy reports capture of YAROUN to adjt at 19092749, garrison post & proceeds to attack BENNT JBAIL from south & west.
- (g) On capture of BENNT JBAIL :
C coy will prepare to move fwd with main body.
D coy garrisons the post then proceeds to attack AIN EBDEL from the north

- 8 (h) On capture of AIN EBEL :
D coy will garrison post then prepare to move fwd in rear of main body as soon as post is taken over by coy 2/2 Pnr Regt.
- 9 Coy 2/2 Pnr Regt:
One veh with workingparty will go fwd with each of C & D coy & cut frontier wire.
The remaining vehs will follow in rear of D coy & proceed to dispersal area through wire at AL MALIKIYA.
Work not to commence on making track till 0205 hrs.
On conclusion of work coy will move fwd & take over garrisoning of AITAROUNE, BENNT JBAIL, & AIN EBEL when captured.
- 10 Adv gp: Pass SP at 0200 hrs - 8 mih - 20 ytm - move to AITAROUNE.
On report of capture of BENNT JBAIL continue the move ; rate in daylight 15 mih - 20 ytm. See appx A Op instn to comd adv gd.
- 11 Main body : Pass SP at 0240 hrs - 8 mih - 20 ytm . Rate in daylight - 15 mih - 20 ytm. See appx B Op instn for further move DONCOL.
- 12 AA will be mounted in lying up areas but firing will NOT take place unless under special orders from comd DONCOL.

ADM

- 13 On capture of each post :
PW will be collected in a central area, offrs immediately separated from their men & senior offrs from junior offrs. All comd will be cut, wires to be cut in two places but telephone posts not to be cut down or destroyed, wireless sets collected & rds picqueted.
All arms & amm collected & placed in a central dump under gd.
All houses & buildings will be systematically searched, but civilians will be treated with respect unless they show signs of rioting in which cases they will be collected in a central area under gd.
If the post surrenders without fighting particular care is to be taken to treat the PW decently & maintain friendly relations.
Any Germans or Italians whether civilians or soldiers will be placed under a strong gd.
The post will be garrisoned & made secure prior to moving.
All PW will be taken to central area.
- 14 Vehs: C coy vehs move off rd at AL MALIKIYA then follow in rear of D coy vehs to BENNT JBAIL, pick up tps & coy rejoins coln & moves next after B coy
D coy vehs move off rd at 19092749 then all vehs less one follow in rear of adv gd to BENNT JBAIL. Disperse in any available area & pick up coy. Coy will move in rear of main body
Lights will not be used.
- 15 PW will be taken over by 2/2 Pnr coy with the exception of those from YAROUN where D coy will mop up & one sec escort PW to Pt 19092749. They will be taken in remaining lorry to PW cage at AL MALIKIYA. The lorry & men will rejoin D coy at BENNT JBAIL.
- 16 Medical : Collecting posts will be established at pt 19092749 for YAROUN, AITAROUNE, BENNT JBAIL, & AIN EBEL.
Coy 2/6 Fd Amb will attend to casualties in these areas.
- 17 Interpreters : One interpreter will move with each ~~copy~~ of C & D coys & adv gd. Special instns have been issued to each.
- INTERCOLM
- 18 Fwd bn HQ on rd at AL MALIKIYA till capture of AITAROUNE then at rear of adv gd till capture of BENNT JBAIL. Afterwards at head of main body.
- 19 No success sig to be used.
- 20 Watches will be synchronised by units DONCOL by 2200 hrs D-1. Sig offr will arrange this by DR with special watch.

21 Wireless silence in assembly area still zero hr to be notified. All sigs will be passed by DR.

22 DR route fwd from bdeHQ will be by track AL BAHJA- AL KABRI & rd TARSHIHA - NAHARIYA.

The main rd will not be used.

23 Code word for op will be DONALD.

24 Pass word till 0500 hrs DI will be: answer to challenge "FORD"
by challenger "WHICH FORD"
answer "DAYLES FORD"

Pass word as from 0500 hrs DI will be in two parts :
challenge "WHERE IS THE KOOKABURRA"
answer "AT CANBERRA"

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Signed at 1350 hrs
Issued through sigs

L. H. Goddall Capt
Adjt 2/16 Bn AIF

Distribution :-

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	4	C "
	5	D "
	6	Royals
	7	6 Aust Cav
	8	2/4 Fd Regt
	9	6 A Tk Bty
	10	170 Lt AA Bty
	11-12	2/6 Fd Coy (copy for det Fd Pk)
	13	2/6 Fd Amb

Copy No	14	2/2 Pnr Bn
	15	2/14 Bn (TYRFORCE)
	16	2/27 Bn
	17	21 Aust Inf Bde
	18	25 Aust Inf Bde
	19	Comd
	20-21	TO
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REF MAPS - BIRROUTH Sheet 1/200,000
HAIFA Sheet 1/100,000

ITEM

1. Vide 21 Aust Inf Bde Int Summaries 1 and 2 issued to all concerned.
2. 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp is moving on D1 into SIRIA to seize the aerodrome at BIRROUTH and the Eastern and Northern entrances to BIRROUTH between ZAMJAR 134215 and NATHIAS 137220.

OBJECTIVE - Rd RAYAK - BIRROUTH west of AIN SOFAR (incl)

Intermediate Objectives-

First - Rd KIRDJALOUK - KADBOUCH - COAST.

Second - Rd JESSINI - SAIDA.

3. 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp is being divided into the following cols -

(a) DONCOL - Composition as per O O 5.

(b) KOLCOL - -do-

(c) TYR PORCH

Comd Capt S. Howden 2/14 Dn

One Coy 2/14 Dn and att tps.

To be utilised to garrison TYR after capture.

(a) CHESHIRI YAKHAYI (less one Sqn).

(c) 2/14 Dn (less TYR PORCH).

4. C Dn 33 is landing near the mouth of the LIBANI RIVER at 0200 hrs D1 to secure a br head over that river and prevent the demolition of the br there and the br at ABU EL ASSOUD. This Dn will remain in posn until DONCOL passes NORTH of the river when it will withdraw from the Gp.

INTENTION

5. KOLCOL will seize the Eastern and Northern entrances to BIRROUTH between ZAMJAR 134215 and NATHIAS 137220.

REMARKS

6. Adv Gd

Comd Maj C. C. Isaacson - 2/27 Dn.

Two tps Lt Banks A. Sqn 6 Aust Cav.

Recco Party 2/6 Pd Coy.

One Scc 2/4 Pd Regt.

One Scc 170 Lt AA Bty.

D. Coy 2/27 Dn

4 pl (less one scc) 2/27 Dn.

One D.R.

Units come under comd 1200 hrs D-1.

7. A. Tk Protection of DONCOL

Comd - Maj G.G. Schneider

6 A. Tk Bty (less 2 tps).

To move in first instance with Adv Gd.

8. MAIN BODY (In order of March)

One Scc 4 pl 2/27 Dn.

HQ KOLCOL

A. Coy 2/27 Dn.

One Gun 170 Lt AA Bty.

One Scc 2/6 Pd Coy (less Recco Party)

3 Bty 2/4 Pd Regt (less one scc).

2/27 Dn (less A & D Co's & 4 pl)

One Gun 170 Lt AA Bty and remaining vehs of Bty.

One Coy 2/6 Pd Amb.

Spare and Workshop Tpts 5 Res M.F. Coy.

Signal Van

W/T Van
I van
INT.

(2)

9. Rear HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde moves in rear of MORTCOL.
10. MORTCOL will move from Assembly area and halt with leading elements of the coln at rd June 15962680 at 0500 hrs D1.
11. The Adv Gd Comd will detach Lt Tanks, Recce Party 2/6 Pz Coy and one pl of inf in lorry and this detachment will arrive in area immediately NORTH of Rd June 161276 at 0530 hrs D1 and await orders from MORTCOL Comd. If the COAST rd is declared safe, they will be required to clear this rd of blocks and enemy posts between ISMAIDAROUH and RACHIDIYEH. When DONCOL reaches COAST rd, Lt tanks of MORTCOL will join DONCOL. Pl of inf referred to above will wait at RACHIDIYEH and rejoin Adv Gd when latter arrives.
12. Adv of MORTCOL via the COAST rd will only take place after TYR has been captured by DONCOL.
13. Should the COAST rd be rendered ~~it~~ impassable, MORTCOL will be diverted to follow DONCOL, via EL MALIKIYA-TIBHINE 189289 and TYR.
14. A.A. DEFENCE
 - (a) Every available IMG will be mounted in the tp carrying vehs for AA defence whilst on the move and a continuous watch maintained.
 - (b) 170 Lt AA Bty will be prepared to detach guns to cover the passage of Bridgeheads and defiles as may be encountered. They will return to their original place in the coln as soon as the rear of the coln has passed.
 - (c) In case of high level bombing the coln will continue to adv.
 - (d) In case of low level bombing and machine gunning from the air the coln will halt and the men dispersed under control. As soon as the attack has ceased the men will immediately return to their vehs and the coln will proceed.
15. It is not known whether the French will oppose our adv and in the first instance the opportunity for them to surrender will be given. Nothing however must delay the adv and the maximum force is to be applied immediately resistance is met.

ADM

16. P.W. Collecting centres will be established at TYR and SAIDA. On capture of prisoners they will be collected in a central area, offrs immediately separated from the men, senior offrs from Junior Offrs. All arms and am will be collected and placed in a central dump under gd. If a post surrenders without fighting particular care will be taken to treat the P.W. decently and to establish friendly relations. Any Germans or Italians whether civilian or soldiers will be placed under a strong guard.

INTERCOM

17. HQ MORTCOL moves at head of Main Body.
18. Communication within the coln will be by D.R. Units will carry recognition strips for Ground to Air, Air to Ground. Colour of the day and message cropping (See supplementary Code list issued separately) Air Force message bags will be handed in with the message to D1.

(3)

White square 6' x 6' to indicate posn fwd tps and AFVs to be displayed on call from air by color of day or by aircraft doing a series of "wing wobbles".
Wireless silence until ZERO.


Password in two parts -

Question - Where is the KOOKABURRA.

Answer - At CAMBERRA.

ACK.

Signed at 0800 hrs.
Issued to Sigs.



Capt
Adj: 2/27 Bn AIF.

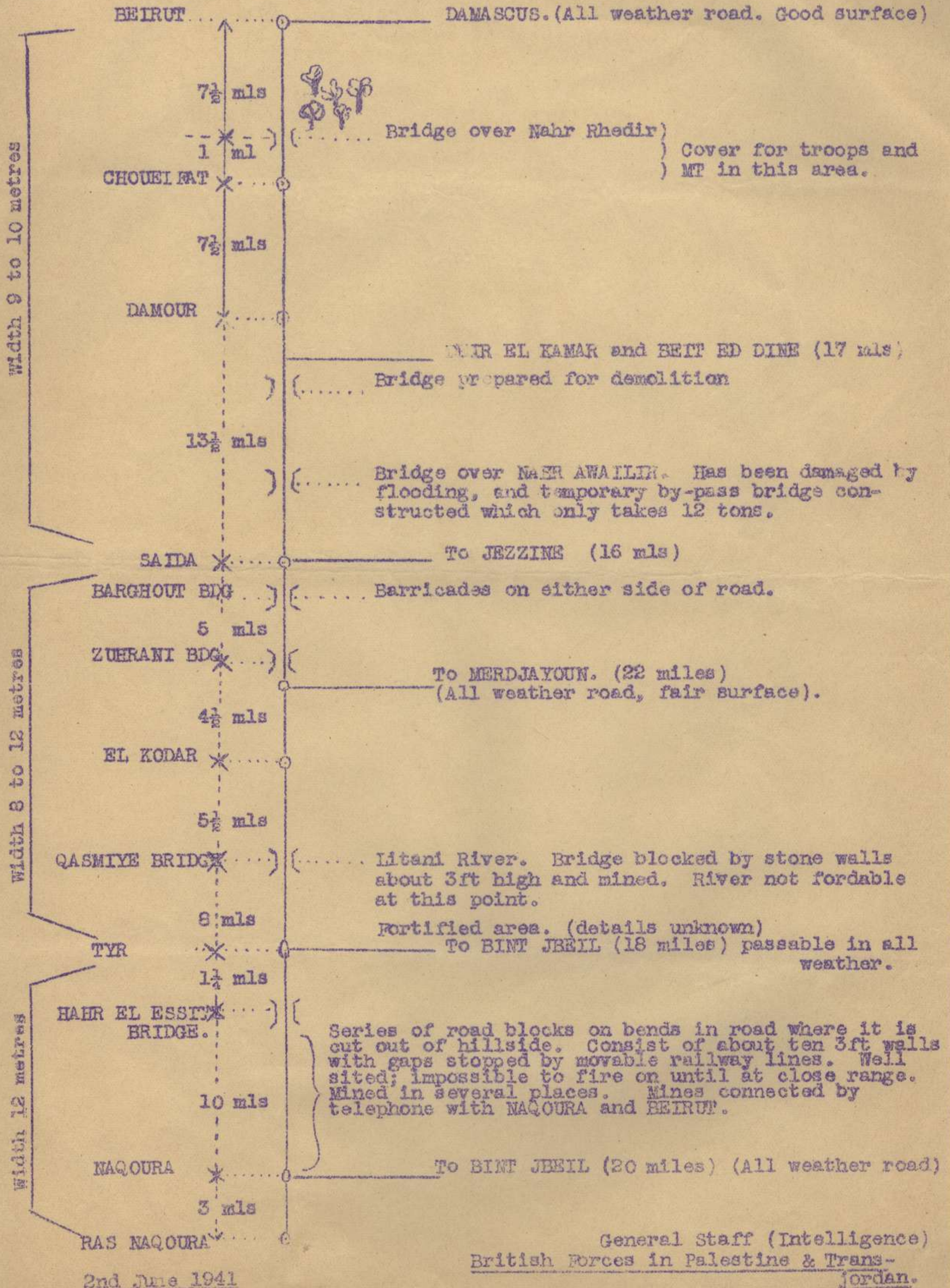
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C. Coy	3	2/16 Bn	15
D. Coy	4	2/14 Bn	16
HQ Coy	5	Cond	17
MI	6	File	18
Lt Lt Comd A Sqn	} 7	War Diary	19)
6 Aust Div.		20)	
8 Bty 2/4 PA Regt	8	Spare	21)
6 A. Lt Bty	9		22)
170 Lt A. Bty	10		
Sec 2/6 PA Coy	11		
Coy 2/6 PA Amb	12		

ROUTE 1.

RAS NAQOURA - BEIRUT (Distance 66 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles)

All bridges will take 20 tons, except that over Nahr Awaillih



MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

No. of Groups.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

GR.

SECRET

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TO LUPA DASA ZERI GIFT

FROM NEVI

Originator's Number

1 171

Date

21

JUN

In Reply to Number

Following

two

men

will be going through our fwd tps

today

Phillip

Akl

will be returning in two

or three days

Warn fwd tps and have him passed back to this HQ when he

returns

(1) Phillip Akl - Lebanese police sgt - probably in uniform of police.

(2) Nahim Maghabghab - civilian - in civilian clothes - will be staying out.

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
1555

SIGNED

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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.

Ref Map - BENEHOUH 1/200000
SAIDA 1/50000

T. P. ...

The following info has been obtained from three POW captured in the QUADI-EL-ZEINI area.

Each prisoner was captured at different times and interrogated separately. This info also confirms previous reports of enemy forces and dispositions in the COASTAL sector.

1. IDENTIFICATIONS

(1) QUADI EL ZEINI area
7 Coy of 2 Bn 6 Regt Foreign Legion - Comd Capt PARR

(2) DAMOUR area - Comd Col BARRE
5 and 6 Coys of 2 Bn 6 Regt Foreign Legion - Bn Comd Maj ERIZE

2 Bn of 24 Mixed Colonial Regt

Portion of 10 TUNISIAN Regt has been seen in DAMOUR area.

3 GRL (Groupe du Levant) artillery baty is also in this area.

2. STRENGTH AND DISPOSITIONS - See trace att

UNIT	STRENGTH	DISPOSITION
2 Bn FOREIGN LEGION 5,687 coys	Three inf coys One MG coy One HQ Coy Bn is not up to full strength although it is thought that recruits arrived 18 Jun. Each inf coy at present has - approx 90 men two 60 mm mortars 4 LMGs HQ Coy has - Four 60 mm mortars other details not known MG coy has - 12 lvy MGS	7 Coy - QUADI EL ZEINI area. This coy has been covering the road block at 11901882. Holding posn on high ground SE of JADRA 500' from rd block. Has 4 lvy MGS and two 80 mm mortars. This coy has also been covering engr parties mining the rd between QUADI EL ZEINI and DAMOUR 5 & 6 Coys - area on hill at 12471873. This posn is heavily fortified and weapons are sited for all round defence. Very deep trenches have been dug in the olive trees on the hill and all weapons are dug in and protected by rock "sangars" Eight lvy MGS and four 80mm mortars in this area. On top of this hill is a single story red rock house with gable roof. 50 yds in rear of this house is the HQ of the 2 Bn Foreign Legion. Mortar posns unknown. The whole posn is surrounded by a triple concertina fence and a double apron fence. There is also a strong wire fence running from the mouth of the river DAMOUR at 1230-1973 across the front to 1250 1974.

5 & 6 coys

UNIT	STRENGTH	DISPOSITION
5 & 6 Coys (contd)		<p>Four hvy MGs are sited on the edge of the olive grove on the Western slope of the hill. Two of these fire along the front wire to the mouth of the river DAMOUR. The other two guns fire on the bridge over the river DAMOUR at 12371969 and also SE along the rd and river EL AATIQA - AIN MIKHAIL.</p> <p>The dispositions of the remaining 4 hvy MGs are not known but some of them will probably be sited for defense of EASTERN flank and the rear.</p>
2 Bn 24 Mixed Colonial Regt	Approx 450 Weapons similar to 2 Bn Foreign Legion.	<p>Disposed along coast from mouth of river DAMOUR to 12402018 to prevent landing of tps from the sea.</p> <p>Tps are well dug in and hidden in the olive groves near the coast.</p> <p>This Bn is composed of SENEGALIAN tps who are not good fighters.</p>

The number of 75 mm arty guns in the DAMOUR area is doubtful. It seems certain however that there are at least four 75 mm guns in DAMOUR area. The 3 GDL (Groupe du Levant) was at SAIDA and it is reported that nine of its twelve guns were damaged at SAIDA. However the gun repair workshops are at BEYROUTH and this bty may have received new guns.

A Tk Guns - 25 mm (see trace att)

All rds leading to DAMOUR from the SOUTH and SE are covered by A Tk guns. As all AFV movement is confined to the rds owing to the thickly planted groves on the WEST and steep hills on the right of the COAST RD, attack by AFV would meet hvy opposition.

TKs and ARMD Cs

Approx 7 lt tks (8 - 10 tons) and 4 armd Cs reported in the DAMOUR area. At present these AFVs are patrolling the rds leading from DAMOUR but could be used against tps in the orange groves as they were used at SAIDA.

MINE FIELDS

The following pts on the rd DAMOUR - SAIDA are believed to be mined.

Br over River DAMOUR at 12371969

Bridge is made of stone or concrete and including approaches is 120' long. It is 15' above the water level and has two arches. The centre arch contains the demolition charge. The br itself is NOT mined but mines have been laid 100' along rd SOUTH from br & 100' NORTH of br. It is not known whether mines have been laid along the river banks.

Br at 12081915

Mined on br and for 20' North and South. PWs state br not prepared for demolition.

Rd junc 12111920

Mined at rd junc and also for 150 yds along rd BARJA - NEBI YOUNES.

Rd junc 11901882

Rd block covered by fire from JADRA at 11981882 7 Coy of 2 Bn Foreign Legion were ordered to lay mines at this rd junc but it is thought mines have NOT yet been laid.

/River DAMOUR

RIVER DAMOUR

This river is about 35 yds wide near the br but wider further EAST. The water is approx one or two feet deep near the br and becomes even shallower between the br and the coast.

The bed of the river is rocky.

The northern bank of the river is planted with banana trees and the banks on the Western side of the br are very low and passable to AIVs. EAST of br the banks become steeper and would not be passable to AIVs.

NAVAL TARGETS

All enemy posns mentioned above are visible from the sea.

PW states that the tps are very frightened of NAVAL fire and their morale is very low.

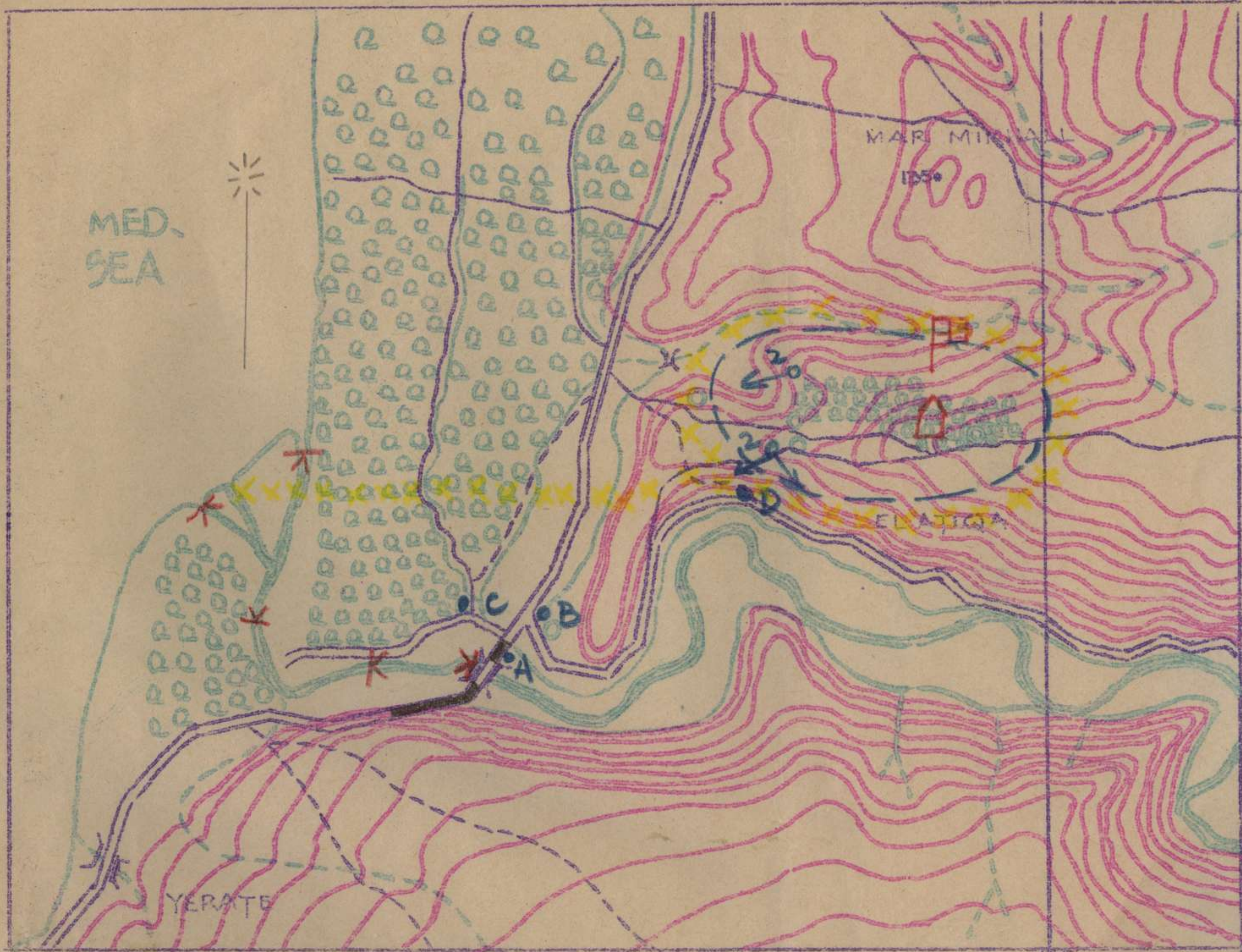
GENERAL

One PW stated that there are tps in the area SW of BARJA at 1807-1900 but this was NOT confirmed by the other PWs.

There are many lateral tracks running from the COAST rd and these will need careful recon to ascertain whether they will be passable to MV. PW states that tps from DAMOUR have been using these tracks but he knew little of their general condition.

The area held by 5 & 6 coys 2 Bn Foreign Legion is sited for all round defence but is more vulnerable from the EAST or rear than the front.

J. Bunnell
Lieut
IO NEVI



DISPOSITION LEGEND

- Two storied-red roof house.Used as Arty OP. one 75mm gun 10 yds SOUTH of house in trees and grass. ● A
- Triple concertina wire and one row Double apron fence. X
- Two heavy MG's. 20 →
- Single story gable roof house. □
- 2 Bn HQ- 50 yds in rear of house. Trenches in olive trees. ▢
- mines ———
- 25mm A/Tk gun behind stone wall, on rd junc. ● B
- 25mm A/Tk gun in edge of trees. ● C
- 25mm A/Tk gun 20 NORTH of rd, dug in with umbrella top camouflage ● D
- River fordable here banks very low. K X

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REF SANDA SHEET 1:50000

SCALE 4 3/10" = 1 MILE (APPROX)

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FILE 80

2/27 Br Ops Routine No 7 28/1/41

1. There will be no further orders beyond present fuel plans except we will seize 394 (12551955) to secure observation.
2. Under Br boundary which will also be the boundary for responsibility of inform is as under: E - EL ATIQA (124199) - Pt HS (1241962) - ES SIYAR (12341952) all under ZUPA - EL HAHAN under DASA.
3. One MG Tp CESHIRE YEO will move to HAQLIYA area for night flank protection of DASA and in such form that MG fire can be produced on SA BEIT ED DINE - EL ATIQA
4. Particular attention will be paid to concealment of positions ⁱⁿ and the fuel area. The minimum personnel are to be kept in exposed positions.
5. The area not held between our fuel points and the enemy FDLs will be deemed to be enemy at night by active patrolling and recon patrols will gain all possible inform re approaches to rivers and crossing pts.

1410 hrs *John Cox*

SECRET

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28 Jun 41.

21 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BDE GROUP OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS No 23.

Ref Map : SAIDA Sheet 1/50,000.

INFORM.

1. See 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp Int Summary No 6 dated 27 Jun 41 and Daily Sitrep.

INTENTION.

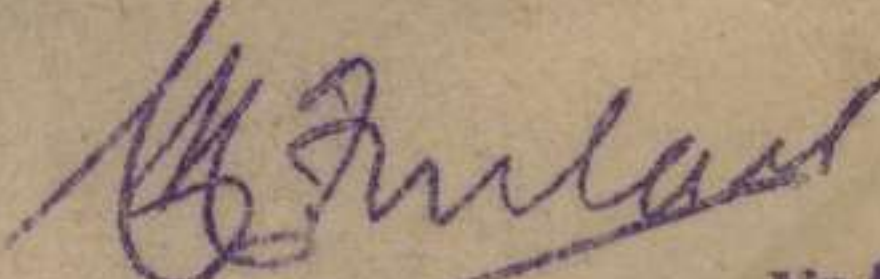
2. 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp will secure observation over the DAMOUR posn.

METHOD.

3. There will be no further adv beyond the present fwd posns except that 2/27 Bn will seize pts 412, 12521945 and 394, 12631947 to secure observation. 12551955
4. The inter-bn boundary which will also be the boundary for responsibility of infm is as under. "E" in EL ATIQA 124197 - Pt 168, 12411962 - ES SIYAR 12341952 (all incl 2/16 Bn) - EL HARAM 12321943 incl 2/27 Bn.
5. One sec MG Tp CHESHIRE Yeo will move to AAQLIYA area for right flank protection of 2/27 Bn and in such a posn that MG fire can be produced on rd BEET ED DINE - EL ATIQA.
6. Particular attention will be paid to concealment of posns and the above guns will not open fire except in the case of counter-attack or for a profitable target moving along the rd.
7. In the fwd area the minimum personnel are to be kept in exposed posns commensurate with security.
8. The area not held between our fwd posns and the enemy FDLs will be denied to the enemy at night by active patrolling and recon patrols will gain all possible infm re approaches to river and crossing pts.
9. 2/27 Bn will retain post of one Pl on rd JOUN - SAIDA.
10. One Tp CHESHIRE Yeo at EL MCHAIRIYA will be withdrawn and revert to cmd of sqn on MERDJAYOUN Rd.
11. 2/27 Bn will retain one coy astride lateral rd at SEBLINE.

ACK

Signed at _____ hrs.
Issued to sigs.


Maj.
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

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A Sqn 6 Aust Cav	2	AASC Coy	11
2/4 Rd Regt	3	2/6 Rd Amb	12
6 A Fk Bty	4	B Sec 14 Lt Rd Amb	13
170 Lt AA Bty	5	25 Aust Inf Bde	14
2/6 Rd Coy	6	7 Aust Div	15-17 (One for AILQ)
Sigs	7	Comd	18
2/16 Bn	8	NLO	19
2/25 Bn	9	File	20-21
2/27 Bn	10	War Diary	22-23

15

0900 Plane from N. all
the go grad. Plane over,

0912 ~~the~~ ^{this} the on hill side
retiring ^{away} from White house &
over summit of ridge

ceffices holding - data

1180 1805

11781791

1505 hrs

* Roof

or lower ^{the} of object

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11-00

No

11-00

11-00

15th

0735 C Coy HQ established
on forward slope of
feature in front

B Coy reported to be
in occupation of school

0755 Artillery fired
~~for~~ shots into low
ground on left near shore

0830 Pl (or little less) moving
up cliff towards plateau of
nightmost red roofed house

0850 last Gps joined by Gps
coming up from left
encircle front Right two
story white bldg

0855 More Gps approach bldg
from R along summit.

0856 lower Gps move in
single file towards C Coy HQ
Top Gps halt.

1116 ran to main star for use
of ground with paper stock in
it. One came on towards
college, the other ran back
to wood immediately behind
college.

1116 Enemy M.T. on rd coast
being shelled by navy.

1126 Navy still trying to dis-
able star M.T. which appears
to be stranded.

1150 School again under
heavy barrage again from
Art.

1159 School still under
fire of this time enemy
responded to Hotel in 9 pm

To DADA
From I SEC.

Section our troops
moved into poplars on
right of shelled - roof
church

1010 hrs.

One man came out to
road to observe.

1530 Two m.c. came from
School, one stayed some-
where behind the college
the other one continued down
the road to the corner of
the wall by the large
clump of tree trees on
the right hand side of
the rd. ~~One m.c.~~
Another m.c. was ob-
served coming from
the town & stayed at
the same place. this
was observed at 1535
Map ref 1169 1182.

NO SIGS FROM A

NO M.S

DASA

INT SEC SPM 15'

At 0940 6 men seen leaving near American
college & moving along road to left - three
on road - three in fields

SPM Sec Pt

0943

1616 enemy troops moving from left of
church to about 100 yds left of Church
& they have gone to ground.

1617 1/2 sec of our troops advancing
to the church

1618 Aircraft overhead stopped observ-
ation from O.P. He dropped incendiary
bombs on our troops advancing to
the Church.

His bombs are dropping heavy stuff &
after is now flying over to see his results.

1635

2 Mortar bombs from Houses into

Gully. D Coy.

From Coast Rd of

From 1019 Steady Stream
of A.F.V.S, M.T & Don R.

travelling Nth along
Coast Rd but halted
in secluded spots. Large

No of Camer 9 at least

one light tk
moving North through

(14th) the field (see moving
approaching Donal
bridge

large part of persons
being brought up
in direction Coast Rd

Section or more of men
moving up from valley
to cypress trees left
of church.

0955 Plx following last mentioned
Sec

1005 Approx 10 men on side
of ridge $\frac{2}{3}$ right of ridge. Four
coming from a way others
100 ft higher and stationary
or moving to top of ridge

1010 Sec moved along ridge
into poplars on right of
shelled house. One man
came out on rd to look sec

1016 The sec moved back to red
roof bldg on right of shelled roof
house

1020 Sec moved back to poplars

15/6

0920 main body assembled
Up move over ridge to far
side (above C Coy site)

0935 5 men observed
on top of ridge to right
of monastery

3 men (enemy) came
out of olive grove
American College &
scattered. 3 more
from olive grove, driven
out by burst of artillery

0940 Platoon of our men
moving up to church,
from valley; moving
into orchard on left
of church.

Attack

1059 One Man 600' R of Rmost bldg tuds
left in front of bldgs into re-entrance left
& front of shelled school disappearing
at 1120

~~1120~~ 1120 man ran from rd to campfd
trunk to pep-lars on left when shells
fell in vicinity

1201 m9 fire

1220 B Coy reached objective,
+ moving into position

1245 Tps in B Coy area
move out along ridge
towards A Coy objective

1230 M Bomb or Srenade exploded in Rt
orchard

1255 B Coy dig in with huts along
stone ledge near top ridge

1308 2 M.C. & sidecars went up
to school were not there long &
turned round & came back to
the white building on right of
college. This place may be a
H.Q. as there has been M.C. ac-
tivity in this area for some time.
Earlier reports show runners
communicating from college
to town & back.

1249

men being ^{opened} at man was

Orchard man target in
face of soldier of orchard

at 14-15 shells

1254

we're late and at

1300

are just

WESTERN O.P.

0945 Far field gun opened up on enemy

0945 Low flying aircraft appeared - probably enemy - fired on by AA.

0945 No troops in

1010 No movement of any kind

1020 Slow stream moving Nth up to 2nd orchard

1029 Co goes to arty op

1040 Under cover of centre line of trees
back from Coast rd. M.T. carriers move
further Nth

1045 Coast rd to double br. Cor. by carriers

1049 Naval Unit moves in close for message

1051 TP moves alone up to our post

1111 Arty fire ceases

1123 2 carriers move up Centre track
to rd right of Crosses Creek out of sight

1135 mt moving in Centre orchard just left
of op

1140 light light from ^{left} window of house
is o/c op

1145 Enemy arty open with one shot -

1215 changed left of Centre
Heavy open fire as enemy retreats

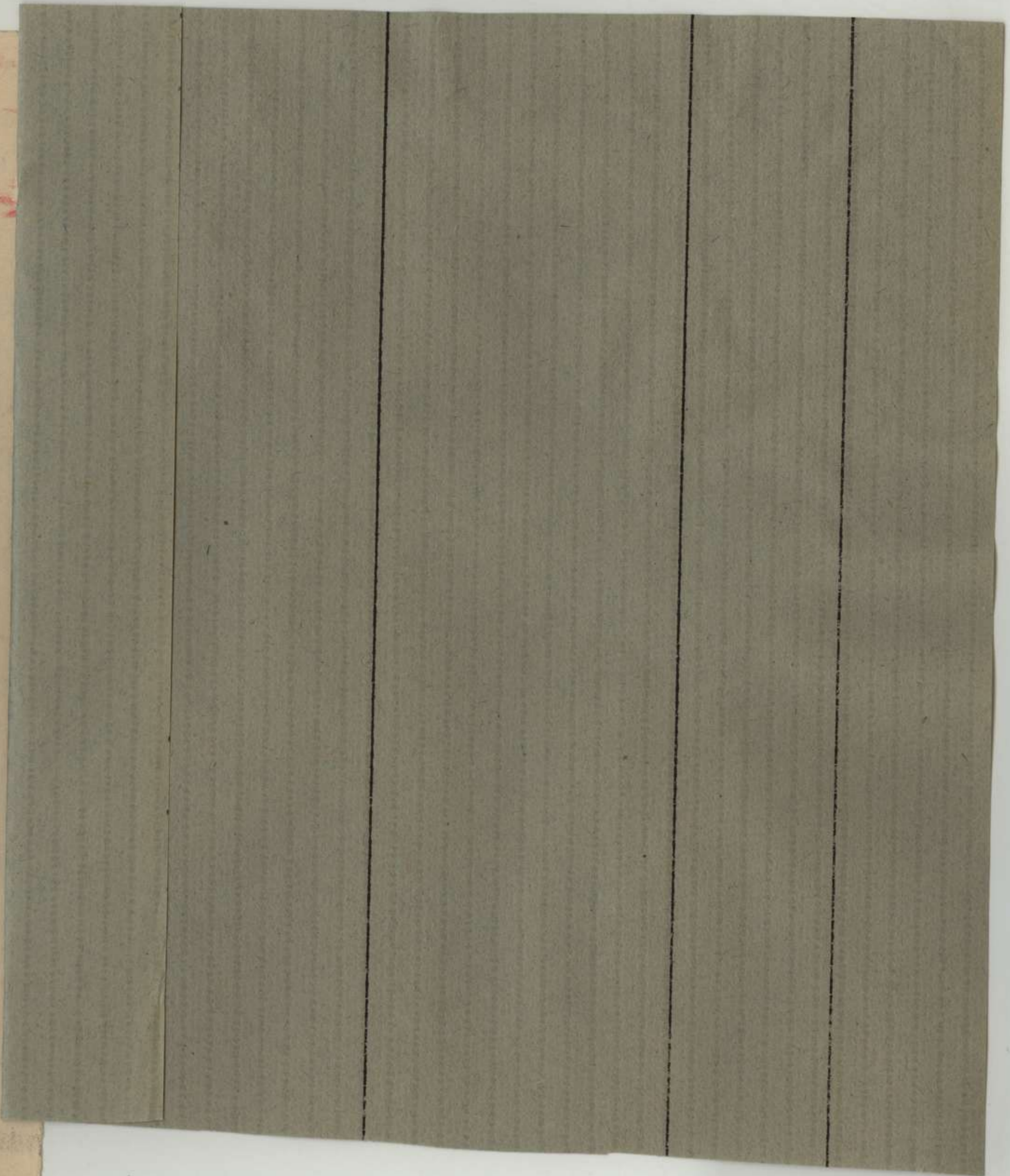
1720 Enemy Arty fire landed on plain ^{at} below O.P. 20 damage

1250 letter 1330 no name ~~attached~~
Continental fine 14 Ant

1251 French Paris telegrams to
of lady Mrs

much of usual time

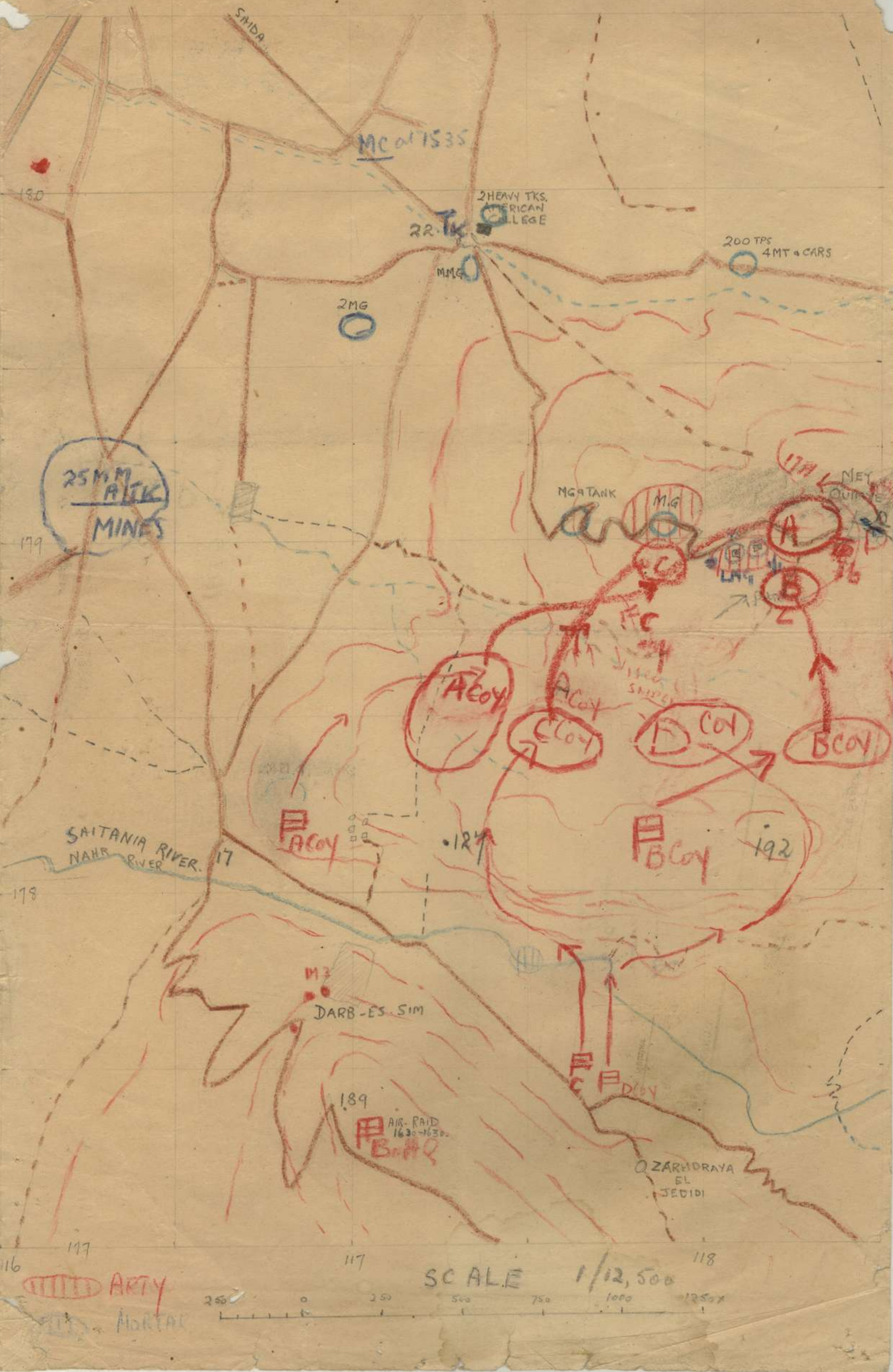
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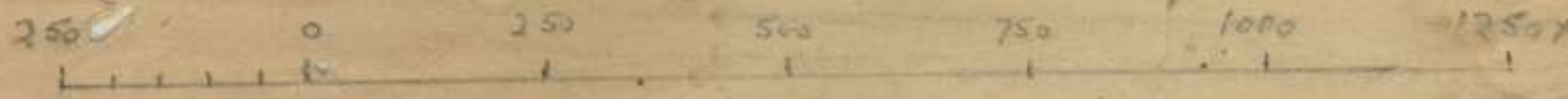
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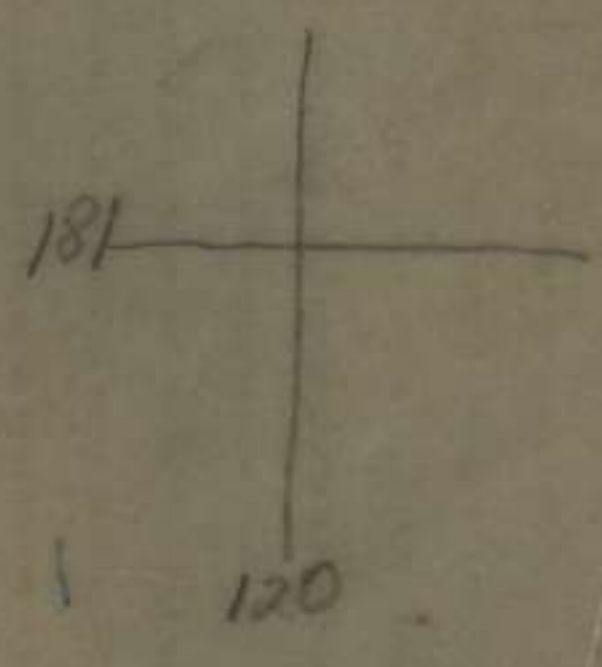
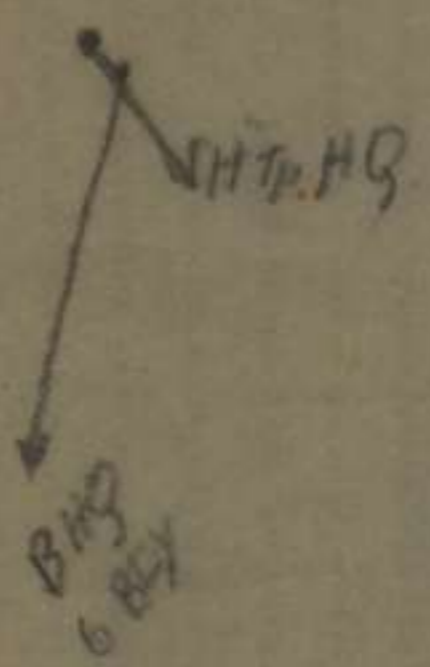
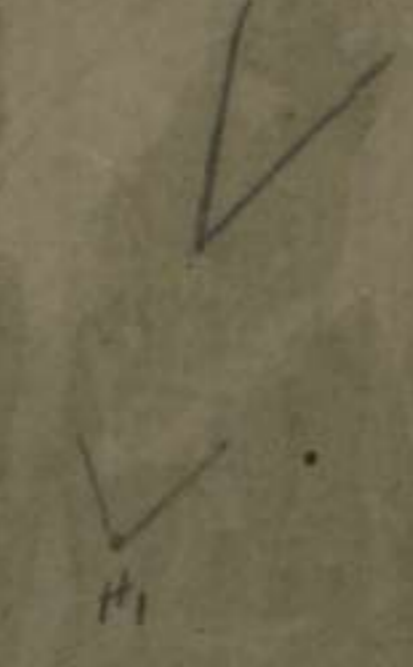
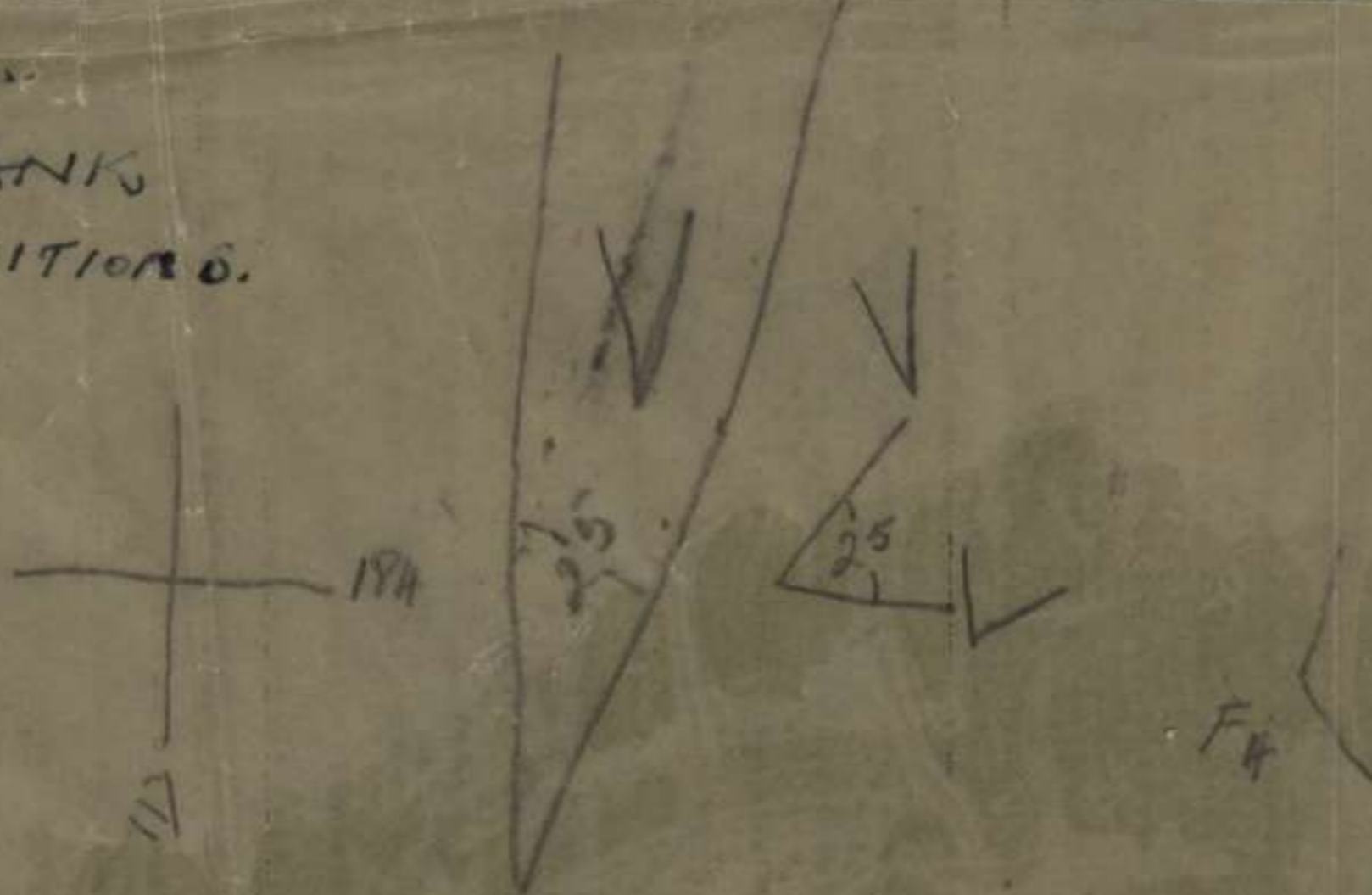
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TRACE
A/TANKS
POSITIONS.



22 June 41

Body. LUPA

Returned with thanks
copy of info from P.W.

Stamman Run
I.O. NEV)

0600 hrs.
23 Jun 41

DASA
DASA D.

forwarded to
NEVI. ~~MA~~

Three enemy approached DASA C at 2045 hrs. 22 Jun. and gave themselves up. They were questioned and the following information is forwarded.

1. They are of the 6th Coy. 2 Bn.
6 Regt. Foreign Legion. All Coy.
Strengths at 120, normal est. 2000

2. Dispositions

④ 6 Coy. on SPUR just West of Olive Grove at PXS X BM X S ⊙ Task is to cover river and BRIDGE and across Banana Groves to Sea ⊙ Two Secs. (28 men) will forward evening bridge ⊙

One Coy. about A in EL ATIQA ⊙ Task to cover front along river.

①⑨ One Coy. in reserve spread between MAR MIKALL and DAMOUR ⊙
Bn. HQ ⊙ Commandant BRISER ⊙
located 800 m. East of OLIVE GROVE and

just South of track. Ref. BZVB PM ~~30~~
 Bow. HQ. in telephonic communication
 with Force HQ. Carrier R/T sets yet
 unused. Cars can reach it but
 no motor traffic. Caves is natural
 caves but they have dug in as well.
 Amm. Dump and ration is at

5 Two houses on West side of main rd.
 100 Yds. North of Rd. June Ref. Amm.
 Point BZ EZ PTFPO Everything
 food of this point is by pack mule

3. Native Bow. in Banana groves.
 20 They think are locals as they
 do not speak Spanish or French,
 and are not permitted to mix
 with Legion. Whole Bow dispersed
 in Groves from River to North of
 SAHEL ED DAMOUR.

4. Artillery There are no Artillery left in
 DAMOUR as far as they know.
 5. Mortars. One see of 81 m. m.
 under command of Bow. but sighting

of positions are unknown.
 Tanks. (18) tank repair shop, at
 BZEZPT FP. in next house north
 of Amm. Point. All tanks report
 there regularly and there are about
 12 tanks there about size of our
 Bren carrier.

(3) A/T Guns. One Gun in CANAL on
 east of Road 450 m. north of rd. June.
 There is a house on either side of road
 and the gun is in the CANAL
 directly east of the house. There is
 also a NOTCH KISS with the Gun,
 between A/T Gun and road.
 The other Gun is near the road
 junction but its exact position is
 not known. Both Guns cover
 the bridge and the road to the
 north of the Bridge.

(1) mines. The bridge and both roads
 are blocked and mined. The
 track leading to Prov. HQ. is
 (17) also mined.

Patrols Patrols are maintained across front contacting Coys. North of line. Patrols only use a Password which is always the name of their Coy. ~~Company~~ ~~Patrol~~ ~~Platoon~~ no password and single sentries. If challenged one says the name of the Regt. and is passed.

* mines - mines across road 500 m. South of Bridge also a parade picketed by ops mine's across road 50 m. North of bridge - also picketed.

River The river is fordable practically anywhere but there are deep pools down towards the bridge at isolated positions.

MORALE

1. There are NO complaints about food.
2. 19 Spaniards left in Coy, 120 left in Regt. All do not wish to fight and will not fire at British.

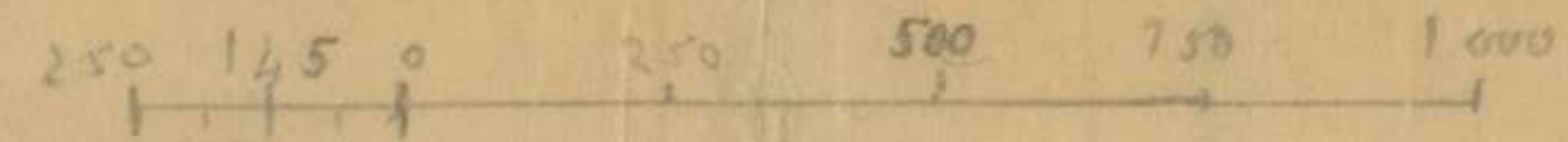
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3. There are some Germans but they have been with Legion for some years. How have treated NAZIS? Even some Germans do not wish to fight.
4. Practically all members of Legion have been in the unit for five yrs - some longer.
5. Very scared of heavy.
6. They have been in DAMOUR for 14 days and came from BELBEC(?)
7. French in North Syria do not want to fight. Many officers have been outspoken and have disappeared accordingly.
8. They get plenty of Legion right in front lines.
9. Native troops very young and Legionnaires don't think much of them.
10. Coy, workhouse and under in East portion of OLIVE GROVE.

6. ⑪
- have two houses at PHSFBMGE
11. Officers and NCO's are nearly all hunched in both regts and some officers have come from ranks. P.W. maintain s. That they will try and kill officers.
 12. Been expecting attack for days and are very fed up with everything.
 13. Officers seem to have defeatist views and are not confident.
 14. Sp. fed continuously with propaganda that we are barbarians, pagans, Indians, short of rations & ammo, and rotten fighters.


 Capt.
 A.S.A.

D & C Coy Area



A. Thomas Plt
 I Sec
 20 Jan 41
 1200 hrs

29 May 41

27

26/1/41

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SECURITY INSTRUCTION

The following instns must be read to all ranks and necessary steps taken to ensure that they are enforced.

1. SECURITY OF INFM

It is very difficult to obtain complete security of infm and Security Offrs would have a much easier task if all ranks would regard it as their personal duty to ensure that neither they nor any other person gives away any infm which would assist the enemy.

There are two ways in which all ranks can assist.

(1) If anyone is heard talking carelessly in hearing of civilians or other unidentified persons, he should be warned. If the warning is foolishly disregarded, report such person immediately to the unit security offr or any other offr and steps will be taken to ensure such carelessness is not repeated. The reporting of these people is for the benefit of all and must not be regarded as "squealing".

(2) By making a special effort to avoid putting anything in letters which would be of value to the enemy.

Rules for censorship as laid down in MMI pam 2 and PSPB pam 3 must be circulated to all ranks and stress should be laid on the following censorable matters.

- i. Strength, efficiency, morale or organization of our forces.
- ii. Location or movement of any naval, military or air force units or detachments.
- iii. Plans and forecasts or orders for future operations, whether known or merely rumoured or surmised.
- iv. Position or description of billets, bivouacs or camps.

At our previous location it was permissible to mention sand-storms and dug-outs etc and all ranks must realise that any reference whatsoever to the change in surroundings or billets will disclose the fact that we have moved.

During present operations security of movement is essential and all ranks must appreciate this fact and act accordingly.

2. POSTAL

Address will be as usual i.e.

SX 4542
Pte J Jones
A Coy
2/27 Bn
AIF ABROAD

It has been noticed that the address on letters is frequently incorrect and franking offrs will watch carefully to see that "AIF ABROAD" is included in the address. 7 Aust Div must NOT appear in the address.

Only Australian stamps will be used on all letters parcels etc.

3. CHANGING OF FOREIGN CURRENCY

Before arriving in PALESTINE all ranks were warned NOT to try and change EGYPTIAN currency in this country, as it would immediately disclose our previous location.

It is most regrettable that numerous breaches of this instn occurred.

J. Gunn Lieut.
10 21 Aust Inf Bde.

ACK

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2/27 30

HQ AUST DIV EXPORTER
30 MAY 41

AUST DIV EXPORTER ADM CIR 0124

RECOVERY

2/3 A Fd Wkshop is located as follows:--

Sub Unit	Location	For Rec of
HQ & Main Wkshop	TEL ADASHIM	Heavy 2nd line
No 7 Rec Sec	TEL ADASHIM	Div Gp less Div Cav and 21 Bde Gp less Arty
No 8 Rec Sec	GINNEIGAR	6 Aust Div Cav Regt (No 1 Priority) and Arty of 21 Bde Gp
No 9 Rec Sec	ER RAMA-KILO 229	25 Bde Gp

Recombe Col
AA & QMG AUST DIV EXPORTER

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AUST DIV EXPORTER ADM ORDER NO 18

HQ Aust Div Exporter
30 May 41

KTIS

1. The following is issued in conjunction with Aust Div Adm Order No 15.

Blankets and AG eqpt will be sent to SARAFAND - blankets will be delivered to Ordnance and AG eqpt will be stored in unit lots in a building provided.

2. Each bde gp will provide working parties for loading and unloading of blankets and AG eqpt, and a representative to ensure that the latter is stacked in unit lots and clearly marked.

3. Aust Div Adm Order No 15 is amended as follows:-

AASC will provide tpt at div and bde gp dumps as under -

21 Bde gp	0600 hrs
25 Bde gp	0700 "
Div Res gp	1000 "

4. The Div Res gp dump will be at BALFOURIA under Capt FARQUHARSON, Div HQ who will post a guide at Rd and Track June 2 1/2 mls N. of AFFULE.

5. Personal kits, etc and regt bag

This will be picked up from bde and div gp areas on the following time table and transported to Cav Barracks, ACRE :-

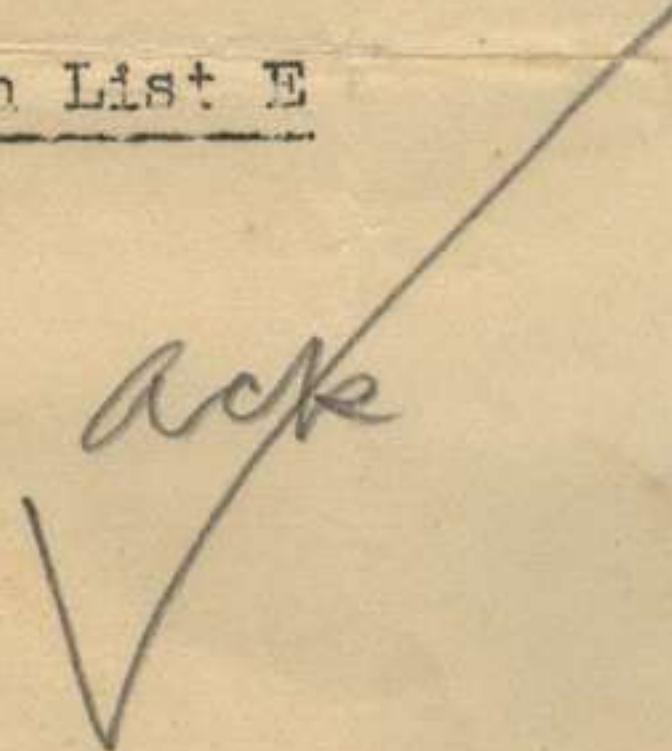
25 Bde gp	1200 hrs
21 Bde gp	1300 "
Div Res gp	1400 "


6. 25 Bde will detail an offr to supervise stacking in unit lots at ACRE.

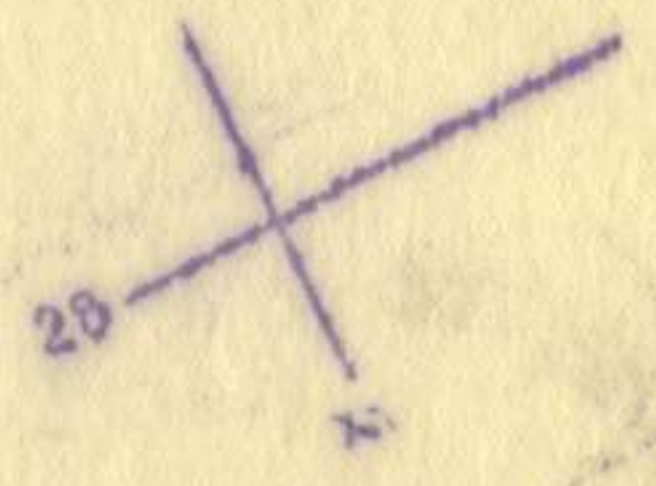
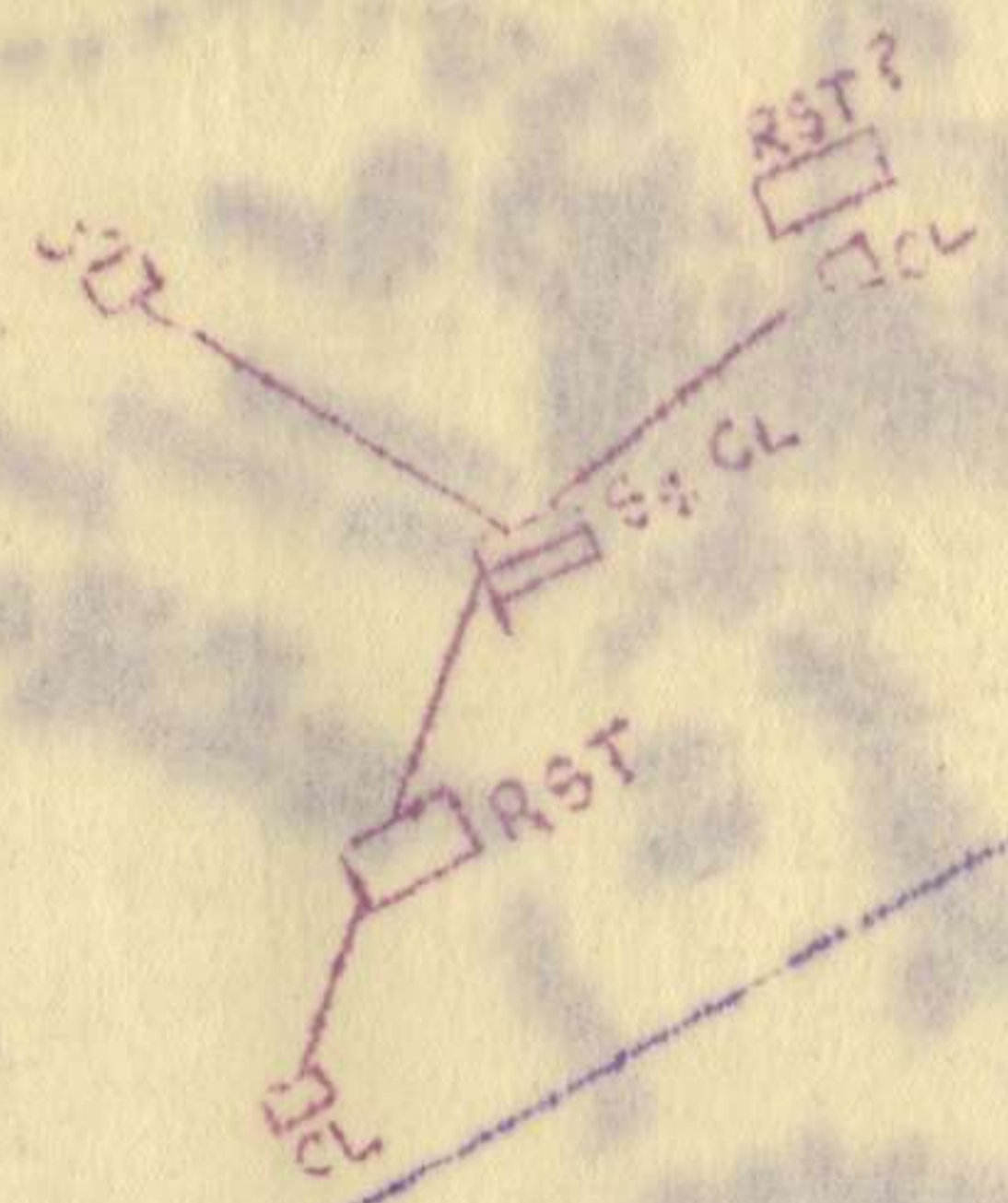
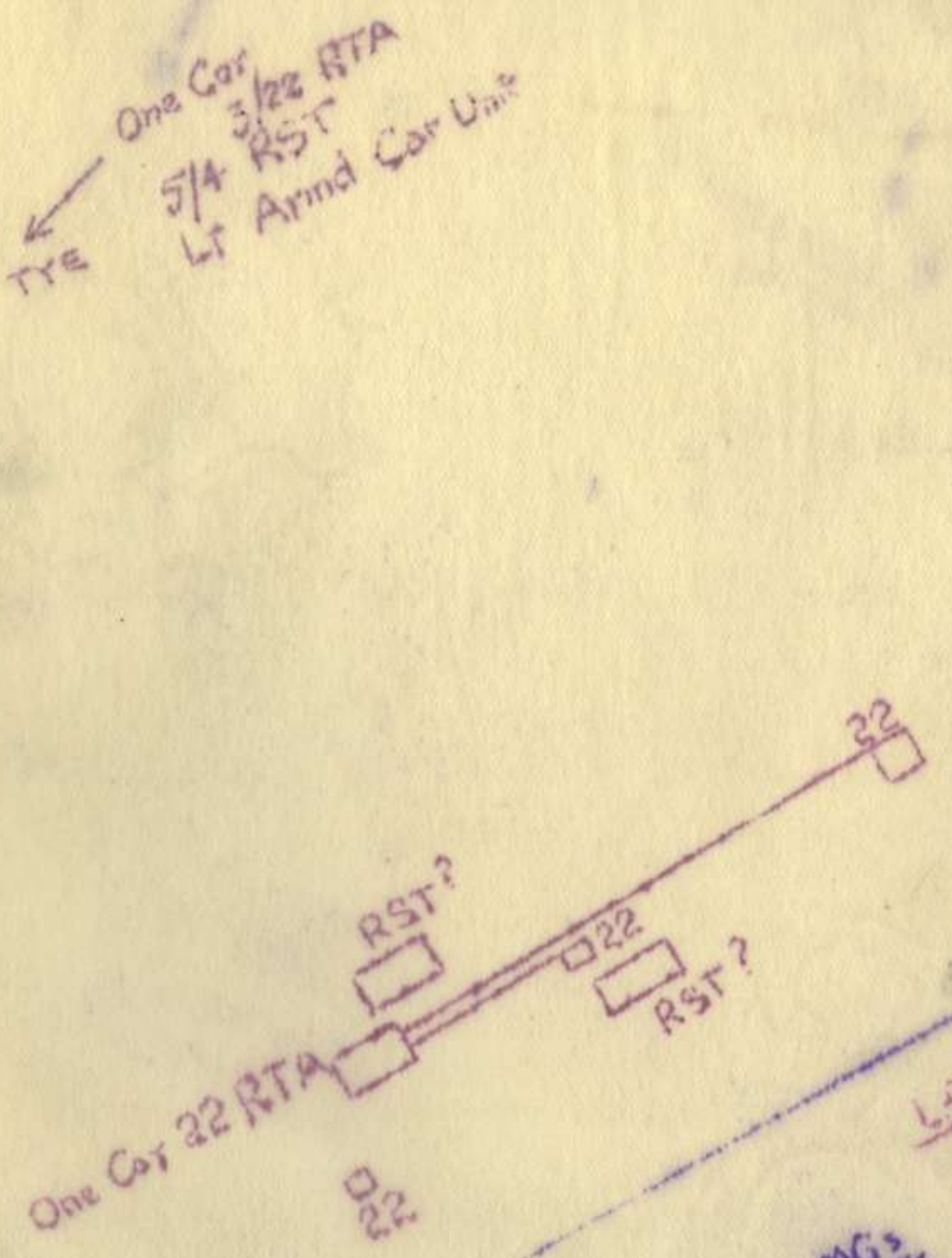
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AA & QMG Aust Div Exporter

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 3/82 RTA
 (less 2 Cors)
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 One Cor 3/82 RTA
 5/4 RST Lt Armd Car Unit



SECRET
 Sheet 4
 APPENDIX 'A' TO INT SUMMARY No 20
 3 Jun 41
 REF MAP 'BEYMOUTH'
 1:200,000

LEGEND
 No Numbers Known
 *
 MG's
 AVTK
 AA
 ARTY
 Mines
 Arm Dune
 Bridges
 Structures
 Road Blocks
 Observation
 approx pos.
 Giv Position
 approx pos.
 hills

2/22 RTA
less 2 Cors
2 Cors

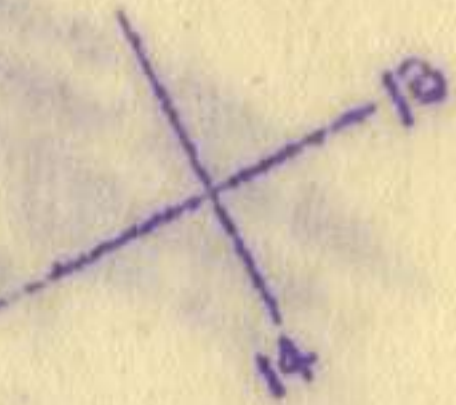
Rachayoi Quach
Pl. 1 BCL

Road not Asphalted
but all weather.
Some cover against aircraft
Movement all road possible
Water plentiful.

Either camp or fortifications
is being continued here
Peace time Garrison from MERUAYOUNG
is reported to have withdrawn here
24-5-41

MAABAYA 25-5-41
Bty 75s or 90mm 120mm A/T
Other guns probably usually Bty
Mountain Bty (65mm) usually Bty
stationed here Sec Mtn Bty

1/2 RTA
(less one Coy)
HQ 1 BCL
Sqn HQ CL
6/4 RST



Troops from North
are said to be reinforcing
this area

One Coy
1/22 RTA

Coy 1 BCL

Two Coys 1 BCL
Sqn CL

DEFENDED LOCALITY
MERUAYOUNG

MT 1929-41
RACHAYOI

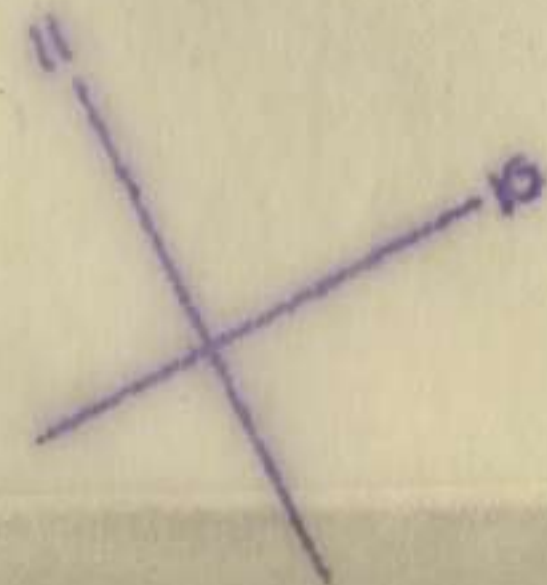
East on slopes indicated mined

Mined
• Det. Stn.

RST
Gold observation
Valley
• Det. Stn.

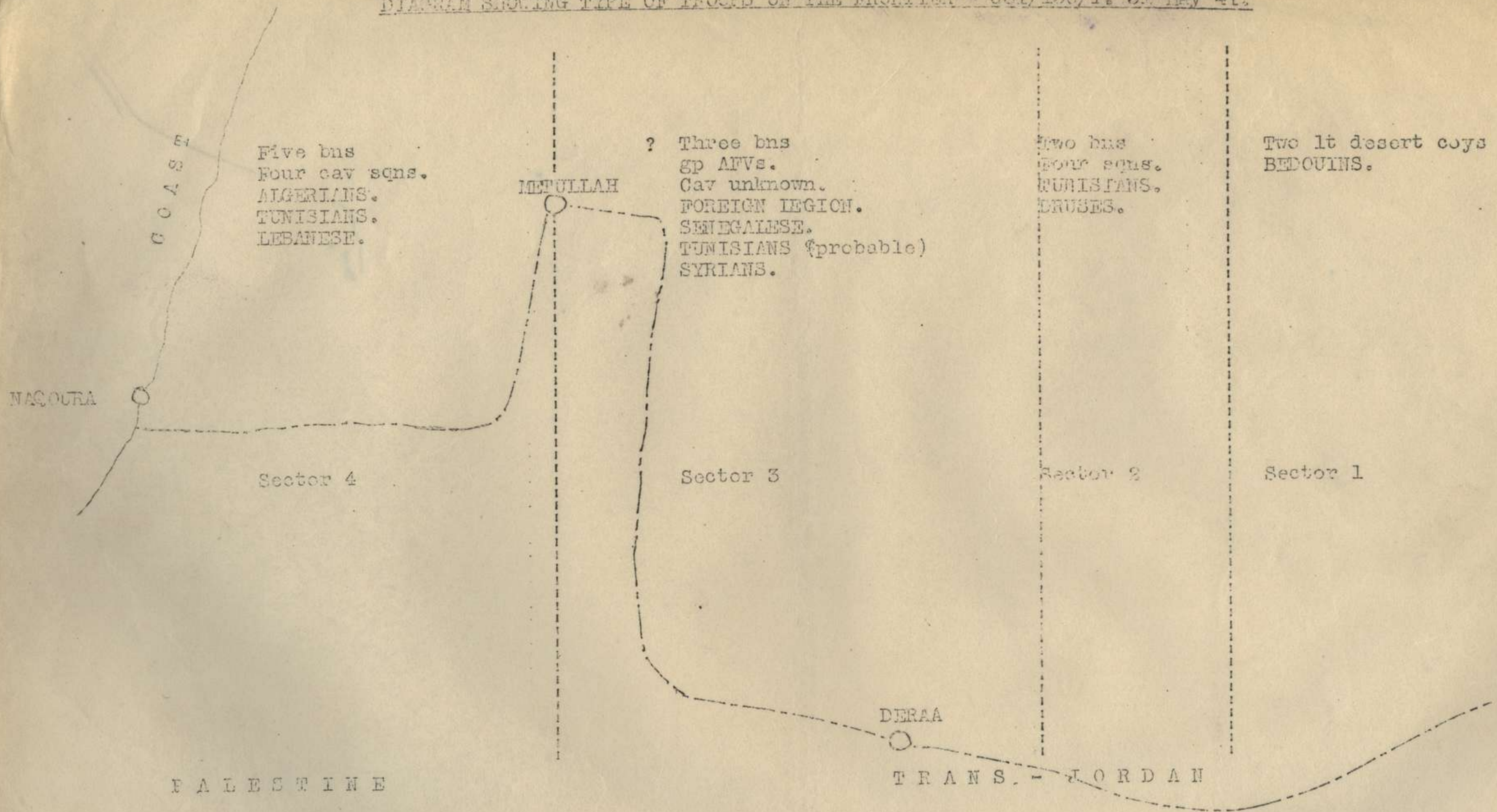
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ABBREVIATIONS

<u>Abbreviation</u>	<u>Full French Title</u>	<u>English Equivalent</u>
A.C.	Anti-char	Anti-tank
A.M.	Automitrailleuses	Armd Cs
B.C.C.	Bataillon Chars de Combat	Tank bn
B.C.L.	Bataillon Chasseurs Libanais	Lebanese Rifle Bn
B.D.L.	Bataillon du Levant	Levant Bn
B.M.T.S	Bataillon de marche Tirailleurs Senegalais	Senegalese Rifle Bn
<u>Colonial tps:</u>	Tps of the regular French Army who spend half their service at stations in France and half in the Colonies.	
C.L.D.	Compagnie legere du desert	Lt Desert Coy
C.S.T.L.	Commandement superieur des troupes du Levant	Gen Staff
D.C.A	Defense contre avion	AA
E.L.Dj.	Escadron leger Djezireh	Djezireh Lt Cav
E.L.Dr.	" " Druse	Druse Lt Cav
E.L.N.S	" " Nord Syrie	North Syrian Lt Cav
E.J.Tch	" " Tcherkess	Circassian Lt Cav
Etr.	Legion Etrangere	Foreign Legion
Genie	Le Genie	Engineers
Gp	Groupe or Groupement	Sub-division of a regt
H.C.F.	Haut Commissariat Francais	French High Commissioner
Intendance		Sup service
<u>Metropolitan:</u>	Tps (French and native) belonging to the French Army in France and North Africa.	
Mtn		Pack tpt
P.A.R.E.M.		Sub regional wkshops
Partizan		Irregular lt cav
Porte		Lorry borne (arty)
P.R.R.E.M		Regional wkshops
R.A.C.L.	Regiment d'artillerie coloniale du Levant	Colonial Arty Regt
R.A.M.L.	Regiment d'artillerie metropolitane du Levant	Metropolitan Arty Regt of Mideast
R.C.A	Regiment Chasseurs d'Afrique	African Rifle Regt
R.I.C	Regiment d'infanterie coloniale	Colonial inf regt
R.T.A	Regiment Tirailleurs Algeriens	Algerian Rifle Regt
R.T.M.	Regiment Tirailleurs Marocains	Moroccan Rifle Regt
R.T.S.	Regiment Tirailleurs Senegalais	Senegalese Rifle Regt
R.T.T.	Regiment Tirailleurs Tunisiens	Tunisian Rifle Regt
S.A.	Spahis Algeriens	Algerian Lt Cav
S.M.	Spahis Marocains	Moroccan Lt Cav
Sp.	Troupes speciales: Tps recruited and maintained by local governments, but trained and partly officered by French.	
S.T.	Spahis Tunisiens	Tunisian Lt Cav
T.L.	Territoires des Liban	Lebanon district
T.N.S.	Territoires Nord Syrie	North Syrian district
Train		Tpt corps
Transmissions		Sigs
T.S.S.	Territoires Sud-Syrie	South Syrian district



~~THE WAR OFFICE,~~
HOBART HOUSE,
GROSVENOR PLACE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

0144/7795 (A.G.3.D.)

17th January, 1941.

CONFIDENTIAL

Relationship between personnel of H.M. Forces and
personnel of the Free French Forces.

I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that cases have recently come to light of acts of discourtesy towards members of the Free French Forces. It is considered that these acts may have been committed owing to a misunderstanding as to the position of these men.

In this connection I am to point out that members of these Forces are in a very different category from our other Allies, as they had the opportunity of being repatriated to France but chose to continue fighting for the Allied cause by voluntarily joining the Free French Forces, thus losing their civilian rights as citizens of France.

The Frenchmen who have joined the de Gaulle movement comprise a very small minority of their countrymen and in taking this step they have invited much harsh and hostile criticism from many other Frenchmen. They are, moreover, fully aware that the line of action which they have taken may lead to the victimisation of their families in France.

I am to add that the Council feel that the courageous attitude adopted by these Frenchmen is worthy of the highest praise and encouragement, and that the example given may have the great effect as time goes on in swaying public opinion in France more and more in our favour.

I am therefore to request that you will kindly bring the views expressed in this letter to the notice of all ranks in such a manner as you consider will be most likely to prevent any further acts of discourtesy towards members of the Free French Forces.

(Sgd) G.W. Lambert.

- Headquarters,)
- British Troops in Egypt.)
- British Forces in Palestine & T.J.)
- Troops in Sudan.)
- Troops in Cyprus.)
- East African Forces.)
- British Troops in Crete.)
- Army Troops Aden.)
- Western Desert Force.)

General Headquarters,
Middle East.

CME/20384/AG2.

12th May, 1941.

for
distribution
to Bns.

The Commander-in-Chief directs that the contents of the above published letter shall be explained to all ranks.

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Major-General
Deputy Adjutant General:

1. CUST-INS POST - suggested that alarm will be given here and demolition at (2) will then be blown.
2. Important demolition here on rd. Rd runs along cliff face and demolition will probably completely destroy making progress impossible
3. Last known garrison at TYR:
 - (a) Armd C unit - about 4 cars.
 - (b) Det Chasseurs Lebanese - poor tps.
 - (c) One coy Algerians - about 200 (reasonable fighters).
 - (d) Sec 75 mm A Tk guns.
 - (e) One sqn Spahis - good tps.
4. Rd defences TYR area - believed not extensive although recently renewed.
5. Two rd blocks - MGs sited on North bank of river covering these blocks and the bridge.
6. Br heavily mined - if demolished may be possible to detour and cross river by bridging on left of main rd - definitely NO detour to right as river runs through gorge up to 100 feet deep.
7. Reported some defensive posns on North bank of river.
8. Rd block.
9. One bn French inf believed to be at SAIDA.
10. Rd prepared for demolition. One coy inf and one coy Spahis reported along rd.
11. Four 75 mm guns at Khalde.
12. Garrison BEYROUTH usually about eleven bus, two gps AFVs (each gp 2 sqns), some cav.
13. Armd Cs have been seen at BRIT ED DINE - probably travel along rd from YAROUTI.
14. Tarrd rd.
15. Good water all this area.
16. Metalled but probably rough.
17. Reported prepared for demolition.
18. One gun - reported 160 mm.
19. Non metalled. Not a good rd - probably track only.
20. Defences this area mostly wire with some trenches. In QLEAA-KHIRBE area it is reported there are trenches, wire, MG posts, some 25 mm A Tk guns and some 75 mm guns.
21. Lebanese Customs Post with rd blocks.
22. Good water this area.
23. Frontier posts - held lightly - probable HQ at HENRI JBAIL. Last known frontier tps - 26 Regt Algerians, Chasseurs Lebanese (Native Cav), Tunisian Spahis. Rd along frontier (SYRIAN side) passable all weathers.
24. One agent reported some mines along this rd. No details.
25. Passable all weathers.
26. Passable all weathers.
27. Armd Cs use rd JEZZINE-SAIDA.
28. Good metalled rd.
29. First class rd.

NOTE: It is reported there are no prepared defences North of Grid 16.

P.T.O.

fighting qualities: LEBANESE - native tps - unreliable.

North African tps - reasonable

SENEGALESE - good tps - well trained - good fighters - anti British.

SPAHIS - good tps - anti Free French.

1. (a) One Coy Spahis - good tps.
2. (b) One Coy Algerians - about 200 (reasonable fighters).
3. (c) Det Chasseurs Libanais - poor tps.
4. (d) Arab Coy - about 4 tps.
5. Rd Lebanon Tps area - believed not extensive although recently renewed.
6. Two rd blocks - Mts sited on North bank of river covering these blocks and the bridge.
7. Rd heavily mined - if demolished may be possible to detour and cross river by bridging on left of main rd - definitely NO detour to right as river runs through gorge up to 100 feet deep.
8. Reported some defensive posts on North bank of river.
9. Rd block.
10. One bn French rd believed to be in area.
11. Rd prepared for demolition. One Coy rd and one Coy Spahis reported along rd.
12. Four V8 mm guns at bridge.
13. German REFORGER usually about eleven hrs, two hrs AVE (each by 2 tps), some art.
14. Arab Co have been seen at WEST RD JUNE - probably travel along rd from YAHOUY.
15. Tapped rd.
16. Good water all this area.
17. Mined and probably rough.
18. Reported prepared for demolition.
19. One gun - reported 120 mm.
20. Not detailed. Not a good rd - probably track only.
21. Balance this area mostly wire with some trenches. In QIRAA-KHINEH area it is reported there are trenches, wire, 121 posts, some 25 mm A TR guns and some V8 mm guns.
22. Lebanese tps are rd blocks.
23. Good water this area.
24. Frontier posts - held lightly - probably rd at SEINT SIMON. Last known frontier tps - 25 km East Algerians, Chasseurs Libanais (Native Coy), Tunisian Spahis, rd also frontier (SYRIAN side) possible all weather.
25. One agent reported some mines along this rd. No details.
26. Possible all weather.
27. Possible all weather.
28. Possible all weather.
29. Arab Co use rd KHEIM-SABA.
30. Good detailed rd.
31. First class rd.
32. It is reported there are no prepared defenses north of this rd.

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RWC/JPA

2/27

HQ Aust Div Exporter
5 Jun 41.

21 Aust Inf Bde
25 Aust Inf Bde.

The following is repeated for your infm as received by these HQ :

MAG/1/41

Frontier Control.CID
Metulla
4.6.41

To: Intelligence Offr,
Bde HQ, AIF,
Nazareth.

Subject : Intelligence - Syria.

The following infm was obtained from a very reliable source :-

1. Further barbed wire entanglements have been erected from CLAIRE across the plain in front of DJEDIDI to a spring called EIN el HASSAD, which is roughly 2 kilometres SE of KHIAM FORT.
2. The following regts have been identified and are placed as follows :
 - (a)x 1st Coy Chasseurs Lebanese at Abel Sazi commanded by Lieut Caram and Lieut Haggar. 2nd Coy Chasseurs Lebanese at same village comd by Lieut Mondreck
 - (b) 3rd Coy Chasseurs Lebanese at KHIAM comd by Capt Shebab and Lieut Malouf.
3. At KIRBI there is one Moroccan Coy.
4. At CLAIRE there is one Moroccan Coy.
5. BINT JEBRIL one coy of Nth African Inf.
6. In an olive grove in front of DEBBINE there are 2 bns of Moroccan Inf. East of DEBBINE there is another Bn.
7. The Police Post in DJEDIDI is surrounded by barbed wire and four machine guns have been placed at the four corners of the roof.
8. The main rd to BEYROUTH from TEL EN HASS has now been completely mined.
9. It is reported from a fairly reliable source that there are 50 lt tks and 500 tps in the area of SEIDA.

G E Oliver B/Sgt i/c
Frontier Control, Metulla

Sgd John A Chapman Col
GS Aust Div Exporter

2/27 53/1

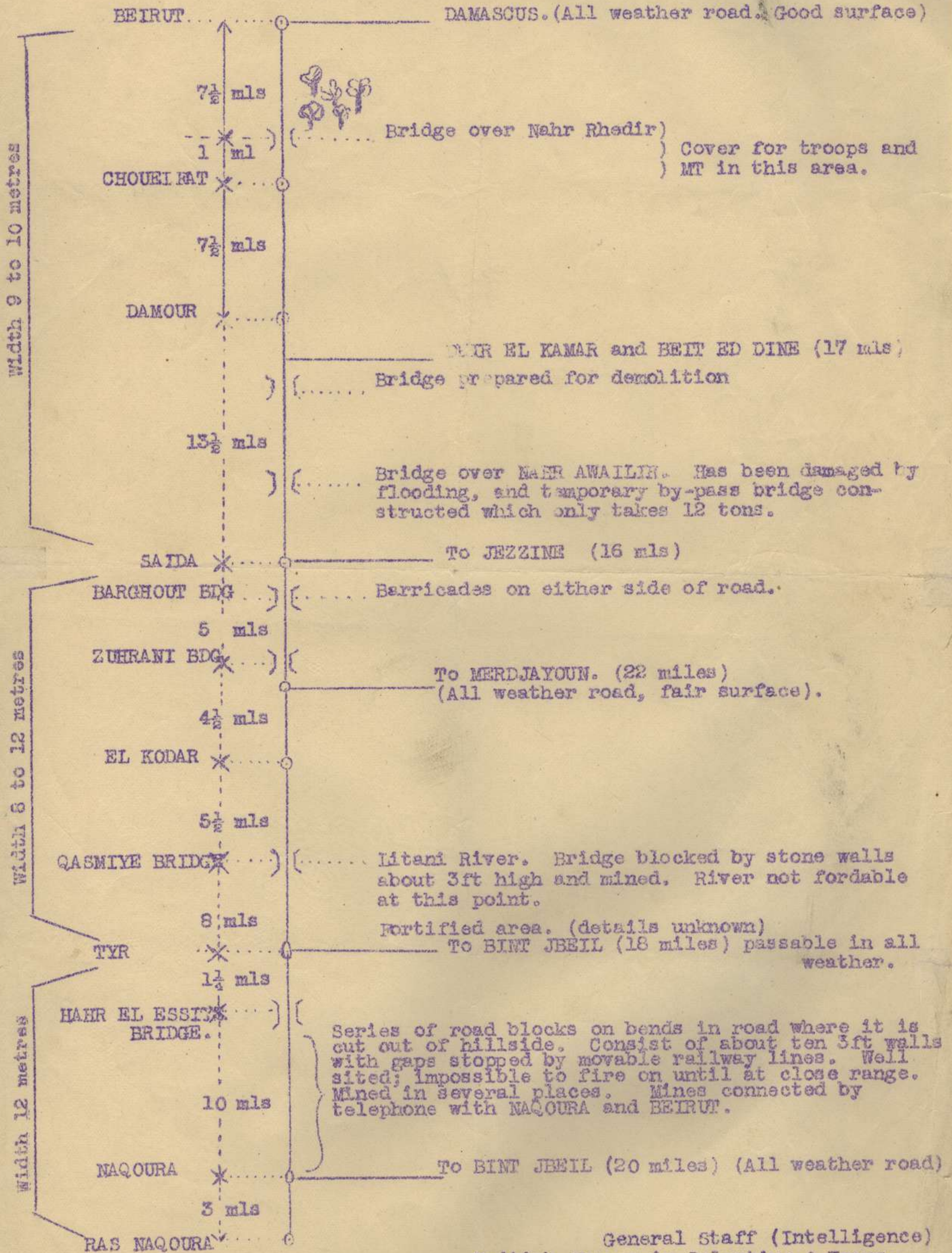
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ROUTE 1.

RAS NAQOURA - BEIRUT (Distance 66 5/8 miles)

All bridges will take 20 tons, except that over Nahr Awaillih



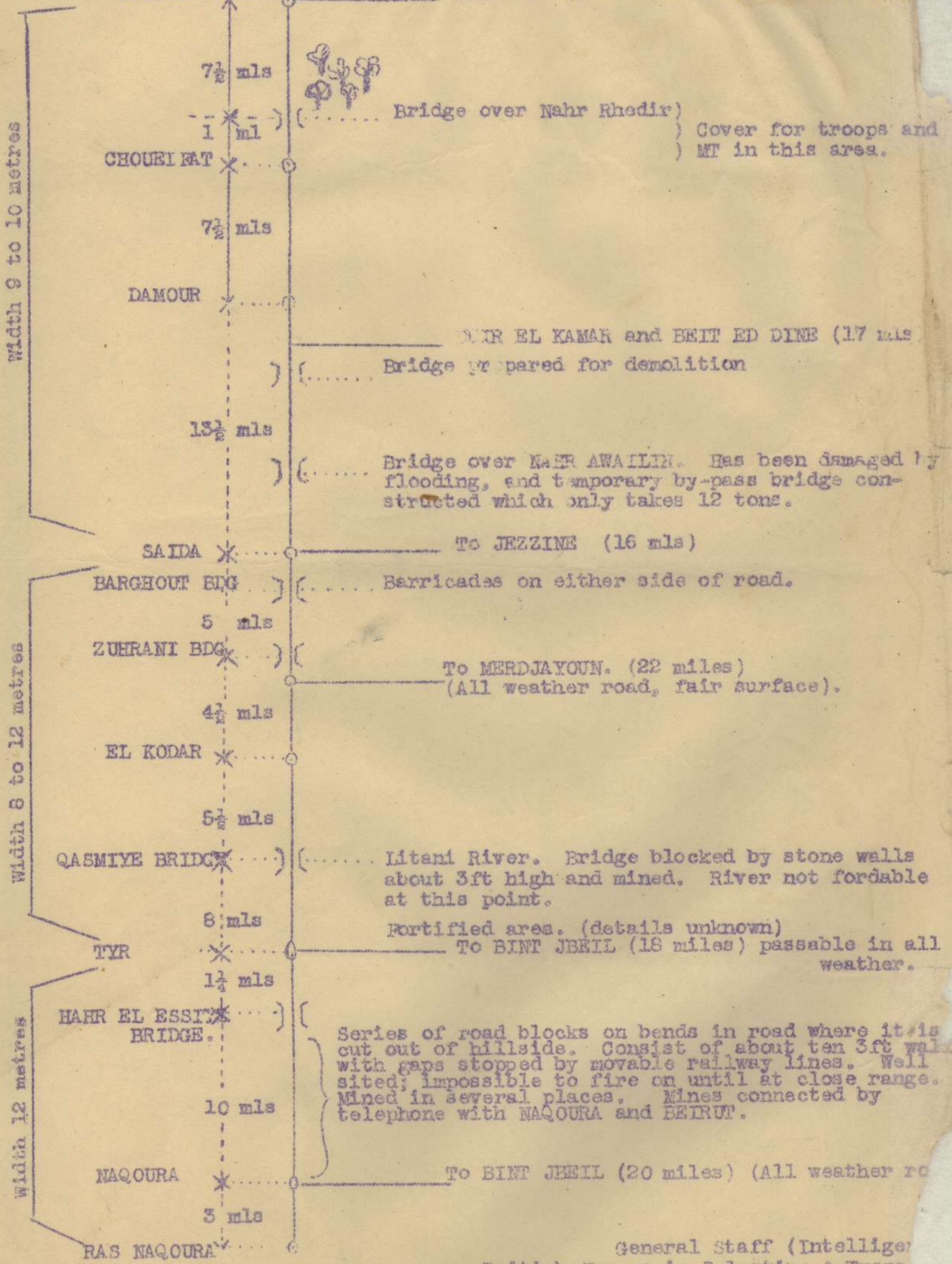
2nd June 1941

ROUTE 1.

RAS NAQOURA - BEIRUT (Distance 66 3/4 miles)

All bridges will take 20 tons, except that over Nahr Awaill

BEIRUT... DAMASCUS. (All weather road. Good surface)



2nd June 1941

General Staff (Intelligence)
British Forces in Palestine & Transjordan

6 Jun 41.

21 AUST INF BDE GP CO NO 8.

Ref Maps : BEYROUTH Sheet 1/200,000
HAIFA and SAFAD Sheets 1/100,000.

INFM.

1. Vide 21 Aust Inf Bde Int Summaries Nos 1 & 2.
2. Exporter Force is to adv on D1 day into SYRIA and seize the aerodromes at BEYROUTH and RAYAK. 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp will adv on the right on the axis METULLAH 204298 - MERDJAYOUN 136159 - HASBAYE 145162 - RAYAK 175213.
21 Aust Inf Bde Gp will move on the left on the general axis COAST Rd.
3. Inter bde boundary (all incl 21 Aust Inf Bde) - EL MALIKIYA 198271 - TIBNINE 188289 - HABBOUCH 126164 - JEZZINE 136179 - MOUKHTARA 139191 - BAROUCH 145196 - AINSOFA 148207 - (all incl 25 Aust Inf Bde) HAMMANA 151210 - MROUJ 152219.
4. 5 Ind Inf Bde and Free French Forces are operating on the right of the 25 Bde Gp.
5. C Bn SS is landing near the mouth of the LITANI River at 0200 hrs D1 to secure a br head over that river and prevent the demolition of the br there and the br at ABU EL ASSOUD. This bn will remain in posn until DONCOL passes North of the river when it will withdraw from the op.

INTENTION.

6. 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp will seize the aerodrome at BEYROUTH.

METHOD.

7. 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be divided into the following colns :

(a) To be known as "DONCOL"

Comd - Lt-Col A B MacDonald 2/16 Bn
Two tps ROYALS (armd Cs)
A Sqn 6 Aust Cav (less tk tps)
2/4 Fd Regt (less one bty)
Two tps 6 A Tk Bty
One tp 170 Lt AA Bty
2/6 Fd Coy (less one sec)
2/16 Bn
One coy 2/6 Fd Amb
C Sec 5 Res MT Coy

(b) To be known as "MOTCOL"

Comd - Lt-Col M J Moten 2/27 Bn
Two tk tps A Sqn 6 Aust Cav
One bty 2/4 Fd Regt
6 A Tk Bty (less two tps)
170 Lt AA Bty (less two tps)
One sec 2/6 Fd Coy
2/27 Bn
One coy 2/6 Fd Amb
D Sec 5 Res MT Coy.

Rear HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde moves in rear of MOTCOL.

- (c) To be known as TYR FORCE and to be utilised to garrison TYR after capture :

/Comd -

Comd - Capt S Howden 2/14 Bn
C Coy 2/14 Bn
Two carriers 2/14 Bn
Two dets 3 Pl 2/14 Bn
One gun 6 A Tk Bty

(d) CHESHIRE YEO (less one sqn)

(e) 2/14 Bn (less TYR FORCE)

8. Objective : Rd RAYAK - BEYROUTH west of AIN SOFAR (incl).

Intermediate Objectives : First, Rd MERDJAYOUN - HABBOUCH - COAST.
Second, Rd JEZZINE - SAIDA.

A halt will be made on second objectives until contact has been made with 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp or permission to adv is given by Bde. Armd patrols will however be sent fwd of this objective during any period that the adv is delayed.

Pts of contact with 25 Bde Gp are
HABBOUCH
JEZZINE
AIN SOFAR.

DONCOL is responsible for establishing contact at these pts.

9. Separate instns have been issued to the following units for the creation of br heads at the places shown :

(a) DONCOL : YAROUN 189276 - AIN EBEL 186279 - AITAROUNE 194280 - BENNT JBAIL 191281.

(b) CHE SHIRE YEO : KH JERINE 172279 - RAMLET 179279 - AITA ECH CHAAB 182278 - REMEICHE 185275.

(c) 2/14 Bn : ALMA CHAAB 167279 - LABOUNA 164277 - NAQOURA 163281 - ISKANDAROUN 166284.

10. As soon as the enemy posts YAROUN, AIN EBEL, AITAROUNE and BENNT JBAIL have been captured by DONCOL a track will be built by one coy 2/2 Pnr Bn from the PALESTINE frontier rd at EL MALIKIYA to join up with the French frontier rd. DONCOL will cross the frontier by this track at 0445 hrs and adv via TIBNINE 189289 and TYR 170296.

11. TYR FORCE will follow immediately after DONCOL and will be under comd until placed in TYR as garrison. Tpt for TYR FORCE will be drawn from extra vehs of C and D Sub-sections of 5 MT Res Coy.

12. CHESHIRE YEO, on completion of task in para 10 above, will adv via TIBNINE - TIERZEBNA 187295 - SRIHA 187293 to KAHR SIR 121154. It will be prepared to turn from the East any defences on the line of the R LITANI should DONCOL be held up south of the R. Any orders for this op will be given by DONCOL at rd junc 186294 south of TIER ZEBNA. If not required for this op, CHESHIRE YEO will proceed to area ZEBDEINE 124160 - HABBOUCH and provide flank protection astride the rds NABATIYE - ABOU EL ASSOUD 106159 and HABBOUCH - COAST during night D1/D2.

13. MOTCOL will move from Assembly Areas and halt with the leading elements of the coln at rd junc 15962380 at 0500 hrs and there await orders from Gp Comd. If the COAST Rd is passable, MOTCOL will send det to clear the rd as far North as RACHIDLYE 170293. Further adv of MOTCOL via the COAST Rd will only take place after TYR has been captured by DONCOL. The responsibility of advising MOTCOL of the capture of TYR rests with DONCOL.

14. Should the COAST Rd be rendered impassable, MOTCOL will be /diverted -

diverted by Gp Comd to follow DONCOL.

15. The action to be taken on arrival at BEYROUTH will be covered in an op instrn to be issued but DONCOL must seize aerodrome and approaches between HSAIME 132214 and the COAST while MOTCOL seizes the Eastern and Northern entrances between ZAAJAR 134215 and ANTELIAS 137220.

ADM.

16. See Adm Instrn No 1 issued separately.

INTERCOMN.

17. Ground to ground : W/T dets will be provided as under :

- (a) Adv Bde Gp HQ - 109 sets
- (b) DONCOL - 109 and 101 sets
- (c) MOTCOL - 101 set
- (d) 2/14 Bn - 101 set.

18. Ground to air :

- (a) RAF Tender with Adv Bde Gp HQ
- (b) Recognition strips.

19. Air to Ground : Color of day and message dropping (see supplementary code list issued separately). Sig layout diagram is being issued separately.

20. White square to indicate posn fwd tps and AFVs to be displayed on call from air by color of day or by aircraft flying a series of "S" turns.

21. Adv Bde Gp HQ at RAS EN NAQURA till ISKANDAROUN captured thence via COAST Rd. If rd destroyed at that pt, follows DONCOL. Wireless silence until zero.

22. Rear Bde HQ moves in rear of MOTCOL.

23. LOS with DONCOL and MOTCOL as from 2000 hrs D - 1.

24. Password in two parts :-

Question; Where is the KOOKABERRA
 Answer, At GAMBERRA.

ACK.

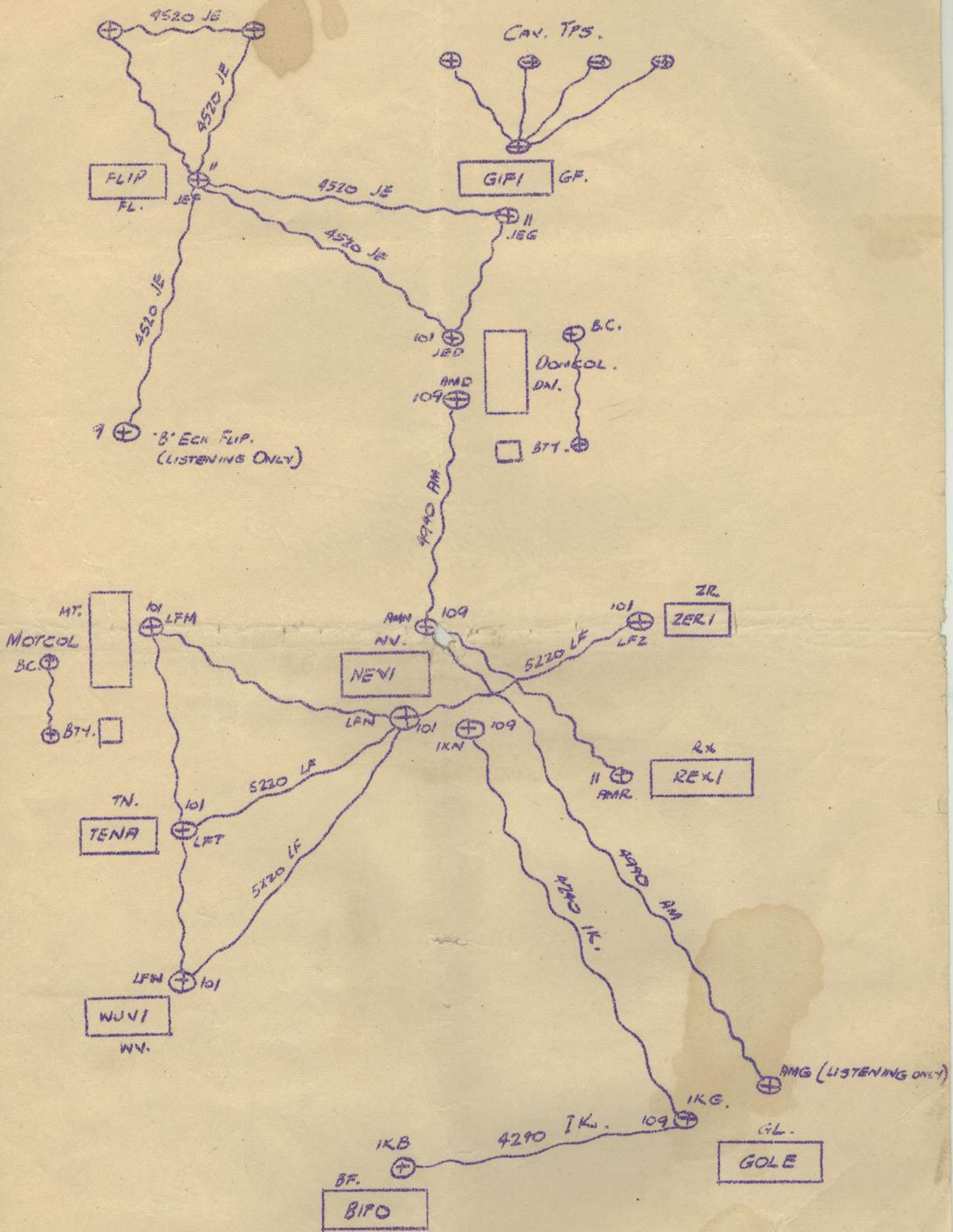
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 BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION	Copy No
2/14 Bn	1
2/16 Bn	2
2/27 Bn	3
Sigs	4
59 IAD	5
B sqn ROYALS	6
CHEESHIRE YEO	7
North of SOMERSET YEO	8 (for infm)
A sqn 8 Aust Cav	9
2/4 Pz Regt	10
6 A Tk Bty	11
170 Lt AA Bty	12
2/6 Pz Coy	13
21 Aust Inf Bde Gp	
ASC Coy.	14

DISTRIBUTION	Copy No
A Coy 2/2 Pz Bn	15
2/3 Pz Amb	16
5 Res MI Coy	17
25 Aust Inf Bde Gp	18
Aust Div Exporter	
" " " (for AIL0)	19-20
Comd	21
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LAYOUT OF WIRELESS COMMNS WITHIN NEVI FORMATION.



DRAWN AT 0700 HRS
6 JUN 41.

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Historical Records Section,
2nd Echelon, AIF.

UNIT

2/27 Inf. Bn.

Receipt of the undermentioned documents is hereby acknowledged.

Original War Diary for month of 1-20 May 41

Duplicate War Diary for month of 16-21 May 41

Other documents _____

REMARKS :-

E. J. Hancock
Capt
i/c Historical Records, AIF.

OFFICER
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2nd Battalion
A.I.F.

Please receive Private Names and
Titles of undementioned personnel of 2/27 Bn

A.I.F.

1.	BURR	F.S.	SX 3995	Bn HQ
2.	RUDLAND	E.F.	10031	Bn HQ
3.	LONEY	J.V.	SX 4044	Bn HQ
4.	GANLEY	T.W.	SX 3063	Bn HQ
5.	HAWKE	W.	SX 4330	C Coy
6.	EDGAR	P.	SX 2906	H.Q. Coy
7.	CORNISH	D.F.	SX 3842	H.Q. Coy
8.	FREAKE	J.A.	SX 5920	Bn HQ
9.	MORRIS	J.	SX 10140	Bn. HQ
10.	DALE	R.J.	SX 3359	C coy
11.	BENNETTA	J.R.B.	SX 4480	C coy
12.	M ^c CONNELL	J.T.	SX 5021	C coy
13.	SMITH	C.J.	SX 3514	C coy
14.	CAMPBELL	J.D.	SX 4457	C coy.
15.	RANKINE	G.R.	SX 4074	C coy.
16.	GEDDES	P.H.G.	SX 2997	B Coy.
17.	DESMOND	R.	SX 4198	B Coy.
18.	DOUDLE	M.H.	SX 2875	A Coy.
19.	DEAN	A.C.	SX 2643	Bn. H.Q.

Aldean Lieut

I.O. 2/27 Bn.

29 May 41

SECURITY INSTRUCTION

The following instrns must be read to all ranks and necessary steps taken to ensure that they are enforced.

1. SECURITY OF INFM

It is very difficult to obtain complete security of infm and Security Offrs would have a much easier task if all ranks would regard it as their personal duty to ensure that neither they nor any other person gives away any infm which would assist the enemy.

There are two ways in which all ranks can assist.

(1) If anyone is heard talking carelessly in hearing of civilians or other unidentified persons, he should be warned. If the warning is foolishly disregarded, report such person immediately to the unit security offr or any other offr and steps will be taken to ensure such carelessness is not repeated. The reporting of these people is for the benefit of all and must not be regarded as "squealing".

(2) By making a special effort to avoid putting anything in letters which would be of value to the enemy.

Rules for censorship as laid down in MMI pam 2 and PSPB pam 3 must be circulated to all ranks and stress should be laid on the following censorable matters.

- i. Strength, efficiency, morale or organization of our forces.
- ii. Location or movement of any naval, military or air force units or detachments.
- iii. Plans and forecasts or orders for future operations, whether known or merely rumoured or surmised.
- iv. Position or description of billets, bivouacs or camps.

At our previous location it was permissible to mention sandstorms and dug-outs etc and all ranks must realise that any reference whatsoever to the change in surroundings or billets will disclose the fact that we have moved.

During present operations security of movement is essential and all ranks must appreciate this fact and act accordingly.

2. POSTAL

Address will be as usual i.e.

SX 4542
Pte J Jones
A Coy
2/27 Bn
AIF ABROAD

It has been noticed that the address on letters is frequently incorrect and franking offrs will watch carefully to see that "AIF ABROAD" is included in the address. 7 Aust Div must NOT appear in the address.

Only Australian stamps will be used on all letters parcels etc.

3. CHANGING OF FOREIGN CURRENCY

Before arriving in PALESTINE all ranks were warned NOT to try and change EGYPTIAN currency in this country, as it would immediately disclose our previous location.

It is most regrettable that numerous breaches of this instrn occurred.

ACK

J. H. ... Lieut.
10 21 Aust Inf Bde.

31 May 41.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

1. OPEN FIRES - Open fires are NOT permitted in bivouac areas during the hrs of darkness or where a concealed posn may be disclosed.
2. HELMETS STEEL - These reflect a good deal of light. They should be covered with hessian, thus concealing the section shape of the helmet and also providing a suitable foundation for the application of additional means of camflg such as leaves or twigs.
3. BLANKETS, CLOTHING ETC. - These must NOT be aired in the open if in the vicinity of a concealed posn or where they may disclose the location of billets. Full advantage should be taken of shadow.
4. PULLOVERS (BLUE) - These are very conspicuous, and when worn will be used as an undergarment.
5. ACTION BY ENEMY AIRCRAFT - The danger of standing in exposed posns to watch enemy air action must be impressed on all ranks. In addition to many unnecessary casualties having been caused in this manner in the past, posns of tps and HQ have been exposed to the enemy.
6. MT - The best insurances against air attack is to avoid presenting a "worth-while" target. Maintaining correct convoy spacing, adequate dispersal and taking advantage of natural cover all contributes to this end. The correct use of camflg nets has been dealt with previously, but it is necessary again to impress upon all concerned the importance of intelligent use of these stores. NETS WITHOUT garnishing are USELESS.
7. WINDSCREENS - The reflection from windscreens of MT can be eliminated in several ways -
 - (a) covering with oil and dust, leaving a slot for vision;
 - (b) using hessian in a similar manner;
 - (c) painting.

In all cases treatment to be applied to outside surface, otherwise the mirror effect will be increased. On moonlight nights the reflection from windscreens has been observed as far as one mile away.
8. TRACK DISCIPLINE - This, especially around HQ etc, is extremely important and must be enforced on all occasions; it applies equally to MT and pedestrians.

ACKDistribution

All Coys - "B" Ech.

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 Adjt 2/27 Bn AIF.

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Serial No	Date	Unit	No of Vehs	Place From	To	SP	Time past SP	Remarks
22		D-1	2/6 Fd 17 Coy less one sec less R party	AFWULA	area 7	rd junc	2400	16982340
23		"	Sec 170 3 AA Lt Bty	AFWULA	area 3	"	0004	
24		"	One coy 2/6 Fd 8 Amb	"	area 9	"	0004	
25		"	Pet 3 Mechs 6 Aust Car	SIAHAN HA AMQEM	area 6	"	--	Moves independently. See serial 5
26		"	Sec 6 A 3 Tk Bty	AFWULA	area 5	"	0005	
27		"	Sec 2 pl 1	"	area 3	"	0005	
28		"	TYRFORCE 16	"	area 8	"	0006	
29		"	Fd Pk 9 Coy					Separate instns will be issued.

DISTRIBUTION :-

COPY No	APPX A	Tracing A	
1	1	1	HQ Coy
2	1	1	A "
3	1	1	B "
4	1	1	C "
5	1	1	D "
6 & 7 (copy for	² det	² Ed Plk. Coy	2/6 Ed Coy
8	1	1	Royals
9	1	1	6 Aust Cav
10	1	1	2/4 Ed Regt
11	1	1	6 A Tk Bty
12	1	1	170 Lt AA Bty
13	1	1	2/6 Ed Amb
14	1	1	2/3 Pnr Bn
15	1	1	2/14 Bn (TYR Force)
16	1	1	2/27 Bn
17	1	1	21 Aust Inf Bde
18	1	1	25 " " "
19	1	1	Cmd
20 - 21	2	2	T O
22	1	1	QM
23	1	1	I O
24 - 25	2	2	WD
26	1	1	File
27 - 28	2	2	Spare

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CONFIRMATIONS

- SX 3088 A/S/Sjt Piper O.O. rank: confirmed Sjt
23 May 41 as from 1 Dec 40.
- SX 2799 A/Sjt Fort O.W. rank: confirmed Sjt
23 May 41 as from 3 Jan 41.
- SX 4357 A/Sjt Cowan R.W.F. rank: confirmed Sjt
23 May 41 as from 11 Mar 41.
- SX 3995 A/Sjt Durr P.S. rank: confirmed Sjt
23 May 41 as from 5 Apr 41.
- SX 4262 I/Sjt Underwood R.V. rank: confirmed Cpl
23 May 41 as from 26 Jan 41.
- SX 5989 A/Cpl Ellis W.W. rank: confirmed Cpl
23 May 41 as from 19 Oct 40.
- SX 3943 A/Cpl Robertson P.R. rank: confirmed Cpl
31 May 41 as from 11 Dec 40.
- SX 3171 A/Cpl Rogers H.C. rank: confirmed Cpl
31 May 41 as from 8 Jan 41.
- SX 4519 A/Cpl Hubbard G.R. rank: confirmed Cpl
31 May 41 as from 8 Jan 41.
- SX 5167 A/Cpl Hay H.W.S. rank: confirmed Cpl
31 May as from 21 Apr 41.

APPOINTMENTS

- SX 3919 Pte Moser J.S. appointed A/Cpl 30 May 41
- SX 4471 Pte Johns C. appointed L/Cpl as from 31 May 41

PROMOTIONS

- SX 3515 L/Cpl Turner G.W.S. promoted A/Cpl 26 May 41.
- SX 2358 L/Cpl Lear C.H. promoted A/Cpl 30 May 41.

REVERSIONS

- SX 3456 A/Cpl Le Messurier P.L. reverts to Pte on joining Unit from reinforcements, 30 May 41.
- SX 4022 A/Cpl Coleman W.C. reverts to Pte on joining Unit from reinforcements, 30 May 41.
- SX 2677 Rte A/Cpl Russell W.L. reverts to Pte at own request from 28 May 41.
- SX 3099 L/Cpl Innes R. reverts to Pte as from 31 May 41
- SX 4329 L/Cpl Hawke A. reverts to Pte as from 31 May 41

TRADE UP

- SX 4252 Pte Lloyd J.H. classified 2d Cp 11 A/Cook as from 12 May 41.
- SX 3995 L/Cpl Durr P.S. relinquishes 2d Cp 11 "I" duties as from 4 Apr 41.

NOTICES

The sum of £280/0/0 has been received from the Fighting Forces Comforts Fund, South Australia, and has been credited to Regimental funds.

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Capt
Adj 2/27 Bn AIF

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4 Jun 41.

21 AUST INF BDE GP OC No 7.

Ref Map : HAIFA and BEISAN Sheets 1/100,000.

INF.

1. See 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp Int Summary No 1 issued in conjunction with these orders.
2. Aust Div Exporter Force moves to assembly areas general line ROSH PINNA 201264 - TARSHIHA 175268 - UMM AL FARAJ 161267.
3. Tps under comd -

Two tps ROYALS
CHESHIRE Yeo (less one sqn)
"A" sqn 6 Aust Cav
2/4 Fd Regt
6 A Tk Bty
170 Lt AA Bty (less one tp).
2/6 Fd Coy
Det Sigs Aust Div Exporter
2/6 Fd Amb (less HQ Coy)

INTENTION.

4. 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp will assemble in the general area TARSHIHA 175268 - UMM AL FARAJ 161267 - AZZIB 159272.

METHOD.

5. 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be divided into colns as under :

(i) Designated "DONCOL".
Comd - Lt-Col A B MacDonald 2/16 Bn.
Two tps ROYALS
A Sqn 6 Aust Cav (less Lt Tk tps)
2/4 Fd Regt (less one bty)
Two tps 6 A Tk Bty (less two guns)
One tp 170 Lt AA Bty
2/6 Fd Coy (less one sec)
2/16 Bn
One coy 2/6 Fd Amb.

(ii) Designated "NOTCOL".
Comd - Lt-Col M J Noten 2/27 Bn. ✓
Lt Tk Tps A Sqn 6 Aust Cav ✓
One bty 2/4 Fd Regt ✓
6 A Tk Bty (less two tps) ✓
170 Lt AA Bty (less two tps) ✓
One sec 2/6 Fd Coy ✓
2/27 Bn ✓
One coy 2/6 Fd Amb ✓

Components of above colns come under comd 0900 hrs D - 2.

(iii) Cheshire Yeomanry.

(iv) 2/14 Bn (with special and res roles).

6. Assembly areas are allotted as follows :-

/DONCOL -

DONCOL - Area TARSHIHA 175268
 MOTCOL - " UMM AL FARAJ 161267
 Two coys
 2/14 Bn
 (less one pl) - " AZZIB 159272
 2/14 Bn
 (less above) - Wooded area 160265
 CHESHIRE
 YEO - ALKABRI 164268
 B Ech (all units) - UMM AL FARAJ (after departure of MOTCOL).

7. The movement will be carried out by night in accordance with Movement Table att as Appx "A".
8. During the move absolutely no lights will be used after passing SHA'AR HA AMAQIM 160236.
9. Immediately on arrival in assembly areas all vehs and personnel will be placed under cover and camflg. The various colns will "lie up" during the day of D - 1. No mvt of vehs will be permitted and such personnel mvt as is necessary will be made under cover.
10. Outline instns have already been issued for the further actions of colns after leaving the assembly areas and colns will move to the assembly area in the order they will leave for their subsequent action to reduce mvt in the assembly area to a minimum.

ADM.

11. B Ech all units move on D1 to UMM AL FARAJ after MOTCOL has vacated that area.
 The order of march of B Ech will be as follows -

(i)	All subunits "DONCOL"	}	Comd - Capt R White, Bde Tpt Offr
(ii)	HQ Bde Gp		
(iii)	All subunits "MOTCOL"		
(iv)	CHESHIRE YEO		
(v)	2/14 Bn		
12. B Ech remains this area until ordered fwd.
13. 5 Res MT Coy reports 1200 hrs D - 2. Units will have guides detailed ready to report to HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp as soon as signalled for.
14. Embussing Pts - Unit areas.
15. Further Adm Orders issued separately.

INTERCOMM.

16. Wireless silence during move and whilst in assembly areas.
17. HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp closes present location 0130 hrs D minus 1 and reopens ALBAHJA 159260 at same time.
18. DR routes fwd from Bde HQ will be by track AL BAHJA - AL KABRI and rd TARSHIHA - NAHARIYA.
 The main rd will NOT be used.

/19. Following -

MOVEMENT TABLE.

- ✓ ROUTE : AFFULA ← Rd JUNE 17762292 - SHIMRON 170234 - SHA'AR HA AMAQIM 160236 - Rd JUNE 15302438 - ACRE - NAHARIYA 159268 - TARSHIHA 17532687.
- ✓ DISPERSAL PTS : Assembly areas as shown.
- ✓ HALTS : 10 mins before every even hr (except DONCOL and MOTCOL).

Serial No (a)	Date (b)	Formation or Unit (c)	No of vehs (d)	Place		SP (g)	Time past SP (h)	Speed to SP (j)	Speeds and Densities		Remarks	
				From (e)	To (f)				mph (k)	veh (l)		
1	D-3	"A" Sqn 6. Aust Coy	18	AFFULA	SHA'AR HA AMAQIM	Rd & Track June 17442298	2000	6 mph	6	30	Move to intermediate "lying up" area as already recd.	
2	"	2/4 Bn Regt	103		AMAQIM	Rd June 17742246	2030					
3	D-2	"A" Sqn 6. Aust Coy	18	AFFULA	SHA'AR HA AMAQIM	Rd June 16102364	2030	6 mph	6	30		
4	"	2/4 Bn Regt	103		Assembly Areas DONCOL & MOTCOL							
5	D-2	2/14 Bn	19	AFFULA	AZZIB	Rd June 17762292	2215	12	12	30	On reaching AZZIB all vehs for these coys return to unit assembly area.	
6	"	2/14 Bn	87		NAHARIYA	Rd June 17742246						2230
7	D-2	HQ Bde Gp	17	AFFULA	ALNAHJA	Rd June 16952340	2345	12 mph	12	30	10 halts 10 mins before every odd hr.	
8	"	DONCOL 6 (incl Tyforce)	218		TARSHIHA	" " "						0140
9	"	MOTCOL 6	187		UMM AL FARAJ							
10	DI	Vehs serial No 5 above	19	AZZIB	Wooded Area 160265	AZZIB	0340	12 mph	12	30	Vehs of 5vRes MT Coy which lifted 2/14 Bn report to 25 Aust Inf Bde as soon as this move complete.	
11	DI	2/6 Bn Amb (less two coys)	20	AFFULA	AL BIRWA	Rd June 17742246	0800	20 mph	20	15		
12	DI	B Ech all units	147	AFFULA	NAHARIYA	Rd June 16952336	1200	20 mph	20	15		

CHESHIRE YEO moves to ass embly area across country under separate arrangements.

2/27 Bn AIF O O No. 5

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Copy No. 7
5 Jun 41

REF MAP - HAIFA and BEISAN sheets
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ITEM I

1. 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp moves to assembly areas in the general area TARSHIA 175263 - UMM AL PARAJ 161267 - AZEIB 159272.

2. 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be divided into colns as under:-

i. Designated "DOMCOL"

Comd - Lt-Col A.B. MacDonald 2/16 Bn.

Two tps ROYALS

A. Sqd 6 Aust Cav (less Lt M: tps)

2/4 Pd Regt (less one bty).

Two tps 6 A.M: Bty (less two guns)

One tp 170 Lt A.A. Bty.

2/6 Pd Coy (less one sec).

2/16 Bn

One Coy 2/6 Pd Amb.

ii. Designated "MOTCOL"

Comd - Lt-Col H. J. Ketch 2/27 Bn

Lt M: tps A. Sqd 6 Aust Cav.

8 Bty 2/4 Pd Regt.

6 A.M: Bty (less two tps).

170 Lt A.A. Bty (less two tps)

One Sec 2/6 Pd Coy

2/27 Bn.

One Coy 2/6 Pd Amb.

Components of above colns come under comd

0900 hrs D-2.

iii. Cheshire Yeomanry.

iv. 2/14 Bn (with special and res roles).

3. IMPLEMENTATION

2/27 Bn and att tps will assemble in area

UMM AL PARAJ 161267.

REMARKS

4. The movement will be carried out by night in accordance with Movement Table att as Appx "A".

5. During the move absolutely no lights will be used after passing SIA'AR HA MAQIM 160236.

6. Immediately on arrival in Assemble Area all vehs and personnel will be placed under cover and camflg. "MOTCOL" will "lie up" during the day of D-1. No movement of vehs will be permitted and such personnel movement as is necessary will be made under cover.

7. ADMIN

"B" Ech all units move on D1 to UMM AL PARAJ after MOTCOL has vacated that area.

The order of march of "B" Ech will be as follows:-

- i. All sub-units "DOMCOL"
- ii. HQ Bde Gp
- iii. All sub-units "MOTCOL"
- iv. Cheshire Yeomanry
- 5. 2/14 Bn.

} Comd - Capt White
Bde Tot Offr.

(2)

- 8. "B" Bn remains this area until ordered fwd.
- 9. One guide per Coy 2/27 Bn will report to Bn HQ at 0900 hrs D-2 to lead Lt Coy vehs to Coy areas for transporting tps.
- 10. Ambussing Pcs - Coy Areas.
- 11. Further Adm Orders issued separately.

INTERCOM

- 12. Wireless silence during move and whilst in Assemble Area.
- 13. HQ 2/27 Bn closes at KEFAR WILHELM at 0015 hrs D-1 and reports thereafter to the head of "MOROCOL".
- 14. DR routes fwd from Ddc HQ at AL BANJA 159260 will be by track AL BANJA - AL KABRI and rd TAREHHA-MAHARIYA to Assemble area. The main rd will NOT be used.

ACK.

Issued to Sigs.
Signed at _____ hrs.

Capt
Adj't 2/27 Bn AIF.

DISTRIBUTION

HQ Coy	No. 1	170 Lt A. Dty No. 9	
A. Coy	2	2/6 Pd Coy	10
B. Coy	3	2/6 Pd Lnb	11
C. Coy	4	21 Inf Ddc H.Q.	12
D. Coy	5	2/16 Bn	13
A. Sqn 6 Aust Cav	6	2/14 Bn	14
2/4 Pd Regt	7	Comd	15
G A. M. Dty	8	File	16
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			18)

MOVEMENT TABLE - "HOTCOL" - Issued with 2/27 Bn O C NO. 5.

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Route - AMPULA - Rd June 17762292 - SHIRON 170234 - JI'AR HA ANLOHI 160236 - Rd June 15302438 - ACRE - HAHARIYA - 159268 - UHI AL FARAJ 161267.

Dispersal Pt - (a) Assembly Areas previously pointed out to Unit Comds.
 (b) Guides will meet Coys of 2/27 Bn at Rd June 15962680.
 (c) Sketch of dispersal area is att to Coy No. ___ for info by Comd 170 Lt AA Bty.

Halts - Ten minutes before every odd hr.

Speeds and Distances to the Starting Point and on route - 12 MPH 30 VEH

"HOTCOL" crosses SP (Rd June) 16952340 at 0140 hrs D-1.

Serial No.	Date	Formation	No of vehs.	Place		Unit S.Ps	Times past Unit SPs	REMARKS
				From	To			
1	D-1	HQ "HOTCOL" 4 pl 2/27 Bn Coy 2/6 Pd Trib	2 10 9	Kefar Yehesqel	UHI AL FARAJ 161267	Rd June 16952340	0140 0140 0142	
2	D-1	Cnc Sec 2/6 Pd Coy 6 A Mk Bty (less two)	8 11	Dalfourya area "	-do- "	Rd June 17762292	0103 0105	To pass "HOTCOL" SP 16952340 at 0145.
3	D-1	2/27 Bn (less 4 Pl)	80	Kefar Yehesqel	-do-	Rd June 17762240	0045	To pass "HOTCOL" SP at 0147.
4	D-1	170 Lt AA Bty (less two tps)	7	JHIDA 16642346	-do-	JHIDA	0212	Join in rear of Serial 3.
5	D-1	"D" Ech all Units "HOTCOL".		AMPULA	SHIRON	Rd June 16952336	1200	20 MPH 15 VEH Halt 10 mins before each even hour.

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 Capt
 Adj 2/27 Bn AIF.