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2/15 Infantry Battalion

February - April 1941

2/15 INF BN

AT SEA - KILO 89 FEB '41.

MOVEMENTS A.

AT SEA - KILO 89.	Unit disembarked KANTARA and entrained for KILO 89 - 3 Feb '41.	2/15 INF BN FEB '41.

MOVEMENTS B.

PALESTINE - EGYPT	Bn moved out from KILO 89 en route for WESTERN DESERT - 28 Feb 41.	2/15 INF BN '41.

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WAR DIARY or ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Unit 2/15 Bn. A.I.F. Date and Time.—From 1 Feb 41 To 28 Feb 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Suez Canal	1 Feb	1700	Still anchored in Gt. BITTER LAKE. Lifeboats were lowered today and troops were exercised at rowing by platoons. E.S.O. came aboard and advised that disembarkation will take place on 3 Feb. Much interest was created during the day by planes sweeping for magnetic mines. These were bomber planes with large rings underneath.	
Suez Canal	2 Feb	1900	Left GREAT BITTER LAKE at 0700 hrs and arrived at ISMAILIA at 0900 hrs. Anchored in LAKE TIMSAH for the day. At 1725 hours there was an air raid alarm but no hostile planes were seen. All clear sounded at 1800 hours.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Suez Canal	3 Feb	0700	Left ISMAILIA at 0630 hours	
Kantara	"	1000	Arrived KANTARA 0845 hours and commenced to disembark at 0915 hours	
"	"	1245	After a meal at KANTARA troops entrained and left at 1245 hours. Train arrived at KILO 89 at 1930 hours. The unit was taken in hand by officers + N.C.O's of 2/13 Bn who were acting as foster unit. A hot meal was ready for the troops & officers had dinner at the mess of 2/13 Bn officers.	
Gaza Kilo 89	4 Feb	1900	Day spent settling down into new camp & finding out details. Some trouble experienced with the cooking owing to the shortage of wood. New camp is known as HOLMES LINES.	cub.

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Gaza Kilo 89	4 Feb	1900	One air raid warning during the day nil.	
"	5 Feb	1900	Day completely occupied by settling down except for a bn parade in the morning at which the unit was inspected by the Brig. Cond 20 Inf Bde, Brig. J.W. Murray D.S.O. M.C. V.D. and was addressed by him. Three airraid warnings were received during the day. The security measures necessary to guard against theft of rifles by Arabs make it necessary for the men to carry them everywhere with them until such time as chains + locks are obtained to fasten them to the tent poles.	
			A Coy moved today to do guard duty at the 1 Aus Gen Hosp, GAZA RIDGE approx ½ a mile from this camp	
			nil	

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GAZA KILO 89	6 Feb	1900	The Reinforcement Coy as such was abolished today & the men distributed among the other companies. The O/C Capt R Suthers took up duties as asst adjutant. Lieuts Winburn and Williams who had gone to PORT SAID to check off the unit baggage arrived in camp at 0900 hours	See appendix for allocation. Officers from Reinf Coy
GAZA KILO 89	7 Feb	1030	Unit attended cinema and saw the films of the march of A.I.F. units in Australia from INGLEBURN to BATHURST.	
"	8 Feb	0900	Intensive course on Bren gun commenced with instructors from 2/3 & 2/17 bns.	
"	9 Feb	0900	Unit war equipment arrived. A lot of it was badly damaged in transit by rough handling.	
			C.O.B.	

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GAZA Kilo 89	10 Feb	0900	Lieut D Cubitt, D Coy having been poked to act as amenities officer, 20 Bde, took up his duties this morning. This appointment is for two months.	
		1930	Rain fell at 1930 hours and gave its first experience of the local mud to the unit. Our camp is fortunately well drained.	
GAZA Kilo 89	11 Feb.	1900	Lack of fuel is causing some inconvenience the issue being old 2lb wood per man per day. Flash pans are now being constructed & it is hoped to have the situation in hand as soon as these are available.	
GAZA Kilo 89	12 Feb.	0900	Rain fell last night. Weather cold. Maj Williams C.O. Trng Bn inspected NCOs listed for transfer to the Inf Bn from this Bn	

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Kilo 89 GAZA	13 Feb.	0930	Officers of Bn attended a lecture given at DEIR SENEID by Brig Berriman dealing with the operations of 6 Aus Div at BARDIA and the preparations therefor.	
	14 Feb.	1500	A demonstration given by 2/13 Bn was attended by all Officers It included examples of (1) Trench system (2) A.T. map (3) M.T. map (4) A.A. post (5) 2" Mortar pit (6) Booby traps. Bren gun course was completed today.	
	15 Feb	1330	A party consisting of D Coy & 2 pls B Coy left for JAFFA range to carry out range practices with the Bren gun. 1 Van 15 cwt, 4 lorries 30 cwt 2 lorries Kitchen were received today CWB.	

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Kilo 89 GAZA	16 Feb	1900.	20 Inf. Bde today played a football match against GAZA Police which was won easily by the troops. 1 man from 2/15 Bn, O'Hagan, played in the team	
	17 Feb.	1900	C.O and I.O. spent the day at JAFFA Range	
	18 Feb.	1900	Range practices with Bren gun completed today. All officers attended a further lecture by Brig Berriman this time dealing with Operations at TOBRUK. 30 OR's marched out on transfer to 2/1 AFD Workshops	
	19 Feb.	1700	C.O & I.O. made recce towards HUJ, AL MUHARRAQA and BEERSHEEBA.	
	20 Feb	1900	Further parties shooting Bren Gun course at JAFFA RANGE today. T.E.W.T. in preparation for a Bde exercise commenced attended by C.O.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KILO 89 GAZA	21 Feb	1200	Transpal Officer and eleven drivers left for HAIFA to drive back trucks to BARBARA.	
"	23 Feb	1900	2" Mortar personnel fired range practices today. 2/15 Bn rugby union football team beat 2/13 Bn team. The bn also scored wins in minor matches of soccer & cricket.	
"	24 Feb	1900	Transpal Officer and 18 drivers left today for SUEZ to do convoy work	
"	25 Feb	1700	Warning order received. 20 Inf Bde to prepare to move at 24 hrs notice. Training arrangements were modified & administrative arrangements in preparation for the move were begun.	
"	26 Feb.	1200	Orders received the 20 Bde will move on 27 Feb. Very indefinite information available at B	

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Kilo 89 GAZA	26 Feb	1600	Situation hectic. Scheme now is that we will be made up to full transpt strength by 2000 hrs and transpt will be loaded and despatched by 0730 hrs 27 Feb. As we have never had transpt like this before the job looks a hard one to carry out.	
		2230	Still no sign of transport.	
"	27 Feb	0130	So far only 19 vehicles to hand. Move of transpt is now postponed to 1330 hrs 28 Feb. Troops to move at 0130 28 Feb by train.	
		1230	All morning has been spent sorting loads into vehicles. We have 11 vehicles short of full strength which complicates things a bit CWB	

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KILO 89 GAZA	27 Feb	1600	Everything now packed & unit could be said to be ready to move	
		1700	Further complications; we now have to take our own kentage	
		2245	Bn paraded ready to move off and at 2315 moved from KILO 89 to GAZA STATION	
	28 Feb	2300	Left GAZA by train 0130 hrs arrived KANTARA EAST 0820 hrs Troops had breakfast here & were able to shave & clean up. Money changers worried the troops & a number who did change their money here got spurious coins. At 0900 the bn crossed the canal by ferry & boarded an Egyptian train at KANTARA WEST. Here the usual crowd of vendors and children was encountered. All were glad when the train moved at 0950 hrs	C.O. Adft & Driver left Kilo 89 GAZA at 0730 hrs - lunched at Egyptian Border. Crossed Canal, after severe sandstorm at 3 pm. Passed through CAIRO & arrived Alexandria (425 miles) at 2300 hrs

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EGYPT.	28 Feb	2300	The train moved from KANTARA to ISMAILIA along the canal & on this portion of the journey numerous AA. posts manned by colonial troops were noted. After ISMAILIA the train moved through the NILE DELTA country where the methods of farming & irrigation attracted attention. Towns & villages were noted to be very dirty. At 2030 hrs the train stopped for one hour at IKINGIMARYUT where a hot meal & an issue of tobacco were waiting for the troops & they were able to refill water bottles. The weather was windy & drizzling rain & this food &c was much appreciated. Some members of 2/9 Bn another Q'land unit came to the train to see friends; they are camped nearby.	Co & Adfs. to Mersa Matruh 29 Feb where unit was beyond. See route report by 1 Sec. Appendix 3 also sketch map

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1	2	3	4
Ranks.	**Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (*i.e.* deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		1
Captains	9	1	
Lieutenants	26		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
TOTALS	39	1	1

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	WEIR D.B	2/15 BN AIF	14-2-41	ADMITTED 1 A.G.H
"	CUBITT D.S	"	9-2-41	SECONDED TO 20 AUST INF BDE.
"	HEATLEY C.W	"	9-2-41	TO WTS REINF DEPOT (COURSE 9)
"	DAVIES T.P	"	9-2-41	" " " "

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*, present whereabouts, if known).
CAPT	SMITH A.E.	2/15 BN AIF	1 A.G.H.
LIEUT	WEIR D.B.	"	"

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-COL	QX 6175	MAHLAN R.F.	2/15 BN AIF	YES	C.O
MAJOR	6198	BARTON C.H.			2 i/c
MAJOR	6260	ROSIER R.L.			O.C. COY
CAPT	6231	CURRIE N.L.			ADJT
	6172	SKINNER A.			QM
	6265	TOPHAM S.			OC COY
	6286	McKEWEN S.E.			C.C COY
	6219	RALSTON A.C.			O C COY
	6220	PEEK A.E. de L.			O.C COY
	6222	STRANGE B.D.			2/i/c COY
	6221	SUTHERS R.A.			ASST ADJT.
	6239	GREEN E.G.			2/i/c COY
	6199	SMITH A.G.		NO	2/i/c COY (IN HOSPITAL)
LIEUT	6240	HART A.H.		YES	T.O
	6225	BODE F.L.			PL COMDR.
	6223	COBB. W.W.			PL COMDR.
	6224	STUART M.R.			I.O.
	6238	NEWCOMB S.P.			2/i/c COY
	6241	CUBITT D.S.		NO	PL COMDR (SECONDED TO 20 AUST INF BDE)
	6200	WILLIAMS B.		YES	PL COMDR.
	6226	SNELL L.			PL COMDR.
	6227	WHITLEY D.D.			PL COMDR.
	6242	HARLAND M.			PL COMDR.
	6171	LUTHER E.T.			PL COMDR.
	6243	ANGUS W.			PL COMDR.
	6244	JUBB. W.H.			PL COMDR.
	6197	WINTOUR ST.J.F.			PL COMDR.
	6252	MORRISON G.E.			SIGS OFFR.
	6230	CHRISTIE E.McN.			PL COMDR.
	6195	FERGUSON W.H.			PL COMDR.
	6229	MACDONALD A.L.			PL COMDR.
	6274	JENKINSON R.			PL COMDR.
	8571	GEMMELL-SMITH G.A.			PL COMDR.
	6231	HEATLEY C.W.		NO	PL COMDR. (AT SCHOOL)
	6256	YATES R.A.		YES	PL COMDR.
	6225	DAVIES T.P.		NO	PL COMDR. (AT SCHOOL)

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	QX 6258	HOY R.T.	AAMC	30.5.40	RMO
CHAPLAIN	QX 6254	ARKELL C.S.L.	AACD	26.6.40	CHAPLAIN

2/15 Bn AIF
(Unit.)

15 Feb 41
(Date of Despatch.)

Lt-Col
(Signature of Commander.)

20 Aust Inf Bde 7 Div Kuto 89
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Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS			

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Officers JOINED during week.

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LIEUT	QX 734	GUEST C.I.	2/15 BN AIF	YES	PL. COMDR.
〃	QX 2991	DONNAN R.S.	〃	〃	PL. COMDR.
〃	QX 815	WEIR D.B.	〃	NO	PL COMDR (IN HOSPITAL)

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(*Unit.*)

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LIEUT	QX 734	GUEST C.I.	2/15 BN AIF	YES	PL COMDR.
〃	QX 2991	DONNAN R.S.	〃	〃	PL COMDR.
〃	QX 515	WEIR D.B.	〃	NO	PL COMDR. (IN HOSPITAL)

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

2/15 Bn AIF
(Unit.)

15 Feb 41
(Date of Despatch.)

Macrossan Lt-Col
(Signature of Commander.)

20 Aust Inf Bde 7 Div Kila 89
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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Army Form W. 3009
(*page* 1)
(*Adapted*)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/15 Bn AIF (Unit) 15 Feb 1941 (Date).

2nd. ECHELON
16. FEB. 1941
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(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			1
W.Os. Class II.	2		4
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	33		
Corporals	55		18
Troopers, Privates, &c.	802	22	
TOTALS	898	* 22	* 23

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
SGT 1	AAPC		
SGT 1	AAOC		
CPL 1	AAOC		
CPL 1	AA Postal C		
PTE 1	AACLD		

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

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

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2/15 Bn AIF Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
ATTACHED																		
AAMC												1	1	2			4	
AAOC (SHOEMAKER)														1			1	
AAOC (FITTER-MT)														2			2	
General duty personnel							22		22	1	4			18			23	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							22		22	1	4			18			23	

2/15 Bn AIF
Unit.

Date of Despatch 15 Feb 41

Lt-Col
Signature of Commander.

20 Aust Inf Bde 7 Div Kilo 89
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART.I.
BY

LT-COL. S.F. MARLAN. C.O. 2/15 BN A.I.F.

CAMP KILO 89. ROUMIS LINES. No. 225.

4 FEB 41.

1. DUTIES.

(a)

Orderly Officer	Lieut.C.I.Guest
Next for duty	Lieut.M.Harland
Orderly Sjt	QX 750 A/Sjt.Carter.C.L.
Next for duty	: 5147 L/Sjt.Rowan.H.S.
Orderly Cpl	: 756 A/Cpl.Storey.I.D.
Next for duty	: 2380 A/Cpl.Dutton.F.
Runners (2)	To be detailed by Duty Coy.
Buglor	QX8077 Pte.Brialey.A.E.

(b)

Duty Coy	D Coy
Next for duty	B Coy

(c) BDE. GUARD. In addition to the BN Quarter Guard, Duty Coy Mounting at Retreat, 5 Feb 41, will mount a Bde Guard. Strength - 1 Sjt, 2 Cpls and 21 O.R's.
Dress:- Battle Dress, Marching Order.

(d) SENTRIES GUARD.A.G.H. GAZA RIDGE. A Coy will move to A.G.H. Gaza Ridge, to act as Security Guard, at 0900 hrs, 5 Feb 41. Tour of duty - 1 week.

(e) 50 M RIFLE RANGE PIQUET. This Piquet will Mount at Retreat, 5 Feb 41. Strength- 1 N.C.O. and 6 O.R's. To be provided by C Coy. Tour of Duty- Till further notice. Dress- Battle Dress, Marching Order.

(f) BDE HQ RUNNERS. Commencing 5 Feb 41, Duty Coy will detail 1 O.R to report to BN HQ at 0745 hrs daily to act as Runner at Bde HQ.

(g) PROWLER PATROLS. All Coys will detail and maintain Prowler Patrols as ordered in Appendix A to R.O. No 223.

2. ROUTINE.

REVEILLE	0630 hrs
ADM & SICK PARADES	0700 hrs
MEN'S BREAKFAST	0730 hrs
OFFRS BREAKFAST	0800 hrs
TRAINING	0900 - 1230 hrs
LUNCH	1300 hrs
TRAINING	1400 - 1630 hrs
RETREAT	1700 hrs
MEN'S MESS	1715 hrs
SJT'S MESS	1800 hrs
OFFRS' MESS	1830 hrs
FIRST POST	2145 hrs
LAST POST	2215 hrs
LIGHTS OUT	2230 hrs

3. LEAVE. No leave of any nature will be granted till further notice.

4. BLACKOUT.

(a) The camp will be under "Blackout" conditions from Retreat to Reveille.

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4. BLACKOUT.(CONTD).
(b) All lights, where authorised, will be completely obscured.
(c) BN Orderly Officer and Security Officer will make constant checks of these regulations.

5. MUD SPLASHING OF TENTS.
(a) Immediate steps will be taken to mud splash all tents in Coy Lines.
(b) Coys will render a report to BN HQ by 1500 hrs, 6 Feb 41, stating that this work has been carried out.

6. PRIVATE ARMS.
Coys will render by 1700 hrs, 5 Feb 41, a return showing all Arms privately owned by ALL RANKS.

7. CAMERAS.
(a) Coys will render by 1700 hrs, 5 Feb 41, a return of all cameras held by all RANKS. The return will show - No. Rank.Name of the owner and also Makers No and description of the Camera.
(b) All Offrs and O.R's possessing Cameras must notify their Coy Orderly Room immediately.
(c) Any Officer or O.R. disposing of a Camera will notify his Coy Orderly Room immediately, giving full particulars of the Purchaser. Coys will render this information to BN HQ at once.

8. PARADES. 5 FEB. 41.
Parades tomorrow, 5 Feb 41, will be as under:-
Coy Parades. 0830 hrs
BN Parade 1000 hrs.
Dress:- Battle Dress, Drill Order.

9. STATIONERY.
Coys will submit their stationery requirements to BN HQ by 1200 hrs, 5 Feb 41.

10. DAILY PARADE STATE.
Coys will render Parade States daily.(PRO FORMA I). Coy Clerks will report to C/S Sjt at 0900 hrs for the purpose of checking States.

11. DISTRIBUTION.
The Distribution List appearing below will in future be known as "List A".

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Adjt. 2/15 BN AIF.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No.	1 - 2	BN HQ (I. SEC).	Copy No.	20	Offrs' Mess
	3 - 4	A Coy		21	Sjts' Mess
	5 - 6	B Coy		22	Sigs Offr
	7 - 8	C Coy		23	T.O.
	9 - 10	D Coy		24	20 Aust Inf Bde
	11 - 12	HQ Coy		25-26	File
	13	C.O.		27-29	War Diary
	14	2 i/c		30-33	Spare.
	15	Adjt			
	16	Q.M.			
	17	R.M.O			
	18	Padre			
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ROUTINE ORDERS PART.I.
BY

LT-COL. R.F. MARLAN. C. O. 2/15 BN. A.I.F.

CAMP KILO 89.
HOLMES LINES.
5 FEB 41

No. 226.

1. DUTIES.

(a)	Orderly Officer	Lieut.M.Harland.
	Next for duty	Lieut.C.W.Heatley
	Orderly Sjt	QX5147 L/Sjt.Rowan.H.S.
	Next for duty	: 8523 A/Sjt. Logan.C.W.J.
	Orderly Cpl	: 2380 A/Cpl.Dutton.F.
	Next for duty	: 8348 A/Cpl.Smithers.G.C.
	Runners (2)	To be detailed by C Coy.
	Bde HQ Runner.	(Vide R.O. 225 Para 1 (f).)
	Bugler	QX8077 Pte Brialey.A.E.
(b)	Duty Coy	B and C Coy
	Next for duty	B and C Coy.
(c) i.	BN Quarter Guard,6 Feb.	To be provided by B Coy
ii.	Bde Guard, 6 Feb	To be provided by C Coy.

2. CONTAINERS. SUPPLIES.
All containers issued to Units with supplies are now classed as "Returnable" and will be returned to the Supply Depot, EL MAJDAL, immediately their contents have been removed. The valuer of containers issued and NOT returned will be debited against units responsible.

3. RIFLE & S.A.A. STATE.
All Coys and BN HQ will return to BN Orderly Room by 0900 hrs daily a return showing the number of rifles and quantity of S.A.A. held by them.

4. AIR MAIL.
(a) All letters for despatch to Australia by the next Air Mail must be handed into the BN Intelligence Office, correctly franked and stamped by 0700 hrs, 6 Feb 41.
(b) Letters will be headed in the top right hand corner as follows:-

QX1234. Pte.John Smith,
A. Coy
2/15 BN AIF
ABROAD.

(c) It is permissible to state that "I . . am in Palestine" but NOT that "We are in Palestine" or to make any other reference to Unit Movement.

5. RECEPTACLES.
Separate receptacles are now available for waste bread and orange peel. These are marked as such and must not be used for any other rubbish.

6. CORRIGENDUM.
Reference R.O. No.225 of 4 Feb 41, Para 2, ROUTINE.
For "Retreat 1700 hrs" read "Retreat 1800 hrs".

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KILO 89
HOLMES LINES.
6 FEB 41.

No.227.

1. DUTIES.

(a)	Orderly Officer	Lieut.C.W.Heatley
	Next for duty	Lieut.R.G.Jenkinson
	Orderly Sjt	QX8523 A/Sjt. Logan.C.W.J.
	Next for duty	: 5412 L/Sjt.Vaughan.E.E.
	Orderly Cpl	: 8348 A/Cpl.Smithers.G.O.
	Next for duty	: 953 A/Cpl.McGill.F.J.
	Runners (2)	To be provided by A Coy Details
	Bde Runner	To be provided by C Coy
	Bugler	QX8077 Pte. Brialey.A.E.
(b)	Duty Coy	B and C Coys
	Next for duty	D Coy
(c)	BN Quarter Guard,7 Feb.	D Coy
	Bde Guard,7 Feb	C Coy.

2. PICTURE SHOW.
(a) 2/15 BN will attend a Picture Show tomorrow, 7 Feb, in the Camp Theatre at 1030 hrs.
(b) All troops will be seated by 1025 hrs.
(c) Coys will parade independently and will move off from their lines at the following times:-
HQ Coy 1000 hrs
B Coy 1004 hrs
C Coy 1008 hrs
D Coy 1012 hrs.
(d) BN HQ (L Sec) will report to R.S.M. at the Theatre at 1000 hrs.
(e) Band will carry their instruments and will move at 1015 hrs.
(f) DRESS.Battle Dress, Hats F.F. turned up,Drill Order, Rifles. Respirators will NOT be carried.
Officers will wear Serge uniforms and Gaiters.

3. BN PARADE.
There will be a BN Parade at 1130 hrs tomorrow on the Bde Parade Ground. Coys will move there direct from the Camp Theatre.

4. BEDS.
Damaged beds will be returned to the Q.M. Store at once. They are on charge to the BN and are NOT to be destroyed.

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KILO 89.
HOLMES LINES.
7 FEB. 41.

No.228

1. DUTIES.

(a)	Orderly Officer	Lieut.R.G.Jenkinson
	Next for duty	Lieut.R.A.Yates
	Orderly Sjt	QX5412 L/Sjt.Vaughan.E.E.
	Next for duty	:11011 A/Sjt.O'Hagan.J.T.
	Orderly Cpl	: 953 A/Cpl.McGill.F.J.
	Next for duty	: 842 A/Cpl.Shrapnel.G.S.
	Runners (2)	To be provided by Duty Coy
	Bde Runner	To be provided by Duty Coy
	Bugler	QX8077 Pte Brialey.A.E.
(b)	Duty Coy	D Coy
	Next for duty	B Coy
(c)	BN Quarter Guard.8 Feb 41.	B Coy.

2. BDE. GUARD.
Until 2/15 BN responsibility for mounting this Guard ceases, C Coy will provide it and will change every 48 hours.

3. CONFERENCE.
There will be a Conference for ALL Officers in the Officers' Mess at 1800 hrs today. In future all Conferences will be held in the Mess unless specifically stated to the contrary.

4. ELECTRIC LIGHT BULBS.
Whenever a bulb becomes blown, another will be issued from the Q Store provided the blown one is returned.

5. CLERKS.
There are still vacancies for Clerks in I Aust. Corps and 7 Aust Div. Applications are invited from other ranks who can type and are desirous of transfer. Applications, stating qualifications, should be forwarded with recommendations of Coy Comds to reach BN HQ by 1200 hrs, 8 Feb 41.

Capt.
Adjt. 2/15 BN AIF.

NOTICES.

COMFORT'S FUND.
A distribution from the Australian Comforts Fund was made today to the 2/15 BN as under:-

914 1 oz tins of Tobacco.
914 pkts of Cigarette Papers
914 pkts of Razor Blades.

BEST AREA.
HQ Coy.

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KILO 69.
HOLMES LINES.
8 FEB. 41.

No.229.

1. DUTIES.

(a)

Orderly Officer	Lieut.D.D.Weir
Next for duty	Lieut.R.A.Yates
Orderly Sjt	QX11011 A/Sjt.O'Hagan. J.T.
Next for duty	: 8700 A/Sjt.Overell.W.A.W.
Orderly Cpl	: 843 A/Cpl.Shrapnel.G.S.
Next for duty	: 8164 A/Cpl.Mitchell.J.M.
Runners (2)	To be detailed by Duty Coy
Pde Runner	To be detailed by Duty Coy
Bugler	QX8077 Pte.Brinley.A.E.

(b)

Duty Coy	B Coy
Next for duty	C Coy

(c)

Canteen Piquet.8 Feb 41	Comd. Lieut.G.F.Mor[illegible]
	W.O. C.S.M. Kay.J.
	Piquet provided by D Coy
9 Feb 41.	Comd. Lieut.D.D.Whalley
	W.O. C.S.M. Parker.D.
	Piquet provided by D Coy

2. CHURCH PARADES.

(a) Church Parades will be held on Sunday, 9 Feb 41, as under:-

(b) Combined Service (C of E and O.P.D.) Padre ARNELL.
Camp Cinema at 0915 hrs.

(c) Coys will parade in their own Lines at 0830 hrs and will move off to the Camp Cinema as under:-

HQ Coy	0834 hrs
A and BN HQ	0838 hrs
B Coy	0842 hrs
C Coy	0846 hrs
D Coy	0850 hrs.

The band will carry instruments and will move off at 0845 hrs.

(d) Roman Catholic. Bde HQ M.T. Park. 1000 hrs.
Personnel parade by Coys on BN Parade Ground (facing HQ Coy Orderly Room) at 0935 hrs.

(e) Dress for both the above Church Parades:- Battle Dress; Hats K.F. turned up, Drill Order and Rifles. Respirators will NOT be carried.

3. ROUTINE. SUNDAY. 9 FEB 41.

REVEILLE	0700 hrs
Sick Parade	0715 hrs
Breakfast	0745 hrs
Church Parades	As in Para 2.
Coy Adm Parades	1000 hrs.

4. DAILY ROUTINE.
Ref R.O. No.225 Para 2. The following altered timings will take effect from 10 Feb 41.

Sick Parade	0710 hrs
Breakfast	0745 hrs
Coy Parades	0845 hrs.

(N.L.CURRIE). Capt.
Adjt. 2/15 BN AIF.

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NOTICES.

1. CHURCH SERVICES.

(a) C of E Holy Communion will be celebrated at 0730 hrs in BN Writing Room.

(b) R.C. Mass will be celebrated at 0630 hrs in the Recreation Room, 2/17 BN Lines.

2. It is notified that C of E Holy Communion is held at Recreation Room 2/4 Fd Amb (Squires Lines) every Wednesday at 0715 hrs.

3. SPORTS' FIXTURES. 9 FEB 41

FOOTBALL.	2/13	.v.	3 Anti Tank Regt	at Kilo 89	1400 hrs
	2/17	.v.	2 Anti Tank Regt	"	1530 hrs
CRICKET.	2/13	.v.	2/4 Fd Amb	"	1400 hrs

4. BEST LINES.

Transport.

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CAMP KILO 89
HOLMES LINES
9 FEB 41.

No.230

1. DUTIES.

(a)	Orderly Officer	Lieut R.A.Yates
	Next for duty	Lieut.E.McN.Christie
	Orderly Sjt	QX8529 A/Sjt.Fink.F.J.
	Next for duty	: 814 A/Sjt.Osborne.G.
	Orderly Cpl	: 8164 A/Cpl.Mitchell.G.M.
	Next for duty	: 5239 A/Cpl.Cameron.A.J.
	Runners (2)	To be detailed by Duty Coy
	Bde Runner	To be detailed by Duty Coy
(b)	Duty Coy	C Coy
	Next for duty	D Coy
(c)	Canteen Piquet 10 Feb 41	Comd To be detailed later
		W.O. CSM Bannister.G.

2. CORRIGENDUM. Ref R.O. 229. Notice No 4, Best Lines. For "Transport" read "C Coy".

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART.I.
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KILO 39
HOLMES LINES
10 FEB 41.

No.231.

1. DUTIES.

(a)	Orderly Officer	Lieut.E.McN.Christie.
	Next for duty	Lieut.W.H.Jubb
	Orderly Sjt	QX 814 A/Sjt.Osborne.G.
	Next for duty	: 832 A/Sjt.Barbat.A.J.
	Orderly Cpl.	:5239 A/Cpl.Cameron.A.J.
	Next for duty	:7646 A/Cpl.Wallace.W.G.
	Runners (2)	To be detailed by Duty Coy
	Bde Runner	To be detailed by Duty Coy
(b)	Duty Coy	D Coy
	Next for duty	B Coy
(c)	Canteen Piquet.11 Feb 41	Comdr. Lieut.St J.F.Wintour W.O. W.C.ii.Scoggins.D.W.R

2. CONFERENCE.
There will be a Conference for ALL Officers in the Officers' Mess at 1830 hrs today.

3. INTER COY TRANSFER.
The following Inter Coy Transfer will take effect from today, 10 feb 41:-

QX7505 Pte.ROWE.J.R. from BN HQ to HQ Coy.

Capt.
Adjt. 2/15 BN AIF.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART.I.
BY

LT-COL. R.F. MARLAN. C.O. 2/15 BN AIF.

CAMP KILO 09
HOLMES LINES
11 FEB 41

No.232.

1. DUTIES.

(a)	Orderly Officer	Lieut.W.H.Jubb
	Next for duty	Lieut.W.A.Ferguson
	Orderly Sjt	QX824 A/Sjt.Barbat.A.J.
	Next for duty	: 2994 L/Sjt.Kay.A.W.
	Orderly Cpl.	: 7646 A/Cpl.Wallace.W.G.
	Next for duty	: 5769 A/Cpl.Lane.H.J.
	Runners (2)	To be detailed by Duty Coy
	Bde Runner	To be detailed by Duty Coy
(b)	Duty Coy	B Coy
	Next for duty	C Coy
(c)	Bn Quarter Guard 12 Feb 41.	To be provided by No.6 Pl HQ Coy.
	The guard will mount at 1715 hrs on the Bde Parade Ground. The Band will attend.	
(d)	Canteen Piquet.12 Feb 41.	Comdr. Lieut.L.Snell. W.O. CSM Kay.J.
	Piquet to be provided by D Coy.	

2. ARAB LAMPS.
The use of Arab Lamps in tents is forbidden.

3. BOUNDS. The Recreation Rooms and Canteens of other units are OUT OF BOUNDS.

4. RECREATION HUT.
In future the Duty Coy will detail a working party of 4 ORs daily to clean the Recreation Hut. They will report at 0900 hrs and will be under the supervision of the Chaplain.

5. REMITTANCES FROM AUSTRALIA.
The attention of all concerned is drawn to the facilities available in the Finance Branch of the Army for the remitting of money from Australia by relatives and friends of members of the AIF without cost to either remittor or remittee.
Persons desiring to send money through this service to members of the AIF should deposit the sum desired to be remitted with the District Finance Officer for the State in which they reside, giving the Army No and Name of the soldier to whom the money is to be sent.
The DFO will advise the Chief Paymaster AIF who will have the amount remitted credited in the soldier's paybook.
In cases of urgency, the DFO will remit sums by cable but the cost of the cabled advice to the CPM, AIF, must be borne by the remittor.

H.H. Carrig Capt.
Adjt. 2/15 BN AIF.

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CAMP KILO 89
HOLMES LINES.
12 FEB 41.

No.233.

1. DUTIES.

(a)	Orderly Officer	Lieut.W.A.Ferguson
	Next for duty	Lieut.D.D.Whalley
	Orderly Sjt	QX2994 L/Sjt.Kay.A.W.
	Next for duty	: 809 A/Sjt.Williamson.I.C.
	Orderly Cpl.	: 5769 A/Cpl.Lane.W.J.
	Next for duty	: 3210 A/Cpl.Peskett.D.G.
	Runners (2)	To be detailed by Duty Coy.
	Bde Runner	To be detailed by Duty Coy
(b)	Duty Coy	C Coy
	Next for duty	D Coy
(c)	BN Quarter Guard.13 Feb 41.	No 6 Pl HQ Coy to remain on duty.
	BN Quarter Guard.14 Feb 41.	HQ Coy will provide Guard. Tour of Duty 48 hrs.
(d)	Canteen Piquet.13 Feb 41.	Comdr. Lieut.F.L.Bode. W.O. W.O.11. F.H.G.Payne.

Piquet to be provided by D Coy.

K.R. Cusins Capt.
Adjt. 2/15 BN AIF.

NOTICES.

1. B.B.C BROADCAST.
The B.B.C. will broadcast a request programme for British Forces in the NEAR EAST on Thursday 13 Feb 41 at 2030 hrs local time.
Artist - Sandy MacPherson (Theatre Organ).

2. BEST AREA.
B Coy.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

ROUTINE ORDERS PART.I.
BY
LT-COL. R.F. MARLAN. C.O. 2/15 BN AIF.

XTLO 83
HOLMES LINES.
13 FEB 41.

No.234.

1. DUTIES.

(a)	Orderly Officer	Lieut.D.D.Whalley
	Next for duty	Lieut.S.P.Newcomb
	Orderly Sjt	QX809 A/Sjt.Williamson.I.C.
	Next for duty	: 835 A/Sjt.Walsh.S.R.
	Orderly Cpl	: 3210 A/Cpl.Peskett.D.G.
	Next for duty	: 5183 A/Cpl.Horsfall.A.L.
	Runners (2)	To be provided by Duty Coy
	Runner for Bde	To be detailed by Duty Coy
(b)	Duty Coy	D Coy
	Next for duty	A Coy
(c)	BN Quarter Guard 14 Feb 41	HQ Coy will provide Guard Tour of Duty. 48 Hrs.
(d)	Canteen Piquet 14 Feb 41	Comdr Lieut.M.Harland WO CSM Parker.D.
	Piquet to be provided by D Coy.	

2. MARCHING DISTANCES.

Extract from Army Tng Memo No.36 Part II.- "Every Infantry Commander must ensure that his unit can march 20-25 miles in d day and 50-60 during three successive days, and yet be fit to fight at the end of the march".

3. AIR RAID ALARMS DURING CINEMA PERFORMANCES.

The following information will be promulgated to all troops.

(a) In the event of an Air Raid Alarm taking place during a performance at the Camp Cinema, there will be no refund on tickets.

(b) If the All Clear is sounded within a reasonable time the performahce will be continued after the troops have had time to resume their seats.

(c) Should an Air Raid Alarm delay the first picture screening for a considerable time, there will be no second screening. If however, the delay is a short one, and time permits, a second screening will be shown.

4. TURNOUT.

The Turnout of the Guard provided by No.6 Pl HQ Coy which Mounted at Retreat, 12 Feb 41, was the best yet seen on a Guard Mounting Parade held by this Unit.

5. BN PARADE. There will be a BN Parade tomorrow, 14 Feb 41, at 1600 hrs. Routine will be as under:-

Quarter Call	1545 hrs. Markers report to RSM on Bde Parade Ground with Parade States.
Advance	1550 hrs.
Dress.	Working Dress, Gaiters, Hats K.F. Drill Order.
Officers	Battle dress.

6. TRADESMEN.

(a) Coys will submit a list, by trades, of all qualified tradesmen who are not employed in their trade capacity.

(b) In addition, these personnel will be paraded to BN HQ at 0930 hrs, Friday, 14 Feb 41.

(c) "Nil" return is required if applicable.

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7. RECREATION HUT.

Ref R.O's 232, dated 11 Feb 41, Para 4. In addition to the 4 ORs mentioned therein, Duty Coy will detail daily one Upl who will act as Caretaker and maintain discipline during the hours that the Recreation and Writing Huts are open.

He will also supervise the cleaning of the two huts by the Working Party.

(N.L.CURRIE) Capt.
Adjt. 2/15 BN AIF.

NOTICES.

1. ELECTRIC IRON.

An electric iron for the use of Offs is provided at the Recreation Room. It will be used by personnel as under:-

Mon	A Coy
Tues	B Coy
Wed	C Coy
Thur	D Coy
Fri	BN HQ & HQ Coy
Sat	BN HQ & HQ Coy.

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KILO 89.
HOLMES LINES.
14 FEB 41. No.255

1. DUTIES.

(a)

Orderly Officer		Lieut.S.P.Newcomb
Next for duty		Lieut.W.W.Gobb
Orderly Sjt	QX826	L/Sjt.Bryce.D.M.
Next for duty	: 829	A/Sjt.Girvan.J.A.
Orderly Cpl	: 5163	A/Cpl.Horsfall.A.L.
Next for duty	: 1630	A/Cpl.Dessilly.W.F.
Runners (2)		To be detailed by Duty Coy
Runner for Bde		To be detailed by Duty Coy.

(b)

Duty Coy	A Coy
Next for duty	B Coy

(c) BN Quarter Guard.15 Feb 41.
To be provided by HQ Coy.

(d) Canteen Piquet.15 Feb 41. Comdr. Lieut.R.G.Jenkinson
W.O. CSM. Bannister.G.
Piquet to be provided by A Coy.
Piquey will parade at 1615 hrs in A Coy Lines.

2. BN DUTIES. 16 - 28 FEB.

(a) Commencing Retreat, Sunday, 16 Feb 41, Duty Coy will be responsible for finding the following:-

i.	BN Quarter Guard	1 Sjt	2 Cpls	25 ORs.
ii.	30[x] Rifle Range Piquet		1 Cpl	6 ORs.
iii.	BN Orderly Sjt	1 Sjt		
iv.	BN Orderly Cpl		1 Cpl	
v.	Canteen Cpl		1 Cpl.	
vi.	Canteen Fatigue			4 ORs.
vii.	Bde Runner			1 OR.
viii.	BN Runners			2 ORs.
ix.	QM Runner			1 OR
x.	Offrs Mess			4 ORs
xi.	Sjts Mess			4 ORs
xii.	Canteen Piquet.	1 Offr, 1 W.O.,	1 Sjt, 2 Cpls,	12 ORs.

(b) Serial xii, Canteen Piquet, will be provided the day after Mounting, i.e., Coy mounting Retreat 16 Feb provides Piquet for 17 Feb etc. This piquet will parade in Coy lines at 1615 hrs daily.

(c) The BN Quarter Guard, 30[x] Range Piquet and BN Duties will be inspected on the Bde Parade Ground at 1715 hrs daily. The Band will attend this Parade.

(d) i. In addition to personnel enumerated above, the Q.M. requires two (2) ORs daily for general fatigues.

ii. Further Q.M. requirements to a number not exceeding ten (10) ORs may be called for when necessary. These men do normal Coy routine but must be within easy reach.

(e) Coys will submit to BN HQ BY 1000 HRS THE DAY BEFORE BECOMING DUTY COY the number and names of those who will be :-

i. Offr Cond Piquet
ii. BN Orderly Sjt
iii. BN Orderly Cpl.
iv. BN Quarter Guard Comdr.

during the Coys tour of duty.

(f) [illegible] duties under:-

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(f) Coys will find duties as under:-

Retreat	16	Feb	HQ Coy.
"	17	"	D Coy
"	18	"	C Coy
"	19	"	B Coy
"	20	"	A Coy
"	21	"	D Coy
"	22	"	C Coy
"	23	"	HQ Coy
"	24	"	A Coy
"	25	"	B Coy
"	26	"	C Coy
"	27	"	D Coy
"	28	"	HQ Coy

3. PUBLICATIONS.
All Coys and individuals will return their copies of F.S.P.B. Pam 13, Notes for Staff Officers, to BN HQ by 1000 hrs. tomorrow, 15 Feb 41.

4. INTER COY TRANSFER.
The undermentioned is transferred w.e.f. 0900 hrs, 15 Feb :-
0900 hrs, 15 Feb 41:-
QX3219 L/Cpl.BARTHOLOMEW.G. From D Coy to B Coy.

H.H. Lennie Capt.
Adjt. 2/15 BN AIF.

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KILO 89
HOLMES LINES
15 FEB 41

No.236

1. DUTIES.

(a)	Orderly Officer	Lieut. W.W. Cobb
	Next for duty	Lieut. St.J.F. Wintour.
	Ordonly Sjt	QX389 A/Sjt. Girvan. J.A.
	Next for duty	: 1009 A/Sjt. Ware. J.
	Ordonly Cpl	: 1680 A/Cpl. Donnelly. W.F.
	Next for duty	PX9 A/Cpl. Bosgard. P.W.
	Runners (2)	To be detailed by Duty Coy
	Bde Runner	To be detailed by Duty Coy.
(b)	Duty Coy	B Coy
	Next for duty	HQ Coy
(c)	Canteen Piquet. 16 Feb 41	Comdr. Lieut. E.McN. Christie. W.O. W.O.II. Payne. F.H.G.

2. CHURCH PARADES.

Church Parades will be held on Sunday, 16 Feb 41 as under:-

(a) Combined Service (C of E and C.P.D.) Padre Arkell Camp Cinema at 0915 hrs.
(b) BN will parade on the INNER PARADE GROUND at 0850 hrs.
Quarter Call 0855 hrs. Markers report to RSM
Advance 0845 hrs.
(c) Coys will render Parade States to BN HQ at 0830 hrs.
(d) BN HQ will fall in with B Coy.
(e) Roman Catholic. Bde HQ MT Pk 1000 hrs. Personnel will parade by Coys on BN Parade Ground (facing HQ Coy Orderly Room) at 0935 hrs. C Coy will send Marker to report to RSM on Parade Ground at 0930 hrs.

3. PAYBOOKS. OBLITERATION OF NAME OF UNIT.
AIF ORDER NO. 57 of 12 OCT 40.

(a) Action will be taken by Coys to ensure that all references to the names of units are obliterated from their pay-books.
(b) Coys will report to BN HQ that this action has been taken by 1100 hrs, Thursday, 20 Feb 41, and give the Army No and Name of any man whose Paybook has not been dealt with.

4. ROUTINE. SUNDAY. 16 FEB 41.

Reveille	0700 hrs
Sick Parade	0715 hrs
Breakfast	0745 hrs
Church Parades	As in para 2
Coy Adm Parades	1000 hrs.

M.Gavin Capt.
Adjt. 2/15 BN AIF.

NOTICES.

1. CHURCH SERVICES. Sunday 15 Feb 41.
(a) C of E Holy Communion will be clebbrated in the BN Writing Room at 0720 hrs.
(b) R.C. Mass will be celebrated at 0630 hrs, in the Recreation Room, 2/17 BN Lines.

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NOTICES. (CONTD).

2. SPORTS FIXTURES. Sunday 16 Feb 41.

(a) Rugby Union. Palestine Police (Gaza) v 20 Aust Inf Bde.

At Kilo 89, at 1515 hrs.
The GOC 7 Aust Div will be present.

(b) Hockey. 2/15 RN v 2/6 Fd Regt.
At Deir Sunoid at 1430 hrs .

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KILO 89.
HOLMES LINES.
16 FEB 41. No. 237

1. DUTIES.

(a)

Orderly Officer	Lieut.St.J.F.Wintour
Next for duty	Lieut.B.Williams
Orderly Sjt	QX1809 A/Sjt.Ware.J.
Next for duty	To be detailed later.
Orderly Cpl.	NX 9 A/Cpl.Bosgard.P.W.
Next for duty	To be detailed later.
Runners (2)	To be detailed by Duty Coy
Bde Runner	To be detailed by Duty Coy

(b)

Duty Coy	HQ Coy
Next for duty	D Coy

K.H. Currie Capt.
Adjt. 2/15 BN AIF.

NOTICES.

1. ENTERTAINMENTS.

(a) Camp Cinema. The matinee programme today has been cancelled, but the two evening programmes will take place as usual.

(b) "Troopers" Concert Party. This Concert Party will give a complete change of Programme on WED. 19 Feb 41 at 1800 hrs and 2000 hrs at Kilo 89 Theatre.

2. FOOTBALL.

A Coy 2/15 BN defeated HQ Coy 2/15 BN 14 pts - 9 pts.

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KILO 89
HOLMES LINES.
17 FEB 41.

No.238

1. DUTIES.

(A)

Orderly Officer	Lieut.B.Williams
Next for duty	Lieut.G.A.Gemmell-Smith
Orderly Sjt	QX5412 L/Sjt.Vaughan.E.E.
Next for duty	To be detailed later
Orderly Cpl.	QX5150 A/Cpl.Hole.G.
Next for duty	To be detailed later
Runners (2)	To be detailed by Duty Coy
Bde Runner	To be detailed by Duty Coy

(b)

Duty Coy	D Coy
Next for duty	C Coy.

(N.L.CURRIE). Capt.
Adjt. 2/15 BN AIF.

NOTICES.

1. BEST AREA.

D Coy.

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KILO 89
HOLMES LINES.
18 FEB 41.

No.239.

1. DUTIES.

(a)

Orderly Officer	Lieut.G.A.Gommell-Smith.
Next for duty	Lieut.W.Angus
Orderly Sjt.	QX3000 A/Sjt.Patrick.R.A.
Next for duty	: 8523 A/Sjt.Logan.C.W.J.
Orderly Cpl.	: 8348 A/Cpl.Smithers.G.O.
Next for duty	: 2382 A/Cpl.Johnstone.C.A.
Runners (2)	To be detailed by Duty Coy.
Bde Runners	To be detailed by Duty Coy.

(b)

Duty Coy	C Coy
Next for duty	B Coy.

2. INTER COY TRANSFERS.

The undermentioned is transferred as under:-

QX5916 Pte.BROWN.E. From HQ Coy to C Coy wef 18 Feb 41.

3. MARCHED OUT.

(a) The undermentioned personnel Marched Out 18 Feb 41 on transfer to 2/1 A Fd Wkshops.

QX5927	Cpl.ALLISTAIR.F.W.	HQ Coy
QX2383	Pte.KRATZMAN.C.G.	B Coy
QX2379	Pte.CUMMINGS.P.K.	B Coy
QX8023	Pte.PAULEY.G.N.	C Coy
QX1950	Pte.STUART.A.	C Coy.

(b) The undermentioned Marched Out 12 Feb 41 to 20 Aust Inf Bde:

QX8714	Pte.WILLIAMSON.C.V.	D Coy.

4. CORRIGENDUM.

Ref R.O. 235 of 14 Feb 41, Para 2(a). In future the strength of the ~~TWO~~ Quarter Guard will be 1 Sjt, 2 Cpls and 19 ORs, with Posts and Beats in accordance with sketch circulated to Coys, copy of which is in the Guard Room.

5. TWO DAYS LEAVE JERUSALEM.
FREE ACCOMMODATION. 25 FEB 41.

(a) The following personnel are selected for this leave:-

HQ Coy.	QX6940	Sjt.	CHRISTSEN.J.W.
	QX15045	Pte.	GRAHAM.G.A.
A Coy.	QX8337	"	KIRKHAM.A.W.
	QX8113	"	BRANSCOMB.W.J.
B Coy.	QX11449	"	CARR.J.M.
	QX14452	"	LEAN.A.W.S.
C Coy.	QX8031	"	DAHL.P.V.
	QX8668	"	O'ROURKE.V.J.
D Coy	QX5632	"	MEADOWS.H.J.F.
	QX8710	"	OLSEN.S.

(b) These personnel will obtain a special pass from BN HQ at 0900 hrs on the date of leave and will report to Bde HQ at 1245 hrs.

(c) Sjt.CHRISTSEN.J.W. will take charge of the party.

6. FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

Coys will submit by 1400 hrs 19 Feb 41, a return of all personnel who can speak fluently a foreign language or languages, which must be shown.

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7. **CONFERENCE.** There will be a Conference of ALL OFFICERS in the Mess at 1800 hrs, 18 Feb 41.

H.H. Cerrie Capt.
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1. **BEST AREA.**

HQ Coy.

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KILO 89.
HOLMES LINES.
19 FEB 41.

No.240

1. DUTIES.

(a)	Orderly Officer	Lieut.W.Angus
	Next for duty	Lieut.L.Snell.
	Orderly Sjt	QX8523 A/Sjt.Logan.C.W.J.
	Next for duty	: 831 A/Sjt.Neal.E.J.
	Orderly Cpl.	: 2382 A/Cpl.Johnstone.C.A.
	Next for duty	: 5645 A/Cpl.Wiseman.W.E.
	Runners (2)	To be detailed by Duty Coy.
	Bde Runner	To be detailed by Duty Coy.
(b)	Duty Coy	B Coy
	Next for duty	A Coy

2. MARCHED OUT.

The undermentioned personnel Marched Out 19 Feb 41 on transfer to 7 Aust Div:-

QX7741 L/Cpl.VANE-MILLBANK.R.A. BN HQ
QX3372 Pte. SWEENEY.J.B. C Coy.

3. LEAVE. PAYBOOKS.

All personnel proceeding on leave MUST be in possession of their paybooks at all times.

4. PAY. 20 FEB 41.

(a) Cash will be available to Coy Paying Officers at 1400 hrs.

(b) Personnel with sufficient credit may obtain advances upon application to Pay Sjt at Pay Office,BN HQ, between 1900 hrs and 2100 hrs, tomorrow, 20 Feb 41.

J. McCarron Capt.
Adjt. 2/15 BN AIF.

NOTICES.

1. Best Area - D Coy.
Best Tent - No. 22 B Coy.

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KILO 89.
HELLES LINES
20 FEB 41.

No.241.

1. DUTIES.

(a)

Orderly Officer	Lieut.R.S.Dorman
Next for duty	Lieut.L.Snell
Orderly Sjt.	QX 831 A/Sjt.Neal.E.J.
Next for duty	: 750 A/Sjt.Carter.C.L.
Orderly Cpl.	: 5645 A/Cpl.Wiseman.W.E.
Next for duty	: 7569 A/Cpl.Storey.I.D.
Runners (2)	To be detailed by Duty Coy
Bde Runner	To be detailed by Duty Coy.

(b)

Duty Coy	A Coy
Next for duty	D Coy

2. BN PARADE. 21 FEB 41.

(a) There will be a BN Parade tomorrow, 21 Feb 41, at 0845 Hrs on the Bde Parade Ground.

(b)

Quarter Call	0830 hrs.	Markers report to Bde Parade Ground with Parade Statos.
Advance	0835 hrs.	

3. DAILY ROUTINE. CORRIGENDUM.

R.O. 229 Para 4 is cancelled in reference to Coy Parades. In future daily routine will be as under:-

Quarter Call	0815 hrs.
Fall in	0830 hrs.

4. BOUNDS.

The latrines and showers of adjancent units are OUT OF BOUNDS to all ranks.

5. SIGNAL ORDERLIES.

Applications are called for Signal Orderlies to be attached to 20 Inf Bde on normal rates of pay.

Coys will submit rolls of applicants to BN HQ by 1800 hrs, 21 Feb 41.

6. INTER COY TRANSFERS.

The following Inter Coy transfer will take effect from today, 20 Feb 41:-

QX5753 Pte.TRIFFETT.E.N. From D Coy to HQ Coy.

H. Currie Capt.
Adjt. 2/15 BN AIF.

NOTICES.

1. B.B.C BROADCAST.

There will be a request programme for British Troops in the Near East, broadcast by the B.B.C. at 2030 hrs, tonight.

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KILO 89.
HOLMES MINES.
21 FEB. 41.

No.242.

1. DUTIES.

(a)

Orderly Officer	Lieut.L.Snell
Next for duty	Lieut.W.Angus
Orderly Sjt.	QX 750 A/Sjt.Carter.C.L.
Next for duty	: 2462 A/Sjt.Stanley.T.C.
Orderly Cpl.	: 7569 A/Cpl.Storey.
Next for duty	: 8327 A/Cpl.Hansen.L.T.A.
Runners (2)	To be detailed for Duty Coy
Bde Runner	To be detailed by Duty Coy.

(b)

Duty Coy	D Coy
Next for duty	C Coy

2. LEAVE. CAIRO.

The undermentioned have been granted leave to CAIRO for the period 24 Feb - 4 Mar.

QX7688 Pte.TARTTELIN.T.
QX8003 Pte.WASSELL.R.F.

They will report to BN HQ at 0900 hrs 24 Feb 41 to obtain leave and frontier passes and will then report to Bde HQ at 1115 hrs.

3. OFFICERS' MESS.

There will be a general meeting at 1700 hrs, Friday 21 Feb 41.

4. LECTURE.

(a) A lecture and practice on R/T procedure will held in the Officers' Mess at 2000 hrs, Friday, 21 Feb.

(b) All Officers except those on duty will attend.

Capt.
f.. Adjt. 2/15 BN AIF.

NOTICES.

1. INSPECTIONS. 21 FEB 41.

Best Area	-	D Coy.
Best Tent	-	No. 7 HQ Coy
Worst Area	-	A Coy
Worst Tent	-	No. 9 B Coy.

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KILO 89.
HOLMES LINES.
22 FEB. 41

No. 243.

1. DUTIES.

(a)

Orderly Officer	Lieut. W. Angus
Next for duty	Lieut. E. F. Luther
Orderly Sjt	QX2462 A/Sjt. Stanley. T.C.
Next for duty	: 5874 A/Sjt. Keys. J.T.
Orderly C 1.	: 8327 A/Cpl. Hansen. L.T.A.
Next for duty	: 8626 A/Cpl. Ryan. C.F.
Runners (2)	To be detailed by Duty Coy.
Bde Runner	To be detailed by Duty Coy.

(b)

Duty Coy	C Coy
Next for duty	HQ Coy

2. CHURCH PARADES. 23 FEB.

Church Parades will be held on Sunday, 23 Feb 41, as under:-

(A) i. Combined Service (C of E and O.P.D.) Camp Cinema at 0915 hrs
[illegible] Ashdell.

ii. BN will parade on INNER PARADE GROUND at 0850 hrs.
Quarter Call. 0835 hrs. Markers will report to RSM on Parade Ground.
Advance 0845 hrs.
The Band will attend.

iii. BN HQ will parade with C Coy.

iv. Coys will render Church Parade States to BN HQ at 0820 hrs.

(B) Roman Catholic. Bde HQ MT Pk. 1000 hrs.

i. Personnel will parade in Coy Lines at 0930 hrs and will march onto Marker on the Inner Parade Ground at 0935 hrs.

ii. B Coy will send a Marker to report to the RSM outside HQ Coy Orderly Room at 0930 hrs.

NOTE. Coys will show on Church Parade States the number attending the R.C Parade.

3. ROUTINE. SUNDAY. 23 FEB.

Reveille	0700 hrs.
Sick Parade	0715 hrs
Breakfast	0745 hrs
Church Parades	As in para 2.
Coy Adm Parades	1000 hrs.

4. COMFORTS.

Receipt of the following Comforts from A.C.F. through 20 Aust Inf Bde is acknowledged:-

575 Cakes soap.
576 Tins Boot polish
360 Tooth Brushes
360 Tubes Tooth Paste
2 Medicine Balls.

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5. LEAVE.

(a) OCs Coys may grant leave for inter-camp visits. Leave passes are necessary and will be forwarded to BN HQ for stamping with the BN Stamp before issue.

(b) NO LEAVE will be granted to ORs for GAZA TOWN.

6. PETROL TINS.

Attention is drawn to para 10(c) of AIF Standing Orders PALESTINE (Prov) Pam No.2. Many petrol tins are being damaged and rendered useless forrefilling by unnecessary punctures in

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6. PETROL TINS (CONTD).
places other than the filler cap. The co-operation of units is necessary to ensure the greatest possible number of tins being returned unbattered and with punctures only in the filler caps.

7. ROAD SAFETY. PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC.
(a) Personnel are warned of the danger of walking on roads after sunset, as blackout regulations limit the vision of drivers. To prevent accidents, pedestrians will keep well clear of the formed portions of the roads.
(b) The attention of all troops will be drawn to this order.

8. ARMY ISSUES, UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF.
(a) Cases ahve recently occurred where, AIF personnel have made gifts to Arabs of Stores, Army Clothing and Goods issued by the Australian Philanthropic Societies.
(b) Under A.M.R.79, heavy penalties may be inflicted on personnel who unlawfully dispose of articles on issue to them, or held in trust by them, from the Commonwealth.
(c) Goods received from the Australian Philanthropic Societies are to be regarded as an Army issue, and any cases of unlawful disposal of such goods will be dealt with under A.M.R. 79.

9. MARCHED OUT.
The undermentioned personnel Marched Out 22 Feb 41 on transfer to AIF HQ, Finance Section:-
QX7972 Pte.GRIFFITHS.W.J. B Coy.

Lt. Currie Capt.
Adjt. 2/15 BN AIF.

NOTICES.

1. CHURCH SERVICES, 23 FEB.

(a)	C of E	Holy Communion.	2/15 BN Writing Room.	0720 hrs.
(b)	R.C.	Mass	2/17 BN Recreation Room.	0630 hrs.

2. SPORTS FIXTURES, SUNDAY, 23 FEB.

Football.	2/15 BN v 2/17 BN. At KILO 89	1400 hrs.
Cricket	2/15 BN v 2/7 Fd Regt at QUASTINA.	1100 hrs
Soccer	2/15 BN v 2/13 BN at KILO 89	1400 hrs.

3. ENTERTAINMENTS.
(a) Garrison Cinema GAZA RIDGE, 1800 and 2000 hrs, 23 Feb 41, Eight Australian Newsreels. Admission FREE to all ranks.
(b) Sax's Concert Band will give two preformances at Cinema GAZA RIDGE, on Friday 28 Feb 41 at 1800 hrs and 2000 hrs.

4. INSPECTION, 22 Feb.

Best Area - HQ Coy
Best Tent - HQ No.1
Best Kit - QX8342. Pte.PORTER.D.R.A. HQ Coy.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART.I.
BY

LT.-COL. R.F. MARLAN. C.O. 2/15 BN AIF.

KILO 89
HOLMES LINES
23 FEB 41.

No.244

1. DUTIES.

(a)

Orderly Officer	Lieut.E.F.Luther
Next for duty	Lieut.C.I.Guest
Orderly Sjt	QX5874 A/Sjt.Keys.J.T.
Next for duty	: 1104 A/Sjt.O'Hagan.J.T.
Orderly Cpl.	: 8262 A/Cpl.Ryan.C.F.
Next for duty	: 7716 A/Cpl.Phillips.A.E.
Runners(2)	To be detailed by Duty Coy
Bde Runner	To be detailed by Duty Coy

(b)

Duty Coy	H.Q. Coy
Next for duty	A Coy

2. INTER COY TRANSFERS.
The undermentioned is transferred as shown wef 23 Feb 41.
QX10386 Pte.THOMAS.J. From A Coy to B Coy.

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(N.L.CURRIE) Capt.
Adjt. 2/15 BN AIF.

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KILO 69.
HOLMES LINES.
24 FEB 41. Nn. 245.

1. DUTIES.

(a)	Orderly Officer	Lieut.C.I.Guest
	Next for duty	Lieut.G.E.Morrison
	Orderly Sjt	QX11011 A/Sjt.O'Hagan.J.T.
	Next for duty	: 822 A/Sjt.Porter.W.R.
	Orderly C_l.	: 7716 A/Cpl.Phillips.A.E.
	Next for duty	: 6681 A/Cpl.Doneley.A.R.
	Runners (a)	To be detailed by Duty Coy
	Bde Runner	To be detailed by Duty Coy.
(b)	Duty Coy	A Coy
	Next for duty	B Coy

2. "X" LIST.

(a) The undermentioned were evacuated to 2 AGH on 3 Feb 41 and are posted to "X" List. Authority R.O. 2/41.

No.	Rank	Name	Coy
QX[illegible]216	Pte	MOORE.J.H.	HQ Coy
QX8236	"	WEBB.H.J.	"
QX7516	L/Cpl.	TEALE.G.	"
QX8065	L/Cpl.	GLEN.R.	"
QX7956	Pte	CAESAR.T.	"
QX2341	"	MORRISON.E.W.	A Coy
QX11445	"	LONSDALE.H.L.	"
QX5938	"	MUNCKTON.M.L.	"
QX5242	"	BOLAND.W.	B Coy
QX8540	"	PHILLIPS.C.G.	C Coy
QX8131	"	NEWTON.L.D.	"
QX5800	"	NEYLON.T.J.	D Coy
QX5422	"	RENDELL.E.S.	"

(b) The undermentioned was evacuated to 1 Aust Conval Depot [illegible]Feb41 and is posted to "X" List. Authority R.O. 2/41.

QX6045	Pte.MITCHELL.C.	HQ Coy.

3. CONFERENCE.

There will be a Conference of all officers in the Mess at 1800 hrs today, 24 Feb 41.

4. BN DUTIES. DRESS.

(a) In future, the dress for the BN Quarter Guard, 30[x] Range Piquet and BN Orderly Duties will be as under:- Shirts, Shorts, Stockings, Gaiters, Drill Order. Respiratirs slung. Hats KF turned up. Orderly Duties. Belts and sidearms only.

(b) Greatcoats for use during the night will be sent to the Gd Room in packs.

N.L.Currie
?(N.L.CURRIE) Capt.
Adjt. 2/15 BN AIF.

NOTICES.

1. CHURCH SERVICES. ASH WEDNESDAY. 26 FEB
C of E. Holy Communion. 0700 hrs. 2/15 BN Writting Room.

2. SPORT. 23 Feb 41.

Rugby Union.	2/15 BN	defeated	2/13 BN	14 - 6
Soccer	2/15 BN	"	2/13 BN	2 - 1
Cricket	2/15 BN	"	2/12 Fd Regt	on 1st innings.

3. INSPECTION. 24 FEB

Best Area - A Coy.

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KILO 89.
HOLLIS LINES
25 FEB 41.

No.246

1. DUTIES.

(a)

Orderly Officer	Lieut.G.E.Morrison
Next for duty	Lieut.D.B.Weir
Orderly Sjt	QX 832 A/Sjt.Porter.W.R.
Next for duty	: 2994 L/Sjt.Kay.A.W.
Orderly Cpl	: 6681 L/Cpl.Doneley.A.R.
Next for duty	: 6646 A/Cpl.Wilson.R.F.
Runners (2)	To be detailed by Duty Coy
Bde Runner	To be detailed by Duty Coy

(b)

Duty Coy	B Coy
Next for duty	C Coy

2. TEXT BOOKS AND TNG MANUALS.

(a) In order that the issue of Text Books and tng manuals may be brought up to the correct scale of issue, 2/15 Bn is required to render a return of publications held.

(b) Coys will therefore render a return to BN HQ by 1200 hrs 26 Feb shewing the title and number of copies held by them of ALL Text Books and Tng Manuals.

3. LEAVE. PAYBOOKS

Attention is drawn to RO 240 of 19 Feb Para 3. Personnel of two Coys were NOT in possession of their Paybooks when paraded for leave today. It should be realised that the paybook is to be carried by the soldier primarily for identification purposes and NOT for financial reasons.

4. INTER COY TRANSFERS.

The following inter coy transfer will take place wef 0700 hrs 26 Feb 41.

QX8550 Pte.SMITH.R.E. From HQ Coy to C Coy.

R.M. Currie Capt.
Adjt. 2/15 BN AIF.

NOTICES.

1. INSPECTION. 25 FEB 41.

Best Area - C Coy
Best Tent - No 11 C Coy.

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KILO 89
HOLMES LINES.
26 FEB 41.

No. 247

1. DUTIES.

(a)	Orderly Officer	Lieut.D.B.Weir
	Next for duty	Lieut.M.Harland
	Orderly Sjt.	QX2994 L/Sjt.Kay.A.W.
	Next for duty	: 8529 A/Sjt.Fink.F.J.
	Orderly Cpl.	: 6646 A/Cpl.Wilson.R.F.
	Next for duty	: 953 A/Cpl.McGill.F.J.
	Runners (2)	To be detailed by Duty Coy
	Bde Runner	To be detailed by Duty Coy
(b)	Duty Coy	C Coy
	Next for duty	D Coy

2. MARCHED OUT.
The undermentioned Marched Out 26 Feb 41 on transfer to 20 Aust Inf Bde:-

QX1938 Pte. MADDEN.K.P. B Coy
QX5111 Pte. WORTHINGTON.S.M. D Coy

3. MARCHED IN.
The undermentioned Marched In from Aust General Base and are taken on strength wef 25 Feb 41 :-

QX8045	Pte. MITCHELL. C.	HQ Coy
QX10216	Pte. MOORE.J.H.	" "
QX8236	Pte. WEBB.H.J.	" "
QX5938	Pte. MUNCKTON.M.L.	A Coy
QX8131	Pte. NEWTON.L.D.	C Coy.

4. COMFORTS.
Receipt is ack from ACF through 20 Aust Inf Bde of the following:-
28 bottles Worcester Sauce and 18 bottles of Tomato Sauce

Capt.
for Adjt. 2/15 BN AIF

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2/15 BN MOVEMENT ORDER NO.1

GENERAL

1. 2/15 BN will move to MERSA MATRUH commencing night 27 Feb.

2. Code Word: Code word for the move is "BASSWOOD", and this will be used in all references to the move.

3. Adv Party: Adv Party consisting of Capt.SUTHERS and 15 ORs left 2/15 BN area at 1220 hrs, 27, proceeding by rail.

4. Main Body: (a) Rail in accordance with appendix A
(b) Road in accordance with appendix B
(c) Unit Road Party will bivouac at ASLUJ night 28 Feb/1 Mar.and will stage at ISMAILIA night 1/2 Mar.
(d) Unit tpt will move in three groups each of fifteen vehicles, B Echelon vehicles moving in third group

Comd Lieut.A.H.HART
No 1 Gp. Lieut.W.ANGUS
2 " Lieut.B.WILLIAMS
3 " W.O.ii.P.CARROLL

(e) ROUTE: Unit Lines - BEERSHEBA-ASLUJ-ABU-AWEIGLA-ISMAILIA.
(f) STAGES & DISTANCES: The move will be in three stages

Stage 1. Unit locations-BEERSHEBA-ASLUJ. Distance BEERSHEBA - ASLUJ 20 miles.
Stage 2. ASLUJ - ABU-AWEIGLA. Distance 50 miles.
Stage 3. ABU - AWEIGLA.- ISMAILIA. Distanee 120 miles.

(g) SPEED & DENSITY:

	m.i.h.	v.t.m.
Stage 1.	25	20
Stage 2.	20	20
Stage 3.	25	20

(h) HALTS: All vehicles will halt for 30 minutes after three hours continuous driving.
(i) DISPERSION: Maximum dispersion allowed for by ground will be effected at ISMAILIA. Vehicles will NOT close up when halted on road.
(j) INTERCOMMUNICATION:
(i) Communication with both EGYPT and PALESTINE can be made from ABU-AWEIGLA by telephone.
(ii) O. i/c Road Party will inform Movements Canal by telephone of time of departure of head of column from ABU-AWEIGLA
N.B. Special attention is drawn to (j)(ii) Pet Pk 1 Aust Corps will arrange to establish POL at ASLUJ on night 27/28 Feb 41.
(l) An additional 11 Vans 1 Ton are to be picked up at the CITADEL, CAIRO, and allocated through the GPs,no Gp to exceed 20 vehicles.

5. Rations (Rail Party)
(a)One day's rations and one day's reserve rations will be taken on the train. A hot meal will be provided at KANTARA EAST at 0800 hrs 28 Feb .
(b)G.H.Q. Middle East is arranging for the provision of a hot meal (breakfast) on arrival at KANTARA EAST for subsistence to destination.
(c)All ranks will entrain with water bottles filled.
(d)Personnel will have their mess tins,knives forks and spoons readily available for use at KANTARA EAST
(e)One day's reserve rations will be taken for use in case of interference by enemy action.

Road Party
(a)Unit will be responsible for its own cooking arrangements for duration of move.

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5. Rations. (Road Party Contd)
(b) In addition to the rations for the duration of the move, two days rexerve rations will be carried. Reserve rations will NOT be consumed except under orders of an officer and will be distributed to all the vehicles. Any uncomsumed portion of these rations will be handed in to the nearest R.A.S.C. Supply Depot on arrival at destination.
(c) OC HQ Coy will arrange for one cook to travel with this party.

6. Water All water bottles and radiators will be filled. Force HQ are arranging a water point at ASLUJ. Facilities exist for refilling water bottles at KANTARA and ISMAILIA.

7. Weapons & Amn
(a) The following weapons and amn will be carried ready for use by personnel proceeding by train:-
(1) On man rifle and 50 rds SAA
(2) Each rifle Pl one AA LMG complete. 750 rds of amn. HQ Coy two AA LMGs etc and 750 rds per gun. One NCO per AA LMG to be prepared to move by MT to GAZA Station at 2300 hrs with unit entraining offr
(b) Road Party (1) One man rifle and 50 rds SAA
(2) Each vehicle gp one AA LMG complete (from 2 Pl)- 2 ORs per gun)

8. Medical
7 Aust Div is arranging for one Ambulance Car and MO and Orderly to accompany each road party to ISMAILIA. In addition Cpl. THOMPSON AAMC attached 2/15 BN will travel with Bn Medical Vehicle.

9. Personnel to travel by Road: The following personnel will move by Road Tpt
C.O., Adjt, Chaplain, TO, Lieuts ANGUS, WILLIAMS, RQMS and 101 ORs. ORs to be drawn under arrangement of Lieut. ANGUS and must include:-
(a) 56 Dvrs MT (including Chaplain's Batman-Dvr)
(b) 2 Fitters MT (Cpl. HOOKE, Pte. BROZAT)
(c) AAMC Orderly
(d) Orderly Room Sjt
(e) COs Batman
(f) Offrs Mess Sjt
(g) AA Pl personnel 7
(h) Two Pioneer Pl personnel
(i) Cook.

10. BAGGAGE
(a) Detailed instructions regarding baggage have been issued. All Chests Bren, and amn boxes will be sent by rail. Lieut. WILLIAMS to arrange.
(b) W.O.ii. P.CARROLL will be responsible for checking Offrs heavy luggage, kits etc into AIF Kit Store ALEXANDRIA.
(c) Offrs light luggage will be sent with Coy stores by MT

11. Petrol, Water etc: All vehicles in convoy will carry spare petrol and water in accordance with the following scale:-

	Trucks 30 cwt	Vans 1 Ton	Cars
Petrol	4 tins	3 tins	2
Water	2 "	2 "	2

12. Dress for Move:
Battle Dress (Serge) and marching Order.

H.H. Cairns Capt
Adjt. 2/15 BN AIF

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APPENDIX A.
DETAIL OF RAIL MOVEMENT.

(a) Time Table night 27/28 Feb
2245 Parade for departure Bde Parade Ground
2255 Depart for GAZA Station
0115 Entrainment to be completed by.

(b) Entraining Arrangements:-
(1) Lieut.COBB will act as Entraining Offr and will proceed to GAZA Station by daylight to recce route, train layout etc. He will move by MT to GAZA Station departing at 2300 hrs to carry out entrainment. He will be accompanied by 1 NCO per Pl with AA LHG complete whom he will post by the Coy carriages to cover entrainment.
(2) Sig Sec 20 Inf Bde (1 Offr 29 ORs) will travel on this train and will be entrained under 2/15 BN arrangements.
(3) Meals:- Train party will take unit rations for consumption on journey. A hot meal will be issued at KANTARA EAST and at an evening halt on 28 inst, hot tea will be available but no meal will be issued.

(c) Composition of the train

Type	No	Capacity of each coach	Total
1st Class large	2	50	100
1st/2nd Compo	1	50	50
2nd class	1	60	60
3rd class small	4	50	200
3rd class large	4	75	300
3rd class brake	1	30	30
Shabak	1	18 tons	D.W Baggage

(d) Time Teble:
Dep GAZA 27/28 Feb 0130 hrs. Arr KANTARA 0800 hrs.
Dep KANTARA 1500 hrs. Arr destination 0100 hrs 28/1 Mar.
All times PALESTINE local time.

APPENDIX B
MOVEMENT BY ROAD

a) No 3 Road Party will include:-
15 BN)
17 BN) vehicles
LAD)
(b) Head of Convoy to pass GARRISON THEATRE at 1330 hrs, 28 Feb
(c) Time Table:-

28	Dep GAZA 1330	Arr ASLUJ 1600
29	Dep ASLUJ 0600	Arr ABU-AWEIGLA 0830
29	Dep ABU-AWEIGLA 0900	Arr Canal E 1500.

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WAR DIARY
FEB 41

SKETCH MAP SHOWING MOVE OF BN
GAZA – VICINITY MASR EL BREGA

Australian Military Forces—Northern Command.
Please quote this Number when replying.
TELEPHONE—
Date
Address

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/15 Bn AIF (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	**Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (*i.e.* deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		1
Captains	9	1	
Lieutenants	26		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
TOTALS	39	1	1

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
CAPT.	SMITH A.G.	2/15 Bn. AIF	4-2-41	ADMITTED HOSPITAL

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*, present whereabouts, if known)
CAPT.	SMITH A.G.	2/15 Bn AIF	1 A.G.H.

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-COL.	QX 6175	MARLAN R.F.	2/15 Bn. AIF	YES.	C.O.
MAJOR	6198	BARTON C.N.			2 i/c
MAJOR	6260	ROSIER R.C.			O.C. Coy
CAPT	6231	CURRIE N.L.			ADJT.
	6172	SKINNER A.			Q.M.
	6285	TOPHAM S.			O.C. Coy
	6286	McKEWEN S.E.			O.C. Coy
	6220	PEEK A.E.deL.			O.C. Coy
	6222	STRANGE B.D.			2 i/c Coy.
	6221	SUTHERS R.A.			Asst. Adjt.
	6239	GREEN E.G.			2 i/c Coy
	6194	SMITH A.G.		NO	2 i/c Coy (ADMITTED A.G.H.)
	6219	RALSTON A.C.		YES	O.C. Coy
LIEUT.	6240	HART A.H.			T.O.
	6225	BODE F.L.			PL. COMDR.
	6223	COBB W.W.			PL. COMDR.
	6224	STUART M.R.			I.O.
	6238	NEWCOMB S.P.			2 i/c Coy
	6241	CUBITT D.S.			PL. COMDR.
	6200	WILLIAMS B.			PL. COMDR.
	6226	SNELL L.			PL. COMDR.
	6227	WHALLEY D.D.			PL. COMDR.
	6242	HARLAND M.			PL. COMDR.
	6171	LUTHER E.F.			PL. COMDR.
	6243	ANGUS W.			PL. COMDR.
	6244	JUBB W.H.			PL. COMDR.
	6197	WINTOUR St.J.F.			PL. COMDR.
	6252	MORRISON G.E.			SIGS OFFR.
	6230	CHRISTIE E.McN.			PL. COMDR.
	6195	FERGUSON W.A.			PL. COMDR.
	6229	MacDONALD A.L.			PL. COMDR.
	6274	JENKINSON R.			PL. COMDR.
	8571	GEMMELL-SMITH G.R.			PL. COMDR.
	6231	HEATLEY C.W.			PL. COMDR.
	6256	YATES R.A.			PL. COMDR.
	6225	DAVIES T.P.			PL. COMDR.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT.	QX 6253	HOY R.J.	A.A.M.C.	30.5.40	R.M.O.
CHAPLAIN	QX 6284	ARKELL C.S.C.	A.A.Ch.D.	26.6.40	CHAPLAIN.

2/15 Bn. AIF
(Unit.)

8 Feb 41
(Date of Despatch.)

Kearean Lt-Col.
(Signature of Commander.)

20 Aust Inf. Bde. 7 Div. Kilo 89
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.).

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/15 Bn AIF (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	**Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (*i.e.* deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS			

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LIEUT.	QX 734	GUEST C.I.	2/15 BN AIF	YES	PL COMDR.
〃	〃 2991	DONNAN R.S.	〃	〃	PL COMDR.
〃	〃 815	WEIR D.B.	〃	〃	PL COMDR.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

2/15 Bn. AIF
(Unit.)

8 Feb. 41
(Date of Despatch.)

Scanlan Lt-Col
(Signature of Commander.)

20 Aust Inf Bde. 7 Div. Kilo 89
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.).

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/1st Bn AIF (*Unit*)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	**Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (*i.e.* deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS			

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

*D.*3433/5.39—C.4791

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

1 Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LIEUT	QX 734	GUEST C.I.	2/15 BN AIF	YES	Pr Leave.
〃	QX 2991	DONNAN R.S.	〃	〃	Pr Leave.
〃	QX 815	WEIR D.B.	〃	NO	Pr Leave IN HOSPITAL

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

2/15 Bn AIF
(*Unit.*)

15 Feb 41
(*Date of Despatch.*)

Shearer Lt. Col
(*Signature of Commander.*)

20 Aust Inf Bde 7 Div Kote
(*Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.*)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/15 Bn. AIF (*Unit*)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	**Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (*i.e.* deficits on establishment).
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		1
Captains	9	1	
Lieutenants	26		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
TOTALS	39	1	1

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	WEIR D.B	2/15 BN AIF	14-2-41	ADMITTED 1 A.G.H.
"	CUDITT D.S	"	9-2-41	SECONDED TO BE ASST. QM.
"	HEATLEY C.W	"	9-2-41	TO W.D. REMT DEPOT (COURSE 9)
"	DAVIES T.P	"	9-2-41	" " " "

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*, present whereabouts, if known).
CAPT	SMITH R.G.	2/15 BN AIF	1 A.G.H.
LIEUT	WEIR D.B.	"	"

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-COL	QX 6131	MANNS			CO
MAJOR	" 6134	BARTON			2 IC
MAJOR	" 6210	ROSIER			ADJT
CAPT	" 6231	CURTIS			HQ COY
	" 6178	SNIDER			OC
	" 6165	TORRAM			A COY
	" 6218	MCKEWEN			B COY
	" 6214	RALSTON			C COY
	" 6210	PEEK			D COY
	" 6222	STANDEE			SIGS
	" 6221	SUTHERS			MED OFFR
	" 6239	GREEN			C COY
	" 6199	SMITH		NO	C COY (LT MORTAR)
LIEUT	" 6240	HART		YES	TO
	" 6225	BODE			PL COMD
	" 6223	GOOD			PL COMD
	" 6224	STUART			IO
	" 6238	NEWCOMB			2 IC
	" 6241	CURTIS		NO	PL COMD (SECOND TO)
	" 6200	WILLIAMS		YES	PL COMD
	" 6217	SHELL			PL COMD
	" 6227	WHITE			PL COMD
	" 6242	HASLAND			PL COMD
	" 6171	LATHER			PL COMD
	" 6243	ANDUS			PL COMD
	" 6244	TUBB			PL COMD
	" 6197	WINTOUR			PL COMD
	" 6252	MORRISON			SIGS OFFR
	" 6230	CHRISTIE			PL COMD
	" 6195	FERGUSON			PL COMD
	" 6229	MACDONALD			PL COMD
	" 6174	JENKINSON			PL COMD
	" 6211	CRIMMELL-SMITH			PL COMD
	" 6231	HEATLEY		NO	PL COMD (AT SCHOOL)
	" 6236	YATES		YES	PL COMD
	" 6226	DAVIES		NO	PL COMD (AT SCHOOL)

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	QX 6253	HOY RT	ARMD	26-5-40	RMO
CAPTAIN	QX 6214	ARKELL CSL	ARMD	26-6-40	CHAPLAIN

2/15 Bn AIF
(*Unit.*)

15 Feb 41
(*Date of Despatch.*)

(*Signature of Commander.*)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/15 Bn AIF (*Unit*)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	**Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (*i.e.* deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		1
Captains	9	1	
Lieutenants	26		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters	1		
TOTALS	39	1	1

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	WEIR D.B	2/15 Bn AIF	16.2.41	Returned from 1 A.G.H.
"	HEATLEY C.W.	"	21.2.41	Rtd from W.T.'s Reinf Depot (Course 9)
"	DAVIES T.P.	"	21.2.41	" " " " "
CAPT	SMITH A.G.	"	16.2.41	Returned from 1 A.G.H.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	COBB W.W.	2/15 Bn AIF	17.2.41	ADMITTED 1 A.G.H.
"	STUART M.R.	"	21.2.41	To Regtl. Int. Offrs Course No. 8
"	JENKINSON R.	"	15.2.41	To C.W. School Mets Course No. 3

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*, present whereabouts, if known).
LIEUT	COBB W.W.	2/15 Bn AIF	1 A.G.H.

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-COL	QX 6175	MARLAN R.F.	2/15 BN AIF	YES	CO
MAJOR	6198	BARTON C.N.			2 i/c
MAJOR	6260	ROSIER R.C.			OC Coy
CAPT	6231	CURRIE N.L.			ADJT
	6172	SKINNER A			QM
	6285	TOPHAM S			OC Coy
	6286	McKEWEN S.E.			OC Coy
	6219	RALSTON A.C.			OC Coy
	6220	PEEK A.E.de.L			OC Coy
	6222	STRANGE B.D.			2 i/c Coy
	6221	SUTHERS R.A.			ASST ADJT
	6239	GREEN E.G.			2 i/c Coy
	6199	SMITH A.G.			2 i/c Coy
LIEUT	6240	HART A.H.			T.O.
	6225	BODE F.L.			PL COMDR.
	6223	COBB W.W.		NO	PL COMDR (HOSPITAL)
	6224	STUART M.R.		NO	I.O. (Regd Int Offrs Course)
	6238	NEWCOMB S.P.		YES	2 i/c Coy
	6241	CUBITT D.S.		NO	PL COMDR (Seconded to 20 Aust Inf Bde)
	6200	WILLIAMS B.		YES	PL COMDR
	6226	SNELL L.			PL COMDR
	6227	WHALLEY D.D.			PL COMDR.
	6242	HARLAND M.			PL COMDR.
	6171	LUTHER E.F.			PL COMDR.
	6243	ANGUS W.			PL COMDR.
	6244	JUBB W.H.			PL COMDR.
	6197	WINTOUR ST J.F.			PL COMDR.
	6252	MORRISON G.E.			SIGS OFFR.
	6230	CHRISTIE E.McN			PL COMDR.
	6195	FERGUSON W.A.			PL COMDR.
	6229	MACDONALD A.L.			PL COMDR.
	6274	JENKINSON R.		NO	PL COMDR (C.W. SCHOOL METS)
	8571	GEMMELL-SMITH G.A.		YES	PL COMDR
	6231	HEATLEY C.W.			PL COMDR.
	6256	YATES R.A.			PL COMDR.
	6228	DAVIES T.P.			PL COMDR.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT	QX 6253	HOY R.J.	AAMC	30.5.40	RMO
CHAPLAIN	QX 6284	ARKELL C.S.C.	AACD	26.6.40	CHAPLAIN

2/15 Bn AIF
(Unit.)

22 Feb 41
(Date of Despatch.)

Marlan Lt-Col
(Signature of Commander.)

20 Aust Inf Bde 7 Div Kilo 8 9
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/15 Bn AIF (*Unit*)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	**Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (*i.e.* deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors			
Captains			
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS			

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1 Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	2 Personal Number.	3 Name and Initials.	4 Corps.	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LIEUT	Rx 734	GUEST C.I.	2/15 Bn AIF	YES	Pl Comdr
"	Rx 2991	DONNAN R.S.	"	"	Pl Comdr
"	Rx 715	WEIR D.B.	"	"	Pl Comdr

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.

2/15 Bn AIF
(*Unit.*)

22 Feb 41
(*Date of Despatch.*)

Sharlean Lt-Col.
(*Signature of Commander.*)

20 Aust Inf Bde 7 Div Kilo 89
(*Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.*)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/15 BAAIF (Unit) 8 Feb 19 41 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			1
W.Os. Class II.	2		4
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	33		
Corporals	54		19
Troopers, Privates, &c.	803	23	
TOTALS	898	* 23	* 24

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
SGT 1	AAPC		
SGT 1	AAOC		
CPL 1	AADC		
CPL 1	AA Postal C		
PTE 1	AACRD		

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

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

2/15 Bn AIF Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters															1			
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical							1		1				1				1	
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks							2		2				1	1			2	
General duty personnel							20		20	1			2	15			21	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							23		23	1	4			19			24	

2/15 Bn AIF
Unit.

Date of Despatch 8 Feb 41

Marden Lt-Col
Signature of Commander.

20 Aust Inf Bde 7 Div Kilo 89.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/15 Bn AIF (Unit) 15 Feb 1941 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			1
W.Os. Class II.	2		4
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	6		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	33		
Corporals	55		18
Troopers, Privates, &c.	802	22	
TOTALS	898	* 22	* 23

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
SGT 1	AAPC		
SGT 1	AAOC		
CPL 1	AAOC		
CPL 1	AA Postal C		
PTE 1	AACLD		

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

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

2/15 Bn AIF Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
ATTACHED																		
AAMC													1	1	2		4	
AADC (SHOEMAKER)															1		1	
AADC (FITTER-MT)															2		2	
General duty personnel							22		22	1	4			18			23	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							22		22	1	4			18			23	

2/15 Bn AIF
Unit.

Date of Despatch 15 Feb 41

Lt-Col.
Signature of Commander.

20 Aust Inf Bde 7 Div Kilo 89
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/15 BN AIF (Unit) 22 Feb 19 41 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	4		1
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	30		4
Corporals	54		19
Troopers, Privates, &c.	753		27
TOTALS	848	*	* 51

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
SGT 1	AAPC		
SGT 1	A ROC		
SGT 1	A AMC		
CPL 1	A AOC		
CPL 1	AA Postal C		
PTES 2	AAMC		
PTE 1	AAUD		

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

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

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2/15 Bn A.I.F. Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
ATTACHED																		
AAOC (SHOEMAKER)															1		1	
AAOC (FITTER-MT)															2		2	
General duty personnel															51		51	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)															51		51	

2/15 Bn A.I.F.
Unit.

Date of Despatch 22 Feb 41

Lt-Col.
Signature of Commander.

20 Aust Inf Bde 7 Div Kilo 89
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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Route Report 2 Mar 41

From Kantara West to Camp Mersa Matruh

Ip. Train arrived at Kantara West at 0820 hrs. P 28 Feb 41 where all Tps were given a hot meal. A crossing of the Suez Canal was made by Tpt. Ferry carrying, each trip, approx 1 Coy. Bn. HQ, followed by A.B. etc.

Tps arrived at Kantara East for entraining at 0840 hrs Egyptian
Ip train pulled out of Kantara at 0920 hrs E.

"	" arrived	Ballah	10 Kilo 0948
"	" "	El Ferdan	10 " 1006
"	" "	Ismailia	12 " 1035
"	" "	Abu Sueir	14 " 1106
"	" "	El Mahsama	10 " 1116
"	" "	Kassassine	9 " 1125
"	" "	Tel el Kebir	19 " 1146
"	" "	Abu Hammad	10 " 1200
"	" "	Sowa	4 " 1205
"	" "	Abu Akhdar	6 " 1212
"	" "	El Zagazig	9 " 1222
"	" "	Zancalon	2 " 1237
"	" "	Goderia	3 " 1241
"	" "	Minet el Gamh	3 " 1250
"	" "	Kil Gazid	1 " 1252
"	" "	Shibanga	9 " 1259
"	" "	Benha	9 " 1306
"	" "	Kuesna	15 " 1321
"	" "	Birket el Sab	15 " 1336
"	" "	Defrah	12 " 1348
"	" "	Tantah	20 " 1357
Shubra el Namlah		8	kilo 1409
Kafr Zayat		13	" 1421
Tenpikish		2	" 1431
Zeb el Basud		12	" 1443
Saft el Melak		18	" 1518
Ummdras		1	" 1520
Denshal		3	" 1523
Damanhur		10	" 1540
Sahali		4	" 1544
Abu Hamus		20	" 1559
Dessimes		20	" 1605
Manal el Gizaz		20	" 1612
Beda		20	" 1618
Es Kursted		7	" 1628
Maliaha		3	" 1632
Kafar el Damar			1742 → Abdel Kader 1955 hrs
Kinqimaryat			2030
Baha			0330
Mersa Matruh			0715
To Camp by Tpt		8	kilo 0915

Over.

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Country. All the country seen from the rail line is flat, a slightly undulating towards Mersa Matruh. It comprises of rich irrigated flats along the Railway line and a little grass lands the majority of country being desert or waste land.

Rich irrigated pasture lands, consisting of Lucerne, Sorgum, Rye grass, Wheat, Millet, vegetables, were seen at Abu Seweir and continued along the line, on both sides, as far as Mamal el Gizag, and on as far as Ikingimaryut were grass lands of poor quality. To Mersa Matruh all that was seen was waste.

The Country generally, apart from Irrigated tracts offered very poor or no cover to the movement.

Roads 1st Class road along Railway line all the way from Kantara to Mersa Matruh.

Railway. Broad Guage, this line is built on flat country, running through the most fertile country and connecting all large towns

Bridges All bridges seen along road were of reinforced concrete, capable of carrying any weights. Railway bridges were of Iron.

Creeks, Drains etc. In the irrigation area drains, ditches are numerous many offering good obstacles to (~~motor~~) mechanised vehicles, tanks etc.

Towns. Villages etc. These are numerous, native villages being very close to-gether, on irrigation lands towns, large and small are from 1½ to 30 kilos apart.

Water. Salt. The Canal runs parallel to the line as far as Ismailia.
Fresh. This Canal runs between the line and Suez Canal from Kantara to Ismailia, from Ismailia is a branch of this Canal which continues to Zowa where it runs into the Delta (1st one passed) of the Nile.
It is accurate to say that a fresh water canal runs all the way through to Kafar El Dawar, and from Abu Seweir to Safft el Meluk the irrigation country is cut up in small plots divided by fresh water ditches. There are numerous wells through this country.

Personal. Between El Ferdan and Ismailia were seen Egyptian Army Camps and Anti Sch Camps. At Abu Seweir is an Airdrome Between El Mahsama and Kassassine are Italian Prisoner of War Camps. At Kassassine are Military dumps and Camps. and onwards to Tel el Kebir are more Prison Camps and Military Hospital. Between Zowa and Abu Akhdar are two (2) waterways, carrying sailing craft, apparently Deltas of the Nile, here the road is bridged by two concrete, all weight, bridges some 40 paces in lengths. The channels being approx 20 paces wide with precipitous banks 12 M. from water level, depth of water, approx 3 to 6 M. both channels are much the same size

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Between Shibanga and Benha is what appears to be a branch of a delta of the Nile, this channel is 20 m. wide, banks 1 m. water 3 m, precipitous, depth of water approx 3 m.
Between Benha and Tantah is a channel running parallel to and on the north of the line some what the size of the channel between Shibanga and Benha.
Tantah are Railway Sheds, yards, to north of line are seen a number of Cotton mills. Large Town.
Between Tantah and Kafr Zayat is a large Irrigation ditch, 20 m wide, precipitous banks 3 m, high from water level, depth of water approx 2 to 3 m.
An irrigation channel runs on the north of the line and between line and 1st Class road. This ditch is 4 to 5 m wide, depth of water 1 to 2 m. banks nil. At (1) Kilo from Kafr Zayat is a large lake like irrigation ditch which crosses line, is 35 m wide, water approx 3 m deep. banks nil.
At Kafr. Zayat is another Delta of the Nile, 20 m wide between 2 and 10 m deep, precipitous banks 2 m high, this channel is crossed by 1 Concrete traffic, all weights, 2 Railway bridges 1 Concrete, one Steel. Here are a number of Cotton Mills and Rail lines branch out to Shoddaine and Medrix. Large Town
At the western end of Kafr Zayat is one of the main Deltas of the Nile 220 Kilos wide, water could be any depth, though not shallow, strong current, both banks steep. A Rail bridge crosses this River and is 600 m long built from Steel. A traffic bridge also crosses this river and is of Concrete, carrying any weight, the road to the approaches is not yet complete, this Traffic Bridge is just completed.
Between Kafr Zayat and Sakt el Helik is an irrigation channel on the East and running parallel to the line 15 m wide, 4 m deep and also an irrigation ditch runs on the northern side of the line. These ditches run through to Kafar el Damar where they spread out into shallow lakes surrounded by grasslands of poor quality
The train stopped at Shingimaryut where a hot meal was provided to the tps, tobacco & papers being issued from Comforts Fund. Corps. Sigs were responsible for this repast.
At 0630 hrs. 1 Mar we passed an Army Unit under Canvas North of line is the Mediterranean Sea.

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The country through here is barren waste and we first see signs of defences, concertina barbwire, apron fash etc, tank traps, mines, ditches etc Gun pits, Hark Houses, trenches, dugouts etc.
The Bn was delayed for some 30 minutes and had to march 1 kilo owing to the truck drivers depositing the tps at the 17 Bn lines, otherwise the trip passed without mishap. Ink is scarce.

Direction of Route.

Kantara	to	Ismailia	South
Ismailia	"	Zagazig	West
Zagazig	"	Benha	South West
Benha	"	Defsah	N.N. West
Defsah	"	Kafr Zayat	West
Kafr Zayat	"	Mersa Matruh	N.N. West

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MERSA MATRUH	1 Mar 41		Arrived MERSA MATRUH, EGYPT at 0500 hrs. Bn was then taken to the old EGYPTIAN barracks.	
	2 Mar 41		Bn parade and coy route marches.	
	3 Mar 41		Infantry Trg Bn personnel under Capt TOPHAM moved out to establish ITB at MUGHAZI, PALESTINE. Capt STRANGE took over comd of B coy from Capt TOPHAM. At 0830 hrs Bn moved out in Bde convoy and arrived at BUG BUG at 1800 hrs. Bn camped here for the night.	
TOBRUK LIBYA	4 Mar 41		Left BUG BUG at 0800 hrs, and travelled via SOLLUM and BARDIA to TOBRUK-a distance of 125 miles. At 1600 hrs, Bn camped on the WESTERN side of TOBRUK. Tps exercised in the handling of enemy weapons.	
	5 Mar 41		Very cold night. Tps exercised with enemy weapons and grenades. Bn tpt from GAZA joined unit and a distribution of coy tpt was made. Heavy dust storm.	
DERNA	6 Mar 41		Moved on to DERNA at 0800 hrs in captured ITALIAN vehicles driven by 6 Div personnel - a distance of 110 miles. Convoy bombed by GERMAN planes; casualties at head of convoy. Arrived at DERNA at 1600 hrs and camped on the WESTERN side of the town for the night.	
TOCHRA	7 Mar 41		Left DERNA at 0800 hrs, and after climbing escarpment travelled via BERTA, BARCE BARACCA, and then on to TOCHRA - a distance of 154 miles. Camped outside township for the night	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ADGEDABIA	8 Mar 41		Left TOCHRA at 0800 hrs and travelled via BENGHAZI to ADGEDABIA - a distance of 140 miles. At dark an adv party left for MERSA BREGA, the most advanced posn in the BRITISH lines. Bn remained outside ADGEDABIA for the night.	
	9 Mar 41		Straffing by enemy planes during the day. At 1830 hrs the ~~Bn moved up to MERSA BREGA -40 miles- to relieve~~ elements of 2/5 and 2/7 Aust Inf Bns 6 Div. Bn was disposed half a mile NE of MERSA BREGA with C coy right fwd, B coy left fwd, D coy astride the road, and A coy in reserve. Change-over was complete by 2359 hrs.	
MERSA BREGA	10 Mar 41		Consolidation of posns. Much enemy air activity. Patrol from B coy to HOMS was informed by a BRITISH armd car comd that heavy GERMAN tks were operating in the area.	
	11 Mar 41		Enemy planes straffed posns today. Protective patrols at night	
	12 Mar 41		QX 7529 Pte CROKER K, first Bn casuality, killed on minefield while on patrol. ~~Enemy air activity. Protective patrols at night.~~	
	13 Mar 41		More straffing by enemy planes. A recce patrol, consisting of Lt MAC DONALD, 1 sjt and 8 ORs, left in 2 Utilities escorted by 2 armd cars, and travelled SW and WEST and through EL AGHELLA for a distance of 46 miles, then on foot for 8 miles. Patrol reported having seen tracks of large track vehicles. ~~Protective patrols at night.~~	
	14 Mar 41		More straffing by enemy planes . QX7652 Pte DEVANEY J wounded during straffing. Patrolling at night.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MERSA BREGA	15 Mar 41		Much air activity and straffing. AA brought down one plane. Night patrols	
	16 Mar 41		Range practices behind the lines. Night patrols	
	17 Mar 41		A number of personnel transferred to 20 Aust Inf Bde A/Tk coy. Church services held at coy posns behind sand dunes.	
	18 Mar 41		At 0230 hrs enemy planes bombed area. Range practices. Inter pl rellefs within coys. New weapons received included Brens, 2" Mortars and ATk rifles. Night patrols.	
	19 Mar 41		Range practices with A/Tk rifles. Straffing by enemy aircraft. Night patrols.	
	20 Mar 41		Much enemy air activity. Night patrols	
	21 Mar 41		Heavy dust storm. Night patrols	
	22 Mar 41		Bn relieved this afternoon by FREE FRENCH and elements of ~~ENGLISH~~ RIFLE BDE. ~~Bn moved by MT to GHEMINE.~~ Reports of impending thrust by GERMANS and ITALIANS.	
EL REGIMA	23 Mar 41		Bombed and straffed during the day. At 2000 hrs Bn moved by MT via BENGHAZI, BENINA to EL REGIMA escarpment, and took up a def posn in this area.	
	24 Mar 41		Day spent in improving posns.	
	25 Mar 41		At EL REGIMA	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
EL REGIMA	26 Mar 41		At EL REGIMA	
EL ABAIR	27 Mar 41		A party of ORs moved out to man AA weapons on small Naval craft in BENGHAZI Harbour. At 0900 hrs Bn marched to vicinity of EL ABAIR, and took up a def posn astride the main inland track leading up the escarpment. This area was known as RALSTON VALLEY (named after Capt RALSTON OC A coy).	
LIBYA				
	28 Mar 41			
	29 Mar 41	-------	~~Digging and improving posns. Standing patrols inland.~~	
	30 Mar 41			
	31 Mar 41			
			Note: This information was compiled from various sources outside official records, but its authenticity is vouched for. The diary for this period along with all other records were captured during the later withdrawal. Although this gives a general picture of the period under review there is much ~~detailed information that cannot be supplied, at this juncture.~~	
			Lt. Col Comd. 2/15 Aust. Inf. Bn.	

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MOVEMENTS B - LIBYA

WITHDRAWAL

ER REGIMA	1	Apr 41
BARCE	4	"
GIOVANNI BERTA		
-- DERNA	6	"
AIN EL GAZALA	7	"
ACROMA	8	"
TOBRUK	10	"

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Er REGIMA RefBENGASI 1=100000 3074	1Apr41	-	Unit in Posn. Fire Plan Appendex A	Appendix A
	3App41	-	Heavy explosions heard throughout day in direction of Bengasi and Benina - where demolitions are being carried out prior to withdrawal.	
	4Apr41	0100	Col. Marlan called to Bde. Bn received warning order to be prepared to move to BARCE by 0300hrs. Late arrival ofTp Transport resulted in delay - move being delayed until 0530 hrs. No 4 Pl acquired 2 Carriers en route per instructions from Division.	Movement order verbal - Coys to move out in order BHQ,A,B,C.D. main road and embuss
Ref BARCE 1=100000 787173	4Apr41	1030	Move complete. Bn rested until 1200 hrs. then moved into defensive pos. at top of Pass. Large quanities of tinned foods, cigarettes etc were obtained at dump.	
	5Apr41	1230	Bridge and part of Pass destroyed	
		1500	Report from D Coy flags (Italian and German) raised in BARCE;	
		1900	Bn received warning order to be prepared to move.	
		1915	Communication with Bde disconnected.	
		2000	Movement cancelled. Apparently false alarm of enemy AFV's cutting in on our left rear.	
	6Apr41	1425	Information received from residents of farm house near FDL's that enemy were moving Sth in an encircling movement. Residents obtained information from enemy in BARCE.	
		1615	Capt Peek D Coy report enemy patrol or recce party attempting to drive up pass- was engaged by fire and all enemy killed:	
		1700	Warning order to Bn to prepare to move.	
		1945	Bn commenced to move. order- BHQ,HQ,B Ech,C,B.A.D Coys. C.O. and Adjt remained till last Coy had left Instructions were that the route would be - Turn off at GIOVANNI BERTA - DESERT RD + MATURBA - AIN EL GAZALA. DERNA was to be avoided. C.O. INSTRUCTED last two Coy Comds(Capt Ralston and Capt Peek) if encountered trouble to make for seaand endeavour to get in contact with him by W/T. The whole route was packed with all kinds of vehicles - where any broke down and likely to take same time to repair they were destroyed. The Bn became mixed with other units but managed to keep to Coy blocks fairly well. BHQ and HQ Coy with part of B Ech turned off at GIOVANNI BERTA onto the DESERT RD the remainder of the Bn being diverted through DERNA.	309 CoyReserve MT Coy were attached to transport the Bn. By order GOC at traffic point
En Route to EL GAZALA	7Apr41		At dawn BHQ and HQ coy pulled up to allow the remainder of the convoy to collect. C;O. caught up with them at 0645. Prior to this,information had been received that enemy were 5or6miles to their 1 left front. Bothe ColMarlan and Maj Barton desired to wait for the Bn to catch up so that if caught the Bn would be in sufficient strength to fight its way clear.	

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Commanding Officer T. F. Bragg Maj.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
do	7Apr41	0700	C.O. sent Lieut G Smith forward to ascertain if traffic was still moving fwd on main Rd through MATRUBA. G.Smith saw traffic stillgoing through, but on way back to report to C.O. was warned by some BRITISH vehs that enemy were just behind them and they had been m/ged. I.O. could see nothing but smoke and dust so concluded that C.O. and party had been surrounded. He then turned and made for AIN EL GAZALA reporting to Bde H.Q.	
		0845	C and B coys arrived at AIN EL GAZALA. C Coy were complete. B Coy were short on 3 ton truck with tps i/c of Lieut Donnan. Capt Mc Kewen being senior officer took command.	SeeAppendix for missing Officers.
		1000	A Coy arrived all complete.	
		1130	B coy arrived all complete.	
Ref AIN EL GAZALA 1=100000		1135	Capt Ralston was to act 2i/c and Lieut Mac Donald as Adjt.BN alloted right forward flank for the defensive position. B Coy was astride the Rd at 560433 to 552437 C Coy from latter to 540443. A Coy in reserve at 565448. D coy in reserve at 565439.Additional Atk Boys Rifleswere drawn from	
563440	7Apr41	1200	Bde and issued toB and C Coys. 2/17 Bn were on our left. The ground was perfectly flat between the escarpmentand our defensive posn along the low ridge. The main road Rd was prepared for demolition ~~alt~~ although MT could and did come over the escarpment. Sig comm was obtained to all coys by line. The officers and men were extremely tired after their journey and no sleep but had no opportunity to sleep having to get into a defensive positon immediately. 20 Atk Coy were attached to the Bn for support and the Arty had fire tasks in order of priority 555431, 533421,535444.	SEE APPENDIX
			The road was to be blown only on orders from Bde H.Q;actually the Rd was left intact as MT was still coming through in very small numbers when the Bn eventually withdrew.Bn received warning order to withdraw	
		2000	We were to withdraw immediateky 2:17 Bn had moved out.	
		2000	L.O; and Lieut Morrison left to recce new posn. at ACROMA.	
		2030	Adv Pty left i/c Lieut Cobb.	
En Route to ACROMA		2100	B Coy moved out - order of withdrawal B Coy BHQ,-C?- C, A, D,owing to the darkness Bn did not meet guides and were ordered by acting C.O. to biv. for the night. The Coys were to spread out and	
Ref TOBRUCH Sheet	8Apr41	0030	provide their own protection at positon 384436. The convoy were experiencing trouble to make fast progress owing to the tireness of drivers who fell asleep at every halt.	
38384391		0700	Bn moved into posn. along ridge 38704295 to 39154296. 20 Bde Atk Coy was interchanged with 24 Atk Coy. The whole move was done in a blinding sand storm, which continued throughout the day. Once in the Bn rested as best they could. Enemy aircraft were very evident throughout the day.	SEE APPENDIX FOR POSN
		1400	Liut. Mac Donald was evacuated to hospital.Lieut Guest replaced him as Adjt.	
		1700	Bn warned enemy MT (30) was seen out from C Coy's front.	

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do	8Apr41	1800	Col Crawford formed local command of all tps in area. All hope of C.O. and party getting through abandoned.	
		2115	Capt Allison requested a volunteer patrol of 1 Officer and 18 O/R's plus 2 Atk Guns from Atk Coy. Party to be at Bde ready to move in two hours. Patrolwere half hour late.	
	9Apr41	0800	Patrol returned patrol led by Major Allen - task mot completed.	
		1700	General stand-to. Reason- enemy AFV's in front of 2/17 Bn front.	
		2000	Carrier Pl sent on patrol.	
		2030	Carrier Pl report all clear.	
		2100	Enemy reported A Coy left flank. B. Coy moved out to intercept but only to timely information from 2/13 Bn B Coy 2/15 Bn was stopped from firing on C Coy 2/13 Bn.	
		2115	Two AFV's in A Coy's lines, crews disarmed and taken to local comd HQ;(turned out to be British).	
		2200	L.O. warning to Bn to prepare to move to TOBRUCH.	
		2300	Bn commenced move in order - BHQ,A,C,B,and D Coys. The move uneventful. One truck lost through accident. The route across escarpment at rear of posn. to. DERNA TOBRUCH rd to TOBRUCH	
~~TOBRUCH Sheet~~ 1=100000	10Apr41	0445	Bn reached posn. at 406429- despersed in fan like posn. facing S.W. - warned to expect tank attack ~~at dawn.- Bn were dug in.~~	
		0700	24 Bde Atk Coy withdrawn from command 0900 hrs. Capt Mc Kewen to Bde for conference.	
		1230	~~R.Group set out in bad sand storm to recce new posn in area 412425.~~	
		1630	Bn arrived and moved into position. Dust storm gave out and clear night.	SEE APPENDIX
	11Apr	1250	Major Cragg arrived to take comd Bn.	
		1330	BHQ moved to new posn. in buildings at 41294262	
		1500	D Coy moved to rear of Bn in reserve and for local protection.	
		1710	Bn ordered to stand to - Post33 (2/17 Bn) was attacked by infantry.	
		2340	16 Pl D Coy (Lieut Jubb) ordered to move to 2/17 Bn to counter attack enemy in ditch .	
		2355	16 Pl moved out. Were not used as enemy were dislodged before they arrived.	
	12Apr41	0830	Enemy monoplane like Lysander flew over Bn position.	
		0900	309 Reserve Tsp Coy were relieved by 345 Coy. Trucks stood by in rear of our posn. Very bad day - more sand storm. Troops suffering from eyesore and strain.	
	13APR41	0900	Padre Simmonds (Salvation Army) arrived. One company A.A.S.C. attached to Bn. Lieut Newcomb to train in elementary bayonet etc. Much better day and Bn had chance of digging in and getting rest.	
		2330	~~D COy (Capt Peek) was sent to 2/17 Bn HQ. to stand by in reserve for counter attackrole, as enemy~~ looked like making large scale attack on outer perimeter.	

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do	14Apr41	0600 0630	Enemy tanks broke through at Post 33 followed by infantry. D Coy sent forward to counter attack at Post 33.	REPORT. ACTION SENT TO BDE. HQ.
		0710 0715	Four or more tanks in front of A coy area. Approx 25 tanks opened fire on arty in front of A Coy.	
		0810 0810	B Coy sent to 2/~~17~~ Bn as support. D Coy took over post 29 to 35 from 2/17 Bn. After prisoners etc had been rounded up. No casualties to D Coy 2/15 Bn.	
		0820	Tanks withdrawing but enemy still in water trench in front of Bn posn. Patrol sent out from A COY (Lieut Yates) 9 Pl to rout them assisted by two carriers (Sjt Keys) did good job.	SEE. APPENDIX B.
		1100	D Coy at Post 29-35 heavily shelled. Prisoners in groups of varying sizes arriving all afternoon (allGerman)	
		1200	Lieut Cubitt 2/15 Bn (acting L.O. 2/17 Bn) killed in action. Whole day spent in collecting captured arms etc. and burying dead.	
	15Apr41	1700	Enemy counter battery fire shells landed close to BHQ.	
		~~2200~~	~~Coys stand to. Enemy massing in front of Post 32.~~	
		2300	Stand down. Attack did not eventuate.	
	16Apr41	1100	B Coy returned from 2/17 Bn to unit command.	
		1200	C.O visited to Bde. Arrangements made for promotions.	
		1300	Capt Mc Kewen trsfd to ~~Base~~ Camp Detail Base.	
		2150	Unit warned 500 P.O.W. will move along road PILASTRINO-TOBRUCH.	
	17Apr41	1600	D Coy returned to unit command. ~~Capt Ralston 2i/c~~	
		1200	Capt Ralston 2i/c, Capt Peek o/c H.Q.Coy, Capt Suthers Adjt, Lieut Guest A/Adjt, Lieut Bode and Newcomb o/c C and D Coy's respectively. Quiet day and changeover of Coy personnel to make up HQ Coy.	
		2000	Attack expected tonight or in early morning.	
	18Apr41		Quiet day.	
	19Apr41	0600	5 Tank Reg R.T.R. attach to Unit Command. Strength 4 Officers - ~~140~~ 87 OR's - No tanks.	
		1100	C.O. made recce for alternative posn.	
		~~2215~~	~~Lieut Harland took out patrol- located enemy MG Posts. Inflicted casualities on enemy. Our casuality one killed one wounded.~~	See Appendix "
	20Apr41	~~0300~~	~~Capt Peek to take out patrol to destroy 2bty enemy arty. Due to accident engineers, show cancelled.~~	
		0900	D Coy 1 Pioneer Bn contacted to ascertain what time moving out for Bn to move on Blue Line ~~defensive (ie) inner perimeter. Move postoned until 21 Apr.~~	
			Slight rain fell during morning. Two Blenheims flew overhead . Accidentally dropped some bombs in A Coy area- one casualty to Atk Coy.	

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do	20Apr41	1645	One casualty to C Coy - throwing hand grenade.	
	21Apr41	0900	Unit moves to New Posn approx 2 miles west. Coys move individually . Complete by 1230	See Append.
		1530	Beer, cigarettes, chocolates etc from canteen . Dividedbetween Coys.	
		1630	Enemy shelled left of Bn near C Coy - no damage.	
		2130	One carrier to 2/17 Bn for patrol in enemy area.	See Appendix
	22Apr41	0930	Warning order to prepare to take over outer perimeter from 2/17 Bn in near future.	
		1330	Coy Comds Conference. D Coy to support 2/13 until 2/15 Bn moved to 2/17 Area. Move by 1800 hrs.	
		1615	R.T.R.Coy to move into D Coy Area. L.O. warned C.O. Bn will relieve 2/17 on night 23/24	
	23Apr41	1100	Coy Comd Conference. Instruction issued verbally,confirmed later in writing. Day clear and still (	Appendix
		1930	C Coy left BHQ for 2/17 Area. Movement continued throughout night according to plan. Move complete at 0530hrs.	
	24Apr41	0530	Bn disposed in posn.	Appendix
		1700	B.M; and L.O; informed C.O. policy of comd was taht garrison would not take any major offensive action but would maintain active defensive patrols. Patrols were arranged for all fwd Coys.	
	25Apr41	0600	All quiet at stand to.	
		1840	B Coy heavily shelled - no casualty. Throughout night 25/26 enemy MT movements heard.	
	26Apr41	0600	All quiet at stand to.	
		0800	All mines to be brought in from front of wire on Outer Perimeter.	
		0805	Arrangements under way for Bn to carry out same. Bad day -heavy sand storms -Quiet night.	
	27Apr41	0600	Very quiet . All clear at stand to. Quiet day.	
	28Apr41	0600	Very quiet -dysentry getting amongst troops.Steps taken to avoid same.	
	29Apr41		Quiet day early - Few men from each fwd Coy taken to beach for bathe.	
		1200	Air raid - lucky no casualities.	
		1800	Large Air Raid - almost 100 planes. B and C Coy large and small bombs dropped on them. No casualities some material destroyed.	
	30Apr41	0600	Very quiet - quiet night.	

Wt. 13161/317 200/000 5/39 H.E.J.Ltd. 51-3911 Forms C2118/21

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Report of escape from enemy on morning of
Monday 7th of April 1941

I left the encampment on the top of BARCE escarpment on Sunday night at approximately 2000 hrs. I was driving a 30 cwt truck carrying the 2/15th Bn B echelon kitchen, and staff. The personnel with me were Sjt. Lewins, Ptes. D. Gray, W. Galvin, and G. Swoboda.
I travelled in convoy behind the R.A.'s truck and at approx. 0400 hrs turned off the main bitumen road at GUVAYAH PASS and after covering 7 miles on the BERTA-TOBRUK desert road I had my radiator damaged at approx 0500hrs and was forced to wait on the roadside until daylight when I could effect repairs.
During my enforced delay I thought it very strange that no more than four or five of our vehicles passed by whereas there should have been practically the entire convoy following my vehicle.
At daybreak I effected repairs and at about 0700hrs continued along the road hoping to catch up with the portion of our convoy which I knew to be somewhere ahead.
After covering another 20 to 25 miles I sighted about a dozen vehicles parked on a ridge top directly ahead. On nearer approach these proved to be the portion of our convoy which I knew to be somewhere along the road I was then following. I think that at this time I was still a few miles short of the DERNA turn off:
On reaching the parked vehicles I recognised and spoke to Driver Lewis; then seeing Padre Arkell some 50 yds further on I drove the truck up to him and asked if he had seen the Colonel whom I knew to be only a few minutes ahead of me according to information received from a Lieut of the Light A.A. Battery. There could be no doubt as to the accuracy of this information as the C.O. had partaken of a curried stew for breakfast with my informant. In reply to my question the Padre informed me that Colonel Marlan had arrived at the area in question a short time previous to my arrival. Padre Arkell then asked if I knew where the rest of our Bn. was as the Colonel was in ignorance of their whereabouts and was attempting to obtain enlightenment on the matter. To this question I replied in the negative as the whole thing appeared a mystery to me.
At this juncture a couple of H.E. shells burst about 100 to 150 yds away on my right. Refer to accompanying chart. We then realised that the enemy had trapped us nicely, cut off as we were from the greaterportion of our Bn. The shells seemed to be coming from ahead slightly to our right. The next next half dozen shells came progressively closerto the trucks and considering that the guns must have been ranging on the trucks on the skyline I suggested to Major C.F. Barton, who was a few yards away, that I move my truck back into the gully about 400- 500 yds away back; this I proceeded to do. Meanwhile the personnel travelling with me had got out and joined the rest of our boys on the crest of the ridge.
After parking the truck in the valley bottom I proceeded towards the ridge crest, but approx. half way between truck and crest was forced to seek cover by M.G. fire from my left front. I then saw the two armoured cars which were directing their fire at me and I opened fire at about 800 yds but appeared to do no damage as one car continued on in my direction while the other swung round along the crest towards the crest our men had occ occupied.
At this juncture our men were firing strongly with rifles and apparently two Bren guns. The A.A. guns mounted on two Italian lorries were firing viciously at the armoured cars but I could not observe any damage resulting therefrom. These guns I believe were operated by the light A.A. Battery; which was supposed to be attached to us.

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CEHA AREA

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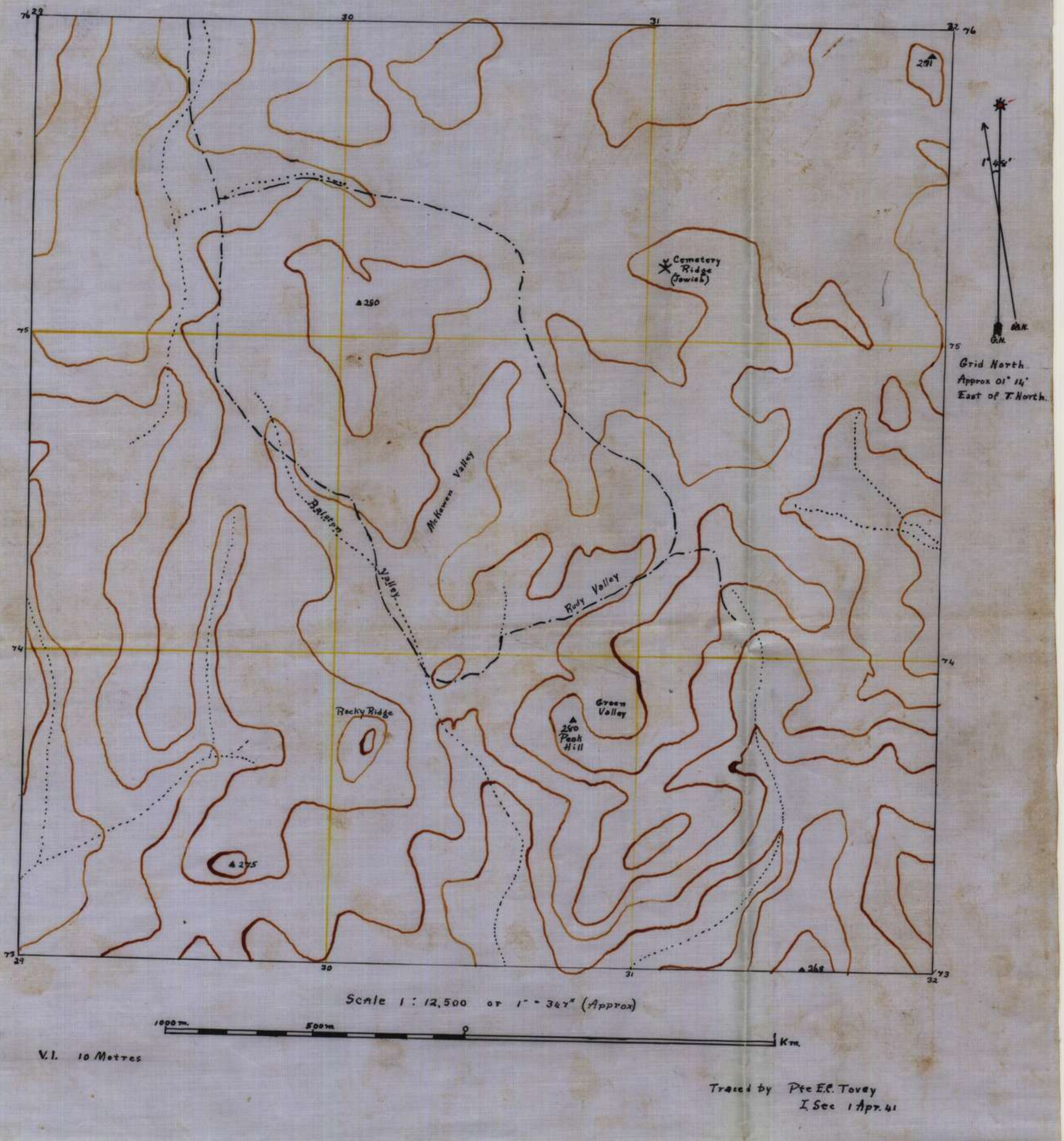

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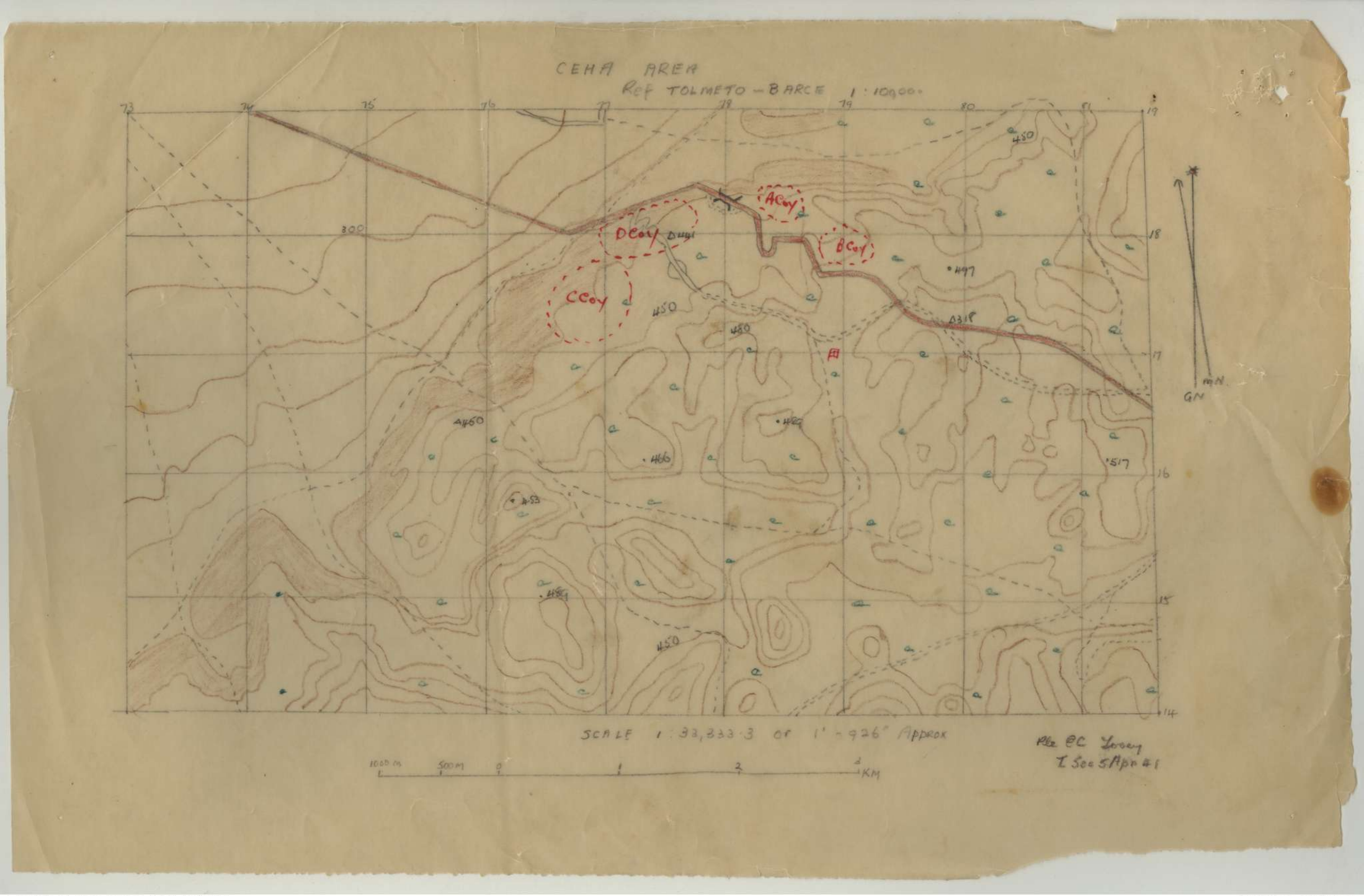

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TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/15 Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	N.L. / 1		1 / 2
Majors	6		2
Captains	18		1
Lieutenants			
2nd Lieutenants	1	—	~~4~~ 4
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	26		6

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
MAJOR	J.F. CRAGG.	2/15 Bn	11/4/41	To assume Command

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LT. COL.	MARLAN R.F.	2/15 Bn	7/4/41	MISSING
MAJOR.	BARTON CH.	—	—	—
—	R.C. ROSIER.	—	—	—
CAPT.	A.L. CURRIE	—	—	—
LIENT.	R.S. DONNAN.	—	—	—
—	H.H. HART	—	—	—
—	ST J.F. WINTOUR.	—	—	—
—	AL. MAC DONALD	—	—	HOSPITAL
CHAPLAIN	C.S.C. HARKELL	R.A.Ch.D.	—	MISSING

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
MAJOR.	NX 12115	CRAGG. T.F.	2/15 Bn	YES	
CAPT.	Qx6x26	McKENEN SE	—	—	
CAPT.	Qx6x19	RALSTON H.C.	—	—	
"	- 6194	SMITH AG	—	—	
"	- 6222	STRANGE RJ	—	—	
—	Qx 6221	SUTHERS. RA.	—	—	
—	- 6220	PEEK. HE	—	—	
—	- 6172	SKINNER. H	—	—	
LIEUT.	- 734	GUEST C.J.	—	—	
—	- 8571	GEMMEL-SMITH G.	—	—	
—	- 6252	MORRISON GE	—	—	
—	- 6243	ANGUS W	—	—	
—	6274	JENKINSON RG	—	—	
—	Qx6223	COBB. WW	—	—	
—	Qx 6225	BODE FL.	—	—	
—	Qx 6256	YATES RA.	—	—	
—	- 6226	SNELL L.	—	—	
—	- 6171	LUTHER EF.	—	—	
—	6231	HEATLEY WA.	—	—	
—	- 6211	WHALLEY DD.	—	—	
—	- 6242	HARLAND M.	—	—	
—	- 6230	CHRISTIE EMN	—	—	
—	- 6238	NEWCOMB. SF.	—	—	
—	- 6244	JUBB. WHV	—	—	
—	6209	Williams B.	—	—	
—	- 6228	DAVIES. T.P.	—	—	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT.	Qx6253	Hoy. R.J.	AAMC		M.O.

2/15 BN
(Unit.)

13 apl 41
(Date of Despatch.)

T.F. Cragg Major
(~~Signature~~ of Commander.)

20 Inf Bde 9 Aust Div.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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H2/15 H.AIF
18 April 41.

Australian Military Forces—Northern Command.

REPORT ON MISSING OFFICERS 2/15 BN. ON 7/8/41.

DURING TRANSIT BARCE - AIN EL GAZALA.

Reference A.F. W3010 dd 13 April,41.

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF MISSING OFFICERS

QX6175	Lt-Col.	R.F. MARLAN
6198	Major	C.N. BARTON
6260	"	R.C. ROSIER
6257	Capt.	N.L. CURRIE
2991	Lieut.	R.S. DONNAN
6240	"	A.U. HART
6197	"	StJ.F. WINTOUR
6284	Chaplain	C.S.C. ARKELL (Attached)

2. 6 APRIL,41 AT 1945 HRS.

The 2/15 BN convoy commenced to move in order BN HQ, HQ Coy, B Echelon, C,B;D;A. Lt-Col MARLAN and Capt CURRIE remained to start off the rest of the BN.

3. ROUTE GIOVANNI BERTA - DESERT RD - MATUBA - AIN EL GAZALA. DERNA was to be avoided.

4. JOURNEY Maj BARTON with Padre ARKELL was at the head of the convoy, and made a fast pace. Maj. BARTON and each Coy had R/T sets and arrangements were made for inter comm to be made at each halt. Halts were to be made at ten mins to the even hour. The convoy became mixed with other units , particularly at GIOVANNI BERTA where a petrol point had been placed. The head of the column viz BN HQ, HQ Coy and part of B Ech were deflected on to the DESERT RD at GIOVANNI BERTA. Capt. MEKENZIE, at the head of C Coy received instuctions from CYROCK through the CRE to switch on to the DERNA RD, and the remainder of the convoy followed his lead. At about 0715 hrs the party on the DESERT RD pulled up to allow the rest of the BN to catch up. Lt-Col MARLAN arrived at about 0745 hrs. Just prior to the latters arrival, an ENGLISH Officer informed Maj.BARTON that it was rumoured the enemy was about five miles to the NE.

Both Col MARLAN and Maj BARTON expressed the desire to wait for the remainder of the unit, so that if caught the unit would stand a good chance of fighting it's way out. No comm by R/T was obtained with the remainder of the convoy . At about 0900 hrs Col. MARLAN sent the I.O. Lieut CRISWELL-SMITH on to see if traffic was still using the DERNA - TOBRUCH RD. Col MARLAN was to bring on the rest of the convoy later. The I.O. went on twelve miles to MATUBA where he met a Major wearing a miniature WHITE over RED on a field grey background. He informed the I.O. that the 2/13 BN was leaving MATUBA as he understood the 2/15 BN to have gone through as indeed a few trucks had.

The I.O.proceeded a further ½ mile from where he could see traffic using the main road. On returning,the I.O. had gone about 8 miles when two 3 ton lorries came the other way at a high speed. Standing on the step of each vehicle was a man wearing the colours of 20 Aust Inf Bde(probably the A/Tk Coy). These men signalled the I.O. to turn. From the latter truck it was ascertained that the enemy was just behind and that the truck had been fired on. The I.O. proceeded to the top of a small rise from which he could see nothing but smoke and dust. There had been a few vehicles alight as the I.O. moved out and the smoke may have been from these but it is thought

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that there was far more smoke than previously.

The I.O. then proceeded to AIN EL GAZALA where he reported to Brig. MURRAY of 20 Aust Inf Bde. that the C.O. and party had been cut off and were probably captured.

T. T. Bragg Major,
Cond. 2/15 Bn.

Australian Military Forces—Northern Command.
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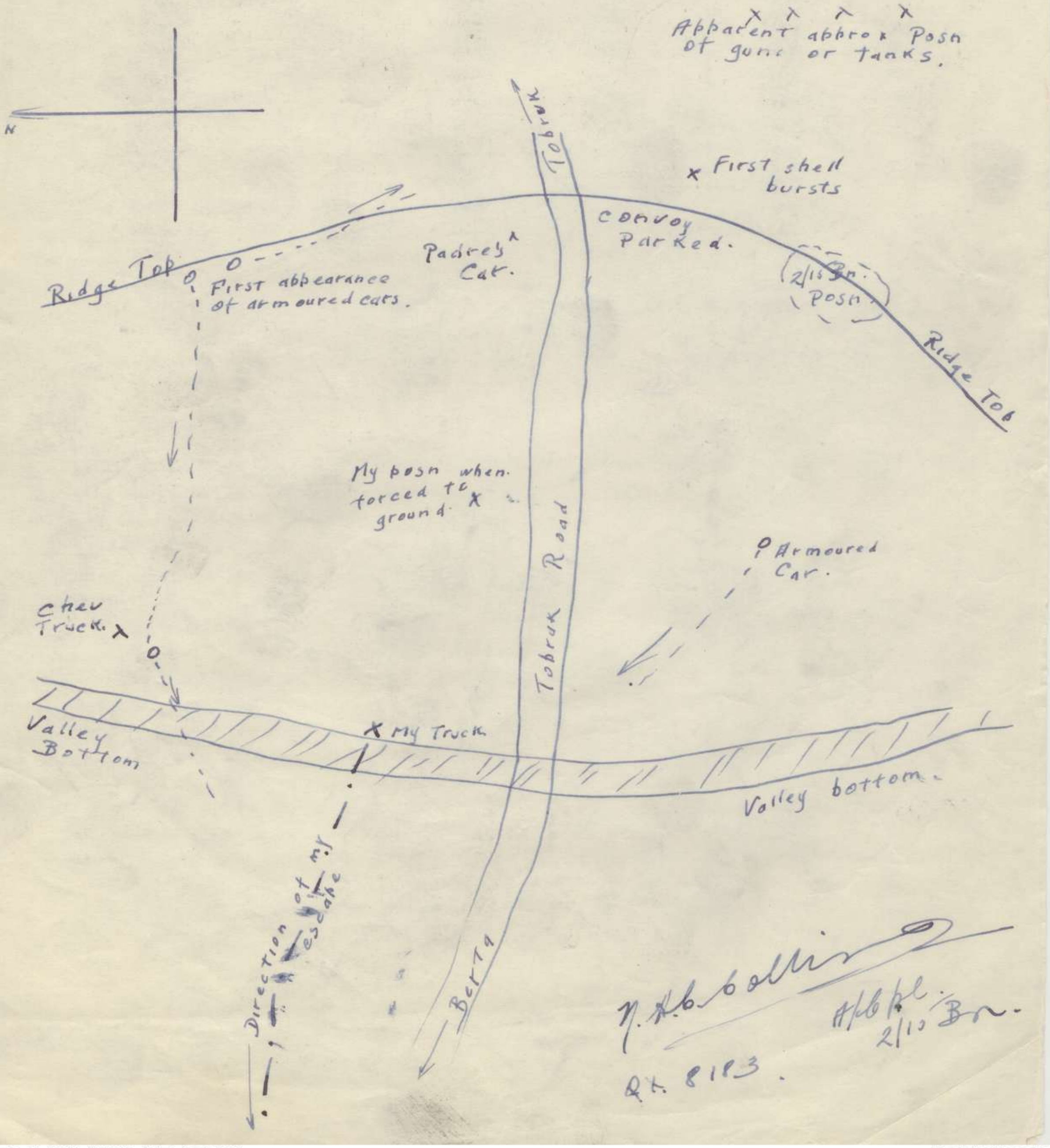
The armoured car approaching me swung slightly to its right and halted at one of our Chev.trucks about 300yds from my position. Observing their hostile behaviour I concluded that they intended using any vehicles captured in workable condition and so decided that the best course for me to pursue was to attempt to either escape in my truck or to destroy it.

I thereupon rose and ran towards my truck which I reached safely despite M.G.fire in short bursts from both flanks. I promptly got my vehicle under way and although pursued and fired on by two armoured cars managed to effect an escape. I then followed the road back to GIOVANNI BERTA and so by devious ways managed to rejoin the unit at TOBRUK on Wednesday/Friday 9th April.

My last knowledge of the action on the hilltop was the sound of heavy rifle and machine gun fire by our men and the burst of H.E. shells among the parked vehicles.



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SECRET.
Copy No 2.
10 Apr 41

20 AUST INF BDE OO NO 5.

Ref maps : CYRENAICA 1/100000 - TOBRUK Sheet.

INFORMATION;

1. ENEMY

Tac R 0800 10 Apr - 10 miles east of AIN GAZALA 3 dispersed gps of MT approx 100 eah gp stationary. Force at GADO EL AHMAR and to south no movement seen. BIR MACHELIM 10 to 20 MT dispersed stationary.

Increased air activity and attacks on fwd tps 9 Apr.

2, OWN TPS;

(a) Own tps are still withdrawing in small parties through present posn.

(b) 18 and 24 Inf Bde are holding perimeter defences of TOBRUK as shown on maps issued by bde HQ.

(c) 9 Aust Div with under comd.

24 Aust Inf Bde (now reverts to 9 Div)
KDG
18 Cav
1 RHA
104 RHA
107 RHA
51 Fd Regt
1 NF

is holding the general line of the old perimeter defences of TOBRUK.

(d) 26 Aust Inf Bde with under comd.

51 Fd Regt
2/13 Fd Coy
1 Coy NF
2/23 Bn (now reverts from all miscellaneous duties)

is holding the right sector (as shown on maps issued)

(e) 24 Aust Inf Bde with under comd

104 RHA
2/3 Fd Coy
24 A Tk Coy (now reverts from 20 Inf Bde.)

is holding left sector.

(f) Res - 18 Cav at 9035 and KDG at 9133 is responsible for recce by day as far west as GAZALA in the area north of an east and west line through ACROMA.

(g) Tps under comd 20 aust Inf Bde

1 RHA/107 RHA
2/7 Fd Coy
1 NF (less one coy)

INTENTION

3. 20 Aust Inf Bde with under comd

1 RHA /107 RHA
2/7 Fd Coy
1 NF (less one coy)

will hold the perimeter

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METHOD.

4. FDLS will include the tank ditch (marked on maps issued)

5. Allocation of fwd units.

fwd.- right - 2/17 Bn (all incl) R11.
post to all incl R 36 post.
left - 2/13 Bn - all incl R37 Post
to all incl R57 post.

6. Allocation and role of res

2/15 Bn Post 33 CEGERAT area 410425 will be prepared to counter - attack on 2/17 and 2/13 areas.

7. Rear Boundary

Line of inner perimeter (marked blue on maps issued)

8. Relief

2/17 Bn will relieve 2/43 Bn and one Coy 2/28 Bn.
2:13 Bn will relieve 2/9 Bn.

9.Time of occupation

Occupation will commence at 1400 hrs and be cpmpleted by 1600 hrs.

10 Patrolling

Units will carry out active patrolling during hours of darkness

11. Arty

B/O Bty 1 Rha in support of 2/17 Bn
A/E " " " 2/13 Bn
425 " 107 RHA ill superimpose on B/O Bty
426 " " " A/E Bty
107 RHA will be prepared to swithch on any sector.
Guns will be sited for A/TK defence

12. MMG.

One coy - defensive fire tasks in front of fwd bns (thesex tasks will be allotted by comd NF in consultation with comds 2/17 and 2/13 Bns)
One coy - (a) defence of res localities.
(b) Penetration tasks
One coy (less 2pls) - Mobile res
Details of posns and beaten zones will bs notified later.

13 A TK

20 A TK Coy - one pl under comd each fwd bn.
3 A TK Regt - in res in vicinity of 2/13 Bn

14 WORKS AND RD BLOCKS

All wiring and a tk ditches will be improved.
Efficient rd blocks (from rails and concrete) will be prepared on all likely enemy approaches.
All rd blocks must be covered by fire.

ADM

15 TPT

(a) Units will move on tpt already alloted.
(b) Tp carrying - Tpt for move of 2/43 Bn and one coy 2/28 Bn will be provided by 2/17 Bn.
(c) On completion all moves tp carrying tpt will remain with unit last moved.

16, AP - 406430
17. SP - 438434
18; WP - 407434
19. Other adm arrangements will be notified later.

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INTERCOMN

20 Bde HQ
Adv at PALASTRINO FORT
Bde HQ will close down present location during 11 Apr at a time to be notified and reopen in building 40754308
Rear - will be notified later

21. Sig Artery
Direct line to units.

22. SDF
Green over white over green.

23 RELIEF WORD
WHACKO

ACK.

issued to sigs
Time of Signature 1515

J. F. McCaffrey Maj.
BM 20 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

	Copy No
2/13 Bn	1
2/15 Bn	2
2/17 Bn	3
20 Inf A Tk Coy	4
1 Rha	5
107 RHA	6
"J" Sec Sigs	7
2/7 Fd Coy	8
1 NF	9
9 Aust Div	10
CYRCOM HQ	11
24 inf Bde	12
26 Inf Bde	13
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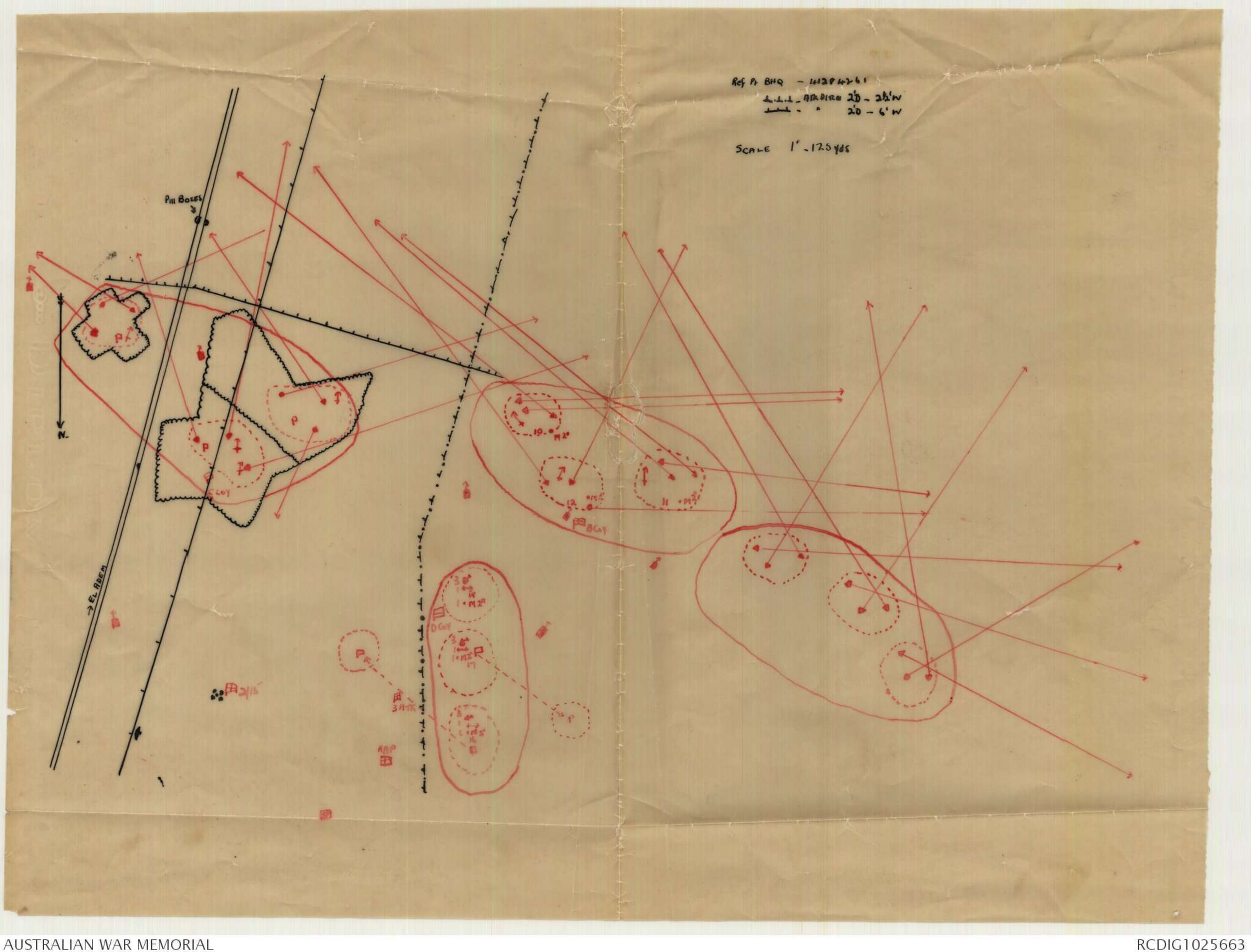

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REPORT ON PATROL 14 Apr. 41.

After an attack on 14th. Apr. 41 at approx. 0730 hrs. (C;S.M.) Sgt. Robinson reported to me that men were seen by R.H.A. getting into an anti tank ditch near the vicinity of some disabled tanks.

I immediately got in touch with B.H.Q. and obtained permission to send out a platoon to contact the party.

At approx. 0900hrs. No. 9 Pl., A Coy. under Lieut. YATES a total strength of 31 men with C.S.M. ROBINSON as guide set out to contact the men.

The party advanced in open formation for about 800 yds. when 2 enemy (Germans) came out of the Anti Tank ditch to surrender. As Mr. YATES went forward to take the prisoners the remainder of the enemy who were in two groups opened cross fire with machineguns. The men were then dispersed one section to the right under cover of a sand hill (two men in the ditch were left with the prisoners) one section was placed on the forward part of the ditch which is 3V3 shaped to keep the enemies heads down. Mr. YATES took another section forward into the ditch when they were held up. Observing no movement for about 20 minutes I contacted B.H.Q. and asked for assistance, the Pl. of this Coy. being under fire. Meanwhile a runner reported back to report the position of the platoon and ask for assistance.

Two carriers came out and one opened fire on one of the enemy parties which were in the right sector which immediately surrendered. About 25 men being in the party, The remainder approx. 76 in number opened f fire on prisoners and carrier. The 2" Mortar with the Pl. fired into the group in the ditch and this was very effective shortly after which the remainder of the prisoners surrendered.

Enemy casualities were 3 killed (including the commander) and 14 wounded some seriously. injured. 10" men were taken prisoners and this Pl. suffered no casualities whatsoever.

Mr. YATES and the section with him acted with cool determination and courage and the capture of these prisoners saved a probable assault on the 25 pdr. battery and this company at nightfall. The enemy were exceptionally well equipped with a very large number of autimatic weapons,anti tank rifles and stick bombs, bioculars and pistols and about 30 rifles.

Capt.
O. C. A Coy. 2/15 Bn.

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REPORT OF CARRIER ACTION - 14 APRIL .41.

Acting under instuctions from CEHA HQ, I reported at A Coy with two Bren Gun Carriers where I collected 4 men and two 2" Mortars. I was informed by the O.C.of A Coy that two Platoons where held up in the vicinity of and had gone to ground. The strength of the enemy was unknown,but it was known that they posessed a number of M.G's.

On arrival at the position we unloaded the 2" Mortars and crews behind a convenient knoll,as the enemy kept up a steady fire from behind cover of a long trench which ran at right angles to the knoll. This trench was originally dug for a pipe line and extended for some distance, and it was apparent at once that with a Carrier at each and we would dominate the position.

Whilst the Mortars engaged the enemy the Carriers under instructions from myself went to each end of the trench where excellent enfilade fire was obtained . When moving around to the flanks one Carrier was hit with an A/Tk. Rifle which was found to be jammed after capture.

When the enemy found that they were trapped they stood up and surrendered with the exception of two who rushed back into the trench and re-commenced firing . These were dealt with and this stopped any further resistance ; enemy casualties - 3 Killed, 7 badly Wounded, 3 slightly Wounded, Captured 87.

J. T. Keys Sjt.
4 Pl. 2/15 BN.AIF.

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REPORT ON ACTION 13 APR. 41.

TOBRUCH:-

The action of the 13th. Apr. 41 in which the 2/15th. Bn. took part was preceded by enemy inf and tank activity during the afternoonof 11th. Apr. 41 starting at 1920hrs. culminating in a tank battle in front of 2/13th. Bn. posn. between our own and enemy tanks. It was estimated 39 enemy tanks took part casualties 2 either side. Tank attack concluded 1950hrs.. Enemy inf. attacked left flank 2/17th. Bn; and managed to work into the tank ditch forward of that posn.. A patrol was ordered from 2/17th. Bn. to clear the ditch supported by mortar fire from 2/13th. Bn. and ARTY. No.16 Pl. under Lieut. Jubb was dispatched at 2340hrs. to 2/17th. Bn. to assist and remained in reserve.

The day of the 12th. Apr. was generally quite with occasional shelling on both sides.Enemy observation plane flew low over th the position and met with only spasmodic ground defence due to inexperienced recognition on behalf of our tps..

At 0230hrs. 13th. Apr. it was reported that enemy had broken through Post 33 (D Coy. 2/17 left flank) and were approaching 2/17 BHQ.. D Coy. 2/15 under Capt. PEEK was despatched to the command of 2/17 to stand by ready to counter attack.

At 0556 8 enemy Tks were through Post 33 and _ more were were coming through. Apparently the inf. had dis-armed the mines forward of the wire under cover of darkness and had formed a bridgehead for the tanks to advance. Our tanks were moving out at this stage to meet the enemy, moving through the 2/15 Bn. posn. down to the El Adem Rd.. By 0615hrs there were 20 Tks. through and were forming up in rear of the fwd. coys. of 2/17 Bn. at Post 32, facing in the direction of TOBRUCH and right, to the El Adem Rd.. At 0630hrs it was reported that enemy Arty and Inf. were coming through at Post 34 and a further 11 Tnks. were crossing at posts 38 & 39 working up the WADI..The ditch on the right flank of 2/13 Bn. was then blown. At this stage enemy activity appeared to be directed at the El Adem Rd..

At 0710hrs A Coy. 2/15th Bn. (the right fwd. coy.) reported 4 Tnks. within 500 yds. of their posn. with also trp. carrying vehicles(this latter was later doubted on infor- mation from POW). Our Arty opened fire at the Tnks. At this stage two reserve mobile A/Tk guns were moved to A Coy. and 15 Pl. which had been held standing by as a tank hunting patrol was moved to the right flank to the tank ditch in

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the area vacated by D Coy.. By 0735hrs it was estimated that 25 enemy Tks had massed on A Coy front firing at the ARTY.. One A/Tk gun of the 3 A/TK Regt. 10 Bty., attached to 2/15th. Bn. was put out of action and one man killed. A second gun AKXX put four enemy tnks out of action. One gun ARTY was destroyed and two others damaged, 6 men killed.

At 0745hrs. the noise of battle reached its pitch and airactivity intense. Enemy dive bombing was experienced but the bombs fell out of the Bn. area and NO damage resulted. In spectacular dog fights 4 enemy planes were shot down forward of this posn.. One hurricane , apparently damaged was brought down by an enemy plane in rear of this posn.. Ground defence from the rear of this posn. was active against the hurricane which was making frantic efforts to make known its identity and probably prevented the pilot from seeing his oponent.

The L.O. arrived at this juncture from Bde. requesting further reinforcements for the 2/17 Bn., and B Coy. 2/15 were ordered to move.

At 0750hrs our I Tanks were moving up to engage the enemy. By 0810hrs A Coy. front was clear except for burning tanks and planes and the action had moved further to the left of our posn.. B Coy. at this stage moved off to the 2/17 Bn. Bde. notified the unit at 0820hrs that there were 25 enemy tanks inside the perimeter moving towards Post 34 preparatory to withdrawing.

It was noticed at 0845 hrs, after the front was clear and the dust and smoke had subsided somewhat, that crews of damaged enemy tanks were attempting to get tanks to go and enemy activity was noticed about 700 yds. in front of A Coy. where their Inf. was situated in a tank ditch. 9 Pl. under Lieut. YATES moved out to mop up. A report on this patrol is appended. C Coy. was also instructed to send out a patrol, which later returned with nothing to report.

D Coy. 2/15 Bn; assisted in the counter attack which dislodged the enemy Inf. on the bridgehead which they had established in the 2/17 Bn; area; It was this counter attack which broke the back of the enemies attack and forced his withdrawal. The result of the action as regards this Bn. was NO casualities and prisoners taken 5 Officers and 90 O.R's..

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CONCLUSION:-

This was the first experience of the 2/15 Bn. in action. All ranks were extreemly keen, steady; and anxious for action. Information came through steadily allowing the C.O. to maintain contact with the situation. Therewas a tendency for Coy. Comd. to move too much with the troops as they felt their presence amongst the trps. was required as a steadying influence. This however was NOT necessary and the C.O. at times wasted valuable time whilst the various Coy. Comds. were located.

The Div. Sigs. used their wireless to advantage when line communication to Bde. was cut by our own tanks on moving out and the Unit Sigs. worked well under adverse conditions maintaining inter-unit contact throughout and re-establishing contact with the 2/13 Bn; at the earliest opportunity.

Brig. MURRAY commanding 20th. AUST. INF. BDE. requested the C.O. 2/15th. Bn. (Maj. CRAGG) to give his personal congratulations to all members of the 2/15th. Bn. for their steadiness, dash and excellent work generally which they had shewn in the action, especially considering the losses which they had so recently sustained;

Appended is a copy of the ORDER OF THE DAY by General LAVARACK, Comd. of the WESTERN DESERT FORCE, congratulating the Garrison of TOBRUCH in general, and the 20th. Aust; Inf. Bde. in particular for their determined resistance offered the enemy resulting in the enemies defeat.

.....?.?.Cragg Maj.
C.O. 2/15th. Bn. A.I.F.

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REPORT ON PATROL - NIGHT 19 -20 Apl 41. by 15 Pl. C Coy.

My patrol of 1 Off.1 Sjt 22 O;R. moved out from Post 27 (H.Q.Coy 17 Bn) at 2215 hrs. on a bearing of 248° and was covered by a patrol of 1 Off 9 O;R of H;Q. Coy 17 Bn. for 1000yds. on our route out.

I continued moving my patrol ona bearing of 248° until I crossed a metallic road approx. 3300 yds out from Post 27. At this point I made a short recce. and decided to continue ~~off~~ on my original bearing,but had only gone appro 100 yds. when my scouts reported they thought they heard movement to our front The patrol went to ground and listened for ten minutes but no further sound or indications of the enemy were observed,so again continued for another 150 yds.when movement was noticed momentarily on our front.I observed it to be only one man, so decided to move forward very cautiously in an endeavour to locate the M;M.G. posts of which we had been previouslyinformed by 2/17 Bn, and see if they were occupied.

I had moved forward to a distance of approx. 320 yds. from the road,when we definitely located 3 enemy,one moving away from us and two towards us, so went to ground once again. The two latter kept moving towards us,at the same time calling in what appeared to be Italian to a mate until they were almost on top of my Nol Sec,whom they appeared to observe and halted ,so I rose to my feet and challenged them.

Instead of replying one of the men swung around and fired his rifle, so I fired ~~XXXXXXXX~~ and shot one with my revolver,whilst the others were shot by a couple ~~XXX~~ of my men. Immediately four enemy machine guns opened fire on us from a distance of approx.200 yds further on,on the same bearing (see sketch) so I decided to withdraw the patrol(the time being 0005) as I had succeeded in gaining the information required - viz- that the enemy M.M.G.Posts wereoccupied and ready for instant action.

Just prior to my withdrawal Pte BRIGGS A.D. was shot through the head and Pte CARTER S.J. was wounded in the left hand. I was not informed of the casualties until we had moved (by crawling) some 200 yds further away from the guns. It was then too late for me to remove any Identity discs etc. but my men assured me that he wa s definitely dead before they left him and that he had thoroughly emptied his pockets,removed Badges,colour patches etc,before moving out on the patrol.

I moved back slightly on the left of my route out to avoid the enemy's fixed lines(which continued firing for some 30 mins) and eventually arrived at the outer perimiter at Post 24 then moved up to Post 27 and re-entered the wire at 0215 hrs.

All distances were paced out and checked by three men.

W.W. Harland

Lieut.

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SKETCH OF PATROL – 13 PL. C "COY"

NIGHT 19-20 APL '41

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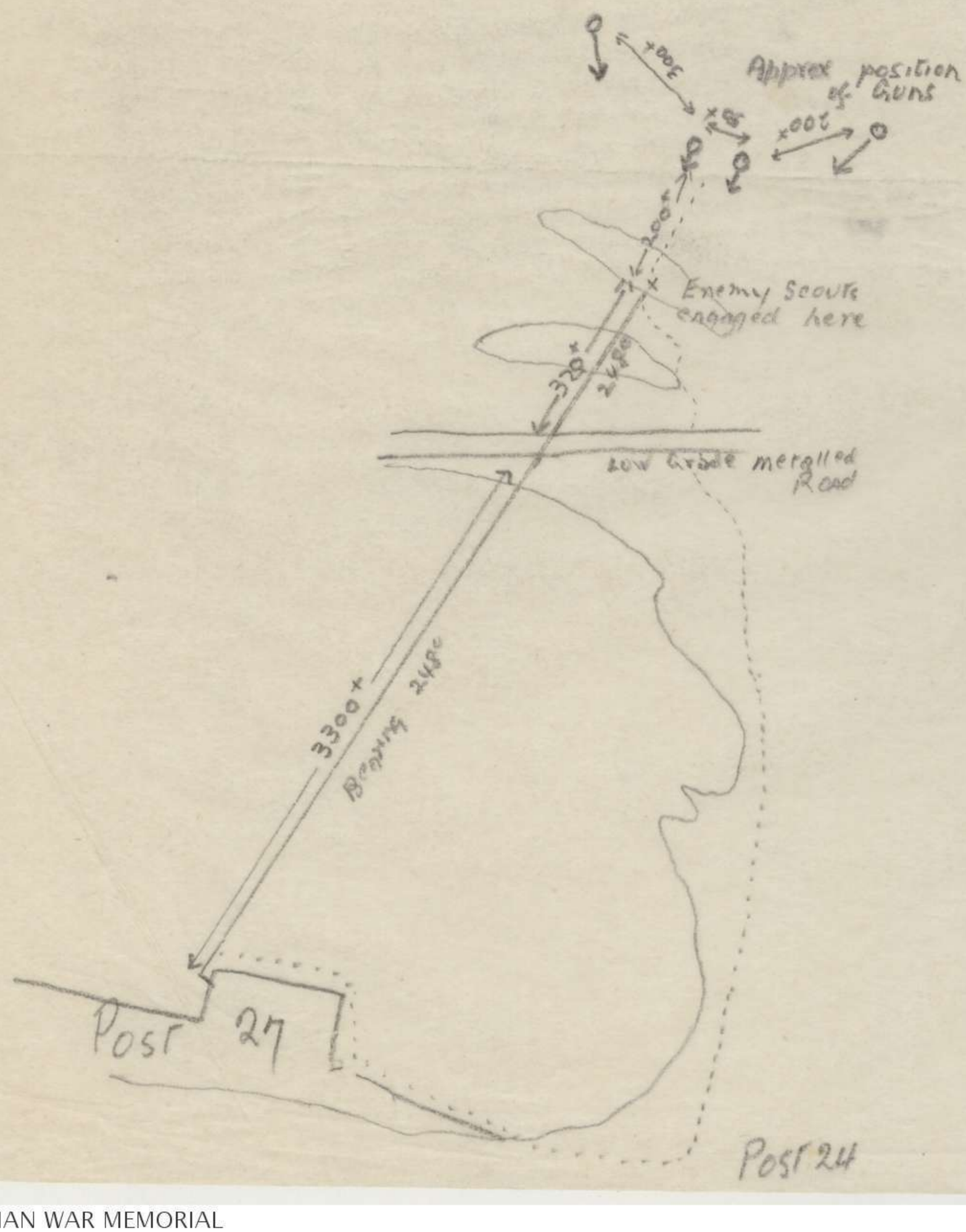

Return Route dotted. – following line of low escarpment.

[signature]
1 Sec.

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To Ufem

Ugas
20 Apr. 41

REPORT PATROL MORNING 20 Apr 41.

After instructions from Ufem at 2000 hrs 19 Apr 41, I called a conference of my two PL Comds; Atk gunner and Carrier Pl Comd.

I showed them the route to the R;V; A.A. and approx. route of the patrol from the wire around enemy Arty tps and back also the general plan of attack.

Arrangements were made to have everybody awakened at 0200 hrs and assemble at Ugas H;Q. at 0230.

The convoy moved off at 0300 in the order- five carriers(leading one with guide from I Sec.) eight one ton vans with Inf. followed by one Porte Atk Gun (the other having engine trouble. Major Neal arranged for one to be at Grum H.Q. at 0400)

Approx. one and a half miles from Ugas H.Q. the I Sec ~~had~~ man found he was lost . I found the road again causing a loss of approx. 20 mins. Some minutes later I received a report that there had been an accident and only 3 vans were in the convoy.

I sent an Officer back to ascertain the trouble at the same time sending the leading Carrier with guide ahead to report to R;V; that I would be there as soon as possible.

The accident was a telescoping of four vehicles of the Pioneers, leaving two out of commission and one slightly damaged.

I spread the men as best I could amongst the other vans and continued. Approx. half a mile from our R.V. I met the light tanks returning and almost immediately afterward the Ufem L.O. who informed me the Engineers had had an accident and the patrol was cancelled.

I immediately returned with the convoy to Ugas H.Q.

The four remaining Pioneer vans after debussing returning to their H.Q.

A Edgecliff Peck ..... Capt.

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22/4/41.

Acting on instructions from Bn HQ. I instructed Cpl Ryan to report at 17 Bn at time 2100 hrs.

One hour after he left here they rang to say he had not arrived.

Sjt Christsen was than instructed and duly reported. ~~xx~~ is covering reportx is enclosed.

Cpl Ryan and Guide in the darkness got onto the wrong track and arrived at the 2/9 th. which at the time was under enemy fire.

They eventually reported as instructed and were sent back to their Platoon.

J.T.Keys
No 4 Carrier Pl.

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S E C R E T

Cppy No. 13

23 Apr 41.

UGAS OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 1.

Ref Map: TOBRUCH 1/50,000.

INFORMATION:

1. As in SITREPS already distributed.

INTENTION:

2. UGAS will relieve GRUM in posn on RED LINE on night 23/24 Apr 41.

METHOD:

3. Coys will take over the following posts on the RED LINE:

UD Posts 28 and 30 - 35
UA Posts 23 - 27 and 29
UC Posts 17 - 22
UB Posts 11 -16

4. RELIEF will take place in three main phases:

(a) UC will relieve GC, reporting to GRUM HQ at 2000 hrs 23 Apr. rear of Six 3-ton trucks will report to UC at 1900 hrs. Route- From UC posn past/ UGAS HQ, thence by route shown by guide from I Sec. These trucks will return with GC, who will take over from UD in ISOL area. UD will then relieve GD, using same route past rear of UGAS HQ, reporting through/ GRUM HQ.

(b) UA will relieve GRUM HQ Coy. Six 3-ton trucks will be provided to report to UA by 1900 hrs. Route and guides as for UC. UA will report to GRUM HQ by 2000 hrs.
UH will move into GRUM HQarea at 2000 hrs.

(c) UB will relieve GA at 2200 hrs. Six 3-ton trucks will report to UB at 2100 hrs. These trucks will be used by GA to move back to UB area.

(d) RAP will take over from GRUM RAP at 2200 hrs.

B Ech will move into GRUM B Ech posn under own arrangements after sunset.
UGAS HQ will relieve GRUM HQ at 2300 hrs. Two 3-ton trucks will report to Bn HQ at 2200 hrs.

5. AASC Attd will move at 2230 hrs to a posn right fwd of GRUM HQ.

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6. Weapons: 6 Boys Anti-Tank Rifles and 3 German A/Tk guns will be taken over from GRUM in situ.

7. Coys will each provide aguide to report by 1900 hrs 23 Apr to UGAS HQ to guide GRUM Coys to new posns.

8. RELIEF will be completed by 0300 hrs 24 Apr.
8A. GRUM will be responsible for patrolling until dawn 24 Apr.
9. Comd GRUM will remain in comd in fwd area until relief completed.

10. One pl AASC Attd will come under comd of each fwd coy on night of 24 Apr. Each fwd coy will provide a guide to report to UGAS HQ by 1900 hrs 24 Apr.

ADM:

11. Three days' emergency rations and water, RE stores, SAA reserves, Reserves of Grenades and Enemy Amn will be handed over by UGAS to GRUM and by GRUM to UGAS respectively in situ.

12. All Coy tpt will report to VINCENT in B Ech as soon as packs stores etc. have been unloaded in new positions.

13. The following Code Words will be used to indicate Relief Completed and will be communicated to present GRUM HQ as soon as possible:

AKRON	A Coy	HARRY	HQ Coy
KONO	B Coy	VAT 69	Bn HQ
JOLA	C Coy	SLAM	RAP
BUFA	D Coy	VISO	Patrols.

INTERCOMN:

14. By line. Coys will take own phones with them, which will be connected up immediately they are in new posn.

R.B. Sutherland Capt
Tony, UGAS.

ACK.

Time of issue: 1520

Method of issue: By runner.

DISTRIBUTION:

Copy No. 1	UA	7	VINCENT	12	GRUM
2	UB	8	LEWIS	13-14	WAR DIARY
3	UC	9	AASC Attd	15	File
4	UD	10	Comd		
5	UH	11	UFEM		
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2/15 Bn. Fire Plan as at 22 Apr 41

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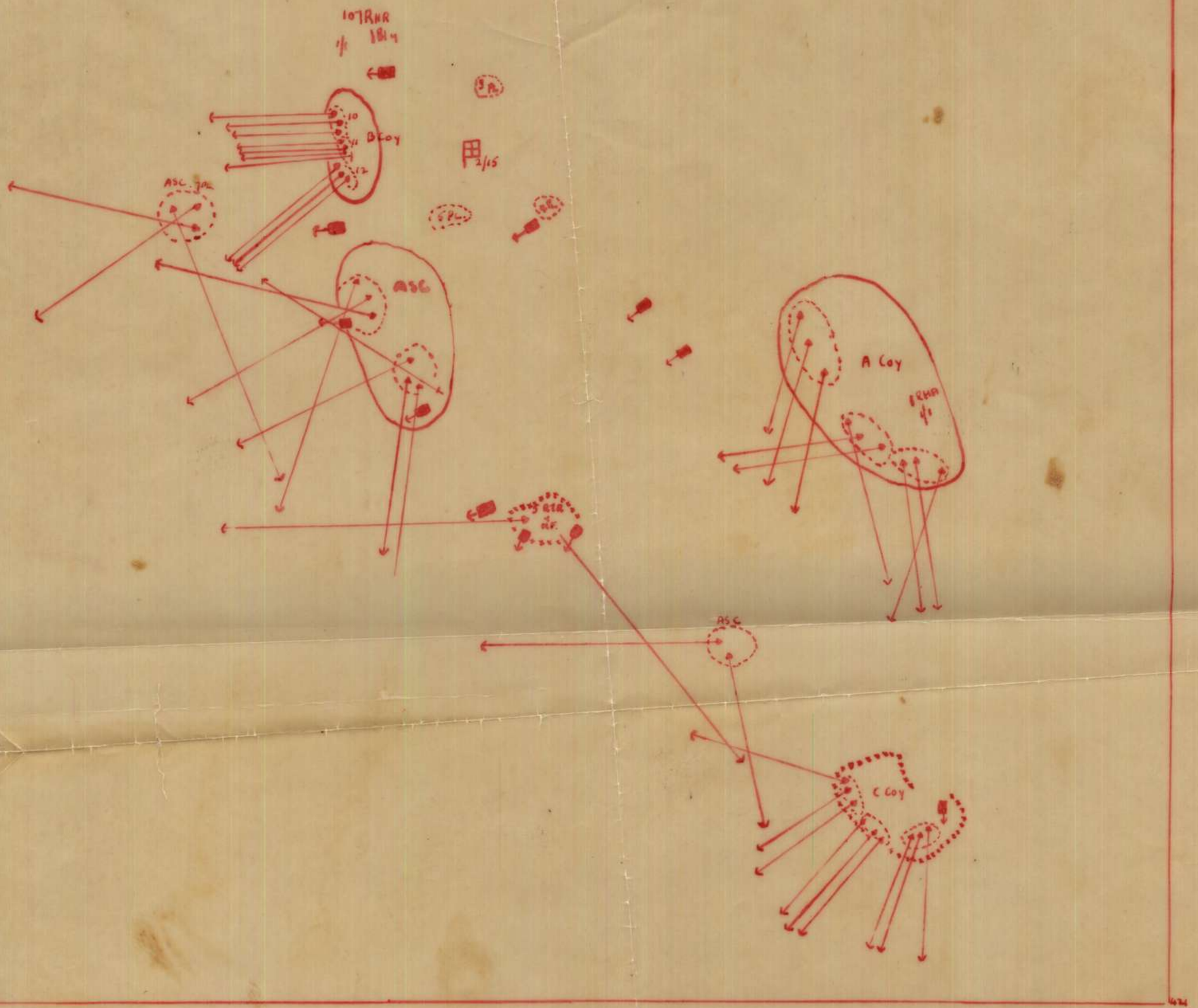

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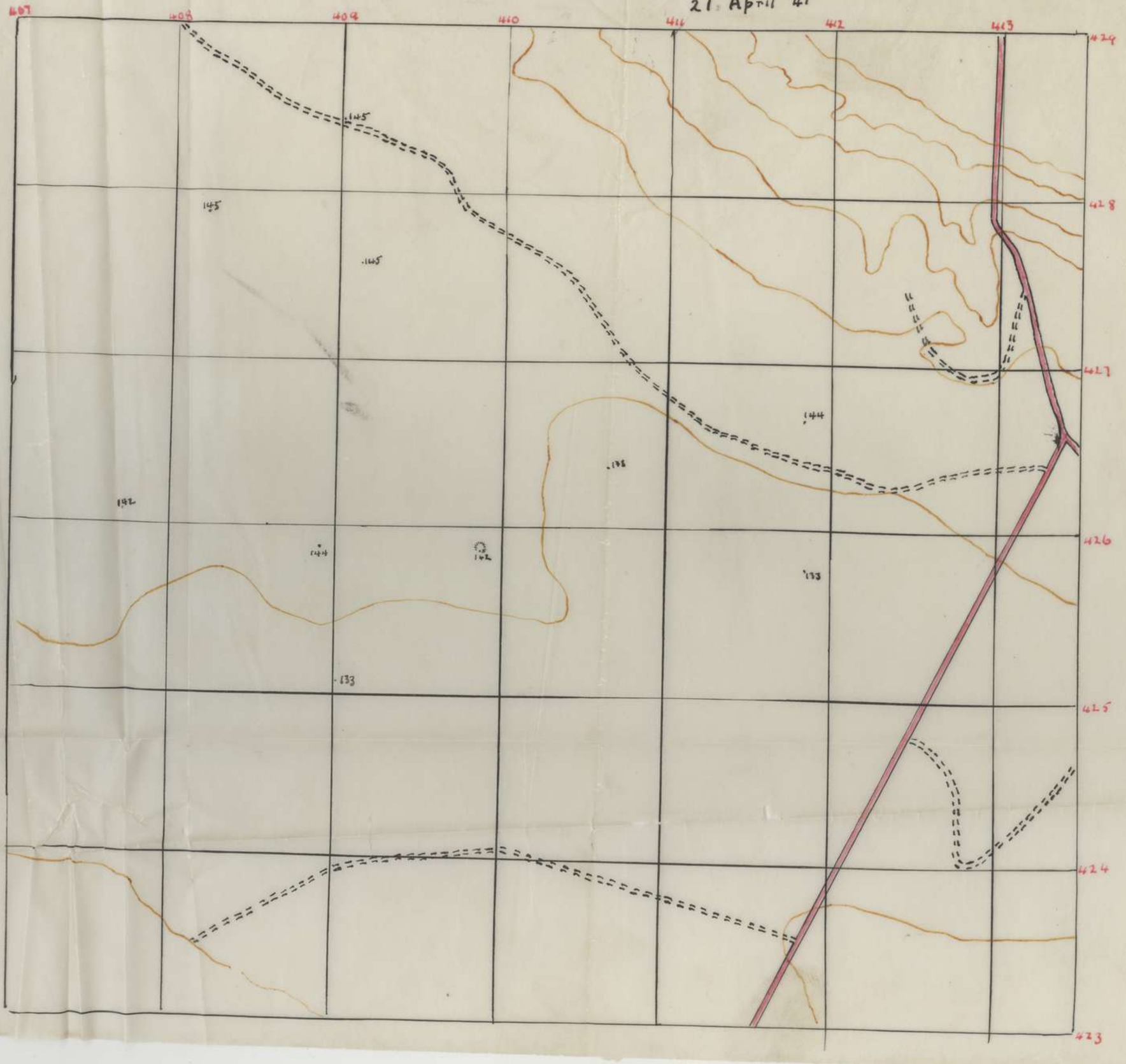

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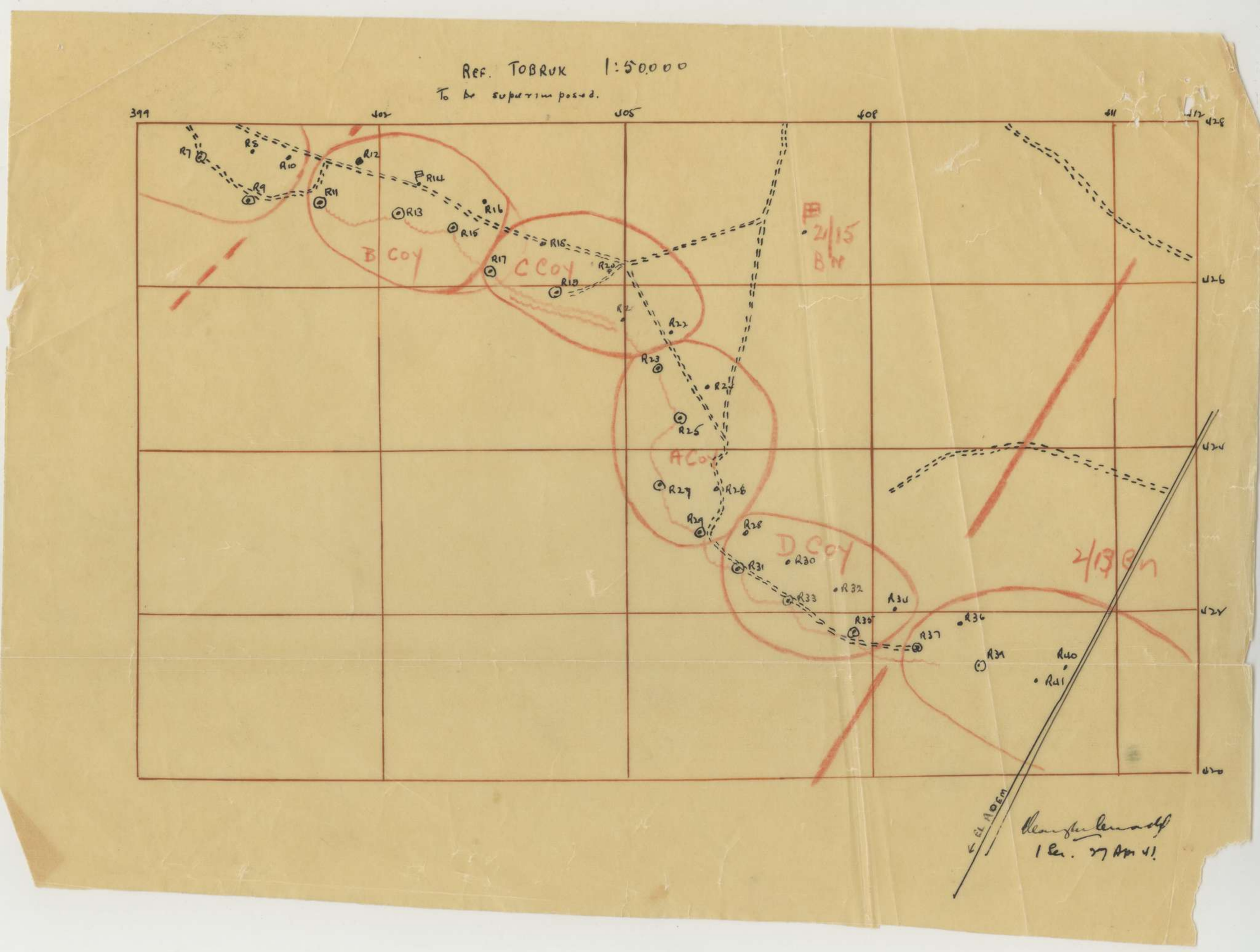

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PRO-FORMA FOR UNIT WAR DIARY

UNIT : 2/15 Bn A.I.F. COMMANDING OFFICER: Lt-Col R.F. MARLAN

For Period: 3 April 1941 to 7 April 1941 Period Covering:

Diary Record of Events by QX6260 Major R.C. ROSIER

EL ABIAR - 3 April 41) 2/15 Bn holding Defensive Position at EL ABIAR.
4 April 41)

5 April — At approx 0130 hrs received orders to withdraw from Defensive Positions at EL ABIAR and to move to BARCE, to hold top of BARCE PASS. Withdrawal carried out successfully without opposition. Arrived at top of BARCE PASS at approx 1100 hrs. Coys disposed in Defensive Positions.

BARCE PASS 6 April — From approx 1000 hrs onwards parties of enemy troops observed moving on coastal plain below escarpment.
At 1930 hrs or 2030 hrs? in accordance with orders received, 2/15 Bn commenced withdrawal to AIN GAZALA. At approx 2130 hrs traffic on the road became very congested due to vehicles of the 2nd Armoured Div. wrongly using this line of withdrawal. Movement was delayed on numerous occasions. On reaching GIOVANNI BERTHA at approx 2230 hrs the column was diverted from the Coastal road, to the Desert road, which crossed the escarpment close to GIOVANNI BERTHA.
At approx 2300 hrs ~~xxxxxxx~~ the moon set, making movement without lights, very difficult, so much so that shortly after crossing the escarpment, the column was again delayed on several occasions for periods up to two or three hours, and vehicles of various units became mixed up.

VICINITY OF DERNA 7 April — At first light 7 April 41, at approx 0430 hrs the column commenced to move again, but it was found that the only 2/15 Bn vehicles present were those of Bn HQ, HQ Coy and one of "B" Coy, and also several vehicles of the 2/3 Lt A.A. Regt. and 2/17 Bn. The other 2/15 Bn vehicles had apparently been separated during the night.
The column continued towards AIN GAZALA until 0800 hrs when the C.O., Lt-Col R.F. MARLAN decided to halt near the junction of the Desert Road and a track from EL MICHILI, leading towards DERMA, to enable the rest of the 2/15 Bn to catch up, and for the vehicles of the 2/17 Bn to become disengaged. In accordance with instructions issued, vehicles were dispersed at distances of 200x. At approx 0820 hrs and air alarm was given and the signal to disperse was blown. 7 planes were sighted which subsequently appeared to be our own.
While all personnel were dispersed, enemy vehicles were sighted coming from the direction of EL MICHILI, and these engaged 2/15 Bn with Anti Tank and M.G. Fire at about 0830 hrs, and shortly afterwards a number of enemy tanks also arrived from the same direction. Lt-Col MARLAN decided to engage the enemy and although the enemy (troops of the German Afrika Korps) had considerably superior fire power and weapons, they were held off until 1030 hrs - during which time several 2/15 Bn and 2/3 Lt A.A. vehicles were hit by incendiary shells and burnt.
At about 1030 - 1100 hrs Lt-Col MARLAN decided to surrender in order to avoid unnecessary casualties.

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Continuation of Diary Record of Events by Major R.C. ROSIER

During this engagement a column of vehicles, proceeding in our direction came into view over a hill about one and a half miles away. When they observed the fighting taking place, they stopped half way down the hill, turned round, and returned in the direction of GIOVANNI BERTHA.
As a result of the engagement, the C.O. 2/15 Bn Lt-Col MARLAN, 2i/c Major C.N. BARTON, Adjt. Capt N.L. CURRIE, LieutsR.S. DONNAN, A.S. HART, F. Sgt J. WINTOUR, and PADRE C. ARKELL were captured together with most of Bn HQ, part of HQ Coy, and one Pl "B" Coy, approx 140 in all. ?
Major R.C. ROSIER, O.C. HQ Coy, was subsequently captured about 1330 hrs. In the early part of the engagement Lieut GEMMEL-SMITH - Bn I.O. managed to get away and subsequently reported it to Comd. 20 Inf Bde. During the engagement the troops of 2/15 Bn went forward and engaged the enemy in an exemplorary manner, without supporting weapons other than the Italian Bredas of the 2/3 Lt A.A. Regt which continued to fire, gallantly until the vehicles in which they were mounted, were burned from under the guns.
Lieut J.C. GUEST 2/3 Lt A.A. Regt. and about 30 of his troops were also captured in this engagement. It was subsequently learnt that the rest of the 2/15 Bn had not been diverted at GIOVANNI BERTHA and had continued along the coast road to TOBRUCH.

R C Rosier

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