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NEWS SUMMARY.

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LONDON

Stressing the need for economy Sir Kingsley Wood said yesterday that England is spending £13000000 per week on war effort.

Small investments in War Loans had reached the impressive figure of £100.000.000. He further stressed the need for further efforts in this form of aid for Britain, the reduction of private spending and more economical living.

Very little Air Activity over England last night. A town in the North East was bombed rather heavily and some damage was done and there was casualties. One enemy bomber was destroyed.

RUSSIA.

The Committee of AID for RUSSIA is investigating fully the possibility of certain ports being used for purpose of landing supplies and munitions. One convoy has already arrived at ARCHANGEL. Discussions are in progress in MOSCOW with the SOVIET Chiefs. Fierce fighting continues for LENINGRAD. In counter-attacks, the Russians claim to have driven the Germans from a village on outskirts of the city. In the UKRAINE Russian troops completely encircled and destroyed the German 9th Panzer Division. In the CRIMEA the Germans claim to have made some progress but admit that they have met very strong resistance. Although they claim to have captured one village, they are being held up before they have reached the bottleneck some 7 miles wide leading into the CRIMEA.

U.S.A.

In a speech Col. Knox expressed the hope that after the war the U.S.A. should join force with Britain for a period of 100 years to see that peace is kept by force if necessary to prevent dictators of the Hitler type from again arising. He further urged the speeding up of production of war materials for Britain. We must keep the sea lanes open and lock the forces of Germany in a ring of Steel. At the present we have almost cleared the sea of pirate raiders. A force is being formed in U.S.A. in its rearmament programme and will be by the end of 1941 2500,000 and by 1942, 7,000,000.

Planes are being flown from America in ever increasing numbers the Ferry Command both to England and the Middle East. An agreement has been reached to allow Pan American airways to operate American planes from a West African base to the SUDAN.

WESTERN DESERT Our patrols were held up as were enemy activities by severe dust storms. Air activity also being reduced.

Benghazi and Sicily were again raided by R.A.F. bombers.

A convoy was attacked by Coastal Command planes off the Duch coast one enemy supply ship was hit and others appeared damaged.

The large scale raid on Eastern German towns used as supply points for the German army in Russia caused large damage. Seven of our bombers failed to return.

Major Gen. Northford, Commander of Australias new Armoured Div. is on his way to discuss tactics etc with Gen Blamey. He is expected to arrive in the Middle East shortly.

A German trade delegation to ANKARA is discussing with Turkish Government a trade agreement. They have requested that Turkey immediately supply them with 5000 tons of chrome as a token shipment.

The delegation is meeting with little success. Turkey has shipped large supplies of Chrome to U.S.A. some time ago. German need for this commodity is known to be urgent for her war production.

RUSSIA

In the far north the German drive to MURMANSK has been brought to a standstill. LENINGRAD no change. When the city was first threatened the main defenders were exhausted troops who had been pushed back from border. Now the position has improved considerably.

The Germans have had most success in the UKRAINE. They claim to be 70 miles from KHARKOV, the large industrial city.

LONDON.

Raids over Britain were heavier than previously during September. Three raiders were destroyed. In one N.E. district, the raid lasted many hours and it is feared that there are many casualties.

An Irish Flight Lieut. of the Australian Sqn in Britain brought down his 21st enemy plane during September. This Sqn brought down the most enemy planes during the month. The American Eagle Sqn destroyed 4 ME 110s

WESTERN DESERT.

N.Z. troops are in strongly reinforced positions in the desert, making the defences a harder nut to crack than ever. Bombers and Fighters of the latest American types are steadily flowing to the middle east. Every Day one American ship leaves for these parts "Loaded to the plimsol" and are arriving with clockwork precision.

ABYSSINIA

The garrison of WOLCHIFITT contained 71 Italian Officers and 1500 white troops and 1300 native. They had been raided for months by Imperial troops and were besieged at the finish by Patriot Forces, and forced to surrender when food ran out. The garrison at GONDAR is 3 times the size of the WOLCHIFITT one. The rainy season has now ended.

INDIA.

Duff-Cooper has left for India. He will go on to Australia later

CHINA

News from CHUNGKING states that the Japanese are in retreat in the CHUNGSHA area. They have had 40,000 casualties in these battles lately. The American Military Mission to CHINA is stopping at CHUNGKING for a week before proceeding further.

The latest VULTRE aircraft from America has arrived in China. U.S. A. Pres. ROOSEVELT delivered a scathing attack on "wouldbe appeasers". "The only peace with Hitler will be by complete surrender by the Nazis. There can never be a negotiated peace with gangsters and outlaws." the President added.

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NEWS SUMMARY.

RUSSIA. Fierce fighting continues along the whole front. No change reported along the central sector SMOLENSK or ODESSA OR LENINGRAD, while the Germans are being held 80 miles from KHARKOV and on the isthmus of the CRIMEA.

ENGLAND. The hospital ships with the German wounded for exchange with British wounded have been lying in harbour for four days as negotiations have been held up. Yesterday the German controlled wireless station at Calais broadcast a message to the British Government in English. Its message ran "We wish to get into touch with the British Government please acknowledge if you are listening" The B.B.C put the call through and replied in German. The Calais station then gave the message that the hospital ships now waiting to sail could proceed. The British spokesman finished the conversation with a formal "Thank you". This is the first time since the war began that the British Government has been in wireless communication with the German Government. One wounded German airman has expressed his sincere thanks for the treatment given him and his fellow P.O.s wounded, by the British Red Cross. A book on the RAF's part in this war has been published. It reveals many tragic differences of opinion when the German drive was on in France. One example being that Wellington Bomber Squadrons were refused permission to bomb MILAN for fear of reprisals. Empire airmen of a Bomber Squadron were reviewed by the King.

TURKEY The trade agreement between Turkey and Germany may be held up a further week due to the lack of enthusiasm to grant the Germans credit.

SOUTH AFRICA Mr. RITTMAN, a representative of the Belgium Congo is in South Africa regarding trade agreements. He stated that most of the Belgium Congo's civil needs now came from South Africa.

CANADA Sir Ms.P are to leave for England to take part in an Empire conference. In the Empire Air training Scheme, airmen are to have a further fortnight of ground work.

AUSTRALIA The new Govt under Mr. Curtin was sworn in by LORD GOWRIE today.

IRAC. The Premier has declined to reconsider his resignation. A new premier is to be appointed.

EGYPT. The Middle East Trade Conference has been an unqualified success

CHINA In the South the Chinese admit retreating, but in the North, the Japanese are fighting to avoid encirclement after the Chinese successes in and around CHUNGSHA.

FRANCE. Vichy announces the loss of a liner carrying tobacco from Greece. The ship was sailing in an Italian convoy.

SOUTH AMERICA. Two German naval officers from the "GRAFF SPEE" have been rearrested after their escape from a prison camp in the ARGENTINE.

NEWS SUMMARY.

10 Oct 41.

RUSSIA. The Germans are making every effort to break through the Mosco defences. The fierce tank battles yesterday, Russian Units Co-operating with the Red Air Force planes destroyed 240 tanks and 50 armoured cars.

A Berlin spokesman states that Merlitopol and Berd<sup>sk</sup> both on the sea of AZOV have been captured. No statement or confirmation by the Russians have been received. The Germans have also claimed to have encircled large numbers of Russian troops in their drive towards Moscow. According to observers in London this is probably true, but these isolated troops will cause a source of trouble to the advancing Germans. Red Airforce planes were very active on all fronts yesterday. In the Central Sector 40 enemy planes were destroyed in 20 minutes. Mechanized columns were also attacked resulting in heavy German losses. Luftwaffe aircraft were again beaten off in attacks on MOSCOW. A few bombs were dropped in the suburbs; 10 German planes were shot down. In the city itself, life continues undisturbed by the war, activity by the airforce has been such that no alarm has been sounded in the city proper for a week. The British Mission headed by Lord BEVEFROOK arrived in LONDON yesterday. All members paid high tribute to Russian morale. Major Gen BURNS the American representative said. Although the situation looks grave, one need have no doubt about the final issue. Our job is to see that those magnificent people receive sufficient aid to drive back the Nazi hordes. Mr Stanly, another member stated that after seeing Russian workers <sup>said</sup> that production is continuous despite German raids.

Washington. President ROOSEVELT has asked Congress to review the Neutrality Act. It is announced that Congress has passed a bill for the arming of all U.S. merchant ships. A fleet of 320 ships will be required to transport Lease and Lend materials to Britain and the Middle East says an announcement from the House of Representatives after approving the allocation of approx \$ 6,000,000,000 for aid to Britain. It was stated in Ottawa, Canada, yesterday that 1661 men had been killed in the Canadian forces since war began. Of these 788 were from the Air Force, the remainder from the other services.

ISTANBUL In a message received from reliable sources states that 32,000 Jews have been massacred in Rumania since the beginning of the war with Russia.

HAIFA The enemy raided Haifa at 4 O clock yesterday morning. Fierce fire from ground defences kept the raiders at a distance. A number of bombs were dropped causing slight damage but no casualties.

TURKEY. Negotiations for the sale of chrome are still in progress between Turkish and German diplomats. The Turks <sup>say</sup> that they <sup>will</sup> sell chrome to Germany in 1943 only if Germany delivers the armaments promised under the coming trade agreement estimated at £20,000,000.

R/A.F. Bombers of the R.A.F. raided the harbour at PIRIEUS in GREECE on Oct 6/7. Large fires were started. Oil installations chemical works and warehouses were also bombed successfully.

TRIPOLI direct hit was observed on a large ship in the harbour. Many also fell on the quays and moles during a heavy night raid by R.A.F. R A.A.F. and S.A.A.F. aircraft also carried out large scale raids on fuel and ammunition dumps near Bardia. Extensive damage was done. From all these operations all our aircraft returned safely. No air activity over London last night. Some in S.W. No damage caused.

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NEWS SUMMARY.

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RUSSIA.

The Red Army newspaper "Red Star" admits, although the Germans have suffered enormous losses the situation is grave. It urges greater efforts by workers, and says, despite setbacks, there is no cause for despondency. Heavy fighting still continues in the Central Sector. A German tank advance was stopped yesterday by Russian Artillery. Gunners did magnificent work which resulted in the destruction of 50 heavy tanks.

South of MOSCOW, the Germans claim to have encircled detachments of Russian troops in the vicinity of OREL which was evacuated by the Russians a few days ago. No confirmation of this is given in the Russian communique.

In the vicinity of LENINGRAD a counter attack was carried out yesterday by Russian forces assisted by Red Air Force planes. Heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy both in men and material.

LONDON. Members of the Committee of Aid to Russia headed by Lord Beverbrook met here yesterday and many points were discussed. It was stated that raw materials and munitions were being sent to Russia in large quantities on a Lease and Lend basis. American representatives told how U.S.A. was helping to strengthen the Persian Gulf railway which was Russia's life line for supplies from Britain. Lord Beverbrook assured the Russian representative that Britain would supply every tank and plane the Red Army needed for final victory. All London newspapers urge the speeding up of supplies. The Daily Telegraph states, Russia's greatest loss is the Ukraine. We must combat that loss with an ever increasing flow of materials. Daily Mail states that Russia staggers but can recover, her life is in the hands of Britain and the U.S.A. Aid must be given fully before it is too late.

U.S.A. The Maritime Commission met in Washington yesterday and approved the building of 49 tankers, making U.S.A.s oil tanker fleet the largest in the world.

ENGLAND. Bombers from the Coastal Command raided enemy shipping off the coast of Norway at dawn on Wednesday. Despite of bad weather direct hits were scored on ships of approx 2000 tons. Home Base aircraft carried out patrols over the Channel yesterday. No enemy aircraft were encountered.

Blenhiem Bombers raided a convoy off the coast of Holland. One ship was sunk and 2 anti aircraft escorts were badly damaged.

Western desert. A German tank attack on Tobruk was smashed on Thursday after which patrols penetrated deep into enemy territory with good results.

In the Frontier area our artillery successfully engaged and dispersed a party of the enemy. Patrols are active on both sides. One British patrol destroyed an enemy tank with hand grenades on Friday night.

SICILY and TRIPOLI were again raided by R.A.F. planes last night. Direct hits were registered on ships and works in the vicinity of the harbour.

BRITAIN Slight activity over Britain last night. 2 enemy planes were shot down in E. England. No bombs were dropped. From all the operations mentioned all our planes returned safely.

China The Japanese are still in retreat. The large scale offensive launched against them by the new Chinese army. The Provin of Honan has been cleared of Japanese troops. General Chang Ki Chek told the American Military Mission on its arrival in Changking the capital of China on the anniversary of the Chinese Republic last week that the Japanese would soon realise that the fifth year of devastating war has not brought China to her knees, but rather has been responsible for the reawakening of a national spirit that Japan will never be able to overcome.

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RUSSIA. The threat to MOSCOW increases. Official reports, most of them from American radio commentators, indicate considerable German progress during the past 24 hours, and the possibility that a new threat to MOSCOW may develop from the South and South East. One report broadcast last night was that TULA had fallen to the Germans. TULA is about 106 miles due South of MOSCOW, and its surrender would mean that the Germans have covered one half the distance from OREL to the capital in the Southern sector.

A report of German origin says that the drive has carried German troops past MOSCOW on the South and that they were preparing to turn North and to encircle the capital.

The MOSCOW midnight communique still reported intense fighting in the direction of VIAZINA and BRIANSK. In the VIAZINA sector the Russians claim to have made headway at some points, and to have driven back the enemy with heavy losses. The "Red Star", while admitting the seriousness of the position, claims that new Russian reserves are being brought into the action and says: Our best forces are on the way to aid the armies at the front.

On the Southern front the Russian communique again mentions fierce fighting in the direction of MARIOUPOL on the Sea of AZOV. No clear picture can be drawn of the fighting here.

In the LENINGRAD area successful Russian counter-attacks are adding to the difficulties of the Germans holding the approaches to the City, and it seems that the Russian General for the time being, holds the initiative.

Several points about British and United States aid for RUSSIA were elucidated in LONDON yesterday by Lord Beaverbrook and Mr. Harriman. It was made clear that the delay in holding the MOSCOW Conference had not held up the flow of supplies to RUSSIA, because material was already moving to RUSSIA before the Conference had started.

The United States is helping to strengthen the railway from the Persian Gulf, which is now one of RUSSIA's main supply routes. The Royal Navy is keeping open the northern route by escorting convoys.

The morale of the Russians is reported to be very high and has been improved by the MOSCOW conference.

News of our Naval action against the German supply routes to their forces in North Russia was given last night by the Admiralty. Naval aircraft attacked shipping between the LOFOTEN Islands and the Norwegian Mainland. Although some of the aircraft were forced to turn back by extremely severe weather, others carried out their attacks successfully. A 1000 ton supply ship was hit several times. A power station on one of the Islands was destroyed. Further attacks were carried out during the day and two supply ships, escorted by AA ships, were hit, and another ship of 1500 tons was so badly damaged that she had to be abandoned. All our aircraft returned safely. Blenheims attacked shipping off the Coast of Holland and at least one supply ship was hit.

MEDITERRANEAN. In the Mediterranean more damage has been done to enemy shipping. Naval planes attacked a 6000 ton merchant vessel which disappeared in 10 minutes. RAF bombers badly damaged another merchant ship off the coast of SICILY and a merchant ship in TRIPOLI Harbour was hit and several lighters sunk.

UNITED STATES. The USA House of Representatives passed by an overwhelming vote of 328 to 67, a Bill authorising an additional large sum for purchases under the "Lease-Lend" Act. The Bill now goes on to the Senate.

ENGLAND. Activity over England last night is reported to have been slight and to have been confined to the East Coast where bombs were dropped at two places.

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RUSSIA. A new threat to Moscow has developed from the N.W. The Germans have reached a point on the Moscow-Leningrad railway 100 miles from Moscow and are attempting to take the City from the rear. Viasma has been evacuated. German claims to have annihilated the Russian troops, but Moscow say violent counter attacks are in progress. At Briansk, the Germans claim the fighting to be a complete victory to them, but Russians state that their forces were in danger, but drove the Germans back.

German aircraft attempted to raid the city of Moscow. A few planes broke through and dropped H. E. and incendiary bombs.

On the shores of the Sea of Azov, the German forces are a 100 miles from the River Don. Russian planes, especially their dive bombers, are playing a very great part in the fighting. 89 German planes (62 on the ground) were destroyed for the loss of 23 Russian aircraft. Leningrad is holding very heavy German attacks, the city taking the offensive later with 20 of tanks, penetrating far into the German lines. Germans claim to have bombed the city for several hours last night. Rumanians lost heavily on a two day attack on Odessa.

In a special broadcast from Moscow, it was stated that although the Germans may win battles, they could not take Russia, which was only part of a huge front from Iceland to Iran, from Spitzbergen to Tobruk. When Hitler wanted to take London he could not because of 20 miles of channel. Our armies must be the channel. There are no Petains and Laveles here.

Two divisions of Polish troops are ready to take their place with the Russians.

London. It is announced that two New Zealanders have been awarded the V.C. for action on Crete. 2/Lieut----- (I could not catch his name) showed superb coolness over a period of 8 days; at Maleme he led his platoon which destroyed numerous planes. Another time he went 600 yds through the enemy lines to lead out a company which had been cut off. Throughout he was wounded twice.

Sgt Hume and his platoon accounted for many enemy on Maleme. He accounted for 5 snipers. Later during the action he shot many more snipers. His complete disregard for his own safety resulted in his being finally severely wounded and ordered to the rear. Altogether his total was 33 snipers killed.

108 officers and men from the Navy are to be decorated in connection with the sinking of the Bismark.

R.A.F. found targets in western Germany and occupied countries.

U.S.A. President Roosevelt has stated that there is nothing in the Russian situation to cause America to cease aid to Russia. Tanks and other articles were being rushed across, but not under the Lease and Lend, as yet it was not necessary.

The naval dept issued a statement on the attack on the American destroyer "Greer" which shows that when attacked the destroyer dropped depth charges on two occasions.

A new trade agreement has been signed between U.S.A. and the Argentine. Occupied Territory. The reign of terror continues with many executions in

Czechoslovakia and France on trumped up charges. TOBRUK Latest communique states heavy dust storms making operations difficult. A tank battle has taken outside the perimeter on a small scale. England. Civilian losses for the month of September were 217 killed and 260 wounded. For the first 7 months of year 18,697 killed and 20,451 wounded.

Two Dutchmen landed in a Nazi plane in England.

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RUSSIA. The latest Moscow communique admits the gravity of the position and states that there have been heavy losses on both sides. It seems that the Germans have made little progress in the past 24 hours. 43 German planes were destroyed to 28 Russian. Guerillas are playing an important role behind the German lines, raiding convoys, killing groups of soldiers, and blowing bridges. An entire convoy was wiped out by these Russians.

In the Moscow sector, the position is serious. The Germans claim to have occupied IALININ and KALUGA (100 miles N.W. and S.W. respectively of the capital) some days ago. The Germans are throwing fresh units into the fray at the points where the defences were placed. They claim to be 70 miles from the city, and battering the defences with long range artillery.

In a stirring message to the defenders of Moscow, a Soviet spokesman said that, even if Moscow were to fall and Hitler sit in the Kremlin, the Germans would be no nearer winning the war, as arms from America and Britain were arriving and vast industrial centers in the Urals, the Caucasus, Central Asia and Siberia were well away from Hitler's reach. Even though danger was hovering over Moscow, the Germans had failed to break the resistance of the Red Army. Hundreds of thousands of Germans were lying on the field of battle. They would not go back. Russian strength must be doubled and the invader thrown back.

A special German communique stated that Rumanian troops had entered Odessa, but this is not confirmed. The Rumanians have been handed severe defeats around Odessa.

JAPAN.

The KONOE Cabinet resigned yesterday and a new one is formed today. The press is urging the strongest possible Cabinet to pursue National Policy. The reason for the resignation was not the inability of the Government to pursue National Policy, but the disagreement regarding U.S.A. relations. KONOE fell from favour when he opened negotiations with U.S.A. after the freezing of the Jap credits in U.S.A. and Britain. Singapore and the N.E.I. are strengthening their defences as the Navy spokesman for Japan said the Japanese fleet was itching for action, and the army is ready for any eventuality.

AMERICA. Special meeting of his Military and Naval advisers was held by President Roosevelt, and the far East situation was discussed. No statement was issued.

The Canadian Government held a special session in Ottawa. The American Federation of Labour has met at Seattle and promised all aid to Russia.

Two reconditioned submarines are to be transferred to Britain under the Lease and Lend Act. They will leave American waters with British crews aboard.

AUSTRALIA. Mr. Curtin, speaking on the Far Eastern Crisis and the Russian situation, said that the democracies, now as never before, draw closer together. There must be the utmost cohesion.

FRANCE. The Tragedy of the Fall of France was brought back to the minds of millions of Frenchmen when a "Court of Justice" in Lyon found 7 former high officials guilty. These "Scapegoats" were Gen Gamlin:- Guilty of weakness of character and lack of enthusiasm, thus allowing the army to sink to the depths of moral and material inferiority.

Daladier:- Guilty of allowing France to enter a war for which she was ill prepared and badly organised in the High Command.

BLUM:- For his nationalization policy which caused the disorganisation of Labour. Four other well known statesmen were also found guilty of similar charges. Two were found Not Guilty.

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ENGLAND. Lord Gort's dispatches on the B.E.F. in France have been published, describing the continuous three weeks battle leading up to the evacuation at Dunkirk. The failure was due to the lack of armoured vehicles and other equipment, lack of command of the air, and failure of the allied flanks. He stated that he had been empowered, to avoid useless slaughter if the position became hopeless, to surrender to the enemy.

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The nuisance value of parachute troops was out of all proportion to their numbers, and dive bombing affected morale greatly until troops learned to take cover effectively, when casualties became very light.

Ground A.A. defences were never an antidote to dive bombing and Recce planes. Commander must have fighter planes at his command. He added that the actions of the British troops in France maintained their reputation for stubbornness as fighters.

### Western Desert.

Raids on a strong post along the frontier area by our planes caused the Italian garrison to surrender and they marched into our lines.

The K.M.V. Cabinet resigned yesterday and a new one is formed today. The press is saying the strongest possible Cabinet to revive national policy. The reason for the resignation was not the inability of the Government to secure national policy, but the disapproval of existing U.S.A. relations. K.M.V. fell from power when he opened negotiations with U.S.A. after the freezing of the Japanese fleet in U.S.A. and British Singapore and the U.S.I. are strengthening their defence as the Navy spokesman for Japan said the Japanese fleet was itching for action and the army is ready for any emergency.

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WASHINGTON. It was reported here yesterday that the United States destroyer KIERNEY of 1600 tons was hit by a torpedo 350 miles S.S.W. of Iceland. Col. Knox, Secretary for the Navy broke the news to the President early yesterday morning. From the result of the talk it has been officially announced by reliable sources that the identity of the submarine was undoubtedly German. The Kierney, which was carrying out patrol duties was able to steam to her base. It is not known if any casualties were caused. This is the second attack on U.S. ships since President Roosevelt's "Shoot at sight Speech" soon after which the destroyer Greer was attacked in the area. Both attacks have caused great concern amongst the American people.

RUSSIA. The Red Army is still stubbornly defending Moscow. Both sides admit fierce fighting and heavy losses but the situation seems a little more stable than it did yesterday. Sir Stafford Cripps with other members of the Diplomatic Corps left Moscow yesterday for an unknown destination. It has been announced that this move was ordered by the Russian Government in view of the situation. Mr. Stalin is still in the capital. The latest German communique admits fierce counter attacks by the Russians north west of Moscow. Despite this, it adds, advance is moving according to plan. Both Rumanian and German newspapers claim that German forces are only 50 miles from the capital. Rumanians also claim the capture of Odessa. No confirmation of either of these claims is given by the Russians. Italian radio this morning state that Odessa fell to Rumanian troops after fierce fighting and only after the Rumanian troops had been strongly supported by specialized German Divisions, and that the bombing of troop ships evacuating Russian troops and civilians from the city is going on. In the Odessa sector, Russian troops successfully counter attacked at one point yesterday, as yet no details are available. Red airforce planes were active over all sectors yesterday. Enemy troop concentrations and ammunition dumps were bombed and machine gunned. Despite the unfavourable weather this splendid force continues to be a thorn in the side of the Nazis.

AUSTRALIA. Australian Railways have made arrangements to send £1,000,000 worth of rolling stock for the Iran railways to supplement the supply of arms to Russia. This depletion of rolling stock from N.S.W. and the Commonwealth Railways will entail a reduction of trains on the Trans-continental Railway and N.S.W. rolling stock will run 24 hours per day so as not to create a bottleneck in transport. In view of the situation in Japan the Australian Cabinet sat yesterday. Many points were discussed with reference to Japan's latest New Order which may form a serious threat to Australia. Senator Cameron announced yesterday that Australia's aircraft industries would soon be self supporting. He will be able to produce increasing numbers of aircraft without supplies from overseas. Even the most intricate parts were being turned out in our factories and soon the most complex design of aero engines would be on the assembly line.

IRAN. A crowd of 20,000 saw Russian and English troops parade before leaving the capital. Tanks lorries and armoured vehicles together with guns were shown in an impressive march past.

TOKIO. Japan's new War Minister in a speech said he would carry out the same policy as before. He has received the whole hearted support of the Chief of General staff. The Jap press continue its aggressive policy towards the U.S.A.

WASHINGTON. In view of the serious situation in the Far East has ordered the return of all U.S. ships to U.S.A. ports. Ships on their way to China and Japan have been recalled by radio.

SINGAPORE. Although a serious view is taken of the reshuffle in Japanese Cabinet, it is thought here that it may be only a cover to prevent internal strife.

Mr. Duff Cooper left Rangoon for Singapore yesterday.

R.A.F. Bombers with fighter escorts roared over the channel yesterday in another daylight attack on Germany. The ports of Dunkirk and Calais were bombed and many fires started. Shipping was also raided on the coast of Norway. From these operations 4 of our planes are missing.

WESTERN DESERT.

Despite heavy duststorms our patrols were again active yesterday. In the Tobruk area a German post was attacked and destroyed. R.A.F. planes bombed the harbour of Benghazi and Tripoli. No details of damage have been disclosed. A large ammunition dump on the Bardia-Tobruk road was successfully attacked.

Lord Beverbrook speaking to men of the Royal Tank Corps said production is running at top speed and we can now give you every tank required to rebel the Nazis. He finished his remarks with the statement.

"The men that built these did a good job it is up to you to use them to good effect against the German invasion when it comes, for assuredly it will come."

Enemy air activity was slight over England for the past 24 hours. Some casualties and slight damage was reported.

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RUSSIA The battle in the Moscow sector is still increasing in intensity. It is claimed to have reached its second stage by the Germans. At KALININ a most bitter battle has been raging for five days. West of the city at Viasma the fiercest battles are being fought. A wedge has been driven into the Russian lines and the Germans are hurling fresh panzer divisions into the battle. The Russians are counter-attacking fiercely. At BRIANSK the Germans have failed to win an overwhelming victory which brought enormous losses to the attacker. No confirmation of the recapture of Orel by the Russians. Some days ago German Radio announced that Marshall TIMOSHENKO's army had been annihilated, today they speak of Russian Counter attacks. A new defence line is being formed along the highways and the suburbs fortified, defences being formed in days where formally it took months.

A new German offensive in the Ukraine to the south is serious. They are 60 miles as the crow flies from ROSTOV at the mouth of the DON. There is very heavy fighting. A Division of "Mussolini's swaggering but incapable" Cavalry was badly knocked about and they retired.

The Red Air Force has performed incredible feats. In less than three weeks one group of planes has destroyed 158 tanks, 66 planes and 700 lorries another 117 tanks 27 planes and 519 lorries. Numerous planes of the enemy have been destroyed on the ground.

AFGHANISTAN All German and Italian nationals must leave the country according to a decree issued by the Government. which stated that its policy has been to preserve friendly relations with neighboring countries, and not to countenance foreign subversive elements.

MEDETERRIAN SEA. S/A/A/F/ planes raided landing grounds at Gazala and Derna also Sicilian aerodromes

In Abyssinian divebombers gave the last remaining centres of resistance some attention.

8 British Soldiers back in England from Tobruk spoke of it as the most confident place in the world. The boys were most worried over the shortage of cigarettes and beer than of the Germans and Italians. For over 6 months they had slept beside their guns. Cricket, football and swimming were the main pastimes.

ENGLAND. The Secretary for the Minister of Works estimated German losses at 4.000.000 in Russia (killed wounded and missing) but they still had 6.000.000 fully trained effectives left, a mighty hideous force. They were holding 250.000.000 people down in Europe and a revolution would be the downfall of the Hun when the time was ripe.

Coal production and export would have to be increased to its maximum he stated. Miners and employers should get together and increase production. Mr. Bevin is to introduce a scheme of individual reservation of manpower released for the armed forces. If women could be placed in jobs 100s and thousands of men could be released for the armed forces. Engineers and shop stewards sent a message pledging support to the Russian workers.

U.S.A. Newspapers report on the Japanese cabinet changes indicate the belief that there was quite a good chance of Japan staying out of the war. Japan has a nuisance value to the Axis and would be very severely hit by entering a war with first class nations.

Chungking thinks the new Jap Government will continue to press for concessions from U.S.A. and Britain and will probably fail.

RUSSIA. The battle for Moscow still continues with unabated fury. In the Donz basin sector, a large tank battle took place yesterday, and some progress was made by the Russians, details of which have not been disclosed. In the Leningrad Sector, Berlin admits fierce fighting and counter attacks by the defenders. Russian sources claim some advance on this sector. Two villages have been recaptured after a lightning counter attack. Russian aircraft successfully attacked German columns in the region of the Sea of Azov and numbers of tanks and mechanized units were destroyed. The offensive patrols by Red Air force planes shot down 23 German planes with a loss of 7 to themselves. A number of U.S. correspondents have arrived at a point 550 miles east of the capital on the Volga River. British sources in summing up of the Russian situation say despite some enemy advances the Russians have slowed down the German advance and the situation appears to be in hand.

U.S.A. 7½ million pounds has been advanced to Russia on the gold which has arrived in that country from Russia a short time ago. This sum will be used to pay for arms and equipment now on its way to Russia.

Mr. A. Halliman had a talk lasting 3 hours with the President on his return from Russia. Points discussed were the immediate speeding of supplies to Russia from the U.S.A.

Mr. Cordell Hull at a conference was asked yesterday whether America would protest to Germany against the attack on the U.S. destroyer "Kierney" a few days ago. To this question he replied "It is not the U.S. policy to exchange diplomatic notes with highway men". Col. Knox launched the new Aircraft carrier HORNET after which he told the crew that each day was bringing America closer to the scene of action. When this day comes we must make the weight of the Navy felt where it is most needed.

It has been announced from Washington by the office of Production that copper will be used only in armament factories. This is the greatest single restriction ever put on American domestic production.

R.A.F. Last night Benghazi received its 147th raid since the war began. Targets in Sollum and Bardia were also bombed. An enemy convoy in the Mediterranean was attacked by the Fleet Air Arm planes which resulted in the sinking of 5 which were hit by aerial torpedoes. Sicily was again bombed ammunition factories and airbases were hit and considerable damage was caused. From these operations and M.E together with the actions in England 3 of our aircraft are missing.

It is reported that Cyprus losses in the Greek and Crete campaigns amounted to 2256 casualties of which 2249 are missing or prisoners.

Unrest is breaking out in German Occupied countries. In France a German General was shot by an assassin. 5 German Regts have been dispatched to Northern Greece where rioting against the Bulgarians has broken out. The Germans had to be sent as the Bulgarians cannot cope with the situation.

Britain The largest convoy of Canadian troops ever to cross the Atlantic has arrived in England. The Troops consisted mainly of trained Armoured Units and Pilots. There were also a number of Polish airmen from Canada and U.S.A. many of whom had escaped to America after their country fell via Russia and Japan. Enemy air activity over this country was on a small scale. 12 enemy bombers did slight damage and a few casualties were caused when a town on the Mersey side was attacked. Fierce A.A. fire quickly dispersed the raiders. Plans have been completed by the Polish Delegation here in London to send Polish troops and pilots to Russia. R.A.F. carried out many daylight raids yesterday. Targets in Northern France were bombed. A supply ship off the Dutch coast was destroyed. Bombers from the coastal command successfully attacked a convoy off the French Coast. Two ships were sunk.

RUSSIA The Russians are still holding in the Donetz and MOSCOW sectors. All day the battle raged in ever increasing tempo, once again being most intense at the approaches to MOSCOW. The battles are being described as becoming fiercer and fiercer. GERMANS are trying to force their way along the road from the west into the city. This was where they, by sheer numerical superiority of men and tanks broke through. The Russians had to withdraw but entrenched themselves and slowed down the advance. Further south the battle rages round a large populated area. Three days ago large tank formations were nearly within reach of their objective but were beaten off. Hundreds of blazing tanks litter the battlefields, and the dead are strewn over the fields. Very little street fighting is in progress in KALININ. OREL is held and defeats the GERMAN encirclement plan. In the Donetz basin the fighting is just as severe as on the MOSCOW Road. The position is serious but the Russians are staunchly holding. When the Germans failed to make progress in frontal attacks they swung round the wing of the Russians but failed to make their objectives. The intensity of the fighting is shown by the fact that villages are continually changing hands. The Russians speak of heavy losses on both sides. President ROOSEVELT and MR HARRIMAN have great confidence in the Russian situation.

MEXICO A few hours ago MEXICO resumed diplomatic relations with BRITAIN for the first time since 1938 when BRITAIN protested over the appropriation of all the oil-wells in MEXICO by the government. The Mexican consuls have been withdrawn from Germany and the German consuls have been closed in Mexico.

AMERICA \$34,000,000 has been raised for war purposes for RUSSIA. 2 more American ships have been sunk making a total of 12 since the war started. Bald Adventurer (5000) tons and Lee High (6500 tons) have been sunk some hundreds of miles South of ICELAND and off the west coast of SCOTLAND respectively. 32 men are missing altogether. Wendell WILKIE is urging for the outright repeal of the Neutrality Act. The Isolationists are expected to fight bitterly against the clauses being deleted referring to American ships entering the war zone. Col KNOX stated that the only way to stop the Nazis was to match force with force. The 2 Ocean Fleet is far ahead of it's schedule. Three more British warships put into American waters for repairs, making a total of 35 since the system began. The Americans have caught up with the sinking rate and are now attempting to go ahead of that rate. The arms production will reach it's peak in the spring and will be enough to lick HITLER and anyone else.

BRITAIN Commemorating the battle of Trafalgar a spokesman said that the battle of the Atlantic has been progressing favourably for us. The total sinkings by all methods were less than the sinkings by submarines in 1917. In intensive daylight sweeps over Occupied FRANCE considerable damage was done 8 bombers and 9 fighters were lost but 4 fighter pilots are safe.

MIDDLE EAST The strongest force of bombers ever used bombed TRIPOLI, BENGHAZI and other ports of LIBYA and SICILY. The fires at TRIPOLI were terrific.

SYRIA The Free French Forces recently arrived from Australia are overhauling the Vichy tanks and material before using.

S. AFRICA At a large conference Marshall Smuts declared that the Nazis would not stop at victories in Europe and the mighty U.S.A. has seen this.

VICHY A revised draft of the constitution is in progress. France will still remain a Republic and not a Dictatorship or Monarchy. No title such as Fuehrer will be used.

50 French hostages have been shot as reprisals for the killing of the German General. 50 more will be shot if the culprits are not forthcoming by Thursday night.



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RUSSIA There has been no important changes on the RUSSIAN front in the last 24 hours. Fierce RUSSIAN counter attacks are reported by the GERMANS in the CRIMEA sector where heavy losses have been inflicted on the GERMANS. In the DONETZ BASIN the GERMANS are throwing in fresh reinforcements in an effort to pierce the RUSSIAN lines but as yet no impression has been made says the latest RUSSIAN communique. Red Air Force planes still continue to harass the enemy on land and sea. One RUSSIAN sqd yesterday accounted for 10 enemy tanks and 250 trucks without loss to themselves.

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The GERMANS were driven out of a small village in this sector yesterday by a particularly fierce RUSSIAN counter attack in which heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy. MOSCOW was raided by GERMAN planes last night with little success. A.A. broke up the raiders and only five were able to reach the outskirts of the city where some bombs were dropped resulting in little damage and some casualties. Since M STALIN declared a state of seige in MOSCOW some days ago the Military Court has been active. Yesterday 3 men were shot, one for stealing bread, another for deserting his post. Guerilla tactics employed by the RUSSIANS behind the GERMAN lines continue to worry the enemy. At one point last night 300 GERMAN officers and men were wiped out by the use of hand grenades and the bayonet. In a general summing up of the RUSSIAN news LONDON observers say although the situation is still grave the RUSSIANS are holding the enemy in all sectors.

LONDON Lord BEAVERBROOK announced yesterday that BRITAIN was sending everything needed to RUSSIA. Silver, steel, Army clothes, rolling stock, wheat and sugar were main supplies needed by our Allies, he said, we can send them all these things, our only shortage being leather.

Raids over this country were on a small scale - no bombs were dropped.

WASHINGTON It was announced by the Maritime Commission that BRITAIN was returning 40 tankers to the U.S.A. The reason for this is that in the past few months the BRITISH Navy has definitely gained the upper hand in the battle for the Atlantic. Also increasing numbers of oil-tankers are being turned out by BRITISH shipyards.

R.A.F. Offensive raids were carried out over occupied FRANCE yesterday by fighter patrols. In the MED. our aircraft have accounted for 32 ships 23 of which were seen to sink. Raids were carried out on BENGHASI and SICILY - fires were started. It has been announced by the Air Ministry that during the recent raid on NAPLES our bombers released bombs weighing 2 tons on their target.

FRANCE In GERMAN Occupied FRANCE as reprisals against the shooting of a GERMAN General by unidentified assassians some days ago 50 Frenchmen were executed yesterday. The GERMANS have threatened that another 50 will meet the same fate today unless the wanted men are found.

NEWZEALAND The names of two N.Z. airmen appeared on the latest Air Ministry's report yesterday. They were Pilot Offr R.J. HALLAM who was awarded the D.F.C. and Flight Sgt ROCHFORD who received the D.F.M.

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**RUSSIA** Fighting has been going on for 18 weeks. Russians are still holding the approaches to Moscow, but the position becomes more serious in the southern Ukraine. Germans claim to have dropped bombs on the Kremlin. Russians claim Commd of 26th German Division killed in plane crash near Kalinin. Moscow sector grimly holding out. German reinforcements including the 110th Division arriving from Leningrad. Workers and Russian regulars fighting side by side. Eight tanks broke through Kalinin causing panic amongst the Germans who blew bridges to impede them. German claims intensified action against Moscow, but the approaches to the city have stiffened. Bitter fighting continues at Kalinin. In the south Germans are attempting to cross river Oka.

Ukraine. Situation critical. Germans claim to have captured Kharkov gateway to the Don basin on Friday. This is not confirmed, if fact today's German communique states that tanks are being produced in that city's factories and driven straight from the assembly line to the front. Germans claim that the city fell two days ago after continuous bombing and the city in flames, when entered. Russians strongly resist Rostov. 100 miles N.W. of Rostov the drives are intensified with new ~~for~~ forces constantly thrown into the battle. Russians admit the evacuation of Staline, and claim 50,000 as German losses here also 250 tanks and 150 guns.

Russia now claim German losses to be 3 1/2 million killed wounded and prisoners, tens of thousands of tanks, lorries and guns. Practically all the Nazi armies are in Russia and 9/10th of their airforce, most of their armoured forces, also the armies of Rumania, Hungary Finland and not forgetting Italy. For all this the blitz has failed, and this will become a war of attrition for Hitler.

Crimea firmly repelled all German attacks.

**IRAN.** A Canadian Brigadier is in charge of transport here. Tremendous advances in communications have been made and roads mended from the Persian Gulf to the Caspian Sea. 5000 tons of goods are reaching Russia daily. Convoys through the roads each day. Russian and British officials exchange informal ~~communication~~ information. Co-operation is excellent.

**ENGLAND.** Mr. A. V. Alexander has sent naval equipment to Russia and the R.N. has made 14 attacks on convoys in defence of Russia. A secret scheme has been revealed in Germany of a Nationalist Church. All properties to be confiscated and Mein Kampf to replace the Bible. The Russian Trade Delegation is to go to England for further talks with the following 8 point aim 1. Unity of action; 2 Beat Nazism; 3 increasing industry; 4, help produce more war materials 5; Use of all propaganda to defeat Germany; 6 Support each other 7 Organise mutual help in Trade Unions; 8 Improve relations by personal contact.

Mr. Churchill joined Pres. Roosevelt in condemnation of Nazi brutality regarding shooting of hostages in France, expressing horror at the butcheries which outdid even the most bestial deeds of the dark ages. Retribution for these crimes will fall on German heads with a vengeance. Our real aim, however, is still the destruction of the Hitler menace. British planes in daylight sweeps hit 3 ships, one a very large one, off the French coast. Fighters gave barges, ammunition dumps and gun positions bullets by the score. A service for the Czechs was held at St Pauls and attended by many nationalities

**FRANCE.** Stringent laws now in force by Vichy to prevent repetition of the assassinations and the consequences. Gen. De Gaul in a Free French broadcast to France, asked everyone to stop work for 5 minutes in a gigantic protest. Germans have a new scheme to apprehend the assassins of Nantes and Bordeaux. French P.O.W.s will be released if their families can throw any light on the subject, if not 50 more hostages die tonight and another 50 on Wednesday. The Chilian Minister in Berlin has asked the German Governor in occupied France to reconsider his decisions.

**ITALY.** Naples bombed for the 4th and 5th times on successive nights. Thursday's raid was for 6 hours causing great destruction. Friday's could not be fully observed due to cloudy conditions.

Tripoli bombed for 7 1/2 hours on Thursday and again on Friday also other objectives in Libya. Speaking on Italian shipping losses, Admiral Cunningham, Commander of the British Mediterranean said that 30% of enemy ships leaving Italy for Libya never reached there and another 20% were damaged. The inactivity of the Italian Fleet was probably due to war weariness. He said morale on smaller Italian ships was much better than on the larger ones.

U.S.A. Pres Roosevelt expressed horror at the practice of executing innocent people in France. Civilized nations had ever agreed to principal that an innocent person should not suffer for another's wrongdoing. He foretold fearful retribution in later days will be the result.

Discussion of the Neutrality Act regarding arming of merchant vessels and entering war zones is to begin.

Col. Knox stated that the U.S.A. navy was now the greatest in the world and must remain so, otherwise there another war would be the outcome of this one.

A new Cruiser, the 3rd of the new "Juno" class was launched. Soon a new cruiser will be completed every 30 days.

A new 60 ton tank has been completed. It has the heaviest armour and fire power of any tank yet.

The Labour Leader, Mr. John Lewis has received a personal letter from the President, asking him to meet the Steel Corporation Director and come to an agreement regarding the coal strike which was

affecting 58,000 miners. The President has asked the leader to have the men continue work until a settlement is reached.

U.S.A. The President's Navy Day speech stressed two points; (a) That the shooting match between U.S.A. v Nazi Germany has begun. (b) That U.S.A. steel production is threatened by coal strikes.

The President in his speech:- There was no longer any question who had fired the first shot. The "Kearney" attack was not just a torpedo fired at a ship, but an action directed against every U.S.A. citizen, man woman and child. Hitler had tried to frighten U.S. ships from the seas. This is not the first time his deductions were incorrect, as the more he directed the U.S. ships to sail, the more determined were these same ships to retain their freedom of movement. Hitler thought that his submarines would make U.S.A. leave her ships skulking in ports until such time as Hitler would decree the routes for them to take. That absurd and insulting suggestion is rejected emphatically.

Roosevelt disclosed that he had in his possession a secret map prepared by the Nazis. It proposed to organize to 14 South American states into 5 vassal states, in one would be included Panama and the canal. The President assured that this plan would never go into action. The President went on and mentioned Hitler's proposal to substitute Mien Gampf for the Bible. Ever day more and more arms for Britain and Russia is the primary task of the U.S.A. Once the Hitler menace is ridded the way will be open for a new peace with security freedom and faith as its pillars.

U.S.A. ships had been sunk and American sailors had lost their lives. This is not to be taken lying down. The Navy is ordered to shoot at sight and will live up to its motto Full steam ahead and damn the torpedoes.

Output ~~XX~~ must not be retarded by a dangerous minority such as Labour Leaders and coal magnates. (Loud applause) At present we are in the thick of the Neutrality Act Amendment and when that is over we will deal with the matter strongly and eliminate this 4th Hitler Column. Industry is being steadily developed to withstand all aggressors. That was what was ment by Total Defence.

A glowing tribute to the magnificent resistance of the Russians. They needed all kinds of help and were getting it. U.S.A. had the colossal task of supplying all her own needs also those of Russian Britain and China.

The decks were cleared for action and the navy was ready for full duty. A rebroadcast of the President's skeech was to be at 0715 hrs G.M.T. today.

During the debate on the Neutrality Act the point regarding the steel strike was brough up but ne member said that they were too busy with the Neutrality Bill to deal fully with the subject at present and in the words of the President and those fourth members of the Axis who were causing it.

Admiral Stark, Naval Commander said that gun crews for merchant men would be trained by the Navy. Mr. Cordell Hull expressed extreme necessity of delivering the war supplies. The Isolationists assert that to amend the Bill is to begin a huge 2 ocean shooting match. At th Internation Labour Conference a full survey of Colonial Trade conditions was tabled. Britain had accomplished much to introduce TradeUnions and this bettered the lot of the workers. The Steel industry is threatened by Mr. John L Lewis and Mr Taylor. Supply of coal in steel works range from 1 weeks supply to six weeks supply ab on grass. President Roosevelt made a third appeal to the strikers through their leader to return to work while the matter was thrashed out. Lord Halifax at a War Relief Rally in N.York said, never before had a finer spirit of resistance againstthe Germans been shown than by the Russians.

RUSSIA. Moscow sector. A little easier after a ~~XX~~ 2 day of crisis. All German attacks have not only been halted but many counter attacks . Germans are still being held in the west. Violent fighting still in progress around Kalinin. German aircraft are raiding Moscow day and night often showering the city with leaflets calling on the city to surrender. Ukraine:- Fierce fighting in the Rostov district. Po Position critical at Kharkov and at Taganrog. Crimea:- Fierce fighting at the approaches to the peninsula. Some German regiments h have lost up to 80% of their men. Leningrad:- Big German losses of 15000 in the past 6 weeks. Russians are attacking near Novograd and Lake Ilmen.

RUSSIA. Heavy fighting at the approaches to MOSCOW, at MOJAISK, MALOYAROSLAVEZ and VOLOKILPSH. This is the first time that the last named town has been mentioned and indicates one of two things- either the Germans have resumed the offensive or have thrust due north to MOJAISK. The Russians appear to be holding or counter-attacking in these regions, but there is nothing to suggest that the danger to the capital has diminished. Tuesday night Moscow radio admits that planes indiscriminately bombed the city but were driven off by A.A. fire and night fighters; damage was done and casualties caused, but no military objectives hit.

Ukraine and Crimea. Position remains serious. The Dantz drive has not yet halted. The Germans now admit that the town of KHARKOV has not been wholly evacuated- many streets are just masses of flames showing an example of the terrific bombing taken by the city and the scorched earth policy of the Russians. The Germans are also 10 or 15 miles from RATOV. At the approaches to the Crimea many points have changed hands many times in the past few days. 20,000 Germans killed and wounded in the last 5 days.

U.S.A. President Roosevelt at a press interview was bombarded with questions on his Navy Day speech. He refused to show the map of the plan to subdivide South American States into 5 ~~WILL~~ vassal states and foreshadowed a denial by Germany of this and also the threats and insults to be poured on his head. Reason for refusing to publish the map or information of Hitler's New Church was that this may close certain channels of information.

He is considering legislation to end strikes in defence industries. There are ten ideas on how to stop strikes and each method had to be carefully considered. Another \$ 5,985,000,000 were appropriated for defence against the aggressor and 176,000,000 dollars for the defences.

FRANCE. Hitler has postponed indefinitely the executions of the Hostages while the search for the assassins goes on. The people of occupied France showed lights when R.A.F. was over last night. Doors being flung open, blackout curtains torn down and even a V in oil lamps in fields.

ENGLAND. A N.Z. pilot in a Recce yesterday shot down an M.E. 109 and gave another a long M.G. burst. He almost flew into the firsts piolets as they floated down by parachute.. Czheck piolets bombed Dunkirk and other bombers gave attention to a convoy off the coast of Holland. One enemy bomber was destroyed over England last night. 5 famous Russian flyers are in England to see M. Maisky including the pilots of the trip from Moscow to California in 1937.

It is announced that the V.C. has been won by Pte. James Gordon an Australian for the fighting in Syria. He rushed a M.G. post after his officer had been killed and he bayoneted 4 of the occupants. His is the 3rd Australian V.C. of the war.

On the anniversary of the Italian attack on Greece the Greek Minister in London revealed that the German Commander of the forces which invaded Crete shot himself because the island was not captured in 2 days. The Greeks, by their valient efforts had immobilized 15 divisions of Italians and 20,000 Germans were necessary before the country had been overcome. The Order of the Silver Cross had been approved by thr Greek Government for 2nd Lieut J. Ryan (the N.Zer who commanded the platoon which escorted King George to safety from Crete.) also the N.Zs.

During the German blitz on Greece, 9 towns were utterly destroyed and in 6 of them, not even one house was left standing.

JAPAN. Referring to the border clash on Monday the Jap Times said this was due to a few insubordinate soldiers and could be settled amicably by local authorities. Japan and Russia were on friendly terms.

MED/ At the heel of Italy, medium bombers hit a railwaystation, goods train and a bridge. Benghazi and Bardia also bombed. The effectiveness of British Bombing on Benghazi was told by 3 escaped prisoners (2 Rhodesians and a Britisher) after seven days across the desert trek. Every night the people streamed out of the city. It took the 3 men a long time to save the food necessary for the journey as the meals consisted of weak coffee and a roll for breakfast, macaroni for dinner. The 300 men in the prison camp (200 Australian) were in good spirits despite the hardships. Concerts were many, and each ended

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dinner. The 300 hundred men in the prison camp (200 Australians) were in good spirits despite the hardships. Concerts were many, and each ended in the National Anthem sung as loudly as possible. The I'ties and Germans could not understand it. The GERMANS seemed to get the best of everything and they were not on good terms with the Italians, and vice versa.

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RUSSIA

BERLIN was raided by RUSSIAN bombers and many military and industrial targets were bombed. H.E. and incendiaries were dropped also leaflets. MOSCOW was also raided in a similar fashion, the difference being that the GERMANS bombed indiscriminately. The RUSSIAN raid shows that they are determined to continue the struggle to the limit of their capacity.

UKRAINE

RUSSIANS admit that they have evacuated KHARKOV after having removed all the most important machinery and rolling stock. The smaller factories were blown up. Although the loss is a serious blow to the RUSSIANS it must be remembered that the GERMANS claimed its fall early in September.

The GERMANS lost 120,000 killed and wounded in their drives on KHARKOV, 450 tanks and armoured cars and 3000 lorries of military equipment. ROSTOV is threatened by the GERMAN coastal drive.

MOSCOW

Pressure all along the front with fresh troops being brought up, to advance at all costs, which have been very dear so far. The most serious threat is from the south from OREL and the RUSSIANS have had to fall back after inflicting severe casualties on the enemy.

U.S.A.

At a press conference Col KNOX refused to say whether USA ships had already sunk GERMAN usbs. The Naval Dept. has applied the policy of secrecy as mystery effects the morale of the enemy. It was indicated that subs were operating in the region off their west coast of AFRICA, but did not mean to say that the GERMANS were using DAKAR. The Minister for the Interior stated that 12 of the 14 tankers lent to BRITAIN had been returned, and would relieve the strain on Atlantic coastal shipping.

At the International Labour Conference in NEW YORK, the INDIAN representative told of vast improvements in working conditions there. It was hoped that the DELHI conference last year when Asiatic countries and AUSTRALIA and N.Z. pooled resources for the War Effort, would also be in effect after the war, regarding the trade. Expansion of trade was the way to increase the standard of living.

The South African delegate said that despite the war, organised labour had not only maintained its standards but had improved them.

Pres. Roosevelt and the Labour leader John L. Lewis, also Mr Taylor discussed the strike for six hours. It is hoped that an early understanding will be arrived at by all concerned.

ENGLAND

Earle Page has arrived in LONDON and was greeted by Lord Cranbourne and Sir Stanley Bruce. He was given a Gas-mask and helmet immediately. He said that in AUSTRALIA the people were in favour of steady unrelenting prosecution of the war.

Offensive sweeps over occupied countries once again. First snow is now falling over the Channel, for the season.

The King and Queen visited four large industrial towns and inspected secret anti-tank guns, also immense shells. Their Majesties had to give up all their matches and cigarettes and wear rubber shoes.

Mr Churchill visited his old school - Harrow. He spoke of last visit 10 months ago - when BRITAIN stood alone. The lessons learnt from the present struggle were never to give in no matter how overwhelming the opposition seemed or how much it was growing.

MALTA

After 39 years service in MALTA Brig GIBBY has retired on reaching the age limit; he was given a position as Col Comd of Maltese Coastal Artillery. Two alerts yesterday but no raids.

MALAYA

The Federated Malay States gave £2,000,000 free of interest to help the War effort. Lord Mayne telegraphed the Govt's gratitude and acceptance.

RUSSIA

RUSSIA has been selected as the best place for the production of munitions. The Government has decided to increase the production of munitions in RUSSIA. The Government has decided to increase the production of munitions in RUSSIA.

RUSSIA. Moscow front; Plerce fighting at the approaches- all attacks repulsed with great loss. 47 planes were shot down on Wednesday. The Russian air force has destroyed on this front in the past week, 55 tanks 340 lorries 30 guns, 2 ammunition dumps and several railway trucks loaded with shells also 20 staff cars.

Leningrad. Germans speak of Russian attacks in the last few days, showing unbelievable tenacity. Home radio speak of surprise landings behind the Germans, gained positions from them. Ukraine. Germans say that the drive towards Rostov has been temporarily checked. Russians speak of recovery of strategical heights a long the road, giving crack German divisions a bad time. Crimea:- Germans claim to have forced an entrance to the Crimea after what they termed the toughest battle in the campaign. Every type of weapon was used from bayonets to flame throwers and latest anti-tank weapons. BRITAIN Direct aid to Russia was given in the form of a large scale raid on a Norwegian port from which Germany supplies her Northern army in Russia. A squadron of bombers relentlessly bombed the port for hours until the port and town was wreathed in flame and smoke. Damage done was enormous. 4 supply ships sunk or sinking one in flames. One

with the superstructure blown off, 1 coveite severely damaged, barracks machineganned, wireless station and power plant bombed and troop lorries driven off the road. It was the most devastating raid by a single squadron on shipping. An eyewitness tells what the Russians mean when they say that the industries have been removed from Kharkov. This man saw factories removed from Kiev piece by piece, when the city was being shelled, and now 7 weeks later it is hundreds of miles away and producing 3/4s to 1 and 3/4 times its normal output. Girls in uniform guard the entrances while workers bring hundreds of trees to help build the factory workers homes. Most of the workers went from Kiev with their factory. British cotton workers are asked to return to the mills from other jobs as Russia has lost most of her cotton industry to Germany, and Britain must now supply Russia also. The King saw several secret figures of the new tanks of which "Matilda" is ideal for conditions in Russia R.A.F. made the usual daylight raid over occupied countries. Although these raids are boring to read about, the jobs done are hair raising to the pilots, one of whom, a lad of 19 hit some high tension wires at 30 Ft and yet returned safely with his plane. Sir Earl Christmas Page represented Australia at the war Council yesterday.

Med. Southern Italy was again bombed heavily, railways and a gas works were blown up. 1 Bomber is missing.

France. There is a factory holdup for 5 minutes as a protest against the killing of French hostages. De Gaulists in Britain remained silent for 5 minutes today. The foreign Minister for Costa Rica has also joined Chili in showing strong disapproval of Germany's action in murdering hostages.

Iceland. The Regent has asked the Government to reconsider its decision to resign over the Cost of Living increase problem. The Government will continue. U.S.A. The Anglo American mission to Russia has handed its report to the President. No details are available. Mr. Hopkins who met M. Stalin, spoke of his confidence in his country's ability to beat the Germans. Hopkins said he hoped he was never hated as Stalin hated Hitler. U.S.A. is to speed up all production and electric power is to be conserved in the Eastern states and not to be used for signs or floodlit sport arenas. Pres. Roosevelt has ordered that troops are to take over "AIR Associations Ltd" as wrangling has been going on there since the end of last month. "Our country is in danger" says the Pres. The international Labour Conference had its 5th session. All delegates spoke of the closer bonds between employees and workers in the democratic countries since the war began.



APPENDIX No 5

OFFICIAL WAR  
DIARY No. 1

LOCATION  
STATEMENTS

Oct 1941

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LOCATION STATEMENT SHOWING LOCATIONS AS AT 1200 HRS 2 OCT 41

UNIT	LOCATION	
17 AUST INF BDE H. Q. "J" Sec 6 DIV SIGS 46 L. A. D. 5 Pl H. Q. Gd Bn.	KFAR AKKA	16052623
2/3 Aust Inf Bn. H. Q. Sig Office	BECHMEZZINE	15772648
" " " " Officers Mess	"	15692644
" " " " R. A. P.	"	15722643
" " " " H. Q. Coy.	"	15762647
" " " " Sig Pl.	"	15772649
" " " " A. A. Pl.	"	15782647
" " " " Mortar Pl	CHEKA Cement Works	150264
" " " " Pioneer Pl	BECHMEZZINE	15732646
" " " " Transport	"	15772646
" " " " R.Q.M. Store	"	15762647
" " " " "A" Coy.	"	"
" " Less 7 Pl	CHEKA Cement Works	150264
" " " " 7 Pl "A" Coy.	O.P. MAR YACOUB	15862728
	O.P. MAR SAMAR	14652386
	O.P. RAS KOUBBA	14362596
	O.P. AMMSHITE	14102458
" " " " "B" Coy	BECHMEZZINE	15672645
" " " " " " 10 Pl	"	15682645
" " " " " " 11 Pl	"	15672646
" " " " " " 12 Pl	"	15672646
" " " " "D" " "	KFAR HAZIR	15472635
" " " " " " 16 Pl	" "	15482634
" " " " " " 17 Pl	" "	15482634
" " " " " " 18 Pl	" "	15482634
" " " " "C" " "	TRIPOLI-El Mina 1/10.000	1593027885
" " " " " " 6 Sec 14 Pl. No 1 Post		1612527925
" " " " " " 4 Sec 14 Pl. No 2 Post		1606027905
" " " " " " 8 Sec 15 Pl. No 3 Post		1588527930
" " " " " " 7 Sec 15 Pl. No 4 Post		1585027965
" " " " " " 9 Sec 15 Pl. No 5 Post		1583027965
" " " " " " 5 Sec 14 Pl. No 6 Post		1582527901
" " " " " " 2 Carriers No 7 Post		1582027870
" " " " " " 2 Carriers		1589027825
" " " " " " 13 Pl MOBILE RESERVE.		
2/5 Aust Inf Bn. H. Q.	BAALBEK 1/50000	18012559
" " " " "A" Coy.		18072528
" " " " "B" "		18012538
" " " " "C" "		18122544
" " " " "H. Q." Coy		18032559
" " " " "D"	KARTABA 1/50000	17362555
No 5 A. A. S. C. Coy.	DAHAR EL AIN	16172722
2/4 Aust Fd Amb(Less A & B Coys)	ITALIAN HOSPITAL	16042777
" " " " "A" Coy	BTERRAM	15842651
" " " " "B" Coy	BOUKA	15983992
7 AUST. DIV. H. Q.	TRIPOLI	16162774
21 AUST. INF. BDE. H. Q.	MADJLAYA	16422752
25 AUST. INF. BDE. H. Q.	CAMP LEGOULT	16292775
2/6 AUST. FD. REGT.	JDAIDE	16562689

*A. Chapman* Lieut.  
I. O. 17 Aust Inf Bde.

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17 AUST INF BDE.SECRET.Location statement showing Locations as at 1200 hours 8 Oct 1941.

UNIT	LOCATION.	
17 AUST INF BDE. H.Q.		16052623
"J" Sec 6 Div Sigs		16052623
46 L. A. D.	KFAR AKKA	16052623
5 Pl. H. Q. Gd Bn.		16052623
2/3 Aust Inf Bn H.Q. )	BECHMEZZINE	15772648
Sig Office )		
H. Q. Coy		15762647
A Coy (Less 7 Pl)	CHEKA CEMENT WORKS	150 264
7 Pl.	O.P. MAR YACoub	15862728
	O.P. MAR SAMAR	14652386
	O.P. RAS KoubBA	14362596
	O.P. AMMSHITE	14102458
B Coy	BECHMEZZINE.	15672645
D Coy	KFAR HAZIR	15472635
C Coy	TRIPOLI-EL MINA	
	1:10.000	1593027885
6 Sec 14 Pl	No 1 Post	1612527925
4 Sec 14 Pl	No 2 Post	1606027905
8 Sec 15 Pl	No 3 Post	1588527930
7 Sec 15 Pl	No 4 Post	1585027965
9 Sec 15 Pl	No 5 Post	1583027965
5 Sec 14 Pl	No 6 Post	1582527901
2 Carriers	No 7 Post	1582027870
2 Carriers	13 Pl Mobile Reserve	1589027825
2/5 Aust Inf Bn H.Q.	BAALBEK 1:50.000	18012559
A Coy		17972511
B Coy		18222539
C Coy		18402561
H.Q. Coy		18032559
D Coy	KARTABA 1:50.000	17362555
No 5 A.A.S.C. Coy	DAHER EL AIN	16172722
2/4 Fd Amb (less A & B Coys)	ITALIAN HOSPITAL	16042777
A Coy	BTERRAM	15842651
B Coy	BOUKA	15983992
<u>7 AUST DIV H. Q.</u>	TRIPOLI	16162774
<u>21 Aust Inf Bde. H. Q.</u>	MADJLAYA	16422752
<u>25 Aust Inf Bde H. Q.</u>	CAMP LEGOULT	16292775
2/6 AUST FD REGT	JDAIDE	16562689

Y. A. B. Camp a Capt for Lieut.  
I. O. 17 Aust Inf Bde.

Location Statement showing Locations as at 1200 hours 17 Oct 41.

UNIT.	LOCATION	
17 AUST INF BDE H. Q.		16052623
"J" Sec 6 Div Sigs		16052623
46 L.A.D.	KFAR AKKA	16052623
5 Pl. H.Q. Gd Bn.		16052623
2/3 Aust Inf Bn H. Q. )	BECHMEZZINE	15772648
Sig Office)		
H. Q. Coy		15762647
A Coy (Less 7 Pl)	CITHEKA CEMENT WORKS	150264
7 Pl.	O.P. MAR YACOB	15862728
	O.P. MAR SAMAR	14352386
	O.P. RAS KOUBRA	14362596
	O.P. AMISHITE	14102458
B Coy	BECHMEZZINE	15672645
D Coy	KFAR HAZIR	15472635
C Coy	TRIPOLI-EL MINA	
	1/10.000	1593027885
	6 Sec 14 Pl No 1 Post	1612527925
	4 Sec 14 Pl No 2 Post	1606027905
	8 Sec 15 Pl No 3 Post	1588527930
	7 Sec 15 Pl No 4 Post	1585027965
	9 Sec 15 Pl No 5 Post	1583027965
	5 Sec 14 Pl No 6 Post	1582527901
	2 Carriers No 7 Post	1582027870
	2 Carriers I3 Pl Mobile reserve	1589027825
2/5AUST INF BN H. Q. BAALBEK 1:50.000		18012559
A Coy		17972511
B Coy		18222539
C Coy (Less 13, 14., & 15 Pls)		18122544
13 Pl.		18032559
14 Pl		17362555
15 Pl		17362555
D Coy		17362555
H.Q. Coy		18032559
No 5 A. A. S. C Coy	DAHAR EL AIM	16172722
2/4 Fd Amb (Less A & B Coys)	ITALIAN HOSPITAL	16042777
A Coy	BERRAM	15842651
B Coy	BOUKA	15903992
7 AUST DIV H. Q.	TRIPOLEI	16162774
H.Q. R. A. B. 7 AUST DIV	ARMENIAN VILLAGE	16172765
H. Q. R. A. A. 7 AUST DIV		15812722
21 AUST INF BDE	MADJLAYA	16422752
2/16 Aust Inf Bn		17822713
2/27 Aust Inf Bn		17632745
2/14 Aust Inf Bn		17512756
25 Aust Inf BDE H. Q.	Camp Legoult	16292775
2/31 Aust Inf Bn	MERIATA	16922753
2/33 Aust Inf Bn	LEGOULT BARRACKS	16312773
2/25 Aust Inf Bn	CASUNE BEJAT GHANIM	16302775
No 7 DENTAL UNIT		15712045
2/6 AUST FD REGT	JDAIDE	16562689

V. J. Schofield Lieut  
I.O. 17 Aust Inf Bde.

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LOCATION STATEMENT showing locations as at 1200 hrs 23 Oct 41.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION.</u>	
H.Q. 17 Aust Inf Bde		16052623
"J" Sec 6 Aust Div Sigs	KFAR AKKA	16052623
46 L. A. D.		16052623
5 Pl. H.Q. AUST GD BN.		16052623
H. Q. 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	BECHMEZZINE	15772648
Sig Office		15772648
H. Q. Coy.		15762647
A Coy (less 7 Pl)	CHEKIA CEMENT WORKS	150264
7 Pl.	O.P. MAHYACOUB	15862728
	O.P. MAI SAMAR	14652386
	O.P. RAS KOUUBA	14362596
	O.P. AMM SHITE	14102458
B Coy	BECHMEZZINE	15672645
D Coy	KFAR HAZIR	15472635
C Coy	TRIPOLI - EL MINA 1/10.000	1593027885
	6 Sec 14 Pl No 1 Post	1612527925
	4 Sec 14 Pl No 2 Post	1606027905
	8 Sec 15 Pl No 3 Post	1588527930
	7 Sec 15 Pl No 4 Post	1585027965
	9 Sec 15 Pl No 5 Post	1583027965
	5 Sec 14 Pl No 6 Post	1582527901
	2 Carriers No 7 Post	1582027870
	2 Carriers 13 Pl. Mob. le Res.	1589027825
H. Q. 2/5 Aust Inf Bn		18012559
A. Coy		17972511
B. Coy		18102538
C. Coy (H. Q. and 2 Pls.)		18122544
D. Coy and 15 Platoon.		17362555
H.Q. Coy (Less 1 Sec)		18032559
1 Sec Wter Point		17852564
<u>No. 5 A. A. S. C.</u>	DAHAR EL AIN	16172722
<u>2/4 Aust Fd Amb. (Less A &amp; B Coys)</u>	ITALIAN HOSPITAL	16042777
A Coy	BETERRAI	15842651
B Coy	BOUKA	15933992
H. Q. 7 AUST DIV	TRIPOLI	16162774
H. Q. R. A. E. 7 AUST DIV	ARMENIAN VILLAGE	16172765
H. Q. R. A. A. 7 AUST DIV		15812722
<u>H. Q. 21 AUST INF BDE.</u>	MADJLAYA	16422752
2/16 AUST INF BN		17822713
2/27 AUST INF BN		17632745
2/14 AUST INF BN		17512756
<u>H. Q. 25 AUST INF BDE</u>	CAMP LEGOULT	16292775
2/31 AUST INF BN	MERLATA	16922753
2/33 AUST INF BN	LEGOULT BARRACKS	16312773
2/25 AUST INF BN	CASIENE BEJAT	16302775
	GHANIM	
<u>2/6 AUST FD REGT</u>	JDAIDE	16562689
<u>No. 7 DENTAL UNIT.</u>		15712645
I. O. 17 Aust Inf Bde.	<i>A. P. Hayman</i>	Lieut.

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17 Bde

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ 7 Aust Div  
30 Oct 41

SG 30/1/92

Amendments to Location Statement  
of 26 Oct '41. 7 Aust Div and att tps

H.Q. 17th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Received 31/10/41

Time ..... hrs

No .....

1. Under Para 2 - for "A Sqn" read "B Sqn"
2. Under Para 8 -  
A Coy 2/4 Aust Fd Amb          map ref      15252655  
2/6 Aust Fd Amb                  "            17042753  
14 Lt Fd Amb                      "            16322774  
2/2 Aust Fd Hyg Sec                "            15022660  
7 Aust Dental Unit BECH MEZZINE      15703644  
2 Aust Anti-Malarial Unit CHEKKA      15022660
3. Under Para 14. 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp  
Delete 9 Aust Cav, 82 LAD and substitute  
6 Aust Cav, 39 LAD  
Add C Sqn Royals with HQ A & B Sqs, ROYALS  
21 Aust Inf Bde  
C Coy 2/14 Aust Inf Bn          map ref      17562769  
HQ Coy 2/16 Aust Inf Bn                "            17812714  
2/27 Aust Inf Bn                        "            17342777  
Delete "(less A & B Coys)" and "A & B Coys  
2/27 Aust Inf Bn".
4. Under Para 16. P.L.CO TRIPOLI delete "EL MINA 15912791"  
and substitute "TRIPOLI 161277 Zalmieh".

*W. J. [unclear] Capt*  
in Col G5  
7 Aust Div.

Distribution: List A plus

- 1 Aust Corps (3)
- 7 Aust Div Reception Ca mp
- S Sup O
- Div Tps Sup O
- ADMS (for 2/2 Fd Hyg Sec)
- SOME
- Signmaster (2)
- 7 Aust Div Mob Laundry & Fwd Deen
- 84 L of C
- 6 Aust Div
- DCRE TRIPOLI
- AHQ TRIPOLI

APPENDIX No. 6

Official War  
Diary No 1

Routine Orders Etc

Oct 1941

For  
Official  
use only

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

WAR

DIARY I

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Brigadier S.G. SAVIGE, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D.

Commanding 17 AUST INF BDE

No 11.

KFAR AKKA

2 OCT 41

"G" BRANCH

113. FIELD CENSORSHIP - CORRESPONDENCE WITH ENEMY TERRITORY, ENEMY OCCUPIED TERRITORY AND NEUTRAL COUNTRIES BORDERING THEREON.

General Order 393 of 1941 is hereby amended as follows :-  
Paragraph 4. Delete the whole paragraph and substitute :-  
"Postage of 22 m/m will be prepaid in Egyptian postage stamps only. If sender is unable to obtain Egyptian postage stamps, he will enclose a British Postal order to the value of 6d with the correspondence."  
Paragraph 5 and 7. Delete "Deputy Chief Field Censor" in each case and substitute "G.S.I.(c)."  
(To be repeated in Unit Orders) (CR/ME/3135/2/G.S.I.)

114. SIGNAL PRIORITIES AND USE OF DRLS.

(a) There has been much abuse of priorities. Every effort is to be made to see that messages are NOT given a priority higher than necessary.

(b) In a number of cases it is advantageous to send a message rather than a memo. However, care is to be taken that such messages are endorsed "DRLS" except when speed necessitates their being sent by a quicker means.  
(To be repeated in Unit Orders.)

*A. Chapman* / Capt  
Major

B.M. 17 AUST INF BDE

"A" & "Q" BRANCH

115. RETURNABLE PETROL CONTAINERS

Attention is drawn to General Orders Nos 247 of 1 NOV 1940 and 24 of 10 JAN 1941.

A large number of 4-gallon returnable square cans and 4-gallon returnable round drums have been put into circulation in M.E.

These containers are being filled with leaded petrol (a petrol with a tetra-ethyl-lead content). Tetra-ethyl-lead is a highly dangerous poison, and may tend to remain in the inside seams of the can.

Os C units will, therefore, warn all ranks against the use of these returnable petrol containers for water for either



drinking or washing purposes.

Arrangements have been made for all future issues of such containers to be stencilled :-

PETROL  
LEADED  
POISON.

(To be repeated in Unit orders)

116. DISCIPLINE.

In view of the present tension in DAMASCUS caused by the economic and political situation, it is of the greatest importance that the behaviour of tps visiting DAMASCUS should be exemplary.

Bad behaviour would quickly aggravate an already difficult situation.

This will be made known to all ranks.

117. DISCIPLINE - LEAVE PARTIES.

Reports have been received that leave parties have been snatching kepis and tarbushes from the heads of the civil population. This is regarded by the Mahomedan population as an insult and is an action to be suppressed rigorously.

Leave parties will be warned that an action such as this may cause serious trouble and that offenders will be severely punished.

118. DISCIPLINE - SALUTING.

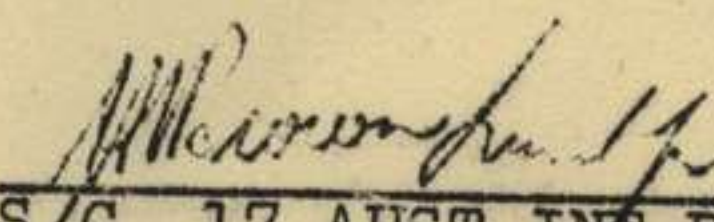
Attention has been directed to slackness on the part of officers in returning salutes. Every effort should be made to avoid slovenly habits in this respect and officers should be punctilious in returning compliments.

(To be repeated in unit orders)

119. AIF CASH OFFICE - HAIFA.

As from 22 SEP 41 a Cash Office will operate at 117 Jaffa Rd HAIFA, for the purpose of making pay available to personnel on leave of two days or more.

Palestine Currency will therefore NOT be made available in SYRIA. As usual, leave passes and paybooks must both be produced by other ranks who desire pay when on leave.

  
S/C 17 AUST INF BDE

NOTICES

OUT OF BOUNDS.

Owing to an outbreak of venereal disease, the brothel area at EL MINA is out of bounds to troops.

NOTICES

Ref 7 Aust Div Adm Cir A151 (Amenities 7 Aust Div) :-

The sum of £16 is gratefully acknowledged.

COMFORTS FUND ISSUE.

The undermentioned articles issued by the Australian Comforts Fund are gratefully acknowledged :-

180 pkts tobacco

180 cakes soap.

W.P.I.

MOST SECRET

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

A61/2/555

H.Q. 7th Aust Div. Bde.
Received 5/10/41
Time _____ hrs
No 128/3/17

HQ 7 AUST DIV  
IN THE FIELD  
5 Oct 41

C-in-C's TOUR - 7 AUST DIV AREA - 7 OCT 41

1 The C-in-C will carry out a tour of inspection of tps and area of 7 Aust Div on 7 Oct 41 in accordance with itinerary outlined on att schedule.

2 PARADES

The procedure for those tps parading will be:-

(a) Parade

To be formed up in close column of btys, coys, or secs as the case may be, where ground permits.

Bands will parade where possible.

General salute will be given to C-in-C.

Inspection by C-in-C.

(b) Dress

Summer dress. Drill order.

Arty will parade without rifles.

Those units still deficient of hats will wear steel helmets.

3 CONDUCT OF TPS NOT ON PARADE

All sentries and all tps NOT on parade are to be warned to pay the necessary compliment as the C-in-C passes.

Ample warning of approach of C-in-C will be given by Provost out-riders.

All vehs will halt and pull into the side of the rd to give the party right of way.

All bivouac areas are to be in inspection order.

4 TRAFFIC CONTROL

DAPM will establish Tcps as have already been indicated, and will provide pilot car and out-riders.

5 ORDER OF MARCH

- Pilot car
- Provost out-riders
- C-in-C and GOC 7 Aust Div
- ADCs
- Staff C-in-C
- Staff GOC 7 Aust Div

To be marshalled by DAPM between 1010 and 1020 hrs.

PTO

*Note Tps.*

*Note to  
Clean Armour  
in Advance*

*11/11/41  
1915  
5  
Oct*

6 GUARD NIGHT 7/8 OCT

The C-in-C and staff will spend the night 7/8 Oct at COL DES CEDRES.

2/5 Aust Inf Bn will mount an offrs gd, and will ensure that there are sufficient posts and prowlers to adequately protect the C-in-C.

*H. Beacombe* Col  
AA & QMG 7 AUST DIV

Distribution

All units

SNO

AADC

ITINERARY C-in-C - 7 OCT 41

- 0930 hrs - Met by out-riders 7 Aust Div Provost at EL KALMOUNE
- 0940 hrs - MG Bn line rd - one rank either side - tps at attention and offr's salute as party passes through.
- 1000 hrs - Arrive HQ 7 Aust Div. Met by GOC 7 Aust Div and staff. Gd provided by "G" Coy HQ Gd Bn.
- 1003 - 1020 hrs. Interview with GOC 7 Aust Div.
- 1022 hrs - Depart 7 Aust Div HQ.
- 1030 hrs - Arrive 25 Aust Inf Bde Area. Met by Comd 25 Aust Inf Bde at BHETAT GHANIM BARRACKS. Inspect 2/25 Aust Inf Bn.
- 1100 hrs - Depart BHETAT GHANIM BARRACKS.
- 1110 hrs - Inspect 2/6 Aust Fd Coy RAE, vicinity RAMLEH. CRE to be present.
- 1125 hrs - Comd 21 Aust Inf Bde reports to GOC 7 Aust Div. Depart RAMLEH.
- 1145 hrs - Arrive knoll 17592747 - "D" Ech area 2/27 Aust Inf Bn.
- 1200 hrs - Depart knoll 17592747.
- 1240 hrs - Arrive EL MINA Port, inspect harbour. Met by SNO and AADC.
- 1300 hrs - Depart EL MINA.
- 1315 hrs - Lunch "A" Mess.
- 1415 hrs - Depart TRIPOLI.
- 1435 hrs - Arrive BSARMA. Met by CRA and staff. Inspect 2 Aust A Tk Regt.
- 1447 hrs - Depart BSARMA.
- 1452 hrs - Inspect 2/5 Aust Fd Regt.
- 1505 hrs - Depart
- 1510 hrs - Arrive 17 Aust Inf Bde area. Met by A/Comd at rd junc KPAR AKKA. Inspect 2/3 Aust Inf Bn.
- 1530 hrs - Depart KPAR AKKA.
- 1645 hrs - Arrive COL DES CEDRES. Met by A/CO 2/5 Aust Inf Bn, and gd of 3 offr's and 50 ORs.
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Not sufficient  
time allowed

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

(Nos 120 - 129)

Not to  
be  
published

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Brigadier S.G. SAVIGE, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D.

Commanding 17 AUST INF BDE

No 12

IN THE FIELD

8 OCT 41

GENERAL STAFF

120 SCHOOLS

- (i) ME Schools - additional copies of joining instns are available at this HQ for issue on application.
- (ii) ME and AIF Schools - Units will ensure that all students sent to schools are medically fit.
- (iii) AIF Schools - It has been reported that many students have not complied with joining instns relating to AIF Schools. Students have reported without rifles, bayonets, and other articles of eqpt, contrary to instns. As these incidents seriously affect the efficient administration of the schools, formations and units will take the necessary action to ensure that joining instns are complied with fully.

*S. G. Savige* <sup>Brigadier</sup> Major  
B/M 17 AUST INF BDE

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"A" & "Q" BRANCH

121. BOUNDS

120 Metal rd running SW towards beach from rd junc 15992752 on rd TRIPOLI - BEIRUT, and in vicinity of rifle range is out of bounds to all ranks during range practice.

122. USE OF MT

Attention is again drawn to DRO 441 which directs that NO vehs will proceed beyond the DIV area without authority from DIV HQ.

123. ROAD MENDING MATERIALS

It has been brought to notice that certain units have removed road mending materials from repair dumps on roads. The practice will cease forthwith. Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.  
(To be repeated in Unit Orders)

124. SUPPLIES

In future units will ensure that a WO or NCO rep of the unit is present at the SP or PP when drawing rations etc or pet.

125. AG EQPT

(i) Units will NOT issue, for the present, more capes AG than are immediately necessary, having due regard to the necessity of carrying out AG tng. Those issued will form a unit pool for tng.

(ii) Curtains AG will remain withdrawn from units and held in reserve in Ord Depots - ref CRME/9383/G(SD) of 25 APR 41.

126. USE OF .450 TSMG AMN

Until further notice .450 TSMG Amn of 1940 manufacture will be used for pistols only.

(CR/PAL/17036/1/Os(4) of 1 OCT 41)

127. DISCIPLINE - SALUTING

Attention has been directed to slackness on the part of officers in returning salutes. Every effort should be made to avoid slovenly habits in this respect and officers should be punctilious in returning compliments.

(To be repeated in unit orders)

128. ACTING WARRANT OR NC RANK - RELINQUISHMENT OF

Further to AIF Order (ME) No 17, of 20 JUL 1940, in connection with the appointment to, confirmation and relinquishment of acting warrant or non-commissioned rank, vice casualties, personnel appointed to acting warrant or non-commissioned rank for reasons other than the replacement of casualties will automatically relinquish such rank when personnel concerned are transferred to "X" List.

Commanding Officers will ensure the lodgment of the necessary Casualty Returns with Officer-in-Charge, 2nd Echelon AIF (ME), and that the necessary adjustments are made in the soldier's paybook.

(To be repeated in all unit orders)

129. RECONDITIONING OF FIELD CABLE

(a) Arrangements have been made for the re-insulation of field cable to be carried out at the Parc Telegraphique, BEIRUT.

(b) Units will recover and return all used cable forthwith to Sigs 7 Aust Div. Salv unit will also deliver any holdings to Sigs immediately.

(c) Sigs will decide what cable is suitable for re-insulation and have it permanently jointed with not more than one joint per 100 yds and wound on drums in lengths of not less than 1/2 mile.

(d) Sigs will deliver all cable for re-insulation to :-

Offr i/c Port Wkshop Det,  
RAOC  
BEIRUT

(1 Aust Corps Q3/416 of 4 OCT 41)

*McGowan* *Leut J* Captain  
S/C 17 AUST INF BDE

NOTICES

VACANCIES FOR CLERKS - HQ 7 AUST DIV

Applications are invited to fill vacancies for clerks at HQ 7 Aust Div.

Applicants must be efficient typists and a practical knowledge of shorthand would be an advantage, but is NOT essential.

Particulars of personnel desiring consideration should be submitted to this HQ NOT later than 12 OCT 41.

(To be repeated in unit orders)

STOLEN ARMS, EQPT ETC

Rifle No	79450	from	Gd Pl, 25 Aust Inf Bde
"	" 96740	"	"C" Coy HQ Gd Bn
"	" 70208	"	2/6 Aust Fd Amb
"	" 41669	"	HQ AASC 7 Div
"	" 4250)		
"	" 3357)		
"	" 83461)	"	2/3 Aust MG Bn
"	" 84923)		
"	" 84998)		
"	" 90563	"	No 5 Coy AASC
"	" 68081	"	Sigs 7 Aust Div
"	" 1432	"	25 Aust Inf Bde
"	" 63490	"	2/4 Aust Fd Amb

Revolver No .3/998 .455 Webley, from Offrs quarters, "C" Div Sec, 2/1 Aust Ord Fd Pk, 28 SEP 41.

Pistol, .38 Enfield Mk II, from HQ 7 Aust Div, initials "RI" on butt.

BREDA LMG, ground sheet, covering and magazine containing 20 rds amm; Steel case containing electrician's tools, branded "E3" and unit serial number, from 8 Aust Rec Sec, night 27/28 SEP 41.

Binoculars Prismatic, No .31126, from 2/5 Aust Fd Regt, 13 SEP 41.

Paybook, clothing, boots, camera and case, groundsheet, from No 5 Coy AASC, night 19/20 SEP 41.

Three cleaning rods, Universal kit bags and contents, boots, haversacks, from bivouac area HQ AASC 7 Div, night 20/21 SEP 41.

RCA Table Radio, (8 valves, brown colour, with speaker in left hand portion) from 25 Aust Inf Bde, Legoult Barracks area, 21 SEP 41.

Spare wheel and tyre removed from Van No .216 on charge to HQ AASC 7 Div, night 27/28 SEP 41.

FOUND

Rifle No.49205, held at 7 Aust Div Reception Camp and apparently left there by member of reinft draft.

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DISTRIBUTION

7 AUST DIV  
2/3 AUST INF BN  
2/5 AUST INF BN  
BRIGADE COMMANDER  
BRIGADE MAJOR  
BRIGADE MAJOR (L)  
STAFF CAPTAIN  
STAFF CAPTAIN (L)  
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER  
TRANSPORT OFFICER  
SUPPLY OFFICER  
L.O. 1  
L.O. 2  
L.O. 3  
SIGNAL OFFICER (2)  
OFFICER GUARD BN  
OFFICER L.A.D.  
C.S.M.  
C.Q.M.S.  
WAR DIARY (3)  
NOTICE BOARD  
FILE  
OFFICERS' MESS

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ROUTINE ORDERS

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Lt-Col R KING Adm Comd 17 AUST INF BDE

No 13

IN THE FIELD

23 Oct 41.

GENERAL STAFF

130 DESIGNATION - 7 AUST DIV PET AND AMN COYS AND SUP COLN

DRO 385 is cancelled. In future the official designation of these coys and coln will be as stated above.

*apch...*  
Major  
B/M 17 AUST INF BDE

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"A" & "Q" BRANCH

131 POSTAL - RESPONSIBILITY FOR DELIVERY AND SAFE CUSTODY OF MAILS

Attention is drawn to the instruction No 440, appearing in AIF Standing Orders -

"The distribution of all letters, newspapers and parcels addressed to a unit becomes a unit responsibility upon delivery of the mails to the Post Orderly and suitable arrangements should be made by unit commanders for the safe custody of mail matter, particularly registered articles and parcels, pending delivery to addressee."

132 LP WATER TANKS - 110 GALLS

Units will take immediate action to check and fwd direct to DADOS the number of tanks, water (LP) 110 galls, in their possession, purpose for which used and whether mounted on vehs or otherwise.

133 REG NO. OF EQPT

Cases have lately occurred of officers losing Binoculars, Revolvers etc, and NOT being able to produce the Reg No of the article lost. NOT ONLY should this infm be in possession of the QM of the unit, but offrs and O.Rs concerned should memorise or note such Nos. in the same way as a man is expected to remember his rifle No.

134 PRESERVED MEAT

Ref DRO 527, it is now advised that the substitution of preserved meat will apply to frozen meat only and NOT to fresh meat.

135 CAPTURED REVOLVERS AND PISTOLS

Approval has been given by GHQ MEF for the retention of captured pistols by AIF personnel as a temporary expedient until stocks of .38 pistols become available for issue.

Captured pistols will then be returned in accordance with AIF Order (ME) 236 of 7 Mar 41.

No liability can be accepted for provision of amm for captured pistols other than service calibres.

(AIF (ME) G2417 - 18 Oct 41)

136 BATTERIES - MAINTENANCE OF

Many batteries returned to Base Ord Wkshops for repairs or charging are found to be in an unserviceable condition and indicate that reasonable care and maintenance is not being carried out.

Where lack of care and maintenance can be proved a charge will be made against the unit responsible.

Particular attention will be paid to keeping batteries topped with distilled water and to keeping them in a clean condition as laid down in Inspection, Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles (Wheeled) 11 Nov 41.

(CR/ME23516/OS)

137 PAINTING OF VEHICLES

Under present conditions, complete re-painting of vehs is not possible except during overhaul in Base Ord Wkshops.

During 1st and 2nd Line repairs vehs will be "touched up", but under no circumstances will indents be submitted by wkshops or units for paint required to repaint completely vehs in the field.

The scale of paint allowed for retouching purposes is 10% of that authorised in Formation Orders for handpainting with one coat of colours.

(CR/ME/3905/OS)

138 AMN RETURNS

Commencing with the return due on 28 Oct 41, amn expenditure for the week ending 2359 hrs each Mon will be shown in addition to amn held. The same pro forma will be used (appx "A" to 7 Aust Div Cir Q140), but an extra column will be added to show expenditure of the various types.

139 DISCIPLINE

Attention is directed to appx "A" to these orders.

140 ANTI-WASTE

All ranks are asked to co-operate in assisting the anti-waste campaign.

*W. W. W. W. W.* Capt.  
S/C 17 AUST INF BDE

NOTICESCHRISTMAS FARE

Advice has been received that AACS will be making a free distribution of Christmas Fare to the value of 100 mils per man.

A list of special goods which can be ordered on this basis will be fwded to Div early in Nov.

In addition to this a further free distribution of general goods to the value of 60 mils per man is being provided.

AIRGRAPH CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Personnel who intending sending airgraph Christmas greetings to the United Kingdom are advised to post now.

STOLEN

Rifles 64835 and 64850 from HQ RAA 7 Aust Div.

FOUND

Identity Discs - WX4139 A G ELLIS  
VX27798 CROZIER DURHAM

APPX "A" TO 7 AUST DIV ROs O 22 OCT 41.

The following is extracted from a speech made by JULIUS CAESAR to some soldiers at PLACENTIA in 49 BC:-

"For no society of men whatever can preserve its unity and continue to exist, if the criminal element is not punished, since, if the diseased member does not receive proper treatment, it causes all the rest, even as in our own physical bodies, to share in its affliction. And least of all in armies discipline be relaxed, because when the wrong-doers have power they become daring, and corrupt the excellent also by causing them to grow dejected, and to believe that they will obtain no benefit from right behaviour. For wherever the insolent element has the advantage there inevitably the decent element has the worst of it, and wherever wrong-doing is unpunished, there self-restraint also goes unrewarded. For it is not by any characteristic of birth that what is friendly is distinguished from what is hostile, but it is determined by men's habits and actions, which, if they are good can make that which is alien like unto itself, but if bad, can alienate everything even that which is alien."

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NOTICES

AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND

HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde gratefully acknowledges the receipt of the following from the A.C.F.:-

- 380 Cigarettes
- 189 Tins Tobadco
- 378 Cig Papers
- 64 Tins of Soup
- 190 Cakes of Soap.

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Distribution as per No 12

SECRET.17 AUST INF BDE.P. A. D. SECURITY INSTRUCTION SYRIA No 1

1. Units under Comd. 17 Aust. Inf. Bde. will be responsible for P. A. D. and security measures in their own areas.
  2. Action to be taken immediately. 2/3 and 2/5 Bns. will:-
    - (a) Appoint a P.A.D. Officer and forward his name to this H.Q.
    - (b) Dig slit trenches at once in the vicinity of billets, camps and bivouac areas. Slit trenches must NOT be dug too close together NOR must they be dug closer to a building than 50% of its height. When it is not practicable to dig slit trenches in an easily accessible position, the protection afforded by buildings will be improved if considered necessary.
    - (c) Blackout will be strictly enforced and M.T. vehicles must have their lights painted to conform with regulations.
    - (d) Vehicles will be dispersed and maximum use is to be made of natural cover, where this is not available, camouflage must be used.
    - (e) Establish A.A. L.M.G. posts on the basis of one per Coy. These posts must be manned permanently by day.
  3. Air Raid Warning:- The warning that hostile aircraft are approaching will be passed by phone to 2/3, 2/5 Bns by Sigs. H.Q. 17 Aust Inf Bde. immediately it is received from 7 Aust Div. The words "ALARM" or "ALL CLEAR" only will be used when notifying units.
  4. Action after raids:-
    - (a) Carry out bomb recce of area.
    - (b) Report casualties, damage, result of bomb recce with full details of raid to this H.Q.
- SECURITY:-
- It must be appreciated that personnel, particularly those in billets, are in close contact with the civil inhabitants of the country, elements of whom are definitely anti-British. These elements are obtaining increasing quantities of ammunition, fire-arms and other Government property. Units will therefore ensure that all possible precautions are taken to protect all Government property and to prevent leakage of information.
6. NO civilians are to be permitted to enter or loiter around billets or camping areas occupied by 17 Aust Inf Bde.
  7. Guns and ammunition, when stored, will at no time be left unguarded, and when possible, in billets, will be kept in a securely locked building.
  9. A return will be rendered to this H.Q. by 1200 hrs. on Monday of each week that all arms and ammunition have been checked and found correct. All losses discovered will be reported immediately.

Major

B.M. 17 Aust Inf Bde

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SECRET

DEFENCE AND SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS

HQ 17 AUST INF BDE AREA - KFAR AKKA

AIR ATTACK

GENERAL.

- (1) L.M.G. Tripods will be mounted on Billets Nos 1, 7, 9, 12 and 15, and the guns stored ready for action in the Billets. Guns on billets Nos 7, 9, 12 and 15 will be manned by personnel of Hq GD PL; gun on billet No 1 will be manned by Orderly Room personnel.

HQ GD PL will man the gun on billet No 15 during the hours of daylight and these personnel will act as permanent air and gas sentries.

- (2) The warning that hostile aircraft are approaching will be given by phone by HQ 7 AUST DIV. Switch-board operator will immediately sound the warning on the siren located at Sig Office. This will be taken up by the air sentry on his siren.

If the air sentry spots enemy aircraft before Sig Office sounds the warning, then he will sound the warning which will be taken up by Sig Office.

- (3) Signals -- Air Raid -- intermittent blasts  
All Clear -- continuous blast.

- (4) R.A.P. - an aid post has been established at billet No 10 and will be manned during raids (see manning table att. appx "A").

- (5) Blackout will be strictly enforced and M.T. vehicles must have their lights painted to comply with regulations.

- (6) Slit trenches will be dug in the vicinity of each billet sufficient to accomodate all personnel in the billet.

- (7) Vehicles will be dispersed and maximum use is to be made of natural cover; where this is not possible camouflage must be used.

ACTION ON AIR RAID WARNING.

- (8) All ranks except :-

- A.A.L.M.G. parties (by day only)
- Fire Fighting parties
- R.A.P. personnel
- Gas cleansing centre, personnel
- Sig Staff on duty

will proceed immediately to the nearest slit trench taking with them steel helmet and respirator. The above mentioned personnel will double to their posts.

- (9) Put on eye shields, for protection against gas spray.
- (10) Sentries take cover in slit trenches provided for them at their posts.
- (11) Aircraft will NOT be engaged by L.M.Gs unless :-
  - (a) They are within range (i.e. below 2000 ft)
  - (b) They are definitely recognised as hostile, or
  - (c) If of unknown identity they commit a hostile act against Bde HQ area.

ACTION ON ALL CLEAR.

- (12) All personnel resume normal duties.
- (13) Billet Comds will report damage and casualties to Bde Orderly Room.
- (14) Int Sec will carry out bomb recce of area.

GAS ATTACK

- (15) Gas sentry on No 15 Billet will be in possession of Gas detectors.
- (16) When gas is detected he will sound the gas alarm (trench rattle) and the warning will be picked up at each post equipped with a rattle.
- (17) All ranks will immediately don respirators.
- (18) Personnel contaminated by blister gas will immediately, unless engaged in action against hostile aircraft, carry out personal decontamination. They will then report as quickly as possible to the gas cleansing centre established at billet No 10 and manned by personnel as per list att (appx "A")

GROUND DEFENCE

- (19) Forms of attack which may be expected are :-
  - (a) Fifth column activities (riots or sabotage)
  - (b) Parachute troops attack.
- (20) To meet these forms of attack the Bde HQ will be organised as follows :-
  - (a) Area divided into 4 groups - each a defensive area.
  - (b) HQ GD PL covering the roads.
  - (c) Mobile striking force.
- (21) The allocation of personnel to the various fighting groups is shown on manning table att appx "A" and the allocation of these groups to defensive areas is shown on sketch appx "B".

- (22) In the event of ground attack L.M.Gs will be used for ground defence.
- (23) Warning for ground attack will be -- alarm signal on whistles (series of short blasts) to be repeated by all men with whistles.
- (24) On this warning secs will assemble under their comds at R.Vs shown on Manning table Appx "A".

SECURITY

- (25) It must be appreciated that Bde HQ personnel are at the moment in comparatively close contact with a number of the natives of the country, some of whom are definitely anti-British. Bearing this in mind all possible precautions must be taken to protect government property and to prevent the leakage of information.
- (26) Means of securely locking arms in billets will be provided shortly. Until such time as locked racks are available, billets in which arms are kept are at no time to be left unguarded. Billet Comds will be responsible for seeing that this order is carried out.
- (27) The following sentries and prowlers will be provided by HQ GD PL :-
  - (a) BDE HQ. 1 sentry by day and 2 by night.
    - BEAT. (day) along front of building.  
(night) around building.
    - DUTIES. To prevent unauthorised persons from entering BDE HQ and to protect all government property in vicinity.
  - (b) OFFICERS MESS. 1 sentry by day; 2 by night.
    - POST. At bottom of steps to entrance.
    - DUTIES. To prevent unauthorised persons from entering Officers' Mess, to protect property in vicinity, keep ARABS away from building.
  - (c) KITCHENS AND STAFF CAR PARK. 1 prowler by day; 2 by night.
    - AREA. From officers' mess wall to building behind kitchens. From behind Staff Car drivers' billet to behind R.A.F. incl Road junc.
    - DUTIES. To prevent ARABS from entering or loitering about buildings occupied by 17 BDE personnel. To protect all Government property in area.
  - (d) L.A.D. and TRANSPORT PARK. 1 prowler by day; 2 by night.
    - AREA. From Rd junc. at kitchens to entrance to M.T. Park. From behind L.A.D. and GD PL billets to end of M.T. Pk.



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DUTIES. To prevent ARABS from entering or loitering about buildings occupied by 17 BDE personnel. To protect all Government property in area.

*M. L. Lewis*

Captain

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A/B.M. 17 AUST INF BDE

MANNING LISTCOMD CAPT F.D.H. WRAYSPECIAL PARTIES FOR AIR AND GAS ATTACKS

1. GAS CLEANING CENTRE (Air Raid Only)      DECONTAMINATION SQUAD (Air Raid Only)
- |                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Cpl PEARLMAN C.S.) | Cpl ACEROYD B.)  |
| Pte ZIBELL H.A.)   | Dvr FINCH H.)    |
| Pte BEATON G.)     | Pte SWINTON B.)  |
| Sig BRUCE W.A.)    | Dvr CLARKE C.F.) |
|                    | Sig QUINE T.H.)  |
|                    | Pte BORWICK J.)  |
- R.V. Billet 10.      R.V. Billet 10.
- 
2. R.A.P.      NO 1 FIRE SQUAD      NO 2 FIRE SQUAD
- |               |                   |                 |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Pte ROWBOTTOM | Dvr BUCHANAN C.R. | Cpl FURY T.     |
| Pte NEIGHBOR  | Dvr ELLIS J.      | Pte THOMPSON J. |
| Pte McGRATH   | Dvr CARROLL J.W.  | Pte CHAPLAIN G. |
|               | Dvr MARSH B.J.    | Pte MITCHELL S. |
- General. Billet 10.      R.V. Orderly Room.      R.V. Offrs Mess  
Air Raid Only
- 
3. A.A.L.M.G.      A.A.L.M.G.
- |                   |                                  |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| S/Sgt CAREY F.B.  | Other Posts as detailed by Corps |
| Cpl MILLIGAN W.A. | Guard Comds.                     |
| L/Cpl CARROLL L.  |                                  |
| Pte SHIELDS A.    |                                  |
- ORDERLY ROOM R.V.
- AIR RAID ONLY

ALLOCATION OF PERSONNEL FOR GROUND DEFENCE

4. OPERATIONS.      GUARD PLATOON
- |                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <u>H.Q. R.V. BILLET 7</u> | <u>H.Q. BILLET 7</u>                      |
| Comdr -                   | No 1 Sec - Area of Billets 13 & 14        |
| Capt F.D.H. WRAY          | No 2 Sec - Road 200 x NORTH L.A.D.        |
| W.O.11 LASTELLE M.W.      | No 3 Sec - Cross Roads SOUTH Orderly Room |
| Sgt LUSHINGTON A.H.       |   |
| Pte HIGGINSON F.          |   |
| Pte CROUCH R.L.           |   |
| Pte ROSS W.E.             |   |
| Pte KITSON A.             |   |
- R.V. "Q" STORE
- |                   |
|-------------------|
| S/Sgt MURPHY H.S. |
| Cpl GAY C.L.      |
| Pte SWINTON B.    |
| Pte JONES W.G.    |
| Pte LAWSON A.G.   |
| Pte CREMER E.J.   |
| Pte HAY H.J.T.    |

GROUP I

R.V. ORDERLY ROOM

Comd - Lieut H. BROWN  
Sgt W.S. FROUDE

NO 1 SECTION

R.V. ORDERLY ROOM

Cpl MILLIGAN W.A.  
Pte BEATON G.  
Sig WILDMAN H.K.  
Sig COLLINS J.G.  
Sig CLEARY E.

NO 2 SECTION

R.V. CROSS ROADS

Cpl FISHER A.E.  
Sig SUNDERLAND C.E.  
Sig LOVE R.H.  
Sig ARMSTRONG T.H.  
Sig MAXWELL W.B.

NO 3 SECTION

R.V. WIRELESS TRUCKS

Cpl PEARLMAN C.S.  
Sig PARBERRY R.C.  
Sig PARBERRY A.R.  
Sig LEES R.N.  
Sig MUIR W.B.

GROUP 3.

R.V. BILLET 9

Comd - Lt MENZIES J.M.  
Sgt GRAY J.G.

NO 7 SECTION

R.V. BILLET 9

Cpl FURY T.  
Pte CHAPLAIN G.  
Pte THOMSON J.  
Pte ANNETTS R.  
Pte CAMBRIDGE W.R.  
Pte ATKINSON A.K.  
Pte GARTLAN E.O.  
Pte WESTON C.

NO 8 SECTION

R.V. BILLET 10

Cpl DREW C.J.  
Pte SUTTON R.S.  
Pte SCHULTZ R.  
Pte TRENNERY J.E.  
Pte ELDERFIELD G.A.  
Pte WOOD V.A.  
Pte McDONALD P.  
Pte McGOWAN J.A.

GROUP 2

R.V. BILLET 5.

Comd - Lieut McLEAN D.C.A.  
Sgt FINDLAY A.

NO 4 SECTION

R.V. BILLET 5.

Cpl ARENTZ H.L.  
Pte CARR R.  
Pte CUNNINGHAM A.C.  
Pte PAUL G.C.  
Pte SLEEMAN W.R.  
Pte DUFF B.C.  
Pte KNIGHT-SMITH L.N.  
Pte MOULDS M.R.

NO 5 SECTION

R.V. BILLET 7.

Cpl BROWN T.E.W.  
Pte RICHARDSON J.E.W.  
Pte LEMON J.T.  
Pte McKEAGUE R.  
Pte LOCKYER M.  
Pte WELLS A.G.  
Pte MORRISON A.J.  
Pte SIMPSON C.A.

NO 6 SECTION

R.V. BILLET 8

Cpl CLIFT K.R.  
Pte FARRELLY M.  
Pte BRUCE W.A.  
Pte WILSON F.H.C.  
Pte QUINE T.H.  
Pte KAYSER J.  
Pte RICHARDS H.  
Pte CLEARY E.

NO 9 SECTION

R.V. BILLET II

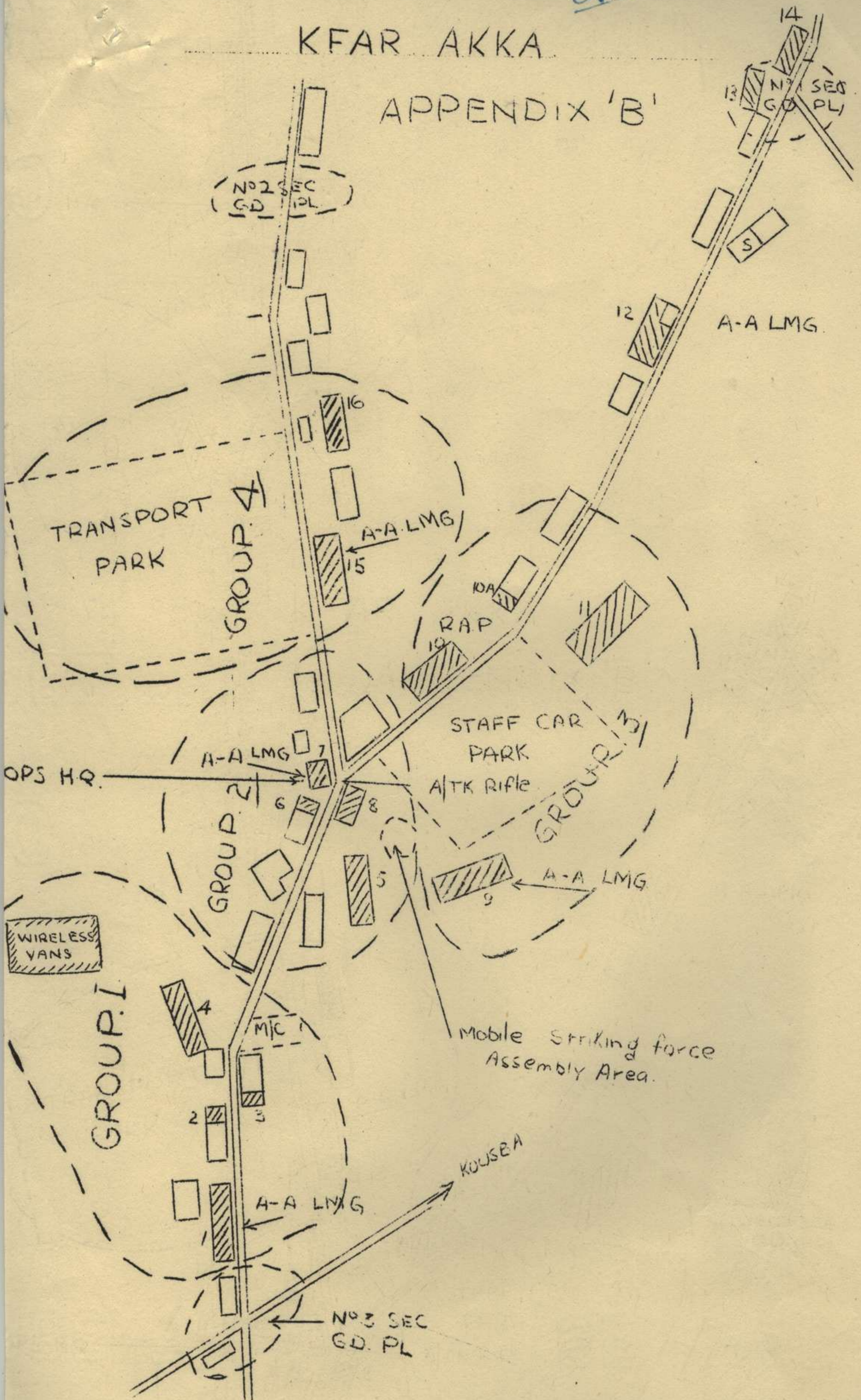
Pte SMITH A.H.  
Pte GARBUTT A.J.  
Pte FRASER R.  
Pte MITCHELL S.  
Pte McNEIL A.  
Pte WEBSTER W.  
Pte WILKINS N.S.

GROUP 4.R.V. -- L.A.D.Comdr - W.O.II HYDE A.E.  
W.O.II LANGLOIS T.A.NO 10 SECTIONR.V. L.A.D.Cpl KING H.A.  
Pte REDWOOD W.A.  
Pte MCGREGOR J.T.  
Pte LEE S.E.  
Pte DAVIDSON D.H.NO II SECTIONR.V. BILLET 16L/Cpl ZEENG S.  
Pte SEIGMAN R.  
Pte WAKEFIELD H.H.  
Pte POWER J.A.Z.  
Pte PARR G.NO 12 SECTIONR.V. TRANSPORT PARKL/Cpl BADGER A.G.  
Pte BUCHANAN C.R.  
Pte CARROLL J.W.  
Pte CLARK C.F.MOBILE FORCER.V. BILLET NO 8.Comd - Lieut SCHOFIELD V.J.  
S/Sgt CAREY F.B.Drivers - Dvr WEIR M.  
Dvr ELLIS J.NO 1 SECTIONR.V. BILLET 8L/Cpl ROBERTS K.  
Pte DENT A.E.  
Pte HUNT H.L.  
Pte WALKER J.M.  
Pte PEDDAR C.J.  
Pte WEIR M.  
Pte BULKELEY A.J.NO 2 SECTIONR.V. BILLET 8Cpl MOY D.G.  
Pte ELLIS J.  
Pte SMEDLEY E.  
Pte STEVENS J.  
Pte HAUXWELL F.  
Pte MALONEY J.R.  
Pte BRIMELOW T.BRIGADIER'S PERSONAL GUARD

Pte STARK H. and T.S.G.

# KFAR AKKA

## APPENDIX 'B'





AMENDMENTS No 2 to "DEFENCE AND SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS  
 HQ 17 AUST INF BDE AREA

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Para 2 ----- Delete "Switchboard operator" insert "superintendent".

Para 3 ----- Delete para; insert :-

Signals -- AIR RAID - intermittent short blasts.

ALL CLEAR - two long blasts on siren  
 or whistle repeated at  
 5 sec intervals for  
 2 mins.

"ACTION ON ALL CLEAR" Paras 12 - 17 -- delete and insert :-

ACTION TO BE TAKEN AFTER ATTACK.

12. Int Sec will carry out bomb recce of area.
13. Billet Comds will report damage and casualties to Bde Orderly Room.
14. "ALL CLEAR" will be sounded, when bomb recce reveals that it is safe for personnel to resume their normal duties.

GAS ATTACK

15. Detectors, gas spray, will be placed on No 15 billet.
16. If sentry detects spray on the detectors, gas spray, he will shout "SPRAY" and carry out personal decontamination.
17. Facepieces will NOT be adjusted unless vapour is smelled. Personal decontamination must be carried out BEFORE facepiece is adjusted.

*Lewis*  
 Major

R/M 17 AUST INF BDE

No 1 TRACK RECCE PARTY      29 SEP 41COMPOSITION

Cpl Moy      i/c Party  
 Pte Zibell  
 2 Muleteers  
 2 Riding mules  
 3 Pack mules.

INTENTION OF RECCE.

No 1 Party will recce. all tracks in right Bn Sector of area "C"

INFORMATION REQUIRED.

- i State of tracks - made or unmade- easily discernable, whether suitable for mule trains movement of men heavily laden.
- ii Nature of surrounding country- cover.
- iii Availability of water suitable for drinking purposes.
- iv Time taken for movement.
- v Bivouac sites.
- vi Any general information re good O.Ps. weather conditions- visibility.

ADMINISTRATION

29th Sep 41. Mules will be loaded on 2 - 30 cwt. Personnel and gear on I truck by 1300 hrs 29 Sep. 5 days rations and feed for mules will be carried forward to HASROUN where party will camp for night. 4 blankets and 4 ground sheets per man will be taken.

30th Sep. Party will move to hills via HASROUN track loaded as follows.

2 riding mules.

1 mule carrying water.

1 mule carrying 1½ days fodder for mules.

1 mule carrying blankets and 3 days rations for personnel.

Party will bivouac for night on top of escarpment.

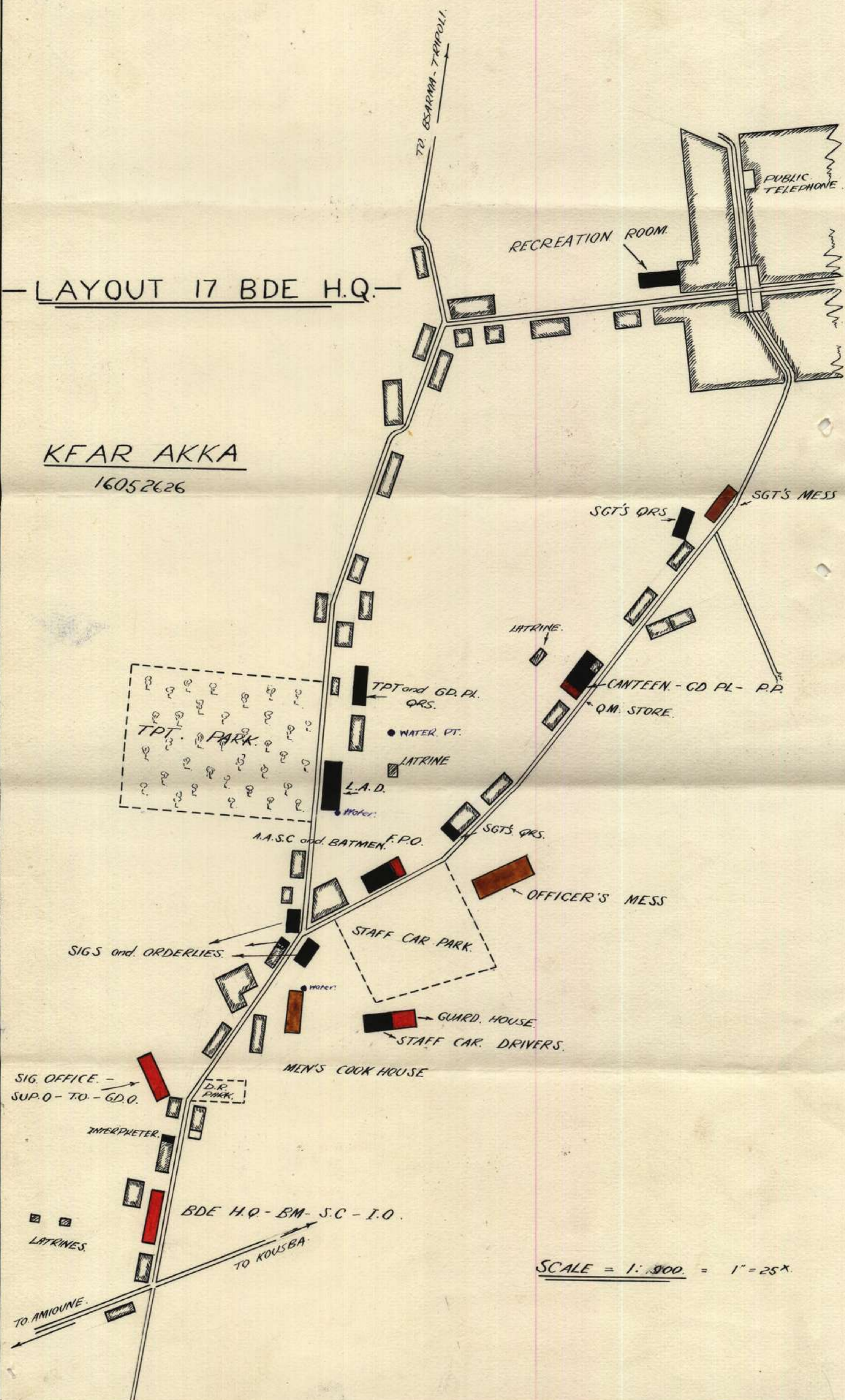
1st Oct. Party will continue recce and arrive at YAMMOUNE during afternoon "I" truck will meet party with 3 days feed for mules and 2 days rations for personnel.

2nd Oct Party continue Recce.

3  
 2nd Oct. Party return to HASROUN where "I" truck will pick up "I" personnel and return to camp. Mules and muleteers will remain at HASROUN.

Arrange with 2/5 Bn to feed muleteers.





LAYOUT 17 BDE H.Q.

KFAR AKKA  
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RECREATION ROOM

PUBLIC TELEPHONE

SGT'S QRS

SGT'S MESS

LATRINE

CANTEN - GD PL - P.P.

Q.M. STORE

TPT. PARK

TPT and GD. PL. QRS.

WATER PT.

LATRINE

L.A.D.

A.A.S.C and BATMEN

F.P.O.

SGT'S QRS

OFFICER'S MESS

SIGS and ORDERLIES

STAFF CAR PARK

GUARD HOUSE

STAFF CAR DRIVERS

MEN'S COOK HOUSE

SIG. OFFICE - SUP.O - TO - GD.O.

D.R. PARK

INTERPRETER

BDE H.Q. - BM - S.C - I.O.

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1171 ✓	0025	1235		2/3bn	1235	message 0023 of 2 Sept is cancelled & nomination for No 5 Mortar course as in your 055 of 27 Aug
1172 ✓	0024	1230	2/5bn		1230	of 17 <sup>th</sup> Bde HQ 022 of 2 Sept Lieut Trainor & Cpl White will not repeat & attend No 5 Mortar course & course already full.
1173 ✓	603	1304		7 DIV HQ.	1130	Code amendments.
1174 ✓	364	0900	all units		0900	detailed location statement required at this HQ. at earliest
1175 ✓	0730	1807		7 DIV HQ.	1745	2/6 Fd Regt new location 14572258 all informed
						for Sep 3.
1176 ✓	0026	0835	6 & 7 Aust Div.		0835	Ref message 0025 2 Sep (.) Sgt LIND not available for OCTU(.) Please substitute VX 5343 Sgt TRIPLET L from 2/5 bn.
1177 ✓	0027	0845	2/5 & 2/3 bn		0845	Students signals school commencing 6 Sep report HALDIE Rest Camp 1400 hrs 4 Sep. move in charge Lieut WEALE 2/33 bn in 7 Div ARSC tpt and depart HAIFA 0930 hrs 5 Sep by rail (.) Lieut WEALE will collect warrants 7 Aust Div Rest Camp.
1178 ✓	0161	0900	7 Div		0900	In Reply to S G 2/1/20 (.) Ack.

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1179 ✓	I 41	1305		<del>8 Rec Sec</del>	1115	Location TRIPOLI 1/500000 (C) 16472775.		
1180 ✓	0162	1145	All Units		1145	The following vehicles were seen in CASERNE Auger barracks on Sep 1st (C) 5331-6874-2688-970515 - L 6874 - V528 - L 10008 - V7266 - V9325 (C) Please notify immediately if any are on charge to you and business in CASERNE Auger.		
1181 ✓	I 60	1200		2/5 bn	NIL	Location as at 1200 hrs Sep (C) 2/5 B.H.Q. 16023993 A Coy 15943999 - 1 Pl A Coy 157397 - "B" Coy 15953995 - "C" Coy 15953993 - "D" Coy 17804390 - 1 Coy 2/4 Aust Amb. 15983992 - 10 Bty 2/5 Fd Regt 163397.		
1182 ✓	I 39	1305		2/3 bn	NIL	Location as at 1200 hrs (C) 2/3 bn less deta CASERNE BEHYATT CHANEM. 16302775 (C) One det A Coy 16022788 (C) one det B Coy HALBA 183289 (C) 1 det C Coy 16282779 (C) One det HQ Coy HILL Camp 16322785 and one det Katmoune 15602720.		
1183 ✓	I 33	1515		7 Aust Div Cav.	0900	Locations as follows 7 Cav. HQ. 16432786 (C) HQ Sqn 16422790 A Sqn 16432782 <del>Sqn</del> B Sqn 16442790 C Sqn 16432785.		

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1184 ✓	I 38	1600		171 Lt A.A.	1130	Location Statement (.) T.H.Q. 16702806 (.) C9 16522796 (.) C10 16452794 (.) C11 16482791 C12 16602800.	
1185 ✓	O 163	1720	2/5 & 2/3 bns.		1720	Ref monthly return damage to Enemy Aircraft by Small Arms fire (.) Return now only required when action taken against enemy aircraft.	
						SEP 4	
1186 ✓	00 29	0825	2/5 & 2/3 bns		0825	High grade cipher course (.) No candidate from your selected to attend course.	
1187 ✓	F 36	NIL 3 Sep		A. Sec 2/5 Fd Coy	1725 3/9	In Reply to I 364 (.) H.Q. Location 16352776	
1188 ✓	I 62	0850		2/5 bn	0815	King Gp <u>SEP 5th</u> security report (.) Nil.	
1189 ✓	O 167	2040	7 Div		2040	In reply to O 759 (.) Ack.	
1190 ✓	O 168	2053	171 Lt.AA.		2053	In Reply to ST 48 (.) Understand Div has advised Corps (.) The purpose of advising you verbally yesterday was to provide you with opportunity to advise Corps of proposed move (.) The move is necessary to meet new situation and conforms with views expressed by Brig. Comd A.A. 1 Aust Corps on initial placing A.A. guns when under our Comd (.) (continued)	

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1190 (continued) ✓	—	—	—	—	—	Suggest you seek <del>support</del> confirmation if not already done to provide support desired by this <del>Inf</del> Bde and 7 Aust Div. (C). The responsibility is yours as we understand that the when in support give support desired by Comd of area which is forced by changing situations (C) We desire that support please.
1191 ✓	I 62	1030		2/5-Bn	0930	KING gp Security report @ NIL
1192 ✓	I 367		2/5, 2/3, 2/2 on 4 a/s Fd. Coy.		1222 6/9/41	Units may return any monochrome sheets 450,000 they do not required
1193	I 368		9 Rec Sec		1338 " "	attached herewith order of latrine found in 1 Building vacated by Vichy French HQ
1194 ✓	0170		7 Div HQ		1230	Ack. draft copy O.O. No 3.
1195 ✓	<del>I 368</del> I 369	1525	7 Div HQ			Ack.
1196 ✓	0171	1555	7 Div			Ack
1197 ✓	0768	1616		7 Div	1505	7 Aust Cav will move area BANIAS before 10 Sep reporting new location @ all informed each. (in cipher. important.)
1198 ✓	0172	1645	7 Div		1645	In Reply to 0768 (C) Ack.

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1190 A ✓	0759	1130		DW 7	1050	WARNING ORDER. Ref LEGA secret letter 55/17 of 4 sep 41 (not to HQ RAA 1st Corps). 17 Bde and HQ RAA 7 Div. will prepare employ one coy inf and one A/TK 4p respectively and TEMPORARILY ONLY defence TRIPOLI harbour. Ack. (Important)	
1191 A ✓	ST/48	-	-	1714 AA 8ty R.A. CTP	1920	In reply to 38/3/17. Ref the proposed move of two of my guns, we have received definite instructions that we are to move guns from present positions solely on the orders of 17 Aust AA Bde. Have these orders been received from 17 Aust AA Bde.	
1192 A ✓	0168	2053	1714 AA 8ty R.A. LTP	1714 AA 8ty		In reply to ST/48. Understand DW has advised Corps. The purpose of warning given you yesterday was to provide you with opportunity to advise Corps of proposed move. The move is necessary to meet new situation and conforms with views expressed by Brig Comd. AA 1st Corps. On initial placing AA guns when under our command. Suggest you seek confirmation if not already done to provide support desired by the Bde and 7 Aust Div. The responsibility is yours as we understand that Aps when in support give support desired by comd. of area which is forced by changed situations. We desire that support please.	

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1193 A ✓

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171st AA  
by CTP.

2200Z

In reply to 0168. Immediately after seeing the Brig yesterday I informed my Brig HQ at RAYAK of the proposed move. This is the only channel I can use when communicating with 1 Aust AA Bde or with Corps. Also after receiving your message 38/3/17 today a signal was immediately sent to my Brig HQ requesting confirmation. While wishing to cooperate in every way we must necessarily await orders from 1 Aust AA Bde. Whether these are transmitted direct or thro' these Brig HQs. You will be notified immediately a reply is received.

1194 A ✓

0767

1540

72nd

1505

Ref 72nd 0759. 17 Bde will FORTHWITH employ one pl. Bren carriers defend TRIPOLI harbour. RAA 1 Aust Corps will FORTHWITH place one M A/TK guns under comd. 17 Bde same purpose. Ack

1195 A ✓

0176

1900

2/3 bn

2/3 bn will employ 1 coy + 1 pl Bren carriers defend TRIPOLI harbour. Recce party report 17 Bde 0800 hrs 7 Sep 41.

1196 A ✓

0177

1900

HQ RAA  
1 Aust Corps

ref 72nd 0767. Could MTK 1st comd. report 17 Bde as soon as possible for recce purposes please.

1197 A ✓

0185

15<sup>30</sup>  
8 Sep

2/3

1539  
8 Sep

Roadblock south of TRIPOLI may be removed forthwith



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1199 ✓	<del>0174</del>		7 DIV HQ.		1910	Copy No 5 Hek.	
1200 ✓	0174		7 DIV HQ.		1800	Ack in Reply to 0767	
1201 ✓	0175		7 DIV HQ.			Ack in reply to: 0768	
1202 ✓	<del>0174</del> 165	0914 7 Sep		2/5 Bn	0800	King gp security report @ Nil	
1203 ✓	0179	1220	7 Div			Ack 00 No 3 Copy No 1.	
1204 ✓	1067	1850		7 Div	1600	Amendments to code lists.	
1205 ✓	L 370	0835 8 Sep	7 Div			Changed locations @ 2/3 Coy harbour defence EL MINA 158279.	
1206 ✓	L 372	0955	7 Div			Attached herewith all sketches of bridges by engines in our area as requested by 7 Div 6 C	
1207 ✓	0183	1120 8 Sep		2/3 Bn		Guards on bridges on Halba rd may be removed forthwith.	
1208 ✓	L 44	1154		7 Cav	1600	7 Aust Cav close present location at 1500 hrs 9 Sep and open ref map LATTACQUE HAMA 1/200000 175°36'	
1209 ✓	L 373	1050	7 DIV			Herewith copy Intelligence report as required by 7 DIV 6	
1210 ✓	L 374	1650	all units			detailed location statement showing locations as at 1200 hrs 9 Sep required at this H.Q.	

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1211 ✓	I 375	1720	7 Div.		1720	In Reply to SG/34/8/1 (C) Copy NO 1 tracing C (C) Ack	
1212 ✓	T 376	2057	7 Div.		2057	All 2/5 Aust Fd log in form 16332774	
1213 ✓	ST/66	0800 9 Sep		171 Lt AA	0700 9 Sep	Loc / Statement.	
1214 ✓	LC 5	NIL		2/2 Pn Pn	1900 8 Sep	Security report <del>Monaghan</del> Monaghan Gp. NIL	
1215 ✓	L 66	0920 9 Sep		2/5 Bn	0835 9 Sep	Loc / Statement.	
1216 ✓	267	0947		2/5 Bn	0900	Security report KING Gp NIL	
1217 ✓	I 75	1117		2/5 Fd right	0805	please supply with as many sheets as possible Rayak 1/40000 @ own practice sheet in that area	
1218 ✓	L 46	1220		7 Aust car	0820	Loc / Statement.	
1219 ✓	I 1	1322		2/3 Bn	1245	Loc / Statement	
1220 ✓	45	1327		8 Rec	NIL	Loc / Statement.	
1221 ✓	AD 34	1852		7 DIV Recp camp	1830	please advise location of DIV car SOUSCACH Have ring for delivery Bsqn Csqn	
1222 ✓	I 377			7 DIV Recp Camp	1856	locations of DIV car 0 <del>176360</del> HQ sqn 175361 @ A, B & C 176360 only map LATT-NHAM 1/200,000	
1223 ✓	O 195	1035	RAA HQ 7 Aust DIV			request ack your S/02/1573 fwd 7 DIV not HQ RAA 7 DIV.	

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1198A ✓	0791	1700		70W	1720	IMMEDIATE Ref 70W 0767. NOT to HQ RAA 70W HQ 70W RAA NOT HQ RAA 1 anti corps will forthwith place 14 A/TK guns under comd 17 Bde for defence TRIPOLI harbour. Ack.	
1199A ✓	0189	1815	HQ RAA 70W		"	ref 70W 0791. 24 A/TK guns to report 17 Bde as soon as possible. One off in adv. for use purposes.	
1200A ✓	RA0161	1845	HQ 24 Anti A/TK Regt (from RAA 70W)		1745	IMMEDIATE. 24 anti A/TK Regt will send 14 A/TK guns (begin 2 - PR) to TRIPOLI on 9 Sep for defence TRIPOLI harbour. 24 guns under comd 17 Bde on arrival. Ack	
1201A ✓	0039	1750 10 Sep	70W			Nominations AIF ( <del>by</del> ME) school of Eng No 1 Course Fd. Wks Wing from 2/5 bn VX 43977 Lieut BENNETT, R. H. from 2/3 bn NX 34873 Lieut SEWARD, A.	
1202A ✓	0197	1825	2/5			ref telephone conversation re wireless station LATTAGUIE. 70W instruct that arrangements be made with FFL for them to take over from your guards. Matter will then become one for the French to decide.	
1203A ✓	0198	1825	70W			IPC. oil farm Refinery and Radio station were taken over by the FFL at 1000 hrs today.	

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✓ 1204A	0040	1825	2/5			nomination Lt Sweet for AILCO course considered not accepted. Lt Sweet will NOT be required tomorrow.	
✓ 1205A	0041	1925	2/5			nomination Lt Sweet for AILCO course considered entirely unsuitable both from try. and personal point of view. Lt Sweet will NOT be required tomorrow.	
✓ 1206A	0042	2020	2/3 2/5			off students for no. 1 course AIF(ME)SME depart HAIFA by rail 1630 hrs 13 sep. 2/3 will arrange 4/1 HAIFA and advise 2/5. Catmen will NOT be taken.	
✓ 1207A	099	2120	HQ AFSC. 7 am 10/9			Admin. Instr. no 4 copy no 16 act.	
✓ 1208A	0201	11 Sep		Capt Reynolds 1008 Dicks Op. Coy		IMMEDIATE. Winter working 75% summer capacity. Impossible to work 14 days. Work diversified further 14 days per winter. Anchorage for 4 ships up to 16' draught inside breakwater. Six tugs 42 lighters available. Twenty ton floating shear legs doubtful condition. To be tested.	
✓ 1209A	0204	1320/ 12 Sep	7 SW			DR involved in accident on LATTAKUIE rd involving probable death of Arab child. Details to follow.	
✓ 1210A	0206	1030/ 13 Sep	2000 Prequel			2000 of TRIPOLI is out of bounds to all the until further notice. All informed.	

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1215A ✓	0048	0915	2/5			OCTU students 15 intake from 2/5 Bn provide Apt HAIFA pickup one student 25 Bde 0900 hrs 24 sep. Two students depart HAIFA by rail 0730 hrs 25 sep.
1216A ✓	0049	1210	2/3 2/5			AIF (ME) SAs students move from HAIFA by rail 1630 hrs 26 sep. 2/3 will arrange Apt two from 7 Div, one from 2/5. 2/5 student will report 2/3 by before 0800 hrs 26 sep. Pickup two students 7 Div 0845 hrs 26 sep.
1217A ✓	0050	1620	2/3			View approaching rain season please explore question re-cutting PAD trenches. Report situation and estimate materials required this HQ BEFORE 27 Sep.
1218A ✓	1411	1425 24 Sep	7 Div			In reply to 0891. 2/5 bn concentrates BOUKA area 160399 and moves LES CEDRES area 183256 Sunday 28 sep.

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R.I.

1219A ✓

0051

1205

2/3  
2/5

AIF SAs students move from HAIFA  
by rail 0730 hrs 27 sep stage overnight  
HAIFA. 2M to HAIFA as in HQ 17 Bde  
0049.

1220A ✓

0052

1215

2/3 2/5

vacancies no 1 CSM course AIF(ME)  
inf school 29 sep to 29 Oct 41 0  
vacancies WOS gets two each 2/3  
2/5. Nominations this HQ before  
1200 hrs 26 sep. Joining ins into  
later.

1221A ✓

0053

1417

72is

ref 70W G198/2/164 METS senior  
offrs school no 11 course unable  
accept vacancy for this course

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1224 ✓	0038	1225	2/3 2/5 Bn			Ref to 17 Bde letter 5/2/17 of 4 Sep mobile school of <del>quitting</del> mech joining instrs delete ref to HQ 2/4 3d regt substitute H.Q 2/2 Aust A/Th Regt
1225 ✓	0196	1230	2/5 7d coy			The F.F.F are hereby authorised to remove all medical stores that they select from the hospital & adjacent buildings now held by you.
1227 ✓	I398	1420	7 Div			1230 has been tracked unidentified plane plus note over 2/5 Bn 16023993.
1228 ✓	I 83	1447		2/5 7d regt	1250	further to our WH of today @ NK21129 gm LANE J. NX 21019 gm FLINT H. NK 21365 gm SWAN H. NK14873 gm Dunbar L
1229 ✓	I 379	1715	7 Div			Security report 10 Sep @ mil return.
1230 ✓	I67	1250		2/5 Bn	1030	Security report KING Gp. @ NIL
1231 ✓	0803	1911		7 Div	1313	19 Offr students for number one course AIF(ME) SME depart Haifa by rail 1630 hrs 13 Sep @ own pt arrangements to Haifa @ batmen will not be taken
1232 ✓	0810	2204		7 Div	2110	ack of instr 10.
1233 ✓	I69	0835		King Gp.		2/5 security report @ NIL.
1234 ✓	—	0900		28 Bde H.R.	—	Location 2/51 bn @ Menata 16922752 @ Tripoli 150,00.

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1235 ✓	I 380		2/5, 2/2 bns		2055	ref 7 DIV circ G 102 of 23 Aug 41. Returns for your A/cas equipment & respirator N/T yet to hand.	
1236 ✓	0202		2/2 PNYBN		1345	One Coy 2/2 PNYBN will relieve c Coy 2/3BN 0900. 12 Sept please send Recce party report this HQ. by 15300 to-day. @ 2/3 carrier Ptn remain	
1237 ✓	83	1458 10 Sep		2/5 Fd Regt	1425 10 Sep	ref contractor for disposal of waste as per conversation this morning @ name is JAMEL HELOY & he owns a pig farm on the ZAHORTA rd	
1238 ✓	0203	<del>17</del>	2/5bn		1730	10th Bty 2/5 Fd Regt will cease to be under your command at 2359h to-day.	
1239 ✓	0149	2027				HQ KOR1 monastery 16 5626 FT	
1240 ✓	0815	1935 11 Sep		7 Div	1850	ref para 230 7 Div 00 no <del>3</del> representations 7 Div GI and 7 Div DARG established Italian School TRIPOLI 1600 hrs 11 Sep @ 7 Div remaining old location until 15 Sep @ all informed.	
1241 ✓	I 381 12 Sep	0900 12 Sep	2/3 2/2 2/5 regt 2/4 amb			Contributions for AIF gift book urgently required @ please attempt to find same to 17 Regt HQ by 15 Sep.	
1242 ✓	I 383	2030 12 Sep	7 Div			D Coy 2/2 PNYBN relieved 2/3 BN Coy harbour defence EL MINA 12 Sep	



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1243 ✓	I/385	1050	7 DIV			Changed locations 13 Sep @ Billets <del>1</del> 2/3 bn A Coy ABA 16002671 @ C Coy 2/3 Bdebbia 15922646 @ D Coy KEAR HAZIR 15502635 @ B Coy 2/3, HQ Coy & Rn HQ 2/3 BECHMEZZINE 15702646 @ carrier pt 2/3 under coord 2/2 Pn Bn EL MINA 15962788.
1244 ✓	I 608	<del>1050</del>		7 Div	0900 (11 Sep)	attached sketches are returned for pin point map ref as arranged with 17 Bde IO. (returned 13 Sep)
1245 ✓	I 386	1154	7 DIV			attached sketches are returned with map refs as required 7 DIV IO @ two could not be pin pointed but there could be ascertained 7 DIV IO RAE who has master map from 2/9 Id Coy.
1246 ✓	I 95	1005		2/5 Id Bde	0805	This H.Q. shows present location at 1200 hrs today @ respond at ref map DAMAS 1/200000 185222 at 1300 hrs 14 Sep. @ bivouac area for night 13/14 Sep ref map HOMS 1/200000 232295.
1247 ✓	I 387	1213	7 DIV			DITTO
1248 ✓	I 1	1430	<del>2/3 BN</del>	2/3 BN	1215	2/3 BN locations as at 1200 hrs @ BNH @ 15772648 BECHMEZZINE A COY 15992671 A B I. B COY 15672645 BECHMEZZINE C COY 15922675 BIDEBBA D COY 15482633 KEAR MAZIR, HQ Coy 15772647 BECHMEZZINE ref map TRIPOLI 1/200000

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1249 ✓	0208	1430	2/2 PNR BN		1430	post defence Coy may be relieved for a period of two hours on 14 SEP to attend Church Parade one man to be left at each post.
1250 ✓	057	1200		2/3 Bn	1030	2/3 Bn less one Coy as main party two Reco Carriers one det TRIPOLI pigout moved out CASERNE BEHWATT GHANEM 0800 hrs today 2/3 now established RECHMEZZINE & location Statement will be fwd today.
1251 ✓	I 3PP	2140	7 Div			forwarded. here with 2/5 Bn returns on monthly inspection of Anti Gas equipment.
1252 ✓	I 389	0830 14 Sep.	7 Div			Ref 7 Div routine order 1490 a nil return is submitted for 17 Bde H.Q.
1253 ✓	I 71	2000		2/5 Bn	1930	four unidentified destroyers seen steaming N Easterly direction approx 5 miles off shore LATTAQUIE.
1254 ✓	I 71	2105	7 DIV			2/5 reports 1930 hrs 4 unidentified destroyers seen steaming north easterly direction. 5 miles offshore LATTAQUIE
1255 ✓	R 31	0145	7 DIV			Air raid warning red 0120 all clear 0143 @ no incident
1256 ✓	R 1	1855 (13 Sep.)		2/2 Pn	1830	Security return nil.
1257 ✓	O 210	0920	7 DIV			TRIPOLI town pigout dismantled at 0900 hrs this morning
1258 ✓	I 390	1105	7 DIV			2/5 Bn report hearing multi engined aircraft sounding similar type operating SUEZ zone pass south at 0042 hrs 14 Sep @ thought to be out to sea.

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1259 ✓	I 72	1125		2/5 Bn	1115	KING Gr Security report @ NIL.
1260 ✓	I 189	1535		21 Bde	1500	Location 21 Aust Inf Bde w/ Tripoli 1/50000 @ 21 Bde H.Q. 16422751 @ 2/14 Bn 17512786 @ 2/27 bn 17632745 @ 2/6 Aust 7th Coy 16872755
SEP 15						
1261 ✓	E.C. 17	0938		2/2 PNR	0920	IN Reply to I 3800. Ref NEJA. CIRC G102 of 23 Aug @ all A.G. equipment on charge this unit is in serviceable condition @ such shortages that occur will be attended to.
1262 ✓	I 74	0927		2/5 Bn.	0910	KING. GROUP security report @ NIL.
1263 ✓	I 391	1030	21 BDE HQ		1030	please advise us location 2/16 BN.
1264 ✓	I 192	1245		21 Bde HQ	1132	Ref 7 DIV HQ. Adm order 21 amox a page 3 2/16 bn are now at 12842178 & move as shown in tables @ adv party and skeleton HQ are at 17832713 @ See also 4 DIV S.G. 30/1/84 of 13 SEP.
1265 ✓	I 127	1310		25 bde.	1045	Location 25 <sup>th</sup> Bde HQ, 2/25 bn, @ 2/33. 2/5 1st Coy at 16332774 2/31 bn 16982754
1266 ✓	O 213			7 Div	1530	Ack your SG 1/3/2/36 of 1 Sep.
1267 ✓	O 212			7 DIV Rec Camp	1630	2/5 Advise trucks leaving 2/5 bn 1930 hrs will stay night 7 DIV Rec Camp & return 2/5 bn tomorrow morning
1268 ✓	-	1430		7 Div Car	0930	Locs etc. Ref sheet LATTAQUIE - HAMA 1/10000 7 Div Car HQ, HQ Syn. 50 LAD, c. see sig 175361; AB, C & M. 176

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1211A ✓	0734 (reply to Q 1118)	1905		70W	1550	REPEATED from One Aus Corps. IMPORTANT Assumed addressional to 57 LIAA Regt NOT under comd. 70W. but would appreciate infrm on date that unit	
1212A ✓	I 610	1513 / 15 Sep		70W	1445 / 15 Sep	Please ack our A/C Recoy. procedure SC 1/3/2/36 of 1 Sep 41	
1213A ✓	0043.	0945 / 17 Sep	2/5			ME OCTU 15 INTAKE 26 sep nomination sgt TRIPLET B accepted. MVA instr. later	
1214A ✓	Z 84	1754		25 Bde	2330	In reply to I 394. Ack.	

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1269 ✓	S/1	1430		171 Lt AA Bty.	1300	Locations. Ref map Tripoli 1/50000. Bty HQ; B 2nd HQ; C 2nd HQ. 15932789. BI 15882782 Predictor control B2. 15842789 Predictor control B3. 16132795. Predictor control B4 16012789 F.A.S. CI 15892794 F.A.S. Predictor under repair C.2. 15872795 moving to breakwater 15962801 F.A.S. C.3. 15962790. Predictor control C.4. at sea on barge 15882798. F.A.S. Requirements for working parties, materials and defences will be submitted today in accordance with Sde Comd's verbal instructions.
1270 ✓	S/4	NIL		171 Lt A.A.	1545	Location Report (C) 171 Lt AA Bty H.Q. established 1745 hrs 16702803 ref map TRIPOLI 1/50,000
<del>1271</del>	<del>0215</del>					17 Sep.
1271 ✓	0215	0932	7 Div.		0932	Naval Officer I/C TRIPOLI reports unexploded bombs in TRIPOLI harbor (C) Please arrange engineers to inspect.
1272 ✓	0216	1045	7 Div.		1045	Ack your SG 52/1/31 (C) Copy No 1.

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1268 A ✓	0472			1 Aus Corps Adv H.Q.		Ref out 0461 and 0463 both of 16 Sept @ Gen Savarack visit postponed indefinitely @ Please cancel booking SHIFFE hotel.	
1269 A ✓	I 199	1025 17 Sept		21 Bde HQ		Further to I189 14 Sept 2/14 located 17512758 from 11 Sept. 2/27 at 17332745 from 13 Sept. 2/16 at 17822713 from 16 Sept. 2/6 7d Coy at 16812755 from 12 Sept. 21 Bde remains 16422752.	
1270 A ✓	0852	1215 17 Sept		7 Div HQ		Ref 7 Div 0833 of 14 Sept @ At 0820 hrs 18 Sept 7 Div closes present location and re-opens TRIPOLI and code name TOTTO ceases to be used @ All informed	
1271 A ✓	0474	1235 17 Sept		1 Aus Corps		Reece party 17 Bde consisting of Senior inf officer, gunner, sapper will proceed earliest possible to contact 16 Brit Bde and recc DSEDEIDE posn @ M.G and A/TK off available from Aust units in that area if required @ Reece party to move self contained available some hotel accommodation BAALBECK may be used.	
1275 ✓	0859	1422		7 DIV	1350	2/6 Aust Fd Regt. and HQ RAE 7 Aust Div will each provide senior off for assistance 17 Aust Inf Bde in recc DSEDEIDE posn with 16 INF BDE HQ @ I off. to report 17 Aust INF BDE HQ immediately and moves self contained @ recc party to report HQ 16 BDE HQ earliest possible today @ desk MO and A TK off available at 16 BDE HQ.	
1276 ✓	I 715	1430		7 DIV	1415	Lieut CAP BERTELLI of interrogation centre at <del>REGA</del> 17 Aust INF BDE. required report CH OIC, CAIRO earliest opportunity @ advise if replacement desired	
1277 ✓	0217	1845	2/5 BN.		1845	LIEUT. CAP. P. BERTELLI of interrogation centre attached 2/5 BN. required report CH OIC, CAIRO earliest opportunity @ advise if replacement desired	

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1269 ✓	I392	1745	7 Div			BRISTOL SWORDFISH aircraft crashed three miles South Lattiquid 2020 hrs 16 Sept. Crew of three safe. Matter in hands R.A.F.
1270 ✓	I393	<del>2/2 Pnt Bn</del> 1750	<del>2/2 Pnt Bn</del> P Recy			2/2 Pnt D replaced by 2/2 Pnt C on harbour defence EL MINA 17 Sept.
1271 ✓	I394	2107	21 Bde HQ 25 Bde HQ 7 Div			Ref Map Tripoli 1/50,000 @ 17 Bde closes present location 0900 hrs 18 Sept. re-opens KFAR AKKA 1605.2623 same time
1272 ✓	I397	1430	7 Div			18 Sept. Present location 17 Bde 16032621 KFAR AKKA ref map Tripoli 1/50,000 @ Bn + Coy locations later.
1273 ✓	I396	1425	All units			Detailed location statement required at this H.Q. at earliest
1274 ✓	I395	2200 17 Sept	2/2 Pnt Bn			Advice received Lt Brennan G111. Camouflage unable to lecture 2/2 Pnt Bn 19 Sept. Will lecture next week. Details as soon as available will be forwarded 2/2 Pnt Bn.
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1278	W 9	1000		2/5 BN	0925	ref 74/3/17. 0 mil return.
1279	I 393	1530	7 DIV		1530	D Coy 2/2 PNR BN replaced by C Coy 2/2 PNR BN in harbour defence EL MINA 17 sep.
1280	I 398	1745	2/5 BN. 2/2 PNR BN 2/3 BN.		1745	number snipers rifles held required 0 mil reports if applicable
1281	I 2	2015		2/3 BN	1825	detailed location statement of 2/3 BN as at 1600 hrs. 18 sept. 0 BN HQ SIG office 1577 2648 RAP 1577 2649 officers mess. 1571 2646 HQ Coy. 1577 2646 Sigs. 1577 2646. AA'S 1578 2647 Mater 1578 2646 pioneers 1577 2646 transport 1577 2646 RQM store 1576 2647 A Coy HQ 1599 2672 7 pl 1598 2672 8 pl 1600 2671 9 pl 1600 2672 B Coy HQ 1567 2645 10 pl 1568 2645 11 pl 1567 2646 12 pl 1567 2646 C Coy HQ 1592 2674 13 pl 1592 2675 14 pl 1593 2676 15 pl 1593 2674 DCoy HQ 1547 2635 16 pl 1548 2634 17 pl 1547 2633 18 pl 1547 2633 O trace beneath Ref map. 1/50,000.
1282	I 399	0953	7 DIV 2/3 BN		0953	could an entrencher be supplied for attachment to 2/3 BN please 0 much difficulty being experienced in dealings with local inhabitants through lack of same.



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1283 ✓	0047	1000	7 Div			nominations A.I.F ME small arm & school @ No 3 pl weapons wing from 2/3 NX 7855 Sgt Wilson R from 2/5 VX 7428 A/cpt MCPAYLE FA @ No 5 mortar course from 2/3 NX 4887 Pfc LAUGHLAN DP.	
1284 ✓	0046	1000	3 Bns			Driving and maintenance course finishes 27 Sep @ units will arrange to collect own personnel from school location 2/2 A/Tk lines.	
1285 ✓	1400	12 20	2/3 Bn			7 Div admin interpreter should arrive today for your use	
1286 ✓	B 164	12 30		7 DIV	12 00	2/2 Pns come under command Corps W.E.F 20 Sep for employment under direction of engs 1 Aust Corps	
1287 ✓	I 3	14 50		2/3 Bn	14 30	Please advise location of Aust A/Tk regt @ urgent	
1288 ✓	I 401	14 55	2/3 Bn	<del>2/3 Bn</del>		2 A/Tk regt BSARMA 166 2657.	
1289 ✓	Q 4	13 10	<del>2/3</del>	2/3 Bn	11 59	(In reply to NO 1398) Two,	
1290 ✓	O 867	18 09		7 DIV	17 00	ref 7 DIV 0864 of 19 Sep 17 Bde HQ will receive relief portion of 2/3 Pns at EL MINA by similar form & signal particulars to 7 DIV.	
1291 ✓	O 219	18 50	2/3 / 2/3 Bns			One Coy 2/3 to relieve C Coy 2/2 Pns at EL MINA 0930 hrs 20 Sep @ Ack.	
1292 ✓	O 220	18 50	7 DIV			One Coy 2/3 to relieve Coy 2/2 Pns at EL MINA 0930 hrs 20 Sep.	

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1293 ✓	O 61	2100		2/3 Bn	2010	Ack.	
1294 ✓	EC 26	2100		2/2 Pn	1849	Ack	
1295 ✓	O 869	0700 (20 Sep)		7 Div	2015 19 Sep	Ack.	
1295 ✓ 1296 ✓	I 402	0930 (20 Sep)	7 Div	<del>7 Div</del>		Could not locate 2/5 Fd regt he found place @ Society Electric La Kadisha TRIPOLI, name of coy required by 7 DIV I.O.	
1297 ✓	L 4	1015 20 Sep		2/3 Bn	0920 20 Sep	Your location statement 19 Sep @ 25 Bde HQ 16393775 Check.	
1298 ✓	W 13	1515 (19 Sep)		2/5 Bn	1425 (19 Sep)	Frontier control taken over by F.F.L 1430 hrs 19 Sep certificate receiving 2/5 of all responsibilities being forwarded 17 Bde HQ 20 Sep 41	
1299 ✓	O 218	1600	7 Div			Frontier control taken over by F.F.L 1430 hrs 19 Sep 41	
1300 ✓	I 403	1112	2/3 Bn			Location of 25 Bde. H.Q should read 16292755	
1301 ✓	EC 26	1300		2/2 Pn/bn	0800 19 Sep	Ref Sniper Rifles @ nil return.	
1302 ✓	W 15	1300		2/5 Bn	0800	Snipers rifles @ nil return.	
20 Sep 1230 1303	I 76	1300		2/5 Bn	0820	Location Statement King's 2/5 Bn HQ 16023993 A Coy 15943999, B 17804390, C Coy 15953993 D Coy 15953995, HQ Coy 15953992. (2/4 Fd AMB B Coy) 15943992	

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1304 ✓	I 407		7 DIV. HQ		1340	2/3 bn (C Coy) relieved C Coy 2/2 PNY bn harbour defense EL Mina AM. 20 Sep.	
1305 ✓	I 406		2/3, 2/5 2/2 BNS PNY.		1338	Corrected location 25 Bde HQ. 16 29 2775 2/3 Coy relieved C Coy 2/2 PNY bn harbour defense EL MINA	
1306 ✓	I 5	1245		2/3 BN	1150	query location 25 Bde HQ. think should read 16 29 2775.	
1207 ✓	I 404		7 DIV. HQ		1323	only sniper rifles held by 2/3 BN total 3.	
1208 ✓	0872	1223		7 DIV. HQ	1055	Cancel 7 DIV. HQ 0864 of 19 Sep @ 2 Coy 2/2 PNY bn to come under comd HQ (RE) 6 Div W. & F. 21 Sep & will move 21 Sep to areas DJEDE-IDE and RAYAK respectively @ Details for move following ack.	
1309 ✓	I 405		7 DIV. HQ	7	1325	ACK in reply to 0872.	
1370 ✓	LC 28	1500		2/2 PNY bn	1452	ACK in reply to I 406	
1371 ✓	0219		2/5 BN		1530	Point of enquiry in all treatment of P.W. awaiting KATARKIA <sup>area</sup> either today or 21 Sep @ please afford facilities for investigation @ please detail experienced NCO act as president for 4 or 5 days.	
1319 ✓	I 408		7 DIV. HQ		1300	Herewith sketch showing layout 17 Bde HQ	
1313 ✓	0205 12 of Sep		2/3 BN		0810	confirming our planned order of last night @ 2/3 bn will return all beds removed from barracks as soon as possible in order to conform with 7 Div	

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1314 ✓	I409		7 DIV HQ		0830	Change location on PL 2/50A. 15703970	
1315 ✓	I77	1808		2/5 BN	1650	Corrected location 2/5 BN @ 1 PL 2/5 C at 15703970.	
1316 ✓	A547	1324 20/9/41		7 DIV HQ	1131	Court of inquiry re ill-treatment of P.W arriving LATTAKIA area either to-day or 21 <sup>st</sup> Sep @ please afford facilities for investigation @ plea can you detail experienced Mjr act as presides for four or five day.	
1317 ✓	I410		7 DIV HQ		1500	Ref interpreter for Kuto @ advice has not arrived yet @ can one be obtained at earliest	
1318 ✓	I6	0850.		2/3 BN	0824	please advise location of 5 Aust Hy AA Bty & 2 Aust Hy AA Regt at earliest.	
						Please advise location of 5 Aust Hy AA Bty and 2 Aust Hy AA Regt R.A.A. earliest.	
1319 ✓	0223	0955		2/5 Bn		One Sqn <sup>NO Royal</sup> <sup>Dragoons</sup> will be in your area 23 to 25 Sep inclusive for training and bathing @ ALLEPO LATTIQUE and BANIAS.	
1320 ✓	0883	1200		7 DIV	1035	2/2 Pwr less two Coyd reverts forthwith Comd 7 Aust Div @ RAE will employ 2/2 Pwr Bn construction and improvement rds fort area & preparations demolitions in area to port. further orders follow	
1321 ✓	0882	1200		7 DIV	1045	Warning orders @ 7 Aust Cav will return 2/5 bn of outpost & port control responsibility early on 24 Sep moving area LATTIQUE. 17 Bde HQ will then concentrate 2/5 in area TRIPOLI fort area & accomadation 2/5 follows @ ack	

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1322 ✓	O 224	1130	7 Div			ack (in reply to Q 789.)
1323 ✓	O 226	1205	7 Div			ack. (in reply to O 882)
1324 ✓	O 227	1205	7 Div			ack (in reply to O 883)
1325 ✓	Q 789	1105	<del>7 Div</del>	7 Div	0840	A + B Coy 2/2 Pw Bn will move on 23 sep. (.) One Coy to DJEDEIDE and one Coy to Rayak at 0700 hrs. (.) Route TELLEKALAKH HOMS ROUCIER (.) 20 MIH 20VTM (.) 1098 eqpt & accm stores to be taken plus 2 days ration (.) Unit TPT will be used. (.) Ack
1326 ✓	O 225	1145	2/2 Pw Bn		1145	Serial 1325 (.) Reptd to 2/2 Pw Bn.
1327 ✓	O 228	1400	2/5 bn		1400	Warning order (.) 7 Div bar will relieve 2/5 bn of outpost and frontier control responsibility early on 24 Sep. (.) 2/5 bn will move to TRIPOLI Area 24 Sep. (.) Orders follow. (.) Ack
1328 ✓	O 229	1530	2/5 bn		1530	2/5 bn 10 and 6 to report 17 Bde as early as possible 23 Sep to select bivouac or billeting area vicinity Les Cedres. (.) After relief by 7 Div bar 2/5 bn will concentrate preparing to moving to selected site when ordered.
1329 ✓	O 889	1705		7 Div	1600	Classification range ref 1596 2742 (CAMP DETIR) available for use commencing 24 Sep. (.) In targets (.) All addresses full food requests for dates to 7 Div earliest possible.
1330 ✓	O 230	1745	2/3 bn		1745	2/3 bn to be prepared to provide a Coy Comd and necessary elements to run a Coy HQ to cooperate with 7 Div bar in a T.E.W.T. next week. (.) Details when available.

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1331 ✓	QY90			7 Aus Div	1720	Ref 7 Aus Div 0882 @ 7 Div Cav will relieve 2/5 Bn 1200 hrs 24 Sep @ 7 Div Cav will move 0800 hrs 24 Sep VTM 25 M1H 20 and 8:00 17 Bde will arrange subsequent move of 2/5 Bn @ Full scale accommodation stores will be taken ACK	
1332 ✓	0231	1850 22 Sep	7 Aus Div Cav			2/5 Bn 10 effected to arrive our H.Q. 1100 hrs 23 Sep @ will be available then or 1900 hrs to pass information to 7 Aus Div Cav 10	
1333 ✓	0232	1920 22 Sep	7 Aus Div H.Q.			Ack.	
23 Sep							
1334 ✓	0233	0835	2/5 Bn			7 Aus Div Cav will relieve 2/5 Bn 1200 hrs 24 Sep	
1335 ✓	I 78	0900		2/5 Bn	0830	King Gp security report. @ NIL. @ Cipher Traffic return for week ending 21 SEPT. @ NIL.	
1336 ✓	I 210	1310		21 Bde HQ	1220	Ref 21 Bde 46 @ secret document S/79 of 21 Sep 4:1 opposite A' cry 2/16 Bn for 1794 2811 who substitute 18982694 with 9 pl at 19262685 as from 22 Sep @ all informed.	
1337 ✓	0234	1440	7 Div			2/5 admin dump of engr stores at LATTAGUIE now all removed by engs @ gd withdrawn 1400 hrs 23 Sep 41	

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1338 ✓	0235	1630	7 DIV			Rkan advise 7 DIV A.D.M.S that 2/5 Bn will leave LATTAKIE on 28 Sep 41	
1339 ✓	I 413	2016	7 DIV			In reply to N <sup>o</sup> : 8652/1/32. I Ack.	
1340 ✓	I 414	2017	7 DIV			OO N <sup>o</sup> 4 copy N <sup>o</sup> 1 Ack.	
1341 ✓	I 7	0950	2	2/3 Bn	0855	Dawn report coy 2/3 Bn reports unidentified aircraft flew across sea front at El MINA 1756 hrs 23 Sep. Posts stood to fire aircraft out of range otherwise Nil.	
1342 ✓	I 412	1005	7 DIV			Coy 2/3 Bn reports unidentified aircraft flew across sea front at El MINA 1756 hrs 23 Sep	
1343 ✓	I 412	1610	7 DIV			B coy 2/3 will fire one white one Red one Green very light between 1900 hrs & 2100 hrs 24 Sep from vicinity 1556 2656 during patrol exercises	
1344 ✓	0832	1306		7 DIV HQ	1255	relief by FFL <sup>o</sup> Signal this NR. today inform required para 5 nr 5 664/4994 & 8 pt.	
1345 ✓	0891	1320		7 DIV	1140	2/3 H.G Bn A and 2/3 H.G Bn C units comd and moved 2/3 H.G Bn and 23 Spt <sup>o</sup> 2/2 Rns A and B. <sup>came</sup> under Comd 6 DIV and Maud 6 Div and 23 Sep 7 DIV Cav close present location 1400 hrs 24 Sep and Maud LATTAKIA 150401 to relieve 2/3 Bn who concentrated and rejoins Lega AM100N leave 157262 all informed.	
1346 ✓	0236		7 DIV		1130	OO N <sup>o</sup> 5 copy 1st ACK.	
1347 ✓	I 415		7 DIV		0925	Ack. SG 30/1/85 (in reply).	

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1348 ✓	I 8	1930		2/3 BN	1825	location statement 2/3 Inf Bn as at 1800 hrs 25 Sept ORG MAP TRIPOLI 1/200000 @ Bn HQ Buchmyzine 15772648 Sig Office 15772648 11. AP 15722643 officers Mess 15692644 HQ Coy office 15762644 Sig. PL 15772649 AA Pl 15782647 Mortar pl 15782646 Pioneer pl. 15732646 Trans 15172646 R.D. Mathe 15162649 ACoy ABI 15992672 7 Pl 15982672 8 Pl 16002671 9 Pl 16002672 "B" Coy Buchmyzine. 15672645 10 Pl 15682645 11 Pl 15672646 12 Pl 15672646 "C" Coy Station Defence EL MINA 15982787 15982787 "D" Coy <del>HA</del> KAFR HAZIR 15492635 16 Pl 15482634 @ of MAP BAALBEIK 1/50,000 17 Pl "D" Coy 18022559 @ of MAP Bayrun 1/200000 18 Pl "D" Coy Docks 12942184 ORG map TRIPOLI EL MINA 1/10,000. <del>at 2/3 Coy</del> disposition Coy HQ. 1593029885 No 1 Post 16125 No 2 post. 1606027905 No 3 post 1604527890 No 4 post 1603027885 No 5 post. 1588527930 No 6 post 16100 27965 No 7 post 1582527901 No 8 post 1586027870 No 9 post 1582527870	
1348 ✓	2/19/41 I 80	2150		2/6 BN	1640	King Group location statement @ 2/5 bn HQ. 16023993 ACoy 15943999 B Coy less 1 pl 15953995 pl B Coy. 17804390 "C" Coy 15953993 "D" Coy 15953993 2/5 HQ Coy? 15953992 2/4 rd AMB B Coy 15983992	
1349 ✓	I 414		1 DIV HQ		0920	Ack in reply to 5 @ 130/1/44	
1350 ✓	I 413		2/84 2/3 BN		1430	location required as at 1800 hrs 25 Sept.	
1351 ✓	I 416		9 DIV HQ		1000	attached herewith a further Rd Recce report.	

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1352 ✓	0237	2/5 BN			1645	Report of inst N°11 @ 25-3 ton vehicles will report and come under your command 1600 hrs 27 Sep 41.	
1353 ✓	0238	<del>2/5 BN</del>	2/3 BN		1645	confirming verbal instructions @ C Coy and carrier PI come under Comd 7 Div @ R/TK 444 at EL-MINA comes under Comd 2/3 BN C Coy ACK.	
1354 ✓	0054	0840 (27 Sep)	2/3 2/5 Bn			Students for CSMS, arrival with report 7 Div reception camp 15252710 at 0830 hrs 28 Sep	
1355 ✓	071	0915 (27 Sep)	<del>2/5 Bn</del>	2/3 Bn	0900 (27 Sep)	All informed.	
1356 ✓	0909	1310		7 DIV	1130	Amend location statement 26 Sep HQ RAE 7 DIV 16172465. NOT 16172658 @ 2/9 bn 2/10 bn 2/12 Bn 18 Aust Inf Bde DJEDEODE area 212256 NOT Palestine.	
1357 ✓	I 10	1355		2/3	1100	Sitrep @ <del>2/3 Coy</del> reports. two bluish coloured flares seen E.N.E of Coy 2/3 HQ at 2040 hrs 26 Sep @ Rifle shot vicinity Free French Port 0620 hrs today @ Cargo ship entered harbour 0700 hrs 26 Sep @ Lockheed Hudson plane flew across front North to South @ otherwise sitnorm	
1358 ✓	I 417	1430	7 DIV			Ditto	
1359 ✓	O 241	1435	1 Aust CCS			Advise Major Bishop that 17 Bde HQ Comd will leave here Monday morning 29 Sep.	
1360 ✓	I 12	1000		2/3 Bn	N/L	Sitrep C Coy 2/3 reports 0900 hrs British Merchant ship & Greek merchant ship cleared port escorted by two	

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1360 ✓	Contd					M.T.Bs @ joined outside by destroyer escort formed convoy moved off at 1000 hrs 27 Sep @ 22.30 27/28 by numerous flashes seen out to sea.
1361 ✓	I 630	1325		7 DIV	1200	name Interpreter employed by 2/3 Bn regiment.
1362 ✓	I 417	1608	7 DIV			In reply to 0914. Ack
1363 ✓	I 418	1700	7 DIV			(In reply to I 630) Attached herewith details of Interpreter required by I.O. 7 Div @ also attached information on interpreter at KASSAB
<del>1364</del>						29 Sep 41
1364 ✓	I 13	1042		2/3 Bn	0820	Pitup 2/3 D Coy reports all platoons returned to Coy @ B Coy 2/3 reports 16 off 50 O.R. returned for BEIROUTH.
1365 ✓	I 14	1042		2/3 Bn	0930	C Coy 2/3 report for 28 Sep @ I.P.C plane flew north 0900 hrs returned 1300 hrs @ Barquantine left harbour at 1700 hrs. Flashes seen out to sea WNW 2125 hrs @ Engine dailing vessel left port 0330 hrs going south @ weather during 24 hrs good
1366 ✓	I 82	1100		2/5 Bn	0925	2/5 Location statement, Baalbek 1/50000 @ Bn HQ 18012559, B.C. coys all at 18102540. HQ Coy 18032554 KARTABA 1/50000 D Coy 17362555

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1367 ✓	I 419	1119	7 Div 2 1/2 5 Bde			Changed locations 2/3 & 2/5 Bde	
1368 ✓	0056	1322	2/3 2/5 Bde			10 Course AIF School signals students depart Haifa rail 1630 hrs 2 Oct for Gaza @ 2/5 will arrange pt & will inform 2/3 time of picking up 2/3 students.	
1369 ✓	I 15	1422	"	2/3 Bde	1236	one A D coy 2/3 left coy area 0900 hrs for T.E.W.T C. Party under comd 7 DIV	
1370 ✓	I 420	1437	7 DIV			One pl D coy 2/3 left coy area 0900 hrs for 7 Div exercise	
1371 ✓ 2d set	0916	1620	4 Hy Bty 171 LT AA 1 Aust Coy 17 Bde.	7 Avs B	1515	1 Aust Coy transmits following order from H.Q. 17 Bde @ 4 Hy AA Bty and 1 Aust Hy AA workshop see TRIPOLI will move relieve 5 Aust Hy AA Bty <del>RAYAK</del> and on 28 Sep @ one pl 170 LT AA Bty RAYAK and one pl 171 LT AA Bty TRIPOLI oil VP will move 29 Sep Beirut aerodrome and harbour respectively @ adv parties move forthwith units move with Hpt and present equip @ 171 LT AA Bty will transfer 5 tractors to 9 Aust LT AA Bty 28 Sep Beirut	
1372 ✓	0057		7 DIV		1430	N°6 Chropody course nomination from 2/5 Bde Vx 11560 Pte Smith MC applicant A.H.M.C alt 2/5 Bde	

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1373 ✓	I 16	1020		2/3 Bn	0945	Sitrep C Coy 2/3 @ 0700 hrs 30 Sep @ Boom defence vessel moved out 0800 return 1300 out 1400 return 1800 @ sailing vessels @ one out 0845 thru arrived 1350 1410 & 1540 hrs @ Cargo Steamer Mont LIBAN 5000 tons arrived at 1240 flying Free French flag. @ 0300 several Arabs were attempting to steal coal etc, they were chased off by guard @ weather was fine calm sea.
1374 ✓	I 83	1108		2/5 Bn	0930	Location statement 2/5 Bn ref Baalbek. 1/50000 @ B.H.Q. 18012559 A Coy 18072528, B Coy 18012538 C Coy 18122544, HQ Coy 18032559 @ Ref KARTAB 1/50000 D Coy 17362555
1375 ✓ 1 Oct 41	I 18	1934		2/3 Bn	1730	New location 2/3 Bn A Coy 15002636 detachment B Coy attached to 4 DIV HQ. for T.E.W.T has rejoined 2/3 Bn.
1376 " " ✓	I 17	1933		2/3 Bn	1535	2/3 Bn C Coy reports Hurricane fighter activity over area between 1105 hrs and 1500 hrs on 30 Sep @ Sailing arrived two 1045 hrs one at 1245 hrs one at 0620 hrs ships departed one 1215 hrs one 0600 hrs @ fine noticed at oil dump 2000 hrs other wise set normal
1377 ✓	I 637	2000		7 DIV	1500	ref CR/PAL/17578/0 of 30 May and 13 Jun @ all <del>ref</del> Map of codes still in possession of formations & units will be destroyed forthwith @ new sets of codes will be issued when @ if this system is again taken into use off all informed

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1378 ✓	1424		2/3, 2/5 BNS.		1830	all map ref codes held by you will be destroyed forthwith & new sets of codes will be issued if when and if this system is again taken into use & ACK.		
1379 ✓	1423		7 DIV HQ		1615	enclosed photograph of interpreter employed by 2/3 BN		
1380 ✓	1422		7 DIV HQ		1607	herewith copies of political poem in the ALLOUITE STATE as asked for by 60		
1381 ✓	119	1022		2/3 BN	0900	<p>2 Oct 41.</p> <p>Sitrep @ A Coy 1500 P1 Chekka agent works 150264</p> <p>@ 7 Pl occupies following B.P's MARYACOUTS 1586 29286            MAR SAMAR. 14652386 @ RASKOUBBA 14362596</p> <p>@ HAMSHIRE 14102458 @ 8 + 9 PIs and Mortars standing by as mobile ds. A Coy report night 1/2 Oct. without incident "C" Coy report SS Mont LIBAN cleared port 2100 @ Hurricane flew over TRIPOLI 1000 hrs + 1210 hrs. @ red glow seen on horizon at sea @ weather fine @ "D" Coy det returned to Kfar Hagir from TEWT. @ otherwise sit norm.</p>		

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1382 ✓	0937	1240		7 Div	1155	Col Bailton G.H.Q ME will talk on direct air support tomorrow 3 Oct at 7 Div B @ mess time be notified later @ Bde Comd & CO's will attend if available @ all informed.	
1383 ✓	0942	1850		7 Div	1820	Ref 0937 of 2 Oct @ Lecture commences at 0900 @ all informed	
1384 ✓	0244	1940	2/3 2/5 Bns			Col Bailton G.H.Q ME will talk on direct air support at 7 Div B Mess at 0900 hrs 3 Oct 41 @ C.O's will attend if available	
1385 ✓	I426		7 Div HQ		1030	corrected locations @ Mortar Pl. 2/3 BN less det Bechmezzine @ detach mortar pl with "A" Coy 2/3 BN. CHEKA 150264	
1386 ✓	I 20	1943		2/3 BN.	1830	re your location statement 2 Oct Mortar detachment with "A" Coy at Chekka consists of 1 Sgt 1 CPI 7DR's Mortar Pl still at Bechmezzine	
1387 ✓	I 425	1026	7 Div			Attached find additional copy of report on Alouite State as requested 7 Div I.O.	
1388 ✓	I 427		7 Div		1220	has code name NIGU has allotted to any unit	
3 Oct. 1389 ✓	I 23	1450		2/3 BN	1145	sighted as at 1200 hrs today @ "C" Coy 2/3 BN reports British plane over TRIPOLI 1000 2 Oct @ blasting operations proceeding on Mele @ large fire observed on coast to N at 1855 went out at 2015 hrs @ 2 sailing vessels arrived at 0700 and	

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1389 ✓	I 23	1450		2/3 BN	1145	1345 hrs 2 vessels departed at 0825 hrs + 18.30 respectively @ weather fine & heavy swell running @ conference held at HQ NO 1/C TRIPOLI to discuss installations of A/A & A/T guns around harbour & posn to be decided in after Recce @ guns to be manned by FF marine @ otherwise sit now	
1390 ✓	I 425		7 DIV		0925	Ack in response to SG 30/1/87	
1391 ✓	O 962	1215 4 Oct		7 Div	1115 4 Oct	Dig tag memo No 2 part one copies 148 149 150 are missing @ search parcels of documents issued with Cr Pol 18986/K1 of 2 Oct if found signal camp immediately & return missing papers to it	
1392 ✓	I 429	4 Oct 1355	7 DIV	#		Search revealed no trace of missing papers	
1393 ✓	I 24	1342 4 Oct		2/3	1310 4 Oct	Sitrep @ Litnor @ Dawn report 2/3 Coy reports Greek Steamer MEMPHIS arrived TRIPOLI 4.30 hrs yesterday @ At 2345 hrs red flare seen north of Island Port.	
1394 ✓	0245		7 DIV		1620 4 Oct	ACK in reply to SC 47/1/17.	
1395 ✓	0950	1745 Oct 1st.		7 Div.	1640 1 Oct.	All Aets and umpires participating in 7 Div Cav. Tactical exercises have been ordered repair own units this afternoon (1) Wide dispersion rendered final conference impracticable (2) 7 Div express appreciation their assistance (3) All informed.	

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1396 ✓	O 952.	1610 3 Oct —		7 Div	1519 3 Oct	Addressees will collect all messages and notes and other papers of any kind referring to recent 7 Cav exercises from participating personnel forthwith and fwd them to 7 Div. (C) All informed.	
1397 ✓	I 430	1345	7 Div.		1345	Sitrep to 0600 hrs 5 Oct. (C) 2/3 bn A reports small destroyer and coastal steamer heading South 1800 hrs (C) 1545 hrs two steam ships six miles off shore	
1398 ✓	I 25	1220		2/3bn	0945	Sitrep to 0600 hrs 5 Oct. (C) 2/3 A reports small destroyer and coastal steamer heading South 1800 hrs and two steam ships moving six miles out at 1545 hrs otherwise normal fishing craft (C) 2/3bn C reports 0705 hrs two sailing vessels departed (C) British plane over TRIPOLI 1100 hrs and 1250 (C) 1530 destroyer and merchant ships passed port (C) Security fence completed near of dock area (C) Two extra posts mounted to close gaps at night.	
1399 ✓	I 26	1635		2/3BN	1605	SITREP to 0700 hrs 6 Oct (C) A Coy 2/3 Bn reports plane flying overhead 1050 hrs and fire vicinity EL. MINA (1930) 1930 hrs. (C) Otherwise nothing unusual reported (C) C Coy 2/3 Bn also reports fire 1910 until 2030 hrs	



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1400 ✓	I 430		7 DIV		0830	In reply to SG 1/3/2/4. ack.	
1401 ✓	I 431		7 DIV		0507	In reply to SG 1/3/2/43. ack.	
1402 ✓	I 27			2/3 BN	0915	SIT REP 100700 hrs 7 Oct. O. A Coy 2/3 BN and C Coy report plane over EL MINA. 1225 hrs O. Otherwise situation normal.	
Oct 8th.							
1403 ✓	I 432	1100	2/3 T 2/5 bn.		1100	Location Stat. required as at 1800 hrs 8 Oct.	
1404 ✓	I 29	1315		2/3 bn	1300	In reply to 76/3/17 (C) Ack.	
1405 ✓	I 28	1330		2/3 bn	1120	Sitrep (C) 2/3 B & D NIL (C) 2/3 A. Sitrep MIL (C) Beach patrol reports 2 Arabes suspected petrol buyers on being approached for questioning escaped into Olive groves (C) 2/3 C Sitrep British Gunboat arrived and departed also French Steamer Boon. Layer operating in harbor. Otherwise Sit-norm.	
1406 ✓	I 30	1855		2/3 bn	1800	Locations as at 1800 hrs (C) Unchanged as per statement 2 Oct.	
1407 ✓	W 64	1902		2/5 bn	1830	Aircraft recognition procedure of 7 Oct (C) Ackd.	
1408 ✓	I 85	2040		2/5 bn	1900	Ref BAALBECK 1/50000 2/5 bn loc. Stat. (C) BH.Q. 18012559 A Coy 17972511 - B Coy 18222539 - C Coy 18402561 - H. Q. Coy 18032559 (C) Ref KARTABA 1/50000 D Coy 17362585.	

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1409 ✓	I 33	0950		2/3bn	0845	Sitrep (C) 2/3 "A" Coy reports 0715 hrs <del>at</del> 8 Oct two unidentified planes patrolling coast for 3 1/2 hrs (C) 1115 hrs two unidentified planes heading North (C) 1115 hrs Destroyer have to off KALMOUNE (C) 2/3 C reports at 0350 hrs 9 Oct. Strong gale N.W. sprang up (C) Preparations being made to evacuate MOLE (C) Otherwise Sit-normal.
1410 ✓	I 433	1000	2/5 bn		1000	Anti-gas and Respirator report required.
1411 ✓	I 37	1030		2/3bn	0943	Sitrep (C) Sit-normal (C) Dawn report 2/3bn "C" Coy reports high sea running yesterday (C) Launches stood by to evacuate troops from Mole if necessary (C) Defensive wire on post <del>No 2</del> 1606027905 washed down (C) 2/3bn "A" Coy reports at 2000 and 2020 hrs light seen to seaward approx 14382598
1412 ✓	I 434	1420	7 Div		1420	Sitrep - 1411 rptd. to Div
1413 ✓	I 436		7 DIV		1635 17 Oct	copy NO.1. draft O.O. NO 6 ACK. 111 Oct 41
1414 ✓	0246		7 DIV Sigs		1000 12 Oct	your 5815 ACK
1415 ✓	0247		2/5 2/3 bn		1015 12 Oct	Sig officers will attend conference on Sig Sec 7 DIV at 1430 hrs 130 officers concerned about 7 DIV Sigs HQ. 1400 hrs same day ACK.
1416 ✓	140	1130		2/3bn	0930	Sitrep 2/3bn A43C situation normal (C) Coy reports light flashing below C post RASKOUBA at 1900 hrs. flashes read T repeated 7 times & investigation revealed nothing.

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1417 ✓	I 41	1605		2/3 BN	1400	Location of 1st Coy Dental Unit 1671 2645
1418 ✓	I 435		7 AUST DIV		11 OCT A 1208	A Coy 2/3 BN reports launch failed to give recognition ○ two shots fired to warn off ○ several fishing craft using explosives.
1419 ✓	I 39	1147	2	2/3 BN	1000	SITREPO A Coy reports launch failed to give recognition ○ two shots fired to warn off ○ several fishing craft using explosives otherwise unknown ○ D Coy sitnom ○ B Coy sitnom SITREPO C Coy report Refor sub and large towed away position unknown at present otherwise sitnom
1420 ✓	I 43	1340		2/3 BN	1120	Sitrep ○ sitnom ○ dawn report 2/3 A report flashes (probably lightning) out at sea between 0500 and 0545 unidentified aircraft flying NE approx 1055 hrs and three French plane flying south approx 1145 h.
1421 ✓	I 437	13 Oct	7 DIV HQ		1400	2/3 BN "A" Coy report flashes possibly lightning out at sea between 0500 hrs and 0545 ○ unidentified aircraft flying NE approx 1055 hrs. Three French plane flying south 1145 h.
1422 ✓	191	1305	2/5 BN		1300	AOK in reply JL 20.

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1423 ✓	I439		7 Div HQ		0830	could 20 copies each sheets TRIPOLI HOMMS 1/200,000 be made available plan	
1424 ✓	I99	1580		2/5 Bn	1410	average recognition procedure 12 Oct 0 Ash	
1425 ✓	I45	1015		2/3 Bn	0920	Sitrep @ Sitnom Dawn Report. Reports gun flashes at sea North of Post at 0220 hrs	
1426 ✓	I439	1042	7 Div HQ	<del>7 Div HQ</del>		2/3 Bn reports O.P. 14362596 saw gun flashes at sea North of post 0220 hrs 14 Oct.	
1427 ✓	I441	1425	2/3 Bn 2/5 Bn			Until otherwise notified location statement as at 1200 hrs Wednesday will be sent to this H.Q. weekly @ Changes of location will continue to be reported immediately	
1428 ✓	I442	1450 15 SEP	7 Div HQ			2/3 Bn require location of NUPO also 2 BDMS SYR DET	
1429 ✓	O1000	1000		7 Div HQ		5 Aus Saps Per Sec at Baalbek @ 2 BDMS Sy det not on 1 Aust Corps location statement	
1430 ✓	I48	2255 14 Sep		2/3 Bn		Bearing of flashes reported in Sitrep as seen at 0220 hrs approx 315 degrees from C post ref 143625960 Impossible to estimate distance as too far away	
1431 ✓	I49	1145 15 Sep		2/3 Bn	1000	Sitrep @ Sitnom @ Dawn report C post reports TURKISH TANKER steaming South @ Otherwise Nil.	

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1432 ✓	I 94	1325		2/5 Bn	1200	Location statement ref Baalbek 1/50,000 Bn HQ 18012559 "A" Coy 17902511 "B" Coy 18222539 "C" Coy 18402561 HQ Coy 18032559 Ref KARTABA 1/50,000 "D" Coy 17362555
1433 ✓	I 443	1500	2/3 Bn			Location 5 Aus Sup Para Sec BAALBEK Location 2 BDMS unknown
1434 ✓	I 444	1415	7 Aus Div			Ref our I 439 bearing of flashes approx 315 degrees from 14362596 unable to estimate distance.
1435 ✓	I 41	1505 (12 Sep)		2/3 Bn	1400 12 Sep	Location of No 7 Dental Unit 15-712645.
1436 ✓	I 662	1305 (15 Sep)		7 Div	1825	Dependable source reports 10 Germans believed members Gestapo or have recently arrived KHANAK, when met by German emissary from Turkey who ordered them proceed Syria. Two sent ABU KEMAL & received by AGAIDAT tribe. Two sent ALAX from quarts 3 days of nationalist ex deputy ABDEL HADI BAKAR and not considered in small village in vicinity of two west of HAMMAN stayed KANJS house near frontier of Arabic contact agents in Turkey. No information remains from

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1437 ✓	O10	1530		7 Div	1450	Please confirm location your battle HQ	
1438 ✓	I 50	1P20		2/3 Bn	1345	Location as at 1200 hrs @ unchanged as your location Statement of P Oct.	
1439 ✓	I 445	1027 16 Sep	7 Div			(In reply to O10.) Battle HQ KFARAKKA 16052623	
1440 ✓	I 52	1309 16 Sep		2/3 Bn	1150	Distrip @ Sitnorm @ Dawn Report @ A Coy reports 0700 hrs large cargo boat sailing. N.W. ten miles @ 1545 hrs two large ships appeared over horizon NW of C section port cruised around & headed North at 1630 hrs @ visibility very poor 0600 hrs to 1200 hrs @ Coy reports sailing vessels arrived 0910, 0915, 1030 1150, 1155, 1315, 1420 & 1510 @ No departures @ Boom layer did not operate @ Lt AA Bty moved out @ new Bty moving in today	
1441 ✓	O18	1400 16 Sep		7 Div	1600	Hurricane aircraft co-operating A/A defence 1000 hrs 17 Oct route 142260 - 157281 - 165280 - 159275 - 140310 - 140260 159275 heights 15000, 6000 and 3000 ft @ All informed As Serial 1441	
1442 ✓	I 446	1402 16 Sep	2/3-2/5 Bns				
1443 ✓	I 449	17 Oct 41	2/5 Bns		0912	Details required your interpreter	
1444 ✓	I 448		7 Div HQ		0915	Contact 2/5 Bn interpreter november @ could this be renewed please and method for being so faded.	

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1445 ✓	I447		2/5 Pk Regt		0900	ref. inquiring inquiry about lost kitbag of NY 19203 ADAIR A.J. we are unable to find any trace of it & it was not handed to any personnel, our unit on 13 Sept.
1446 ✓	I 97	1515		2/5 bn	1300	Ref Baalbek and Kartaba 450,000 location statement 2/5 bn & bn HQ 18012539 A Coy 17972511 B Coy 18222539 C Coy HQ 18122544 13 PM 18032559 14 PI less one section and 16 PI 17362555 O section of 14 PI 18462561 O D Coy 17362555 HQ Coy 18032559 less one sec at water point 17852564 O B. echelon 18162561 O 1 N.C.O. and 3 Men guard duties 18122522 O Position of 13, 14, 15 PI are temporary until Antage and stores are brought down from Fwd areas.
1447 ✓	FX 109	1430		7 Div	1200	Ref S.G. 115/1/95 of 13 Oct 41 O (1) Concealed address procedure will be used for all cipher messages transmitted by W/T L/T or phonogram (2) unit names will be enciphered in clear O Call signs will NOT be enciphered O Inform all concerned.

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1448 ✓	I450	1520 17 Oct	7 Div			Could 50 copies KATABA 1/50000 80 copies TRIPOLI 1/50,000 be supplied earliest for use of 2/5 Bn and for replacements
1449 ✓	FX110	1629 17 Oct		7 Div	1300	(1) Concealed address procedure for all cipher messages will be brought into force 0001 hrs LT 18 Oct (2) At the same time code name used to denote cipher will be changed as follows (a) STENCIL delete TIGER substitute TIMES (b) SYLLABIC delete STYX substitute FAIRY © Inform all concerned including signal personnel handling dummy cipher traffic © Ask.
1450 ✓	I55	Nil 17 Oct		2/3 Bn	1515	Sitrep Sitnorm Dawn Report A Coy reports cable layer operating EL MINA and large cargo steamer sailing SN at 1515 hrs C Coy reports normal shipping © Bofar guns not yet arrived to replace Lt A/A battery that moved out Oct 16
1451 ✓	I57	1030 18 Oct		2/3 Bn	0930	Dawn Report C Coy reports mosque EL MINA burns 24 lights at various periods during darkness © A Coy reports plane without markings 1440 hrs apparently heavy bomber
1452 ✓	I58	1450 18 Oct		2/3 Bn	1615	B first 2/3 Bn A reports twin engined bombing plane passed 1413 hrs direction South markings not discernible © Later twin engined flying North 1453 hrs French markings



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1453 ✓	I 60	nil 19 Oct.		2/3 Bn	0940	Sitrep and dawn report (HEJA) A Coy reports British bomber over EL MINA on N.W. course at 1400 hrs. Free French plane 3 miles out to sea on NE course 1400 hrs. (HEJA) Beach patrol reports Free French truck carrying flour on fire South side of tunnel on coast road.	
1454 ✓	I 451	1430 19 Oct	7 Aus Div			Herewith copies rd reces loaned to this formation Returned with many thanks.	
1455 ✓	I 452	1555 19 Oct	7 Aus Div			Ack @ Locations as given in this HQ location statement 17 Oct are correct	
1456 ✓	I 453	1710 19 Oct	2/3 - 2/5 Bns			Comments on and details of inaccuracies noted on 1/50,000 maps in use required	
1457 ✓	I 61	1028 <del>20 Sept</del> Oct		2/3 Bn	0920	Sitrep @ Sitnorm @ Dawn report <sup>(C Coy)</sup> MURK reports shipping arrivals 0830 sailing vessel 0940 cargo ship from North @ Blackout not being strictly observed by civilians @ Otherwise nothing to report	
1458 ✓	I 454	1150 <del>20 Sept</del>	7 Aus Div			As Serial 1457	
1459 ✓	I 64	1010 <del>21 Sept</del> Oct		2/3 Bn	0923	Sitrep @ Sitnor @ Dawn Report C Coy reports shipping arrivals at 0900 hrs 1140 hrs + 1525 hrs @ Departures 1130 hrs 1335 hrs + 1855 hrs @ Heavy rain fell during night 20/21 Oct A Coy road patrol Nil report	
1460 ✓	I 455	1015 <del>21 Sept</del> Oct	7 Aus Div			See Serial No 1459	

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1461 ✓	046	1750 21 Oct		7 Aus Div		Blenheim aircraft co-operating A/A defence 1000 hrs. 22 Oct Route as in message 018 of 16 Oct 0 all informed	
1462 ✓	I456	1940 21 Oct	2/3 Bn			As Serial No 1461	
1463 ✓	I457	0850 22 Oct	2/3 + 2/5 Bno			Herewith map showing approx corrected line of rd SEBHEL 16702632 - EREN 17252611	
1464 ✓	I458	0910 22 Oct	2/3 + 2/5 + 5 Pl 2d Bn			Herewith aircraft recognition signals commencing 22 Oct to 28 Oct 0 Ack  Message 1464 Ack by 5 Pl 2d Bn	
1465 ✓	I65	1954 21 Oct		2/3 Bn	1930	B post reports 1745 hrs two naval vessels WSW going North 0 Signal given rear ship but not readable 0 C post report 1835 hrs signal lights direction 14142572	
1466 ✓	I66	2024 21 Oct		2/3 Bn	1945	Ref out I65 0 Signals from lamps bearing approx 200 degrees from C post 0 Signals at 1950 hrs read as follows "P 56" instruction was communicated later 0 BT 0 last	
1467 ✓	I459	0951 22 Oct	2/5 Bn			Herewith military conventional signs as requested by I.O.	
1468 ✓	I460	1040 22 Oct.	2/3 - 2/5 Bno			Location statement showing location as at 1200 hrs to-day required at this H.Q at earliest.	

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1469 ✓	I462	<del>1145</del>	7 DIV HQ		1445	ref S.G 30/1/89 @ ack
1470 ✓	I3	1145		2/3 BN	1110	ack in reply to I458
1471 ✓	I461		7 DIV HQ		1133	Sitrep @ <del>2/3 BN</del> reports sitnorm @ 2/3 BN. C Coy reports green + white lights at sea north of mole between 2010 and 2134 hrs D post 14102458 reports trench mine plan over area east of port at 1700 hrs.
1472 ✓	I68	1120.		2/3 BN	1015	Sitrep @ Sitnorm @ Dawn report 2/3 C Coy reports green and white lights at sea north of mole between 2010 and 2134 hrs @ vessels reported in our I66 recognised as Bivast @ D post 14102458 reports trench mine plan over area east of port at 1700 hrs.
1473 ✓	I69	1105		2/3 BN	1058	No change in localities as at 1200 hrs 1500
1474 ✓	I70	1950 22 Oct		2/3 BN	1940	C Coy O.P. reports four fairly large ships on horizon @ Signals proceeding from one to other @ Proceeding in a Northerly direction @ At 1805 hrs 15 to 20 miles SW of C Coy O.P.
1475 ✓	I72	nil 22 Oct		2/3 BN	2040	C Coy O.P. advises signal lights as last night from 14742575

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1476 ✓	I 73	1010		2/3 bn	0905	Sitrep and dawn report 2/3 bn "C" Coy reports destroyer Sth of port at 1215 hrs and destroyer entered EL MINA harbor at 1615 hrs departed at 1800 hrs headed WEST (C) Also reports armed merchantman at 1630 hrs left port heading South (C) 1400 gunboat departed. 2/3 bn "A" Coy reports naval vessel 1210 hrs (C) 1900 hrs light signalling from Beirut headland unreadable (C) 0850 hrs naval vessel off Beirut recognised as British CORVETTE class.	
1477 ✓	I 463 23	1035	7 Aust Div		1035	Sitrep - Serial 1476 Reptd.	
1478 ✓	I 74	0900 24 Oct.		2/3 bn	1010 24 Oct.	Sitrep and dawn report (C) Sitnorm.	
1479 ✓	I 75	1815		2/3 bn O.P.	1600	O.P. advises six explosions around BEIRUT about 0700 hrs sounded light arty (C) No enemy action observed (C) 2/3 bn B Coy O.P. advise plane travelling South unable pick up any identification markings	
1480 ✓	I 464		H.Q. 7 Div		1824	O.P. advises six explosions around Beirut about 0700 hrs sounded like arty no enemy action observed. 2/3 B Coy O.P. advise plane travelling South unable pick up any identification markings	

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1481 ✓	I 77	1010 25/10/41.		2/3 bn	0905	Sitrep (C) Sitnorm (C) Dawn report (C) Posts A, B, C, report unidentified plane flying southerly direction 1428 hrs (C) Light signalling from BEKUT headland 1920 hrs (C) Beach patrol reports Red VEREY light seen 2100 hrs.
1482 ✓	I 465	1017 25/10/41.	7 Aust Div.		1017	Sitrep (C) Serial 1481 reptd. to Div.
1483 ✓	I 7	—		2/3 bn	0845	Sitrep (C) Sitnorm (C) Dawn Report (C) D post Map Ref 1410 2458 reports destroyer and transport vessels travelling NORTH at 1505 hrs (C) Otherwise nothing to report.
1484 ✓	I 466	0845	7 Aust Div.		0845	Location statement unchanged from 1200 hrs 23 Oct.
1485 ✓	I 83	nil 27 Oct		2/3 Bn	0910	Sitrep dawn report A Coy reports destroyer travelling South 1610 hrs. Cargo vessel under escort at 1810 hrs. 0855 hrs steamer accompanied by camouflaged transport heading South
1486 ✓	I 467	1015 27 Oct	7 Aust Div H.Q.			Copy No 1 Ack
1487 ✓	I 468	1110 27 Oct	7 Aust Div H.Q.			Det B Coy 2/3 Bn took over gd duties R.E. dump CHEKKA 0900 hrs 27 Oct.

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1488 ✓	I480	1545 27 Oct	2/7 Bn			Message for Brig Savage @ Col Wrigley wishes contact you CCS BEYROUTH 28 Oct @ If suitable please advise time arrival	
1489 ✓	I84	<del>0840</del> nil 28 Oct		2/3 Bn	0840	Sitrep and Dawn Report Sitnorm Dawn Report Nil.	
1490 ✓	I85	1335 28 Oct		2/3 Bn	1330	A Coy advises "C.O.P." reports plane seen out to sea @ Unidentified @ "D.O.P." reports aircraft circling N.W. of post @ Now heading S.W. @ Unidentified @	
1491 ✓	I481	1526 28 Oct	7 Aust Div H.Q.			O.P. at 1410 2458 reports 1315 hrs unidentified aircraft circling N.W. of post then headed S.W.	
1492 ✓	I469	1400 27 Oct	1 Aust Coy Rgt			Ref your work carried out to assist us to test compasses in this formation @ Could the results be forwarded please.	
1493 ✓	I86	1030 29/Oct.		2/3 Bn	0910 29/oct	Sitrep (.) Sitnorm. Dawn report nil (.) A. Coy reports unidentified plane flying NORTH 1220 hrs also reports monoplane bomber eight miles at sea flying SW at high altitude 1150 hrs (.) Plane returned 1245 hrs flying N.W. (.) C Coy reports 2300 hrs north -oriented sailing vessel attempted to enter port warning shot was fired (.) Vessel moored at mole	
1494 ✓	I472	1036 29/Oct	7 Aust Div		1038	Serial 1493 - Sitrep repld.	
1495 ✓	I473	1120	7 Aust Div		1120	A Coy 2/3 Bn reports friendly aircraft one bomber escorted by 3 fighters travelling N. 3 miles west of 146523 @ Altitude 1200 ft at 1010 hrs.	

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1494 ✓	I87	1120		2/3 BN	1045	A Coy reports friendly aircraft one bomber escorted by three fighters travelling NORTH three miles WEST of B post altitude 12000 ft time 1010 hrs	
1497 ✓	I474	1150	7 Aust Div HQ.			2/3 Bn O.P. at 15862728 reports unidentified high winged monoplane circling around TRIPOLI at approx 10,000 ft @ Plane passed over 2/3 Bn area at 1055 hrs at approx 10,000 ft heading SW @ Returned at 1100 hrs travelling NORTH up coast.	
1498 ✓	I90	1245		2/3 BN	1215	A Coy C Post reports one bomber monoplane friendly flying North three miles N.W. high 10000 ft time 1000 hrs @ 1052 hrs C post reports unidentified bomber monoplane flying NE direction high 5000ft	
1499 ✓	I88	1135 29 Oct.		2/3 BN	1100	A post A Coy advises high winged monoplane unidentified circling around TRIPOLI at an altitude of approx 10,000ft Plane passed over Kute at 1055 hrs at same altitude heading SOUTH WEST @ Returned at 1100 hrs heading NORTH along coast.	
1500 ✓	I91	1325 29 Oct		2/3 BN	1250	A Coy C post advises one bomber monoplane friendly @ Direction of flight South-east @ overhead height 10000ft @ observed at 1130 hrs	
1501 ✓	I475	1329 29 Oct	7 Aust Div HQ			2/3 OP 14362596 reports friendly bomber monoplane 1130 hrs @ flying South-east @ Height 1000 ft.	

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1502 ✓	I 476	1400 29 Oct	2/3 - 2/5 BN			Please note amendments to out 165/3/17 of 24 Oct Dates on second line should read 3 10 17 24 Ack	
1503 ✓	I 92	nil 29 Oct	2/3 BNHQ		1503	Ack	
1504 ✓	I 101	1617 29 Oct	2/5 BN		1540	Ack	
1505 ✓	B 193	29 Oct.	2/7 bn		2045 29 Oct	Party to receive bn bivouac area will report at rd junction 1940 1795 ref Damaras 200,000 at 1200 hrs 31 Oct (C) Receive party from 2/3 bn will report your area same day (C) Ack.	
1506 ✓	B 194	2110 29 Oct.	2/5 bn		2110 29 Oct	Party to receive Bn bivouac area will report at rd junction 1940 1795 ref Damaras 200,000 at 1200 hrs 31 Oct (C) Duration possibly two days (C) Ack.	
1507 ✓	I 103	2230 29 Oct.		2/5 bn	2220 29 Oct.	In reply to B 194 (C) Ack.	
1508 ✓	O 86	1450 29 Oct.		7 Div	1259	Students for AIF 4 course of weapons training will report 7 Aust Div reception camp @ 700 hrs 31 Oct for tpt to HAIFA (C) 17 Aust Inf Bde will provide this tpt for total of 4 officers and eight ORs (C) Students will entrain HAIFA 1630 hrs 31 Oct for GAZA. (Important)	



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1509 ✓	0253	1452 29 Oct	2/3 br + 2/5 br		1452	Students for AIF 4 course re weapons being report this H.R. 10630 31 Oct for tpt to HAIFA (C) Students entrain HAIFA 1630 hrs 31 Oct for Gaza (C) Ack.	
1510 ✓	I 102	1740 29 Oct	<del>2/3</del>	2/5 br	1715 29 Oct	In reply to 0253 (C) Ack.	
1511 ✓	L 112	0820 30 Oct		2/7 br	0740 30 Oct	In reply to B193 (C) Ack.	
1512 ✓	I 93	1020 30 Oct		2/3 br	0830 30 Oct	Dawn report (C) "A" Coy advises monoplane bomber flying North 1000 seen by all posts (C) "b" Coy O.P. reports FF twin engine monoplane flying at 10000 ft at 1030 hrs approx 8 miles at sea (C) "b" Coy advises 1015 to 1105 BLACKBURY SKUA plane circled TRIPOLI (C) French markings.	
1513 ✓	I 477	1059 30 Oct	2/5 br		1059 30 Oct	Ref map TRIPOLI 1:50,000 (C) bay bivouac areas 3 bays have been selected 15982612 - 16022618 - 16042615 (C) Guides available this H.R.	
1514 ✓	I 478	1137 30 Oct	6 Aust Div		1137	Could 50 copies ZEBDANI 1/50000 be made available please (C) 15 copies urgently required for recce party 31 Oct.	
1515 ✓	094	1700 30 Oct		7 Div	1545 30 Oct	Numbers for middle east staff school 6 war cour will report H.R. 7 Aust Div for interview by GOC. at 0930 hrs 3 Nov. (C) Div will arrange accommodation 304 hrs for 18 Bde TRIPOLI night 2-3 Nov.	