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WAR DIARY - No 20

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SIR ED DANIE	Dec 1	0830	2 Pl move to Cedars and take over Gd Duties	
		1200	2 i/c departs for Bde - interchange of offrs with 18 Bde to discuss respective campaigns. Capt Fleming exchanged for 2 i/c.	
		1200	IO makes recce of Fd Firing Range	
		0830	A Coy takes up duties in defence EL MINA PORT	
	2	0830	IO continues recce of Fd Firing Range First fall of snow at HQ	
	3	0830	Coys continue digging & tng at EL AYOUN	
		1800	CO and Adjt attend Barbecue held by B & C Coys	
	3	1830	Showing of Propaganda films to local populace in these HQ	
	4	0830	Coys in tng CO ill Adjt receives infm of promotion of Capt Godsall to Maj.	
	5	0830	Coys continue digging - mortar posns selected Track recce by snipers - all posns now 80% completed and awaiting stores for revetting. CO confined to his room with influenza	
	6	0945	Adjt and Capt Fleming visit fwd areas.	
	7	0900	Church parade postponed owing to heavy rain.	
		1500	2/16 Bn play ZGHORTA (Arab Team) Soccer - Result draww 1-1- Match played at ZGHORTA.	
	8	0830	Coys continue tng	
9	0830	Bad weather seriously interferes with Tng & Digging		
10	0830	ditto		
	0900	CO visits Bde for conference and afterwards visits EL AYOUN area.		
11	0830	Bad weather continues - further snow falls on mountains overlooking SYR Capt Fleming lectures Bn HQ, HQ & B ech on TOBRUK.		
	1430	Capt Fleming, Adjt leave for BEIRUT en route to DAMOUR to inspect battlefield		
12	0830	Capt Fleming and Adjt inspect Battlefield at DAMOUR. Photographs of graves of BEYROUTH taken		
	1400	2/16 Bn defeats 2/14 Bn at Australian football - Scores 9.13 to 5.9. Match played at TRIPOLI in presence of large enthusiastic crowd representative of all coys in Bn. So large was the crowd that it proved difficult to provide sufficient personnel for gd at Bn HQ. Changing over of gd was consequently delayed until 1830 hrs.		
13	0830	HQ Coy on target practice at Rifle Range TRIPOLI		
	1400	2/16 Bn defeats 2/14 Bn 4-2 at Soccer		
14	0830	B Coy on target practice at Rifle Range at TRIPOLI		

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		1400	2/16 Bn defeats ZGHORTA 1-0 at Soccer	
		0830	A Coy on target practice at Rifle Range TRIPOLI	
		0830	Coys continue tng and digging ops	
		16 0830	Lt Col Wain returns to Bn to say farewell. He had been appointed CO 2/43 Bn	
		16 0830	C Coy on target practice at Rifle Range TRIPOLI	
		1200	Coys continue digging and tng	
			OO issued for Coys to return to SYR for Xmas on 22 Dec	
		17 0800	Lt Col Potts leaves on 9 days leave accompanied by Lt Col Wain	See Appx C
		0830	D Coy at Rifle Range TRIPOLI	
		1100	6 offr & 23 ORs join Bn as reinfts	
		18 0830	Coys continue tng	
		1900	Lecture to Coy Offrs on stars - to continue each night	
		19 0830	Coys continue tng	
		1100	Instns issued for practice pack for Bn HQ & B Ech	
		20 0800	Bn HQ & B ech commence practice pack	
		1100	Practice pack completed	
		21 0900	Church parade at EL AYOUN	
		1430	2/16 Bn defeat 2/31 Bn at Australian Football in presence of Brig J E S Stevens. Scores 2/16 Bn 14 gls 20 bhds - 2/31 3 gls 4 bhds	
		22 0800	Bn HQ commence pack	
		0930	Coys (less picquets) move out for SIR ED DANIE & BQAA SAFFRAIN in extremely wet and cold weather.	
		1000	Bn HQ moves to BQAA SAFFRAIN for purpose of exercise	
		1015	Bn HQ established at BQAA SAFFRAIN	
		1500	Coys established in winter quarters for Xmas - A Coy (less 9 Pl) at BQAA SAFFRAIN, 9 Pl at SIR ED DANIE, B Coy at BQAA SAFFRAIN, C, D, & HQ Coys at SIR ED DANIE.	
	23 1915	YMCA show talkie picture at Bn HQ - A very fine performance.		
	23 0830	Coys continue tng - each coy doing portions of Syllabus not already covered. Preparations for Xmas commence with killing of fowls and geese.		
	1900	Bn concert at Bn HQ - Good Show.		
	24 0830	Coys continue tng in miserable weather		
	0900	OO No 11 issued		
	1600	Instn received from Bde that Bn would be responsible for coastal defence South of TRIPOLI & for recce to be made	See Appx C See Appx C	

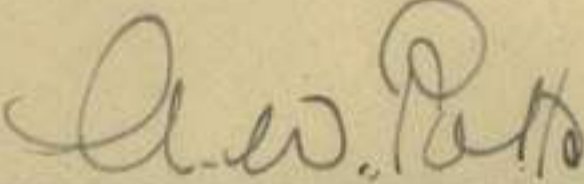
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SIR ED DANIE	Dec 25	0915	Church parade - attended by Bde Comd who expressed his wishes for Xmas and stated he was proud to be associated with the Bn.	
		1300	Xmas Dinner - CO, 2 i/c and RSM visit all coys. Heavy falls of snow.	
	26		Boxing Day - holiday - bitterly cold.	
	27	0830	Coys move out on return to EL AYOUN.	
		0900	CO, Adjt and IO make recce of coastal defence area.	
	28	1400	2/16 Bn defeats ZGHORTA 2-0 at soccer - 2/16 Bn defeats 2/6 Fd Regt 10-0 at soccer.	
	29	0900	CO, Adjt & IO leave on recce of coastal defence area north of TRIPOLI	
		1500	Demonstration of Pl in Attack with live amn at EL AYOUN	
	30	0830	Coys continue tng - Coy & Pl exercises	
		1430	Recce party returns	
	31	1100	Orders received from Bde for a Pl to be posted on Tunnel south of CHEKA and for one coy to be standing by on immediate notice, for two coys to be standing by on 1 hrs notice to gd against Beach landings. 15 Pl takes up duty at tunnel with remaining two pls of C coy standing by on 2 hrs notice to take up posns between JBAIL and TRIPOLI. D Coy standing by on immediate notice immediate notice with A coy on 2 hrs notice. A Coy allotted coast between TRIPOLI and TARTOUSS. D Coy subsequently reduced to 2 hrs notice but nature of duties not disclosed.	


 Lt Col
 CO 2/16 Aust Inf Bn

SUMMARY

On 1 Dec 41 the Bn less Bn HQ & B Ech was located at EL AYOUN with Bn HQ and B Ech at SIR ED DANIE. On that day 2 Pl moved to the Cedars to relieve the existing gd there and the 2 i/c left for the Turkish border. Maj Caro was exchanged with Capt FLEMMING of 2/10 Bn for the purpose of enabling an exchange of information to take place. Capt Flemming's unit had been portion of the TOBRUK garrison. Whilst with the Bn Capt FLEMMING lectured Bn HQ and each Coy on the fighting at TOBRUK and gleaned information on the SYRIAN Campaign to take back to his unit and also found time to visit DAMOUR. Altogether he spent 12 days with the Bn. On 2 Dec A Coy moved to EL MINA to assume the port control role.

Up till 22 Dec the Coys were occupied in digging defensive positions and in training whilst between 13 Dec and 17 Dec each Coy visited TRIPOLI RIFLE RANGE in turn. On 16 Dec O.O. was issued for the return of the Coys to SIR ED DANIE and BQAA SAFFRAIN for Xmas. The next day the CO left for PALESTINE on leave returning on 24 Dec. At 1100 hours 1 Offr and 23 ORs joined the Bn as Reinforcements whilst 5 Offrs from 21 ITB accompanied the draft to be attached to the Bn for training.

On 18 Dec instns were received from Bde for the Bn to have practise packs and to train in embussing and debussing, such training to be completed by 22 Dec. This order was the first forerunner of a possible move by the Bn and immediately the inevitable speculation commenced. The Coys had this tng in their move back to billets on 22 Dec whilst on 20 Dec Bn HQ and B Ech had a pack and two days later Bn HQ moved out to BQAA SAFFRAIN.

Xmas Eve was the scene of much activity caused by the usual extra administration brought about at Xmas time, the issue of an O.O. for the Bns ^{only} in the TRIPOLI fortress area and the receipt of information that the Bn was to be responsible for the defence of the LEBONESE coast between JBAIL and BANIASS.

Xmas Day dawned in a snow storm; it was the second fall of the season, the first snow having fallen on 2 Dec. Church parade was held at Bn HQ at 0915 and was attended by Bde Comd who addressed the Bn and personally conveyed his Xmas Greetings. All ranks had a very enjoyable day and had a holiday on Boxing Day to enable them to recuperate.

The next day the Coys returned to EL AYOUN whilst the CO, accompanied by the Adjt and IO, made a recce of the coast South of TRIPOLI. Two days later a recce was made of the coast North of TRIPOLI. That day an exhibition of a Pl in attack was given at EL AYOUN by a composite Pl using live amm.

On the last day of the year orders in connection with the coastal defence ^{job} were issued. One Coy was to be responsible for the coast South of TRIPOLI, another for the coast North of TRIPOLI, a ~~third~~ for the defence of EL MINA (in addition to the Coy carrying out port control duties) whilst the remaining Coy was to be kept in reserve. One Pl of the Coy responsible for the Southern area was to be posted immediately at CHEKKA TUNNEL. The whole Bn less this Pl was to be on two hours notice. C Coy was allotted the Southern area with 15 Pl at the Tunnel, A Coy the Northern area, D Coy was given the role of defending EL MINA with B Coy in reserve. The last mentioned Coy at the time was engaged on port control duties at EL MINA.

During the month there were many sporting fixtures and a number of entertainments were staged at Bn HQ. On the sporting side the Bn teams were unbeaten. At Australian Football 2/14 and 2/31 Bns were defeated and at soccer ZGHORTA was defeated twice in addition to victories over 2/14 Bn and 2/6 Fd Regt whilst a third match was played against ZGHORTA resulting in a draw

The Xmas/

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The Xmas Season was noteworthy for two fine concerts staged by members of the Bn, the first on Dec 23rd and the second on Boxing Night.

Aw Potts Lt. Col.

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APPX A

ROUTINE

ORDERS

W D

By Lt Col A W POTTS MC Commanding Officer PART A 5 Dec 41

1. ARMY VEHICLES - IMPROPER USE OF

Reports have been received that army vehs are being used for improper purposes such as smuggling hashish, dutiable goods and essential foodstuffs between SYRIA and PALESTINE. This is a criminal matter and all offences will be tried by Court Martial.

Coys Comds will be held responsible for the contents of vehs under their cmd and will take suitable measures for surprise searches when considered necessary.

Searches will also be carried out by Provost personnel either with or without the aid of customs officers, and every assistance will be given to provost personnel performing this duty.

Cases of any merchants approaching military personnel will be notified to this HQ, in order that they may be reported to the civil authorities.

2. ACCOMMODATION IN BEIRUT

It is advised that Ofprs and O. travelling through BEIRUT on duty will be accommodated in the Transit Camp at JOSEPH Barracks, Rue de Verdun, and will not be entitled to claim travelling allowance unless accommodation is not available at the Camp.

3. SECURITY

It is reported that certain personal effects recently stolen from a soldier were marked with his name, number and UNIT.

The marking of personal effects to show the unit designation is unnecessary whether for laundry or other purposes and is also a direct contravention of security.

All Coys will :-

- (a) Ensure that this practice ceases forthwith.
- (b) Ensure that the unit designations marked on personal effects are erased.

4. SNOWBALLING

All ranks are warned of the danger which will obviously result from snowballing personnel in vehs, particularly drs. This warning will be kept in mind by parties travelling on mountain rds during the winter season.

5. CHURCH PARADES

Protestant - Holy Communion will be held at EL YOUN area at 0700 hrs on Sun 7 Dec.

Church Parade will be held at EL YOUN area at 0900 hrs on Sun 7 Dec.

R.C. Mass will be celebrated at EL YOUN area at 1000 hrs on Sun 7 Dec.

PART B

1. APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, ETC

2613	Pte McGee	W R	B Coy	- Appointed L/Cpl	2/12
4246	L/Cpl Lethlean	I	"	- Promoted to rank of /Cpl	2/12
4269	Pte Weston	G	Coy	- Appointed L/Cpl	28/11
4616	" King	J A	HQ Coy	- Appointed L/Cpl	4/12
5698	" Farris	C H B	B Coy	- Appointed L/Cpl	29/11
2761	" Walker	J R	A Coy	- Appointed L/Cpl	28/11

2. DETENTION - Committed to.

7744	Pte Miller	H L	HQ Coy	- to 1 Aust Corps Ed Punishment Centre	1/12
3062	" Bleckhynden	T A B	"	- ditto	

3. DETACHMENT FOR DUTY

2275	Lieut	E R	O'Keeffe	B Coy	- To 21 Aust Inf Tng Bn	29/11
3253	"	G W	Wright		- To 7 Aust Div Leave & Transit Camp	29/11

4. HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

2665	Cpl Goldspink	H B	HQ Coy	3/12	4329	W. E. Greenfell	R A	Ba HQ	2/12
4335	Sgt McCallough	K	Coy	3/12	4999	Pte Edwards	R	D Coy	1/12

4. HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (contd)

517 Pte Martin A W D Coy 3/12

5. PUNISHMENTS

2963 Pte Cockett J HQ Coy - AWL AA 15 (1) Admonished - loss 1 days pay
 3023 " McVeigh H H A Coy - AWL AA 15 (1) 7 days CB - loss 2 days pay
 5916 " Harper H H A Coy - AWL AA 15 (1) Admonished "
 4210 A/Cpl Holcney B W " - AWL AA 15 (1) do "
 4312 Pte Keegan E K " " 7 days CB, loss 2 days pay
 4350 " Delaporte L E " " do
 3690 " Kelly W " " do
 7845 " Grimshaw F H " " do
 8060 " Kilner A V " " 4 days CB, loss 2 days pay
 2013 " McGregor W B B Coy " 7 days CB, loss 4 days pay
 4270 " Ryan A F " " 7 days CB, loss 1 days pay
 4274 L/Cpl Thompson R H " " do
 7350 Pte Scott H J " " 14 days CB, loss 1 days pay
 4717 " Birch R F R C Coy - Neglect to obey a general Order AA 11
 1 extra gd, 5 days CB

6. REJOINED UNIT

3042 Pte Erridge G E - From AIF (ME) Inf School - Mortar Course 2/12
 4259 " Donnelly H - From Water Duties Course-2/2 Hyg Sec 22/11
 3190 L/Cpl Bannigan L E - From Disinfestation & Sanitation Course 1/12
 From 21 Aust Inf Bde Pl Comds Course 29 Nov :-
 2733 Lieut Young H G HQ Coy 2742 Sgt Crombie R G C Coy
 3120 Sgt McVeigh T HM B Coy 3365 L/Sgt Bremner L D HQ Coy
 4177 L/Sgt Gray R H A Coy 4252 L/Sgt Jones R E A B Coy
 5763 L/Sgt Hounslow S A D Coy

7. REVERSIONS

4239 Cpl Bracogirdle L B Coy - Reverts to Pte at own request 30/11
 5359 A/Cpl Norrish D K B Coy - Reverts to L/Cpl 23/11
 7034 A/Cpl Pearce H W T B Coy - Reverts to L/Cpl 2/12
 10437 A/Cpl Hyde E H B Coy - Reverts to Pte on joining Bn 27/11

8. SCHOOLS & COURSES

1533 Capt F H Sublet MC HQ Coy - 7 Aust Div Adm No. 2 Course 30/11
 2346 Lieut W M Atkinson MC - D Coy do
 2659 Sgt Anderson G H HQ Coy - AIF (ME) Inf School - 8 Mor Wins
 5 - 23 Dec
 3135 A/Cpl Hazelwood T V " do
 To 21 Aust Inf Bde Pl Comds Course No 3. - 1 - 15 Dec :-
 3039 Sgt Jackson G P HQ Coy 4307 Sgt Douglas E F R HQ Coy
 3036 " Philbin J T C Coy 3085 " Harding W C H A Coy
 2744 " Johnson D D Coy 3280 L/Sgt Duncan W J D Coy
 3567 " Salom A L C Coy

9. STRENGTH - Taken on

7922 Pte Bennett J F Da HQ 1/12 4218 Pte Goldie T H A Coy 1/12
 3071 " Marshall J B Coy 1/12 7387 " Dent H R D Coy 1/12
 4163 " Brokenshire H J D Coy 1/12 2652 Pte Matthews L R A Coy 30/11
 8055 " Wight G F D Coy 30/11 3512 Pte Omeron A J A Coy 3/12
 4251 Sgt Braecgirdle K B B Coy 5/12

10. TRADE GROUPINGS

2059 Pte Wiseman R K B Coy - Relinquished TG II (Cook) 1/12
 5203 " Patterson H HQ Coy - Grade G II (Cook) 1/12

11. TRANSFERS

11215 Pte Cardiner S N D Coy to 21 Aust Inf Tng Bn 29/11
 3104 A/Sgt Thomas L E G HQ Coy to 21 Aust Inf Tng Bn 2/12

12. INTER COY TRANSFERS

2059 Pte Wiseman R K HQ Coy to B Coy 1/12
 5303 " Patterson H D Coy to HQ Coy 1/12

J. A. O'Brien Lieut
 Adjt 2/16 Aust Inf Bn

1. WIVES & FAMILIES IN SYRIA

Wives and families of offrs or ORs will NOT be allowed to reside in SYRIA under any circumstances, except when special permission is given for offrs to bring their wives to SYRIA on short leave from elsewhere in the ME.

2. PAYBOOKS - SAFEGUARDING OF

The safeguarding of pay books (AB 64 Pts I & II, WF 5) is a serious matter from the point of view of both security and adm.

From the date of this order the safeguarding of pay books shall be regarded as equal in importance to the safeguarding of a rifle, & the responsibility of individuals must be emphasised by Coy Comds.

Frequent inspections will be held by units to ensure that personnel are in possession of pay books.

In the event of loss the matter will be dealt with by the CO and if neglect is established the offence must be punished. In order to facilitate dealing with these charges they should be laid under AA sec 40, the wording of the charge being "not being in possession of AAB 64 (Pts I & II) or WF 5 etc."

In cases where personnel are unavoidably deficient of pay books it is the responsibility of Coy Comds to provide them with a certificate to this effect.

On transfer of personnel, evacuation to medical establishment etc, pay books will be scrutinised on arrival and any case of deficiency or improper or incorrect entries will be reported to this HQ through the usual channels.

3. AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS

The air mail letter card service has been extended to the British West Indies Australian stamps may be used for this service.

4. CARRYING OF MESS TINS AND CUTLERY BY SOLDIERS TRAVELLING BY RAIL

All soldiers moving by train proceeding to or returning from leave, courses, etc, will always take mess tins, knife, fork & spoon in order that they may be to that extent self-supporting in the event of any hold-up on their journey. These articles will NOT be provided in any reception camp which may be set up to deal with such traffic.

4. PERSONNEL ENGAGING IN NON-MILITARY SPORTS

Attention is directed to the fact that personnel taking part in civilian boxing contests, riding in races etc, do so at their own risk as far as injury is concerned.

Any disability arising from participation in such sports will not operate to secure for the member of the forces concerned any right to pension, even if such participation is approved by the comd concerned.

5. INCREASE IN PAY

i. On and from 7 Nov 41, the pay of all members of the AIF has been increased by 1/- Australian per day, and of members of AANS, masseuses and VADs by 3d Australian per day.

ii. There is no increase in the rate of exchange allowance.

iii. The new standard rates for allotments are as follow :-

Officers	5/6 Australian per day (old rate, 5/-)
Other Ranks	3/6 Australian per day (old rate, 3/-)

iv. Members without dependants will receive direct the full benefit of the approved increases.

v. Members with dependants will receive direct one half of the approved increase, the balance being credited direct to the dependants, notwithstanding any allotment which may exceed that provided for in para iii herein

vi. The automatic increase does not affect the rights of a member with dependants to reduce the allotment to an amount not less than the new standard rate.

vii. On and from 7 Nov 41, the scale of dependant's allowance is as follows :-

5. INCREASE IN PAY (contd)

vii.

one dependant	3/6	Australian	per	day
two dependants	6/-	"	"	"
three dependants	8/-	"	"	"
each additional dependant	1/6	"	"	"

viii.

Administrative arrangements to give effect to the foregoing will be as follows :-

- Every member in ME who has an allotment of pay, irrespective of whether the allottee is dependant or not, will complete an Allotment Declaration Form showing particulars of rates of pay and full particulars of all allotments. Forms are available on application to Field Paysmasters.
- COs will arrange for the distribution & completion of these forms and for the necessary entries to be made in the paybooks of all members of the unit.
- COs will provide clerical assistance for the pay sgt where att, and, in the case of units having no AAPC personnel COs will ensure that all forms and entries in members' paybooks are made under the supervision of an offr.
- Allotment Declaration Forms will be fwded on completion, direct by the unit to CPM AIF (ME).

6. Rates of Pension Payable Fortnightly to Dependants of Offrs & ORs, Upon Death on Active Service Outside Australia.

Daily rate of pay of member	Widow		Widowed mother of unmarried member	Other mother or father if without adequate means of support - Max rates
	Min	Max		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
7/-	47/-	84/-	43/-	43/-
8/-	48/-		46/-	46/-
9/-	49/-		49/-	49/-
10/-	52/3		52/3	52/3
11/-	54/10		54/10	54/10
12/-	57/3		57/3	57/3
13/-	59/6		59/6	59/6
14/-	61/10		61/10	61/10
16/-	66/6		66/6	66/6
16/8	68/-		68/-	
18/6	71/6		71/6	
23/6	79/-		79/-	
26/9	84/-		84/-	
31/-	90/7		90/7	90/7
38/6	102/3	102/3	102/3	
46/-	113/10	113/10	113/10	
50/- and over	120/	120/-	120	

- Pensions are assessed on the member's rate of pay (incl deferred pay). Items such as ration allowance, exchange adjustment, etc are not incl as items of pay for purposes of war pension assessment.
- Widows The rates shown in column (2) are the statutory rates prescribed in the First Schedule to the Repatriation Act. If such rate is less than 84/- per fortnight, the Repatriation Commission has power to pay up to the higher rate. In the case of a widow with a dependant child or children (under 16 years of age) the policy is to pay her the higher rate of 84/- per fortnight, plus the rates for children, which are :- First child 20/- per fortnight; each other child 15/- per fortnight.
Note - Children's pensions are paid until they reach 16 years of age. In certain cases a child who has reached the age of 16 years and is, in the opinion of the Commissioner, unable to earn a livelihood, may be granted a pension at a rate to be determined by the Commission.

6. Pensions etc (contd)

- (3) In the case of a widow without dependent children, the Commission has the power to increase payments to a maximum of 84/-, according to the amount of other income she may have. Personal earnings are disregarded, but certain items of other income such as income from investments, are taken into account.
- (4) Re Column 4. The rates shown are paid irrespective of whether the mother was dependent on the son, and irrespective of whether she had adequate means of support. To be eligible for a pension on such basis, the member must have been an unmarried son, and the mother must have been widowed at the time of, or within 3 years after, the member's death.
- (5) Re Column 5. Mothers not within the class mentioned in para 4 above, and fathers, may be granted pension if at any time the parent is without adequate means of support, irrespective of whether the parent was dependent on him. Income and property are taken into account when assessing pensions payable under this heading.

7. PAYMENT TO SOLDIERS UNDER ARREST

- (a) Authority is given for soldiers under sentence or under arrest to draw money for, or to be issued with and charged for the cost of toilet, etc necessities, to a maximum amount of 6d per diem.
- (b) Except as provided in para 1 herein, drawing against accrued credits will not be permitted while the soldier is under arrest or sentence.

8. COVERS; BODY, WATERPROOF

It has been brought to notice that a large number of Covers, Body, Waterproof, have been removed from vehs by units during ops and have been either lost or used for other purposes.

Such a practice is highly irregular and will cease forthwith.

The Cover, Body, Waterproof, is part of the V.O.L. of a veh and must remain on the veh.

9. USE OF SIGNAL LIGHTS IN TNG

To obviate alarmist rumours caused by Signal lights at night Coys will notify Bn HQ 72 hrs ahead if Signal lights are intended to be used for tng purposes.

10. SECURITY

Intelligence shows that enemy is receiving valuable infm from captured diaries

ALL RANKS-will ensure that Diaries and other documents i.e. Self-addressed envelopes etc are not carried in fwd areas

11. LOSSES OF KIT

Numerous reports have been received of losses of kit and necessaries by personnel, usually accompanied by a request that the articles be written off at public expense.

At the present time losses can only be caused by carelessness or neglect of security, and strict action is necessary to revive in coys the necessary sense of responsibility for stores and eqpt.

The following steps will be taken by all units :-

(a) A weekly kit inspection will be carried out, and shortages noted and investigated.

(b) If the loss is serious or if the circumstances of the loss justify disciplinary action, a charge of "losing by neglect" will be laid or

(c) If the CO is satisfied that disciplinary action is not necessary the lost article will be replaced on payment.

(d) Stoppage sheets will be made out weekly by QMs and handed to pay staff for preparation of acquittance rolls.

Authorities confirming the finding of Courts of Inquiry into losses will scrutinise these closely in order to reduce wastage of stores, which at present is unduly high.

A kt inspection will be held at 0900 hrs each Mon.

12. POSTAL

Owing to a shortage of 3d Australian Stamps it is essential that 9d stamps be used instead of three 3d ones on letters.

13. CHURCH PARADES

Protestant - Holy Communion will be held at EL AYOUN area at 0700 hrs on Sun

Church Parade will be held at EL AYOUN area at 0900 hrs on Sun 14 Dec.

R. C.

Mass will be celebrated at EL AYOUN area at 1000 hrs on Sun 14 Dec

PART B

1. APPOINTMENTS PROMOTIONS ETC

4220 Pte Dingle L B	HQ Coy	- Promoted to rank of A/Cpl	10/12
4650 A/Sgt East J E G	"	- Rank of Sgt confirmed	10/12
2654 A/Cpl Carter T	"	- Rank of Cpl confirmed	10/12
8379 Cpl Higgs S G	"	- Appointed L/Sgt	6/12
2730 Pte Affleck J	"	- Promoted to rank of A/Cpl	6/12

2. Detention - Discharge from

4256 Pte Maskiell C H	B Coy	7/12	4255 Pte Harding L	B Coy	9/12
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3. HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

5637 Pte Martin J W	D Coy	5/12	3016 Pte Beswick H S	HQ Coy	6/12
3063 " Warren W R	HQ Coy	6/12	9416 " Jacobs G	"	6/12
4175 L/Cpl Doyle R J	D Coy	6/12	1075 " Carroll R G	"	5/12
5675 Pte Reeby R J H	HQ Coy	7/12	VX31053 Cpl Dowling O L	"	7/12
4238 " Plozza A J	B Coy	7/12	WX 8036 Pte Anderson R F	B Coy	8/12
4582 " Brown E J	HQ	8/12	4243 Pte Launder D L	B Coy	8/12
8149 " Adamson J	HQ Coy	8/12	9353 " Vince J K	HQ Coy	8/12
5622 " Lonthall F E	"	8/12	7172 Cpl Cullen R H	"	10/12
2642 Cpl Honner R A	B Coy	10/12			

4. REJOINED UNIT

3010 Pte Meyers C H	HQ Coy	- From Aust Corps Camflg Course	8/12
4356 Sgt Morris G E	B Coy	- From ME Tactical School	10/12
3008 L/Sgt McCarthy S D	HQ Coy	- From PT Course	11/12

5. REVERSIONS

2642 A/Sgt Honner R A	B Coy	- Reverts to rank of Cpl	8/12
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6. SCHOOLS & COURSES

4616 L/Cpl King J A	HQ Coy	- To ME Sig School 14 Dec - 25 Jan.
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7. STRENGTH - Taken on

4179 Pte Marshall F C	A Coy	7/12	4078 Pte Hislop K	Bn HQ	5/12
4243 " Launder D L	B Coy	7/12 (From 7 Aust Div Leave Camp)			
2915 " Jacobs F C	HQ Coy	7/12	8039 L/Cpl McNamara E T	B Coy	8/12
9666 " Granberg D	C Coy	8/12	3101 Pte Wheatley R	C Coy	8/12
4999 " Edwards R	D Coy	8/12	4293 " Brown J B	B Coy	9/12
			4335 Sgt Mc Cullough K	A Coy	8/12

8. TRANSFERS

3916 Pte Harper N H	A Coy	to 2/13 Aust Fd Amb	5/12
2961 " Griffiths R	"	2/6 Aust Fd Amb	5/12
2909 " Burgess R J	D Coy	to 9 Aust Div Salvage	9/12
2912 " Boyce L W		ditto	

9. INTERCOY TRANSFERS

5674 Pte Board L A	- A Coy	to HQ Coy	2/12
4200 " Lee C C	- C Coy	to HQ Coy (6 Pl)	

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Lieut
Adjut 2/16 Aust Inf Bn

By Lt Col A W POTTS MC COMMANDING OFFICER

PART A 18 Dec 41

1. DAMAGE TO CIVILIAN PROPERTY

- (i) Recent instances have been reported of wanton damage caused to civilian property, by the erection of tents on growing crops and the theft of fence posts, etc for use as fuel on bivouacs. It has also been represented that threats of force have been made against property owners who protested.
- (ii) It must be impressed on all ranks that our good relations with the civilian populace must not be endangered, and acts of this nature are in direct conflict with our national aims in prosecuting the war against wanton aggression.
- (iii) Officers and NCOs will ensure that disciplinary action is taken against personnel found destroying or stealing property or interfering with the natural rights of private citizens.

2. SALVAGE - PETROL CONTAINERS

It does not appear to be generally realised that the hitherto so-called 4-gall non-returnable tin is of considerable value for the second-hand purposes and that these tins now cost 1s.5d each, exclusive of cases and cartons. It is in demand for :-

- (a) Reconditioning and refilling with petrol and MBO.
- (b) Filling with Bitumen.
- (c) PAD and other purposes.

Henceforth containers will not be designated "returnable" or "non-returnable" but by their nature and capacity only.

- Petrol/Oil Drums 40/44-gall
- Lub Oil Drums 5-gall (round)
- Petrol/Oil Drums 4-gall (round)
- Petrol Tins 4-gall LIGHT (previously termed "non-returnable")
- Petrol cans 4-gall (rectangular)
- Petrol Cans 2-gall (containers)

No 4-gall tins will be "cast by the road side" after emptying but will be replaced in the vehs and carried to fwd destination, where they will be handed in to :-

- (a) ST Depots or dumps, or
- (b) Salvage

as most convenient. This applies equally to cases, crates and cartons.

In the case of Petrol maintenance deliveries - empty tins will be returned to issuing depots in a returning empty supply veh as far as the neighbourhood of the rail or sea heads, where they will be sorted by salvage for the purposes mentioned in para 1 above. Thereafter salvage will arrange disposal in conjunction with Movement Control, D of W and ST.

Tins required locally for PAD or other military purposes will continue to be drawn from the nearest source of supply.

3. 4-GALL RETURNABLE PETROL CANS AND DRUMS

The above type of petrol container has been introduced in the ME in order to achieve a much needed saving in tinsplate as used in the 4-gall non-returnable tin.

Their use is confined to petrol supply points and to DIDs where there are petrol pumps, in order to implement bulk petrol deliveries from these pumps.

Cases have recently occurred of :-

- (a) Units in convoy misappropriating these cans when filling up at DIDs and/or petrol supply points.
- (b) Misappropriation by units failing to return these cans to local DIDs when leaving an area.

Misappropriating of these containers entirely defeats the object of introducing returnable containers at all, ie economy in tinsplate - & in consequence necessary action will, in future, be taken against OBC where returnable containers are retained by units without authority.

4. ONE TIN WOODEN CRATES FOR PETROL TINS

Petrol tins are now being issued packed singly in wooden crates.

The tin is NOT to be withdrawn from these crates, which are to be returned with the tin.

4. ONE TIN WOODEN CRATES FOR PETROL TINS (contd)

Two holes will be made in the usual manner with the opening tool in the exposed portion of the top of the tin for pouring out the contents as laid down previously.

5. WINTER ILLMENTS - PREVENTION OF Instns have been issued through medical channels for precautions against casualties from frost-bite and trench feet, but the following matters are called to the notice of Coy Comds :-

- (a) The winter hutting programme provides the minimum accommodation for units and this must be economically used.
- (b) Raised walks in camp areas are provided by Engr Services to some extent, but this provision does not exonerate coys from self-help in making camps comfortable.
- (c) Most casualties of the nature of frost-bite & trench feet or chilled feet arise from wet socks and boots or prolonged standing in mud or water and are therefore preventable.
- (d) Coy Comds must ensure the following :-
- (i) That the "barrack Room rule" for laying out beds & kits is applied in quarters to prevent untidiness or lack of cleanliness.
 - (ii) That all footgear is sound and that men have enough socks to provide a dry change when required.
 - (iii) That sufficient exercise is taken by all ranks to keep blood circulating.
 - (iv) That warm quarters are provided for personnel on guard or similar duty.
 - (v) Hot food or hot drinks for men on guard or similar duty.
- (e) Men must be educated in the following matters :-
- (i) Washing mud off boots and drying water off boots before removing.
 - (ii) Washing and drying cold wet feet - NOT IN HOT WATER - and replacing wet socks with dry.
 - (iii) Avoiding heaters or fires when feet are cold and wet.
 - (iv) Strict personal cleanliness.
- (f) Failure to observe the above orders will be treated strictly as breaches of discipline.

6. AIR RAID WARNING SYSTEM - TRIPOLI - EL MINA

All Coys are warned that the Civil air raid warning system in TRIPOLI - EL MINA will be tested at 1200 hrs on each Sat.

PART B1. APPOINTMENTS PROMTIONS ETC

2658 Cpl Jamieson L H HQ Coy - Appointed L/Sgt and to be A/CSM
6758 Pte Titterton E W " - Promoted to Rank of/18 Dec 41.
A/Cpl 7 Dec 41.

2. HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

3198 Pte Kerry J M	Coy 16/12	8056 Pte Graham S L	A Coy 16/12
7989 " Morris C T	" "	9541 " Link S	B " "
4282 " Tullock J	" 15/12	3120 Sgt McVeigh T	B " 15/12
1593 Capt J M Hearman	HQ Coy "	3529 Cpl O'Loughlin H A	HQ Coy 15/12
4786 Pte North G E	" 15/12	8065 Pte Granville A W	HQ Coy 15/12
7708 " Bray H L	HQ Coy 15/12	6488 " Stone W G	B Coy 14/12
7377 " Scotford A H	B Coy 14/12	9374 " Johnstone J W	B Coy 30/11
2948 " Fry R	HQ Coy 14/12	4222 Cpl Cubley J	D Coy 13/12
4353 " Nichols A	HQ Coy 12/12	5973 Pte Johnston C A	A Coy 13/12

3. REJOINED UNIT

4268 Cpl Walsh B W	A Coy 7/12	11319 Pte Ovens L A	C Coy 7/12
4046 Sgt Walmsley G W	Bn HQ 10/12	4229 " Suffield W W	HQ Coy 10/12
4329 WO I Grenfell R A	" 11/12	5791 Cpl MacKenzie J R	C Coy 11/12
3059 Sgt Jackson G B	HQ Coy 21 Bde	Pl Comds Course	13 Dec 41
4350 " Douglas E F R	"	ditto	
2744 " Johnson D	D Coy	ditto	
3085 " Harding W C N	A Coy	ditto	
3280 L/Sgt Duncan W H	D Coy	ditto	

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3. REJOINED UNIT (contd)

3567	Sgt Salom A L	C Coy	13/12	From 21 Bde Pl Comds Course
3626	" Philbin J T	A Coy	13/12	do
QX6159	Maj G N Godsall	C Coy	7/12	From ME Combined Tng Centre
2638	Lieut T A Draper	C Coy	7/12	From Camflg Course - Aust Corps
5637	Pte Martin J W	D Coy	10/12	8036 Pte Anderson R F B Coy 7/12
9672	" Jolly M A	HQ Coy	10/12	

4. STRENGTH - TAKEN ON

3206	Pte Aubrey L J	B Coy	(From 7 Aust Div Sigs	15/12
4175	L/Cpl Doyle R J	D Coy	16/12	4238 Pte Plozza A J B Coy 16/12
4243	Pte Launder D L	B Coy	15/12	8149 " Adamson J S HQ Coy 14/12
3136	" Morton F A	A "	14/12	4580 " Brown E J HQ Coy "
5695	" Hardisty A J	B Coy	17/12	2665 Cpl Goldspink H B " 17/12
7172	Cpl Cullon R H	HQ Coy	17/12	11085 Lieut D A Paterson D 17/12
4386	Lieut R E Collins	C Coy	17/12	9138 " R Watts C Coy 17/12
7309	" J Gerke	B Coy	17/12	8592 " E W Chamberlain E W A "
4146	Pte Byrne E W M	HQ Coy	17/12	4170 Pte Boyes A S HQ Coy 17/12
4378	" Berry J J	C Coy	"	4375 " Cliverley E M C Coy "
4160	" Cahill J K	C Coy	"	4182 " Doran J C Coy "
7919	" Henderson J	D Coy	"	8505 " Hubon C E B Coy "
5756	" Hinsley R	D Coy	"	6331 " Jackson L B Coy "
2407	" Kirkland J W	Bn HQ	"	4541 Sgt McMaugh W Bn HQ "
4240	" Matthews F C T	HQ Coy	"	8821 Pte Neal F G B Coy "
6577	" Read F	A Coy	"	1843 " Raine W W A Coy "
5998	" Seagroatt A A	A "	"	5360 " Swinhoe A D Coy "
6559	" Smith J P	HQ Coy	"	9172 " Stephenson P F- C " "
3571	Cpl Willis J H A	B Coy	"	3252 Lieut H P Cooper B " "
6768	Pte Campbell S	B Coy	"	3104 L/Sgt Thoams L E C HQ " "

5. TRANSFERS

4306	Pte Beasley W E	HQ Coy	to Aust Depot Bn for Med Bd	14 Dec
5654	" Bathgate R W	Bn HQ	to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn	16/12
1576	Maj W J Wain	Bn HQ	to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn	16/12

6. TRADE GROUPINGS

2730	Pte Affleck J	HQ Coy	- Relinquishes TG II Carpenter	5 Dec 41
4220	" Dingle L S	"	- " TG III Clerk	9 Dec 41
6758	" Titterton E W	"	- " TG III Driver	6 Dec 41
4200	" Lee C C	HQ Coy	- Graded A/TG II Cook	10 Dec
5984	" Mortimer A	"	- ditto	

W. H. ...
Adjnt 2/16 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

SALVATION ARMY - As there are no Salvation Army Chaplains of the RACHD serving in the MEF the interests of Salvationists are cared for by Maj F G PEARSON, The Red Shield Hostel, 2 SH EL MARHDY, CAIRO. All Salvationists are requested to send their names to Maj Pearson at the above address.

1. EVASION OF CENSORSHIP Recent reports indicate that a considerable number of tps en route for Palestine & Egypt have been carrying letters for civilians, thus enabling them to evade the military censorship. All ranks are to be warned of the seriousness of this offence and offenders will be severely dealt with.
2. E.F.M. CABLES - Owing to the present volume of urgent cable traffic on the available lines, it is not likely that EFM cables lodged now will be able to secure transmission to AUSTRALIA till after the New Year. All ranks should be urged only to use the cable service in cases of real necessity.
3. BOUNDS - BEIRUT - The VICTORY CAFE is out of bounds to all ranks.
4. ASSISTANCE TO PROVOST - Reports have been received indicating that offrns are not giving assistance to provost personnel on duty, and in some cases are actually hindering MPs in the execution of their duty.
It is notified that all offrns are bound to assist provost personnel in carrying out duties and any case of interference or obstruction will be treated as a disciplinary matter.
5. ROAD REPAIR MATERIALS - Attention is directed to the fact that road repairs being carried out by Public Works Depts of Syria & the Lebanon are for the benefit of the Allied Forces. Removal of road repair material delays this work and several cases of removal have been reported recently.
Any such cases in the future will be dealt with as offences.
6. WINTER HEATING - DANGER OF - Cases have already been reported of men suffering from Carbon Monoxide poisoning while sleeping in closed rooms heated by charcoal braziers.
In view of the danger involved, Comds will take immediate and effective steps to ensure adequate ventilation in rooms heated by this method.
7. POLISHING OF BRASSES - All webbing eqpt brasses and other parts of arms & eqpt used or worn, or likely to be used or worn, by tps during active service ops will be left unpolished and allowed to become dull, as polishing bright parts renders tps more liable to observation from the air and from the ground.
8. CORRESPONDENCE FROM OR TO LONELY SOLDIERS - The attention of all ranks is drawn to the following instn :-
"It is forbidden to insert advertisements or letters in any publication inviting correspondence from strangers or to enter into correspondence with any stranger in response to such advertisements or invitations."
9. POSTAL COMM WITH AUSTRALIA
The outbreak of hostilities in the Far East may ultimately affect the regularity of postal comms with AUSTRALIA. For the infm of all ranks the following notes are supplied on the present posn.
Air Mail Service
So far as can be foreseen, the air mail service to and from AUSTRALIA will continue to function. The service will probably not show its present regularity, and at a later stage some limitation of postings to light weight matter may be necessary in order to facilitate the detours necessary to avoid zones of danger. At this stage, however, it is not proposed to apply any limitation, and tps may make their air mail postings as hitherto.
Surface Mails
Mails by sea route will probably take longer in either direction, but it is not expected that difficulty will arise either in getting mails away or in dealing with those arriving by sea.
Cable Service
The cable service is continuing to function, and ordinary and EFM cables may be lodged as hitherto.

(9) Postal Comn (contd)
General

It will be appreciated that any or all these services may be interrupted or curtailed through developments in the military situation. All ranks will, as far as possible be kept informed of any such interruptions or limitations to the present services as they arise. They may be assured that everything possible will be done to maintain their postal services with the home country in effective operation.

10. DRESS - Attention has been directed to the fact that ORs have purchased and are wearing caps S.D. Offr's pattern. This is an offence and will be treated accordingly.
11. Suppression of Pilfering and "Scrounging"
 (a) Vigorous action will be taken by all Coy Comds to prevent loss of Government property by petty theft, pilfering and grosser misappropriation. Losses through these causes have assumed serious proportions and are a direct hindrance to the successful prosecution of the war.
 (b) Under the mistaken impression that "scrounging" is meritable, some coy comds are condoning or punishing lightly thefts of this type. All losses of Government property are to be investigated fully & offenders severely disciplined.
 (c) Coy Comds are held responsible for safeguarding Government property committed to their charge, and that all their offrs, NCOs & men are impressed with their responsibilities in this regard.
 (d) Inadequate action by coy comds in taking protective measures, carrying out investigations into losses, or inflicting appropriate punishment within the powers delegated to them, will be viewed seriously.
12. PAYBOOKS - DELETION OF UNIT IDENTITY
 Immediate action will be taken to ensure that all reference to the names of units is deleted from paybooks.
 Obliteration by ink or other means is not sufficient and action will be taken immediately to excise all reference to unit identity.
 Any particulars which may be destroyed on page 2 of paybooks will be re-inserted by pasting a piece of blank paper where required and re-writing the destroyed records thereon.
13. LOSS OF PAYBOOKS
 The marked increase in the number of paybook losses indicates that personnel are not taking sufficient precautionary measures for their safe custody, and coy comds will impress on all ranks the importance of carrying the paybooks where they are not easily obtainable by pick-pockets, etc.
 The habit of carrying money inside the paybook is a contributing factor to the loss. Once the money is sighted, the possibility of the paybook being stolen becomes a strong likelihood. Coys should discourage soldiers carrying money inside their paybooks.
 The provision of an inside pocket in shirts has been suggested and the possibility of this being carried out under unit arrangements, will be investigated.
14. ILLEGAL DISPOSAL OF TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES
 Disposal to persons not entitled to Customs Exemption, of tobacco and cigarettes admitted free to the ME for members of the Forces, is prohibited and will be regarded as a serious offence.

PART B1. APPOINTMENTS PROMOTIONS ETC

WX 5945	Cpl Haines M W	HQ Coy	- Promoted to rank of	A/Sgt	21/12
5759	L/Cpl Hunter J M	"	- " " " " "	A/Cpl	21/12
4321	L/Cpl Willoughby S A	"	- " " " " "	"	21/12
3083	Pte Hammond L W B	"	- Appointed	L/Cpl	21/12
4351	A/Cpl Duce P	"	- Appointed	L/Sgt	27/12

2. COURT MARTIAL - 19 Dec 41

WX 4249 Pte Hendry J D M - DCM held at SIR ED DANIE.
 Charges (i) Offering violence to his superior officer
 (ii) Using insubordinate language to his superior officer
 Finding (i) Not Guilty
 (ii) Guilty.
 Sentence - 120 days detention
 Confirmation-confirmed by GOC 7 Aust Div 14 Dec 41

3. DEMENTION - discharge from

8062 Pte Bleckhynden T A B HQ Coy 20/12
 7744 " Miller H L D Coy 20/12

4. HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

2941 Pte Hillier H A A Coy 19/12 5803 Pte Patterson H HQ Coy 21/12
 7359 " Ashworth A D Bn HQ 21/12 6434 Lieut Foweraker A C, B " 23/12
 8056 " Graham S A Coy 24/12 4580 Pte Brown E J HQ Coy 26/12
 5642 " Hounsham J HQ Coy 26/12 4322 " Griffith J V B Coy 26/12
 4589 " MacKintosh J S G, A " 27/12

5. INTER COY TRANSFER

7845 Pte Grimshaw F H A Coy to B Coy 21/12

6. REVERSION

6758 A/Cpl Titterton E W HQ Coy - Reverts to rank of Pte 18/12

7. SCHOOLS & COURSES

3913 Pte Gibson H D Coy - To AIF (ME) AASC Course MT Wing 27/12
 4351 L/Sgt Duce P HQ Coy - To AIF (ME) Inf School -Mortar Wing "
 2638 Lieut Draper T A C Coy - AIF (ME) SME Fd Wks Course No. 5 "
 3153 Cpl Kelman A G B Coy - AIF (ME) Self-Defence Course 9 Tng Bde
 27/12
 3373 Maj Caro A E Bn HQ - METS Senior Offrs Wing No 12 Course -
 29 Dec - 12 Feb
 2834 WO II Burbidge T A Coy - AIF (ME) Inf School No 3 CSMS Course
 4059 " Foy T S HQ Coy ditto 21 Dec - 30 Jan
 7926 Pte Hallyburton J A L B Coy - AIF (ME) AASC Course Clerical Wing
 22 Dec - 14 Jan

8. STRENGTH - TAKEN ON

7708 Pte Bray H L HQ Coy 24/12 3214 Pte Younger R HQ Coy 24/12
 3774 " Tonkin K B B " " 9541 " Link S B Coy "
 2665 Cpl Goldspink H B, HQ 19/12 4222 Cpl Cubley J E D " 19/12
 4770 L/Cpl Lee F W B Coy 20/12 9374 Pte Johnston J W B " 20/12
 5790 Pte Donovan E A D " 23/12 4200 " Lec C C HQ Coy 23/12
 8056 " Graham S A " 23/12 7989 " Morris C T A " 23/12
 9681 " Bromley F R A " 26/12 3198 " Kerry J M A " 25/12
 9416 " Jacobs G D " 25/12 1879 " Yeing E M B " 26/12

11632 Pte Mitchell A M, B Coy 26/12 (From 2/32 Aust Inf Bn)
 (From 2/43 Aust Inf Bn)

9. TRADE GROUPING

3500 Pte Chandler C J D - Graded A/TG II Cook 22/12.

10. TRANSFERS - To 21 Aust Inf Tng Bn

3568 WO II Impson H G B Coy 26/12 1593 Capt Hearman J M HQ Coy 26/12
 4251 Sgt Bracegirdle K B, B " 26/12 7173 S/Sgt Cowcher A C Coy 26/12
 4037 Sgt Newhill R G D Coy 26/12 2641 S/Sgt Cohen M B B Coy "
 6494 Cpl Williamson W T D Coy " 5680 Pte Armstrong F H B Coy 13/12

W. H. Atkinson Lieut
 Adjnt 2/16 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES : - ACKNOWLEDGMENT :- The following have been received from the
 Australian Comforts Fund :-

775 pkts Cigarettes
 775 tins Boot Polish
 788 Christmas Hampers

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APPX B

F I E L D

R E T U R N S

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

716 Aust Inf Bn (Unit), 6 Dec 1941 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			1
W.Os. Class II.	del to 7 Aust Div 5		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	del to 7 Aust Div 5	1	
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	del to 7 Aust Div 20		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	del to 7 Aust Div 43		1
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	521 del to 7 Aust Div 126		4
TOTALS	746	1	6

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
AA MC	4		
AA OC	4		
AA PC	1		
AA Postal C	1		
Chaps Btm	1		

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

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

2/16 Aust In P Bn Unit.

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

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

2/16 Aust In P Bn Unit.

[Signature] Lieut. Col.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 7 Dec 41

21 Aust In P Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.2/16 Aust LAF Bn (Unit.)**PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	8		
Lieutenants ...	20	1	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	32	1	1

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

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	O'Keefe ER	2/16 Bn	29 Nov 41	To 21 Aust LAF Tng Bn

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
Lieut	Meehan	RNG	2/16 Bn
"	Elphick	WT	"
"	Reid	RJC	"

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
WX 1574 Lt Col		Potts AW	1/16 Bn	Yes	CO
1576 Maj		Wain WJ	"	No	School
2773 "		Caro AE	"	Yes	A 2/c
1589 Capt		Robinson A	"	"	OC B Coy
1590 "		Anderson AJ	"	No	det-for-duty
OX 6159 "		Godsall GN	"	"	School
WX 1593 "		Hearnian JM	"	Yes	A O/c HQ Coy
1594 "		MacKinnon WA	"	"	OC D Coy
1595 "		MacKenzie RB	"	"	2/c C Coy
1598 "		Sublet FH	"	"	"
1599 "		Innoridge RDN	"	"	2/c D Coy
3253 Lieut		Wright GW	"	No	det-for-duty
3254 "	T/Capt	Murdoch JK	"	Yes	QM
2719 "	"	Symington NM	"	No	det-for-duty
3173 "		Holley VH	"	"	"
2931 "		O'Neill JH	"	Yes	A/Adjt
2679 "		Hodge TH	"	No	School
2846 "		Atkinson WM	"	Yes	PI Comd
2728 "		Blythe EJ	"	No	det-for-duty
11026 "		Madian EB	"	Yes	PI Comd
11021 "		Scott NN C	"	"	"
3090 "		Kayler-Thomson CD	"	"	"
6474 "		Foweraker AC	"	"	"
2723 "		Young HG	"	No	det-for-duty
2725 "		Hill TN	"	Yes	PI Comd
2734 "		Campbell RP	"	"	TO
5678 "		Inkben LGJ	"	"	PI Comd
2638 "		Draber TA	"	No	School
3093 "		Christian RH	"	Yes	PI Comd
5523 "		Stuart EJ	"	"	"
5652 "		Bastyan GD	"	"	IO
8868 "		Grayden W	"	No	det-for-duty

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX 14709	Steward HD	AAMC		RMO
Chaplain	WX 1557	Bart FH			Chaplain

2/16 Aust Ln P Bn
7 Dec 44
(Unit.)
(Date of Despatch.)

AW Potts
2/16 Aust Ln P Bn
(Signature of Commander.)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/16 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	7		1
Lieutenants ...	20	1	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	31	1	2

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Maj	WAIN W J	2/16 Bn	16 Nov 41	Transfer to 2/43 Bn

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
Lieut	Reid R J C	2/16 Bn	21 Aust Inf Troop Bn

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
WY1574 Lt Col.		Potts A W	2/16 Bn	yes	CO
3378 MAJ		Caro A E	"	"	A 2/c
QX 6159 "		Godsall G N	"	"	OC C Coy
WY 1589 Capt		Robinson A	"	"	OC B Coy
1590 "		Anderson A J	"	No	det for duty
1593 "		Hearman J M	"	yes	A oc HQ Coy
1594 "		MacKinnon W A	"	"	OC D Coy
1595 "		MacKenzie R B	"	"	2/c C Coy
1598 "		Sublet F H	"	"	"
1599 "		Langridge B D N	"	"	2/c D Coy
3253 Lieut		Wright G W	"	No	det for duty
3254 "	T/Capt	Murdoch J K	"	yes	QM
2719 "	"	Symington N M	"	No	det for duty
3173 "		Holley V H	"	"	"
2731 "		O'Neill J H	"	yes	A/Adjt
2639 "		Hodge T H	"	No	School
2846 "		Atkinson W M	"	yes	Pl Comd
2729 "		Blythe E J	"	No	det for duty
11020 "		Madigan E B	"	yes	Pl Comd
11021 "		Scott N N C	"	No	School
3090 "		Kayler-Thomson C D	"	yes	Pl Comd
6431 "		Foweraker A C	"	"	"
2723 "		Young H G	"	No	det for duty
2735 "		Hill T N	"	yes	Pl Comd
2734 "		Campbell R P	"	"	TO
5678 "		Inkben L G J	"	"	Pl Comd
2638 "		Draber T A	"	"	"
3093 "		Christian R H	"	"	"
5523 "		Stuart E J	"	"	"
5652 "		Bastjan G D	"	"	IO
8868 "		Grayden W	"	No	det for duty

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX 14707	Steward H D	AAMC		RMO
Chaplain	WX 1557	Burt F H			Chaplain

2/16 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

14 Dec 41

(Date of Despatch.)

Geo P... Col.
(Signature of Commander.)

C.O. 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
21 AUS INF BDE
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/16 Aust Inf Bn (Unit), 13 Dec 1941 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	del to 7 Aust Div 5		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	del to 7 Aust Div 4		
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	del to 7 Aust Div 2	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	del to 7 Aust Div 13		1
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	520 del to 7 Aust Div 127		4
TOTALS	747	1	5

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
AAMC	4		
AAOC	4		
AAPC	1		
AA Postal C	1		
Chaps Btm	1		

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

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

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Unit.

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

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

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Unit.

Date of Despatch 14 Dec 41

[Signature]

Signature of Commander.

CO, 2/16
21 AUS. INF. BDE

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

3/16 Aust LFB (Unit). 20 Dec 1941 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

Table with 4 columns: 1. Detail, 2. Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached), 3. Surplus to Establishment, 4. Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments). Rows include: W.Os. Class I (1), W.Os. Class II (6), W.Os. Class III, Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants (5), Staff Serjeants (2), Serjeants (26), Buglers, Trumpeters, etc., Corporals (63), Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc. (648). TOTALS: 751 surplus, 3 reinforcements.

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Table with 4 columns: Detail, Unit and Corps to which they belong, Detail, Unit and Corps to which they belong. Rows include: AAMIC (4), AAOC (4), AAPC (1), AA Postal C (1), Chaps Blm (1).

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

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

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Unit.

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

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

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Unit.

Date of Despatch

21 Dec 44

Albanys
Signature of Commander.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/16 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	7		1
Lieutenants ...	212	23	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	323	23	2

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Bremner L D	2/16 Bn	21 Dec 41	Promoted to Lieut
"	Cooper H P	"	17 Dec 41	From 21 Aust IT B
"	Paterson D A	Reinfr "	"	"
"	Collins A E	" "	"	"
"	Watts A	" "	"	"
"	Gerke J	" "	"	"
"	Chamberlain E W	" "	"	"

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
Lieut	Carroll Reid R J	2/16 Bn	21 Aust Inf Tng Bn

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
WX1574 Lt-Col		Potts AW	3/10 Bn	Yes	CO
3373 Maj		Caro AE	"	"	A 2/c
QX4159 "		Godsall GN	"	"	OC C Coy
WX1589 Capt		Robinson A	"	"	OC B Coy
1590 "		Anderson AJ	"	"	OC A Coy
1593 "		Hearman JM	"	"	A OC HQ Coy
1594 "		MacKinnon WA	"	"	OC D Coy
1595 "		MacKenzie RB	"	"	2/c C Coy
1598 "		Sublet FH	"	"	
1599 "		Laneridoe BDN	"	"	2/c D Coy
3253 Lt-Col		Wright GW	"	No	det for duty
3254 "	T/Capt	Murdoch JS	"	Yes	A M
2472 "	T/Capt	Cooper AM	"	"	2/c A Coy
3173 "		Symington VH	"	"	Pl Comd
2731 "		O'Neill JH	"	"	A /Adjt
2634 "		Hodge TH	"	No	School
2846 "		Atkinson WM	"	Yes	Pl Comd
2728 "		Blythe EJ	"	"	"
11020 "		Maligan EB	"	"	"
11021 "		Scott NNC	"	No	School
3090 "		Kayler-Thomson CD	"	Yes	Pl Comd
6434 "		Foweraker AC	"	"	"
2723 "		Young HG	"	"	"
2735 "		Hill TN	"	"	"
2734 "		Campbell RP	"	"	T O
5678 "		Inkpen LGJ	"	No	School
2638 "		Draper TA	"	Yes	Pl Comd
3093 "		Christian RH	"	"	"
5523 "		Stuart EJ	"	"	"
5652 "		Bastyan GD	"	"	I O
8801 "		Grayden W	"	"	Pl Comd
3865 "		Bremner LD	"	"	Pl Comd
4138 "		Watts AE	"	"	Reinpt Attached
4750 "		Collins AE	"	"	"
7309 "		Gerke EW	"	"	"
8592 "		Chamberlain EW	"	"	"
11085 "		Patterson DA	"	"	"

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX14707	Stewart HD	AAMC		RMO
Chaplain	WX1557	Burt FH			Chaplain

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(Unit.)

21 Dec 41

(Date of Despatch.)

Alban *Alban* Lt. Col.

(Signature of Commander.)

CO, 246
21 Aust Inf Bn

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

3/16 Aug 41 1st Bn (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	6		3
Lieutenants ...	281	2	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	381	2	4

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	Hearman JM	3/16 Bn	26 Dec 41	Transferred to 21 Aust Lf Coy Bn
Lieut	Poweraker AC	"	23 Dec 41	to CRS

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

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/16 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 27 Dec 1941 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		1
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	3		2
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	25		4
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	65		4
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	659		41
TOTALS	760	*	52

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
AA MC	4		
AA OC	4		
AA PC	1		
AA Post-C	1		
Chaps Btm	1		

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

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

2/16 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
" " (Wheeled) ...																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners <i>Carrier</i> ...																		30	30	
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ...																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
<i>Mortar Personnel</i>																			19	19
General duty personnel ...									8	8	1	2	4	4	-	11				
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).									8	8	1	2	4	4	49	60				

Surplus of Riflemen as Against Specialist Regd

2/16 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

A.W. Potts Lt. Col. Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 28 Dec 41

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
VX 1574 Lt Col		Potts AIV	3/16 Bn	Yes	C O
3373 Maj		Caro AE	"	No	School
QX 6159 "		Godsall GN	"	Yes	OC C Coy
WY 1589 Capt		Robinson A	"	"	OC B Coy
1500 "		Anderson AJ	"	"	OC A Coy
1594 "		Mackinnon WA	"	"	OC D Coy
1595 "		Mackenzie RB	"	"	2 1/2 C Coy
1598 "		Sublet FH	"	"	A/OC HQ Coy
1599 "		Langridge RDN	"	"	2 1/2 D Coy
3253 Lieut		Wright GW	"	No	det-for duty
3254 "	T/Capt	Murdoch JK	"	Yes	Q M
3252 "		Cooper HP	"	"	2 1/2 B Coy
2719 "	T/Capt	Symington NM	"	"	2 1/2 A Coy
3173 "		Holley VH	"	"	Pl Comd
2731 "		O'Neill JH	"	"	A/Adjt
2630 "		Hodge TH	"	"	Pl Comd
2846 "		Atkinson WM	"	"	"
2728 "		Blythe EJ	"	"	"
11020 "		Madianan EB	"	"	"
11021 "		Scott NNC	"	No	School
3090 "		Kayler-Thomson CD	"	Yes	Pl Comd
6431 "		Everake AE	"	"	"
2723 "		Young HG	"	Yes	Pl Comd
2735 "		Hill TN	"	"	"
2734 "		Cambell RP	"	"	T O
5678 "		Inkben LGJ	"	No	School
2638 "		Draber TA	"	"	"
3093 "		Christian RH	"	Yes	Pl Comd
5523 "		Stuart EJ	"	"	"
5162 "		BASTYAN GD	"	"	T O
3863 "		BRAIDEN WD	"	"	Pl Comd
4138 "		Bremner LD	"	"	Reinf-Attached
4386 "		VVAITS R	"	"	"
7309 "		Collins RE	"	"	"
8592 "		GERKE J	"	"	"
11085 "		Chamberlain EW	"	"	"
		PATERSON DA	"	"	"

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX 14707	STEWART HD	AAMC		RMO
Chaplain	WX 1557	BURT FH			Chaplain

3/16 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)
28 Dec 44 (Date of Despatch.)
A.W. Potts (Signature of Commander.)
21 Aust Inf Bde (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).

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APPX C

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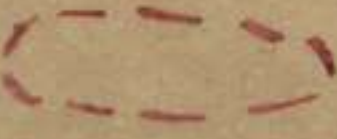

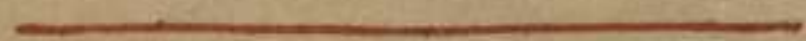
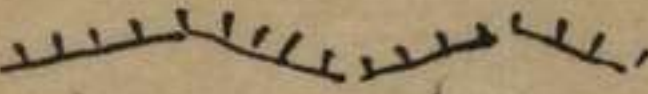

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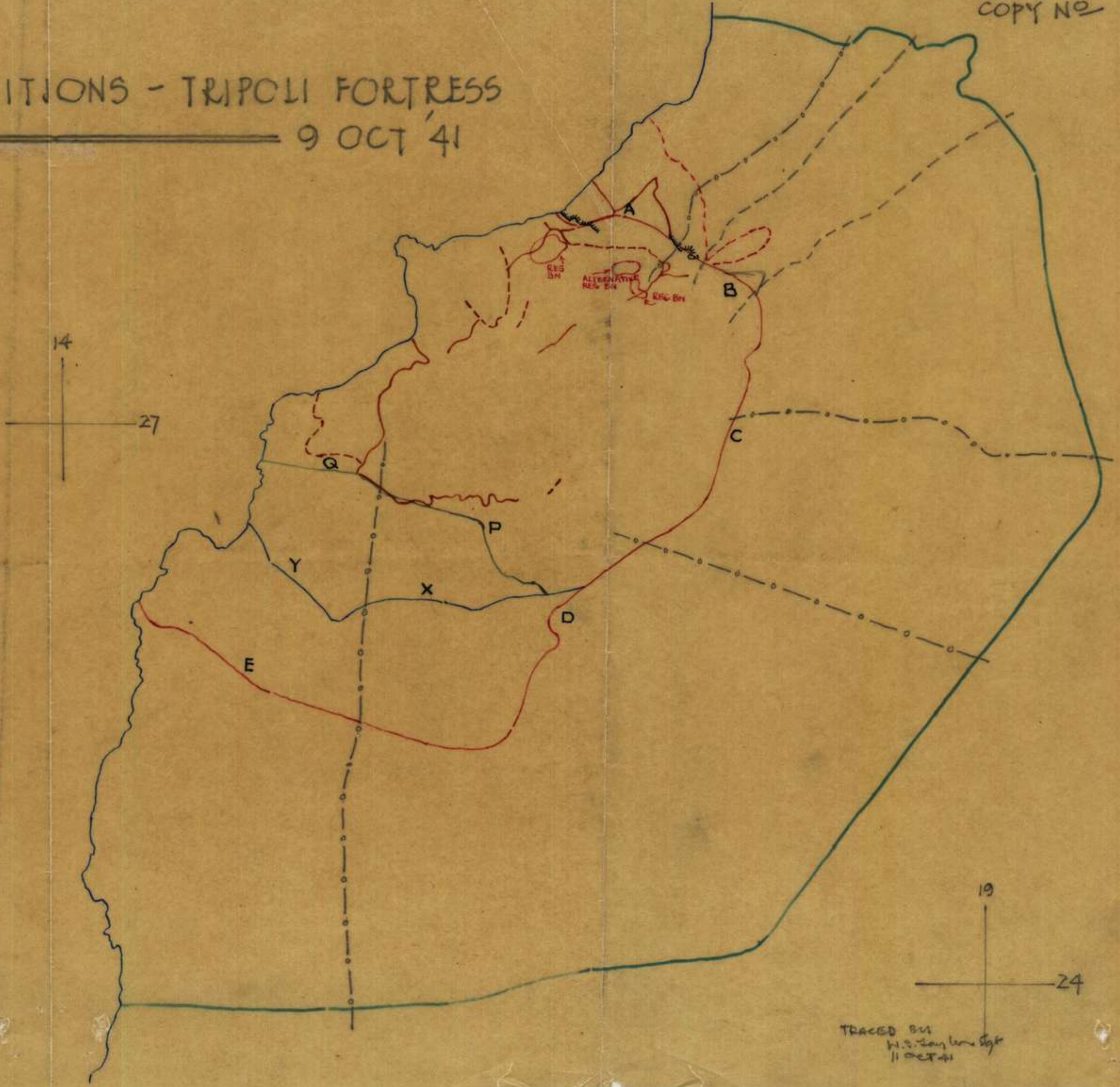
1. The original OUTPOST position in SECTOR A will be replaced by the limit of patrolling from SECTORS A & B, but will, in later stages of preparations, be developed as the FORWARD ZONE OF RESISTANCE.
2. The inter-bde boundary (SECTORS A - B) are altered to transfer the right bn area of SECTOR A to SECTOR B.
3. With reference to SECTORS X-Y, a new INNER (THIRD) DEFENDED ZONE OF RESISTANCE will be prepared, in appropriate order of priority, when practicable. (SECTORS P-Q).

LEGEND:

1. (NEW) FORWARD DEFENDED ZONE OF RESISTANCE - RED 
2. PROSPECTIVE (ALTERNATIVE) FORWARD ZONE - RED (Broken) 
3. REAR ALTERNATIVE DEFENDED ZONE - BLUE 
4. (NEW) INNER ZONE - GREEN 
5. RES BN POSNS 
6. OUTPOST POSN 
7. Proposed Rds 
8. Rds Completed or Under Construction 
9. A/Tk Ditches 
10. BN BOUNDARIES 

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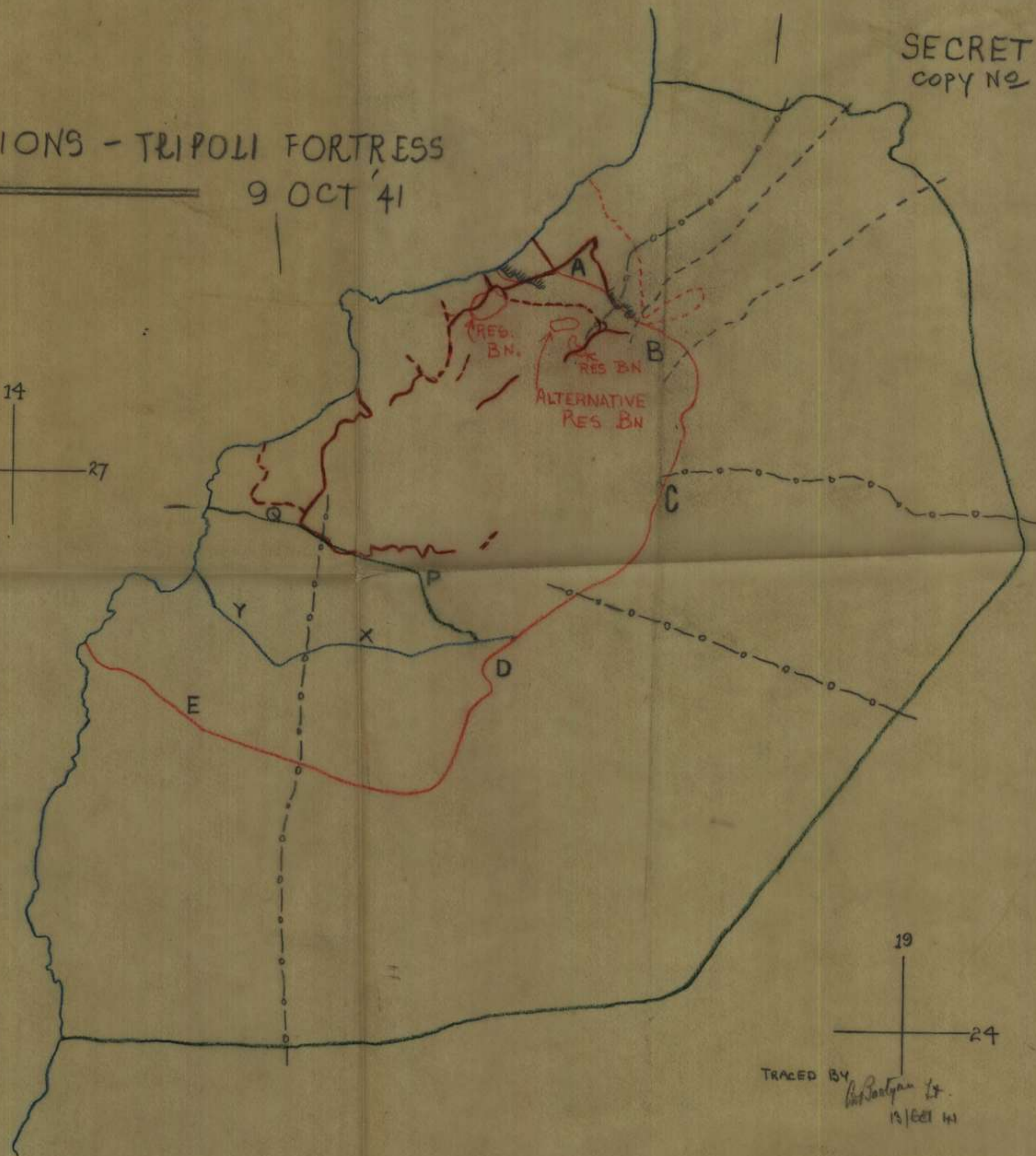


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- LEGEND
1. (NEW) FWD. DEFENDED ZONE of RESISTANCE
 RED =
 2. PROSPECTIVE (ALTERNATIVE) FWD ZONE
 RED =
 3. REAR ALTERNATIVE DEFENDED ZONE
 BLUE =
 4. (NEW) INNER ZONE
 GREEN =
 5. RES BN POSN =
 6. GUTPOST POSN. =
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 9. A/TK DITCHES =
 10. BN BOUNDARIES =



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PORT DEFENCE
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PORT DEFENCE COY.

Ref. TRIPOLI SHEET EL MINA. 1:10,000.

SECURITY 2/18
SX40 487
A.I.F.

1. INFORMATION:-

- (a). ENEMY. The enemy is in a position to effect sabotage, air land or sea, or combined attack on shipping, port installations or defences.
- (b). OWN TPS.
 - (a). "D" Coy 2/16 Aust. Inf. Bn. plus one pl. Carriers (2/16 Aust. Inf. Bn.) and one trp. A.tk. (2 Aust. A.tk Regt.) under comd.
 - (b). Support:- 2 X 145mm., 2 X 75mm. C.D. Guns, 1t. A/A. Bty (8 Bofors), and Naval co-operation.

2. INTENTION:-

To defend TRIPOLI HARBOUR against sabotage, land, sea or air attacks.

3. METHOD:-

DISPOSITION:-

- POST.
- 1. 1 Sec. 16 pl.
 - 2. 2 Sec. & pl H.Q. 16 pl.
 - 3. 7 Sec. 18 pl.
 - 4. 8 Sec. 18 pl.
 - 5. 9 Sec. 18 pl.
 - 6. 3 Sec. 16 pl.
 - 7. 3 Sec. 4 pl.
 - 8. 3 Sgc. 4 pl.

4.

- Tasks.
- (a). As per Fire Plan and local protection of A/A & A.tk guns.
 - (b). 17 pl. and one sec. of Carriers. Mobile reserves at C.H.Q.
 - (c). All L.M.Gs. mounted. A/A by day, fixed line by night.
 - (d). 1t Bty A/A. A.tk. guns C.D. guns & 18 pl Boyes' Rifle to cover approaches to harbour.

5.

A/A. Defence. All available weapons will engage hostile aircraft within range i.e., Below 2,000 ft. (Note Lead should be taken in the matter of aircraft recognition from British A/A Bty.)

6.

Shipping:- No ships will enter port unless previously notified. Batteries are reporting suspicious vessels, to Port War Shipping Security. (In case of Mole post, by V.T. to C.H.Q. will ring P.W.S. Fire comd. will then issue orders if necessary to "Bring To". btys. will not fire without orders from Fire comd. (R.A.) unless vessels obviously hostile.

7.

Stand To:- 0545 0645
1745 1845
On alarm.

8.

Defensive Fire:- 2mins. Rapid. 2mins Normal.

9.

- Mobile Reserve:-
- (a). Alarm Signal will be sounded by beating a shell case at C.H.Q.
 - (b). Drivers will stand by their vehicles and Carriers.
 - (c). Reserve pl. vehicles will remain parked with amm. and tripods etc.

ADMINISTRATION:-

adm. instn. att.

10.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

Intercommunication:-

- 1. C.H.Q. to Div., Bde, and Bn by phone.
- 2. 16 pl. to C.H.Q. by V/T.
- 3. Carriers (8&9) to C.H.Q. by phone.
- 4. Mole to C.H.Q. V/T.
- 5. Mess Hall to C.H.Q. V/T.
- 6. D.R. to Div and Bde. 0930 daily.
- 7. D.R. & Motor Boat to Secs 0800 daily.
- 8. C.H.Q. 200yds. NE. Seaplane Hangar
- 9. SIGNALS.
 - (a) Air Attack Series of short blasts on siren.
 - (b) All Clear Continuous blast on siren.
 - (b) Submarine. Red series.
 - (c) M.T.B. series Green series.
 - (d) Stand to. one red.
 - (e) Stand Down. one white.
 - (f) S.D.F. Red/green (C.H.Q. Only).

DISTRIBUTION:-

- Copy No. 1. O.C.
- 2. C.H.Q.
- 3. 16 pl.
- 4. 17 pl.
- 5. 18 pl.
- 6. Carrier pl.
- 7. A.tk. tp.
- 8. 2/16 Bn (for inform.)

.....Capt.
A/O.C. "D" Coy.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.1 Security.

- 10/07
- (a). Arms will be closely guarded at all times. Daily checks of arms and amm. will be held and reports submitted to C.H.Q. Bolts will be removed from all weapons when not in use.
 - (b). Sentries will be mounted 24 hrs per day on all posts and outside C.H.Q. and reserve pl. billets. Reserve pl. mount in addition two sentries by day and three by night. in military area---Seaplane base. Sentries will patrol blind spots near posts.
 - (c) Unauthorised persons not allowed in any sec. area.

2. P.A.D.

- (a) C.S.M. appointed P.A.D. Offr. for area.
- (b). Slit trenches A/A, L.M.G. posts to be constructed in each area.
- (c). Blackout to be observed.
- (d). Steel helmets, respirators to be kept in readiness
- (e). Fire fighting eqpt. to be available at C.H.Q.
- (f). After attack, bomb recce and aid parties to be despatched from C.H.Q. by duty Offr.
- (g). Civil Aircraft warning and All Clear will apply to Port Defence Coy. In addition, C.H.Q. will be advised by phone.

3. GENERAL.

1. Sick pde. to pl S.Bs., then to C.H.Q. if necessary by 0900 hrs.
2. Malarial precautions to be observed.
3. Amn. Coy. Reserve at C.H.Q. First line Amn & grenades at each post.
4. Two day reserve rations at Island and Mole In the event of bad weather from the N.W. preparation will be made for evacuation of gun crews Island and Mole providing there is no danger of attack.
5. Parade States will be furnished each morning to C.H.Q. by 0900hrs.
6. Leave. Two men per sec per day. ---1530 to 2230 hrs. pde C.H.Q. 15 00hrs. Service Dress (blacks) hats. Passes will be signed at CHQ. on recommendation of pl comd.
7. Canteen Services will be available.
8. Posts 1--9 and A. Tk. tp. will be rationed from CHQ. and will support themselves.
9. One man CHQ. to be detailed for duty with launch
10. Sec. Log books to be kept, and situation reports supplied to Div. daily.
11. Training;-- (a) "Stand to" will be used for 1 hr period of R.E. or B.T. *on*
- (b) Trg. in antien. ~~at~~ alarm, weapons, and defensive works, as advised. *Morse - Semaphore*



LEGEND

BDE BOUNDARIES	---
BN BOUNDARIES	---
FWD DEFENDED ZONE	---
PROB.(ALT) FWD ZONE	---
RDS COMPTD or UNDER CONST	---
PROPOSED ROADS	---
ANTI TANK DITCH	---

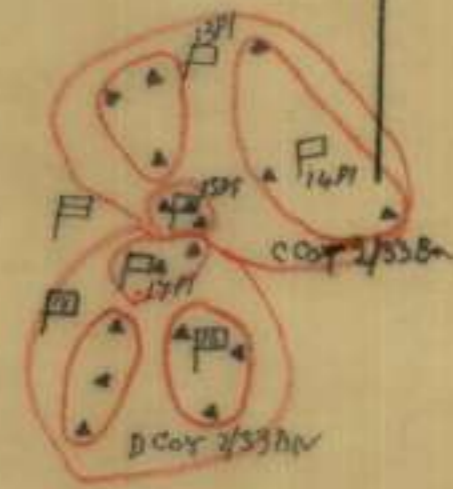
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TRIPOLI SPECIAL (SHEET I) SCALE 1:25 000

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FRENCH (LEVANT) GRID



Mediterranean

TRIPOLI

TOURBOL


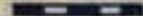
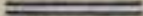








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PDR/MISC/1530

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- Roads 2nd Class Tarmac 
- Roads 2nd Class 
- Motorable Track 
- Track 
- Bridge & Culvert Wood Steel
Masonry & Concrete 
- Embankment - Cutting 
- Railway & Station 
- Telephone Lines 
- Power Lines 
- Isolated Buildings 

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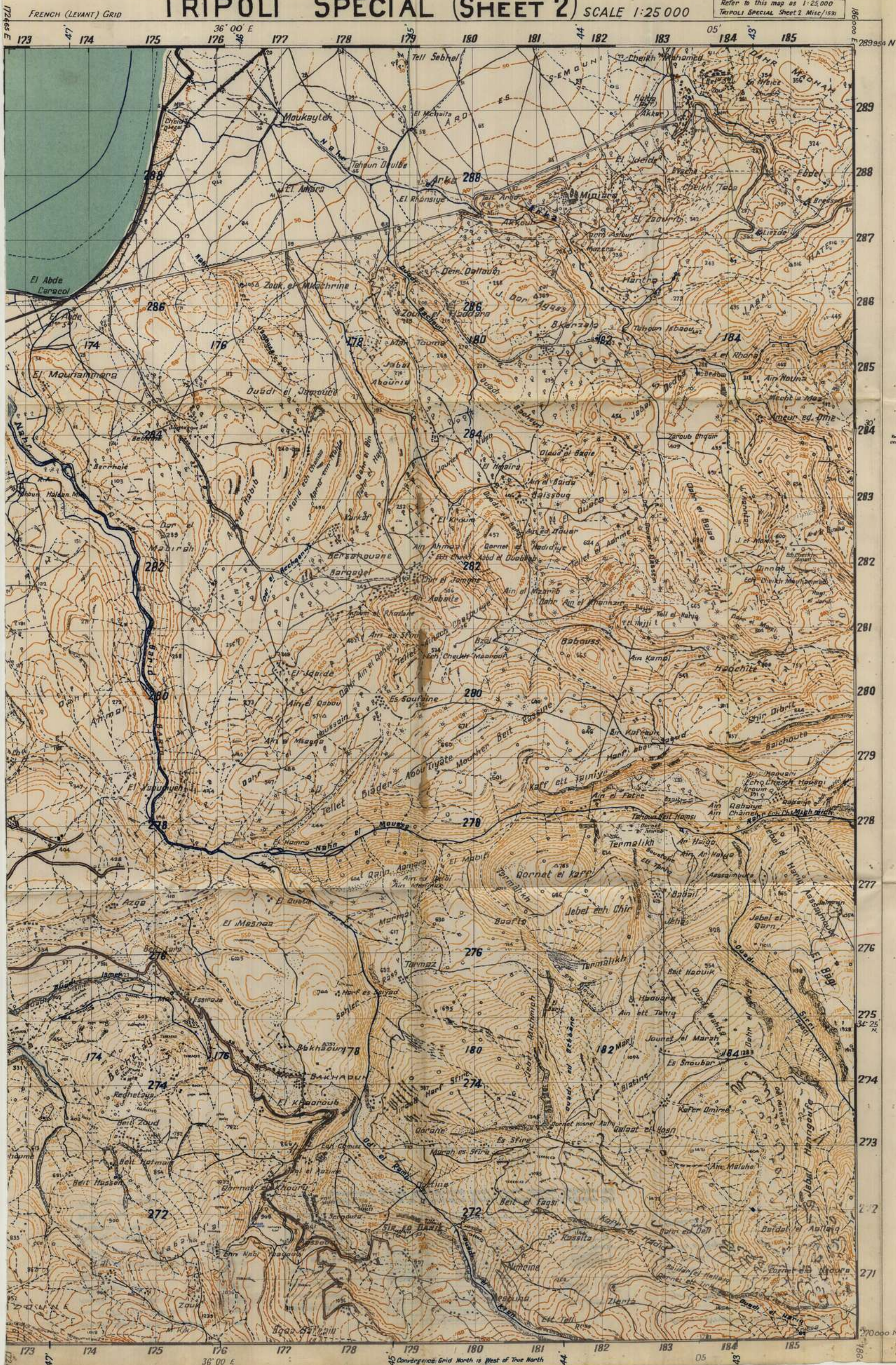
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FRENCH (LEVANT) GRID



Convergence Grid North is West of True North

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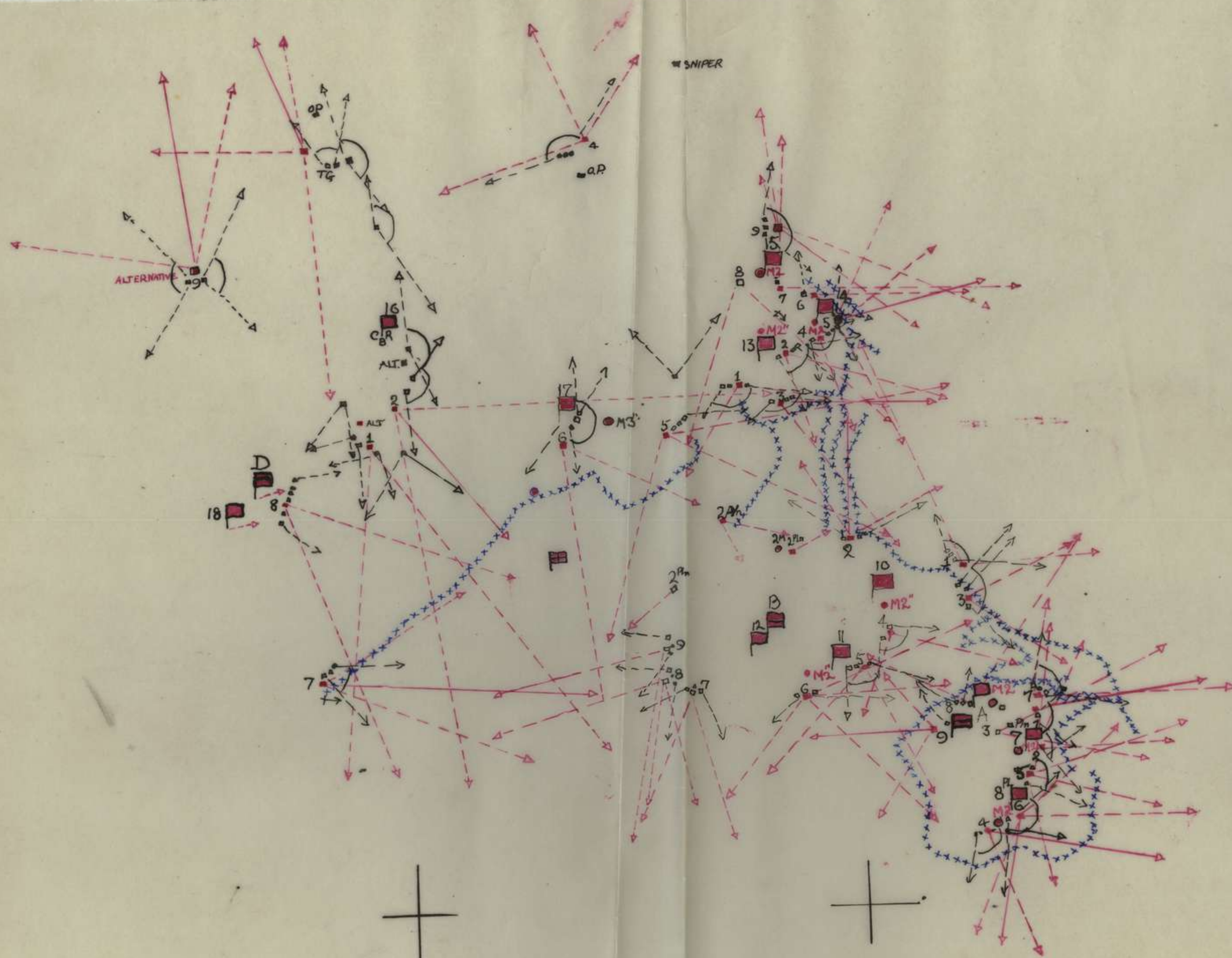
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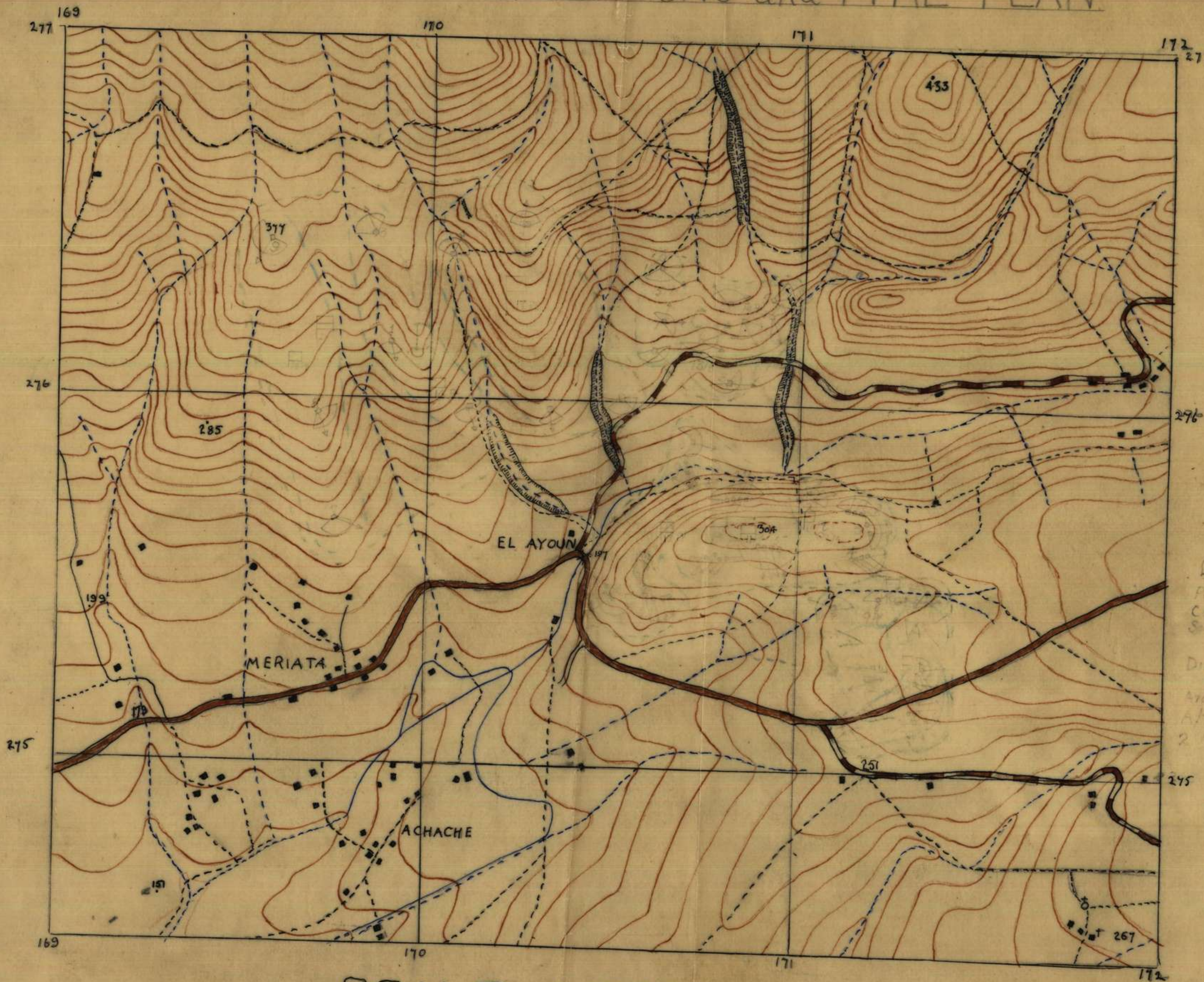
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EL AYOUN AREA PROPOSED DISPOSITIONS and FIRE PLAN



- Legend
- Pt. Bay
 - Coy Bay
 - Subsidiary Post
 - Direction of march
 - Line of fire
 - Artillery
 - 2 mortar Co's

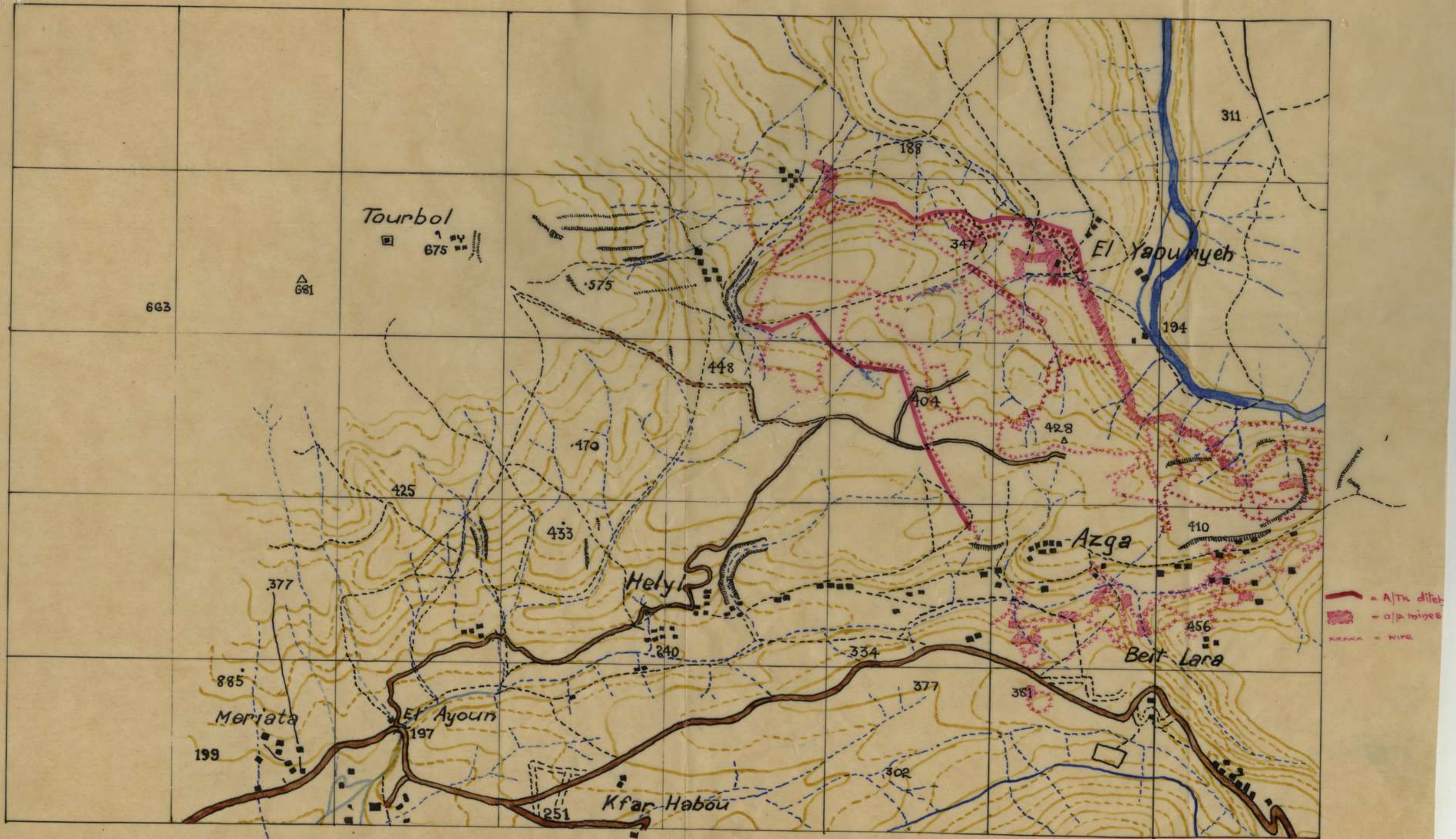
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DISPOSITIONS - 2/16th BN - EL AYOUN

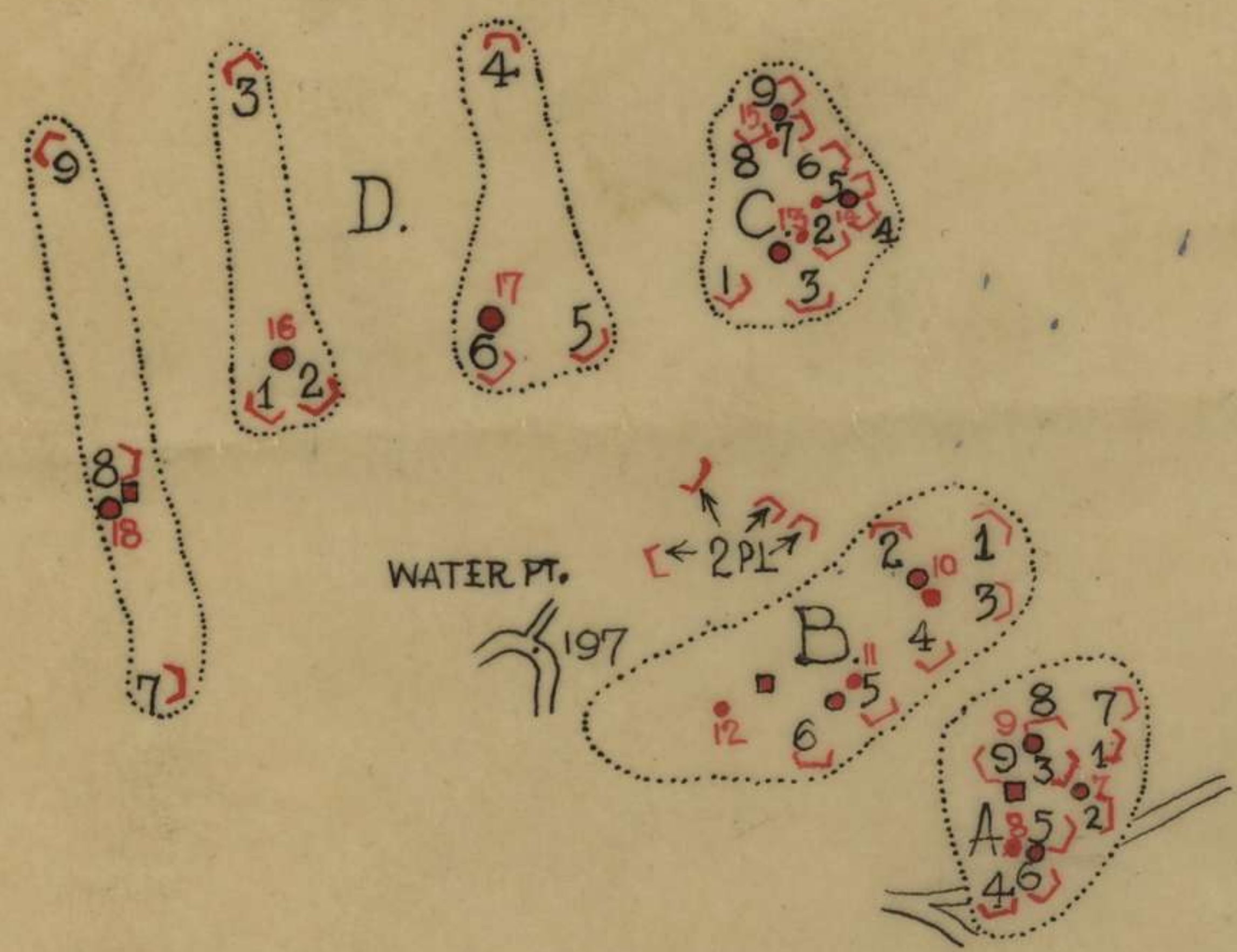
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LEGEND.

SECTION POSTS
 MORTAR POSTS
 COMPANY H.Q.s
 PLATOON H.Q.s



As at 0900 hrs 1st Dec 41
 Rod Lamb. Plé WX5524
 Int Sec
 2/16th Bn.

W 2/16 AUST INF BN TNG SYLLABUS

Period 1 - 31 Dec - 23 Working Days Available

DAY	0830	1230	1330	1630	1900 Night Tng	2100	REMARKS
1	DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENCES						
2	1 hr Rifle, 1 hr TSMG, 1 hr Bayonet		2 hrs Route March 1 hr LMG		Patrols - See Recce		FDLs of other coys (Skeleton posns to be manned)
3	DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENCES						
4	Rifle - LMG - 2 " Mor - Bayonet		A Gas TOETS		Patrols - Pl Fighting		Against other Coy def loc.
5	DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENCES						
6	Miniature Range		Sport				
7	DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENCES						
8	A Tk Grenade, Indication & Fire Orders, Camflg.		Fd Sigs - Scouts A Gas		NIGHT RAID		On nearby village held by skeleton enemy.
9	DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENCES						
10	See Defence Exercise (To bring out fire orders & control)		Pl in attack		Pl in attack		Same ground as afternoon
11	DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENCES						
12	Battle Targe		SPORT				
13	RANGE		PRACTICES				
14	DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENCES				Night Wiring		On area posns
15	DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENCES						
16	DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENCES				Long Range Recce patrol Fwd of fortress FDLs		
17	REST		DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENCES				
18	DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENCES		SPORT				
19	DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENCES						
20	DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENCES				Compass March		

DAY	0830	-	1230	1330	-	1630	1900	-	2100	REMARKS
										Night Tng
21			DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENCES							Coy Night Attack on TOURBAL
22			DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENCES							
23			DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENCES							

NOTE : When tools are not available for digging or Sods have to wait on stores they will be immediately put on to tng either on minimum range or on sec tng.
 All available time should be put into Defences Works.
 One hour tng will be carried out on every Fd. day. This tng will be at Coy Comds discretion.

2/16 AUST INF BN TNG INSTN NO. 2

1. For the period up to 7 Jan 42 tng will be carried out on 3 days of each week with special relation to Mobile Ops.
2. Tng will be pl for first week and Coy for next two weeks :-

1st Week

- D 1 am Embussing, debussing, dispersment from air-attack.
pm Hasty occupation of a defensive posn.
- D 2 am Patrols - offensive action by inf against tks.
pm A Gas Tng; B.T; lecture on German Army "Identifications"
- D 3 am C-attack from a defensive posn.
pm First contact fight after a movement embussed.

2nd Week

- D 1 Practice Move
- D 2 am Rapid occupation of a defensive posn - rapid wiring -
probable attack by tks to be considered.
pm Tactical withdrawal - rear guard action with use of MT.
- D 3 am Deliberate attack - consolidation - exploitation (Partic-
ular attention to be paid to prior close recce)
pm Battle Range - pl in attack (owing to range not being
constructed in first week)

3rd Week

- D 1 Coy move in MT - attack - rapid pursuit.
- D 2 am Coy attack on battle range.
pm Lecture on continued ops (Maj Godsall)
BT on assault course.
- D 3 am Defence against paratp and air-borne landings - skeleton
enemy (lecture and practice)
pm Village fighting.

3. NOTES

- (1) Coy Comds will submit outline of tactical schemes two days prior (for 2nd week) and seven days prior (for 3rd week) to the exercise.
- (2) 1, 3 & 4 Pl personnel will be allotted to coys to cooperate in tng.
- (3) Special consideration will be given to mopping up in all exercises.
- (4) Night Tng
 - (a) First Week - night wiring
- compass march
 - (b) Second Week - night march with use of stars
- night raid against skeleton enemy.
 - (c) Third Week - Withdrawal
- Deliberate night attack.
- (5) Hqs

Sat 20 Dec - Trail pack for Bn HQ and B Ech.
Mon 22 Dec - Trial move - Bn HQ and B Ech co-operating.
(Special consideration being given to Bn HQ when established)
- (6) Direction - Finding by stars

As from 18 Dec all offrns will be lectured nightly on stars until they become proficient; RV B Coy HQ 1900 hrs.
Coy offrns will then carry on tng their own personnel until such time as they are capable of direction finding by stars.

J. J. J. J. Licut
Adjnt 2/16 Aust Inf Bn

APPX "A" TO 2/16 AUST INF BN TNG INSTN NO. 2

DAY	TIME	COY	NATURE OF TNG	LOCATION	REMARKS	
Monday	am	A	P1 exercise - Battle Range (a)	Bn Battle Range	(a) This exercise would have been in week 1 if range had been completed	
		B	D2 am (b)	Pt 427		
		C	D2 am	EL AYOUN - HELYL		
		D	D2 am	EL AYOUN		
	pm	A	D2 am	Pt 448		(b) Tng as laid down in Tng Instn No 2 will be carried out. Symbols such as D2 am are used in conjunction with Tng Instn No 2.
		B	D2 pm	Pt 427 - along SYR rd		
		C	P1 exercise - Battle Range	Bn Battle Range		
		D	D2 pm	Pt 448 - EL AYOUN		
Tuesday	am	A	D2 pm	from Pt 448		
		B	D3 am	BOUCITE		
		C	D2 pm	SYR EL AYOUN (27 Dec)		
		D	P1 exercise - battle range	Bn battle range		
	pm	A	D3 am	17152754		
		B	P1 exercise - battle range	Bn battle range		
		C	D3 am	TOURBOL		
		D	D3 am	On KIDNEY Feature		
Wednesday	am	A	Coy exercise - battle range	Bn battle range		
		B	D1 am (3rd week)	SRAR - EL AYOUN		
		C	D1 am (3rd week)	Coast rd - north of FORTRESS		
		D	D1 am (3rd week)	EL AYOUN		
	pm	A	D2 pm (3rd week)	EL AYOUN Biv		
		B	D1 pm	SRAR - EL AYOUN		
		C	Coy exercise - battle range	Bn battle range		
		D	D1 pm	EL AYOUN		
Thursday	am	A	D1 am (3rd week)	On KIDNEY Feature		
		B	D2 am	EL AYOUN		
		C	D1 pm (3rd week)	Plains North Fortress		
		D	Coy Exercise - battle range	Bn battle range		
	pm	A	D1 pm	Fwd of KIDNEY Feature		
		B	Coy exercise - battle range	Bn battle range		
		C	D2 pm	EL AYOUN		
		D	D2 pm	EL AYOUN Biv		

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DAY	TIME	COY	NATURE OF TNG	LOCATION	REMARKS
Friday	am	A	D3 am	Pt 251 & 27732750	
		B	D3 am	SE of KFAR HABOU	
		C	D3 am	Right of Monastery ACH ACHE	
		D	D3 am	Near Monastery ACH ACHE	
	pm	A	D3 pm	KFAR HABOU	
		B	D3 pm	ARDE	
		C	D3 pm	HELYL	
		D	D3 pm	MERIATA	

2/16 AUST INF BN ADM ORDER NO 1

MOVE

1. 2/16 Aust Inf Bn will move into winter billet area for period 22 - 27 Dec 41.

ADV PARTIES

2. Coys will send adv parties up to billets at 0800 hrs on 22 Dec.
3. Cooks will move out and establish kitchens immediately after lunch.

EVACUATION OF CAMP SITE

4. Coys will strike camp at EL AYOUN on morning of 22 Dec and move their own tents, bed-boards and other stores with their own tpt after lunch.
5. Coy personnel will march, leaving EL AYOUN at 1400 hrs. Dispersal of 500x between coys will be maintained.
6. Coys will ensure that areas are left in a clean and tidy state.

TNG

7. Tng will be continued at SYR on 23 & 24 Dec.

XMAS HOLIDAYS

8. 25 and 26 Dec will be free for sport and other amusements.

RETURN TO BIV AREA

9. Coys will return to previous biv areas on 27 Dec at 0800 hrs.
10. An adv party will be sent ahead in MT to erect tents and prepare a mid-day meal.

RAP

11. EL AYOUN RAP will open at SYR on 22 Dec and re-open at EL AYOUN on 27 Dec.

COMN

12. Sigs will take up existing cable at EL AYOUN on morning 22 Dec & re-lay at SYR the same day, and reverse procedure on 27 Dec

ACK

Issued through Sigs 1830 hrs

J. J. O'Neil
Lieut
Adjt 2/16 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION

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RANGE PRACTICES

APPX "A"

NO.	PRACTICE	Target	Distance in yds	Rds	Detail	H.P.S.	REMARKS
1	Grouping	Grouping	100	5	Lying (a)	25	(a) Wrist or forearm should be rested - sandbags should be adjusted to suit firer.
2	Application	Small	200	5	Lying (b)	25	(b) Bayonets fixed
3	Snap-shooting	Large S-S Target	200	5	Lying (b) or standing in trench	25	(c) Respirators will be worn for this practice
4	Application	Small	300	5	Lying (b)	25	(d) <u>Scoring</u> - Sharp - shooting Hits on bull & inner will count 5 & 4 pts respectively. Other hits will be marked but will not count.
5	Rapid	Small	300	10	Lying (b) -one clip loaded - 10 rds in 40 secs	50	
6	Application (c)	Small	300	5	Lying (b) (c)	25	
				Total Rds	<u>35</u>	Total H.P.S	<u>175</u>

*N.B apply to memo to lay re
Range practice*

2/16 AUST INF BN OO NO. 11

Ref Maps : TRIPOLI SPECIAL 1 and 2
TRIPOLI 1/50,000
SIR ED DANIE 1/50,000

INFORM

1. It is unlikely that the enemy will commence active ops against the Syria until Mar 1942.
2. 7 Aust Div is continuing the preparation of the defences of TRIPOLI FORTRESS in sectors A & B against a "Blitz" from the NE. When all preparations against a "Blitz" are complete 7 Aust Div will prepare for protracted defence against deliberately staged attacks.
3. 21 Aust Inf Bde occupies sector B with 27 & 14 Bns fwd & 16 Bn in res. Right posn not occupied. See overlay att as Appx "A".
4. 18 Bde is to fight a delaying action from TURKISH Border to FORTRESS. On arrival in Fortress area 18 Bde will become Div res.
5. CHESHIRE YCO will receive and delay enemy in area north and east of FORTRESS.
6. 2/4 Aust Fd Regt and D Coy (plus one pl of 2/3 MG Bn is supporting 21 Bde. 2/5 Aust Fd Regt is super-imposed over sectors A and B
7. 2/3 MG Bn will employ one pl of Div res MIGs in the area of the intersector boundary.

INTENTION

8. 2/16 Aust Inf Bn will occupy and hold the res posn at EL AYOUN.
9. Additional roles - see separate OO's
 - (a) C-attack on top of JABAL TOURBAL.
 - (b) " on KIDNEY FEATURE and pt 404.
 - (c) Preparation of right bn posn.

METHOD

10. Coy dispositions, fire plan, wiring, minefields, A Tk ditches are shown on trace att as Appx B.
11. Carriers - one sec will be disposed on right of A Coy - remainder are att to 7 Div Carrier Coy.

ADM

12. A separate adm instn will be issued later.

INTERCOMM

13. Sig plan is att as Appx "C".
14. Battle HQ 17032757
15. SDF and other light sigs will be notified in a separate defence instn.

ACK

Signed at 1625 hrs
Issued through Sigs

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Distribution :-

Copy No	1	HQ Coy
	2	A "
	3	B "
	4	C "
	5	D "
	6	21 Bde
	7	Comd
	8	2 i/c
	9	Adjnt
	10	QM
	11-12	WD
	13	File