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TOBRUK	1 Aug		Bn. R.O. No. 116 issued shewing posting of officers. Major L. G. Bruer promoted to Lt. Col. (569, A.I.F. List No. 43) Bad dust storm blowing throughout day.	App. I
TOBRUK	2 Aug	1400 1530 1930 2350	Coy Cmdrs Conference - Subject - "Attack by 24 Bde in Salient". All Coys commence packing, and prepare for possible counter-attack by this Bn. I Sec. prepare situation maps for Coy Cmdrs., all trucks standing by. 2 O.R.s proceed to TOBRUK TOWN under escort. These men will undergo a period of detention at ABASSIA (Cairo). Air raid on TOBRUK	
TOBRUK	3 Aug	0330 0900 1000 1100 1600	Attack in SALIENT Sector begins. Heavy barrage put down by our guns, and heavy M.G. fire heard. Ambulances and truck loads of wounded seen coming back from SALIENT. No news of progress of our attack. Italian fighter flies low over PILASTRINO. BOFORS gun near C Coy shot it down. Bde advise that S.7 is in our hands - one enemy counter attack has been repulsed, second still in progress. B Coy hand over EL GUBBI aerodrome defence to an armoured car unit, and commence move to new position in PILASTRINO area. Approx. 20 STUKAS dive bomb and machine gun C, B and D Coy areas. 5 O.R.s in D Coy killed - direct hit on sangar.	
TOBRUK	4 Aug	0930	Lt. Col. Major L. G. Bruer and Lieut. M. J. Brown proceed to 2/32 Bn., and 2/48 Bn. on recce of areas to be occupied by this Bn. News received that attacks by our troops in Salient not successful - S7 and R7 still in enemy hands. Our casualties approx. 200 all ranks. The Germans are said to have given assistance to our ambulances and stretcher bearers around R7.	
TOBRUK	5 Aug	0930 1000 1100	Coy Cmdrs Conference - subject "Relief of 2/32 Bn by 2/10 Bn. on night 6/7 July 41". Adj. and Major G. T. D. Cooper leave for recce of 2/32 Bn area. The weather conditions are very trying. Today is hot and humid, a very bad dust storm is blowing - visibility at 1400 hrs - 10 feet. Lieut. F. P. Spencer evacuated to 4 A. G. H.	



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TOBRUK	5 Aug	2030	Lieut. M.J. Brown and 2 O.R.s proceeded to 2/48 Bn area for recce of forward areas. During the night enemy aircraft were overhead almost continuously, usually single planes flying high over the fortress	
TOBRUK	6 Aug	1400 2000 2130 2200 2345	Bad dust storm blowing. Preparations for relief proceeding. NX. 356 Lieut. C.L. Durant returned from Staff School, HAIFA. Operation Order No.16 issued Advance party 2/32 Bn arrived at PILASTRINO. Relief commences. B.H.Q. closes at PILASTRINO " opens at 40324315 Relief complete.	App. 7
TOBRUK	7 Aug	0700 0930 1630 1700	28 shells fall in B.H.Q. area. Sig. truck slightly damaged by shrapnel. Our arty heavily engaging enemy M.G. posts in Salient. Major G.D.T. Cooper ( 2 i/c) and Lieut. M.L. Bidstrup proceed to 2/48 Bn H.Q. to make preliminary arrangements for relief. All quiet during day - warm, but no dust in this area. Coy Cmdrs conference - Subject "Relief of 2/48 Bn by 2/10 Bn on night 8/9 Aug 41". Operation Order No.17 issued. During the day 146 shells fell in Bn area, 106 of these were in area of B.H.Q. Except for bombing in TOBRUK throughout night, all quiet. Advance parties all Coys were in position in 2/48 Bn sector by midnight.	App. 8
TOBRUK	8 Aug	0900 2130	Weather warm, little wind. The dust here is not as severe as in PILASTRINO sector. Major T.J. Daly (B.M.) and Lieut. R.A. Bowie (L.O.) arrive at B.H.Q. to co-ordinate details of relief. Preparations continuing in all Coys for relief. B.H.Q. close 40324315, and opens 40134324. Relief proceeded quietly, except 1 O.R. (D Coy 2/10) seriously wounded by M.G. fire. Bde advised relief complete. Operation Instruction No.21 issued	App. 9
TOBRUK	9 Aug		All quiet during day. R.O. No.119 issued	App. 1



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TOBRUK	9 Aug	1100 2100 2330 2359	Lieut. Austin (26 A/T. Coy) arrived at B.H.Q. for liason. B Coy report 23 lorries of troops debussing and forming up at 39584337 - arty informed, but no confirmation of this report received. Coy Cmdrs conference B.H.Q. - Subject "Attack on S7" - outline plan discussed, arrangements made for reliefs of Coys to bring C and B Coys to reserve. C and B will do assault. O.O. No.18 issued Lieut. P.A. Kummick wounded in leg when his truck drove into minefield.	App. 10
TOBRUK	10 Aug	1400 1426 1500 1600 2300 2400	D Coy report M.G. at 39874296 - arty informed - target engaged. D Coy doing observation for guns. Direct hit scored. M.G. silenced, enemy seen evacuating position. Information received to effect to <u>all</u> , 36 M. grenades will have 4 sec. fuses - not 7. D Coy report M.Gs. active. Arty informed - target <u>not</u> engaged owing to break down in phone between 18 Pl and D Coy H.Q. Capt. R.W. Sanderson evacuated beyond R.A.P. (Tonsillitis). Lieut. Marshal and 2 O.Rs. 2/28 Bn arrived at B.H.Q. Coy Cmdrs conference - subject "Attack on S6 and S7". During the night A Coy was brought back to reserve positions - 2/9 Bn took over left posn of D Coy. D Coy took over left pln. A Coy - C Coy relieved right pln A Coy. H.Q. Coy withdraw from reserve coy area to rear of B.H.Q. in accordance with O.O. No.19	App. 11     App. 12
TOBRUK	11 Aug	0900 1315 1600 1800 2300 2400	Lt. Col. <del>Major</del> L.G. Bruer took outline plan of attack to 18 bde. All quiet during day. Very successful arty shoot on enemy M.Gs. in front of D Coy fwd pln. D Coy supplied observation - notorious "Spandau Bill" believed destroyed. <del>Major</del> L.G. Bruer returned to Bn. Capt. D.W. Brunmitt (R.M.O.) strained knee - evacuated beyond R.A.P. Coy Cmdrs conference at B.H.Q. - subject "Attack on S7 and S6". Outline plan discussed in detail. C.O.'s appreciation read. 60 S.S. (Commando) takes up position in C Coy area.	
TOBRUK	12 Aug		Preparations for attack continue. "I"Sec. preparing maps. Air photos taken on 11 Aug 41 are not very useful - photos taken at 10,000 ft - heavy clouds at 6,000 ft obscure much detail.	



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TOBRUK	12 Aug	0905	Enemy aircraft bomb old Italian amm. dump. near FT. AIRENTE. Spectacular blaze - much Italian amm. destroyed - but damage not very serious. All quiet during the remainder fo the day and night. 5 patrols went out on Bn. front during the night. The enemy used large numbers of flares which made patrolling difficult.	
TOBRUK	13 Aug	1400 1800 1830 2330	Lt. R. Cundell (Div.L.O.) and Col. Walker (U.S. MARINES) arrive at Bn H.Q., and proceed to C Coy H.Q., with Lt. M. J. Brown. Col. Walker discussed landing operations with Commando Officers at C Coy. Party arrived back at B. H. Q. Some enemy shelling on way back. Lt. Cundell and Col. Walker departed. Coy Cmdrs conference - subject "Co ordination of plans for attack on S6 and S7."	
TOBRUK	14 Aug	0140 1400 1530 1700 1830 2000	C Coy reported that 2 sigs. repairing line had encountered a German patrol approx. 200 yds inside our lines. Lt. C Coy patrols immediately sent out to intercept enemy, but no trace found. Major L. G. Bruer and Lt. M. J. Brown proceed to H.Q. 18 Bde for conference with Arty officers, Brigadier and B.M. Gen. Moorshead arrived at conference. Lt. Col. L. G. Bruer and Lt. M. J. Brown proceeded to H.Q. 51 FD REGT., with Lt. Col. Tuck, R.A., to obtain details of enemy D.F. and harassing fire. Return to Bn. H. Q. Capt. Jackman (R.N.F.) arrived at Bn H.Q., picked up guide, and proceeded to B Coy H.Q., where he will <del>sa</del> stay for 24 hrs, object - Study approaches to S6 and S7. All quiet during the night.	
TOBRUK	15 Aug	1600	40 reinf. arrive at B.H.Q. from Staging Camp - drafted	8 - A Coy 11 - B Coy 6 - C Coy 16 - D Coy
			Strength of Bn at 0800 hrs 15 Aug 41 -	
			Reinfs	
			Offs.	O. Rs.
			28	637
				40
			28	677

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TOBRUK	15 Aug	1700 1927	Bn. H.Q. area shelled. 19 JU 87's and 6 fighters dive bomb TOBRUK. During night draft copy of orders for attack were prepared.	
TOBRUK	16 Aug	0730 0900 1400 1900 2100	Shells land in Bn H.Q. wadi, no casualties, some damage to Officers mess cooking utensils. Adjutant (Lieut. M.L. Bidstrup) proceeded to bde with copy of draft order. Adjutant returns to Bn H.Q. with news that attack is cancelled - 2/10 Bn to be relieved by 2/23 Bn on 20/21 Aug 41. Shells land in Bn H.Q. wadi (German 105's) - one shell burst near room of orderly room, damaged many sig. wires. Another shell went through wall of 2 i/c's dug out, wrecked camp stretcher and valise. No casualties. Party of journalists etc. arrive at Bn H.Q., proceed to B Coy section. Exceptionally quiet night.	
TOBRUK	17 Aug	0930 1500	Bn H.Q. again shelled. Gen. Moorshead arrived at Bn H.Q., proceeded to C Coy area to discuss plans with S.S. officers. All quiet during day, except for increased enemy air activity over TOBRUK. All quiet during night.	
TOBRUK	18 Aug		Advice received that 18 Bde will be relieved by Polish Brigade. 18 Bde will hand over all their equipment to Poles. Great secrecy to be preserved throughout preparations. All quiet in Salient, apart from normal M.G. and Arty activity.	
TOBRUK	19 Aug		All quiet, no enemy movement. Usual firing by both sides. Preparations for relief by 2/23 Bn proceed.	
TOBRUK	20 Aug	1800 2130 2359	Bn. Advance party (4 officers 15 O.Rs.) depart for Egypt Relief begins. Relief proceeding.	App.
TOBRUK	21 Aug	0430 1400	Relief completed without incident. Polish advance party (10 officers 10 O.Rs.) arrive at Bn H.Q. - inspect PILASTRINO area. All 2/10 troops moved to top of escarpment, leaving flat for POLISH Bn.	

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TOBRUK	22 Aug	0400 1400 2330	Advice received that 2nd POLISH Bn will arrive at TOBRUK at approx. 2359 hrs. All preparations for occupation of positions on flat complete. Lt. M.J. Brown, 2 POLISH officers, 5 2/10 Bn N.C.Os. leave for TOBRUK to guide Polish Bn. to PILASTRINO.	
TOBRUK	23 Aug	0100 0230 0430 0730 0900 1030	Poles begin embussing, troops very quiet and discipline excellent. Embussing complete, convoy 25 3-ton, 3 10-ton lorries, proceed to PILASTRINO. Lt. Col. O.C. Poles arrived at Bn H.Q. - discussed situation through interpreter with Major L.G. Bruer. Hot breakfast supplied to Poles by 2/10 Bn. Poles digging in on flat and drawing blankets. Polish officers inspect 2/10 Bn positions and other sectors. Conference at DIV. - advice that 199 from 2/10 Bn will embark on night 24/25 Aug 41. Hand over of stores and transport to Poles continues throughout day.	
TOBRUK	24 Aug	2000 2030 2200 2300 2330	Nominal rolls prepare for draft of 199. M.T. arrive at PILASTRINO Water Point. A and D Coys relieved by 1st and 4th Coys 2nd Polish Bn - A and D Coys embuss at Water Point. Convoy meets guide on BARDIA ROAD, proceeds to embarkation point and debus. Party aboard wreck in TOBRUK harbour. H.M.S. KIPLING pulled in alongside wreck, Polish troops move from KIPLING to wreck aft, 2/10 Bn personnel board KIPLING forward. Naval and R.E. personnel unload stores, amidships.	
	25 Aug	0110 1400 1930 2100	H.M.S. KIPLING leaves TOBRUK " " berths at ALEXANDRIA. Troops disembark - embuss - and proceed to AMIRYA. Troops issued with comforts, blankets, and hot meal. Draft falls in - proceeds to train at station. Entrainment completed. Train journey uneventful -(breakfast at KANTARA, 0900 hrs 26 Aug 41)	
	26 Aug	0900 1100 1600 2330 2405	Lt. Col. Verrier and Lieut. D.M. Symes came down from hospital to see the troops. Train leaves KANTARA. Train arrives BEIT JERJA. Troops allotted tents and fed. Remainder of Bn. under command Lt. Col. L.G. Bruer embark on H.M.S. "Abdiel". H.M.S. "Abdiel" leaves Tobruk.	



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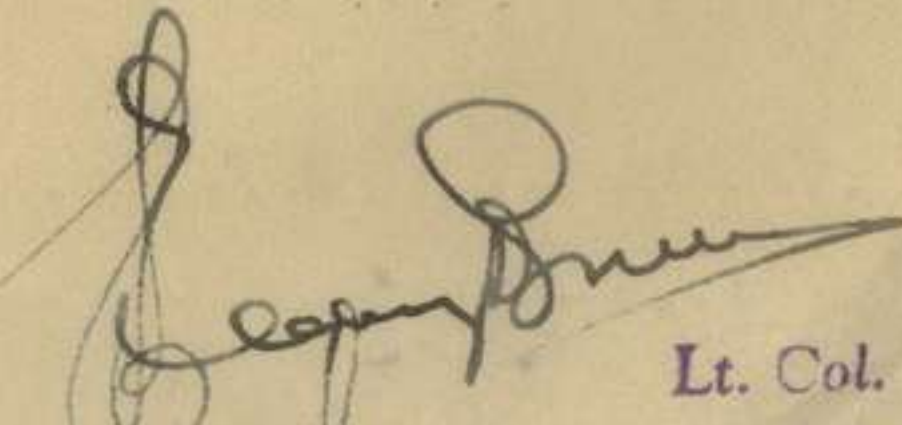
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	27 Aug	0900 1000	Embuss - proceed to KILO 89. Troops erecting tents, preparing office buildings, and cook houses etc.					
KILO 89	28 Aug	1000	Preparations for reception of Bn proceed. Some leave granted - 9 to Jerusalem 2 days, 14 TEL AVIV 1 day on 29 Aug 41. Guards and picquest mounted.					
	29 Aug	0830 1000 1100	Remainder of Bn. arrive - troops conducted to tents. Bn. Parade - Lt. Col. explained local conditions etc. to troops. Coy Cmdrs conference, in Officers Mess, details of admin., local problems etc. discussed. Troops settling down during day.					
	30 Aug	1100	Make and Mend, all Coys. Lieut. Porter (Bde L.O.) reports that all 18 Bde are now in PALESTINE, except Brig. Wootten Capt. Hayward and 3 O.Rs. Rear Party 2/10 Bn. under Capt. Allchin arrive. Leave parties to TEL AVIV and JERUSALEM.					
	31 Aug	0900	During the night 9 rifles were stolen from a tent in D Coy lines. The various guards and prowler picquest saw no sign of the thieves. Church Parade with Padre Helmore. Sergeant and Tracker of Palestine Police arrived, examined ground in D Coy area. Other Police Officers visited the Bn area during the day. The weather is very warm, no breeze. Nights are clear and cool. Capt. Meithke and Lieut. Hurran and Lieut. Leane rejoined unit from 18 I.T.B. Strength now :- <table style="margin-left: 200px;"> <tr> <td>Officers</td> <td>O.Rs.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28</td> <td>644.</td> </tr> </table>	Officers	O.Rs.	28	644.	
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 Lt. Col.  
 Comdg. 2/10 Bn., A.I.F.



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This month can be divided into 3 main periods-

1. Br's tour of duty in Salient.
2. Hand over to Poles and move to Palestine.
3. Camp in Palestine.

The Bn. spent an extremely arduous fortnight in the Salient.

The weather was very hot, and the flies made it very difficult to sleep during the day.

Troops in forward positions were under constant fire from enemy M.G.'s and Mortars. The German weapon pits were only 300 yards from our own in the centre sector.

n. H.Q. area was shelled regularly by a battery of 105's. One unexploded shell passed through the 2 i/c's dug-out.

Because of the large fronts held communication with companies was difficult. Section posts were out of touch with Platoon H.Q. except at night.

The present scale of issue for telephones is inadequate, and at least one additional phone for every platoon in the Rifle Companies, plus the present scale of equipment, is required.

Another important fact was the absolute failure of the Pack R/T. Sets.

The troops were able to handle any automatic weapons captured, instructions were unnecessary. Consequently the fire power of the Bn. steadily increased as enemy weapons were obtained.

The adaptability of the troops was therefore a deciding factor in the defence scheme: the Bn. was able to hold wide fronts with the additional captured weapons (Automatics)

The details of the hand over to the Poles are contained in the Q.M.'s report.

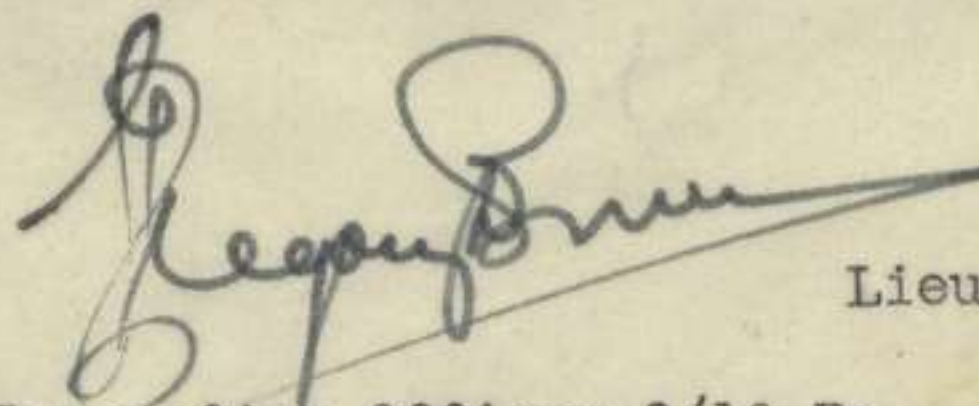
Movement of the Bn. from Tobruk to Palestine was carried out without incident, staff work throughout the journey was excellent.

Comforts for troops were arranged by Fighting Forces Comforts Fund (South Australia) and were greatly appreciated; included in the issue was 1 bottle of beer per man, tobacco and sweets.

At the present time the Bn. is camped at KILO 89 in PALESTINE. The troops are in excellent health and spirits: very few show signs of the strenuous times through which they have passed.

Several drafts of reinforcements arrived during the past month. Generally speaking these men have been of good physique and intelligent. Many of them will make good N.C.O.'s.

Battle discipline must be enforced, especially with regard to movement near Coy. or Bn. H.Q. during the day. This Bn. adopted the policy of NO movement by day anywhere in the Bn. sector. The low casualties suffered are the direct result of this policy.



Lieut. Col.

Commanding Officer 2/10 Bn.



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Administration

The month has been exceptional, as the Bn. again visited the Salient, and also has been relieved by the Polish Bde.

All trucks were handed over to the Poles, who proved to be very particular in the checking of both trucks and tools.

Whilst in the salient one 20-cwt truck was blown up on our own minefield, and had to be towed in at night. This was done without mishap, and the truck was back on the road within a week.

Many springs were broken during the month, but by scrounging springs and making our own blacksmiths shop, we were able to replace them immediately.

Handing Over

The change over started with arrival of the Polish advance party, who had apparently had dealings with Australians previously, as they took nothing for granted, and insisted on checking everything.

For several days it seemed that we would be unable to obtain signatures for a G.1098 Scale, but by much arm waving and a lot of talking, managed to convince the Poles that everything was complete, and they signed for everything.

General

Great credit is due to the drivers and mechanics for the way they persevered with and cared for the trucks. Parts were unobtainable except for those which were collected by night. Nearly every vehicle needed new rings and bearings, and many a complete overhaul.

The petrol position was acute early in the month, but with the coming of the Poles we were allowed as much as we needed.

The Poles will find it difficult to keep their trucks on the road, as they do treble the running that we did, and at a much greater pace.

*J. W. Cook*  
Transport Officer.



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The early days of the month, during which the Bn. was in reserve, "B" Echelon was situated NORTH of the Canteen. This was a period just following full moon, and each night enemy planes were active in bombing the harbour and various A.A. posts in this area. At approximately 2300 hrs nightly high flying planes came over regularly every ten minutes for about 2 hours: each plane was greeted by the A.A. barrage. Bombs were dropped and the faint drone of each departing plane was renewed by the next incoming plane. Two heavy mobile A.A. guns were posted each night by the Canteen, and these with the A.A. batteries just West of our area were at this time apparently particular targets. This all prevented the "Q" Staff, including the C.Q.M.S.'s drivers, from having reasonable rest.

When the Bn. moved into the Salient on 8/9 Aug 41, 'B' Echelon changed over with the 2/32 Bn., and returned to its old home at UADI AUDA. Everyone was pleased and satisfied to return to this area, which was the best site in TOBRUK area. The congested area, as worked by the outgoing Bn., was quickly transformed to an area of cleanliness, efficiency and satisfactory dispersion and concealment.

In relieving the 2/48 Bn. in the Salient, the system of 'Q' reconnaissance, is worthy of note. On the night previous to the Bn. taking over, the C.Q.M.S. and the driver from each Coy accompanied the Coy food lorries of the 2/48 Bn Coys to the line on their usual run. This meant that two nights later the first trip with supplies to the Coys was accomplished smoothly and satisfactorily. On the night the Coys moved into the line, a hot meal and rations for the next two meals was given out before the move forward. B Coy was for several days attached to the 2/12 Bn., and the same system was followed. During this period in the Salient meals were very satisfactory. As soon as the cooks had again re-built their ovens, stew became a rarity. Tinned fruit was now given to the men every second day (4 oz per man). At intervals limes were also being issued. These were very beneficial.

On the 20th August the Advance party of the Bn left for Egypt. Capt. Lines, who was understudying the Q.M., was in charge of this party. On the 20/21 Aug the Bn. left the Salient for the reserve area, and on the 21 Aug 'B' Echelon moved back to the area North of the Canteen. This position was now referred to by the men as "Bomb Alley Pass," "Gun Alley" or the "Stuka Parade."

On Saturday evening 3 Polish Officers with 2 N.C.O.s and 4 cooks reported at 'B' Echelon to commence taking over. One officer who spoke English only slowly, was of their Carrier Platoon, and was to take over the transport. One officer for Stores, Equipment and Ammunition, and one for all Messing and relevant equipment. The two latter did not speak English. Sunday was spent in preliminary handing over. The checking of all equipment and stores by Coys was a big task, but hand overs between Coy Commanders was completed in every case before moving out. The Q.M. of the Polish Bn. arrived late Monday morning. He also, could not speak English. The task of completing the hand over in reasonable time at first appeared almost hopeless, particularly on account of the dispersal of stores, and the language question, and particularly in regard to their understanding the Army names of equipment appearing on the transfer forms used (G.1033). With much patience, tact and diplomacy the reports of the items checked by the advance officers were collaborated, and the 1033's were signed late Monday afternoon, and the Bn obtained a most satisfactory clearance, which was most fair to both units.

On Tuesday Aug 26, the rear party assembled at C Coy H.Q., PILASTRINO area, and awaited orders, whilst giving final assistance to the newcomers. On this day the Poles placed their own drivers on all the vehicles. During the time that the main body of the Poles was settling in alongside the Bn., Coy cook houses were working for double numbers. The efficiency of the cooks was proved by the very satisfactory manner in which this was carried out.

On the night of Wednesday 27 Aug 41 the rear party of 4 officers (including the Q.M.) and 15 O.Rs., left TOBRUK, and as if in farewell the enemy first staged an air raid over the harbour of 42 planes at 1800 hrs. At 1845 hrs he placed about 20 shells within a hundred yards or so of C Coy buildings. Finally about midnight, as the troops moved aboard the war boats, an enemy plane dropped a large group of flares. The A.A. fire then stopped, the flares died out, and in silence the ships slipped quietly out of Tobruk and there faded from view and mind a battle ground that had presented many difficulties and dangers of unusual type, yet had been successfully coped with by the men of the

*Edith*  
Capt.



(1) General Health of Troops

In so far as opinion based on only one week's experience is accurate, the health of the Bn. after 4½ months in TOBRUK appeared reasonably good. There were no symptoms attributed to diet deficiency. Weight in most cases - except in occasional cases of prolonged diarrhoea or recent fever - was maintained, and sometimes gained. No neuroses and psychoses were seen in this period, and the men, although tired and perhaps bored, seemed prepared to go on. An average of about 6 new cases of diarrhoea were reporting daily, but the cases were mild and efebriusually, and rarely required evacuation. Multiple sores constituted most of the sick parade, but it is not considered that these had any specific cause other than that personal cleanliness was difficult to maintain in the conditions.

Until the last week, corryza, pharyngitis etc. were practically non existent. At that time a few cases appeared, and the incidence appeared to be rising.

The Bn. then moved. Every effort was made beforehand to evacuate any man not completely up to scratch to avoid trouble en route, but during the long travelling period ( 3days - 4 nights) 8 men had to be left at hospitals etc. In all cases this was precautionary, and no cases were serious. 6 men pyrexias (U.R.T.I.) and 2 infections which were worsening. The medical evacuations and treatment at the various staging camps (Amirya, Kantara, Beit Jirja) worked very smoothly, and it is expected that these men will regain the unit quickly.

The present health of the troops appears to be improved further. Any sickness, other than mild colds and sores appears rare. Diarrhoea is less. Corryza is more and more common, and, possibly, restricted tent space will aggravate this, but contact with new organisms in Picture Theatre crowds must be an important causal factor.

(2) Conditions in the present Area.

These appear good. The men should respond. At this season there is uninterrupted sun, with none of Tobruk's dust. Diet includes quantities of fresh vegetables, butter and fresh meat. Showers are available for every man daily. Conservency - Tel Aviv Pits are working satisfactorily. Most kitchens are adequately fly-proofed, and clean, and flies are scarce.

R.A.P. accommodation is at present limited to one small room, and equipment and supplies are being obtained only slowly. It is thus impossible to retain minor U.R.T.I. cases with pyrexia - a thing which should relieve the C.R.S. when it is arranged.

Prospects of obtaining treatment for various non-urgent conditions such as varicose veins, refractive errors, ? peptic ulcer etc. appear poor at present, but it is important that this be arranged in this interval.

"Desert sores" cases report at 1900 hrs after sick parade. Elastoplast treatment is used almost always. It is impossible to decide whether these cases are improving, as a group, yet.

About 12 men and some recent reinforcements have not had the second T.A.B. course. This should be completed within the next week.

Arrangements have been made for complete dental survey of every man during the next week.

(3) Occurrence of New Diseases

Sandfly fever has been diagnosed, as yet, only once, in a case sent to C.R.S. No V.D. cases have, as yet, reported. The men have had warnings, and prophylactic outfits are available for those going on leave.

Appendix

Sick for week ending 4. 9. 41

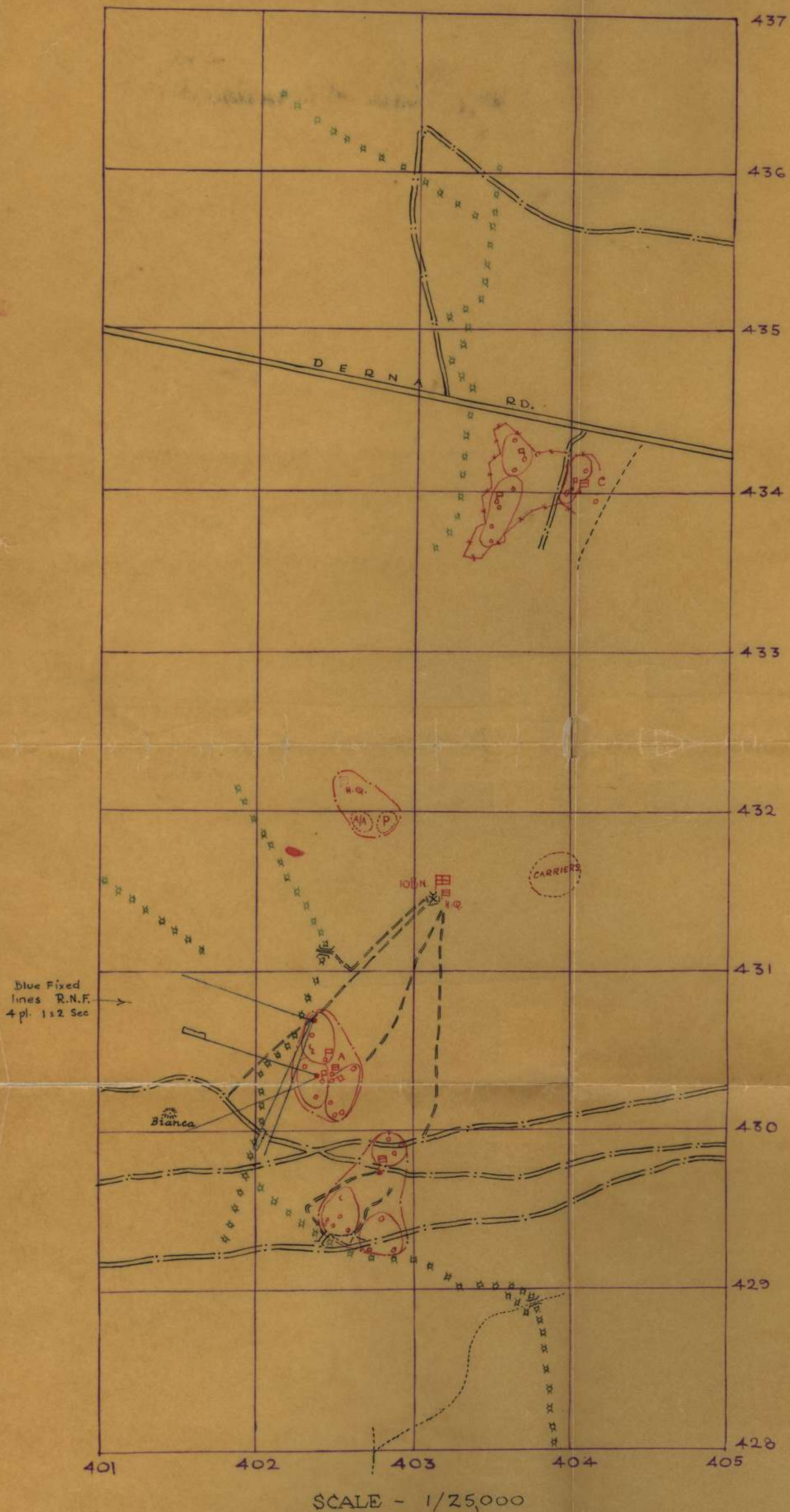
Strength		Total Sick		Diarrhoea	URTI	Sores	Daily Sick rate	Daily Evacuation Rate.
OFFS.	O.Rs.	OFFS.	O.Rs.					
31	643	-	205	15	43	61	6%	0.1%

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*Flavours* Capt.  
 R.M.O. 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.

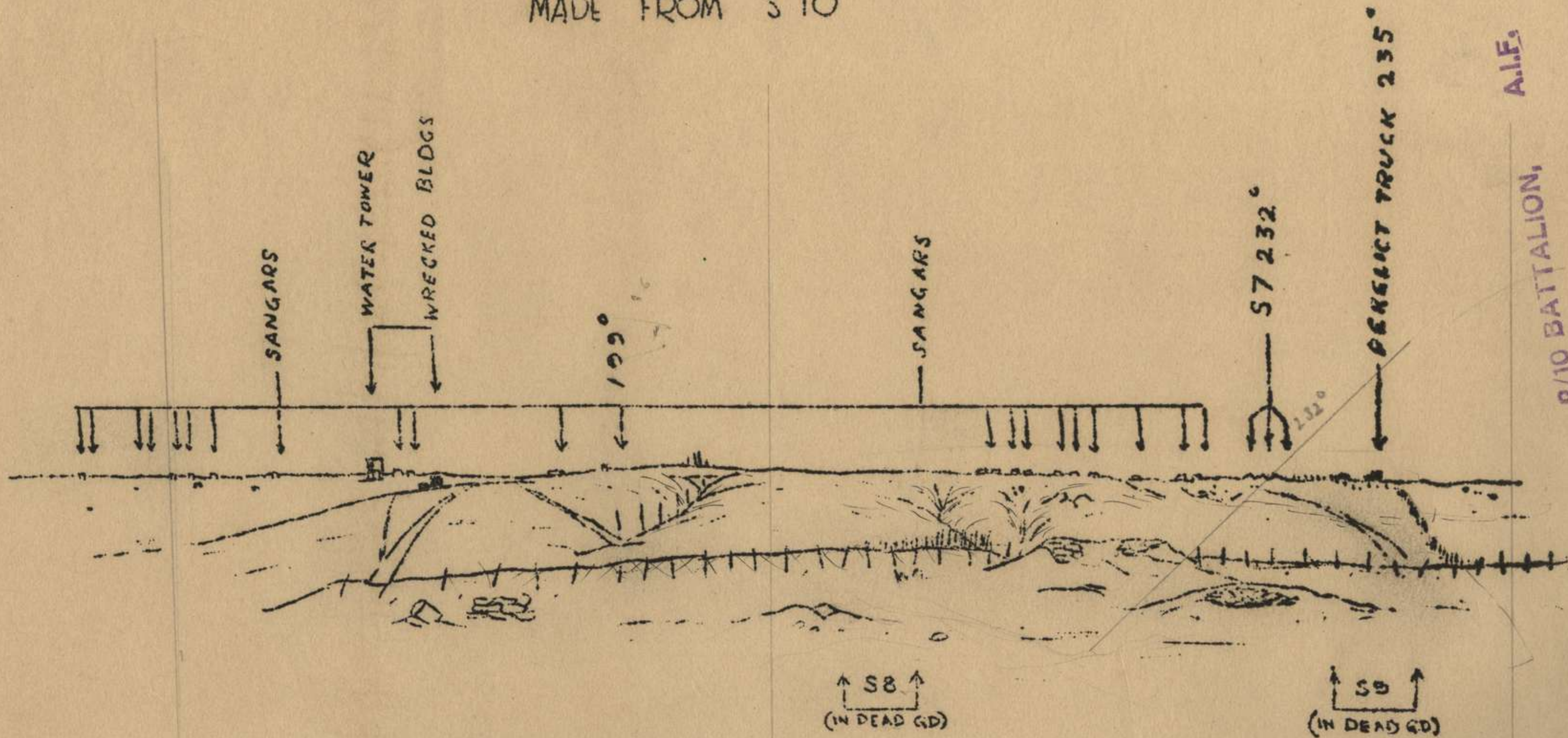


10 BN. AREA ~~9 JU~~ FROM 6 AUG.  
TO 8 AUG.





- PANORAMIC SKETCH 'S7' TO WATER TOWER -  
MADE FROM 'S10'



A.I.F.  
2/10 BATTALION,

GDF COOPER MAJ.  
13 AUG. 41



SECRET.

Operation Order No. 1

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Date:- 11 Aug. 41

10 Battalion

Ref Map

TOBRUCH 1/50000

APPRECIATION  
Application by Maj L.G. Bruer, Adm Cmd 10 Aust Inf Bn at TOBRUK 10 Aug 41.

1. OBJECT: To <sup>E</sup>sieze and hold S7 and ~~S8~~. S6
2. FACTORS AFFECTING ATTAINMENT OF OBJECT:

Relative Strength: Enemy.

- (a) Strong in Automatic Weapons about Posts S7, S6 and S4, WATER TOWER area and Sangers about WRECKED PLANE, also in S.E. direction in Square 398430 and 399430. Enemy also in considerable strength WEST and N.W. of S6, S8 and S9 with Automatic weapons and Mortars in areas Squares 396430, 397430, 396431 and 397431.
- (b) Arty.  
Have already shown that they are capable of heavy and accurate fire on areas Posts S6, 7, 8 and 9 and WATER TOWER area.
- (c) Aircraft.  
Dive bombers and ground strafing planes have been used and can be expected in numbers up to 40.
- (d) Tanks.  
Numbers unknown, but enemy has previously <sup>used</sup> them with dash and determination, and may be expected for CA.
- (e) Field Works.  
Posts S7 and S6 consist of perimeter type concrete posts, S7 having concrete Tank ditch. Both posts are centres of defended localities with many sangers and weapon pits as close as 50x from wire surrounding them. To EAST and S.E. the enemy are located in closely dug weapon pits and sangers, the whole capable of giving mutual support along the whole front with strong <sup>E</sup>infilade fire along the escarpment between S7 and S8. On the WEST the works consist mainly of sangers along the escarpment with sangers and dug posns to the N.W.
- (f) Wire.  
Posts S6 and S7 are heavilly surrounded with wire - Dannert and trip wires may be found in unexpected places.
- (g) Minefields and booby traps.  
These are freely used around all FDLs, mainly placed inside wire. Information has been obtained from Div "I" Summaries but patrol work necessary to check on these.

Own Forces.

- (a) Must be limited to the minimum number necessary to attain object, <sup>AND</sup> will require all support obtainable from arty, MMGs tanks and RAF.  
Therefore strong and determined attack with all available supporting weapons will be made.
- (b) Morale  
Enemy: German good, Italian poor.  
Own: Good.  
Deduction: Equality.



### 3. TOPOGRAPHY.

Posts S3,4,5,6, and 7 with MEDUJAR feature dominate the whole situation. Posts S6 and 7 on edge of the escarpment can receive fire support from S4 and 5, from escarpment WEST and from flats towards FORBES MOUND and all possible approaches to 6 and 7 are swept by fire from posns already given.

From S8 and 9 good observation WEST is obtainable, but movement around these posts and S10 is restricted in daylight and is under fire from S6 and S7.

Country from FORBES MOUND to S6 and 7 dominates our present FDLs in salient and covers all possible lines of communication to S6 and S7. A covered approach exists from present Bn HQ to centre Coy HQ, EAST of S11 in square 399432.

Deduction: To successfully hold and maintain S6 and S7 it is necessary to hold all ground NORTH of a line from S6 to FORBES MOUND.

### 4. TIME AND PLACE.

A time giving maximum period to assembly area to FUP and advance to objective, development of defence against CA, carrying of stores etc is required for success of operation.

(a) If done in daylight:

Casualties would be heavy and the amount of enemy MG and Mortar fire by observed shooting prohibits likelihood of success.

(b) Attack just before dawn:

This may procure initial success but denies sufficient time for consolidation.

(c) Attack at moonrise:

This would give benefit of cover of darkness to FUP and then sufficient light for maintenance of direction and consolidation.

At this time of the month the moonrise would be at a favourable time.

The most suitable days giving necessary amount of darkness for preliminary movement and maximum light for consolidation would be nights 13/14 and 15/16 Aug, when moonrise is at 2359 hrs and 0030 hrs respectively.

As however, planning and co-ordinating the attack will need a considerable of preparation and training it is considered that night 16/17 Aug when moonrise is at 0111 hrs is the earliest that this plan can be undertaken.

Sunrise on morning 17 Aug will be at 0649 hrs.

Previous attacks before dawn although successful in attaining objective, were unable to hold posn owing to insufficient time for consolidation.

These considerations apply mainly to localities about Posts S6 and S7, the enemy posns in triangle S6 - FORBES MOUND - WRECKED PLANE must be suppressed just before daylight. If attack during darkness, loss of direction and general confusion might result.

In daylight heavy casualties would be suffered.

Deduction: Most suitable time therefore to attack S6 and S7 is 0030 hrs 16/17 Aug and on remainder of salient at first light 17 Aug.

### 5. ROUTES.

S7 and S6 may be attacked from WEST, N.W., NORTH and N.E., but further patrols necessary to reach decision.



6. CONCLUSIONS.

- i. S7 can be attacked and captured.
- ii. In order to hold S7 it is necessary:
  - (a) To hold country EAST of S7 in order to maintain supplies.
  - (b) To hold area S6 to give supporting fire.
- iii. Therefore operation must include capture S7 and S6 areas also area NORTH line FORBES MOUND - S6.

7. PLAN.

1. Tps available.

10 Aust Inf Bn  
 1 Coy SS  
 U/C 2 Coys 24 Aust Inf Bn

In Support

Western Gp Arty.

2. Additional support required, Phase i.

- (a) 1 Coy RNF as support guns.
- (b) 2 Pls RNF as fwd guns.
- (c) 1 sec Fd Coy RAE
- (d) 2 tps A/T guns.
- (e) Detachment Div Sigs (W/T)
- (f) RAF

Phase ii.

- (g) 1 Sqn RTR.

3. Allotment of tasks.

"B" Coy 10 Aust Inf Bn will attack and hold S7 and locality, exploitation up to S5.

"C" Coy will attack and hold S6 and locality and exploit to vicinity WATER TOWER. AND FIG TREE RD INCLUSIVE

"D" Coy will seize and hold Sangers NORTH of line FORBES MOUND - S6

"A" Coy will be in reserve in centre of Bn Sector in the salient.

SS will form right flank protection for "B" Coy and create diversion around point 155, square 397433 and escarpment square 397432 and endeavour to locate and destroy enemy mortars.

MMG Fwd Guns

1 Pl each with "B" and "C" Coy for consolidation and defence against CA.

1 Coy to give supporting fire on triangle S6 - WRECKED PLANE - FORBES MOUND and neutralise enemy MG fire in the area.

Arty.

To give harrassing fire on all posts, from S7 to MEDUUAR daily for 5 or 6 days before D1, also area triangle S6 - WRECKED PLANE - FORBES MOUND.

To fire concentrations on located enemy centres of resistance on flanks and in rear of posns to be attacked and "box" barrage around S7 and S6 on night of attack.

To engage mortar posns and neutralise their fire.

A/T Guns.

To go fwd on capture of objective and take up posns suitable to enable any CA with tanks to be effectively dealt with.



RAF.

If possible a bombing attack on perimeter posts on evening of attack, also on bty posns.  
Also fighter patrol, on evening of day following capture to deal with any enemy air attempt to retaliate.

Tanks.

1 Sqn to assist coy detailed to seize ground fwd of FDLs, i.e. line FORBES MOUND - S6.  
Detail <sup>TO</sup> be subject of co-ordinating conference.

8. INTERCOMMUNICATION

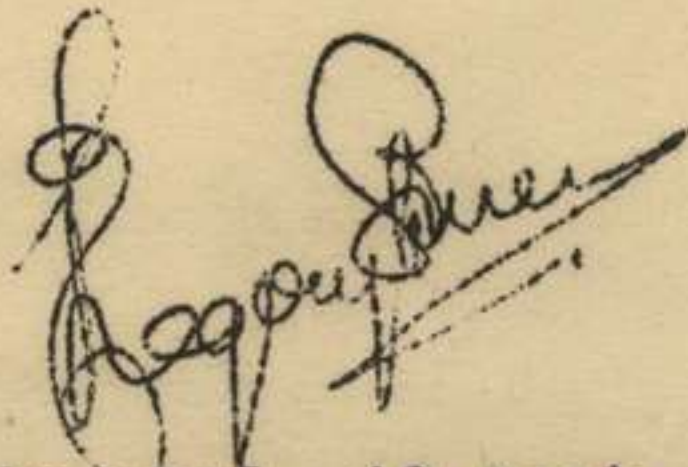
Previous attempts at seizing and holding posns have shown that for several hours confusion reigns and information is scanty and unreliable.

Reinforcements cannot be summoned when needed and vital information cannot be got back to HQ in time for appropriate action to be taken.

To obviate this it will be necessary to have:

- 4 101 W/T Sets and operators (Div Sigs)
- 6 Iti phones in good order.
- 3 miles of D3 cable.

By this means early information of state of forces, location of enemy forces and weapons forming up of enemy CA, need for supplies or more men will be received in time for action to be taken before it is too late.



Major,

Adm. Cmd. 10 Aust. Ind. Bn.



## A.I.F. 10 BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS

BY  
 MAJOR L.G. DRUER  
 ADMINISTERING COMMAND 10 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION  
 1 AUGUST, 41

NO. 115.

PART I.  
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I. PROMOTIONS.

The following promotions, vide A.I.F. (M.E.) Orders of 19 July 41, A.I.F. List No. 30, are promulgated:

To be Majors	-	Capt. (T/Maj) T.J. Daly	5/7/41
		Capt. G.D.T. Cooper	5/7/41
To be Captains	-	Lieut. R.W. Sanderson	5/7/41
		Lieut. (T/Capt) T.J. Schmedje	5/7/41

II. POSTING OF OFFICERS.

C.O. (Adm. Cmd.)	-	Major L.G. Druer
2 i/c	-	Major G.D.T. Cooper, M.D.E.
Adjt.	-	Lieut. H.L. Didstrup.
I.O.	-	Lieut. M.J. Brown.
Q.M.	-	Capt. E.F. Allechin, M.H.

"A" Company.

O.C.	-	Capt. G.G.M. Martin.
2 i/c	-	Capt. R.W. Sanderson.
No. 7 Pl. Cmdr	-	Lieut. A.R. Scott.
No. 8 Pl. Cmdr	-	Lieut. R.W. Seddon.

"B" Company

O.C.	-	Capt. J.H. Trevivian.
2 i/c	-	Capt. E.H.D. Lines.
No. 10 Pl. Cmdr	-	Lieut. A.C. Bray.
No. 11 Pl. Cmdr	-	Lieut. T.K. Fisher.
No. 12 Pl. Cmdr	-	Lieut. K.R. Jacob.

"C" Company.

O.C.	-	Capt. J.E. Brooksopp.
2 i/c	-	Capt. A.H. Ifould.
No. 14 Pl. Cmdr	-	Lieut. A. Kunnick.
No. 15 Pl. Cmdr	-	Lieut. T. Murdoch.

"D" Company.

O.C.	-	Capt. F.P. Wilson.
2 i/c	-	Capt. I.D. Hayward.
No. 16 Pl. Cmdr	-	Lieut. P. Teedale-Smith.
No. 18 Pl. Cmdr	-	Lieut. D.D. Balfour-Ogilvy, M.D.E.

"H.Q." Company.

O.C.	-	Capt. T.J. Schmedje.
No. 1 Pl. Cmdr	-	Lieut. H.R. Matheson.
No. 2 Pl. Cmdr	-	Lieut. L.I. Hopton.
No. 3 Pl. Cmdr	-	Lieut. R.E. Porter.
No. 5 Pl. Cmdr	-	Lieut. F.P. Spencer.
No. 6 Pl. (T.O.)	-	Lieut. F.W. Cook, M.C.

III. BURIAL OF RUBBISH.

Coy Cmdrs will make arrangements for a definite burial place for empty tins, scraps etc. The indiscriminate burying of rubbish will cease forthwith.

/ IV. FIELD CENSORSHIP.



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- (a) Posting of Correspondence:— Cases of evasion of censorship by carrying letters by hand continues and this is leading to a serious state of insecurity. The fact that such carrying of letters by hand is forbidden will be impressed on all ranks. A personal search of personnel in transit may be conducted at any point and correspondence being carried by hand for delivery found in their possession will be confiscated and destroyed. Disciplinary action will follow against carriers and writers. The term "all ranks" includes:—
- (a) Wives and adult relatives and dependants of officers and other ranks.
  - (b) Attached allied personnel.
  - (c) Civilians employed by H.M. Forces.
  - (d) Civilians visiting the Army.
  - (e) Interpreters.
- (b) Green Envelopes:— Regulations regarding multiple green envelopes are not being correctly observed. All ranks are reminded that writers may endorse up to three of their own letters, each in a separate ordinary envelope, in one green envelope. These letters will be properly addressed but must be left unsealed. Green envelopes containing more than one letter will be addressed to the "Base Censor".
- (c) Franking of Correspondence:— A certain laxity in the manner in which officers franking correspondence apply the regulations has been noticed. The attention of all franking officers is drawn to Field Censorship Regulations, 1940, Part II, Para. 3 (ii).
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#### V. ISSUE OF SAFETY RAZOR BLADES.

Safety razor blades will be issued on the scale of 1 per man per week instead of 1 every two weeks as at present. The Q.M. will submit demands to show:—

- (a) Strength
- (b) The period covered by indent.

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#### VI. LOOT AND TRAFFIC IN ARMS.

It has been definitely established that members of H.M. Forces have been selling captured arms and ammunition.

From this, it is clear that the existing orders on this subject are not being obeyed. All ranks are reminded that it is forbidden to retain in their possession any public enemy property found on the battlefield. Anyone who disposes of captured arms to other persons is directly assisting the enemy, since such arms find their way to those who work for the enemy. Such action is an offence punishable by a sentence of two years imprisonment.

Any captured war material in the possession of army personnel will be surrendered immediately.

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#### VII. AWARDS OF COMPENSATION AGAINST OFFENDERS IN ORDER TO PREVENT FINANCIAL LOSS TO THE A.I.F.

A.I.F. Order (M.E.) No.480 is repeated:—

- "(a) As a result of offences committed by members of the A.I.F. in some cases loss or damage has been caused to property or persons belonging to the A.I.F., and in others the A.I.F. has been put to the expense of paying compensation to private individuals or to local authorities.
- (b) Offenders, as part of their punishment for the offence, will be made to pay for the loss, damage or expense they cause. Unless he is put under stoppage of pay in the Summary Award or Court-Martial sentence, there is ordinarily no way of recovering from an offender compensation for the loss and expenses caused by his offence. See Army Act 46 (7) and Rules of Procedure R.6 (B).



VII. AWARDS OF COMPENSATION AGAINST OFFENDERS IN ORDER TO PREVENT FINANCIAL LOSS TO THE A.I.F. (CONT).

(c) Attention is drawn to Army Act ss 137 and 138 and to Defence Act s 97, by virtue of which a member of the A.I.F. who commits an offence can, by means of a Summary Award or Court Martial sentence be put under stoppage of pay in order to recover from him any of the following amounts:-

(i) The amount of any expenses, loss, damage or destruction caused to any private person or public authority by the commission of the offence.

(ii) The amount of any loss of or damage or destruction done by the offender to any buildings or property, whoever the owner may thereof may be.

(iii) The amount of any loss of or any damage or destruction done by the offender to any arms, ammunition, equipment, clothing, instruments or regimental necessaries or military decoration, or to any other article owned by the Commonwealth of Australia or by a unit of the Military Forces of the Commonwealth.

(d) C.O's and superior military authorities of the A.I.F. will therefore take the following steps to enable compensation for such loss, damage and expense to be recovered from the offenders by Summary Award or Court-Martial sentence:-

(i) In each charge there should be stated the nature and value of any expense, loss, damage or destruction alleged to have been caused by the offence.

If the C.O. has not already obtained adequate information regarding the extent of the losses and expenses caused by the offence, the accused after being charged, should, if the circumstances of the case are not sufficiently grave to justify his being in custody, be released pending the receipt of further information without prejudice to his re-arrest in accordance with A.M.R. & O. 404. The C.O. should take all necessary steps to obtain the requisite information as soon as possible thereafter.

(ii) C.O's (and also Summary Authorities within the meaning of the Army Act s 47) should, whenever losses or expenses have been caused to any public authority or private person by the offence for which they convict the accused, include in each Summary Award an award of stoppages of pay as compensation in respect of such losses or expenses.

Such an award of compensation can be inflicted conjointly with any other summary or minor punishment (A.M.R. & O. 418(7)(a)).

C.O's in awarding compensation, will award it as a stoppage of pay and for a specific sum (A.M.R. & O. 418 (b)). Correct forms of sentence are to be found in the Second Appendix to the Rules of Procedure (Manual of Military Law, Page 758 and should always be followed.

(iii) A C.O., before applying for a Court-Martial against any member of the A.I.F. under his command, will ascertain, and will include in the particulars of the charges, as accurate details as possible concerning the amount of the losses and expenses caused to the Army or to any private or public person or body as a result of the offence with which the accused is charged (Rules of Procedure, 13 (F) and First Appendix (note 23)).

If the accused's C.O. does not include such details in the "particulars", the convening officer will ascertain such details and ensure that they are included in the "particulars" of the charge before the accused is arraigned and tried.

*W. Bidstrup* Lieut.

Adj. 10 Aust. Inf. Bn.



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A.I.F.  
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS

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PART I.

2 AUGUST, 41

NO. 117.

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I. COURT MARTIAL.

The following are the findings and sentences of a F.G.C.M. held to try SX 754 Cpl. H.M. Scott and SX 1407 Pte. F.R. McDonald on 27 July 41:-

In the case of Cpl. H.M. Scott.

<u>On the Charge</u>	A.A. Sec 6 (2) (e)
<u>Finding</u>	Guilty
<u>Sentence</u>	Reduced to the ranks and 30 days detention.

In the case of Pte. F.R. McDonald.

<u>On the Charge</u>	A.A. Sec 6 (2) (e)
<u>Finding</u>	Guilty
<u>Sentence</u>	42 days detention.

The findings and sentences were confirmed by Maj Gen L.J. Moreshead, Cmdg 9 Aust Div on 29 July 41.

II. PAYBOOKS - A.I.F.

Completed paybooks which are lodged for the issue of continuation books will be held for safe keeping at Base for return to the soldier on discharge.

III. CHURCH PARADES.

The following church services will be held on Sunday 3 Aug 41 in "C" Coy buildings.

0900	-	R.C. Mass
1030	-	C of E Communion
1930	-	Padre Helmore

The evening service will be followed by community singing.

IV. CANTEEN ORDERS.

Personnel must ensure that the donors name and address appears on the back of the order before it is paid into Coy Trust Accounts. If the particulars are not already on the order the recipient must fill the particulars in himself.

*W. Bidstrup* Lieut.

Adj. 10 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

1. LOST: Small brown wallet containing photographs, snaps, money, stamps and papers, vicinity "C" Coy or "D" Echelon. Finder please return to Capt. E.H.D. Lines or Bn. H.Q.



2110 BATTALION,

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6 AUGUST 41

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I. COURT-MARTIAL.

The following are the findings and sentence of a F.G.C.M. convened on 2 Aug 41 to try No. SX 2370 Pte. W. Cramey:

On the Charge: "When on Active Service, stealing public property, A.A. 18 (4)

Finding: Not Guilty.

On the Charge: "When on Active Service, receiving, knowing it to have been stolen, public property, A.A. 18 (4) (Alternative to 1st charge)

Finding: Guilty

On the Charge: When on Active Service, conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

Finding: Guilty.

Sentence: To undergo detention for 90 days.

The above findings and sentence were confirmed by Maj. Gen. L.J. Morshead, Cmdg. 9 Aust Div on the 3rd day of August 1941.

II. KIT OF SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

When a soldier is admitted to a M.D.S. or hospital, whether sick or wounded, if his personal gear and kit do not accompany him, his Coy should forward them, PROPERLY LABELLED, as soon as possible, to the medical unit to which he was admitted. Great inconvenience to the patient, and much unnecessary work to medical units is caused by failure to do this.

III. AMMUNITION.

During the present hot weather phosphorus filled amm (i.e. 3" Mortar Smoke) is apt to leak unless protected from the heat of the sun. It is essential that steps be taken that this amm is adequately protected.

The method of disposing of leaking phosphorus filled projectiles is to dump same into water. Care should be taken that the hands do not come into contact with the phosphorus as a burn is highly dangerous and poisonous.

*Adjt. Br. Inf.* Lieut.

Adjt. 10 Aust. Inf. Bn.



*Wardle*

2/10 BATTALION,

APPENDIX 1

A.I.F.

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I. HEADRESS.

It has been noted that many personnel are wearing types of headress not authorised for the A.I.F.

This practice will cease forthwith, and Coys will treat any breach of this instruction as a disciplinary offence.

II. VEHICLES.

Bn. H.Q. and the R.A.P. are to be notified of any vehicles that are proceeding in rear of Bn. H.Q. so that any despatches, or personnel to be evacuated beyond the R.A.P. may be forwarded on any such vehicle.

It will also be ensured that when vehicles are proceeding to the rear, drivers are in possession of the necessary work chit.

III. RATIONS.

With effect from 6 Aug 41 (for consumption on 7 Aug 41) the following alterations to existing ration scale (TOBRUK) will take place:-

Tinned Fruit	-	2 ozs daily.
Jam	-	2 ozs daily.

IV. BLANKETS.

It has been noted that in some cases blankets are still being hung out to air in the open during the hours of daylight.

In future disciplinary action will be taken against any offender.

*McB...* Lieut.

Adj. 10 Aust. Inf. Bn.



SECRET

10. Battalion

2/10 BATTALION, A.I.F.

Ref. Map

Operation Order No. 16

Copy No. 18

TOBRUK 1/ 50000

Date: - 5 Aug 41

INFORMATION

1. Enemy: As per 9 Aust Div "I" Summaries issued.
2. Own Tps: Situation unchanged.

INTENTION.

3. 10 Aust Inf Bn, less one coy will relieve 32 Aust Inf Bn in MEDUJAR Sector night 6/7 Aug 41.

METHOD.

4. "A" Coy 10 Bn will relieve "B" Coy 32 Bn in area 402430.  
 "C" " " " " " " " " " " SOUTH DERNA Rd  
 403434.  
 "D" Coy 10 Bn will relieve "D" Coy 32 Bn in area 402429.  
 "H.Q" " " " " "H.Q" Coy 32 Bn.  
 "B" Coy will remain in area and come under cmd 12 Bn at 1800  
 hrs 6 Aug. 41.

5. Time of Relief

No movement before 2130 hrs 6 Aug. Relief to be completed by 0200 hrs 7 Aug.

6. Movement

"C" Coy will embus in Coy area at 2130 hrs 6 Aug, 6 trucks will be supplied by AASC.  
 "A", "D" and "H.Q" Coys will march to new posns.

7. Routes.

"C" Coy area, PILASTRINO and DERNA Rds to new posns.  
 "A", "D" and "H.Q" Coys WEST along PILASTRINO escarpment.

8. Advance Parties.

Coys will arrange for parties of following strength to move to 32 Bn area night 5/6 Aug.  
 1 Off per coy and 1 man per Sec.  
 Tpt will be arranged and these parties will rendezvous at WATER POINT at 2000 hrs 5 Aug.  
 Numerically equal parties from 32 Bn will return with tpt and be attached to the Coys in their new areas.

9. Guides.

Guides will be provided for move on night 6/7 Aug.

ADMINISTRATION

10. Medical.

RMOS to make mutual arrangements.

11. Amn.

G1098 Scale to be taken.

12. Weapons.

All weapons will be carried.

13. Water and Rations.

Coys will take their 3 days reserve water and rations to new areas.



14. Tpt.

Coy "F" Gp tpt will carry Coy stores to new areas and after unloading will carry 32 Bn stores out to PILASTRINO.

TO will marshal tpt on return to PILASTRINO area and guide to "B" Ech. The only tpt to remain in new area will be Coy Cmdrs vehs, 2 Sig trucks, 1 SAA truck and R1 and R2.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

15. Bn HQ will close at PILASTRINO at 2200 hrs 6 Aug and open at new posn at same time.

*M. Badstrup* Lieut.

Adj. 10 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Time of Signature: 1730.

Method of Distribution: DR and Runner

Ack.

Distribution

"A" Coy	Copy No.	1
"B" "	" "	2
"C" "	" "	3
"D" "	" "	4
"H, Q"	" "	5
CO	" "	6
2 i/c	" "	7
Adj. t	" "	8
IO	" "	9
RMO	" "	10
QM	" "	11
Bde	" "	12
TO	" "	13
Sig Off	" "	14
32 Bn	" "	15
War Diary	" "	16 - 18
File	" "	19
Spare	" "	20







9. Amn.

Mutual exchange of G1098 scale except Mortar amn. All surplus amn to G1098 scale will be left as post stores. 100 rds SAA per man to be carried.

10. Reserve Rations and Water.

3 days reserve rations of beef and biscuits will be left in all coy areas. Water in 2-gall containers will be exchanged between coys by mutual arrangement. Rations for 2 meals will be taken in.

11. Weapons.

G1098 scale of weapons including Bren Tripods will be taken. All foreign weapons will be left. This does not include Italian 45mm mortars which will be retained by coys. All weapons will be carried by personnel.

12. Transport.

48 Bn will supply one 30-cwt truck per coy, except "H.Q" Coy and Bn HQ, to move 10 Bn Coy stores in and take 48 Bn stores out. The only tpt which will remain in the area will be vehs R1, R2, Coy Cmdrs vehs, 1 SAA truck, 2 Sigs RAP, W/T and 1 Mortar. These will remain in vehicle park at 40164330.

Carriers will be dispersed in Carrier Wadi, i.e. same posn as previously occupied.

13. Signal Equipment.

G1098 equipment only will be taken.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

14. Bn HQ will close down in present posn at 2130 hrs night 8/9 Aug. re-opening at same time at 40144323.

"B" Coy will be connected to Bn HQ by direct line through "A" Coy by 2359 hrs 8/9 Aug.

*M. Bidstrup* Lieut.

Adj. 10 Aust Inf Bn.

Time Of Signature: 1730

Method of Distribution:- DR and Runner

Ack.

DISTRIBUTION:

"A" Coy.	Copy No. 1	TO	Copy No. 14
"B" "	" " 2	Sig Off	" 15
"C" "	" " 3	48 Bn	" 16
"D" "	" " 4	War Diary	" 17 - 19
"H.Q" "	" " 5 - 6	File	" 20
CO	" " 7		
2 i/c	" " 8		
Adj. t.	" " 9		
IO	" " 10		
RMO	" " 11		
QM	" " 12		
Bde	" " 13		



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10 BN. OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION NO. 21

1. MOVEMENT. Experience of previous Bns in MEDUUAR Salient sector has proved the wisdom of strict track discipline and absolute minimum of movement by day.  
This applies to reserve Coy position and H.Q. as well as front line positions. It has been found that by having no movement forward of Bn.H.Q. by day shelling and mortar fire has been considerably reduced with consequent falling off in casualties. This policy will be maintained and no vehicle will move forward of the Bn. car park by day.  
Coy Cmdrs will ensure that all ranks are informed of this order and reasons for it and that no unnecessary movements takes place.
2. AIR ACTIVITY. During flights by hostile Aircraft all ranks will take cover and there will be no movement until the planes have passed.
3. CAMOUFLAGE. All drivers will ensure that camo nets are placed over all parked vehicles.
4. BLANKETS AND WASHING. Every effort will be made to ensure that no blankets or washing are hung for airing or drying in prominent positions where they will attract of hostile aircraft.
5. SANITATION. It must be impressed on all ranks the necessity for maintaining a high standard of hygiene in the field. Latrines must be dug where necessary and application made to Bn.H.Q. for any fly-proof latrine seats needed.
6. Coys will submit by 0700 hrs on 12 Aug a return showing Amn and equipment in excess G.1098 scale held in post. This will be submitted on pro-forma to be supplied by Bn.H.Q.
7. "I" Sec - Each rifle coy will send one good L/Cpl to report to "I" Sec by 0700 hrs 9 Aug 41. These N.C.Os will undergo two weeks training with the "I"Sec, and at the end of the period the Bn."I" Officer will report on each man to Bn.H.Q. and Coy Cmdr. Reports on previous N.C.Os will be forwarded to Coy H.Qs by 2200 hrs 9 Aug 41.

*M. Bradshaw* Lieut.

Adj. 10 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

A Coy	Copy No.	1
B "	"	2
C "	"	3
D "	"	4
H.Q "	"	5
C.O.	"	6
2 i/c	"	7
Adj	"	8
IO	"	9
RMO	"	10
QM	"	11
TQ	"	12
Bde	"	13
War Diary	"	14 - 16
File	"	17
Spares	"	18 - 20

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ADDENDUM.

8. RUNNERS.

Coys will send one runner to Bn HQ by first light 9 Aug 41 with Situation Report. These runners will remain at Bn HQ during day and return to Coys at night with orders etc.

This will be a daily practice, the runners bringing in "I" reports and shelling reports thus relieving personnel of "I" Sec who will remain with coys at all times.

When a runner leaves Coy HQ, Duty Off at Bn HQ will be notified by phone, code word being "They're off" and Bn HQ will inform coys of arrival by code "The numbers are up".

These runners will be rationed by Sig Pl and will be rested during the day at Bn HQ.

Coys may arrange to relieve them every 2 or 3 days.

*W. B. Bishop* Lieut.

Adj. 10 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION

Coy No.	File
1	War Diary
2	File
3	Spores
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SECRET.

10 Battalion

Operation Order No. 18

Ref Map

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TOBRUK 1/50000

Date:- 10 Aug. 41

INTENTION.

1. To relieve "A" Coy in centre sector of MEDUUAR Salient and form 2 Coy front on night 10/11 Aug 41.

METHOD.

2. 9 Aust Inf Bn will take over Left Pl area of "D" Coy (18 Pl)  
 10 Aust Inf Bn on left sector.  
 18 Pl "D" Coy will relieve 9 Pl "A" Coy on left of centre sector  
 15 Pl "C" Coy will relieve 8 Pl "A" Coy on right of centre sector  
 T/H Pl will relieve 7 (reserve) Pl "A" Coy and come U/C "D" Coy.  
 H.Q. Coy less detachments to rifle coys will move to posns to be recced in Wadi. "A" Coy will move to reserve area.
3. Time of Relief.  
 Relief will commence at 2100 hrs or as soon as practicable thereafter.  
 Relief will be completed by 2359 hrs.
4. Guides: Will be arranged by Coys concerned.
5. Routes: " " " " " "

ADMINISTRATION.

6. Rations and Water.  
 Will be left in all fwd areas and any necessary adjustments will be made between Coy Cmdrs concerned. Water and rations will NOT be taken out unless the relieving sub-unit brings in sufficient for 3 days.
7. Amn.  
 Will be left in fwd posts.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

8. To remain as at present.

*McBristrup* Lieut.

Adj. 10 Aust. Inf. Bn.

Time of Signature: 1145.

Method of Distribution: DR and Runner.

Ack.

<u>Distribution:</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>		
"A" Coy.	1	QM	11
"B" "	2	Bde	12
"C"	3	TO	13
"D"	4	Sig Off	14
"H.Q"	5	9 Bn	15
CO	6	12 Bn	16
2 i/c.	7	War Diary	17 - 19
Adj. t	8	File 20	
IO	9		
RMO	10		



SECRET.

Operation Order.19

Copy No...2.....

Date:- 15 Aug 41.

10 Battalion **10 BATTALION,** A.I.F.

Ref Map

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INFORMATION

1. Enemy:- The enemy units most likely to be holding this area are 115 Lorry borne infantry Reg. and elements of 2~~nd~~ M.G. Regt. The presence of ITALIAN tps has been reported, but not confirmed.  
Air photos indicate that the enemy positions extend from S6 and S7 in great depth.
2. MGs and Mortars:- Reports from all sources show that enemy is extremely strong in MGs in this locality. These guns are usually well concealed, very few have been accurately plotted, but as fresh information comes to hand it will be added to attached traces.  
It is estimated that number of enemy mortars which can be brought to bear on this area is at least 30. W.E. (115 Regt. 181t 12hp  
(2 MG Bn 9 " 6 "
3. Wire:- The original perimeter wire still exists, but large gaps have been made in several places. Some wire can be seen on top of escarpment near S6 and S7, but this cannot be plotted.
4. Booby Traps:- Previous units reported that many booby traps were encountered in vicinity of S6, no other field are reported but it is well known that these usually form part of any enemy defence system. Types S type and teller.
5. Tanks:- 1 Bn. 5 Tank Regt (GERMAN) reported SOUTH of TOBRUGH (23 Jul 41)  
32 Tank Regt (ITALIAN) SOUTH of TOBRUGH (23 Jun 41).  
The present location of these units is not known.
6. Aircraft:- HENSHELL 126 recce planes may be expected. It is reported that enemy tps indicate their own posn by firing white very lights.
7. Detailed report of Air Photos:-

SERIAL	APPROX AREA	DETAILS
1	S7	Possible MG posns in NORTH end of A/Tk ditch. 1 MG pit 20x WEST of S.W. end of post.
2	39734311 to 600x EAST (top of escarp)	A row of MGs in sangars, at least 13, on top of escarpment.
3	S6	Reported heavily mined, booby traps etc, at least 6 MG posns in this area also wire, but no details available.
4	39754305 (astride track S5 - S6)	MGs connected by crawl trench, extends from ref given 300M toward S7. Possibly two mortars.
5	59764305 (EAST of S5)	Chain of sangars and W.P.s (approx 29) extends EAST to FIGTREE RD.



SERIAL	APPROX AREA	DETAILS
6	39834305 (between FIGTREE and ACROMA RD)	Large gp of sangars (approx 30) reported to contain MGS and mortars. This posn may be wired in.
7	S5	Contains 4 main fire posns connected with C/T.
8	39734302 (250x NE. S3 astride track S6)	Strong post approx 250x long 80x wide, 9 fire posns and C/Ts.
9	From serial 8 to 200x SOUTH of S7.ed.	Continuous defence line, well camouflag-
10	<del>S6</del> 350 yds NE. S3 astride ACROMA RD.	Defensive posns. Sangars and C/Ts - 250x long, 10 fire posns
11	S3	May be fore posns in A/Tk ditch. 4 large sangars to SOUTH.
12	WRECKED PLANE	2 MGS reported in PLANE. 4 MGS reported close behind.
13	WATER TOWER	Mortar frequently reported in this area. Wired in sangars to WEST of "ruined building"

8. Arty:- The enemy can bring a large number of guns to bear on this area.  
The following details are known of his D.F. and harassing fire tasks.
- i. Heavy fire is brought down on ESCARPMENT NORTH of S6 and S7,
  - ii. After occupation of S6 and S7 enemy can engage these posns accurately.
  - iii. S13 - S15.
  - iv. FORBES MOUND.
  - v. FIGTREE AREA.
  - vi. 2/10 reserve Coy area.

9. Own Tps:- The RAS EL MEDUJAR salient is held as follows:-  
Right sector embracing post S8, S9, S10 and intermediate 8 by coy of 12 Aust Inf Bn, centre sector by coy of reserve Inf Bn, and left sector by "A" Coy 10 Aust Inf Bn. From EAST FORBES MOUND to Perimeter at R8 by 9 Aust Inf Bn.

#### INTENTION

10. 10 Aust Inf Bn and attached tps will capture and hold posts S6 and S7 and ground EAST to FIGTREE RD inclusive.

#### METHOD

11. (a) Tps Available.

10 Aust Inf Bn with U/C  
"Z" Coy R.N.F.  
3 guns A/Tk.  
1 Coy S.S.  
4 Fd Coy R.A.E.

*Detachment* Attached Div Sigs (W/T)

In support :- Western Gp Arty.

1 Sqn R.T.R.

"X" Coy R.N.F.

"W" Coy R.N.F. less two Pls.



12. Allotment of Tasks.

"B" Coy 10 Aust Inf Bn will capture and hold S7 and locality up to S5 exclusive.

"C" Coy will seize and hold S6 and ground posns on line S6 - WATER TOWER. *and area, inclusive. and prepare every defence from*

*Wadi Tank* "D" Coy will seize and hold sangars ~~NORTH of line S6 - FORBES~~ *Wadi Tank MOUND. Area (exclusive) Fighar Rd. (inclusive).*

"S.S." Tps to form right flank protection for "B" Coy, create diversion around pt 155 in sqr 396432 and endeavour to locate and destroy enemy mortars.

Two Pls "Z" Coy N.F. as fwd guns - one Pl each with "B" and "C" coys to go fwd with coy H.Qs.

One Pl "Z" coy N.F. support fire from S9.

"X" coy R.N.F. supporting fire from BIANCA on S4 and pt 182.

"W" Coy R.N.F. less 2 Pls from pt 142 (above Bn H.Q.) on triangle.

1 Tp A/Tk gun to move from vicinity S10 on capture S6 and S7 to assist in consolidation and repelling C/A.

4 Fd Coy R.A.E.

~~Two~~ detachments each with "B", "C" and "D" Coys with wire cutters, Bangalore Torpedoes, bridging materials for Tk ditch and <sup>for</sup> delousing any mines and / or booby traps.

To assist in work of consolidation and mine enemy approaches in preparation for C/A.

~~One~~ detachment will move with each pl and an engineer officer with each coy H.Q.

Western Gp Arty:- Harassing shoots from D-6 to DI on areas S6 and S7 and in areas sqrs 398430 and 398429.

"1" Tanks. ~~---~~ (R.T.R.) to remain in reserve in carrier Wadi to be used to repel any C/A with Tanks by the enemy.

13. Assembly Areas.

"B", "C" and "D" Coys, fwd guns, Fd Coy and Sigs in carrier Wadi 40104330 ( assembly completed by Z - 2 hrs ).

S.S. in present location.

14. F.U.P.

"B" Coy - Wadi at ~~39854329~~ 39784318

"C" Coy - around pt ~~39914328~~ (SOUTH of M/F) 39854316

"D" Coy - "around pt ~~39954327~~ (SOUTH of M/F) 39874321

F/U completed by Z - 1 hrs.

15. Start Lines.

"B" Coy about area 39684310 to 39714312

"C" " 39744314 - 39774314 )

"D" " 39784314 - 39814314 ) to be taped.

16. Direction of attack.

"B" Coy - 110 deg.

"C" " - 180 "

"D" " - 160 "

Units to cross S/C at "Z"

17. Zero.

2359 hrs.

ADMINISTRATION.

18. Medical.

R.A.P. will remain in present location at 40124322. Ambulances will adopt the following procedure: ~~two~~ will be at RAP and ~~two~~ in present daylight posns near veh park. As one amb from RAP passes this latter pt on way to MDS anoth amb will come fwd to RAP.



Evacuation of wounded from front to RAP will be done by Bn vehs in the following manner: Wounded will be brought to present "C" Coy H.Q at 39884323 and will be brought from there via route to be reconnoited/ (*Track along Tank Ditch*)

After off loading at RAP vehs will return to "C" Coy via route to be reconnoited. (*Track along Carrier Wadi*)

WWCP will be at present "C" Coy H.Q 39884323. (*W.W. will make way back along FIGTREE RD.*)  
Field dressings MUST be carried by all ranks.

19. Amm.

All magazines filled and each man to carry 150 rds in pouches plus extra 50 in bandolier. "Western" amm will NOT be used in Thompson Sub MGs unless it is impossible to obtain any other. 3 Mills bombs will be carried by all personnel.

Amm dumps will be made at ~~88~~ and ~~89~~ and at 39934326

S12 S13

20. Tpt.

With the exception of the tpt to be detailed for RAP work no F Gp tpt will be used.

Carriers will bring fwd amm and stores from dumps to fwd posts on capture. 3 trailers will be available for towing by carriers.

2 carriers will be allotted to fwd guns for carriage of amm and, if necessary, the guns themselves, fwd.

21. Supplies.

Full water bottles, iron rations plus tin bully beef and pkt biscuits will be carried by all ranks. Extra food and one 2 gall tin water per man will be placed on dumps at A.Ps and engineer store dumps.

22. Engineer Stores.

The following stores will be needed and will be placed in 3 equal dumps at 88, 89 and at 39934326 by D - 1. Dannert wire, mines (AP and A/Tk) tools, timber for assault bridges, sandbags demolition charges periscopes.

Sandbags	1000 per coy	Total	3000.
Dannert wire	100 coils	"	100
Tools, 50 picks, 50 shovels	per Coy	"	150 each
Mines. A/P	50	Total	150 "
A/Tk	50	"	150 "
Periscopes	9 per coy		27
Demo charges		engineers to	
Timber for bridging		arrange.	

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

23. Bn HQ will remain in present location.

L/T, R/T and W/T will be provided to Coy HQ of "B", "C" and "D" L/T communication will be attempted "on the move". *Established* Emergency methods will consist of V/S (Lucas Lamp and Flag) and Coy runners.

"B", "C" and "D" Coys will each detail five men to the Sig Officer on the day prior to the operation, these personnel will act as carrying parties and assist in cable laying up to the objective, then rejoining their coys.

2 Div Sigs personnel will be attached to each of the above coys to operate the wireless sets.

*Success* Signal: by R/T, W/T, L/T, *Tracer fired vertically from forward*  
 from auto. weapons -  
 bursts of 5 or 6 rds with  
 2 Secs. interval between  
 bursts.

*W. Bidstrup* Lieut.

Adj. 10 Aust. Inf. Bn.



FIRE PLAN APPX "A"

TYPES (1) Intense  
(2) Medium  
(3) Intermittent harassing

TARGET.

LOCATION

TIMES ENGAGED

1	Sangers around 39614326	} Dependent on SS Plan
2	W/Ps and Sangers 39624324	
3	Sangers and MG posts 39674320	
4	Bty posn 39534317	C.B.
5	MG Posts 39654316	Z+2 to Z+17 (1), Z+17 to Z+32 (2), Z+32 to 1st light.
6	" " between 160 and 170 contours at 39664314	" " " " " " " " " "
7	MG posts area 39684312	" " " " " " " " " "
8	Bty posns 9530B	} C.B. as necessary.
9	9530C	
10	9430A	
11	9630B	
12	FDLs at 85	Z+2 to Z+17 (1), Z+17 to Z+32 (2), Z+32 to light (3)
13	MG posts area 39724299	" " " " " " " " " "
14	Sangers in area 39774300	" " " " " " " " " "
15	FDLs astride ACROMA RD at 39754303	" " " " " " " " " "
16	FDLs and MG posts 39794304	Z+2 to Z+17 (1), Z+17 to Z+32 (2), Z+32 to Light (3)
17	Rd Junc at 39814303	Z+2 to Z+17 (1), Z+17 to Z+32 (2), Z+32 to Light (3).
18	MGs in area 39824304	Z+2 to Z+17 (1), Z+17 to Z+32 (2), Z+32 to Light (3).
19	Sangers and W/Ps (30) 39854305	Z+2 to Z+17 (1), Z+17 to Z+32 (2), Z+32 to Light (3).
20	MGs 39854306	Z+2 to Z+17 (1), Z+17 to Z+32 (2), Z+32 to Light (3)
21	Strongpost area 39914305	" " " " " " " " " "
22	MGs area 39914300	" " " " " " " " " "
23	MGs " 39984297	" " " " " " " " " "
24	Point 209	" " " " " " " " " "
25	Rd Junc 39894292 Posts R4,5,6 and 7	Z+2 to Z+17 Concentrations











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10 Battalion  
Ref Map  
TOBRUK 1/50000

Operation Order No. 19.  
Copy No. 16  
Date: - 19 Aug. 41

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy: As per Div "I" Summaries issued.
2. Own Tps: The MEDUJAR Sector is held by 2/1 Pnr Bn on right, 10 Aust Inf Bn in centre and 24 Aust Inf Bn on left.

INTENTION.

3. 10 Aust Inf Bn will be relieved by 23 Aust Inf Bn in MEDUJAR Salient on night 20/21 Aug 41. 10 Bn will move to PILASTRINO.

METHOD.

4. "A" Coy 10 Aust Inf Bn will be relieved by "D" Coy 23 Aust Inf Bn  

"B"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"C"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"D"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
"H.Q"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

T/H pl will be relieved by Composite Pl 23 Aust Inf Bn.

5. Time of Relief.

No movement before 2130 hrs night 20/21 Aug. Changeover to be completed by 0230 hrs.  
10 Aust Inf Bn to be in posn at PILASTRINO by 0530 hrs.

6. Recces.

Coys will send advance parties consisting of 1 off per coy, 1 NCO per pl to Coy areas at PILASTRINO on 20 Aug. Parties will R/V at Bn HQ at first light on 20 Aug. Adjnt will allott Coy areas

7. Guides.

Coy runners will guide 23 Bn advance party to coy areas night 19/20 Aug. These parties will consist of 1 off per coy, 1 NCO per pl and 1 OR per sec.

8. Embussing Points.

"A" and "C" Coys in area 40134328. "B" "D" and "H.Q" Coys Bn HQ veh park.

9. Routes.

"A" and "C" via Carrier Wadi to DERNA Rd. "B" "D" "H.Q" and Bn HQ car park to DERNA Rd.

10. Carriers.

Carriers will move independantly to PILASTRINO on night 20/21 Aug.

11. T/H Pl.

Will move U/C "A" Coy.

12. Mortar Detachments.

Will move U/C Coys to which they are attached.

ADMINISTRATION.

13. Medical.

Mutual arrangements regarding changeover will be made by unit RMOs.



14. Weapons.

G1098 scale ONLY will be taken.

15. Reserve Water and Rations.

3 days supply of reserve rations (beef and biscuits) and water will be left in all posns. Coy representatives will make arrangements for any adjustment necessary.

16. Amn.

G1098 scale of amn only will be taken out. Coys will make arrangements to change with relieving coys.

17. Tpt.

The same tpt vehs of No.1 Tpt Carrying Coy AASC used in the fwd move will transport coys to PILASTRINO.

Allotment of Vehs:

"A" Coy.	7
"B" "	5
"C" "	5
"D" "	5
H.Q. "	2
Bn. HQ	2

"F" Gp tpt will be brought from "B" Ech. as required by Coy Cmdrs.

18. Sig Equipment.

G1098 scale only will be taken.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

19. Bn HQ will close at present location at approx 0200 hrs 21 Aug reopening at PILASTRINO at same time.

*W. Rudrup* Lieut.

Adj. 10 Aust Inf Bn.

Time of Signature: 1845 hrs.

Method of Distribution: DR and Runner.

Ack.

Distribution:

"A" Coy	Copy No.	1
"B" "	" "	2
"C" "	" "	3
"D" "	" "	4
"H.Q."	" "	5
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RMO	" "	10
QM	" "	11
Bde	" "	12
TO	" "	13
Sig Off	" "	14
23 Bn	" "	15
War Diary	" "	16 - 18
File	" "	19
Spare	" "	20



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2/10 BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS.

Ev. Lt.-Col. L.G. BRUER, Officer Commanding 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.

Part 1.

No. 1.

29 Aug 41.

1 DUTIES.

- |                                        |                                                |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| (a) Guard Officer;<br>Next for duty;   | Lieut. T.G. MURDOCH.<br>Lieut. K.R.E. WILSON.  |
| (b) Orderly Officer;<br>Next for duty; | Lieut. P. TEESDALE-SMITH.<br>Lieutl D. TLEDIE. |
| (c) Orderly Sjt.;<br>Next for duty;    | Sjt. M.A. BILLEY.<br>Sjt. P.C. ELLIS.          |
| (d) Orderly Cpl.;<br>Next for duty;    | Cpl. J.R. McLEOD.<br>Cpl. G. LEWIS.            |
| (e) Duty coys;<br>Next for duty;       | A and D coys.<br>B coy.                        |

2. GUARDS AND PICQUETS.

Camp guard will consist of 1 Officer, 1 Sjt. 3 Cpls and 24 O.R. They will mount at 1900 hours daily. Tour of duty will be 24 hours. The duties of guard are contained in guard standing orders which will be handed over by guard officer to relieving officer.

Camp Picquet will consist of 1 Sjt. 3 Cpls and 24 O.R. who will be under command of guard officer. The duties will be contained in Standing orders for guards and picquets. Tour of duty will be from 1900 hours to reveille.

3. DRESS.

Orders for dress are as follows:-

All ranks will wear shorts shirts, hats stockings or stocking tops, boots and short puttees. Badges of rank will be worn in the authorised manner. Laundry facilities exist and there will be no excuse for personnel appearing in dirty or slovenly attire. Disciplinary action involving forfeiture of leave will be taken against personnel who do not make every effort to be well turned out.

Dress for Guards and Picquets will consist of above plus drill order and rifles. Uniformity of dress will be maintained at all times. If guard personnel have not all got hats, then steel helmets must be worn by all members of guards and picquets. Short puttees will be worn.

4. ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

All ranks must take every/care of weapons and equipment and it must be thoroughly understood that loss of rifles pistols and ammunition constitutes a very serious offence. Coys will withdraw all ammunition and return to R.S.M. by 1730 hours. Rifles will be either carried or left chained to tent poles, bolts removed and carried. Personnel proceeding on leave will hand their rifles in to C.Q.M.S. who will give a receipt and be responsible for safe custody during period of leave.



3. NATIVES IN CAMPS.

It is the responsibility of all ranks to keep natives (except contractors who are in possession of special passes) out of unit lines. Failure to do this will mean extra guards and picquets.

4. CANTEEN.

The canteen will be open as follows:-

<u>Dry Canteen.</u>	1200 hours	1400 hours.
	1630 "	-1730 "
	1830 "	-2030 "
<u>Wet Canteen.</u>	1330 "	-1730 "
	1830 "	-2030 "

The Orderly Sjt, Orderly Cpl and 4 o.r. from duty coy will be in attendance at the canteen during trading hours and will be responsible for maintenance of order. New duties will take over at the canteen at 1900 hours daily. When canteen closes the Orderly Sjt will report to Orderly Officer.

5. ROUTINE.

Reveille	0630 hours.
Sick pde	0700 hours.
Breakfast	0730 hours.
Parade	0830 hours.
Bn pde	
when order-	
ed	0900 hours.
Dismiss	1200 hours.
Lunch	1300 hours.
Parade	1430 hours.
Dismiss	1630 hours.
Mess	1800 hours.
Duties	1900 hours.
First Post	2130 hours.
Last Post	2200 hours.
Lights Out	2230 hours.

Tattoo reports will be submitted to Orderly Officer at 2230 hours daily.

Capt.

Adit. 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.



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ROU. INF. ORDERS.

BY.

Lt. Col. L.G. Bruer, commanding 10th. Aust. Inf. Bn.

Part 1.

No. 3.

31 Aug 41

1. DUTIES.

~~Next for duty~~  
Guard Officer  
Next for Duty.

Lieut. F.W. COOK.  
Lieut. F.W. COOK.  
Lieut. A.C. ERAY.

Orderly Officer  
Next for Duty.

Lieut. L.I. HOPKIN  
Lieut. J.K. FISHER.

Orderly Sjt.  
Next for Duty.

Sjt. E.F.R. COOK.  
Sjt. W.H. HEARN.

Orderly Corporal.  
Next for duty;

Col. J.P. O'BRIEN.  
Col. G.L.W.S. Fairbrother.

Duty Coy;  
Next for duty;

C coy.  
H. Q. coy.

2. RIFLES.

All rifles will be handed in to C.Q.M.S. by 1400 hours today. Coys will then hand rifles in to R.Q.M.S. where they will be stored and guarded. Guards and Picquets will draw rifles from R.Q.M.S. before mounting duties and will return same immediately on dismounting.

*W. B. Bidstrup* Lieut.

10 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.



**2/10 BATTALION, A.I.F.****9th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 120**

(On information received from 1400 hrs 16 Aug to 1400 hrs 17 Aug 41)

Ref Maps :- TOBRUCH 1/50,000 with Overprint  
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**1. GENERAL**

a. TOBRUCH Area : Increased enemy shelling of the Western perimeter and a decrease in the South have been the main features during the period under review.

The enemy continues to be very active in the air - the old ITALIAN amn dump receiving considerable attention. The ground situation generally has remained quiet.

b. OTHER AREAS : There has been an increase of movement at the Frontier.

From 1800 hrs to 1900 hrs 15 Aug, the enemy heavily shelled the coastal area. At 1855 hrs, an enemy patrol in the centre sector (ABU FARIS) was driven back, but at 1900 hrs the enemy arty forced our fwd tps in this sector to withdraw.

A carrier patrol was left behind, however, and it made contact with three enemy AFVs. At 2250 hrs, three coys enemy motorised inf attempted to advance along the beach, but one vehicle was destroyed in our minefield. A fighter patrol later in the night reported that the enemy had withdrawn. Later still, the centre sector was re-occupied by our fwd tps and is still held.

At 2359 hrs 16 Aug, the situation at the Frontier was reported to be quiet with the usual blasting in the HALFAYU area.

A patrol from GIARABUB reports the finding and lifting of an old ITALIAN minefield in the SANYET ED DEFFA Area.

Strat R 1700 hrs 16 Aug reveals the following -

Enemy Aircraft

DERNA Satellite	- 19
MARTUBA L G	- 9 small
TMIMI	- 27
GAZALA North	- 14
GAZALA South	- 8
el ADEM	- 1 large 2 small
GABUT	- 1

Camps and Dumps

353444	- large store
383440	- 380438 store tents
438417	- camp dispersed in Wadi
462412	- large dump

..... Tac R ..



Tac R 0900 to 1000 hrs 16 Aug is as follows :-  
 SIDI OMAR area 120 MT; HAFID Ridge area 210 MT; SIDI AZEIZ 50 MT;  
 495403 to 509398 100 MT; between last concentration and North to coast  
 110 MT, 40 large <sup>un</sup>camouflaged tents; North track and rd junc 482412, 600  
 mixed MT and tents 600 dumps; 480426 area 200 MT 100 tents; GAMBUT area  
 130 MT 200 dumps; 478382 150 MT; 475355 100 MT.  
 Some other small concentrations were seen incl MERSA LUCCH at distance.  
 Estimated from all, 1800 MT; all concentrations apparently are NOT  
 new, but nevertheless have NOT previously been seen. The BARDIA -  
 CAPUZZO area was not reconnoitred. Estimated an additional 600 MT in  
 this area.

## 2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

Nothing to report.

## 3. ENEMY PERSONALITIES

Div General GAMBARA who is C G S LIBYA has been promoted Corps General.  
 Div General GIGLIOLI, late GOC PAVIA Div is now reported to be Inten -  
 -dant General North Africa.

## 4. OWN EQUIPMENT

### NO. 68 A Tk Grenade

Following are results of a test made on ITALIAN M 13 tank with  
 these grenades :-

<u>Position of Hit.</u>	<u>Thickness of Armour plate</u>	<u>Effect</u>
Hull-between tracks	14 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	Hole blown through armour plate about 1" diameter.
Centre of spring assembly	-	Two main bolts sheared assembly would soon fail if travelling over stony grd.
Side access door-upper portion of hull	14 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	First Hit: hole blown throu- gh about 1" diameter.inter- -ior of tank sprayed with splinters. Second Hit: plate shattered, piece approx 10" x 4" broken off.
Front of hull near gun	30 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	Hole blown through plate about $\frac{1}{2}$ " dia. Recuperator of gun holed, which would pro- bably put it out of action.
Rear of hull	14 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	Plating holed, also radiator
Top rear of hull	14 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	Plates buckled, rivets and bolts sheared, engine sprayed with splinters -possibility of damage to wiring and fuel lines
Front of turret-low	30 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	Plate buckled and traversing ring gear distorted. Prevent turret being traversed.







6. GROUND ACTIVITY(contd)

b. Observed Movement (contd)

These vehs were observed between 0700 and 2000 hrs, but bad visibility between 1100 and 1645 hrs prevented observation during that period.

c. Own Operations

Enemy MG posts in 399428 were engaged by our arty and direct hits were observed. These started a small fire.

In addition, our shelling caused an explosion which was followed by a large cloud of black smoke at S4.

A fighting patrol of one offr and 7 ORs from the 2/23 Bn penetrated to 41404143, thence to 41334168 to 41554160 (distance approx 18000 yds but did not contact the enemy.

A patrol of one offr and 13 ORs from 2/13 Bn moved to 40244246 thence to wired sangars on the escarpment. As the patrol reached 40244246 it was fired on from the left and as it moved fwd was fired on again. The patrol tried to outflank by moving to the WEST side of point 171 but could not contact the enemy. The main body of the patrol remained at the foot of the escarpment whilst the patrol leader and Sgt moved fwd to investigate. The patrol encountered the wire previously reported in this area. It is a tangled mass of commercial barbed wire laid irregularly to the front and rear of point 171. No anti-personnel mines were encountered. The patrol then withdrew.

Time of signature

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Col.  
GS 9 Aust Div.

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As per Summary 119. dated 16 Aug.

Late News

It has been definitely confirmed that one of the JU87s that took part in the divebombing raid at 1150 hrs crashed in flames at 41374153.



2/10 BATTALION,

A.I.F.

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18 Aug 419th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 121

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1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH Area : During the evening 17 Aug, 14 Stukas with an escort of ITALIAN fighters made a dive-bombing attack on the harbour. Several casualties resulted, but there was very little damage to naval or military property.

An effort was made by a strong fighting patrol to destroy the enemy guns in the BIR SCHERIF area, but unfortunately they were unable to make contact.

Enemy shelling has been slight in the Western and southern sectors but during the past few days it has been slightly increased on the Eastern sector.

Unusual mortar fire was noticed in the RAS el MEDAUUAR area during night 17/18 Aug.

b. OTHER AREAS : Apart from the consolidation proceeding at HALFAYU and the usual MT movement in the same area, the situation is quiet. Our patrols visited BIR NUH and SIWEIYAT without encountering any enemy.

Enemy aircraft have been active over MATRUH once again, but little damage has resulted.

Following a recce of SIWA and GIARABUB by a single enemy aircraft which dropped 3 bombs. The latter post was bombed by 5 enemy aircraft and a number of casualties inflicted on our patrol.

Ta c R over the Frontier Area 1200 hrs 18 Aug revealed the following concentrations of M T :-

NW CAPUZZO 50/100 vehicles  
NE Sollum Barracks 200 vehicles  
NMS seen tracks and rds CAPUZZO area.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

a. Increased mortar fire and use of flares for no apparent reason in the RAS el MEDAUUAR area during night 17/18 Aug, indicates that one of their periodic reliefs may be taking place.

This would not be the relief of a formation, but merely the change over of a Bn or a Coy.

b. Information to hand indicates that the TRENTO Div is likely to be relieved by the BOLOGNA Div.

It was originally thought that this move may have taken place between 9 and 13 Aug, but as there was no apparent increase in arty fire during that period or unusual grd movement (tps or MT) it is not considered likely that the relief has been made yet.



3. ENEMY EQUIPMENT - GERMAN

Solid Artificial Rubber Tyres

An account has been received of a new GERMAN tyre made of solid rubber (synthetic Buna) of a soft and resilient type. It is ventilated to avoid over-heating by means of channels leading through the periphery of the tyre through channels in the disc wheel to a "suction head" attached to the axle cover plate. A simple vane guides the air in the right direction.

The inventor, a retired Naval Officer named Alfred SPENCKER claims for the invention on which he has worked for 10 years, that the air-cooling system enables solid tyres to be used at high speed and without over-heating. A comparison is made of tests with an ordinary solid tyre and a ventilated tyre showing that under a load of 750 Kgs and at a speed of 80 Kms per hour, the former showed a rise of temperature inside the rubber of 233 degs Centigrade, whereas the ventilated tyre, after 3 hours, had an inside temperature of 70 degs Centigrade.

It appears that a number of tyres have now been made for the GERMAN army who are to carry out practical tests. The tyre has been designed especially to be puncture-proof, and to have a long life and it is claimed that its general use will save rubber.

4. ENEMY METHODS

Several days ago, a ME 110 observed flying over the Western perimeter was reported to have a red and white check tail fin. Yesterday, the leading plane of a formation of JU 87's divebombing the town, was seen to have similar markings.

It is considered likely that this is the Luftwaffe method of indicating the Squadron leader.

5. OWN EQUIPMENT - A Tk Grenades NO. 68

The following are results noted of a test carried out with these grenades on a GERMAN Mk IV tank. They were fired at 75 yds range:-

<u>Posn of Hit</u>	<u>Effect</u>	<u>Thickness of Plate</u>
side of turret 8" from bottom.	complete penetration -hole 1" x $\frac{5}{8}$ " -small fragments of steel in fighting compartment.	24 $\frac{m}{m}$
side of turret 4" from bottom(levl of traversing ring gear)	Penetration to a depth of 40 $\frac{m}{m}$ . Would possibly have jammed the turret.	-
Hub of return roller	Roller completely shattered	-
Side of hull-high	Penetrated skirting plates- no damage to main hull plates which are 3"-4" behind.	16 $\frac{m}{m}$

CONCLUSION: A hit on the side of the turret would probably incapacitate the occupants of the fighting compartment. The portion of the hull visible between the tracks is most vulnerable, being only 20  $\frac{m}{m}$  thick. Tests were also made against the same tank with the Boys rifle, .303 AP amm, and ST bombs.



## 5. OWN EQUIPMENT (contd)

### Boyes Rifle (.55) from 300 yds:

<u>Posn of Hit</u>	<u>Effect.</u>	<u>Thickness of plate</u>
Turret	Penetration 8 mm	25 $\frac{m}{m}$
Hull behind turret	do	20 $\frac{m}{m}$

### .303 AP Bullet from 200 yds

Turret	Penetration 19 $\frac{m}{m}$	25 $\frac{m}{m}$
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### ST Bomb from 10/15 yds

Top of tk behind turret	Hole 9" in diameter	15 $\frac{m}{m}$
Hub of main driving wheel	Severe cracking	20/30 $\frac{m}{m}$ .

## 6. AERIAL ACTIVITY

a. Enemy : 1638 hrs, one ME 110 made a recce flight over the town harbour area.

1727 hrs, two JU 88's from 17,000 ft to 20,000 ft dropped 12 HE bombs on South side of the harbour near the LIGURIA and area 40734332.

1840 hrs, 18 JU 87's escorted by 6 G 50's bombed the harbour, diving from 14,000 ft. Bombs fell in the town, in the harbour and on either side of the harbour. One plane crashed in flames in the el ADEM area and another possibly crashed out to sea. Two others were seen 'hard hit'.

1909 hrs, one JU88 at 22,000 ft made a recce of the perimeter.

0842 hrs, one JU88 at 17,000 ft dropped 6 HE bombs near the distillery, south of the harbour.

0915 hrs, two ME 109's circled over the Fortress area, above the clouds.

NOTE : After the divebombing raid 15 Aug an unconfirmed report was received that one JU 87 fell into the sea off NORTH POINT. Further evidence has now come to light that one JU 87 was hit by a UP rocket, and lost most of one wing. This is sufficient evidence to claim one JU 87 shot down by the RN UP personnel.

b. Own : On night 15/16 Aug, a further combined bombing and torpedo attack was made against an enemy submarine in BARDIA harbour. The result is unknown.

Large formations of hy bombers attacked BENGASI and the aerodromes at BERCA and BENINA.

The hy guns to the East of TOBRUCH were attacked on 16 Aug by another formation of bombers. Fighters have provided protection for shipping and have made several offensive sweeps over enemy fwd dromes. During one of these sweeps, an ITALIAN S 79 was shot down.

## 7. GROUND ACTIVITY

### a. Enemy Dispositions

Inf Positions - occupied trenches 39774376  
occupied sangars 39864308  
39864306 to 39904310

Minefields - Patrols have located a minefield at 39884311.

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7. GROUND ACTIVITY(contd)

b. Operations

About 300 enemy in posns North of the DERNA Rd were successfully engaged by the 51 Fd Regt. Many shells were observed falling into the enemy area .

A patrol of 3 offrs and 42 ORs from 2/13 Bn endeavoured to capture and destroy the guns in the BIR SCHERIF area which shell the Wadi AUDA.

The patrol was divided up into parties to attack and demolish the guns, and a party to attack an enemy HQ thought to be located in the same area.

The demolition parties could not locate the guns and proceeded to the BIR SCHERIF cross rds at 40184228 without encountering any enemy.

The HQ posn at 40304215 was found to be strongly held and the enemy brought down by MG and mortar fire. OC party decided that it was too strongly held to be attacked as he had only 14 men, so he withdrew without casualties.

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I AUSTRALIAN CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 99

Compiled from information received from  
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PART I.

(a) INFORMATION FROM OTHER FRONTS.

BULGARIA. The Bulgarian Government is said to be requisitioning all motorboats and other small craft. The presence of about 4,000 GERMAN troops is reported in BOURGAS, but, it is stated, there are no GERMAN warships there.

ROUMANIA. Serious dissension between the Roumanian and GERMAN Commands before ODESSA is reported. The Roumanians complain that the Germans have made them bear the brunt of the seige, and have failed to supply promised heavy artillery. The same report confirms the heaviness of Roumanian losses, and attributes it largely to the Russians' intelligent use of machine guns.

(From GHQ Daily Intelligence Summary No 492 dated 24 Sep).

GREECE. It is reported that ammunition, including 75mm, anti-gas respirators, and 300 - 500 ton caiques are being made in GREECE under Axis supervision.

TURKEY. Continued work is reported on the BULAIR defences, and great activity on the CATALIC lines. Construction of anti-tank ditches and large blockhouses is proceeding on the road UZUNKOPRU - ISTANBUL. (UZUNKOPRU is on the main railway line from BULGARIA, 10 miles inside TURKISH Territory).

GERMANY. Personalities. It is reported that Generalfeldmarschall LISZT and his Chief of Staff have been allotted houses in the outskirts of ATHENS. (Comment. This possibly indicates a prolonged stay). They were in ATHENS in August. Generalfeldmarschall LISZT is aged 60, he was in command of the German Forces in the GREEK Campaign and is regarded as a specialist in conducting mountain warfare.

(Last three paras from GHQ Daily Intelligence Summary No 493 dated 25 Sep).

IRAN. The condition of the Persian Army continues to deteriorate. Desertions are frequent, and even in TEHERAN, where hitherto some cohesion has been maintained, the situation is unsatisfactory. The Russians have turned out the Persians from their barracks on the outskirts of the city.

(From GHQ Daily Intelligence Summary No 492 dated 24 Sep).

(b) TECHNICAL INFORMATION.

Reference this Headquarters Intelligence Summary No 98, Appendix "B", (Development in GERMAN TANK ORGANISATION), the note to para 3 refers of course, to the BATTLEAXE period, when 7 Armoured Division had only two-regiment brigades, and not to the War Establishment of a BRITISH Armoured Brigade.

A PW has stated that 5 Light Division has become "21



Heavy" Division. This is undoubtedly just the prisoner's own expression, and does not mean that tanks heavier than the Mark IV are in, or en route for, LIBYA, which is most unlikely.

(Summarised from GHQ Daily Intelligence Summary No 493 dated 25 Sep).

(c) TOPOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION.

ROAD DIYARBAKIR - KHARPUT. 75 miles. - TURKEY.

This is a good road throughout, of crushed stone surface capable of taking heavy motor transport at all times of the year. For the first 40 miles the road traverses a flat plain before entering hilly country at BAKER MADEN (near ARGHANA). From here the road runs over a long saddle between the SIGHIK DAGH on the EAST and the BOSMA DAGH on the WEST. Once the road has entered the hills the country on either side is reported to be broken and intersected with small streams making movement off the road difficult. The GEULDJIK LAKE is an impassable obstruction.

Likely defensive position. From NORTH edge of SIGHIK DAGH, SOUTH of the GEULDJIK LAKE to NORTH of the BOSMA DAGH. Emerging from the saddle, the road crosses a short plain before entering the mountains again SOUTH of MEZRE.

Bridges are believed to be at the following places, but confirmation is awaited:-

1. KARADJADAGH SU (a strong stone bridge capable of taking heavy motor transport.)
2. KALANDER on the TIGRIS.
3. Bridge of PORTUS over the tributary of the MURAD SU,  $6\frac{1}{4}$  miles SOUTH of KHARPUT.

(From Force HQ Daily Intelligence Summary No 108 dated 24 Sep).

PART II. SECURITY.

EFFECTIVENESS OF AERIAL DEMONSTRATIONS.

An enquiry was made on the above subject relative to a "show-the-flag" demonstration which recently took place over part of SYRIA. This was the result:-

(i) An Australian Infantry Battalion reports that on the approach of the Squadron of fighters in perfect formation, the whole of the population of LATTAKIA came out in the streets. As the planes dived low over the town the people were very much impressed, and much excited discussion took place about the speed and fine appearance of the planes. This removed the rather bad impression left by the old Valentia which landed at LATTAKIA some weeks ago. At SLENFE the people were similarly impressed by the demonstration.

(ii) KATABA, AQUARA, MEITRIA, LAKLOUK and EHMEJ were also visited. In these villages people were very impressed and anxious to know the reason for the demonstration. They were told that the RAF were keeping a close watch over them and safeguarding them against bandits.

(From HQ RAF P T-J & S Weekly Intelligence Summary No 3 dated 16 Sep).

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9th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 123

(On information received from 1400 hrs 19 Aug to 1400 hrs 20 Aug)

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1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH Area : There has been NO enemy aerial activity over TOBRUCH Fortress during the past 24 hrs. Hy enemy arty in the East fired on the town during morning 19 Aug, but enemy shelling of the FDLs has been generally below normal with an increase in the Eastern sector on the afternoon on 19 Aug.

Our patrols failed to make contact with the enemy during the night.

It has been definitely confirmed that the JU 87 reported as 'probably down' in the divebombing attack 1945 hrs 17 Aug, crashed into the sea NW of the town.

b. OTHER Area s: Arty duels continue in the HALFAYU area. Enemy MT descending the HALFAYU Pass were engaged and damaged by accurate shell fire

The 'oasis' area has remained quiet, except for the machine-gunning of our fwd patrol at GARN el GREIN by one enemy aircraft. There were no casualties.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

There are indications that HQ 25 BOLOGNA were about 60 miles from DERNA on 19 Aug. It is likely that an advanced HQ has been formed in this area and that the "B" Echelon and Services of the TRENTO Div have already been relieved by their counterparts of the BOLOGNA.

3. ENEMY METHODS - GERMANTraining of Parachutists

Parachute troops (Fallschirmjäger) in GERMANY have been the special concern of Field Marshal GORING. Parachute regts are a body of picked men who undergo a very rigorous training.

The number of parachutists dropped in HOLLAND has been estimated at between 10,000 and 15,000, of whom 2,000 were taken prisoner. Most of the others were killed. In GREECE, the number dropped was estimated at 2,000 and in CRETE about 7,000.

In all cases, the parachutists dropped were trained men, resolute and full of fight. They also had an excellent knowledge of the area where they landed and their objectives.

Later, troops of much inferior qualities were dropped. Documents captured in CRETE confirm the deductions drawn from the campaign in HOLLAND, that the number of really trained parachutists is limited, and that the numbers were made up by the use of infantrymen. In CRETE, many parachutists employed were making their first jump, and quite a large proportion of these were found to be doped when captured.

.... to para IV.



4. AERIAL ACTIVITY

a. Enemy There has been no activity during the last 24 hrs. This may be due to the fact that the enemy's supply of bombs like all his amm and supplies, has to be transported long distances fwd, and expenditure must therefore be closely controlled. It will be recalled that a greater number of divebombing raids than usual have been made this month, which means that less bombs are available for HL and 'nuisance' raids.

b. Own Several Strat and Tac Rs have been carried out over the fwd areas and CYRENAICA. Sweeps were made over fwd enemy aerodromes, and about 10 ME 110's were sighted, but not engaged. Tpt was bombed at BARDIA, but as yet the results are unknown.

5. GROUND ACTIVITY

Enemy Dispositions

- Sangars etc - 41904155, 40574215, 40524212
- Weapon Pits - 30 pits each 6 ft x 2 ft 6" by 3 ft deep  
were encountered at 40594211.
- Mortars - 42524229, 39804300
- OPs - 41854174
- MGs - 40024293, 39964280, 39824288

Observed Movement

Between 0800 and 1400 hrs 19 Aug, 11 vehs were observed moving East and 41 vehs moving West.

Blasting is proceeding in area 42544240.

At 0820 hrs approx 50 troops and 3 MT were seen in the area 411412.

The two barges which were in tow by the vessel sunk off our Eastern perimeter a.m. 19 Aug, were last seen heading in the direction of enemy territory in areas 435425 and 431425. At 1340 hrs, two enemy MT were observed moving towards the coast in the latter area.

Operations

An enemy 210 mm gun fired 20 rds into area 407429 at approx 1830 hrs. Hostile bty 9336 was bombarded and enemy fire then ceased.

Patrol from 2/17 Bn set out to investigate and familiarise themselves with the minefields on their front. They came under small arms fire by an LMG and MMG and mortar, so withdrew.

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GS 9 AUST DIV

Time of Signature : *1412 hrs*

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HQ 6 AUST DIV WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN No. 4  
(From information received up to 0900 hrs 31 Aug)

PART 1

1. LIBYA

During the period under review enemy activity both at TOBRUK and on the frontier has been on a reduced scale.

No further evidence has been received of the presence of an additional German Armoured formation and it is considered therefore that any tanks that have recently arrived in CYRENAICA must be reinforcements for either 5 or 8 Tank Regiment of 15 Armoured Division. In both these Regiments establishment provides for MARK I, II, III and IV Tanks, and while actual numbers are not known it is thought that nearly 50% of the total strength is comprised of Mark III Tanks.

2. SYRIA

(a) German Fifth Column Activity

From reports received from various sources it appears that, prior to their departure from Syria, the Germans devoted the greater part of their fifth column activity to ALEPPO, where a group of 600 young men were collected and trained in fifth column activity. These men were mainly Moslems and Armenians with a few Lebanese, and when the end of hostilities was in sight the Germans intended to take them to Greece for further training. The Turkish Government was approached with a request for permission for them to cross TURKEY, the passage of the group as a body was however refused. It is therefore probable that while some members of the group may have crossed the Frontier individually, the majority may still be at large in Syria.

(b) Enemy propaganda

In general it appears that German Propaganda has effected a large majority of the inhabitants of the country. The Moslems believe that Germany would rid the NEAR EAST of their two "betes noire", the Vichy French and the Jews. The more fanatical and gullible believe that HITLER is himself a Moslem and that his real name is ABU ALI. The Armenians, being above all things anti-Turk, would rather like to see Germany smash TURKEY. Practically everyone is united in disliking the Vichy French. The Lebanese are, as ever, opportunist, avaricious, clever and unreliable. British popularity was mainly founded on the fact that they expected us to deliver them from the Vichy French misrule. The Moslems of SYRIA were somewhat affected by the Iraq incident. Pan-Arabism in SYRIA has been divided into a cultural nationalist sentiment drawing its inspiration from EGYPT, and a more fanatical and political movement looking towards BAGDAD. The Germans played on the latter by persuading the Iraqis that they were destined, by their martial virtues and superior will-power, to be the Prussians of the Arab world. The puncturing of this interesting theory by British arms inevitably created some bitterness in pro-Iraqi circles in DAMSCUS, though it also raised British prestige and severely lowered the reputation of the Iraqis.

3. IRAN

(a) Events leading up to the Anglo Russian entry into IRAN are summarised as follows. The SHAH has for some time been subject to British Russian and German pressure, and in the past has been very suspicious, not altogether without cause, of Russia's designs on the Northern Iranian Provinces. This, coupled with the country's extreme sensitiveness in questions affecting their sovereign rights, and the fear that we might occupy the oilfields area, had probably produced a pro-German reaction. Germany, realising firstly, that, if Iran were friendly disposed to the Allies, a supply route to Russia would be



available to them which as opposed to MURMANSK could not be directly threatened and which would be open all the year round, and secondly that any serious threat to British Oil interests in that country would draw off British Forces in other parts of the Middle East, was quick to exploit this reaction, with the result that her agents, always numerous, were quickly reinforced and pro-German feeling fostered, particularly in the Army. This state of affairs continued until with mobilisation of the Iranian Army well under way, it became imperative for allied troops to enter the country.

(b) (i) The Iranian Army, like the Russian Army until recently, is one whose fighting value is little known. The evidence goes to show that the officers are poor, but the men especially those from certain tribal districts, would fight well if properly led. They could not be compared with Indian Troops, but as far as courage and morale are concerned, would conceivably make a better show than Iraqi troops under similar conditions. The Army cannot be described as well trained nor is it mobile. In the early years of the present Shah's reign, the Army gained considerable amount of experience in tribal warfare but it has little knowledge even theoretical of modern warfare. Until recently its training used to culminate in a yearly combination of review, manoeuvres and tattoo, the main object of which appears to be to impress the population of TEHERAN.

(ii) Just prior to the entry of the Allied Forces into the country, the Iranian Army consisted of eighteen or nineteen Divisions. The majority of these however were under strength and the total personnel under arms were thought to be between 130,000 and 140,000. The Army is not equipped with any heavy tanks, but it is known that at least fifty  $3\frac{1}{2}$  ton and fifty  $7\frac{1}{2}$  ton CZECKO MARAYSKA tanks and over twenty MARMON-HARRINGTON Armoured Cars are being used by Mechanised Units.

(c) The failure of the Iranians to show any determined opposition to our Forces may be attributed to the realisation that Germany was not in a position to give assistance and that as the army could not hold out for long without German support, a better bargain could be made if little or not fighting took place.

Appendix A shows the dispositions of the Iranian Forces also the points of entry of the Allied Troops.

#### 4. TURKEY AND THE BALKANS

(a) The Russian Military Attache' at ANKARA reports a considerable increase in German troops in Bulgaria since 10 Aug. He is vague regarding numbers and locations, but definite that the troops are fresh and not tired troops. He also reports that a noticeable proportion of the infantry are SS personnel and that there are a considerable number of German Airmen in SOFIA. This information is unconfirmed and must therefore be treated with reserve, however, as the attache' is definite that the troops concerned are fresh and not tired, it appears extremely unlikely that they are troops resting after being withdrawn from the UKRAINE. It is possible however that they may be the one or both of the Divisions recently reported as being withdrawn from the Salonika area.

(b) An experiment recently took place in transporting by day a mechanised detachment across the BOSPHORUS from the European to the Asiatic side, utilising Deck Lighters, ordinary lighters and caiques. This mechanised detachment included Medium and Field Artillery and infantry. Subsequently the experiment was tried by night in transporting the same contingent back from the Asiatic to the European side. All the men in the detachment were equipped with life belts and during the journey two caiques were supposed to have been put out of action by bombs. All troops were forced to take to the water in their full equipment, being subsequently picked up by special craft detailed for the purpose. This was done without any casualties. Preparations are



now in progress for repeating the exercise with a whole Division and if they prove successful it is hoped to repeat the same exercise before winter with a whole Army Corps.

(c) Appendix D attached shows dispositions of the TURKISH Forces as at present known.

5. GERMANY

The extent to which the RAF have forced the Germans to adopt the camouflage of military objectives is shown by the following notes:-

At HAMBURG, HANOVER and BREMEN, railway stations and other equally extensive targets were completely hidden under a canopy of timber rising on a gentle ramp up to an artificial mound. This was covered with grass and rows of shrubs, the effect from the air being that of a road running through fields over the crest of a hill.

The Germans also attempted to disguise landmarks by which they believe RAF pilots check their course near HAMBURG. The shape of a lake has been altered by covering parts of it with boards supported on piles. Another lake has been camouflaged by the same method.

After eight or nine oil storage tanks had been blown up near HANOVER, the Nazis covered the remaining tanks by erecting dummy houses on top.

It is reported that equally elaborate measures have been taken to camouflage the oil refineries at CONSTANZA and PITESTI (ROUMANIA), even to the extent of building complete dummy refineries.

6. USSR

(a) FAR NORTHERN Sector.

In spite of thrusts at MURMANSK and PETROZAVODSK the MURMANSK-LENINGRAD railway still remains in Russian hands, and a further thrust in the OLCNETS appears to have been successfully held by the Russians. It is possible that the joint German-Finnish attacks in this sector have been handicapped by bad weather.

(b) LENINGRAD Sector. Attacks on Leningrad have developed from three quarters. Finnish Forces have claimed local advances in the KARELIAN Isthmus and to have crossed the VUOKSA River. The main German thrusts however are firstly from the NARVA area, and secondly from NOVOGRAD immediately North of Lake ~~LMEN~~LMEN. The latter advance is reported to have cut the Leningrad-Moscow railway, and must be considered the most dangerous threat as it will isolate the whole area to the North and West. The situation in this sector must be considered serious and the capture of Leningrad would deprive the Russians not only of a most important manufacturing centre but also would cut off the Baltic Fleet. However morale of both troops and civilians in the Town is said to be good, and although no data are available the defences of both LENINGRAD and KRONSTADT are reported to be very strong. By the end of September snow and wet weather should render mechanised operations in this area difficult.

(c) SMOLENSK Sector. Russian counter attacks in this sector appear to have been on a small scale and to have achieved only a limited success.

(d) KIEV Sector. Information concerning the fighting in this sector is scarce, but it appears that a strong thrust has been launched by the Germans from GOMEL in an Easterly and South Easterly direction with the object of outflanking from the North the Russian position at KIEV which they have failed to take in frontal attacks and where they have suffered very heavy casualties. No reports have been received regarding the progress made in this sector.



(e) SOUTHERN SECTOR. With the exception of ODESSA all the country west of the DNEIPER bend is thought to be now in German hands, while the Russians hold the East bank. Report that the Russian line runs south from DNEIPROPETROVSK to the sea of AZOV, and not along the DNEIPER to its mouth are not confirmed. The Russian withdrawal in all of this sector was skillfully carried out and even BERLIN does not claim to have captured more than 60,000 prisoners. The capture of NIKOLAIEV and KHERSON has enabled the Germans to supply their forward troops by sea, thus alleviating congestion on the overburdened roads and railways.

The extent to which the RAR have forced the Germans to adopt the camouflage of military objectives is shown by the following notes:-

At HANNOVER, HANNOVER and BREMEN, railway stations and other equally extensive targets were completely hidden under a canopy of timber rising on a gentle slope to an artificial mound. The area covered with grass and rows of shrubs, the effect from the air being that of a road running through fields over the crest of a hill. The Germans also attempted to disguise landmarks, of which they believe the pilots check their course near HANNOVER. The shape of a lake has been altered by covering parts of it with boards supported on piles. Another lake has been camouflaged by the same method.

After eight or nine air attacks tanks had been blown up near HANNOVER, the Nazis covered the remaining tanks by erecting dummy houses on top.

It is reported that equally elaborate measures have been taken to camouflage the oil refineries at CONSTANZA and BILSTI (ROMANIA), even to the extent of building complete dummy refineries.

(a) FAR NORTHERN SECTOR.

In spite of threats at MURMANSK and PETROZAVODSK the MURMANSK Leningrad railway still remains in Russian hands, and a further advance in the GULOVETS appears to have been successfully held by the Russians. It is possible that the joint German-Finnish attacks in this sector have been handicapped by bad weather.

(b) LENINGRAD SECTOR.

Attacks on Leningrad have developed into three quarters. Finnish forces have claimed local advances in the KARJALAISETI and to have crossed the VUOKSA river. The main German thrusts however are mainly from the WARSA area, and secondly from NOVGRAD immediately north of Leningrad. The latter advance is reported to have cut the Leningrad-Moscow railway, and must be considered the most dangerous threat as it will isolate the whole area to the North and West. The situation in this sector must be considered serious and the capture of Leningrad would deprive the Russians not only of a most important manufacturing centre but also would cut off the Baltic Fleet. However morale of both troops and civilians in the town is said to be good, and although no data are available the balance of both Leningrad and KRONSTADT are reported to be very strong. By the end of September snow and wet weather should render mechanical operations in this area difficult.

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PART II

1. GERMAN Mk 111 Heavy (50) Tank.

Weight	18-20 tons
Height	7'9"
Length	17'8" overall
Width	9'9"
Crew	Believed 5 - Commander, gunner, loader, LM gnr, Driver.
Armour	30 mm basis with extra 30 mm plate at front of superstructure. Extra 40 mm plate at front of gun mounting.
Armament	1, 50 mm A/Tk Type gun (old) model have 3.7 cm ) In 1. 7.91 mm Spandau MG co- ) turret axially mounted. )
Ammunition	Smoke bomb rack Cartridge cases apparently steel. (Est) 100 rds 50 mm either HE or AP (Est) 25 mag 7.91 mm each 75 rds = 1875
Speed	-
Suspension	6 bogies, individually mounted.
Radius	Approx 50-60 gals petrol carried.
Ground clearance	Min 9"-1'0"
Crossings	
Intercommunication	Wireless

General:

1. Engine similar to Mk IV but different make.
2. Turret hand operated, slow or fast motion.
3. Large ration box fitted to rear of turret. Obs - cupola at rear.
4. A Platoon Commander (PW) of 5 Tank Ret states that the louvres of the radiator behind the turret are one of the weakest points of the Mark 111 and IV tanks. The louvre plates are quite thin and any shot through would tend to break up the radiator. While this would not immediately put the tank out of action, it would soon break down. PWs own tank (a Mark IV) was put out of action in this way by a 2-pr shell. He asserts that a track plate can be changed in about 15 minutes, an idler sprocket or bogie wheel in about 2 1/2 hours.
5. No tanks heavier than Marks 111 and 1V were encountered in GREECE. In the attack on the BRAILLOS Pass the enemy used guns of approximately 105 mm., mounted on a Mark 111 or Mark 1V chassis. These guns are reported to have fired at a range of about 20,000 yds. The extreme range of the German 105 mm. gun is believed to be about 21,000 yds, and it is therefore quite possible that these tanks have the normal 105 mm. gun mounted on them.

2. GERMAN Mk 1V.

Weight - Type A	About 20 tons
" B	Over 20 tons - 22 tons.
Height	8'7"
Length	19'2" overall - 18'6" tracks
Width	9'5" " - 9'3" "
Crew	5 - 1 Commander 1 Gnr for 75 & MG Turret 1 Loader for 75 & MG 1 Driver fwd Port side 1 LM Gnr & W/T Op. Starboard side.
Armour	Basis 20 mm. Top of rear engine compartment 10 mm. Hull. Sides 20 mm. front-30 mm. Band below turret 60-40 mm. Turret. 30 mm front & 20.



GERMAN Mk IV (Contd)

**Armament**

Turret. 1.75 mm semi-auto QF gun coaxially mounted, 23 cal. long. 1 MG 7.91 Spandau, foot firing, co-axially mounted.

Hull. 1 7.91 mm Spandau MG Ball & socket mounting, 30 degrees traverse.

Rear. Bomb rack for 5 bombs (smoke) releasing device.

**Ammunition**

83 rds 75 mm HE

27 magazines ea 75 (2025) 7.91 mm. (T) 32 kpm (20mph) (tank not in Al order for test) Estimated 23 mph at 2600 rpm capable of 3200 rpm. Other report states 31mph.

**Speed**

4 twin wheel bogies each side. Each wheel on a pivoted arm. Not very good. REAR IDLERS WEAK.

**Suspension**

103 gals petrol carried in 2 tanks each side of hull under turret floor, also 20 gals on port side front of engine for power traverse set.

**Radius**

1'2" later report 1'9"

**Ground clearance**

**Crossings**

**Intercommunication**

W/T

Effect of our arms

25 Pdr HE appears to penetrate 30 mm and crack surrounding welds thud jamming turret.

2 Pdr (T) 300 yds - Penetration of 40 mm band. Some broke up inside, others passed through other side.

(T) 700 yds - Penetration both sides at 20 mm Penetration and break up at 40 mm.

(T) 1100 yds - As for 700 yds.

Frontal Armour - Considered that 500' is most effective range at the thick single and double frontal armour.

General:

1. Nordbau V 12 petrol engine, 320 HP at rear.
2. Turret fitted with cupola, and is power traversed.
3. Numbers have been knocked out in Libya and Greece by various methods.

*Distribution list B*

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
GS, 6 Aust Div.

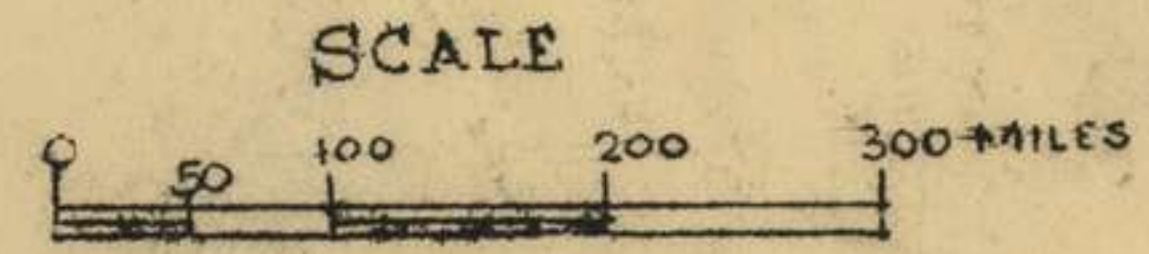
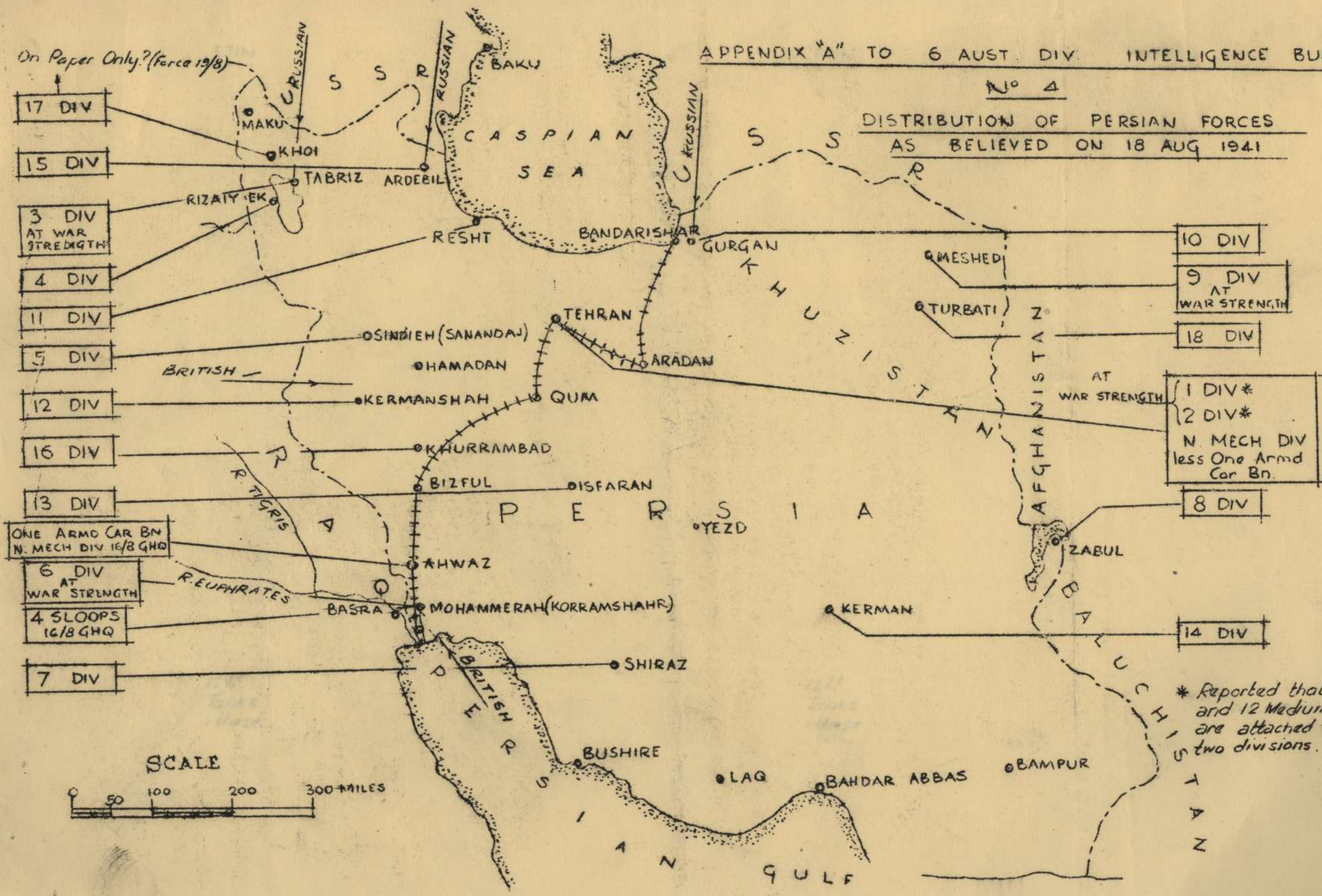
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\* Reported that 12 Lt and 12 Medium Tanks are attached to these two divisions.



















2/10 BATTALION,

A.I.F.,

Unit.

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(page 2)

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers ... ..																				
Butchers ... ..																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks ... ..																				
Cooks ... ..																				
Despatch Riders ... ..																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
"  "  (Wheeled) ... ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics ... ..																				
Drivers-Operators ... ..																				
Electricians ... ..																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers ... ..																				
Fitters ... ..																				
Machine Gunners ... ..																				
Masons ... ..																				
Motor Mechanics ... ..																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen) ... ..																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers ... ..																				
Saddlers & Harness Maker.																				
Saddle Tree Makers ... ..																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers ... ..																				
Storemen technical ... ..																				
Tailors ... ..																				
Wheelers ... ..																				
General duty personnel ...																				
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).										82		21							29299	

2/10 BATTALION,

A.I.F.

Unit.

Date of Despatch

24 Aug 41

*Major*  
 Lt. Col. *Major*  
 Comdg. 2/10 Bn., A.I.F.  
 18 Aust Inf Bde  
 Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.











# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/10 BATTALION, A.I.F. (Unit)

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
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Lieut.-Colonels ... ..			1
Majors ... ..	2		1
Captains ... ..	9	1	
Lieutenants ... ..	16		3
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..	1		
District Officers ... ..			
<b>TOTALS</b> ... ..	<b>28.</b>	<b>1.</b>	<b>5.</b>

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lt Col	Verrier A.W.	2/10 Bn	31.7.41	Loose Hoop Bronchitis
Lieut.	Porter R.S.	"	27.7.41	" "
"	Jacob K.R.	"	30.7.41	" "

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
Lieut	Peper W.A.	10 Bn	to replace Casualties
"	Hurban G.H.	"	" " " "
			at present at 18 T.S.



**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.
Major		Bruer LG	10 Bn	YES	Admin. Comd.
"		Cooper G D F	"	"	2 1/2
Capt.		Trevillian J H	"	"	Coy Comd.
"		Martin G G	"	"	"
"		Allchin G J	"	"	Q M
"		Wilson J P	"	"	Coy Comd.
"		Brockopp J B	"	"	"
"		Hayward J H	"	"	2 1/2 Coy
"		Lives F A W	"	"	"
"		Houder A H	"	"	"
"		Sanderson R W	"	"	"
"		Schmedje J G	"	"	Coy Comd.
Lieut		Matheson J M R	"	"	Sig off.
"		Bray A C	"	"	Pl Comd.
"		Hopson L J	"	"	AA off.
"		Siddons R B	"	"	Pl Comd.
"		Balpaar - Cycling here	"	"	"
"		Spindell R G	"	No	att 9 Amst des.
"		Cook F W	"	YES	T O
"		Fisher G K	"	"	Pl Comd.
"		Scott A A	"	"	"
"		Birds trap M L	"	"	Adj't.
"		Brown M J	"	"	I O
"		Kunnicks J P A	"	"	Pl Comd.
"		Leane K M	"	No	Weapon School Mt.
"		Spencer J P	"	YES	Pioneer off
"		Murdoch J G	"	"	Pl Comd.
"		Teesdale - Smith P D	"	"	"

(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		Devine J B	A.A.M.C.	28.7.41	R.M.O
Padre		Helmore R A	A.A.C.O.	29.11.39	Chaplain

2/10 BATTALION, A.I.F.

3 AUG 1941

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
 (Signature of Commander.)  
 18 Dist Inf Bde  
 (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)







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.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers ... ..																					
Butchers ... ..																					
Carpenters and Joiners ...																					
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Wheelers ... ..																					
General duty personnel ...																					
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																					482.58

2/10 BATTALION,

A.I.F.

Unit.

Date of Despatch

3 AUG 1941

Signature of Commander.

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











# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

**2/10 BATTALION, A.I.F. (Unit)**

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ... ..			1
Majors ... ..	2		1
Captains ... ..	10	1	
Lieutenants ... ..	15		4
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..			
District Officers ... ..			
<b>TOTALS ... ..</b>	<b>27.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	Nurant G.L.	10BN.	6.8.41	Return from M.B. School

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Scott A.R.	10BN.	5.8.41	Evac Hosp. P.V.O.
"	Spencer F.P.	"	"	" " Gastritis

## 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.	Piper W.A.	10BN	To replace Caswell
"	Hurray C.T.	"	" " " "
			At present at: 18 T.B.



**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.
Major		Bruer L.G.		Yes	Adum Cndr.
"		Cooper G.D. 7		"	2 1/2
Capt		Trevivian J.H.		"	Coy Cndr.
"		Martin G.G. 7		"	"
"		Allchin E.F.		"	Q.M.
"		Wilson F.P.		"	Coy Cndr.
"		Hayward J.W.		"	2 1/2 Coy
"		Brocktopp G.E.		"	Coy Cndr.
"		Lines E.H. 11.		"	2 1/2 Coy.
"		Howdell A.H.		"	"
"		Sanderson R.W.		"	"
"		Schmeddie T.J.		"	Coy Cndr.
Lieut		Macheson H.R.		"	Sig. off.
"		Durant G.E.		"	Pl Cndr.
"		Bray A.G.		"	"
"		Hopson L.F.		"	A.R. off.
"		Seddon R.W.		"	Pl Cndr.
"		Balfour-Ogilvy M.W.		"	"
"		Bundell R.G.		No	att 9 Aust Div.
"		Book F.W.		Yes	T.O.
"		Fisher J.H.		"	Pl Cndr.
"		Bridstrup M.L.		"	Adjt.
"		Brown M.J.		"	I.O.
"		Kumnick P.A.		"	Pl Cndr.
"		Leane K.M.		No	Wpn School M.E.
"		Murdock T.G.		Yes	Pl Cndr.
"		Teesdale-Smith P.S.		"	"

(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.		Brummitt D.W.	A.A.M.C.	7.11.39	R.M.O.
Padre		Helmore R.A.	A.A.C.D.	29.11.39	Chaplain

2/10 BATTALION, A.I.F.  
(Unit.)  
10 August 41  
(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
Cdr. 2/10 Bn. A.I.F.  
(Signature of Commander.)  
18 Fleet St. Bde.  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/10 BATTALION, A.I.F. (Unit)

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ... ..			1
Majors ... ..	2		1
Captains ... ..	9		
Lieutenants ... ..	15		4
2nd Lieutenants ... ..			
Quartermasters ... ..			
District Officers ... ..			
<b>TOTALS</b> ... ..	<b>26.</b>		<b>6.</b>

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	Porter R.B.	10 Bn	13.8.41	Return from Hosp.
"	Tweddle K.	"	"	"
"	Jacob K.B.	"	"	"

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt.	Sanderson R.D.	10 Bn	10.8.41	Long Hosp. P.W.
Lieut.	Porter R.B.	"	13.8.41	Ill cond. 18 Bde.
"	Jacob K.B.	"	13.8.41	Long Hosp. 18 Bde.
"	Kumnick P.B.	"	13.8.41	" " " "

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
Capt.	MacKee G.B.	10 Bn	to replace Cassinella
Lieut.	MacKee A.B.	"	
"	Piper G.B.	"	
"	Hurran G.B.	"	at present at 18 TB



**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.
Major		Brown LG		Yes	Adm. board.
"		Bocher G.H.J.		"	2/10
Capt		Trivivian J.H.		"	Key Clerk
		Warlin G.G.		"	"
		Allekin G.F.		"	G.M.
		Wilson T.P.		"	Key Clerk
		Brooksoppe J.B.		"	"
		Hayward J.A.		"	2/10 Key
		Linet E.H.W.		"	"
		Donald A.H.		"	"
		Schmidt J.J.		"	Key Clerk
Lieut		Matheson J.R.		"	Sig. Off.
		Kuranc J.H.		"	Pl. Clerk
		Bray A.H.		"	"
		Robtson J.H.		"	aa off.
		Stoddon R.W.		"	Pl. Clerk
		Balman-Lindsay R.W.		"	"
		Candell R.G.		No	off 7 Aust Div
		Bock J.W.		Yes	T.O.
		Fisher J.R.		"	Pl. Clerk
		Trivivian J.H.		"	"
		Birdshead M.L.		"	Cadet
		Brown M.J.		"	T.O.
		Leane K.H.		"	Wm. School M.E.
		Murdoch J.G.		Yes	Pl. Clerk
		Tersdale-Smith M.		"	"

**(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.		Green A.H.	A.A.M.C.	11.5.41	R.M.O.
Major		Helmore R.A.	A.A.C.O.	27.11.39	Pl. Clerk

**2/10 BATTALION, A.I.F.**  
(Unit.)

**18. Aug. 41.** (Date of Despatch.)  
**19. Aug. 41.** (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)  
 Lt. Col. **A.I.F.**  
 (Signature of Commanding Officer)







**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.
Major	R	Bruer L G	10 BN	Yes	Adm. Comd.
Capt	R	Cooper G W J	"	"	2 1/2
"	O	Fremman J H	"	"	Key Comd.
"	A	Martin G G J	"	"	"
"	A	Alchin G J	"	"	Q M
"	B	Nelson J P	"	"	Key Comd.
"	B	Brookings J G	"	"	"
"	A	Lawward J H	"	"	2 1/2 Key
"	A	Lyne E H	"	"	"
"	A	Howell J H	"	"	"
Lieut	A	Schmede J J	"	"	Key Comd.
"	"	Warkentin G J	"	"	Staff
"	"	Murant J H	"	"	R. Comd.
"	O	Bray A B	"	"	"
"	A	Hobson L J	"	"	Q M
"	A	Hadden R W	"	"	Pl Comd.
"	O	Kundell P G	"	No	at 9 Quat Riv.
"	A	Lock J W	"	Yes	T. Off.
"	O	Lisher J H	"	"	Pl Comd.
"	A	Twine B	"	"	"
"	A	Bidstrup J H	"	"	adit.
"	"	Brown J H	"	"	T. Off.
"	"	Leane R M	"	No	at School M.B.
"	C	Murdoch J G	"	Yes	Pl Comd.
"	D	Murdoch - Smith P J	"	"	"

(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		Laverack G O	A A M C	22.5.41	R.M.O.
Padre		Helmars R A	A A C C	29.4.41	Chaplain

**2/10 BATTALION,**

**A.I.F.**

(Unit.)

Lt. Col.

Comd. (Signature of Commander A.I.F.)

24 Aug 41.

(Date of Despatch.)

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



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit)

2/10 BATTALION, A.I.F.

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

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		2
Majors ...	9		
Captains ...	15		4
Lieutenants ...			
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6</b>

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

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	Wilson K.R.E.	10 Bn.	29.8.41	Reinforcement.

### 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).
Capt.	Weithke G.R.	10 Bn.	To re-leave base area
Lieut.	Backie G.H.	"	"
"	Piper W.A.	"	"
"	Hurren G.J.	"	At Dusseldorf 18/1/42



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col		Brues L.G.	10 BN	Yes	C.O.
"		Cooper G.W.F.	"	"	2/c
"		Trivian J.H.	"	"	Regt Cndr
"		Martin G.G.F.	"	"	"
"		all chin G.F.	"	"	Q.M.
"		Wilson F.P.	"	"	Regt Cndr
"		Brocksoss J.B.	"	"	"
"		Harward L.W.	"	No	at Bde H.Q.
"		Liner E.H.W.	"	Yes	2/c
"		Flouid A.B.	"	"	"
"		Schmedje J.J.	"	"	Regt Cndr
Lieut		Mackeson H.R.	"	"	Sig. off.
"		Murant G.L.	"	"	Plt Cndr
"		Bray A.B.	"	"	"
"		Hopton L.J.	"	"	ia off.
"		Meldon R.W.	"	"	Plt Cndr
"		Murdell P.G.	"	No	at Bde H.Q.
"		Coak F.W.	"	Yes	T.O.
"		Fisher J.K.	"	"	Plt Cndr
"		Twadie W.	"	"	"
"		Bidstrup M.F.	"	"	Adjt.
"		Brown M.J.	"	"	I.S.O.
"		Leane K.W.	"	No	at School M.S.
"		Murdock J.G.	"	Yes	Plt Cndr
"		Desdab-Smith P.S.	"	"	"
"		Wilson K.R.E.	"	"	"

**(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		Laverack J.O.	A.A.M.C.	27.8.41	R.M.O.
Padre		Helmer R.A.	A.A.C.D.	29.11.39	Chaplain

2/10 BATTALION, A.I.F. (Unit.)  
31 Aug 41 (Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)  
18 Aust Inf Bde (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)  
Lt. Col. A.I.F.