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20 Infantry Brigade
July 1942, Appendices

9 AUST DIV ORDER OF BATTLE AND LOCATION STATEMENT No.13

(as at 1200 hrs 3 Jul 42)

Map Ref ALEXANDRIA 1/100,000

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Serial No	Unit	Location & Map Ref	Remarks
<u>HQ</u>			
1	HQ 9 Aust Div	ALEXANDRIA 51459451	
2	A Coy less three pls Aust HQ Gd Bn	ALEXANDRIA 51459451	
3	9 Aust Div Emp Pl	ALEXANDRIA 51459451	
<u>CAV</u>			
4	9 Aust Div Cav Regt & Sig Sec.	Area 494930	(Adv party only)
5	82 Aust LAD	Area 494930	en route
<u>RAA</u>			
6	HQ RAA 9 Aust Div	ALEXANDRIA 51459451	
7	2/7 Aust Fd Regt & Sig Sec		) due move to
8	63 Aust LAD		) 20 Bde area
9	2/8 Aust Fd Regt & Sig Sec		) under comd 24
10	64 Aust LAD		) Bde & in bde area.
			) Due to move.
11	2/12 Aust Fd Regt & Sig Sec	49959270	
12	61 Aust LAD	49959270	
13	3 Aust A Tk Regt & Sig Sec	Area 500927	(less 11 Bty)
14	11 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt	Area 499926	under comd 24 Bde.
			Due to move
15	12&10 Bty 4 Aust AA Regt	Area 499926	12 Bty do do
16	71 Aust LAD	500927	
<u>ENGRS</u>			
17	HQ RAE 9 Aust Div	ALEXANDRIA 51459451	
18	2/3 Aust Fd Coy	50439308	
19	2/7 Aust Fd Coy	49419298	One sec under comd 24 Bde
20	2/13 Aust Fd Coy	50359305	
21	24 Aust Fd Pk Coy	49939338	
22	72 Aust LAD	49939338	

Serial No	Unit	Location & Map Ref	Remarks
<u>SIGS</u>			
23	HQ Sigs 9 Aust Div	ALEXANDRIA)	
24	1 Coy Sigs 9 Aust Div	do)51459451	
25	67 Aust LAD	do)	
<u>INF</u>			
26	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde & Sig Sec)	
27	1 Pl A Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn)	
28	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	)	moving to area
29	2/15 Aust Inf Bn	)	491928
30	2/17 Aust Inf Bn)	
31	58 Aust LAD)	
32	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde & Sig Sec)	
33	2 Pl A Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn	Area)491928	due to move
34	2/28 Aust Inf Bn	Area 500934	
35	2/32 Aust Inf Bn	Area 491927	
36	2/43 Aust Inf Bn	Area 490928	due to move
	76 Aust LAD	491928	due to move
37	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde & Sig Sec)	
38	4 Pl A Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn	)49929264	
39	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	50509305	
40	2/24 Aust Inf Bn	49959265	
41	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	49809246	
42	78 Aust LAD	49929264	
<u>MG</u>			
43	2/2 Aust MG Bn)	
44	77 Aust LAD	)50499311	
<u>AASC</u>			
45	HQ AASC 9 Aust Div	51459451	
46	10 Coy AASC	51859481	
47	11 Coy AASC	51899483	
48	12 Coy AASC	51909480	
<u>MEDICAL</u>			
49	2/3 Aust Fd Amb	499934	under comd 24 Bde. Due to move.
50	2/8 Aust Fd Amb		Due to arrive area 499934 4 Jul
51	2/11 Aust Fd Amb	49989273	
52	2/4 Aust Fd Hyg Sec	Area 499934	
<u>ORD</u>			
53	2/1 Aust A Fd Wkshop less three secs	52239504	
54	1 Rec Sec	49929268	
55	2 Rec Sec		moving to area 491928.
56	3 Rec Sec	Area 491928	under comd 24 Bde. Due to move.
57	2 Corps Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	52239504	
58	"G" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	Area 491928	due to move
59	"H" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk	49929268	
60	"J" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk		with 2 Rec Sec
<u>P & L</u>			
61	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	CHEKKA	to move to EGYPT
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
62	9 Aust Div Pro Coy	ALEXANDRIA 51459451	
63	9 Aust Div Mob Bath Unit)	
64	9 Aust Div Laundry & Fwd Deen Unit	) GAZA Area	
65	9 Aust Div Salvage Unit	49889254	
66	9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office)	
67	9 Aust Div Postal Unit	ALEXANDRIA)51459451	
68	B Sec FSS)	

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20 AUST INF BDE GP-LOCATION STATEMENT No 1.

as at 1500 hrs 6 Jul 42.

Ref Maps: ALEXANDRIA 1/100,000.
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Serial No.	Unit.	Location.	Remarks.
1.	HQ, 20 Aust Inf Bde.	49249287.	
2.	"J" Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div.	do.	
3.	1 Pl A Coy HQ Gd Bn.	do.	
4.	58 Aust LAD.	do.	
5.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	49019282.	
6.	2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	49129273.	To be relieved by 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn and move to area 49189280.
7.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	49359295.	
8.	2/7 Aust Fd Regt and Sig Sec.	49609326.	
9.	63 Aust LAD.	do.	
10.	9 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt	49119271.	
11.	11 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt	49559307.	
12.	2/3 Aust Fd Coy.	50439308.	
13.	B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.	Moving to area 49309287.	
14.	10 Coy AASC.	178471.	
15.	2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	50029352.	
16.	2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW.	49499298.	
17.	J Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk.	do.	
18.	Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy.	49249287.	

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9 Bty 3 Aust ATk Regt.	5.
11 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt.	6.
2/3 Aust Fd Coy.	7.
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.	8.
10 Coy AASC.	9.
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	10.
Comd.	11.
BM.	12.
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BASCO.	16.
LOs.	17-18-19.
"J" Sec Sigs.	20.
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Amilover. Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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M O S T S E C R E T9 AUST DIV ORDER OF BATTLE AND LOCATION STATEMENT No 14as at 0900 hrs 9 Jul 42

Tps in fwd area. Ref Maps EL HAMMAM 1/100,000
ALEX - AMIRIYA 1/100,000

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Serial	Unit	Location	Remarks
<u>HQ</u>			
1	Main HQ 9 Aust Div	44049007	
2	Emp Pl less sec		
3	3 Pl Gd Bn less sec		
4	B Sec FSS		
<u>CAV</u>			
5	9 Div Cav Regt and Sig sec	44229015	
6	82 LAD	" "	
<u>RAA</u>			
7	HQ RAA	44049007	
8	3 A Tk Regt, Sig sec, 71 LAD less three btys		
9	4 Lt AA Regt and Sig sec less three btys			44029006
		44039006	
<u>RAE</u>			
10	HQ RAE	44059007	
11	Det 24 Fd Pk Coy		
<u>SIGS</u>			
12	HQ Sigs	44049007	
13	1 Coy Sigs 9 Div		
14	67 LAD		
<u>MG</u>			
15	2/2 MG Bn less three coys & one pl	439901	
16	77 LAD		
<u>BATTLE GPS</u>			
17	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp	Moving to	
	Sig sec & 58 LAD	IML YID	
	Det 1 Pl Gd Bn	Staging	
	2/15 Bn	Area	
	2/17 Bn	"	
	2/7 Fd Regt, Sig sec & 63 LAD	"	Reverts to div control 1200 hrs 9 Jul
	9 Bty 3 A Tk Regt	"	
	11 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt	"	
	2/3 Fd Coy	"	One tp temporarily u/c 26 Bde Gp
	B Coy 2/2 MG Bn	"	
	10 Coy AASC	"	
	Two pls Gen Tpt Coy	"	
	2/8 Fd Amb less details	"	Tp carriers for two bns
	Sec 9 Div Pro Coy	"	
	2 Rec Sec & J Div Sec Ord Fd Pk	"	

18	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp	43418916	
	Sig Sec & 76 LAD	" "	
	Det 2 Pl Gd Bn	" "	
	2/32 Bn	43078903	
	2/43 Bn	43308912	2/8 Fd Regt
	2/8 Fd Regt, Sig sec & 64 LAD	43348910	reverts to div
	11 Bty 3 A Tk Regt	" "	control 1200 hrs
	12 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt	" "	9 Jul
	2/7 Fd Coy	43458917	
	D Coy 2/2 MG Bn	43108905	
	101 Gen Tpt Coy	43658925	
	Two Pls 345 Gen Tpt Coy		Tp carriers for
			two bns
	2/3 Fd Amb less details	43608930	
	Sec 9 Div Pro Coy	43418916	
	3 Rec Sec & G Div Sec 1 Ord Fd Pk	43638928	
19	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp	43559020	
	Sig Sec & 78 LAD	" "	
	Det 4 Pl Gd Bn	" "	
	2/24 Bn	43289017	
	2/48 Bn	43338986	
	2/12 Fd Regt, Sig Sec & 61 LAD	43359012	Reverts to div
			control 1200 hrs
			9 Jul
	10 Bty 3 A Tk Regt	" "	
	10 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt & one tp 11 Bty	" "	
	2/13 Fd Coy	43639016	
	A Coy & one pl C Coy 2/2 MG Bn	43379018	
	12 Coy AASC	44009024	
	Two Pls Gen Tpt Coy		Tp carriers for
			two bns
	2/11 Fd Amb less details	43789024	
	Sec 9 Div Pro Coy	43559020	
	1 Rec Sec & H Div Sec 1 Ord Fd Pk	44199030	
20	2/23 Bn		Moving to 26 Bde Gp area
21	1 Aust Commando Pl	44059006	
	<u>AASC</u>		
22	HQ AASC	44059007	
23	Det 11 Coy AASC	441901	
	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>		
24	9 Div Pro Coy less five secs	44059006	
25	Det Fd Cash Office	44049007	
26	Det Postal	" "	
	<u>ADDITIONAL TPS UNDER COMD</u>		
27	One bty 28 Arty Regt RA		24 Bde area U/c 24 Bde Gp
28	One bty 79 Arty Regt RA		26 " " U/c 26 " "
29	7 Med Regt RA		To come U/c RA 9 Aust Div

PART II 9 AUST DIV UNITS AND TPS IN ALEX AND AMIRIYA AREA.

30	<u>HQ</u>			
	Rear HQ 9 Aust Div	}		
	Sec Emp Pl			
	Sec 9 Div Pro Coy			
	Fd Cash less det		51459451	ALEX Racing Club
	Postal less det			
	MH & I Sec			

PART III UNITS UNDER COMD AUST RES GP AND IN ALEX AREA.

31 HQ Aust Res gp 51459451 ALEX Racing Club
 2/13 Bn with u/c LOB personnel from 2/15 & 2/17 Bns
 2/3 Pnr Bn
 2/23 Bn with u/c LOB personnel from 2/24 & 2/48 Bns
 2/28 Bn " " " " 2/32 & 2/43 Bns
 LOB personnel from 2/7, 2/12 Fd Regts, 3 Tk Regt & 4 Lt AA Regt
 LOB " " Div Cav
 LOB " " 2/2 MG Bn
 24 Fd Pk Coy with u/c LOB personnel from fd coys
 11 Coy AASC less det
 Dets 2/3, 2/8, 2/11 Fd Ambsa 2/4 Fd Hyg Sec
 2/1 A Fd Wkshop less three rec secs
 2 Corps Sec 1 Ord Fd Pk
 Sec 9 Div Pro Coy ALEX Racing Club

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24 Aust Inf Bde Gp	2	Comd	13
26 Aust Inf Bde Gp	3	G (2)	14 - 15
9 Div Cav	4	AQ (2)	16 - 17
RAA	5	Rear HQ	18
RAE	6	AASC	19
Sigs	7	Ord	20
2/2 MG Bn	8	Medical	21
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ADDITIONAL TPS UNDER COMD

One copy to 28 Aust Regt RA
 One copy to 29 Aust Regt RA
 7 Med Regt RA

PART II 9 AUST DIV UNITS AND TPS IN ALEX AND AIRIYA AREAS

30 HQ
 Rear HQ 9 Aust Div
 Sec 9 Div Pro Coy
 24 Genl Sec 9 Div
 Post 9 Aust Div
 MH & I Sec

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20 AUST INF BDE GP-LOCATION STATEMENT NO 2
AS AT 0900 HRS 10 JUL 42.

Ref Map: EL HAMMAM 1/100,000.

<u>Serial.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1.	HQ, 20 Aust Inf Bde.	45009045.	
2.	"J" Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div.	do.	
3.	1 Pl "A" Coy HQ Gd Bn.	do.	
4.	58 Aust LAD.	44909010.	
5.	2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	44859035.	
6.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	44739015.	
7.	11 Aust Lt AA Bty <i>A TP</i> (less one tp).	44979049.	4051 9020 44709030
8.	2/3 Aust Fd Coy.	45159032.	
9.	"B" Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn (less one Pl).	44929032.	
10.	One Pl 2/2 Aust MG Coy.	44909015.	
11.	10 Coy AASC.	45129045.	
12.	2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	45259042.	
13.	2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW.	45209050.	
14.	"J" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk.	do.	
15.	Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy.	45009045.	

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 2/17 Aust Inf Bn. 3.
 11 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt. 4.
 2/3 Aust Fd Coy. 5.
 "B" Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn. 6.
 10 Coy AASC. 7.
 2/8 Aust Fd Amb. 8.
 Comd. 9.
 BM. 10.
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 9 Aust Div. 24.

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BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

4509 9026
~~44929050~~
 260 ATK Bty 44999040
 2/3 Pmt Bn 44208955
 24 Aust Inf Bde 43309015
 11 AUST LT AA Bty BTP 45009035
 A TP 88309062
 44709030

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Serial	Unit	Location	Remarks
<u>HQ</u>			
1	Tac HQ 9 Aust Div	88512950	
2	Main HQ 9 Aust Div	44049007)
	Emp Pl less sec		
	3 Pl Gd Bn less sec		
	B Sec FSS	44439030)
3	Rear HQ 9 Aust Div		
	Sec Emp Pl		
	Sec 9 Div Pro Coy		
	Fd Cash less det		
	Postal less det)
	MH & I Sec)
<u>CAV</u>			
4	9 Div Cav Regt and Sig sec 82 LAD	891292	
<u>RAA</u>			
5	Tac HQ RAA	88512950	
6	Main HQ RAA	44049007	
7	3 A Tk Regt, Sig sec, 71 LAD less three btys	44029006	
8	4 Lt AA Regt and Sig sec less three btys	44039006	
	One tp 11 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt	88082994	
<u>RAE</u>			
9	HQ RAE	44059007	
	Det 24 Fd Pk Coy	" "	
<u>SIGS</u>			
10	HQ Sigs	44049007	
	1 Coy Sigs 9 Div	" "	
	67 LAD	" "	
<u>MG</u>			
11	2/2 MG Bn less three coys & one pl 77 LAD	439901	" "
<u>BATTLE GPS</u>			
12	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp	45009045	
	Sig sec and 58 LAD	" "	
	Det 1 Pl Gd Bn	" "	
	2/13 Bn	45009045 45099026 ✓	
	2/15 Bn	44809040	
	2/17 Bn	44859035	
	2/7 Fd Regt, Sig sec & 63 LAD	44739015	
		88272961	Under div control
	11 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt less one tp	44979049	
	2/3 Fd Coy	45159032	
	B Coy 2/2 MG Bn less one pl	44929032	
	One pl B Coy 2/2 MG Bn	44909015	

20 Aust Inf Bde Gp (cont'd)

	10 Coy AASC	45159055	
	Two pls Gen Tpt Coy (under comd CASC on 8 hrs call to Bde)		Tp carriers for two bns
	2/8 Fd Amb less details	45259042	
	Sec 9 Div Pro Coy	45009045	
	2 Rec Sec & "J" Div Sec Ord Fd Pk	45209050	
13	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp)		
	Sig Sec and 76 LAD)	43309015	
	Det 2 Pl Gd Bn)		
14	Rear HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	43359020	
	2/28 Bn	44349000	
	2/32 Bn	43343986	
	2/43 Bn	43319019	
	2/8 Fd Regt, Sig sec & 64 LAD	88082994	Under Div control
	11 Bty 3 A Tk Regt	43309014	
	12 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt	43299015	
	2/7 Fd Coy	43709015	
	D Coy 2/2 MG Bn	43359018	
	101 Gen Tpt Coy	44079027	
	Two pls 345 Gen Tpt Coy		Tp carriers for two bns
	2/3 Fd Amb less details	43869025	
	Sec 9 Div Pro Coy	43559022	
	3 Rec Sec & "G" Div Sec 1 Ord Fd Pk	442903	
15	Tac HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp	88262983	
16	Main HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	88662946	
	Sig sec and 78 LAD	" "	
	Det 4 Pl Gd Bn	" "	
	2/23 Bn	43009018	
	2/24 Bn	87653020	
	2/48 Bn	87913002	
	2/12 Fd Regt, Sig sec & 61 LAD	88292914	Under Div control
	9 Bty 3 A Tk Regt)		
	10 Bty 3 A Tk Regt)	88082994	
	10 Bty 4 LT AA Regt & one tp 11 Bty)		
	2/13 Fd Coy)	With Main	
	A Coy and one pl C Coy 2/2 MG Bn)	HQ 26 Bde Gp	
	12 Coy AASC	891293	
	Two pls Gen Tpt Coy (under comd CASC on 8 hrs call to Bde)		Tp carriers for two bns)
	2/11 Fd Amb (MDS) less details	43759023	
	Sec 9 Div Pro Coy	)With Main	
	1 Rec Sec & "H" Div Sec 1 Ord Fd Pk)	HQ 26 Bde Gp	

17	1 Aust Commando Pl	44059006	
18	2/3 Pnr Bn	44208955	

MEDICAL

19	2/4 Fd Hyg	44439030	
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AASC

20	HQ AASC	44059007	
	Det 11 Coy AASC	45039056	
	Div Tps Coy (det AASC personnel)	44509008	

MISCELLANEOUS

21	9 Div Pro Coy less five secs	44059006	
22	Det Fd Cash Office	44049007	
	Det Postal	" "	

ADDITIONAL TPS UNDER COMMD

23	One bty 28 Arty Regt RA	24 Bde area u/c	24 Bde Gp
24	One bty 79 Arty Regt RA	26 " " " "	26 " "

PART II UNITS UNDER COMMD AUST RES GP AND IN ALEX AREA

25 HQ Aust Res Gp 51459451 ALEX Racing Club
 LOB personnel from 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 Bns
 " " " 2/23, 2/24 and 2/48 Bns
 " " " 2/28, 2/32 and 2/43 Bns
 " " " 2/7, 2/12 Fd Regts, 3 A Tk Regt & 4 Lt AA Regt
 " " " Div Cav
 " " " 2/2 MG Bn
 24 Fd Pk Coy less det with under comd LOB personnel from Fd Coys
 Det 11 Coy AASC
 Dets 2/3, 2/8 and 2/11 Fd Ambs
 2/1 A Fd Wkshops less three rec secs
 2 Corps Sec 1 Ord Fd Pk
 Sec 9 Div Pro Coy Alex Racing Club

PART III OTHER FORMATIONS

26 Main HQ Eighth Army 475913
 27 Tac HQ 30 Corps 890294
 28 Main HQ 30 Corps 445894
 29 Rear HQ 30 Corps 1 1/2 miles east of Main 30 Corps
 30 1 SA Div 43048992

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26 Aust Inf Bde Gp	3	G (2)	14-15
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RAA	5	Rear HQ	19
RAE	6	AASC	20
Sigs	7	Ord	21
2/2 MG Bn	8	Medical	22
Aust Res Gp	9	Post	23
10 Corps	10	File (2)	24-25
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20 AUST INF BDE- LOCATION STATEMENT.

Ref Map: EL HAMMAM 1:100,000.

<u>Serial.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Location.</u>
1.	HQ, 20 Aust Inf Bde.	43319015.
2.	1 Pl "A" Coy HQ Gd Bn.	43319015.
3.	"JY" Sec Sigs, 9 Aust Div.	43319015.
4.	58 Aust LAD.	43319012.
5.	2/7 Aust Fd Regt.	43459014.
6.	63 Aust LAD.	43459014.
7.	11 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt.	43459014.
8.	2/3 Aust Fd Coy.	43709017.
9.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	43538988.
10.	2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	43288987.
11.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	43299018.
12.	"B" Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.	43329013.
13.	10 Coy AASC.	43599018.
14.	2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	43659021.
15.	2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW.	43599020.
16.	"J" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk.	43599020.

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2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	2.
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	3.
2/7 Aust Fd Regt.	4.
11 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt.	5.
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.	6.
10 Coy AASC.	7.
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	8.
9 Aust Div.	9.
Comd.	10.
BM.	11.
SC.	12.
IO.	13.
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Sigs offr.	19.
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BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde

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HQ 2/2 MG Bn 889293
MAIN 9 DIV 889295

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20 AUST INF BDE-INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 8.up to 1800 hrs 20 Jul 42.1. GENERAL.

The main concentrations of GERMAN inf appears to be in the northern sector, from the sea to 290 northing grid. Further south opposite 1 and 2 SA bdes, roughly between 280 and 290 northing grids, is the bulk of ITALIAN inf. Further south still, opposite the RUWEISAT ridge is the GERMAN armour with the ITALIAN armour on its right. The approx posn of enemy formations is thought to be as follows -

- 382 Lt IR (1 and 3 Bns) ex CRETE- from sea to 300 northing.
- 104 Lorried Inf (1 Bn) 21 Armd Div-pt 24 feature 873299.
- 361 Lt IR (1 Bn) 90 Lt Div- 873298.
- BRIEHL Gp (Army Tps see below)-874297.
- ? Elements TRIESTE Div) -along the line of telephone line
- SABRATA Div) to 8765 easting.
- 200 Lt IR (90 Lt Div)- astride QUATTARA track from 294 to 292 northing.
- 361 Lt IR (2 Bn) 90 Lt Div- area 877290.
- KIEL Gp- between 290 and 288 northing.
- TRENTO Div-between 288 and 286 northing.
- BRESCIA Div-between 286 and 284 northing.
- PAVIA Div-between 284 and 282 northing.
- FORCE 288 -between 282 and 280 northing.

2. 382 Lt Inf Regt (GERMAN) which recently arrived from CRETE is credited with a strength of 2500 all ranks on 17 Jul. Two of its bns, 1 and 3, are astride the rd and ry in the coastal sector and the maximum strength in that area would be 1700 men; but since the Regt took part in several unsuccessful counter-attacks against 26 Aust Inf Bde, the total may be less. 2 Bn of this Regt has been located in the central sector. PW state that the Regt was flown from CRETE and has its LMGs and ATk guns (37 mm) but NO fd arty and NO tpt of its own. In CRETE its status was that of low category tps of occupation.
3. A GERMAN is now in comd of the northern sector. A dispute in clear over the air has been intercepted as to whether it is OC 200 IR or OC 104 Lorried IR.
4. A sapper operating with a 24 Bde patrol successfully stalked and knocked out a tk with an ATk grenade on night 19/20 Jul.
5. 44 enemy planes were destroyed by the RAF on 19 Jul. Many of them were destroyed on the ground by one of our formations which followed enemy planes home to their airfield.
6. The following is a summary from various sources of enemy pin pts and disposns so far located on 9 Aust Div front:-

(a) NW Sector.

General- The enemy line of FDLs appears to run 1 mile west of ours throughout the Coastal Sector.

Inf-

- (i) 875299 (cutting area) apparently by day only.
- 874302.
- 873299 (In strength).
- 87482998 approx 1 Coy (20 Jul).

Arty.

- (ii) 87233033 87523044.
- 87083047 87293043.

ATk.
(iii) 87502994- 3 ATk guns.

MGs.
(iv) 875299.
87272995.

Mortars.
(v) 87353010, 87403043, 87313028, 87272995, 87213011, 87353023.

Tks.
(vi) Mainly 874303 and 876299. Main concentrations are south of
9 Aust Div area.

Armd Cs.
(vii)-none reported.

Diggings.
(viii) Around and west of TELL EL EISA cutting 88523048, 87403043.
these are occupied-possibly with IMGs.

Wire.
(ix) -none reported.

Mines. enemy minefield from 87422997 to 87462990.

(b) SW Sector.

The general line of enemy FDLs appears to run from pt 24 feature
873299 SE along the telegraph line to 8765 easting, thence just
west of trig 22- 87682950 continuing SE to 87802900, thence south
along 878 easting.

Inf.
(i) Pts 23 (873296)-CAIRN 875296 (Tps debussing in this area
18 Jul).

87622968- Inf consolidating.

87622947- Inf digging in, in some strength.

87632947-87622955-about 400/500 ITALIANS (19 Jul).

Arty.
(ii) 87512978, 87242963.

ATk.
(iii) 87612955 (confirmed).
87642964-87642968-87642969- a row of ATk or MG posts, app-
earing as pill boxes or tk turrets about 10/12 men per post.

MGs.
(iv) 87732941, 87752922.

Mortars.
(v) -none located as yet.

Tks.
(vi) 87632947 NW-N behind trig 22. Up to 12 tks.

Armd Cs.
(vii) 877295 (one sqn 3 Recce Unit- 17 Jul).

Diggings.
(viii) 87912962 (7 Jul), 87962928 (7 Jul), 87632949)
87832949 (15 Jul), 87942936 (7 Jul), 87622937) (19 Jul).
87932944 (1 Jul), 87972934 (5 Jul), 87622947)
87922934 (1 Jul), 88002927 (1 Jul).
From 87802936-87802927 (confirmed).

Wire.
(ix) Single DANNERT 87852940-87842925.

Mines.
(x) 87832930-87832926 (Suspected).

7. Moon Sets- 20 Jul 0020, 21 Jul 0102, 22 Jul 0148, 23 Jul 0234,
24 Jul 0330, 25 Jul 0430, 26 Jul 0532, 27 Jul full.
Moon Rises-28 Jul 2025, 29 Jul 2110, 30 Jul 2150, 31 Jul 2232.

8. Enemy Order of Battle.
Composition of BRITISH Co.

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>ORs.</u>	<u>Armament.</u>
606 FLAK Bn.	5.	92.	3-20 mm, Tp 7.63 mm. (RUSSIAN)
605 ATK Bn.	2.	44.	4-47 mm.
? Det 190 ATK Bn.	5.	114.	4-50 mm.
	<u>12.</u>	<u>250.</u>	

Vehs. - 50.

Tks. - 2 captured BRITISH. (1 blown up by minefd 17 Jul).

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11 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt.	5.
2/3 Aust Fd Coy.	6.
"B" Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.	7.
10 Coy AAC.	8.
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	9.
2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFCW.	10.
"J" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk.	11.
345 Gen Tpt Coy.	12.
58 Aust LAD.	13.
1 Pl "A" Coy HQ Gd Bn.	14.
"J" Sec Sigs, 9 Aust Div.	15.
Comd.	16.
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20 AUST INF BDE-INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 9.
up to 0600 hrs 22 Jul 42.

1. The following AXIS tps are in the area north of 285 northing:-

GERMAN- Comd Col MARCKS, OC, 15 Lorried Inf Bde.

Formation.	Men.	Fd guns.	Atk.	Tanks.	Armd c's
I & III Bns 382 Inf Regt.	1500.	? 8.	? 8.	-	-
BRIEHL Battle Gp.	250.	1.	4 5cm. 4 47 mm SP.	1 Stuart.	-
361 Inf Regt.	600.	? 4 25 prs.	16 (a)	-	-
200 Inf Regt.	700.	-	20 (b)	-	-
KIHL Battle Gp.	250.	? 4 25 prs.	? 4 2 prs.	3.	3.
Army Arty.	1000.	max 24 med.	-	-	-
Corps Arty.	1250.	max 20 88mm.	-	-	-
<u>TOTALS:</u>	5550.	24 med: 20 88mm. 17 Fd.	56.	4.	3.
(a)	incl 12 7.62cm and 3 28/20 mm.				
(b)	incl 7.62 cm.				

ITALIAN.

Formation.	Men.	Med or Fd.	Atk.	DP.	Armd c's.	Tanks.
TRIESTE.	3500.	28.	10.	6.	15.	? 12.
TRENTO.	3600.	23.	24.	-	-	-
SABRATHA.	1500.	12.	12.	-	-	-
21 Corps Tps.	1700.	20(a)	10.	-	-	-
<u>TOTALS:</u>	10,300.	83.	56.	6.	15.	? 12.
(a)	probably incl 12- 149mm or 152 mm.					

2. Dispositions of these tps are approx as follows:-

I & III Bns 382 Inf Regt- coast to incl TELL EL EISA.

Remainder 15 Lorried Inf Bde- excl. TELL EL EISA to SANYET EL MITEIRIYA 875289.

TRENTO Div- Pt 33 (876288) to 284 northing.

TRIESTE and SABRATHA Divs-in sp of 15 Lorried Inf Bde from Pt 30 (870293) northwards.

3. Details of hostile btys located in coastal sector north of 300 northing are as follows:-

87163020,	86833002 (105 mm),	87113066,
86913006,	87463068 (AA),	87353048,
87503056 (88 mm),	87233026,	86793010 (5 Fd Guns)
87013051 (255 mm).		

4. Captured Documents and Eqpt.

Large quantities of captured documents and eqpt have been recovered by fwd units during recent ops. The value of these items was incalculable, and 9 Aust Div has been highly praised for the speed with which they ^{were} despatched to GSI at Corps HQ. Unit Int Secs must be alert to recognise valuable eqpt and to co-operate with FS personnel detailed to collect it. And all ranks should be impressed with the importance of NOT destroying enemy papers and material.

5. Enemy Methods.

ITALIAN.

The following is an extract from a letter from Col di COSA, OC, 86 Inf Regt (now PW) to one of his Bn Comds who was just taking his bn into the front line for the first time:-

"Div has rung up this very moment to say that the units in front of you are AUSTRALIAN-notable patrollers; keep your eyes open; don't withdraw your patrols in further than 100 metres from the strongpoint, or you'll find yourself left high and dry with only an alarm bell for protection".

(From Main 30 Corps Intelligence Summary No 136).

6. PW.

Psw passed through 30 Corps PW Cage from 0600 hrs 10 Jul to 1800 hrs 18 Jul- 4917. These consisted of GERMAN offr 4, ORs 183; ITALIAN offr 263, ORs 4467.

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10 Coy AASC.	8.
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	9.
2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW.	10.
"J" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk. 11.	
345 Gen Tpt Coy.	12.
58 Aust LAD.	13.
1 Pl "A" Coy HQ Cd Bn.	14.
"J" Sec Sigs, 9 Aust Div.	15.
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20 AUST INF BDE-INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 10.
up to 1100 hrs 26 Jul 42.

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1. Enemy Methods.

- (a) GERMAN units in the fighting so far have proved extremely quick at mounting a counter-attack. It is normal for him to register his own most prominent defended localities in case of enemy penetrations of the posn, and his reaction to our attack is likely to be, first by arty and mortar fire aimed at preventing consolidation, followed by a counter-attack. Our greatest success has been achieved by night attacks which reach the objective in time to permit consolidation before daylight.
- (b) GERMAN tps will stand firm unless they are actually attacked and overrun; they will NOT withdraw merely because of a threat to their flanks, nor because they are being surrounded. They have been ordered to hold their posns "however serious the situation becomes".
- (c) The GERMANS will attempt to localise our attack by arty, ATK guns and MGs, but co-ordination will be difficult for them because GERMANS and ITALIANS are interspersed. What they fear most is:-
- (i) any adv by us west of QATTARA rd.
(ii) a panic by the ITALIANS.
- (d) GERMANS do NOT recognise many rules of warfare, and all ranks should be warned to expect treachery. GERMAN PW will NOT file automatically to the rear without escort like the ITALIANS, and cases have already been reported of GERMAN MG crews, having surrendered to a leading coy and been directed to the rear, returning to their guns and shooting up the res coys. When surrendering, they will delay their captors as much as possible-e.g., emerge very slowly from trenches and dugouts-so as to give sniping MGs further back an opportunity to shoot our tps.

2. Enemy Strength.

- (a) Apart from supporting Army and Corps Arty, the present strength of the GERMAN forces in the area is estimated at:-
- 3580 men; 19 Fd; 75 ATK; 16 Armd Cs.
In sp there is thought to be a maximum of 24 med guns and 20-88mm.
- (b) The present strength of the ITALIAN forces in the area is estimated at:-
- 9100 men; 70 med or fd; 45 ATK; 6 DP; 15 Armd Cs; ? 12 tks.

3. Enemy Disposns.

- (a) Since the attacks on 22 Jul, the enemy has withdrawn an average distance of 3 kilos on SW front. The general line of enemy FDLs now appears to run from coast at 87503043 to 87343030 to 87433008, thence around west 24 feature to 87232985 to 87302975 to 87402930 thence 874293 to 878290. GERMAN strongpts at pt 23-87252969 and 87882905.

/2.

(b) There is no change in the general disposns of GERMAN forces north of the 285 northing grid since the issue of today's sitreps. In addition to the GERMAN forces mentioned in 3 (d) below, it is possible that III Bn 433 Inf Regt (Ex-CRETA) may have come fwd and have relieved elements of 382 Inf Regt on the coast but this is not confirmed. 580 Recce may also be in the northern sector in the general area 873296. The GERMANS have lost about 300 PW and some guns in the last few days but the guns have for the most part been replaced.

(c) During the last four days ITALIAN disposns have been materially adjusted. It is believed that SABRATHA, which lost 64 offrs and 1080 ORs as PW between 1 and 20 Jul, has probably been withdrawn. The morale of the remaining ITALIANS is known to have been seriously affected by continual bombing and shelling and by our recent attacks. The GERMANS have therefore adjusted the disposns so that no substantial body of ITALIANS is in direct contact with our tps in any area. The ITALIAN inf however has to be retained in order to fill gaps and to give depth to the defence, and the Fd arty is an essential supplement to the GERMAN arty.

(d) The disposns of the Axis tps are thought to be:-

I and III Bns, 382 Inf Regt-	Coast to incl TELL EL EISA.
KIEL Gp and 33 Recce	- area TELL EL EISA.
361 Regt battle gp-	
incl 1 Bn 361 Inf Regt-	area excl TELL EL EISA to
1 Bn 155 Inf Regt-	SANYET EL MITEIRYA.
BRIEHL Battle Gp	- ditto.
200 Inf Regt Gp	- SANYET EL MITEIRYA south-
	wards tp approx 284 northing.
TRIESTE	- in sp west & SW TELL EL EISA.
TRENTO	- in sp area 200 Inf Regt Gp.

(e) AFVs.
The enemy's mob res in the northern area is very small. His counter-attacking force (5 & 8 Tk Regts-with total estimated runners 50 on 27 Jul) is now in area DEIR EL ABYAD-DEIR EL SHEIN-EL MIREIR, but enemy battle gps in northern sector have tks, and counter-attack with tks is always probable.

(f) Arty. The main gun areas are:-
(i) West and SW TELL EL EISA. 50-60 guns incl 12-15 88mm.
(ii) Behind (SW) MITEIRYA ridge. About 14-88mm.
(iii) SE and MITEIRYA ridge. 30-40 guns.

4. Minefields.

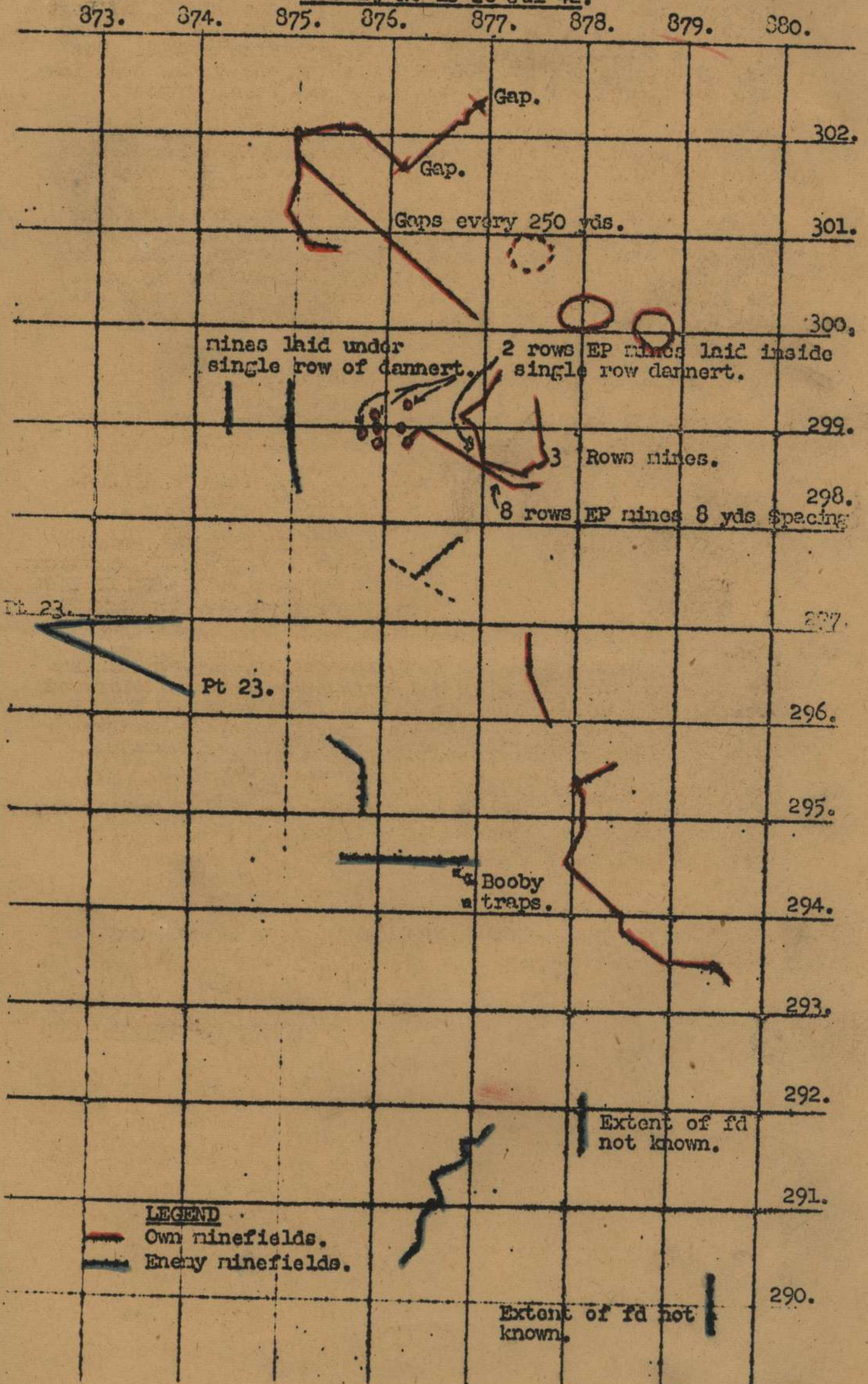
A sketch showing our own and enemy minefields so far reported is being issued separately.

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To: 2/17 Aust Inf Bn, B Coy 2/2 MG Bn, 2/3 Aust Fd Coy, SC,
 58 Aust LAD, 2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW, 2/8 Aust Fd Amb, BSM,
 Pl HQ Gd Bn, 10 Coy AASC, 345 Gen Tpt Coy,
 "J" Sec Sigs, 11 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt, 8 THURKAS.
 FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. No. 1.252. 26.

SITREP NO 26 (.)
 enemy coastal sector (.) general line of enemy FDLs runs from coast
 to 87433000 (.) gun concentrations in RUIN area 872303 (.) from
 87433000 FDLs run around the western 24 feature to approx 87232985
 thence south SE to 87302975 to 87402930 with probable outpost posns
 to east (.) strongpt with dannert wire being prepared pt 23 87252969
 (.) known GERMAN strongpost 878290 (.) all informed.

Except
 Wireless.

J. Holloway, Sgt
 1. Lieut.

Time of
 DRIS. origin. 1320 hrs.

Time handed in.

Time of receipt.

20 AUST INF BDE-INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 11.
up to 1000 hrs 30 Jul 42.

1. General.

The past 48 hrs has been quiet on all sectors, except for occasional arty fire at opportunity targets. The enemy is clearly adopting a defensive line and is actively wiring and mining his new FDLs. The enemy is believed to have strengthened his posn in the north by bringing up further GERMAN reinforcements, particularly 1 Bn 115 Lorried Inf Regt.

2. Enemy Disposns.

Enemy disposns on 29 Jul were thought to be :-

(a) Coast to TELL EL EISA incl.
I & III Bns 382 IR.

Possibly reinforced by elements of 433 IR if it has arrived from CRETE

KIEL Gp.

Supporting 382 IR about TELL EL EISA feature.

(b) excl TELL EL EISA- area 873290.
I & III Bns 155 IR.

Supported by arty.

II Bn 361 IR.

of TRIESTE Div.

(c) MITEIRIYA ridge area.
33 Recce.
1 Bn 62 IR TRENTO.

Area 874291 to QATTARA track.
HQ at 87122907.

BRIEHL Gp.

Holding ridge supported on west of QATTARA track by II Bn 62 IR and east of track by II Bn 61 IR. (both TRENTO).

1 Bn 115 Lorried Inf.

probably east of QATTARA track.

(d) East of QATTARA track and south MITEIRIYA Ridge down to 284 grid.

I & II Bns 200 IR,

interspersed with two more TRENTO Bns, probably I Bn 61 IR & III Bn 61 IR.

3. Enemy Order of Battle.

(a) I Bn 361 IR suffered heavily in fighting 27 Jul and is thought to have been wiped out.

(b) SABRATA Div which has suffered by casualties since 10 Jul (incl 1300 PW) has ceased to exist.

(c) 17 PW captured 0600 hrs 29 Jul at cairn 875296 incl 11 PW from 220 Engr Bn and 6 PW from I Bn 62 IR TRENTO. GERMAN PW stated that they had been sent out to lay mines and became lost. Further details in Appx "A". ITALIAN PW stated that they left their lines about 800 metres away on patrol at 2000 hrs the previous evening, had become lost and joined the GERMAN party to await first light.

4. Ground Ops.

The following account of ops carried out by formations of EIGHTH Army commencing night 26/27 Jul can give no more than a general picture as several details are either still lacking or are unconfirmed, and there is still obscurity as to certain phases of the op:

The attack commenced at 0030 hrs 27 Jul when our tps, under heavy enemy SA and arty fire, moved SW parallel to and west of the QATTARA track directed on SANYET EL MITEIRYA ridge between 87372906 and 87532897. The attack was preceded by a heavy arty barrage on the objective. Some 1000 metres from the objective

an enemy minefield was encountered astride and at right angles to the track which was the axis of adv. Our inf successfully passed through this minefield on foot. Sprs followed and made a good gap in the minefield. The enemy however from a posn at about 87352925 put ATK and MG fire onto the gap and succeeded in setting on fire the leading S.M. veh which lit up the gap and the minefield in that area. Aided by this light the enemy destroyed other vehs attempting to pass through the gap until the gap was blocked with vehs and the passage of vehs was stopped. Various attempts with carriers, mortars and by patrols were made to knock out the enemy guns but neither A Ech vehs nor arty FOO vehs could get through the minefield. One arty FOO was killed in making the attempt.

By 0110 hrs our inf reached their objective and quelled enemy opposition despite some casualties from enemy arty, mortar and MG fire. Principle resistance to our tps came from I Bn 361 IR which was apparently completely wiped out except for a few stragglers. A total of three GERMAN offrns 109 GERMAN ORs and 11 ITALIANS were captured.

Among the vehs to be destroyed on the minefield was the Bn W/T set and all comm with fwd tps had therefore to be made with a No 18 set. The posn of the fwd tps was obscure although it was known that they had but little amm left and no observed arty sp. At 0800 hrs an LO attempted to make contact by approaching the ridge from the east of the QATTARA track and then moving west to the fwd tps. His veh however was destroyed by mortar fire just south of the ridge and he was pinned down in square 876288 until the following morning, when mist enabled him to make his way back to our lines.

In the meantime our forces south of MITEIRIYA ridge had advd westwards and made gaps in the enemy minefield running from 877287-876285. They then advd further west towards their objective but got held up on the left by strong enemy fire and a spg unit in the darkness lost direction. Our armour reported itself unable to pass through in the centre.

In the NE the formation on our left flank moved against the enemy posns north of 291 grid line but, owing to the course of events on the ridge, were ordered to withdraw before coming into close contact with the enemy.

At approx 0915 hrs enemy tks and inf apparently counter-attacked our tps on MITEIRIYA ridge in approx area 874289-875289 but no details of the fighting have become available. The fwd tps reported by their No 18 set that they were in trouble and asked for and obtained arty concentration on their front and flanks. Tk sp was also requested. The enemy forces consisting probably of BRIEHL Gp assisted by elements of 15 Armd Div over-ran our fwd tps who all became casualties, but it is not known what proportion were killed or wounded.

Some of our armd forces in the northern sector were ordered to attack the enemy tks on MITEIRIYA ridge and to make contact with our tps there. This attack was launched during the morning but met with heavy enemy arty and ATK fire and only small numbers succeeded in reaching the objective. Enemy fire was there found too intense to enable our tks to remain and after suffering some casualties they were ordered to withdraw and to rally in rear of our tps in area 877293.

In the centre some confusion existed throughout the morning as to whether the gaps made in the minefield were in the right place, and the attack by our armour there had to be delayed until it became necessary for our tks to sp the withdrawal of such of our tps in the centre who were west of the minefield and threatened by counter-attacks by enemy tks. This withdrawal was successfully accomplished by night fall 27 Jul but not without casualties.

Total enemy losses in the north and centre during ops have been conservatively estimated to be as follows:-

20 AUST INF BDE-INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 11.INTERROGATION REPORT OF 8 POW FROM 3 COY 220 ENGR BN.

PoW were captured with 3 others at 87522964 night of 28/29 Jul 42.

They had been laying mines and had lost their way. An Interofficer who was with them escaped.

All POW had only been in AFRICA since the beginning of Jul, having come from CRETE. Since arrival they had been engaged in laying mines, mostly English, in the area between the sea and the pt where captured. One PW, an AUSTRIAN anti-GERMAN was extremely forthcoming and was interrogated in conjunction with Lieut CAMPBELL, IO to CRE. The following information is based mostly on his statements:-

Strength of Coy 100/120.

OC Coy 2nd Lieut WENZLER (now in hospital sick).

A/OC Coy 2nd Lieut SHELINGER.

As far as POW were aware 1 and 2 Coys have not yet arrived in AFRICA, one referred to Bn HQ as in AFRICA. OC 2 Coy Lieut LAURENZ. Several POW had been recently transferred from 2 to 3 Coy. Coy posn was given as between main rd and ry not far from ruined village and Mosque on slightly raised ground. POW had had try but no previous experience in mine laying. They were instructed in the use of English mines shortly after arrival in AFRICA by a 2nd Lieut SCHUMANN. Since about 8 Jul approx 2000 GERMAN T-mines and 8000 English and Egyptian mines (Mk 4 Mk 5 and EP) have been laid. These mines had not been lifted elsewhere but came packed in boxes probably from TORONTO. On the night of capture the party had laid some 50/60 mines in irregular formation.

Mines are now being laid in two ways:-

- (a) In regular formation (for details of method of laying see Tech Report by Lieut CAMPBELL. These minefields are laid laterally and are marked by wire. They normally contain 500/600 mines.
- (b) In irregular formation (Strechminats). These minefields are laid irregularly along compass bearings taken from gaps in the regular minefields and contain about 100 mines. They are not marked by wire but are laid so that anyone in possession of the plan can negotiate them successfully by means of compass bearings. These irregular minefields may be as far as 2000 metres in front of the regular marked minefields. They are generally laid in staggered gps.

The quality of all POW intellectually was very low and morale about equally low. Nearly all made no attempt to maintain security but in most cases knew very little. A number of them had previously been in the 713 Labour Coy.

There is stated to be a bty of 12 ITALIAN guns about 4 Miles to the north of the Coy posn. It is rumored that the 433 Inf Regt has arrived in AFRICA but none of the POW had seen any men from it.

500 men.
3 tks knocked out.
3 tks damaged.
3 fd guns destroyed.
8 Russian guns destroyed.
10 .17k guns destroyed.
5-20 mm guns destroyed.

The casualties to enemy tks and to 2 enemy guns were caused by our
armd forces. It is considered quite possible that the enemy had fur-
ther losses through our intense and accurate arty fire, results of
which however could not usually be observed.

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20 AUST INF BDE- INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 12.
up to 1000 hrs 31 Jul 42.

1. General.

Except for patrolling, the whole front has been quiet. A GERMAN NCO who was in charge of the mine laying party captured 0600 hrs 29 Jul at 87522964 was himself captured in the evening in the same locality. One of his men gave an interesting account of the present system of minelaying which is reproduced as Appx "A" to this summary.

2. Identifications.

(a) ITALIAN. 5 Coy II Bn "Gruppo Battaglioni" Giovani Fascisti has been identified in a captured diary of 1942. The connection between this bn and the Young Fascists Armd Div is not known. (30 Corps I.S.146).

6 PW of 3 Coy I Bn 62 IR TRENTO Div captured 29 Jul in area 87522964. PW stated that the coy had been in the line only since 27 Jul and believed that their bn was nearly up to strength.

(b) GERMAN. German NCO ex 3 Coy 220 Engr Bn captured 1730 hrs 29 Jul at 87522964.

3. Enemy Disposns.

There is no known change in the general enemy disposns in the northern sector. Enemy armour is believed still mainly concentrated in the areas DEIR EL ABYAD, EL MIRIER and 874280, with ITALIAN armour, incl many new arrivals, further south guarding the southern approaches.

PsW repeat the rumour that 433 IR is in AFRICA but no tps from that regt have yet been actually seen.

4. Enemy Methods.

(a) ITALIAN. A captured document dated 14 Jul contains the following phonogram from HQ BRESCIA Div to HQ 20 IR, "PLEASE TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THE BOUNDARIES OF MINEFIELDS COMPLETED OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION CONSIST OF HIGH STAKES FACING OUR FORCES. CHANGE ANY SHORT ONES ALREADY PLACED, PUTTING HIGH INSTEAD OF LOW ONES. FOR BOUNDARIES OF FLANK FACING ENEMY, SHORT STAKES CAN BE USED. SUPPLIES OF LONG STAKES WILL BE AVAILABLE TODAY". (30 Corps I.S.No 146).

Comment: Ref to the enemy use of high and short stakes in a minefield is contained in Appx "A" att.

(b) GERMAN. Codes and Sigs. According to a PW from 8 Tk Regt the COs tk bears a red pennant with a black swastika. In the top corner is a small white square. The Bn Comds have a pennant with black, white and red horizontal stripes and a small black swastika on the white stripe. Broken down tks fly a yellow pennant with a black 'W' on it. (30 Corps I.S. No 146).

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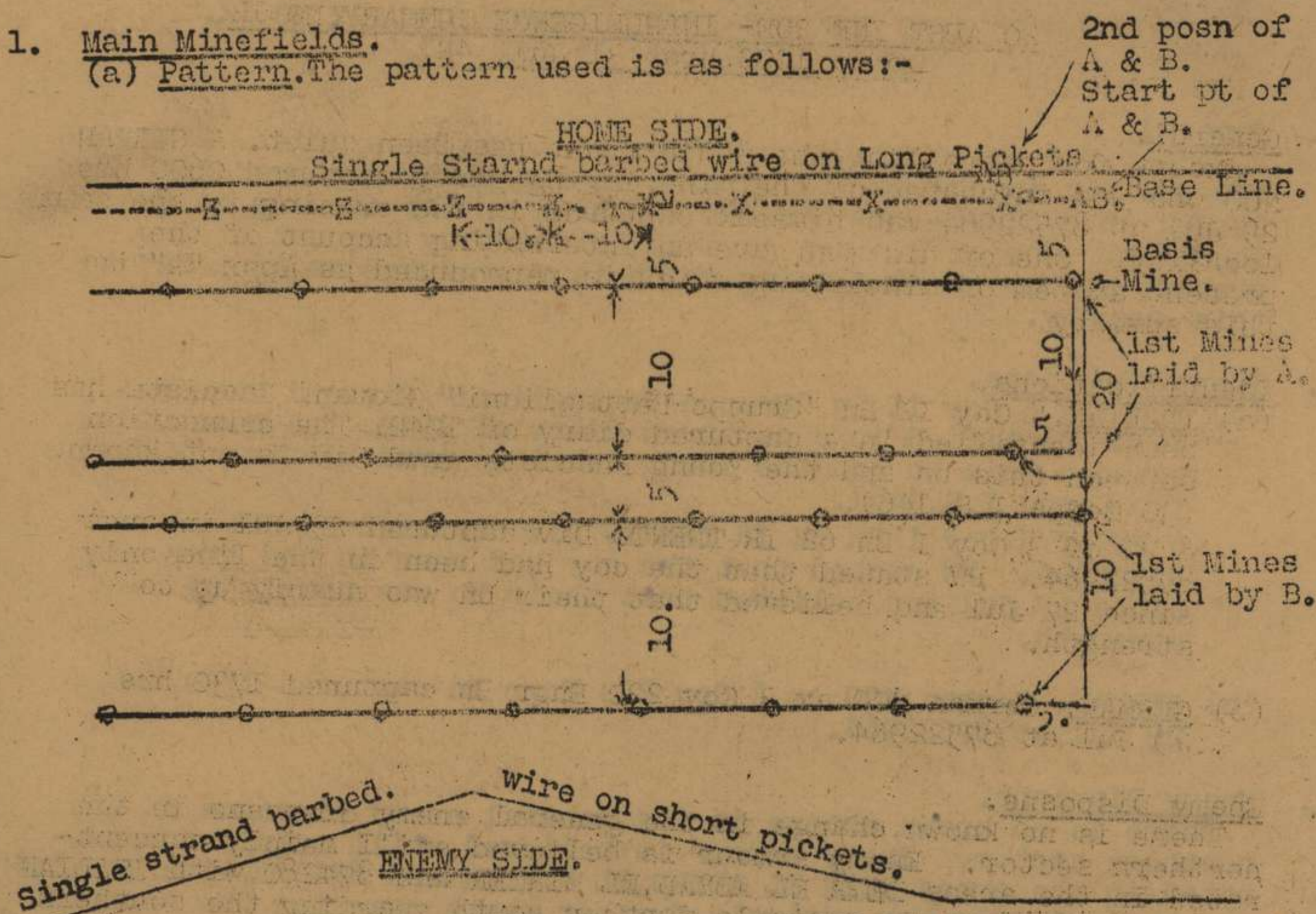
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R. J. Hamer Capt
for Maj.
EM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

ENEMY MINEFIELDS.

1. Main Minefields.

(a) Pattern. The pattern used is as follows:-



(b) Method. A laying party usually consists of 12 men and a comd, though the number may vary.

Mines are laid in relation to a base line. The men stand in pairs at 10 paces intervals along the base line and move as follows:-

"A" moves off at right angles to the base line 5 paces and lays down one mine. He then continues for 10 paces, turns right and marches 5 paces and lays his second mine. Simultaneously with the above op "B" moves off 20 paces, puts down one mine, moved on 10 paces, turns right for 5 paces and places second mine. "B" then buries it and continues back to start pt. "A" awaits till "B" passes him on his return journey and then buries his mines in the same way.

The whole party then moves off down the base line and repeats the op, preserving the 10 pace interval. on the base line.

(c) Marking. The home side of the fd is marked with a single strand of barbed wire on long pickets. The wire follows the line of the fd about 2 paces behind the base line, i.e. 7 paces from the inner row of mines. On the enemy side a single wire on short pickets is used. This wire does not follow the line of the fd. Notices are also used to warn of the presence of mines. (Details unknwn to PW).

(d) Gaps. Gaps are 10 paces wide and are marked off with a single wire, which always remains in place. They are normally closed. Two methods are used for closing gaps:-

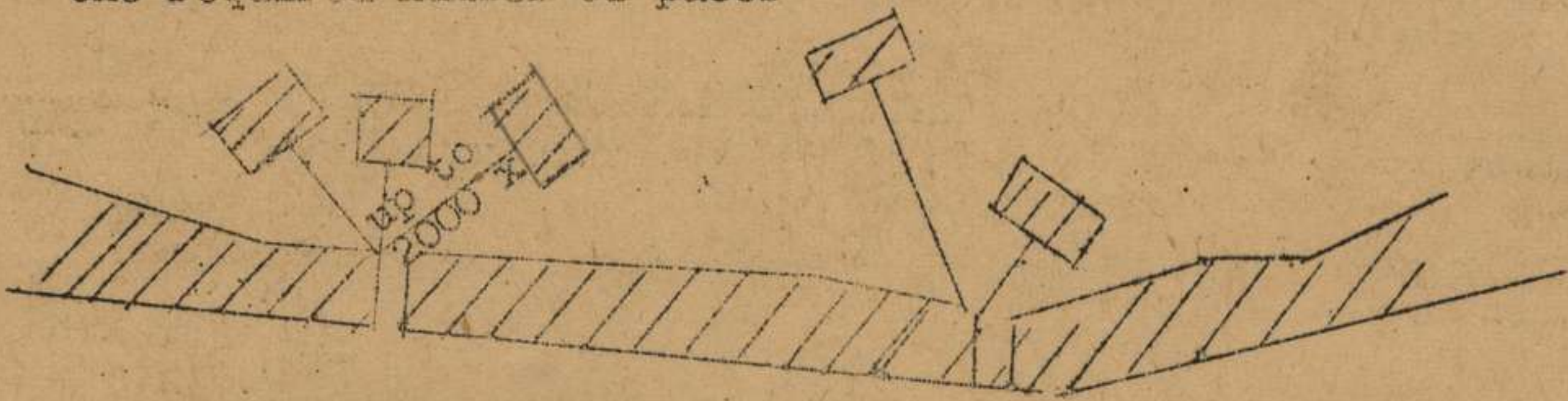
(i) 5 mines are spaced irregularly in gap leaving a narrow path for inf on either side near the wire thus:-

(ii) Gaps completely closed and with two boards placed over 5 mines to ensure that no AFV could pass through.

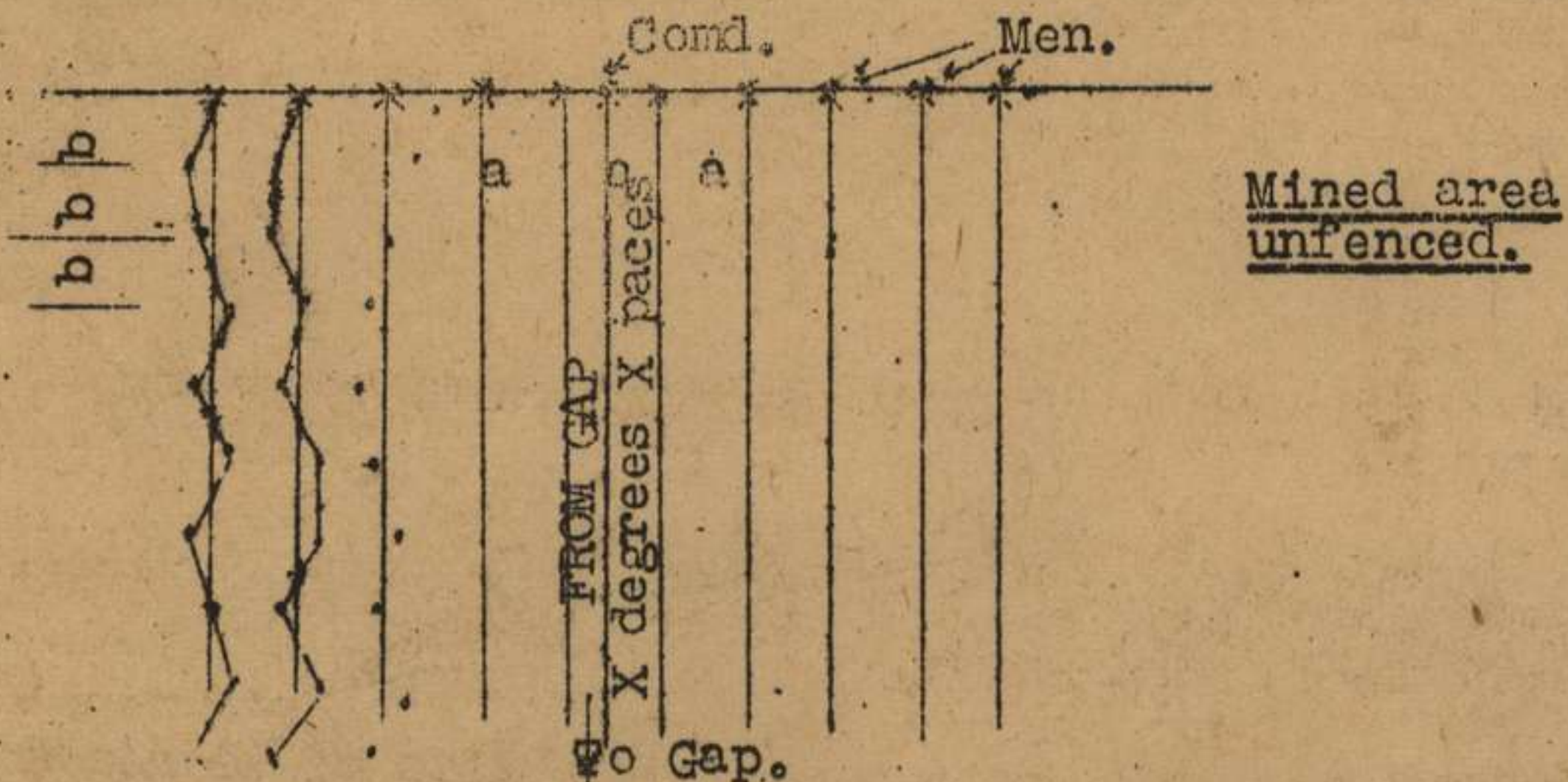
General: Prisoner states that the distance of the main minefields from FDLs varies from 200 to 1,000 metres.

2. Scattered Fds. Scattered fds consisting of 100 or more mines unfenced are laid in front of the main fd at distances up to 2000 metres, measured from the gaps.

Method. The laying party consists of comd and about 10 or 12 men. The party moves off on a compass bearing from the left hand front corner picket of a gap in the main minefield. Having moved out the required number of paces



they turn about and lay the mines in the following manner:-



(a) The comd states the number of mines to be laid, the number of paces between men (a) and mines (b).

Both (a) and (b) may vary from 20 to 50 paces.

(b) The men then fall in at right angles to the original line of march, with an equal number on either side of the line and face towards home.

(c) The whole party then moves back in line laying their mines at the specified interval (b) and taking their general direction from the comd.

(d) The layers zig-zag slightly deliberately but maintain the general direction.

3. General.

All fds are laid from the enemy side and working towards "home". Prisoner does not know if booby traps are being att to Tellermines as his sec has not laid any of these mines. He knows of no more recent types than the "S" and Tellermines. He has had instruction in improvisation of booby traps and mines, but has done neither. He says the latter have been used on the Russian front.

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FRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To:

2/17 AUST INF BN, B COY 2/2 MG BN, 2/3 FD COY,
58 AUST LAD, 2 REC SEC 2/1 AAFW, 2/8 AUST FD AMB,
PL HQ GD BN, 10 COY AASC, 345 GEN TPT COY,
"J" SEC SIGS, SC, BSM.

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. No. I. 267 Date 31.

STREP NO 31 to 1800 hrs 31 jul (.) 1955 hrs 30 jul 1 pl enemy inf
debussed 87222988 engaged by our arty (.) night 30/31 generally quiet
our arty carried out harassing shoot between 2300 and 0100 hrs in
square 872297-872298-876301-876291-875289 (.) slight enemy CB fire
large number duds in reply to our harassing fire (.) patrols reported
enemy defended posn occupied by GERMANS estimated 2 coys extending
from 87262985 to 87282978 (.) informed of posn GERMAN three row patt
minefield shaped like letter 'Y' with prongs towards our lines (.)
at 87282998 large dump containing 47mm amn lt and hy BREDA amn cook-
ing dixies sleepers and ITALIAN rifles (.) near pt 17 872300 is mound
of stones and two drums with wooden crosses on top believed to be
guides for MT (.) 5 enemy tks reported by cav at 874292 0730 hrs
observed derelict by cav and arty OPS (.) all informed.

Except Wireless. *R. J. Namet* Capt. DRLS. Time of or 1830 hrs

PRO FORMA- MESSAGE FORM.

To:

2/17 Aust Inf Bn, B Coy 2/2 MG Bn, 2/3 Aust Fd Coy,
58 Aust LAD, 2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW, 2/8 Aust Fd Amb,
Pl HQ Gd Bn, 10 Coy AASC, 345 Gen Tpt Coy,
"J" Sec Sigs, SC, BSM.

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. No. I. 2/31 Date 30.

SITREP NO 30 to 1500 hrs 30 jul (.)

GERMAN NCO PW 220 engr bn comd working party captured by cav area
875296 1730 hrs 29 jul (.) night 29/30 jul reasonably quiet only
very slight enemy harpassing fire 24 and 26 bde sectors (.) Patrols
SW sector encountered some MG and mortar fire from area 878291 (.)
patrols coastal sector report at 87553032 found 7 dry 44 gal drums
in rows spaced approx 30 yds apart wire att to each drum (.)

the free end of wire bared as for electrical contact
(.) possibly some form barrel flame traps (.) same patrol recovered
SPANDAUS and amm (.) 2 derelict tks at 87483037 used by enemy as
MG posts (.) our MMGs harpassed enemy working party in area
875291 results unknown (.) our arty harassed enemy L OF C area
87233028 to 87143037 during night (.) SA div report 0015 hrs
87752900 one MK III TK probably OP shelled by our arty and later
joined by another tk (.) 1200 to 1300 hrs continuous MT movement
in 870292 870293 and 871293 thence NW (.) all informed.

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R. J. N. amet

Capt.

DRLS.

Time of

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1800 hrs.

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To:

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58 Aust LAD, 2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW, 2/8 Aust Fd Amb,
Pl HQ Gd Bn, 10 Coy AASC, 345 Gen Tpt Coy,
"J" Sec Sigs. SC. BSM.

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. No. I. 259 Date 30

SITREP NO 29 to 0600 hrs 29³⁰ jul(.) quiet night(.) arty reports enemy
apparently laying minefd from 87482905 to 87582899 (.) 9 div cav at
0640 hrs captured at 87392975 11 GERMANS from 3 coy 220 engr bn and 6
ITALIANS from 1 bn 62 IR later in same day captured 1 more GERMAN
same area (.) otherwise NTR (.) all informed.

Except Wireless. *W. W. W.* Capt. DRLS. Time of or. 0800 hrs.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To:

2/17 Aust Inf Bn, B Coy 2/2 Mg Bn, 2/3 Aust Fd Coy, SC,
58 Aust LAD, 2 Rec Sec 2/1 M.F.W., 2/8 Aust Fd Amb, BSM,
Pl HQ Gd Bn, 10 Coy AASC, 345 Gen Tpt Coy,
"J" Sec Sigs. 11. Bty 4 Lt AA Regt.

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. No 1.255. Date 27.

SITREP NO 28 to 1400 hrs 27 Jul (.) last night 26 bde patrols recovered 3 105mm guns and truckload amm also 2 ATK guns and much other enemy eqpt (.) 0920 hrs BOSTONS bombed coin 50MT head to tail area 862295 considerable damage (.) 0945 hrs 2/28 bn being heavily counter-attacked by tks (.) no details yet available (.) 0905 hrs 104 RHA heavily divebombed by STUKAS (.) further PW identifications GERMAN 1 coy 190 ATK bn (.) 3 tp 480 med bty (.) ITALIAN 2 bn 62 IR (.) 51 bn 4 engr regt (.) both TRENTO div (.) all informed

Except Wireless. R/ No net Capt. DRLS. Time of origin 1400.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To:

2/17 Aust Inf Bn, B Coy 2/2 MG Bn, 2/3 Aust Fd Coy, SC,
58 Aust LAD, 2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW, 2/8 Aust Fd Amb, BSM,
Pl HQ Gd Bn, 10 Coy AASC, 345 Gen Tpt Coy,
"J" Sec Sigs, 11 Bty 4 Lt A Regt, 8 GHURKAS,

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. No. I.254. Date. 27.

STEP NO 27 to 1000 hrs 27 jul (.) last night 2/28 bn adv west of QATTARA track and reached objective on MITERIYA ridge capturing approx 100 GERMAN 12 ITALIAN PW (.) identifications 1 bn 361 regt 33 ATK bn TRENTO div (.) PW stated enemy expected attack by tks and were weak in inf but strong in ATK guns (.) 69 BRITISH bde also attacked and believed reached objective on QATTARA track between K13 and K16 (.) ops are proceeding (.) all informed.

Except wireless. R J Hower Capt. DRLS. Time of or. 0945 hrs.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To:

2/17 Aust Inf Bn,	B Coy 2/2 MG Bn,	2/3 Aust Fd Coy,	SC,
58 Aust LAD,	2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW,	2/8 Aust Fd Amb,	BSM,
PL HQ Gd Bn,	10 Coy AASC,	345 Gen Tpt Coy,	
"J" Sec Sigs,	11 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt,	8 THURKAS.	

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. No. 1.252. 26.

SITREP NO 26 (.)

enemy coastal sector (.) general line of enemy FDLs runs from coast to 87433000 (.) gun concentrations in RUIN area 872303 (.) from 87433000 FDLs run around the western 24 feature to approx 87232985 thence south SE to 87302975 to 87402930 with probable outpost posns to east (.) strongpt with dannert wire being prepared pt 23 87252969 (.) known GERMAN strongpost 878290 (.) all informed.

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Wireless.

J. Holloway Lt
Lieut.

Time of
DRIS, origin. 1320 hrs.

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To:

2/17 Bn,	B Coy 2/2 Mg Bn,	2/3 Aust Fd Coy,	SC,
58 LAD,	2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW,	2/8 Aust Fd Amb,	BSM,
Pl HQ Gd Bn,	10 Coy AASC,	345 Gen Tpt Coy,	
"J" Sec Sigs,	11 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt,	8 GHURKAS.	
FROM:	20 AUST INF BDE.	No. I. 251 Date 26.	

SITREP NO 25 to 0900 hrs 26 jul (.)

very quiet night all sectors but our patrols active (.) found dumps of mines on double pt 24 feature but none laid also many diggings with much am and small arms and two 81mm mortars (.) now confirmed whole of GERMAN 90 Lt div on this front with elements TRENTO and other ITALIAN divs interspersed with GERMAN bns (.) patrols 9 aust div cav regt report slight enemy movement MT and inf west of pt 23-87252969 (.) all informed.

Except Wireless. *R J Names* Capt. DRIS. Time of or. 1010 hrs

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To:

2/17 Aust Inf Bn,
B Coy 2/2 MG Bn,
2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW,
SC.

11 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt,
10 Coy AASC,
345 Gen Tpt Coy,
BSM.

2/3 Aust Fd Coy,
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.
2/8 GHURKAS,

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE.

I.248.

25.

SITREP NO 24 to 2100 hrs 24 Jul (.)

our patrols active during day enemy appear working on general line 87252980 to pt 23-87262969 to 87352950 to 87402930 with strong pt being built at pt 23-~~87~~(.) main enemy formation disposes all sectors believed unchanged (. 2030 hrs hy MG fire reported from 87562923 (.) all informed.

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wireless.

[Signature]
Lieut. *[Signature]*

DRLS.

Time of
origin. 0840 hrs.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To:

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B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn, 10 Coy AASC, 2/8 Aust Fd Amb,
2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW, 345 Gen Tpt Coy. 2/8 GURKHAS,
SC. BSM.

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. No. I.247. 24

SITREP NO 23 to 2100 hrs 23 jul (.)
northern sector generally quiet since noon (.) patrols report follow
ing (.) enemy minefield vicinity 87632975 extending 500 yds in NE
direction (.) 87562943 at 1600 hrs NMS on front for 2500 yds (.)
1900 hrs 873294 30/40 trucks 1 tk moving east engaged by arty (.)
1705 hrs at 87252950 70 inf, 10 MT, 2 ATK guns, 1 MG, 4 arty (.)
87642948 1 halftracked armd SP 7.62 ATK gun with amm found and brought
in (.) 87602946 similar veh and gun destroyed by explosives (.)
87622947 tractor-drawn 7.62 ATK gun found destroyed (.) another from
same area towed in (.) 873296 pt 23 enemy inf and ATK gun (.) no
known change enemy disposns (.)

SITREP to 1000 hrs 24 jul (.)
quiet night (.) GERMAN patrols active in coastal area but no contact
made (.) small parties inf in area 87423009 (.) little digging west
of cutting (.) 0710 hrs div cav patrol at 87382965 still proceeding
westerly reports NMS (.) 0930 hrs cav reports enemy moving to
87252969 probable OP (.) small parties enemy seen 87252980 and
87242969 (.) estimate enemy fd and med guns available to the enemy
northern sector total 34 tps (.) CBO advises 33 tps located same
sector (.) all informed.

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J. H. Howay Lt
for Lieut. DFLS. Time of or. 1330 hrs.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To:

2/17 Aust Inf Bn, 11 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt, 2/3 Aust Fd Coy;
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn, 10 Coy AASC, 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.
2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW, 345 Gen Tpt Coy.

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. No. I,246. 24. ---

SITREP NO 22 to 1400 hrs 23 jul (.)
sitnor in northern sector (.) total PW in cage captured by 9 div
tps since first light 22 jul is GERMAN 2 offr 173 ORS and ITALIAN
72 ORS plus 2 civilians (.) identifications from QATTARA rd 8729
area are 1 bn 361 LIR, 1 coy 33 ATK bn, 9 coy 62 IR TRENTO div (.)
enemy disposns from coast southwards believed in following order (.)
1 and 3 bns 382 lt inf regt flanked by KIEL battle gp, BRIEHL battle
gp, 1 bn 155 LIR, 1 bn 200 LIR, 1 bn 361 LIR, elements 33 ATK bn with
elements TRIESTE and SABRATA divs behind GERMAN lines (.) 1 bn 104
LIR extending SW from 878290 to TRENTO div (.)
24 bde (.) patrols to west of rd during morning 23 jul observed
enemy digging parties 200/300 strong area 873291 also staff car
and 2 tks (.) all informed.

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B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn, 10 Coy AASC, 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.
2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFV, 345 Gen Tpt Coy.

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. No. I.244. 23. --

SITREP NO 20 to 2100 hrs 22 Jul (.)
enemy formed in SW slopes of double 23 TELL EL EISA feature at 1920
hrs but were broken up by our arty fire and did not attack (.)
at 1900 hrs 2/28 bn with in sp 50 RTR attacked RUIN ridge west of
QATTARA rd 875289 and 874290 (.) results of this attack not yet
available (.) total enemy PW captured today is to 1800 hrs 1 offr
89 ORS plus 6 in MDS and since 1800 hrs 1 offr 40 ORS arrived at
cage (.) PW all GERMAN (.) enemy disposns last light estimated
as follows (.) coast 1 and 3 bns 382 regt possibly spd by KIEL
battle gp (.) PW states 1 bn 433 inf regt which comprises low
category tps from CRETE has arrived fwd area and may be north, (.)
BRIEHL gp vicinity TELL EL EISA (.)^{next} probably 1 bn 361 IR with
elements 8 MG bn (.) next 200 IR and 1 and 2 bns 155 IR with two
tps 18 FLAK vicinity 875294 (.) elements TRIESTE and SABRATA divs
behind above units (.) 2 bn 361 IR about 876291 (.) force 288
and ITALIAN inf divs in central sector with 15 and 21 armd divs (.)
in south TRIESTE and LITTORIO armd divs (.) 3 bn 155 IR in area
873275 (.) all informed.

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Maclean 4pl
for Lieut.

Time of
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To:

2/17 Aust Inf Bn, 11 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt, 2/3 Aust Fd Coy RAE,
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn, 10 Coy AASC, 2/3 Aust Fd Amb.
2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW, 345 Gen Tpt Coy,

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. No. I.243. 22. --

SITREP NO 19 to 1230 hrs 22 jul (.)

26 bde (.) 24 bn holding from coast incl rd in old posn (.)
23 bn holding rd cutting at 875300 and eastern pt 24 874299 (.)
48 bn holding western pt 24 and TELL EL EISA ry sta (.)

24 bde with 2/13 aust inf bn att (.) 13 bn in old 2/28 bn posns
astride QATTARA rd at 87842940 (.) 43 bn has not moved (.)
32 bn tele line at 87602970 -87562963-87572958-87622953 (.)

div cav (.) A sqn 87712975 (.) B sqn 878297 (.) C sqn 87612975 (.)

generally 9 aust div captured its first objective was counter-
attacked on all unit objectives and remains in possession of all
objectives except knoll in NE corner of 874301 (.) 9 div tps
opposed by GERMAN tps all sectors and some tks probably of battle
gps (.) 0840 hrs 1 offr 56 GERMAN ORS captured vicinity pt 22
87682950 identified from 90 lt div, 4 coy 155 lt inf regt and
8 MG bn (.) PW from area 874301 identified from 3/2 lt inf regt
(.)

other formations central and southern sectors (.) own tps secured
all their objectives on time except pt 64 -881279 which was
captured and consolidated later (.) enemy launched several counter-
attacks but only partially successful (.) main enemy armour
definitely engaged southern sector (.) all informed.

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Wireless.

J. Hokawa, Sr
for Lieut.

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DRLS. origin. 2000 hrs.

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To:

2/13 BN, 2/15 BN, 2/17 BN, 11 BTY 4 LT AA REGT, 2/3 FD COY, B COY 2/2 MG BN,
14 COY AASC, 2/8 AUST FD AMB, 2 REC SEC 2/1 AAFW, 2/7 AUST FD REGT.

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. No. I.241. 20. --

SITREP NO 18 to 0700 hrs 20 jul (.) on coastal sector enemy FDLs appear to be 1 mile west of ours (.) patrols 1250 yds from our FDLs at 1440 hrs 17 jul saw only 6 enemy but were not fired on (.) on 24 feature little movement of tps or vehs seen (.) south of ry general line of enemy FDLs from pt 24-87472997 to high ground 87402985 ~~pt~~ SE along telephone line to 87642967 then SW to 87592961 (.) MGs and ATK gun posns appearing as pillboxes or tk turrets at 87642964-87642968-87642969- with about 10 or 12 men perhaps posted (.) continuous single wire 18 ins high apparently recently erected runs from telephone line 87692964 in front of enemy posns (.) enemy mortars at 87313028 (.) TELL EL EISA ry sta is held and has always been held by our tps (.) our FOO on trig 22-87672950 directed regt concentrations on enemy on ridge from cairn 87542962 to 1000 yds SE and on enemy in vicinity trig 22 (.) enemy numbering 200 near trig 22 used mortars MG and ATK guns (.) 4 tks believed M13s 2 lorry loads of inf and 1 staff car arrived in this area and our FOO withdrew (.) our FDLs est on QATTARA rd 18 jul are 1650 yds NOT 650 SW of telephone line as previously reported (.) daylight patrols to 87722927 reported occupied enemy posn astride track at 87722922 for 500 yds NW and SE (.) 7 enemy vehs destroyed TELL EL EISA sta 14/15 jul and reported to be ambs containing arms and amm proved to comprise 6 amm trucks and 1 amb similar in appearance (.) the amb did not contain arms or amm (.) end of SITREP (.) 30 corps directs that NO identifications of own tps be mentioned in future intelligence summaries (.) refer to own tps only in general terms (.) all informed.

EXCEPT WIRELESS.

Mohamud fu
Lieut.

DRLS. Time of Or. 1500 hrs.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE

To:

2/13 BN, 2/15 BN, 2/17 BN, 11 BTY 4 LT AA REGT, 2/3 FD COY, B COY 2/2 MG BN,
10 COY AASC, 2/8 AUST FD AMB, 2 REC SEC 2/1 AAFW, 2/7 AUST FD REGT.

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE.

No. I.240.

20.

SITREP NO 17. (.) details of patrols in 24 bde area from 0001 to 0300 hrs 19 jul (.) at approx 87622947 enemy in some strength digging in (.) in rear of working party 10 to 12 tks were observed 1 of these has been identified as M13 (.) enemy were seen between 87632947 and 87622955 estimated about 400/500 men believed ITALIANS (.) period 0900 to 1400 hrs (.) situation generally quiet (.) patrols to maintain contact being employed to west SW and south of div FDLs (.) small enemy party 87463028 (.) ry cutting 875300 held by 1 of our patrols (.) movement of enemy tps and vehs in small numbers vicinity 874299 (.) carrier patrol with FOO pt 22 87672950 about noon and reported some MT 1 lt tk and some inf digging in low ground 400 yds south of pt 22 (.) all informed.

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To:

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10 COY AASC, 2/8 AUST FD AMB, 2 REC SEC 2/1 AAFW, 2/7 AUST FD REGT.

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. No. I.238. 19. ---

to 0900 hrs 19 jul (.)
SITREP NO 16. (.) past 24 hrs generally quiet while enemy believed brought
forces north but no attack developed (.) night patrols found **NO** enemy
at TEL EL EISA cutting 87512998 but diggings in around and west off trig
22 (.) up to 12 tks from 87632947 to half circle NW to north behind trig
22 with many inf around them (.) diggings also 87632949 about 7 men and
87622937 about 30 men (.) no signs enemy withdrawal or attack seen (.)
SA patrols considered enemy forces now west of 876 eastings grid between
291 and 283 grids (.) 1 armd div reports few tks and little movement
seen south (.) all informed.

Except
Wireless. *G. Marston Chl*
for Lieut. 1910, DRLS. Time of
origin. 1400. hrs.

THI.

TOR.

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10 COY AASC, 2/8 AUST FD AMB, 2 REC SEC 2/1 AAFW, 2/7 AUST FD REGT.

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. NO I.236. 18. --

to 1000 hrs 18 jul (.)

SITREP NO 15 (.) our posns TELL EL MAKHKHAD ridge previously called
trig 22 ridge attacked 3 times afternoon 17 jul (.) 1st and 2nd attacks
repulsed by our arty (.) 3rd attack 1630-1700 hrs intense enemy arty
fire and pressure from enemy tks forced withdrawal to tel line with tk
losses as mentioned in SITREP 14 (.) 2 have been recovered and 1 is
recoverable (.) most of casualties occurred in enemy counterattack on
2nd objective morning 17 jul (.) Atk gun losses 3 destroyed 3 damaged (.)
26 bde night attack on TELL EL EISA ry cutting 875299 not successful (.)
24 bde adv SW during night and by 0130 hrs had reached objective with-
out opposition (.) present posn fwd elements 950 yds SW of tel line
astride rd area sq 878294 (.) before 2200 hrs 2/48 bn made carrier raid
double 24 feature (.) encountered and ret'd by fire (.) 3 carriers
struck own minefd (.) 1 recovered immediately other recoverable (.)
2/23 bn unable capture cutting TELL EL EISA sta and ret'd to starting
posns (.) 2/28 bn adv and occupied front about 650 yds south of tel-line
750 yds astride QATTARA rd (.) rest of night quiet (.) believed 90 lt
div moving north -may attack northern bdes today (.) all informed.

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Lieut.

DRLS.

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origin. 1500 hrs.

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FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. I.235. 18. --

to 1300 hrs 17 jul (.)

SITREP NO 14 (.) 24 bde captured both objectives but withdrew when

counter attacked by enemy tks before our arty could sp (.) both fwd bns

consolidating on 1st objective (.) exact posn FDLs unknown (.) PW

captured total 29 offr 750 ORs all ITALIANS (.) identifications passed

to 30 CORPS (.) main enemy arty and MG posns SW of ridge (.) 1115 hrs

SA exploiting force ordered to cover left flank but 1210 hrs held up by

enemy strong posts 88252⁸370 and west (.) 9 div cav report enemy inf were

attacking about 87622984 with 8 tks further south and west (.) tks moved

off after shelling (.) 1305 hrs sitn reported by arty as appearing favour-

able 26 bde front quiet (.) our losses incl 7 VALENTINES 3 HONEYYS 3 DIV

CAV CRUSADERS some recoverable (.)

to 1830 hrs 17 jul (.)

intense enemy arty fire and pressure from enemy tks on front and flanks

forced withdrawal our tps to ~~TKK~~ tel line south of ry and caused

substantial casualties personnel tks and eqpt (.) figured^s NOT available

(.) no further PW and no guns taken (.) front is now firm (.) several

air raids on tps and guns (.) sitn last night quiet on both bdes

sectors (.) all informed .

J. H. Howarth
for LIEUT.

DRLS.

Time of
origin.

0900 hrs.

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FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE.

No. I.234.

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SITREP NO 13 (.) enemy counter attacked on right flank 24 bde with
success (.) bde withdrawn general line 880294 to 878298 (.) posn
somewhat obscure (.) **SITREP ENDS** (.)
additional mines warning (.) fds under construction (a) 43808862-
43868850-43608840-43658847(.) (b) 44088847-44168835-44058827-43958835-
(.) (c) 44408890- 44358885-44678865-44358847- (.) all informed.

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10 COY AASC, 2/8 AUST FD AMB, 2 REC SEC 2/1 AAFW, 2/7 AUST FD REGT,

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. No. I.233. 17. --

0730 hrs 17 jul(.)
SITREP NO 12 (.) total PW 16 jul GERMAN ORs 41, ITALIAN OFFRS 30, ORS 530
(.) quiet night 26 bde sector (.) 0540 hrs 2/32 bn captured ridge NW
and SW through trig 22 87672950 (.) 2/43 bn moved through 2/32 bn and
reached ridge from 876288 to ruin 875289 (.) our tks reported on ridge(.)
fire coming from right and centre on to 2/43 bn (.) ITALIAN PW total
5 offrs 205 ORs captured (.) identification 2 bn 5, 6, and mortar coys -
65 inf regt-TRIESTE div (.) 32 engr bn GUASTATORI-6 coy of BERSAGLIERI-
9 tp 21 arty regt TRIESTE (.) SITREP ENDS (.)
later information approx 0830 hrs 2/43 bn under hy fire from front and west
withdrew to ridge through trig 22 87672950 (.) 2/32 bn raided 0900 hrs
by 18 STUKAS (.) all informed.

for Ashmore
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DRIS. Time of origin. 1725 hrs.

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TO *1st Lt. J. S. ... 11 Bn ... AR. 735 Coy. 7th MG Bn 10 Coy ADC. 7th FA Bn 13, 2nd ...*

FROM *20 AVST INF BDE*

Originator's Number: *620* Date: *15* In Reply to Numbers

SITREP No 10 to ... SW of TELL EL

EISA ... reported ...

In the ... DF ...

up attacks ... GERMANS using SL ...

GERMAN PW captured from FLA MOT 617 REGT ...

... BDE via DB ... STUICAS ... GERMANS hold

area South of ... all informed

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reported	2	miles	WEST	Pl- 33	at-
1035 hrs	but	did	not	influence	withdrawal
(.)	Situation	how	quiet	(.)	approx
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(.)	Identifications	3	and	14	Coys
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FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. No. I.218. 14. ---

1500 hrs 14 jul.
SITREP NO 9 (.) 26 bde front (.) night 13/14 jul quiet and NTR (.)
1310 hrs enemy inf guns and tks reported 873301 possibly threatening
attack but later report stated that only dispersed enemy inf could be
seen (.) on 1 SA div front several enemy working parties digging about
1500 yds from perimeter (.) believed probably about 26 tks in whole SA
div sector opp SW edge EL ALAMEIN perimeter (.) several parties dispersed
MT and inf seen moving east 0335 hrs (.) sector quiet (.) in south at
877253 ~~knocked~~ two parties 1 MET knocked out (.) bombers attacked concen-
trations enemy 8727 and 8728 at 0905 and 1100 hrs (.) results not yet
reported (.) estimated enemy casualties in yesterdays attempt to enter
EL ALAMEIN perimeter 150/200 (.) own 9 killed 75 wounded (.) 0831 hrs
MACCHI shot down by AA fire into sea 883301 pilot killed (.) 39 ATK bn
reported at 871293 (.) all informed.

J. J. J. J.
for Lieut.

Time of
DRLS.origin. 1920 hrs.

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FROM: 20. AUST INF BDE. No. I.217. 14. --

1220 hrs 14 jul.

SITREP NO 8 (.) 0800 hrs 1 enemy aircraft shot down into the sea
by AA (.) 1130 hrs 20 MT area 876290 and occasional MT moving west
parallel to ry 3000 yds from it (.) 1210 hrs 16 tks and inf 883286
and 883287 (.) 1215 hrs 26 bde reports attack coming in from NW
between ry and main rds square 873301 inf and tks (.) own arty
engaging (.) all informed.

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DRLS. Time of origin. 1530 hrs.

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TOR.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To:

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10 COY AASC, 2/8 AUST FD AMB, 260 A TK BTY, 2 REC SEC 2/1 AAFW.

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. No. I.216. 14. --

0630 hrs 14 Jul.

SITREP NO 7 (.) quiet night 26 bde front (.) first light enemy lorried
inf observed approaching from dead ground west of pt 24 feature (.)
no sign of attack developing (.) subsequent report 0620 hrs AFVs have
moved south from west side of 24 feature (.) offr 382 LF INF REGT rode
MC into 2/24 bn lines wounded and captured during night (.) SA div
report our minefields not penetrated (.) first light SA front slight
inf movement and 1 tk seen possibly knocked out (.) all informed.

W. H. ...

for

LIEUT.

DRLS.

Time of
origin.

0945 hrs.

THI.

TOR.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

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10 COY AASC, 2/8 AUST FD AMB, 260 A TK BTY, 2 REC SEC 2/1 AAFW.

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. No. I.215. 14. --

2030 hrs 13 jul.

SITREP NO 6 (.) 1350 hrs enemy attack developed from south of
24 feature between 873 and 875 grids and about 3000 yds from 2/24
bn FDLs (.) 8 tks and lorried inf engaged by arty (.) observation
impaired by dust and smoke no estimate of inf possible (.) attack
unsuccessful and enemy withdrew (.) 1355 hrs 18 tks reported 8000
yds NW of pt 33 zigzagging through salt marshes between rd and
sand dunes (.) 1427 hrs tks turned south last sighted 3000 from
pt 33 (.) 1610 hrs by enemy CB on our arty area 884295 (.) 1550
hrs SA div reported 11 tks and approx 400 inf area 880286 and 13
tk plus inf 881288 (.) 1635 hrs 2/24 bn reported enemy inf
assembling for attack between rd and coast 874303 to 873303 (.)
attack did not develop inf went to ground in dead ground (.) 1708
hrs by bombing attack on our arty area 884295 1 gun knocked out (.)
1745 hrs unidentified aircraft bombed area 8730 (.) 1815 hrs
enemy coln SW of ALAMEIN sta moving slowly south (.) 1912 hrs two
GERMAN aircraft bombed 8829 (.) general (.) 1600 hrs reliable
reports considerable number of enemy dead near coast area 879302 (.)
attack SA front up to 1830 hrs repelled further attack developing
2020 hrs (.) all informed.

for
Lieut.

DRLS

Time of
origin. 0840 hrs.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO:
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10 COY AASC, 2/8 AUST FD AMB, 260 A TK BTY, 2 REC SEC 2/1 AAFW.

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. No. I.214. 13. --

SITREP NO 5 (.) 1300 hrs enemy launched two large scale **oattacks** on SW EL ALAMEIN box and on 26 Bde front (.) DB attack followed by hy CB on SA guns already STUKA'D (.) 1345 hrs enemy laid hy smoke screen under cover of which 400 inf attempted to adv (.) believed 5 tk regt sp attack with GERMAN engrs attempting to make gaps in minefield (.) 15 to 20 tks seen 1527 hrs 882289 (.) further 18 tks halted 883285 at 1550 hrs (.) up to last reports at 1600 hrs no enemy tks had penetrated minefield (.) reported 1530 hrs that 7 tks some inf being engaged ~~887x~~ 87432988 (.) also reported 1450 hrs 18 tks on rd west of pt 33 (.) PW captured night 12/13 incl identifications 12 coy 382 inf regt (.) states coy brought its MGs from CRETE (.) other PW from 8 tk regt and 5 tk regt both captured coastal area may be from KIEL battle gp or KAMPFSTAFEL battle gp (.) all informed.

A. Ashonag
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DRLS. Time of origin. 2035 hrs.

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MG BN, 10 COY AASC, 2/8 AUST FD AMB, 260^V A TK BTY, 2 REC SEC 2/1 AAFW.

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. No. I.213. 13. ---

1300 hrs
SITREP no 4 (.) 1008 hrs enemy tks reced coastal sector and same
time enemy inf and 13 tks approached pt 24 feature from SW (.)
tks engaged by our arty one knocked out at 875297 (.) enemy tks then
moved round NW of feature 24 (.) 1055 hrs enemy estimated strength one
bn or more went to ground squares 871300 872300 871301 (.) 1115 hrs
2/24 bn report lorried inf did not press home attack (.) 2 tks observing
from same area engaged by arty enemy inf also engaged (.) pt 24 heavily
mortared (.) 87452973 24 enemy vehs bombed and engaged by arty (.)
1125 hrs enemy inf debussing approx 87283003 moving under cover of
ridge to ry line then west along line to area approx 871303 two miles
from our FDLs engaged by our arty (.) at pt 11 square 870304 arty
reported large numbers dispersed MT (.) 1208 hrs attack on pt 24
heavily engaged by our arty and dispersed (.) enemy inf presumed lying
up area 871300 872300 871301 (.) 1300 hrs SA gun areas approx 885292
attacked by 21 JU 88s 7 STUKAS (.) all informed.

Lieut. *W. G. G.*

DRLS.

Time of
origin 1600 hrs.

THI.

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10 COY AASC, 2/8 AUST FD AMB, 260 A TK BTY, 2 REC SEC 2/1 AAFW.

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. No. I.211. 13. --

SITREP no 3 (.) 1 (.) 9 div cav patrol night 11/12 counted tks knocked out incl 9 M13 6 GERMAN mk 111 and mk LV 7 unidentified (.) 1 M13 driven in 4 bogged and recoverable 4 destroyed by engrs (.) 1 mk 111 burned out (.) 4 mk 111 and LV area SW TRIG 33 not reached owing to enemy MG fire (.) balance not examined (8) 2 (.) 1825 hrs enemy attacked along coast 875302 halted within 700 yds withdrew to 1000 yds (.) enemy tried to bring up 88 mm guns (.) these were engaged by arty whenever they halted (.) 3 (.) 1939 hrs by attack from south incl 1 and possibly 4 tks (.) attack held by last light (.) posns remain intact (.) 4 (.) 0600 hrs quiet night except for exchange of arty fire (.) 1 fighting patrol hampered by enemy flares (.) some PW not yet identified (.) no further enemy attacks (.) enemy casualties not definitely known but estimated approx 60 due to our very intense arty mg and mortar fire (.) own casualties thought lt (.) all informed.

for Johnson Sr
Lieut.

DRLS. Time of origin. 0900 hrs.

THI.

TOR.

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10 COY AASC, 2/8 AUST FD AMB, 260 A TK BTY, 2 REG SEC 2/1 AAPW.

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. No. I. 209. 12. ---

SITREP (.) no 2 (.) 15 CORPS new on general line 832 easting from 280
northing (.) air reports indicate enemy moved some tps to area west end SW
26 bde (.) air today concentrated against enemy airforce (.) indications
that enemy guns may have moved further west (.) enemy FDLS still appear to
run from 882280 to 882296 (.) DAYCOL later report 1024 PW 1 ATK gun 9 AA LMG
1 SA truck all brought in 15 AA LMGs destroyed (.) total bag to date 2700
PW 22 plus tks div cav patrol drove in 1 M13 tk (.) huns dragged off some
tks first night (.) enemy dispositions (.) 35 recce unit 876260- 580 recce unit
872264 -90 lt 868267- 21 armd 860270- 5 tk regt 875271- litterie 865275-
288 force 865278- 15 armd 876280- ariete 869284- sabrata 882282-trente 882282-
to 880290-300 lt IR 870290-pavia 878294-trieste 875297-3 recce unit 873297-
brescia 865297-382 lt inf 870306-XXXX (.) 1 SA div patrols engaged bn mining
and digging parties (.) all informed.

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Lieut. *[Signature]*

Time of origin. 2200.
DRLS.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO: 2/13 BN,
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10 COY AASC, 2/8 FD AMB, 260 A TK BTY, 2 REC SEC 2/1 AAFW.

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE, No. 1, 206 Date 13, Reply to: --

SITREP (.) no 1 (.) 26 aust inf bde report 1017 hrs
12 enemy tks and carried inf movement SE approx 87423009
being engaged by our arty also being attacked by med
bombers (.) all informed.

B. Maclean
Lieut. B10

DRLS.

Time of: 1605.
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To: 2/15 BN, 2/17 BN, 11 BTY LT AA REGT, 2/3 FD COY, B COY 2/2 MG BN,
10 COY AASC, 2/8 FD AMB, 260 ATK BTY, 2 REC SEC 2/1 AAFW.

From: 20 AUST INF BDE No. ~~1.204~~ ^{DAYCOE} Date: 12. Reply to:

SITREP (.) ref I.202 ~~ROBOL~~ lost NO guns (.) 3 AUST TK claim
21 tk kills on 26 bde front majority mk III and mk IV (.)
our casualties 2x to 2230 hrs 11 Jul 2 ofrs 20 ORS killed 130
through MDS (.) all informed.

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Time of: 1155
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To: 2/13 BN, 2/15 BN, 2/17 BN, 11 BTY LT AA REGT, 2/3 FD COY, B COY 2/2 MG BN,
10 COY AASC, 2/8 FD AMB, 2 REC SEC 2/1 AAFW.

From: 20 AUST LN No. I.203. Del: ~~Ex 203~~. 12. Reply to:

SITREP (.) 2200 hrs (.) 1620 hrs DAYCOL returned having destroyed
7- 75 mm guns captured approx 400 PW identifications incl PW 27
I R PAVIA DIV captured ref 879295 (.) own casualties lt (.)
1700 hrs 20 JUs 87s and ME 109s DB rd 885295 (.) 1800 hrs 6 CR 42
approx 12 ME 109 bombed 8829 (.) last light report 26 bde rd 873
easting grid to SIDI ABD EL RAHMAN by traffic both directions
heavier NW to SE (.) concentration MT lagering area 872302 and
further MT 866299 (.) present situation quiet.

Lieut. *W. Munnice*

DRLS.

Time of: 0630.

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To: ~~2/13~~ BN, 2/15 BN, 2/17 BN, 11 BTY LT AA REGT, 2/3 FD COY, B COY 2/2 MG BN,
10 COY AASC, 2/8 FD AMB, 2 REC SEC 2/1 AAFW,

From: 20 AUST INF BDE. No. I. 202. 11. --

SITREP (.) PWS through excl todays bag total 1499 (.) 1200 hrs 2/24 bn
objective captured and consolidated with tps fwd and tks back (.)
DAY COLN kept 0500 hrs (.) 0930 hrs reports some PWS taken held up 1025
hrs approx 897295 by considerable arty fire (.) 4 guns knocked out (.)
attacked by 9 STUKAS at 1115 hrs and 7 CR 42s 1216 hrs 12 casualties (.)
1100 hrs 6 tks and MET opp 2/28 bn engaged by our arty (.) dispersed by
1130 hrs and moved west leaving 2 enemy tks knocked out (.) 1140 hrs
only enemy movt MT and possibly tks opp 2/28 bn (.) engaged by our arty (.)
generally enemy thin (.) our arty engaged bty near CAIRN 87552962 (.)
no final figures available PWS or tks knocked out but enemy towed out
some tks knocked out overnight (.) all informed.

[Handwritten signature]
Lieut. *[Handwritten initials]*

Time of origin. 2215.
DRLS.

THI.

TOR.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To: 2/13 Bn, 2/15 Bn, 2/17 Bn, 2/3 fd coy, 2/8 fd amb, 10 coy base,
 B coy 2/2 mg bn, 11 bty 4 lt aa regt, 260 bty atk.

From: 20 AUST INF EDE. No I. 201.

SITREP(.) ref map EL ALAMEIN 1/50,000(.) attack commenced 0330 hrs 10 Jul
 when 2/48 bn silently attacked feature .26 879300(.) complete purpose was
 achieved and first objective taken on time(.) bn exploited to pt 23 877300
 covered by accurate arty fire and reaching limit of exploitation 0555 hrs
 commenced consolidation(.) 2/24 bn after finding coast route to start line
 impassable owing to bog attacked pt 33 875901 from SE capturing objective
 on time(.) this phase met with more resistance(.) bn exploited south to ry
 but attack unsupported by tks and MGS which had bogged en route(.) bn
 consolidated on third objective(.) during this period our casualties extr-
 emely light(.) 2/48 bn 1 killed 2 wounded(.) lost 1 bantam 1 1-ton veh 1
 3" mortar(.) 2/24 bn 6 killed 14 wounded lost 4 carriers possibly other
 losses(.) enemy casualties incl over 1150 PW but no est yet available
 enemy killed and wounded(.) PW incl comd and HQ 7 BERSAGLIERI regt and
 28 other ITI ofrs 1 GERMAN ofr 89 GERMAN OR(.) eqpt captured incl 3
 three 105 mm guns 5 75mm guns 6 BOFORS 1 ATK gun portee 30 tks incl 17
 runners(.) other sp weapons not yet counted(.) numerous docs and maps also
 captured(.) enemy then launched frequent DB mg and high level attacks on
 captured area and gun posns within AL AMEIN box(.) these attacks caused
 some casualties and damage to eqpt among many units(.) at 0945 hrs raidg
 party ordered move west followed by 9 div cav regt 1000 hrs(.) 1100 hrs
 1 mk 3 tk destroyed whilst moving east along the rd(.) 1130 hrs enemy inf
 est strength 2 coys counter attacked but were dispersed by fire(.) situ
 of raiding party and cav obscure until 1140 hrs when tk battle reported
 vic TELL EL EISA sta 875299 between approx 12 enemy tks & sqn 44 RTR(.)
 battle continued same vic until approx 1430 hrs enemy losing 3 tks def-
 inately(.) our losses 1 tk knocked out 2 missing(.) during battle our tks
 withdrew north of ry but eventually drove off enemy tks(.) raiding party
 and cav bpth heavily shelled and bombed ret'd 1300 hrs suffering some
 damage to eqpt but few casualties(.) enemy tks returned to sta area approx
 1515 hrs(.) by 1525 hrs 3 possibly 4 GERMAN mk IV tks d stroyed by ATK
 and fd arty fire and GERMAN PW taken(.) two tks burned(.) 1700 hrs 4 more
 tks reported 2 mk III and 2 mk IV knocked out by ATK guns and fd arty
 fire(.) subsequently more enemy tks knocked out but no reliable est nos
 yet available(.) how ever reports definite that 18 tks knocked out but
 some would require demolition by engrs(.) subsequent reports stated that
 19 personnel of ITI tks had surrend red and were then coming in(.)
 2035 hrs both 2/48 and 2/24 bns on caotured area were attacked by enemy
 inf sp by tks and arty fire(.) enemy tks penetrated posns particularly
 2/48 bn area(.) by 2200 hrs posn was restored(.) casualties both sides
 unknown but arty OPS 3 SA bde est enemy casualties likely to be consid-
 erable(.) situation now quite. (.) all informed.

Johnson, G.W.

Lieut.

Time handed in 2040.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To: 2/15 Bn, 2/17 Bn, 11 Bty Lt AA Regt, 2/3 Fd Coy, B Coy 2/2 MG Bn,
10 Coy ASC, 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.

From: 20 AUST INF BDE No. 199. Date: 11.2.44 Reply to: --

SITREP(.) some resistance to exploitation SW now additional tks
going fwd units complete (.) prisoners coming in no estimate
numbers said to be from 200 BERGAGLIERI regt with a smattering of
GERMANS

B. Maclean
Lieut. B10

DRIS.

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Origin : 1345.

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FROM

20 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

6197

Date

10

In Reply to Number

SITREP

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road

PW

clearings

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casualties

one OR

killed

three

wounded

2/15

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two

wounded

RASC

attached

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To: 2/15 Bn, 2/17 Bn, 11 Aust Lt AA Bty, 2/3 Aust Fd Coy, B Coy 2/2 MG Bn,
10 Coy AASC, 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.

From: 20 Aust Inf Bde.

No. I.197.

10.

tac/r bogging in saltmarsh delayed tks and MGS therefore
no exploitation to 4th objective (.) SITREP 1000 hrs we hold
all ground north of CHELATA main rd (.) at SEAST 12 enemy
TKS vicinity TELL EL EISA sta engaged by our tks (.)
our TKS withdrawn to north of ry (.) enemy tk
casualties unknown (.) our reports as 4 TKS (.) 5 ^{DB} ~~discontinued~~
attacks on captured area (.) 2/48 bn casualties from air
1 killed 1 wounded 2 trucks burnt (.) many PW taken by
2/24 bn incl 65 from 1 coy but no total estimate
available (.) identifications incl 7 BERSAGLIERI regt
and SABRATHA arty regt no estimate other enemy casualties
(.) 2/24 bn encountered resistance losing 4 carriers early
(.) total casualties unknown (.) 0945 hrs force
ordered start WEST (.) 1000 hrs CAV similar order
(.) no report received

TOR. 2145.

for Lieut.

DRLS.

THI.

TOR.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO:

2/15 Bn, 2/17 Bn, 2/3 Pd Coy, B Coy 2/2 MG Bn, 10 Coy AAC, 2/8 Aust Pd Amb.

FROM:

20 AUST INF BATT

No. 196

Date 10.

Reply to:

SITREP (.) Coy held up by shelling and bombing vicinity trig 33 ~~875301~~ 875301 (.) returned to larger area (.) some casualties men and vehs (.) tk engagement south of ry continued this pm (.) one mk 3 knocked 876298

Admiral Sir...

Lieut

DRIS.

Time of:

Origin: 1750

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO: 2/15 IN, 2/17 IN, 11 Bty 1st AA Regt, 2/3 Pz Coy, 3 Coy 2/2 MG Bn,
10 Coy ASC, 2/8 Aust Pz Amb.

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE NO. 1, 198, 18503 11. HEDLY CO: 1

SITREP (.) 0640 hrs 2/24 IN attack proceeding 24 feature
reached (.) some resistance to exploitation SW more the now
going to complete (.) Pz coming in said to be from 200
IN MAGLIERI regt with scattering of elements (.) last night
19 IN tk personnel gave themselves up (.) 2035 hrs
2/48 and 2/24 hrs attacked by enemy inf the end arty (.)
enemy inf penetrated 2/48 area but by 2200 hrs position cleared (.)
casualties both sides unknown but enemy's thought to have been heavy.

W. J. O.
Lieut. J. O.

Time of origin. 20935.

By DFLB.

TEL:

TOR:

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To: 2/15 bn, 2/17 bn, 11 bty lt sq, 2/3 fd coy, 2/8 fd sq,
10 coy asst.

From: 20 Aust Inf Bde. I.192. 10. ---

SITREP (.) captured HQ 7 BNS incl some also some
arty tps and 89 unidentified bns (.) recaptured
3 BOPRS 1 a/tk portee gun (.) lost 1 RANTUM one 1
ton one 3 in mortar (.) total PW so far 457 probably
total 600 (.) 24 bn front quiet reached second
objective (.) 3 DB attacks hill 26 879300 no
results known 0935 (.) 1000 hrs HL attack on
same area

Cipher.

DR.

1140 hrs.

W. J. ...
Lieut

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TO 2/15 Pm 2/17 Pm 11 Pm Lt AA 2/13 7d Coy 2/8 7d Amb 10 COMPASS
 FROM 20 Aust Inf Bde

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 Date: 10
 In Reply to Numbers:

SITREP HAMMERS HILL 87903001 GOODWINS CREST 5
 87713008 captured by 2/48 bn and 10
 consolidating @ SPOWERS KOP 87543017 captured 15
 by 2/24 bn exploitation delayed due bogging 20
 tks and MGs now proceeding south 25
 and SW @ complete surprise first 30
 objective @ 2/48 casualties one killed 35
 one wounded @ SA div reached 40
 first objective 0705 has completely unoccupied 45
 now exploiting 50

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2/13 Am 2/15 Am 2/17 Am 2/3 7th Coy 10 Coy AA&C 2/8 7th Coy

FROM

20 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

6189

Date

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In reply to Number

SITREP	20	enemy	the	885279	and
20	885277	both	opposite	1	and
div	and	apparently	preparing	to	attack
east	or	SE	about	1400	has
to-day					

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To: 2/15 Bn, 2/17 Bn, 2/3 Aust Fd Coy, 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.

From: 20 AUST INF BDE.

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further to 138 SITREP (.) enemy diggings reported 882284 and
from 883276 to 883277 also 882282 (.) two A/TK guns
883282(.)direct hit obtained on OP 883278 (.) patrol line
last night 886276 to 888273 to 872270 (.) all informed

R. H. Hays Capt
Maj.

Orig Instrs.

Time of origin 1645.

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THI.

TOR.

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13 Bn. 15 Bn. 17 Bn. 17 Ed Regt

FROM

20 Aust Inf Bde.

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In Reply to Number

<i>SITREP</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>5 July</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>night</i>
<i>4/5</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>NZ</i>	<i>attacks</i>	<i>area</i>	<i>875279</i>
<i>most</i>	<i>successful</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>casualties</i>	<i>inflicted</i>
<i>on</i>	<i>PAVIA</i>	<i>div</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>NZ</i>	<i>lost</i>
<i>suffered</i>	<i>few</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>few</i>	<i>PW's</i>	<i>taken</i>
<i>0</i>	<i>enemy</i>	<i>diggings</i>	<i>reported</i>	<i>882287</i>	<i>880298</i>

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888280	⊙	patrol	reported	enemy	in
Strength	ince	GERMAN	the	859283	⊙
1135	has	884279	to	the	and
MT	arrived	from	West	⊙	enemy
digging	in	on	881	and	882
eastern	grid	⊙	1220	has	general
maneuvers	West	reported	874279	⊙	1225

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<i>hrs</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>mk</i>	<i>III</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>50</i>	<i>MT</i>	<i>884299</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1315</i>	<i>hrs</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>884299</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>MT</i>	<i>889295</i>
<i>0</i>	<i>1400</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>1415</i>	<i>hrs</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>div</i>	<i>arty</i>	<i>dispersed</i>	<i>enemy</i>
<i>MT</i>	<i>aren</i>	<i>899299</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>890280</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>1600</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>852282</i>	<i>860280</i>	<i>enemy</i>	<i>inf</i>

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SA	send	car	scat	on	line
at	making	for	883295	still	moving
NW	0	1930	his	PW's	fallen
at	883293	his	2	SA	side
0	1945	his	883298	3	105
mm	1	mk	IV	tro	and

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To:

1 Pl "A" Coy HQ Gd Bn, "J" Sec Sigs, 58 Aust LAD, 2/13 BN, 2/15 Bn, 2/17 Bn,
2/7 Aust Fd Regt, 11 Bty, 4 Lt AA Regt, 2/3 Aust Fd Coy, B Coy 2/2 MG Bn,
10 Coy AASC, 2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW, J Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pl, 345 Gen Tpt Coy,
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.

FROM:

20 AUST INF BDE.

No. ~~0.612~~ 0.612.

19.

all units of bde gp are now on FOUR hrs notice to
move (.) all informed.

Except
Wireless.

R. H. H. Capt
Maj.

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origin, 1650 hrs.

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2/13, 15, 17 Bns, 2/7 7th Regt. 11 Bn, 4 CO AAFW, 2/3 7th Coy, 8 Co, 2/279 Bn
 10 Co AAFW, 2 Rec Sec, 1 AAFW, J Sec SIGS, J Div Sec 10FP, 1+2 G Dile, 53 LAD
 Sec 9 Div Pro Coy, 32nd Gen Tpt Coy

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20 Bode

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TO 2/13 BN, 2/15 BN, 2/17 BN, 11 BTY 4 Lt AA REGT, 2/3 FD COY, B COY 2/2 MG B
~~10 COY AASC~~, 2/8 AUST FD AMB, 2 REC SEC 2/1 AAFW, 2/7 AUST FD REGT,
 58 AUST LAD, 1 P1 A COY HQ GD BN, "J" SEC SIGS.

FROM 20 AUST INF BDE.

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18.

WARNING ORDER (.) 2/15 bn, 14 fd bty, 1 pl B COY 2/2 MG Bn ,

on one hrs notice to move

(.) all other units on two

hrs notice (.) swimming parties to

return immediately (.) all informed (.)

ack

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PHONE AND ~~BR~~ L.O.

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Mulson
Maj

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TO

All units do Aust Inf Bde. Lys

FROM

do Aust Inf Bde.

Originator's Number

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Date

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<i>Bde.</i>	<i>Lys</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>message</i>	<i>forthwith</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>NPT</i>	<i>await</i>	<i>relief</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3pm</i>	<i>10.45</i>
<i>his</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>hunch</i>	<i>stop</i>	<i>12.30</i>	<i>to</i>
<i>1300</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>except</i>	<i>any</i>	<i>unit</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>main</i>	<i>coast</i>	<i>rd</i>	<i>subject</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>proceed</i>
<i>destination</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Reece</i>	<i>ops</i>	<i>forthwith</i>	<i>to</i>
<i>former</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Bde</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>433902</i>	

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

Immediate

TIME OF ORIGIN

0835

SIGNED

Mulson

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SIGNED

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

Wt. 32412/1098. 750M. 12/40. P.I. 51-8146.

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TO

All units do Aust base Gp.

FROM

do Aust Inf Bde.

Originator's Number

023

Date

11.

In Reply to Number

<i>Bde</i>	<i>Gp</i>	<i>less</i>	<i>260</i>	<i>ATK.</i>	<i>Dir</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>2d</i>	<i>kept</i>	<i>work</i>	<i>work</i>
<i>based</i>	<i>now</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>more</i>	<i>backs</i>	<i>©</i>
<i>thats</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>prepared</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>use</i>
<i>at</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>has</i>	<i>notice</i>	<i>©</i>	<i>Comms</i>
<i>report</i>	<i>immediately</i>	<i>man</i>	<i>HQ</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>Trig</i>
<i>719</i>	<i>89132781</i>				

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By 20's

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1425.

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Mulson

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Distribution

~~113~~

~~115~~

~~117~~

~~118~~ 1st Coy

10 A.A.S.C

4 miles
Back

~~119~~

~~120~~

~~121~~

2 Rec Sec

Over 1st Park

~~122~~ 1st Coy 6 miles
back

~~123~~ 1st Coy (Down to
recovery)

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TO

20 Aust Inf Bde

FROM

COMD

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

Bde	will	move	earliest	⊙	17 Bn
Bn	grp	incl	one	BT	by
FL IMAYID	STA	⊙	remainder	by	FR
HAMMAM	⊙	Destination	17 Bn	grp	area
Trig	132	- 437885	⊙		
Destination	second	grp (rem)	area Trig 104 -	1440FF1	⊙
Probable	rides	⊙	posns	but	may

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TO

FROM

Originator's Number

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TO

2/13 BN, 2/15 BN, 2/17 BN, 11 BTRY 4 LT AA REGT, 2/3 FD COY, B COY 2/2 MG BN, 10 COY AASC, 2/8 AUST FD AMB, 260 A TR BTRY, 2 REC SEC 2/1 AAFW, 58 AUST LAD, J SEC SIGS, 1 PL A COY HQ GD BN, 345 GEN TPT COY. J DIV SEC ORD PD PR,

FROM

20 AUST INF BDE. 0,22. 14.

WARNING

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except wireless.

SIGNED

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SIGNED

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PHONE AND SDR.

TIME OF ORIGIN

1945.

T.H.I.

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TO

1st Aust Inf Bn 1st Aust Inf Bn 1st Aust Inf Bn

FROM

10 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

2185

Date

9

In reply to Number

<i>Tac/R</i>	<i>MT</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>moving</i>	<i>SE</i>	<i>862272</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Tac</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>MT</i>	<i>moving</i>	<i>SE</i>	<i>859508</i>	
<i>Doc</i>	<i>MT</i>	<i>moving</i>	<i>SE</i>	<i>855283</i>	<i>12</i>	
<i>Tac</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>MT</i>	<i>SE</i>	<i>852277</i>	<i>18</i>	
<i>Tac</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>large</i>	<i>MT</i>	<i>moving</i>	<i>852277</i>	
<i>from</i>	<i>832217</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>837267</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>MT</i>	
<i>is</i>	<i>runs</i>	<i>limbered</i>	<i>stationary</i>	<i>along</i>	<i>court</i>	

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TIME OF ORIGIN

0805

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T.O.R.

A612—Aust Mob Print Unit—2400-30lf pads—1/42—G

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TO

1st Aust Int Bn 1st Aust Int Bn 1st Aust Int Bn

FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In reply to Number

<i>815/52</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>PK</i>	<i>Moving</i>
<i>8200</i>	<i>819/52</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>MT</i>	<i>Stationary</i>	<i>deafened</i>
<i>823/56</i>	<i>4MT</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>guns</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>TAC/R</i>
<i>8200</i>	<i>1300</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1350</i>	<i>PK</i>	<i>200</i>
<i>MT</i>	<i>PACKED</i>	<i>SW</i>	<i>found</i>	<i>Sidi Raouf</i>	<i>Squads</i>
<i>8530</i>	<i>8529</i>	<i>8528</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>NMS</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>863/88</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>MT</i>	<i>890280</i>	<i>Concentration</i>	<i>Threatened</i>

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A 812—Aust Mob Print Unit—2400-20lf pads—1/42—G

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2/17 Bn (for Gp 1), 2/15 Bn (for Gp 11) 2/3 Fd Coy, 11 Aust AA Bty, 2/8 Aust Fd Amb, 10 Coy AASC (for Gp IV).

FROM
20 AUST INF BDE.

Originator's Number

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Date

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In Reply to Number

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by LO- DR.

TIME OF ORIGIN

0600.

SIGNED

Maj.

SIGNED

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TO 2/17 airtel inf hq (for gp I) 7/15 airtel inf hq (for gp II) 7/3 airtel
copy 11 airtel AA bty 78 airtel fd amb 10 copy ADSC (for gp III)

FROM 20 airtel inf hq
Originator's Number: 013
Date: 9
In Reply to Number:

hde	gp	will	none	found	9
jul	o	units	are	placed	on
one	hp	notice	from	0500	has
o	unit	rece	parties	will	proceed
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TIME OF ORIGIN
0200

SIGNED

SIGNED *R. James Capt*

IMPORTANT

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T.O.R.

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TO

1/3 Aust Inf Bn 1/1 - Aust Inf Bn, 1/1 Aust Inf Bn 1/2 FD AMS 1/3 FD Co

FROM

1 Aust Inf Bn

Originator's Number

1183

Date

8

In reply to Number

<i>COV</i>	<i>0720</i>	<i>K</i>	<i>0800</i>	<i>1/3</i>	<i>General</i>
<i>MT</i>	<i>558259</i>	<i>MT</i>	<i>disperca</i>	<i>890299</i>	<i>changed</i>
<i>MT</i>	<i>aug</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>manumnt</i>	<i>500</i>
<i>en</i>	<i>sold</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>all</i>	<i>improvd</i>				

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1515

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T.O.R.

A612—Aust Mob Print Unit—2400-50If pads—1/42—G

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TO

13 Aust Inf Bn, 15 Aust Inf Bn, 17 Aust Inf Bn, 18 Pz AmB. ~~19 Pz AmB.~~

FROM

20 Aust Inf BDE

Originator's Number

2181

Date

8

In Reply to Number

P.O.W.	captured	capt	night	identified	✓
COY	1	Bn	by	TRENTO	DIV
INF	REGT	○	State	only	ITALIANS
constab	recov	○	No	miles	○
Bn	up	to	medium	sempremat	all

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(5/681) Forms C2128/13. Wt. 17936/206. 750M Pads. 7/40. B. & S. Ltd. 51-7280.

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TO

4/15 aust inf bn 4/17 aust inf bn

FROM

20 aust inf bde

Originator's Number

0.10

Date

7

In Reply to Number

<i>4/7</i>	<i>aust</i>	<i>1d</i>	<i>regt</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>aust</i>	<i>A TK</i>	<i>bty</i>	<i>are</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>move</i>
<i>jud</i>	<i>independently</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>jul</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>will</i>
<i>NOT</i>	<i>move</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>concentration</i>	<i>areas.</i>	

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SIGNED

*R/Hamer
Capt*

SIGNED

[Signature]

PHONE

1920

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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TO 2/7 Aust Fd Regt 9 Aust ATK Bty

FROM 20 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

09

7

2/7	aust	fd	regt	and	9
aust	ATK	bty	will	move	to
26	aust	inf	bde	area	commencing
0500	hrs	of	Tul	0	regt
and	bty	rece	parties	move	ahead
and	report	HQ	26	Bde	0
Fd	Regt	will	co-ordinate	move.	

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SIGNED

R. J. Hancock

SDR.
IMMEDIATE

1910

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

A Coy HQ Gd Bn, "J" Sec Sigs, 58 Aust LAD, 2/13 Bn, 2/15 Bn, 2/17 Bn,
Aust Fd Coy, B Coy 2/2 MG Bn, 10 Coy AASC, 2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW, 345 Gen
Coy, 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE. 0.33. 21. --

ref this HQ signal 0.32 (.) no move tonight except 2/13 bn and
one pl MMGS after dusk (.) all other units remain 4 hrs notice (.)
all informed.

Except
wireless.

R J Warner Capt

PHONE & SDR. Time of
IMMEDIATE. origin. 1410 hrs.

PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM.

To:

1 Pl A Coy HQ Gd Bn,
"J" Sec Sigs,
58 Aust LAD,
2 Rec Sec 2/1 AIFW,

~~2/13 Aust Inf Bn,~~
~~2/15 Aust Inf Bn,~~
2/17 Aust Inf Bn,
345 Gen Tpt Coy,

2/3 Aust Fd Coy.
B Coy 2/2 MG Bn,
10 Coy AISC,
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.

FROM: 20 AUST INF BDE.

No.

1,249.

22.

AFV recognition signals period 22/27 Jul incl(.)
one top one centre (.) reply challenge blue flag vertical (.)
mines warning (.) fd wired but not completed 43879030 (.)
43889023-43949018-44149020-44199030 (.) 13 corps report fd
was laid 787308-788306 present state not known (.) all informed.

Except

wireless.

Maj.

DRLS.

Time of

origin, 1430 hrs.

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TO

1/3 BN, 1/5 BN, 1/7 BN, 13 Coy 1/16 BN, 1/3 Coy

FROM

10 AVST INF BDE

Originator's Number

2279

Date

25

In Reply to Number

Munfield	from	89652957	to	89682953	will
be	taken	up	during	night	24/5
July	and	clain	at	89672951	to
89652951	to	89622955	to	89622959	to
89602960	to	89612963	to	89612967	to
all	informed				⊙

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1130

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TO 2/13 Bn 2/15 Bn 2/17 Bn 2/3 Fd Coy B Coy 2/2 MG Bn 10 Coy AASC
J Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Ph 58 LAD 2 Rec Sec 1 AAFW J Sec 9 Div Sup

FROM 20 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

258

Date

29

In Reply to Number

amendments	to	R/T	code	no 1	⊙
page	one	codeword	for	AFV	PILCHARD
⊙	insert	AFTERNOON	codeword	FOOTBALL	⊙
page	seven	opposite	MACBETH	for	FIVE
read	SIX	⊙	page	eight	opposite
TROPHY	for	EIGHT	read	NINE	

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SIGNED

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1615

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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(5/882) Wt. 46923/1825. 403M Pads.

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GR.

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TO

9 Aust Div

FROM

20 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

6257

Date

29

In Reply to Number

M8A/1121/G(0)

ack

4/41. B. & S. Ltd. 51-15.

(5/882) Wt. 46923/1825. 400M Pads.

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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TIME OF ORIGIN

1600

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

SIGNED

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G. Maclean
1st Lt

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TO

2/13 AM 2/15 AM 2/17 AM 2/19 AM 2/21 AM 2/22 AM 10 AM AASC

FROM

20 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

256

Date

28

In Reply to Number

<i>minefield</i>	<i>reported</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>right</i>	<i>87562913</i>	<i>extending</i>
<i>to</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>right</i>	<i>angles</i>	<i>to</i>
<i>track</i>	<i>minefield</i>	<i>with</i>	<i>BRITISH</i>	<i>two</i>	<i>rows</i>
<i>barbed</i>	<i>wire</i>	<i>with</i>	<i>BRITISH</i>	<i>not</i>	<i>five</i>
<i>or</i>	<i>four</i>	<i>mine</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>not</i>	<i>between</i>
<i>rows</i>	<i>but</i>	<i>twenty</i>	<i>also</i>	<i>found</i>	<i>of</i>
<i>wire</i>	<i>minefield</i>	<i>reported</i>	<i>minefield</i>	<i>reported</i>	<i>87652967</i>

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FROM

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Date

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87532882	1	87662872	div	reports	unclassified
	to			87602850	

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TO 2/17 Bn, 2/3 Td Coy, 2/8 Td Amb, 2/2 Hqs & B Coy, 10 AASC
 2/5 Psn, 2/1 Coy, 2 Rec Sec, 1 AAFW

FROM 20 BDR

Originator's Number

i 253

Date

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In Reply to Number

AFV
 Incl.
 (.)

Recognition
 incl
 Repl

signals
 (.)
 challenge

for
 ONE
 BLUE

period
 pennant
 flag

28-31
 CENTRE
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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

S E C R E T

TO: 20 AUST INF BDE: 24 AUST INF BDE: 26 AUST INF BDE
9 AUST DIV CAV : RAA: 44 RTR: TACHQ 9 AUST DIV
REAR HQ 9 AUST DIV

FROM: MAIN HQ 9 AUST DIV 0360 16

AFV recognition signals period 17 21 jul incl (.) two
pennants centre (.) reply challenge blue flag horizontal

ELS *PJBMic*
.....Capt

IMPORTANT

TOO 1700

100

To 9 Aust Div 20 Aust Inf Bde 30 Corps 13 Corps

From Tac H.Q. EIGHTH ARMY.

T 244

15

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~~XX~~ 20 Aust inf bde ^{gp} will move 0530 hrs 16 july to area 890280 (.)
role on arrival to establish defended locality and to operate
battle groups in support of that locality in event of enemy attack (.)
30 Corps will detail fd regt to come under comd 20 aust inf bde gp
890280 0630 hrs 16 july (.) rep to report that point 0600 hrs (.)
copy T 242 sent to 20 aust inf bde

~~JAF Freeland~~ Major

IN CIPHER.

EMERGENCY OPS

T00 2359

anthy BGS

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TO RONNIE

FROM <i>Armed</i>	Originator's Number 1267	Date 16	In Reply to Numbers
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Attack coming in on line
from West to East
Threat to base
5 miles on end of ridge
in front of 27.2.61

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T.H.I. 1855

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Numbers
Tac/Army			
After mough three	by will mize	Brigadier concentrate mough two	Hassell at area (433902) (one)? four

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811/PMEA/2.10/4

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TO 24 Aust Inf Bde 20 Aust Inf Bde 27A RAE Hw Sigs

FROM	Mann 9 Div	Originator's Number	0337	Date	15	In Reply to Number
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24 Aust Inf Bde	recee	party reported	see Ho
eight army	0800 hrs	GUIDE	WAITING man 30
corps ACV NO1	0745 hrs	Div	recee party and
20 Bde	recee party	NOT required	24 Bde at
one hour	notified from	0900 hrs	Route for
Bde	move north and south	rd to	LZ HAMMAN
sta	460904		

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SIGNED	SIGNED	IMPORTANT	0100
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T.O.R. 0207

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~~Z X01 P~~

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TO

20 Aust Inf Bde 24 Aust Inf Bde 26 Aust Inf Bde AASC pter G

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FROM

MAIN G AUST DIV

Originator's Number

Q90

Date

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In Reply to Number

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T.H.I.

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Out- i 208 (all units)

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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO: 20 AUST INF BDE 24 AUST INF BDE 26 AUST INF BDE CAV 9 AUST DIV
RAA RAE 2/2 HQ BN SIGS AG AASC MEDICAL ORD PRO CAMP FSS

FROM: MAIN 9 AUST DIV 208 0 266 8

ref sheet EL DABA EL ALAMEIN (.) minefields in front 1 and 2
SA ~~ix~~ Inf Bdes runs along the general line 88772887 88812881
at which pt there is a 12 ft gap ~~xxxx~~ thence to 88742876
88702862 88482844 88532832 88542824 88702810 whence minefield
terminates (.) minefield is protected by low tripwires front and
rear (.) first map ref is junc of EL ALAMEIN perimeter

S3

Capt

ELB

M13 ✓
M15 ✓
M17 ✓
M37 ✓
10 AASC ✓
2 Rec Bn 2/1 AASC ✓
260 ATK Bn ✓
11 Bty 4 AA ✓
2/10 AASC ✓

Move of 20 Bde

Bde gp (with fd regt and A TK bty)

to relieve SQUEAKCOL and BOBCOL

13/15 Jul - relief to be complete by 0600

to 15 Jul - Inter: corps body will then

be 275 north grid west to 880 275

thence north to present body. 5 Lnd

DIV on left.

1 SA DIV to relieve remainder of

DIV which will move to assembly

areas ~~near~~ given in 0221 by

2000 hrs 15 Jul

SQUEAKCOL 890279 or west

ROBCOL 890276.

1 Lnd DIV 892276.

Squeakcol incl Reewersat to
incl Sandy Valley 2780

Robcol excl Sandy area to
275 grid line

Action

Orders countermanded
by Cooc in conference
with Brig 1500 hrs.

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TO

20 AUST INF BDE 2/3 AUST PNR BN (2) copies to G Q RAE

FROM

MAIN 9 AUST DIV

Originator's Number

0 ~~37~~ 317

Date

11

In Reply to Number

20	aust	inf	bde	will	recce
and	plan	in	detail	defensive	locality
vicinity	trig	110	440894	accordance	instructions
already	issued	and	supervise	its	construction
by	2/3	aust	pnr	bn	on
arrival					

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R. D. Ham Maj
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except 2/3 Pnr Bn by hand on arrival.

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Wt. 32412/1098. 750M. 12/40. P.I. 51-8146.

CBO-T2-X01-4-BWC

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TO:-

20 AUST INF BDE ✓ 24 AUST INF BDE ✓ ~~26 AUST INF BDE~~
~~9 AUST DIV CAV REGT~~ 2/23 AUST INF BN (on arrival)
AUST RES GP Copies to Maj RICHARDSON 6 RTR



FROM:)

MAIN 9 AUST DIV

0 300

9

2/23 bn moved fwd ~~1400~~ hrs 9 jul (.) will bivouac between
¹⁰⁰⁰
the main coast roads and the 426 and 427 easting grids (.)
on arrival comes under comd 26 bde CO reporting to 26 bde (.)
2/28 bn expected to move 10 jul comes under comd 24 aust inf
bde on arrival (.) 24 bde to give location in 26 bde area
(.) 9 aust div cav and raiding party moves to lying up
area 885295 night 9/10 jul main rd NOT to be used before
2400 hrs

Except W/T

DR to Cav

Maj R. Richardson
Maj

L 2018

Robert S. ...

TOO

1830

1945

101



Handwritten scribbles and a large, stylized signature or mark in black ink.

Jobde

17 (circled in red)

6/A (circled in red)

A 309 (crossed out with a red line)



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TO

20 24 26 AUST INF BDE

FROM

MAIN 9AUST DIV

Originator's Number

0286

Date

9

In Reply to Number

149

A/TK

REGT

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First

corps

expected forward

area

61200

hrs

9

JULY

and

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arrival

came

under

command 5

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INF

BDE

and

is

to

relieve

260

BATTERY

28

MLDX

REGT

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260

BATY. X

or

relief

in

24

AUST

INF

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TO

FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

<i>BDE</i>	<i>area</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>come</i>	<i>under</i>	<i>command</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>AUST</i>	<i>INF</i>	<i>BDE</i>	<i>under</i>	<i>arrangement</i>
<i>made</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>AUST</i>	<i>INF</i>	<i>BDE</i>
<i>⊙</i>	<i>second</i>	<i>⊙</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>portion</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>AUST</i>	<i>A/TK</i>	<i>BATTERY</i>	<i>now</i>	<i>with</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>AUST</i>	<i>INF</i>	<i>BDE</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>come</i>	<i>under</i>
<i>Commander</i>		<i>26</i>	<i>AUST</i>	<i>INF</i>	<i>BDE</i>

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FROM

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JULY

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TO 20 AUST INF BDE ME AUST RESERVE GRP

FROM REAR 9 AUST DIV Originator's Number QR9 Date 9 In Reply to Number —

20	AUST	INF	BDE	BATTLE GRP	
will	move	to	EL	IMAYID	staging
area	9	JULY	⊙	essential	piece
party	preced	move	⊙	exact	location
staging	area	to	be	ascertained	by
piece	party	but	area	is	to
exclude	EL	HAMMAM	⊙	Brig	WINDLEY

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TO

(2)

FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

<i>will</i>	<i>report</i>	<i>MAIN</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>AUST</i>	<i>DIY</i>
<i>early</i>	<i>possible on</i>		<i>9</i>	<i>JULY</i>	<i>ack</i>
					<i>(X)</i>
					<i>ack</i>
					<i>0/14. 11/6</i>

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TRENTO DIV

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TO 202426 AUST INF BDES

FROM MAIN 9 AUST DIV

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

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<i>P.O.W.</i>	<i>captured last night-</i>	<i>identified</i>	
<i>2</i>	<i>Coy. 1</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>INF</i>
<i>REGT</i>	<i>states</i>	<i>only</i>	<i>ITALIANS</i>
<i>coastal sector</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>armies</i>
<i>BN</i>	<i>up</i>	<i>medium</i>	<i>reinforcements</i>

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TO

13 Corps 30 Corps

Copy to 20 Aust Army Bde

FROM Tac Army	Originator's Number T-242	Date 15.	In Reply to Number.
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Personal	from	C in C	to	Corps	Comd	6
0	enemy	is	clearly	concentrating		12
his	whole	strength	against	2 NZ	Div	18
5 Ind Div	1 Arm Div	with	a	new	to	24
crushing	them	0	this	must	not	30
happen	0	Every	possible	step	will	36
be	taken	starting	tonight	by	our	42
forces	to	the	work	and	to	48
the	South	to	detract	attention	from	54
the	centre	0	to	reasons	of	60
fatigue	or	lack	of	resources	will	66
excuse	anything	less	than	the	most	72
vigorous	and	sustained	action	0	20	78
Aust	my	Bde	will	be	held	84
ready	to	lose	at	one	hour	90
notice	from	receipt	of	advice	0	96
Ack.						102

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		Emergency ops	2230

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TO :- 20 AUST INF BDE 24 AUST INF BDE 26 AUST INF BDE
RAA 1 ARMYBTK BDE

FROM :- MAIN 9 AUST DIV 0 448 29

AFV recognition signals for period 1 to 5 aug incl (.)
W/T flags 1 top only (.) reply to challenge blue flag
vertical

Handwritten signature

..... Capt

E L S

TOO 1700

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TO

240 Aus In Bde 26 of 7 Bde 2/2 of 4 MG Bn "W" 90 Aus Div Car Rgt-20 Inf Bde

FROM

Main 90 Aus Div

Originator's Number

0430

Date

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In Reply to Number

From	receipt	three	orders	two	the
90 Aus	at 7K	Bty	come	under	cond
C Coy	2/2 MG	Bn	less	one pl	cond
capt-	C.C. BROWN O		This	force	is responsible
for	A 7K	defence	between	left	field
Coy	2/48 Bn	and	mat-	northerly	pos'n
2/13 Bn	force	under	cond	24 Bde	through

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TO

20 Aust INF BDE 24 Aust INF BDE 26 Aust INF BDE

FROM

MAIN HQ 9 Aust Div

Originator's Number

0433

Date

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In Reply to Number

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2 ARM D. Base

2030

withdrawing night hrs

27/28 Jul

by rear hrs held

27/28 Jul this night

SA Div withdrawing by 2000 hrs 27/28 morning

covered by inf in position

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TO

20 Aust Luf Bde tac 24 Aust Luf Bde 26 Aust Luf Bde

FROM

TAC 9 Aust Bde

Originator's Number

0148

Date

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In Reply to Number

all be support

bombing reported control

attacks at address

by once AAAC

enemy through eighth

will air army

4/41. B. & S. Ltd. 51-15. (5/882) Wt. 46923/1825. 400M Pads.

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TO TAC 24 AUSI INK BDC; 20 AUSI INK BDC 26 AUSI INK BDC 9. AUSI DIV
CAV. RAA 9 AUSI DIV 1 SA DIV 1 ARMY TANK BDC

FROM

TAC 9 AUSI DIV

Originator's Number

0.126

Date

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In Reply to Number

Ref 9 Ausi div OO no 7. Around para 13. Second objective will be area of west of QATARARD in 873289/874290. SA Div is cooperating as follows (a) contact patrol leaving 2100 hrs moving along northing grid 291 to rd thence SW along rd to H1 to contact 228 bn. (b) Strong fighting patrol leaving 1900 hrs to contact 30 around Pt 29244285 (c) Strong fighting patrol leaving 1930 hrs moving under

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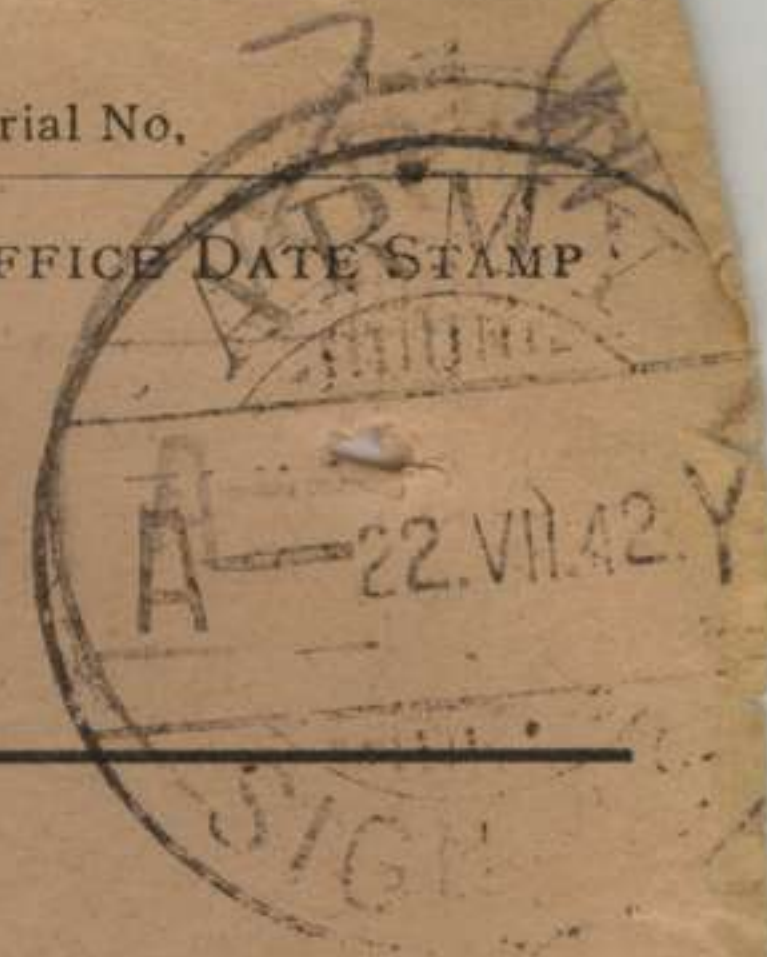
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20 Aust Inf Bde Copy To Q

FROM

TAC HQ 9 Aust Div

Originator's Number

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one	Bn	Bo	Aust	Inf	Bde
and	one	pl	M. G	with	at the
guns	as	available	will	move	into
Div	res	in	E.L	Alamain	defences
⊙	location	to	be	notified	to
this	H Q	by	off	who	will
be	stationed	at	Div	H Q	

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TO

20 Aust Inf Bde 26 Aust Inf Bde 1 Army Tk B.

FROM

Main 9 Aust Div

Originator's Number

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Date

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In Reply to Number

Confirming inf ZER0
 detach on second
 order from 9
 first objective has
 faintly regts have
 ford attack on
 arrangement between
 objectives follows
 Aust Div
 be secured
 moved
 third objective by
 on after and ZER0

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Comd	1	army	th	Bde	and
comd	24	Adjt	Inf	Bde	g P
⊙	decision	to	be	notified	to
loc	Div	in	time	for	provision
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TO 20 Aust Inf Bde 24 Aust Inf Bde 26 Aust Inf Bde 9 Aust Div Cav Regt - RAA
9 Aust Div RAE 2/2 Aust MG Bn. Sig 50 RT R 27 Aust Bde 2/3 Aust ~~Regt~~ ~~Pow Bn~~

FROM MAIN 9 Aust Div
Originator's Number 0461
Date 31
In Reply to Number -

Warning	order	(1)	2/12	Aust	5
Regt	moves	in to	EL	ALHAMEIN	defences
night	31	Jul	1	Aug	(1)
2/28	Bn	moves	to	20	Aust
Inf	Bde	area	night	31	July
1	Aug	under	separate	orders	by
Q (1)	20	Aust	Inf	Bde	and

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Date

In Reply to Number

26	Adv	Inf	Bde	relieve	each
other	nights	of	and	2/3	Aug
adv	parties	Bdes may proceed	supporting	night 31	July 1940
be	detail	of	arms	to	
	relieved	will	be	issued	later
	24	Adv	Inf	bde	will
Prepare	out	post	Johns	in	present
ahead	for	one	on	flanks	to

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be	linked	to	26	Bde	and
EL	ALAMEIN	defences	by	24/3 hrs	and
MG	posts	⊙	assistance for		laying
a/th	minefields	to	be	provided by	
2/2	hrs	on	and	2/13	hrs
coy	as	required	⊙	2/3	hrs
on	will	take	over	EL	ALAMEIN

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western	defences	from	the	sea	to
the	telegraph	line	from	3	sa
div	at	a	date	to	be
arranged	coming	under	cond	24	Aug 1
by	Bde.	on	taking	over	

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MESSAGE OUT.

TO :- 93 SUB-AREA HQ 20 AUST INF BDE GP 2/17 AUST INF BN RD PARTY (located near BAALBECK) rptd MOV SYRIA

FROM:- MAIN NINTH ARMY

SD/3022

1 Jul

FIRST(.)

MOST SECRET. (.) Rd parties HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp incl :-

- "J" Sec Sigs
- 1 pl HQ Gd Bn
- Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy
- Det 9 Div Postal Unit
- Det 9 Div Fd Cash
- 2/8 Aust Fd Amb
- 4 Aust AMCU
- Det 10 Coy AASC
- "J" Div Sec 1 Aust OFF
- 58 Aust LAD
- 2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW

and rd parties 2/17 Aust Inf Bn will now stage night 1/2 Jul GAZA and reach CANAL pm 2 Jul (.) No repeat no staging at TULKARM and ASLUJ (.) Object is to accelerate arrival these rd parties at CANAL (.)

SECOND (.) MILPAL have been warned (.)

THIRD (.) Rd parties 2/13 Inf Bn Div Cav Regt have been similarly accelerated under arrangements MOV MILPAL

(FOURTH) ACK

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THE NINTH ARMY

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SECRET MESSAGE OUT

- TO :- (1) EGYPFORCE (5) (2) HQ 20 AUST INF BDE (3) 2/17 AUST INF BN
 (MOV MOASCAR pass (2) and (3)).
 (4) HQ 13 AREA (5) MOV MOASCAR (6) MOV LO QASSASSIN
 (7) HQ 77 SUB AREA (8) HQ 17 AREA (9) APM CAIRO
 (10) HQ 16 AREA (11) MOV ALEX (12) HQ 65 SUB AREA
 (13) MOV AMIRIYA (14) APM ALEX (15) REAR EIGHTH ARMY
 (16) MOV REAR EIGHTH ARMY (17) MOV MATRUH (18) MOV ZAGAZIG (arrange guide as required)

FROM :- MIDEAST
MOV6(R)/3087

3/7

T.O.O. 1200

MOV D/6674 of 1 JULY not to all addressees refers (.)

Road Party 20 Aust Inf Bde, 2/8 Fd Amb, Bde RASC Sec, OPF, Provost Coy and 2/17 Aust Inf Bn will move by Delta Road from E. Bank of CANAL to AMIRIYA via ALEXANDRIA on 4 JULY (.) All Ranks 670 Vehs 62 (.)

ONE (.) 17 MIH 20 VTM to ALEX 15 VTM onwards (.)

Dep E BK CANAL 4 JUL 0500 hrs pass ABU HAMAD 0730 hrs Turn R at Bridge halt 0800/0830 hrs and 1130/1200 hrs arr SHELL COY Installation 3 Miles S. of DAMANHUR 1400 hrs (.) Refuel and dep 1430 hrs halt 1730/1800 hrs arr RAMLEH (guide meets) 1900 hrs (.)

G.O. 381 of 2 MAY 41 and G.O. 68 of 16 JAN 42 as amended by G.O. 240 of 27 FEB to be complied with (.) Offr reports 2 hours ahead of convoy to MOV ALEX who will arrange onwards from RAMLEH (.)

TWO (.) MT POL available E BK CANAL SHELL Installation 3 M. S of DAMANHUR (.) MT POL in tins available No.8 Pet Depot AMIRIYA (.)

Unexpired portion plus 5 days LE hard scale rations to be carried (.)

Rep precedes convoy by 2 hours to all refuelling points to coordinate refuelling and should ensure convoy comds are conversant with procedure required by PSP's before proceeding to next PSP (.) He should also precede convoys to all bivouac areas to arrange bivouac site (.) AMIRIYA SUB AREA will ensure that at the water supply point MARIOPOLIS :-

1. Reserve water containers to scale are carried filled.
2. In addition one filled 2 gallon container per man is picked up.
3. At the PSP all 'B' vehs draw sufficient petrol for 400 miles.
4. That ammunition has been picked up in full.

THREE (.) MOV MOASCAR and APM MOASCAR ensure that no vehs over 12'5" or over 3 tons unladen are despatched by Delta Route (.)

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde and 2/17 Aust Inf Bn to send a small advance party ahead to report to HQ 9 Aust Div AMIRIYA (.) Adv. Party to include Bde ASC Officer and not to exceed 2 Lt Vehs per Bde and Bn (.) They will proceed under Unit arrangements at 20 MIH ahead of convoy (.)

Formations + units send rep to appropriate SUBAREA HQ immediately on arrival in respective AREA (.)

Code Name "REDMARLEY TWO"

*Brigadier.
D.Q.M.G. (Mov & Tn) P*

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1	4	1815	5th	9 DIV	I 27	Ha 20 Aust Inf Bde Sitrep Ref of I 22. Enemy 3 rd July. There was indication of westerly movement. Summary. On the whole 3 rd July was a satisfactory day. Much help to splendid work RAF. 116 Bomber sorties against enemy concentration area from DABA and against TORUK. 155 bomber sorties against main enemy thrust. 524 7 sorties. 15 STUKAS destroyed. 4 probable 5 damaged. Air reports enemy indicated 2000 MET 20 THS area 876282 with elements PANZER DIV westward. 100 THS from ARIETE and LITTORIO Dvs believed area 865-850. Reporting 12 July indicates further enemy movement westward.	
2	4	0930	5th	9 Div	I 22	Sitrep for Ops 3 JULY. 0800 hrs NZ coln engaged ARIETE DIV at 885270 and 1 ARMD DIV engaged enemy advancing EAST along 280 and 270 north-south grid. NZ coln successful by 1000 hrs when 2 enemy colns adv EAST and SE from 880280 lake and 25 THS engaged by our ARMD Bdes. 1115 hrs attack on 3 SA Bde front SW of ALAMEIN repulsed. 1130 hrs about 885280 2 colns of 12 THS engaged 3 RHA but our aird bdes dealt with enemy. 1300 hrs main enemy incl 40 THS area 883280. 1500 hrs 40 MT moved fast WEST 885275 heavily engaged. 1540 hrs enemy movement SOUTHWARD. 1720 hrs 29 THS moving SW reached 883176 moved EAST but halted by our 4 ARMD Bde and 7 Hvt Bde. 1825 hrs 17 tanks had returned to southern ridge and 800 MT began move NNE from 880275. 1915 hrs 9 Stukas attacking fwd tps 1 ARMD DIV all definitely destroyed. 1930 hrs some enemy THS at 874275, 300 MT 877278 by medium gun 880275. Before last light enemy made unsuccessful attack 1 ARMD DIV and withdrew under cover smoke. Total bag for day reported. NZ DIV 300 PW, 12 105mm gun, 11 88mm, 16 75mm, 5 25 pds with much amm, 4 40mm, 100 MT, one M13 and one unidentified tank. 1 ARMD DIV claimed total 19 tanks incl 18 German. Increased air activity both sides, much movement reported area 879300. 3 RHA captured 20 PW's previous night.	Boj
3	2	1730	5th	9 DIV	0400	MAIN HQ closed SIDI BISHR at 1700 hrs reopened same time 57459451 Sheet ALIX 1:100000	Boj
4	4	1035	5th	9 Div	I 25	Map. depot advise no further issue maps possible for present. Formations and units will return any maps NOT actually required for OPS, and exercise economy in maps already issued.	
5	3	0945	5th	9 Div	I 20	Sitrep 3 July. General line of fighting in area ALAMEIN South. Afternoon 8 mph- 2/3 July enemy attacked in NORTH with tanks. Our forces comba-attacked from SE. Enemy turned his armour to meet it. Battle ensued. Enemy lost many tanks.	

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5 (cont) 6	3	2120	5 Jul	9 Div	721	Situation is NOT unfavourable Sitrep. Enemy posns so far as known or estimated by 10 Corps at 1600 hrs today were as follows. GERMAN forces comprising 90 th Lt Div, 15 and 21 PANZER divs in area bounded by 870280, 874284, 878280, 874278. ITALIAN force as follows. TRENTO div 860300, BRESCIA 836271, TRIESTE 855238, PAVIA 83278, LITTORIO and div 840250, ARIETE and div 855235, SABRATA div on L of C. PAVIA and BRESCIA divs last reported moving SE. No further operations reported.	137
7	1	?	5 Jul	9 ARMY	SD 3022	Message cancelling stages at TULKARM and ASLUT, and announcing acceleration of convoys to canal area.	
8	5	1020	1230	9 Div	I 28	Sitrep for ops 4 JUL. 1445 hrs 1 Armd Div reported MT at 880280 thinning out moving towards WEST. enemy westward move confirmed 1500 hrs on whole front 1 Armd Div. 600 German inf surrendered to 22 Armd Bde but after taking surrender fired on and enemy believed escaped. 1530 hrs 887278 5 German ths moving WEST and to burning. 1545 hrs 22 Armd Bde held up by 7 ths and ATK guns on northern ridge. by 1630 hrs main enemy concentration MT reported, as up to 3000 had moved northwest protected by covering screen ATK guns and inf on line 885280 to 881275 with guns in rear. Further covering posns appeared to extend westward along high ground to EAST end DEIR EL MERIER 873276. 1 Armd Div held up by this line until last light. Further 100/200 German PWs of 115 LORRIED INF Regt captured. total enemy th casualties at least 10 German, 6 Italian. Enemy lost 6 aircraft 5 guns. In addition to above 1 (A) Div claimed destruction 3 ths certain 5 probable area 881284. Colus NZ and 5 Indian Div move NORTH afternoon engaging enemy on line 280 grid. 5 NZ bde pursued down NW EL MERIER by enemy strongpoint area 875280. Patrols pushed WEST to 858279. STUKAS active against NZ and 7 MTD DIV.	
9	5	1745	1932	9 Div	0241	WARNING ORDER Move 9 Aust Div (C) main HQ 9 Aust Div and Div ths will move 7 July. If situation requires action HQ will move fwd at call of 30 CORPS. all informed.	
10	6	0930	1215	2/7 H Regt	A 33	Sitrep all guns in action. Co-ords pivot guns A TP 492649-929138 -1 meters B th 493224 929205 4 M C th 495118-927654 sea level D th 495333-927029 sea level E th 495080-931102 -10 m - F th 496238-930829 7 m.	
11	6	1205	1426	9 Div	I 31	Map ref and appointments ^{Codes} Number 36 believed compromised. Avoid use when possible Code Series 37 will come into use at 0301 hrs 8 JULY as previously ordered.	

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Army Form C. 2118.

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Commanding Officer.....

Month and Year.....

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12	1942 July 6	1110	1355	9 Aust Div 129	<p>Sikrep 200 hrs 5 July. Night 4/5 July NZ attacks area 895279 most successful by casualties inflicted on Pavia Div. N.Z. Div. suffered few. few PW's taken enemy diggings reported 882287, 880298, 888280. patrol reported enemy in strength incl GERMAN CRs 859283 - 1135 hrs 884279. 20 CRs and MT arrived from West - enemy digging in on 881 + 882 easting grids - 1200 hrs general movement West reported 894279 - 1225 hrs 12 MT 3 CRs and 50 MT 884279 - 1315 hrs 11 CRs 884279. 400 MT 887275 - 1400 hrs to 1425 hrs 1 SA div city dispersed enemy MT area 899279 to 880280 - 1600 hrs 852282, 860280 enemy inf and mortars - 1700 hrs 4 SA arm'd car regt on line 885285 making for 884275 still moving NW. 1430 hrs PW's taken at 884283 by 2 SA Bde - 1945 hrs 883279. 3 105 mm 4 MK II CRs and MT - inf digging on line 898294 to 898289. at 881286 inf from with guns. at 899296 MT 9 AFVs.</p>	References to Appendices. <i>Chon Taken</i>
13	6	1220	1030	9 Aust Div 0266	<p>Main HQ 9 aust div moves fwd on 7 July 42 from 0600 hrs 7 July its com'd. of aust res gpn which remains under com'd of 10 corps will pass from H.Q 9 aust div to Col H. Wingley M.C. - aust res gpn comprises the units and gns shown under this heading in att appx A.</p>	<i>units info</i>

appx attached

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~~WAR DIARY~~

Army Form C. 2118.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Unit.....

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(Erase heading not required).

Commanding Officer.....

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14	7	1700	1210	9 Div	0251	ref. 9 Aust Div 003 @ location main HQ 30 Corps now 441890	
15	"	1640	1850	REAR 9 Div	QR6	2/7 Aust Fd Regt will move to 26 Aust Inf Bde area commencing 0500 hrs 8 July @ Regt and bty recon parties move ahead and report HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde @ after 20 Aust Inf Bde battle grp 2/23 Bn will be given first priority and will be moved fwd earliest possible	ack i179
16	"	1740	1850	REAR 9 Div	QR7	Further to our QR6 dated 7 Jul @ 9 Aust a Tk bty will move	
17	"	1735	0745 / 8	MAIN 9 Div	I 34	with 2/7 Aust Fd Regt to 26 Aust Inf Bde area 8 Jul Itrep 1050 hrs 882282 600 MT, 883277 50 MT, and some 105 MT guns 1330 hrs 1 Amnd Div report little activity, except for arty on both sides. 1615 hrs 1 Amnd Div reports that enemy brought up AA for his main concentration of MT. 1815 hrs 862275 40 MT engaged and dispersed, 886275 50 MT engaged and dispersed. 1635 hrs 1 Amnd Div reported enemy MT movt NW area 876293. 885284, one PW 155 Lt Inf Regt reported whole Bn that area. Itrep ends. RAF report attached 500 enemy MT 870295 1415-1515 hrs 7 July and 500 MT 882277, 878280 1445 hrs	ack i179 Brig Marked on map. Units inf
18	7	1735	0800 / 9	MAIN 9 Div	I 35	TAC/R 1500 hrs - 1555 hrs 7 th 870307, 200 MT, 867285, 2000-3000 MT, AB	Brig

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19	July 7 1947	1810	2045	Main 9 Aust Div	I 36	P.O.W captured last night - identified & Coy 1 Bn 67 TRENTO DIV INF REGT. - <u>State only ITALIANS</u> coastal sector - No mines - Ben info to medium re. improvements.	units informed
20	8 0730			11 Aust 1st AA Bty	B. 88	This Bty HQ situated as per sketch on back hereof	
21	8 0910	1015		Main 9 Aust Div	0152	Location at Aust INF Bde near vicinity 43232911. Location 11 Aust INF Bde vicinity 43529018	units informed
22	8 0910	1310			I 38	Recd 0910 - 0905 hrs general impression quiet - area centre 890279 observed MT 868289 MT dispersed 890308. 500 MT dug in no movement seen on road to 95 East	Brig units informed
23	8 1515	1850		MAIN 9 DIV	0279	Essential report earliest any mines laid or minefields changed giving exact locations, type of mine and field etc.	to units
24	9 1810/8	0700		M 9 Div	I 42	TAC/R 1515 - 1630 hrs. 858286 centre of area 5 miles by 10 miles in which 3000 MT @ NO pronounced direction of mt. 851264 is the same arty 200 MT some large. West of 84 grade NMS to escarpment.	
25	9			Rear 9 Aust Div	RR. 9	20 Aust INF BDE BATTLE GROUP will move to EL IMAYID staging area 9 JULY - essential recce party precede move - exact location staging area to be ascertained by recce party but area is to exclude EL HAMMAM - Brig WINDEYER will report MAIN 9 Aust DIV early possible 9 JULY.	Brig
26	1525/8			MAIN 9 Aust Div	I 40	1205 hrs 862292, 20 TRS 200 MT moving SE 859588 400 MT moving SE 855283 12 TRS 200 MT SE 852277 18 TRS 30 large MT moving East from 832269 to 837269, 200 MT 12 guns kibana stationary along escarpment 825252 head of 28 TRS moving East 819252 300 MT stationary dispersed 823246 4 MT guns - T/R recce 1200 - 1250 hrs 200 MT. Kibana SW from SIDI RAUMAN squares 8530 8529 8528 all NMS - 863288, 200 MT - 890280 concentrations now thinned out.	units informed
27	1230	0120		115	i 93	Established 445903	10
28	1300	1405		MAIN 9 DIV	i 39	Further to i 38 ltr. E digins reported 882284 and from 883276 to 883277. Also 882282 2 MTK guns 883282 fixed hit obtained on OP 883278. Patrol line last ltr - 886276 to 882273 to 872270.	10

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29	9 Jul	0725		Y15	PHONE	CQ Frazer of 24 Bde reported that he had seen a plane fall into the sea 9-10 miles along MATRUH road. Plane looked French or German.	Leut Parker Y15 took party of men and received
30		1420	1520	MAIN 9 Aust Div	0292	from 0800 hrs 10 pm comd of BM or BML 20 Aust INF BDE will have duty at Main 9 Aust Div.	9 Bm
31		1426	1520		0293	please arrange with CRE to all 1/2 OR 2/3 for coy to 9 Aust Div. can Regent in	
32	"	1630	1730	10 Coy AASC	57371	location of coy is EL HAMMAM 1 100 000 451905	Bry
33	"	1500	1730	MAIN 9 Div	0294	SITREP 20 enemy ths at 885279 and 20 at 885277 both opposite 1 arm'd sq and apparently preparing to attack east or SE about 1400hrs to-day	Bry
34		1700	1815		0297	Ref my G/549/45/ of 9 July 47 - 20 Aust INF BDE GP in area 4590 H.R. 419 9019 1/2 km. off EL DABAI 1750000	Bry
35	"	1240	1830	M 9 Div	0290	AFV recognition 9 and 10 JUL @ pennants one top one centre @ reply challenge flag horizontal @ period 11 to 16 JUL INCL @ one top @ reply challenge blue flag vertical.	comd 1st units info (187)
36	"	? 1700	2000	M 9 Div	0286	149 ATK Regt @ front corps expected fwd area 1200 hrs 9 Jul and on arrival 1 come under comd 5 Indian Inf Bde and is to relieve 260 Bty 287d Regt. 240 Bty on relief in 24 Aust Inf Bde area will come under comd 20 Aust Inf Bde under arrangement made by 24 Aust Inf Bde @ second @ that position 9 Aust ATK Bty now with 20 Aust Inf Bde will come under comd 26 Aust Inf Bde 1800 hrs 9 Jul.	Bry
37	10	0730	0845	7/19 Bn	IA	HURRICANE TAC R escort forced landing obs 5 hrs approx 40669002 @ pilot unhurt will be returned to BURG EL ARAB. Ground placed on machine SITREP @ Hammam A. U. Jordan in case showers Kof. Successfully captured ahead of line @ 7/19 Bn consolidating @ 1st Bn exploiting South + SW. @ Complete surprise. First objective @ TIC's + MG's bogged holding up 1st Bn exploitation but now proceeding @ 7/19 Bn casualties 1 killed 11 wounded @ SA Div reaches 1st objective of 05 hrs completely unopposed is now exploiting & seems to be going well	

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38	July 10	1015	MAIN 9 DIV	Phone		Further report - captured 4. Q. 7 Bersaglieri Regt incl cond also some other troops & 89 unidentified HVNS - recaptured 3 Bofors 1 ATK mortar + gun - lost 1 bantam 1 oneton 1 3" mortar - total PW's so far 457 & more to come probable total 600 - already 8 ITALIAN officers at Bde H.Q. - captured maps & documents from GERMAN staff car - 1st Bde front guard and probably have reached 2nd objective - 3 DB attacks on hill 8 (899300) by at least 1 platoon - no results known of 15 hrs - 1000 hrs H.L. attack by 1st Bde on same area - 1st Bde moved from 1000 hrs 9 Jul - will bivouac between main comd's and 47-426 easting grid - on arrival comes under comd of Bde C.O. reporting to 1st Bde - 1st Bde expected to move 10 Jul comes under comd of 1st Bde on arrival - 1st Bde to give location in 1st Bde area - 9th Div car and raiding party moves to 47-426 885-95 night 9/10 Jul main rd NAT to be used before 1000 hrs	
39	10 18 30	1015	MAIN 9 DIV	0300		1st Bde moved from 1000 hrs 9 Jul - will bivouac between main comd's and 47-426 easting grid - on arrival comes under comd of Bde C.O. reporting to 1st Bde - 1st Bde expected to move 10 Jul comes under comd of 1st Bde on arrival - 1st Bde to give location in 1st Bde area - 9th Div car and raiding party moves to 47-426 885-95 night 9/10 Jul main rd NAT to be used before 1000 hrs	
10	1215		M 9 DIV	Phone		DIV CAV ordered 0940 hrs to move WEST on SIDI ABD EL RAHMAN between EL DABB	Brig 3 B77
10	14 30		M 9 DIV	Phone		1215 Tr scrap 876298 SOUTH of TEL EISA sta between 16 Valentini and 12 E	Brig and B77
						the (unidentified) - proceeding. Many PW were found asleep incl CO Bersaglieri Regt - Other PW Major from 1706 Artz Regt (Italian) and lieutenant (German) from 621 Sigs Coy. No sentries, nor LPO Div CAV in some kind of scrap 1330 hrs possibly with the shelling on both sides has increased	
40	1410	1635	M 9 DIV	0312		HR 24 aust inf tde est 4330 9015-0950 hrs to-day, all imp	comd
41	29 Jun	1635	17th Ind Inf Bde	.01		THIRD FIGHT. 32 BO's 490 BORs 17 VCO's 886 IORs 260 VEHs	
42	"	"	"	451 Q		MARCHING OUT STATE FLIGHT. 1 BOs 25 VCO's 5 BOs 625 IORs 373 followers 75 vehicles 178	
43	"	"	"	Q/1/1		MARCHING OUT STATE SECOND FLIGHT. BOs 20 BORs 6 Indian tanks and non combatants 1377. Vehicles 155 Men Gun Carriers & M/Cs 10.	
44	July 10	1015	MAIN 9 DIV	Phone		Car held up by enemy shelling and air bombing before moving west of line Trig 33. 895301 TEL EL EISA STA The now returned to laager area - some casualties to men & vehs - TR engagement south of 1st Bde continued this afternoon - one M16 III TR knocked out 876298	(See over)

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45	July 10	1025	1700	9AUST DIV	04	TAC/R. First 3 objectives captured on time - Sitrep 1000 hrs - 4 th objective not yet captured - Enemy P.O.W 459 more coming in probable total 600 - P.O.W. include Comd and HQ of Bersaglieri Regt. Some ITALIAN ARTY Gps + 89 unidentified GERMANS - recaptured 3 Bofors 1 ATK mortar - captured maps & documents from GERMAN Staff car.	Comd.
46	-	1735	1730	9AUST DIV	07	TAC/R. Bagging in salt marsh delayed TKS and MGs therefore No exploitation to 4 th objective SITREP 1000 hrs we hold all ground North of CHELATA main rd at SE of enemy tanks vicinity TEL EL EISA sta engaged by our tks - our tks withdrawn to North of rd - enemy tk casualties unknown - our reports as 4 tks - 5 DB attacks on captured area - 48 BN casualties from air one killed one wounded 2 trucks burnt many P.O.W taken by 48 BN including 65 from one Coy but No total estimate available - identifications include of BERSAGLIERI REGT and SABRIATHA ARTY REGT No estimate other enemy casualties - 48 BN encountered resistance losing carriers early - total casualties unknown - 0945 hrs force ordered start West - 1000 hrs car similar order - No report received	Comd
47	-	11 0705	0850	9AUST DIV	07B	SITREP 48 BN attack proceeding fast at feature reached - some resistance to exploitation SW now additional TKS going fwd to complete - prisoners coming in no estimate number said to be from 200 BERSAGLIERI REGT with smattering of Germans.	Comd
48	-	11 0830	0855	Capt Williams 9 Div	Phone	Photo's of 48 BN attack proceeding at feature reached. Some resistance to exploitation SW - more tks now going to complete - PWs coming in said to be from 200 BERSAGLIERI REGT smattering GERMANS - last night 19 ITI TK personnel gave themselves up 2035 hrs 48 BN attacked by inf. tks + arty - enemy tks penetrated 48 area but from rear by 100 hrs - casualties both sides unknown enemy thought to be inf.	Units Comd
48	11	0705	1315	TAC/R 9 Div	023	Sitrep. some resistance to exploitation southwest now additional tks going fwd units complete. prisoners coming in no estimate numbers said to be from 200 BERSAGLIERI Regt with a smattering of GERMANS	Units
49	-	1134	1305	Capt Williams	1	2/24 PM report east end TEL EL EISA feature clear of enemy 1055 hrs: 400 PWs captured. no further info so far.	Units

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50	11	1055	1230	9 Div	Q 60	2/13 bn received rpt required to move 1200 hrs today. rejoins 20 BDE at 44929050 soon thereafter as possible. advise ETA. 20 BDE arrange reception	AM SC.
51	11	1300	1845		027 P-11	1140 hrs report: only enemy most opposite Bde was MT and possibly TKS milling opposite 1/21 bn. MT force then engaged by our ARTY. Generally enemy thin. Our arty engaged Bty near CAIRN 87539669. No final figures available of PW or TKS knocked out but enemy towed some knocked out tanks away during night.	BT
52	11	1105	1900	9 Div	0317	20 Aust Div Bde will receive and plan in detail defensive locality vicinity TRIG 110 440894 accordance instructions already issued and supervise its construction by 2/3 Aust Div by Pm on arrival	Ry
53	11	1950	2000	11 Aust Lt Col	L 97	Ref map EL DABA 1:50000. BH Q 45009025 BH H. Q 88309062 R of 44709030. SITREP. PWS taken excl today's bag total 1499 @ 1200 hrs of Bn obj captured and consolidated with the food and the back @ DAY COLN left 0500 hrs @ 0930 hrs report some PWS taken held up 1055 hrs approx 897295 by considerable arty fire @ 1100 hrs 6 TKS and MET opposite 1/21 Bn engaged by our arty @ dispersed by 1130 hrs and moved West leaving 2 enemy TKS K Od @ 1120 hrs only enemy movement MT & possibly TKS opposite 1/21 Bn engaged by our arty @ generally enemy thin @ our arty engaged Bty near CAIRN 87539669. No final figures available PWS of TKS K Od but enemy towed out some K Od overnight @	JO
54	11	2000		9 Div		Step 2200 hrs. 1620 hrs DAYCOL returned having destroyed 7 75 mm guns, captured approx 400 PW, identifications incl PW 27 IR PAVIA JW captured ref 879295. One casualty Lt 1700 hrs 20 TU 875 and ME 1095 db Rd 885295. 1800 hrs 6 CR 42, approx 2 ME 109 bombed 8829. Last light report 26 lde rd 873 easting grid to SIDI ABDEL RAHMAN by trapic both directions, levier NW to SE. Concentration MT lagging area 872302 and further MT 866299. Present situation quiet	units in/
55	12	0200	0630	9 Div	036		all informed

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56	12	0648	0845	T 9 DIV	038	Sitrep 0600. 26 bde reports quiet night their front. captured 1 german PW 382 IR COASTAL AREA 5 italian PW 11 ch in treaste dir.	Brig units
57	12	1130		1st Armoured Div		SITREP. Ref Iyo COL lost No guns @ 3 Aust ATK claim 1 CR killed on 16 BDE front. Majorities MK III + IV @ One. casualties to 2300 hrs 11 July 2000 20 OR killed 130 through MDS	units, inf.
59	12	1330		TPC comd 8TP 114000 Lt A/A 8840906		I Report 11 July 0500. No sign of activity. 0700 hrs 3 STUKAS > ME 109F bombs 19 area to North. - planes engaged 0910 4 STUKAS (JUS 878) bombed area to West - engaged planes - 1200 11 STUKAS bombed 18 area engaged planes. shooting good - 1215 2 ME 109s + 8 IT. (unidentified) possibly CR's. one possible hit 1910 35 JUS 878's bombed ALAMEIN Sta area + 171 18 area 1810 9 IT. possibly CR's bombed this area > ME 109's escort 1940 5 JUS 88's bombed ALAMEIN area + then this area one JUS 88 shot down - one plane crashed burning to West - two of crew parachuted to ground appeared to be an enemy territory - one of crew parachuted, caught fire	Comd
58	12	1310	1545	TR 9 DIV	040	Sitrep 1200 hrs. 26 Bde reports 1017 hrs. 12 E Tks and loried inf movement SE at approx 87423009 being engaged by own Arty also being attacked by medium bombers.	Comd SITREP. 1 to units
59	12	1605	1700	2/13	i 6	69 Bde of 50 Div have occupied high feature allocated this Bn. Bn will be moved into area immediately WEST on both sides of ridge.	Comd.
60	12	0840	1835	9 DIV	i 38	Recon Op 24 Bde night 7/8. Complete party in except one missing believed killed. Own other casualties 6 lightly wounded. Destroyed 5 E guns estimated 4 50 mm 1 25 pdr. Destroyed 4 gun tractors 2 tp carriers. One Bren Carrier recovered and brought in. Counted enemy dead 15. Estimated E casualties 40 GERMAN from 15 Amud Div 9 PW brought in	Comd.
61	12	8 Jul	1835	9 DIV	0266	ref sheet EL DABA EL ALAMEIN. Minefields in front of 1 and 2 SA by Bde runs along the general line 88742887 88812881 at which point there is a 12 ft gap, hence to 88742876 88702862, 88482844 88532835 88542824, 88702810 where minefield terminates. Minefield is protected by low tripwires front and rear. First map ref is mine of EL ALAMEIN perimeter.	Comd. units (Marked on map)
62						040 of SITREP > @ 13 Corps now on general line 887 easting from 280 nothing @ Air reports indicate enemy moved some tps to area West and SW to BDE @ Air today concentrated against enemy air force @ indication that enemy guns may have moved further West @ enemy FDLC still appear to run from 887280 to 887286 @ Day COL report 10th PW 1 ATK gun 9 AA LMG 1 SAfrican tanks all brought in 15 AA LMGs destroyed @ total bag to date 2900 PW 22 plus tanks @ HUNS dragged off some tks first night @ enemy dispositions @ 33 RECC unit 896760 - 580 RECC unit 892767 - 90 LT 868767 - 1 ARMED 860790 - 5 TR REGT 895791 - LITTORIO 865795 - 288 FORCE 865798 - 15 ARMED 896280 - ARIETE 869384 - SABRATA 882287 TRENTO 882282 to 880290 - PAVIA 898294 - TRIESTE 895299 - 3 RECC unit 893297 - BRESCIA 865297 887 LT INF 870306. 200 LT IR 890290.	Sitrep 2 to units
						(own the 30 CORPS IND DIV 884294 - 885280 - 6 SA BDE 885280 - 886284 - 1 ARMED DIV 433890 - TAG 30 CORPS 890294 - 5 IND BDE 434892 - 2 SA BDE 890280 - ACK COL 890252	

DIV CAN patrol drove in 7 M13 tks.

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63	13	2235 12	0030 13	T 9 DIV	043	<p>ISA DIV 4304899V.) ISA DIV patrols engaged Ber mining and digging parties ^{I 209.} ⁰ Litrep 2100 hrs. 9 Aust Div Cav Rpt same patrol night 11/12 JULY report. ^{Comd 8} Total 22 E tks knocked out during ops 10 JULY in area NORTH of pt 33. ^{BM} Ref 87533017 and near TELL EL ELISA STA 87622992 mil 9 MG's, 6 GEMAN VII and VIII - 7 unidentified. One VII driven in, 4 bogged and recoverable, 4 destroyed by engs. One VIII burned out, one damaged. 4 MG's III and IV area SW TRIG 33 NOT reached owing E MG fire. Balance not examined. 1825 hrs E inf some marching, some loaded advanced on rt flank 1/24 bn on coast 875302. E engaged by arty. Further by attack reported 1939 hrs coming in from SOUTH. One E tk joined inf, 3 more tks reported unconfirmed. Inf in coastal area went to ground 1945 hrs. E shelling decreased 2045 hrs.</p>	Comd 8 BM
64	13	2335 12	0300 13	T 9 DIV	045	<p>Litrep to 2315 hrs. ① Durny attack on 1/24 bn E tried to bring up 88 mm guns. These were engaged by our arty whenever they halted to open fire. ② E attack on coastal sector was halted approx from FDL5 and E withdrew 1000' at last light. ③ Porten sector pos obscure but attack held by last light. ④ Our posns intact. At present all quiet.</p>	Comd 8 BM
65	13	0650	0815	T 9 DIV	046	<p>Litrep at 0600. Quiet night except for occasional exchange arty fire. One fighting patrol active over Bde front hampered by E ground flares. Patrols now coming in with some PW not yet identified. At present no sign resumption enemy attacks. E casualties not definitely known but est in vicinity 60 due to our very intense arty MG and mortar fire. Our casualties thought to be light. HQ mist just light still persisting.</p>	
66	13	1410	1600	T 9 DIV	050	<p>Litrep 1300 hrs. 1000 hrs E tks reced coastal sector and same time E inf and 13 tks approached pt 24 feature from SW. Tks engaged by our arty, one knocked out at 875297. E tks then moved round NW of feature 24. 1055 hrs E est strength 1 bn or more went to ground sqs 871300, 872300, 871301</p>	

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66 (cont)	JUL					<p>1115 hrs Yr 24 report - located inf did not press home attack. 2 ths observing from same area engaged by arty, enemy inf also engaged. Pt 24 heavily mortared. 87452973, 24 E vels bombed and engaged by arty. 1125 hrs E inf debussing approx 87283003 moving under cover of ridge to ridge line then WEST along line to area approx 871303 two miles from our FDLs engaged by our arty. At pt 11 sq 870304 arty reported large number dispersed MT. 1208 hrs attack on pt 24 heavily engaged by our arty and dispersed. E inf presumed lying up area 871300 872300 871301. 1300 hrs SA gun areas approx 885292 attached by 21 JU 88, 7 Stukas.</p>	<p>ACTION TAKEN</p> <p>SITREP 4</p>
67	13			Capt Hamer		(EXTRACT) Present estimate enemy strength GERMAN 75 ITALIAN 50. attack on SW corner of ALAMEIN box was anticipated	
68	"			Comd		<p>MOVE OF 20 BDE. Bde gpc (with fd regt and ATK bty) to relieve SQUEAKCOL and BOBCOL 13/15 JUL - relief to be complete by 0000 hrs 15 JUL - inter-corps body will then be 275 north grid west to 880375 thence north to present body 59nd Div on left. 1 SA DIV to relieve remainder of div which will move to assembly areas given in O 221 by 2000 hrs 15 JUL. SQUEAKCOL 890279 or west. ROBCOL 890276. 1 arm'd Div 892276. SQUEAKCOL incl REWEISAT to incl SANDY VALLEY 2780. ROBCOL excl SANDY area to 275 grid line.</p>	<p>Orders countermanded by GOC in conference with Brig 1500 hrs 13 Jul.</p>
69	1	1700	1810	MAIN DIV	IIS	<p>SITREP to 1630 hrs @ this morning enemy inf estimated one thousand or more attacked from area 893299 and 895303 a few weeks ago 4138 hrs this morning both attacks repulsed @ 1300 hrs enemy launched two large scale attacks on SW EL ALAMEIN box and on N BDE front D's attacks followed by heavy C.Bon SA guns already STUKAED @ 1245 hrs enemy laid by smoke screen under cover of which 400 inf attempted adv @ believed 5 TR REGT supporting the attack with GERMAN engis attempting to make gaps in minefields @ 15 to 20 hrs seen 1527 hrs 88289 @ further 18 hrs halted 883285 at 1550 hrs @ up to last report at 1600 hrs no enemy has had penetration minefield @ report at 1530 hrs that 7 hrs some inf being engaged 8943298 @ also reported 1550 hrs 18 hrs on rd West of pt 33 @ PW captured night 1/13 included identifications 17 Coy 38 VIR @ 1st Lt Coy brought 10 machine guns from CRETE @ other PW from 8 TR REGT and 5 TR REGT both captured coast area maybe from KIEL battle 9/10 on KAMPSSTRASSE</p>	<p>Comd</p> <p>Unit</p> <p>No 5</p>

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70	14	2035/13		M 9 DIV	054	SITREP 2030 hrs. 1350 hrs enemy attack developed from south of 24 feature between 873 and 875 grids and about 3000' from 2/24 bn FOLS. 8 hrs and turned inf engaged by arty observations impaired dust and smoke no estimate of inf possible. attack unsuccessful and enemy withdrew. 1355 hrs 18 ths reported 8000' NW of pt 33 zig zagging through salt marshes between rd and sand dunes. 1427 1427 hrs ths turned south last sighted 300' from pt 33. 1610 hrs by enemy CB on our arty area 884295. 1550 hrs SA dir reported 11 ths and approx 400 inf area 880286 and 13 ths plus inf 881288. 1635 hrs 2/24 bn reported enemy inf assembling for attack between rd and coast 874303 to 873303. attack did not develop inf went to ground in dead ground. 1708 hrs by bombing attack on our arty area 884295 one gun knocked out. 1745 hrs unidentified aircraft bombed area 8730. 1815 hrs enemy coln SW of ALAMIEN STA moving slowly south. 1912 hrs 2 German aircraft bombed area 8829. General. 1600 hrs reliable reports considerable number enemy dead near coast area 879302. attack SA front up 1830 hrs repelled further attack developing 2020 hrs.	
71	14	0740	0915	T 9 DIV	055	Sitrep 0630 hrs. Quiet night 26 Bde front. 1st light enemy hurried inf observed approaching from dead ground west of pt 24 feature. NO sign of attack developing. Subsequent report 0620 hrs AFVS have moved SOUTH from WEST side of 24 feature. Offr Lt 382 Inf Regt rose 1/2c into 1/28 Pm line wounded and captured during night. SA DIV report our minefield not penetrated. First light SA front slight inf move and some ths seen possibly knocked out.	Kinto inf. SITREP 6 L 215 Cond Step 7 i 216
72	14	1240	1505	T 9 DIV	057	Sitrep 1220 hrs. 0810 hr 1 EA shot down into sea by AA. 1130 hrs 20 MT. area 876290 and occasional MT moving WEST parallel to rd 3000' from it. 1210 hrs 16 ths and inf 883286 and 883287. 1215 hrs 26 Bde reports attack coming in from NW between rd and main road sqy 873301 inf and ths. Own arty engaging.	Sitrep 8 i 217
73	14	1535	1745	M 9 DIV	I 52	Sitrep to 1500 hrs. 26 Bde front. Night 13/14 T-9 quiet and ntr this morning. 1310 hrs E inf guns and ths reported 873301 possibly threatening attack but later report stated that only dispersed E inf could be seen. On 1 SA DIV front several E working parties digging about 1500' from perimeter. Believed probably about 26 ths in whole SA DIV sector opposite SW edge EL ALAMIEN perimeter. Several parties dispersed MT and inf seen moving EAST 0335 hrs. Secta quiet. In SOUTH at 877253 two parties one MET knocked out. Bombers attached concentrations enemy 8727, 8728 at 0905 and 1100 hrs. Results not yet reported. Est E casualties in yesterday's attempt to enter EL ALAMIEN perimeter 150 to 200. Own 9 killed 75 wounded 0831 hr MACCHI shot down by AA fire into sea 883301, pilot killed. 39 ATK Pm reported at 871293.	Cond SITREP 9 i 218
74	"	1905	2000	T 9 DIV	060	TAC 9 Aust Div closes present location approx 2100 hrs and reopens MAIN 9 Div.	Cond
75	"	1945	"	"	"	"	"
76	14	2000	2050	M 9 DIV	090	SECRET 0 if proposed move to GEBEL takes place MOB UMC is being established at 450895 for cups area pol 0 WPT EL HAMMAH 0 all to be drawn in around line as at present.	SC

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77	15	0100	?	M 9 Div	0337	24 Aust Inf Bde recee party reports Tac HQ EIGHTH ARMY 0800 hrs. Guide waiting main 30 CORPS ACV Mol 0745 hrs. Div recee party and 20 Bde recee party NOT required. 20 Bde at one hour's notice from 0900 hrs. Route for Bde move NORTH and SOUTH rd to EL HAMMAM Sta 460904
78	15	0845		2/13. I IV		SYLL Keys copy No. 6. 16-31 July received
79	15	1020	1135	MAIN HQ	153	SITREP 16 0800 hrs @ 0815 hrs on the SW of TELLELEISA sta reported withdrawal North @ 0815 hrs 20th carriers to the on 1/8 pm from @ DF brought down and only broke up attack @ 0705 hrs GERMANS using SL @ 0859 hrs GERMAN PW Comd captured from 2 FLA MOB by REGT @ approx 0700 hrs to BDE WEN DB by 36 STUKAS @ GERMANS hold over SOUTH SARRA to
80	15		2005	M 15	15	CDF arranged in Bu area @ TASK 1000* SE of Trig RED RED @ CENTRE SOUTH POO* TRIG RED - GREEN @ NNW of TRIG GREEN GREEN. 10.
81	16	2145		T 9 Div	012	Sitrep to 2030 hrs. afternoon situation quiet. total accounted PW captured to-day as follows. GERMAN ORS 41 ITALIAN ORS 30 ORS 530 some others unaccounted. diary captured TELL ELLEISA area yesterday states 16th 53 FLAK with 11-88 mm guns arrived TELL ELLEISA 73. after reliefs by Brig HASSELL 10 Bde will concentrate area 433902
82		1855		T Army		attack commencing on time bde from west to east
83		1855		Army	T267	Send off recee 20 Bde to 24 bde to night or first light
84		1855		Army	T268	SITREP to 1300 hrs. 26 bde front quiet during night. almost nil enemy arty fire. 0530 hrs attack on feature 24 west TELLELEISA sta commenced by 26 bde. enemy th and inf concentrations 87332977 engaged by our arty. enemy put down smoke screen between 33 and 24 features. 2 enemy ths knocked out in area 876277. 26 bde unable to consolidate on feature 24. enemy arty and MG fire intense forcing withdrawal of our coys from feature 24 to southern slopes feature 33. our casualties heavy. withdrawal complete by 1115 hrs. 15 to 20 enemy ths reported 2 miles west of pt 33 at 1035 hrs but did not influence withdrawal. situation now quiet. approx 400 PW captured incl 30 Germans. Identifications 3 Blue Coys 382 Lt Col Regt. Comd 86 IR SABRATA DIV, one other col 85 IR SABRATA (1) little enemy opposition. whole feature captured before 0745 hrs
85				M 9 Div	155	Personal from C in C to Comd. enemy is clearly concentrating his whole strength against 2 NZ DIV. 5 IND DIV 1 armed just with a view to crushing them. this must not happen. every possible step will be taken starting to night by our forces to the north and to the south to distract attention from the centre. no reasons of fatigue or lack of resources will excuse anything less than the most vigorous and sustained action. 20 Aust inf bde will be held ready to move at one hour's notice from receipt of advice.
86		2230		T Army	T242	20 Aust inf bde gps will move 0530 hrs 16 Jul to area 890280. role on arrival to est defended locality and to operate battle gps in support of that locality in event of enemy attack. 30 Corps will detail fld regt to come under comd 20 Aust inf bde gps 890280 0630 hrs 16 Jul. ref to report that point 0600 hrs. copy T242 sent to 20 Aust inf bde.
87		2359/15		T Army	T244	location bn HQ 600* east of BARRANI TOMB 445888.
88		3000/15		2/13	114	Tac HQ 9 Aust div opens HQ 3 SA bde 1700 hrs to-day. address of orders of ops sigs and sitreps to Tac HQ
89		1500/15		M 9 Div	0344	Many PW taken from south sector of battle in progress 876277. 2 ths KOD.
85A				M 9 Div	I 56	ref I 55 map ref 2 ths KOD should read 55876277
90						

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91	16	1525/15		M 9 Div	254	SITREP. 1400 hrs, 7 enemy tks and 8 veh confirmed destroyed in attack 0115 hrs. 0800 hrs 7 comd enemy inf and 14 tks attacked pt 33. Total 26 enemy tks in area. enemy inf separated from tks. our tks moved east of pt 33 and enemy tks withdrew south except 3 which remained well down on feature 24. approx 0900 hrs 23 German PW captured 876 299 all very young incl 13 from 135 FLZ bn. 1050 hrs VALENTINES at TEL EL ISA sta. 1130 hrs 2 wgs enemy inf attacking area pt 33 unsupported by tks engaged by arty and dispersed. 1350 hrs 8 8 m.m guns at 8750 3055 causing casualties. enemy mortars firing from NW corner of 875304. suspected the larger area 871297. 4 tks area 874304. enemy posns 87453067 to 87353048. small gns of enemy 2 tks guns on feature 24. own arty continued firing despite by DB attacks. no further attacks since 1130 hrs. pt 33 still held by our tks	comd units
92	16	0020/16		9 Div	0355	Send LO to main track about pt 437884 with a light to meet LO from east immediately prepare to move 0530 hrs.	comd
93		1700		M 9 Div	0360	AFV recognition signals period 17-21 incl 2 pennants centre 2 reply challenge blue flag horizontal	units info
94		2055		T 9 Div	070	an relief 20 amt bde revert to (?) 20 bde take over from previously occupied by 24 bde. recce party move ahead of main body. 24 bde and units under comd leave repts to hand over det plans to 20 bde.	comd
95		1750		9 Div	0362	further to 0352 of 15 jul. amend 3 ref dummy field to read 4270 8910. minefield traces nos 2, 3 and 4 follow under separate cover.	
96	17	0655	1000	T 9 Div	075	Sitrep to 0630 hrs. night quiet. 0523 hrs 2/32 bn OK right and centre coys. 2/43 bn moved fwd. 0540 first objectives taken with 120 prisoners identified 2 bn 63 regt TRIESTE div. 0613 hrs 2/43 bn half way to second objective and then (?) through first objective. fire coming from right and centre onto 2/43 bn	BM
97	17	1000	1630	M 9 Div	I-57	Sitrep 0730. Total PW 16 July German ORs 41, Italian offers 30, ORs 520. Quiet night - 26 Bde sector. 0520 hrs 2/32 Bn captured ridge NW and SW through trip 22 87672950. 2/43 Bn moved through 2/32 Bn and reached ridge from 876288 to min 875289. Our tks reported on ridge fire coming from right and centre on to 2/43 Bn. Italian PW total 5 offers 205 ORs captured. Identification 2 Bn, and 5 and 6 and mortar coys 65 IR TRIESTE div. 32 Engz Bn GUASTATORI 6 Co, BERSAGLIERI 9 tp 21 Artz Regt TRIESTE. Sitrep ends. Later infm approx 0830 hrs 2/43 Bn under big fire from front and WEST withdrew to ridge through trip 22 87672950. 2/32 Bn raided 0900 hrs by 18 STUKAS.	BM, Units
98	17	1350	2150	T 9 Div	078	Sitrep 1300 hrs. 24 Bde captured both objectives but withdrew when counterattacked by E tks before our Artz could set. Both fwd bns consolidating on first objective. Exact posns FDLs unknown. PW captured total 29 offers 750 ORs - all Italian. Identifications passed to 30 CORPS. Main enemy arty and 176 pos SW of ridge. 1115 hrs SA Exploring force ordered to cover left flank but 1210 hrs held up by enemy strong post 88252370 and west. 9 Div CAV report enemy inf were attacking about 87622984 with 8 tks further SOUTH and WEST. Tks moved off after shelling. 1305 situation reports by arty as appearing favourable. 26 Bde front quiet. Our losses incl 7 VALENTINES, 3 HONEYES 3 Div CAV CRUSADERS. some recoverable.	BM, Comd
99	17	2120	2330	T 9 Div	083	Sitrep 1830 hrs. Intense E arty fire and pressure from E tks on front and flanks forced withdrawal our tps to telegraph line SOUTH by way and caused substantial casualties personnel, tks and equipment. figures NOT available. NO further PW and no guns taken. Front is now firm. Several air raids on tps and guns. Situation last night. Quiet on both bde sectors.	Sitrep 14 9235
100	17	1840	2000	T 9 Div	082	Tac HQ 24 Bde was at 88322955.	
101	17	1155	1745	T 9 Div	076	Please advise ETA new posns.	0601 (Div) 2000 hrs

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102	17	1650	2000	179 DIV	0370	Additional lines warning. Tds under construction (a) 43808862-43868850-43608840-43658847 (b) 44088847-44168835-44058827-43958835 (c) 44408890-44358885-44678865-44358847.	
103	18	0810	0940	179 DIV	I ST	Sitrep to 0700 hrs. Our posn TELL EL MAKH KHAD ridge, previously called TRIG 22, note attached 3 times afternoon 17 July. 1st and 2nd attacks repulsed by our arty. 3rd attack 1630-1700 hrs. Intense enemy arty fire and pressure from enemy tps on front and flanks forced withdrawal our tps to telegraph line SOUTH of rd and caused substantial casualties personnel, tps and equipment. Front firm by 2030 hrs. Enemy used more than 10 tps believed GERMAN Mk III. Our th losses 7 VALENTINES, 3 HONEYES, 3 CRUSADERS of which 2 recovered and one recoverable. Death casualties occurred in enemy counter attack on recd objective morning 17 July. ATK gun losses 3 destroyed, 3 damaged. 26 Bde night attack on TELL EL EISA rd cutting 845299 not successful. 24 Bde adv SW during night and by 0130 hrs had reached objective without opposition. Present posn fwd elements 950' SW of telegraph line astride road area sq. 878294.	BM S 15 236
104	18	0930		11 Bty AA	Verbal	At 1140 hrs 17 July, pylons TUSSES were engaged. One believed brought down. Rds expended 178 1427 hrs 2 ME 1095 engaged extreme range. 1 rd only fired.	
105	18	1055	1150	T9 DIV	089	30 CORPS is moving to northern Sector and resumes direct operational comd ISA DIV from 1200 hrs 18 July. 1 Amd Tk Bde remains under comd 9 AUST DIV.	BM
106	18	1040	1250	T9 DIV	087	Sitrep 1000 hrs. Before 2200 hrs 2/48 Bn made carrier raid double re feature. Encountered and returned by fire. 3 carriers struck over minefield. One recovered immediately, others recoverable. 2/23 Bn unable capture cutting TELL EL EISA, etc and returned to starting posn. 2/28 Bn adv and occupied front about 650' SOUTH of tel line 750' astride QATTARA rd. Rest of night quiet. Believed that 90 Lt Div moving NORTH - may attack northern Bdes today. 30 Corps directs that NO identifications of own tps be mentioned in future intelligence summaries. Refer only to own tps in general terms.	S 15 236
107	18	1015	1320	T9 DIV	086	30 Corps directs that NO identifications of own tps be mentioned in future intelligence summaries. Refer only to own tps in general terms.	10 limit
108	"	1015	1415	R9 Div	A68	2/3 7d amb 2/8 7d amb 2/11 7d amb revert to comd ADMS from 2400 hrs 18 Jul.	
109	"	1405	1545	T9 DIV	092	24 Aust Inf Bde 88282958 Tac and Main HQ together.	
110	"	1445	1630(?)	179 DIV		GSI 30 Corps has advised that from interrogation of 3 German PW brought into Corps by FSS 9 DIV today and from Y Sources, Corps still expects attack today by 90 Lt Div and BRIEL (?) Sp, and possibly also parts of 5 and 8 Tk regts of 15 and 21 ARMED DIVS. LITTORIO DIV has been left down SOUTH to hold enemy posns here.	BM
111	"	1603	1630(?)	T9 DIV	096	One bn 20 Bde and one Bty 27 Fd Regt will be at one his notice to move from 1700 hrs. 20 Bde Gp less above is placed at 2 his notice. 20 Bde will send an LO to remain this HQ.	BM

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112	19	0845	1000	T 9 Div	099	ref my 096 of yesterday. notice for bar and bty now 2 hrs, notice for remainder bde gp now 3 hrs	Bty
113	"	1008	1055	272 426	0304	this HQ moves from present location to area 889293 at 1130 hrs. report centre at present location until 1300 hrs. advise MG Coy under comd.	B.M.
114	"	0935	1150	7 9 Div	0373	Main 9 Aust Div closes present location 1300 hrs, reopens 889295. Report centre remains until 1700 hrs.	Bty Ack
115	"	1010	1220	T 9 Div	0101	SITREP to 0900 hrs. past 24 hrs generally quiet while enemy believed brought forces north but no attack developed. light patrols found NO enemy at TEL EL EISA cutting 87512998 but diggings in around and west off trig 22. up to 12 hrs from 87632947 to half circle NW to NORTH behind trig 22 with many inf around them. diggings also 87632949 about 7 men and 87622937 about 30 men. no signs enemy withdrawal or attack seen. SA patrols considered enemy forces now west of 876 ^{east} north ^{grid} grid between 291 and 283 grids. 1 arm'd div reports few tks and little mortar seen south. ^{SITREP No 16} ^{i 238}	
116	"	2100/17	1730	M 9 Div	0371	MINES WARNING. fols laid from both incl 45848979 to 45808972. both incl 46108982 to 46098969 (units)	
117	"	1830	200	T 9 Div	0106	policy for patrols to night firstly. locate enemy posns. second. test strength enemy Germans to see if thinning out is commencing. third. raids to capture garrison of enemy outposts lines	
118	"	1455	1930	T 9 Div	0103	Sitrep. details of patrols in 24 bde area from 0001 to 0300 hrs 19 Jul. at approx 87622947 enemy in some strength digging in. in rear of working party 10/12 tks were observed one of these has been identified as M13. enemy were seen between 87632947 and 87622955 estimated about 400-500 men believed ITALIAN. period 0900 to 1400 hrs. situation generally quiet. patrols to maintain contact being employed to west SW and south of div FDLs. small enemy party 87463028. rty 875300 held by one of our patrols. mortar of enemy tps and vcls in small numbers vicinity 874299. carrier patrol with FOO pt 22. 87672950. about noon and reported some MT one lt tk and some inf digging in low ground 400' south of pt 22.	B.M. BM & units Se No 17 i 239
119	"	1425	1930	T 9 Div	0102	Enemy minefields 88302856.	
120	"	1645	2045	T 9 Div	0106	Rear 9 Aust Div closes 0900 hrs 20 July opening 42809026 1100 hrs same day	
121	19	1925	2140	T 9 Div	0107	182 SA Battle Gps are to adv from present posns after last night 19 July and establish themselves by 1st light on general line 882 EASTING. Inter Bde boundaries between 3 and 3(?) SA Bdes 289 NORTHING with point 36 at 881255 1 SA Bde. wire and mines are being used in manual consolidation.	B.M.
122	19	2230	0220/20	T 9 Div	0109	Sitrep to 2100 hrs. On coastal sector E FDLs appear to be 1 mile west of ours. Patrols 1250' from our FDLs at 1400 hrs saw only 6 enemy but were not fired on. On the feature 874299 little mortar tps or vcls seen. SOUTH rty generally lined E FDLs at pt 24 87472997 to high ground 87402985 SE along tel-line to 87642967, then SW to 87592961. 17 G's a ATK gun posns appearing as pillboxes or TR turrets at 87642964, 87642961, 87642969 with about 10/12 men perhaps posted.	Comd B.M.

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122 (cont)						Continuous single wire 18" high apparently recently erected runs from tel-line 87692964 in front E posns. E mortars at 87313028. TELL EL EISA system held, and contrary to general impression has always been held. Our FOO on Trig 22 87672950 directed Regt. concentrations on E on ridge from CAIRN 87542962 to 1000' to SE and an enemy in vicinity Trig 22.	
123	20	0845	0930	T9DIV	0111	Tac 9 Div joins main 9 DIV 0930 hrs today.	BM L
122	19	2230	2/20	T9DIV	0109	- This party was late (?) and forced to withdraw. E 200 near Trig 22 using mortars, 176's hostile gun. 4 The fwd M135. 2 long loads of inf and a staff car arrived in area before our party withdrew. Our FDLs established on QATTARA Rd 18 July are 1650' SW Tel line and NOT 650' as reported. 7 E Vhrs destroyed TELL EL EISA Sta entire 14/15 July and related to be ambulances containing arms and amm, proved to comprise 6 Amn trucks and 1 ambulance, similar in appearance. The ambulance did NOT contain arms or amm. Sitrep to 0700 hrs. Situation generally quiet during 19 July. On Coastal Sector enemy FDLs appear to be 1 mile WEST of our. 1400 hrs patrols saw little MNI 24 feature 874299. South of my general line E FDLs pt 24, 87472957, to high ground 87402985 then SE along tel line to 87642967 then SW to 87592961. TELL EL EISA Sta held throughout by our FOO. Our FOO on Trig 22 87672950 directed regt. concentration on enemy on ridge from CAIRN 87542962 to 1000' (?) SE and on enemy in vicinity Trig 22. Enemy numbering 200 near Trig 22 used mortars 176 and ATK guns. 4 The believed M13, two long loads inf arrived in area and our FOO withdrew. Our FDLs established on QATTARA rd 18 July are 1650' SW of telegraph line and not 650' as previously reported. Daylight patrol to 87922927 reported occupied enemy posn astride track at 87722928 for 500' NW & SE.	BM and Comb i 241 Sheet 18
124	20	1000	1145	M9DIV	i62	Body of pilot taken to 2/8 Tel Amb. Guard of 1 NCO and 10 ORs from this Coy placed in wreckage site up to 0900 hrs. at 1900 hrs on 19 July a large th moving from area trig 22 on which a by arty concentration from our guns was falling was seen to burn and explode at approx 87652932. during night 19/20 patrols reported enemy posns approx 1 Coy at 87482998 another patrol reached SANDY KNOLL sq 875299 which appeared to be occupied by day only. sangers seen. th destroyed at 876293 by patrol NOT identified by patrol	BM and Comb
125	20	1232	1235	10 Coy	ST 410		BM L
126	"	1318	1445	9 DIV	0574		BM L BM
127	20	1550	1700	9 DIV M	0377	Tac HQ 26 Bde now at 88023005.	BM L since 19
128	20	1930	2015	Tac 9 DIV	0111	Ref my 0107 @ ISADIN ops night 19/20 July went according to plan.	
129	20	0930	2005	I W		TAC HQ AAA closes present location 0930 hrs 20 July + rejoins MAIN HQ AAA 9 AUST DIV at 88972950	
130	21	0845/30	0830	MAIN 9 DIV	I 61	Same line SITREP to 2030 hrs @ Very quiet day @ some enemy arty harassing fire 1800 hrs otherwise NTR @	SITREP 19
131	21	1000	1045	M9 DIV	i 65	Map Ref Code No 39 issued today. DI is 20 July NOT 21 July.	

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131	21	1700/20	1300	HR	DN14	Ref map EL QASABA 1/50,000. 4 Aust Lt AA regt w/shops sec now at 43249022 sec now at 43249022	
132	"	1350	1530	4 Lt AA Regt	I 66	Patrol to 1200 hrs. Quiet night. Patrol reports. E patrol strength 16 men thought. Periman observed at 87393014. E digging party 87453013 strength estimated 2 pls, thought possible burial party. Some MG fire and explosions from area RUIN 872303. Small E working party probably mine laying at 87482988. MT heard in area of working party. Snipers' post well concealed but not occupied located at 87652998 (?). MG fire and activity reported at 87662963 and veh thought to be AC. 87472935 (?) E post and veh attached by patrol, fire returned. E casualties unknown. Ofcr in charge of patrol and 1 OR wounded before patrol withdrew. Small party returned to post to bring ofcr in and met no opposition. Ofcr died at RAP. E post appeared to be protecting large ITALIAN working party incl 4 compressors. Enemy particularly alert. At about 0315 hrs in area 87732935 4 vehs thought to be this reported. Patrol on approaching were challenged in GERMAN. E sentry shot and patrol were able to avoid E fire.	BT
133	21	1820	1855	179 DIV	0389	Tac HR 9 DIV opens 88652945 at 2200 hrs 21 July. All OO, op Instns, and strips should be addressed TAC HR.	BT
134	"	1720	1855	179 DIV	0387	118 Royal Tns move this evening to area 431899. Arrange AA protection with any light AA you have near area	BT
135	"	1815/1930		8 ARMY	K23	fighter 1900 @ 860914 from depression NORTH to DEIR EL QATTARA NMS @ 856760, 50 MET attached	
136	"	1850	1915	30 CORPS	14/3	TAC R 1550. 1455 hrs @ 865309 25 MT stat @ 861309 100 MT stat @ NR Coast 853714 to 858313 200 MT scattered some tanks @ 851314 200 MT stat @ 848310 5 MT stat @ 858303 25 dark colored rectangular objects like vehs 850297 3 gps of 15 similar objects 852290 15 similar objects @ 854284 15 MT @ 866274 50 MT stat @ 859262 867259 each 100 MT stat @	
137	"	1928	2010	8 ARMY	K27	TAC R. 1450-1845 2/4000 ft haze. 873306 and 874300 50 MET each disp. 863311 15 large MET East much traffic each way muddy East 864307 2 large tks South. 862297 20/40 MET South. 859292 50 MET South on tks 864286 20 MET possibly incl tks @ 868295 874295 874285 868285 area 1000 MET very disp. dig RA 866290 dig	
138	"	1910/2030		26 BDE	-	From 1100 hrs seen only 7 enemy vehs and slight movement - engaged by arty	
139	"	2100/2030		MAIN HQ 9 DIV	I 63	Following will be included in last daily strips due here 2030 hrs @ number but tks destroyed or abandoned as result enemy action or mechanical breakdown during day @ number personnel missing during day @ accuracy important but if impossible give approximation	SC
140	"	1928	2110	8 ARMY	K27	about 1800 hrs 7000 to 4000 @ 7000 to 4000 Vis good @ 865309 25 MET stat 861309 100 MET @ between 853714 and 858313 200 MET scattered some TNTS @ 851314 200 MET @ 848310 50 MET @ 854311 50 MET @ 852297 50 MET @ 860274 50 MET @ 859262 100 MET @ 867259 100 MET	
141	"	1930	2110	"	K25	1630-1935 @ 868287 to 860294 much ill-spread MET mug on to RAHMAN TRK 861291 MT bombed Sq 8629 much MET stat disp @ 1610-1930 856760 50 MT disp in wadi bombed 863766 unoccupied dig @ elsewhere in area 885230 865252 863767 NMS.	

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142	July 21 1944	0740	0810	30 Control	14/1	TACR. 0625 to 0730 hrs @ Main rd between 863 + 868 grid 140 MT disp between rd and coast @ 873297 35 MT Stat @ 867297 150 MT disp @ 873297 + GNF NE @ 868297 500 MT disp @	BM
143	July 21	2118	2230	M 9 DIV	0398	Confirming Inf ZERO 0530 hrs. Attach on 2 nd Objective follows on order from 9 th And Div after first objective has been secured and arty regts have moved ZERO for attack on 3 rd objective by arrangements between — Comd 1 Army M Bde and comd 24 Bde Sp. Decision to be notified to Tac Div in time for processing of Arty Sp.	BM
144	22	0145	?	T 9 DIV	0113	9 Div CAV Regt closes present from 0200 hrs opens 0600 hrs today vicinity 8780 - 2970	"
145	22	2150/21	?/22	M 9 DIV	i 67	Sitrep to 2045 hrs. Quiet day, some slight arty activity both sides this morning. 1930 hrs 2 British planes shot down by E AA. One exploded in mid air, pilot bailed out of second. Estimated that pilot landed in area 875292. 2/32 hrs report being shelled by 25-pdrs from enemy, several duds.	"
146	22	0830	0861	ARMY	K 6	Tac/R 0615 0715. 860283 HT Alamein Sta dispersed. 855276 50 MT. 863273 200 MT, 6 TRS. 860269 20 MT, 4 TRS 4 AFV facing EAST 856204. 200 MT disp in wadi	"
147	22	0830	0900	30 CORPS	14/2	Immediate inform MUST be given of any change in bombline immedi it occurs	"
148	"	1937/21	?/22	M 9 DIV	0393	AFV recognition signals period 22-27 Jul incl. One Top one centre, Reply challenge blue flag vertical.	B7
149	"	0922	0945	8 ARMY	K 7	0700-0800 RAF Armd Recce bombed 100 MET. 2 ATMC successfully bombed. Report several gps 100/150 MET 870282 to 862267. Low MET area QATTARA box	BM L
150	"	1100	1245	9 DIV M	0397	Mines warning. Ad wired but not completed 43879030, 43889023 - 43949018 - 44149020 - 44199030. 13 Corps report of fd was laid 787308 to 788206. Present state not known.	BM L
151	"	1200	1340	T 9 DIV	0120	One Bn 20 Bde and one PLMG with ATK guns as available will move into Div Reserve in EL ALAMEIN defenses. Location to be notified to the HQ by gps who will be stationed at the HQ	"
152	22	1335	1435	T 9 DIV	0121	Location Div area 2/15 Bn 88672933 @	BM Cont
153	"	1040	1600	T 26 BDE	0100	Main HQ 26 Bde joined T HQ 88013006 at 1100 hrs and report centre old location to 1200 hrs	BM

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154	1945 July 21/45	1800	1800	TAG 9Aust Div	0122	<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold;">21</p> <p>SITREP 1230 hrs @ 26 BDE @ 24 BN holding from coast to inland in old posn @ 23 BN holding rd cutting at 875300 and eastern pt at 874399 @ 48 BN holding western pt at 874399 and TELL EL EISA by old @ 24 BN with 1/3 Aust Inf Bn alt @ 13 BN in old posn @ 28 BN from outside QATTARARD at 8782946 @ 23 BN has NOT moved @ 32 BN tel line at 87602970 - 87562963 - 87572958 - 87622953</p> <p>DIV CAN @ A Sqn 87812975 @ generally 9 Aust Div captured its first objective was counter attacked at all unit objectives and remains in possession of all unit objectives except know in NE corner of 874301 @ 9 DIV tps opposed by GERMAN tps all sectors and some tps probably of battle gps @ 08 hrs 10 pps 56 GERMAN ORs captured vicinity pt 22 8683050 identified from 90 LT DIV 4 Coy 155 LIR and 8 MG BN @ PW from area 874301 identified from 3/2 LIR @ other formations central and southern sectors @ Own tps secured all early objectives on time except pt 64 881279 which was captured and consolidated later @ enemy launched several counter attacks but only partially successful @ main enemy armour definitely engaged Southern Sector.</p>	
155	22	1705	1850	T 9 DIV	0125	Main 26 Bde joined its T 42 88013006 today	BM Ry
156	22	1920	2025	TAG 9 DIV	0126	<p>Ref 9 Aust Div 00 No 7 @ Amend para 13 @ Second sq will be area of West of QATTARARD in 875289 874290 @ ISA DIV is cooperating as follows (a) contact patrol leaving 2100 hrs moving along north-south grid 291 to rd then SW along rd to try to contact 1/28 Bn. (b) @ Strong fighting patrol leaving 1900 hrs to contours 30 around pt 298770 @ @ Strong fighting patrol leaving 1930 hrs moving under SA DIV arty ofv on 2875 north-south grid to pt 33 877289</p>	BM
157	22	2105	2215	M 9 DIV	0399	1 B 2 SA Bdes new minefields as follows: 88282890 - 88222860 to rd at 88302850 thence 88352850 to 88352843 to 88372836 to 88382834 and 88412834. Paps at 88352845 & 88372837.	BM L
158	22	1820	2215	24 Bde	0121	<p>Sitrep 1800 hrs. This Bde front 2/32 Bn after heavy fighting reached line approx 87632950 to 87572950 to 87612971. 26 Bde tps reached ring contour 873302 but were forced to withdraw. 26 Bde tps captured TELL EL EISA feature and at last report still held it. 9 DIV tps opposed by Germans all sectors, and some tps probably of battle gps. 2/32 Bn captured 1 of 63 ORs from 90 Lt Div, 4 Coy 155 LIR and 8 MG Bn. PW from area 874301 identified from 382 LIR. Central and southern sectors. Own tps secured all early objectives on time except pt 64 881279 which was captured and consolidated later. Enemy launched several</p>	BM L

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158 (cont)						counter attacks but one partially successful. Main E armour definitely engaged Southern Sector.	
159	22	2005	2200	2/15	0118	2/15 B Ech now moved to limit area 88652934.	
160	"	2325		T9 Div	0130	Sitrep to 2100 hrs. Enemy formed on SW slope of double 23 TEL EL EISA feature at 1920 hrs but were broken up by our arty fire and did not attack. at 1900 hrs 2/28 Bn with in sup 50 RTIR attacked RUIN ridge west of QATTARA rd 875289 and 874290. results of this attack not yet available. Total enemy PW captured to day is to 1800 hrs 1 offr 89 ORS plus 6 in MOS and since 1800 hrs 1 offr 40 ORS arrived at cage. PW all GERMAN. Enemy dispositions last light estimated as follows. On coast 1 and 3 bns 382 regt possibly supported by KIEL battle gr. PW states 1 bn 433 inf regt which comprises low category tps from CRETE has arrived fwd area and may be north. BRIEHL gr vicinity TELL EL EISA. Next probably 1 bn 361 IR with elements 8 MG bn. Next 200 IR and 1 and 2 bns 155 IR with 2 tps 18 FLAK vicinity 875294. Elements TRIESTE and SABRATA divs behind above units. 2 bn 361 IR about 876291. Force 298 and ITALIAN inf divs in centre sector with 15 and 21 armd div. In south ARIETE and LITTORIO armd divs. 3 Bn 155 IR in area 873275.	Sitrep 20 cont 811
161	23	0935	1130	TACHO	0133	SITREP. 0600 hrs @ Situation during night 22/23 generally quiet @ in the NW we have withdrawn from Western pt of 875299 but Eastern pt of 875299 is still being held @ as a result of the afternoon attack by 28 BN the unit is now established 300 yds West of QATTARA Rd between Kilo 8+9.	SITREP No 21 BM.
162	"	0410	1305	24 Div	I4	Sitrep to 0300 hrs @ attack 1900 hrs 2/28 Bn with in sup 40 RTIR attacked RUIN ridge reached post approx west of pt 87662912 at last light adjusted from reverse slope just west of tk between (8+9 kiloposts?) Captured 45 PW. of these 5 ITALIAN remainder GERMAN. own casualties believed not by. on 26 tel front at 1920 hrs enemy formed up SW slope of double 29 TEL EL EISA feature but were broken up by our arty fire and did not attack. in attack a.m 22 Jul 2/32 bn. captured 1 offr 56 ORS all GERMANS plus approx 10 wounded. total PW captured 9 Aust Div 22 Jul 2 offrs 147 ORS. enemy dispositions last light estimated as follows. On coast 1 & 3 bns 382 regt possibly capt by KIEL battle gr. 1 Bn 433 inf regt from CRETE may be NORTH BRIEHL gr vicinity TELL EL EISA.	
163	"	1310	1530	T9 DIV	0141	① SA Div exploitation task 23 July is to Eastern grid 875. Present limit paraSA patrol is 880288 to 879238. ② 9 Div will hold and consolidate the pos gained 22 Jul exploit SW as opportunity offers. ③ To assist in the general plan to maintain pressure on the enemy and to continue the adv on 24 Jul. 9 Div will (a) maintain contact with patrols (b) patrol to test the E's strength and give early warning of any thinning out on the part of the enemy. ④ A proportion of smoke will be used in certain arty harassing fire to mislead the enemy and draw his fire.	

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164	23	1500	1630	M 9 DIV	0400	Following report received from ISA DIV. At 88172885 there is a cairn of stones 20x40 m EAST of this cairn is an E minefield. The mine was followed for 500x on a bearing of 340°, and for 600x on a bearing of 140° from pt 88172885. The minefield extends beyond these distances. It consists of 2 rows of ATK mines No 3 Mk I placed 20 ft apart with approx 18 ft between mines. Is badly camouflaged and can be easily lifted. There is no fence marked 'minefields'. At 88202880 there is a well of our portee, also a spider with German markings. There are derelict minefield runs both EAST and WEST of these areas. From the portee a single DANVERT wire runs in rear of minefield.	BM
165	"	1450	1630	T 9 DIV	0143	Sitrep to 1400 hrs. Sitrep in Northern Sector. Total PW in Cape captured by 9 DIV up to since first light 22 July is GERMAN 2 Officers 173 ORs and ITALIANS 7 ORs + 2 civilians. Identifications from RATTARA rd 870290 area are 1 Bn 361 LIR 1 Coy 33 ATK Bn 9 Coy 62 IR TRENTO DIV. E dispositions from coast southward believed in following order. 183 Pns 382 Lt Inf Regt flanked by KIEL BATTLE group BRIEHL BATTAL of 1 Bn 155 LIR 1 Bn 200 LIR 1 Bn 361 elements 33 ATK Bn with elements TRIESTE and SABRATA Div behind GERMAN lines. 1 Bn 104 LIR extending SW from 878290 to TRENTO DIV	SITREP 23 16246
166	"	1950		T 9 DIV	0198	all bombings attacks by enemy will be reported at once through air support control, airdock & camp	
167	24	2046/23	0845	24th de	012	Sitrep to 2000 hrs activities this side front during afternoon confined to patrolling. 2/32 bn patrol to area SW of CAIRN 87552962 at first enemy appeared to have drawn back from position occupied during to ridge further west. patrol encountered LMG fire and Lt shelling, captured one PW and spent one MG. Recce report no more seen on RUIN ridge east of RATTARA rd. HQ veh and 20 mm BREDA near ridge on right edge of rd 87532895. (patrol to west of rd during morning observed enemy digging parties 200/300 strong area 873291 also staff car and two trucks), patrol engaged by ATK rifle ATK gun 85 mm. SNIPED from derelict th in area 876290	
168	24	1125	1145	M 9 DIV	0402	Tac HQ closes present location 1130 hrs and rejoins main HQ at 88902952. Report centre remains present location of Tac HQ until 1300 hrs.	BM etc
169		2330/23	1205	T 9 DIV	0150	Sitrep to 2100 hrs. northern sector generally quiet since noon. patrol report following. enemy minefield vicinity 87632975 extending 500x in NE direction. 87562943 at 1600 hrs NMS on front for 2500x. 1900 hrs 873294 30 to 40 trucks 1 th moving east engaged by arty. 1705 hrs at 87252950 70 mt 10 MT 2 ATK guns 1 MG 4 arty. 87642948 one half tracked arm SP 7.62 ATK gun with amm found and brought in. 87602946 similar veh and gun destroyed by explosives. 87622947 tractor drawn 7.62 ATK gun found destroyed. another from same area towed in. 873296 ft 23 enemy inf and ATK gun. no known change enemy dispositions.	Sitrep 23
170		1050	1205	T 9 DIV	0153	SITREP to 1000 hrs. quiet night. German patrols active in coastal area but no contact made. small parties inf in area 87423009. little digging west of cutting. 0710 hrs div car patrol at 87382965 still proceeding westerly reports NMS. 0930 hrs car reports enemy moving to 87252969 probable CP	

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171	24	0945	1830	24 Bde	i 19	small parties enemy seen 87252980 and 87242969. estimate enemy fd and med guns available to the enemy northern sector total 34 tps. C80 advises 33 tps located same sector. Sitrep to 0800 hrs. quiet night. 2/32 bn carrier patrol before last light observed most west of 873 grid line between grids 291 and 297 northing grids. enemy tps at 87202955. suspected MG post 87302960. patrol fired on from pt 23 (87252969). carriers returned fire and possibly inflicted casualties. 11a 7K HQ brought in one self propelled 7.62 cm gun and destroyed one same type and another 7.62 cm tractor-drawn gun was brought in from area 876294. 9 Div Car at 1705 hrs reported 70 inf 10 MT 2 ATK guns one MG 4 arty at 87252950. enemy minefield vicinity 87632975 extended 500' in NE direction. 2/32 bn were last night laying mines from cairn (87552962) to trig 22 (87672950). mines have been laid around 2/28 bn area.	
172	24	2010	2245	24 Bde	i 23	Sitrep to 1700 hrs. Day quiet. 2/32 bn patrols night 23/24 July destroyed one 88 mm gun about 8764290 and heard working parties and hammering 874293. 9 DIV COV and 2/32 Carrier patrol reported enemy dug in with MG, arty and ATK guns 872296. 100 men seen in this area. Enemy also at pt 23 87322963. Single DANNERT wire extended from latter point WEST to behind pt 23 87252969. Enemy line appears to extend from 87352958 to 87352945. ATK gun with tapering bore brought in today from area trig 22. This afternoon enge rece party was fired on by two automatics and one ATK gun from 87832907 and one automatic from 87803905. 1045 hrs to 1105 hrs about 8 ME 109's flew in NE area 877292. Flying NW at 2000 ft. During afternoon 2 recon planes flew round same area on two occasions.	
173	24	2145	2305	T9 DIV	i 69	Sitrep to 2100 hrs. Our patrols active during the day. Enemy appear working on general line 87252980 to pt 23 87262969 to 87352950 to 87402930 with strong point being built at pt 23. Main E formation disposes all sectors, believed unchanged. 2030 hrs, by 79 few reported from 87662923.	cond SITREP 24 i 248
174	25	0850	1025	24 Bde	i 25	SITREP to 0830 hrs. quiet night. 0013 hrs 2 EA straffed main rd and area NORTH. patrol night 24/25 saw most of 3 gps about 20 men vicinity 877 grid between 2900-2905 also 2 small working parties heard same area.	BM
175	"		1415	T9 DIV	i 144	Sitrep to 0900 hrs. quiet night. 2006 hrs our tps on EAST pt 24 recd some shellfire. 2010 hrs 12 tp carriers observed in area 87152998 moving SE. sq 873302 small tp most. same area staff cars stopped and men appeared to study maps our patrols brought in considerable salvage and saw number of enemy dead. left bn patrol encountered minefields at 87442996 87382995 87342994 all of BRITISH PATTERN MINES. 87302994 series of slit trenches no wire. by MG observed fire at approx 87343004.	Cond
176	"	1330	1520	24 Bde	i 26	Passwords as from 1800 hrs. 25 Jul workings. 26 Jul WINNIPEG.	Cond
177	"	1438	1635	M9 DIV	i 70	Sitrep to 1200 hrs. Enemy. Coastal sector. general line enemy FDL from coast to 87433000 gun concentrations in RUIN area 872300. from 87433000 FDLs run around western 24 feature to approx 87232985 thence south SE to 87302975 to 87402930 with probable outpost posns to east. yesterday enemy fd guns fired from approx 87292990. 4 to 6 tps or armd carriers mov east at 87252987. 25 Jul many inf area 871290. enemy posn possibly a tk gun reported at 87282964. strong pt with danert being prepared pt 23 87252969	BM

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178	25	2125	2215	179 DIV	i71	Slight E movement observed during day confirm probable E FDLs as issued in Sitrep to 1200 hrs today, otherwise NTR.	BTL
179	26	1955/25	0830/26	24 BR	i31	Sitrep to 1800 hrs (.) period has been quiet this bde front. 1037 hrs nichs seen moving vicinity pt 23 (87382963). 2/28 Bn carrier patrol during afternoon observed nich movement SE along 872.292, 873291	
180	26	0715	0845	179 DIV	i72	Sitrep to 0630 hrs. Night 25/26 July quiet, our patrols active. Patrols on double 24 feature found dumps of BP MK I mines but none actually laid. Many diggings with large amount amm and small arms. 2 mortars about 3 in. Recovered 4 TSMG, same area	Sitrep No 25
181		1100	1400	24 Sde	i33	Sitrep to 1100 hrs. active patrolling by us during night otherwise quiet this bde front. patrols from 2/28 bn heard digging area 87682908. 2 men round armd C 87612926. 3 men seen digging 87582918. 9 aust div sitrep to 0630 hrs reports patrols on double 24 feature found dumps MK mines. many diggings with large amount amm and SA. 2 mortars about 3 in. recovered 4 TSMG from same area.	R/M
182		1305	1500	179 DIV	0416	AFV Recognition Signals for period 28. 31 July incl. One Pennant. centre Repl challenge BLUE flag horizontal	
183		1600/25			0412	procedure for submission of patrol reports. important results to reach Div HQ earliest possible but not later 0800 hrs daily. detailed reports incl times in an out type strength route and any additional remarks and deductions to reach Div HQ as early as possible but not later than 1300 hrs daily	

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184	26	1455	1530	M 9 Div	173	sitrep to 1300 hrs. one GERMAN PW possible deserter reported from coastal sector. has since stated is from 2 Coy 33 RECCE which is resting. otherwise NTR	
185	"	1405	1655	26 Bde	120	SITREP to 1400 hrs. our patrols active fwd of FPL3 during night. 87312989 patrol discovered damaged armory piece believed 75 mm and three desluts. 87312989 old diggings. 87262989 small enemy working party heard large truck nearby. also found large amount of spandau SAA and 2-81 mm mortars. 87422998 dump of BRITISH pattern MARK 4 MINES. centre bn patrols reported (8743013) blasting and hammering K 109 area. right bn patrols report 87403023 to 87413028 empty 4 gun arty posn. patrol cut sig wire running east and west at 87453032. left bn salvaged 4 TSMG during night.	comd.
186	"	1845	1930	24 Bde	139	SITREP to 1800 hrs @ All quiet except for sporadic MG fire on 2/28 Bn area @ some of this fire came from area Pk 21. 87652912	comd
187	27	1050	1210	26 Bde	126	Sitrep to 1030 hrs. Night generally quiet on this sector. Left Bn patrols report NMS. Centre Bn reports E dipping at 87413015 at 0030 hrs. Right Bn patrols brought in oxygen-like cylinder reported in int summary 192. Considerable salvage brought in also. Our arty at 0740 hrs reported to have silenced E guns firing on cutting area.	Comd
188	27	1125	1250	M 9 Div	174	Sitrep to 0945 hrs. 2/28 Bn attack commenced on time of first objective ridge approx 8756-2897 to 87452904 reported occupied 0203 hrs. PW approx 100 German and 12 Italians 0945 hrs reported that 2/28 Bn being heavily attacked by the. No further details available. 0905 hrs 104 RHA heavily disembarked by STUKAR. Details later. Identifications GERMAN HQ & 1,2,3,4 Coy 361 IR. 33 ATK Bn. 1 Coy 190 ATK Bn. 3 Tps 480 med Bty. ITALIAN 2 Bn 62 IR. 51 Bn 4 Engr Regt. Both TRENTO DIV	Bde Sitrep No. 28 i 255
189	27	1435	1530	M 9 Div	043	From receipt these orders 2 tps 9 ant a 7k Bty come under comd C Coy 2/2 MG Bn less 1 pl comd capt CC BROWN. This force is responsible for a tk defence between left fwd coy 2/48 Bn and most northerly posn 2/13 Bn. Force under comd 24 Bde through 2/13 Bn and will be in posn by 1800 hrs Jul 27. Recce by CO 3a 7k Regt CO 2/2 MG Bn and rep 2/13 Bn proceeding	comd.
190	"	1938	2025	M 9 Div	0433	2 Armd Bde withdrawing night 27/28 Jul by 2030 hrs covered by inf in rear. 1 SA Div withdrawing by 2000 hrs night 27/28 Jul to posn held this morning	comd Comd 8th

191	27	1905	2120	M 9 Div	0432	Enemy minefield reported 1400 hrs at 87562913 extending abd at right angles to track. Minefield comprises 2 rows barbed wire with BRITISH mk 5 or 4 mines laid not between rows but 20' fwd of the wire. Minefield covered by fire from ZOLOTHURN at 87592912 by SPANDAU 87592914 by 50mm at approx 87562923 and by SPANDAU from pt 21 876291. Further minefield reported 87652967. 1 arm'd Div reports enemy minefield 87532882 to 87662872 to 87602850. Car reports arty and mortar fire and other activity vicinity 23 87252969. 1720 hrs large parties enemy reported west of 20 contour 875294 875293 and 875292 being engaged by arty. 1812 hrs 1 arm'd Div reports 877289 4 enemy tks, 87572873 6 tks, 876292 5 tks.	minefield fwd to UNITS i 256 Comd.
192	"	2025	2155	M 9 Div	I 75	Sitrep to 1930 hrs. 2/28 Bn on its objective on ridge 87452904 to 87562899 was heavily counter-attacked by enemy tks before 0900 hrs. 1100 hrs 50 RTR counter attacked 2 tks reaching MITERIYA ridge at 873290 to 875289. Present situation 2/43 Bn in posn formerly held by 2/28 Bn. 2/32 and 2/13 Bns in original posns. 2 MG pls and 2 ATK tks under comd 2/13 Bn for ATK defence of gap between 26 Bde and 24 Bde. 1834 hrs enemy laying smoke screens area approx 87722886.	
193	28	1125	1330	M 9 DIV	0437	Confirming. 1 Army Tk Bde less 1 sqn 50 RTR moves to area 879296 28 Jul. 1 sqn 50 RTR remains in sp. 24 Bde remaining 50 RTR last light 28 Jul.	
194	28	Ints	400		I 76	SITREP to 130 hrs @ 0900 hrs NTR @ No details yet re 1/28 Bn @ Enemy @ believe following GERMAN tks now in northern sector @ one and three tks 383 IR with possibly three tks 433 IR @ Kiel qft on m. & two tks 155 IR @ two tks 361 BRIENL qft 33 rece one tks 115 LIR one pd two tks 700 IR @ TRENTO DIN one and three tks 61 IR one + two tks 62 IR @ (Belon MITERIYA Ridge) to 2800	Comd.
195	29	0828	1210	T 24 Bde	L 13	SITREP to 0800 hrs. Carrier patrol 28 Jul reported light enemy observed on line 87502949 with diggings further west. Some mortar fire on 2/32 Bn front during night. Patrols during night encountered minefields east of QATTARA track. 1 patrol was fired on by about 8 automatics area pt 21 87662912. No casualties. Another patrol fired on by BREDA area 877290. 2/43 Bn report observed mortar HT and 20 to 30 men near enemy posn 87562912. Sq 875291 continuous many enemy posn which extend to 87612914. Arty FOO reports mortar several tks apparently westward in depression between 2/43 Bn posn and RUIN RIDGE	
196	"	1210	1335	24 Bde	I 51	Passivords as from 1800 hrs. 29 Jul WALLABY. 30 Jul WHIPPET	BM BM
197	"	1030	1335	26 Bde	L 134	SITREP to 1000 hrs. Night generally quiet. Right bn patrols observed 2 topped tks at 87463037 occupied by party of 4 men who fired a signal of 3 shots then retired. Enemy night FDLs are believed to extend from this pt on approx bearing 56°. 87503036 patrol crossed track running on bearing 33° with many fresh tracks of AFRIKA KORPS pattern boots clearly visible. 87483040 approx 20 mm AA gun used for sig purposes. Further patrols from same pt found dugouts some of which had mines stacked in them. This patrol considered enemy FDLs 350' west of this pt as enemy sent up flare. Enemy FDLs believed in this area 87423015 to 87443019 incl at least 3 MG posts which opened fire at 0230 hrs. 87473016 and 87473015 many enemy dead and several dead spandaus. Same Bn patrol to pt 25 reported NMS. Left Bn patrols brought in considerable salvage and reported west pt 24 NMS. Further patrol from this Bn came under shellfire in sq 873293. Third patrol from left Bn reported no mortar on pt 17 sq 872300. 87222993 4 men digging. 87292994 working party. Enemy scattered in area sq 872299.	BM

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198	29	1227	1440	T 9 DIV	L 15	SITREP to 1200 hrs. 0500 to 0600 hrs two sources report sounds of the most westwards from line of QATTARA track. 0745 hrs 3 tks possibly deviants at 87652905. 0900 hrs 4 tks 5 rchs stationary approx 875292. 0930 hrs 3 tks moving 87222912. From 0615 to 0900 hrs most of men estimated total 100 in areas 877290 876288 southern half of 876291 875290 southern half of 875291 874290. most continues throughout period. Possible OP 87832909 report 1150 hrs party of men and 2 rchs 872293 engaged by arty and seen to disperse	
199	"	1140	1515	M 9 DIV	L 77	amendments to 9 Aust Div R/T Code No 1. Page one codeword for AFV PILCHARD. Insert AFTERNOON codeword FOOTBALL. Page 7 opposite MACBETH for FIVE read SIX. Page 8 opposite TROPHY for EIGHT read NINE.	Cond.
200	30	1015	1250	T 9 DIV	L 17	SITREP. 1000 hrs arty reports enemy apparently laying minefields from 874290.5 to 87582899. 9 DN CAN at 0630 hrs captured at 87392995 11 GERMANS from 3 Coy 20 IN BR and 6 ITALIANS from 1 Coy 6 BR later in day one more GERMAN same area otherwise NMR	Cond.
201	"	1700	0900	M 9 DIV	0448	AFV recognition signals for period 1 to 5 aug incl. W/T flags 1 top only. reply to challenge blue flag vertical	
202	"	0808	0940	T 24 Bde	L 18	SITREP to 0800 hrs. Period quiet. Patrol to 875291 was fired on by spandau and mortar. Other patrols report NMS. During night 1 pl MGs fired 4000x in to area 875391 where enemy working parties are seen. Results NOT observable.	units i 260
203	"	1115	1200	9 DN M	0452	No new minefields will be laid EAST of 890 starting grid without reference thru HQ. Existing work 1km area will be completed	Cond.
204	"	1510	1700	/	I 87	SITREP to 1500 hrs GERMAN NC.O. PW 20 eng ten comd working party captured by CAV area 875296. Morning 29 July 1930 hrs @ night 29/30 July reasonably quiet only very slight enemy harassing fire 2 Bde 476 Bde sectors @ patrol SW sector encountered some MG + mortar fire from area 878291 @ patrol in the sector report at 875303 found 7 dead it gal drums in rows spaced approx 30yds apart were attached to each drum disappearing underneath the free end of wire based as for electrical contact @ possibly some form barrels flame trap @ same patrol received spandau and amm @ 2 deviant tks at 87483037 used by enemy working party in area 875291 results unknown @ our arty harassed enemy 1000 hrs area 87233028 to 87443037 during night @ SA DIV report 0015 hrs 87752900 one MK III @ PROBABLY OP shelled by our arty and later joined by another @ 1200 to 1300 hrs continuous N movement in 870292 870293 and end 871293 then NW	Cond
205	"	1916	2230	T 9 DIV	i 21	Sitrep to 1900 hrs. SA Div report 0815 hrs 87752900 17k III tk probably OP shelled by our arty and later joined by another tk. 143 hrs reported 1 large tk at 0630 hrs moved to 87642900 remained there to 0815 hrs then moved behind ridge. 0730 hrs 10 men at 87402953. At 0800 hrs moved NE into dead ground. During morning 2 rchs brought up 2 small guns believed ATK into area 874293. Arty engaged and rchs retired leaving guns. Air photos 27 July showed hostile prepared up and gun positions from 87352933 to 87662905 where smoke screen obscured line. from 87382926 to 87472923 these positions are dug in	BM
206	31	0806	0900	T 24 BDE	i 27	SITREP to 0830 hrs @ quiet night @ patrol report NMS.	Cond
207	31	1530/30	0900	M 9 DIV	0454	MINEFIELDS laid BIR SHINEINA area @ 43862738 - 43868932 - 43908925 - 43968925 - 44248927 - 44288927 @ 43868932 44248927	Cond
208	31	0810	0920	24 Bde	i 49	Passwards as from 1800 hrs - 31 Jul GIRAFFE ; 1 AUG GINGER	Cond
209	"	1338	1530	T 24 Bde	L 23	SITREP to 1330 hrs. 0925 hrs 6 tks stationary 874292. 100 in area 87402953 to 87302963 some apparently digging. HQ R 0845 - 0920 hrs reports 200 MET either side of ridge 871293 to 875290. also digging 874288	

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210	31	1510	1645	M 9 DIV	L84	SITREP to 1500 hrs. 1955 hrs 30 Jul 1 pl enemy inf debussed 87222988 engaged by our arty. Night 30/31 generally quiet our arty carried out harassing shoot between 2300 and 0100 hrs in sq 872297, 872298, 876301, 876291, 875289. Slight enemy CB fire large number duds in reply. Patrols reported enemy defended from occupied by Germans estimated 2 coys extending from 87262985 to 87282978. In front of posn German 3 row pattern minefield shaped like letter Y with prongs towards our lines. At 87282998 large dump containing 47 mm, Lt and by Breda amm, cooking dishes, sleepers and Italian rifles. Near pt 17 872300 is mound of stones and 2 drums with wooden crosses on top, believed to be guides for MT. 5 enemy tks reported by car at 874292, 0730 hrs observed derelict by car and arty OPS	
211	"	1610	1730	M 9 DIV	0461	Warning order. 2/12 Aust 7d Regt moves into EL ALAMEIN defences night 31 Jul / 1 Aug. 2/28 Pnr moves to 20 Aust Inf Bde area night 31 Jul / 1 Aug under separate orders by Q. 20 Aust Inf Bde and 26 Aust Inf Bde relieve each other nights 1/2 and 2/3 Aug. Adv parties of Bdes may proceed night 31 Jul / 1 Aug. Detail of sup arms to be relieved will be issued later. 24 Aust Inf Bde will prepare outpost posns in present area for one bn, flanks to linked to 26 Bde and EL ALAMEIN defences by 2/3 Pnr and MG posts. Assistance for laying a th minefields to be provided by 2/2 Pnr Bn and 2/13 Pnr coy as required. 2/3 Pnr Bn will take over EL ALAMEIN western defences from the sea to telegraph line from 3 SA Div at a date to be arranged coming under comd 24 Aust Inf Bde on taking over.	BM
212	"	1600	1745	M 9 DIV	0462	23 Armd Bn have certain tasks in SP of 9 Aust Div. 50 RTR is under comd 9 DIV and is leaguering in area 880298 for use in SP of either fwd Bde. CO 50 RTR will receive probable tasks in conjunction with comds fwd Bdes. Fwd Bdes will make any preparations necessary to enable tks to operate in the areas selected. 24 & 26 Bdes will establish line comm with HQ 50 RTR (Moving to 88072980) evening 1 July). 50 RTR will drop near links to this HQ in SP of a fwd Bde. It is intended that the rear link at DIV HQ will move fwd to the HQ of the Bde concerned	BM BT
213	31	2038	2120	T 4 BDE	IX	SITREP to 2030 hrs @ 1855 hrs 2 large tks moved North towards 87512992 @ moving away by arty and moved into dead ground @ 1930 hrs with effectively engaged movement of vehs and men West of pt 23 87529690	Comd
214	1 Aug	1050	1230	M 9 DIV	0468	Report on ops Jul 42. 1st. This HQ to prepare report on ops of 9 Aust Div from time its formations moved fwd from ALAMEIN area up to and incl 29 Jul 42. 2nd. addresses will render reports as under to assist in preparation of a div account of ops. (a) By 0900 hrs 2 Aug a summary of moves and ops. This summary will incl statement of the form in which the final report will be submitted. (b) By 1800 hrs 4 Aug a comprehensive report. 3rd. The fullest possible use will be made of appendices so that the div narrative may be a brief one. 4th. Separate reports will be furnished (a) by AQ for the services when necessary (b) by RAA for arty by types.	

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Maps etc

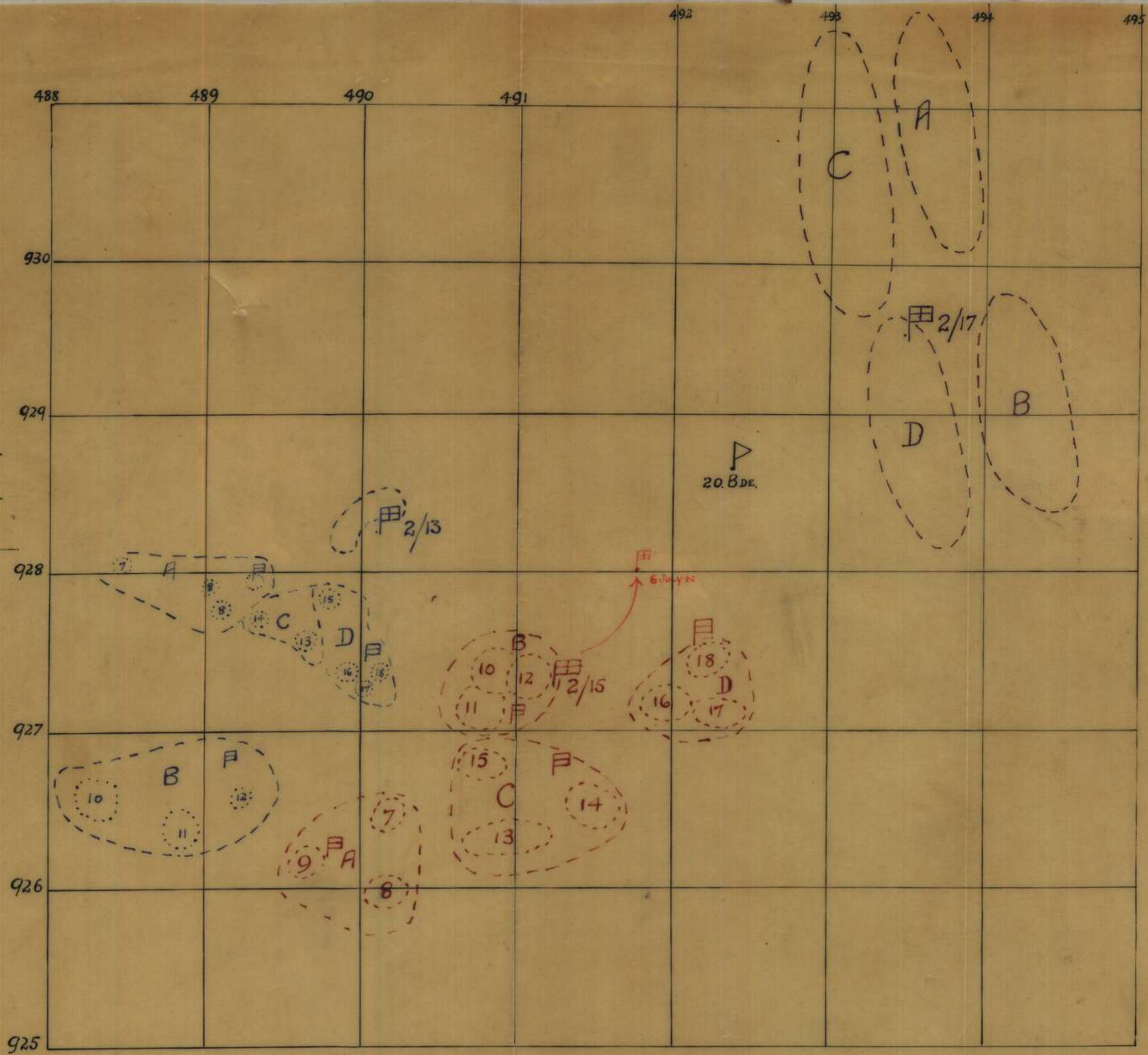
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DISPOSITIONS

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TRAIN TIMINGS FOR 2/17 AUST INF BN.

24 Offrs, 602 ORs, 48 Tons Baggage, 10 Carriers.

Stock:	1 AB	24 Offrs.
	24 Covered	602 ORs.
	5 "	Baggage.
	5 Flats	Carriers.

MEDENE EKBES	Dep	1000	1 Jul.
KARA BABA	Arr	1025	
	Dep	1110	
HERE DERE	Arr	1150	
	Dep	1250	
RADJOU	Arr	1314	
	Dep	1344	
K. KOULAK	Arr	1430	
	Dep	1445	
KATMA	Arr	1542	
	Dep	1642	
TEL - I - RAFAT	Arr	1710	
	Dep	1715	
MOUSLIMIYEH	Arr	1755	
	Dep	1815	
ALEP B.D.	Arr	1840	
	Dep	2135	
RAYAK	Arr	1622	2 Jul.

Onwards by rail at earliest.

NOTE:(a)Halts at HOMS 0756 to 0932.

RAS BAALBECK 1222 to 1242.

(b) Hot water available HOMS & RAS BAALBECK.

Mov. Order No. 133.....Date...2.6.42.....

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S E C R E T.

Town Major, Samaria Area.

Unit.....RED MARLEY TWO.....

Ref.....(a) Mov Milpal Sig. D 6674 d/1.7. and.....

.....(b) Mov. Syria Sig. MB/3818 d/30.6.....

Time of dep. After re-fuelling at Kfar Yona.....

M.I.H.....17.....

V.T.M.....15.....

Route.....Kh Beit Lid X Rds. - Red to Burier Bye Pass ~~RED K. Yona~~.....

.....~~to Qalqiliya - Red to Burier Bye Pass~~.....

Next staging Camp.....BUREIR BYE PASS under Orders Gaza Sub Area.....

Total Distance.....55 miles.....

Guides.....by C.M.P.....

P.O.L.....K'far Yona and Asluj.....

Rations.....

Special Instructions.....Orders to proceed on to BURIER on 2/7 contained
in Sig. (a) above.....

TOWN MAJ
2 JUL. 1942
SAMARIA SUB AREA

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T.M., Samaria Area

Acknowledged.....

G13/25/446.

HQ, 20 Aust Inf Bde.
In the field.
8 Jul 42.

FLAG SIGNALS.

1. Flag Signals to be used in connection with MT moves will be:-

(a) When coln halted.

Green Flag held vertical- "Prepare to move in five mins".
Green Flag lowered- "Move".

(b) When coln moving.

Red Flag held vertical- "Prepare to halt".
Red Flag lowered- "Halt".
Red Flag waved in deploy signal- "Open out to 200 yds interval".
Green Flag raised and lowered several times-
"Close in to half the interval".

(c) Changes of Direction.

Two flags (Red & Green) displayed as semaphore letter "U"-
"Prepare to change direction".
One flag lowered and the other pointing in required direction-
"Change direction right or left"

The flag will be maintained pointing in the required direction until the move is complete and it is desired to move fwd on the new axis.

When coloured flags are available the red flag will be the left, and green the right.

(d) Signals for coms.

Two Black flags held as in semaphore "R"-
"Bde Orders Gp report to Bde Comds veh".
One Black flag held as in semaphore "B"-
"Bn Orders Gp report to Bn Comds veh".

NOTE: (i) all vehs carrying flags will repeat these signals as soon as they are observed.
(ii) until coloured flags are available, flags signalling will be used.

2. Lamp Signals for use at night will be:-

(a) When halted.

Series of 'dashes' from shaded torch or tail light (accompanied by whistle blast if permissible)- "Prepare to move".

Series of 'dots'- "Move".

(b) When moving.

Series of 'dashes' on shaded torch or tail light-
"Prepare to halt".

Series of 'dots'- "Halt".

NOTE: Leading vehs in each coln repeat signals. These signals are to be used exclusively throughout the Bde Gp.

J. Harper Capt
for Maj.
EM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

WAR DIARY.

MOVE.

FROM: AMIRIYA AREA
TO: EL IMAYID AREA.
DATE: 9 Jul 42.
ROLE: RES BDE

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TO 2/17 Bn (for Gp 1), 2/15 Bn (for Gp 11) 2/3 Fd Coy, 11 Aust AA Bty, 2/8 Aust Fd Amb, 10 Coy AASC (for Gp IV).

FROM

20 AUST INF BDE.

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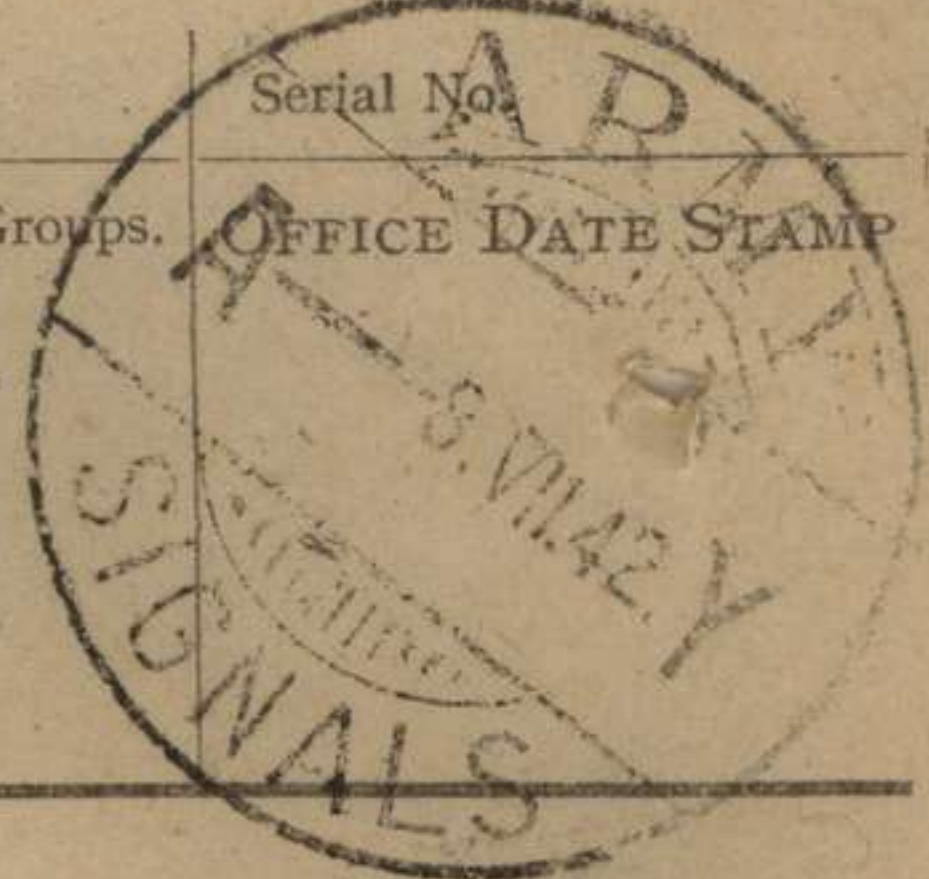
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TO

2/13 Aust 2nd Div

FROM

20 Aust 2nd Div

Originator's Number

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Date

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<i>Warning</i>	<i>order</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2/13</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>2nd</i>
<i>Bar</i>	<i>cond</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>H.O.B.</i>	<i>Personnel</i>	<i>com</i>
<i>under</i>	<i>cond.</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>res</i>	<i>sp</i>	<i>as</i>
<i>from</i>	<i>1400</i>	<i>res</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>ful</i>	<i>0</i>
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<i>by</i>	<i>liaison</i>	<i>units</i>	<i>col</i>	<i>WRIGLEY</i>	<i>Com</i>
<i>Aust</i>	<i>res</i>	<i>sp</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>ACK</i>	

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TO

2/7 Aust Fd Regt 9 Aust ATK Bty

FROM

20 Aust Inf Bde

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2/7	aust	fd	regt	and	9
aust	ATK	Bty	will	move	to
26	aust	inf	Bde	area	commencing
0500	has	8	Tul	0	regt
and	Bty	rece	parties	move	ahead
and	report	HQ	26	Bde	0
Fd	Regt	will	co-ordinate	move.	

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7 Jul 42.20 AUST INF BDE GP- OO No 16.

Ref Maps: ALEXANDRIA, EL HAMMAM, EL DABA sheets 1: 100,000.

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy. As per Sitrep and Intelligence Summary. The enemy are holding the general line from the coast about 883298 to area 888278 then west along the ridge. Enemy divs are tired and vary under strength both in men and material.
2. Own tps. 9 Aust Div less one Bde is in corps res. The 24 Aust Inf Bde is in posn along the ridge from approx Trig 93 Sq 431891 to Trig 101 sq 440894 and the 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp is astride the rd and tracks in area between 43 and 44 northings grids and between 897 and 903 easting grids.
3. Air. Fwd tps and L of C have been subjected to some air attacks, but generally speaking the RAF is maintaining air supremacy.

INTENTION.

4. 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp (less 2/13 Aust Inf Bn) will move to 9 Aust Div area.

METHOD.

5. General. Preceded by a Bde Recce Party, the Bde Gp will move in four gps, with protective dets, on two rds to the area DAUWAR MUH ABU SHINEINA 44859044- EL GASIMIYA 45209018.
6. Date and Time of move will be notified by signal.
7. Composition of 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

HQ, 20 Aust Inf Bde, Sigs Sec, 58 LAD and Gd Pl.

- 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.
- 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.
- 2/7 Aust Fd Regt, Sig Sec, 63 LAD.
- 9 Bty 3 Aust ATK Regt.
- 11 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt.
- 2/3 Aust Fd Coy.
- B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
- 10 Coy AASC.
- Two Pls Gen Tpt Coy.
- 2/8 Aust Fd Amb (less details)
- 2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW.
- J Div Sec 1 Ord Fd Pk.
- Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy.

8. Adv Gds. Route A. Comd- Capt W.W. COBB, 2/15 Bn.
Carrier Pl (less one sec)-2/15 Bn.
FOO- 14 Fd Bty.
one Tp- 9 ATK Bty.
"A" Coy- 2/15 Bn.
one Pl-"B" Coy 2/2 MG Bn.
14 Bty- 2/7 Aust Fd Regt

Route B. Comd- Capt I.F. McMASTER, 2/17 Bn.
Two secs carriers- 2/17 Bn.
FOO- 2/7 Aust Fd Regt.
one Tp 9 ATK Bty.
"D" Coy- 2/17 Bn.

9. Grouping. Grouping and order of March-Appx "A".

10. Routes-Timings. see Appx "A".
11. Preliminary Moves.
- (a) Initial concentrations to be completed by 2000 hrs 7 Jul. see Appx "B".
 - (b) Coln B conforms to movement of Coln A to provide flank protection to the latter coln.
12. AA.
- (a) Individual guns of Lt AA Bty will be distributed throughout the colns with the following priority for AA protection:-
 - (i) Fd Arty.
 - (ii) Remainder of coln.
 - (b) AA LMGs, one per pl. or equivalent will be mounted.
 - (c) One AA Sentry per veh.
13. Harbouring.
On arrival in new area units will form open harbour with NOT less than 100 x between vehs.
- ADM.
14. Supps.
- (a) Units will move with:-
 - 2 days dry rations.
 - 3 days hard veh rations.
 - (b) Res rations will be carried distributed among vehs.
 - (c) Further supps will be drawn by 2nd line tpt from 9 BSD AMIRIYA. SPs will be notified by signal.
15. Water.
- (a) All water carts, water trailers, water containers and water bottles will be filled.
 - (b) Replenishment will be by 1st line tpt from EL HAMMAM at a scale of 1 gal per man per day. This scale will NOT be exceeded.
16. POL.
- (a) All vehs will move with sufficient POL for 150 miles.
 - (b) All empty 10 Coy AASC vehs will be loaded with cased petrol.
 - (c) Subsequent drawings will be made by 2nd line tpt from BURG EL ARAB. PPs will be notified by signal.
17. Amn.
- (a) All units will move with complete 1st line scale.
 - (b) One complete 2nd line refill will be carried by 10 Coy AASC.
 - (c) Replenishment will be drawn in 2nd line from BURG EL ARAB. APs will be notified
18. Allotment Tp Carrying Tpt.
Two pls ³⁴⁵ Gen Tpt Coy will be allotted as follows and will report to their respective Bns by 2000 hrs 7 Jul 42:-
2/15 Bn- one pl.
2/17 Bn- one pl.

19. Anti-Gas Eqpt.
The following personal anti-gas eqpt will be carried on the man:-
Respirators, Eyeshields, Ointment and cotton waste, capes, Detectors.
20. Surplus Baggage.
Surplus baggage still in possession of units will be left with
'out of battle' personnel
21. Picks and Shovels.
(a) All vehs will be equipped with pick and shovel.
(b) Spares will be carried distributed throughout the coln.
22. A Tk Mines.
10 Coy AASC will load 1500 ATk mines which will be carried as follows, the trucks reporting by the times stated:-
2/15 Bn- 1 x 3 ton (600 mines) 2000 hrs 7 Jul.
2/17 Bn- 1 x 3 ton (600 mines) 2000 hrs 7 Jul.
Balance with 10 Coy AASC.
23. Medical.
Casualties will be cleared from MDS to 14 CCS 465910 (red grid),
one mile north of GYPSUM FACTORY.
24. Traffic.
(a) Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy will be responsible for general
traffic direction on the move.
(b) TP will be est at Junc Coast rd EL HAMMAM turnoff 45879087.
(c) A Traffic Control pt will be est by this HQ on the main
Coast rd in the 2/15 Bn area. The TCP will be marked by
two RED flags on either side of the rd.
(d) All MT drawing sups from AMIRIYA will proceed there by the
DESERT ROUTE along the ry and return by the main rd
ALEXANDRIA-MATRUH.
25. Intercomm.
(a) Bde HQ closes present location at time to be notified, then
moves at head of Gp 111.
(b) Bde Report centre will fly the BLUE Bde pennant on veh.
26. Synchronisation of watches BBC time 2100 hrs daily unless other-
wise ordered by this HQ.

ACK.

Signed at 1200 hrs.
Issued through Sigs and LOs.

H. Milson Maj.
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	2.	J Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk.	16.
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	3.	Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy.	17.
"J" Sec Sigs.	4.	9 Aust Div.	18.
1 Pl A Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn.	5.	Comd.	19.
58 Aust LAD.	6.	BM.	20.
2/7 Aust Fd Regt.	7.	SC.	21.
9 Bty 3 Aust ATk Regt.	8.	IO.	22.
11 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt.	9.	TO.	23.
2/3 Aust Fd Coy.	10.	LOs.	24- 26.
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.	11.	BASCO.	27.
10 Coy AASC.	12.	War Diary.	28- 29.
Gen Tpt Coy. (845)	13.	File.	30- 31.
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	14.	Spares.	32- 37.

APPX "A" MOVEMENT TABLE.

Issued in conjunction with 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp- 00 No 16.

INITIAL CONCENTRATIONS: To be completed by 2000 hrs 7 Jul 42.

ROUTE "A" : Main Coast rd.

ROUTE "B" : CAIRO RD-rd junc 49899251-BURG EL ARAB-track north of ry line to EL HAMMAM.

SPEED- DENSITY : 10 MIH; 20 VTM.

HALTS : 10 mins to each even hr for 10 mins.

START Pts. : ROUTE "A" flagged pt on CAIRO rd about 49469303.

ROUTE "B" flagged pt on Coast rd 1 mile SW of fwd ATK ditch.

Serial No.	Group.	Units.	Timings.		Route.	Remarks.
			Past Head.	SP Tail.		
1.	Adv Gd. Route "B"	Two secs carriers, 2/17 Bn. FOO- 57 Bty 2/7 Fd Regt. one Tp-9 ATK Bty. "D" Coy, 2/17 Bn.	-	-	B.	
2.	Left Flank Gd.	Carrier Pl (less two secs) 2/17 Bn.	Z.	Z + 3.	B.	
3.	Gp I.	2/17 Bn (less one coy and Carrier Pl). 57 Fd Bty. one Sec 2/3 Aust Fd Coy, one Tp- 11 AA Bty. one Pl "B" Coy 2/2 MG Bn. two Pls 10 Coy AISC. Mob Sec 2/8 Aust Fd Amb. one Ambulance Car. 58 Aust LAD. one Rec Veh- 2 Rec Sec. one Tp 9 ATK Bty.	Z +	Z + 90.	B.	Det of 4 Pro on MCs will accompany gp for rd control.
4.	Adv Gd. Route "A"	Carrier Pl (less one sec)-2/15 Bn. FOO. 14 Fd Bty. One Tp 9 ATK Bty. "A" Coy 2/15 Bn. one Pl "B" Coy 2/2 MG Bn. 14 Fd Bty.	-	-	A.	

(over)

Serial No.	Group.	Units.	Formings		Route.	Remarks.
			Past Head.	SP. Tail.		
5.	Gp 11.	2/15 Bn (less one coy and Carriers) 2 /7 Fd Regt (less two Btys) HQ 9 ATK Bty. "B" Coy 2/2 MG Bn (less two Pls) Mob sec 2/8 Aust Fd Amb. One Ambulance Car.	Z.	Z + 60.	A.	2/7 Fd Regt (less two Btys) will move fwd on morning of move from present location and join coln at TCP.
6.	Gp 111.	Main HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde. "J" Sec Sigs. 1 Pl A Coy HQ Gd Bn. Sec 9 Div Pro Coy (less det) HQ 11 M. Bty. 2/3 Fd Coy (less one sec) 2/8 Fd Amb (less two Mob secs).	Z + 65.	Z + 110	A.	
7.	Gp IV.	"B" Ech Arty Gp. 10 Coy AAC (less two pls). 5 Div Sec 1 Ord Fd Pk. 2 Rec Sec 2/1 AMFW. one Tp 9 ATK Bty.	Z + 120.	Z + 180.	A.	

NOTE: Lt AA secs will be dispersed throughout coln under arrangements made by CO 2/7 Aust Fd Regt.

INITIAL CONCENTRATION AREAS.

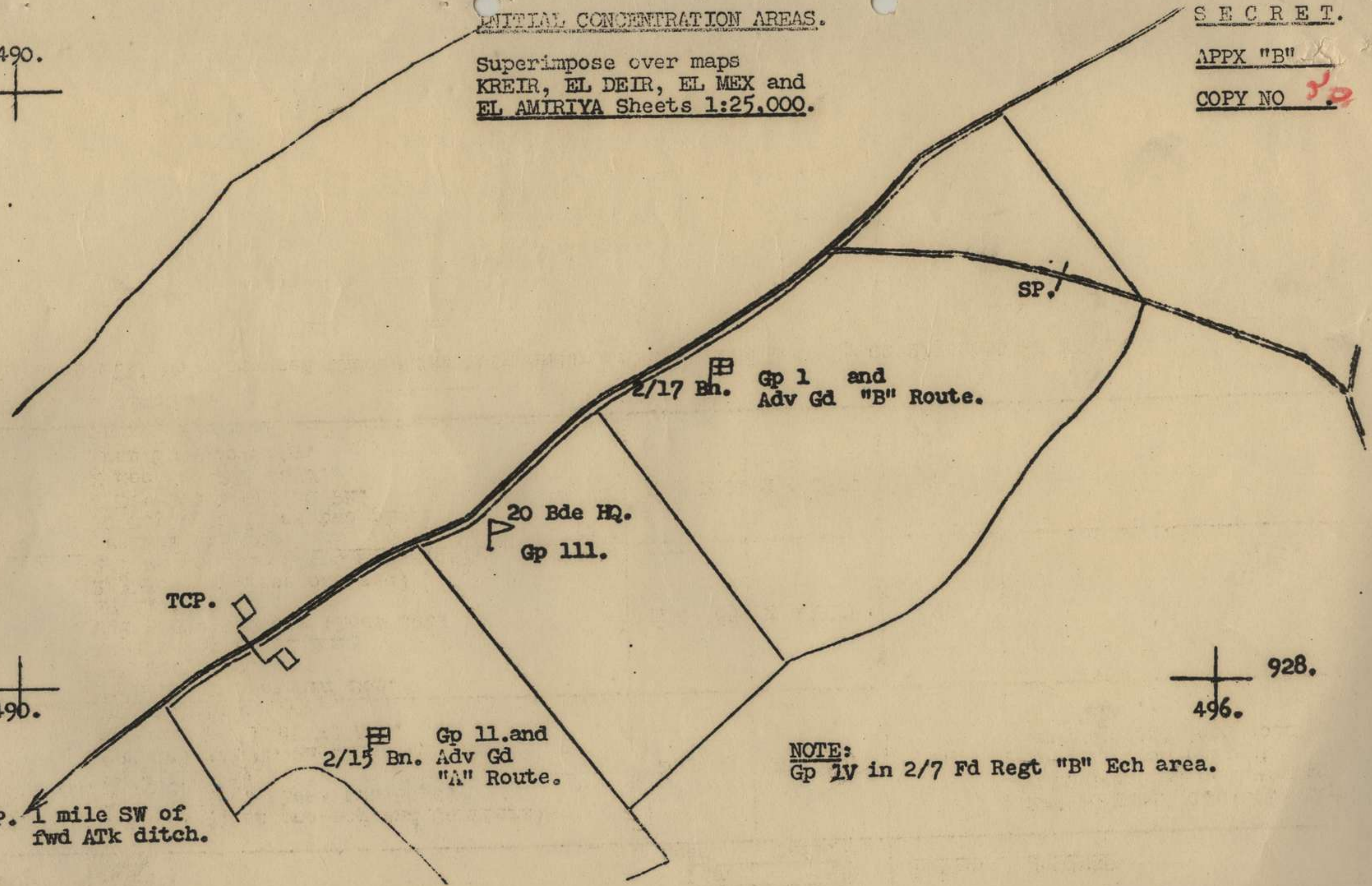
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APPX "B"

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NOTE:
Gp 1V in 2/7 Fd Regt "B" Ech area.

SP. 1 mile SW of
fwd ATK ditch.

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO :- 20 AUST BDE 24 AUST BDE 26 AUST BDE RAA RAE SIGS
MG 2/3 PNR AUST RES GP (3) 30 CORPS 10 CORPS
ALEX AREA

Copies to :- COMD G AQ AASC MEDICAL ORD DAPM
POST CASH FILE WAR DIARY

FROM :- MAIN 9 AUST DIV 0 246 6

main HQ 9 aust div moves fwd on 7 jul 42 (.)
from 0600 hrs 7 jul 42 comd of aust res gp which
remains under comd of 10 corps will pass from HQ 9
aust div to col H WRIGLEY MC (.) aust res gp comprises
the units and sps shown under this heading in the
appx A att

P. J. B. White
Capt

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Ref Maps : ALEXANDRIA }
EL HAMMAN } 1/100,000
DABA } 1/250,000

INFORMATION

1. 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp under comd 30 Corps is in general area pt 97 (428890) to pt 95 (435893) and is to revert to comd 9 Aust Div when HQ 9 Aust Div moves fwd.
2. 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp is to establish on 6 Jul 42 two bn-defended localities in the general areas
 - (a) pt 28 (435901)- ABYAR EL SHAMMARA
 - (b) pt 25 and pt 24 about 433893
 and is to deny to the enemy the ry and old rd
3. Additional tps
 - One bty 28 A Tk Regt under comd 24 Aust Inf Bde
 - One bty 79 A Tk Regt under comd 26 Aust Inf Bde

INTENTION

4. Main HQ 9 Aust Div and those div tps shown in att Movement Table will move to general area NW of EL IMAYID ry sta (443899) on 7 Jul 42

METHOD

5. Recce parties as arranged separately will move on 6 Jul 42
6. Movement
 - See Appx "A" att

INTERCOMN

7. Main HQ 9 Aust Div closes ALEXANDRIA 0600 hrs 7 Jul 42 and re-opens same time in general area NW of EL IMAYID ry sta
8. Main HQ 30 Corps - 441893
Rear HQ 30 Corps - 443893

A C K N O W L E D G E

0/7. 1940 6/7/42

R. D. ... Col
GS 9 Aust Div

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20 Aust Inf Bde	1		Comd	14
24 Aust Inf Bde	2		G	15-16
26 Aust Inf Bde	3		AQ	17-18
9 Aust Div Cav Regt	4		Camp	19 (2)
RAA	5	(3)	AASC	20 (2)
RAE	6	(2)	Medical	21
Sigs	7	(2)	Ord	22 (3)
MG	8		DAPM	23
1 Aust Commando Pl	9		Post	24
Aust Res Gp	10		Cash	25
30 Corps	11		B Sec FSS	26
10 Corps	12		File	27-28
ALEX Area	13		War Diary	29-30

MOVEMENT TABLE

Issued with 9 Aust Div OO 3 dated 6 Jul 42.

Ref Maps ALEXANDRIA 1/100,000
EL HAMMAM 1/100,000

ROUTE: Westwards along North rd to vicinity EL IMAYID Coast Gd Sta
442903 - south along track to EL IMAYID Ry Sta 442898.

SP: Canal and rd junc 49159286

VTM: 15

MIH: 17 (except serials 6, 7 ~~8~~ 12) *M.I.H.*

HALT: 1040 hrs - 1100 hrs

Serial	Unit Gps	No of vehs	Time past Head Hrs	SP Tail Hrs	Remarks
1	3 Aust A Tk Regt (less three btys) Comd Lt Col J F HERBERTSON	49	0800	0812	
2	2/2 Aust MG Bn (less three coys) Comd Lt Col D MACARTHUR- ONSLOW	55	0822	0835	
3	Main HQ 9 Aust Div Comd Lt Col R J H RISSON RAE	147	0845	0920	Incl HQ AASC 9 Aust Div and B Sec FSS, 1 Aust Commando Pl will join tail of this gp at rd junc 50079350 at 0854 hrs. HQ 4 Aust Lt AA Regt will join tail of this gp at rd junc 49939303 at 0911 hrs.
4	3 Rec Sec and G Div Sec Ord Fd Pk Comd Capt C BEALE	22	0930	0935	To be prepared to join 24 Aust Inf Bde on arrival in div area.
5	Div Tps Coy AASC Comd nominated by CAASC	38	0945	0954	
6	9 Aust Div Cav Regt Comd Lt Col H E BASTIN	120	1004	1044	
7	1 Rec Sec and H Div Sec Ord Fd Pk Comd Capt T TRUBSHAW	23	1054	1102	To be prepared to join 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp on arrival in div area



HQ 9 Aust Div
4 Jul 42.

Adm Instn for Bde Gps moving fwd from ALEXANDRIA.

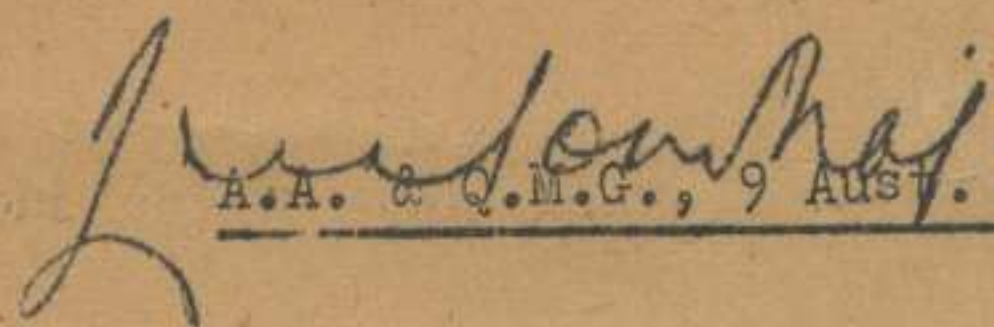
1. SUPS
 - (a) 2 days normal dry rations to be taken
 - (b) 3 days hard vehicle rations to be taken.
2. POL.

All empty AASC vehicles will be loaded with cased petrol.
3. AMN.

2nd line will be carried for all weapons held, in AASC lorries.
4. ANTI GAS EQUIPT.
 - (a) The following personal anti-gas equipment will be carried on the man:
 - Respirators
 - Eyeshields
 - Ointments and cotton waste
 - Capes
 - Detectors
 - (b) Other anti gas stores will be returned to 6 A.O.D.
5. SURPLUS BAGGAGE

Surplus baggage still in possession of units will be left with out of battle personnel.
6. MOSQUITO NETS

Will NOT be taken west of ALEXANDRIA, but will be returned to 6 A.O.D.

 Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G., 9 Aust. Div.

DISTRIBUTION : LIST "A" Less Chaplains, Pay, Postal, 24 Bde Gp except
2/28 Aust Inf Bn

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TO

2/13 aust inf bn, 2/15 aust inf bn, 2/17 aust inf bn, 2 rec sec
2/1 AAFW. COMS 20 bde.

FROM

20 aust inf bde

Originator's Number

Q 1

Date

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TO 20 and 26 AUST INF BDES

FROM 9 AUST DIV

Originator's Number

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WARNING	ORDER	move	9	AUST	DIV
○	Main	HQ	9	AUST	DIV
and	DIV	troops	will	move	7th
JULY	○	I of	situation	requires	action
HQ	will	move	forward	at	call
of	30	CORPS	all	informed	

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9 AUST DIV ADM INSTN NO. 85

Ref Maps 1:250,000 Sheet DABA & EL HAMMAM
1:100,000 Sheet 88/42.

GENERAL

1. This instn sets out the arrangements for maintenance of 9 Aust Div Units after moving fwd from ALEXANDRIA area.
2. Paras 4 to 7 deal with maintenance from time of arrival in area EL HAMMAM until 12 hrs after the order for the advance (code word EXALTED), is issued.
3. 12 hrs. after EXALTED is ISSUED, 110 FMC will open in area EL WLAMEIN STA. to supply units WEST of North grid 880 (purple grid).

METHOD.

4. SUPS. Will be drawn by 2nd line tpt from 9 BSD AMIRIYA. SPs will be notified by signal.
5. WATER. Will be drawn in 1st line tpt from EL HAMMAM at scale of 1 gallon per man per day. This scale will NOT be exceeded.
6. POL. Will be drawn in 2nd line tpt from BURG EL ARAB. Pet pts will be notified by signal.
7. AMN. Will be drawn in 2nd line tpt from BURG EL ARAB. APs will be notified.
8. ORD STORES. Indents to be submitted to ADOS 9 Aust Div, who will issue instns as to drawing.
9. MEDICAL.
Casualties will be cleared from MDS to 14 CCS 465910 (red grid), one mile North of GYPSUM FACTORY.
10. TPT ROUTES.
All MT drawing from AMIRIYA will proceed there by the DESERT ROUTE along the ry and return by the main rd ALEXANDRIA MATRUH.
11. This order will be rigidly obeyed.

R. S. Woodward Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G., 9 Aust Div.

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Time of Signature *1300*
Issued through Sigs.

DISTRIBUTION :

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26 Aust Inf Bde	16 - 30	Camp	56
9 Aust Cav	31	Comd	57
RAA 9 Aust Div	32 - 34	G	58
RAE 9 Aust Div	35 - 37	A	59
Sigs 9 Aust Div	38 - 40	9 Aust Div Salvage Unit	60
2/2 Aust MG Bn	41 - 43	"B" Sec FSS	61
AASC 9 Aust Div	44 - 46	9 Aust Div Postal	62
ADOS 9 Aust Div	47 - 49	9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	63
ADMS 9 Aust Div	50 - 52	2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	64
		2/1 Aust A Fd Wkshop	65
		1 Aust Commando Pl	66

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HQ RAA 9 Aust Div,
Ref No.109,
5 Jul 42.

RAA 9 AUST DIV - ALLOTMENT OF ARTY
WARNING OF MOVE FROM AMIRIYA AREA

Copy No. 7

1. Allotment --

2/7 Aust Fd Regt } are placed under comd 20 Aust
9 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt } Inf Bde as from 1300 hrs 5 Jul 42
11 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt } and will be prepared to move fwd

HQ RAA 9 Aust Div } will be prepared to move on
3 Aust A Tk Regt less three Btys } 6 Jul as part of MAIN HQ
4 Aust Lt AA Regt less three Btys } 9 Aust Div & DIV TPS Gp
subject to receipt of eqpt
and tpt.

2. Equipment and Tpt Requirements

2/7 Aust Fd Regt will continue to deal direct with HQ RAA on all matters connected with equipment and tpt until either HQ RAA or 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp moves fwd.

9 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt and 11 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt will similarly continue to deal with their respective RHQs until either the RHQs or the 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp moves.

A. L. Williams
Maj
HMRA 9 Aust Div.

<u>Distribution</u>	<u>Copy No</u>
2/7 Aust Fd Regt	1
3 Aust A Tk Regt	2
4 Aust Lt AA Regt	3
HQ 9 Aust Div - G	4
AQ	5
ADCS	6
20 Aust Inf Bde	7
File	8
War Diary	9 - 10

Recd 1410 hrs

WARNING ORDER - MOVES 9 AUST DIV.

Copy No 1.....
5 Jul 42.

1. The following will be prepared to move fwd on 6 Jul 42 subject to equipment and tpt being issued :-

MAIN HQ 9 AUST DIV and DIV TPS.

- (a) Main HQ 9 Aust Div
A Coy less three pls and one sec HQ Gd Bn
9 Aust Div Employment Pl less one sec
9 Aust Div Pro Coy less four secs
HQ RAA
HQ RAE
Sigs (less det) with under comd 9 W/T Det 1 Aust Corps
HQ AASC
- (b) 3 Rec Sec and H Div Sec 1 Ord Fd Pk - to join 24 Aust Inf Bde (if not already moved)
- (c) 1 Rec Sec and G Div Sec 1 Ord Fd Pk - to join 26 Aust Inf Bde (if not already moved)
- (d) 9 Aust Div Cav Regt
Sig Sec
82 Aust LAD
- (e) 3 Aust A Tk Regt less three btys
- (f) 4 Lt AA Regt less three btys
- (g) 2/2 Aust MG Bn less three coys
- (h) 1 Aust Commando Pl
- (i) Det 11 Coy AASC (at discretion CASC)
- (j) Det Postal Unit
- (k) Det Fd Cash Office
- (l) B Sec FSS

2. The following will be prepared to move fwd when notified :-

20 AUST INF BDE GP.

- HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde & Sig Sec
- Det 1 Pl A Coy HQ Gd Bn
- 58 LAD
- 2/15 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/17 Aust Inf Bn
- ~~2/7 Aust Fd Regt, Sig Sec & 63 LAD~~
- ~~9 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt~~
- 11 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt
- One sec 2/3 Aust Fd Coy
- B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
- 10 Coy AASC
- Two pls Gen Tpt Coy
- 2/8 Aust Fd Amb less details
- 2 Rec Sec & J Div Sec 1 Ord Fd Pk
- Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy

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McDermott
GS 9 AUST DIV

AQ	17-19
Camp	20
AASC	21
Medical	22
Ord	23
DAPM	24
Post	25
Cash	26
B Sec FSS	27
File	28-29
War Diary	30-31

Distribution :-	Copy No	
20 Aust Inf Bde	1	1 Aust Commando Pl
26 Aust Inf Bde	2	30 Corps
9 Aust Div Cav Regt	3	10 Corps
RAA	4	Rear Aust Gp
RAE	5	Comd
Sigs	6-7	(incl copy Sigmaster)
MG	8	G

15-16

Ref 9 Aust Div 0 0 No. 1

INTENTION

1. 9 Aust Div less dets will join Eighth Army

METHOD

2. 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp (less one bn) will come under comd 30 Corps on 4 Jul 42 on moving into Eighth Army area
3. 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp (less one bn) will move into Eighth Army area at a date to be fixed
4. Reliefs and responsibility for sectors will be as follows :
 - (a) 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp - West sector
 Tps under comd from arrival of bde in area :-
 2/8 Aust Fd Amb
 9 ~~11~~ Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt — in support? Capeland
 2/3 Aust Fd Coy
 C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
 - (b) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn on relief by S.A. units on 4 Jul 42 will move to bivouac site in 26 Aust Inf Bde area preparatory to moving into the SW sector when 26 Aust Inf Bde (less one bn) moves out
 - (c) 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn will move to a bivouac area to be allotted on arrival
 - (d) On 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp (less one bn) moving out 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn will move into West sector

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W. Bushman Maj
Col
GS 9 Aust Div

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2/28 Aust Inf Bn	4
9 Aust Div Cav Regt	5
RAA	6
RAE	7
Sigs	8
MG	9
Comd	10
G	11
AQ	12 & 13
AASC	14
Medical	15
Ord	16
File	17 & 18
War Diary	19 & 20

WAR DIARY.

MOVE.

FROM: EL IMAYID AREA.

TO: 4388-4488 (

DATE: 14 Jul 42.

ROLE: RES BDE.

thence on 17 July to 43319015

Ref Map EL DABA 1/250,000

INFM

1. HQ 9 Aust Div, 20 and 24 Aust Inf Bdes are placed at 4 hrs notice to move but may be required to move as soon as possible on receipt of the order.
2. 24 Aust Inf Bde's participation in plan "BACON" is cancelled.

INTENTION

3. 9 Aust Div less 26 Aust Inf Bde will be prepared to move to area 4388 and 4488 at short notice.

METHOD

4. Until relieved by 1 SA Div, 26 Aust Inf Bde Sp ~~XXXXXX~~ is placed under comd 1 SA Div from 2100 hrs 14 Jul.
5. 9 Aust Div Cav Regt will move to the area previously occupied near Main 9 Aust Div 44049007, moving from present location 2200 hrs 14 Jul.
6. 2/12 Aust Fd Regt on relief by 3 Fd Regt RA comes under comd and joins 24 Aust Inf Bde during night 14/15 Jul.
7. 2/7 Aust Fd Regt withdraws, joins and comes under comd 20 Aust Inf Bde during night 14/15 Jul. Move to be completed during darkness if possible.
8. 2/8 Aust Fd Regt is placed under comd 26 Aust Inf Bde from 2100 hrs 14 Jul.
9. CO 3 Aust A Tk Regt reverts to comd 9 Aust Div.
10. C Coy less one plie 2/2 Aust MG Bn will move to its previous area near Main 9 Aust Div on 15 Jul. No move before 0330 hrs.

11. Reece Parties

(a) Div Tac reece party comprising:-

- Comd
- GSO I
- Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde
- Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde
- CRA
- CRE
- CO Sigs

will RV Main 30 Corps 0800 hrs 15 Jul.

(b) 20 and 24 Aust Inf Bde reece parties will RV in convenient areas near to but not at Main 30 Corps. *at same time*

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12. 20 and 24 Aust Inf Bdes will move with normal AASC echs filled.
13. 24 Aust Inf Bde tp carrying tpt reverts to comd 24 Aust Inf Bde 2100 hrs 14 Jul.

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- 14. Sig lines to 26 Aust Inf Bde, 2/3 Aust Fd Regt and 3 Fd Regt RA will be passed to 1 SA Div.
- 15. A report centre 9 Aust Div will remain located at Tac HQ until 0900 hrs 15 Jul.
- 16. LOs
 - (a) 1 SA Div is sending an LO to 26 Aust Inf Bde.
 - (b) 9 Aust Div LO remains with 26 Aust Inf Bde working to main 9 Aust Div.

A C K N O W L E D G E

Issued by LO and sigs

Time of signature 2.00 hrs

R. B. ... Col
G3 9 Aust Div

<u>Distribution</u>	Copy No
20 Aust Inf Bde	1 ✓
24 Aust Inf Bde	2
26 Aust Inf Bde	3
9 Aust Div Cav Regt	4
RAA 9 Aust Div	5
RAE 9 Aust Div	6
Sigs 9 Aust Div	7
2/2 Aust HQ Bn	8
2/3 Aust Fnr Bn	9
44 RTR	10
30 Corps	11
1 SA Div	12
3 SA Inf Bde	13
Comd	14
G (2)	15 - 16
AQ (2)	17 - 18
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Ref:

9 Aust Div.

PLANNING

DEFENSIVE LOCALITY - EAST 9 AUST DIV AREA.

Ref Map EL HAMMAM 1:100000.

Ref 9 Aust Div G552/60/1 of 10 Jul 42.

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It is recommended that at least one pl of MMGs be made available :

 - (a) to assist in covering the tactical minefields,
 - (b) for defensive fire, particularly to the south where the ground is very suitable for their employment.
4. Fd Wks:

Surface is approx 75% stoney outcrop consisting of large floaters. It is considered that there is solid rock at 2 feet in most localities, thus, unless sufficient mechanical equipment is available, the construction of fd wks will be very slow. For fighting posns only, additional compressors on the scale of 4 per bn will be necessary. More compressors would be necessary for the construction of underground HQ and accommodation for medical units.
5. Minefields:

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Estimated number of mines required -

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 - (b) "Tactical" minefields - 8000.
6. Wiring:

Initially, for wiring pl localities, 24 miles triple dannert. Tactical wiring and further protective wiring to be done later - estimate up to 75 miles.
7. Water:

No water supply is available in the area.

W.V. Wundley
Brig
Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde

9 Aust Div.

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Brig
Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

G 552/60/1

Main HEADQUARTERS
9 Aust Div
10 Jul 42

20 Aust Inf Bde ✓
RAA 9 Aust Div
Main 9 Aust Div

PLANNING

Ref Map : EL DABA 1/250,000.

1. Present policy is offensive but the situation may arise requiring Eighth Army to act on the defensive. Preparatory measures are therefore necessary.
2. Eighth Army is preparing defensive posns forthwith in rear of the EL ALAMEIN posn to give depth to the defensive system. Outpost zone and main zone are shown on att trace.
3. Defensive localities should be NOT more than 10,000 yds apart, should provide good observation and mutual sp. They are normally to be held by approx -

two inf bns
one fd bty
A Tk guns
- protected by wire and minefields.
4. Battle gps are to operate between defended localities against enemy attacking or by-passing defended localities.
5. Tactical minefields are to be laid in depth diagonally to break up attack and canalise enemy adv into areas best suited for concentration of our arty fire.
6. Armd formations are being held in res to strike when opportunity offers.
7. 24 Aust Inf Bde has reced and prepared the western posn in 9 Aust Div area.
8. 20 Aust Inf Bde will arrange to recce the eastern defensive locality as shown on att trace in 9 Aust Div area and to hand the plan to Main 9 Aust Div by 1800 hrs 11 Jul.
9. Main 9 Aust Div will examine and fwd the plans to HQ 30 Corps by 2000 hrs 11 Jul.
10. RAA is arranging for Maj W J GREEN RAA to be available to 20 Aust Inf Bde at 0700 hrs 11 Jul for the recce.

R. B. Major Col.
GS 9 Aust Div.

DEFENDED LOCALITIES

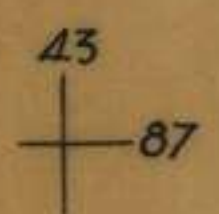
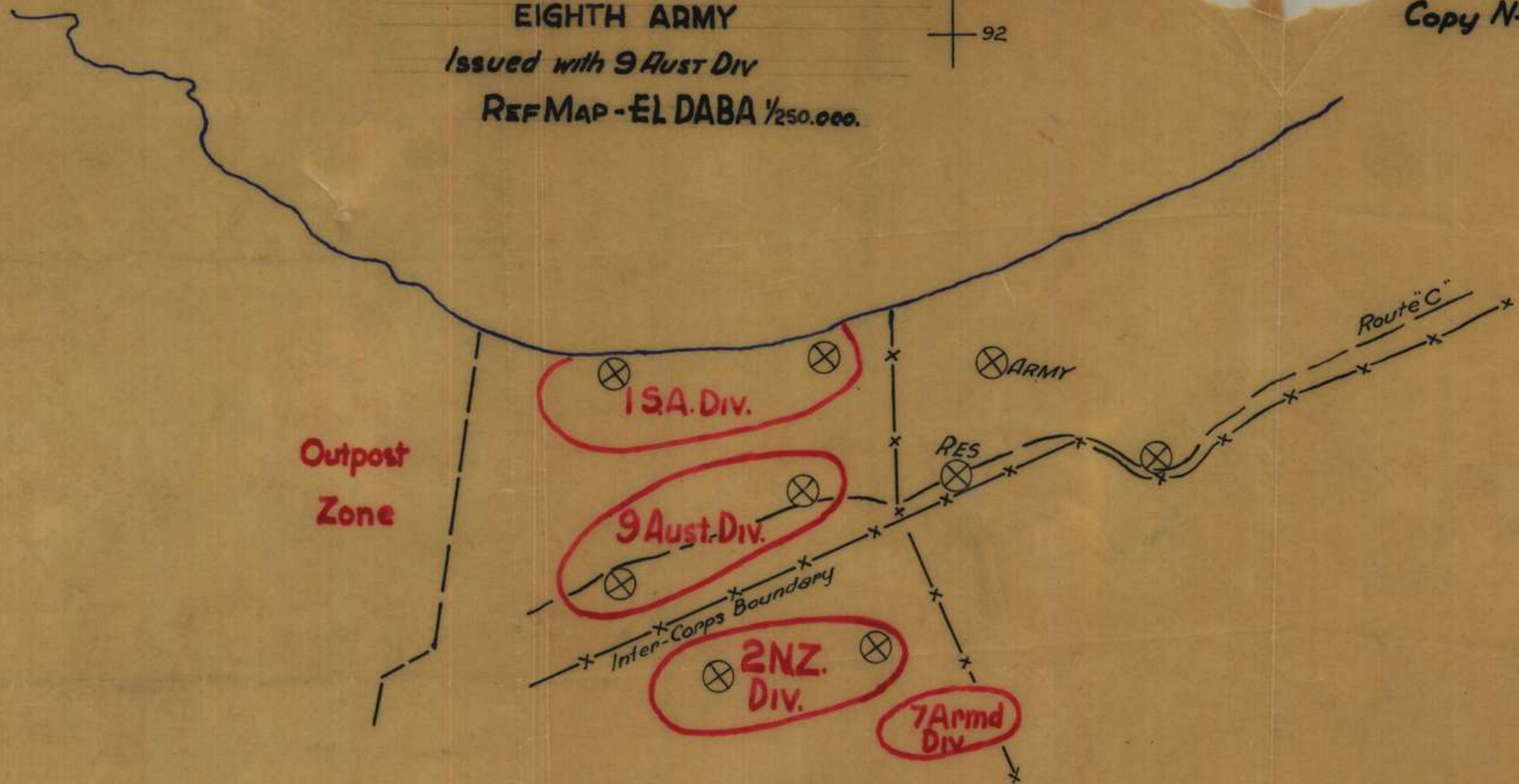
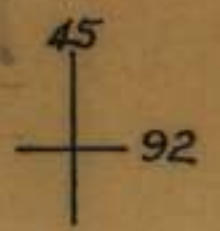
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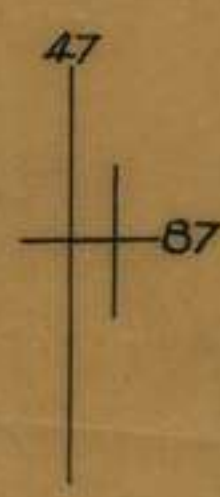
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— LEGEND —
 ⊗ --- Defended Localities
 —x— CORPS TACTICAL REAR BOUNDARY



70 Bde

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Ref No 184

9 Jul 42

Correction to RAA 9 Aust Div OO No 1 of 9 Jul 42

Para 2 : "Own Tps sub-para "Under Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp -
(Additional tps) "

delete present reference and substitute -

"Three Tps 9 Aust A.Tk Bty
44 R Tks (less one or two sqns)
2/23 Aust Inf Bn. "

DISTRIBUTION as per RAA 9 Aust Div OO No 1
dated 9 Jul 42

Method of Issue

To units under Comd SDR
To others through sigs.

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Maj
BMRA 9 Aust Div..

LOCATION STATEMENT

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vide RAA 9 Aust Div OO No 1 para 24

9 Aust Div	Tac	8851 2950
	Main	4404 9007
RAA 9 Aust Div	Tac	8826 2983
	Main	4404 9007
26 Aust Inf Bde	Tac	8826 2983
	Main	4353 9019
1 SA Div	Main	4300 8988
9 Aust Div Cav Regt	Tac	OO with 9 Aust Div Tac HQ.

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A. W. Hill
Maj
IMRA 9 Aust Div

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9 AUST DIV OO NO 4.

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Ref Map 1/50,000 sheet EL ALAMEIN

INFORMATION

1. A summary of the latest Intelligence infm concerning the enemy is att as Appx 'A'. Further infm will be fwded as it becomes available.

- 2. (a) 30 Corps is to attack with right 9 Aust Div and left 1 SA Div.
- (b) 1 SA Div, less 3 Inf Bde Gp, is capturing the area of the two ring contours 878293 and 880290 and is to consolidate it.

The date and zero of the attack will be notified later.

- (c) 3 SA Inf Bde Gp is to garrison EL ALAMEIN posn as a firm base for the op.
- (d) 13 Corps is making a demonstration on 13 Corps front during the attack.

3. Raiding party comprising :-

- Force Comd Maj RICHARDSON 6 RTR
- One sqn 6 RTR (STUART Tks)
- One tp 6 pr A Tk 2 RHA
- One tp 25 pr 2 RHA
- One tp armd Cs ROYALS

hrs
is to RV 447896 by 1000/9 Jul, comd reporting 9 Aust Div same hr.

Role - raid enemy LGs in EL DABA area, and enemy installations en route.

4. On relief by 5 Ind Inf Bde, about 10 Jul, 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp moves into and occupies the area now held by 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

5. Additional tps :-

(a) Under Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp

- One tp 9 Aust A Tk Bty (6 pr)
- One pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
- 44 R Tks (less one or two sqns) VALENTINES
- 2/23 Aust Inf Bn (on arrival)

(b) Under Comd 9 Aust Div

7 Med Regt

The following units revert to Div Comd from 1800 hrs 9 Jul.

- 2/7, 2/8 and 2/12 Aust Fd Regts
- One tp 10 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt
- One tp 11 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt

INTENTION

6. 9 Aust Div will capture and hold TEL EL EISA ridge from both incl Pt 26 879300 to Trig 33 feature 874301 and 875301 and the "24" feature to the south of the ry to Pt 24 873299.

METHOD

7. 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp will capture and hold the objectives given in para 6.

8. The date and zero of the attack will be notified later.

9. Arty

(a) The attack will be supported by the div arty and 1 SA Div Arty, which can bear, under CRA 9 Aust Div.

(b) 2/8 Aust Fd Regt will be ready to move fwd to come under comd 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp for consolidation.

(c) One fd bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt will be placed under comd 9 Aust Div Cav Regt for exploitation.

(d) Arty fire by night will NOT be east of the 880 grid nor south of the 280 grid.

10. A Tk

CO 3 Aust A Tk Regt will be available to 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp for the coord of the A Tk resources on the objective.

11. R A F

Air sp is being provided as follows:-

(a) Air sweep over area of consolidation from about 0730 hrs 10 Jul.

(b) Fighter-Bomber attack on objectives west of a north and south line through the eastern end of the ry cutting 875299.

Targets for bombing, together with times during which targets are to be bombed will be notified by 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp to this HQ before 1000 hrs 9 Jul.

12. Consolidation

On capture of the objective 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp will

(a) Consolidate the posn

(b) Establish an A Tk screen east of the "24" feature between the ry and the main rd to the north.

13. Exploitation

(a) 9 Aust Div Cav Regt with one fd bty under comd will remain at 30 mins notice to move from 0800 hrs 10 Jul.

(b) A fwd assembly area will be selected and its location reported to this HQ.

(c) CO 9 Aust Div Cav Regt will move with 9 Aust Div Tactical HQ.

14. Bndy for Exploitation

All incl 1 SA Div - track from 88152990 SW to ry at 87982964 thence Pt 22 876295 - ruin on track 875289 thence track SW.

ADM

15. 150 rds per gun of all natures of arty incl 10% smoke for 25 pr will be available for the op.

16. Other adm orders issued separately.

INTERCOMN

17. Arty regts under comd 9 Aust Div will net on CRA's gp 1 SA Div (5030 k/cs) on receipt codeword "REEFKNOT" - control and call signs to be arranged mutually.

18. Sigs 9 Aust Div will arrange line comn between CRA's exchanges of the two divs.

19. Location of Tactical HQ 9 Aust Div will be with HQ 3 SA Inf Bde.

20. A tentacle is being provided for 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp for air sp.

ACKNOWLEDGE ✓

John J. Call
for Col.
GS 9 Aust Div.

Issued through Cigs. SDR to 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp

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APPX "A" to
9 AUST DIV OO No 4 dated 9 Jul 42.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE9 AUST DIV SECTORGENERAL

1. The coastal sector west and SW of EL ALAMEIN Box is believed to be held by TRENTO Mot Div, with SABRATHA Div behind from probably east of 870 easting to west of SIDI ABD EL RAHMAN 865308.
2. TRENTO Mot Div during the siege of TOBRUCH held the western sector north of DERNA Rd. It has since been continuously in the front line, and has been reported as being definitely war-weary. The experience however of 3 SA Bde is rather otherwise. At GAZALA a few weeks ago, 3 SA Bde was attacked by elements SABRATHA Div, who made an extremely poor showing and suffered several hundred casualties. 3 SA bde therefore resolved on an attack and ran into TRENTO Div. The Bde had over 170 casualties for little result, and formed the opinion that TRENTO Div was good in a defensive posn.
3. TRENTO Div is certainly experienced in desert fighting. Gun posns are particularly well concealed. The Div has a high proportion of automatic weapons.
4. Although TRENTO Div has not been seriously engaged since GAZALA, it is believed to be NOT very vigilant at night. An escapee British offr from TOBRUCH who arrived at our lines night 7/8 Jul confirms this. He also found a large number of dugouts on the coast, NOT apparently dug in as a defensive posn. It is quite likely that TRENTO Div tps sleep on the beach in order to avoid our hy night bombing and shelling. It is NOT known what effect these continuous attacks have had on enemy morale.

GUNS

5. TRENTO Div is estimated to have 36 fd guns and 28 A Tk guns; SABRATHA Div to have 20 fd guns and 20 A Tk guns.
6. Until recently, the enemy were known to have a large number - about 36 - med guns about area 873298. Some, possibly most of these guns have, in the past two days been moved south, and very little shelling has fallen into the EL ALAMEIN Box on 6 and 7 Jul. It is thought, however, that the enemy may have been temporarily short of amm, and that probably four or five med btys are still in northern sector. Gun posns are frequently changed - possibly daily. The last known gun posns are set out in 30 Corps Intelligence Report No 101 att (copies already sent to 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp). The main concentrations of enemy arty in northern sector is SW of EL ALAMEIN Bx, other suspected gun posns are at 87652999, 87552987, 87642986, 87732996, 87862977, 87852966 and 87552946.

MINEFIELDS

7. So far as known, there are no enemy minefields on or north of the main rd MATRUH - ALEXANDRIA. Several small minefields run southwards, but none within a mile of the main rd.

GROUND

8. Features at 87903001 and 875301 dominate all approaches from east and south. Two tracks from the east separated by salt marsh, lead to the north of the features, meeting at 88112996. The northern most track, running near the shore, is reported to be sandy but probably passable. The southern track is much better. The salt marsh in between is said to be treacherous, as it appears quite good and may allow one or two vehs over it, but is more likely to bog a veh hopelessly.

9. The escapee offr abovementioned formed the opinion that "going" generally between the main rd and the sea was bad for MT though passable for tks. He noticed NO defensive posns of any kind, but was scarcely in a position to see.

TANKS

10. NO tks have been seen in northern sector, except reinforcement tks using main rd before turning south.

ARABS

11. It is believed that over 90% of Arabs are pro-British, but it is known that some Arabs are in German employ.

GUNS

THENTO Div is estimated to have 30 TR guns and 28 A TR guns; SARRATHA Div to have 30 TR guns and 20 A TR guns.

MINETIELDS

Until recently, the enemy were known to have a large number of about 50 med guns about area 875200. Some, possibly most of these guns have, in the past two days been moved south, and very little shelling has fallen into the EL ALAMIN Box on 6 and 7 Jul. It is thought, however, that the enemy may have been temporarily short of ammo, and that probably four or five med guns are still in northern sector. Gun posts are frequently changed - possibly daily. The last known gun posts are set out in 30 Corps Intelligence Report No 101 etc (copies already sent to 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp). The main concentration of enemy arty in northern sector is SW of EL ALAMIN Box, other suspected gun posts are at 875200, 875250, 875300, 875350, 875400 and 875450.

GROUND

Reinforcements at 875000 and 875300 dominate all approaches from east and south. Two separate forces, separated by salt marsh, lead to the north of the terrain, meeting at 875200. The southernmost track, which runs near the mine, is reported to be heavily mined. The ground between the mine and the sea is reported to be heavily mined. The ground between the mine and the sea is reported to be heavily mined. The ground between the mine and the sea is reported to be heavily mined.

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30 Corps Intelligence Report No.101

Ref 30 Corps Operation Order No.61 the following additional information about the enemy is forwarded.

1. Air photographs taken on 6 July of the area West of our position at EL ALAMEIN show the following occupied gun positions East of the 873 Easting grid and North of the 294 Northing grid:-

87413001 3 Fd suspected occupied.
87402994 3 Fd suspected occupied.
87662983 6 Fd or D.P. occupied.
87752970 4 Fd or D.P. suspected.

2. C.B. reports up to 1900 hrs 6 July show the following H.B's.

87302997 4 105^{mm} guns.
87463020 4 105^{mm} guns.
87412984 4 105^{mm} guns (suspect).
87492992 4 25 pdrs.
87543002 4 Fd.
87642989 4 25 pdrs.
87692982 4 guns or hows.
87703003 ? 105^{mm} guns.
87802997 4 75^{mm}.
87852978 Gun position
87892961 ? 75^{mm}.
87853013 or 87803016 A.A.

3. The area is believed to be occupied by the greater part of TRENTO Div with under command 7 Bersagliere Regt and 3 mob Arty Regt (TOTAL guns estimated 56 Fd: 52 A/Tk). No identifications have yet been obtained of troops in position North of 294 grid. According to P.W. there are NO Germans troops and NO tanks in the area.

4. The air photographs show no signs of a fully prepared defensive position and an officer who has made his way back to EL ALAMEIN from SIDI ABD EL RAHMAN thinks that the area between the road and the coast is only lightly held. Enemy movement has been observed along the 81 Easting grid, but the enemy's F.D.L's have NOT yet been located.

5. If the area is being defended in strength the following points at least are likely to be occupied:-

87913001.
87922985.
88052974.
88052959.
87902948.

Part. Major
For.
Brigadier,
General Staff.

LT Col Hanson ref 2/11 Fd Army
+ ADMS / Kilo 87 - 438902 - 6 Army
/ vhs -

9 AUST DIV ADM ORDER NO. 3.

Ref Map 1/50,000 sheet EL ALAMEIN

GENERAL.

1. This order should be read in conjunction with 9 Aust Div OO No. 4 dated 9 Jul.
2. Adm arrangements for the operation REEFKNOT will be as set out below.
3. (a) SUP. From EL HAMMAM by 2nd line tpt.
(b) POL. From BAHIG by 2nd line tpt.
(c) WATER. From EL HAMMAM by 1st line tpt. In emergency from EL ALAMEIN.
(d) AMN(i) From BURG EL ARAB by 2nd line tpt. 150 rpg for 72 25 pdrs are being dumped in EL ALAMEIN box by 30 Corps. HQ RAA will advise HQ AASC of location of dump. This amn will be used to replace amn (not exceeding 150 rpg) dumped at gun posns from 1st and 2nd line.
(ii) 2nd line amn vehs of RAA units and sub-units which revert to comd of CRAA will revert to comd of CAASC by 2000 hrs 9 Jul. HQ RAA will notify location of APs required to HQ AASC direct. When 2/8 Aust Fd Regt passes to comd 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp (vide para 9(b) of OO 4 of 9 Jul), appropriate 2nd line amn vehs will return to comd 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
(iii) In emergency, only in the event of a breakdown of amn supply from BURG EL ARAB, amn of all natures may be obtained from EL ALAMEIN fortress res.
4. MEDICAL. 26 Aust Inf Bde gp (2/11 Aust Fd Amb) are establishing by 2000 hrs 9 Jul:
(a) MDS at 87 kilo peg, North side of main MATRUH rd
(b) ADS, 88802960.
(c) Car Post with mob sec 42459030. As the attack progresses, mob sec in (c) will move fwd by track nearest coast, establishing as far fwd as the situation permits.
Foremost medical posts for Raiding Party (para 3, 9 Aust Div OO 4, of 9 Jul) and 9 Aust Cav will be bn RAPs.
5. POW. Small numbers will be evacuated from Bde collecting post, in returning 1st or 2nd line tpt to 30 Corps cage 47049095, five kilos West of BURG EL ARAB.
Large numbers will be evacuated by march route to a cage to be established by 30 Corps at EL ALAMEIN Sta, South of Ry. (Cage exists, but 30 Corps require one hr from receipt of notice that large numbers have been captured, to arrange personnel to hold. Notice to be given through Main 9 Aust Div, stating estimated numbers captured at that time.
Prisoners will be kept just off tracks and rds and moved back in gps as soon as possible.
20 Aust Inf Bde will assist in accordance with instns to be issued separately.

L. A. & Q. M. G., 9 Aust. Div.
Col.
A.A. & Q.M G., 9 Aust. Div.

DISTRIBUTION:

As per OO No.4 of 9 Jul.

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

To : As per Distribution List RAA 9 Aust Div OO No 1 of 9 Jul 42

From : R A A 9 Aust Div 180 9

Ref RAA 9 Aust Div OO No 1 9 Jul para 26 (.)

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minimum amount of traffic until attack

commences

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RAA 9 AUST DIV

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9 Jul 42.

Ref Map EL ALAMEIN 1/50,000
EL HAMMAN 1/100,000
EL D'ABA -
EL ALAMEIN 1/100,000

INFORMATION

1. Enemy - A summary of the latest intelligence info is att as Appx A. Further info will be forwarded as it becomes available. The latest HB list is att as Appx B. (to be issued later)

2. Own Tps - On relief about 10 Jul, 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp moves into and occupies area now held by 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

Under Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp - (Additional tps)

One 6-pr Tp 9 Aust A Tk Bty
Cns Tp 11 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt & one Tp 9 Bty
as from 1800 hrs 9 Jul
44 R Tks (less two Sqns)
2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

Under Comd RAA 9 Aust Div -

2/7 Aust Fd Regt
2/8 Aust Fd Regt
2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One Tp 10 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt
One Tp 11 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt
7 Med Regt - four 4.5" guns
three 155 mm hows

} revert to Comd RAA from
} 1800 hrs 9 Jul.
) Revert to Comd RAA
) from 1800 hrs 9 Jul

3. (a) 9 Aust Div is to attack on right - 1 SA Div on left.

(b) 1 SA Div, less 3 Inf Bde Gp, is capturing the area of the two ring contours 878293 and 880290 and is to consolidate it.

The date and zero of the attack will be notified later.

(c) 3 SA Inf Bde Gp is to garrison EL ALAMEIN posn as a firm base for the op.

(d) 13 Corps is making a demonstration on 13 Corps front during the attack.

(e) A raiding party comprising -

Force Comd Maj RICHARDSON 6 RTR
One sqn 6 RTR (STUART Tks)
One Tp 6-pr A Tk 2 RHA
One Tp 25-pr 2 RHA
One Tp armd Cs ROYALS

is to move up main MATRUH rd with the object of destroying installations in rear enemy areas.

26 Aust Inf Bde Gp is to capture and hold TEL EL EISA ridge.

2/48 Aust Inf Bn to capture Pt 26 879 300 to Pt 23
877 300 and

2/24 Aust Inf Bn to capture Δ 33 feature 874 301 and
875 301 and the "24" feature SOUTH of the ry to Pt 24
873 299.

4. Air - Air cover is being provided.

INTENTION.

5. BAA 9 Aust Div will support the attack of 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

METHOD.

6. Allotment. - Arty NOT allotted to Bde Gps will remain under control of CRA.

2/8 Aust Fd Regt will remain in a dispersal area in EL ALAMEIN FORTRESS and will be prepared to move fwd when ordered by CRA. On receipt of orders to move it will come under comd 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp for consolidation. Anticipated time of move 0610 hrs.

Special Task per para 15 for one Bty 2/8 Aust Fd Regt.

7. Zones of Fire - 2/7 & 2/12 Aust Fd Regts as shown on Trace C.

8. Zones of Obs - do. do. do.

9. Preparatory - On day 9 Jul, 2/7 & 2/12 Aust Fd Regts will recon areas, prepare sites and complete necessary svy; 2/8 Aust Fd Regt will recon routes through the FORTRESS.

This recon and preparation will be conducted as unobtrusively as possible.

10. <u>Allotment of Areas</u> - <u>OPs</u>	No restriction
<u>Gun Areas</u>	As on Trace C
<u>WLS</u>	No restriction

2/7 Aust Fd Regt will establish one OP per Bty on Pt 26 879 300 after capture of Δ 33.

11. Occupation - After sunset - 2/7 & 2/12 Aust Fd Regts will mutually arrange timings for move from the dispersal area so as to avoid confusion and crossing.

12. Registration - Silent.

13. Shoot down to - FDLs of EL ALAMEIN FORTRESS.

14. Tasks - Table to be issued later.

Support at conclusion of timed program to continue by obs.

15. Special Tasks - One Bty 2/8 Aust Fd Regt will support 44 R Tks. FOO will move with the R Tk Squ - Bty will follow in rear of tks crossing A trace 'C' - Time to pass start line 0500 hrs 10 Jul.
One Bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt will come under comd 9 Aust Div Cav Regt at 0800 hrs 10 Jul and remain at 30 mins notice to move.

16. Restriction - Arty fire by night will NOT be EAST of the 880 grid nor SOUTH of the 280 grid.

17. A Tk - CO 3 Aust A Tk Regt will be available to Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp from 0500 hrs on 10 Jul for co-ordinating A Tk defences on the objective.

METHOD (Contd)18. AA - Allotment -

One Tp 10 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt - remain under Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde.

One Tp 10 Bty do. - revert to Comd RAA and are placed under comd 2/12 Aust Fd Regt at 1800 hrs 9 Jul for protection of gun areas.

One Tp 11 Bty do. - remain under Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.

One Tp 11 Bty do. - revert to Comd RAA and are placed under Comd 2/7 Aust Fd Regt at 1800 hrs 9 Jul for protection of gun areas.

12 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt - remain under comd 24 Aust Inf Bde.

19. Counter Bty - Under control 30 Corps. Bombards of HBs are to be co-ordinated with and included in the Task Table.

7 Med Regt is allotted for CB - CRA will allot additional Arty for specific tasks.

20. Svy - All arty will be on 1 SA Regt grid. Svy offrs 2/7, 2/8 & 2/12 Aust Fd Regts will obtain svy data from Svy Offr 1 SA Regt.

2/8 Aust Fd Regt will tie in on the grid as soon as practicable after deployment.

21. Air - Air Sp (a) Air sweep over area of consolidation from approx 0730 hrs 10 Jul.

(b) Fighter bomber attack on objective WEST of NORTH - SOUTH line through eastern end of ry cutting 875 299.

(c) Attack on tgts notified by 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

ARTY R - NIL.

22. Time to be ready - 0430 hrs 10 Jul.

ADM.

23. Adm paras will be advised separately.

INTERCOMN.

24. Location List - issued separately.

25. Call Signs & Frequencies - list is to be issued through Sigs 9 Aust Div.

26. Wireless - Wireless silence until further ordered

INTERCOMN (Contd)

27. Liaison - 2/8 Aust Fd Regt will send an LO to HQ RAA 9 Aust Div reporting at 1800 hrs 9 Jul.

28. Success Signals - Objective No.1 - 2 white VLS
 No.2 - 2 green VLS
 No.3 - 2 red VLS
 No.4 - 1 red 1 white

ACKNOWLEDGE *o/ib*

A. P. Williams Maj
 BMRA 9 Aust Div.

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2/8 Aust Fd Regt	2	2	2	11 - 20	11 - 20
2/12 Aust Fd Regt	3	3	3	21 - 30	21 - 30
3 Aust A Tk Regt	4	4	4	31	31
4 Aust Lt AA Regt	5	5	5	32	32
7 Med Regt RA	6	6	6	33	33 - 34
26 Aust Inf Bde (for 9 Aust Div Cav infm)	7	-	7	34	35 - 38
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ADM INSTRUCTIONS

R.A.A. 9 AUST DIV O.O. 1

AMM

(a) Fd - 150 r p g incl 15 r p g SMOK will be dumped at gun posns during night 9/10 Jul by A.A.S.C. and Unit vehs.

Supercharge - 60 rpg supercharge (incl in 150 r p g) will be dumped at gun posns of three btys 2/12 Aust Fd Regt during night 9/10 Jul.

(b) A.Tk - 2nd line amm for A.Tk guns under comd CRA will be available on wheels at a point to be notified.

For A.Tk guns under comd 26 Aust Inf Bde amm is to be as detailed by that Bde.

(c) Med - 4.5 gun, 150 r.p.g. 2nd and 3rd charge will be dumped at gun posns by Unit tpt ready for the operation. Amm to be drawn from stocks in box.

155 mm - 150 r.p.g. white charge will be dumped at gun posns by Unit tpt during night 9/10 Jul. Amm to be drawn from stocks in box.

(d) A.A. - 2nd line for tp under comd CRA will be available on wheels in RL ALANLEN box at pt to be notified.

(e) UNIT ECH - Unit amm ech will be full and on wheels at commencement of operation.

(f) 2nd Line - 2nd line amm is to be available on wheels within RL ALANLEN box for all arty units under comd CRA, incl 3/8 Aust Fd Regt excl 7 Med Regt. The latter will replenish unit ech. after dumping is complete, from amm stocks in box. Other units replenish any additional expenditure in normal manner.

(g) UNIT GUIDES - Fd Regts will supply one guide per tp to report to unit AP to guide A.A.S.C. tpt to gun posns. APs will be notified later.

Guides will be informed by units of quantities and types of amm required at tp posn.

(h) Use of Unit Tpt - Time and place of reporting of unit vehs if required to assist or fill A.A.S.C. will be notified.

(i) Expenditure Report - A report on amm expended, by types, will be rendered to this H.Q. as at 0810 hrs, 1000 hrs, 1200 hrs, 1800 hrs 2000 hrs 10 Jul. Reports will give cumulative totals.

(j) LOADING PARTIES - Loading parties will be required at amm dump (location to be notified) to assist in dumping programme. Strength and composition of loading parties will be notified.

(k) ACK *O/16* Other Adm Instns will be issued separately.

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OO No 1 of 9 Jul 42

W. Charles
Maj
R.A.A. 9 Aust Div

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 62.

by

Brig W. J. V. WINDEYER DSO ED.

COMMANDING 20 AUST INF BDE.

11 Jul 42

In the Field.

1. DISPERSAL

(a) Vehicles

(i) The minimum distance between vehicles is to be not less than 150 yds.

(ii) Whenever it is required to visit another unit vehs (incl M/Gs and Bantams) will not be taken near the HQ or office area.

A visitors car park and DR park is established at the HQ area and this will be used by all concerned.

(b) Personnel

Mess parties will be so organised that large numbers of men are not gathered together for prolonged periods, either during the collection or eating of meals.

2. DISPOSAL OF REFUSE

The present fly menace has been caused through the improper disposal of refuse of all kinds.

The following points will be strictly enforced:

(a) Food will be kept covered as much as possible.

(b) All empty food tins, bottles etc will be buried as soon as emptied.

All old tins etc left by previous units will be buried.

(c) Shallow trench latrines will be used and filled in daily. Some form of shovel is necessary to throw sand into latrine after each individual time it is used.

These instructions will apply as far as possible throughout the campaign.

3. M. T. MAINTENANCE

All MT drivers will be instructed to discontinue greasing nipples and shackles MT with grease and substitute C 600 oil.

Grease retains the sand and fine grinding dust whereas the C 600 flushes and lubricates.

Air cleaners on all vehicles are to be cleaned daily to ensure a minimum of dust abrasives being passed to engine.

These are most essential points and have already proven most successful in desert conditions.

(2)

For action by the following units only :

B ^e e Tpt Pl.	58 Aust LAD
2/15 Aust Inf Bn	No 1 Pl. HQ Gd Bn.
2/17 Aust Inf Bn	J Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div
Det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	

Other units will take action as advised by their own technical personnel.

4. BLACKOUT

No fires will be lit or left burning after 1930 hrs daily.

All offices, tents etc, where lights have to be used will be made light proof.

5. FIELD DRESSINGS

All ranks will carry "Field Dressing" in left hand shirt pocket or alternatively in hip pocket of shorts.

6. DESPATCHES

The delay in handing on of A&Q messages etc, from unit or orderly rooms to the appropriate officer or office must be eliminated as much as possible.

This is particularly important in respect of any messages dealing with subs & POL as these points are open for limited periods only.

J. H. Brown Capt.
S.G. 20. Aust Inf B^e.

Distribution List "G"

NOTICES - The following comforts are to be acknowledged from :-

A.C.P.	3161	10z packets of Tobacco
	3161	packets of papers.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA National War Fund (through AACS)	5808	packets of cigarettes
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These comforts have been distributed free to troops under command of this B^e.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 63.

by

Brigadier W. J. V. WINDEYER DSO, ED.

Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.

18 Jul 42.

In The Field.

1. DIGGING IN OF VEHS.

Although it is desirable to protect vchs by digging in, especially into banks, care must be exercised that the angle is NOT acute. If the angle is acute the main bearing will be drained of oil and liable to cause trouble, especially in extricating the veh if bogged. All care should be taken to protect the radiator from perforation.

2. BOFORS 40-mm A. A. EQUIPMENTS.

The scale of spare barrels to be held by Lt AA Units equipped with Bofors 40-mm A. A. guns will be one spare barrel carried with the gun.

G. H. Q. MEF letter CR/ME/3258/4/GSD.2a of 29 Jun 1941 authorising one additional spare barrel to be held in unit reserve is hereby cancelled.

Barrels rendered surplus by this order will be returned to ORDNANCE.

(CR/ME/31976/G. S. D. 2a.)

3. SIGNALS - ALL INFORMED PROCEDURE.

The procedure laid down in F. S. P. B. Pamphlet No. 2 p. 34, para 6 (iii) is not being observed.

This neglect leads directly to -

- (a) Unnecessary enciphering,
- (b) Unnecessary signal transmission and consequent delay.

It also indirectly prejudices security when low grade ciphers such as Syllabic are involved. Such ciphers are always liable to compromise, and a long list of multiple addresses when deciphered may at once give away the order of battle of a formation.

Steps will be taken by every formation headquarters to ensure that the "all informed" procedure is made use of whenever possible.

(CR/ME/32496/X. (2).)

4. UNAUTHORISED ABBREVIATIONS.

(a) The use of "IRT" as an abbreviation for "In Reply To" in signal messages has become prevalent.

(b) The disadvantages of this abbreviation are as follows :-

- (i) It takes longer to transmit than the words "Your" or "Ref" or the complete word "Reference" since it has to be transmitted in blocks.
- (ii) It is liable to be confused with and treated as a part of the reference number.

(c) The abbreviation is unauthorised and its use will cease forthwith.

(CR/ME/13540/3/S. D. 1a)

5. DISCIPLINE - COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

A.C.I. 650 of 1942 draws attention to the following :-

The following is an extract from A.C.I. 806 of 1941 regarding the procedure to be adopted by any officer or soldier who wishes to put forward a complaint :-

- (a) Any officer who wishes to put forward any complaint or suggestion will do so in writing to the CO through the Adjt. If he wishes, he may request that a complaint be referred to higher authority in accordance with the army act, section 42.
- (b) Any soldier who wishes to put forward any complaint or suggestion will do so to his company (or equivalent) commander in accordance with army act section 45. If, after the matter has been investigated by his company (or equivalent) comd, he is not satisfied, he may represent it through his company (or equivalent) commander to his CO. If he is still not satisfied, he may represent it through his CO to the G.O.C. - in-C. of the Comd in or under whose Comd he is serving.
- (c) In addition, an officer or soldier who wishes to bring any grievance to the notice of an Inspecting Brigade Comd, or an Inspecting General Officer, will be given the opportunity of doing so.
- (d) The above procedure is that laid down in the Army Act and King's Regulations. Its object is to ensure that any representations officers and other ranks wish to make are effectively dealt with in the most expeditious way possible and that proper discipline in the army is maintained. Any other method of putting forward representations is therefore forbidden under King's Regulations, 1940, para 550.

(TO BE REPEATED IN UNIT ORDERS) (CR/ME/26449/A.G.2(a).)

6. PAYMENTS TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

- (a) The following instrn regarding payments to individual members of the Australian Imperial Force is published for information and compliance.
- (b) As A.I.F. Officers and Soldiers are paid in their units before proceeding on leave, no payment should be made to A.I.F. personnel by British Cashiers, or by Units, Transit Camps, Hospitals, or Convalescent Depots, unless the soldier is actually on their strength.

(CR/ME/15171/2/Pay)

7. PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Envelopes of correspondence containing the military address of any personnel will NOT be carried forward of this area.

8. FIELD CENSORSHIP.

- (a) Accounts in letters of personal experiences in battle are not permitted unless specifically authorised.
- (b) Recital of personal experiences in all operations up to and including the last advance to El Agheila - but not the subsequent withdrawal - is hereby authorised.
- (c) Green envelopes will NOT be used for this purpose.
- (d) Unit censors will handle such correspondence with due regard to security, criticisms and alarmist statements.

(e) TO BE REPEATED IN UNIT ORDERS.

9. BLANKETS.

- (a) Supply. There is a world shortage of blankets, and sources of supply of woollen goods are embarrassed as a result of the war.
- (b) Economy. It is essential that economy in the use of blankets be exercised by all concerned, and that on no account are blankets used for other than the service for which they are provided, i. e. as bedding for personnel.
- (c) Misuse. It is observed that blankets are being used for the following unauthorised services, and this must cease forthwith
 - i. Black-out purposes
 - ii. P. A. D.
 - iii. Curtains in dug-outs
 - iv. Office tables.

Any damage attributable to the above misuse will be chargeable to units.

- (d) Conservation. All concerned will contribute much to the comfort and health of troops employed in theatres of war where severe winters are experienced by co-operation in safeguarding our resources of blankets.
Blankets will only be condemned when unfit for use, and not for appearance only.
Indents for blankets must clearly state the entitlement of Unit and the numbers held on charge, and replacement issues will only be made on receipt of the unserviceable blankets.
- (e) Responsibility. Commanding Officers are responsible that blankets are only held to approved scales and that all surplus blankets are returned to DADOS Dump.

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J. J. J.
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

War Diary

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 64.

by

Brigadier W. J. V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.

24 Jul 42.

In The Field.

1. DAMAGED AIRCRAFT.

- (a) Aircraft sometimes land with very little damage to the plane itself but frequently, through looting and wilful damage by other arms of the service, the machine is of little value for other than salvage.
- (b) To overcome this the following points are set out for action by all units under comd of this Bde should a plane land in their area :-
 - (i) A responsible person (officer if available) will proceed to the scene of the accident, take control and assist in any way possible.
 - (ii) A guard, under an NCO, will be despatched by the unit with instns that no person other than those officially engaged in the inspection or the salvage of the plane, be allowed within 150 yds of the plane.
 - (iii) A message by phone or signal will be sent to this HQ giving location and any other information that may help in the speedy recovery of the plane.
- (c) The names of any person or persons who persist in contravening the order in para b (ii) above by attempting to approach within the 150 yds will be taken by the guard and disciplinary action instituted.

(TO BE REPEATED IN UNIT ORDER)

2. CABLEGRAMS AND TELEGRAMS.

- (a) EFM Cablegrams - Standard Texts. A new list containing additional standard texts will be introduced on 20 Jul 42.

Copies of the list have been fwded to all units through unit postal orderlies.

- (b) Cablegrams lodged in EGYPT - Rates.

Class of Cablegram	Prefix	To	
		AUSTRALIA	U. K.
Full Rate	-----	126 mms per word	48 mms per word
Deferred	∅ LC	63 " " "	24 " " "
Daily Letter Telegram	∅ DLT	1050 " for 25 words each addtl word 42 mms.	No Rate.
Night Letter Telegram	∅ NLT	No Rate	325 mms for 25 words each addtl 13 mms.
Expeditionary Force Message	EFM	120 mms per message of up to 3 texts	120 mms per mess of up to 3 texts

∅ Counted as 1 word.

2. CABLEGRAMS AND TELEGRAMS (Contd).

To the charge for every cablegram, except EFM, add 25% plus 5 mms tax. Example - charge £E1.000 plus 25% equals £E1.250 plus 5 mms equals £E1.255.

TELEGRAM RATES:

Syria and Lebanon	21 mms per word.
Palestine	10 mms per word.
Egypt	5 mms per word.
Sudan	10 mms per word.

3. TRAFFIC ORDERS.

(a) Speed and Density.

- (i) Unless otherwise ordered M.I.M. for Convoys will be 20 during daylight.
- (ii) Between sunset and sunrise convoys will not exceed 10 M.I.M.
- (iii) Vehicles proceeding independently will not exceed maximum speed laid down for each type of vehicle in Div RO No. 202, appendices A & B.

(b) V.T.M.

- (i) By day V.T.M. will never exceed 15.
- (ii) By night may be increased to 40 V.T.M. at discretion of CO Convoy dependent on state of moon.
- (iii) Large convoys will be divided into blocks of vehicles. A responsible person will ride in the leading vehicle of each block and be in charge of it. A block will not exceed 30 vehicles. Distance between blocks will be 200 yds.

(c) HALTING.

- (i) Before halting all vehicles must go right off the road and at least six feet clear of it.
- (ii) Vehicles must not close up when halting.
- (iii) If a vehicle breaks down on the road, the driver's first duty is to get it off the road by towing or pushing.
- (iv) If a convoy is unavoidably halted where it cannot get off the road OG Convoy must organise traffic control.
- (v) During a halt all personnel will keep off the road.

(d) Overtaking.

- (i) One convoy will NOT overtake another which is on the move, unless specially ordered.
- (ii) A Convoy Comd wishing to overtake a HALTED Convoy will first ascertain that his tail will clear the head of the HALTED CONVOY before it is due to move off again.

(e) Advance Parties.

The Convoy Comd will despatch a representative to arrive at halting and staging areas at least one hour ahead of the convoy. This advance party will know the composition, speed and time of arrival of the convoy.

3. TRAFFIC ORDERS. (Contd).

(f) General.

OC Convoy is NOT just a guide. He should halt his own vehicle from time to time and watch his convoy go by, checking faults, on the spot or at the next halt. The following points will be checked :-

- Maintenance of correct V.T.M. +
- Maintenance of correct M.I.H.
- Maintenance of correct distances between blocks of vehicles.
- Vehicles and personnel clear of road when halted.
- Scrim nets FOLDED and SECURED so as not to catch on passing vehicles.
- Tail boards of vehicles up and fastened.
- Vehicle covers not flapping.
- No personnel riding on top of vehicle covers.
- No unauthorised passengers being carried in vehicles.
- Personnel properly dressed.

(g) Vehicle Lighting.

The lighting of all vehicles will conform to the regulations laid down in Div RO No. 404 of 18 Jun 42.

(h) Restrictions in the use of lights.

These restrictions will be published from time to time in 5 Aust Div Routine Orders.

M.T. WILL NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED.

4. REPORTING VEHICLE CASUALTIES.

Ref 5 Aust Div Adm Instrn No. 86 of 8 Jul 42, para 9, W.D. Nos of vehs need NOT be included in the report referred to, but will be shown in A.F. 3871, which must be submitted in all cases.

5. UNAUTHORISED COMMANDEERING OF VEHICLES.

- (a) Cases have occurred in which vehs have been commandeered by senior officers and retained for unreasonable periods.
- (b) It is appreciated that in urgent operational circumstances drastic measures may be necessary, but commandeering in such circumstances must be for the shortest possible period and the unit to which the vehicle belongs must be advised as soon as possible.
- (c) RASC and AASC vehs, under comd CASC, will not be used to replace first line tpt deficiencies without the authority of CASC.
- (d) Any commandeered vehs will be returned by units to parent units forthwith.

6. CAPTURED VEHICLES.

Units under comd will notify this HQ by signal particulars of any vehs captured stating -

- (a) Whether enemy or own,
- (b) type,
- (c) whether rec vehs required and if so location of vehs.

7. R. A. F. AERODROMES AND LANDING GROUNDS.

- (a) It has been brought to notice by the R. A. F. that Army M. T. vehicles were seen driving across Aerodromes and Landing Grounds which are in use. This endangers the lives of personnel and damages the surface of the Landing Grounds.
- (b) All M. T. personnel will be warned that under NO circumstances will vehicles be driven across R. A. F. Aerodromes or Landing Grounds which are in use. Severe disciplinary action will be taken in cases of infringement of this order.

(TO BE REPEATED IN UNIT ORDERS)

8. COOKING BY OIL AND WATER.

- (a) Further to Middle East G. O. 550 of 42. Units on the L. of C. will ensure that no packing cases or wooden boxes of any kind are used for fuel purposes. Cotton seed cake fuel is available at DIDs on the scale of 1 lb per man per day. Should any additional fuel be necessary for cooking purposes the oil and water system will be used, Diesel fuel oil being available at all main petrol depots. A. G. O. will not be drawn when Diesel is available.
- (b) Any information regarding this type of cooker can be obtained from the formation catering adviser or command catering adviser, rear HQ, EIGHTH ARMY.
- (c) Attention is drawn to Middle East G. O. 429 of 42. Sump oil will not be used, but will be handed over to the nearest Salvage Dump.

(TO BE REPEATED IN UNIT ORDERS)

9. M. T. VEHICLES : ROAD SPRINGS - MAINTENANCE OF.

- (a) Breakages of road springs continue to occur due to failure to keep the clamp bolts (U Bolts) tight. This operation is referred to in Maintenance Task No. 12 (as detailed in A. E. 412) and its importance is again emphasised.
- (b) It is desirable that the vehicle should be loaded whilst the clamp nuts are tightened and it is most important that only the STANDARD spanner should be used.
- (c) No advantage is gained by using spanners of abnormal leverage as this will result only in stripping the threads or stretching the bolt and will defeat its own object.

(TO BE REPEATED IN UNIT ORDERS)

10. OFFICE MACHINERY : LOSS OF.

- (a) In many instances formations and units are applying for the issue of replacements in lieu of office machinery lost or destroyed as a result of enemy activity or evacuation, without having rendered a report on such losses to D. D. P. S. S. G. H. Q., M. E. F., in accordance with Middle East G. O. 659 of 1942.
- (b) In order to ensure that this procedure is adhered to, all applications for replacements of office machinery lost or abandoned will be fwded to OC No. 8 Stationery Depot, together with a certified True copy of the report in question.

(TO BE REPEATED IN UNIT ORDERS)

11. EQUIPMENT FOR HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

Attention is drawn to G.O. No. 305 of 1941.

- (a) Patients are arriving at hospitals without respirators A.G. and steel helmets.
- (b) Sick and wounded will at all times be in possession of their respirators and steel helmets. OCs units will ensure that this order is complied with in all cases.

(TO BE REPEATED IN UNIT ORDERS).

12. PISTOLS, BINOCULARS AND COMPASSES.

Units will ensure that pistols, binoculars and compasses on charge to unit will be withdrawn before personnel are evacuated beyond R.A.P.

13. CAPTURED OR SALVAGED WEAPONS.

All units will immediately notify this HQ of any captured or salvaged weapons, own or enemy.

It is most desirable, in view of arm difficulties, that only British pattern weapons should be used in fwd areas.

J. Young Capt.
S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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NOTICES

1. The following messages have been received.

"From C in C 2150 hrs 22 Jul 42.

"Heartiest congratulations to you and all your troops who have successfully attacked and contained the whole of 90 Lt DIV less 288 FORCE and two bns LT INF REGT. Your vigorous action is the prelude to victory."

"SIR THOMAS BLAMEY MELBOURNE.

"Congratulations yourself and all ranks on splendid work. All are proud of you"

2. The following comforts are acknowledged from ACF, and have been distributed free to troops under comd of this Bde.
- | | | | | |
|------|----------------------|---|------|--------------------------|
| 4463 | ozs Tobacco | - | 4463 | packets Cigarette papers |
| 4463 | packets Razor Blades | - | 8926 | packets P.K's |
| 2232 | packets Biscuits | | 330 | pairs Socks. |

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit.) For Week Ending 4 Jul 42.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
	*			
	*			
	*			
	Brigadier *	1		
	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors... ..	1		
	Captains	6		
	Lieutenants	3		
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	11		

* 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.	L. R. RUMNEY	AIF	28.6.42	Attached for duty as 2 i/c J Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	R. R. KEED	AIF	28.6.42	Ceased to be attached as 2 i/c J Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs
Lieut.	W. J. ELLIS	AIF	5.7.42	Ceased to be attached to J Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs.

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).

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	7	8	9	
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank. ARMY No.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. RANK.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	
1	NX	396	Brig.	W. J. V. WINDEYER	A. I. F.	Yes		Comd.	
2									
3	NX	328	T/Maj.	B. V. WILSON	"	"		B.M.	
4									
5	NX	375	Capt.	T. W. YOUNG	"	"		S.C.	
6									
7	QX	6200	Capt.	B. WILLIAMS	"	"		L.O. 1.	
8									
9	NX	35094	Capt.	J. H. ELLIOTT	"	"		Bde Sup, O.- A. A. S. C.	
10									
11	VX	48589	Capt.	W. F. BROWN	"	"		S.C. Learner	
12									
13	VX	13528	T/Capt.	R. J. HAMER	"	"		B.M. Learner	
14									
15	NX	15590	T/Capt.	M. V. PICKERING	"	"		T.O.	
16									
17	NX	13867	Lieut.	M. D. VINCENT	"	No		Detached to 2/13 Aust Inf Bn	
18									
19	VX	15146	Lieut.	H. M. HAMILTON	"	Yes		L.O. 11.	
20									
21	NX	28145	Lieut.	T. C. HELDON	"	"		L.O. 111.	
22									
23				OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.					
24	NX	29407	Lieut.	G. F. J. HOLTSBAUM	A. I. F.	3.6.42		Amenities Offr.	
25	QX	3571	Lieut.	G. A. GEMMEL-SMITH	"	4.6.42		Acting I.O.	
26	NX	57320	Capt.	E. C. LECKY	"	6.9.41		OC J Sec Sigs.	
27	TX	6055	Lieut.	L. R. RUMNEY	"	28.6.42		2 i/c J Sec Sigs.	
28	NX	18932	Lieut.	A. I. MORRISBY	"	11.1.42		OC 58 L. A. D.	
29	NX	13029	Lieut.	H. J. WINSLOW	"	21.1.42		OC 1 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn.	
30									
31	NX	13863	Lieut.	P. B. MARTIN	"	26.6.42		Acting L.O.	
32									
33									
34									

(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.
SX 12188	Chap.	A. J. ROBJOHN'S	AACHD	19.11.41 to 2/15 Bn for duty	
QX 6391	Chap.	G. R. GIBSON	"	21.11.41 to 2/15 Bn for duty	
VX 47864	Chap.	W. L. BYRNE	"	21. 4.42 to 2/17 Bn for duty	

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

(Unit.)

6 Jul 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

T. W. Young Capt.

SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

(Signature of Commander.)

9 Aust Div.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde (Unit). 6 Jul 1942 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.	1		
W.Os Class II.	2		
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.			
Staff Sergeants.	1		
Sergeants.	5	2	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	6	1	
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	55	1	
TOTALS.	69	* 4	*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Cpl. HAVERCROFT, G.	1 Aust Corps Int Sec.	9 Aust Div Postal Unit	3 ORs.
L/Cpl JOHN, H. K.	do	9 Aust Div Pd Cash Office	2 ORs.
Sjt. NEWTON, P. ES.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	58 Aust L.A.D.	14 ORs.
Pte. McEWEN, F.R.	do	J Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs	45 ORs.
Pte. SMITH, A.	2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	1 Pl Aust HQ 3d Bn	39 ORs.
Pte. KENNEDY, J.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.		
Pte. SHELLACK, F.C.	do		
Pte. CUNNINGHAM, D.R.	do		
Pte. PORTEOUS, W.	do		

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

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

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

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

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Unit.

SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Signature of Commander, Capt.

Date of Despatch 6 Jul 42.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
..... *			
..... *			
..... *			
Brigadier	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	6		
Lieutenants	4	1	
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
Totals	18	1	

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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.)

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. Army No.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. RANK	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
NX 396	Brig.	W. J. V. WINDEYER	A. I. P.	Yes	Comd.
NX 828	T/Maj.	B. V. WILSON	"	"	B.M.
NX 375	Capt.	T. W. YOUNG	"	"	B.G.
QX 6200	Capt.	B. WILLIAMS	"	"	L.O. 1.
NX 35094	Capt.	J. H. ELLIOTT	"	"	Bde Sup C - A.A.S.C.
VX 48589	Capt.	W. P. BROWN	"	"	B.C. Learner.
VX 13528	T/Capt.	R. J. HAMER	"	"	B.M. Learner.
NX 15590	T/Capt.	M. V. PICKERING	"	"	T.O.
NX 13867	Lieut.	M. D. VINCENT	"	No.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
VX 15146	Lieut.	H. H. HAMILTON	"	Yes	L.O. 11.
NX 28145	Lieut.	T. C. SHELTON	"	"	LC. 111.
NX 29407	Lieut.	G. F. J. HOLTSBAUM	"	"	Amenities Offr.
OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.					
NX 13863	Lieut.	P. B. MARTIN	A. I. P.	26.6.42	Acting L.O.
QX 8571	Lieut.	G. A. GEMMEL-SMITH	A. I. P.	3.6.42	Acting IO.
NX 57320	Capt.	E. C. LECKY	"	6.9.41	CC J Sec Sigs.
TX 6056	Lieut.	L. R. RUMNEY	"	28.6.42	2 i/c 30
NX 18932	Lieut.	A. I. MORRISBY	"	11.1.42	CC 58 L.A.D.
NX 13029	Lieut.	H. J. WINSLOW	"	21.1.42	CC 1 Pl Aust HQ G3 Bn.

(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.
SX 12188	Chap.	A. J. ROBJOHN	AACHD	19.11.41	to 2/13 Bn for duty
QX 6391	Chap.	G. R. GIBSON	"	21.11.41	to 2/15 30
VX 47864	Chap.	W. L. BYRNE	"	21. 4.42	to 2/17 30

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

(Unit.)

11 Jul 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde. (Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde (Unit). 11 Jul 1942. (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os Class I.			
W.Os Class II.	2		
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.			
Staff Sergeants.	1		
Sergeants.	4	2	1
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	6	1	
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	55	1	
TOTALS.	68	* 4	* 1

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Cpl. HAVERCROFT, G.	1 Aust Corps Int	58 Aust L. A. D.	13 ORs.
L/Cpl. JOHN, H. K.	do	J Sec 9 Div Sigs	45 ORs.
Sgt. NEWTON, P. E. S.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	1 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn	39 ORs.
Pte. McEWEN, R.	do	Det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	12 ORs.
Pte. PORTEOUS, W.	2/15 Aust Inf Bn.		
Pte. SMITH, A.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.		
Pte. KENNEDY, J.	DADOS, 9 Aust Div.		
Pte. SCHELLACK, F. C.	do		
Sgt. ATTWOOD, R. S.	10 Coy A. A. S. C.		
Pte. BYRNE, P. J.	do		
Pte. MAWSON, J. O.	do		

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

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS						
	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Staff-Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W. Os. Class I	W. Os. Class II.	W Os Class III		S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Sergeants	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers.																				
Carpenters and Joiners..																				
Clerks... ..						1		1	2											
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
' (Wheeled) .																				
Driver-Mechanics																				
Driver-Operators.																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ...																				
Farriers..																				
Fitters... ..																				
Machine Cunnors																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneer, Infantry																				
(other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters.																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers ...																				
Sanitary & Water Duties.																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical ...																				
Tailors.																				
Wheelers																				
M.T. ..							1												1	
Armourer ..																1				1
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..																				
..																				
General duty personnel .																				
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 & 4 of Part A)							2	1	1	4				1					1	

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Unit.

Signature
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Capt.

Signature of Commander,

Date of Despatch 11 Jul 42

9 AUST DIV.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
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.....*
Brigadier	1
Lieut.-Colonels
Majors	1
Captains	6
Lieutenants	4	1
2nd Lieutenants
Quartermasters ... ..	.....	.....	.....
District Officers ... ..	.....	.....	.....
Totals	12	1	.....

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
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PART C.— DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.)
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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank. Army No.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
NX 396	Brig.	W. J. V. WINDEYER	A.I.F.	Yes	Comd
NX 328	T/Maj.	B. V. WILSON	"	"	B.M.
NX 375	Capt.	T. W. YOUNG	"	"	S.C.
QX 6200	Capt.	B. WILLIAMS	"	"	L.O. 1.
NX 35094	Capt.	J. H. ELLIOTT	"	"	Bde Sup O - A.A.S.C.
VX 48589	Capt.	W. F. BROWN	"	"	S.C. Learner
VX 13528	T/Capt.	R. J. HAMER	"	"	B.M. Learner
NX 15590	T/Capt.	M. V. PICKERING	"	"	T.O.
NX 13867	Lieut.	M. D. VINCENT	"	No.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
VX 15146	Lieut.	H. M. HAMILTON	"	Yes.	L.O. 11.
NX 28145	Lieut.	T. C. SHELDON	"	"	L.O. 111.
NX 29407	Lieut.	G. F. J. HOLTSBAUM	"	"	Amenities Offr.
<u>OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.</u>					
NX 13863	Lieut.	P. B. MARTIN	A.I.F.	26.6.42	Acting L.O.
QX 8571	Lieut.	G. A. GEMMEL-SMITH	"	4.6.42	Acting I.O.
NX 57320	Capt.	E. C. LECKY	"	6.9.41	OC J Sec Sigs
TX 6056	Lieut.	L. R. RUMNEY	"	28.6.42	2 1/c do
NX 18932	Lieut.	A. I. MORRISBY	"	11.1.42	OC 59 L.A.D.
NX 13029	Lieut.	H. J. WINSLOW	"	21.1.42	OC 1 Pl Aust WQ Gd Bn.

(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.
SX 12188	Chap.	A. J. ROBJOHN	AACHD	19.11.41	to 2/13 Bn for
QX 6391	Chap.	G. B. GIBSON	"	21.11.41	to 2/15 Bn ^{dut}
VX 47864	Chap.	W. L. BYRNE	"	21.4.42	to 2/17 Bn "

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.
(Unit.)
18 Jul 42.
(Date of Despatch.)

J. Young Capt.
(Signature of Commander.)
OC 20 Aust Inf Bde. 20 Aust Div.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde (Unit). 18 Jul 1942 (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments),
W.Os Class I.			1
W.Os Class II.	1		
W.Os Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.			
Staff Sergeants.	1		
Sergeants.	4	1	1
Baglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals.	6	1	
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	55	2	
TOTALS.	67	* 4	* 2

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Cpl. HAVERCROFT, G.	1 Aust Corps Int Sec.	58 Aust L.A.D.	13 ORs.
L/Cpl. JOHN, H.K.	do	J Sec 9 Div Sigs	45 ORs.
Sjt. NEWTON, P.E.	S.2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	1 Pl Aust HQ Gd Bn	37 ORs.
Pte. McEWEN, R.	do		
Pte. PORTEOUS, W.	do		
Pte. SMITH, A.	2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	9 Aust Div Postal Unit.	4 ORs.
Pte. KENNEDY, J.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	Det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy.	12 ORs.
Pte. SCHELLACK, F.C.	do		
Sjt. ATTWOOD, R.	S. DADOS 9 Aust Div.		
Pte. BYRNE, F. J.	10 Coy A.A.S.C.		
Pte. WADDLE, L.S.	do		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks. (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX 28278	WO(1)	WILLIAMS, S. L.	A.I.F. - A.A.O.C.	Reinforcement Depot ?.

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

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

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde

Unit.

SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Date of Despatch 18 Jul 42

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

Signature of Commander, Cont.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment)
Brigadier	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	6		
Lieutenants ...	3		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
Totals ...	11		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	G. A. GEMMEL-WITH	A. I. E.	19.7.42	Evacuated to 2/3 Aust Fd Amb.
Lieut.	T. C. SHELTON	A. I. F.	20.7.42	Evacuated to 2/3 Aust Fd Amb.

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.)

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. ARMY NO.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. RANK	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
NX 396	Brig.	W. J. V. WINDEYER	A.I.F.	Yes	Comd.
NX 328	T/Maj.	B. V. WILSON	"	"	B.M.
NX 375	Capt.	T. W. YOUNG	"	"	S.C.
NX 6200	Capt.	B. WILLIAMS	"	"	L.O. 1.
NX 35094	Capt.	J. H. ELLIOTT	"	"	Bde Sup C - AASC.
VX 13528	T/Capt.	R. J. HAMER	"	"	B.M. Learner
VX 48589	Capt.	W. F. BROWN	"	"	S.C. Learner
NX 15590	T/Capt.	M. V. PICKERING	"	"	T.O.
NX 13867	Lieut.	M. D. VINCENT	"	No.	2/15 Aust Inf Bn.
VX 15146	Lieut.	M. M. HAMILTON	"	Yes	L.O. 11.
NX 29407	Lieut.	G. P. J. HOLTSBAUM	"	"	Amenities Offr.
<u>OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR DUTY.</u>					
NX 13863	Lieut.	P. B. MARTIN	A.I.F.	26.6.42	Acting L.O.
NX 57320	Capt.	B. C. LOCKY	"	6.9.41	OC J Sec Sigs.
TX 6056	Lieut.	L. R. RUMNEY	"	23.6.42	2 1/2 do
NX 18932	Lieut.	A. I. MORRISBY	"	11.1.42	OC 58 L.A.D.
NX 13029	Lieut.	H. J. WINDLOW	"	21.1.42	OC 1 Pl Aust HQ 94 Bn.

(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.
8X 12188	Chap.	A. J. ROBINSON	AACHD	18.11.41	to 2/15 Bn for
QX 6391	Chap.	G. R. GIBSON	"	21.11.41	to 2/15 Bn for
VX 47364	Chap.	W. L. DYNE	"	21.4.42	to 2/17 " "

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

(Unit.)

25 Jul 42.

(Date of Despatch.)

T. W. Young
(Signature of Commander.)

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

(Unit) HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde 194 (Date) 25 Jul

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments),
W.Os Class I.			
W.Os Class II.	1		
W.Os Class III.	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Sergeants OR Colour-Sergeants.			
Staff Sergeants.			
Sergeants.	1		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	4	1	1
Corporals.			
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	6	1	
	53	1	1
TOTALS.		*	*
	56	2	2

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Cpl. Havercrofté	G. 1 Aust Corps Int Sec	58 Aust L.A.D.	13 ORs.
L/Cpl. John, H. K.	do	J Sec 9 Div Sigs	48 ORs.
Sjt. Newton, P.E.S.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	1 Pl Aust Hq Gd En	38 ORs.
Pte. McEwen, R.	do		
Pte. Porteous, W.	do		
Pte. SMITH, A.	2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	9 Aust Div Postal Unit	4 ORs.
Pte. Schellack, P.G.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.		
Pte. Kennedy, J.	do	Det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy.	12 ORs.
Sjt. Attwood, R.S.	DADOS - 9 Aust Div.		
Pte. Byrne, P.J.	10 Coy A.A.S.C.	Pte HARRISON, J.R.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.
Pte. Waddle, L.S.	do		

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

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

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

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

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Unit.

25 Jul 42.

Date of Despatch

SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Signature of Commander,

9 Aust Div.

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

I. 3/15/135.

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20 Aust Inf Bde.
7 Jul 42.

20 AUST INF BDE GP.

CALL SIGN DIRECTORY

The following call signs will be used between Bde and Regt HQs and down to Bns and Btys on L/T and R/T when within 3000 yds of the enemy.

Period covered 8-16 Jul 42.

UNIT.	DATE.	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16.
HQ, 20 Aust Inf Bde.	Jul.	IMD	AXG	WQP	SQY	KAO	HHD	NEZ	BGG	DSN.
2/13 Bn.		RUG	VBX	DYW	POR	UFQ	JMB	IEY	OHC	VNR
2/15 Bn.		VAZ	JKI	ILQ	TRK	XIB	XIF	FRT	SLB	XQH
2/17 Bn.		UKN	IPT	ZPJ	UMZ	NEB	FUH	OQJ	FIM	XTH

FOUR LETTER CODE NAMES.

The following code names will be used for all L/T and R/T conversation fwd and laterally of Bn and equivalent HQs when within 3000 yds of the enemy.

2/13 Bn. BHC	HUMS	2/15 Bn. BHC.	INRO	2/17 Bn. BHC.	UDER.
HQ Coy	FLOP	HQ Coy	VICE	HQ Coy	DASH
A Coy	ESAY	A Coy	CAVY	A Coy	RAMA
B Coy	WETS	B Coy	GENS	B Coy	VEPA
C Coy	LOMA	C Coy	ISDO	C Coy	PELO
D Coy	PAVE	D Coy	JOMA	D Coy	ARTS
11 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt			GORE		
2/3 Aust Fd Coy			DUNT		
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.			BARN		
10 Coy AASC.			BRAN		
Gen Tpt Coy.			SIRC		
2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW.			ROMI		
58 Aust IAD.			FOFE.		

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2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	1-3.
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	4-6
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	7-9.
11 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt.	10.
2/3 Aust Fd Coy.	11.
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.	12.
10 Coy AASC.	13.
Gen Tpt Coy.	14.
2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW.	15.
58 Aust IAD.	16.
Comd.	17.
EM.	18.
SC.	19.
IO.	20.
Sigs.	22-24.
File.	25-26.
War Diary.	27-28.

R. J. Hager Capt. M.E.J.
EM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

MOST SECRET.
20 AUST INF BDE H. Q.
30 JULY 42.

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20 AUST INF BDE QR CALL SIGN DIRECTORY.

The following call signs will be taken into use by units of 20th Aust Inf Bde Cn. for the period 1-7 Aug 42 inclusive, on all R/T and L/T conversations :-

UNIT	DATE						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(Main)							
HQ. 20 AUST INF BDE	DLJ	LAY	ARR	OOQ	FEL	URG	GJY
(Rear)							
HQ. 20 AUST INF BDE	MRJ	NQA	WQD	KRD	UOK	AXG	VHL
(W/T Control)							
HQ. 20 AUST INF BDE	ISP	ONI	KFA	PSI	BKO	BQZ	UTB
W/T COMD.	RMH	MRX	MTD	MRW	MRZ	MRP	
	AMJ	OLC	ULQ	FRF	WTY	ABL	YHF
2/13 AUST INF BN	MZV	ZRF	MXU	OVY	CHM	VEX	TJS
2/15 AUST INF BN	TYO	HTE	MWH	EYQ	HRX	JKI	IRX
2/17 AUST INF BN	GAC	JPE	BZX	BIZ	DSM	IFT	PZX
(W/T Control)							
2/7 AUST PD REGT	VAV	AGD	ZTG	XNN	LKI	BOU	KFZ
2/7 AUST PD REGT	RHA	YVH	RFK	UJR	CWV	BQF	ULD
13 BTY 2/7 PD REGT	JJV	GYW	QQF	AJK	JGD	JAC	GBL
14 BTY 2/7 PD REGT	VZN	MHK	SGK	PWX	BNB	NNJ	FIZ
57 BTY 2/7 PD REGT	WVH	TJO	JDE	PLJ	IUU	DPN	PTW
2/3 AUST PD COY	UMN	TUP	BRX	NYW	HKG	AAP	MPP
"B" COY 2/2 MG. BN.	VCK	EMX					
		LCS	CUF	CHZ	RSY	CIC	AOM
55 L.A.D.	GAE	UHM	COL	BGC	HYH	VQJ	LNU
10 COY AASC	REN	VRL	AZW	EWG	COB	ZDX	FHC
345 GEN. TR. COY	PRA	LET	PQX	BPF	YED	VRC	KAD
11 BTY 4 LAW REGT.	IQV	API	AMP	BTA	LJZ	ACU	HKU

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2/15 Bn	5-8
2/17 Bn	9-12
2/3 F ² Coy	13
"B" Coy MG. BN.	14
55 LAD	15
10 Coy AASC	16
345 GT Coy	17
No 2 Rec Sec	18
2/8 P ² Amb	19
11 Bty 4 LAW Regt	20-22
2/7 F ² Regt	23-32
HQ 20 Inf Bde	33-39
3 Sec Sigs	40-43
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20 AUST INF BDE GP- 00 No 16.

Ref Maps: ALEXANDRIA, EL HAMMAM, EL DABA sheets 1: 100,000.

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy. As per Sitrep and Intelligence Summary. The enemy are holding the general line from the coast about 883298 to area 888278 then west along the ridge. Enemy divs are tired and vary under strength both in men and material.
2. Own tps. 9 Aust Div less one Bde is in corps res. The 24 Aust Inf Bde is in posn along the ridge from approx Trig 93 Sq 431891 to Trig 101 sq 440894 and the 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp is astride the rd and tracks in area between 43 and 44 northings grids and between 897 and 903 easting grids.
3. Air. Fwd tps and L of C have been subjected to some air attacks, but generally speaking the RAF is maintaining air supremacy.

INTENTION.

4. 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp (less 2/13 Aust Inf Bn) will move to 9 Aust Div area.

METHOD.

5. General. Preceded by a Bde Recce Party, the Bde Gp will move in four gps, with protective dets, on two rds to the area DAUWAR MUH ABU SHINEINA 44859044- EL CASIMIYA 45209018.

6. Date and Time of move will be notified by signal.

7. Composition of 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

HQ, 20 Aust Inf Bde, Sigs Sec, 58 LAD and Gd Pl.
 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.
 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.
 2/7 Aust Fd Regt, Sig Sec, 63 LAD.
 9 Bty 3 Aust ATK Regt.
 11 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt.
 2/3 Aust Fd Coy.
 B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
 10 Coy AASC.
 Two Pls Gen Tpt Coy.
 2/8 Aust Fd Amb (less details)
 2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW.
 J Div Sec 1 Ord Fd Pk.
 Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy.

8. Adv Gds. Route A. Comd- Capt W.W. COBB, 2/15 Bn.
 Carrier Pl (less one sec)-2/15 Bn.
 FOO- 14 Fd Bty.
 one Tp- 9 ATK Bty.
 "A" Coy- 2/15 Bn.
 one Pl-"B" Coy 2/2 MG Bn.
 14 Bty- 2/7 Aust Fd Regt

Route B. Comd- Capt I.F. McMASTER, 2/17 Bn.
 Two secs carriers- 2/17 Bn.
 FOO- 2/7 Aust Fd Regt.
 one Tp 9 ATK Bty.
 "D" Coy- 2/17 Bn.

9. Grouping. Grouping and order of March-Appx "A".

10. Routes-Timings. see Appx "A".

11. Preliminary Moves.

- (a) Initial concentrations to be completed by 2000 hrs 7 Jul. see Appx "B".
- (b) Coln B conforms to movement of Coln A to provide flank protection to the latter coln.

12. AA.

- (a) Individual guns of Lt AA Bty will be distributed throughout the colns with the following priority for AA protection:-
 - (i) Fd Arty.
 - (ii) Remainder of coln.
- (b) AA LMGs, one per pl or equivalent will be mounted.
- (c) One AA Sentry per veh.

13. Harbouring.

On arrival in new area units will form open harbour with NOT less than 100 x between vehs.

ADM.

14. Sups.

- (a) Units will move with:-
 - 2 days dry rations.
 - 3 days hard veh rations.
- (b) Res rations will be carried distributed among vehs.
- (c) Further sups will be drawn by 2nd line tpt from 9 BSD AMIRIYA. SPs will be notified by signal.

15. Water.

- (a) All water carts, water trailers, water containers and water bottles will be filled.
- (b) Replenishment will be by 1st line tpt from EL HAMMAM at a scale of 1 gal per man per day. This scale will NOT be exceeded.

16. POL.

- (a) All vehs will move with sufficient POL for 150 miles.
- (b) All empty 10 Coy AASC vehs will be loaded with cased petrol.
- (c) Subsequent drawings will be made by 2nd line tpt from BURG EL ARAB. PPs will be notified by signal.

17. AMR.

- (a) All units will move with complete 1st line scale.
- (b) One complete 2nd line refill will be carried by 10 Coy AASC.
- (c) Replenishment will be drawn in 2nd line from BURG EL ARAB. APs will be notified

18. Allotment To Carrying Tpt.

Two pls Gen Tpt Coy will be allotted as follows and will report to their respective Bns by 2000 hrs 7 Jul 42:-

- 2/15 Bn- one pl.
- 2/17 Bn- one pl.

19. Anti-Gas Eqpt.
The following personal anti-gas eqpt will be carried on the man:-
Respirators, Eyeshields, Ointment and cotton waste, capes, Detectors.
20. Surplus Baggage.
Surplus baggage still in possession of units will be left with
'out of battle' personnel
21. Picks and Shovels.
(a) All vehs will be equipped with pick and shovel.
(b) Spares will be carried distributed throughout the coln.
22. Atk Mines.
10 Coy AASC will load 1500 Atk mines which will be carried as follows, the trucks reporting by the times stated:-
2/15 Bn- 1 x 3 ton (600 mines) 2000 hrs 7 Jul.
2/17 Bn- 1 x 3 ton (600 mines) 2000 hrs 7 Jul.
Balance with 10 Coy AASC.
23. Medical.
Casualties will be cleared from MDS to 14 CC3 465910 (red grid),
one mile north of GYPSUM FACTORY.
24. Traffic.
(a) Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy will be responsible for general
traffic direction on the move.
(b) TP will be est at Junc Coast rd EL HAMMAM turnoff 45879087.
(c) A Traffic Control pt will be est by this HQ on the main
Coast rd in the 2/15 Bn area. The TCP will be marked by
two RED flags on either side of the rd.
(d) All MT drawing sups from AMIRIYA will proceed there by the
DESERT ROUTE along the ry and return by the main rd
ALEXANDRIA-MATRUH.
25. Intercomm.
(a) Bde HQ closes present location at time to be notified, then
moves at head of Gp 111.
(b) Bde Report centre will fly the BLUE Bde pennant on veh.
26. Synchronisation of watches EBE time 2100 hrs daily unless other-
wise ordered by this HQ.

ACK.

Signed at 1200 hrs.
Issued through Sigs and LOs.

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2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	3.	Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy.	17.
"J" Sec Sigs.	4.	9 Aust Div.	18.
1 Pl A Coy Aust HQ Gd Bn.	5.	Comd.	19.
58 Aust L&D.	6.	EM.	20.
2/7 Aust Fd Regt.	7.	SC.	21.
9 Bty 3 Aust Atk Regt.	8.	IO.	22.
11 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt.	9.	TO.	23.
2/3 Aust Fd Coy.	10.	LOs.	24- 26.
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.	11.	BASCO.	27.
10 Coy AASC.	12.	War Diary.	28- 29.
Gen Tpt Coy.	13.	File.	30- 31.
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	14.	Spares.	32- 37.

APPX "A" MOVEMENT TABLE.

Issued in conjunction with 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp- 00 No 16.

INITIAL CONCENTRATIONS: To be completed by 2000 hrs 7 Jul 42.

ROUTE "A" : Main Coast rd.

ROUTE "B" : CAIRO RD-rd junc 49899251-BURG EL ARAB-track north of ry line to EL HAMMAM.

SPEED- DENSITY : 10 MIH; 20 VTM.

HALTS : 10 mins to each even hr for 10 mins.

START Pts. : ROUTE "A" flagged pt on CAIRO rd about 49469303.

ROUTE "B" flagged pt on Coast rd 1 mile SW of fwd ATK ditch.

Serial No.	Group.	Units.	Timings.		Route.	Remarks.
			Past Head.	SP Tail.		
1.	Adv Gd. Route "B"	Two secs carriers, 2/17 Bn. FOO- 57 Bty 2/7 Fd Regt. one Tp-9 ATK Bty. "D" Coy, 2/17 Bn.	-	-	B.	
2.	Left Flank Gd.	Carrier Pl (less two secs) 2/17 Bn.	Z.	Z + 3.	B.	
3.	Gp 1.	2/17 Bn (less one coy and Carrier Pl). 57 Fd Bty. one Sec 2/3 Aust Fd Coy. one Tp- 11 AA Bty. one Pl "B" Coy 2/2 MG Bn. two Pls 10 Coy AASC. Mob Sec 2/8 Aust Fd Amb. one Ambulance Car. 58 Aust LAD. one Rec Veh- 2 Rec Sec. one Tp 9 ATK Bty.	Z +	Z + 90.	B.	Det of 4 Pro on MCs will accompany gp for rd control.
4.	Adv Gd. Route "A"	Carrier Pl (less one sec)-2/15 Bn. FOO. 14 Fd Bty. One Tp 9 ATK Bty. "A" Coy 2/15 Bn. one Pl "B" Coy 2/2 MG Bn. 14 Fd Bty.	-	-	A.	

(over)

Serial No.	Group.	Units.	Timings		Route.	Remarks.
			Past Head.	SP. Tail.		
5.	Gp II.	2/15 Bn (less one coy and Carriers) 2/7 Fd Regt (less two Btys) HQ 9 ATK Bty. "B" Coy 2/2 MG Bn (less two Pls) Mob sec 2/8 Aust Fd Amb. One Ambulance Car.	Z.	Z + 60.	A.	2/7 Fd Regt (less two Btys) will move fwd on morning of move from present location and join coln at TCP.
6.	Gp III.	Main HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde. "J" Sec Sigs. 1 Pl A Coy HQ Cd Bn. Sec 9 Div Pro Coy (less det) HQ 11 AA Bty. 2/3 Fd Coy (less one sec) 2/8 Fd Amb (less two Mob secs).	Z + 65.	Z + 110.	A.	
7.	Gp IV.	"B" Ech Arty Gp. 10 Coy AAC (less two pla). J Div Sec 1 Ord Fd Pk. 2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW. one Tp 9 ATK Bty.	Z + 120.	Z + 180.	A.	

NOTE: Lt AA secs will be dispersed throughout coln under arrangements made by CO 2/7 Aust Fd Regt.

INITIAL CONCENTRATION AREAS.

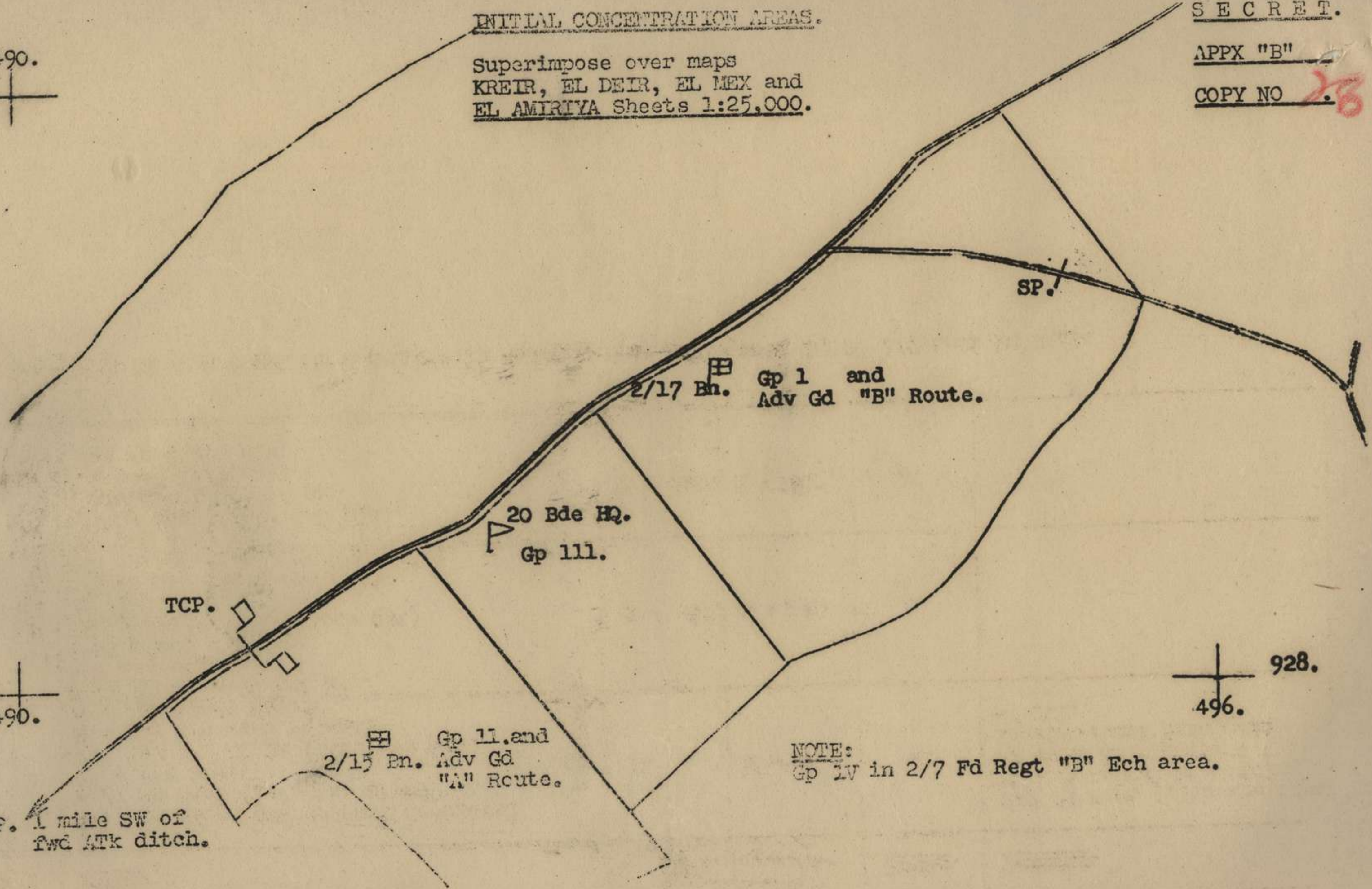
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2/17 Bn. Gp 1 and
Adv Gd "B" Route.

20 Bde HQ.
Gp 111.

TCP.

2/15 Bn. Gp 11. and
Adv Gd "A" Route.

SP. 1 mile SW of
fwd ATK ditch.

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NOTE:
Gp 1V in 2/7 Fd Regt "B" Ech area.

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20 AUST INF BDE-OP INSTN NO 17.

PREPARATION FOR PURSUIT.

1. General.

This Instn is issued so that the Bde Gp may be in readiness to take part in a pursuit if at any time circumstances of our ops make pursuit of the enemy possible.

Our ability to pursue the enemy relentlessly and inflict the maximum destruction will depend largely on our operating on 'hard scale' with only those units which are fully equipped and mob as possible, and on our leaving behind all non-essential personnel and eqpt to lessen the strain on maintenance and tpt.

The policy regarding the carriage and dumping of gas clothing will be issued shortly.

2. Composition of Bde Gp.

- (a)
1. HQ, 20 Aust Inf Bde.
 2. "J" Sec Sigs.
 3. 58 Aust LAD.
 4. 1 Pl A Coy HQ Gd Bn.
 5. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
 6. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.
 7. 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.
 8. 2/7 Aust Fd Regt.
 9. "E" Sec Sigs.
 10. 63 Aust LAD.
 11. 9 Aust Atk Bty.
 12. 11 Aust Lt AA Bty.
 13. 2/3 Aust Fd Coy.
 14. B Coy 2/2 MG Bn.
 15. 10 Coy AASC.
 16. Dets two pls Gen Tpt Coy. (for tp carrying).
 17. 2/8 Aust Fd Amb (less dets)
 18. 2 Rec Sec & "J" Div Sec 1 Ord Fd Pk.
 19. One sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy.
 20. 20 Aust Inf Postal det.

3. Battle Grouping.

(a) Bde Battle Gp:-

Main HQ, 20 Aust Inf Bde.
"J" Sec Sigs (less det).
1 Pl A Coy HQ Gd Bn (less one sec).
58 Aust LAD.
Two Inf Bns (less "B" Ech).
2/7 Aust Fd Regt (less portion "B" Ech).
"E" Sec Sigs (less det).
63 Aust LAD.
9 Aust Atk Bty (less portion "B" Ech).
11 Aust Lt AA Bty (less portion "B" Ech).
2/3 Aust Fd Coy (less one sec and "B" Ech).
B Coy 2/2 MG Bn (less "B" Ech).
Dets two pls Gen Tpt Coy.
Two Mob secs 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.
Amb Cars.
2 Rec Vehs.

(b) "B" Ech.

Rear HQ, 20 Aust Inf Bde.
Det "J" Sec Sigs.
One sec HQ Gd Pl.
One Inf Bn.
"B" Ech two Inf Bns (in para 3 (a)).
Portion "B" Ech 2/7 Aust Fd Regt.
" " " " 9 Aust Atk Bty.
" " " " 11 Aust Lt AA Bty.

12.

Det "E" Sec Sigs.
One sec and "B" Ech 2/3 Aust Fd Coy.
"B" Ech B Coy 2/2 MG Bn.
10 Coy AASC.
2/8 Aust Fd Amb (less two Mob secs-Amb Cars).
2 Rec Sec (less two rec vehs).
"J" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk.
20 Aust Inf Bde Postal Det.

(c) Bn Battle Gps.

Composition of Bn Battle Gps will vary in accordance with the tactical situation. A possible grouping is as follows:-

One Inf Bn.
One Bty 2/7 Aust Fd Regt.
One tp 9 Aust Atk Bty.
One sec 11 Aust Lt AA Bty.
One sec 2/3 Aust Fd Coy.
One pl "B" Coy 2/2 MG Bn.
Det one Pl Gen Tpt Coy.

(d) Battle Gps will be formed when ordered in accordance with the above. Planning and adv preparations will be made immediately by all units.

4. RAF Co-operation.

(a) RAF rely on ST ANDREWS crosses and roundels for recognising the posn of our own tps. Units will clean these markings at periods throughout the day so that they can be easily seen.

(b) To keep RAF informed of the approx progress of our adv, the leading unit, or units, will arrange to burn one gp of smoke candles for 15 mins at 0630, 0930, 1230, 1530 and 1830 hrs daily. Leading tps need NOT halt for this period.

(c) Enemy aircraft or captured LGS will be made non-airworthy immediately by damaging the fuselage, e.g., by running a veh into the tail. Aircraft will NOT be burnt, and instruments will NOT be removed.

5. Surplus Eqp.

All units will move as lightly equipped as possible, all surplus items will be left in "B" Ech areas.

6. Picks and Shovels.

(a) Full W3 scale will be carried in "A" Ech vehs, together with surplus as detailed.

(b) One truck from 10 Coy AASC loaded with picks and shovels will be att to and move with 2/3 Aust Fd Coy.

7. Personnel.

Units will NOT take into battle rifle secs of more than 1 NCO and 7 ORs. In the allocation of personnel provision must be made for:-

- (a) Escorting of prisoners.
- (b) Assistance to Engr Demolition Dets.
- (c) Gds on special pts.

8. Adm instns will be issued separately, and will deal with hard scales allotment of mines and disposal of units and personnel not incl in battle gps.

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2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	3.	J Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk.	13.
2/7 Aust Fd Regt.	4.	One sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy.	14.
9 Aust Atk Bty.	5.	Comd.	15.
11 Aust Lt AA Bty.	6.	SC.	16.
2/3 Aust Fd Coy.	7.	IO.	17.
B Coy 2/2 MG Bn,	8.	BASCO.	18.
10 Coy ASC.	9.	File.	19- 20.
345 Gen Tpt Coy.	10.	War Diary.	21- 22.

20 AUST INF BDE GP-LOCATION STATEMENT No 1.as at 1500 hrs 6 Jul 42.Ref Maps: ALEXANDRIA 1/100,000.
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<u>Serial</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1.	HQ, 20 Aust Inf Bde.	49249287.	
2.	"J" Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div.	do.	
3.	1 Pl A Coy HQ Gd Bn.	do.	
4.	58 Aust LAD.	do.	
5.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	49019282.	
6.	2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	49129273.	To be relieved by 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn and move to area 49189280.
7.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	49359295.	
8.	2/7 Aust Fd Regt and Sig Sec.	49609326.	
9.	63 Aust LAD.	do.	
10.	9 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt	49119271.	
11.	11 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt	49559307.	
12.	2/3 Aust Fd Coy.	50439308.	
13.	B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.	Moving to	area 49309287.
14.	10 Coy AASC.	178471.	
15.	2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	50029352.	
16.	2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW.	49499298.	
17.	J Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk.	do.	
18.	Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy.	49249287.	

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11 Bty 4 Aust Lt AA Regt.	6.
2/3 Aust Fd Coy.	7.
B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.	8.
10 Coy AASC.	9.
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	10.
Comd.	11.
BM.	12.
SC.	13.
IO.	14.
TO.	15.
BASCO.	16.
LOs.	17-18-19.
"J" Sec Sigs.	20.
War Diary.	21-22.
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20 AUST INF BDE GP-LOCATION STATEMENT NO 2
AS AT 0900 HRS 10 JUL 42.

Ref Map: EL HAMMAM 1/100,000.

<u>Serial.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1.	HQ, 20 Aust Inf Bde.	45009045.	
2.	"J" Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div.	do.	
3.	1 Pl "A" Coy HQ Gd Bn.	do.	
4.	58 Aust LAD.	44909010.	
5. x	2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	44859035.	
6. x	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	44739015.	
7. x	11 Aust Lt AA Bty (less one tp).	44979049.	
8. x	2/3 Aust Fd Coy.	45159032.	
9. x	"B" Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn (less one Pl).	44929032.	
10.	One Pl 2/2 Aust MG Coy.	44909015.	
11. x	10 Coy AASC.	45129045.	
12. x	2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	45259042.	
13.	2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW.	45209050.	
14.	"J" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk.	do.	
15.	Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy.	45009045.	

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 2/3 Aust Fd Coy. 5.
 "B" Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn. 6.
 10 Coy AASC. 7.
 2/8 Aust Fd Amb. 8.
 Comd. 9.
 BM. 10.
 SC. 11.
 IO. 12.
 TO. 13.
 BASCO. 14.
 LOs. 15-16-17.
 "J" Sec Sigs. 18-19.
 War Diary. 20-21.
 File. 22-23.
 9 Aust Div. 24.

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20 AUST INF BDE- LOCATION STATEMENT.

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<u>Serial.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Location.</u>
1.	HQ, 20 Aust Inf Bde.	43319015.
2.	1 Pl "A" Coy HQ Gd Bn.	43319015.
3.	"J" Sec Sigs, 9 Aust Div.	43319015.
4.	58 Aust LAD.	43319012.
5.	2/7 Aust Fd Regt.	43459014.
6.	63 Aust LAD.	43459014.
7.	11 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt.	43459014.
8.	2/3 Aust Fd Coy.	43709017.
9.	2/13 Aust Inf Bn.	43538988.
10.	2/15 Aust Inf Bn.	43288987.
11.	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.	43299018.
12.	"B" Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.	43329013.
13.	10 Coy AASC.	43599018.
14.	2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	43659021.
15.	2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW.	43599020.
16.	"J" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk.	43599020.

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B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.	6.
10 Coy AASC.	7.
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	8.
9 Aust Div.	9.
Comd.	10.
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IO.	13.
TO.	14.
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Summons

20 AUST INF BDE- INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 12.
up to 1000 hrs 31 Jul 42.1. General.

Except for patrolling, the whole front has been quiet. A GERMAN NCO who was in charge of the mine laying party captured 0600 hrs 29 Jul at 87522964 was himself captured in the evening in the same locality. One of his men gave an interesting account of the present system of minelaying which is reproduced as Appx "A" to this summary.

2. Identifications.

(a) ITALIAN. 5 Coy II Bn "Gruppo Battaglioni" Giovani Fascisti has been identified in a captured diary of 1942. The connection between this bn and the Young Fascists Armd Div is not known. (30 Corps I.S.146).

6 PW of 3 Coy I Bn 62 IR TRENTO Div captured 29 Jul in area 87522964. PW stated that the coy had been in the line only since 27 Jul and believed that their bn was nearly up to strength.

(b) GERMAN. German NCO ex 3 Coy 220 Engr Bn captured 1730 hrs 29 Jul at 87522964.

3. Enemy Disposns.

There is no known change in the general enemy disposns in the northern sector. Enemy armour is believed still mainly concentrated in the areas DEIR EL ABYAD, EL MIRIER and 874280, with ITALIAN armour, incl many new arrivals, further south guarding the southern approaches.

Psw repeat the rumour that 433 IR is in AFRICA but no tps from that regt have yet been actually seen.

4. Enemy Methods.

(a) ITALIAN. A captured document dated 14 Jul contains the following phonogram from HQ BRESCIA Div to HQ 20 IR, "PLEASE TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THE BOUNDARIES OF MINEFIELDS COMPLETED OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION CONSIST OF HIGH STAKES FACING OUR FORCES. CHANGE ANY SHORT ONES ALREADY PLACED, PUTTING HIGH INSTEAD OF LOW ONES. FOR BOUNDARIES OF FLANK FACING ENEMY, SHORT STAKES CAN BE USED. SUPPLIES OF LONG STAKES WILL BE AVAILABLE TODAY". (30 Corps I.S.No 146).

Comment: Ref to the enemy use of high and short stakes in a minefield is contained in Appx "A" att.

(b) GERMAN- Codes and Sigs. According to a PW from 8 Tk Regt the COs tk bears a red pennant with a black swastika. In the top corner is a small white square. The Bn Comds have a pennant with black, white and red horizontal stripes and a small black swastika on the white stripe. Broken down tks fly a yellow pennant with a black 'W' on it. (30 Corps I.S. No 146).

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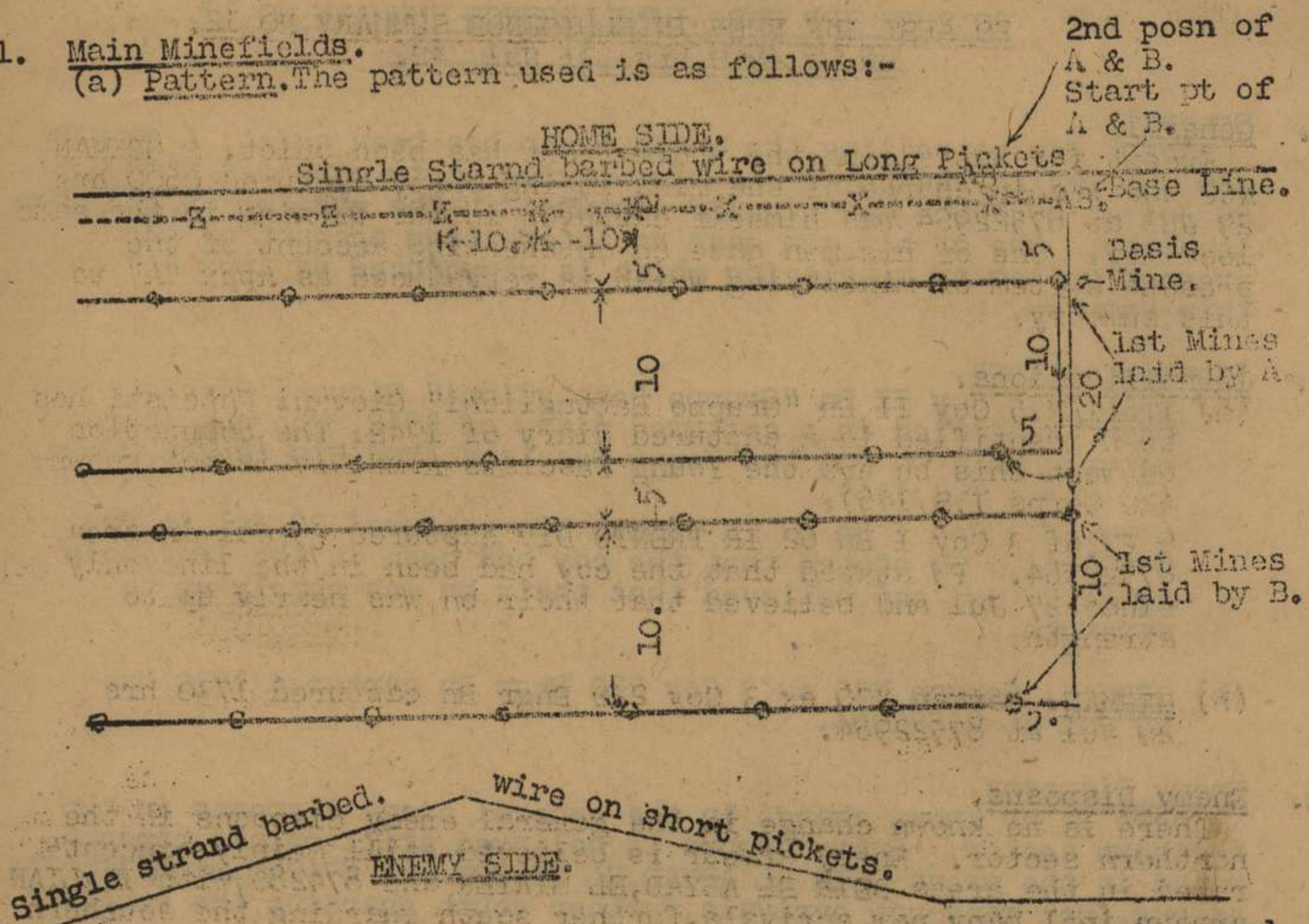
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ENEMY MINEFIELDS.

1. Main Minefields.

(a) Pattern. The pattern used is as follows:-



(b) Method. A laying party usually consists of 12 men and a comd, though the number may vary.

Mines are laid in relation to a base line. The men stand in pairs at 10 paces intervals along the base line and move as follows:-

"A" moves off at right angles to the base line 5 paces and lays down one mine. He then continues for 10 paces, turns right and marches 5 paces and lays his second mine. Simultaneously with the above op "B" moves off 20 paces, puts down one mine, moved on 10 paces, turns right for 5 paces and places second mine. "B" then buries it and continues back to start pt. "A" awaits till "B" passes him on his return journey and then buries his mines in the same way.

The whole party then moves off down the base line and repeats the op, preserving the 10 pace interval on the base line.

(c) Marking. The home side of the fd is marked with a single strand of barbed wire on long pickets. The wire follows the line of the fd about 2 paces behind the base line, i.e. 7 paces from the inner row of mines. On the enemy side a single wire on short pickets is used. This wire does not follow the line of the fd. Notices are also used to warn of the presence of mines. (Details unknown to FW).

(d) Gaps. Gaps are 10 paces wide and are marked off with a single wire, which always remains in place. They are normally closed. Two methods are used for closing gaps:-

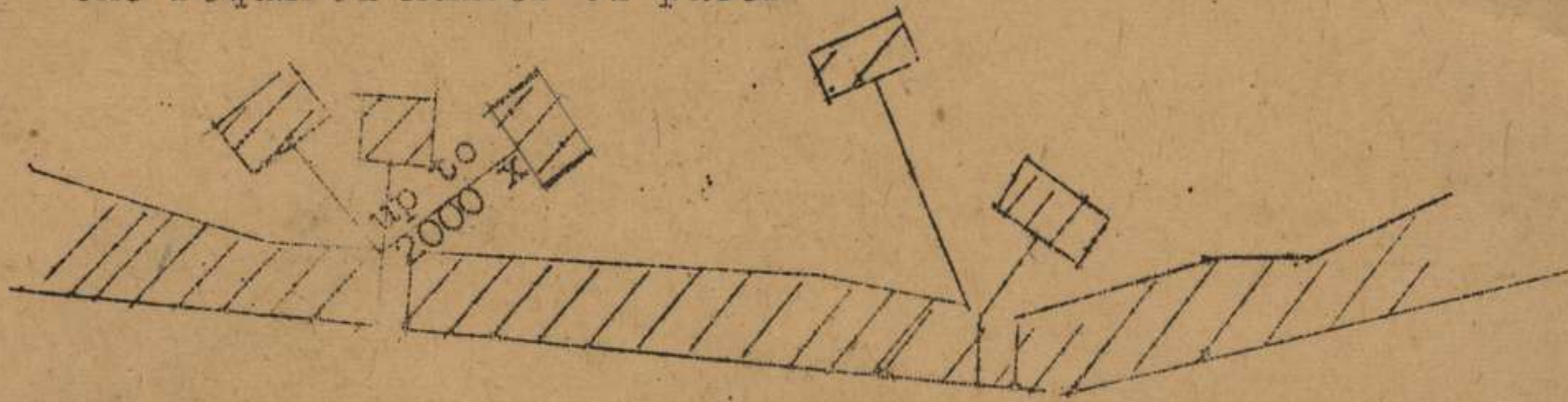
(i) 5 mines are spaced irregularly in gap leaving a narrow path for inf on either side near the wire thus:-

(ii) Gaps completely closed and with two boards placed over 5 mines to ensure that no AFV could pass through.

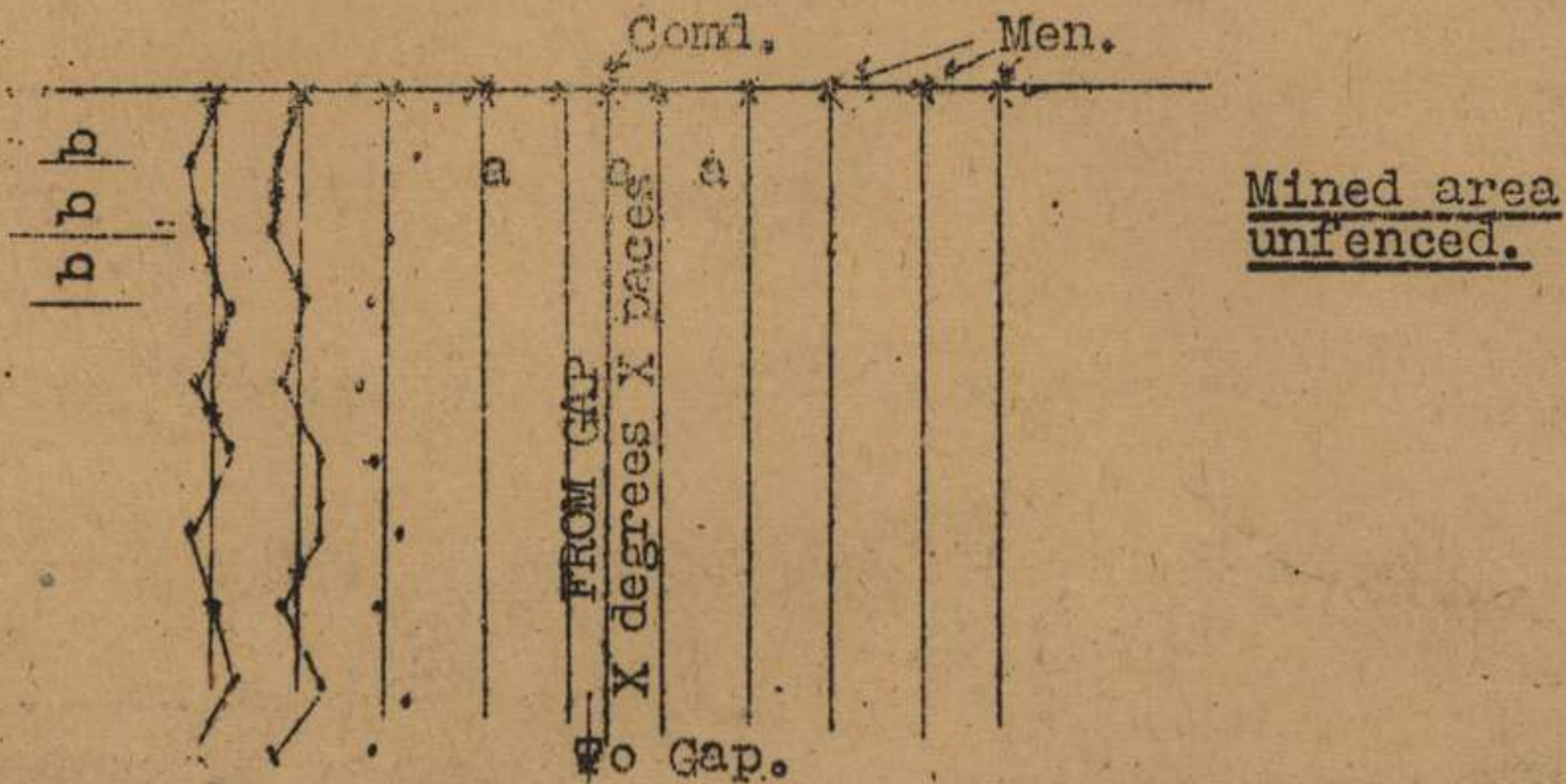
General: Prisoner states that the distance of the main minefields from FDLs varies from 200 to 1,000 metres.

2. Scattered Fds. Scattered fds consisting of 100 or more mines unfenced are laid in front of the main fd at distances up to 2000 metres, measured from the gaps.

Method. The laying party consists of comd and about 10 or 12 men. The party moves off on a compass bearing from the left hand front corner picket of a gap in the main minefield. Having moved out the required number of paces



they turn about and lay the mines in the following manner:-



(a) The comd states the number of mines to be laid, the number of paces between men (a) and mines (b).

Both (a) and (b) may vary from 20 to 50 paces.

(b) The men then fall in at right angles to the original line of march, with an equal number on either side of the line and face towards home.

(c) The whole party then moves back in line laying their mines at the specified interval (b) and taking their general direction from the comd.

(d) The layers zig-zag slightly deliberately but maintain the general direction.

3. General.

All fds are laid from the enemy side and working towards "home".

Prisoner does not know if booby traps are being att to Tellermines as his sec has not laid any of these mines.

He knows of no more recent types than the "S" and Tellermines.

He has had instruction in improvisation of booby traps and mines, but has done neither.

He says the latter have been used on the Russian front.

20 AUST INF BDE-INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 11.INTERROGATION REPORT OF 8 PsW FROM 3 COY 220 ENGR BN.

Psw were captured with 3 others at 87522964 night of 28/29 Jul 42.

They had been laying mines and had lost their way. An Unteroffizier who was with them escaped.

All Psw had only been in AFRICA since the beginning of Jul, having come from CRETE. Since arrival they had been engaged in laying mines, mostly English, in the area between the sea and the pt where captured. One PW, an AUSTRIAN anti-GERMAN was extremely forthcoming and was interrogated in conjunction with Lieut CAMPBELL, IO to CRE. The following information is based mostly on his statements:-

Strength of Coy 100/120.

OC Coy 2nd Lieut WENDLER (now in hospital sick).

L/Oc Coy 2nd Lieut SEELINGER.

As far as Psw were aware 1 and 2 Coys have not yet arrived in AFRICA; one referred to Bn HQ as in AFRICA. OC 2 Coy Lieut LAURENZ. Several Psw had been recently transferred from 2 to 3 Coy. Coy posn was given as between main rd and ry not far from ruined village and Mosque on slightly raised ground. Psw had had trg but no previous experience in mine laying. They were instructed in the use of English mines shortly after arrival in AFRICA by a 2nd Lieut SCHUBMANN. Since about 8 Jul approx 2000 GERMAN T-mines and 8000 English and Egyptian mines (Mk 4 Mk 5 and EP) have been laid. These mines had not been lifted elsewhere but came packed in boxes probably from TOBRUCH. On the night of capture the party had laid some 50/60 mines in irregular formation.

Mines are now being laid in two ways:-

- (a) In regular formation (for details of method of laying see Tech Report by Lieut CAMPBELL. These minefields are laid laterally and are marked by wire. They normally contain 500/600 mines.
- (b) In irregular formation (Streueinsatz). These minefields are laid irregularly along compass bearings taken from gaps in the regular minefields and contain about 100 mines. They are not marked by wire but are laid so that anyone in possession of the plan can negotiate them successfully by means of compass bearings. These irregular minefields may be as far as 2000 metres in front of the regular marked minefields. They are generally laid in staggered gps.

The quality of all Psw intellectually was very low and morale about equally low. Nearly all made no attempt to maintain security but in most cases knew very little. A number of them had previously been in the 713 Labour Coy.

There is stated to be a bty of 12 ITALIAN guns about 4 Kiles to the north of the Coy posn. It is rumoured that the 433 Inf Regt has arrived in AFRICA but none of the Psw had seen any men from it.

- 500 men.
- 3 tks knocked out.
- 3 tks damaged.
- 3 fd guns destroyed.
- 8 Russian guns destroyed.
- 10 Tk guns destroyed.
- 5-20 mm guns destroyed.

The casualties to enemy tks and to 2 enemy guns were caused by our armd forces. It is considered quite possible that the enemy had further losses through our intense and accurate arty fire, results of which however could not usually be observed.

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20 AUST INF BDE-INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 11.
up to 1000 hrs 30 Jul 42.

1. General.

The past 48 hrs has been quiet on all sectors, except for occasional arty fire at opportunity targets. The enemy is clearly adopting a defensive line and is actively wiring and mining his new FDLs. The enemy is believed to have strengthened his posn in the north by bringing up further GERMAN reinforcements, particularly 1 Bn 115 Lorried Inf Regt.

2. Enemy Disposns.

Enemy disposns on 29 Jul were thought to be :-

(a) Coast to TELL EL EISA incl.

I & III Bns 382 IR.

Possibly reinforced by elements of 433 IR if it has arrived from CRETE

KIEL Gp.

Supporting 382 IR about TELL EL EISA feature.

(b) excl TELL EL EISA- area 873290.

I & III Bns 155 IR.

Supported by arty.

II Bn 361 IR.

of TRIESTE Div.

(c) MITEIRIYA ridge area.

33 Recce.

1 Bn 62 IR TRENTO.

Area 874291 to QATTARA track.
HQ at 87122907.

BRIEHL Gp.

Holding ridge supported on west of QATTARA track by II Bn 62 IR and east of track by II Bn 61 IR. (both TRENTO).

1 Bn 115 Lorried Inf.

probably east of QATTARA track.

(d) East of QATTARA track and south MITEIRIYA Ridge down to 284 grid.

I & II Bns 200 IR,

interspersed with two more TRENTO Bns, probably I Bn 61 IR & III Bn 61 IR.

3. Enemy Order of Battle.

(a) I Bn 361 IR suffered heavily in fighting 27 Jul and is thought to have been wiped out.

(b) SABRATA Div which has suffered by casualties since 10 Jul (incl 1300 PW) has ceased to exist.

(c) 17 PW captured 0600 hrs 29 Jul at cairn 875296 incl 11 PW from 220 Engr Bn and 6 PW from I Bn 62 IR TRENTO. GERMAN PW stated that they had been sent out to lay mines and became lost. Further details in Appx "A". ITALIAN PW stated that they left their lines about 800 metres away on patrol at 2000 hrs the previous evening, had become lost and joined the GERMAN party to await first light.

4. Ground Ops.

The following account of ops carried out by formations of EIGHTH Army commencing night 26/27 Jul can give no more than a general picture as several details are either still lacking or are unconfirmed, and there is still obscurity as to certain phases of the op:

The attack commenced at 0030 hrs 27 Jul when our tps, under hy enemy SA and arty fire, moved S/W parallel to and west of the QATTARA track directed on SANYET EL MITEIRYA ridge between 87372906 and 87532897. The attack was preceded by a hy arty barrage on the objective. Some 1000 metres from the objective

an enemy minefield was encountered astride and at right angles to the track which was the axis of adv. Our inf successfully passed through this minefield on foot. Sprs followed and made a good gap in the minefield. The enemy however from a posn at about 87352925 put ATk and MG fire onto the gap and succeeded in setting on fire the leading SA. veh which lit up the gap and the minefield in that area. Aided by this light the enemy destroyed other vehs attempting to pass through the gap until the gap was blocked with vehs and the passage of vehs was stopped. Various attempts with carriers, mortars and by patrols were made to knock out the enemy guns but neither A Ech vehs nor arty FOO vehs could get through the minefield. One arty FOO was killed in making the attempt.

By 0110 hrs our inf reached their objective and quelled enemy opposition despite some casualties from enemy arty, mortar and MG fire. Principle resistance to our tps came from I Bn 361 IR which was apparently completely wiped out except for a few stragglers. A total of three GERMAN offrs 109 GERMAN ORs and 11 ITALIANS were captured.

Among the vehs to be destroyed on the minefield was the Bn W/T set and all comm with fwd tps had therefore to be made with a No 18 set. The posn of the fwd tps was obscure although it was known that they had but little amm left and no observed arty sp. At 0800 hrs an LO attempted to make contact by approaching the ridge from the east of the QATTARA track and then moving west to the fwd tps. His veh however was destroyed by mortar fire just south of the ridge and he was pinned down in square 876288 until the following morning, when mist enabled him to make his way back to our lines.

In the meantime our forces south of MITEIRIYA ridge had advd westwards and made gaps in the enemy minefield running from 877287-876285. They then advd further west towards their objective but got held up on the left by strong enemy fire and a spg unit in the darkness lost direction. Our armour reported itself unable to pass through in the centre.

In the NE the formation on our left flank moved against the enemy posns north of 291 grid line but, owing to the course of events on the ridge, were ordered to withdraw before coming into close contact with the enemy.

At approx 0915 hrs enemy tks and inf apparently counter-attacked our tps on MITEIRIYA ridge in approx area 874289-875289 but no details of the fighting have become available. The fwd tps reported by their No 18 set that they were in trouble and asked for and obtained arty concentration on their front and flanks. Tk sp was also requested. The enemy forces consisting probably of BRIEHL Gp assisted by elements of 15 Armd Div over-ran our fwd tps who all became casualties, but it is not known what proportion were killed or wounded.

Some of our armd forces in the northern sector were ordered to attack the enemy tks on MITEIRIYA ridge and to make contact with our tps there. This attack was launched during the morning but met with heavy enemy arty and ATk fire and only small numbers succeeded in reaching the objective. Enemy fire was there found too intense to enable our tks to remain and after suffering some casualties they were ordered to withdraw and to rally in rear of our tps in area 877293.

In the centre some confusion existed throughout the morning as to whether the gaps made in the minefield were in the right place, and the attack by our armour there had to be delayed until it became necessary for our tks to sp the withdrawal of such of our tps in the centre who were west of the minefield and threatened by counter-attacks by enemy tks. This withdrawal was successfully accomplished by night fall 27 Jul but not without casualties.

Total enemy losses in the north and centre during ops have been conservatively estimated to be as follows:-

ATk.
(iii) 87502994- 3 ATk guns.

MGs.
(iv) 875299.
87272995.

Mortars.
(v) 87353010, 87403043, 87313028, 87272995, 87213011, 87353023.

Tks.
(vi) Mainly 874303 and 876299. Main concentrations are south of 9 Aust Div area.

Armd Cs.
(vii)-none reported.

Diggings.
(viii) Around and west of TELL EL EISA cutting 88523048, 87403043, these are occupied-possibly with IMGs.

Wire.
(ix) -none reported.

Mines: enemy minefield from 87422997 to 87462990.

(b) SW Sector.

The general line of enemy FDLs appears to run from pt 24 feature 873299 SE along the telegraph line to 8765 easting, thence just west of trig 22- 87682950 continuing SE to 87802900, thence south along 878 easting.

Inf.
(i) Pts 23 (873296)-CAIRN 875296 (Tps debussing in this area 18 Jul).

87622968- Inf consolidating.

87622947- Inf digging in, in some strength.

87632947-87622955-about 400/500 ITALIANS (19 Jul).

Arty.
(ii) 87512978, 87242963.

ATk.
(iii) 87612955 (confirmed).
87642964-87642968-87642969- a row of ATk or MG posts, appearing as pill boxes or tk turrets about 10/12 men per post.

MGs.
(iv) 87732941, 87752922.

Mortars.
(v) -none located as yet.

Tks.
(vi) 87632947 NW-N behind trig 22. Up to 12 tks.

Armd Cs.
(vii) 877295 (one sqn 3 Recce Unit- 17 Jul).

Diggings.
(viii) 87912962 (7 Jul), 87962928 (7 Jul), 87632949)
87832949 (15 Jul), 87942936 (7 Jul), 87622937 } (19 Jul).
87932944 (1 Jul), 87972934 (5 Jul), 87622947)
87922934 (1 Jul), 88002927 (1 Jul).
From 87802936-87802927 (confirmed).

Wire.
(ix) Single DANNERT 87852940-87842925.

Mines.
(x) 87832930-87832926 (Suspected).

7. Moon Sets- 20 Jul 0020, 21 Jul 0102, 22 Jul 0148, 23 Jul 0234,
24 Jul 0330, 25 Jul 0430, 26 Jul 0532, 27 Jul full.

Moon Rises-28 Jul 2025, 29 Jul 2110, 30 Jul 2150, 31 Jul 2232.

8. Enemy Order of Battle.
Composition of BRITISH Gp.

Unit.	Offrs.	ORs.	Armament.
606 FLAK Bn.	5.	92.	5-20 mm, Tp 7.63 mm. (RUSSIAN)
605 ATK Bn.	2.	44.	4-47 mm.
? Det 190 ATK Bn.	5.	114.	4-50 mm.
	<u>12.</u>	<u>250.</u>	

Vehs. - 50.

Tks. - 2 captured BRITISH. (1 blown up by minefd 17 Jul).

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10 Coy AASC.	8.
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.	9.
2 Rec Sec 2/1 AAFW.	10.
"J" Div Sec 1 Aust Ord Fd Pk.	11.
345 Gen Tpt Coy.	12.
58 Aust I/D.	13.
1 Pl "A" Coy HQ Cd Bn.	14.
"J" Sec Sigs, 9 Aust Div.	15.
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20 AUST INF BDE-INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 9.
up to 0600 hrs 22 Jul 42.

1. The following AXIS tps are in the area north of 285 northing:-

GERMAN- Comd Col MARCKS, OC, 15 Lorried Inf Bde.

Formation.	Men.	Fd guns.	ATk.	Tanks.	Armd c's
I & III Bns 382 Inf Regt.	1500.	? 8.	? 8.	-	-
BRUEHL, Battle Gp.	250.	1.	4 5cm. 4 47 mm SP.	1 Stuart.	-
361 Inf Regt.	600.	24 25 prs.	16 (a)	-	-
200 Inf Regt.	700.	-	20 (b)	-	-
KIEL Battle Gp.	250.	24 25 prs.	24 2 prs.	3.	3.
Army Arty.	1000.	max 24 med.	-	-	-
Corps Arty.	1250.	max 20 88mm.	-	-	-
<u>TOTALS:</u>	5550.	24 med: 20 88mm. 17 Fd.	56.	4.	3.
(a) incl 12 7.62cm and 3 28/20 mm.					
(b) incl 7.62 cm.					

ITALIAN.

Formation.	Men.	Med or Fd.	ATk.	DP.	Armd c's.	Tanks.
TRIESTE.	3500.	28.	10.	6.	15.	? 12.
TRENTO.	3600.	23.	24.	-	-	-
SABRATHA.	1500.	12.	12.	-	-	-
21 Corps Tps.	1700.	20(a)	10.	-	-	-
<u>TOTALS:</u>	10,300.	83.	56.	6.	15.	? 12.
(a) probably incl 12- 149mm or 152 mm.						

2. Dispositions of these tps are approx as follows:-

I & III Bns 382 Inf Regt- coast to incl TELL EL EISA.

Remainder 15 Lorried Inf Bde- excl TELL EL EISA to SANYET EL MITEIRIYA 875289.

TRENTO Div- Pt 33 (876288) to 284 northing.

TRIESTE and SABRATHA Divs-in sp of 15 Lorried Inf Bde from Pt 30 (870293) northwards.

3. Details of hostile btys located in coastal sector north of 300 northing are as follows:-

87163020,	86833002 (105 mm),	87113066,
86913006,	87463068 (M),	87353048,
87503056 (88 mm),	87233026,	86793010 (5 Fd Guns)
87013051 (255 mm).		

/2.

4. Captured Documents and Eqpt.

Large quantities of captured documents and eqpt have been recovered by fwd units during recent ops. The value of these items was incalculable, and 9 Aust Div has been highly praised for the speed with which they ^{were} despatched to GSI at Corps HQ. Unit Int Secs must be alert to recognise valuable eqpt and to co-operate with FS personnel detailed to collect it. And all ranks should be impressed with the importance of NOT destroying enemy papers and material.

5. Enemy Methods.

ITALIAN.

The following is an extract from a letter from Col di COSA, OC, 86 Inf Regt (now PW) to one of his Bn Comds who was just taking his bn into the front line for the first time:-

"Div has rung up this very moment to say that the units in front of you are AUSTRALIAN-notable patrollers; keep your eyes open; don't withdraw your patrols in further than 100 metres from the strongpoint, or you'll find yourself left high and dry with only an alarm bell for protection".

(From Main 30 Corps Intelligence Summary No 136).

6. PW.

PSW passed through 30 Corps PW Cage from 0600 hrs 10 Jul to 1800 hrs 18 Jul- 4917. These consisted of GERMAN offr 4, ORs 183; ITALIAN offr 263, ORs 4467.

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P1 HQ Gd Bn, 10 Coy AASC, 345 Gen Tpt Coy,
"J" Sec Sigs, 11 Bty 4 Lt AA Regt. 8 CHURKAS.
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enemy coastal sector (.) general line of enemy FDLs runs from coast
to 87433000 (.) gun concentrations in RUIN area 872303 (.) from
87433000 FDLs run around the western 24 feature to approx 87232985
thence south SE to 87302975 to 87402930 with probable outpost posns
to east (.) strongpt with dannert wire being prepared pt 23 87252969
(.) known GERMAN strongpost 878290 (.) all informed.

Except
Wireless.

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up to 1100 hrs 26 Jul 42.

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GHAZAL.)

1. Enemy Methods.

- (a) GERMAN units in the fighting so far have proved extremely quick at mounting a counter-attack. It is normal for him to register his own most prominent defended localities in case of enemy penetrations of the posn, and his reaction to our attack is likely to be, first by arty and mortar fire aimed at preventing consolidation, followed by a counter-attack. Our greatest success has been achieved by night attacks which reach the objective in time to permit consolidation before daylight.
- (b) GERMAN tps will stand firm unless they are actually attacked and overrun; they will NOT withdraw merely because of a threat to their flanks, nor because they are being surrounded. They have been ordered to hold their posns "however serious the situation becomes".
- (c) The GERMANS will attempt to localise our attack by arty, ATK guns and MGs, but co-ordination will be difficult for them because GERMANS and ITALIANS are interspersed. What they fear most is:-
- (i) any adv by us west of QATTARA rd.
(ii) a panic by the ITALIANS.
- (d) GERMANS do NOT recognise many rules of warfare, and all ranks should be warned to expect treachery. GERMAN PW will NOT file automatically to the rear without escort like the ITALIANS, and cases have already been reported of GERMAN MG crews, having surrendered to a leading coy and been directed to the rear, returning to their guns and shooting up the res coys. When surrendering, they will delay their captors as much as possible-e.g., emerge very slowly from trenches and dugouts-so as to give sniping MGs further back an opportunity to shoot our tps.

2. Enemy Strength.

- (a) Apart from supporting Army and Corps Arty, the present strength of the GERMAN forces in the area is estimated at:-
- 3580 men; 19 Fd; 75 ATK; 16 Armd Cs.
In sp there is thought to be a maximum of 24 med guns and 20-88mm.
- (b) The present strength of the ITALIAN forces in the area is estimated at:-
- 9100 men; 70 med or fd; 45 ATK; 6 DP; 15 Armd Cs; ? 12 tks.

3. Enemy Disposns.

- (a) Since the attacks on 22 Jul, the enemy has withdrawn an average distance of 3 kilos on SW front. The general line of enemy FDLs now appears to run from coast at 87503043 to 87343030 to 87433008, thence around west 24 feature to 87232985 to 87302975 to 87402930 thence 874293 to 873290. GERMAN strongpts at pt 23-87252969 and 87882905.

(b) There is no change in the general disposns of GERMAN forces north of the 285 northing grid since the issue of today's sitreps. In addition to the GERMAN forces mentioned in 3 (d) below, it is possible that III Bn 433 Inf Regt (Ex-~~CRETE~~) may have come fwd and have relieved elements of 382 Inf Regt on the coast but this is not confirmed. 580 Recce may also be in the northern sector in the general area 873296. The GERMANS have lost about 300 PW and some guns in the last few days but the guns have for the most part been replaced.

(c) During the last four days ITALIAN disposns have been materially adjusted. It is believed that SABRATHA, which lost 64 offrs and 1080 ORs as PW between 1 and 20 Jul, has probably been withdrawn. The morale of the remaining ITALIANS is known to have been seriously affected by continual bombing and shelling and by our recent attacks. The GERMANS have therefore adjusted the disposns so that no substantial body of ITALIANS is in direct contact with our tps in any area. The ITALIAN inf however has to be retained in order to fill gaps and to give depth to the defence, and the Fd arty is an essential supplement to the GERMAN arty.

(d) The disposns of the Axis tps are thought to be:-

I and III Bns, 382 Inf Regt-	Coast to incl TELL EL EISA.
KIEL Gp and 33 Recce	- area TELL EL EISA.
361 Regt battle gp-	
incl 1 Bn 361 Inf Regt-	area excl TELL EL EISA to
1 Bn 155 Inf Regt-	SANYET EL MITEIRYA.
BRIEHL Battle Gp	- ditto.
200 Inf Regt Gp	- SANYET EL MITEIRYA south-
	wards tp approx 284 northing.
TRIESTE	- in sp west & SW TELL EL EISA.
TRENTO	- in sp area 200 Inf Regt Gp.

(e) AFVs.

The enemy's mob res in the northern area is very small. His counter-attacking force (5 & 8 Tk Regts-with total estimated runners 50 on 27 Jul) is now in area DEIR EL ABYAD-DEIR EL SHEIN-EL MIREIR, but enemy battle gps in northern sector have tks, and counter-attack with tks is always probable.

(f) Arty. The main gun areas are:-

- (i) West and SW TELL EL EISA. 50-60 guns incl 12-15 88mm.
- (ii) Behind (SW) MITEIRYA ridge. About 14-88mm.
- (iii) SE and MITEIRYA ridge. 30-40 guns.

4. Minefields.

A sketch showing our own and enemy minefields so far reported is being issued separately.

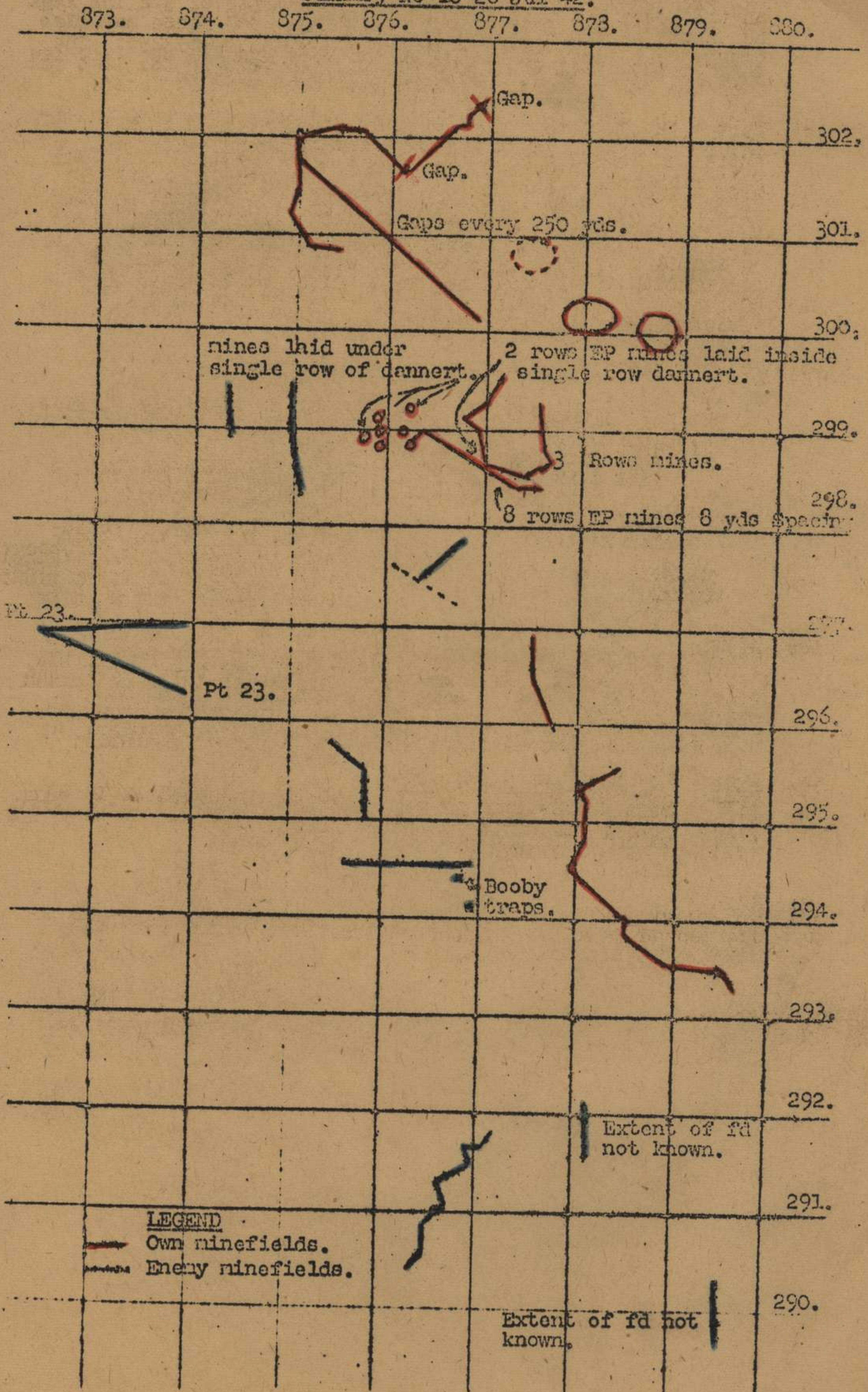
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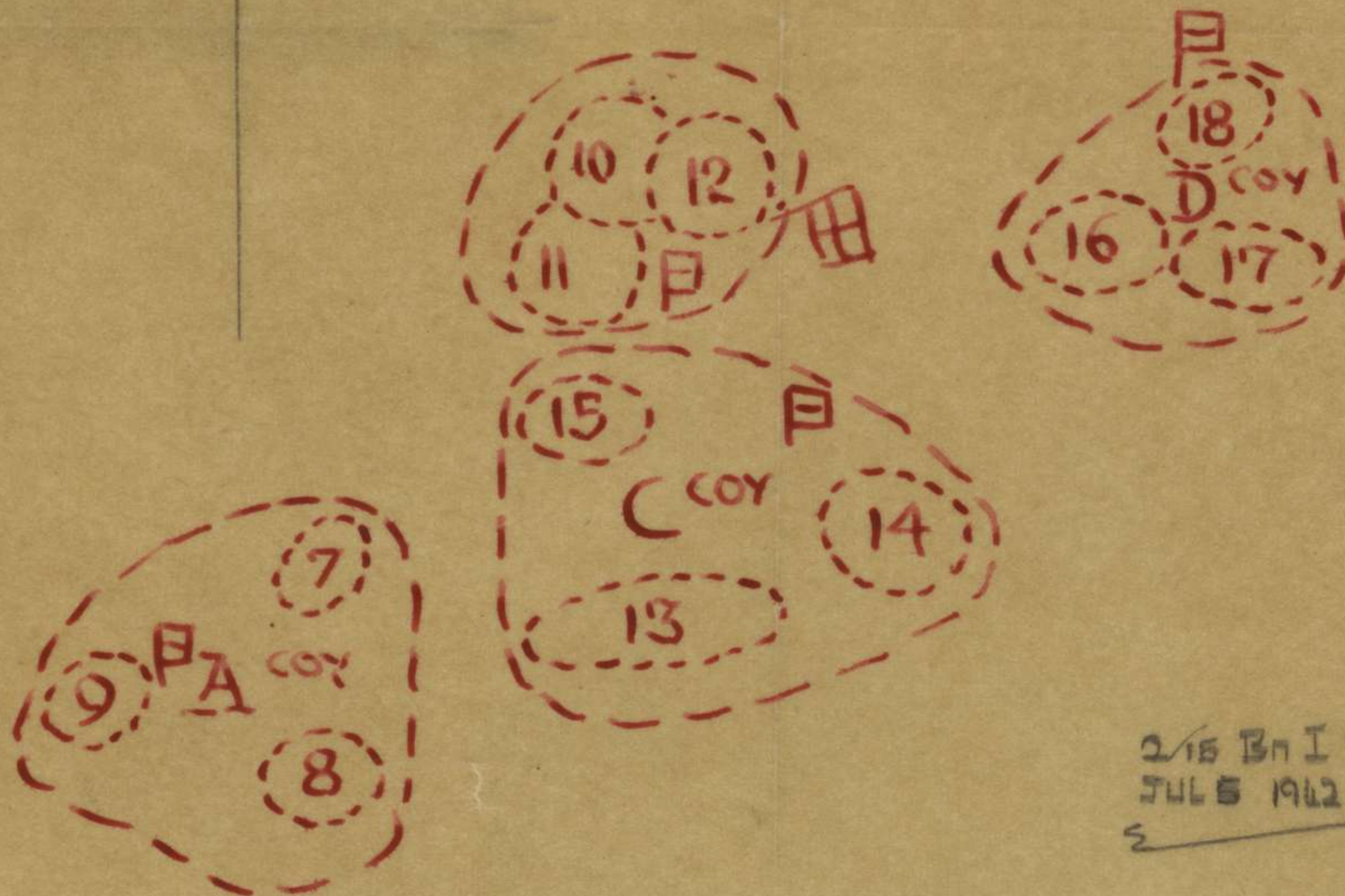
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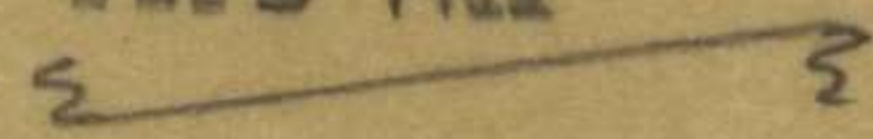
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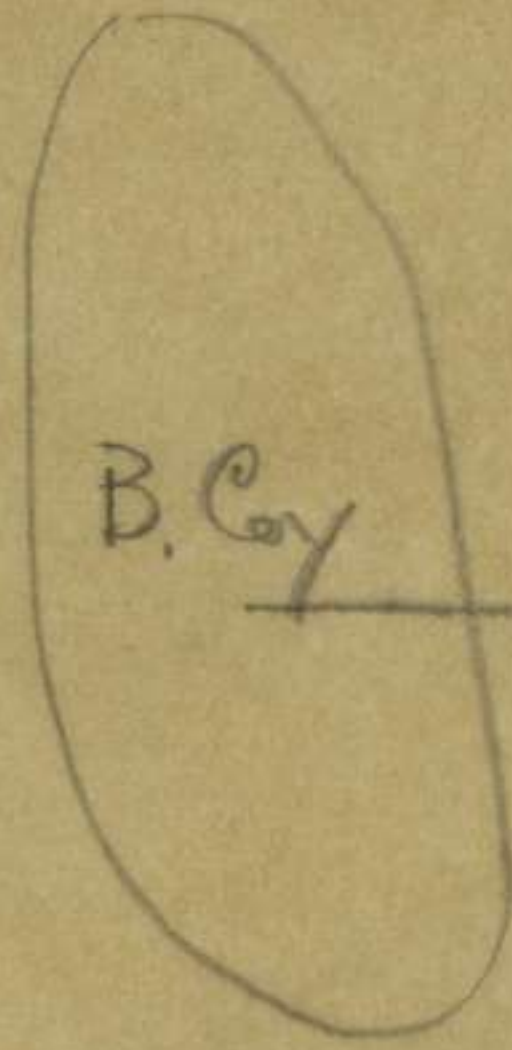
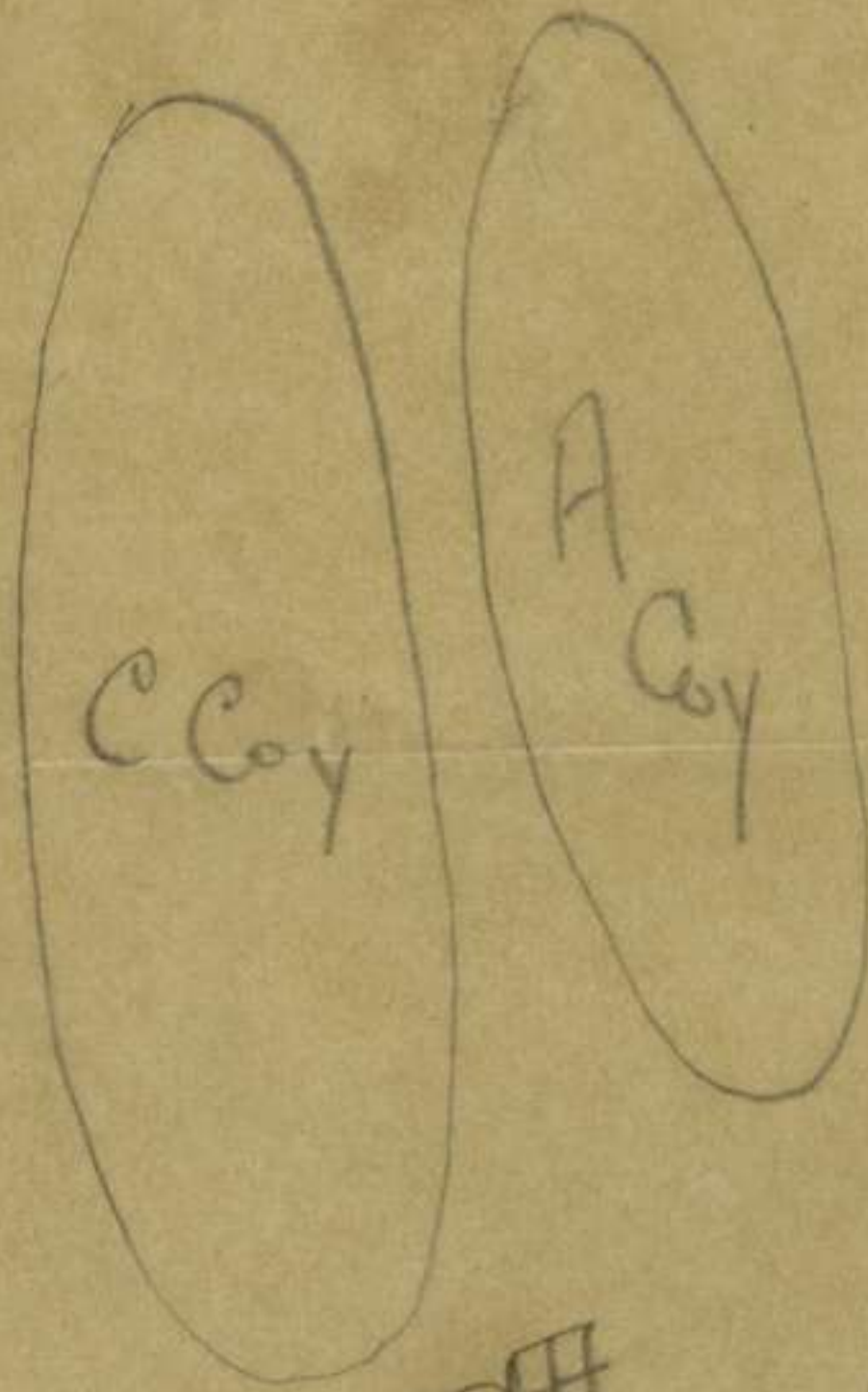
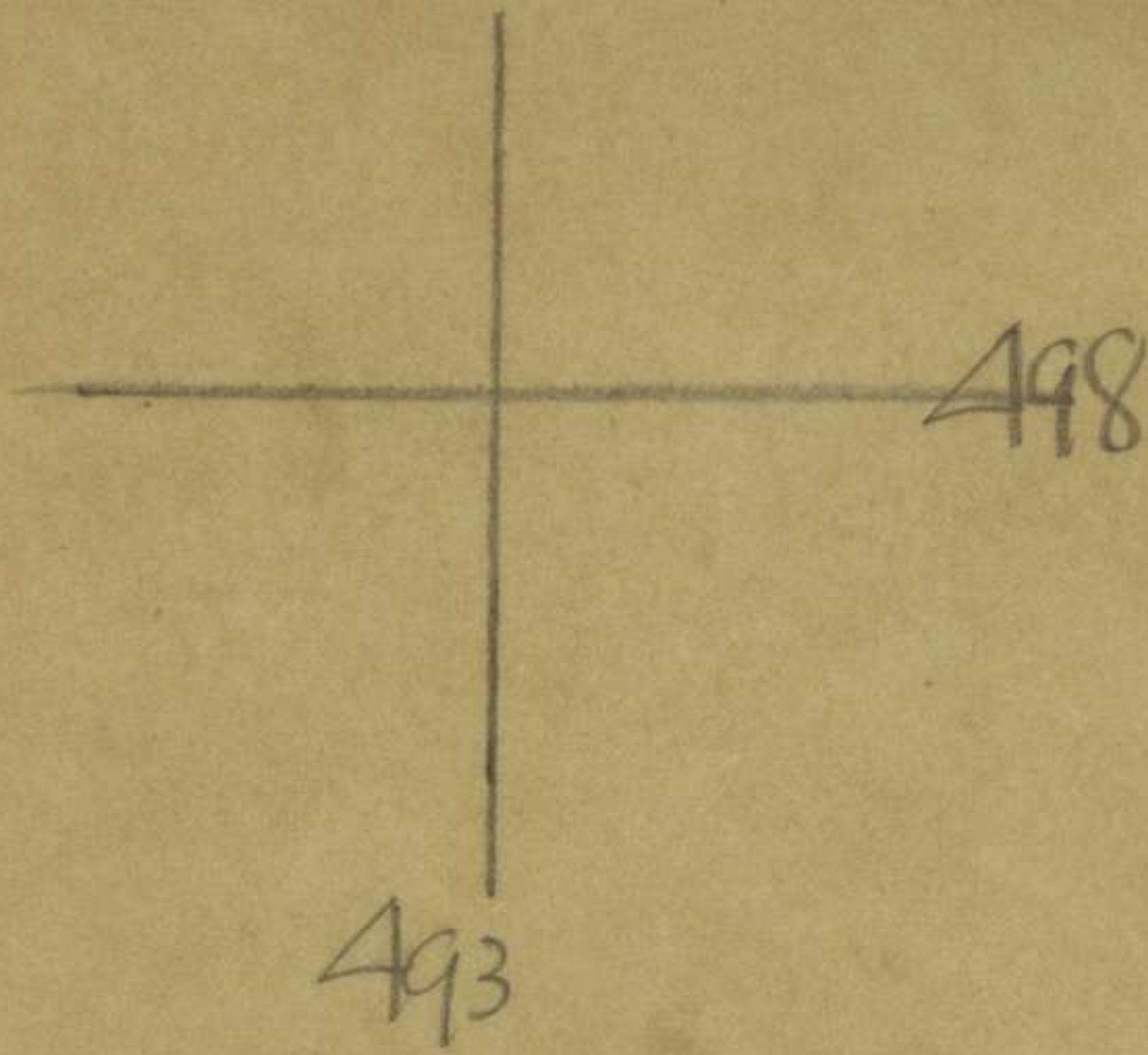
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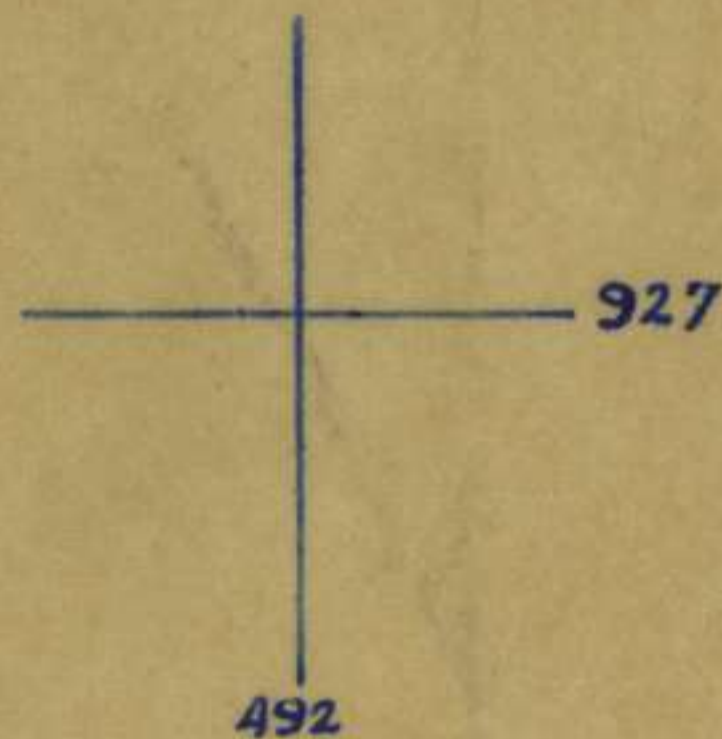
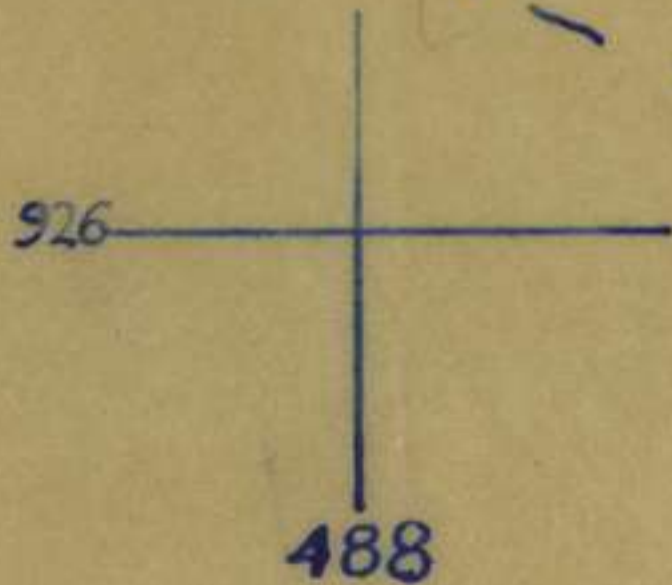
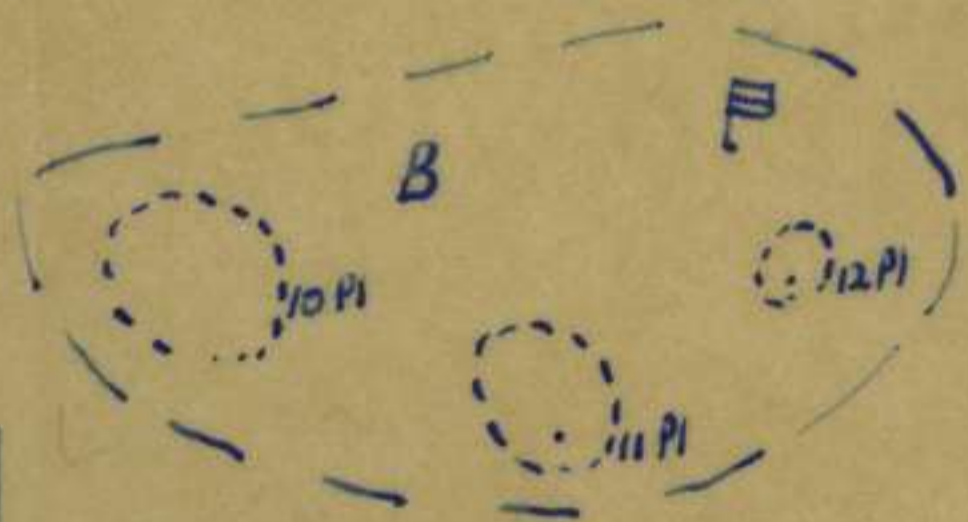
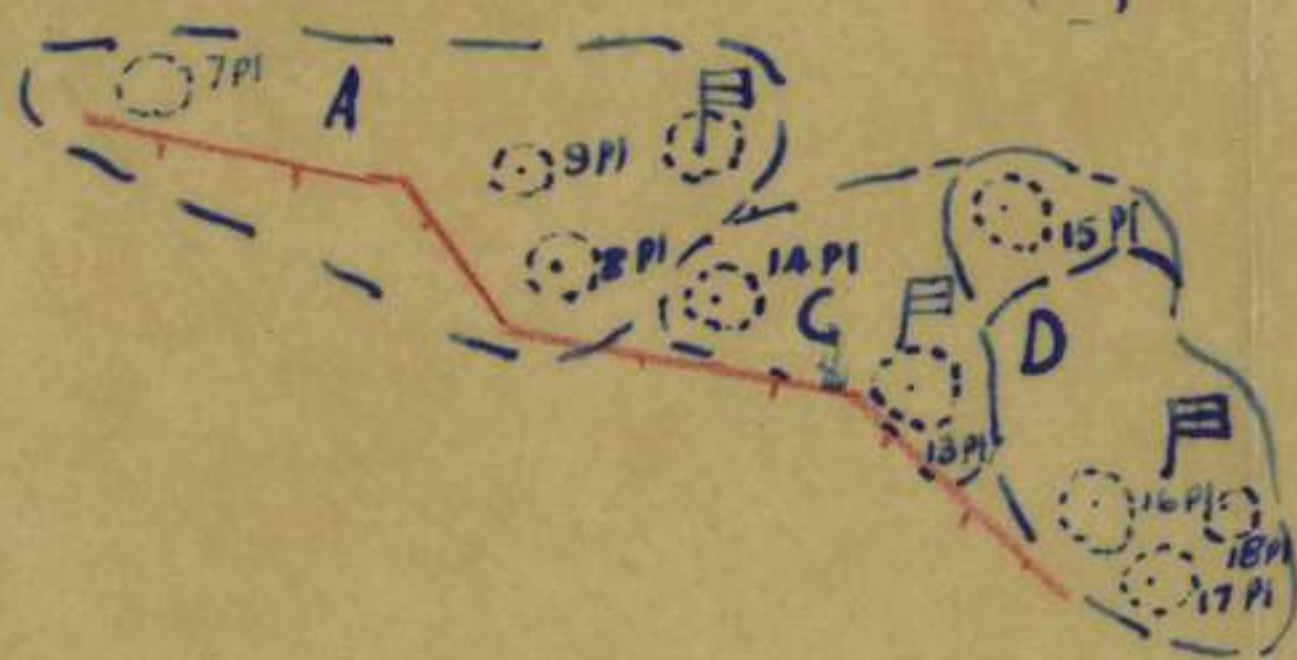
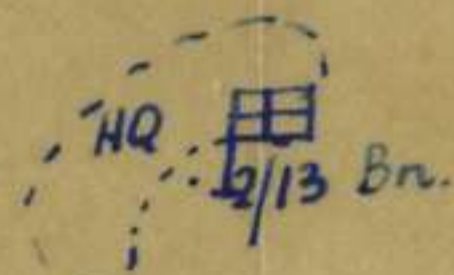
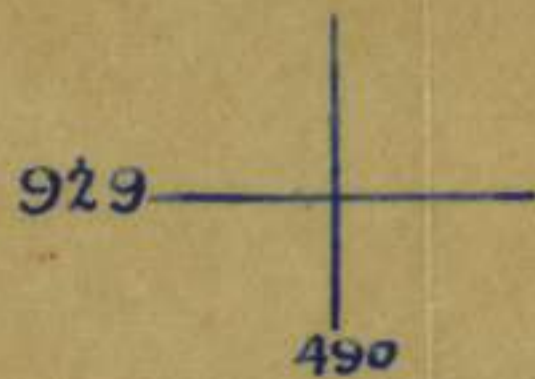
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 Location 5/7/42

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TRAIN TIMINGS FOR 2/17 AUST INF BN.

24 Offrs, 602 ORs, 48 Tons Baggage, 10 Carriers.

Stock: 1 AB 24 Offrs.
 24 Covered 602 ORs.
 5 " Baggage.
 5 Flats Carriers.

MEDENE EKBES	Dep	1000	1 Jul.
KARA BABA	Arr	1025	
	Dep	1110	
HEBE DERE	Arr	1150	
	Dep	1250	
RADJOU	Arr	1314	
	Dep	1344	
K. KOULAK	Arr	1430	
	Dep	1445	
KATMA	Arr	1542	
	Dep	1642	
TEL - I - RAFAT	Arr	1710	
	Dep	1715	
MOUSLIMIYEH	Arr	1755	
	Dep	1815	
ALEP B.D.	Arr	1840	
	Dep	2135	
RAYAK	Arr	1622	2 Jul.

Onwards by rail at earliest.

NOTE:(a) Halts at HOMS 0756 to 0932.

RAS BAALBECK 1222 to 1242.

(b) Hot water available HOMS & RAS BAALBECK.

W. J. V.
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 62.

by

Brig W. J. V. WINDEYER DSO MD.

COMMANDING 20 AUST INF BDE.

11 Jul 42

In the Field.

1. DISPERSAL

(a) Vehicles

(i) The minimum distance between vehicles is to be not less than 150 yds.

(ii) Whenever it is required to visit another unit vehs (incl M/Cs and Bantams) will not be taken near the HQ or office area.

A visitors car park and DR park is established at B's HQ area and this will be used by all concerned.

(b) Personnel

Mess parties will be so organised that large numbers of men are not gathered together for prolonged periods, either during the collection or eating of meals.

2. DISPOSAL OF REFUSE

The present fly menace has been caused through the improper disposal of refuse of all kinds.

The following points will be strictly enforced:

(a) Food will be kept covered as much as possible.

(b) All empty food tins, bottles etc will be buried as soon as emptied.

All oil tins etc left by previous units will be buried.

(c) Shallow trench latrines will be used and filled in daily. Some form of shovel is necessary to throw sand into latrine after each individual time it is used.

These instructions will apply as far as possible throughout the campaign.

3. M.T. MAINTENANCE

All MT drivers will be instructed to discontinue greasing nipples and shackles MT with grease and substitute C 600 oil.

Grease retains the sand and fine grinding dust whereas the C 600 flushes and lubricates.

Air cleaners on all vehicles are to be cleaned daily to ensure a minimum of dust abrasives being passed to engine.

These are most essential points and have already proven most successful in desert conditions.

(2)

For action by the following units only :

B ^e e Tpt Pl.	58 Aust LAD
2/15 Aust Inf Bn	No 1 Pl. HQ Gd Bn.
2/17 Aust Inf Bn	J Sec Sigs 9 Aust Div
Det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	

Other units will take action as advised by their own technical personnel.

4. BLACKOUT

No fires will be lit or left burning after 1930 hrs daily.

All offices, tents etc, where lights have to be used will be made light proof.

5. FIELD DRESSINGS

All ranks will carry "Field Dressing" in left hand shirt pocket or alternatively in hip pocket of shorts.

6. DESPATCHES

The delay in handing on of A&Q messages etc, from unit orderly rooms to the appropriate officer or office must be eliminated as much as possible.

This is particularly important in respect of any messages dealing with sups & POL as these points are open for limited periods only.

J. H. Brown Capt.
S.C. 20 Aust Inf B^e.

Distribution List "C"

NOTICES - The following comforts are acknowledged from :-

A.C.F.	3161	10z packets of Tobacco
	3161	packets of papers.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA
National War Fund 5800 packets of cigarettes
(through AACS) free

These comforts have been distributed to troops under command of this B^e.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 63.

by

Brigadier W. J. V. WINDEYER DSO, ED.

Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.

18 Jul 42.

In The Field.

1. DIGGING IN OF VEHs.

Although it is desirable to protect vehs by digging in, especially into banks, care must be exercised that the angle is NOT acute. If the angle is acute the main bearing will be drained of oil and liable to cause trouble, especially in extricating the veh if bogged. All care should be taken to protect the radiator from perforation.

2. BOFORS 40-mm A. A. EQUIPMENTS.

The scale of spare barrels to be held by Lt AA Units equipped with Bofors 40-mm A. A. guns will be one spare barrel carried with the gun.

G. H. Q. MEF letter CR/ME/3258/4/GSD.2a of 29 Jun 1941 authorising one additional spare barrel to be held in unit reserve is hereby cancelled.

Barrels rendered surplus by this order will be returned to ORDNANCE.

(CR/ME/31976/G. S. D. 2a.)

3. SIGNALS - ALL INFORMED PROCEDURE.

The procedure laid down in F. S. P. B. Pamphlet No. 2 p. 34, para 6 (iii) is not being observed.

This neglect leads directly to -

- (a) Unnecessary enciphering,
- (b) Unnecessary signal transmission and consequent delay.

It also indirectly prejudices security when low grade ciphers such as Syllabic are involved. Such ciphers are always liable to compromise, and a long list of multiple addresses when deciphered may at once give away the order of battle of a formation.

Steps will be taken by every formation headquarters to ensure that the "all informed" procedure is made use of whenever possible.

(CR/ME/32496/X. (2).)

4. UNAUTHORISED ABBREVIATIONS.

(a) The use of "IRT" as an abbreviation for "In Reply To" in signal messages has become prevalent.

(b) The disadvantages of this abbreviation are as follows :-

- (i) It takes longer to transmit than the words "Your" or "Ref" or the complete word "Reference" since it has to be transmitted in blocks.
- (ii) It is liable to be confused with and treated as a part of the reference number.

(c) The abbreviation is unauthorised and its use will cease forthwith.

(CR/ME/13540/3/S. D. 1a)

5. DISCIPLINE - COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

A.G.J. 650 of 1942 draws attention to the following :-

The following is an extract from A.G.I. 806 of 1941 regarding the procedure to be adopted by any officer or soldier who wishes to put forward a complaint :-

- (a) Any officer who wishes to put forward any complaint or suggestion will do so in writing to the CO through the Adj. If he wishes, he may request that a complaint be referred to higher authority in accordance with the army act, section 42.
- (b) Any soldier who wishes to put forward any complaint or suggestion will do so to his company (or equivalent) commander in accordance with army act section 45. If, after the matter has been investigated by his company (or equivalent) comd, he is not satisfied, he may represent it through his company (or equivalent) commander to his CO. If he is still not satisfied, he may represent it through his CO to the G.O.C. - in-C. of the Comd in or under whose Comd he is serving.
- (c) In addition, an officer or soldier who wishes to bring any grievance to the notice of an Inspecting Brigade Comd, or an Inspecting General Officer, will be given the opportunity of doing so.
- (d) The above procedure is that laid down in the Army Act and King's Regulations. Its object is to ensure that any representations officers and other ranks wish to make are effectively dealt with in the most expeditious way possible and that proper discipline in the army is maintained. Any other method of putting forward representations is therefore forbidden under King's Regulations, 1940, para 530.

(TO BE REPEATED IN UNIT ORDERS) (CR/ME/26449/A.G.2(a).)

6. PAYMENTS TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

- (a) The following instrn regarding payments to individual members of the Australian Imperial Force is published for information and compliance.
- (b) As A.I.F. Officers and Soldiers are paid in their units before proceeding on leave, no payment should be made to A.I.F. personnel by British Cashiers, or by Units, Transit Camps, Hospitals, or Convalescent Depots, unless the soldier is actually on their strength.

(CR/ME/15171/2/Pay)

7. PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Envelopes of correspondence containing the military address of any personnel will NOT be carried forward of this area.

8. FIELD CENSORSHIP.

- (a) Accounts in letters of personal experiences in battle are not permitted unless specifically authorised.
- (b) Recital of personal experiences in all operations up to and including the last advance to El Agheila - but not the subsequent withdrawal - is hereby authorised.
- (c) Green envelopes will NOT be used for this purpose.
- (d) Unit censors will handle such correspondence with due regard to security, criticisms and alarmist statements.
- (e) TO BE REPEATED IN UNIT ORDERS.

9: BLANKETS.

- (a) Supply. There is a world shortage of blankets, and sources of supply of woollen goods are embarrassed as a result of the war.
- (b) Economy. It is essential that economy in the use of blankets be exercised by all concerned, and that on no account are blankets used for other than the service for which they are provided, i.e. as bedding for personnel.
- (c) Misuse. It is observed that blankets are being used for the following unauthorised services, and this must cease forthwith

- i. Black-out purposes
- ii. P. A. D.
- iii. Curtains in dug-outs
- iv. Office tables.

Any damage attributable to the above misuse will be chargeable to units.

- (d) Conservation. All concerned will contribute much to the comfort and health of troops employed in theatres of war where severe winters are experienced by co-operation in safeguarding our resources of blankets.

Blankets will only be condemned when unfit for use, and not for appearance only.

Indents for blankets must clearly state the entitlement of Unit and the numbers held on charge, and replacement issues will only be made on receipt of the unserviceable blankets.

- (e) Responsibility. Commanding Officers are responsible that blankets are only held to approved scales and that all surplus blankets are returned to DADOS Dump.

J. J. J.
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 64.

by

Brigadier W. J. V. WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.

24 Jul 42.

In The Field.

1. DAMAGED AIRCRAFT.

- (a) Aircraft sometimes land with very little damage to the plane itself but frequently, through looting and wilful damage by other arms of the service, the machine is of little value for other than salvage.
- (b) To overcome this the following points are set out for action by all units under comd of this Bde should a plane land in their area :-
 - (i) A responsible person (officer if available) will proceed to the scene of the accident, take control and assist in any way possible.
 - (ii) A guard, under an NCO, will be despatched by the unit with instns that no person other than those officially engaged in the inspection or the salvage of the plane, be allowed within 150 yds of the plane.
 - (iii) A message by phone or signal will be sent to this HQ giving location and any other information that may help in the speedy recovery of the plane.
- (c) The names of any person or persons who persist in contravening the order in para b (ii) above by attempting to approach within the 150 yds will be taken by the guard and disciplinary action instituted.

(TO BE REPEATED IN UNIT ORDER)

2. CABLEGRAMS AND TELEGRAMS.

- (a) EFM Cablegrams - Standard Texts. A new list containing additional standard texts will be introduced on 20 Jul 42.

Copies of the list have been fwded to all units through unit postal orderlies.

- (b) Cablegrams lodged in EGYPT - Rates.

Class of Cablegram	Prefix	To	
		AUSTRALIA	U. K.
Full Rate	-----	126 mms per word	48 mms per word
Deferred	∅ LC	63 " " "	24 " " "
Daily Letter Telegram	∅ DLT	1050 " for 25 words each addtl word 42 mms.	No Rate.
Night Letter Telegram	∅ NLT	No Rate	325 mms for 25 words each addtl 13 mms.
Expeditionary Force Message	EFM	120 mms per message of up to 3 texts	120 mms per mess of up to 3 texts

∅ Counted as 1 word.

2. CABLEGRAMS AND TELEGRAMS (Contd).

To the charge for every cablegram, except EFM, add 25% plus 5 mms tax. Example - charge £E1.000 plus 25% equals £E1.250 plus 5 mms equals £E1.255.

TELEGRAM RATES.

Syria and Lebanon	21 mms per word.
Palestine	10 mms per word.
Egypt	5 mms per word.
Sudan	10 mms per word.

3. TRAFFIC ORDERS.

(a) Speed and Density.

- (i) Unless otherwise ordered M. I. H. for Convoys will be 20 during daylight.
- (ii) Between sunset and sunrise convoys will not exceed 10 M. I. H.
- (iii) Vehicles proceeding independently will not exceed maximum speed laid down for each type of vehicle in Div RO No. 202, appendices A & B.

(b) V. T. M.

- (i) By day V. T. M. will never exceed 15.
- (ii) By night may be increased to 40 V. T. M. at discretion of CO Convoy dependent on state of moon.
- (iii) Large convoys will be divided into blocks of vehicles. A responsible person will ride in the leading vehicle of each block and be in charge of it. A block will not exceed 30 vehicles. Distance between blocks will be 200 yds.

(c) HALTING.

- (i) Before halting all vehicles must go right off the road and at least six feet clear of it.
- (ii) Vehicles must not close up when halting.
- (iii) If a vehicle breaks down on the road, the driver's first duty is to get it off the road by towing or pushing.
- (iv) If a convoy is unavoidably halted where it cannot get off the road OC Convoy must organise traffic control.
- (v) During a halt all personnel will keep off the road.

(d) Overtaking.

- (i) One convoy will NOT overtake another which is on the move, unless specially ordered.
- (ii) A Convoy Comd wishing to overtake a HALTED Convoy will first ascertain that his tail will clear the head of the HALTED CONVOY before it is due to move off again.

(e) Advance Parties.

The Convoy Comd will despatch a representative to arrive at halting and staging areas at least one hour ahead of the convoy. This advance party will know the composition, speed and time of arrival of the convoy.

3. TRAFFIC ORDERS. (Contd).

(f) General.

OC Convoy is NOT just a guide. He should halt his own vehicle from time to time and watch his convoy go by, checking faults, on the spot or at the next halt. The following points will be checked :-

- Maintenance of correct V.T.M. +
- Maintenance of correct M.I.H.
- Maintenance of correct distances between blocks of vehicles.
- Vehicles and personnel clear of road when halted.
- Scrim nets FOLDED and SECURED so as not to catch on passing vehicles.
- Tail boards of vehicles up and fastened.
- Vehicle covers not flapping.
- No personnel riding on top of vehicle covers.
- No unauthorised passengers being carried in vehicles.
- Personnel properly dressed.

(g) Vehicle Lighting.

The lighting of all vehicles will conform to the regulations laid down in Div RO No. 404 of 18 Jun 42.

(h) Restrictions in the use of lights.

These restrictions will be published from time to time in 3 Aust Div Routine Orders.

M. T. WILL NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED.

4. REPORTING VEHICLE CASUALTIES.

Ref 3 Aust Div A&M Instrn No. 56 of 8 Jul 42, para 9, W.D. Nos of vehs need NOT be included in the report referred to, but will be shown in A.F. 6571, which must be submitted in all cases.

5. UNAUTHORISED COMMANDEERING OF VEHICLES.

- (a) Cases have occurred in which vehs have been commandeered by senior officers and retained for unreasonable periods.
- (b) It is appreciated that in urgent operational circumstances drastic measures may be necessary, but commandeering in such circumstances must be for the shortest possible period and the unit to which the vehicle belongs must be advised as soon as possible.
- (c) RASC and AASC vehs, under comd CASC, will not be used to replace first line tpt deficiencies without the authority of CASC.
- (d) Any commandeered vehs will be returned by units to parent units forthwith.

6. CAPTURED VEHICLES.

Units under comd will notify this HQ by signal particulars of any vehs captured stating -

- (a) Whether enemy or own,
- (b) type,
- (c) whether rec vehs required and if so location of vehs.

7. R. A. F. AERODROMES AND LANDING GROUNDS.

- (a) It has been brought to notice by the R. A. F. that Army M. T. vehicles were seen driving across Aerodromes and Landing Grounds which are in use. This endangers the lives of personnel and damages the surface of the Landing Grounds.
- (b) All M. T. personnel will be warned that under NO circumstances will vehicles be driven across R. A. F. Aerodromes or Landing Grounds which are in use. Severe disciplinary action will be taken in cases of infringement of this order.

(TO BE REPEATED IN UNIT ORDERS)

8. COOKING BY OIL AND WATER.

- (a) Further to Middle East G. O. 550 of 42. Units on the L. of C. will ensure that no packing cases or wooden boxes of any kind are used for fuel purposes. Cotton seed cake fuel is available at DIDs on the scale of 1 lb per man per day. Should any additional fuel be necessary for cooking purposes the oil and water system will be used, Diesel fuel oil being available at all main petrol depots. A. G. O. will not be drawn when Diesel is available.
- (b) Any information regarding this type of cooker can be obtained from the formation catering adviser or command catering adviser, rear HQ, EIGHTH ARMY.
- (c) Attention is drawn to Middle East G. O. 429 of 42. Sump oil will not be used, but will be handed over to the nearest Salvage Dump.

(TO BE REPEATED IN UNIT ORDERS)

9. M. T. VEHICLES : ROAD SPRINGS - MAINTENANCE OF.

- (a) Breakages of road springs continue to occur due to failure to keep the clamp bolts (U Bolts) tight. This operation is referred to in Maintenance Task No. 12 (as detailed in A. B. 412) and its importance is again emphasised.
- (b) It is desirable that the vehicle should be loaded whilst the clamp nuts are tightened and it is most important that only the STANDARD spanner should be used.
- (c) No advantage is gained by using spanners of abnormal leverage as this will result only in stripping the threads or stretching the bolt and will defeat its own object.

(TO BE REPEATED IN UNIT ORDERS)

10. OFFICE MACHINERY : LOSS OF.

- (a) In many instances formations and units are applying for the issue of replacements in lieu of office machinery lost or destroyed as a result of enemy activity or evacuation, without having rendered a report on such losses to D. D. P. S. S. G. H. Q., M. E. F., in accordance with Middle East G. O. 659 of 1942.
- (b) In order to ensure that this procedure is adhered to, all applications for replacements of office machinery lost or abandoned will be fwded to OC No. 8 Stationery Depot, together with a certified True copy of the report in question.

(TO BE REPEATED IN UNIT ORDERS)

11. EQUIPMENT FOR HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

Attention is drawn to G.O. No. 305 of 1941.

- (a) Patients are arriving at hospitals without respirators A.G. and steel helmets.
- (b) Sick and wounded will at all times be in possession of their respirators and steel helmets. OCs units will ensure that this order is complied with in all cases.

(TO BE REPEATED IN UNIT ORDERS).

12. PISTOLS, BINOCULARS AND COMPASSES.

Units will ensure that pistols, binoculars and compasses on charge to unit will be withdrawn before personnel are evacuated beyond R.A.P.

13. CAPTURED OR SALVAGED WEAPONS.

All units will immediately notify this HQ of any captured or salvaged weapons, own or enemy.

It is most desirable, in view of arm difficulties, that only British pattern weapons should be used in fwd areas.

J. Young Capt.
S.C. 20 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION LIST "C"

NOTICES

1. The following messages have been received.

"From C in C 2150 hrs 22 Jul 42.

"Heartiest congratulations to you and all your troops who have successfully attacked and contained the whole of 90 Lt DIV less 288 FORCE and two bns LT INF REGT. Your vigorous action is the prelude to victory."

"SIR THOMAS BLAMEY MELBOURNE.

"Congratulations yourself and all ranks on splendid work. All are proud of you"

2. The following comforts are acknowledged from ACF, and have been distributed free to troops under comd of this Bde.
- | | | | | |
|------|----------------------|---|------|--------------------------|
| 4463 | ozs Tobacco | - | 4463 | packets Cigarette papers |
| 4463 | packets Razor Blades | - | 8926 | packets P.K's |
| 2232 | packets Biscuits | | 830 | pairs Socks. |