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3 SEP 42.

5 NZ INF BDE OPERATION ORDER NO 4.

Ref Map: EL MREIR 1/50,000
 (No change from Verbal Orders)

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy (a) The main enemy thrust towards the general direction of the ALAM HALFA posn has made no progress during the last 24 hrs., and has left him with a difficult and long L of C on our Southern flank. It is known that he has adm difficulties.
 (b) It is reliably reported that 90 LT DIV., which was thought to be holding the Northern edge of the Depression has been replaced by TRIESTE DIV.
 (c) For particulars of MINEFIELDS see Appendix A.
2. Own Tps. (a) 2 NZ DIV is extending its area to the South, with 6 NZ INF BDE on the Western, 132 Inf Bde on the Southern and 5 NZ Inf Bde on the Eastern perimeter.
 (b) Inter Bde Bdy. Track see Appx A att. Juns point with 132 Inf Bde track at 88322632
 (c) Additional Troops under Command.
 B Sqn 50 RTR - 32 NZ ATK Bty - 33 NZ ATK Bty -
 6 NZ Fd Coy - 4 NZ MG Coy - B Coy 4 NZ Fd Amb -
 Pro de t
 in support - 6 NZ Fd Regt

INTENTION.

3. 5 NZ Inf Bde will attack and capture the line 88322632 - 88352632 - 88552655 - 886296 holding the edge of the depression in sqs 883263, 884264, 885265.

METHOD.

4. The attack will be carried out silently by 21 NZ Bn and 28 NZ (MAORI) Bn.
5. Start Line. grid line 268 northing see appx A att. 23 NZ Bn will tape start line and provide protective screen, strength one coy.
6. Axis of Adv. 8844 Easting Grid see appx A att.
7. Objectives. 28 NZ (MAORI) BN line 88322632 - 88352632 - 88532650. 21 NZ BN line 88532650 - 88552655 along Western edge minefield to 88602690. Each Bn will be responsible for mopping up in its own area.
8. Exploitation. Carrier Pls of 21 NZ BN less two secs and 28 NZ (MAORI) BN will be prepared under orders CO 28 NZ (MAORI) BN to exploit into the depression in area to South and SE of 88322632.
9. Inter Bn Bdy. 265 Northing Grid.
10. Tpt. Control posts will be established at pt. 64. 884269. This will control the fwd movement of all vehicled which will form up as per appx. B att. An Offr rep from each tpt gp will remain at Control Post reporting to Staff Capt. Tpt for tpt gap will report 2130 hrs.
11. Access to New Area. will be by lighted route South down 8864 Grid to 88442650 Pro Sec will light route.
12. Army Tks. will remain in assembly posn with tpt gp and be prepared to move fwd on order to posn of readiness in sq 884265. Role - defeat of tanks counter attacks. Secondary role - mopping up.
13. Fd Arty 6 NZ FD REGT is sending OPs fwd before first blight.
14. Atk. Two Tps 33 NZ ATK Bty come under comd. each 21 and 28 NZ BNS. Comd 33 NZ ATK Bty will co-ordinate ATK Defence of new Area.

15. Lt AA CRA is co-ordinating AA Defence.
16. NZE. 6 NZ FD COY will (a) Lift a 12 yard gap through own minefield along track in square 884268. Gaps will be marked with lights and white tape.
 (b) Recce and close all gaps in enemy minefield east of objective line.
 (c) Lay a new minefield between depression in sqs 883263 and 884264 under direction and protection 28 NZ BN

22 NZ BN will provide working party~~s~~, strength one coy to assist 6 NZ FD COY.

17. MGs one pl, MGs comes under comd. each 21 and 28 NZ Bns forming up in tpt gp and being sent fwd on request from Bns.
18. Zero. 2230 hrs night 3/4 Sep at which time leading tps will cross the start line.

ADM.

19. Supp one day will be carried on the man.
20. Amn G 1098 plus ATK grenades etc on the man.
21. Tools. carried on the man.
22. Medical Two Amb Cs in Tpt Gp sent fwd at unit request. 88402675
 B Coy 4 NZ FD AMB will establish car post at 88402675.
23. PW Under unit escort to Southern Gap in minefield at 88412685
 5 NZ Inf bde Def Pl assumes responsibility.

INTERCOMN

24. 5 NZ Inf Bde Tac HQ will be established at pt. 84 884269 by 2100 hrs
25. Fwd Bns will carry No. 11 sets in Jeeps.
26. K Sec 2 NZ Div Sigs will lay line as soon as Unit HQs are established.
27. Lateral Line is being laid between 132 Inf Bde HQ and Tac 5 NZ Inf Bde HQ.
28. Scout car from B Sqn 50 RTR with No 19 set will report to 5 NZ Inf Bde Tac HQ by 2130 hrs.
29. Codewords as under will be signalled on reaching objectives
 CHEESE 21 NZ BN
 OYSTER 28 NZ (MAORI) BN
30. HQs Units will place lighted Unit Serial Nos on the access route to indicate their HQs.
31. Synchronisation. by BBC time signals.

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Time of Signature 1715 hrs
 Issued through sigs and L.O.

Signed M C Fairbrother
 Major
 BM 5 NZ INF BDE:

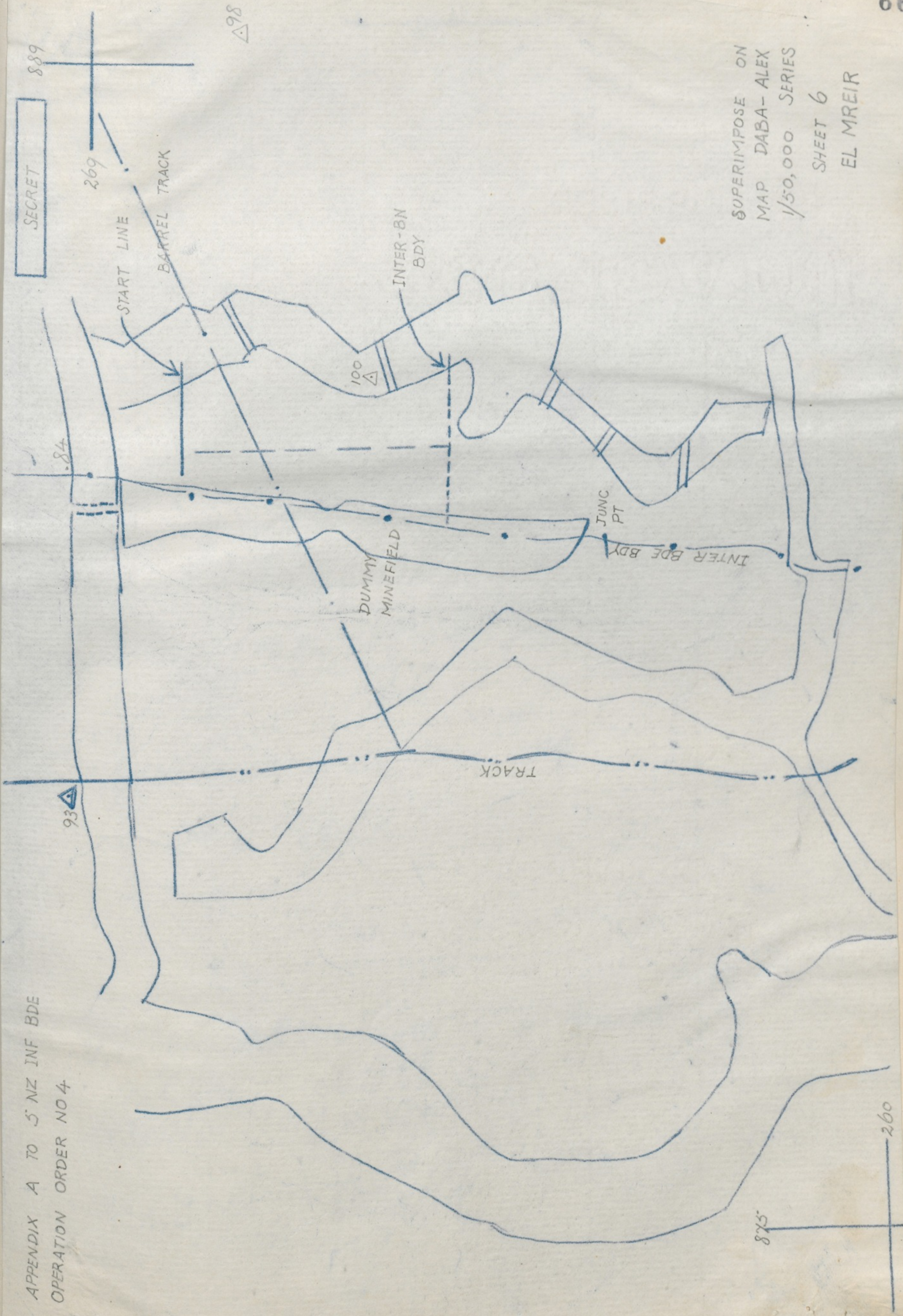
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APPENDIX A TO 5TH NZ INF BDE
OPERATION ORDER NO 4

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SUPERIMPOSE ON
MAP DABA-ALEX
1/50,000 SERIES
SHEET 6
EL MREIR

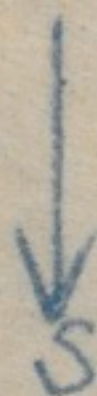
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APPEX B COPY NO

Tpt AS BELOW WILL REPORT TO STAFF CAPTAIN AT
CONTROL POST PT 84 884269 BY 2200 HRS
AND ASSEMBLE IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER FACING
SOUTH

4 AMB C's FOR CAR POST
B SQN 50 RTR TWO SECS 22 NZ BN CARRIERS
TWO PL'S 4 NZ MG COY
33 NZ ATK BTY
6 NZ FD COY AND B COY 22 NZ BN
21 NZ BN TPT AND CARRIER PL LESS TWO SECS.
28 NZ BN TPT AND CARRIER PL PLUS TWO SECS CARRIERS 21 NZ BN

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Archives New Zealand = Te Rua Mahara o te Kāwanatanga.

Ref: 28 NZ (Maori) Battalion Diary, WAI 1 1665 DA 68/1/33, pp.64-67