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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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M.F.M. 11.
A.F.C. 2118.
1 Mil.-8-39 (1708)
H.Q. 1772-45-18

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
Nfld. Airport	1 Sep		Divine Service held: Anglican Communion celebrated by Rev. Mr. Bishop of Grand Falls. Brass and Bugle Bands gave concert on Sunday afternoon at Grand Falls, large crowd present.	
Botwood Det.	1 Sep		Divine service at 1100 hrs. Detachment paraded to United Church. S.S. Carreta, registered Republic of Panama, in ballast to load concentrates, docked at 1217 hrs. Inspected by Intelligence Section and cleared.	<i>Alta.</i>
Nfld. Airport	2 Sep		Routine Training 2/Lieut. MacLeod, R.C.E. attached to "W" Force.	
Botwood Det.	2 Sep		S.S. Northon, Canadian, with coal docked at 1130 hours. Examined and cleared by Intelligence Section. "B" Coy. took over as duty Coy. from "A" Coy.	Appendix B App. A1 & A2 <i>Alta.</i>
Nfld. Airport	3 Sep		On account of drawing in of nights, times of retreat, etc. put back. 10 other ranks returned to Q.O.R. Wing, No.2 District Depot, medically unfit.	<i>Alta.</i>
Botwood Det.	3 Sep		S. S. Uregava of Nfld. cleared at 1157 hrs. for Sydney. Checked by Intelligence Section.	
Nfld. Airport	4 Sep		Training Instructions issued by C.O. "A" Coy. will be moved from Botwood to Airport: "C" Coy. from Airport to Botwood. Movement Orders	Appendix "C" Appendix D & D1 <i>Alta.</i>
Botwood Det.	4 Sep		Special patrol sent out to search for suspicious stranger lurking near Airport. Weather wet and chilly. Ladies of officials at Airport donated sheets for our R.A.P.	
Nfld. Airport	5 Sep		S.S. Toledo, Norwegian, in ballast to load paper for South America, docked at 1130 hrs. and was examined and cleared by Intelligence Section.	
Botwood Det.	5 Sep		Maj.-Gen. W.H.P. Elkins, C.B.E., D.S.O. and Col. Goodeve arrived on tour of inspection. Met by Lt.-col. H.C. MacKendrick. Inspected Airport posts and outposts. Expressed satisfaction of defenses. Emphasis laid on defense against parachutists. Officers taken on strength First movie was shown in Legion Hall run by Mr. Marsh Peters Auxiliary Services Officer.	<i>Alta.</i> Appendix A2
			S.S. Carreta cleared by Intelligence Section. Sailed at 0050 hrs. with all crew aboard. Flying boat Clare landed at 1130 hrs. from Montreal bound for Foynes. Passengers, who were given lunch, included Capt. H.H. Balfour, British Under-Secretary of State for Air, his Parliamentary private secretary, W.W. Wakefield, and 3 American pilots. Clare took off at 1430 hrs. for Foynes. S.S. William Hansen, Norwegian, with coal docked at 1158 hrs. and was inspected and cleared by Intelligence Section.	

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Nfld. Airport	6 Sep		Major-Gen. W.H.P. Elkins, Col. Goodeve and Lt.-col. H.C. MacKendrick left Airport by Buda car to visit Lewisporte and Botwood Detachments 0900 hrs. 6 R.C.A.M.C. Orderlies arrived.	APh.
Botwood Det.	6 Sep		S.S. Clyde called in on regular weekly trip at 1245 hrs and left 1530 hrs.	
Nfld. Airport	7 Sep		"A" Coy. arrived from Botwood by special train 11.45 hrs. relieving "C" Coy. which entrained at 12.15 hrs. for Botwood. Maj.-Gen. Elkins, Col. Goodeve and Lt.-col. MacKendrick reconitred positions for field batteries and for a submarine net.	Ph.
Botwood Det.	7 Sep		"A" Coy. entrained for Airport at 0900 hrs. "C" Coy. arrived from Airport at 1700 hrs. Maj.-Gen. Elkins, Col. Goodeve and Lt.-Col. MacKendrick went by Air Base boat to make reconnaissance of head overlooking Sand Point with a view to its suitability for gun emplacements.	
Nfld. Airport	8 Sep		Holy communion held at 0745 hrs. with Brass Band parade for Divine Service 0930 hrs.	Ph.
Botwood Det.	8 Sep		S.S. Victoria of Greece from Bilbao, Spain, in ballast to load concentrates for England, arrived, was inspected by Intelligence Section and docked at 1530 hrs. Crew included Nationals of Greece, Belgium, England, Denmark, Egypt, Brazil, Uruguay, Hungary, Yuog-Slavia, Cape Verde Islands and Italy. The Italian and 4 stowaways from Spain were not allowed to land.	Ph.
Nfld. Airport	9 Sep		Lt.-col. H.C. MacKendrick returned from tour of inspection with Maj.-Gen. W.H.P. Elkins and Col. Goodeve who continued to Corner Brook. C.O. & Adjutant toured Airport section posts. Poste loopholes changed to allround traverse. Permanent Ratton Board for Airport set up with Capt. G.F.C. Pangman, President and Capt. Lawson R.C.A.M.C. and Lt. R.C. Clarkson members.	
Botwood Det.	9 Sep		Training according to syllabus.	
Nfld. Airport	10 Sep		Routine training in accordance with instructions issued by C.O. Emergency communication system installed between Airport and Botwood in co-operation with S/L Pattison A.C.O. Airport. Work on improvement of Airport posts both from point of view of defense and accommodation started.	Ph.
Botwood Det.	10 Sep		S.S. Ungava, Newfoundland, arrived with coal from Sydney. Inspected by Intelligence Section and docked at 1950 hrs.	
Nfld. Airport	11 Sep		Routine training in accordance with syllabus. New Recce of Notre Dame Jct. area ordered by C.O. His Excellency the Governor of Nfld. Sir Humphrey T. Walwyn K.C. S.I. K.C.M.G. C.B., D.S.O. greeted by C.O. at Airport Station as he passed through. U.S. civilian pilots landed at Lockheed Hudson bomber on a trial flight from Montreal. Capt. Ross pilots Barr and Williams and two radio men comprised the crew.	
Botwood Det.	11 Sep		Training according to syllabus.	Ph.

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Nfld. Airport	12 Sep		Routine training. Recce made of Notre Dame Jct. with idea of establishing a Defensive Position for one platoon less one section. Sketch map attached.	Appendix K Bh.
Botwood Det.	12 Sep		S.S. Victoria inspected by Intelligence Section. All crew including the four stowaways she brought in were found aboard and ship sailed at 1030 hrs. S.S. Toledo inspected by Intelligence Section, all crew found aboard and ship sailed at 2130 hrs.	
Nfld. Airport	13 Sep		Aerial recce made of NOTRE DAME JCN - LEWISPORTE R.R. LINE and INDIAN ARM on NOTRE DAME - AIRPORT R.R. LINE. 2/Lt. D.Keith #17 Pl. "D" Coy. completed 100 yd rifle range at Receiver Post. All work was done by men in Pl.	Appendix L. Bh.
Botwood Det.	13 Sep		S.S. Northton, Canadian, sailed at 1430 hrs. Capt. said all men were aboard.	
Nfld. Airport	14 Sep		Routine training as per syllabus. Discussion between C.O., Q.O.R. of C and C.O. R.C.A.F. re defense scheme. Leave train left for Grand Falls 1300 hrs. C.O. went down to Botwood re Anti-aircraft defenses	Appendix E Bh.
Botwood Det.	14 Sep		Lieut. E.P.T. Green proceeded by motorcycle from Botwood to Point Leamington to reconnoitre that village with a view to having a warning given of any unidentified ships docking, etc. See.. Lt.-col. MacKendrick arrived Bishop's Falls on leave train from Airport.	Appendix H Bh.
Nfld. Airport	15 Sep		Divine Service 0930 hrs in new partly finished hut due to inclement weather. Governor of Nfld. advised by telegraph that he had to proceed directly to St. John's and accordingly his tour of inspection would be postponed. Telegram received from Maj.-Gen. Constantine D.O.C. M.D.6 advising of his arrival at Botwood 16 Sep.	Appendix F. Bh.
Botwood Det.	15 Sep		S.S. Rothermere, owned by Anglo-Newfoundland Development Co., arrived, was inspected by Intelligence Section and docked at 1401 hours carrying 7 passengers from Liverpool.	
Nfld. Airport	16 Sep		Routine training in accordance with syllabus. Rehearsal for inspection for guard of honour and march past for Governor, followed by practise alarm. Commencement of new series of lectures for officers in officers' Mess.	
Botwood Det.	16 Sep		General alarm (practice) called at 0616 hrs. Detachment all out, extra ammunition and iron rations issued in 20 minutes. All clear sounded at 0655 hrs. R.M.A. Clare, from Foynes, Ireland, landed at 0952 hrs. Three passengers and crew took breakfast in officers' Mess & plane took off for Montreal at 1131 hrs.	

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Botwood Det.	16 Sep	(Cont'd)	Lt.-col. MacKendrick, Lieut. T.E. Sisson and 2/Lieut. R.D. Medland left at 1300 hrs. in Air Base launch for Twillingate. Arrived back at 2100 hrs.	Appendix I
Nfld. Airport	17 Sep		Telegram arrived from M.D.6 stating that Maj. Gen. C.F. Constantine will not arrive for a couple of days. Hurricane warnings broadcast by Meteorological Service. Routine training in accordance with syllabus. Auxiliary Services Officer Mr. Peters held 1st. movie in new huts.	Bh
Botwood Det.	17 Sep		S.S. Ungava inspected by Intelligence Section, all crew found aboard and sailed at 0825 hrs.	
Nfld. Airport	18 Sep		Due to inclement weather lectures were held in partially finished huts in lieu of training laid down in syllabus. Dummy grenade range completed by Pioneer Pl. under Lt. S. Lett. Pioneer Pl. also finished improvements to camp drainage and sewerage system in very rocky ground.	Bh.
Botwood Det.	18 Sep		S.S. Rothermere, sailed with all crew aboard to Sydney, N.S. to load steel.	
Nfld. Airport	19 Sep		Six U.S. Navy seaplanes arrived at Gander Lake 10.30 hrs from U.S.S. St. Louis commanded by Ad. J.W. Greenslade U.S.N. Gen. J.W. Devers, Capt. R.S. Crenshaw, U.S.N., Lt.-col. O.T. Pfeffer, U.S.A. Capt. D.W. Rose, Commanders C. Durgin, K.B. Bragg, H. Blesemeyer, U.S.N., Lt.-cols. H.J. Malony, J.D. Arthur, U.S.A.	Bh.
			One U.S. Army bomber arrived at 1530 hrs. from Moncton N.B. reconnoitring bases. Officers met by C.O. Situation discussed. Party including Maj. J.E. Upson, Maj. Townsend Griffis, War Dept. R.F. Stearley, Dr. Brooks.	
Botwood Det.	19 Sep		Telegram received advising that Maj. Gen. C.F. Constantine D.O.C. M.D.6 would arrive 20 Sep by plane.	
			Six American Navy planes - 2 Consolidated PB-1s (54P7 and 54P8) and 4 small planes from USS St. Louis (9CS9, 9CS10, 9CS11, and 9CS12) - circled over Botwood. Two of small planes landed but did not come ashore and took off again in about 10 minutes. S.S. Nidarnes, Norwegian, arrived, was inspected by Intelligence Section and docked at 1420 hrs.	
			Col. C.S. Craig, R.C.A. and Commander Gow, R.C.N. arrived to reconnoitre gun positions accompanied by Lieut. T.E. Sisson, Intelligence Officer, they inspected Philips Head and Sandy Point Head.	
Nfld. Airport	20 Sep		Confirmation received from Col. Goodeve G.S.O.1 Atlantic Command regarding defense plans for Nfld. Airport, Botwood, Lewisporte and NOTRE DAME JUNCTION. Maj. Gen. C.F. Constantine, D.O.C. M.D.6, arrived by R.C.A.F. plane at 1405 hrs. from Halifax and made tour of inspection with C.O. His Party included Col. Campbell, D.M.O. and Maj. Dawson, D.D.O.	
			XXXX U.S. Navy seaplanes returned to U.S.S. St. Louis.	
			After general discussion Maj. Gen. Constantine and C.O. left by train for St. John's.	Bh.

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Botwood Det.	20 Sep		S.S. Clyde, Nfld., docked at 1500 hrs. and sailed again at 1935 hrs.. Col. Craig, Commander Gow and Lieut. Sisson made further reconnaissance of Philip's Head and Sandy Head. S.S. Nidarnes inspected by Intelligence Section, all crew found aboard and sailed at 1913 hrs.	
Nfld. Airport	21 Sep		Advice received that one officer and 87 Other Ranks first reinforcements arriving St. John's 25 Sep on S.S. Belle Isle. Lt.-col. Campbell, Major Dawson visited Botwood and came back to Airport with Commander Gow R.C.N. and Col. Craig. R.C.A. Anti-aircraft.	Bh.
Botwood Det.	21 Sep		Col. Craig and Commander Gow reconnoitred docks and harbour and left for Airport 1700 hrs.	
Nfld. Airport	22 Sep		Divine Service was held at 0930 hrs. Major Barnard took Col. Craig on tour of inspection of posts and Anti-aircraft situation discussed. Colonel Craig left for St. John's.	
Botwood Det.	22 Sep		R.M.A. Clare Eastbound from Montreal to Foynes Ireland landed at 1223 hrs. Passengers included Air Vice-Marshal W. Bishop V.C. and M. Jan Masaryk, Czecho-Slovak Minister to London. Plane left at 1520 hrs.	Bh.
Nfld. Airport	23 Sep		Maj.-Gen. Constantine and C.O. continued their inspection, going to Botwood, severe storm hit Airport damaging some old tents. Capt. Geo. Pangman gave a lecture on "range finding" First six N.C.O.'s left on furlough having completed six months service in the C.A.S.F.	Appendix
Botwood Det.	23 Sep		Maj.-Gen. C.F. Constantine D.O.C. M.D.6 and Lt.-col. H.C. MacKendrick arrived at 1100 hrs. The D.O.C. inspected all positions and lines.	Bh.
Nfld. Airport	24 Sep		D.O.C. M.D.6, and C.O. returned from Botwood by plane. Maj.-Gen. Constantine being held up here due to weather. Training continued in accordance with syllabus.	
Botwood Det.	24 Sep		Two Sections of No.15 Platoon under Lieut. E.A. Dunlop left via Air Base launch for Brown's Arm to make reconnaissance of route from that point to Lewisporte. R.C.A.F. plane landed 1230 hrs. and took off at 1345 hrs. for Gander, taking Maj.-Gen. Constantine and Lt.-col. MacKendrick. S.S. City of Joliet, American, in ballast from Montreal to load zinc concentrates, inspected by Intelligence Section and docked at 1445 hrs. S.S. Rothermere, British, with steel from Sydney to load newsprint, inspected and docked at 1845 hrs.	Appendix

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Nfld. Airport	25 Sep		<p>Warning issued of imminent water shortage.</p> <p>Major-Gen. Constantine again held up due to storm.</p> <p>R.A.P. moved to hutment, stove and plumbing improvised by Pioneer Platoon.</p> <p>Training continued in accordance with syllabus.</p> <p>Abridged summary of Meteorological conditions at Nfld. Airport for month of August received from P. McTaggart-Cowan Esq. Officer-in charge Met.Div. Air Services Dept. & Transport Commander</p>	<p>Appendix G1</p> <p>Bh</p>
Botwood Det.	25 Sep		S.S. Frank Seamans, Norwegian, inspected by Intelligence Section. All crew aboard, cleared and asiled at 1130 hrs.	
Nfld. Airport	26 Sep		<p>Maj.-Gen. C.F. Constantine returned to Halifax by plane with Lt.-col. Campbell D.M.O. at 1400 hrs.</p> <p>Training in accordance with syllabus with continuance of officers lectures.</p> <p>86 reinforcements arrived from Toronto via S.S. Belle Isle under Lt.T.W. McMonagle, Veterans Guard of Canada, conducting officer, who returned to Canada.</p> <p>Orderly Room moved to old R.A.P. hut.</p>	<p>Bh.</p>
Botwood Det.	26 Sep		"C" Coy. took over as duty Coy. from "B" Coy. at 1000 hrs.	
Nfld. Airport	27 Sep		<p>Reinforcements paraded with regiment for first time.</p> <p>Training in accordance with syllabus.</p>	<p>Bh.</p>
Botwood Det.	27 Sep		<p>"B" Coy. less 1 platoon, went on route march of about 15 miles along Botwood-Point Leamington Road, taking stations for noon meal with them.</p> <p>R.C.A.F. plane with Squadron Leader D.G. Price in command landed at Air Base to refuel. Bound from St. John's to Canada Bay.</p>	
Nfld. Airport	28 Sep		<p>40 of reinforcements went on by train to Botwood to join Companies there.</p> <p>Change made in quarter guard reducing number to 12 other ranks commanded by a Sgt.</p>	
Botwood Det.	28 Sep		<p>S.S. City of Joliet cleared by I.O. all crew aboard and left at 0650 hrs. bound for New Orleans with cargo of zinc concentrates.</p> <p>Draft of recruits arrived from Airport. 17 men for "B" Coy. and 24 for "C" Coy.</p>	<p>Bh.</p>

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Nfld. Airport	29 Sep		Divine Service held in hutment at 0930 hrs. Telegrams exchanged with Capt. Schwerd A.D.C. of St. John's checking rumoured submarine attacks off Nfld. coast.	<i>Br</i>
Botwood Det.	29 Sep		R.C.A.F. plane #QNG 909 flew over Botwood taking photographs and landed at 1257 hours. Flight Lieutenant Archambeau called Airport and plane took off for Cornerbrook at 1433 hrs.	<i>Br</i>
Nfld. Airport	30 Sep		Instructions issued re alternative positions all Airport posts. Recce of Gander River made by boat to sea.	
Botwood Det.	30 Sep		Routine training according to syllabus.	

Wear Lueck
Lieut.-col.
 Commanding Serial 753.

BATTALION ORDERS
SERIAL 753 - "W" FORCE

1 SHEET

PART 1 ORDER

SHEET NO. 1

NO. 78

10 September 1940

LAST PART 1 ORDER ISSUE.....9-9-40

POSTING

B63631 Rfn. Orton W.T. from "H.Q. Coy. 6 Pl." to
"H.Q. Coy. 1 Pl."
B63754 Rfn. Stockdale H.D. from "H.Q. Coy. 1 Pl." to
"H.Q. Coy. 6 Pl."

MAIL

Delay is caused in the distribution of mail due to the fact that the company to which the soldier belongs is not given in the address. All ranks will find it to their advantage to have this condition corrected.

DRESS

In future straps of steel helmets will be worn under the chin.

AMENDMENT TO CAMP
STANDING ORDERS

To para. 2 add para. (c) as follows:
Rifles will be inspected by an officer twice a day.
Particular attention will be paid to the condition of the bore.

RATION STRENGTH

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
<u>Nfld. Airport</u>	29	561
<u>Botwood Detachment</u>	19	342

DETAIL

Duties from reveille 11 Sep. to reveille 12 Sep.

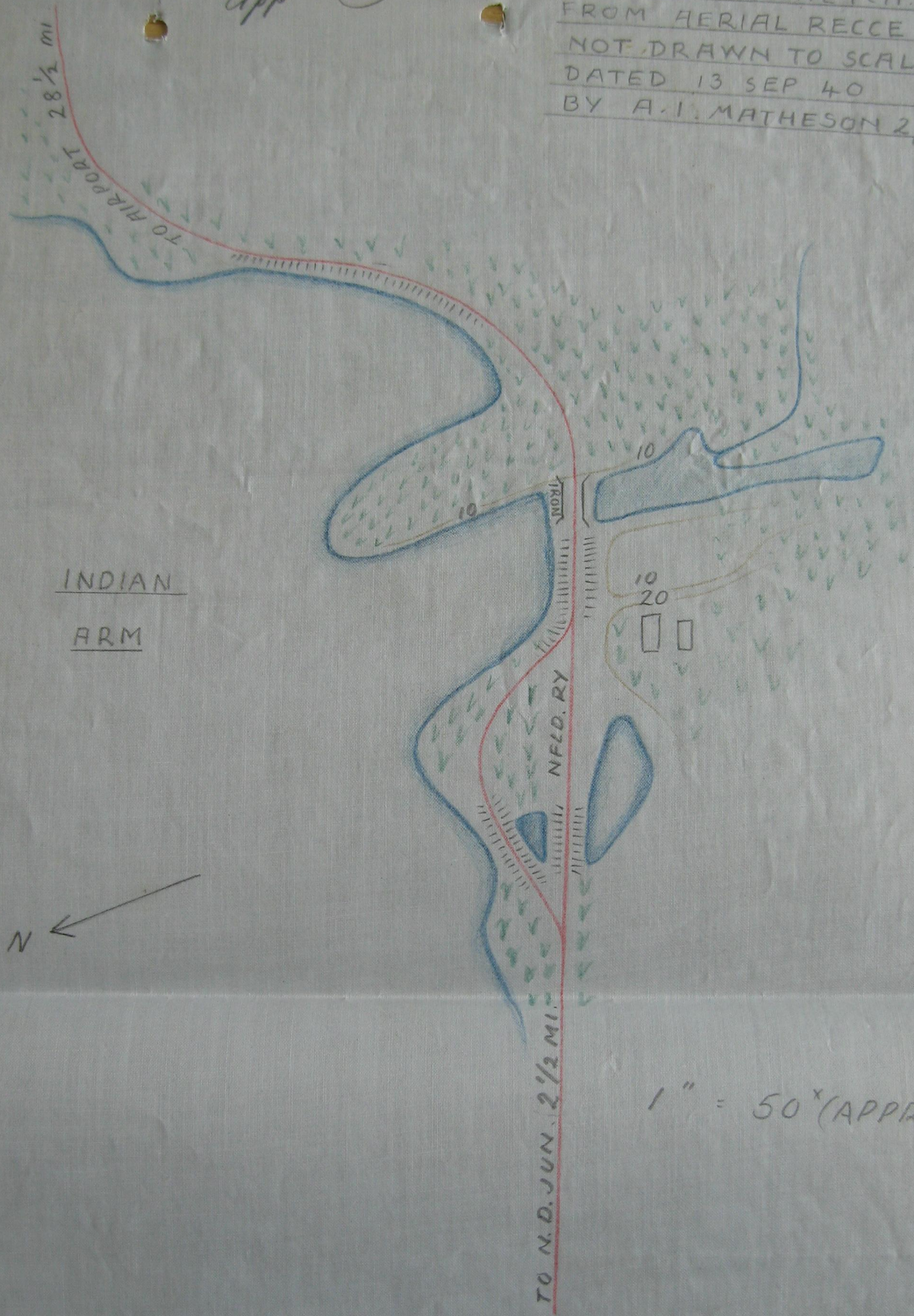
Orderly Officer - Lieut. I.R.F. Wilson
Next for duty - 2/Lieut. J.I. Mills

Bn. Ord. Sgt. - B64363 A/Sgt. Conroy S.M. "A" Coy.
Next for duty - B63534 A/Sgt. Blue R.C.S. "A" Coy.

.....W.T. Barnard.....Major,
Adjutant, Serial 753.

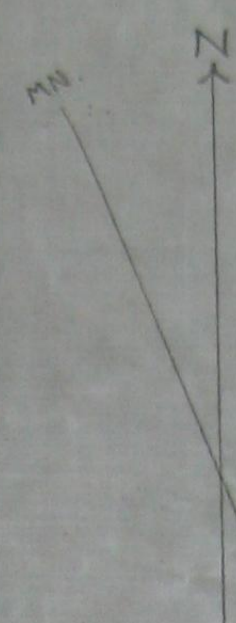
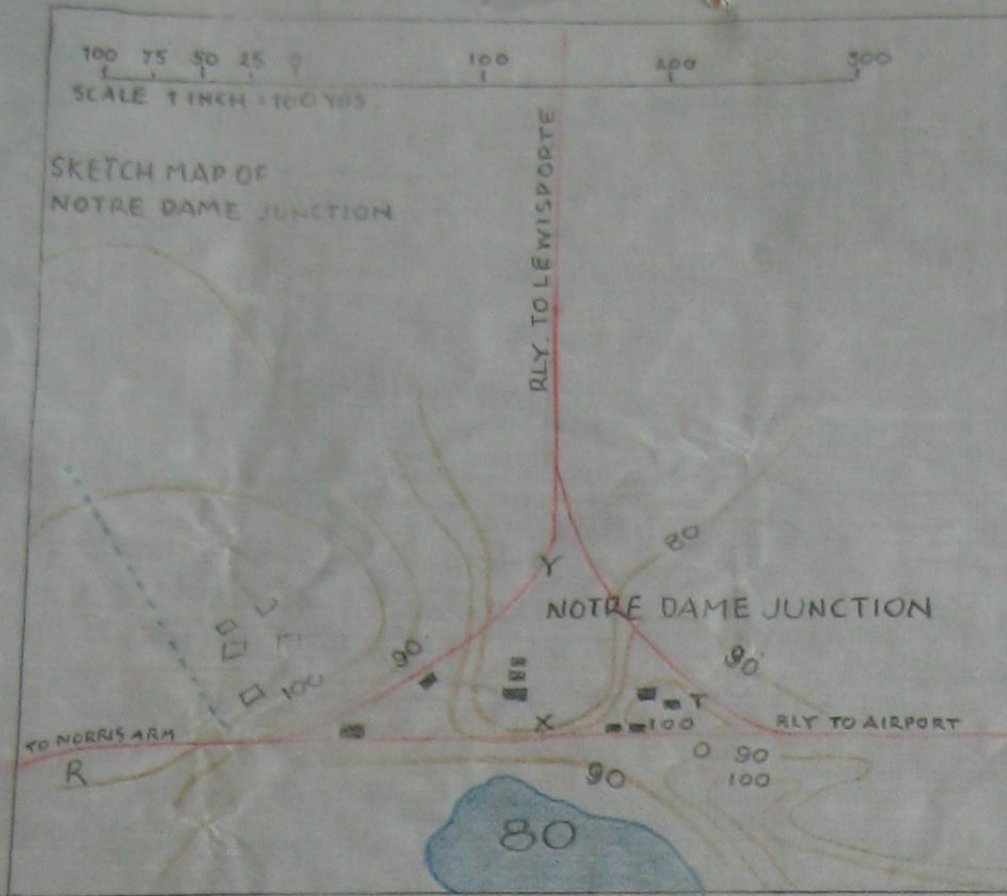
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BY A.I. MATHESON 2/LT.

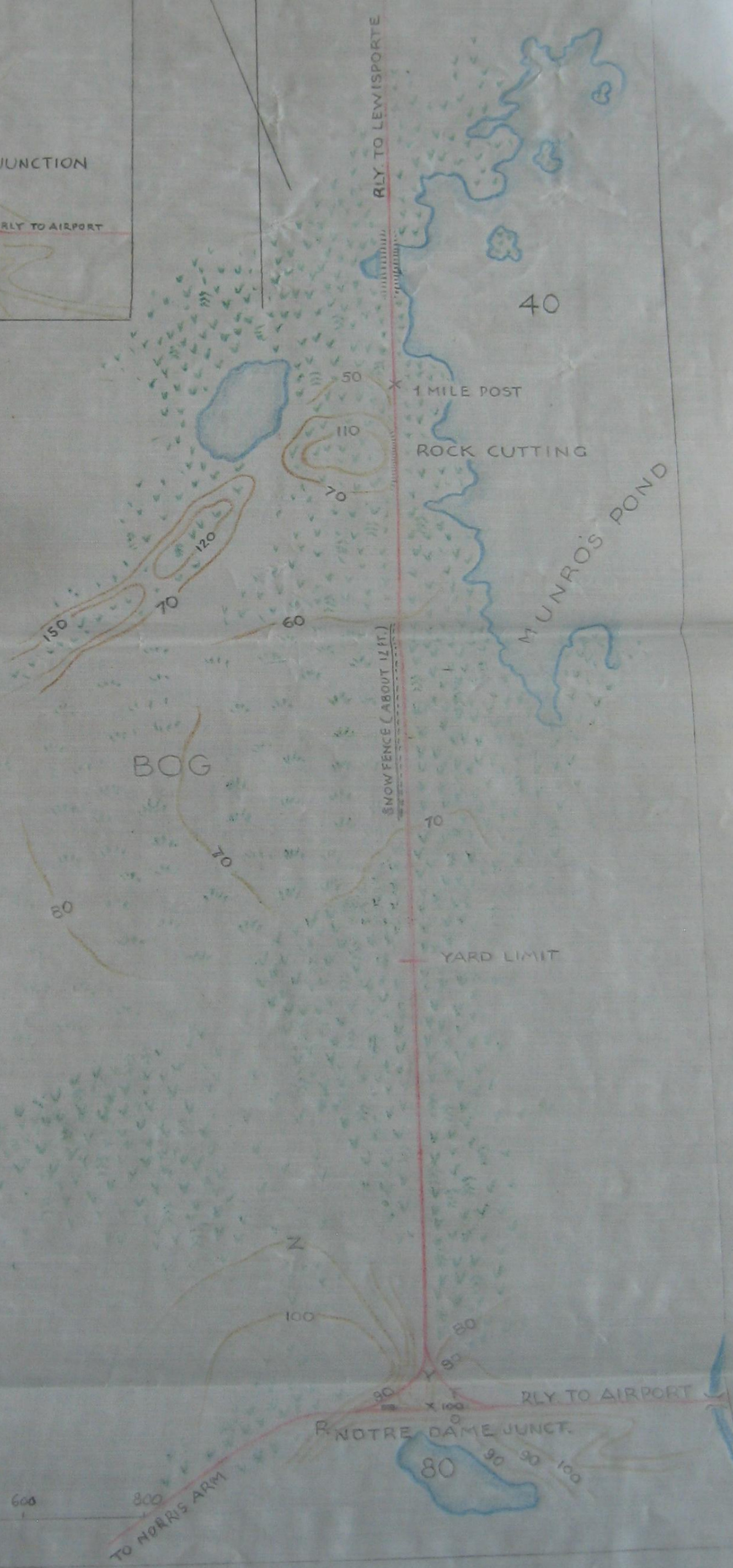


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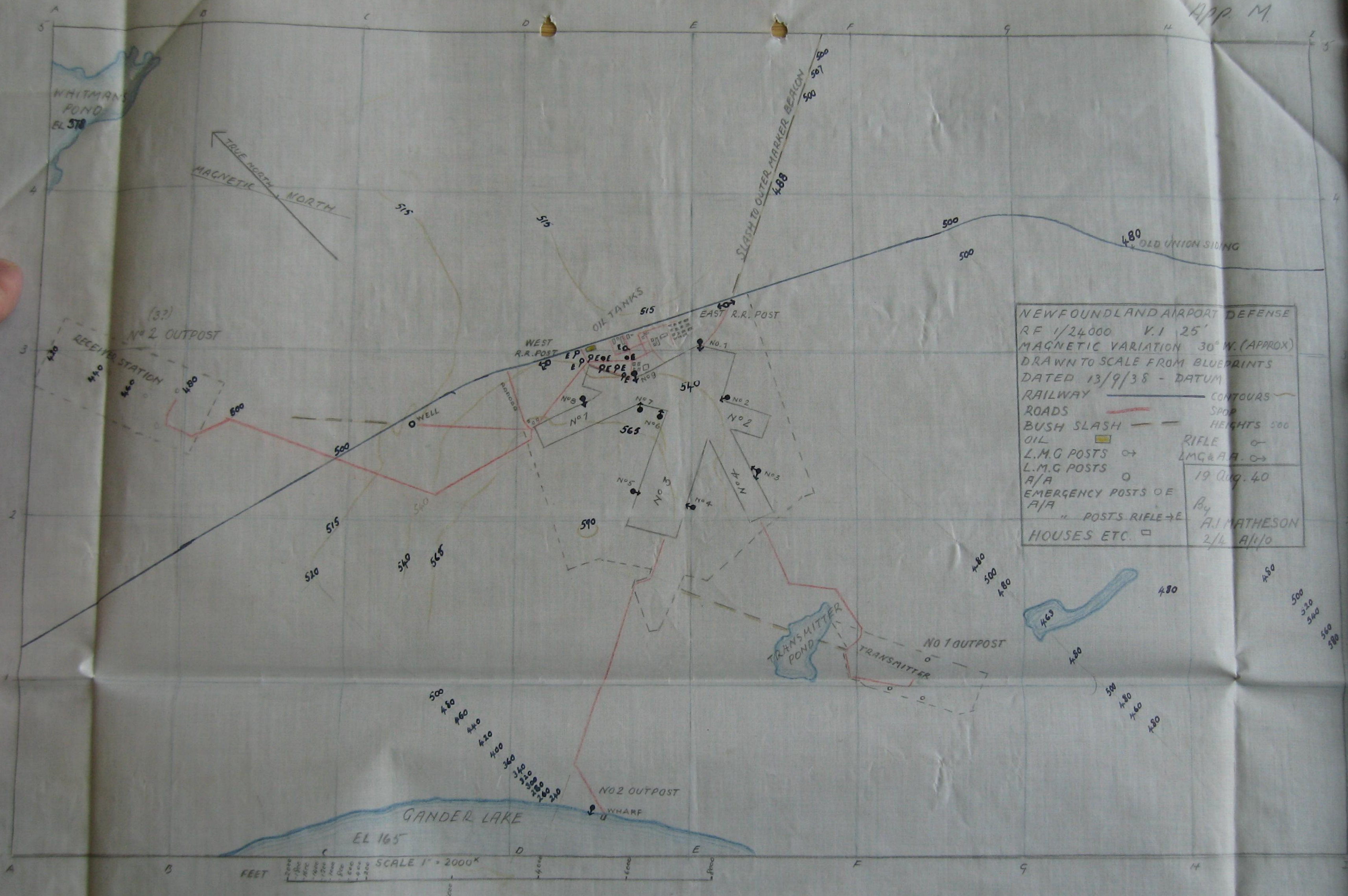


NOTRE DAME AREA
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SCALE 1 INCH = 200 YDS.

APP. M.



NEWFOUNDLAND AIRPORT DEFENSE
RF 1/24000 V.1 25'
MAGNETIC VARIATION 30° W. (APPROX)
DRAWN TO SCALE FROM BLUEPRINTS
DATED 13/9/38 - DATUM
RAILWAY ——— CONTOURS ———
ROADS ——— SPOT
BUSH SLASH ——— HEIGHTS 500
OIL ——— RIFLE ———
L.M.G. POSTS ——— LMG & A.A. ———
L.M.G. POSTS ———
A/A ———
EMERGENCY POSTS ———
A/A ———
POSTS RIFLE & E ———
HOUSES ETC. ———
19 Aug. 40
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