2nd Support Group reinforced from Brigadier Gott's 7th Support Group was redesignated Mobile Force on the 16th April. On the 6th May the Mobile Force was redesignated 7th Support Group.

7th Support Group's Operation Instruction No. 9 of the 9th May sets out the Order of Battle of 7th Support Group, the Columns (including NIRE and ROZE), 22nd Guards Brigade and the arriving 7th Armoured Brigade:

APPENDIX NO.....

SUPPORT GROUP OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.9. SECRET

COPY NO.....

Ref Map: MATRUH 1/100,000 9 May 1941

1. Information. Latest information suggests that the enemy may attempt to advance with light forces in order to secure SIDI BARRANI.

2. Intention. The Sp Gp will continue to observe the enemy and will delay any enemy advance.

3. Method. The Sp Gp will be constituted as shown below w.e.f. 12 May 1941.

4. H.Q.. H.Q. Support Group 7th Armd Div.
Signal Section.

5. Force Troops

(a) One Pl 2/R.B.
Two Tps 5 Aus A/Tk Bty
Det 141 Fd Pk Sqn R.E.
One Sqn 2 Lancers
One Sec 37 Lt A/A. Bty.
5 Coy R.A.S.C.
65 Coy R.A.S.C.
7 Aus Div Amn Coy A.A.S.C.
Corps Petrol Pk A.A.S.C.
13 Lt. Fd Amb Less Sec.
15 Lt. Fd Amb Less Sec.
Sp. Gp. L.R.S. and Rec Sec.
14 Lt A/A. W/Shops Sec.

CALI COLUMN

(b) 1/K.R.R.C. less two Coys.
One Tp "F" Bty 4/R.H.A.
"D" Bty 3/R.H.A. less two Tps.

6. 7 Armd Bde Gp.

(a) H.Q. and Sig Sec 7 Armd Bde.

11 H with one Sqn Royals and one Tp 38 Lt. A.A. under command.
2 R.T.R? Less one Sqn.
11 Cav (PAVO) less one Sqn.
6 Aus Div Cav Regt.
259 Bty 65 A/Tk Regt R.A.
Det 141 Fd Pk Sqn R.E.
Sec 13 Lt Fd Amb.
7 Armd Bde O.F.P.
One Bty 1 Lt A.A. Regt. (On about 13 May).

(b) H.Q. 4/R.H.A.

(i) One Sec & one Gun 38 Lt A.A. Bty

(ii) BEAM COLUMN.
"F" Bty 4/R.H.A. less one Tp.
"A" Coy 2/R.B.
One Tp 12 Aus A/Tk Bty.

(iii) PAUL COLUMN.
One Tp "C" Bty 4/R.H.A.
One Tp "D" Bty 4/R.H.A.
"A" Coy 1/K.R.R.C.

(iv) UVOR COLUMN.
"C" Bty 4/R.H.A. less One Tp.
One Tp "D" Bty 4/R.H.A.
"B" Coy 1/K.R.R.C.

7. <u>22 Guards Bde Group.</u>
H.Q. and Sig Sec 22 Gds Bde.
4 R.T.R. less one Sqn.
3 Coldm Gds.
2 S.Gds.
1 D.L.I.
31 Fd Regt R.A.
H.Q. and One Bty 2 Aus A/Tk Bty.
260 Bty 65 A/Tk Regt R.A.
H.Q. and One Tp 37 Lt A.A. Bty.
Sec 12 Fd Coy R.E.
"A" Coy 14 Fd Amb.

8. <u>Coast Group.</u>

(a) H.Q. 2/R.B. and "B" Coy.
H.Q. 8 Fd Regt R.A.
One Sqn 3 Hussars.
H.Q. 12 Aus A/Tk Bty.
H.Q. and One Tp 5 Aus A/Tk Bty.
Det 141 Fd Pk Sqn R.E.
Sec 15 Lt Fd Amb.
Sp Gp O.F.P.

(b) NIRE COLUMN.

W/X Bty 8 Fd Regt R.A.
"S" Coy 2/R.B.
One Tp 12 Aus A/Tk Bty.

(c) ROZE COLUMN.
V/A Bty 8 Fd Regt R.A.
"C" Coy 2/R.B.
One Tp 12 Aus A/Tk Bty.

9. Concentration areas.

(a) 7 Armd Bde Gp area HAMRA.
(b) 22 Gds Bde Gp area SOFAFI.
(c) Coast Gp area BUQBUQ.

10. Intercommunication.

Instr issued separately.

11. Concentration areas.

Adv H.Q. Sp Gp. 571336)
) from 1300 hrs 12 May.
Rear H.Q. Sp Gp. 566368)

12. Signals Layout. H.Q. Sp Gp will communicate on one set to:-

(a) H.Q. 7 Armd Bde.
(b) H.Q. 22 Gds Bde Gp.
(c) H.Q. Coast Gp.
(d) CALI Column.

13. Internal communication to be arranged by Gp H.Qs.

14. ACK Time of issue. 1200 hrs.
Method of issue L.O.

for Captain Hobart
Brigade Major

Distribution

7 Armd Bde	1.	W.D.F.	6.	Med.	11.
22 Gds Bde	2.	Comdr	7.	C.R.A.S.C.	12.
Coast Gp.	3.	C.R.A.	8.	Ord.	13.
CALI Col.	4.	C.R.E.	9.	File.	14.
11 H	5.	Q.	10.	War Diary.	15 – 16.

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