

# 1st Royal Marine Group, M.N.B.D.O. I

Situation as at 20 May 1941

H.Q. location: G.H.Q. M.E.F., Cairo

| Permanent Units/Units Regimented       | Location   | Under Command of                | Notes                       |
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| Advanced Grp H.Q, M.N.B.D.O. I         | Crete  | H.Q. CREFORCE                   |                             |
| <i>Group H.Q. Attached Troops</i>      |  |                                 |                             |
| 11th Battalion, R.M.                   | El Tahag   | H.Q. British Troops Egypt       |                             |
| <i>Anti-Aircraft Brigades</i>          |  |                                 |                             |
| Air Defence Brigade, M.N.B.D.O. I      | El Tahag camp  | 1st R.M. Group                  |                             |
| 1st A.A. Regiment, R.M.                | R.H.Q. and 'B' and 'D' Batteries at Abbassia; 22nd L.A.A. Battery at El Tahag                    | Air Defence Brigade, M.N.B.D.O. |                             |
| 'A' Battery, R.M.                      | Crete  | 2nd A.A. Regiment, R.M.         | attached                    |
| 'B' Battery, R.M.                      | moved from El Tahag to Abbassia, Cairo   | 1st A.A. Regiment, R.M.         |                             |
| 22nd L.A.A. Battery, R.M.              | El Tahag   | 1st A.A. Regiment, R.M.         |                             |
| 2nd A.A. Regiment, R.M.                | Crete  | Advanced Grp H.Q, M.N.B.D.O. I  |                             |
| 'C' Battery, R.M.                      | No.1 Section in Suda area, No.2 Section at Maleme, Battery less two sections at Heraklion, Crete | 2nd A.A. Regiment, R.M.         |                             |
| 'D' Battery, R.M.                      | moved from El Tahag to Abbassia, Cairo   | 1st A.A. Regiment, R.M.         |                             |
| 23rd L.A.A. Battery, R.M.              | Crete  | 2nd A.A. Regiment, R.M.         |                             |
| 11th Searchlight Regiment, R.M.        | Canea; 'S' Battery at Suda Bay, Crete  | Advanced Grp H.Q, M.N.B.D.O. I  |                             |
| 'R' Searchlight Battery, R.M.          | R.A.F. Spinney Wood, Moascar, Egypt  | 11th Searchlight Regiment, R.M. | as 'R' Battalion (infantry) |
| 'S' Searchlight Battery, R.M.          | Suda Bay, Crete  | 11th Searchlight Regiment, R.M. |                             |
| <i>Coast Defence Regiments</i>         |  |                                 |                             |
| 1st C.A. Brigade, R.M.                 | El Tahag   | 1st R.M. Group                  |                             |
| 'Devon' Battery, R.M.                  | El Tahag camp  | 1st C.A. Brigade, R.M.          |                             |
| 'Kent' Battery, R.M.                   | El Tahag camp  | 1st C.A. Brigade, R.M.          |                             |
| 'X' Battery, R.M.                      | Georgiopoulos, Crete   | Advanced Grp H.Q, M.N.B.D.O. I  |                             |
| 'Z' Battery, R.M.                      | Maleme, Crete  | Advanced Grp H.Q, M.N.B.D.O. I  |                             |
| A.M.T.B. Battery, R.M.                 | El Tahag camp  | 1st C.A. Brigade, R.M.          |                             |
| <i>Landing &amp; Maintenance Units</i> |  |                                 |                             |
| L&M Unit, R.M.                         | El Tahag Camp  | 1st R.M. Group                  |                             |
| Landing Company                        | withdrawing to Sphakia, Crete  | Advanced Grp H.Q, M.N.B.D.O. I  |                             |
| Transport Company                      | withdrawing to Sphakia; less elements at El Tahag and Haifa                                      | Advanced Grp H.Q, M.N.B.D.O. I  |                             |
| Workshop Company                       | El Tahag   | L&M Unit, R.M.                  | less detachment in Crete    |
| det. Workshop Company                  | Crete  | Advanced Grp H.Q, M.N.B.D.O. I  |                             |
| Boat Company                           | El Tahag; less detachment for Crete  | L&M Unit, R.M.                  |                             |