

Indian Division (4 Ind 5 Bn. regular Bns) the Remainder
 Division a certain number of 1 Tanks with the
 4th N.Z. Bde in Reserve, ~~the latter~~ also a small
 force of under 2 Bns from the Matruh garrison.
 Counting in Bns only & excluding us as we
 didn't get in - 13 Bns (2 with the Arm'd D.) eqpt
 41 on the tanks & other arms in preparation.
 If they had kept the initiative & attacked, we'd
 have had more trouble.

Our splendid Remainder Division,
 formidable Humans in light tanks, R. Tank Corps
 in Currier tanks had maintained practical
 command of all the ground outside the Italian
 Camps & so surprise was possible. But
 it was necessary for the force to lie up all
 Sunday - a damned cold day - hiding within
 striking distance & thanks to perfect discipline
 & staff work & good air co-operation, this was
 done.

Then the attack came in at dawn
 eqpt the rear of Malletti's group on the D. right,
 while the Arm'd Division seems to have driven
 past the rear of the 3 forward Divs direct
 for the coast. Malletti's was killed & his force
 destroyed or captured & the infantry pushed
 north to Sidi Barrani which was taken by
 attack from the West and some sharp fighting
 the battalion attacked without any support
 & had heavy casualties. The enemy seems to
 have fought - up to a point - but they caned