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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
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SUBJECT: Administrative Control of the Bologna Area

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1. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY:

The Fifth Army City Command Section is designated as the unit to assume military administrative control of the Bologna city area (see attached overlay) and will assume such control at a time designated by this Headquarters when the tactical situation permits. This Section will be the sole authority for allocation of areas and facilities for military personnel and installations within this area. A key plan (Supplement to this letter) has been prepared for this occupation and distribution is being made to units and services immediately concerned.

2. OCCUPATION BY TROOPS:

Initially, and until such time as changes are made by this Headquarters, the Bologna area will be "off limits" to all troops except that:

a. Tactical units designated by this Headquarters on troop list furnished by A. C. of S., G-3, will be permitted to pass through or operate in the Bologna area as required.

b. Service units designated by this Headquarters on troop list furnished by A. C. of S., G-4, will be permitted to pass through or operate within the Bologna area as required.

c. Units will be designated by this Headquarters through A. C. of S., G-3, or A. C. of S., G-4, as troops to be permanently located within Bologna area.

d. General Officers may enter Bologna area or circulate within the Bologna area at any time without passes or placards.

e. All other military personnel having official business requiring entry into the Bologna area will furnish A. C. of S., G-4, this Headquarters, information as to necessity for such a trip in order to obtain a pass for entry. This will be the only agency authorized to issue such passes.

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3. OCCUPATION PROCEDURE:

Units designated by this Headquarters to occupy bivouacs or premises within Bologna area will:

a. After obtaining authorization, contact Real Estate Officer, City

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Command Section, to obtain information and recommendations as to suitable locations.

b. Check with S-2, City Command Section, as to information regarding mines or booby-traps in the area. Make a reconnaissance and inspection of the premises recommended. Unless positively assured to the contrary, consider all premises as probably containing mines and/or booby-traps. If inspection indicates presence of mines or booby-traps, mark or tape area and arrange with Engineer, City Command Section, for clearance.

c. Report to City Command Section that premises or area is satisfactory and accomplish necessary requisitioning papers.

d. Place in a conspicuous place, preferably the entrance, the identity card issued by the Real Estate Section upon approval of occupancy of such premises.

e. Register all vehicles with Provost Marshal, City Command Section, who will issue a placard of identity for each vehicle.

f. Obtain sufficient individual Bologna pass forms for all personnel to be located in the area.

4. CIVIL AFFAIRS.

a. Allied Military Government will be the responsible unit for the control of civilian activities, except that civilian problems related to functions of City Command Section will be considered by the latter on request of AMG.

b. AMG will establish regulations preventing civilians from entering Bologna unless employed or to be employed by a military unit operating in the city. This regulation will remain in effect until further notice.

5. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. All units and individuals are reminded that looting is a serious military offense. Buildings and grounds will not be occupied, nor will contents be removed except by approved requisitioning procedures. Unit commanders will take necessary action to prevent looting by any members of their commands.

b. With few exceptions, all buildings within the old city will be assigned for occupancy only after actual reconnaissance has determined bomb or other damages incurred and on a priority set up by this Headquarters.

c. All areas will be checked periodically by the Provost Marshal to determine that occupancy of buildings or premises within the area is authorized.

d. The hours of curfew will be from 2000 to 0600 hours. Both civilians and military personnel on streets after curfew without authority will be apprehended by the Military Police. Curfew is subject to change as the local situation improves.

e. Military personnel will utilize only authorized dumps for the disposal of garbage. These dumps will be established by Surgeon, City Command Section, after a reconnaissance of the area has been made. Military sanitation regulations will be strictly followed.

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f. Only vehicles bearing the identity placard (see paragraph 3 c) and those referred to in paragraph 2 will be permitted to circulate within the city area. All other vehicles will be restricted to main supply routes in passing through the Bologna area, all of which routes will be distinctly marked as such.

g. Units stationed in Bologna will contact Message Center, City Command Section, daily.

h. Standard Signal Procedure on inter-unit communications will prevail.

i. Unit commanders concerned will be responsible that these policies are brought to the attention of their commands.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL TRUSCOTT:

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1. Overlay, Bologna Area Boundary.

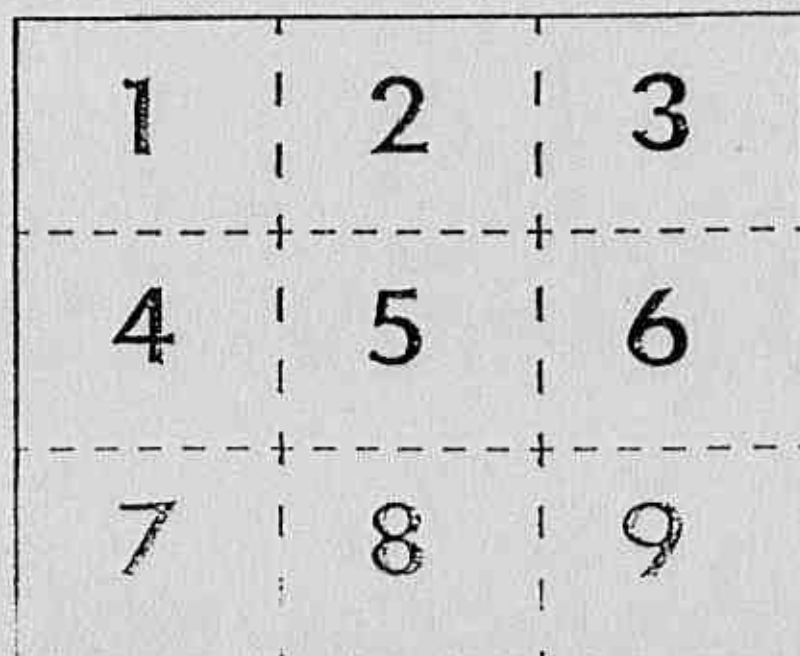
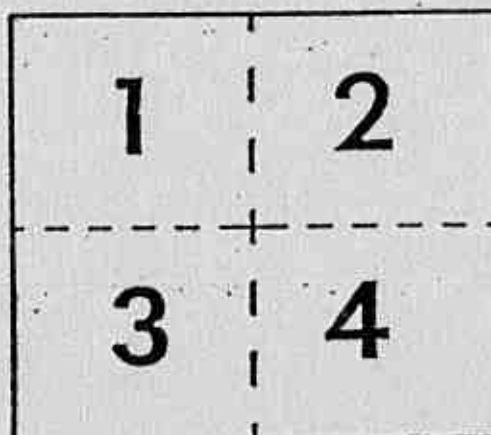
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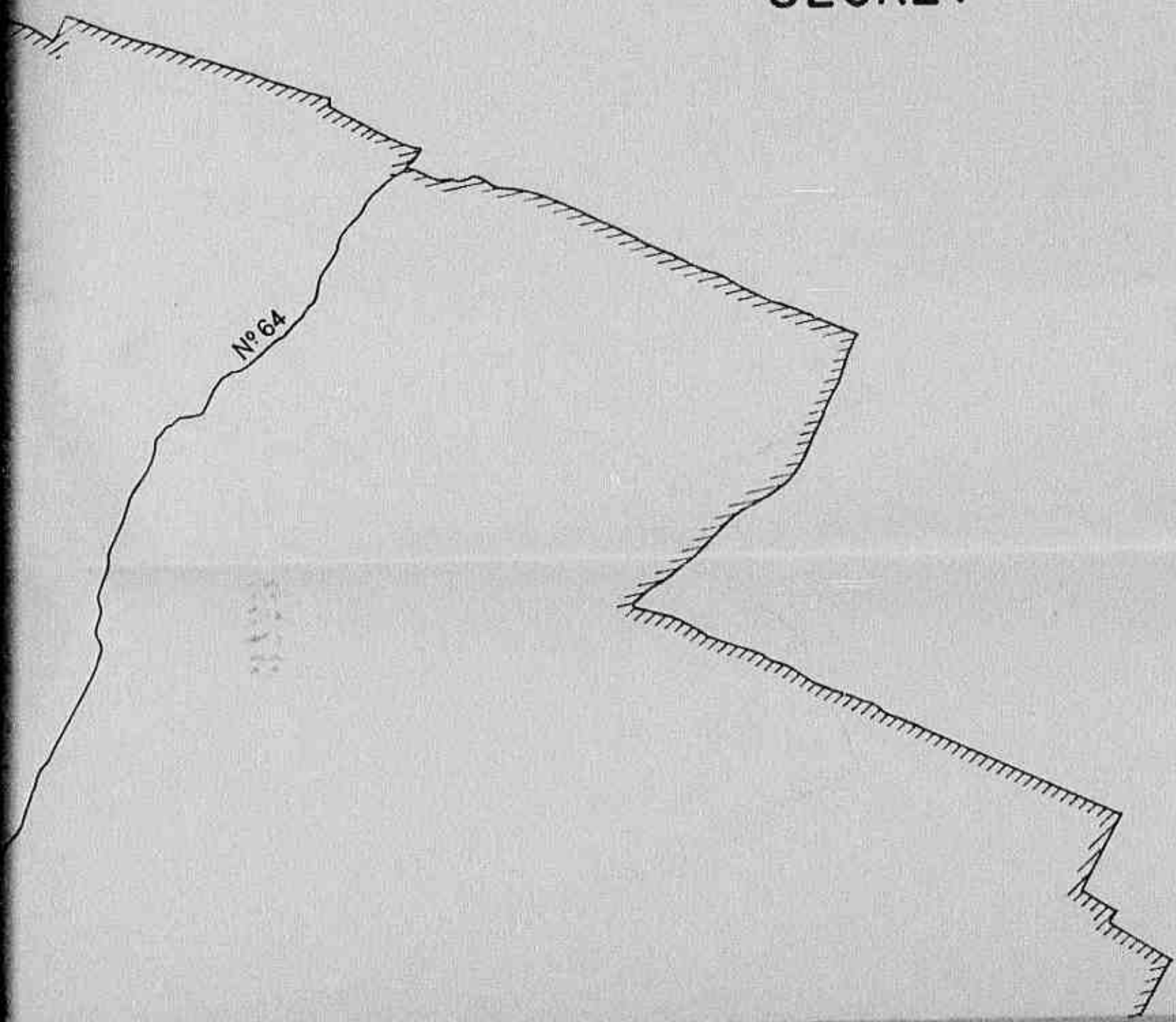
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A hand-drawn sketch of a polygonal area, possibly representing a plot of land or a boundary. The area is defined by a solid line, and its perimeter is marked with diagonal hatching. The label '№64' is written near the top-left corner of the polygon. The sketch is located in the lower-left portion of the page, below the 'SECRET' stamp.

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BOLOGNA AREA BOUNDARY

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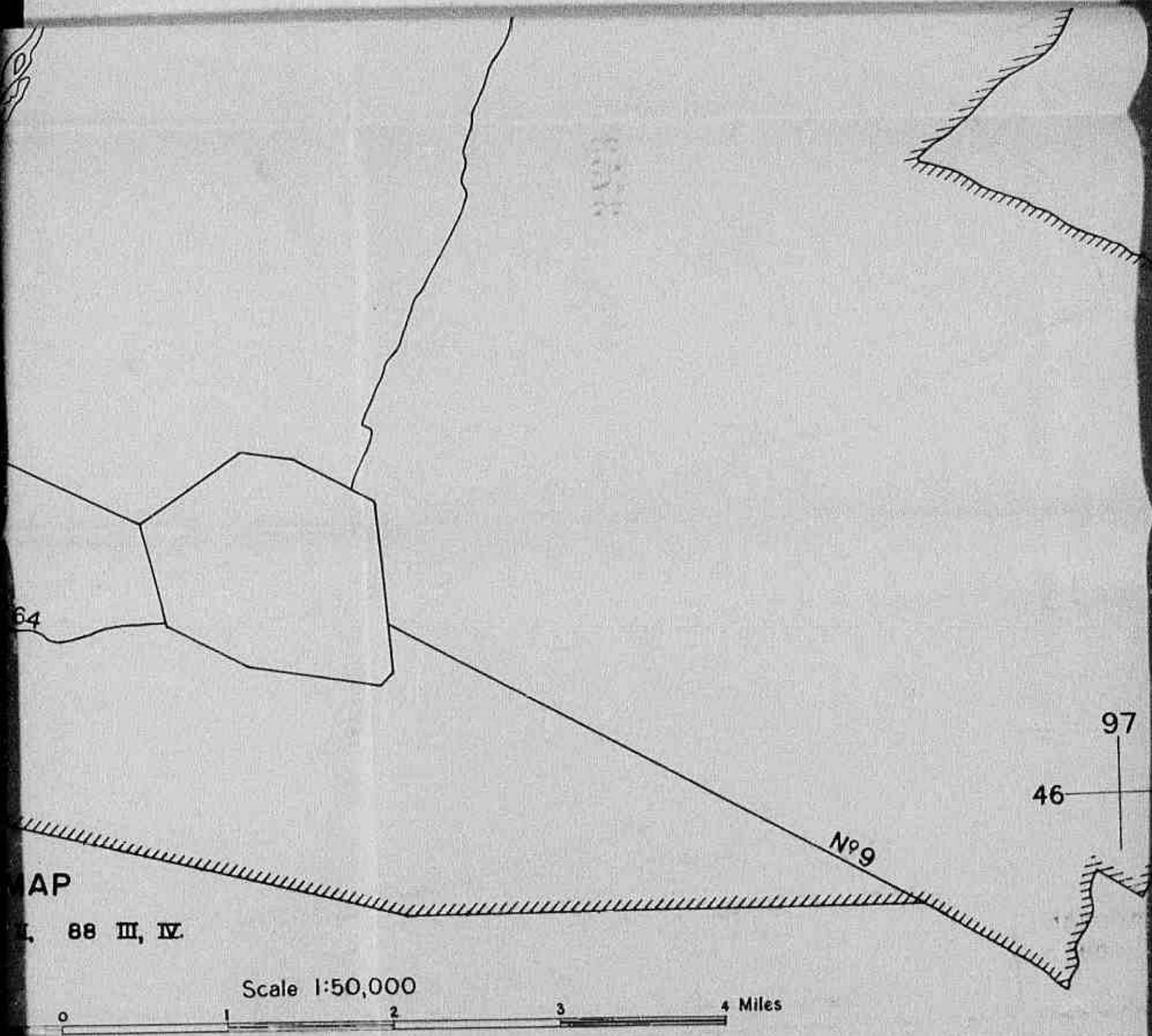
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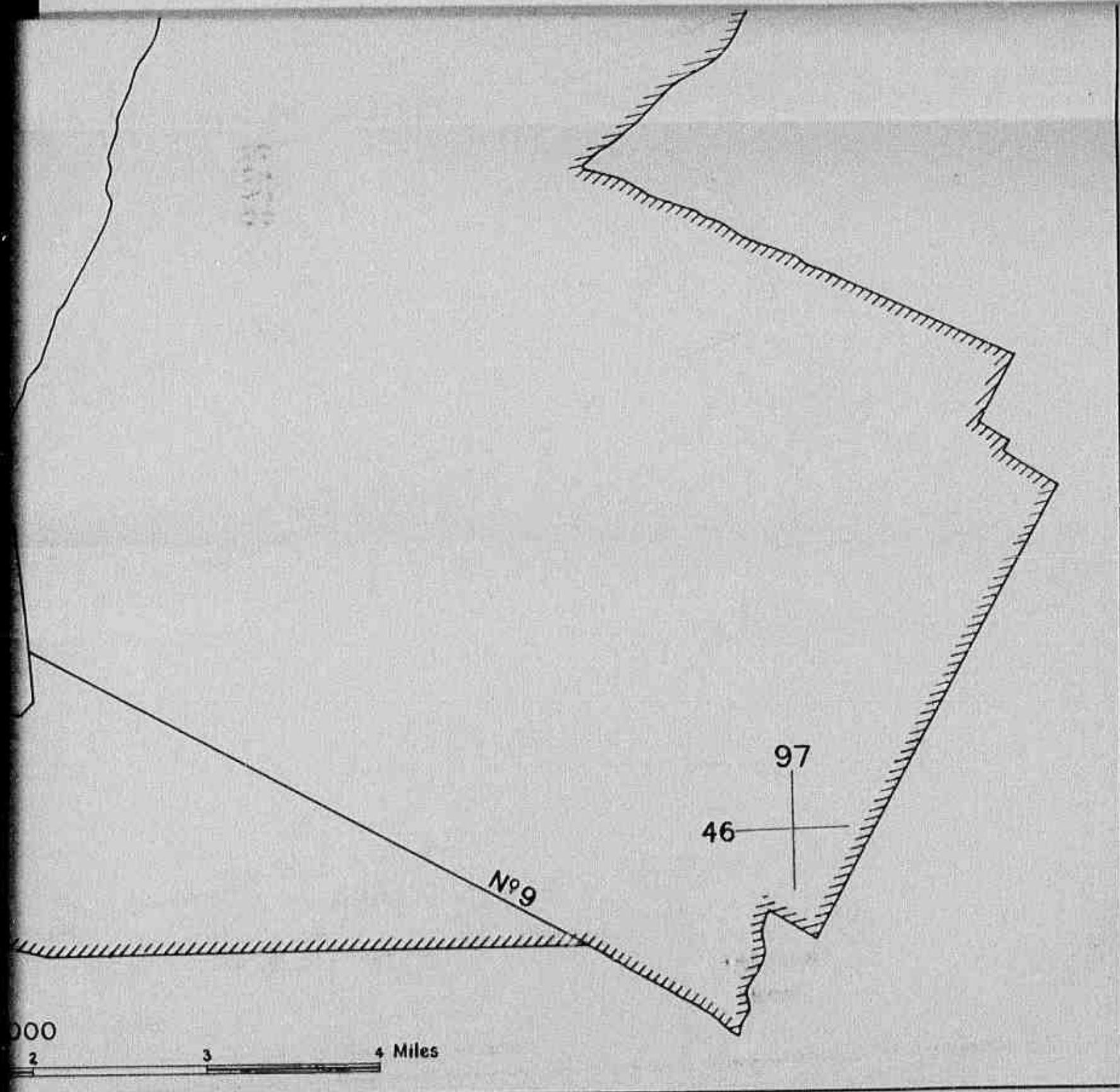
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