

SELECTION OF DEFINED LIMITED AREAS

The files of geographical names are based on the British War Office maps sold openly from the 1940s. There are 38 sheets which concern Ethiopia within its borders of the late 1990s.

Each *full map code* of the form 000xx denotes a square of land covering 10 sq km. With 3x3 adjacent codes an area of 90 sq km is covered, and there are many other combinations to choose from. (Later codes exist e.g. in the Gazetteer from USA, but as the work was started from the British maps their codes have been kept throughout for the sake of uniformity.)

A series of codes all beginning with the same *three-letter combination* with figures from 00 to 99 added will cover $100 \times 100 = 10\,000$ sq km - if the series is complete, but many of them fall partly outside the borders of Ethiopia.

From the files sorted in order *by codes* one can extract all names from a limited part of Ethiopia for closer study. Any *connected* selection of 10x10 km elements can be created if one observes that the three-letter part of the map codes occur in the following order over Ethiopia as a whole:

HFH HFL HFM
HFB HFC HFD HFE HFF JFA JFB
HEP HER HES HET HEU JEN JEP JER
HEG HEH HEJ HEK HEL HEM JEG JEH JEJ JEK
GEF HEA HEB HEC HED HEE HEF JEA JEB JEC JED
GDT GDU HDN HDP HDR HDS HDT HDU JDN JDP JDR JDS
GDL GDM HDG HDH HDJ HDK HDL HDM JDG JDH JDJ JDK JDL
GDD GDE GDF HDA HDB HDC HDD HDE HDF JDA JDB JDC JDD JDE JDF KDA KDB
GCS GCT GCU HCN HCP HCR HCS HCT HCU JCN JCP JCR JCS JCT JCU KCN KCP KCR KCS
GCL GCM HCG HCH HCJ HCK HCL HCM JCG JCH JCJ JCK JCL JCM KCG KCH KCJ
GCF HCA HCB HCC HCD HCE HCF JCA JCB JCC JCD JCE JCF KCA KCB
HBN HBP HBR HBS HBT HBU JBN JBP JBR JBS JBT JBU KBN
HBJ HBK HBL HBM JBG JBH JBJ JBK
HBE HBF

Map square numbers are neighbours of each other as follows:

99 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 90
89 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 80
79 70 71 78 79 70
69 60 61 68 69 60
59 50 51 58 59 50
49 40 41 48 49 40
39 30 31 38 39 30
29 20 21 28 29 20
19 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 10
09 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 00
next:
90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99

The sheets of the War Office maps which contain something of Ethiopia have the following titles, in order from south-west to north-east:

NB 36/2 Akobo	ND 37/5 Macalle
NC 36/5 Nasir	ND 37/2 Asmara
NB 36/6 Lokitaung	NA 37/3 El Wak
NB 36/3 Magi	NB 37/6 Filtu
NC 36/6 Gore	NB 37/3 Ghimir
NC 36/3 Asosa	NC 37/6 Dire Daua
ND 36/6 Dinder	NC 37/3 Abbe
NA 37/1 Rudolf	ND 37/6 Lake Giulietti
NB 37/4 Stefanie	ND 37/3 Mersa Fatma
NB 37/1 Soddu	NB 38/4 Dolo
NC 37/4 Lechemti	NB 38/1 El Fud
NC 37/1 Debra Marcos	NC 38/4 Harar
ND 37/4 Gondar	NC 38/1 Jibuti
ND 37/1 Kassala	ND 38/4 Assab
NA 37/2 Moyale	NB 38/5 Belet Uen
NB 37/5 Neghelli	NB 38/2 Gabredarre
NB 37/2 Dalle	NC 38/5 Odweina
NC 37/5 Addis Abeba	NB 38/3 Rocca Littorio
NC 37/2 Dessie	NC 38/6 Yagare