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HQ 2 Cdn Div
25 Aug 42

EXERCISE INSTRUCTION

2 Cdn Div - EXERCISE FLOOSIE

1. Exercise FLOOSIE for 5 Cdn Inf Bde will take place on 1 Sep in accordance with instructions already issued in this HQ letter 2DS(G) 4-1-0-5 dated 30 Jul 42.
2. Brig., Whitehead will direct the exercise and 5 Cdn Inf Bde will be commanded by a unit comd to be detailed by him.
3. Umpires
 - (a) Umpires, Umpires tpt and Neutral Sigs will be found as laid down in Appx "A" over. Units supplying umpires will also supply their Tpt.
 - (b) Umpires will be required to report for briefing at HQ 2 Cdn Div at 1600 hrs on 31 Aug after which they will report direct to allotted units.
 - (c) Full details of umpire duties and reports will be given at the briefing.
4. Control, which will also represent Div HQ and 4 - 6 Cdn Inf Bdes, will be located at HQ 5 Cdn Inf Bde who will arrange for their accomodation and messing.
5. Should any officer detailed at Appx "A" not now be available a suitable substitute will be found by the unit concerned and the name of the substitute notified to this HQ forthwith.
6. The exercise will commence at 0900 hrs on 1 Sep by which time 5 Cdn Inf Bde will arrange to have all HQ in posn in accordance with the opening situation which will be issued later.
7. In addition to communication required in Appx "A" Sigs will also provide a link between HQ 5 Cdn Inf Bde and control representing Div.
8. Orders of 5 Cdn Inf Bde will be forwarded to this HQ by 1700 hrs, 28 Aug
9. Attention of all concerned is directed to SIGNAL TRG (ALL ARMS) Pamphlet No. 5 Signal Procedure 1942.

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DISTRIBUTION:

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APPX "A"

Name	Appointment	Unit responsible for supply	Transport	Ration1 accommodation	Communication	Remarks
Lt.-col., A.C. Clayton	Chief Umpire	HQ 2 Cdn Div	1 Car	5 Cdn Inf Bde	1 #9 Set Div Sigs 3 DRs 5 Cdn Inf Bde	#9 Set and DRs to report to control 2000 hrs 31 Aug
1 Offr name to be notified	Pool Umpire	4 Fd Regt	1 5 cwt 4x4	"		
Capt. A.E. Sayers	Pool Umpire	Sigs 2 Cdn Div	"	"		
Capt. P.N. Russell*	Bde Sr. Umpire	4 Fd Regt	1 5 cwt 4x4	"	1 #9 Set Div Sigs 2 DRs 5 Cdn Inf Bde	#9 Set and DRs to report to 5 Cdn Inf Bde 2000 hrs 31 Aug
Lieut. H.B. Burnett*	Asst Bde Umpire	Tor Scot R (MG)	"	"		
*Note:- These offrns will also represent Sqdn Recce Regt, Regt Fd ^{Arty} duty, Bty A/Tk, Bty L AA, Coy MG., as required.						
1 Offr name to be notified	Umpire R H C	Tor Scot R (NG)	1 5 cwt 4x4	R H C	1 #9 Set Div Sigs 2 DRs 5 Cdn Inf Bde	#9 Set and DRs to report to R H C 2000 hrs 31 Aug
Lieut. W.B. Ohrt	"	3 Lt AA	"	"		
1 Offr name to be notified	"	3 Cdn Recce R (14H)	"	"		
Lieut. A.R. Pettigrew	Umpire Calg Highrs	11 A Fd Regt	"	Calg Highrs	1 #9 Set Div Sigs 2 DRs 5 Cdn Inf Bde	#9 Set and DRs to report to Calg Highrs 2000 hrs 31 Aug
Lieut. J.P. Primeau	"	RCASC	"	"		
Lieut. F.A. Tremblay	"	2 Fd Coy RCE	"	"		
Capt. D.W. Blythe	Umpire R de Mais	4 Fd Regt	"	R de Mais	1 #9 Set Div Sigs 2 Drs 5 Cdn Inf Bde	#9 Set and DRs to report to R de Mais 2000 hrs 31 Aug
Lieut. S.A. Bournes.	"	3 Lt AA	"	"		
Lieut. F.H. Ward	"	11 A Fd Regt	"	"		

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R.de Mais
Calg Highrs
5 Cdn Fd Regt
20 Cdn A Tk Bty
17 L.A.A. Bty
18 Cdn Fd Amb
8 Cdn Recce R (14H)
Tor Scot R

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Exercise STRANGLEHOLD and FLOOZIE

1. The following is the proposed time table for this exercise:

- 25 Aug 42 (1530 hrs) Meeting of bde syndicate and
issuing of conds. appreciation.
- 28 Aug 42 Bde orders issued.
- 30 Aug 42 Bn orders to be at bde H.Q.
- 1 Sep 42 Signal Exercise "FLOOZIE".

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APPRECIATION OF 5 CDN INF BDE TASK

BY

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at BOULOGNE at 1400 hrs on 18 Aug. 42.

OBJECT

1. To land and seize and hold the TANGMERE GP of aerodromes.

FACTORS

2. Beaches - All beaches in the brhead are suitable for the landing of the bde at all tides. Therefore, I have to decide whether I land my bde all at one place or at different places.
3. Ground - Is flat and cut up by streams. The fields and roads are lined with hedges and trees making it difficult to get a good view of the country, or to obtain a good field of fire. Therefore, small bodies of determined tps could considerably delay any adv. I shall also have to be careful how and where I use my sqn of recce regt as the streams appear to be M.T. obstacles.
4. Communications - There are four rds which I can use to reach my objective:
 - (a) MIDDLETON - YAPTON - BARNHAM rd. - This rd is first class and according to latest reports there are no tps to be overcome until I reach my objective. If I use this rd I should land vicinity of MIDDLETON which is a good landing beach.
 - (b) BOGNOR - REGIS - WESTERGATE Rd - This rd is first class and is the shortest in distance to the objective. The disadvantage is BOGNOR - REGIS itself which may be congested with Div tps and wreckage from bombing.
 - (c) BOGNOR - REGIS - O Ving rd. This rd is first class to rd junc 341226, then it narrows considerably. It is a comparatively short route to the objective and also has the disadvantage mentioned in (b) above of BOGNOR - REGIS.
 - (d) ALDWICK - NORTH MUNDHAM Rd - This rd is first class and leads directly to the aerodrome at MERSTON. If I use this rd I will have to tackle the MERSTON aerodrome first.

From the above, I deduce that the rds best suited to my use are (a), (b) and possibly (c). Therefore I must land at BOGNOR REGIS and a beach in the vic of MIDDLETON.

5. Strength of Enemy Forces - The enemy have much greater forces available than I have but it will take some time to launch them in the attack. The immediate enemy tps are estimated at one R.A.F. Regt holding the aerodromes and one bde in GOODWOOD PARK only a short distance from the aerodromes. The enemy strength is considerable. Therefore, speed and aggressive action is essential and I must attain my object before these tps have time to organize and counter-attack.
6. Strength of own tps - Tps at my disposal are:

3 Inf bns
 1 Sqn recce regt
 1 Regt fd arty
 1 Bty A Tk
 1 Bty L.A.A.
 1 Coy M.Gs

I cannot expect much help from 4 and 6 bdes as they have quite a big task in making the first landing and will be fully occupied in organizing the brhead. I can count also on a certain amount of support from the remainder of the Div arty.

7. Aircraft - I can count on air superiority in the brhead and on any F & B support I require. Therefore, I must make full use of the air in overcoming any resistance which I may encounter.
8. Time and Space - The enemy has many tps at his disposal in the vicinity of the TANGMERE GP. Therefore, I must move rapidly and attain my object before he has time to organize these tps against me. I estimate that it will take two hours for the bde at GOODWOOD to launch a co-ordinated attack against me on the TANGMERE aerodromes.

COURSES OPEN TO THE ENEMY

9. To defend the aerodromes with the R.A.F. Regt and to hold the bde at GOODWOOD in res.

Advantages - GOODWOOD Bde would be available to counter-attack me once my plan of operation was disclosed.

Disadvantages - The brhead might be formed and stronger forces landed which GOODWOOD Bde could not deal with.

10. Move the GOODWOOD Bde down to protect the aerodromes, dispersing one bn to each aerodrome.

Advantage - Strength on each aerodrome.

Disadvantages - No reserves and dispersion of forces. Leaves the DOWNS open to paratp landings.

11. Move the GOODWOOD Bde to a concentration area SOUTH of the aerodromes between the aerodromes and the sea.

Advantages - Available to take on any threat before it reaches the objective.

Disadvantages - Leaves the DOWNS free for paratp landings.

12. The R.A.F. Regt to remain protecting the aerodrome and the GOODWOOD Bde counter-attacking 6 Bde.

Advantages - Would hit 6 Bde while it was weak and not reorganized.

Disadvantages - Would leave the all important TANGMERE GP without sufficient protection.

13. I consider that the enemy is ~~not~~ ^{most} likely to adopt the course as in para 9.

COURSES OPEN TO OWN TPS

14. To attack the three aerodromes at the same time with one bn on each.

Advantages - Speed in attacking all aerodromes at once.

Disadvantages - Dispersion of forces. No res. Could be defeated in detail.

15. Two bns attacking TANGMERE AERODROME, one bn attacking MERSTON AERODROME.

Advantages - Bde not dispersed as bn attacking MERSTON could both contain it and act as a bde res.

Disadvantages - Will take longer to execute and hence will give enemy a longer time to prepare his counter-attack.

16. Concentrate the bde on either TANGMERE or MERSTON.

Advantages - Good concentration of forces. Everything in hand to carry out the one task.

Disadvantages - Will take longer to attain the object

17. Conclusions - I feel that two bns are sufficient to deal with TANGMERE and the res bn would be well placed in the vicinity of COLWORTH 3422. The advantages and disadvantages of courses in para 15 and 16 are equal and therefore I will adopt a combination of these two plans using the Recce Sqn to watch the left flank and contain MERSTON and any forces in the CHICHESTER area.

PLAN

18. Recce Sqn, two bns and M.G. Coy will land at BOGNOR-REGIS. The third bn will land at ATHERINGTON. The task of the Recce Sqn will be to contain MERSTON AERODROME and to cover the left flank.

One bn will move on the axis BOGNOR-REGIS - WOODGATE - ADDINGBOURNE and attack TANGMERE.

One bn will move on the axis BOGNOR-REGIS - COLWORTH 3422 and will be prepared to attack either TANGMERE or MERSTON.

M.G. Coy will move with this bn and will be prepared to assist in the reorganization of TANGMERE once it has been captured and will also watch the NORTH for a counter-attack from the GOODWOOD bde.

One bn will move on the axis ATHERINGTON - YAPTON - EASTERGATE and will attack TANGMERE AERODROME.

One fd regt of arty will land at ATHERINGTON and will take up posns to support the bn attack on TANGMERE, MERSTON and, if possible, WESTHAMPNETT.

On the capture of TANGMERE AERODROME, MERSTON will be the next objective.