

War Diary

Appx VI

APP 6

SECRET

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20th Feb 42.

1 R.H.C.
OPERATION INSTRUCTION No.5
(Sheet 134 & 135-1"to mile)

General

- 1 RHC Operation Instruction No.5 replaces and cancels 1 Liverpool Scottish Operation Instruction No.1 dated June 1941 and 1 RHC Special Operations Instruction dated 9 Jan 1942.

Information

- Enemy- At any time, the enemy may carry out an invasion of this country; he is certain to make a maximum effort and therefore the use of gas is highly probable.
- Own Troops - 5 Cdn Inf Bde is responsible for a sector covering from excl. CUCKMERE RIVER to incl. HASTINGS. The adjacent Bdes. are: 6 Cdn Inf Bde on the right, 137 Inf Bde on the left and 4 Cdn Inf Bde in rear and in reserve. Within the Bde Sector R de MAIS. will be on the left and CALG. HIGHRS. in rear and in reserve.
- Additional Troops under Command- On "STAND TO" or "ACTION STATIONS" the following tps come under command 5 Cdn Inf Bde
 - 5 Cdn Fd Regt RCA
 - 18 A/Tk Bty RCA
 - 20 A/Tk Bty RCA
 - "D" Coy Tor. Scots R.(M.G.)
 All the tps, incl. H.G. remaining in the Bde sector after "STAND TO" and "ACTION STATIONS" come under direct command 5 Cdn Inf Bde.

INTENTION

- 1 RHC with tps under command will oppose invasion by occupying certain defended localities as laid down in att. trace(Appx."A").

METHOD

- There will be NO WITHDRAWAL.
- 1 RHC with, under command:
 - "E" Tp A/Tk RCA
 - "F" Tp A/Tk RCA
 - 15 Pl. Tor. Scots R.(M.G.)
 All tps incl. H.G. remaining on the Downs after "STAND TO" or "ACTION STATIONS".
 with, in support 5 Fd. Bty, RCA
 will occupy posns as shown on trace(Appx "A")
- Their role will be:
 - To oppose invasion by holding their present posns to the last man and the last round.
 - An anti-parachute role as shown on att. trace(Appx "B").
- The Arty under command and in support will assist in the role of 1 RHC of defending the Downs against airborne landings. The primary task of 5 Fd Bty will include A/Tk fire; their secondary task will be against enemy beach landings.
- 20(Hailsham) Bn H.G. will man their normal posns including posns in WILLINGDON, POLEGATE, EASTDEAN. 11 Pl.(WILLINGDON) will come under command "D" Coy 1 RHC

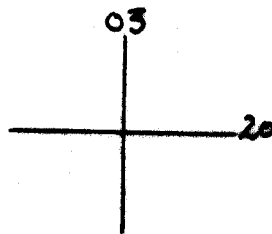
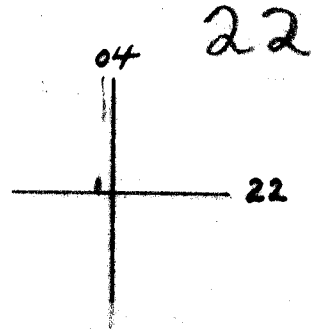
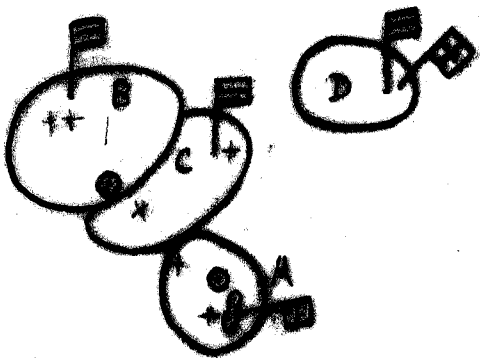
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APPX 'A'

1 RHC OP INSTR No 5

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REF MAP $\frac{1}{25000}$



- LEGEND -

+ 2 PR 9/TK GUN

⊙ SEC VMG

8 TP 25 PR GUNS

APPX 'B'
IRDC OP INSTR NO 5
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REF MAP 1" to 1 MILE

