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1 R.H.C.
OPERATION ORDER No. 9
ACTION AGAINST HOSTILE RAIDS

Ref. maps-O.S. 1" to 1 mile Sheets 132.133

INFORMATION

1. ENEMY

- (a) Raids may be attempted in the Bde area either for destructive or recce purposes.
- (b) Raids may be airborne, seaborne or a combination of both. Getaway will be attempted almost certainly by sea.
- (c) The most probable objectives are:-
 - (1) Radiolocation stations
 - (2) Naval or army plotting rooms
 - (3) Coast arty.
 - (4) Aerodromes.

2. ADV. WARNING

- (a) Warning may be received from various sources but small craft may reach our shores undetected.
- (b) Warning of an airborne raid will not be more definite than the normal air raid alert.
- (c) Warning agencies are:-
 - (1) Home Guard
 - (2) Coast guard
 - (3) Police
 - (4) Royal Observer corps
 - (5) S.L. & A.A. Sites.
- (d) The normal channel for information is from 5 Cdn Inf Bde H.Q. to units of Tangmere Sector.

3. COMMAND

- (a) All personnel including H.G. in Tangmere Sector are under comd. 5 Cdn Inf Bde for operations.
- (b) "A" & "C" Coys 8 (Sussex) Bn H.G. will be in support of R.H.C. for operations with the exception of one Pl. at the Causeway 291159 which will be under command 1 R.H.C.

INTENTION

- 4. 1 R.H.C. and tps under command will destroy any enemy raiding parties in the sector.

METHOD

5. Degree of Readiness

- (a) A mobile column is detailed as an inlying picquet from one hour before dark to one hour after daylight each night. This force is confined to their billets and will be ready to move on ten minutes notice.
- (b) Remainder of Bn will be prepared to move within one hour of receiving the alarm.
- (c) The composition of the inlying picquet is as detailed in 1 RHC operation Order No. 8 dated 5 Oct 1942.
- (d) In addition to the inlying picquet, 30% of Nos. 1, 2 and 6 Platoons will be in billets at all times during the hours of darkness.

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METHOD(Continued)

6. Seaborne Raids

In order to fulfill the intention, two plans will be outlined one of which will be put into action depending upon the length of warning given.

7. Plan 1 - Where warning is given

- (a) 1 RHC will take up positions as shown on trace "A" attached.
- (b) O.C. "B" Echelon will send two empty 30 cwt trucks to "C" Coy area (as shown on the trace) as soon as "B" echelon has arrived in their position and within two hours of receiving the alarm. These trucks together with "C" Coy's trucks will make this coy completely mobile.

8. Plan 11 - Where no warning is given

1 RHC will take up positions as shown on trace "B" attached.

9. Artillery

- (a) One bty 5 Fd Regt will occupy position nightly with the following tasks:-

One tp Task D.F.1(Main)28881140

D.F.2(alternative)27631232

- (b) Rate of fire will be 5 min. intense. Thereafter as called for by F.O.O. with left fwd company.

- (c) F.O.O. will report nightly to O.C. RHC detached force at Selsey Bill.

10. A.A.

On receipt of code word all A.A. guns will be manned. Should a gun be put out of action, the crew will join the nearest infantry locality.

11. HOME GUARD

8 Bn (Sussex) H.G. will man positions as per trace "A" attached on receipt of code word.

12. STATIC UNITS

All static units in the area will be prepared to take offensive action but will not be diverted from their primary tasks until they can no longer perform them.

13. DEMOLITIONS

There will be no demolitions except on direct orders from this H.Q.

14. MANNING OF POSNS

In the event of a raid it must be remembered that speed is essential. Coy and Detail Comds will see that action is carried out with the utmost vigour.

• INTERCOMMUNICATION

15. (a) Bn H.Q. will be at

(1) Earnley Grange 259168 for Plan 1

(2) Present posn rd junc 229169 for Plan 11.

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INTERCOMMUNICATION(Continued)

- (b)The raid alarm code word will be BUGBEAR followed by the locality in which the raid is expected, e.g. BUGBEAR SELSEY BILL.
- (c)The coded alarm will be initiated to this H.Q. by any Officer not below the rank of Coy Commander or A/Coy Comd.
- (d)This H.Q. will inform sub-units whether Plan 1 or Plan 11 is to be carried out.
- (e)The coded alarm will be cancelled by the message "Cancel Bugbear" followed by the name of the locality concerned.
- (f)The alarm message will not be used for practices.

16. REPORTS

Reports of enemy raid action will be sent by quickest means possible to this H.Q. giving the following information:-

- (1)Type and estimated strength of raiding party
- (2)Fate of raiding party.
- (3)Casualties to own troops
- (4)Casualties to enemy troops including prisoners
- (5)Damage done by enemy
- (6)Times action commenced and finished.

17. WIRELESS

All wireless sets will go on listening watch on receipt of code word.

18. Passing of alarm code word

In the event of a raid RHC will pass the code word to local H.G. and Coast Guard Stations, Selsey.

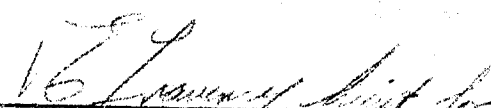
19. G.P.O. PHONES

A list of G.P.O. phone numbers is attached as appendix "A"

ADMINISTRATION

20. Administration instructions are attached, as appendix "B"

21. ACK.


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 Officer Commanding, 1st Bn The
 Black Watch (RHR) of Canada,
 Overseas.

DISTRIBUTION

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|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. "A" Coy | 11. T.O. |
| 2. "B" Coy | 12. Sigs. |
| 3. "C" Coy | 13. Q.M. |
| 4. "D" Coy | 14. Bde. |
| 5. Support Coy | 15. R de Mais |
| 6. Adm. Wing | 16. Calg. Highrs |
| 7. I.O. | 17. 5 Fd Regt RCA |
| 8. C.O. | 18. 8 Bn Sx H.G. |
| 9. Adjt. | 19-21 War Diary |
| 10. 2 i/c. | 21-25 Spares. |

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APPENDIX "A" to
1 R.H.C. OPERATION ORDER No.9

"G.P.O. COMMUNICATION"

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 5 Cdn Inf Bde. | "Halkaker House" | Halnaker 237 |
| 1 R.H.C. Bn H.Q. | Earnley Grange | Birdham 274 |
| Support Coy | See Bn H.Q. | |
| Admin Wing | Poplars Farm(Irongate House) | Birdham 263 |
| "A" Coy | Tile Barn | W.Wittering 2101 |
| "B" Coy | The Clibbs | Selsey 89 |
| "C" Coy | Earnley House | Bracklesham Bay 22 |
| "D" Coy | Wayside | Sidlesham 223 |
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| <u>8th Bn Sussex Home Guard</u> | | |
| Bn H.Q. | <u>Home</u> Bognor 99 | <u>Office</u> Chichester 2739 |
| "A" Coy | Bracklesham Bay 86 | W.Wittering 2135 |
| "B" Coy | Sidlesham 212 | Chichester 3393 |
| "C" Coy | Selsey 72 | Selsey 269 |
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| <u>Coast Guard</u> | | |
| Selsey | | Selsey 74 |
| Bracklesham Bay | | Bracklesham Bay 24 54 |
| W.Wittering | | W.Wittering 2101 2186 |
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| Naval Station | | |
| Bill House Selsey | | Selsey 4 357 |
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| 5th Fd.Regt RCA | Broombank School,Selsey | Selsey 31 |
| 3rd L.A.A.Regt RCA | Bridgeways, Selsey | Selsey 103 |

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APPENDIX "B" to
1 RHC OPERATION ORDER No. 9

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL

1. As no "stand to" warning can be relied on in the event of an enemy raid it is necessary that Adm. arrangements be maintained in a high state of readiness.

AMMUNITION

2. (a) 1st Line will be kept to full scale at the expense of 2nd line at all times.
- (b) 2nd line is held by 2 Cdn Div Amm Coy at Goodwood park 328292. All natures can be demanded to refill 1st line expenditures.
- (c) A.B. will NOT be opened except on orders of 5 Cdn Inf Bde.
- (d) The detached force at Selsey Bill will hold their proportion of the Bn Reserve amm. under local arrangements.

PETROL

3. (a) 1st line will be kept to 150 miles per vehicle at all times.
- (b) Pet dump is now at Chilgrove 271339.

SUPPLIES

4. (a) Sup. system normal as long as possible.
- (b) Sup points as advised
Sup. Point "Q" 325290
- (c) Changes will be advised by field message.

RES. RATIONS

5. (a) Reserve rations will NOT be consumed without authority of G.O.C.
- (b) Chocolate emergency rations will be used only if all other supplies fail and may be consumed only on the authority of the Bde or sector cond.

WATER

6. Any raid will normally be preceded and accompanied by heavy bombardment and bombing. Water bottles and all available containers will be filled at earliest opportunity against possible breakage of water mains.

RCE STORES & SERVICES

7. 3 Cdn Div R.C.E. dump will be used. Vicinity Billinghamst 520462.

ORDNANCE

8. (a) No vehicle evacuation will take place unless ordered by ADOS and Cdn Div
- (b) 17 L.A.D. will move to Woldhurst 316212 immediately warning is received that 5 Cdn Inf Bde Plan 1 is to be put into operation.
- (c) If Plan 11 is ordered, 17 L.A.D. will remain in present location.

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MEDICAL

9. (a) Evacuation and treatment normal or as ordered by ADMS 2nd Cdn Div.
- (b) Detached force of 1 RHC at Selsey Bill will be administered by 5 Cdn Fd. Regt insofar as medical arrangements are concerned.
- (c) In the event of a raid and Plan 1 is ordered R.A.P. will move from present location to Earnley Grange 259168.

TRAFFIC

10. (a) The minimum of transport will be used, in the event of a raid, in order to keep roads clear.
- (b) Adm. maintenance routes on trace "C" attached will be strictly adhered to by all adm transport except medical, who will request separate routings as necessary.
- (c) Civilian traffic and refugees other than Home Guard will not be allowed to interfere with operational moves of convoys and will be diverted to other routes when necessary.

P.W.

11. (a) In the event of a raid a 2 Cdn Div P.W. cage will be established in wood 4539.
- (b) All P.W. will be sent to the East Wittering Parish Hall for preliminary questioning by the I Section and will then be sent to 5 Cdn Inf Bde cage as soon as possible. 5 Cdn Inf Bde cages will be located as follows:-

- (1) For plan 1 at Xrds 315219
- (2) For Plan 11 at Halnaker Xrds 342276

- (c) The Regimental M.Ps. will be responsible for the prisoners on their arrival at the Parish Hall.

SECURITY DOCUMENTS

12. In the event of a raid the Adjutant will be responsible for the destruction or removal of all documents, maps, etc. which would be of use to the enemy.