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EXERCISE "CHARLES"

REF: Map O/S 1" Sheet 133 Training Area No. 7

1. Object: To exercise an Inf Rifle Coy in the use of its own arms in the attack.
2. LESSONS: 1. Fire and movement
2. Control within the section
3. Coy Battle procedure.
3. UNFITTED: C.O., 2 I/c., I.O., and necessary H.Q. Coy Officers.
4. WEAPON; will be represented by 4 gallon petrol tins.
5. DRESS: Organization and equipment less ammo, as per Ide Battle Drill Order: Amm allotments to be addressed later.
6. ORIGINAL NARRATIVE: German Paratps landed in conjunction with a seaborne landing area SOUTH DOWNS at first light on 2 Sep, and attacked from the rear the Coastal defences of WORKING LITTLEHAMPTON. In the following all day battles Own forces assisted by the H.C. had driven the enemy back to the South Downs.
7. SPECIAL NARRATIVE: In HIDDEN WOOD 5430 at 2200hrs G.C.BW(RMR) of Can. issues and operation order to C.O. _____ Coy, the following is an extract:
"From air photographs, enemy paratps located small forces some 50 to 75 all ranks vicinity NORTH DOWN FM 5229 HARROW HILL 5129: Your coy will seek out and destroy ENEMY in the locality, S.L. TRACK due SOUTH BLACK PATCH HILL 5329. Approach to SL via CUBDEN FM 5330 to E of BLACK PATCH HILL to SL.
Zero 0430hrs: Report progress of Battle by 18 set. My H.Q. will remain here.
Any questions: NO (No support from Carrier or mortars. H.A.P. here.)
Admin: Coys will be responsible for their admin arrangements to and from the exercise.
Safety precautions: Point men to be posted by Lt. J. Sharp by 0330hrs 3 Sep. Normal safety precautions to be observed.

DISTRIBUTION:

1-3-3. 5 Hqs.
4. G.C.
5. 2 I/C
6. Adjt
7. A Coy
8. B Coy

9. D Coy
10. I.O.
11. Sigs
12. T.O.
13. War Diary
14. File.