

OPERATION MARKETTOP SECRET1 Airlgd Bde OO 1.Copy No.8  
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Ref Maps 1/25000 GSGS 4427 GINKEL 388, HENEN 5 NE, ARNHEM 6 NW  
1/100000 " 2541 Sheets 2 and 5.  
" 4416 Sheet P 1.

INFM1. (a) General.

Operation MARKET is a development of Op "COMET". The tasks previously to be carried out by 1 Airborne Div are now being carried out by 1 Airborne Corps. 1 Airborne Div undertakes to occupy all ARNHEM with 82 American Airborne Div at NIJMEGEN.

(b) Enemy. Planning summary issued separately(c) Own tps.(i) Air Plan Forms A issued separately

(ii) Div lands in three lifts.

1st Lift

1 Para Bde	DZ X.	H + 45 mins
1 A/Ldg Bde (Less certain sub units.)	LZ S.	H hr
9 Fd Coy RE	Z.	to
181 Fd Amb. RAMC	S.	H + 19
Certain Div tps.	Z.	H + 19 onward

2nd Lift.

4 Para Bde	DZ Y.	X hr
Remainder 1 Airlgd Bde	LZ S.	X + 17 onward
Remainder Div tps.	X.	X + 32 "

3rd Lift

1 Polish Para Bde	DZ K.	Z hr.
	and LZ L.	Z + 20 onward

(iii) For LZs and DZs see trace issued separately

2. Tasks.(a) 1 Para Bde

- (i) Seize and hold ARNHEM and secure brs over the NEDER RIJN
- (ii) Occupy that portion of the town shown on trace issued separately

(b) 1 Airlgd Bde.

- (i) Cover the unloading of 1st and 2nd lifts
- (ii) After unloading of 2nd lift seize and occupy the sector of the town allotted
- (iii) Protect LZ for landing of 3rd lift gliders

(c) 4 Para Bde and 1 Polish Para Bde.

Occupy sector of town allotted

(d) Outpost line and standing patrols will be pushed forward as far as possible for normal telescopic defence

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INTENTION

3. 1 Airlfdg Bde will (a) Protect the ldg of 2nd and 3rd lifts  
(b) occupy ARNHEM within the bds shown

METHOD

4. General

Tasks will be carried out in two phases indicated as follows:

Phase I. Initial ldg.

II. Clearing of DZ and LZ of 2nd lift

PHASE I.

5. 7 KCSB will

- (a) est strong coy gp at PLANKE WAMBUIS 6683  
(b) Protect DZ 'Y' until 4 Para Bde are clear

6. 1 Border (a) est strong coy gp at RENKUM 6276 (b) protect DZ X and LZ Z until  
(tps are clear.

7. 2 S.Staffords

- (a) Seize and occupy WOLFHEZEN. 6680.  
(b) Protect LZ'S'.

8. Glider Pilots will

- (a) remain with units as far as unit RVs.  
(b) RV under own arrangements and occupy the EAST end of WOLFHEZEN.

9. Bde HQ. RV WOLFHEZEN

PHASE II

10. 2 S.Staffords

- (a) move as soon as joined by own 2nd lift to occupy area to include H on rd at 7080 and rd junc 713798  
(b) est post at rd junc 717806 to contact 4 Para Bde  
(c) route along rd N of rly through JOHANNA HOEVE 6980

11. 1 Border

- (a) move on orders Bde HQ to occupy area KOUDE HERBERG 6876  
(b) est post in HEVEDORP area  
(c) route along main RENKUM - ARNHEM rd  
(d) dominate area bounded on NORTH by main rd, on EAST by rly and on SOUTH by river with special reference to ferries.

12. 7 KCSB

- (a) move as soon as 4 Para Bde are clear of DZ 'Y' into Bde res in area on rd 7279  
(b) protect LZ L until 1 Polish Para Bde gliders are clear with one coy gp  
(c) est post at rd and rly br 715780  
(d) dominate arc bounded by pts H on rd 7279  
X rds 726797  
X rds 733785

13. Glider Pilots

- (a) move on orders Bde HQ along rd NORTH of rly to occupy wood 697787 with posts from HALTE X rds 699792 to main rd at 696784.  
(b) dominate the area bounded on the NORTH by the rly, on the EAST by the rly and on the SOUTH by the main rd.

14. Recce.

With under ccmd dets 9 Fd Coy RE are operating against the brs under orders 1 Para Bde

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15. ARTY
- (a) FOOs normal. Initial gun area 6779, moving to 7177
  - (b) 1 Lt Bty in sp 1 Airlgd Bde with OPs at PLANKEN and RUNKUM.
  - (c) DF and SCS sig:- RED - GREEN - RED
16. RE
- (a) One Pl 9 Fd Coy under ccmd 1 Airlgd Bde - primary task rd blocks on main EDE - ARNHEM rd in area 2 S Staffords during Phase II.
  - (b) the tasks of the remainder incl
    - (i) seizing and holding rly br at 7076
    - (ii) removal of all boats to NORTH bank of NEDER RIJN.
17. AIR
- (a) Bomblines (i) From H hour until 2nd lift plus 6 hours
    - 785855 - 768852 - 750846 - 737845 - 730844 - 715845
    - 708851 - 695852 - 676853 - 659853 - 639853 - 628853 - 613855.
 (ii) As from 2nd lift plus 6 hours (i.e. Not before 1100 hrs D + 1). (614759. 629852 - 629842 - 630821 - 638807 - 623788 - 616772 -
  - (b) Prebriefed targets will be engaged from D - 1 to H hr. These will incl barracks at EDE and WOLFFHEZEN and all known flak.

18. Briefing.
- No briefing of ORs until gliders are loaded.

ADM

19. Resup
- SDP (i) LZ L at X + 100 hr
  - (ii) SOUTH of HOOGERF 7180 from Z + 30 onwards
20. Med.
- (a) Cas on all LZs and DZs will be evacuated to 181 Fd Amb in WOLFFHEZEN until Phase II
  - (b) At Phase II MDS will be est in 1 Airlgd Bde Sector of the town in a hospital to be reced.
21. Amn
- Tpt pl jeeps and trailers will be called to Rd HQ in Phase II
22. POW will probably be held by units during Phase I
23. Civilians.
- (a) As for Op "COMET"
  - (b) Dep Ccmd 1 Airlgd Bde has been appointed Town Ccmdt and will control all I(b) matters.

INTERCOMN

24. LT in Phase II
25. WT set to Glider Pilots HQ on 1 dg.
26. Pigson messages will be added to "HQ Br Airborne Tps (Rear)
27. Recognition.
- (a) as for Op "COMET"
  - (b) 21 Indep Para Coy will display yellow smoke and triangles if engaged on the LZ.
  - (c) Triangles will be shown to all br a/c operating overhead.

28. Passwords. as before

29. HQs

- (a) Div (i) Lands on LZ Z
- (ii) RV track: junc 657797
- (iii) Moves by main rd WAGENINGEN - ARNEEM
- (iv) Opens at ARTILLERIE PARK 7378 on arrival
- (b) Bde (i) RV WOLFHEEZEN
- (ii) Moves along 2 S Staffords route
- (iii) est in KOEPEL 7179 on arrival

ACK repeat ACK.

Time of signature 1515 hrs

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