

Operation MARKETTOP SECRET

Notes on CRA's Orders given on 12 Sep Copy No.....

Ref maps GSGS 1/100,000 Holland and Germany Sheets 2,5 and P.1.
 1/25,000 Holland Sheets 388 and 6 NW.

NOT TO BE TAKEN IN THE AIR.METHOD.1. Lt Arty.(i) Allotment.

1st Lift:- 1 Lt Regt less 2 Bty under comd CRA on landing.
 1 " Bty in sp 1 A/L Bde.
 3 " " " " 1 Para Bde.

2nd Lift:- 1 Lt Regt complete under comd CRA on landing.
 2 Lt Bty in sp 4 Para Bde.

(ii) OPs and FOGs.1st Lift:-

1 Para Bde:- 1 Para Bn 1 FOG from 1 FOU.
 1 OP from 5 Lt Bty.
 2 Para Bn)
 3 " ") each 2 FOGs from 1 FOU.
 One Tp Comd with Bn Comd.

In addition two FOGs with 22 sets on 1 Lt Bty
 comd net for deployment as ordered by OC 3 Lt
 Bty.

1 A/L Bde:- Normal allotment.

2nd Lift:-

4 Para Bde:- Normal allotment.

1 Para Bde:- After occupation main posn by whole Div,
 normal allotment. Surplus FOGs revert comd
 CRA for deployment with Polish Bde.

(iii) Zones of Observation.1st Lift.

3 Lt Bty:- (a) FOGs with 2 and 3 Bns will gain observation
 on AA guns SOUTH of R. NEDER and EAST of ARNHEM-
 as shown on Flak trace (issued later).

(b) FOGs with 1 Para Bn, after capture of ARNHEM
 will establish OPs on feature B and A covering
 approaches from NORTH and NE.

1 Lt Bty:- Will send two OPs with 3 Para Bn to posns
 on features C and B to cover zone NW with
 particular reference to AA posns 700830 and
 690853.
 Remaining OPs to include one with each A/L
 Bde post at:-

PLANKEN WANBIS 6683) covering approaches
 RENKUM 6276) from the WEST.

1. Lt Arty (Cont'd)

(iii) Zones of Observation (Cont'd).

2nd Lift:-

Occupation of main posn.

Bde boundaries will be the dividing line of zones of observation between Btys.

OPs will be established on the main features as shown on Trace B to cover Bde sectors.

(iv) Gun Area:-

1st Lift:-

Lt Regt: 674788.

3 Lt Bty will move, as soon as adv of 1 Para Bde allows, to gun posn 687774, and thence to gun posn at 712777.

2nd Lift:-

Lt Regt gun area:- 7177.

(v) DF and SOS.

SOS signal:- RED - GREEN - RED.

2. FOU.

(i) Arty sp from outside fmns will only be possible after leading fm has crossed river at GRAVE.

Cffrs and sets will be with regts as for Op LINNET.

These sets will open on CRA's cmd net but will switch to FOO control net when given code word HOTRICE by CRA 1 A/P D.L.

CRA will detail FOO controls on ground.

(ii) See para.1 (ii).

3. A.tk.

1st Lift.

1 A Tk Bty less one 17 pr tp under cmd 1 Para Bde.

One 17 pr tp (1 A Tk Bty) for protection Lt Regt area under cmd CRA.

2nd Lift.

1 A Tk Bty less one 17 pr tp reverts cmd CRA but remains in sp 1 Para Bde.

2 A Tk Bty less one 17 pr tp in sp 4 Para Bde.

Two 17 pr tps (one from each A Tk Bty) plus Z Tp in Div reserve under cmd CRA.

4. LZs and DZs.

See trace C with attached legend.

1st Lift Gliders - LZ Z

2nd " " - " X

5. Timings on LZs and DZs.

Will be issued separately.

6. Glider Pilots.

Glider Pilots will remain with units until main posn has been occupied and local protection is unnecessary, when they will all be collected under Div arrangements.

7. Reccgnition.

Yellow flares and celanese triangles.

ADM.

8. Jettison Drop.

NIL.

9. SDP.

Area 720797.

INTERCOM:-

10. Location.

Div HQ)
HQ RA) ARTILLERIE PARK 736788.

11. Wireless Diagram.

See Appx. "A".

12. Netting.

Instructions later.

13. Codes.

Normal.

PTT/SRC.

Time of Signature: 12 1420 hrs.

Method of despatch: Hand.

(Sgd) P.T.Tower.

Major.
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