

TOP SECRET.OPERATION "MARKET".Instruction No.1.

To:- Major-General R.E. Urquhart, D.S.O.
Commander 1. British Airborne Division,
with 1 Polish Parachute Brigade
under Command.

1. PRIMARY TASK.

Your Primary task is to capture the ARNHEM bridges or a bridge.

2. SCEONDARY TASK.

Your secondary task is to establish a sufficient bridgehead to enable the follow-up formations of 30 Corps to deploy NORTH of the NEDER RIJN.

3. THIRD TASK.

During your operations immediately after the landing of the first lift, you will do all in your power to destroy the flak in the area of your D.Zs/L.Zs and ARNHEM to ensure the passage of your subsequent lifts

4. JUNCTION POINTS.

(a) In order to preserve your southern bomb line, no attempt will be made to effect a junction with 82 U,S, Airborne Division to the SOUTH.

(b) At the southernmost point you hold on the main axis of 30 Corps, whether NORTH or SOUTH of the NEDER RIJN, you will establish a liaison party who will organize the reception and pass through of the follow-up formations (most probably the Guards Armoured Division; this, however, will be confirmed when known for certain).

This liaison party will have full information of the enemy dispositions, your own, routes open etc. The rank of the officer in charge of the liaison party will be Lieut.-Col. or above.

The time at which you are to expect junction with 30 Corps leading troops will be notified to you from Corps Headquarters as soon as it is definitely known. This information may not be available to you until some time after you have landed.

5. 30 CORPS PLAN.

30 Corps plan will be made available to you by, at the latest Friday evening 15 September.

6. ENEMY INFORMATION

The latest Intelligence will be sent to you up to the time of take-off.

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c/o A.P.O. ENGLAND.
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