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TOP SECRET.

OPERATION 'MARKET'

Date: 12 Sep 44.

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1 Airborne Div Op Instr No.9.

Confirmatory Notes on GOC's Verbal Orders.

Ref Maps: 1/25000 GSGS 4427, GINKEL 388, EDE 387, RENEN 5 NE, ARNHEM 6 NW
1/100000 GSGS 2541 Sheets 2 and 5.
" 4416 Sheet P.1.

INFM

1. (a) Issued verbally.
- (b) 1 Polish Para Bde Gp is under comd.

INTENTION

2. 1 Airborne Div will seize ARNHEM 7378 and the crossings over the NEDER RIJN and est a bridgehead to the NORTH of that town.

METHOD

3. Aircraft Allotment.

As for Op 'LINNET' - practically Scale 'Y'.

4. The Div will land in three lifts.

(a) First Lift.

Tac Div HQ
1 Airlanding Recce Sqn
1 Lt Regt (Less one Bty)

1 Para Bde
1 A tk Bty RA
1 Para Sqn RE
16 Para Fd Amb

1 Airlanding Bde (Less certain sub units)
9 Fd Coy RE
181 Airlanding Fd Amb

(b) Second Lift.

4 Para Bde
4 Para Sqn RE
133 Para Fd Amb
2 A tk Bty RA

One Bty Lt Regt

Balance Div Glider Element

Balance 1 Airlanding Bde

Re-supply

(c) Third Lift

1 Polish Para Bde Gp (Less Lt Bty)

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5. TasksFirst Lift.

1 Para Bde with under comd

1 A tk Bty

1 Para Sqd RE

Dets 9 Fd Coy RE

16 Para Fd Amb

Recce Sqd (Less one tp)

DZ 'X'

LZ 'Z'

will (a) Seize and hold ARNHEM in order of priority

(i) Main br at 746768

(ii) Pontoon br at 738774

(b) On arrival of second lift, seize and occupy sector allotted.

(c) Occupy part of 1 Polish Para Bde sector until it arrives with third lift.

(d) Cover DZ 'K' during the drop of 1 Polish Para Bde.

(e) After Div sector has been occupied, make one bn available at short notice for Div res.

6. 1 Airlanding Bde with under comd

101 Airlanding Fd Amb

LZ 'S'

will (a) Secure LZs 'S' and 'Z'

DZ 'X'

and cover unloading of first lift.

(b) Est posts at

(i) Rd EDE 5785 - ARNHEM in vicinity of PLANKEN WAMBUTS 6683.

(ii) Rd WAGENINGEN 5876 - ARNHEM in vicinity of RENKUM 6276.

(c) Protect the arrival of the second lift

on DZs 'Y' and 'X'

LZs 'S' and 'Z'

(d) After unloading of second lift has been completed, seize and occupy the sector allotted.

(e) Protect landing of Polish gliders in third lift on LZ 'L'.

7. Recce Sqd

(a) Less one tp will come under comd 1 Para Bde for seizure of brs at ARNHEM. Dets 9 Fd Coy will be under comd.

(b) One tp Div res to RV HALTE WOLFHESEN 665805.

(c) On completion task with 1 Para Bde will revert to Div and RV HEIJONOORD 725785. Dets 9 Fd Coy Revert CRE.

(d) Div task - recce in priority - rd	APELDORF	7803	-	ARNHEM
	"	ZUTPEN	9494	- "
	"	ZEVENAR	8571	- "
	"	NIJMEGEN	7062	- "
	"	WAGENINGEN	5876	- "
		EDE	5785	

8. 21 Indep Para Coy

will mark

DEs 'X' 'Y' 'K'
 LZs 'S' 'Z' 'L'
 SDP 'V'

for first, second and third lifts.

On completion task will RV DER BRINK 718779.

9. RA.(a) Arty

(i) Lt Regt less one bty under comd CRA
 3 Lt Bty in sp 1 Para Bde.
 1 Lt Bty in sp 1 Airlanding Bde.

(ii) Initial gun area 6779 - 3 Bty moving to 6977.

(iii) FOCs as detailed by CRA.

(b) A tk

(i) 1 A tk Bty (less one 17-pr tp) under comd 1 Para Bde

(ii) One 17-pr tp for protection of Div tps.

10. RE(a) 1 Para Sqn RE

On arrival second lift, 1 Para Sqn (less one tp remaining under comd 1 Para Bde) revert to under comd CRE. Sqn RV POWER STATION 753768.

(b) 9 Fd Coy RE and det 261 Fd Pk Coy RE.(i) 2 dets 9 Fd Coy under comd Recce Sqn.
Task to neutralise and remove charges on brs.On arrival second lift, dets revert to under comd 9 Fd Coy
RV TAFELLAAN 717792.(ii) One tp 9 Fd Coy under comd 1 Airlanding Bde from time of arrival LZ.(iii) 9 Fd Coy RE (less one tp and dets) and det 261 Fd Pk Coy under comd CRE. RV TAFELLAAN 717792.11. Tac Div.Lands on LZ 'Z'. RV track june 657797, thence main rd WAGENINGEN - ARNHEM.
Opens ARTILLERIE PARK 737G.Tasks 2nd Lift.

12. 4 Para Bde with under comd

4 Para Sqn RE
 133 Para Fd Amb
 2 A tk Bty RA

DZ 'Y'

LZ 'X'

will (a) Seize and occupy sector allotted.
Axis of movement rd EDE - ARNHEM.(b) Occupy part of sector allotted to 1 Polish Para Bde
until its arrival with third lift.13. RA.(a) Arty

(i) 2 Lt Bty in sp 4 Para Bde.

(ii) Gun area for Lt Regt in main posn 7177.

13. (b) A tk

- (i) 1 A tk Bty reverts under comd CRA and in sp 1 Para Bde
- (ii) 2 A tk Bty (less one 17-pr tp) in sp 4 Para Bde.
- (iii) Two 17-pr tps and one 6-pr tp in Div res under CRA.

14. RE4 Para Sqn RE

On arrival third lift, 4 Para Sqn RE (less one tp remaining under comd 4 Para Bde) reverts to under comd CRE.

RV ARNHEM rly stn 732782.

15. Re-supply

35 Stirlings on LZ 'L'.

Principal contents gun amn and mortar bombs. Some pet.

TasksThird Lift.16. 1 Polish Para Bde Gp.

DZ 'K'

LZ 'L'

will occupy sector allotted with a minimum of delay.

17. Resupply

100 aircraft plus DZ 'V'.

18. Method of occupation.

Bdes will put out false front and standing patrols as far as is practicable. No attempt at co-ordination by Div will be made until arrival on ground and resources and situation are known.

19. Bomb Line.

- (a) As from H hr until second lift + 6 hrs.

785355 - 768352 - 750846 - 737845 - 730844 - 715345 - 703351 -
695852 - 676853 - 659353 - 639853 - 628853 - 613855.

- (b) As from second lift + 6 hrs (i.e. not before 1100 hrs D+1)

629852 - 629342 - 630821 - 628807 - 623738 - 616772 - 614759.

- (c) Bde Comds will submit targets on which they wish pre-briefed bombing either before or after H hr.

20. Glider Pilots.

Will remain with units landed until Div sector has been occupied.

Then : One bn remains under comd 1 Airlanding Bde
One Bn in Div res RV SONSEHEEK 743785.

21. Timings.

- (a) First lift

H hr (main glider lift starts landing) approx 1400 hrs D day, but not before 1000 hrs.

- (b) Second and Third Lifts.

As early as possible on D+1 and D+2.

22. Briefing.

No briefing below unit comds and heads of services without further instrs from Div HQ.

23. Recognition Signs.

- (a) Ground to air: yellow smoke or flares, and yellow fluorescent panels, if available.
- (b) Ground to ground: yellow celanese triangles.

24. Passwords.

H hr until 2359 hrs D day	Challenge	RED
	Reply	HERET
2359 hrs D day until 2359 hrs D+1	Challenge	UNCLE
	Reply	SAM
2359 hrs D+1 until 2359 hrs D+2	Challenge	CARRIER
	Reply	PIGEON
2359 hrs D+2 until 2359 hrs D+3	Challenge	AIR
	Reply	BORNE
2359 hrs D+3 until 2359 hrs D+4	Challenge	ROBERT
	Reply	BURNS
2359 hrs D+4 until 2359 D+5	Challenge	TROOP
	Reply	CARRIER

ADM

25. Issued separately.

26. Col. H.N. BARLOW, Deputy Comd 1 Airlanding Bde, is appointed Town Commandant, ARNHEM. He will maintain close touch with Comd 1 Para Bde and will co-ordinate the tasks of the APM and OC Fd Security Sec.

INTERCOMN

27. Sigs instrs issued separately.

28. Only 30 Corps list of code names for places, as issued for COMET, will be used. Fmns and units may, however, give code names to important routes, axis of advance, or detailed objectives, at their discretion.

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Time of Signature 1530 hrs.

Lt.Col.G.S.,

Method of Despatch By hand.

1 Airborne Division.

TCC HQ.

	<u>Distribution.</u>	
	Copy No.	Copy No.
1 Para Bde	1	RASC 17
4 Para Bde	2	Med 18
1 Airlanding Bde	3	APM 19
Recce Sqn	4	Ord 20
RA	5	Reme 21
RE	6	Pro 22
Sigs	7	HQ Airtps (6) 23 - 28
21 Indep Para Coy	8	52 (L) Div 29
1 Polish Para Bde	9	82 US Airborne Div 30
GOC	10	101 US Airborne Div 31
G(Ops)	11	Comd Glider Pilots (3) 32 - 34
1 Airborne Div (Main)(2)	12-13	GSO1 (Air) IX TCC 35
G(Air)	14	GSO1 (Air) 38 Gp RAF 36
G(Int)	15	War Diary (2) 37 - 38
A"Q	16	File 39
		Spares 40 - 50

'M A R K E T'Glider Allotment by Lifts.

UNIT	1 st Lift.	2nd Lift.	3rd Lift.
Div HQ	10	19	
Recce Sqn	22	-	
Lt Regt	57(a)	33	
1 A Tk Bty	21	-	
2 A Tk Bty	-	27	
17 Pr Bty	11(incl 8 Hamilcars)	11 (incl 8 Hamilcars)	
9 Fd Coy RE	16	6	
1 Para Bde	(b)23 (incl 3 Hamilcars)	20(b)	
4 Para Bde	-	(b)43 (incl 3 Hamilcars)	
HQ 1 A/L Bde	10 (incl 1 for Pro)	-	
Airlanding Bn	57 (incl 1 Hamilcar)	6	
Airlanding Bn	57 (incl 1 Hamilcar)	6	
Airlanding Bn	22	41 (incl 1 Hamilcar)	
181 A/L Fd Amb	7	5	
21 Indep Para Coy	-	1	
Adm	7	36 (incl 3 Hamilcars)	
Polish Para Bde		45	35
Corps HQ	38	-	-
Unallotted	-	2	
	<u>358</u>	<u>301</u>	<u>35</u>

Note: (a) Includes 3 for FOOs.

(b) Includes Para Sqns 4 and Para Fd Ambs 6.

B. GLIDERS

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Serial	Airfield	Corps HQ	Div HQ	Recce Sqn	Lt 1 Regt	A/Tk Bty	1st Lift.			1 Para Bde	4 Para Bde	HQ A/L Bde	7 KCSB Bn	1 Bdrs Bn	2 S.Ss Bn	181 Fd Amb	21 Ind Coy	Adm	1 Pd Par: Bde	Un- allot- ed	TOTALS
							2 A/Tk Bty	17 prs	9 Coy												
A	BLAKEHILL FM										10	12	12								34
B	DOWN AMPNEY											44			5						49
C	BROADWELL												44		1		2				47
D	MANSTON				6	21									22	1					50
E	HARWELL	38(c)			12																50
F	FAIRFORD		10		27													1			38
G	KEEVIL				12(d)			16	20									2			50
H	TARRANT RUSHTON			22				11(b)	3(a)			1(a)	1(a)					2			40
TOTAL -1st Lift		38	10	22	57	21		11	16	23	10	57	57	22	7		7				358

		2nd Lift																				
J	BLAKEHILL FM							21												1		22
K	DOWN AMPNEY				6				6			6	6		5					15		44
L	BROADWELL									1				40					1		2	44
M	MANSTON		4(e)		27														1		10	42
N	HARWELL																		5	35		40
O	FAIRFORD		15					6		19												40
P	KEEVIL										40											40
Q	TARRANT RUSHTON							11(b)			3(a)			1(a)					14(f)			29
TOTAL-2nd Lift			19		33			27	11	6	20	43	6	6	41	5	1	36	45	2		301

		3rd Lift																				
R	KEEVIL																				15	15
S	TARRANT RUSHTON																				20	20
TOTAL-3rd Lift																					35	35

Notes.
 (a) Hamilcars (b) Incl 8 Hamilcars (c) Incl 6 Wacos
 (d) Incl 3 FOOs. (e) Wacos. (f) Incl 3 Hamilcars

TOTAL GLIDERS 694

OPERATION 'M A R K E T'

Unit Allotment to Airfields.

A. PARACHUTE AIRCRAFT.

Serial	Airfield	Bde HQ	<u>1st Lift.</u>			<u>1 Para Bde.</u>		Recce	21 Indep Para Coy	4 Bde Adv Pty	Div HQ	RASC	TOTAL	
			1 Bn	2 Bn	3 Bn	1 Para Sqn RE	16(P) Fd Amb							
1	FAIRFORD								12				12	
2	FOLKINGHAM			34	34			2				2	72	
3	BARKSTON HEATH	9	34				9	4	8			4	5	73
													<u>157</u>	

	Airfield	<u>2nd Lift. 4 Para Bde.</u>						RASC	TOTAL			
		Bde HQ	156 Bn	10 Bn	11 Bn	4 Para Sqn RE	133(P) Fd Amb					
4	SALTBY		33		33			2		2		70
5	COTTESMORE	8		33		9	4					54
												<u>124</u>

		<u>3rd Lift</u>		TOTAL
6	SPANHOE		1 Polish Para Bde	54
7	COTTESMORE		1 Polish Para Bde	60
				<u>114</u>

Total Parachute Aircraft - 395

