

1st Polish Para Bde Gp.
H.Q.

ANNEXURE "G"
TOP SECRET.
Op. "MARKET"

Ref: 1587/OP/tjn/44
14th Sep 44

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Translation - Extract
General Order No. 1.
for "D + 2"

Maps: 1;100,000. Shoot 2, 5, Pl, Q1
6NW, 388, 3902, 4002.

Enemy:

1. (a) General information: given on conference (see trace No.1)
(b) Detailed information: see Int Report (maps with overprints)
(c) On the forefield will be troops of the Recce Regt of the 1st Airborne Div.
2. Resistance from enemy AA tps may be met on the D.Z.
Enemy Arty fire may also be laid on the D.Z.
Enemy strongholds may be encountered in the Def area allotted to the Bde Gp.

Task:

3. Composition: Ccmd 1 Polish Para Bde Gp.
Tps: Bde Gp less: Lt Arty Bty
1st Seaborne lift
2nd " "

The Bde Gp will:

- (a) be dropped with its Para. Lift on D.Z."K"
land its Glider lifts on L.Zs. "X" and "L".
 - (b) take over its Def sector as soon as possible after landing.
(Till arrival of Bde Gp the Def sector will be manned by tps of 1 and 4 Brit Para Edes).
4. Neighbours.
4 Brit Para Ede will operate NORTH.
1 " " " " " WEST (in the second line)

INTENTION:

5. 1 Phase: Assembling of the Bde Gp, crossing of the river and joining up with the Glider lift.
2nd Phase: Taking over the Def sector with Bn strongholds in the first line and one Bn stronghold (REDUTE) in the second line.

METHOD.

6. D.Z."K" will be protected by tps of 1 Brit Para Bde.
L.Z."X" will be protected by tps of 1 Brit Para Bde.

7. 1st Bn Gp : Comd/Comd 1 Para Bn

COMPOSITION - 1 Para Bn within Support 1 Eng Pl 2 Sig Patrols 1 Med Sec
Assembling Point after landing - X rds STATES WARDEN 742768

TASK (A) To capture A/tk Bty Posns 744966
(B) To recce and if surprise is possible to seize the rd Bridge
746768, pontoon bridge 738774, to protect this crossing which
will be used.

8. 2nd Gp: will assemble Rd crossing ELDEN 7375 and will:
(A) protect the cross rd ELDEN from SOUTH and WEST
(B) capture Bty posns 726745 and 733751
(C) one patrol to 1st Para Bn, seize pontoon br 738774
if 1st Para Bn does not take it.

9. 3rd Gp: will assemble at BAKENHOF 752754 and will:
(A) capture AA Bty Posns and search-light posns near
748755 and 759759
(B) advance through MALBURGAN to FERRY 755763,
(C) Then seize FERRY 755763

10. GLIDER GROUP :

The first Glider party consisting of :

7 Gliders - one A tk Bty
2 " - Para Eng
1 " - Advance H.Q.

Will:

(A) Join 1 Airborne Div - on Orders 1st Airborne Div
(B) Wait at 756779 for Bde Gp.
(C) Contact Bde Gp and 2 Glider Party immediately
after their landing.

The 11 Glider Party (111 Air Lift) consisting of:
A tk Bty less one troop and other elements of
Bde Gp.

Will: Join as soon as possible the Bde Gp,
first meeting point - side roads among houses
centre 756779 - till further orders establish
contact as quickly as possible with Adv Party Bde.
Gp HQ and Bde Gp.

11. GLIDER PILOTS:

Will move with Glider Parties to ARNHEM and then will proceed
to conc area 744784.

12. GENERAL INFORMATION:

1 Polish Para Bn will establish contact with tps 1 Brit Para
Bde securing DZ.
Blue smoke will aid assembling of 1 Para Bn
Green " " " " " II Para Bn and HQ plus other
units.
Red smoke will aid assembling of III Para Bn.

2ND PHASE.

13. Line of standing patrols (on M/C and jeeps) see trace No.2. Direct protection will be fixed on ground.

14. Strong Point "MARS" Comd; Comd III Para Bn.

will:

- (A) seize and clear Def area.
- (B) seize rd and rly Bridge over River TUISSEN 779762.
- (C) organise Def strongpoint "MARS"
- (D) close with fire ground between "MARS" and "KAZIMIERZ"
- (E) coordinate fire plans with "KAZIMIERZ", "REDUTA" and 1 Brit Para Bde.

15. Strong point "KAZIMIERZ", Comd: Comd I Para Bn.

will:

- (A) seize and clear Def area.
- (B) organise Def strong point "KAZIMIERZ" at the houses on NORTH EASTERN part of ARNHEM
Main effort of the Def - N-E (rd and railway line to ZUTTEN)
- (C) close by fire ground between "MARS" and "REDUTA"
- (D) coordinate fire plans with 4 Brit Para Bde, "MARS" and REDURA".

16. Strong point "REDUTA" Comd: Comd II Para Bn

will:

- (A) seize and clear Def area.
- (B) organise strong point "REDUTA" at the houses ARNHEM and cross roads 765773
- (C) be ready to support main strong points of Bde Gp.
- (D) close by fire ground between "KAZIMIERZ" and "MARS".
- (E) coordinate fire plans with KAZIMIERZ, MARS and 4 - 1 Brit Para Bdes.

17. ENGINEERS.

1. PHASE: Eng Pls attached to Para Bns will secure the river crossings (bridges have to be discharged)

ferry 753763
Rd bridge 747768
Pontoon bridge 738774

All boats etc will be taken to own shore and river crossings will be prepared.

II PHASE: Eng pls will help to organise Def: will discharge and build obstacles on Rd and railway bridge 779762.
After the Def strongpoints are organised, the whole Eng Sqd (within returned pls) at disposal of comd Bde Gp.
Demolitions and mines: as in Op. "LINNET".

ARTY

18. Lt Arty Brit Lt Arty will support Bde Gp on request. Brit and own FOOs will be attached to strong points in this case.

19. A tk - under centralised Command.
Main effort to the EAST (KAZIMIERZ) and to the SOUTH-EAST (MARS)
In "MARS" area to be ready to encounter enemy barges on "NEDER" RIJN and TJSSEL and to encounter armd train from the br 779762

Para party of A tk Bty will assemble together with Bde Gp HQ.

SIGNALS.

20. Bde Commander and D.A.Q.M.G. land on D.Z. "K" as the rest of Bde.

Assembling Point - ELDEN, road fork 730755
1st Airborne Div HQ. ARTILLERIE PARK 736788
Polish Bde HQ def 758782 the house marked with No.20
on the plan - LUFTWAFFE
4th Brit Bde - H.Q. MONASTERY 747792
1st " " - H.Q. CONCERT HALL 748777
The Commanders of Strong-point will give their H.Q.

Verrey lights - Recognition Signs
RED - GREEN - RED - Fire
RED - Enemy tanks
YELLOW Smoke plus substitute YELLOW triangles
= Recognition sign for own Units and Air Force.
WHITE FLARE - Lighting of field
WHITE STAR on Vehicles - sign cur cars
FRIENDLY DUTCH civilian units, organised by DUTCH authority
will wear BLUE-WHITE arm band.

Q Special Order

See special Order
C.O. Polish Para Bde
SOSOBOWSKI
GEN.

DISTRIBUTION LIST

H.Q. Airtroops	1
1st Airborne Div	2
1st Para Bde	3
4th Para Bde	4
GSO 1	5
GSO 2	6
3 Spare	7
1 File	8

Signal Orders.1. H.Qs - Locations.

as at OO No.1.

2. Signal Diagram - R/T

as appx No.1.

3. Signal Diagram - LINES.

as appx No.2.

Lines will be laid as soon as strongpoints are organised (the second phase of operation), No existing civil or captured enemy installations will be used without sanction of OC Sigs. The minimum destruction will be done to existing comms to prevent their use by the enemy, and always in the presence of an offr of Sigs. Only the destruction of German field line is allowed without permission.

4. FREQUENCIES.

	NET	WAVE	SERIAL NO	FREQ
F.12	"A"	1 Polish Para Bde	P.7	R/T 2804 two stations
F.1	"B"	Div A	P.1	2096 operational
F.6	"C"	1 Polish Para Ede. Comd	P.6	2616

Inside 1st Polish Para Bde Gp - as OO L. dr 345/Secret

The frequencies are allotted as follows:

1st Para Bn - 7.1 2nd Para Bn - 6.4 3rd Para Bn - 6.8
A tk Bty - 8.8 Engr Coy - 6.7

5. CODE SIGNS.

As the list supplied.

After end of double summer time, all code will be changed at 0100 hrs.

6. CODES AND CIPHERS.

As orders previously given.

The change of keys for SLIDEX and MAPLEY the same as of CODES.

7. AIR SUPPORT.

All demands for Air Support will be submitted to HQ 1 Airborne Div.

8. TIME SIGNALS.

OC Sigs Coy will receive and transmit to all Bde units the official time signals (R.F.C) twice daily: at 0800 and 1800 hrs.

9. RECOGNITION OF OUR STATIONS.

Normal SLIDEX system will be used.

10. REPAIRS

- (a) Until seaborne lift arrives all repairs will be carried out by units and Sig Coy radio mechanics. After arrival of seaborne lift, smaller repairs will be carried out as mentioned above, more complicated repairs will be sent to Bde W/Shops.
- (b) Airborne Supply - The daily supply: R/68P - 2, R/18 - 2, R/38 - 3.
Field line: - 13 drums, spare valves, 1 box.
- (c) Field W/Shop possesses R/18 - 4, R/38 - 5.

11. BATTERIES AND ACCUMULATORS CHARGERS.

- (a) Batteries to be taken - for each working station:
Minimum

R/68 and R/18 - Three
R/38 - Four

The batteries No.2 must not be used until all batteries No.1 are discharged.

- (b) Accumulators. Charged before the operations. Until Sealift arrives
1st Sealift - Accumulators - charges 1260 W, 2nd Sealift - 4 NH /
Charging of accumulators will be carried out by Sig Coy with own
300W - charger.
- (c) Airborne Supply - Daily supply/-
Batteries 162/3 - 64
" 150/3 - 44
Dry-elements Mk III - 25
Accumulators 12v, 22 A/h - 4
" 8v, 40 a/h - 6
- (d) Field W/Shops has: 240 batteries to R/68 and R/18
620 batteries to R/38

APPX TO:-

TOP SECRET.

To: 1st Polish Para Bde Gp
HQ.

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Dated 14 Sep 44.

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OPERATION MARKET.

IDENTIFICATION and CODE WORDS.

1. All personnel of 1 Polish Para Bn will wear YELLOW TRIANGLES on the left arm.
2. 1 Polish Para Bn will mark their RV 742762 by use of BLUE smoke.
3. CODE WORDS for use between 1 Polish Para Bn and 1 Para Bn (Brit)
 - (a) 1 Polish Para Bn have completed drop and are approaching RV 742762

CODE WORD - PANSY

- (b) Enemy fire from bty at 748755 holding up 1 Polish Para Bn attaining RV

CODE WORD - ROSE

On receipt of code word ROSE 1 Para Bn (British) will lay smoke screen across bty.

- (c) Have 1 Para Bn (British) occupied posns according to plan

CODE WORD - LILY

Reply:-

- (i) If occupied according to plan 1 Para Bn (British) will answer YES LILY
 - (ii) If NOT occupied according to plan 1 Para Bn (British) will answer NO LILY
- (d) If RV 742762 for 1 Polish Para Bn is occupied by enemy 1 Para Bn (British) will transmit

CODE WORD - NETTLE

- (e) 1 Para Bn (British) have taken both bns at 746768 and 738774

CODE WORD - CARNATION

Frequency: No. 18 Set 7.1

4. CODE WORDS for use between 1 Polish Para Bn and 156 Para Bn.
 - (a) 1 Polish Para Bn approaching Def area
CODE WORD - TROUT
 - (b) 1 Polish Para Bn have occupied Def area according to plan
CODE WORD - SALMON
 - (c) Comd 1 Polish Para Bn desires to meet Comd 156 Para Bn at bldg No. 22 760788 Map Town Plan ARNHEM
CODE WORD - COD

16 Sep 44

Sgd G. Wilson, Major
for Lt. Col. G.S.,
att 1 Polish Para Bde Gp.

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H.Q. 1 Polish Para Bde Gp

Operational Order No.1
for D plus 2

Amendment No.1.

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Para 7

Assembling Point after landing X rds STATES WARDEN
delete '742768' substitute '742762'.

TASK 'A'

Tp capture A tk Bty posns delete '744966'
substitute '744766'.

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Para 20

Friendly DUTCH civilian units - delete 'will wear
BLUE - WHITE arm-bands' substitute 'will wear
ORANGE arm-bands with the word ORANGE in BLACK'.

Sgd J. Wilson Major

for Lt.Col.G.S.,
att 1 Polish Para Bde Gp.

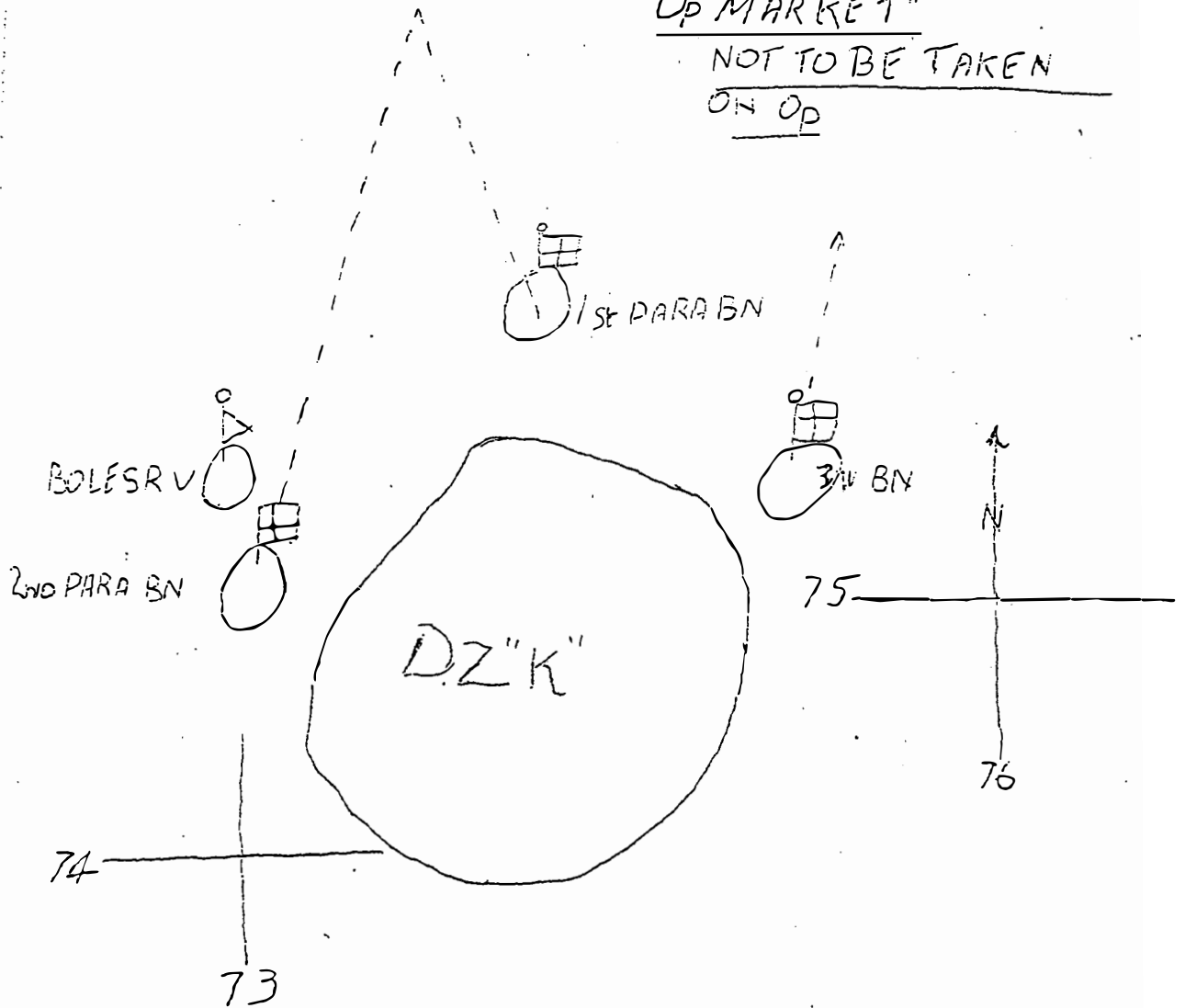
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Distribution:-

HQ Airtroops	1
1st Airborne Div	2
1 Para Bde	3
4 Para Bde	4
GSO1	5
GSO2	6
3 Spare	7-9
File	10

TRACE NO 4
Scale: 1/25000 SA 388

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20 Sep 44.

MAPS as before

O.O. Op MARKET

1. The Bde Gp task has been changed.

It will land on DZ 686759 - 693754
682737 - 699738

And then it will cross the NETHER RHINE, on the Ferry Map Ref 686766 and will concentrate in the area HEMELSCHER BERG - 693774.

2. METHODS

Areas of assembling after landing.

- 1 Para Bn rd fork, N of DRIEL (684754).
- 2 Para Bn HQ Coy and other special units at BAARSKAMP (686752)
- 3 Para Bn cross roads (694755).

Routes to the ferry:-

Western route road through OOIJEVAARSNEST (684758) - to crossing point on the road 682761 and continue this road to the Ferry: 1 Para Bn, Bde Gp, HQ Coy other special units and 2 Para Bn.

Eastern route the road to the N to the road fork 693764 and then to the Ferry: 3 Para Bn.

The assembling and marching will be protected.

Order of crossing the river by the units be according to their arrival at the Ferry.

The Bn which first crosses the river will secure the N Bridge Head and will hold it till all units have crossed the river.

3. Bde Gp Concentration area - HEMELSCHER BERG 693774.

The bn in the van which has crossed will march to cross-roads 693777 where it will stay and protect itself from N and E, it will maintain Liaison with the S.

- S. The 2 Bn will march to X rds 693774 where it will stay and protect itself from E and S.

The last Bn (after all the other Bde Gp units have been ferried over) will move to X rds 688772 where it will protect itself from NW and S

The Bde Gp HQ Coy and other special units will move to area of X rds 691774.

4. During all the time British as well as enemy units may be met, Recce signs unchanged.

Pass word for the day (D + 3) Airborne.

Commander 1 Polish Para Bde Gp.

Sgd SOSEBOWSKI

Major General.