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TOP SECRET

Subject:- Op Instruction

To:- HQ 7 AGRA.

54 British Liaison Unit

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Translation of ORTMONA letter 01/3354 dated 9 Oct is forwarded for information.

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Lieut Colonel.
General Staff.

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S E C R E T.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

No. 01/3354

Turin, 9 Oct. 1945.

SUBJECT : Emergency arrangements against eventual clandestine forces; also in the event of serious disturbances to the public order.

for information to 51 B.I.U.

Further reference ours 01/3353 of 20 Sept. par.1: 01/3434 of 22 Sept. and 01/3693 of 6 Sept.

PAR.I.

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It is requested that each unit make arrangements for their internal security and "Alert" scheme capable of action in the least possible time.

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It is requested that arrangements be made to defend installations and plants of vital importance to inhabited localities (such as power stations and wireless stations, food stores, water plants, etc.), and of all plants used as arms and ammunition depots.

Arrangements should be made to the effect that communications be kept in working order.

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PAR. II SECTORS AND AVAILABLE FORCES.

1) The secotr responsabilities - as far as training of troops employed in public order operations is concerned - are those pointed out in par. 5 - foglio 01/3353 dated 20 Sept., i.e:

a) 21 Infantry Regt. HQ.	:	Provinces of ALESSANDRIA -ASTI-CUNEO.
b) 22 " " "	:	Provinces of NOVARA-VERCELLI.
c) 7 Arty. Regt.HQ.	:	" " TURIN.

As regards the zone on the French border in the Turin and Cuneo Provinces a strip of land 15 Miles wide has been excluded.

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I/21 Inf. Bn. will move from Fossano to Cuneo.

b) <u>SECTOR 22 Infantry Regt.</u>

- PALLANZA Area : 9 Coy of III/22 Inf.Bn.
- DOMODOSSOLA area: II/22 Bn. (Infantry).
- BIELLA : I/22 Inf. Bn. (less 1 Coy at Varallo and 3 Coys at Casale.
- VERCELLI : HQ. 22 Inf.Regt. , A/TK and Mortar Coys, III/22 Inf.Bn. (less 9 Coy at Intra).

c) <u>SECTOR 7 ARTY. REGT.</u>

CHIERI : I/7 Arty.

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- TURIN : III/21 Inf.Bn.; IV/7 Arty; VI/7 Arty.

- VENARIA REALE : 44 S. & T. Coy- OFP. - Mech. Engr.Wksps.

PAR. III - Hypothesis.

1. Among the various hypothesis which may occur in the event of disturbances, the following appear to be of particular importance and should be studied.

a) Forces that from the West (Turin, Valleys of Lanzo,-Canavese - Serra d'Ivrea) or from the South (Monferrato - Langhe) should attempt to link-up with forces moving from the North (Biellese, Val Sesia - Borgomanero - Zones of Lake d'Orta and Lake Maggiore, Zone of Ossola) and from the East (Zone of Novara) with the purpose of gaining control of the piemontese valley in the Chivasso - Biella, Novara - Casale M. area which is of vital logistic importance for the clandestine forces in question.

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c) Road blocks will be supported by mobile forces which must in an emergency always be kept in readiness. Bren carriers are particularly suitable for this purpose but every effort should be made to avoid excessively splitting them up into small groups. The mobile columns (already formed with 7 Arty. Regt., the 21 and 22 Inf. Regt.s will form with the means

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allotted and in accordance with instructions) stationed at respective Regimental HQ.s will be employed to patrol the most important lines of communication.of the Sector.

d) The arrangements for the aforesaid road blocks, in addition to establishing the adequate forces to each post, shall also include:

-Recce for alternative routes in case normal road communications are interrupted.

-Recce for positions;

-preparation of field works as preventive measure.
-preparation of eventual reinforcement equipment.
-Instructions for installing the required communications.
-Allotment of ammunitions and reserves of food supplies, fuels and lubricants and medical supplies.

e) In case a garrison must be established on the main line Biella-Massazza (J.4573) - formigliana (J.5959) - Vercelli - Sesia River - Po River - Tanaro River, as far as Alessandria.

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-Passage over the Dora Baltea of road 11, highway, road 31: by 7 Arty Unit.

-X rds. (J.0634) leading to Autostrada:by 7 Arty Unit.

-X rds. of Moncalieri, Nichelino and Poirino: by 7 Arty.

-X rds. of Fossano - Bra- Alba - Asti- Alessandria - Acqui- Novi L.- Serravalle Scrivia - : by 21 Inf. Coy.

-Passages over river Ticino from Lake Maggiore to the bridge of Boffalora : by 22 Inf.

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-X rds. of Romagnano Sesia - Borgomanero - Arona - Gravellona- by 21 Inft.

2) CASE B : Disturbances in industrial Centres:

a) The lack of available forces as compared to the size of the towns' areas where public order is to be maintained, make it impossible to control all the important points.

b) In such cases it will be necessary:

-To ensure the defense of all the HQ.s, the lodgings, the stores of vital importanceto the Gruppo; if necessary, exposed groups of personnel not absolutely indispensable may be withdrawn.

-To make sure of communications.

-To establish a proper defensein in accordance with the available forces of important civil plants (telephone exchange, water and power plants, head offices of the State Administration).

-To confine all troops to barracks , forming mobile columns ready for any operational emergency.

-To patrol the town with mobile columns, communicated by wireless.

-All personnel at HQ.s, offices, stores, messes, etc. must be armed.

c) The above arrangements shall previously have to be agreed upon by the Allied Authorities concerned, and by the Italian forces in the area (other units, CC.RR.)

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-The Quartier Generale with the remaining CC.RR. will look after the defense of the building formerly used for the "Scuola di Guerra".

-detailed instructions will be issued by the "Operations Section to this effect.

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3)-CASE C : State of General Emergency:

a) All garrisons will be instructed as per par.2 above.

b) The columns employed for supplying the various garrisons must be duly escorted (carriers, mortars, PIAT and A/TK.

c) The principal roads connecting the garrisons of the Group must be occasionally patrolled by mobile columns (reinforced by mortars, PIAT and A/TK) wireless communication.

d) All the available troops, including those of units not employed, must be in hand according to exigencies.

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b) Reserve of ammunitions, food, fuel, lubricants and fire-wood must be set up at the garrisons.
As regards the ammunitions these must be decentralized as follows:

-All 1st line ammunitions;
-Part of reserve sufficient for 7 days' fire; these will be allotted to the units in the near future.

As regards isolated garrisons (due to season contingencies, or to their being stationed at the outskirts of a town) reserves must be adequately increased.

c) All wireless equipment must be in good working order; sufficient reserves of wire must be supplied;

d) Arrangements to ensure secrecy of radio frequencies ; codes and ciphers must be kept up-to-date; those engaged in ciphering must be duly trained; instructions must be issued in the event of one having lost the code or the cipher. Lt.Col.LANZ and Major FERME will issue instructions to this effect.

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e) Allocation of frequencies to out-stations.

f) Immediate radio control, liable to be transformed, if and when the case may arise, in an interpretation station of eventual clandestine radios.

2) In this respect the officers concerned will go into the matter, and will send me the results of theri studies.

3) Arrangements must be made in order that the personnel is trained accordingly, without their finding out the reason of the general

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provisions taken. Nevertheless, mention must be made of this letter and of its provisions only to the Battalion Commanders and Unit Commanders concerned, for their personal guidance.

4) This letter and the studies and plans referring to same are of a secret nature and must be kept as such.

I am awaiting confirmation to this effect.

5) Please acknowledge receipt giving the file number only.

sgd. CLEMENTE PRIMIERI
GOC.

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Subject:- Operation Orders G.O. No. 8

51 British Liaison Unit

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To:-

Main 5 Corps
Main 6 Div Div
G IX, RA

A translation of the above order is attached. It will be noted that certain dates after 4 Apr shown in para 2. sub-para (ii) and para 3. are not in fact the true dates and are subject to amendment.

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2 Apr 45.
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Lieut Colonel.
General Staff

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CREMONA GRUPPO
OPERATION ORDER No 8

S E C R E T

I. Cremona Gruppo will hold the sectors between the following bdys:-

To the South West : River SENIO at 380434 - X rds 385431 - C. VASSURA 422411 - X rds 444408 - all incl.
To the North East : Naviglio Canal at 462430 - C di MEZZO (472468) - SORBOLI (483454) - X rds 494445 - all incl.
The Gruppo will be bounded by - 8 Ind Div on left
- unit of 78 Div on right.

II. This deployment will necessitate
(i) The handing over of the sector at present held by II/22 and a part of that held by II/21.
(ii) The relief of 21 Ind Inf Bde and part of the 17 Ind Inf Bde

This will be carried out by phases.

1st Phase - 3 Apr
Unit of 78 Div will relieve II/22 on night of 2 - 3 Apr

2nd Phase - 4 Apr
Relief of 21 Ind Inf Bde in sector E 1 contained between the line : (1) River SENIO at 398445, La VANGHINETA (405437), OSTERIA (421425), X rds 444408 all incl, and (2) the present Gruppo left bdy.

This relief will take place on night 3 - 4 Apr.

3rd Phase - 7 Apr
Withdrawal of part of II/21 from sector C 3, contained between (1) the line Naviglio Canal at 462430, C di MEZZO (472468), SORBOLI (483454) and (2) the Fosso RASILLOA.
This relief will be by units of 78 Div on night 6 - 7 Apr.

4th Phase - 9 Apr

Relief of remainder of 21 Ind Inf Bde and the part of 17 Ind Inf Bde in sector E 2 contained between the new left bdy of the Gruppo and the line - River SENIO at 398445 - La VANGHINETA (405437) - OSTERIA (421425) - X rds 444408.
Relief on night 8 - 9 Apr.

III. My orders therefore are:-
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As from 4 Apr under cond 22 Inf Regt; there will be present location of 21 Ind Inf Bde at 449413.
Northern sub-sector: contained between the line indicated above (all incl) to the new right bdy of the Gruppo.

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2. When relieved by 78 Div on night 2 - 3 Apr II/22 will pass into reserve. Location in area Borgo VILLANOVA - C del RIDOVERO (4442) - C CONTESSI (4341) - OSTERIA (4242).
For disposn of this Bn see letter 01/658/Op GT dated Mar 15.
The Bn: from 4 - 7 Apr will hold itself in readiness to support the sector of 22 Inf Regt.
III/22 at present in reserve, will continue thus until 7 Apr. From 8 Apr it will be prepared to give support to any of the Bns in the line, in case of emergency to defend the br at MEZZANO, and for this purpose 1 Coy will be sent to the MEZZANO area. The necessary recce will be made to carry out these tasks.

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From the moment that the II/22 hand over the line, the sector of II/21 will pass under comd 21 Inf Regt. Therefore the Comdr 22 Inf Regt will be released from his present duty on night 2 - 3 Apr.

4. Night 3 - 4 Apr.
22 Inf Regt (less 2nd Bn) will relieve units of 21 Ind Inf Bde between the right bdy of sector entrusted to it and the line 598425 - La VANGELISTA (405437) - OSTERIA (421425) - Xrds 424408 - all incl.
The I Bn and as many of the remaining units of the Regt as are considered necessary will take over this sector. The remainder will be kept in their present sector prepared to relieve the remainder of 21 and 17 Ind Inf Bdes in sector E 2.
The 21 Inf Regt will relieve 21 Ind Inf Bde in the sector allotted. A Coy will be deployed for this purpose to the North of Naviglio Canal.

5. Night 6 - 7 Apr.
The II/21 will be relieved in Sector C 5 by units of 78 Div.
Remainder will be relieved by I/21.
Once out of the line II/21 will remain in reserve in the RAVENNA area (LAZZARETTO).
Orders contained in 01/619/Op CT dated 7 Mar will apply to this Bn.

6. Night 8 - 9 Apr.
22 Inf Regt will relieve 21 and 17 Ind Inf Bdes deployed in Sector E 2. The III Bn with a part of the remaining units of the Regt willtake over this sector.

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Seperate orders issued for the defence of the Gruppo HQ.

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IV. ARTY
7 Arty Regt will deploy in area C CALLEGARI (1446) C DALDINI (1641) Le AMMONITI (4742) C MARINI (1648).
Deployment to be effected by 4 Apr.
55rd Fd Regt RA will also be in sp of the Gruppo.
Tanks, OPs and Regs will be the subjects of seperate orders issued by the Div Arty Comd.

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The II/21 will be relieved in Sector C 5 by units of 78 Div.
Remainder will be relieved by I/21.
Once out of the line II/21 will remain in reserve in the RAVENNA area (LAZZARETTO).
Orders contained in 01/619/Op CT dated 7 Mar will apply to this Bn.

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Deployment to be effected by 4 Apr.
55rd Fd Regt RA will also be in sp of the Gruppo.
Tasks, OPs and Reps will be the subjects of separate orders issued by the Div Arty Comd.

V. COMMS.

Signal Coy will arrange all line and W/T lay-outs for new deployment, in conjunction with 21 Ind Inf Bde and Sector Comdrs.
In the telephone lay-out the reserve Bn with this HQ will also be included.

Field
1 Apr 45

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
- Clemente Primiori -

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Subject :- A O P

SECRET

To :-
O C
70 Medium Regt RA

51 British Liaison Unit

RA/G1/5

E Flt 651 AOP Sqn

1 In order to enable the AOP in sp Cremona Group to call on medium guns in case of an important target being discovered while the pilot is in the air, the following arrangements have been made.

2 The pilot will call the code word "RAVENNA". The Italian troop on duty will immediately communicate this to RHQ 7 Arty Regt, and all Italian stations on the net will keep silent except in case of operational need.

3 A British LO at HQ 7 Arty Regt will immediately telephone to you requesting that you open up wireless watch on the 7 Arty Regt frequency (3440) and the pilot will call you.

4 The pilot will use the regtl call sign for the day plus the number 10 or 11. Will you please reply using the same call sign plus number 30.

e.g. Hello Dog 10, Report my signals, Dog 10, over
Hello Dog 30, OK Dog 30, out

5 Call signs of 7 Arty Regt are as follows :

Mar 31	April 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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SECRET

TRANSLATION

CREMONA GRUPPO

O.O. No 7 20 Mar 45

I. In accordance with 5 Corps orders the Gruppo must :
- hand over the sector, at present held by I/22, contained between Bonifica Canal and the line : Naviglio Canal (488507) - C Lolli (491506) - S Maria (497495) - Pro Carrara (507491) incl.
- extend to the left relieving the Jewish Bde.

II. To NORTH the line all incl or excl RECFORCE all incl track junction 557430 - line of track to Canal 558465 - 558488 - rd junct 517478 - house 507491 - S Maria 497495 - C Lolli 491506 - Canal Naviglio 497507 - Madonna del Bosco 481524 - thence Westwards along Canale di Bonifica destra del Reno to junct with Canale di Fusignano at 453552.

To SOUTH the line all incl or excl Gruppo Cremona - all incl br 438448 - line of rd junct 432443 - excl Furnarole 434447 - incl br 458452 - rd and track junct 454459 - xrds 418478.

8 Ind Div on left, RECFORCE on right.

III. Reconnaissance on 24 and 25 Mar.

0600 hrs 24 Mar - Sector held by I/22 passes under cond RECFORCE (12 L and 53 Recce). Relief on night 23 - 24 Mar.

0600 hrs 25 Mar - Sector held by Jewish Bde, passes under Gruppo Cond. Relief on night 24 - 25 Mar.

IV. Orders

1. Night 22 - 23 Mar II/22 Relieve III/22, who pass into reserve. III/22 location - Cremona area - 1 Coy in C Barberella area (5147).
This Bn lay out - see Letter 01/388 of 15 Mar.

2. When relieved by RECFORCE, I/22 will move to new area as Gp reserve.

3. I & III/21 relieve Jewish Bde on Mar 24 - fwd tps on night 24 - 25 Mar.

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4. At 0600 hrs, Mar 25, the Gruppo sector will consist of the two following sub - sectors :-
(a) N Sub-sector - contained between right sector bdy of Gp and Alfonsine rly excl. Under cond of Cmdr 22 Inf Regt with II/21 under cond. Cond Post to be established in area 508437.

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all incl track junction 557456 - line of track to Canal 552465 - 552468 - rd junct 517478 - house 507491 - S Maria 497495 - C Lolli 491506 - Canal Naviglio 487507 - Madonna del Bosco 461524 - thence Westwards along Canale di Bonifica destra del Reno to junct with Canale di Fusignano at 453552.

To SOUTH the line all incl or excl Gruppo Cremona - all incl br 438448 - line of rd junct 432443 - excl Funerale 434447 - incl br 436452 - rd and track junct 453459 - xrds 415478.

8 Ind Div on left, RECFORCE on right.

III. Reconnaissance on 24 and 25 Mar.

0600 hrs 24 Mar - Sector held by I/28 passes under cond RECFORCE (18 L and 58 Recce). Relief on night 23 - 24 Mar.

0600 hrs 25 Mar - Sector held by Jewish Bde, passes under Gruppo Cond. Relief on night 24 - 25 Mar.

IV. Orders

1. Night 24 - 25 Mar II/28 Relieve III/28, who pass into reserve. III/28 location - Cremona area - 1 Coy in C Bonbarella area (5147).
This Bn lay out - see Letter 01/358 of 15 Mar.

2. When relieved by RECFORCE, I/28 will move to new area as Gp reserve.

3. I & III/21 relieve Jewish Bde on Mar 24 - fwd tps on night 24 - 25 Mar.

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4. At 0600 hrs, Mar 25, the Gruppo sector will consist of the two following sub - sectors :-

(a) N Sub-sector - contained between right sector bdy of Gp and Alfonsine rly excl. Under cond of Cmdr 22 Inf Regt with II/21 under cond. Cond Post to be established in area 508457.

(b) S sub-sector - contained between Alfonsine rly incl and left bdy of Gp sector. Under Cond of Comdr 21 Inf Regt who will study the possibility of having 2 Coys up and 1 Coy in reserve. Command Post - present CP of Jewish Bde at 450406.

5. Details of reliefs - by direct agreement between units concerned. OC I/21 and OC III/21 - recces on Mar 25. Guides to be put out for reliefs

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V. One Fd Regt of 8 Ind Div in support of Gp in addition to 7 Arty Regt. Deployment, tasks, OPs, liaison Offrs and representatives under orders to be issued by Gruppo Arty HQ.

VI. Sigs Coy will make provision for :-

(a) The necessary changes in sigs layout.

(b) The establishment of communications with HQ 21 Inf Regt and between these and the Bns deployed.

(signed) IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
- Clemente Primieri -

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SECRET

Subject:- Cromona Group O.O. No 8 & 7 Arty Regt O.O. No 6

51 British Liaison Unit

RA G/1/5

To:- HQRA Main 5 Corps
HQRA 8 Ind Div
HQ 1 AGRA
53 Fd Regt RA
70 Med Regt RA
51 BLU

Herewith translations of HQ Cromona Group O.O. No 8 and HQ 7 Arty Regt O.O. No 6. It will be noted that certain dates are not in fact the true dates and are subject to amendment.

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3 Apr 45.
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Major RA.

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SECRET

HQ 7 Arty Regt 'Cremona'
O.O. No. 6.

INFORMATION

As in HQ Cremona Group O.O. No 8. (copy attached, less trace referred to in para 8 of above Order).

INTENTION

7 Arty Regt 'Cremona' will provide continuous direct sp for Cremona Group.

METHOD

1. Sp up to 060600

II/21 sp by IV Bty 7 Regt from present posn
I/21 sp by II Bty 7 Regt from present posn
III/21 sp by III Bty 7 Regt from present posn
I/22 sp by I Bty 7 Regt from area 440416. I Bty will move to this area by 031200. I/22 will relieve part of 21 Ind Inf Bde on night 3/4 Apr.

2. Subsequent changes in sp

060600. II Bty will continue sp of I/21 which will extend to new rt bdy of Cremona sector. II Bty will move to new gun area 473427.

071200. IV Bty will be deployed in area 447424 and relieve I Bty in sp I/22. I Bty will sp III/22 on their take over from units of 17 and 21 Ind Inf Bdes.

3. OPs and Reps

COs rep at HQ 21 Regt OC III Bty (as at present).
COs rep at HQ 22 Regt (449413) OC I Bty.
Bn reps will be provided by Bty in sp as in paras 1 and 2 above.

OP at 465454 - II Bty.
OP at 440442 - III Bty.
OP at 430442 - I Bty till 061800 thereafter IV Bty.
OP at 418445 - I Bty till 061800 thereafter IV Bty.
OP at 412442 - I Bty.
OP at 395433 - I Bty (on 8 Apr).

4. Additional sp

One Fd Regt of 1 Ind Div (at present 57 Fd Regt) will be available

Group.

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4. Additional sp

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One Fd Regt of 8 Ind Div (at present 53 Fd Regt) will be available on call for sp over Cremona sector. Reps as ordered by RA 5 Corps.
70 Med Regt RA will be available on call. Reps at HQ 21 and 22 Regts.

5. Counter Mortar

CMO will be placed at each Inf Regt HQ. Two CM listening posts will be deployed on the sectors of each Inf Regt.

COMMUNICATIONS

Line and wireless, Incl direct lines to CO's reps and lateral between reps.

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SECRET

H Q 7 ARTY REGT CREMONA

No 01/343 24 Mar 45

OPERATION ORDER No 5

To :-
HQ I, II, III & IV Bties 7 Arty Regt (Original in Italian)
For information of :-
RA Main 5 Corps (translation)
HQ RA 8 Ind Div " "
1 AGRA " "
51 BLU " "
HQ 11(HAC)RHA " "
4 Medium Regt RA " "
24 Fd Regt RA " "
325 S/L Bty RA " "
"E" Flt 651 AOP Sqn " "

INFORMATION

On relief of Jewish Bde by Cremona ICG 11(HAC)RHA will hand over OPs and bn responsibilities to 7 Arty Regt.
11(HAC)RHA will maintain a C O's rep at HQ 21 Inf Regt and will be available to superimpose fire on call from 7 Arty Regt. This cancels para 2 of 7 Arty Regt O O No 4 dated 21 Mar.

INTENTION

To provide Arty sp to the whole sector at present occupied by CREMONA ICG.

METHOD

7 Arty Regt of Cremona ICG will deploy in the following manner as from 251200A.

1 Sub-sector South. Sp provided by II and III Bties.

(a) Deployment : II Bty as at present
III Bty deployment into posns selected in sq 4642, 4742. In action by 251200A

(b) Reconnaissance : with sub-sector Cdr (490406) - 701

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HQ I, II, III & IV Bties 7 Arty Regt (Cremona ICG)

For information of :-

RA Main 5 Corps	(translation)
HQ RA 8 Ind Div	" "
1 AGRA	" "
51 BLU	" "
HQ 11(HAC)RHA	" "
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(b) Representatives : with sub-sector Cdr (490406) - 0791
III Bty
with III/21 Inf Regt (447430) -
III Bty
with I/21 Inf Regt (464435) - II Bty

(c) O Ps : Sector 1/21 Regt - II Bty at 46434538
Sector III/21 Regt - III Bty at 45964425
Reps and OPs to take post night 24/25.

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2 Sub-sector North. Sp provided by I and IV Bties.

(a) Deployment : I and IV Bties as at present

(b) Representatives : with sub-sector Cdr (493463) -
O C I Bty
with II/22 Inf Regt (494477) -
I Bty
with II/21 Inf Regt (487463) -
IV Bty

O Ps : Sector II/22 Inf Regt - I Bty at 49114756
(C Pascola)
Sector II/21 Inf Regt - IV Bty at 48574612
(La Battaglina)
Reps and OPs already in posn

3 1 AGRA. 4 Med Regt RA is in sp over whole sector of Cremona ICG. C O's rep 4 Med at HQ 22 Inf Regt 493463 and 1 AGRA's rep at HQ 21 Inf Regt 490403.

4 C M ORGANISATION

7 Arty Regt responsible for the whole sector of Cremona ICG. CMO at 493463 with HQ 22 Inf Regt.
CM Posts : 2 in sub-sector North - CM 1 at
49114756 (C Pascola)
CM 1 at 48564612 (La Battaglina)
1 in sub-sector South - CM 2 at
45664566

5 A/Tk GUNS DEPLOYMENT

V Bty will deploy 9th Tp in sub-sector South on both sides of R LAMONE coordinated with inf A/Tk guns.

6 COMMS

W/T : as at present

Line: Normal between OPs, bns and bties. Direct lines from RHQ to reps with inf regts and lateral lines

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with II/22 Inf Regt (494477) -
I Bty
with II/21 Inf Regt (487463) -
IV Bty

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CM 4 at 48574612 (La Battaglina)
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The Officer Comdg
Col Angelo Ottone

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SECRET

Arty HQ Cremona Group

Ops

No. 801 Ops P.M. 4, 21.3.45

Subject :- Op Order No.4.
Take over of the Sector at present held by JEWISH BDE and handing over of the present Sector as held by 1/22 Regt.

To :- OC 1,11,111,IV,V Bty's LL SS

For Infm.
Div HQ Gruppo Cremona. Fil 64
HQ RA 8 Ind Div
51 BLU
HQ 21 Regt Fil 64
HQ 22 Regt Fil 64
HQ 11 (HAC) RHA
HQ 4 Medium Regt RA
RA Main 5 Corps

1. Situation Infantry

On the 24th and 25th March the Gruppo Cremona will carry out the following deployment (to be completed by 250600

(a) Boundaries of the Gruppo Cremona Sector:
North: Line Canale Naviglio (488507) Casa Lelli (491506) S. Maria (497495) Podere Carrara (507491)- localities excluded.

South: Line 434459 - 439450 - C. Bagnoli (433444 - C. Birnot (432443)- Casetta del Consorzio (439441)- C. Calegari (447430)-456420 - localities excluded.

8 Ind Div is deployed on the left of this sector and Reeforce (12 Lancers and Recce Regt of the 56 Div) on the right.

The whole sector of the Gruppo Cremona will therefore be sub - divided into two sub-sectors.

(b) Sub-sector North included between the right boundary of the sector of the Gruppo and the Railway Alfonsine excluded. Two bns up as at present except that 11/22 will relieve 111/22. OC 22 Regt to command sub-sector HQ in area 508437.

(c) Sub-sector South. Included between Rly Alfonsine (included) and the left boundary of the Gruppo's sector. Two bns up (1 and 111 bn of 21 Inf Regt) OC 21 Regt to command sub-sector. HQ at 490406 (present HQ Jewish Bde)

(d) Change overs and moves.

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For Info.

Div HQ Gruppo Cremona	FM 64
HQ RA 8 Ind Div	
51 BLU	
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(d) Change overs and moves.
Night of 22/23 March
The 11/22 will relieve 111/22 which will deploy in area 5041 leaving one Coy in area C. Vorbarolla (5147)

Night of 23/24 and by 240600. 1/22 to be relieved by Reeforce.
Day 24 and night 24/25 and by 250600. 1 and 111 bn of the 21 Regt will relieve the Jewish Bde.

(e) 1/22 in area to be notified. Div reserve.

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2. Artillery

In sp of Gruppo "Cremona" - sub sector North: 7 Arty Regt sub sector South: 11 (HAC) RHA of 8 Ind Div. 4 Med Regt RA will provide sp over whole sector.

(a) Sub-sector North

Present deployment of bty's of 7 Arty Regt: 1, 111 and IV bty's will be in sp.

11 bty will not be committed to any sp but will remain under immediate operational control of this HQ.

Tac HQ 7 Arty Regt will move and remain with HQ 22 Inf Regt.

Reps:

with HQ sub-sector OC 1st bty
with Right Bn 111 bty
with Left Bn IV bty

Ops

111 bty: La Barca (493491)
1 bty : C. Galavotti (481483)
iV bty : at 475469

(b) Sub-sector South

11 (HAC) RHA will provide a rep with the sub-sector Comdr and with the Comdrs of the 1 and 111/21 and OPs as at present.

7 Arty Regt will provide a L.O. with the Comdrs of the sub-sector South. One Capt from the 11 bty has already been detailed for 0600 hrs of the 25th.

(c) C.M. Organisation

7 Arty Regt is responsible for the whole sector of the Gruppo Cremona. All reports will be transmitted to the CMO (at HQ 22 Inf Regt)

C.M. Posts

2 in North Sub-sector (La Basca and La Battaglina)
1 in South Sub-sector to be selected and posted by 11 bty and to be in direct communication with C.M.O.

(d) Deployment of A/tk Guns

The V bty will deploy 9th Troup in Sub-sector South on both sides of the F. Lamone in conjunction with the Inf A/Tk Guns.

(e) Communications

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with HQ sub-sector OC 1st bty
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(e) Communications

W/T. As already in operation.
Line; As on att diagram.
Separate orders to OC 11 bty.

(SIGNED) The Officer Commanding.
Col. Angelo Ottone.

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R[illegible] GROUP OPERATION ORDER NO.4.

Ref Maps ITALY 1/25,000 89 I NW, 89 I SW, 89 II NW

SECRET.

Operation 'RINO'

3/4/G

Copy No. 20

3 Mar 45

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy. Hold houses at 636566 estimated strength 50. Mortar low mostly Italians. Sole [illegible] South of CASA [illegible] and Tellers [illegible] on Beach.

2. Own Troops.

(a) 9 Coy 22nd Regt at 638563.
11 Coy 22nd Regt at 637560.
1 Coy 21st Regt at 636552.
Bn HQ 1/22 no change.
1 Tp of NYH with 1/21 Coy and 1 Tp at Bn HQ.

(b) All tanks except one recovered.

INTENTION.

3. 3rd March to capture enemy and comb out houses at 636566 and then firm up on line they are on to night.

METHOD.

4. (a) General.

1. H Hour not before 031100A Hrs
2. H Hour provisionally 1115 Hrs. Any change to be notified by 1030 Hrs.
3. Outline Inf Plan.
H to H +30 One Coy will work up beaches and at H + 30 will be ready to assault houses at 636566 from East.
4. Any registration necessary before H Hour will be by Air O.P. and will include :-

(a) 1 X 7.2" How on U.806 M.R. 63535667.
1 X 7.2" How on U.804 M.R. 63565654.

(b) 1 Tp of 2 Bty on U.806 } Guns
1 Tp of 2 Bty on U.804 } Concentrated.

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5. Outline Fire Plan.

[illegible] U.806 and 804 to be [illegible]

1. Enemy. Road Block at 636566 estimated strength 50. Morale low mostly Australians. Pillboxes South of CASA VENTI and Tellers etc on Beach.

2. Own Troops.

(a) 9 Coy 22nd Regt at 638563.
11 Coy 22nd Regt at 637560.
1 Coy 21st Regt at 636552.
Bn HQ 1/22 no change.
1 Tp of MMR with 1/21 Coy and 1 Tp at Bn HQ.

(b) All tanks except one recovered.

INTENTION.

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METHOD.

4. (a) General.

1. H Hour not before 031100A Hrs
2. H Hour provisionally 1115 Hrs. Any change to be notified by 1000 Hrs.
3. Outline Inf Plan.
H to H + 30 One Coy will work up beaches and at H + 30 will be ready to assault houses at 636566 from East.
4. Any registration necessary before H Hour will be by Air O.P. and will include :-
(a) 1 X 7.2" How on U.806 M.R. 63535667.
1 X 7.2" How on U.804 M.R. 63565654.

(b) 1 Tp of 2 Bty on U.806 } Guns
1 Tp of 2 Bty on U.804 } Concentrated.

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5. Outline Fire Plan.

H - 15 to H	U. 806 and 804 to be bombed but not strafed.
H to H + 30	1 X 7.2" How and 1 Tp 2 Bty to engage U.806. 1 X 7.2" How and 1 Tp 2 Bty to engage U.804. Rate 1 Rd G.F. followed by rate " Very Slow".
H + 30 to H + 60	Counter Mortar and Counter Battery programme as per Appendix "A".

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Method of issue D.R.

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APPENDIX "A"

Target List same as 2nd March with following additions :-

AZ	661660	458275	Ht 2 Metres	H.B.
BA	661305	458920	Ht 2 Metres	H.B.
BD	665740	459670	Ht 2 Metres	150 mm S.P.

Task Table H to H + 60

Scale 1 Rd G.M. followed by rate " Very Slow ".

Code	7 Arty Regt	24 FG Regt	94 Med Bty	9 Med Bty	214 HAA Bty	Inf Mortars.
PIG (PORCO)	4 Guns					6
FOX (VOLPE)	8 "					6
BULL (TORRO)					8 Guns	
MOUSE (SORCIO)		8 Guns				
HORSE (CAVALLO)	8 "					
DONKEY (ASINO)	4 "					
AP			4 Guns			
AL			4 "			
AZ				4 Guns		
BA				4 Guns		

NOTE :- 2 Bty, 7 Arty Regt after H + 30 will be free for direct support by F.O.O.s. 56 Bty will be available for observed shooting by F.O.O. Static OP or Air OP.

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HORSE (CAVALLO)	8 "					
DONKEY (ASINO)	4 "					
AP			4 Guns			
AL			4 "			
AZ				4 Guns		
RA				4 Guns		

NOTE :- 2 Bty, 7 Arty Regt after E + 30 will be free for direct support by F.O.O.s. 56 Bty will be available for observed shooting by F.O.O. Static OP or Air OP.

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AMENDMENT NO 1 TO

OPERATION ORDER NO 3 DATED 28 FEB '45.

1. PARA 3 (i) for 1000 hrs substitute 1200 hrs.

2. APPX 'A'

(a) Det List No 1

(i) Against FOX delete MB 6085 5646
and substitute MD 61400 56420

(ii) Against DONKEY delete AN 62060 57410
(iii) Against DOG add AJ 613633 ?/105

(b) TASK TABLE
Against DOG under 94 Med Bty for 2 substitute 4

(c) FIRE PLAN
Para 2(b) delete and substitute
"Sec 121 Hvy Bty will engage DONKEY (AV and AR) instead of HORSE in this serial".

DISTRIBUTION as per Appx 'A4 to RA Cremona Group O.O.No 3783

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B.M.R.A. H.Q.R.A.CREMONA GP.

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R.A. CREMONA GROUP OPERATIONAL ORDER No.3

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Ref Maps ITALY 1/25,000 Sheets 89 I NW, 89 I SW
89 II NW.

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Operation 'RENO'

28 February 45

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INTENTION.

1. Enemy.

Hold the line of the NORTH bank of the R.RENO in a series of strong points from river bend at 632565 to the EASTERN shore of L.COMACCHIO 586560. Known positions are:-
632565, C.OSTERIA 6156, C.CHIESVICA LEONARDO 6156, river bank from 600558 to 596557 and 591565.
M.Gs are dug into the NORTHERN side of the SOUTHERN bank in area 6255.

SOUTH and EAST of the R.RENO the enemy has positions at C.FILLIPONE 634556, C.VENTI 636564 and Tre di FRIMARO 635566. The main mortar positions are in the areas 609564 and 613564, and isolated positions between 6156 and the river bend.

2. Own Troops.

The sector is held by I Bn (I/21) with Bn HQ at 605541. Rt.Coy HQ is at 627533 with outposts at 636531, 635535 and 625548. Centre Coy HQ at 605549 with outposts at 614558 and 604557. Left Coy HQ at 587554 with outposts at 582558 and 591556.

Tank support is provided by N.I.H. with one Tp 6-pr CHURCHILLS, 2 x 75 mm and 2 x 95 mm CHURCHILLS.

22 Inf Regt assumes command of sector, 1800 hrs 28 FEB, leaving 21 Inf Regt in command of remainder of Gruppo front.

3. Outline Plan.

(a) On 2 MAR, C.FILLIPONE and C.VENTI are to be captured.
(b) Prior to 2 MAR, 9 Coy III Bn 22 Regt will occupy house 634553
(c) At H hour 2 MAR, coy at 634553 will advance to C.FILLIPONE and if unable to capture it without tank support will wait until tanks are free to assist.
(d) At H hour, I Coy I Bn 21 Regt will advance as far as possible towards C.VENTI, through pine woods.
(e) Three troops of N.I.H. and troop of CROCODILES will assist infantry to capture C.VENTI.
One troop N.I.H. followed by II Coy 22 Regt and CROCODILES will move behind I Coy through Pinewoods.
One troop N.I.H. will move between coast and pinewood.
One troop N.I.H. from 625548 will fire on C.FILLIPONE.
(f) On arrival fwd edge pinewood, tanks will recce and make plan for assault on C.VENTI.

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(f) On arrival fwd edge pinewood, tanks will recce and make plan for assault on C.VENTI.
(g) Air support consisting of C.BRANKS and straffing missions will assist attack. R.A.F. LO at 22 Regt HQ.
Programme:-
(i) H to H+15 and H+30 to H+45 - bombing of gun and mortar areas in 6257 and 6157, and straffing banks of RENO from 612559 to 634568
(ii) H+60 - Straffe C.VENTI.
(iii) From H+60 - C.BRANKS straffing missions at call.
(h) As part of deceptionnplan 95 mm CHURCHILLS will shell area 588564 from H-5 to H.
(i) H hour - ~~1000~~ hrs 2 MAR 45 1200 hrs
(j) III/22 Bn HQ initially at 635535
(k) 22 Regt Tac HQ 616536.

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INTENTION.

4. R... GREMONA GROUP will support III/22 Regt attack.

METHOD.

5. Arty available.
(a) 7 Arty Regt (4 x 25-pr btys) - The two btys in 5551 will remain on primary arcs of fire until morning 2 MAR.
(b) 24 Fd Regt RA (2 x 105 mm Btys)
(c) 94 Med Bty, 70 Med Regt RA (4.5")
(d) 9 Med Bty, 4 Med Regt RA (5.5")
(e) Sec, 121 Hy Bty 32 Hy Regt (7.2")
(f) 214 HAA Bty (3.7")
} From 1 A.G.R.A. in support GREMONA GROUP.
(g) Inf Mortars (4 x 3")

6. Moves.
(a) 7 Arty Regt - one bty to area 5952, 28 FEB
(b) 24 Fd Regt - one bty to area 6050, 1 MAR
(c) 9 and 94 Med Btys to PORTO CORSINI (6345) 28 FEB.
(d) 214 HAA Bty to 5950, 28 FEB.
(e) Sec, 121 Hy Bty to 5948, 28 FEB.

7. O.Ps (static)
(a) 7 Arty Regt - one with I/21 Bn. II Gp - Liberni ?
(b) 24 Fd Regt - one with I/21 Bn

8. F.O.Os.
(a) 7 Arty Regt - one with I Coy I/21 (under command III/22) I Gp. Fasanoni ?
(b) 24 Fd Regt - one with troop N.I.H.

9. C.Os Reps.
(a) 7 Arty Regt - one with III/22 Bn. Sergio ?
(b) 24 Fd Regt - one with I/21 Bn
one with III/22 Bn
(c) 9 Med Bty - one at H.Q.R.A.

10. C.R.As Reps.
Lt.Col.A.BLOCK RA will be CRAs rep at 22 Regt HQ.

11. L.Os.
(a) 7 Arty Regt - one at I/21 Bn Achim ?
One at 22 Regt HQ Fanoni ?
one with III/22 Bn. Sergio ?

12. Registration.
(a) Policy: Med, Hy and HAA, by not more than one gun per bty on 1 MAR - to be kept to the minimum. Will be done by AOP.
(b) No registration EAST and SOUTH of RENO.

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(f) 214 H.A. Bty (3.7"))
(g) Inf Mortars (4 x 3")

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(a) 7 Arty Regt - one with I/21 Bn. Lt Gp - Lilburn ?
(b) 24 Fd Regt - one with I/21 Bn

8. F.O.Os.
(a) 7 Arty Regt - one with I Coy I/21(under command III/22) Lt Gp. Fairmont ?
(b) 24 Fd Regt - one with troop N.I.H.

9. C.Os Reps.
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One at 22 Regt HQ Fairmont ?
one with III/22 Bn. Lorgie ?

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13. AIR O.P.
(a) Will carry out registration with Med, Hy and H.A. Arty 1 MAR. Details later.
(b) Details of sorties during attack - continuous from 0930hrs.

14. Fire Plan.
Task tables will be issued later as Appx.'A'

15. Mortars.
Inf 3" mortars will be included in Arty Fire Plan.

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16. Allotment of Arty during and after attack to O.Ps etc.
(a) During Fire Plan
(i) 7 Arty Regt - one tp on call to Air O.P.
one tp on call to F.O.O.
(ii) 24 Fd Regt - One tp on call to FOO/Static OP (FOO priority)
one tp on call to Air OP/Static OP (A.O.P. priority)
(b) At conclusion of fire plan (2MAR to morning 4 MAR)
(i) CRAs Rep (22 Regt) - all available Arty
(ii) FOO (Inf) 7 Arty Regt - one bty 7 Arty Regt.
(iii) FOO (tanks) 24 Fd Regt - one bty 24 Fd Regt.
(iv) A.O.P. - Nec, Hy and HAA, one bty 7 Arty Regt, one bty 24 Fd Regt.

17. Harrassing Fire (Night 2/3 MAR and 3/4 MAR)
Will be decided by CRAs Rep in conjunction with Regtl Comd, and will be ordered by HQR.

18. D.F.
(a) Pre-arranged D.Fs - see Appx. 'B'
(b) D.F.(S.O.S) will be registered by FOOs at earliest opportunity on arrival objective.

19. Authority to Fire D.F. and D.F.(S.O.S).
(a) D.F. - C.R.A.s Rep (22 Regt)
(b) D.F.(S.O.S) - O.Ps and FOOs with Coy Comds.

20. .5 BROWNINGS (24 Fd Regt)
4 Brownings will be sited to harrass river banks in 6356. Ammunition allotted 1800 r.p.g.

21. Moves of Arty back to normal positions.
(a) AGRA Arty, less one tp HAA which remains in support CREMONA GROUP will move morning 4 MAR.
(b) Bty 24 Fd Regt will move morning 4 MAR.

22. Arty defence remainder of CREMONA GP front.
(a) One bty 24 Fd Regt will remain in direct support of sector from incl S.ALBERTO to inter-div bdy.
(b) Two btys 7 Arty Regt at 5551 may be turned round to fire on sector from incl S.ALBERTO to inter-div bdy. This may only be done on orders of CRAs Rep(22 Regt HQ).
(c) Rep from RA 8 Ind Div will be with 12 L from 1 to 4 MAR. incl.

23. Ammunition allotment. -(period 2 MAR - morning 4 MAR).

	25-pr	105mm	4.5"	5.5"	7.2"	3.7"
R.F.G.	150	150	60	100(a)	60	250(b)(c)
No. of Guns	32	16	9			

(iv) R.O.F. - Fce, Hy and MMR, one bty 7 Arty Regt, one bty 24 Fd Regt.

17. Harrassing Fire (Night 2/3 MAR and 3/4 MAR)
Will be decided by CRAs Rep in conjunction with Regtl Comd, and will be ordered by HQRA.

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23. Ammunition allotment. -(period 2 MAR - morning 4 MAR).

	25-pr	105mm	4.5"	5.5"	7.2"	3.7"
R.P.G.	150	150	60	100(a)	60	250(b)(c)
No.of Guns	32	16	8	8	2	8
Total	4800	2400	480	800	120	2000

(a) 100 r.p.g. may not all be available
(b) No limit has been placed on expenditure of fuze 199. 250 r.p.g.is therefore, only estimated expenditure.
(c) 40 rds Fuze 208 is available, but will only be fired on orders of HQRA or CRAs Rep(22 Regt).

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INTERCOMMUNICATIONS.

24. Wireless.
(a) Attached at Appx.'C' is W/T diagram.
(b) Med, Hy and H.A.A Btys will net at 0700 hrs 1 MAR.

25. Line.
(a) HQRA will lay line to Med Btys.
(b) 24 Fd Regt will lay line to H.A.A Bty and Hy Sec.
(c) FOO (7 Arty Regt) will lay line as attack proceeds.

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DISTRIBUTION:

7 Arty Regt	No:1	1 A.G.R.A.	12
24 Fd Regt RA	2	RA 5 Corps	13
'B' Tp 22 Bty RHA	3	C.R.A.	14
9/13 Med Bty	4	B.M.	15
94 Med Bty	5	I.O.	16
101 Hy Bty 32 Hy Regt.	6	S.C.	17
214 H.A.A. Bty	7	Sigs.	18
51 B.L.U.	8	Major SLATER - for Br.officers att to Fd Btys.	19 - 22
HQ CHESHIRE GROUP	9	Spare.	23 - 25;
'A' Flt 657 AOP Sqn	10		
N.I.H.	11		

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(a) HQRA will lay line to Mor Btys.
(b) 24 Fd Regt will lay line to HAA Bty and Hy Sec.
(c) FOO (7 Arty Regt) will lay line as attack proceeds.

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121 Hy Bty 32 Hy Regt.	6	S.C.	17
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'A' Flt 657 AOP Sqn	10		
N.I.H.	11		

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APPX 'B' to R...CHERON.. GT
O.O.No.3 dated 28 FEB 1945.

RE-ARRANGED D.Fs.

Task No.	Co-ords.	Ht.	Type	Remarks.
1119	664040 456800 to	0 m	LINEAR CONC	D.F(SOS) III Bty.
-	663870 456850	2 m		
1120	663870 456850 to	2 m	LINEAR CONC	D.F(SOS) I Bty.
	663700 456920	2 m		
1121	663700 456920 to	2 m	LINEAR CONC	D.F(SOS) 56 Bty
	663530 456970	3 m		
1122	663395 456850 to	3 m	LINEAR CONC	D.F(SOS) 22 Bty
	663300 456650	3 m		
1123	663300 456650 to	3 m	LINEAR CONC	D.F(SOS) II Bty
	663195 456450	3 m		
1124	663195 456450 to	3 m	LINEAR CONC	D.F(SOS) IV Bty
	663050 456280	3 m		
1125	663950 456840 to	2 m	LINEAR CONC	D.F. I Bty
	663925 456615	2 m		
1126	663925 456615 to	2 m	LINEAR CONC	D.F. 56 Bty
	663890 456400	2 m		
1127	663890 456400 to	2 m	LINEAR CONC	D.F. III Bty
	663870 456170	2 m		
1128	663490 457030	0 m	MURDER	D.F. IV Bty.

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1120	663870 456850	2 m	LINEAR CONC	D.F(SOS) I Bty.
	to			
	663700 456920	2 m		
1121	663700 456920	2 m	LINEAR CONC	D.F(SOS) 56 Bty
	to			
	663530 456970	3 m		
1122	663395 456850	3 m	LINEAR CONC	D.F(SOS) 22 Bty
	to			
	663300 456650	3 m		
1123	663300 456650	3 m	LINEAR CONC	D.F(SOS) II Bty
	to			
	663195 456450	3 m		
1124	663195 456450	3 m	LINEAR CONC	D.F(SOS) IV Bty
	to			
	663050 456280	3 m		
1125	663950 456840	2 m	LINEAR CONC	D.F. I Bty
	to			
	663925 456615	2 m		
1126	663925 456615	2 m	LINEAR CONC	D.F. 56 Bty
	to			
	663890 456400	2 m		
1127	663890 456400	2 m	LINEAR CONC	D.F. III Bty
	to			
	663870 456170	2 m		
1128	663490 457030	0 m	MURDER	D.F. IV Bty.

All targets are bty targets. Amn H.E. Scale and rate will be given with orders to engage.

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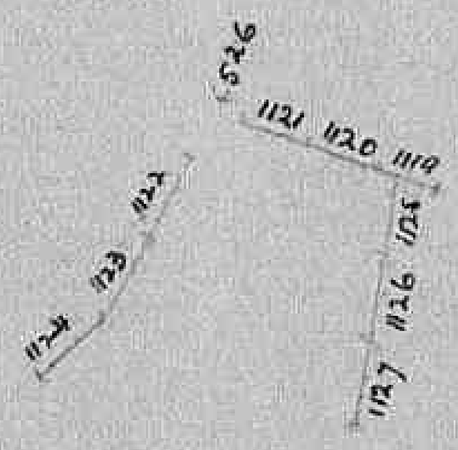

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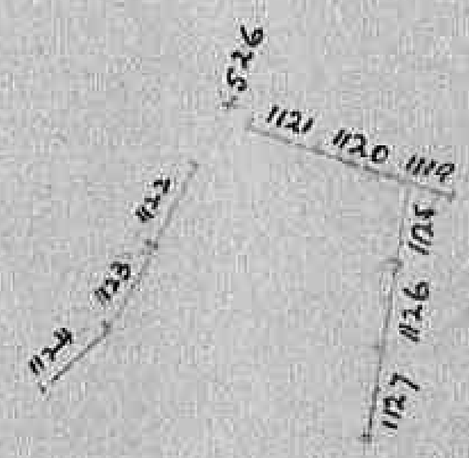

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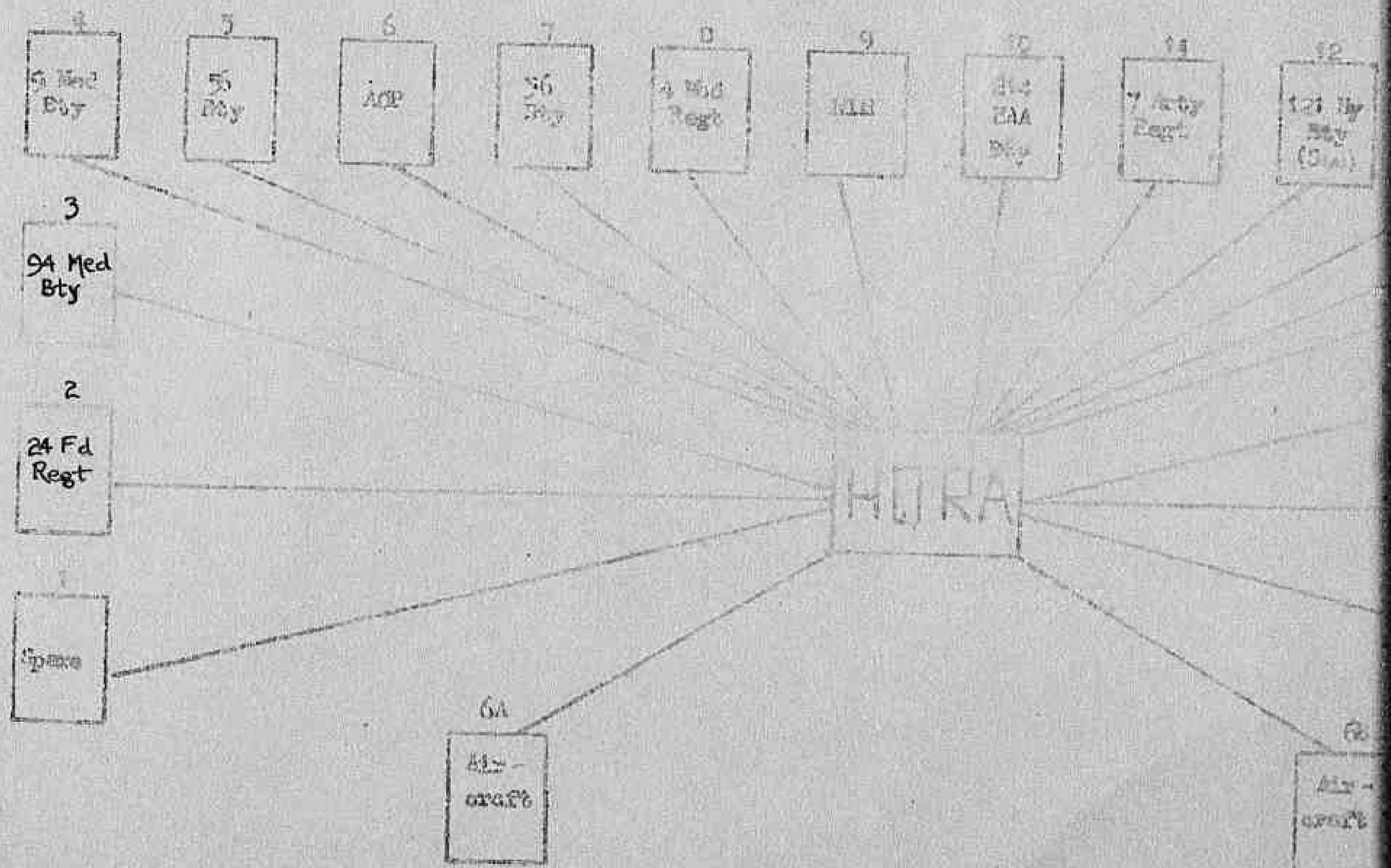

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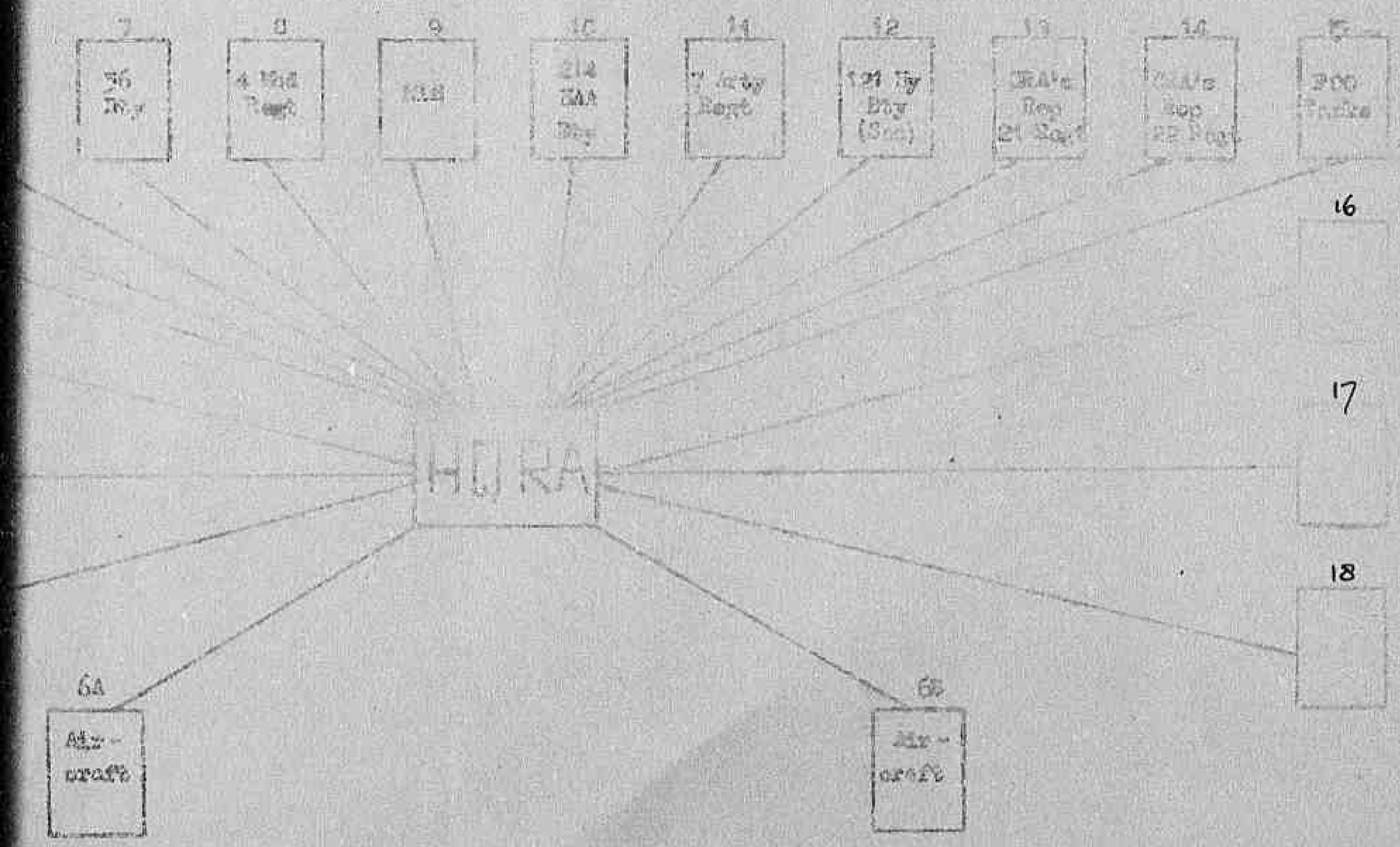

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TGT LIST No.1

Appx 'A' to RA Cremona
Gp OO No.3 dated 28 Feb

(All tgts will be prepared by all units that can engage)

CODE	Tgt No.	Co-ords			Description
PIG (PORCO)	MA	609	560		Suspect Mortar SR
	MH	61235	56300		S.P.
	MJ	6125	5614		Mortar AOP
WEASEL (DONNOLA)	AD	58800	55860		Guns
	MK	59095	56735		Mortars
FOX (VOLPE)	MF	6189	5650		Mortars
	AO	61665	56370		1 Hy Gun
	~~MB~~ MD	~~[illegible]~~	61400	56420	Mortar
KILL (TORO)	ML	61[illegible]	5678		Mortars
	MO	6115	5700		"
	MP	60[illegible]15	56905		"
	MB	606[illegible]	5646		"
SHEEP (PECORA)	-	663[illegible] / 663[illegible]	456850 to 456880	3m	Canal Bank
MOUSE (SORCIO)	MG	6310	5724		Mortars
	AL	6320	5715		1 A/T Gun
HORSE (CAVALLO)	MI	62475	57190		Mortar
	AQ	6248	5757		?/105
	AN	62060	57410		?/105
	AC	61910	57620		3 Guns
DONKEY (ASINO)	~~AN~~	~~62060~~	~~57410~~		?/105
	AV	61354	58032		?/guns
	AH	612	575		Digging
	AR	61625	57830		1/SP ?
RAT (TOPO)	AT	638	591		1/100 How (It)
COW (VACCA)	AL	61270	58770		1 Gun
	MC	6120	5836		Mortars
CAT (GATTO)	AW	621	602		?/gun
	AX	61860	60630		?/gun
DOG (CANE)	AI	615	624		

WEASEL (DONNOLA)	AD MK	56600 54095	55650 56735		Guns Mortars
FOX (VOLPE)	MF AO ~~MB~~ MD	6189 61645 ~~[illegible]~~	5650 56370 ~~[illegible]~~ 61400	56420	Mortars 1 Hy Gun Mortar
KILL (TORO)	ML MO MP MB	6135 6115 60910 6085	5678 5700 56905 5640		Mortars " " "
SHEEP (PECORA)	-	663305 663070	456870 to 456230	3m	Canal Bank
MOUSE (SORCIO)	MG AL	6310 6320	5724 5715		Mortars 1 A/T Gun
HORSE (CAVALLO)	ML AQ AN AO	62475 6248 62060 61910	57190 5757 57410 57620		Mortar ?/105 ?/105 3 Guns
DONKEY (ASINO)	~~AM~~ AV AH AR	~~62010~~ 61354 612 61625	~~57410~~ 56038 575 57630		?/105 ?/guns Digging 1/SP ?
RAT (TOPO)	AT	638	591		1/100 How (It)
COW (VACCA)	AL MC	61270 6120	56770 5836		1 Gun Mortars
CAT (GATTO)	AW AX	621 61860	602 60630		?/gun ?/gun
DOG (CANE)	AI AJ	615 613	624 633		
MULE (MULO)	U 802 U 804 U 806	663540 663560 663530	456440 456540 456670		Houses " "

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TASK TABLE

Targets at call. Guns as detailed will engage when called for by Codeword, but all guns must be prepared to engage all these targets at very short notice

CODE		No. of Guns to engage						
		7 Arty Regt	24 Fd Regt	94 Med Bty	9 Med Bty	121 Hy Bty	214 HAA Bty	Infantry Mortars
PIG (PORCO)	3	4	-	-	-	-	4	3
FOX (VOLPE)	3	4	-	-	-	-	4	3
EEL (TORCI)	4	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
MOUSE (SORCIO)	2	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
HORSE (CAVALLO)	4	4	-	-	-	2	-	-
DONKEY (ASINO)	3	4	-	-	4	-	-	-
COW (VACCA)	2	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
CAT (GATTO)	2	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
DOG (CANE)	3	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
RAT (TOPO)	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
MULE (MULO)	3	-	4	4	-	-	-	-

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FOX (VOLPE) 3	4	-	-	-	-	4	3
ELK (TORO) 4	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
MOUSE (SORCIC) 2	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
HORSE (CAV. LLC) 4	4	-	-	-	2	-	-
DONKEY (ASINO) 3	4	-	-	4	-	-	-
COW (VACCA) 2	-	-	-	4	-	-	-
CAT (GATTO) 2	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
DOG (CANE) 2	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
RAT (TOPO) 1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
MULE (MULO) 3	-	4	4	-	-	-	-
SHEEP (PECORA) 1	-	-	-	-	-	4	6
WEASEL (DONNOLA) 2	-	4	-	-	-	-	776

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Sheet 3 of Appx 'A'
to R. Cremona Gp OO
No.3 dated 28 Feb 45

FIRE PLAN

1. From H + 15 to H + 30

(a) Engage PIG FOX BULL MOUSE HORSE DONKEY
COW CAT DOG

(b) 4mm - HE

(c) Rates: Field - 2 rds GF followed by rate SLOW
Medium - 2 rds GF followed by rate SLOW
Hy - 2 rds GF followed by rate SLOW
HAA - 2 rds GF followed by rate NORMAL
Mortars - Rate NORMAL

(d) Sec 121 Hy Bty will engage ML and AN only in HORSE

2. From H + 45 to H + 60

(a) Repeat 1 above. Programme may be altered at CRA's Rep's discretion.

(b) Sec 121 Hy Bty will engage DONKEY (~~AN and AV~~ AV and AR) instead of HORSE in this serial.

(c) Tp 9 Med Bty will engage HORSE instead of DONKEY in this serial.

3. Serial 1 above may be repeated after H + 60 on orders of CRA's Rep (22 Regt).

4. Concentrations on call by CRA's Rep after H + 60 as per Task Table and List.
Orders to engage will include scale and rate.

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Lieut. Roylance. I Gp

Subject :- Air O.P. Shooting - 7 Arty Regt. Ref :- 12/1

2. 2. 45.

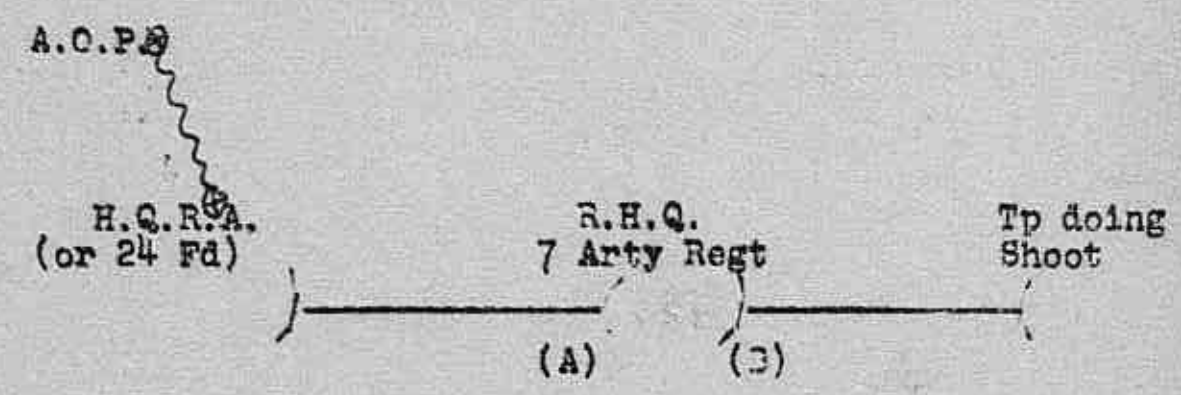
To :- 7 Arty Regt.
24 Fd Regt R.A.
A.O.P.
Copy to Major Slater (5 - 1 per Sr Officer)

1. It is proposed to use the guns of 7 Arty Regt for shooting with Air O.P..

2. By using 7 Arty Regt deeper registration can be carried out than is at present possible.

3. It is not practicable to have the A.O.P. pass orders direct to 7 Arty Regt (language difficulties). Fire orders will, therefore, be relayed through either H.Q.R.A. or 24 Fd Regt until a British wireless terminal can be provided at 7 Arty Regt.

4. Communications will be :-



(i) An interpreter will be at 'phone (A), the orders will be translated and passed immediately through 'phone (B) to the troop doing the shoot.

(ii) All exchange operators between H.Q.R.A. and 7 Arty Regt and 7 Arty Regt and Tp will be instructed to leave the necessary lines plugged through until end of shoot.

5. All shoots will be prearranged so that the G.P.O. will have plenty of time to work out his opening switch and range and get his guns laid. Also the communications will be tested and working by the time the pilot is ready to observe.

6. Normal A.O.P. procedure will be used.

This entails the following :-

(a) Opening switch and range is corrected for meteor.

(b) Ranging is carried out by one gun. If the

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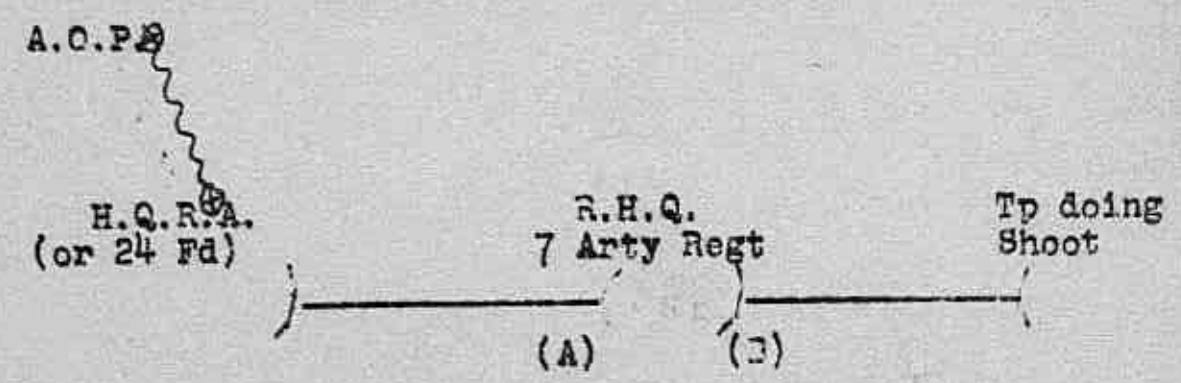

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6. Normal A.O.P. procedure will be used.

This entails the following :-

(a) Opening switch and range is corrected for meteor.

(b) Ranging is carried out by one gun. If the Pilot does not see any round he may ask for a rd of smoke. In this case the next round fired will be Smoke, the G.P.O. then reverts automatically to H.E. again.

Alternatively the Pilot may order "Section Salvos" to be fired.

(c) "Fire by Order" is in force throughout the shoot unless cancelled at any stage by the pilot.

(d) Corrections to line are ordered as "More" or "Less" so many degrees and minutes.

(e) Corrections to range are ordered in the form of "Add" or "Drop" so many yards.

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7. PRELIMINARY WORK

Before any shoot is to be carried out, H.Q.R.A. will issue the following instructions to 7 Arty Regt or A.O.P..

(a) Number, description and map ref of Target.
(b) Numbers of guns to be used.
(c) Type of shoot i.e. Registration, Neutralisation.
(d) Amn available for shoot.
(e) Time 7 Arty Regt to be ready to fire.

8. On receipt of the above, 7 Arty Regt will allot a Troop to do the shoot. The G.P.O. of the Troop will report "Ready" and time of flight when his guns are ready. This should be a short time before the time given in (e) above.

Line communications will be as in para (4) above.

9. On receipt of "Ready" from 7 Arty Regt H.Q.R.A. will inform the Pilot who will order "Fire" when he is in a position to observe

EXAMPLE 1

Following sent out from H.Q.R.A. to 7 Arty Regt and A.O.P.

(a) Tgt U 575 Weapon Pits 490546
(b) 1 Tp
(c) Registration
(d) 15 rds
(e) 1000 hrs

7 Arty Regt decides to use 9 Bty. G.P.O. works out his opening switch and range, applies correction of moment and fires out orders to the guns.

"To Tgt Air Shoot HE Ch 111 Z 35° A/S Zero
Fire by order, Right Ranging 7600"

When guns are ready G.P.O. reports "Ready 23 secs" (time of flight) to 7 Arty Regt. 7 Arty Regt passes it to H.Q.R.A. and H.Q.R.A. informs Air O.P..

When Pilot is ready to observe he orders "Fire" Shoot continues as below :-

NOTE :- ARROWS SHOW ORIGINATOR IN EACH CASE.

A.O.P. (to HQRA)	H.Q.R.A. (to AOP)	H.Q.R.A. (to 7 Arty Regt)	7 Arty Regt (to HQRA)	7 Arty Regt (to GPO)	GPO (to 7 Arty Regt)	GPO (to Guns)
FIRE →		FIRE		FIRE		FIRE

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Fire by order, Right Ranging 7600

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NOTE :- ARROWS SHOW ORIGINATOR IN EACH CASE.

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FIRE →		FIRE		FIRE		FIRE
	SHOT 1		SHOT 1		← SHOT 1	
LESS 1° RPT →		LESS 1° RPT		LESS 1° RPT		LESS 1° 7600
	READY		READY		← READY	
FIRE →		FIRE		FIRE		FIRE
	SHOT 1		SHOT 1		← SHOT 1	
ADD 400		ADD 400		ADD 400		8000

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A.O.P. (to HQRA)	H.Q.R.A. (to AOP)	H.Q.R.A. (to 7 Arty Regt)	7 Arty Regt (to HQRA)	7 Arty Regt (to GPO)	G.P.O. (to 7 Arty Regt)	G.P.O. (to Guns)
	READY		READY	←	READY	
FIRE →		FIRE		FIRE		FIRE
	SHOT 1		SHOT 1		SHOT 1	
MORE 20' DROP 200 →		MORE 20' DROP 200		MORE 20' DROP 200		MORE 20' 7800
	READY		READY	←	READY	
FIRE →		FIRE		FIRE		FIRE
	SHOT 1		SHOT 1	←	SHOT 1	
CANCEL FIRE BY ORDER →		CANCEL FIRE BY ORDER		CANCEL FIRE BY ORDER		CANCEL FIRE BY ORDER
DROP 100 →		DROP 100		DROP 100		7700
	SHOT 1		SHOT 1	←	SHOT 1	
ADD 50 1 R G F →		ADD 50 1 R G F		ADD 50 1 R G F		7750 1 R G F
	SHOT		SHOT	←	SHOT	
RECORD AS TGT → STAND EASY		RECORD AS TGT STAND EASY		RECORD AS TGT STAND EASY		RECORD AS TGT STAND EASY

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DROP 200		DROP 200		20' DROP 200		20' 7800
	READY		READY	←	READY	
FIRE →		FIRE		FIRE		FIRE
	SHOT 1		SHOT 1	←	SHOT 1	
CANCEL FIRE BY ORDER →		CANCEL FIRE BY ORDER		CANCEL FIRE BY ORDER		CANCEL FIRE BY ORDER
DROP 100 →		DROP 100		DROP 100		7700
	SHOT 1		SHOT 1	←	SHOT 1	
ADD 50 1 R G F →		ADD 50 1 R G F		ADD 50 1 R G F		7750 1 R G F
	SHOT		SHOT	←	SHOT	
RECORD AS TGT → STAND EASY		RECORD AS TGT STAND EASY		RECORD AS TGT STAND EASY		RECORD AS TGT STAND EASY

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EXAMPLE 11

SAME TARGET AS EXAMPLE 1 BUT PILOT HAS DIFFICULTY IN SEEING OPENING RDS.

A.O.P. (to HQRA)	H.Q.R.A. (to AOP)	H.Q.R.A. (to 7 Arty Regt)	7 Arty Regt (to HQRA)	7 Arty Regt (to G.P.O)	G.P.O. (to 7 Arty Regt)	G.P.O. (to Guns)
FIRE →		FIRE		FIRE		FIRE
(a)	SHOT 1		SHOT 1		← SHOT 1	
RPT →		RPT		RPT		7600
	READY		READY		← READY	
FIRE →		FIRE		FIRE		FIRE
(b)	SHOT 1		SHOT 1		← SHOT 1	
SMOKE →		SMOKE		SMOKE		7600 No 1 1 R G F FIRE No 1 SMOKE FUZE. 9 No 1 7550 No 1 1 R G F (c)
	READY		READY		← READY	
FIRE →		FIRE		FIRE		FIRE
	SHOT 1		SHOT 1		← SHOT 1	No 1 HE Right ranging (d)
MORE 2° ADD 400 (e) →		MORE 2° ADD 400		MORE 2° ADD 400		MORE 2° 8000

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RT →		RT		RT		[illegible]
	READY		READY		← READY	
FIRE →		FIRE		FIRE		FIRE
(b)	SHOT 1		SHOT 1		← SHOT 1	
SMOKE →		SMOKE		SMOKE		7600 No 1 R G F FIRE No 1 SMOKE FUZE, 9 No 1 7550 No 1 1 R G F (c)
	READY		READY		← READY	
FIRE →		FIRE		FIRE		FIRE
	SHOT 1		SHOT 1		← SHOT 1	No 1 HE Right ranging (d)
MORE 2° ADD 400 →		MORE 2° ADD 400		MORE 2° ADD 400		MORE 2° 3000
	READY		READY		← READY	
FIRE →		FIRE		FIRE		?? FIRE
	SHOT 1		SHOT 1		← SHOT 1	
ADD 200 →		ADD 200		ADD 200		3200

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G.P.O. (to HQRA)	H.Q.R.A. (to AOP)	H.Q.R.A. (to 7 Arty Regt)	7 Arty Regt (to HQRA)	7 Arty Regt (to GPO)	G.P.O. (to 7 Arty Regt)	G.P.O. (to Guns)
	READY		READY		← READY	
FIRE →		FIRE		FIRE		FIRE
	SHOT 1		SHOT 1		← SHOT 1	
DROP 100 →		DROP 100		DROP 100		&100
	READY		READY		← READY	
FIRE →		FIRE		FIRE		FIRE
	SHOT 1		SHOT 1	← SHOT 1		
	SHOOT CONTINUES					

NOTES :-

(a) Pilot does not see first rd and repeats it..
(b) Pilot does not see 2nd rd and calls for a rd of smoke.
(c) As all guns are loaded with HE G.P.O. immediately clears No 1 of HE and gets it loaded with Smoke.
(d) As soon as the rd of Smoke has been fired the G.P.O. orders HE to No 1 and goes back to ranging again. This saves delay when the next order comes down.
(e) Pilot sees the Smoke rd and gives a correction from it.

Major, R.A.,
B.M.R.A.,
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→						
	READY		READY		← READY	
FIRE →		FIRE		FIRE		FIRE
	SHOT 1		SHOT 1		← SHOT 1	
	S H O O T		C O N T I N U E S			

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R.A. CREMONA GROUP OPERATION ORDER No 1

Ref :- Maps Italy 1/25,000 Sheet 89(1) S.W.

INFORMATION

1. Enemy
C. FILIPPINO 634556 is held by strong pl and guarded by wire fence. Other enemy dispositions as before.

2. Own Troops
As per sitreps.

3. Outline Plan
One Coy 11 Bn 21 Regt supported by N.I.H. and R.A. Cremona Group is attacking C FILIPPINO 634556 at approx 0500 hrs 2 Feb '45 with the object of capturing and holding it.

INTENTION

4. R.A. Cremona Group will support the Infantry attack.

METHOD

5. Arty supporting attack
11 and 1V Groups 7 Arty Regt.
56 Bty 24 Fd Regt R.A.

6. Arty Policy
The attack will be silent. No arty tasks will be fired until F.O.O. with Inf calls for fire. After the initial call for fire, tasks will be fired as detailed.

7. C.R.A.'s Rep
Major E. Cox R.A. 56 Bty will be the C.R.A's rep with 11 Bn. He will be in control of all arty supporting the attack.
One Group Comd 7 Arty Regt will accompany Major Cox.

8. Pre-arranged D.F's on call.
To be issued later.
These will be on call by the F.O.O. and will be answered by 56 Bty., Scale 2, and 7 Arty Regt when ordered by C.R.A's Rep..

9. Concentrations
(a) On initial call for fire from F.O.O. 95 mm Churchills and Inf 3" Mortars are firing concs on previously registered tgts in areas 636566 and 638562.
These concs may be repeated on call by arty F.O.O. or Inf..
(b) 7 Arty Regt will fire concs on 631571 and area 638562 on call by C.R.A's rep.

10. C.R. and C.M.

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10. C.B. and C.M.
11 and 1V Gps 7 Arty Regt and 56 Bty will be available for C.B. and C.M. tasks as first priority. Tasks will be on call from A.O.P. or C.B.O. (56 Bty) as a result of sound-plots. 703

11. H.F.
Hy M.G's will be firing H.F. on fixed lines from positions area 628541 for 3 hours from opening of arty programme (4 guns, 2000 r.p.g.)
Tgt - ferry and ferry terminals area 636571.

12. Arty at Call
11 and 1V Groups 7 Arty Regt and 56 Bty will be at call to arty F.O.O's less guns engaged on C.B., C.M. or D.F. tasks.

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13. Air O.P.
First sortie will start at first light 2 Feb '45..

14. REGISTRATION
Registration as ordered by C.R.A's rep will be carried out by 7 Arty Regt and 56 Bty on 1 Feb '45.

ADMINISTRATION
14. Ammunition
25 pr - 200 rds
105 mm - 200 rds

INTERCOMMUNICATION
15. (a) 56 Bty.
(i) F.O.O. and 48 set with Inf (Bty net)
(ii) F.O.O. tk with N.I.H. (Bty net & N.I.H. net)
(iii) Officer & 48 set at O.P. 625549 thence line to C.P..
(iv) Both tps and C.P. on bty net.
(v) B.C. at H.Q. 11 Bn - with set on Bty net flick to H Net
- with set on Air O.P. net flick to N.I.H.
(vi) Officer with M.G's - 38 set on Bty net.
(vii) Operators and set with each B.L.U. Officer (2) with 11 Bn on Bty net.
(viii) Operators and sets at 11 & 1V Groups on Bty net.

(b) 7 Arty Regt.
(i) Rep with C.R.A's Rep - (Bty net & line)
(ii) O.P. at 625549 - (Bty net & line)

(c) H.Q.R.A.
(i) Normal fwd control net.

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(iii) Officer & 48 set at O.P. 625549 thence line to O.P..
(iv) Both tps and O.P. on bty net.
(v) B.O. at H.Q. 11 Bn - with set on Bty net flick to H Net
- with set on Air O.P. net flick to N.I.H.
(vi) Officer with M.G's - 36 set on Bty net.
(vii) Operators and set with each B.L.U. Officer (2) with 11 Bn on Bty net.
(viii) Operators and sets at 11 & 1V Groups on Bty net.

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