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Jan. 14, 1945 - June 9, 1945

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Ref Folio 108a file 50A4

95A

SUBJECT:- Care of Weapons.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

03/2370

P.M. 104 9 June 45.

To ALL Units

Copy to:- 56 BLU

1. Reference 03/5158 dated 22 Dec 44, subject "Care and maintenance of Weapons".
2. The tasks actually given to the Combat Group oblige to slow down training, and in consequence use of weapons, especially mortars, anti-tank weapons and guns.
3. It is for that reason necessary;
 - (a) More care than ever for a good and careful maintenance of the weapons on charge to men split up in various duties.
 - (b) Collect in suitable places or in special parks divided by Pns, Btys or isolated coys unit weapons, mortars, anti-tank weapons, guns and their ammunition, having given them before a very careful cleaning and oiling and an armed guard to avoid unauthorised removal of parts.
 - (c) Have the weapons issued or in store inspected daily by officers.
 - (d) Organise the cleaning of the weapons in store with the few men available (storeman, clerks, batman etc.)
 - (e) Avoid inconveniences which happened during weapon cleaning as in sheet 03/1133 dated 3 Mar subject "Care of Weapons".
4. I will be glad to know what each unit has arranged.

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(SGD) GUIDO BOLOGNA

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(SGD) GUIDO BOLOGNA

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File
Subject: Tyre Pressure.

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M2 Combat Group HANOVA.

18 May 45.

Copy to: Camp Commandant.

Reference your 1575/400 dated 2 May 45.

1. Herewith 50 copies of Appendix 'A' to GMD 546, Tyre Pressure Table, for compliance throughout the Division.

In The Field.
RHH/m.

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Lt Col.
Gd.

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Ref Folio 96A file SOAG.

SUBJECT: - Tyre Pressures.

To 56 BLU

HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"

1575/Auto

P.M. 104 2 May 45.

1. Will you please pass to this HQ a tyre pressure table for all the vehicles of the Group.
2. This is for the purpose of instructing all the drivers of the Group.

(SGD) MAJOR MENIELLI

see 93A

8323

SUBJECT: MANTOVA Gruppo - Trg.

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1545/8/G(Ops)

9 May 45

56 BLU

Ref the recent move of the MANTOVA Gruppo into the conc area at RADDA.

1. The following observations have been made by the Staff and Services of this District :-

(a) There was a certain lack of discipline at FOLIGNO when a party of soldiers attempted to leave the staging area although forbidden to do so.

(b) Shortage of rations in the staging area which resulted in men going on gd without having had food during the day.

(c) An act of indiscipline by an Italian offr at AREZZO. Efforts to trace the offender have failed.

(d) Lack of interest displayed by Italian offr in the arrival of their vehicles.

(e) Failure to adhere to the timings for the rd movement. Convoys allotted a two hr block timing took 5 hrs to pass a point.

C.M.F.

6322
Lt-Col,
GSO I,
No.1 District.

16 May 1945

COMBAT GROUP MANTOVA

EXERCISE NO. 5

Amendment No. 2

Owing to bad weather etc, dates will be amended as follows :-

Paper No. II.

Delete 7 May - substitute 15 May. ✓
8 May - substitute 16 May. ✓

Delete 11 May - substitute 21 May.
12 May - substitute 22 May.
13 May - substitute 23 May.
14 May - substitute 24 May.

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COPY

HQ. Combat Group, MANTOVA.
Office of Chief of Staff - Ops and Int Section.

No. 01/2897

PM 104 28 Apr 45

Subject :- Times of Principal Daily Parades.

To All Units (Including Auxiliary Units)

Infm :- 56 BLU.
Training Increment.

Reference and amend my letter 01/1547 of 24 Feb 45.

As from 1 May 45 the following times will be observed for the principal daily parades.

	Working Days	Non-working Days
Reveille	0600	0700
Outdoor instruction & exercises	0700 - 1100	1130
1st Meal	1130	1200 - 1500
Break	1330 - 1630	1700
Second Training Period	1700	2200
2nd Meal	2100	2230
All Personnel in Camp	2130	
Lights out - Silence		

The daily inspections of kit, equipment and arms, supervision of cleaning and maintenance of equipment, personal cleanliness and hygiene (latter 01/1490 of 23 Apr of this HQ) will be completed in hours other than those laid down for training both in the morning and between the two meal periods.

Sunday morning will be kept essentially for :-

Religious services
Inspection of Unit Personnel.
Arms inspections by Junior Officers.

Please send me, as laid down in Rules for Barrack Life, para 18, a copy of the detailed times enacted by each.

E 5 MAY 1945

General Commanding.

Guido BOLOGNA

HQ. COMBAT GROUP ANTONIA

Office of Chief of Staff - Ops & Int Sec.

SECRET

URGENT

Operational Order No. 1.

No 01/2926

PM 10h 30 Apr 45

Italy Road map - 1:200,000 Sheet 10.
 Italy map - 1:100,000 Sheets 120 - 115 - 114 - 106.
 Italy map - 1:30,000 Sheets 113/I - 113/II.

Subject :- Occupation of Defence Positions of G. VICENTINO - BARELLA -
 S. LUCIA in BARELLA - S. V. D. L. I.
 Taking over from part of 700 Inf Div.

Group Vice Commandant - 1 copy - Main HQ.
 CC 75 Inf Regt - 1 copy - FRESIDIANO.
 CC 144 Inf Regt - 1 copy - CASTELLINA.
 CC Artillery - 1 copy - BARELLA ILL.
 CC Engineers - 1 copy - CALOIA.
 Rear HQ. - 1 copy - BARELLA.

Information :-

CC British XV Army Corps - 2 Copies - S. DALMAZZO.
 CC 768 Inf Div - 1 copy
 CC 715 Inf Div - 1 copy
 CC 56 BLU - 1 copy - Main HQ.

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To confirm and complete verbal orders given to CC's Regt, Eng Bn and
 Signal Coy this morning.

1. It seems the enemy intends to halt his withdrawal temporarily, on the
 general line FIGLINE 9751 - QUEVE 8547 - TAVENNELLE 7145, in order to allow
 for the orderly withdrawal of his horse drawn transport, which has become
 increasingly difficult during the course of the withdrawal.

Known information about the deployment of the enemy (see attached

Italy Road map - 1:250,000 Sheet 13.
 Italy Map - 1:100,000 Sheets 120 - 113 - 114 - 105.
 Italy Map - 1:50,000 Sheets 113/I - 113/II.

Subject :- Occupation of Defence Positions of G. NICOLATO - BAVILANO -
 S. LUCIA in BAVILANO - M. DOHLE.
 Taking over from part of 760 Inf Div.

Group Vice Commandant - 1 copy - Main HQ.
 OC 76 Inf Regt - 1 copy - PESCIOLANO.
 OC 114 Inf Regt - 1 copy - CASTELLINA.
 OC Arty - 1 copy - TIVOLI HLE.
 OC Engineers - 1 copy - CALOIA.
 Rear HQ. - 1 copy - MADDA.

Information :-

OC British XV Army Corps - 2 Copies - S. DALMAZZO.
 OC 768 Inf Div - 1 copy
 OC 715 Inf Div - 1 copy
 OC 56 BLU - 1 copy - Main HQ.

6219

To confirm and complete verbal orders given to OC's Regt, Eng Bn and Signal Coy this morning.

1. It seems the enemy intends to halt his withdrawal temporarily, on the general line FIGLIE 9751 - GREVE 8347 - PAVENHILL 7145, in order to allow for the orderly withdrawal of his horse drawn transport, which has become increasingly difficult during the course of the withdrawal.

Known information about the deployment of the enemy (see attached trace Appendix No. 1)

2. In order to allow for the re-organisation of its forces before continuing the advance, HQ 15 Army Corps (Br) has temporarily held up the advance.

768 Division, in the leading echelon, has received orders to hold the positions they have reached.

Monte Combat Group and 71 Inf Div will take over from the 768 Div.

25 MAY 1945

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The taking over operations will be completed by 1400 hrs on the 2 May.

Formations on the flanks of the MANTOVA Combat Group :-
Left - 742 Inf Div.
Right - 700 Inf Div of the 17 Army Corps.

OBJECT OF THE OFFENSIVE.

Intention. To firmly hold the positions across the road CARPI - CREVE and TOROLO - A. MANTOVA.
Secure the enemy with continued and violent offensive patrol activity.
Hold the base of the Combat Group ready to carry on the advance to FLORENCE.

3. ORDERS.

- (i) Line of resistance - see attached trace - Appendix No. 1.
- (ii) Two sectors - Left - 114 Inf Regt (less 1 Bn) with two bns in echelon.
Right - One bn of 114 Inf Regt (under direct command of this HQ).
- (iii) Day - see attached trace - Appendix No. 1.
- (iv) The 76 Inf Regt will move to the area shown on the trace (Appx No. 1), prepared to resume the advance on FLORENCE. Counter-attacks of bn in the direction of CREVE and BARBIANO.
- (v) Taking over - Will take place on the night of the 2nd May. The responsibility for the defence will be taken on by the sector commanders as from 1400 hrs of the same day.
OC 114 Inf Regt will arrange directly with OC 2nd Corps Regt of 768 Div (HQ at CARPI) details to take over.
The move of the units of the Group from their actual positions (i) to the area of employment will be carried out as laid down in Appendix No. 2 (omitted).

(vi) Artillery - (a) Area of deployment - see attached trace
Appendix No. 1.

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(b) The three 25 pr batteries 1, 2, 3, employed in the left hand sector will carry out normal supporting fire for the left hand sector, afterwards in support of the right hand sector. The 4th 25 pr battery is temporarily allotted to the bn of 114 Inf Regt (right hand sector).

(c) Fire Plan:- Harassing fire - in particular - Area of known enemy deployment (see trace Appx No. 1.)

Harass the enemy with continued and violent offensive patrol activity.
Hold the mass of the Combat Group ready to carry on the advance to FLORENCE.

3. ORDERS.

- (i) Line of resistance - see attached trace - Appendix No. 1.
- (ii) Two sectors - Left - 114 Inf Regt (less 4 Bn) with two Bns in echelon.
Right - One Bn of 114 Inf Regt (under direct command of this HQ).
- (iii) Day - see attached trace - Appendix No. 1.
- (iv) The 76 Inf Regt will move to the area shown on the trace (Appx No. 1), prepared to resume the advance on FLORENCE. Counter-attacks of Bn in the direction of GREVE and BARRIANO.
- (v) Taking over - will take place on the night of the 2nd May. The responsibility for the defence will be taken on by the sector commanders as from 1400 hrs of the same day.
OC 114 Inf Regt will arrange directly with OC Reco Regt of 768 Div (HQ at CALZADA) details re the take over.
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- (c) Fire Plan:- Harassing fire - in particular - Area of known enemy deployment (see trace Appx No. 1.)
road GREVE 8374 - bridge at RUGLIANO 8250.
road GREVE 8374 - ABELIANO 8447 - C. CAMPANELLI 8548, LUGLIANO 8748 - C. LABATO 8749.
Limits of the harassing fire near -
LT 440CHIE 8452 - SPEDALOTTO 8252 - S. GIUSTO 8452 - CALO 8751.
SOS task - see attached trace Appendix No. 1.
Counter-battery (eventual) - on the known enemy artillery (see attached trace).

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- (a) 1st Defence - The IV Battery of 40 mm guns must defend the dispersal area of the artillery and the dispersal area of the 76 Inf Regt. It will deploy as instructed by the orders which the OC Arty will give regarding the deployment of his dependent units.

- (vii) Anti Tank Defence - The V Bty of 17 prs with a troop and a section in the left hand sector and a section in the right hand sector.

The most important area for 4 tk - road on the extremes of the sector.

The OC V Bty will co-ordinate the 4 tk defence on the left hand sector, with full co-operation with the OC 114 Inf Regt. The OC 114 Regt will deal with the right hand sector.

- (viii) Engineers - Sappers - The 4th Field Coy will undertake the following :-

Construction of the following Group OP's, to be proof against small arms. Height 642 (853424)

The OP will be ready for use by the 2nd May at 1400 hrs. Capacity 5 men.

Reconstruct the bridges - SW of C. MICHILLO (839457)

S of C. MOVA (844452)

S of VIGLIACCIO (842441)

Maintenance and eventual reconditioning of the roads in the regimental sectors, making certain that the cart track which runs from CASILLO (844451) leading to height 294 (842438) south of P VIGLIACCIO will carry wheeled traffic.

The 79th Field Coy will provide :-

Maintenance of road CAMPANA - junction MW height 697 (863442) road from above mentioned junction - VIGLIACCIO - height 397.

Work to improve the chances of movement on the muletracks from VIGLIACCIO (865429) to the road CAMPANA - junction MW of height 697.

- Signals - (a) The HQ of the Signal Pl at Combat 8317 provides :-

To link up the Group Main HQ with :-

114 - height 642 (Op OP) by line.

114 - 76 - Rear HQ - 700 Div HQ - Bn of

the 114 (right hand sector) by wireless.

To link up Rear HQ with units that will be detailed by the Chief of the Services Office.

- (b) The services will begin :-

Line net - by 1400 hrs on the 2nd May.

Wireless net - as soon as orders are received.

- (ix) Defensive organization - will be ready by 1400 hrs 2 May.

(vii) Last Tank Defence - The V Bty of 17 pns with a troop and a section in the left hand sector and a section in the right hand sector.

The most important area for attack - road on the extremes of the sector.

The OC V Bty will co-ordinate the attack defence on the left hand sector, with full co-operation with the OC 144 Inf Regt.

The OC 144 Regt will deal with the right hand sector.

(viii)

Engineers - Sappers - The 4th Field Coy will undertake the following :-

Construction of the following Group OP's, to be proof against small arms. Height 642 (853424)

The OP will be ready for use by the 2nd day at 1400 hrs. Capacity 5 men.

Reconstruct the bridges - SW of C. RICHILERO (839457)

S of C. MOVA (844452)

S of VICENTINACCHIO (842441)

Maintenance and eventual reconditioning of the roads in the regional sector, making certain that the cart track which runs from CALPINO (844431) leading to height 294 (842439) south of P. VICENTINACCHIO will carry wheeled traffic.

The 79th Field Coy will provide :-

Maintenance of road CALPINO - junction NW height 697 (863432) road from above mentioned junction - VOLPANA - height 397.

Work to improve the chances of movement on the muletracks from VILLI (863429) to the road CALPANA - junction NW of height 697.

Signals - (a)

The HQ of the Signal Pl at Combat 6347 will provide :-

To link up the Group Main HQ with :-

114 - height 642 (853424) by line.

114 - 76 - Rear HQ - 700 Div HQ - Bn of

the 144 (right hand sector) by wireless.

To link up Rear HQ with units that will be

detailed by the Chief of the Services Office.

(b)

The services will begin :-

Line net - by 1400 hrs on the 2nd day.

Wireless net - as soon as orders are received.

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Defensive organization - will be ready by 1400 hrs 2 day.

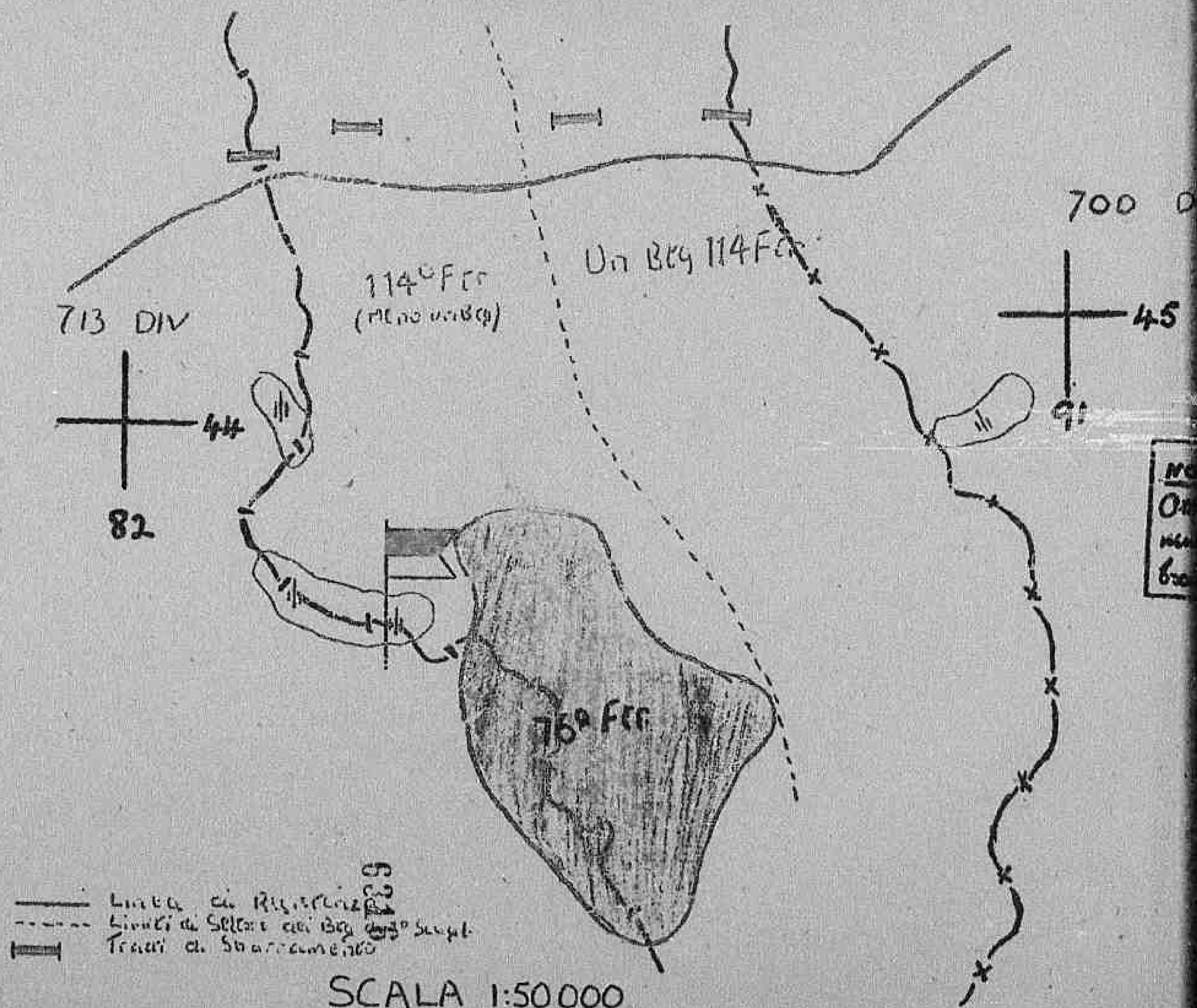
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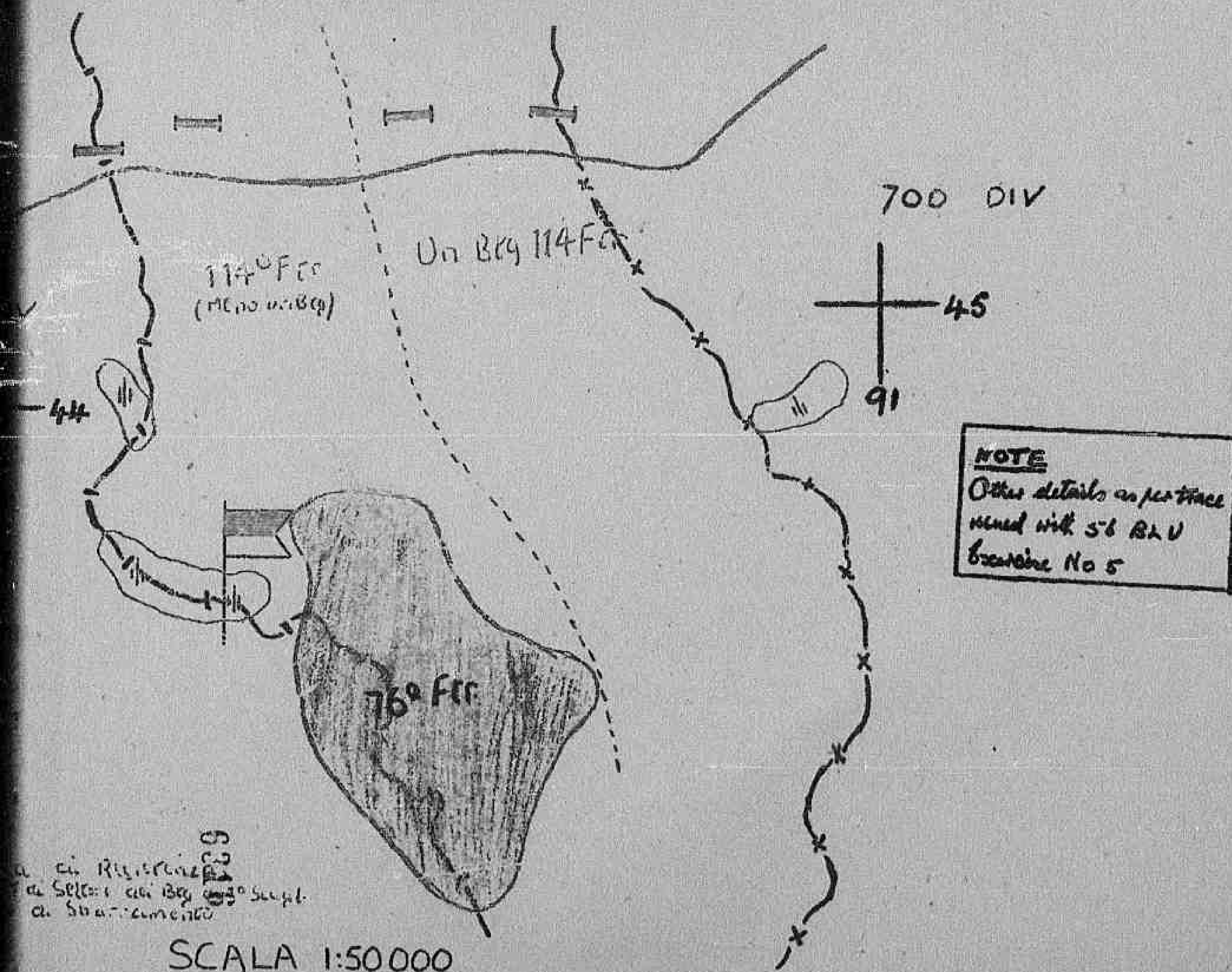
Main HQ Post - by 1200 hrs 2 day at height 454 (843417)

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Services - separate order.

Signed General BOLORE





EXERCISE NO. 5

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Amendment No. 1.

Paper II

delete May 2. substitute May 7.

" May 3. " May 6.

" May 6. " May 10.

Distribution :- Combat Gp MANTOV (2)
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30.4.45.

*Amended
M.H. Gpl.**see 81A*

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30 APR 1945

COMBAT GROUP SANTOVAEXERCISE NO. 5EXERCISE ROMA1. OBJECT.

- (a) To practice the Combat Group in the recess and occupation of a defensive position.
- (b) To practice the HQ Staff and signals in the conduct of a defensive battle.

2. TROOPS TAKING PART.

Main HQ Combat Group.
 Rear HQ Combat Group.
 HQ 76 Infantry Regt.
 Bn HQ's I/76, II/76, III/76.
 Bn HQ's I/76, II/76, III/76.
 Bn HQ's I/76, II/76, III/76.
 HQ 155 Arty Regt.
 HQ's - I/155, II/155, III/155, IV/155, V/155, VI/155, or such as are available.
 HQ 104 Engineers Bn.
 HQ's 4 & 73 Field Coy.
 HQ 104 Medical Sec.
 HQ 104 ST Coy.

3. ORGANIZATION OF THE EXERCISE.

Paper I
 Paper II
 Paper III
 Paper IV
 Paper V
 Paper VI
 Paper VII

Exercise instructions.
 Timetable.

Allotment of Umpires and Interpreters.
 General and Special Idea.

Extracts from 15 Corps O.C. No. 2, and A.M. 9 No. 2.
 (For Umpires only) Forecast of Events.
 (For Umpires only) Umpires Instructions.

In the Field.
 AG/ap

C. J. G. G. G.
 Maj
 Maj-Lt-Col.

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- (b) To practice the HQ Staff and signals in the conduct of a defensive battle.

2. TROOPS TAKING PART.

Main HQ Combat Group.
 Rear HQ Combat Group.
 HQ 76 Infantry Regt.
 Bn HQ's I/76, II/76, III/76.
 HQ 104 Infantry Regt.
 Bn HQ's I/104, II/104, III/104.
 HQ 155 Artillery Regt.
 HQ's - I/155, II/155, III/155, IV/155, V/155, VI/155, or such as are available.
 Bn 104 Engineers Bn.
 HQ's 4, 72 Field Coy.
 HQ 104 Medical Sec.
 HQ 104 ST Coy.

3. ORGANIZATION OF THE EXERCISE.

Paper I Exercise instructions.
 Paper II Timetable.
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 Paper VII (For Umpires only) Umpires Instructions.

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In the field.
 AG/DP
 27 Apr 45

C. J. G. G. G.
 Lt-Col.
 GS.

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see 90H

EXERCISE NO. 5.

PAPER I

EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combat Group (ANTOV) are required to produce by 1300 hrs on 30 April written orders for the occupation and defence of a position based on the situation given (Paper II) and extracts from 15 Corps Orders (Paper III).
2. The orders will be issued to the Group and a skeleton exercise for all HQ's will be conducted. HQ's and Communications will be established by 1400 hrs 2-47.
3. If 25 pr Groups are not available in time to take part in the exercise, a skeleton Artillery HQ should be arranged to which calls for fire can be passed. Artillery representatives should as far as possible be provided for Regt and Bn HQ's.
4. The exercise will be known by the code word RO in all messages concerning and during the exercise will begin and end with this word.
5. Routine reports, action by commanders and staffs calls for fire as in exercise instructions for Exercise No. 4.

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EXERCISE NO. 5.

PAPER II

TIMETABLE

April 27 Issue of exercise instructions.

April 28 - 30 Recce and issue of orders by Combat Group MANTOVA.

April 30 Empires conference.

May 1 Empires Recce.

May ~~15~~ 15.
1400 hrs Exercise opens.

May ~~16~~ 16.
1600 hrs Approx Exercise closes.

May ~~10~~ 10 Discussion on the exercise.
(Time and place to be notified by Combat Group MANTOVA).

see 82A

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EXERCISE NO. 5.PAPER IIIALLOCATION OF UNITS

Main Group HQ	Major A. W. GADSDON
	Major W. L. SEDLAK
Rear Group HQ & Services	Major J. R. MOORE
	Major E. C. NILES
	Lieut H. T. THOMAS
Artillery HQ	Major E. R. CHADWICK-HEALEY MC
25 pr	6 Arty officers provided by
17 pr	Combat Group MANTOVA.
40 mm	
Engineers Bn HQ.	Capt R. H. GENTLE
4 Pz Coy.	Major R. H. D
79 Pz Coy.	
76 Inf Regt	Major E. H. NEWBY
I/76	Major S. E. STEZUL MC
II/76	Major F. P. DUFFY MC
III/76	
114 Inf Regt	Major D. M. HUB MC
I/114	Major E. G. COX MC
II/114	Major G. HUDSON MC
III/114	
Signal	Capt I. D. B. PILLINGTON

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ALLOCATION OF INTERPRETERS

Main Group HQ	Lieut P. S. VOS
Rear Group HQ and Services	S/Ten GAGLIATI and one interpreter
	provided by Combat Gp MANTOVA.

Rear Group HQ Services

Major J.R. MOORE
Major R.C. NILES
Lieut H.F. THOMAS

Artillery HQ

25 pr }
17 pr } Batteries
40 mm }

6 arty officers provided by
Combat Group MANTOVA.

Engineers Bn HQ. }
4 Fd Coy. }
79 Fd Coy. }

Capt E.H. GENTLE
Major H. H. H. H.

76 Inf Regt

Major E.H. NEWBY

I/76 }
II/76 }
III/76 }

Major S.E. SHEZUKA MC
Major E.P. DUFFY MC

114 Inf Regt

Major D. MC NEE MC

I/114 }
II/114 }
III/114 }

Major E.C. COX MC
Major G. HUDSON MC

Signal

Capt I.D.B. PILKINGTON

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ALLOCATION OF INTERPRETERS

Main Group HQ

Lieut P.S. VOS

Rear Group HQ and Services

S/Ten CAGLIATI and one interpreter
provided by Combat Gp MANTOVA.

Artillery HQ

Two interpreters provided by
Combat Gp MANTOVA.

Engineer Bn HQ

Lieut GERROLI

76 Inf Regt

Two interpreters provided by
Combat Gp MANTOVA.

114 Inf Regt

Capt PODESTI and one interpreter
provided by Combat Gp MANTOVA.

EXERCISE NO. 5.

PAPER IV

GENERAL IDEA

Ref maps: - ITALY 1:100,000 Sheets 120,113,114,106.

15 Corps has been pursuing the retreating German forces on the general axis Route 2 Siena 8348 PO-SIBONSI 6955, FIRENZE. 27 Corps are on the right moving on the general axis Route 69 AREZZO 2853, BENTIVOLLI 0540. 15 Corps are leading with 768 Div which on clearing SIENA deployed its Reconnaissance Regiment with the task of protecting the RIGHT flank and clearing the secondary rds inclusive of the rd Siena 8348, LECCHI 9030, VILLA 8856, BODDIACCI. 898450.

SPECIAL IDEA

By the 26 April after much trouble with mines and demolitions the advance was held on the general line CLEVE 8347, TAVARNELE 7145 and it became apparent that the German force intended to stand temporarily on this line. It was believed to enable him to get his horsed transport away which he was having great difficulty in withdrawing.

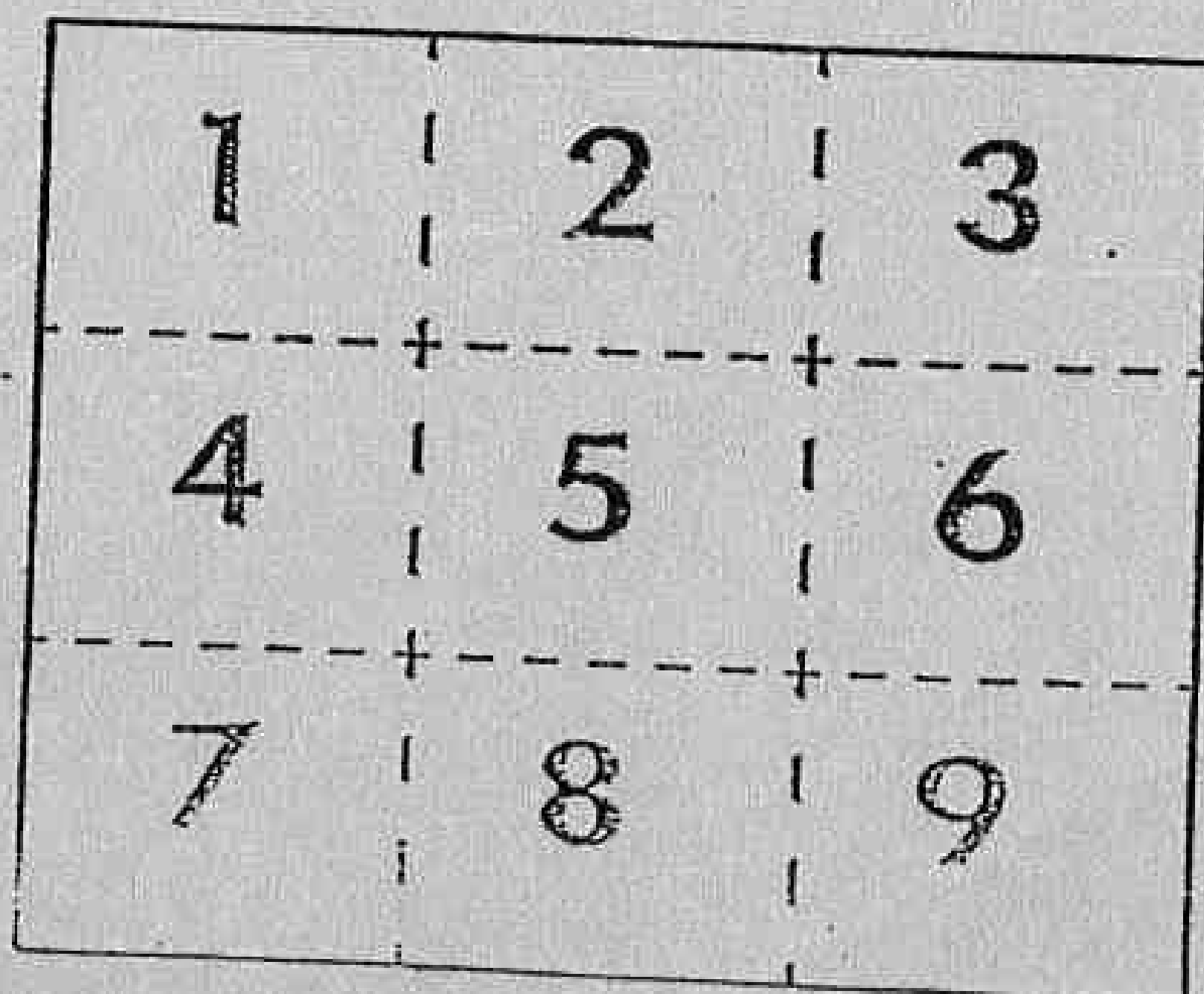
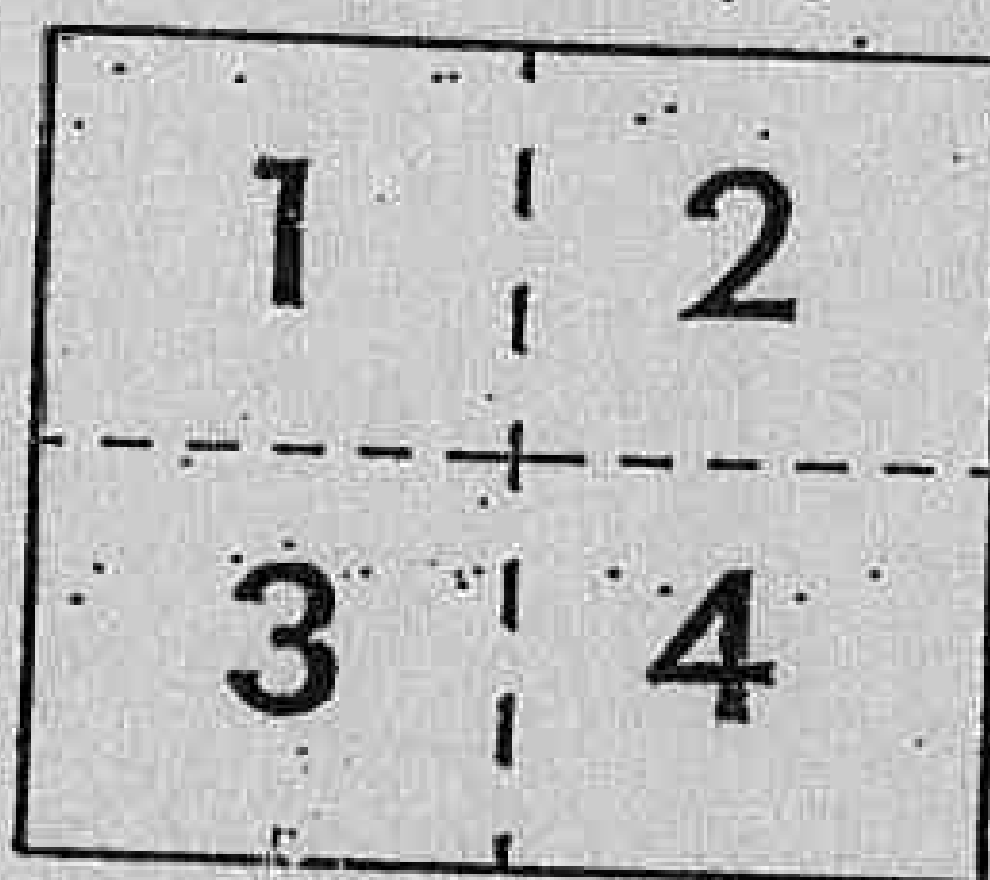
27 Corps were also held in the area FIGLINE 9751.

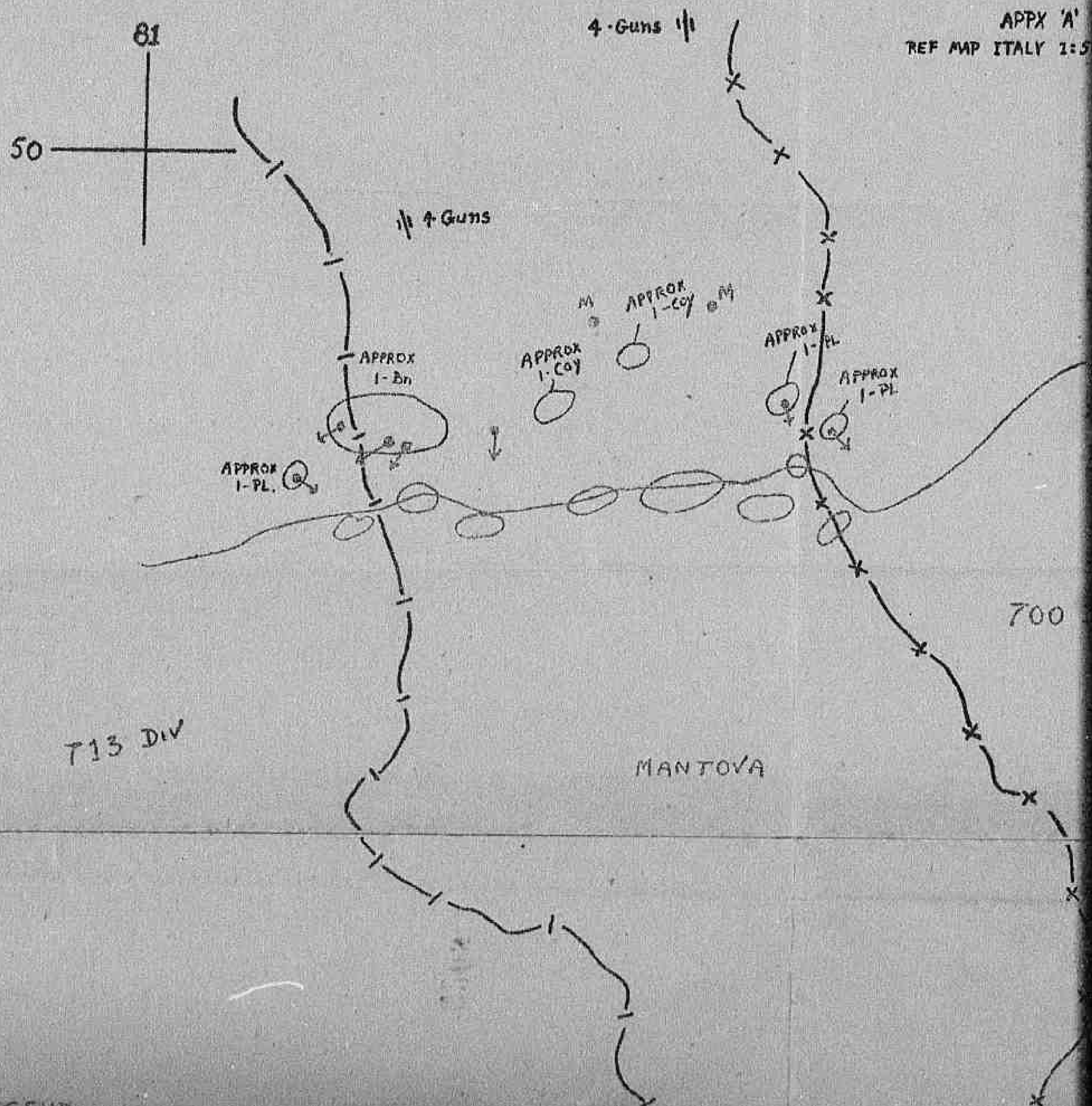
15 Corps commander having appreciated the situation decided that the corps would have to carry out a certain amount of regrouping and reorganization before the advance could be continued. 713 Div and Combat Group MONTOVA would relieve 768 Div which was to be withdrawn into reserve to rest.

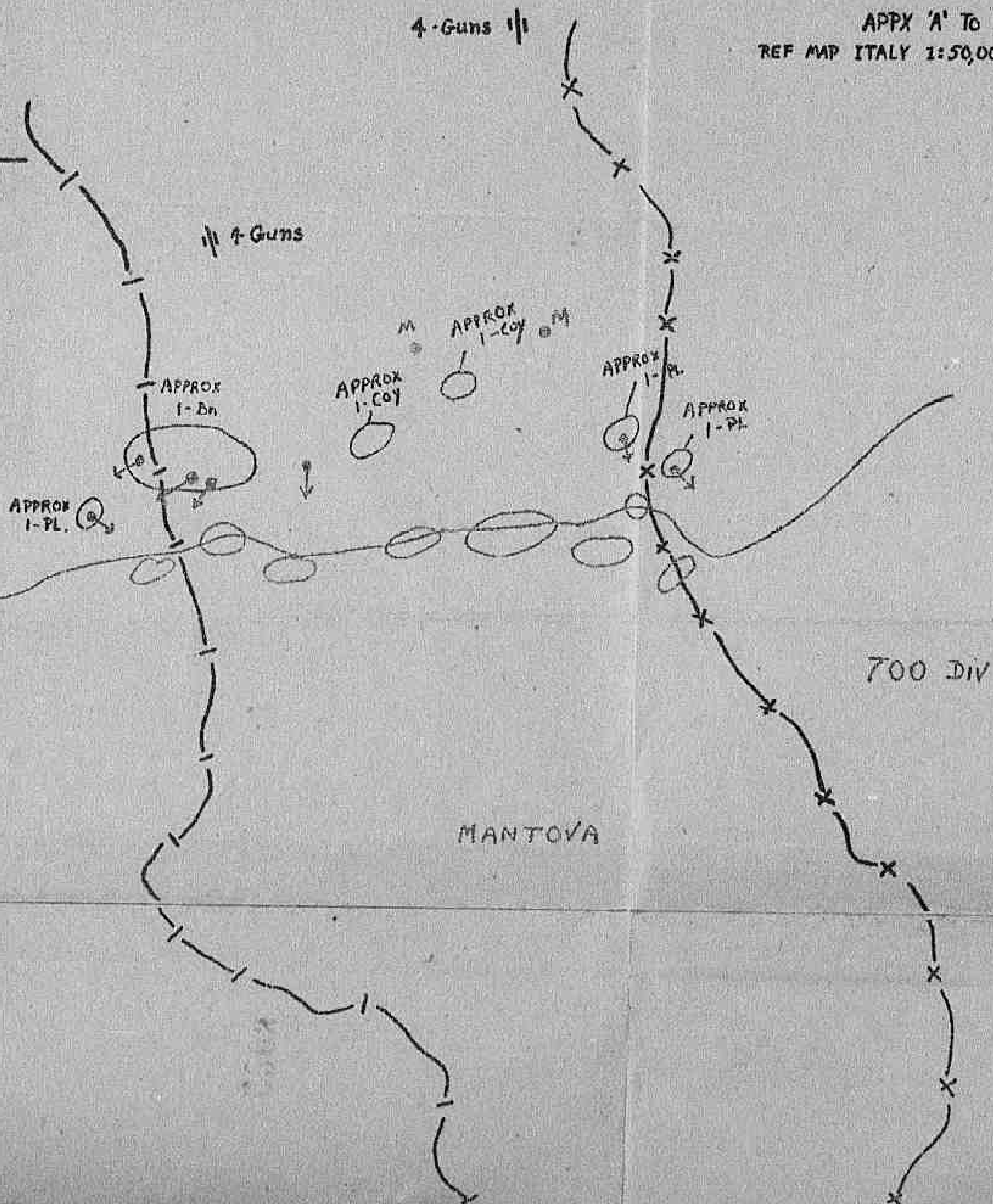
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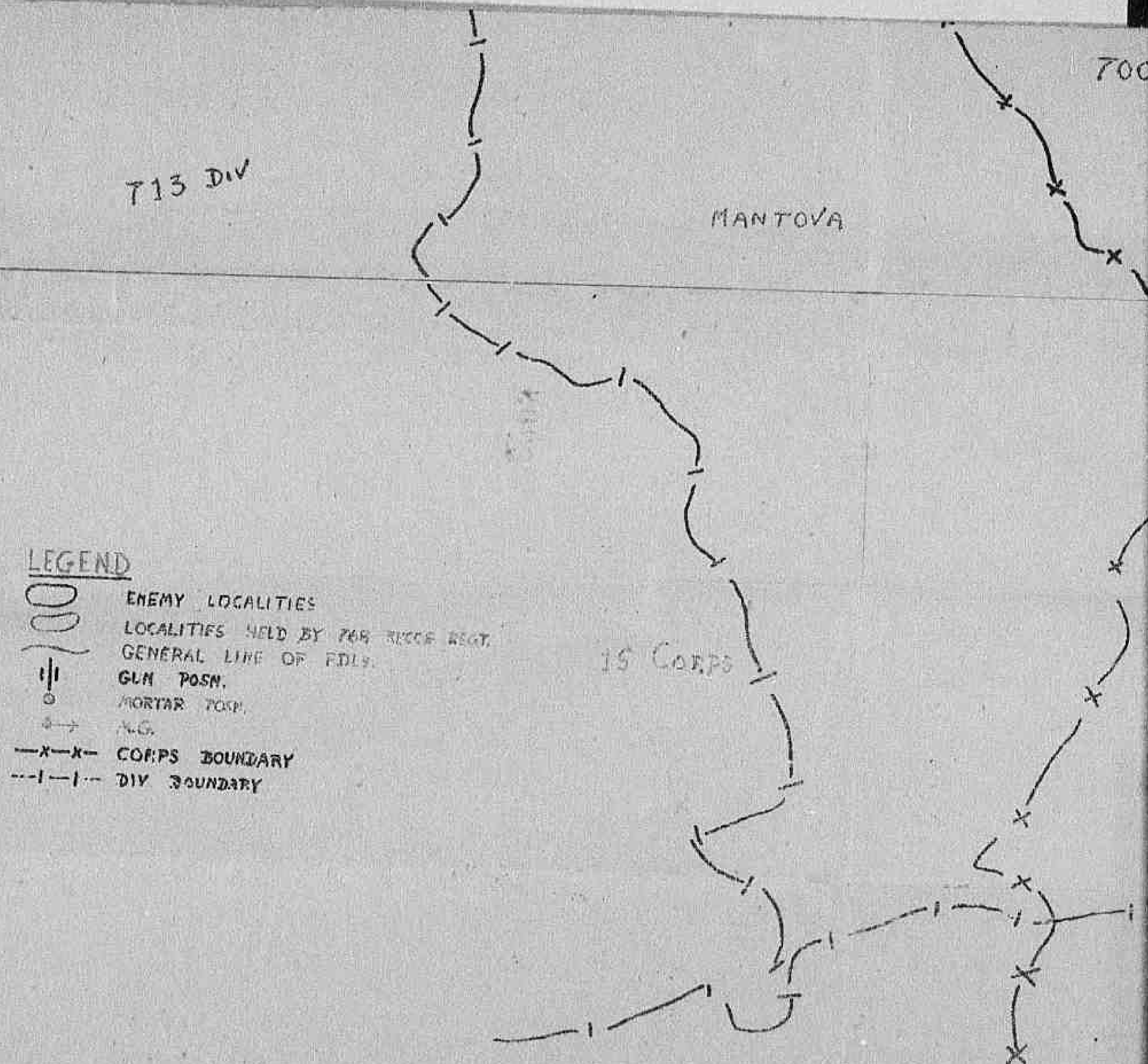
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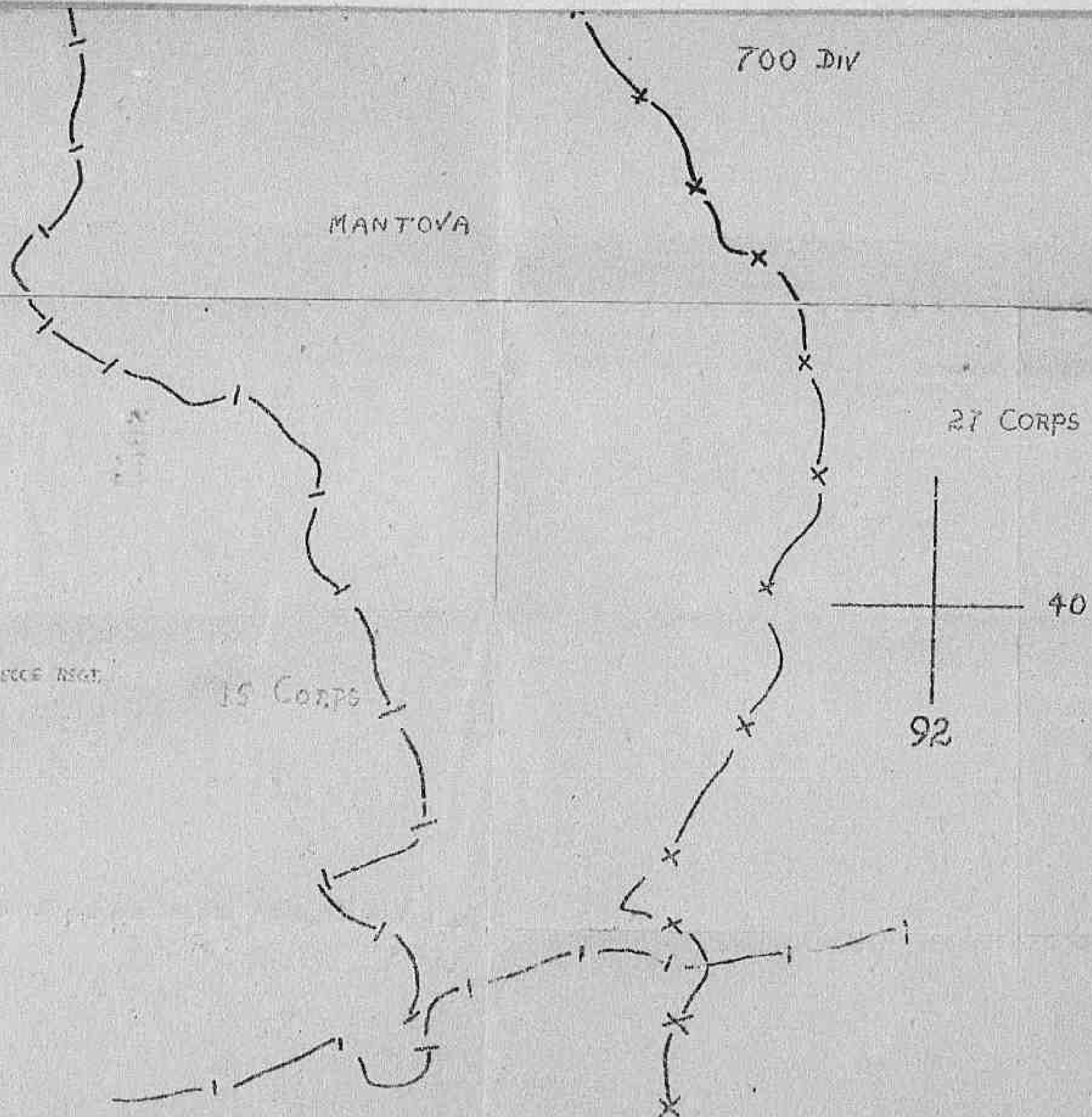
SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.





SECRETAPPX 'A' TO 15 CORPS OO N°2
REF MAP ITALY 1:50,000 SHEET 113-I, 113-II





EXERCISE NO. 5.

SECRET

PAPER V

15 CORPS D.O. No. 2. (Extracts only)

Copy No

27 Apr 45

Ref maps :- ITALY 1:50,000 Sheets 113 I, II.

ITEM.1. Enemy.

Located enemy positions are shown on trace attached at Appx A.

2. Own Tps.

See trace attached at Appx A.

INTENTION.

3. 15 Corps will hold present position and harass the enemy with vigorous offensive patrolling pending the resumption of the advance to FIRENZE.

METHOD.4. Allotment of Tps.

RIGHT Combat Group MANTOVA.

LEFT 713 Div

5. Boundaries.

See trace attached at Appx A.

6. FDL's.See trace attached at Appx A.
Combat Group MANTOVA will incl within their FDL's pt 750 879469,
pt 855 866467, pt 303 838465.7. Junc pts.

With 27 Corps pt 750 879469

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INFM.

1. Enemy.

Located enemy positions are shown on trace attached at Appx A.

2. Own Tps.

See trace attached at Appx A.

INTENTION.

3. 15 Corps will hold present position and harass the enemy with vigorous offensive patrolling pending the resumption of the advance to HIRENZE.

METHOD.

4. Allotment of Tps.

RIGHT	Combat Group MANTOVA.
LEFT	713 Div

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5. Boundaries.

See trace attached at Appx A.

6. FDL's.

See trace attached at Appx A.
 Combat Group MANTOVA will incl within their FDL's pt 750 879469,
 pt 655 866457, pt 303 838465.

7. Junc pts.

With 27 Corps pt 750 879469

With 713 Div rd and wadi junc 834465

8. Relief of 768 Div will be arranged mutually between formations concerned. Reliefs to be completed by 1400 hrs 2 day. Details of move of tpt will be reported to this HQ.

INTERCOM.

Main HQ S DELL'ALZIO 812209.

EXERCISE NO. 5

PAPER V

SECRET

15 CORPS ADM ORDER NO. 2. (Extracts only)

COPY No

28 Apr 45

Ref maps :- ITALY 1:50,000 Sheets 115, I, II.
1:200,000 Sheets 13.

I.T.

1. As in 15 Corps O.O. No. 2. dated 27 Apr.

INTENTION.

2. To maintain 15 Corps while holding present positions.

METHOD.

3. Rd Head.

15 Corps will use 27 Corps Rd head at AREZZO.

4. Subs.

2nd line tpt will draw subs from 37 BSD at AREZZO as at present.

5. Ann.

2nd line tpt will draw ann from 24 AMD at AREZZO as at present.

6. Pet.

(a) 2nd line tpt will draw POL from III POL Depot at AREZZO as at present.

(b) All units will carry first line res.

7. Rec

Evacuation retnl.

8. Med.

520 and 331 Italian Rd Hospitals and 216 PSN will remain under command Combat Gp FANTONA, but will open in Corps head area at POGGIORESI by 25 Apr.

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I. Fa.

1. As in 15 Corps O.O. No. 2. dated 27 Apr.

II. INTENTION.

2. To maintain 15 Corps while holding present position.

III. METHOD.

3. Rd Head.

15 Corps will use 27 Corps Rd head at AREZZO.

4. Subs.

2nd line tpt will draw subs from 37 BSD at AREZZO as at present.

5. Amn.

2nd line tpt will draw amn from 21 AID at AREZZO as at present.

6. Pet.

(a) 2nd line tpt will draw POL from III POL Depot at AREZZO as at present.

(b) All units will carry first line res.

7. Rec

Evacuation normal.

8. Med.

520 and 531 Italian Id Hospitals and 216 PSU will remain under command Combat Gp MANTOVA, but will open in Corps Med area at POGGIORENE by 29 Apr.

9. Dumping.

No dumping will take place forward of rear Div bay.

10. Mov.

There is no restriction on movement of maint vehs but these will never move in groups larger than 18 vehs.

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11. Rpts.

10 CHU will remain open at 1RE220.

12. PW.

15 Corps PW camp will be located at SIEM.

13. TC.

Divs will be responsible for TC inside their own areas only.

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FORECAST OF EVENTS

EXERCISE NO. 5.

PAPER VI

EXERCISE SECRET

Serial	Time	Event	Action expected	Umpire to paint picture
1.	1400	Communications established		
2.	1415	Issue to Group H1 by LC from Corps that Corps Commander wishes rd from bend in rd 876470 to bend in rd 850472 cleared	Recco and issue of orders Adm arrangements	BLUJ
3.	1415 - 2030	Enemy recco patrols active all along front. Desultory shelling and mortaring	Infm passed back Arty fire called for if necessary	Bn & RA
4.	2130 - 0300	Raid on each bn front. One bn of the left regt to suffer by gas. <i>Med.</i>	Infm back. DF called for. Reinforcement of Cag Post to deal with Gas.	Bns & RA
5.	0500	Enemy attack on pt 750 879469 starts <i>+ Amm.</i>	Infm back DF called for	Bn concerned & RA
6.	0700	Pt 750 lost	Infm back	Bn ^{Bn} concerned
7.	0715 - 1000	An immediate counter attack will regain pt 750. If not immediate or not well arranged it will remain in enemy hands and infiltration will start on to pt 751	Immediate counter attack <i>+ Amm.</i>	Bn concerned
8.	1000 - 1600	Remainder of exercise will depend on action taken on serial 2		

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FORECAST OF EVENTS

5.

PAPER VI

EXERCISE SECRET

Event	Action expected	Umpire to paint picture	Remarks.
positions established			
Group HQ by LC from Corps Commander wishes 1st from bend 70 to bend in rd 850472 cleared	Receiv and issue of orders Adm arrangements	HLU	See Umpires Instructions
patrols active all along casualty shelling and mortaring	Infm passed back Arty fire called for if necessary	Bn & RA	
ch bn front. One bn of the to suffer by cas. <i>Med.</i>	Infm back. Df called for. Reinforcement of Cap Post to deal with Cas.	Bns & RA	
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te counter attack will regain If not immediate or not well it will remain in enemy hands tration will start on to pt 751	Immediate counter attack <i>+ Artn.</i>	Bn concerned	
of exercise will depend on ken on serial 2 <i>CS</i>			See Umpires Instructions

EXERCISE SECRET

EXERCISE NO. 5.

PAPER VII

UMPIRES INSTRUCTIONS

1. ENEMY PLAN.

Enemy will fight hard to hold his posn as he is determined to delay on this line. Positions are as shown on trace (Appx A to Paper V) but he has three bns on the MATROVA front (additional posns will be pointed out on umpires recce). There are numerous additional guns in general area of guns shown on trace.

2. CORPS COMMANDERS ORDERS & ATTACK PLAN.

- (a) 15 Corps Commander wishes to seize rd from bend in rd 875470 to bend in rd 850472 to use it as a start line for subsequent attack to clear GREY and high ground to NORTH in order to resume his advance. He will give GOC ANTOVI a free hand as to how it is to be done, but he cannot provide any additional fire support.
- (b) It is considered that any attack on more than a Bn front will fail for lack of fire sp and that the correct way to carry out the task is by two separate bn attacks one directed on general area 875475 and one on general area 855475. Each attack in turn supported by whole of arty.

- (c) Umpires should note arrangements for the attack and if attack is carried out during the exercise will fail it if not in their opinion adequately supported or arranged.

- (d) Particular attention should be paid to reorganisation on the objective and a successful counter attack painted if reorganisation is not good.

3. GENERAL.

- (a) If attack arranged by Group coincides with enemy attack in Forecast of Events enemy attack is to continue, to see if quick decisions can be made.
- (b) It is hoped that patrolling in accordance with the Corps Commanders intention will be arranged. If patrols are well laid out and briefed they will be successful (umpires to represent patrol leaders or coy coms receiving orders for patrols).
- (c) Senior umpires with each regt will keep a log and produce a report on the exercise.

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Enemy will fight hard to hold his posn as he is determined to delay on this line. Positions are as shown on trace (Appx A to Paper V) but he has three bns on the MARGVA front (additional posns will be pointed out on umpires recon). There are numerous additional guns in general area of guns shown on trace.

2. CORPS COMMANDERS ORDERS & ATTACK PLAN.

(a) 15 Corps Commander wishes to seize rd from bend in rd 875470 to bend in rd 850472 to use it as a start line for subsequent attack to clear GREVE and high ground to NORTH in order to resume his advance. He will give GOC MANTOVA a free hand as to how it is to be done, but he cannot provide any additional fire support.

(b) It is considered that any attack on more than a Bn front will fail for lack of fire sp and that the correct way to carry out the task is by two separate bn attacks one directed on general area 875475 and one on general area 855475. Each attack in turn supported by whole of arty.

(c) Umpires should note arrangements for the attack and if attack is carried out during the exercise will fail it if not in their opinion adequately supported or arranged.

(d) Particular attention should be paid to reorganisation on the objective and a successful counter attack painted if reorganisation is not good.

3. GENERAL.

(a) If attack arranged by Group coincides with enemy attack in Forecast of Events enemy attack is to continue, to see if quick decisions can be made.

(b) It is hoped that patrolling in accordance with the Corps Commanders intention will be arranged. If patrols are well laid on and bridged they will be successful (umpires to represent patrol leaders or coy comds receiving orders for patrols).

(c) Senior umpires with each regt will keep a log and produce a report on the exercise.

(d) The Rear HQ's of all formations are taking part, particular attention should be paid by all umpires to the administrative aspect.

4. CONFERENCES.

Umpires Recon 1 May RV. pt 750, 879469 at 1030 hrs.

Umpires Final Conference 5 May at Main HQ at 1000 hrs.

COMBAT GROUP LANTOVAEXERCISE NO. 4EXERCISE LONDRE

1. A signal exercise will take place on 6 and 7 April based on Exercise No. 3. The orders prepared by Combat Group HQ for Exercise No. 3 have been issued to the Combat Group.

2. OBJECT.

To train the HQ staffs and signals of the Combat Group.

3. TROOPS TAKING PART.

Main HQ Combat Group LANTOVA.
 HQ 76 Infantry Regt.
 Bn HQ's - I/76, II/76, III/76.
 HQ 114 Infantry Regt.
 Bn HQ's - I/114, II/114, III/114.
 HQ 155 Arty Regt.
 HQ's - I/155, II/155, III/155, IV/155, V/155.
 HQ 104 Engineers Bn.
 HQ's 4 & 79 Field Coys.

4. ORGANIZATION OF THE EXERCISE.

Paper I
 Paper II
 Paper III
 Paper IV
 Paper V
 Paper VI
 Paper VII

Exercise instructions.
 Timetable.

Allocation of Umpires.

General and Special Idea.

(For umpires only) Forecast of Events.

(For umpires only) Orders issued by Corps.

(For umpires only) Umpires instructions.

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In the Field.
 A/EC

2 Apr 15

Chapman
 Lt-Col.

The orders prepared by Combat Group HQ for Exercise No. 3 have been issued to the Combat Group.

2. OBJECT.

To train the HQ staffs and signals of the Combat Group.

3. TROOPS TAKING PART.

Main HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.
 HQ 76 Infantry Regt.
 Bn HQ's - I/76, II/76, III/76.
 HQ 114 Infantry Regt.
 Bn HQ's - I/114, II/114, III/114.
 HQ 155 Arty Regt.
 HQ's - I/155, II/155, III/155, IV/155, V/155.
 HQ 104 Engineers Bn.
 HQ's 4 & 79 Field Coys.

4. ORGANIZATION OF THE EXERCISE.

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In the Field.

A/ec

2 Apr 45

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EXERCISE NO. 4.

PAPER I

EXERCISE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Reccees by formation comds, the issue of orders to their units, reccees by unit comds and the working out of the detailed fire plan should be completed as quickly as possible. The counter attack plan and traces showing the lay out of the Combat Group down to Arty Batteries, Bns and Pz Coys and details of the fire plan are required by 56 BLU by 1800 hrs on 4 April.
2. All houses are to be considered to have been treated with persistent gas by enemy agents and are unuseable. Office trucks and tents if necessary must be used in lieu.
3. Vehicles may pull off the road on to the cultivated areas but damage is to be restricted to the minimum compatible with sitting HQ's realistically.
4. The exercise will be known by the code word LONDEE, all messages and communications concerning and during the exercise will begin and end with this word.
5. Routine reports will be rendered as laid down in 56 BLU letter 10 G of 10 Mar 45.
6. Commanders and staffs will act as if in battle in accordance with the situation presented to them from information received. Orders will be issued as required to subordinate commanders, arty and mortar fire called for when required, information passed etc.
7. Calls for arty fire will be passed to Battery HQ's where all the necessary tasks will be done as if the guns were in action.
8. In the case of Batteries, Bns and Pz Coys which have no subordinate comds taking part in the exercise, the orders comds would have given will be given to the umpire allotted to them who will represent their subordinate comds.

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EXERCISE NO. 4

PAPER II

TIMETABLE

April 4 - 4	Rece and siting of HQ's. Final arrangements of the fire plan.
April 5	Umpires conference.
April 6	
1000 hrs	Move of the HQ's into position completed.
1200 hrs	Communications established and exercise opens.
April 7	
1600 hrs approx	Exercise closes.
1630 hrs	Return to billets begins.

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EXERCISE NO. 4

PAPER III

ALLOTMENT OF UNIFORMS

Main Group HQ

Artillery HQ

25 pr
17 pr

} Batteries

Engineers Bn HQ. }

4 Fd Coy. }

79 Fd Coy }

76 Inf Regt

I/76 }

II/76 }

III/76 }

114 Inf Regt

I/114 }

II/114 }

III/114 }

Signals

Major A.W. GADSDON

Major W.L. FIEDMAN

Major E.R. CHADWICK-HEALEY MC

5 Arty officers provided by
Combat Group MANTOVA.

Capt F.H. GENTLE

Major E.H. NEWBY

Major S.E. SWERZUM MC

Major F.E. DUFFY MC

Major E.G. COX MC

Major MC NAB MC

Major G. HUDSON MC

Capt I.D.B. PEARINGTON

ALLOTMENT OF INTERPRETERS

6300

Artillery HQ

76 Inf Regt

114 Inf Regt

Capt PACE. One interpreter
provided by Combat Gp MANTOVALt CERRONI. One interpreter
provided by Combat Gp MANTOVA.Capt FODESTA. One interpreter
provided by Combat Gp MANTOVA.

Artillery HQ		Major W.L. MEDLAM	
25 pr	} Batteries	Major E.R. CHADWICK-HEALEY MC	
17 pr		5 Art'y officers provided by Combat Group MANTOVA.	
Engineers Bn HQ.	}	Capt F.H. GENTILE	
4 Fd Coy.		Major E.H. NEUBEY	
79 Fd Coy		Major S.E. SMITHZUM MC	
76 Inf Regt	}	Major F.P. DUFFY MC	
I/76		Major E.G. COX MC	
II/76		Major MC NAB MC	
III/76	}	Major G. HUDSON MC	
114 Inf Regt		Capt I.D.B. PILLINGTON	
I/114			
II/114			
III/114			
Signals			

ALLOTMENT OF INTERPRETERS
6300

Artillery HQ	Capt PACE. One interpreter provided by Combat Gp MANTOVA
76 Inf Regt	Lt GERONI. One interpreter provided by Combat Gp MANTOVA.
114 Inf Regt	Capt PODESTA. One interpreter provided by Combat Bp MANTOVA.

EXERCISE NO. 4

PAPER IV

GENERAL IDEA

Ref maps:- ITALY ROAD MAP 1:200,000 Sheets 18, 19, 20.
 ITALY 1:100,000 Sheets 173, 174, 185, 186.

A German Army threatens to land on the ADRIATIC Coast, capture FOGGIA, and advance across ITALY. 15 British Corps with HQ at NOLA, has been given the task of preparing a defensive position, and naming it with all available troops, with the object of denying to the enemy the port of NAPLES, and the airfields and military installations in the NAPLES area. On 21 Feb HQ MAN OVA Group, who are in billets in the area S. GIORGIO received a copy of 15 Corps Operation Order No. 1 (See Paper VI)

SPECIAL IDEA

The long expected landing took place at 0530 hrs on the 3 April and Combat Gp MANTOVA received the code word "DASH HOUND" and duly occupied their sector, which had by now been fully prepared.

The infantry brigade of 768 Inf Div. was withdrawn when the occupation was complete.

The mobile force under cmd 5/25 Hussars withdrew slowly delaying the enemy and by 1200 hrs on 6 Apr were on the line of the River UFFITA holding the crossings at N 884769 and N 927743. Their intention to hold these crossings as long as possible and then withdraw into reserve in the area AVELLINO 6757.

All demolitions on road ARIANO N 9184 rd and river crossing 7972 are to be blown by firing parties provided by Combat Group MANTOVA on orders from commander 5/25 Hussars. 6293

Contact with the enemy had been broken during the night 5/6 Apr and has not yet been regained.

EXERCISE NO. 4

PAPER V

Serials	Time	Event	Action expected	Umpire point pl
1.	1200	Communications established		
2.	1200	Issue of I summary by Corps giving picture of enemy strength and movements.	Passed on to Regts & Regts to Units	BLU
3.	1215	Shooting up of fwd posns by enemy planes own planes intervene	Inf passed back	Bns
4.	1220	5/25 Hussars report contact at 1205	Inf passed fwd	BLU
5.	1220 - 1300	Reports from 5/25 on progress of battle and they abandon their posn at 1300 hrs	Inf passed as required	BLU
6.	1230 - 1330	Reports of 5/25 vehicles passing over CALORE br Reports from Engineers of demolitions	Inf back Inf back	Right Bns RE
7.	1345	CALORE bridge blown	Inf back	RE & Right
8.	1355	IO of 5/25 comes to Gp HQ and gives picture as he knows it	Inf back and fwd as required	BLU
9.	1430 - 1530	Armoured recce of CALORE bridge and quick attack in coy strength to try and seize crossing. Attack fails	Arty and mortar fire called for inf passed	Right Bns RA
10.	1500 - 1630	Patrols fanning out on remainder of Gp front. Small amount of enemy shelling - registration of front	Inf passed fire called for as required	Bns RA

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Event	Action expected	Umpire to paint picture	Remarks.
Communications established			
of I summary by Corps giving picture of enemy strength and movements.	Passed on to Regts & Regts to Units	BLU	
ing up of fwd posns by enemy planes planes intervene	Inf passed back	Ins	During whole exercise BLU will feed in flank and Corps infn keeping umpires informed and also a certain amount of normal correspondence
Hussars report contact at 1205	Inf passed fwd	BLU	
ts from 5/25 on progress of battle they abandon their posn at 1300 hrs	Inf passed as required	BLU	
ts of 5/25 vehicles passing over of br	Inf back	Right Bns	
ts from Engineers of demolitions	Inf back	RE	
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11.	1715 - 1830	Registration of fire plan and attack in two coy strength sp by tp tanks on left Bn. Repulsed with difficulty force Bn cond to counter attack	Calls for fire infm Pre-arranged counter attack launched	Left Bn RA
12.	1830 - 2000	Enemy recce all along front registration of left regt area and area of CALORE br	Infm passed	Bns
13.	2000 - 2200	Desultory shelling and mortaring	SHELKEPS sent back Guns and mortars asked to deal with any mortar posns located	Bns RA
14.	2200	Concentration of arty all along front beginning of fire plan Certain amount of CB fire	Reports back	Bns RA
15.	2220 - 0300	Attack develops all along front - fwd bns of right regt forced to counter attack but attack finally held on this front. Left regt to be gradually over run, so that situation is created where deliberate counter attack has to be launched. Tanks cross behind attack on left	Local counter attacks	Bns RA
16.	0400 - 0500	Deliberate counter attack launched and successful		BUU & Bns concerned RA (for fire plan)

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17.	0505	Message from Corps that Br Arm Div moving down E coast is threatening enemy L of C and enemy may withdraw - MANTOVA to be prepared to follow up. Sufficient TC vehicles to lift one regt will be available. Axis of advance ARIANO rd.	Div comd makes plan and issues orders. Orders passed by comds down to bns	BLU
18.	0505 - 0700	Re-organization of front	According to cas awarded Coys amalgamated as necessary. Left Regt decimated Bns moved into res	Bns
19.	0700 - 0900	Front quiet except for small amount of arty. Enemy still there	Patrols out to find what is happening.	Bns
20.	0900 - 1000	Reports from air of rearward movement in back areas	Intensification of patrolling	BLU
21.	1000 - 1200	Enemy withdraws	Patrols if out will find posn evacuated. Infa passed back.	Bns
22.	1200 - 1530	Group receives infa of withdrawal and issues orders to advance	Prearranged orders put into execution	BLU
23.		Exercise ends with issue of orders for the advance to begin.		

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15 CORPS O.O. No. 1. (Extracts
only)

Copy No

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Ref maps :- ITALY ROAD MAP 1:200,000 Sheets 18, 19, 20.
ITALY 1:100,000 Sheets 173, 174, 185, 186.

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768 Inf Div.
743 Inf Div.
Combat Group MANTOVA.
276 Army Tk Bde.
5/25 Hussars (Arm'd Car Regt).
24 AGRA.

(b) 5/25 Hussars with under command two coys of inf and one sqn of 276 Army Tk Bde will watch and harass the advance of the enemy.

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INTENTION.

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RIGHT	768 Inf Div
CENTRE	Combat Group, MANTOVA.
LEFT	743 Inf Div
IN RESERVE	276 Army Tk Bde.

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5. Bdys.

- (a) Between 768 Inf Div and Combat Gp MANTOVA.
All incl Combat Gp MANTOVA.
Rd and river crossing 9274, MIRABELLA 8571, river and wadi
junction 790709, line of wadi to LA SERRA 7469 rd LA SERRA - AVELLINO.
- (b) Between Combat Group MANTOVA and 713 Inf Div.
All incl Combat Gp MANTOVA, MELITO 8678 BONITO 8477, PONTE
ROTTA 7876, rd and wadi crossing 767748, S. GIORGIO, ALTAVILLA 6567.
- (c) Rear bdy - Line S. BARBATO 7161 MONTE FREDANE 6862 GROTTO TULLA
6663.

6. Posn to be reced and prepared forthwith.

7. Posn to be occupied within 12 hrs after receipt of the code word
"DASH HOUND".8. Covering Tps.768 Inf Div will provide one Bde to cover occupation of posn in area
GROTTA MANTOVA 8974.9. RA.24 AGRA will be super imposed on Div arty tasks under arrangements
by OCRA.10. AA.

Corps will be responsible for AA def to incl Div rear bdys.

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(a) Div Engrs will carry out the following tasks :-

(i) Prepare primary demolition zone from line of River UFFITA
to line of River CALORE within Div bdys, to be fired on orders
from Corps.(ii) Prepare line of River CALORE as an Atk obstacle within
bdys. **6294**(iii) Prepare demolition zone from line of River CALORE to River
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withdrawal from the line of River CALORE.(iv) Prepare and carry out any required demolition of dumps
of sups, stores, HOL and installations.

(b) Results of all demolitions to be reported to C.E. 15 Corps

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withdrawal from the line of River CALORE.

(iv) Prepare and carry out any required demolition of dumps
of sups, stores, POL and installations.

(b) Results of all demolitions to be reported to C.E. 15 Corps.

(c) Accurate records will be made of all minifields laid and
copies passed to HQ. 15 Corps.

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(d) Stores.

Engineer stores as required are available at Corps Pd Fk Coy
HE.
Atk and Aper mines, explosives and accessories required in
excess of those carried by Div Engrs are available through normal
channels.

INTERCOM12. Line.

Line communications as under will be provided by Corps Signals.

- (a) Two speech circuits from Main Corps HQ to Main HQ Combat Gp
MANTOVA.
- (b) One speech circuit from Main Corps HQ to Rear HQ Combat Gp
MANTOVA.
- (c) One speech circuit between Main HQ British Div and Main HQ
Combat Gp MANTOVA.
- (d) One speech circuit between Main HQ Combat Gp MANTOVA and Main
HQ British Div.

13. Wireless.

Main Corps R/T Forward Control Net will work normally to 713 British Div,
Combat Gp MANTOVA, 768 British Div, 5/25 Hussars, 276 Army Tk Bde.

Rear Corps Wireless Net will work normally between Rear HQ 713 British
Div, Rear HQ Combat Gp MANTOVA and Rear HQ 768 British Div.

14. ELS.

Normal.

ACK

Time of Signature hrs
Time handed to Signals hrs
Method of Despatch hrs

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CS.

EXERCISE SECRET

EXERCISE NO. 4

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UMPIRES INSTRUCTIONS

1. There will be a preliminary conference for umpires at 1800 hrs on 3 Apr to discuss umpiring arrangements for the exercise. The following will attend :-

Major Chadwick-Healey.
 Major Medlam.
 Major Newby.
 Major Cox.
 Capt. Gentle.

2. Umpires will keep a log and render a report and the log at the conclusion of the exercise, the following points are of particular interest :-

- (a) Have Comds at all levels laid on counter attack plans.
- (b) Do commanders appreciate the meaning of a fire plan and do they know how to call for fire.
- (c) Has the drill of passing information forwards, backwards and to the flanks been mastered.
- (d) Is the system of routine reports understood i.e. SITREPS, SITREPERS, PATROL REPORTS etc.
- (e) Are patrols for the coming night arranged reasonably early in the day.
- (f) Is the HQ properly organized and laid out i.e. is there a duty roster or is the commander up all night, are there rest areas for officers and men etc.
- (g) In Group and Regt HQ's is there a drill for the quick issue of written orders.
- (h) Do comds know how to use and site their signals comms - do comms from regt to bn work smoothly.

Regt umpires will co-ordinate reports and render them to the BLU.

3. GENERAL.

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- (h) Do comds know how to use and site their signals comms - do comms from regt to bn work smoothly.

Regtl umpires will co-ordinate reports and render them to the BLU.

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- (b) BLU must be kept informed of situations painted by umpires, for this purpose Bn or Bty umpires will inform the regtl umpire and regtl umpire will inform BLU, it is hoped to arrange separate communications, details will be issued later.
- (c) Umpires should introduce identifications and PW's after each attack in accordance with enemy plan (see para 4 below).

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(d) If signal communications do not break down on their own accord, interrupt them occasionally and force use of the wireless especially by commanders.

(e) Bn umpires representing fwd tps should initiate frequent SHELTERS and MORTREPS but bearings must correspond approximately with enemy gun and mortar areas as stated in para 4.

4.

The enemy plan on which situations will be based is as follows :-

- (i) He knows the line of the River CAJONE is held.
- (ii) He will follow the withdrawal of 5/25 Hussars as rapidly as possible and try to seize a crossing by a surprise attack.
- (iii) If (ii) fails as it does he will fan out along the river line looking for crossing places. Having found one he will try another attack.
- (iv) If this fails as it does he then decides to launch a full scale attack planned as follows :-

- (a) Forces available - 24 Pz Gren Div.
- (b) Guns are deployed in sqs 8173 8174.
- (c) Mortar posns along line of 80 Easting grid in sqs 8073 8074.
- (d) Regtl attack with tank support for exploitation, between wadi 7876 and wadi 7875 with object of taking high ground about IL CASTELLO 7775. Then passing tanks through at first light to clear rear areas and resume advance down AVELLINO rd. Meanwhile holding attack to be made in two bn strength on area sqs 7972 7973.

(e) The Regtl attack mounted and maintained along rd and track junction 830759 POWER FORTA 7876.

(f) Identifications :- 24 Pz Gren Div consisting of :-

Armed Recce Unit	5 Weider Erkennung Abt.
MDT Inf Regt	10 Inf Regt (MDT)
MDT Inf Regt	12 Inf Regt (MDT)
Tank Bn	24 Panzer Bn

10 Inf Regt (MDT) is attacking on the German right with 24 Panzer Bn in sp I & II Bns up. 12 Inf Regt (MDT) on left I Bn up. Inter regtl bdy - wadi from 784757.

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- (f) Identifications :- 24 Pz Gren Div consisting of :-

Arm Recce Unit	5 Weider Erkennung Abt.
101 Inf Regt	10 Inf Regt (101)
102 Inf Regt	12 Inf Regt (102)
Tank Bn	21 Panzer Bn

10 Inf Regt (101) is attacking on the German right with 24 Panzer Bn in sp I & II Bns up. 12 Inf Regt (102) on left I Bn up. Inter regtl bdy - vadi from 784737.

SECRET

HQ COMBAT GROUP MANTOVA
Near HQ.

No. 03/74.

Services Order No. 1.

Maps, ITALY 1:100,000 sheets 173, 174, 185, 186.

Subject :- Organization and Working of the Combat Group MANTOVA Services.

Attached : 2 Drawings.

To all Units.

To :- HQ 3rd Pz Coy.
346 Pz Bakery.
331 Pz Hosp.
520 Pz Hosp.
246 Surgical Unit.
Medical Office.
Combat Office.
HQ Office.

Plr Inf. :- HQ 15 Corps.
Main HQ G.S.
Arty G.S.
Reg G.S.
56 SIG.

Reference letter 01/1900 of 22 Feb 65 "Operation Order No. 1."

Extracts are attached for units who have not received the orders. (Undated)

NOTES: The road to MANTOVA will be re-established by Reg HQ by 24 Feb.

1. PRAL HQ. MANTOVA

Camp, HQ 151 Section CG HQ PRADA.

2. MEDICAL SECTION.

(a) Deployment.

Subject :- Organizations and Working of the Combat Group HAITONA Services.

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351 Pz Bn Coy.
320 Pz Bn Coy.
246 Surgical Unit.
Medical Office.
Combat Office.
AT Office.

Plr India :- HQ 15 Corps.
Main HQ Co.
Army Co.
Eng Co.
56 Bn.

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Reference letter 01/1900 of 22 Feb 65 "Operation Order No. 1."

Extracts are attached for units who have not received the orders. (Omitted)

FORWARDED : The road to PHATA will be re-established by Eng Hq by 24 Feb.

1. REAR HQ. PHATA

Camp, HQ 154 Section CO HQ PHATA.

2. MEDICAL SERVICE.

(a) Deployment.

104. Med Section - HQ and 1st Coy - JONTAMAR
2nd Coy - crossroads PINTAMARINI - S. NICHOLAS
road.

243 Pz Hosp - S. NICHOLAS.
501 Pz Hosp - S. LUCIA.

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216 Surgical Unit - S. LAELA,
 Cemetery - S. FAULINA,
 351 and 320 Auxiliary PA Hoses - AVAILING,
 100, 1 Medical Disp. - LAELA (MIA).
 18 Mobile Bath & Laundry Unit - S. GONZALEZ DEL. 344100.

(b) Evacuation.

Removal of men and wounded, to the medical section and then to the PA Hosp of 04 by medical section ambulances. Those able to be moved, straight from medical section to 351 Auxiliary PA Hosp at AVAILING which will be in operation after the receipt of the word "Casualty".

Supply of medical equipment from the dump through med office. Supply of medicines through med office.

Baths - Units on rest will use baths as per directives, which will be distributed from med office.

3. COMBATANT SERVICES.

(a) Deployment.

104 SR Coy. }
 HQ. }
 Eng Pl. }
 316 PA Bakery. }
 Station Store }
 18 Mobile Bath & Laundry Unit - S. GONZALEZ.
 PA - LAELA. }
 PAATA }

(b) Evacuation.

Rations. Units will draw from MIA (II Camp Pl, 31 Coy) everyday at the following times:-

76 Inf Regt	2000 hrs
144 Inf Regt	2030
155 Arty Regt	2100
Med Section	2200
Hosp & Surgical Unit	2230
104 SR Coy	2300
PA Pl, CO, CA Sec, Mobile Hoses,	
Camp	2330

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MIA will draw in bulk from MIA LAELA between 1300 - 1400 hrs each day. The services will function after receipt of the pass-word "Casualty".

Food will be drawn from 316 PA Bakery immediately after they have drawn rations.

Units will draw 3 days dry rations immediately, to be used during the period of moving up to occupy the positions.

Distribution of rations to refugees is prohibited.

Remarks.

Units (4th Inf) - 3 days dry rations.

3. COMMUNICAT SERVING.

(a) Employment.

104 St Coy. }
HQ. }
Eng Pl. }
318 1st Bakery. }
Station Store }
18 Mobile Bath & Laundry Unit - S. GEORGIA. }
PMA - HELI. }
PMAA

(b) Rations.

Rations. Units will draw from MA. (11 Cows, 21, 31 Coy) everyday at the following times :-

75 Inf Regt 2000 hrs
114 Inf Regt 2050
155 Arty Regt 2100
Med Section 2200
Hqs & Surgical Unit 2250
104 St Coy 2300
P1 Pl, CO, 1st Bco, Mobile Bn, 2350
Camp

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MA will draw in bulk from PMA MAIA between 1900 - 1400 hrs each day. The service will function after receipt of the pass-word "Dambuna".

Bread will be drawn from 318 1st Bakery immediately after they have drawn rations.

Units will draw 3 days dry rations immediately, to be used during the period of moving up to occupy the positions.

Distribution of rations to refugees is prohibited.

Reserve.

Units (1st Line) - 3 days dry rations.

Transport Units (2nd Line) 3 days dry rations.

These will be drawn by 2400 hrs 27 Feb.

Clothing - Equipment.

Units will exchange worn out clothing or equipment by usual procedure, from the Italian MOCs dump at HELI.

Officers of Rear Hq responsible for rations and clothing and equipment, as soon as the pass-word is received will make immediate arrangements with 318 of 15 Corps - HELI.

Washing Clothing.

At 18 Mobile Bath & Laundry Unit as near as possible to following table.

Every Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

76 Inf Regt.
174 Inf Regt.
155 Arty Regt.
104 Reg Bn.
104 SS Coy.
1st Pz Coy, 50.1st, 1st Battery,
1st Bn, 50.1st, 1st Bn.
Medical Units.

Clothing will be withdrawn by representatives of units according to the times stated.

A. SHOOTING

(a) Deployment

Ammunition Dump - 1st Pz, 1st Bn.
One - On roadway South of 1st Pz.
Group Mobile Weapons - 1st Pz, 1st Bn.
1st Pz - 1st Bn.

(b) Targets

Units will replace all deficiencies of ammunition and make a reserve of ammunition for all arms sufficient to last 3 days firing by 2200 hrs 27 Feb.

Security

Ammunition. For units at ammunition dump at 1st Pz, during the night hours for 1st Pz.
The transport coy will deliver the necessary ammunition from 1st Pz.

Various Personnel

From 1st Pz Coy, usual procedure.
The Service Section officer i/c equipment will arrange for supplies with 1st Pz 15 Corps NGA on receipt of pass-ord.

Artillery Repair

Usual procedure with Mobile Weapons.

Salvage

Units will salvage charge-ases, gun boxes etc, to war dump at 1st Pz from where they were drawn. In the same way the same dump will send to 1st Pz.

Various materials to 1st Pz Coy and 1st Pz Coy to 1st Pz.
Mobile Weapons will arrange that equipment not replaceable or repairable in more than four days is sent to 1st Pz.

B. SHOOTING

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Assassination Ramp - 1844 PLAYOLA.
Q977 - On roadway South TULSA.
Group Moblie Whips - PLAYOLA.
186A - 1800A.

Units will replace all deficiencies of ammunition and make a reserve of ammunition for all arms sufficient to last 5 days firing by 2400 hrs 27 Feb.

ammunition. For units at ammunition dumps at DIA, during the night hours for inf.

The transport coys will draw the necessary ammunition from DIA WOLA.

The Service Section officers & equipment will arrange for supplies with 2005 15 Corps BOLD on receipt of payment.

Usual procedure with 100 to 1000.

Units will salvage charge-ees, even boxes etc., to men dump at last from where they were drawn. In the same way the men dump will send to you.

Various materials to Pd Fr Coy and Pd M Coy to WMA.
Mobile shops will arrange that equipment not replaceable or
repairable in more than four days in Mkt'd to available.

(a) Employment

OUT - on roadway at South BEATA,
107 Telecello PK - PLATA area,
3 Rd W. Coy. 1st - PLATA area,
140 Engineer vehicles - PLATA area,
Corps Bag Coy
WIA - WIA

(b) Tasks

Supply. Signals equipment - complete sets will be requested, through Officer 1, e Bigs of each Coy, and drawn from 107 Teleradio Coy Pk.

Signs - exchangeable parts - from 107 by usual procedure.
Repairs - from LAB eng bn (KATA area) and from Mobile Wrecks (KATA area).

Recovery - Section of Teleradio Coy. ORP or 107 Pk Coy, according to faults of, complete signal sets, exchangeable signal parts of other equipment.

The Services Section Officer of the HQ attached to ORP will contact 1000 15 Corps for the supply of equipment on receipt of pass word.

6. TRANSPORT SERVICE.

Organisation and discipline of road movements (see attached tracing No 2).

Responsibility 03 154 Section 00, NR.

HC 92 Section 00, NR PIRAMANSUET.

HC 154 Section 00, NR PIRAM.

Sector control - PIRAMOLA.

No 1 Traffic Control Post - NANTHANA (PIRAMANSUET cross roads).

Jurisdiction - from GILMAN to KATHE NANTHANA cross roads.

No 2 Traffic Control Post - Cross roads KATHE NANTHANA.

Jurisdiction - from PIRAMANSUET cross roads to the Combat Group sector boundary.

Check points No 1 - S. GEDONG area.

No 2 - PIRAMOLA.

No 3 - Cross roads KATHE NANTHANA (6659).

No 4 - AVILLINO - KATHE road to the end of

No 5 - Cross roads 9 305 (roadway South NANTHANA).

Mobile Patrol - on the road :-

S. GEDONG - PIRAMANSUET - NANTHANA.

S. GEDONG - KATHE NANTHANA - GILMAN.

PIRAMOLA - S. PIRAMOLA - KATHE NANTHANA.

Road movement.

AVILLINO - KOLA road will be used by convoys of at least 10 vehicles and during the hours laid down by this HQ.

The only roads to be used, as shown on attached tracing No 2.

Movement on the KATHE NANTHANA - KATHE track and on the PIRAMANSUET crossroads (7373) will only take place between 1930 hrs and 0600 hrs for all vehicles excluding ambulances.

The CC, NR patrols will keep refugees off the AVILLINO - NANTHANA - PIRAMANSUET road.

Said orders will be put into action within 12 hrs after the

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6. 2. TRAINING MATERIAL

Organization and discipline of road movements (see attached tracing No 2).

Responsibility CO 151 Section CO, BR.

No 22 Section CO, BR PIERREMAUREL.

No 151 Section CO, BR PRATH.

Sector control - KATZALA.

No 1 Traffic Control Post - DEMERCAHA (PIERREMAUREL cross roads)

Jurisdiction - from CALONE to SANTA RUSSO cross roads.

No 2 Traffic Control Post - Cross roads NORTH WEST.

Jurisdiction - from PIERREMAUREL cross roads to the Combat Group sector boundary.

Check points No 1 - S. GIOVANNI area.

No 2 - PAVANO.

No 3 - Cross roads KATZALA di MARE (6600)

No 4 - AVELLINO - NAPOLI road to the end of

AVELLINO (also operating a stragglers post)

No 5 - Cross roads 9 385 (roadway South DEMERCAHA).

Mobile Patrol - on the road :-

S. GIOVANNI - PIERREMAUREL - DEMERCAHA.

S. GIOVANNI - SANTA RUSSO - CALONE.

PAVANO - S. PAVANO - NORTH WEST.

Road movement.

AVELLINO - NAPOLI road will be used by convoys of at least 10 vehicles and during the hours laid down by this HQ.

The only roads to be used, as shown on attached tracing No 2.

Movement on the CALONE di MARE - PIERREMAUREL track and on the PIERREMAUREL crossroads (7373) will only take place between 1930 hrs and 0600 hrs for all vehicles excluding ambulances.

The CO, BR patrols will keep refugees off the AVELLINO - DEMERCAHA - PIERREMAUREL road.

Head orders will be put into action within 12 hrs after the receipt of the pass-ward.

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7. RE SERVICE(a) Deployment.

POI. Camp, 104. 02 Coy PRATULA.
 OFF - roadway south PRATULA.
 Each Regt Regt - PRATULA area.

(b) Decks.

Supplies of POL from POL dump (PRATULA).

Various equipment from OFF with usual procedure.

Repairs at LAD or for units who have not their own, at each Regt Regt with usual procedure.

Regt's concerned with their acknowledgement of this order may/may not later than 26 Feb will notify the exact location of their respective weapon.

Recovery - vehicles to the Group 14 Regt for exchangeable parts and for new vehicles to the OFF.

From 2d Regt to 2d Regt.

From OFF to 2d Regt.

POL empty cans etc from units to POL dump at DIA and these to the POL dump 14 on supply of POL.

(c) POL Reserves.

Units will immediately constitute a POL reserve sufficient for 20 miles for all vehicles on charge.

8. POSTAL SERVICE.(a) Deployment.

Military Post Office 104 - PRATULA.

(b) Regt.

Exchange of private and official mail from unit Regt to Military Post Office 104 will take place at the following times:-

Main HQ and 99 Sec CG RM	2230 hrs	6286
76 Inf Regt	2300	
144 Inf Regt	2400	
155 Arty Regt	0100	
104 Regt	0130	
104 Sec Section	0200	
Hospitals	0230	
104 ST Coy		
104 OFF		
Each Regt.		
151 Section CG RM		
	0300 - 0400 hrs.	

9. PUBLIC RELATIONS.

Delivery of 100 lbs. from 100 lbs. (100 lbs.)
Various equipment from OVP with usual procedure.

Receiving at 100 or for units who have not their own, at each
Nights 100 lbs with usual procedure.

100's concerned with their acknowledgements of this order
anyway not later than 26 Feb will notify the exact location of
their respective things.

Recovery - vehicles to the Group 100 lbs for exchangeable
parts and for new vehicles to the OVP.

From 100 lbs to 100 lbs.

From OVP to 100 lbs.

100 lbs empty can etc from units to 100 lbs at 100 lbs and these to
the 100 lbs dump 100 lbs on supply of 100 lbs.

(c) 100 lbs.

Units will immediately constitute a 100 lbs reserve sufficient for
20 miles for all vehicles on charge.

2. POSTAL SERVICES.

(a) Deployment.

Military Post Office 100 - 100 lbs.

(b) Trucks.

Exchange of private and official mail from unit 100 lbs to
Military Post Office 100 will take place at the following times:-

Main HQ and 99 Dec 100	2230 hrs
76 Inf Regt	2300
144 Inf Regt	2400
155 Arty Regt	0100
120 Arty Bn	0130
100 Med Section	0200
Hospital	0230
100 1st Coy	
100 OVP	
100 1st Bn	
151 Section 100	
	between 0300 - 0400 hrs.

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3. RECEIVING OF MAIL.

(a) Deployment of Cages.

Group Cage - 100 lbs.
Corps Cage - 100 lbs (100 lbs)

(b) Organization and Preparation.

100's will be sent to the Group cage under unit arrangements.

Organization and removal to Corps cage and the handling of 100's
is the task of 151 Dec 100

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

for Lt-Col. Chief of Staff
(A General) C of S 100

ALL COMBAT GROUP MATTEVA

Office of Chief of Staff

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Operational Orders No. 1

No. 01/1900 Ops

EM 104 22 Feb 45

2100 hrs

Maps : ITALY Road map 1:200,000 Sheets 173, 174, 185, 186,
1: 50,000 Sheets 173 II, 174 III.

Subject : Organization of the Defense of the Left Bank of the River GARIB.

To : Commandant 76 Inf Regt - 1 copy ARLAND.
114 Inf Regt - 1 copy PAROLIN.
Artillery - 1 copy DENTONCHER.
Engineers - 1 copy CERNALDO.
Rear III - 1 copy POUAN.

Information :

15 Corps (Br) - 2 copies MOLA.
768 Inf Div - 1 copy
713 Inf Div - 1 copy
5/25 Hussars - 1 copy
56 NLI - 1 copy

In confirmation and completion of verbal orders issued this morning to the commanders of the Regts and Reg Bn.

I. It seems that the enemy intends to land on the Adriatic coast, occupy PUGLIA aerodromes and to push on to the NAPLES area with a force not less than 3 Divs and including "tiger" and "panther" tanks.

II. (i) The Combat Group, MATTEVA will organize the defense of positions on the left bank of the RIVER GARIB, included in the sector stated in enclosed tracing No. 1, with the purpose of impeding the enemy, with the other troops of 15 Corps, from entering the NAPLES area.

(ii) Operating with the MATTEVA Group :

Left - 713 Inf Div.
Right - 768 Inf Div.

The 5/25 Hussars, reinforced, have the task of delaying the enemy advance from the time he lands.

(iii) Two Bns of 768 Inf Div will cover the occupation of the positions in the

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held by G.

Subject :- Organization of the Defence of the Left Bank of the River CALONE.

To : Commandant 76 Inf Regt - 1 copy AULIMO.
114 Inf Regt - 1 copy LAMULIER.
Artillery - 1 copy MATHIEUX.
Engineers - 1 copy GOSSELIN.
Rear HQ - 1 copy MATH.

Information :

15 Corps (Rec) - 2 copies MOLA.
768 Inf Div - 1 copy
743 Inf Div - 1 copy
5/25 Hussars - 1 copy
56 HLI - 1 copy

In confirmation and completion of verbal orders issued this morning to the commanders of the Regts and Reg Bn.

I. It seems that the enemy intends to land on the Adriatic coast, occupy FOGLIA aerodrome and to push on to the NAPLES area with a force not less than 3 Divs and including "Tiger" and "Panther" tanks.

II. (i) The Combat Group, ANTONOVA will organize the defence of positions on the left bank of the RIVER CALONE, included in the sector stated in enclosed tracing No. 1, with the purpose of impeding the enemy, with the other troops of 15 Corps, from entering the NAPLES area.

(ii) Operating with the ANTONOVA group :

Left - 743 Inf Div.
Right - 768 Inf Div.

The 5/25 Hussars, reinforced, have the task of delaying the enemy advance from the time he lands.

(iii) One Bde of 768 Inf Div will cover the occupation of the position in the BROTTACCIARDA area.

PLAN OF DEFENSE.

Intention.

To obstruct the enemy advance in the area between RIVER LIPITA and RIVER CALONE with road blocks and delaying tactics.

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To annihilate it on the RIVER COLONE line, organizing and consolidating the positions on the left bank with particular regard to the northerly slopes of CASTELLO - S. MARTINO. (Height 315 metres)

Strengthen the defence with well-aimed use of defensive weapons.

I GROUP.

- III. Line of resistance (general course) see tracing attached No 1.
- IV. Two regimental sectors - 76 Inf Regt and 114 Inf Regt (76 on the left).
Line of contact - see tracing attached No. 1.
- V. In fwd posns : 76 Inf Regt - 2 Bns.
114 Inf Regt - 2 Bns.
- In reserve : 76 Regt, 1 Bn in the area about 4 km SW of CASTELLO.
114 Regt, 1 Bn in the area between CAMPAMARCELLO and
C. CAMPO CREVALLE.

IV. ARTILLERY.

- (a) Deployment area between the two lines :-
- Forward :- TONTO A VIZIO 7474 - S. MARCELLO PASS 7575 cross roads
757746 - Height 333 metres (763706)
- Rear :- BERTOLINO - PINNA del MORI - C. M. 7573.
(Locality and roadway excluded)
- (b) The four Groups of 25 pr will be in support, two for each regimental sector, remaining under direct orders of the Artillery Commander of the Group.
- (c) Fire Control. Harrassing in particular.
- Roadway SS 90 between PIANO FANTAN and the bridge at COLONE.
Cross road at C. MARCELLO 829739 - M. GIOIA fountain - cart track
M. GIOIA della RIVA - Height 272 metres - R. N. 1070.
C. PIATTO area (7975) Height 275 (7974) - C. P. area del G. 1072.
R. 1070 roadway - CONTRADA CASTAGNA 8576 - P. 1070 8575 -
M. MARCELLO 8574.
- Barrage (SOS)
Left Sector)
Right Sector) as shown on attached tracing No. 1.
- (a) Anti-tank Defence.
- V Group 17 pr with 1 Bty in each regimental sector.
- The most important features for A to defence :
- From TONTO MORO 7876 to wall and river junction, 709743.
From SALVATI bridge 795780 to 794725

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Line of contact - see tracing attached No. 1.

V. In fed zone: 76 Inf Regt - 2 Bns.
114 Inf Regt - 2 Bns.

In reserve: 76 Regt, 1 Bn in the area about 1 km SW of CASTELLO.
114 Regt, 1 Bn in the area between CAPEBODOLLO and
C. CAMPO GRANDE.

IV. ARTILLERY.

(a) Deployment area between the two lines:-

Forward:- TERRA A VENTO 7474 - SAGGIOCAPIERO FARM 7575 cross roads
757716 - height 535 metres (763706)

Rear:- BERTINICANE - PISTRA dei FIORI - C. MAI 7575.
(Locality and roadway excluded)

(b) The four Groups of 25 pr will be in support, two for each
regimental sector, remaining under direct orders of the
Artillery Commander of the Group.

(c) Fire Control. Harassing in particular.

Roadway SS 90 between PIANO PARTANO and the bridge at COLOMBO.
Cross road at C. MASIELLO 829759 - MACCHIA fountain - cart track
MADONNA della BEVI - height 272 metres - MONTE ROTTO.
C. ELIATTO area (7975) height 275 (7974) - C. PIANA del QUERO (8072).
BONITO roadway - CONTRADA CASTAGNA 8376 - PIANO PARTANO 8375 -
MINARELLA 8374.

Barrage (808)

Left Sector

Right Sector

as shown on attached tracing No. 1.

(a) Anti-tank Defence.

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V Group 17 pr with 1 Bty in each regimental sector.

The most important features for Artillery defence:

From MONTE ROTTO 7876 to wall and river junction, 789743.
From CALABR bridge 785729 to 784725

(a) AA Defence.

VI Group 40 pr will defend the Artillery deployment area, and
also HQ Combat Group.

It will deploy according to orders given by the Arty.

The AA Defence of the PIA to help Corps.

(d) Supporting Fire.

2d. AAA under direct orders of Corps will give supporting fire to Artillery of Combat Group. Requests for fire through this HQ. The Artillery of the Landing Divs may give supporting fire upon request to Corps through this HQ.

VII. ROAD.

(1) The Engineers Command will arrange:-

(a)

The construction of the following Group of's to withstand medium caliber shell fragments.

No 1. Height 285 metres S. MATHUR, Observation sector unlimited.

to the left: in alignment S. MATHUR 7873 - C. M. MATHUR 7677.

to the right: in alignment S. MATHUR - ROAD AT A. MATHUR 8060.

Capacity 5 men.

No 2. Height 315 metres (785749) Observation sector unlimited.

to the left: in alignment with height 315 - height 275 (7874).

to the right: in alignment with height 315 - S. MATHUR 8060.

Capacity 5 men.

No 3. C. MATHUR - 7673. Observation sector unlimited.

to the left: C. MATHUR - ROAD 7679.

to the right: C. MATHUR - ROAD 7671.

Capacity 5 men.

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The Group will be ready for action by zero hour 25 Feb.

(b) Obstacles in the Group sector, between the RIVER LINE and front of C. MATHUR by means of road blocks and minefields.

(c) In anti-tank minefield on both sides of the RIVER GALLIES shown on attached tracing No 1, in agreement with forward the Galls with regard to the number and the exact position and safety lanes.

(d) The defence system of main group in accordance to detailed orders given verbally by HQ II.

(e) The immediate restoration of the road bridge over RIVER MATHUR running from 7674 - ROAD 7665 and the road bridge on ROAD 7665 - ROAD 7662.

- No 1. Height 200 metres (656 feet), observation sector unlimited.
- to the left : in alignment S. 45713 - 45714 - 45715 - 45716 - 45717.
- to the right : in alignment S. 45718 - 45719 - 45720 - 45721 - 45722.
- Capacity 3 men.
- No 2. Height 315 metres (1033 feet) observation sector unlimited.
- to the left : in alignment with height 313 - height 315 (7374)
- to the right : in alignment with height 315 - R. 45723 all 1500 3507.
- Capacity 3 men.
- No 3. D. 45724 - 45725. Observation sector unlimited.
- to the left : C. 45726 - 45727 - 45728 - 45729 - 45730 - 45731.
- to the right : C. 45732 - 45733 - 45734 - 45735 - 45736 - 45737.
- Capacity 5 men.

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The 6283 will be ready for action by zero hour 25 Feb.

- (b) Porters in the Group sector, between the RIVER LITVA line and that of CALOVI by means of road blocks and minefields.
- (c) An anti-tank minefield on both sides of the RIVER LITVA shown on attached tracing No 1. In agreement with command on Godes with regard to the number and the exact position and safety lanes.
- (d) The defence system of Main Group B according to detailed orders given verbally by G2 II.
- (e) The immediate restoration of the road bridge over RIVER LITVA running from MAMLA - 7404 7405 and the road bridge on 45723 - 45724 road 705642.
- (f) Arrange another demolition zone between the 45724 and 45725 lines in the zone may as those between the 45714 and 45715.
- (g) Arrange the destruction of ration dumps, materials and fuel which are shown on attached tracing No 1. The destruction will be carried out on orders from G2 II.

- (h) The upkeep of roads from the occupation of the defensive positions, the following secondary roads :-
 CAMPANAREILLO - C.S. NICOLA - IL CANTINELLO.
 PORTOCARRA - FICINA del FUSI - C. VERLIZZOLA - crossing roadway S.S. 90.
 CAMPANAREILLO - PRATOLA.
 S. GIORIO - ADONE FUSCO - LA SERPA.
- (ii) Order of priority of work. Simultaneously - works preceded by letters (a), (b), (c), (d), (e). Successively - works preceded by letters (f), (g).
- (iii) The blowing of demolitions of sub-panels (b), (g) will only be done on orders from this Hq.
- (iv) The scheme for demolitions and plans for minefields will be sent to this Hq before 2400 hrs 27 Feb.
- (v) Inf and arty units will organise the positions with earth works of the field type.
- (vi) All works will begin immediately and will be in a satisfactory state of efficiency by 2400 hrs 27 Feb.

VIII. SIGNALS.

- (i) The Comd Group Signal Section will arrange :-
- (a) To connect Main Group Hq by line and radio with :
 Hq's Inf and Arty Regts.
 GP's.
 Rear Hq.
 Hq 713 Inf Div.
- (b) To connect Rear Hq with units to be stated by "a".
- (ii) Putting the services in motion :-
- Line system :- (Comm after the receipt of the pass word "Dashwood" is received. The commencement of the service will however have to be ordered by this Hq; until such time, it will observe radio service. *Silence*
- (iii) Codes and Ciphers.
- Further instructions will be issued.
- (iv) Call signs and Frequencies.
- Further instructions will be issued.
- (v) The signal plan will be forwarded 23 Feb.

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- (iii) The blowing of demolitions of sub-pens (b), (c) will only be done on orders from this HQ.
- (iv) The scheme for demolitions and plans for minefields will be sent to this HQ before 2400 hrs 27 Feb.
- (v) Inf and arty units will organize the positions with earth works of the field type.
- (vi) All work will begin immediately and will be in a satisfactory state of efficiency by 2400 hrs 27 Feb.

VIII. SIGNALS.

- (1) The Command Signal Section will arrange:-
- (a) To connect Main Group HQ by line and radio with:
HQ's Inf and Arty Regts.
GP's.
Rear HQ.
HQ 715 Inf Div.
- (b) To connect Rear HQ with units to be stated by "HQ".
- (ii) Putting the service in motion:-

Line system:- 1 hrs after the receipt of the pass word "Dagboud" is received. The announcement of this service will however have to be ordered by this HQ, until such time, it will observe radio service. *Silence*

(iii) Codes and Ciphers.

Further instructions will be issued.

(iv) Call signs and Frequencies.

Further instructions will be issued.

- (v) The signal plan will be forwarded 25 Feb.

IX. DEFENCE ORGANIZATION.

Will be in action by 2400 hrs 27 Feb. Regiments will forward their own defence schemes.

X. OCCUPATION OF POSITIONS BY HQ TROOPS.

To take place after orders from this HQ by transmission of the pass word "Dagboud". Positions will be occupied by 0500 hrs. Relative orders for occupation of the positions separately. (omitted).

XI. AIRCRAFT.

Two groups of fighter bombers of the IAF will operate in support of 15 Corps.

XII. HQ LOCATIONS.

Main HQ - PLATRA and MRSI.
Rear HQ - PIATH.

XIII. SERVICES.

Separate orders.

Admission/entry.

General Command

(Guido Bologna)

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Ref Folio 38A file 50A9.

Phonogram (very urgent).

P.M. 104 23 Feb 45.

FROM :- ITALGROUP 'MANTOVA'.

TO :- HQ 76 Inf Regt
114 Inf Regt
99 CCRR Section
151 CCRR Section
2nd Section)
3rd Section) by hand
QMG
Medical
Transport

HQ 155 Arty Regt
104 Engineers
104 Transport unit
104 Mobile park }
104 Medical } by wire
Mobile workshops
248 CC
501 CC
GHQ

No. 03/995 . On 24th inst will take ultimate training for service officers .
Rendezvous at 0915 hrs near PATERNOPOLI Map ITALY 1/50,000 MR 872652 and at
1415 hrs route SAN GIORGIO - MONTEFUSCO Map ITALY 1/50,000 MR 714727.
Training will be from 0930 hrs to 1200 hrs and 1430 hrs to 1630 hrs. Subject -
morning Field Engineers services - Afternoon - Medical Services. Will attend
all officers concerned in letter 01/238 of 11 Jan 45

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Ref Folio 36 A file SOAG.

HQ COMBAT GROUP MANTOVA.

448/Auto di prot

FM 104. 19 Feb 45

Subject :- Conferences - Transport Officers.

To acquaint all transport officers with the Characteristics and technical details of Anglo American vehicles which are on distribution to units of this Group, it has been decided to hold conferences every Wednesday at 0900 hrs at the GHQ Unit tpt (MT)

104 ST Coy will send to the GHQ Unit tpt (MT) the vehicles which will be studied on the day of the conference. The vehicle will be in perfect running order.

At these conferences and at the invitation of this HQ, Capt Bell will attend and he will supply with the help of an interpreter at his disposal any question which may arise.

To:-
76 Inf Regt
114 Inf Regt
155 Arty Regt
104 Eng Bn
104 ST Coy
104 Sanitary Section.
99 CC RR Section
151 "
104 Mobile Park.
CC Unit Tpt (MT)

HQ 56 BLU for information.

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Ref 2010 27th in Feb 50 AG

151 Section CORR Training programme for the week 5 Feb - 10.

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P.M. 104
11 Feb 45.

Map reading instruction.
Arms drill (Thompson sub machine gun).
Instruction on Police and road signalling.
Driving school.

Number of personnel attending courses of instruction 45. Of personnel of the 'foot squad' who have received instruction at the driving school, seven are proficient enough to drive vehicles.

Section Commander.

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Ref. Tolivallan file 80A2

ORDNANCE FIELD PARK

"MANTOVA" Combat Group

Time Table and Training Programme for period 4 - 10 Feb 45

TIME

0715 - 0800	Sanitation and cleaning of Camp.
0800 - 0900	P. T. and Drilling
0915 - 1000	Instruction on Small Arms and Anti-Gas Masks.
1015 - 1045	General instruction of equipment issued to Combat Group.
1230 - 1400	Names of parts and how to use them.
1415 - 1615	<u>Storemen Specialists.</u>
	Register Keeping (repetition of naming articles)

DRIVERS

Instruction on various types of vehicles and how to handle them.
SUNDAY Discipline and road signals.

0800 - 0930	Inspection of men and individual arms
1000	Religious Service.

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Il Comandante Interinale.

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7 FEB 1945

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MEMORANDUM

By 1st Lt. M. R. Bryne,
Camp Commandant, 56 British Liaison Unit.

SUBJECT

To practice all ranks of this Headquarters in quick and economical loading of all Headquarters stores and equipment and general preparation for move.

Reasons.

It is necessary that all ranks should be acquainted with the method of loading their stores on their allotted vehicles.

It will often happen that little or no notice will be given for an operational move.

A loading drill is necessary to ensure that all stores and equipment are loaded economically, quickly and correctly.

Without such a drill, stores may be overlooked in the dark, vehicles may become overloaded or loaded unevenly, thus stores may shift and become damaged.

INFORMATION

The Camp Commandant receives orders at 1200 hrs, 22nd Jan. 45.

A warning order is issued and all ranks put at two hours notice to move.

At 1330 hrs, 22nd Jan. 45. Camp Commandant receives detailed orders from D.A.A. & R.H.C.

At 1400 hrs, Camp Commandant calls Order Group.

The Order Group to consist of:

Camp Commandant,	(not on exercises.)
Camp Sgt.	
Sig. Sgt.	
M.E. Opl.	
P.O.O. i.c. Offrs. Mess.	
Italian Lieut.	
Italian Sgt.	
Italian M.E. Opl.	

INSTRUCTIONS

To ensure that:

- (1) All ranks are able to pack their kits quickly and efficiently.
- (11) All ranks know on which vehicle they travel.
- (111) All drivers know who travels on their vehicle and what stores are to be loaded.
- (1111) All drivers know where to take their vehicles to be loaded.

METHOD OF LOADING

1. Distribution of Transport.

move.

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The Order Group to consist of:

Camp Commandant.
Camp Sjt.
SAC. Sjt.
M.T. Qpl.
H.C.O. i.c. Officer. Mess.
Italian Lieut.
Italian Sjt.
Italian M.T. Qpl.
(rest on exercises.)

INFORMATION

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ORDER OF LOADING

1. Distribution of Transport.

(a) 3 Ten Dodge,	224.	Qpl. Maj. Montefumelio.	D.A.A. O.S.
(b) " "	459.	" "	Greiner.
(c) " "	248.	Pte. Puttini.	Italian Personnel & M.T. Stores.
(d) " "	275.	Qpl. Maj. Boghi.	Camp Regiment.
(e) 15 Gt.	"	Maj. Wilson.	Officers Mess.
(f) 15 Gt.	"	Officers' kits, & baggage drivers.	
(g) 15 Gt.	"	Maj. Gaiden.	Secret box, and other personal documents.

END

NITROGEN PROTEO CONT.

Sheet 2

2. Indexing

(a) B.A., D.C., S.

On receipt of orders the 3 Toner allotted to D.A.D.C.S. will go at once to the D.A.D.C.S. dump for loading by Ordnance personnel.

On completion, return to Camp for loading of Mts of Ordnance personnel.

When all loading is complete, the truck will then go to the lane leading to the main road and stand on the side.

(2) இலாபம்.

On receipt of orders the 3 Tinner allotted to the Clerks will go at once to the clerks office for loading of all office kit by the Clerks. Return to the Camp for the loading of kits of Office personnel. On all loading being completed, the truck will stand on the side of the track leading to the main road.

N.B. For the purpose of this Exercise, the vehicles will go to their respective rendezvous but will not be loaded.

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ammunition. On receipt of orders the 3 Tonnor will go to the Italian billet for loading of all kits and cooking equipment of Italian Personnel. Officers' cookmen-drivers kit will be loaded on this vehicle, other drivers will load their kits onto their own vehicles.

This landing will be under the supervision of the Italian Mauth. On completion, the truck will stand on the lane leading to the main road.

The English M.T. Cpl. and M.T. Stores will travel on this vehicle. He will ensure that a tow chain is loaded.

(a) Long Stories.

The vehicle detailed for Camp Stores will back to the main entrance of the Camp.

Local 1

Clothing will be packed in boxes, equipment in crates.

Flowers and crates will be marked to show their contents.

The kids of the Camp Commandant, Camp Sgt., Storeman, cook and the Camp Commandant's batman.

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Tables and forms from the men's mess, Camp Office equipment and welfare stores.

Load 114.

Cooking utensils and rations. Rations will be packed in boxes.

Food 17.

Sundry stores, Fire fighting equipment,

The Camp Set. will supervise the loading of all Camp stores.

On the completion of loading, the truck will go to the lane leading to the main road.

signs will be placed in a convenient place,

The water trailer will be full and attached to the Camp stores vehicle.

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When all vehicles are loaded and standing on the lane leading to the main road, The Camp Commandant will call a second Order Group, this will consist of:

Camp Commandant,

Senior H.C.C. or F.C. from D.A.D.C.B. vehicle.

from *Clasificación* volume.

Italian Liberty

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The U.S. I.C. of each vehicle will detail a man for traffic control.

Spec 2.OPENING SENT.Halts Sent.Lights.

At each halt all vehicles will be driven off the road and camouflaged.

Air sentries will at all times be posted. Lights by night. Leading vehicle headlights and tail light. all other vehicles side lights and/or diff. lights, tail lights.

TIME.ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.Dress.

Overcoats will be worn. Uniform will be worn, small and large pockets carried. Soft hats, steel helmets on large pockets.

Rations.

Tea will be available at the second halt. Hot meal on arrival (Not for the purpose of this Exercise).

CONSIDERATION ON THE LINE OF MARCH.

The Corp Commandant will be mounted on a motor cycle. The signal Sgt. will be responsible for company discipline and traffic control.

For the purpose of the Exercise the company will move to the Square at 10.00. On arrival and return to Corp these all vehicles will disperse for unloading.

21st. Jan. 45.

J. G. Burroughs
Lieut.
Corp Commandant.
56 British Liaison Unit.

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REPORT ON EXERCISE FRONTO.

1. The object of the exercise was to teach all ranks of this headquarters the quick and economical loading of their vehicles.

2. All ranks were stood at two hours notice at 1200 hrs. Stores were packed, men's kits were packed and all ranks confined to Camp.

3. At 1400 hrs. The Camp Commandant gave orders to the headquarter Order Group consisting of the following:-

The Camp Commandant.	} not on Exercise.
Camp Sgt.	
M.T. Opl.	
Italian Lieut.	
Italian Sgt.	
Italian M.T. Opl.	
Signal Sgt.	} not on Exercise.
N.C.O. i.c. Officers Mess.	

4. All vehicles were sent to their allotted place for loading. The vehicle sent to the Clerks Office was not loaded, but was absent from the Camp for one hour to represent loading time. On return to Camp all vehicles were loaded with the kits of personnel travelling on that vehicle.

5. It was found that the truck allotted to the Italian Platoon after all drivers, driver-batmen and the Camp Commandant's batman and their kits was only half full. M.T. stores and the M.T. Opl. still left a lot of room. It was decided that all tables and forms in the Camp were to be loaded on this vehicle.

6. The Camp Stores vehicle was well loaded to capacity, all clothing stores, equipment, Camp Office, emergency rations, rations and cooking equipment, five mens kits, all sundry stores - fire fighting gear etc. signs and the water trailer hitched on. This truck was found to be overloaded. The position was eased when the tables and forms were moved to the Italian truck.

7. The time taken from the receipt of orders to the completion of loading and all trucks standing on the lane leading to the main road, 1½ hours.

8. A second order group was called at 1515 hrs. This consisted of the following.

Camp Commandant.	} as these were not actually present an Italian soldier represented.
Senior N.C.O. D.A.D.O.S.	
" " Clerks.	
Italian Lieut.	
M.T. Opl.	
Camp Sgt.	

The following orders were given:-

Order of march.
The route.
V.T.M.
M.I.2H.
Halts.
Traffic control.
Air sentries.
Camouflage.
Lights.
TIME.

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Italian Sgt.
Italian M.T. Cpl. } not on Exercise.
Signal Sgt. }
N.C.O. i.c. Officers Mess. }

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Order of march.	
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V.T.M.	
M.I.2H.	
Halts.	
Traffic control.	
Air sentries.	
Camouflage.	
Lights.	
TIME.	
- The following orders were given:-
- Administration orders were also given, these included meals tea en route, dress and equipment.
Intercommunication orders were given. D.Rs.
9. The convoy moved off at 1530 hrs. to the Square at San. Giorgio and returned to Camp for unloading.
 10. The Exercise was a success and every man taking part learned his lesson, it proved that all Camp stores can be loaded in very little time and with little notice also that the laid down loading scale was efficient except for the exception mentioned above.
 11. I can now say with confidence that this headquarters can move complete with two hours notice and all vehicles ready for rolling within four hours of receipt of orders. This does not of course include all the D.A.D.O.S. Stores.

P. Z. Bayne
Lieut.
Camp Commandant.
56 British Indian Unit.

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File 134
Subject: TRAINING CARABINIERI SECTIONS

56 HLU
19 AG
25 Jan 45

To:-
Provost Marshal
A.F.H.Q.

Ref telephone conversation representative P.M. AFHQ and DAA & QMG 56 HLU.

1. "MANTOVA" Battle Group has attached to it 3 sections of Carabinieri Regale. These Carabinieri are intended to carry out the same duties as the G.M.P sections included in the establishment of a British Division.
2. Although the Carabinieri have been trained in their disciplinary duties and understand these, they have not yet received instruction in their traffic control duties. It is therefore intended to start traffic control courses of one week's duration for each of the sections in turn. The object of the courses being to instruct the Carabinieri, not as individuals, but rather in the deployment of the section as a whole over any given route.
3. In view of the fact that the personnel are so unpractised it is requested that a British GMP N.C.O. might be attached to the HLU to supervise the training. This N.C.O. to be attached from the 2 Feb 45 to 25 Feb 45.
4. It is realised that there may be much difficulty in sparing an N.C.O. for so long a period but it would be much appreciated if this could be done as there is no expert in this type of work on the HLU Staff.

In the Field
JRM/cnf

J. M. McNally
Lt Col.
GS

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Ref Folio 12A in file SOAG

Ordnance Field Park

Mantova Combat Group

N. Prot

Military Post N 104
January 13th 1945.

Subject:- Ops timetable

To the HQ 'MANTOVA' FM
Info 56 BLU

FM 104

We forward by request the unit ops timetable for the period covering January 14th to January 21st.

The Commander
Magg Giovanni Morelli.

TIME TABLE FOR DAILY OPERATIONS.

Covering period 14 - 21 Jan 45.

- 0745 hrs - 0900 hrs : Cleaning & maintenance of equipment.
0900 hrs - 1045 hrs : Drill on small arms and their use with the help of didactic tables.
1230 hrs - 1400 hrs : Repetition on lessons learnt at RAOC training course conducted by officers who have taken the course.
1415 hrs - 1615 hrs : Instruction on Allied vehicles, their engine structure and employment of each type assigned to OFP.

TIME TABLE CHANGES ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.

On holidays, weather permitting, parade, marching drill and small arms drill will take place.

The Commander.

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File 8A
Subject:- Training of Carabinieri.

56 BLU

19 AG

18 Jan 45.

AFM
3 District.

1. The MANTOVA Battle Group, which is now forming at BENEVENTO, has three sections of Carabinieri in its establishment. These sections are to carry out the duties normally allotted to GMP sections in a British division.
2. Although the Carabinieri are trained in their disciplinary duties, they are not cognisant with the traffic control side of their work.
3. In view of the above it will be greatly appreciated if a British Military Police NCO could be loaned to this Group for a period of three weeks in order to carry out instruction with the sections. This training to start at some time convenient to you during the next ten days.
4. It is hoped to carry out one weeks training with each of the three sections and the object is largely to train the units to deploy and work as a unit, rather than to train the individual men.

In The Field,
JRM/mh

J. Moore
+ Lt Col,
GS.

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To: 56 B.L.U.
From: 56 B.L.U. Trng Increment.

Ref A.G. 19 Para 5.
Training Programme.

May further particulars be sent of the following subjects, which it is thought will be of value to the Inf. Regts.:

- 1) Sat 27 Jan. Model Exercise
Sups. ann. FOL.
- 2) Sat 24 Feb. Provost Demo.

14 Jan 45.
In the field.

Major.
G11(T) 56 B.L.U. Trng Increment.

24 JAN 1945

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File

TRAINING OF SERVICE OFFICERS.

AG 19

1. GENERAL.

It is intended to hold training days for officers of all service units within the Group.

2. The days selected for the officer training are :-

Saturday 13 Jan.
Saturday 27 Jan.
Saturday 10 Feb.
Saturday 24 Feb.

3. The service units affected are :-

104 R.T.R.
104 Deposits Mobile.
Mechanical Engineer W/Stops.
LADs.
99 Mechanical W/Shop Platoon.
151 Provost Section.
104 Medical Section.
243 Field Hospital.
501 Field Hospital.

4. Each of the above named units, with the exception of the hospitals and the Medical Section, will send every officer on the training, with the exception of one duty officer. The Medical Section and both hospitals will send 2 officers each.

5. Attached is a copy of the proposed Training Programme.

6. The following officers of 56 MU, will make every effort to attend each Officers Day Training :-

DIACOMG
DADET
DAOOS
SO KEAL

7. Detailed instructions for each training day will be sent out prior to the actual day.

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W. K. G. Kelly

Lt-Col.

In the Field.

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DADOS
SO HLI

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J. M. Gordon

1st Col.
CS.

In the Field.
RM/ee

Distribution :-

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DADMG

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DADOS
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