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SAS BRIGADE OPERATION INSTRUCTION No.7.  
 OPERATION OVERLORD  
 2 SAS REGT.  
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HQ SAS Tps/TSB/5/G

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Reference Maps 1:250,000 GSGS 4042, 2738.

GENERAL.

1. SAS Brigade Operation Instruction No.5 is CANCELLED, and will be destroyed by fire forthwith, and a destruction certificate forwarded this HQ.
2. 3 French Para Bn will come under your command forthwith for operational purposes, and the combined force will be known as "S" Force.
3. You will concentrate on building up secure bases in the areas V3691 - V5291 - V5373 - V3673 codename LOYTON, and W5165 - W6955 - G5228 - G3338 codename JOCKWORTH from D day onwards with a view to strategic operations against enemy lines of communications from GERMANY towards PARIS. and up the RHONE valley.
4. You will earmark 3 parties each of 5 men to be held in reserve to carry out any tactical task at short notice which 21 Army Group may require.

INFORMATION.

5. 21 Army Group are forward an appreciation of the main rd and rly communications most likely to be used by the enemy for the movement of strategic reserves. On receipt of this with detailed information to be obtained from SPECIAL FORCES, you will be able to select suitable points against which to mount an operation either from this country or from the base area.

6. 1 SAS Regt will be operating to your WEST.

METHOD.

7. Operations of "S" Force will normally be confined to FRANCE EAST of a line :-

All exclusive RIVER SEINE from mouth to MONTEREAU X4648 - thence RIVER YONNE to AVALON N1878 - ARNAY LE DUC N6339 - PARAY-LE-MONIAL S3763 - RIOM W69 - TULLE F53 - thence to the SPANISH Frontier.

Minor operations may be conducted outside this area, but no major operations may be undertaken without reference to me.

8. Phase I - ADVANCE RECCE PARTIES: On approximately D - 10 two officers will be dropped in each of your base areas under auspices of SPECIAL FORCES, and their tasks will be as under :-

- (a) To recce the area with a view to their suitability as bases, taking into consideration strength and organisation of resistance groups in the area, danger of enemy interference, and availability of Supply dropping points and storage facilities.
- (b) To prepare the reception of parties as detailed in phase II below.
- (c) They will rely on the SPECIAL FORCES organiser they will find on the spot for assistance and any information they may acquire will be passed back through SPECIAL FORCES channels.

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9. Phase II - MAIN RECCE PARTIES: On night D - 1/D two parties of each approximately 8 men will be dropped in each of the above areas, they will be carried in separate aircraft, and each will include two wireless operators and two JEDBURGH sets and one EUREKA. They will be met by the advance recce parties and proceed with the preparation of the base areas, they will liaise closely with the local SPECIAL FORCES organiser but will not be under command.

10. Phase III - BASE PARTIES: From night D+3/D+4 aircraft will be available to take one troop to complete the preparations of each of the base areas. They will only be despatched on demand from main recce parties and will not be committed to offensive operations unless specifically ordered to do so.

11. The further build up of the base areas will depend on reports received from the Base area Commanders requirements for operations to be mounted from the base areas, and on the progress of the main battle.

12. You yourself will remain in this country for the planning and mounting of later stages of the operation, and will not participate in any operation without my consent.

ADMINISTRATIVE.

13. All men will carry at least 7 days special rations and will be equipped in accordance with the task they have to carry out.

14. Supplies of food, ammunition, explosives, medical comforts, clothing, arms, equipment etc, are being held at special depots near British Airfields. A proportion of these will be held in ready packed containers, and will be available for supply on demand by codeword from the base. Requirements of other equipment will have to be demanded in detail.

15. To meet the demands of local resistance a special reserve of ready packed containers have been supplied by SPECIAL FORCES, although you will only be responsible for supplying such partisans as may be of immediate value to you; the main resistance group supply will be carried out by SPECIAL FORCES with their own supplies and aircraft.

16. A separate movement order will be issued for the move to transit camps which will take place on approx May 26.

17. A separate Administrative instruction will be issued.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

18. From D day there will be 'one to one' working between two 12 HP sets in this country and a Jedburgh set with main recce parties in each of your base areas. The remaining three terminals on each of these nets may be employed at your discretion.

19. Each party will carry a MORI receiver on operations for listening to the Broadcast station from Base signals in this country. It is hoped to find a simple and secure code for passing of map references to parties.

20. You will be allotted 2 Phantom Patrols each consisting of an officer and two other ranks which you may either use for establishing communications with the main bases or at a later stage of the operations at your discretion.

21. Tac Bde HQ will open at HQ Airborne Troops MOOR PARK, on May 26. Main Bde HQ will remain at present location.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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