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SAS BRIGADE OPERATION INSTRUCTION No.8.

OPERATION OVERLORD

1 BELGIAN PARA COMPANY.

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HQ SAS Tps/TSB/5/G

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Reference Maps 1:250,000 GSGS 4042.

GENERAL.

1. SAS Brigade Operation Instruction No.4 is CANCELLED and will be destroyed by fire forthwith and a destruction certificate forwarded to this HQ.
2. You will now concentrate on building up a secure base in the area P7199-P7285 - P5785 - P5798 codename BERGBANG, from D day onwards with a view to strategic operations against the enemy lines of communications as occasion may occur or as developments in the main battle may dictate.
3. You will continue to plan on the basis of severing all EAST to WEST rail communications through BELGIUM and for the formation of subsidiary bases to accomplish this at a later date.

INFORMATION.

4. Until D day no direct approach will be made to BELGIAN sources for intelligence you may require, although every effort will be made to acquire it on your behalf.
5. After D day this ban will be removed, and it is fully appreciated that any plan which you may produce now may be considerably modified as a result.

METHOD.

6. Operations of 1 BELGIAN PARA COY will normally be confined to BELGIUM, minor operations may be conducted outside this area, but no major operations may be undertaken without reference to me.
7. On night D - 1/D two parties each of approximately eight men will be dropped in the base area given above.
Each party will include two wireloss operators and two Jedburgh sets and one EUREKA, and will be dropped from separate aircraft. They will be provided with guides with local knowledge of the area and their tasks will be as under :-
 - (a) To reconnoitre the area with a view to its suitability as a base, taking into consideration strength and organisation of resistance groups, danger of enemy interference, and availability of supply dropping points and storage facilities.
 - (b) To prepare for reception of parties detailed in para 8 below.
 - (c) They will rely on the local MAQUIS for much of their information, but will retain their identity and will not come under command.
 - (d) They will pass back any information they may obtain by wireless.
8. From night D+3/4 aircraft will be available to take in a half troop, approximately thirty men, to complete the preparation of the base area. They will only be despatched on receipt of a satisfactory report from reconnaissance parties detailed in para 7 above, and will not be committed to offensive operations unless specifically ordered to do so.

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9. Further operations will depend on the developement of the main battle.

10. 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.

ADMINISTRATION.

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

12. Supplies of food, ammunition, explosives, medical comforts, clothing, equipment, arms 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.

13. 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.

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

15. A separate Administrative instruction will be issued.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

16. From D day you will have one net working "one to one" between a 12HP set in this country and a Jedburgh set with the main recce party in the Base area. Your remaining three terminals may be employed at your discretion.

17. Each party will carry a MORI receiver on operations for listening to the Broadcast station from Base Signals in this country, a proportion of the transmission being in French. It is hoped to find a simple and secure code for passing of map references to parties.

18. A detailed signal instruction will be issued separately.

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

ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
Brigadier,
Commander,
SAS Troops.

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