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HEADQUARTERS 318TH INFANTRY
APO 80, U. S. ARMY

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Revised Plan

1. 1st Bn relieves 3rd Bn night of 4 - 5 Nov; 3rd Bn returns to LONDON.
2. On order, day prior to E-day, mortar Plt, Hvy Wpns Co, 3rd Bn, takes positions in MECCA prepared to fire on preparation targets as per overlay; immediate reconnaissance.
3. Engrs place ten (10) small boats per Bn in assembly area (see overlay) for use of 2d and 1st Bns at approximately H - 4 hrs.
4. 2d Bn moves direct from MECCA to assault boat area - five (5) minute interval between companies, timed as to reach assault boats at H - 30 minutes.
5. 1st Bn likewise.
6. Commencing H - 30 min Engrs put two (2) bridges across at point approx 1/2 mile up-stream from BRUSSELS and one (1) foot bridge approx 200 yds up-stream from PLIE. Demine access to PLIE during night prior to H-hour.
7. 2d Bn (less E Co already crossed in assault boats) crosses on foot bridge, assumes position; two (2) companies abreast, one (1) in reserve, E Co on the right. No troops advance N of LD along country road (see overlay).
8. 1st Bn crosses (less C Company already crossed in assault boats) upon completion of Engrs bridge and, making use of PLIE bridge immediately after C Co, occupies position along LD (see overlay).
9. 3d Bn moving direct from LONDON and followed by mortar section of Hvy Wpns Co, after the preparation is completed, follows 2d Bn at a distance of 1000 yds. The maintenance of this distance and liaison responsibility: 3d Bn.
10. One (1) Co, 3d Bn, moves, after crossing to position under ridge 1500 yds N of BRUSSELS, rendezvous with tanks. Liaison and guide sent to CO, Co B, 702d Tank Bn in BRUSSELS - rendezvous point to be agreed upon.
11. 3d Bn (less above Co) moves, on crossing, to assembly area approx 1000 yds NE of BRUSSELS.
12. Commencing at H - 30 min, one (1) Plt, Co B, 305th Engr Bn, assisted by one (1) Plt, Co C, 702d Tank Bn, constructs culvert crossing at point approx 200 yds up-stream from LE MOULIN FME. It is anticipated that this will be completed at H + 1 hr and that tanks should clear by H + 1 1/2 hrs.
13. At H-hr one (1) Plt, Co B, 305th Engr Bn, plus one (1) Plt, Co C, 702d Tank Bn, construct infantry support bridge at MIN DE BRICHES; expect to finish by H + 1 1/2 hrs. A further Engr detachment from the 305th Engr Bn constructs another infantry support bridge just E of the mill at BRUSSELS. This bridge is available for the 317th Inf and 318th Inf.

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14. By H + 1 hr, it is expected to be evident whether the tanks can cross in time to be effective or not. If they can, on crossing they join the Co of the 3d Bn at rendezvous point, swing wide, and attack PARIS from the direction of the PORTLAND RD. If not, this Co executes a similar maneuver and makes the attack alone.

15. On jumping off, the 2d Bn swings its right E Co and envelopes RENO from the NW. E Co becomes the Bn reserve in RENO and the remainder of the Bn takes up positions along the line AA for reorganization prior to attack on HILL 282, on order.

16. The 1st Bn, on jumping off from LD (see overlay), swings one (1) Co around to contain PARIS from the NE; relieved on Regtl order. This Co becomes the Bn reserve; the remainder of the Bn continues the attack, seizes and holds the high ground S of MANCHESTER, reorganize along the line AA for a coordinated attack along successive objectives.

17. The 3d Bn (less one (1) Co) moves as ordered in Regtl reserve with particular attention to possible counter-attack from the left flank.

18. Co B, 305th Engr Bn, after initial construction of the bridges, will continue in close support with liaison officer at Regt.

19. a. Tanks effect crossing under tank Bn supervision. Liaison officer with Regt. When apparent crossing can be made in time to assist in attack on PARIS "Plan 1" as indicated above will be declared effective. The liaison officer joins CO, 3d Bn, at rendezvous point to be selected.

b. If crossing so delayed as to make tanks ineffective against PARIS, "Plan 2" will be put into effect. In this case Co B joins 2d Bn along line AA. Liaison officer reports to CO, 2d Bn at rendezvous point to be selected and tanks form part of the coordinated attack on HILL 282.

c. If "Plan 1" is put into effect, tanks swing back to the N and join 2d Bn on line AA on release by Co Comdr, 3d Bn, taking PARIS. Liaison officer then reports to CO, 2d Bn, at rendezvous point to be selected.

20. Cannon Co reinforces 314th FA and has forward observer with both assault Bns - fires missions on call. Released to Regt after preparation; moves forward on Regtl order.

21. One (1) Plt, AT Co attached to each assault Bn to be appointed to take selected targets under direct fire in conjunction with the organic AT guns of the Bns. Co, less two (2) Plts, remains under Regtl control, takes positions in front of MECCA to cover Engr support bridge at MIN DE BRIONNE, crosses as soon as bridge constructed to defend it from positions on N side of river.

22. TD Co under Regtl control. Co, to include 50 cal machine guns, less one (1) Plt, from previously reconnoitered positions within 1000 yds of targets, executes continuous fire on PARIS until ordered otherwise. Liaison officer at Regtl CP must be in immediate contact with these units. One (1) Plt takes position initially on the S bank of the WARASH covering bridgehead at BRUSSELS, moves across as soon as infantry support bridge constructed, covering bridgehead from positions on the N bank.

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23. Arty: Preparation from H - 30 min to H + 15 moves from targets at a greater range to those of a lesser range from H - 30 min to H-hr; from a lesser to a greater range from H to H + 15. Numbered concentration points to be used for location code.

- a. 314th FA - 300 rounds; 15 concentrations; 30 min preparation; 2 Bn volleys per concentration (see overlay).
- b. 315th FA - 250 rounds; 10 concentrations; 30 min preparation; 2 Bn volleys per concentration.
- c. 775th FA (4.5) - 250 rounds; 10 concentrations; 30 min preparation; 2 Bn volleys per concentration.
- d. Cn Co - 300 rounds; reinforces fires of 314th FA; 2 Co volleys per concentration.
- e. After the 319th Inf has accomplished its mission, the 905th FA reinforces the fires of the 314th FA.
- f. After the initial 30 min preparation, artillery fires will be on targets of opportunity and on call.

24. AA Btry (two (2) Plts of four (4) 40's and four (4) quads each). One (1) Plt supports 314th FA from positions as recommended; 2d Plt covers bridgehead at BRUSSELS from previously reconnoitered positions, moves in at approx H + 1 hr. This Plt has liaison to CT CP.

25. Bns will put straggler line under supervision of 1st Sgts and Hq personnel, or other reliable personnel selected, behind their front lines and will have straggler patrols in all towns in their zone of advance. Rear installations, Bn and Regt, will take special precautions to patrol their area and transport stragglers immediately back to their organizations.

26. Civilians encountered in zone of advance will be held in cellars where they are; immediately report to CIC for check. They will then continue to be held in position and wait instructions from CAQ.

27. The Regtl Surgeon will have a 1/4 ton and two (2) EM with a Dental officer at the Regtl forward CP.

28. The rear echelon, Regtl CP, and trains move forward on order.

29. All sleeping bags and overshoes will be taken up without delay and re-issued subsequent to the attack.

30. Bns will make sure that ammunition carried on vehicles crosses on the infantry support bridge at the earliest possible moment.

31. Axis of Signal Communication: Forward CP 318th CT, to include S-2, S-3 sections, Regtl Surgeon and Guard, with minimum equipment, opens Cellar Chateau MECCA during night prior to H-hr. Moves forward through RENO and on PARIS to MANCHESTER.

32. Regtl CP's at crossings vicinity BRUSSELS and PLIE. Telephone lines will be run prior to D-day in secure fashion to appropriate points.

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33. Liaison: Two (2) liaison officers at Div, one (1) with 319th Inf. Telephone line laid to 317th Inf. Plans for coordination of assistance from 319th Inf against high ground S of MANCHESTER to be made without delay.

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