

RA BRAC
19th September 1944
TOP SECRET
Operational Instruction No. 1

(Ref Maps 1/100,000 Sheets 109, 110)

Information

- 1) Enemy - see Intelligence summaries and Counter Bty intelligence, to be issued separately.
(Note: Partizan sources report the effectiveness of HAA ground bursts in area DUBCI 3428 where casualties occurred near a pill box).

- 2) Own Troops:

BRAC is now garrisoned by:-

- a) 1 DALMATIAN Brigade - HQ SV. TOMA 2616.
Commander Major BOGDON.
- b) 12 Brigade - HQ NEREZISCE
Commander Major BORKO.

Intention

- 3) RA BRAC will pursue an active offensive policy against the mainland.

Method

- 4) Hostile Batteries will be engaged, together with road comms along the coast. Any movement seen will be engaged forthwith.
Until RA units on the island are on a common grid, each Bty or Tp HAA will engage targets in their zone of fire with their own guns.
After survey is completed, Y Targets may be called for by any OP on worthwhile targets, and will be engaged by all available guns, controlled by HQRA. Y targets will always be engaged either "fire by

order" or "fire at ... hrs". Normally scale 2 will be fired for Y targets.

5) O.Ps.

Each Bty and Tp HAA will deploy the minimum number of OPs to cover their zone on the mainland, and if possible to include the island coast line as well.

OPs will be manned throughout 24hrs. The importance of sound and flash bearings from OPs is emphasised. These will be passed to CBO, HQRA immediately with accurate timings.

Locations of OPs to be reported forthwith, and any subsequent changes.

6) Registration.

Each Bty and Tp HAA will register targets in their zone, to include any known HB's and important road junctions, and any other targets likely to be engaged later.

After survey is completed, coords will be passed to HQRA, with description of target. The target will subsequently be allotted a Y number and passed to all subunits by the Adjutant.

7) Night Harassing Fire (H.F.)

Btys and Tps HAA will engage road junctions etc in their zone with bursts of Tp fire throughout the hours of darkness. Maximum expenditure on HF - 40 rpg per night.

8) Counter-Battery (CB)

A counter-battery office will open at HQRA BRAC. Captain JEFFERY as CBO. H.B. lists will be issued as registration and intelligence produce the necessary data. Bombards will be ordered from this HQ on any active HB's within range.

9) Survey

Regimental Survey Officer (RSO) 111 Fd Regt will start survey forthwith, to register all Btys and Tps HAA on the island grid, with orientation.

Administration

10) Ammunition

200 rpg will be maintained at gun positions. Ammunition to be dispersed, and protected.

A.P. in maintenance area BOL, to be drawn by own transport.

A daily ammunition state will be forwarded to the HQ by 08:00hrs showing:

- (1) Ammunition drawn since last state.
- (2) Ammunition expended since last state
- (3) Ammunition held, as at 06:00hrs.

11) P.O.L and Sups to be drawn from maintenance area BOL under Bty arrangements, subject to any orders issued by Officer in-charge Maintenance Area.

12) Medical

RAP at G.HUMAC 204158 (MO 64 HAA)

Evacuation to CCS at BOL (MO 111 Fd Regt)

Unit transport will have to be used. No ambulance yet on island.

13) Water

Local supplies to be used after sterilisation.

Intercommunications

14) Signals instructions issued separately.

15) Vehicle speeds on the island must not be fast, owing to dangerous

bends and oncoming traffic, and to road surface which cuts up tyres. Replacements, especially for Jeeps, are almost unobtainable.

16) Accurate locations of Troop pivot guns and Bty CP's to be forwarded soonest.

Bty and Tp CP's to be signposted