

Operation "FLOUNCED II"
TOP SECRET
Operational Instruction No. 2

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

Information

- 1) Enemy - see latest "I" summary
- 2) Own - PARTISANS

Night D-2/D-1

- a) One Btn including technical troops land east to act as a covering force for main landing at BOL on night D-1/D.
- b) One Btn lands at MURVICE 1011 to assault and hold area Pt 778 (1213).
- c) One Btn lands at GRSKA 0114 to infiltrate towards LOZISCE and cover the landings of Force 2 (see para 4b below)
- d) These Btns lie up under cover during daylight D-1.

Night D-1/D

- e) Btn which landed at area MURVICE assaults Pt 778 at 00:01 hrs on D Day.

D-Day

- f) During early hours of D Day (about 00:30 hrs), Force 1 lands at BOL. Force 1 consists of about seven Btns, and three batteries 75mm pack arty (12 guns).

Object. To follow axis BOL - G. HUMAC 2015. At G. HUMAC two Btns of Force 1 supported by one bty 75mm, moves east to invest SUMARTIN. One Btn remains as reserve in area SW of G. HUMAC, remainder of

Force 1 (four Btns plus two 75mm Btys) continues along road axis to PRAZNICA 1818, then NEREZISCE road, to make contact with Force 2. Btn which landed East of BOL on night D-2/D-1 joins reserve in SW of G. HUMAC (para 2 (a)).

- g) Force 2. Four Btns and one Bty 75mm (four guns) lands at LUCICE 9816 and MASLINOVA 9915.

Object. To move via LOZISCE to DRACEVICA 0419, where the force divides into two:-

- (i) Two Btns moving north to contain SUPETAR 0625.
 - (ii) Two Btns moving on NEREZISCE, thence to contact Force 1. After contact, to attack German positions south and southeast of NEREZISCE.
- h) after capture of Pt 778 and German main position south-east of NEREZISCE Force 1 and 2 will consolidate prior to moving against SUPETAR and SUMARTIN.
- i) Btn which assaulted Pt 778 on night D-1/D, after capture remains on objective to cover BOL and establish firm base.

3) BRITISH

- a) 43 RM Commando Role to protect British Arty formations on BRAC.
- i) One troop to protect 11 Troop RSR.
 - ii) One troop, plus heavy weapons troop, less 1 section, to protect gun area west of BOL.
One troop to protect British Forces HQ.
- b) RAF Regt. Role, to protect gun area on HVAR.

Intention

- 4) 111 Fd Regt RA, one Bty 64 HAA Regt, 11 Troop RSR and two sections C Bty RSR, to support XXVI Division YNAL in their task of seizing the island of BRAC.

Method

5) Tuesday 12 Sept.

Regimental Survey party, Regimental signal officer and Lieutenant FILLEUL, RA will go to HVAR.

- a) Survey party - to put 212 and 476 Fd Btys and one Bty HAA on Regimental grid and to fix Pt 778.
- b) Regimental Signal Officer - as instructed by CSO, LFA.
- c) Lieutenant Filleul - to indicate position of pivot guns to RSO, and to organise the widening of the road leading north from STARI GRAD 1103 to accommodate HAA tractors and guns.

6) Night D-3/D-2.

Parties from 212 & 476 Fd Btys RA and Bty HAA leave for HVAR to prepare gun positions.

7) Night D-2/D-1.

- a) 212 & 476 Fd Btys and Bty HAA sail for HVAR, to occupy gun area. 476 Bty for RUDINE 102048, 212 Bty to 106044 for 25pdrs, and area 111037 and 110030 for HAA.
- b) One OP party 212 Bty accompanies Partisan Btn landing at MURVICE (1012), to direct fire prior to and during attack on Pt 778. On capture of Pt 778, OP will remain in observation, ready to move forward if required.
- c) One OP Party 212 Bty establish OP on HVAR, to observe Pt 778 on BRAC.
- d) CPO 211 Bty goes to BOL to hold gun areas.

8) Night D-1/D.

- a) VC 211 Bty and one OP 211 Bty accompanies Force 1 landing at BOL, about 00:30hrs. OP from Bty HAA accompanies BC 211 Bty, to be deployed as required.

- b) One OP 211 Bty accompanies Force 2, landing in the area LUCICA 0213 - MASLINOVA 9915.

9) After D- Day

- a) 211 Bty sails from VIS for BOL on orders from RHQ, after capture of Pt 778 by Partisans. Bty to occupy gun area 1311.
- b) 212 Bty be prepared to move forward to BOL area. CPO or ACPO 212 Bty to accompany 211 Bty to BOL. Task - to recce forward position.

10) Liaison:

Captain JEFFREY will act as liaison officer with YNAL Arty HQ with effect from D-Day.

11) Deception Plan

476 Bty and Bty 64 HAA will man dummy gun positions on HVAR, using simulators flash whilst their guns are firing.

12) Tasks

- a) One hour before last light D-1; 212 Bty on HVAR registers Pt 778. 23:30hrs on D-1 to 00:01hrs on D-Day, 212 & 476 Btys fire concentrations on Pt 778, using flashless.
OP on HVAR and OP with the attacking force will observe and correct as necessary.
FOO with assault Btn will call for fire support according to progress of attacking Force, indicating to what extent/is proceeding to/attack time-table.
23:30hrs on D-1 to 00:01hrs on D-Day, Bty HAA will fire counter-battery fire on enemy guns 102175.
- b) 00:01hrs D-Day. 212 & 476 Btys lift to fire intermittent bursts on Pts 680, 646, 725 and KNEZERAVAN 106162. Not to exceed 30 rpg.
- c) Bty 64 HAA will fire HF on enemy gun area 102175 and positions Pt 568 and 662, and area loops in road 093181 and 094179. Expenditure not to exceed 60 rpg.

- d) After first light D-Day, observed fire in support of Partisan groups.

Administration

13) Transport

	Jeeps	Trailers	Tractors	M/C's
CRA	3	2	-	2
Rear HQ	2	2	-	1
211 Bty	8	8	2	2
212 Bty	9	9	4	1
476 Bty	7	7	2	2
11 Tp RSR	7	4	-	-
64 HAA Regt	As detailed OC Bty HAA			

Mules

12 mules being provided from British sources for 111 Fd Regt; and one from Partisans (for OP 212, with assault Btn).

14) Ammunition

212 & 476 Btys will dump 600 rpg at positions on HVAR before night D-1/D, including first line. All available flashless and extra supercharge will be taken.

211 Bty to land with 200 rpg.

AP opens at BOL on D+1.

15) Rations

211 & 212 Btys to take supplies to last to include D+3. This will include three days Compo, and balance in 24hrs rations. 476 Bty and Bty HAA to take 14 days Compo rations.

Supply pt opens BOL on D+1. Units draw from D+2 onwards, so that one days ration will be held in reserve.

RASC are arranging mule fodder.

16) Petrol

Vehicles with full tanks/ Reserve cans/land to be carried on scale of one per jeep, and two per heavy vehicle.

PP opens on BOL on D+1 .

17) Water

1/2 gallon per man per day. 10 gallons per mule per day. 1 gallon per vehicle per day.

Btys to land with water to last until including D+1.

18) Recovery

211 Bty will earmark one quad with personnel to clear and recover repairable vehicles to the beaches at BOL. HAA Bty will do the same on HVAR.

19) Medical

RMO 111 Fd Regt est RAP BOL area

RMO 64 HAA Regt est RAP on HVAR

RMO 43 Cdo est RAP area HUMAC and responsible for RSR casualties

Medical evac point, with Medical Officer in charge is being established by DADMS at Bol.

Intercommunications

20)

Force HQ near Partisan Div HQ, moving on axis HUMAC - PRAZNICA NEREZISCE.

CRA with Force HQ

Rear HQ 111 Fd Regt with R/T control set in area STARI GRAD (1102).