

TOP SECRET

Recently, parties of up to 50 strong, drawn from units of 1 Bn have made combined patrols and foraging expeditions

to LOVISTE (V.4686) via NAKOVAN (5084) and Mtn Pass at 491849 every 2 - 3 days. On 13 August, patrol of 38 strong left REBIC at 05:00hrs and was ambushed by Partisans in area 4785 at 10:30hrs, killing 11 and capturing 19 prisoners.

Intention

2. To cause casualties and damage to garrison of PUPNAT by Artillery fire.

Method

3. Forces engaged

Commander Lieutenant-Colonel J. S. Elliot RA.
476 Fd Bty RA (8 x 25pdrs)
11 Troop E Bty RSR (4 x 75mm guns)
3 Sections (9 x .50cal Brownings) C Bty, RSR
1 Section 64 HAA Regt RA (2 x Flak '38)
B Coy, 2 HLI
2825 Fd Sqn, 1321 Wing RAF Regt

4. Beaches

	<u>Map Ref.</u>	<u>Code Name</u>
SCEDRO HARBOUR	V.195929	George
KONVENTO	201932	Howe
TORAC	397960	Item
TORDIN	411960	Jig
SMRSKA	422967	King
RASOHA	469879	Love
JEZDIJA	498863	Mike
CRITICA	453882	Nan
LOVISTE	4686	Oboe
PRLINA	457843	Peter

5. Programme

Before D-3

Forward Agent (Lieutenant T. P. Allen) leaves for LAGOSTA

D-3 Day

Orders

"E", "F" and "Z" OP Parties leave for LAGOSTA and proceed same night to KORCULA Island.

D-2 Day

Advance party sails from Vis and lands same night at JEZDIJA Cove V. 4995.

Loading of guns, ammunition and stores into RCL and landing craft.

Main party (guns and covering troops in ships) sails from Vis arriving same night at SCEDRO Island (2013) where transshipping takes place.

Covering troops - HLI and RAF Regt transfer to LCAs and proceed same night in darkness to SMRSKA cove (4296) on HVAR Island.

D-1 Day

Guns and covering party lie-up concealed with craft camouflage at SCEDRO and SMRSKA respectively. After dark craft sail from SMRSKA and SCEDRO. Covering force land JEZDIJA (Mike Beach) at 23:00hrs and move into position.

D-Day

Guns land at 01:00hrs as follows:-

"E" Troop 476 Bty (4 x 25pdrs) at Jetty at 465871

"F" Troop 476 Bty (4 x 25pdrs) at LOVISTE Jetty 467862

11 Troop, E Bty RSR (4 x 75mms) at PRLINA Cove 454843 (Peter Beach)

And take up positions adjacent to beaches

Shoot from 06:00hrs to 12:00hrs

Guns re-embark 12:00hrs to 13:00hrs

Covering troops re-embark 13:00hrs to 13:30hrs

Convoy joins up and sails for HVAR, SCEDRO and VIS.

6. Lying-up area

A lying-up area selected by RN will be occupied on night of D-2/D-1 and held as a "firm base" with AA Defence to be provided by 64 HAA Regt (3 x Flak '38. 20mm guns) until withdrawal completed.

Will be in communication by wireless and act as transmitting station between area of operations and VIS.

7. Gun Positions

"E" Troop 476 Bty at 465871

"F" Troop 476 Bty at 467862

11 Troop RSR at 456842

8. Arty OPs

Will be manned as follows:-

Ground

"X" OP (BC 476 Bty) - Ring contour E.519921 with Infantry Officer and local protection party of 8 men from 2/HLI.

To observe:

- (a) KUCISTE area and approaches from OREBIC, with special reference to "Pass" leading North from main road in sq. 5291.
- (b) PELJESAC Channel
- (c) KORCULA area

This OP will give early warning of Patrols from OREBIC. It will not engage these except with Arty and will withdraw if attacked.

Will land with Advance party on night D-1/D-1.

"E" OP (476 Bty) Pt 337 E. 498844.

To observe areas A, B, C, D, E, F, G and OP at Pt 560 454867.

Will land on KORCULA Is night D-3/D-2 and take up an evacuate OP in collaboration with Partisan Organisation on KORCULA Island.

"F" OP (476 Bty) and "Z" OP (11 Troop RSR)

In area of Ring Contour 496872.

To observe B, C, D, E, F and G.

Will land on KORCULA Island night D-3/D-2 and take up and evacuate OP in collaboration with Partisan Organisation on KORCULA Island.

Local OP (CRA - also Force HQ and Covering Force) at Pt 345 E 492924 to observe general view of PUPNAT positions and PELJESAC Channel; also act as a transmitting station if necessary.

Air

An Italian SIMON light Aircraft fitted with No. 22 Set for communication and controlled by Commander 11 Troop RSR will be at call at VIS through RAF v.h.f set to observe when required.

9. Covering Force

Commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel J. S. Makeig-Jones and comprising of "B" Company 2 HLI and three flights of 2528 Squadron RAF Regt, will take up positions covering approaches to gun areas and beaches from the East on line of high ground V.501851, Pt 295 493850, 300 ring contour 490846 with detached posts covering Force HQ and "X" OP.

HQ Covering Force with Force HQ.

10. Force HQ

At Pt 345 - E. 492924

11. Advance Party

Commander Major E. M. Winterbottom RA

An advance party will sail of D-2 and land at JEZDIJA Cove (Mike Beach) same night.

Its duties will be:-

- (a) to report area clear of enemy and bring craft into the beaches.
- (b) to prepare gun positions for occupation.
- (c) to provide guides for HQs, OP Parties and Infantry Positions.

In the event of the approach a German patrol on D-1, the advance parties will pass information back, lie-up till the patrol leaves and will not disclose their positions.

They will be in communication with the main convoys by wireless but will not break silence unless necessary.

12. AA Protection

At lying-up area at SCEDRO

- (a) 3 x 20mm guns manned by 64 HAA sited on land remaining till completion of operation.
- (b) Two sections (6 x .50cal Brownings) mounted on craft

At SMRSKA Cove and JEZDIJA Cove

By one section .50cal mounted on LCA's

At Gun Areas

By two sections of .50cal Brownings.

13. Arty Tasks

Selected from Tgt list in Appendix A.

14. Arty Policy

Tgt records will be prepared.

Datum Point will be registered and corrections applied to subsequent targets.

Tgts will be engaged with standard bursts of 4 mins normal fire from all guns.

Corrections will be applied during fire for effect.

Fire orders and signal traffic will be reduced to a minimum.

15. RAF

Have been asked to provide:

- (a) Fighter cover at call on D-Day
- (b) Fighter Controller with v.h.f. set.

16. Propaganda

SLS Psychological Warfare Branch are providing propaganda shell.

17. Gun Areas

Will be completely cleared before re-embarkation.

18. Withdrawal

Commencing 12:00hrs or in accordance with tactical situation as ordered by Force HQ.

Re-embarkation will be from same beaches as landings.

ADMINISTRATION

19. Ammunition

(a) Gun

25pdr

Loaded with guns

Rpg HE Fuzed 119 - 320

Rpg HE Fuzed 222 - 30

Rpg Smoke - 10

360

Rpg Super Charge - 20

Reserve

Total HE Fuzed 119 - 800rds

75mm

RPG HE Fuze 54 & 48 - 600rds

(b) SAA

Normal scales.

20. Rations

With man: Unexpired ration
24hr Mess tin (to be consumed on D-Day)

On craft: 3 Days compo for use as follows:-
1st day - for consumption on D-1
2nd day - landed on beach & reloaded departure
3rd day - remain on craft throughout.

Rations will be loaded according to strengths on craft under arrangement by Quartermaster of 111 Fd Regt Ra.

Senior on each craft will take over and be responsible to issue and return of unconsumed rations.

21. Water

Land with full water bottles.

Reserve of 1 Gallon per man on craft including cooking and drinking on D-1.

Water containers to be refilled from wells adjacent to gun area.

22. Dress

Battle Order

Caps Comforter

Steel helmets for gun personnel

Mae Wests for all ranks

Felt boots for OP Personnel and covering force.

23. Medical

First field dressing for all ranks.

Regimental Medical Officers from 111 Fd Regt RA and 2 HLI will establish Regimental Aid Post in gun area and covering force area respectively.

24. Blankets

One blanket per man. Will not be off-loaded from craft on PELJESAC.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

25. Wireless

Details at Appendix "E"

Advance party will take No. 22 sets with "X" OP Party and with CPO 476 Bty.

The following sets will open up on listening watch only from every even hour till 15 minutes past the hour from 06:00hrs on D-1 till wireless silence is broken:

- Static set at Vis (R 10)
- CRA's set (R 1) with covering force convoy at SMRSKA cove.
- Static set remaining at SCEDRO (R 9)
- Set with CPO 476 Bty at LOVISTE (RTJ)
- Set with "X" OP Party (R2)

Purpose: To receive information.

Wireless silence will not be broken except to pass information of extreme operational urgency.

26. Line

Assault cable will be laid between Troops and Command Post 476 Bty and between Command Post 476 Bty and 11 Troop RSR.

27. Synchronisation

On completion of netting

28. Light Signals

RAF have agreed to fire Verey Light Signals as follows:

Two Spitfires over PUPNAT area between 19:00 and 19:15hrs on D-1.

One or both will fire:

Green Verey lights meaning "D-Day postponed 24hrs".

Red Verey lights meaning "Operation Cancelled".

No light signal "proceed with operation as planned".

In the event of further postponement of 24hrs, Green Verey lights will be fired at the same time on the following evening.

29. Infantry Signals

There will be a covering force wireless net with American Walkie Talkie Sets.

30. Figure Code

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