

111 Field Regiment Operation Instruction No.1
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CONFIDENTIAL

INTRODUCTION.

1. See "I" summaries issued periodically.
2. The enemy forces in N. Albania, estimated at 2-3 Divisions, may well attempt to break out and escape by Route D, namely CENTINJE - RISAN - VILUSE - TREBINJE - LJUNINJE - MOSTAR; and also by road PODGORICA - NICSIC - VILUSE thence Route D.

INTENTION.

3. Artillery of FLOYDFORCE, consisting of one or more batteries and a Troop from RSR with covering forces of 43 (RM) Commando, and possibly later RAF Regt, will delay the enemy as much as possible at all times, and will deploy maximum effort to block the enemy at:
 - (a) OSJENICA Area, SE of VILUSE
 - (b) TREBINJE Area

METHOD.

4. The following recces for gun areas and OPs will be carried out forthwith.
5. 211 Bty.
 - a) Delaying positions between PODHAN 8353 and including GRAHOVO 8359. Troops leap-frogging back.
 - b) Positions for one or two batteries in area VILUSE with observation area OSJENICA 7956, and ZAKURJAJ 8062. Observation to deal with enemy coming from south (GRAHOVO) and/or east (NIKSIC).
6. 11 Troop RSR.
 - a) Observation and gun areas for Troop 75mm south of NIKSIC to delay enemy approaching NIKSIC from PODGORICA. (OC RSR Troop to contact Major Winterbottom 476 Bty who has already been on this road, before Recce)

b) Observation and gun areas for one Troop 75mm west of NIKSIC to delay or block enemy about bridge 771066.

7. 476 Bty.

Area for one battery on road TREBINJE - BILECA with observation eastwards on to road VILUSE - BILECA, along which the enemy must pass to get to TRISBINJE via BILECA. Especially observation on to road passing over high ground KNEZ DO 6874 - MOKRI DO 6780 - VLAJINJA 6281. OP areas to be west of the river.

8. TREBINJ Area

CO and Second-in-Command will recce gun areas for up to three batteries and Troop of RSR to west of TREBINJ to cover TREBINJ and all road approaches from North East, East and South East. OP areas to have observation on these approaches.

9. Reports on these recces will be forwarded immediately on completion. Exact locations and descriptions of gun areas to be given, so that anyone can find them. Any essential preliminary work necessary to get gun off road into positions, with time and labour required, must be stated.

ADMINISTRATION

10. Forward ammunition, POL (petrol, oil, lubricants) and supply dump is being established at VILUSE and is being built under arrangements of Staff Captain FLOYDFORCE.

OC 476 Bty will provide one NCO and three men to guard this dump until further notice, and to keep a tally of holdings of:-

- a) Reserve dump of ammunition, POL and supplies for future operations of FLOYDFORCE.
- b) Second and separate dump of ammunition, POL and supplies (if any), in transit to SPADEFORCE for their current operations. Orders for these dumps will be issued by the Staff Captain.
 - i) An Officer of 476 Bty will supervise the initial installations of this party at VILUSE and will arrange accommodation with the locals.

11. Another forward dump of ammunition, supplies and POL will be established at TREBINJE as and when ammunition and Tpt permits.
12. 211 Bty during their current SPADEFORCE operations, and all Btys in future ops will NOT expend more than 100 rpg per day without special authority from this HQ. What is saved on one day will NOT be fired extra to the daily max of 100 rounds per gun on the next day.