

Subject Ex "INITIATIVE"

EX SECRET

Ref 40/1

- Ref this HQs 40/1 dated 17 May 44, amend as follows :
1. "D" Coy will NOT carry out exercise, as all Offrs and senior NCOs are required in Blks at 1700 hrs that day, vide instrs to be issued by Adj. Lt.
 2. Timings for "C" Coy will remain as already arranged.
 3. "C" Coy will provide own vedettes for range duties - 12 are required. Range sketch att. This sketch will be returned to 2IC by OC "C" Coy.
 4. Tpt - Para 6(iii) line 4 - for 1730 hrs read 1430 hrs for 1900 hrs read 1615 hrs

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HQs
22 May 44.

Distribution: CO 2IC Os.C. "B" "S" "C" & "D" Coys.
Int Offr (2), RSO, Par Offr, MTO, WFO. Mod Offr File (2)

Subject Rn Ex "INITIATIVE"

EX SECRET

REF 40/1

1. Ex "INITIATIVE" will be carried out by "C" & "D" Coys on Wed 24 May 44.
2. Amdts to original issue of Ex Instrs dated 11 May are -
 - (a) For "A" & "B" Coys in ALL cases read "C" & "D" Coys
 - (b) Serial 1. General Instrs :
 - (i) Para 4. delete 69 Grenades 4 per sec.
 - (ii) Para 5(b) For 0830 - 1700 hrs
Read 1100 - 1900 hrs
 - (iii) Para 6. For 0830 hrs
Read 1100 hrs
 - (iv) Para 7. Substitute the following :

Serial.	Time.	Action.
1.	1100 hrs	C Coy to be in area trees and track band 173618.
2.	1110 hrs	Exercise explained by Director.
3.	1130 hrs	13 Pl commences Exercise.
4.	1215 hrs	13 Pl returns to 173618.
5.	1215 hrs	14 Pl commences Exercise.
6.	1300 hrs	14 Pl returns to 173618. All break for tea and Haversack rations.
7.	1345 hrs	15 Pl commences Exercise.
8.	1430 hrs	D Coy arrives 173618.
9.	1430 hrs	15 Pl returns to 173618.
10.	1445 hrs	Director discusses Exercise with C Coy, thereafter Coy at Coy Comd's disposal.
11.	1500 hrs	Director explains Exercise with "D" Coy.
12.	1515 hrs	16 Pl commences exercise.
13.	1600 hrs	16 Pl returns to 173618.
14.	1600 hrs	17 Pl commences Exercise.
15.	1645 hrs	17 Pl returns to 173618.
16.	1645 hrs	18 Pl commences Exercise.
17.	1730 hrs	18 Pl returns to 173618.
18.	1745 hrs	Director discusses exercise with "D" Coy. Coy at Coy Comd's disposal.

3. Ref Para 8 of Genl Instrs
"C" & "D" Coys will apply for own tpt.
4. Ref para 9 of Genl Instrs
"C" & "D" Coys will each take one issue of ton for 26 DS.
5. Ref Serial 2. - Opening Situation.
For "C" Coy Read "A" Coy.
6. Ref Serial 3. - Special Instrs for DS.
 - (i) Delete Para 3.
 - (ii) Delete Para 4 and substitute -
Para and InttSec (less 2 ORs) move to trg area 0700 hrs, all preparations to be completed by 1130 hrs. Vodettes, Sigs and Assist. Director move to trg area 1000hrs. ALL return to Barracks approx 1900 hrs.
 - (iii) Para 6. delete and substitute -
One 3-ton on Sq 0700 hrs proceed to HOLYOURNE and return/
One 3-ton and 1 Jeep on Sq 1000 hrs " " " " immediately.
Two 3-ton and 1 Jeep at 173618 1730 hrs, return Bks 1900 hrs.

HQs
17 May 44.

Distribution : CO 2IC Adj, Os.C. "H" & "S" Coys.
Os.C. "C" & "D" Coys (Plus Serials 1 & 2 of Ex Instrs), Int Offr. (2)
RSO, Par Offr, MO, WIO, Med Offr. File (2).

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1 HEREFORD EXERCISE " INITIATIVE "

SERIAL 1

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

MAP : Sheet ALDERSHOT 1" to 1 mile

OBJECT

1. To exercise pls in fighting through an objective.

LESSONS

2. (a) Movement without fire produces unnecessary cas
(b) Fire without movement is useless.

SUB-UNITS TAKING PART.

3. (a) "A" Coy being exercised.
(b) "B" Coy being exercised.
(c) Dets "S" Coy (Directing Staff - see Special Instrs)
(d) Dets "HQ" Coy (" " " " ")

NOTE Coy HQs "A" & "B" Coys NOT being exercised.

DRESS & ARM.

4. "A" & "B" Coys - Battle Order
15 rds per rifleman.
4 mags per Bron.
2" Mortar, each 12 rds HE, 6 rds Smoke. } To be drawn by Coys
80 rds per Sten. } from W.T.O.
No. 69 Grenades -- 4 per Sec

SAFETY

5. (a) ALL firing and movement will CEASE on TWO RED VEREY LIGHTS being fired. Signal to "recommence" ONE WHITE VEREY LIGHT.
(b) Vedettes will be posted by "S" Coy in accordance with att Range Trace (to "S" Coy only).
Vedettes will NOT allow persons to enter range during period 0830 - 1700 hrs unless accompanied by personnel of DS
(c) During exercise Pl and Sec Comds will be responsible for control of fire.

MED

6. RMS will est an RAP with amb at bond in track 173618 from 0830 hrs until conclusion of exercise.

1 HEREFORD EXERCISE "INITIATIVE" SERIAL 1 (Contd) Shoot -2-

APPROX TIME TABLE

No.	Serial.	Day.	Time.	Action.
1.		14 May.	FM	"A" Coy march out and camp HOLYBOURNE DOWN area 1762 under own arrangements
2.		15 May	0800hrs	"A" Coy to be withdrawn to area of trees and track bend 173618.
3.	" "	" "	0830hrs	Vegettes in posn.
4.	" "	" "	0845hrs	Exercise explained by Director.
5.	" "	" "	0900hrs	7 Pl commences exercise.
6.	" "	" "	0930hrs	7 Pl returns to 173618
7.	" "	" "	0945hrs	8 Pl commences exercise.
8.	" "	" "	1015hrs	8 Pl returns to 173618
9.	" "	" "	1030hrs	9 Pl commences exercise.
10.	" "	" "	1100hrs	9 Pl returns to 173618.
11.	" "	" "	1130hrs	Director discusses exercise with Offrs and NCOs on ground.
12.	" "	" "	1215hrs	"A" Coy at Coy Comds disposal.
13.	" "	" "	1230hrs	"B" Coy arrives 173618
14.	" "	" "	1300hrs	"B" Coy Haversack ration and tea.
15.	" "	" "	1345hrs	Exercise explained by Director.
16.	" "	" "	1400hrs	10 Pl commences exercise.
17.	" "	" "	1430hrs	10 Pl returns to 173618.
18.	" "	" "	1445hrs	11 Pl commences exercise.
19.	" "	" "	1515hrs	11 Pl returns to 173618.
20.	" "	" "	1530hrs	12 Pl commences exercise.
21.	" "	" "	1600hrs	12 Pl returns to 173618.
22.	" "	" "	1630hrs	Director discusses exercise with Offrs and NCOs on ground.
23.	" "	" "	1700hrs	"B" Coy at Coy Comds disposal. Vegettes withdrawn

TPT (See also para 6 of Special Instrs for DS)

No.	Serial.	Time.	Veh.
1.		0814 May	one 3-ton to "A" Coy. Veh can return to Bks same evening.
2.		0815 May	one 3-ton to "B" Coy. Veh will return to Bks loaded with "A" Coy eqpt at 1300 hrs.
3.		1600 hrs 15 May	one 3-ton to arrive 173618 at "B" Coy disposal for move to next trg area.

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1 HEREFORD EX "INITIATIVE" SERIAL 1 (Contd) Shoot -3-

ADM - TEA

9. B Coy will take sufficient tea, milk and sugar for two issues of tea to 26 DS.

HQs
11 May 44.

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EXERCISE SECRET

1 HEREFORD EXERCISE " INITIATIVE "

SERIAL 2.

OPENING SITUATION

1. Enemy had been located holding area NEW HD FM 176627 - SPOLLYCOMBE COPSE 1762 - BROCKHAM HILL FM SPUR 1662.
2. 159 Inf Bde with div arty in sp put in an attack from line of the rd ALTON - BENTLEY astride track running NW from rd and track junc 177606.
Right 1 HEREFORD incl track - left 3 MON
3. 1 HEREFORD attacked two coys up - right C, left A/B
4. At present time posn is :

On left 3 MON have been able to push fwd and are fighting in the sq WOOD 1662. You can see one of their res coys in posn on EAST slopes of SPUR at about 167623.

1 HEREFORD met considerable opposition and fwd coys have reached -

(a) C Coy southern edge SPOLLYCOMBE COPSE.
(b) A/B Coy on a line between 175620 and 173618.

You comd right hand pl of left coy. Coy Comd arrives and gives his further orders.

EXERCISE SECRET

1 REHEARSAL EXERCISE "INITIATIVE"

SERIAL 3.

SPECIAL LISTS FOR DIRECTING STAFF

COMPOSITION

1. (a) Director - 2IC
- (b) Assistant-Director - I.O.
- (c) Vodettes - 1 NCO & 11 ORs from "S" Coy (1 M/C)
- (d) Three Signallers.
- (e) Int Sec, less two ORs.
- (f) Par Offr and one Assault Sec.

EQPT & STORES

2. (a) To be collected and taken out by -
Int Sec
 - (i) Six German head targets from WTD.
 - (ii) Two picks and two shovels from "HQ" Coy.
 - (iii) Versey Pistol, 16 red and 12 white cartridges from WTD.
 - (iv) One Bron gun, six mags filled from CO's carrier, amm from WTD.
 - (v) One rifle, 24 rds blank.
- (b) Signallers
 - (i) Three No. 33 sets
- (c) Para
 - (i) 150 detonators to be fired electrically simulating bullets.
 - (ii) 30 - 4-oz charges to be fired electrically simulating enemy mortar fire

REHEARSAL FOR D.S. - 14 MAY 44.

3. (a) ALL personnel in para 1 above will parade on Sq 1415 hrs ready to proceed to HOLYBOURNE. Return to hqs approx 1730hrs.
- (b) Stores in para 2 (a) (b) & (c) less 2(a)(iii)(iv) and (v) to be taken.

PROGRAMME FOR 15 MAY 44.

4. (a) All personnel (and stores in para 1 and 2 above,) will parade on Sq at 0715 hrs ready to proceed to HOLYBOURNE.
- (b) All preparations for exercises to be completed by 0830 hrs.
- (c) Return to barracks 1730 hrs.

MEALS

5. (a) Breakfast in Barracks.
- (b) Heaversack rations.
- (c) Hot tea issued by B Coy 1230 hrs and 1700 hrs.

EXERCISE SECRET

1 HEREFORD EXERCISE "INITIATIVE" SERIAL 3 (Concluded)

TPT

6. 14 May 44

Two 3-ton lorries, one PU on Sq 1410 hrs to proceed to HOLYBOURNE returning 1730 hrs.

15 May 44

Two 3-ton lorries, one PU on Sq 0710 hrs to proceed to HOLYBOURNE, return to barracks 0830 hrs. Same vehicles arrive HOLYBOURNE 1630 hrs, returning to barracks 1730 hrs.
