

EXERCISE SECRET.

1 Hereford Exercise "LANE".

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Instructions (Contd)

ROUGH TIME TABLE.

12.	1030 hrs	. . .	Bn debus between x rds 3316 and WEST MERE FM 3415 facing N.W. (to save mileage)
	1100 hrs	. . .	Bn in area THE ALMS 3216 two up ready to adv astride rd in S.W. direction.
	1200 hrs	. . .	Attack on 1st objective starts.
	1215 hrs	. . .	1st Objective captured.
	1345 hrs	. . .	Attack on 2nd objective starts.
	1400 hrs	. . .	2nd objective captured.
	1420 hrs	. . .	MMG shoot from 2nd objective.
	1500 hrs	. . .	No 4 Pl concentrates preparatory to adv.
	1600 hrs	. . .	Exercise ends.

TFT.

19. TCVs will remain in debussing area facing N.W. till ordered forward.

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1. HEREFORD FIELD FIRING EXERCISE "LANE".

OPENING SITUATION.

SERIAL 2.

159 Inf Bde is adv in a S.W. direction from WATTON 3719 - BRANDON with 1. HEREFORD leading. On reaching area of x rds 3316 opposition is stiffening.

CO decides, therefore, to continue adv two up astride the main rd with the object of destroying any enemy met and of seizing the crossing over the river at STANFORD 3013. 123 Bty 151 Fd Regt is in sp. (imaginary).

Inter Coy bdy all incl right Coy the main rd.

Normal allotment of supporting arms to rifle coys with addition of one sec carriers to each.

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SITUATION ONE

As leading elements of fwd coys debouch from HIGGOTBOX PLANTATION 3216 and are crossing open space 325154 they come under by SA fire from WOOD 317154 and WOOD 321150 preventing any further adv.

D.S. NOTES TO SITUATION ONE.

Carrier Secs with fwd coys occupy posns at BUSHES 320162 and on TOPPINGTON WARREN 328154 to cover inf moves.

CO appreciates situation and orders frontal assault astride rd by two fwd coys to capture WOOD 317154 and WOOD 321150.

Leading pls carry out local moves to improve their fire posns to Corner of WOOD 318156 and 324154 respectively.

Fire and assault posns occupied by Coys in addition to above, as under :-

RIGHT COY            6 Brens to 320155.  
Assaulting tps 322159.

LEFT COY.            6 Brens to Corner of WOOD 325151.  
Assaulting tps behind bank 326153.

The Zero hr for these attacks will be co-ordinated by CO.

Note

For leading pl of Right Coy to move to corner of Wood 318156, OG right Coy will make an additional fire plan with Coy resources supplemented by two 3" Mortar in bn res.

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SITUATION TWO.

Leading Coys captured 1st objective but suffered by casualties in so doing.

Any further adv by these coys was impossible, as enemy movement drew by and accurate fire from strip of trees 313147 and triangle wood 315143.

The right Coy has occupied its objective with two pls up and one in res, the left Coy with one up and two in res.

D.S. NOTES TO SITUATION TWO.

CO appreciates that it is beyond capabilities of leading coys to continue the adv. Therefore, he decides to pass through his res two coys to capture high ground from 309146 to 314147 and triangle WOOD respectively, supported by maximum fire sp.

D.S. NOTES TO SITUATION TWO (CONTD)

Fire and assault posns occupied by coys as under -

RIGHT COY

Two leading pls of original right fwd coy in area  
316155 and 316152.  
Carrier Sec 314156.  
6 Brens 313154.  
3 Brens 316151.  
Assaulting tps WOOD 315155.

LEFT COY.

One leading pl of original left fwd coy in area  
ROBINE LODGE 3114.  
Carrier Sec to end of wood 322146.  
6 Brens middle of WOOD 323145.  
3 Brens SCHUB 318147.  
Assaulting tps WOOD 323148

SITUATION THREE.

Triangle wood feature is captured and enemy resistance appears to be weakening.

A small coln of inf and vehs are seen withdrawing SOUTH over the STANFORD WARREN 3112 hill.

No 4 Pl is ordered to engage target with MMGs as quickly as possible. On destruction of target pl to reorganize and be ready to exploit success SOUTH of river.

D.S. NOTES TO SITUATION THREE.

OC No 4 Pl collects four MMG carriers and posns two on either side of WOOD to engage target.

Guns to be fired from the vehs in hull down posns.

When targets have been successfully engaged No 4 Pl will concentrate in area NORTH of TRIANGLE WOOD facing S.W. ready to exploit SOUTH of river.

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Recipient	Serials		Remarks.
	1.	2.	
1. HEREFORD	6.	6.	One per Rifle Coy. Two for HQ Coy. For Umpires.
4 ESLL.	20.	20.	
CO.	1	1	
2nd i/c.	1	1	
Ltjt.	1	1	
MSO.	1	1	
HQ 139 Inf Bde.	2	2	
War Diary.	2	2	
File.	1	1	
Spares.	2	2	

EXERCISE SECRET

1. HEREFORD Exercise "NIGHTJAR".

C O N T E N T S

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