

OP "WINDSOR"

8-1-1,

3 Jul 44.

8 Cdn Inf Bde OO No 14

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- B. The intention and objectives will NOT be made known to the tps until the assembly areas are reached. Those tps required to be "in the know" for recce, etc, will be duly warned of this precaution.

INFM1. ENEMY

As per latest Int Summaries, Sitreps, Air Cover Reports,

2. OWN TPS

- (a) 32 Gds Bde holds ST MAUVIEU (9269) - MARCELET (9468). 43 Brit Div is responsible for the protection of 3 Cdn Inf Div right flank and at the time "WINDSOR" is to be launched is to be occupying or have cleared area incl LA BYUDE (9467) - VERNON (9665) and intends to adv against area ETERVILLE (9864).
- (b) 3 Cdn Inf Div has been ordered to capture CARPIQUET village and airfd.
- (c) The attack is to be carried out by 8 Cdn Inf Bde with under comd:

R Wpg Rif
 "A" Sqn 22 Dgns RAC
 "B" Sqn 141 RAC (Crocodiles)
 80 Aslt Sqn RE (5 Aslt Regt RE)
 52 Cdn A Tk Bty
 Two M 10 Tps 105 Cdn A Tk Bty
 246 A Tk Bty less one tp (17 pr)
 One Tpl ASSU

with in sp:

10 Cdn Armd Regt (FGH)
 3 Cdn Inf Div Arty
 6 Fd Regt RA
 Three Med Regts)
 One Fd Regt) 4 AGRA
 One Hy Regt)
 Three Med Regts less one Bty - 3 AGRA
 Two Med Regts - 8 Corps
 Four Fd Regts - 59 Inf Div
 Two Fd Regts - 3 Brit Inf Div
 RN Resources
 All arty under CCRA, 1 Corps
 16 Cdn Fd Coy RCE
 "A" and "B" Coys (HEG) CH of O (MG)
 "D" Coy (Mortar) CH of O (MG)

- 2. (d) 7 Cdn Inf Bde is to be prepared to exploit to the line FRANQUEVILLE (9770) - AUPITE (9871) - BURON (9972) and to provide fire sp to the left flank of the attack. On capture of the objective 7 Cdn Inf Bde is to est standing patrol at rd and track junc 960703.
- (e) 9 Cdn Inf Bde is to exert pressure by fire on the enemy on its front in the GRUCHY - BURON area.
- (f) 2 Cdn Armd Bde less one regt is to be in div res.
- (g) One Sqn 27 Cdn Armd Regt is to make a diversionary sally at Zero plus 15 mins from LA VILLELEUVE (9470) to VIEUX CAIRON (9774) by direct route and is to shoot up any enemy seen. This sqn is NOT to become involved in close fighting at CHATEAU DE ST LOUET (9771) or GRUCHY (9872).
- (h) Bdays and objectives - See Trace "A" att.

INTENTION

- 3. 8 Cdn Inf Bde Gp will capture CARPIQUET village and airfd.

METHOD

- 4. The op will be carried out in Two Phases:

PHASE I - (a) Capture of CARPIQUET village to incl hangars in Square 9768.

(b) Capture of hangars on SOUTH of airfd in Square 9767.

PHASE II - Capture of Control Bldgs in Square 9867 and local defs in that area.

The objective detailed in Phases I and II will be known by Code Word "WINDSOR".

PHASE I

- 5. (a) The capture of CARPIQUET village and hangars in 9768 will be carried out on a two bn frontage:
 - (i) RIGHT - R de Chaud with in sp:
 - "A" Sqn 10 Cdn Armd Regt (FGH)
 - One-half pl 16 Cdn Fd Coy
 - (ii) LEFT - N Shore R with in sp:
 - "C" Sqn 10 Cdn Armd Regt (FGH)
 - One-half pl 16 Cdn Fd Coy
 - (iii) INTER-BN BDY - Incl to N Shore R track junc 951695 to track junc 960694 thence incl to R de Chaud track SE to tracks and rd junc 966689 to rd junc 975687 thence rd to rd and rly crossing 981690.
 - (iv) AXIS OF ADV - R de Chaud - Main rd MARCELLET (9468) - CARPIQUET.
N Shore R - Track from track junc 951695 to track junc 960694.

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5. (a) (v) RATE OF ADV - This will be the pace of the arty barrage and inf is to keep 200 yds minimum behind the barrage. It is NOT to be construed however that inf can be permitted to lag behind the pace of the barrage at any time. For pace of barrage see Appx "B" (NOT to all addressees).

(vi) AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE ADV - R de Chaud will be responsible for main rd MARCELET - CARPIQUET. N Shore R will be responsible for line of fly.

(vii) CLEARING OF VILLAGE - R de Chaud and N Shore R will follow the principle of clearing village from the inter-bn bdy outwards in order to:

(A) Reduce confusion between the two bns.

(B) Split enemy defs and drive enemy towards, and out of, outskirts of village where they can be adequately dealt with.

(b) (1) The capture of hangars in ⁹³⁶⁷ will be carried out by R Wpg Rif with in sp:
"B" Sqn 10 Cdn Armd Regt
One-half pl 16 Cdn Fd Coy

(11) R Wpg Rif will NOT proceed further EAST than grid line 97 and is to form a firm right flank for the remainder of the op.

(111) AXIS OF ADV and RATE OF ADV - As may prove most suitable.

NOTE: "B" Sqn 10 Cdn Armd Regt will revert in sp of QOR of C before Phase II commences.

ASSEMBLY AREAS AND ROUTES THERETO

6. See Appx "B" att hereto. Units will assemble as follows:

- QOR of C - NORREY-EN-BESSIN area
- R de Chaud - ST MAUVIEU area
- N Shore R - LA VILLENEUVE area
- R Wpg Rif - MARCELET area

FUPs

7. R de Chaud, N Shore R and R Wpg Rif will select suitable FUPs as close as possible behind SL on their own frontage.

SL

8. (a) R de Chaud and N Shore R - Track from track and rd junc 942687 to track and rly crossing 950702.

(b) R Wpg Rif - Rd and hedge extending from X rds 949687 SOUTHWARDS.

(c) The three inf bns will mark own SLs by 0200 hrs on D day and advise this HQ when marking party is going out.

PROTECTION OF SL

9. 32 Cdn Bde is to protect SL.

RSS

10. QOR of C will be in res initially with the following tasks:

- (a) To add weight to the attack of any of the three fwd bns.
- (b) To be positioned for the counter attack role.
- (c) QOR of C will move into MARCELET as soon as possible but by direct liaison ensure no interference with R Wpg Rif or R de Chaud tails.

PHASE II

97/70 9867

11. The capture of Control Bldgs in 9867 and defc in their immediate vicinity will be carried out by QOR of C with in sp:

"B" Sqn 10 Cdn Armd Regt
One-half pl 16 Cdn Fd Coy

12. When CARPIQUET village has been captured and the two attacking bns have reorg to the extent of having A tk guns in posn to repulse counter-attack, QOR of C will be ordered by H-8 Cdn Inf Bde to capture Control Bldgs and local defc. This attack will NOT continue further SOUTH than line of 50 contour.

SL

13. The EASTERN outskirts of MARCELET. QOR of C will be at SL as soon as possible consistent with NOT becoming involved in PHASE I.

ARTY

14. (a) A hy barrage will be fired on a 1750 yd front starting at track running NORTH from X rd 949689 and finishing EAST of CARPIQUET. The left edge of this barrage will extend 50 yds NORTH of rly line.

- (b) Concs on known enemy posns.
- (c) A protective screen on capture of objective.
- (d) A med regt is allotted for the protection of each flank.
- (e) DF tasks are laid on to meet counter attack during reorg period.
- (f) R de Chaud, N Shore R and 27 Cdn Armd Regt have each in sp one bty 12 Cdn Fd Regt.
- (g) 14 Cdn Fd Regt is in sp of R Wpt Rif.
- (h) Allotment of FCOs is to be laid on through arty channels.
- (j) See Appx "C". (NOT to all addressees)

AIR

15. Following targets have been asked for NOT yet confirmed:
- (a) CHATEAU ST LOUET 978713 (First light)
 - (b) ST GERMAIN LA BLANCHE HERBE (fighter bombers), 0500 - 0830 hrs - from rd junc 997690 EAST for 500 metres.
 - (c) BRETTEVILLE-SUR-ODON 0700 hrs.
 - (d) ANCE-ABAAYE (ARDENNE) 996700 (First light).
 - (e) Enemy strong pt 982671 0600 hrs.
16. Two sqns rocket planes to be available on call through ASSU. These can NOT put in an attack before 0600 hrs. Time over target 45 mins.
17. Yellow smoke indicator generators will be carried well fwd for use on orders of this HQ.

MIGs

18. (a) "A" Coy CH of O (MG) will engage the following from area NORTH of LE BOURG:
- (1) Fwd edge of CARPIQUET village.
 - (11) Enemy posn at 972708.
 - (111) Targets of opportunity in FRANQUEVILLE - AUTHIE - CHATEAU DE ST LOUET.
- "A" Coy reverts to 7 Cdn Inf Bde after capture of CARPIQUET and airfd.
- (b) "B" Coy CH of O (MG) will engage the following from SE outskirts of MARCELET:
- (1) Fwd edge of CARPIQUET village.
 - (11) SW hangars in sp of R Mog R.
 - (111) Control Bldg at SE of airfd.
 - (1v) Targets of opportunity on or in vicinity of airfd.
 - (v) Sp the adv of QOR of C.

4.2" MORTARS

19. (a) "D" Coy CH of O (MG) will have two pls in MARCELET area with tasks:
- (1) Hangars SW corner of airfd - Zero to Zero plus 45 mins.
 - (11) Strong pt at 968673 - Zero plus 45 to Zero plus 60 mins.
- (b) "D" Coy CH of O (MG) will have two other pls NORTH of LE BOURG with tasks:
- (1) Orchards on NORTHERN edge of CARPIQUET.
 - (11) FRANQUEVILLE.
 - (111) AUTHIE
 - (1v) CHATEAU DE ST LOUET
 - (v) Strong pt 972708.

19. (c) One pl reverts to each of 7 and 9 Cdn Inf Bdes after objective is captured.

NOTE: Lt-Col P. Klashn will coord all tasks of MMGs and 4.2" Mortars.

A TK

20. (a) A Tk resources will be coord throuhout by Lt-Col R.B.W. Bethell, OC 62 A Tk Regt RA.
- (b) One tp of M 10 A Tk guns will follow closely each of R de Chaud and N Shore R and provide protection until inf guns and guns of 52 Cdn A Tk Bty are in posn. These tps will move fwd with armour until arrival at objective when they will move through to FDLs to give immediate sp to inf.
- (c) One tp M 10 guns will sp R Wpg Rif to objective and remain with R Wpg Rif until threat from SOUTH is passed.
- (d) One 6 pr tp of 52 Cdn A Tk Bty will be in sp of each inf bn and will leave SL as soon as objective is gained. Inf guns will move to fwd coy areas and RCA guns into res coy posns.
- (e) 17 pr A Tk Bty will have two tps in posn to provide a firm base on flanks of SL. This bty will NOT move fwd to SL until arty barrage opens owing to noise of movement.
- (f) Coord during attack will be for R de Chaud - Maj Ross
N Shore R - Maj Love.

ARMOUR

21. (a) "A" Sqn 10 Cdn Armd Regt will sp R de Chaud in the attack.
- (b) "C" Sqn 10 Cdn Armd Regt will sp N Shore R in the attack.
- (c) 10 Cdn Armd Regt less two sqns will sp R Wpg Rif and QOR of C in Phases I and II respectively.
- (d) Armour will have the special task of protection of flanks against enemy armour threat and the overwhelming of MMG and LMG posns.

ENGNS

22. (a) One-half pl 16 Cdn Fd Coy in sp of each inf bn with tasks of:
- (1) Destruction of enemy pillboxes.
(11) Clearance of minefda and booby traps.
- (b) 16 Cdn Fd Coy less two pls will maint the two routes fwd and other routes as may be detailed later in the op. Main maint route will be NORREY-EN-BESSIN to ST MAUVIEU to MARCELET to CARPIQUET.
- NOTE: 16 Cdn Fd Coy will NOT be emp on any task that is within the resources of inf sprs.

FLAILS

- 23. (a) "A" Sqn 22 Dgn RAC will be the op and will be under comd 10 Cdn Armd Regt.
- (b) Flails are to be positioned as far fwd as is practical so as to minimize time required to tackle any minefd encountered. One tp of flails will move with each of "A" and "C" Sqns 10 Cdn Armd Regt.

AVRES

- 24. SO Aslt Sqn RE will be under comd of 10 Cdn Armd Regt with the task of dealing quickly with any strong pts requiring special treatment. One tp to be allocated to each armd sqn.

GROCODILES

- 25. These will move under comd 10 Cdn Armd Regt and when leading inf have entered CARPIQUET should be positioned as far fwd as possible, clear of the village, ready to answer requests for their special eqpt.

ACTION ON OBJECTIVE

- 26. (a) Patrols: Inf Bns will be prepared to push out strong standing patrols incl A Tk guns.
- (b) Inf bns, with the assistance of 16 Cdn Fd Coy if necessary, will be responsible for mine and booby trap clearance in respective areas in CARPIQUET village or its environs.

REORG

- 27. INF: (a) After securing their objectives each bn will est a bn fortress which will be linked up into a bde fortress as soon as possible.

Areas of responsibility will be primarily:

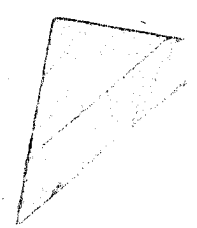
- R Wng Rif - SOUTH
- GOR of C - EAST and SOUTH
- R de Chaud - EAST
- N Shore R - NORTH and EAST

- (b) Final disposns will be governed by the situation at the time.
- (c) Digging-in will have a high priority in the reorg as a quick counter-attack is expected and the CARPIQUET area is registered by enemy weapons.
- (d) When the op has been completed R Wpg Rif will be prepared to counter-attack any of the three fwd bn areas.

ARMOUR

- 28. 10 Cdn Armd Regt when released by inf bn comds will rally in EAST end of MARCELET.

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MIGs- "B" Coy CH of C (MG)

29. (a) One pl will move into R Wpg Rif area and sp adv of QOR of C.
- (b) One pl will move into N Shore R area and also sp adv of QOR of C.
- (c) After pl in 28(b) is dug in third pl will move into R de Chaud area and move to QOR of C posn to assist in consolidation.
- (d) The Coy will cover gaps between bn posns in the consolidation.

1.2" MORTARS

30. Two pls "D" Coy CH of C (MG) will move into CARPIQUET to sp the bde posn. Probable tasks will be:
- (a) Quarries EAST of CARPIQUET
 - (b) BRETTEVILLE-SUR-ODON
 - (c) Targets of opportunity especially on River ODON.

A TK

31. 17 pr A Tk sp will move fwd and be dug in covering the approaches to CARPIQUET, as soon as village is clear. When 17 prs are dug in M 10 A Tk guns will reorg as ordered by Lt-Col Bethell. Maj Pollock will coord QOR of C area.

LIAISON PTS

32. N Shore R and 7 Cdn Inf Bde rd and track junc 960703. Other pts to be detailed later.

PROBABLE ENEMY COUNTER ATTACK.

33. Enemy counter attack is most likely from direction of:
- (a) NORTH to NE from enemy in the CUSSY - ST CONTEST - BURON - AUTHIE area.
 - (b) EAST, SOUTH or SW from R ODON.
 - (c) EAST from direction of CAEN.

MINES

34. 1500 A Tk mines will be available to each inf bn for protective minefds at area of CARPIQUET. These to be coord by Comd 16 Cdn Fd Coy and laid under supervision of 16 Cdn Fd Coy.

ADM

35. To be issued later.

INTERCOMN

36. (a) Bde Tac Hq will be est at 931691 on completion of move to Assembly Areas
- (b) Main Bde HQ will remain area BRETTENVILLE until capture and recon of CARPIQUET when it will move down main bde axis and be est in ST MAUVIEU or CARPIQUET.
- (c) Axis of Adv - Main rd ST MAUVIEU - MARCELET - CARPIQUET.
- (d) Div HQ remains present posn.
- (e) Each inf bn will sup LO to ride with appropriate son comd of 10 Cdn Armd Regt. 2 ICs Squs will move with inf BHqs which they are supporting.
- (f) One contact det is allotted to each inf bn and Bde Hq and are now att.
- (g) Lateral and fwd links - line where possible.
- (h) LO to 43 Brit Inf Div - Capt W. Teed.

CODE WORDS

37. Code words for the op are set out in Appx "D".

PASSWORDS

38. 1200 hrs 3 Jul 44 to 1200 hrs 4 Jul 44 - TRIPE - ONIONS
1200 hrs 4 Jul 44 to 1200 hrs 5 Jul 44 - HAMMER - TONGS

H hr and D day

39. 0500 hrs 4 Jul 44.

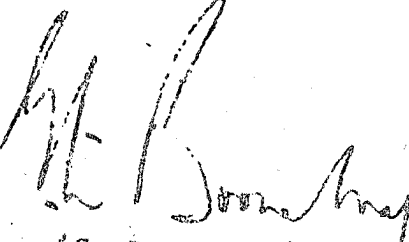
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R de Chaud	2	2
N Shore R	3	3
R Wdg R	4	4
"A" Coy CH of O (MC)	5	5
"B" Coy CH of O (MC)	6	6
"D" Coy CH of O (MC)	7	7
10 Cdn Armd Regt	8	8
Arty Gp Comd	9	9
Lt-Col Bethell	10	10
Lt-Col P.C. Klaehn	11	11
52 Cdn A Tk Bty	12	12
105 Cdn A Tk Bty	13	13
62 A Tk Regt RA	14	14
"A" Sqn 22 Dgns RAC	15	15
80 Aslt Sqn (5 Aslt Regt RE)	16	16
"B" Sqn 141 RAC (Crocodiles)	17	17
"G", 3 Cdn Inf Div	18 - 20	
A/4, 3 Cdn Inf Div	21	18
GRA, 3 Cdn Inf Div	22	
1 Brit Corps	23	
Contact Dets	24 - 27	
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9 Cdn Inf Bde	29	
2 Cdn Armd Bde	30	
32 Gds Bde	31	
43 Brit Inf Div	32	
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APPENDIX "A-1"

THE ATTACK ON CARPIQUET
(OPERATION "WINDSOR")

ORDER OF BATTLE

8 CDN INF BDE

With under Command

R. Wpg Rif
"A" Sqn 22 Dfns R.A.C. (Flails)
"B" Sqn 141 R.A.C. (Crocodiles)
80 Aslt Sqn R.E. (5 Aslt Regt R.E.) (A.Vs.R.E.)
52 Cdn A. Tk Bty
Two M 10 Tps 105 Cdn A. Tk Bty
246 A. Tk Bty less one troop (17-pr)
One Tci A.S.S.U.

With in Support

10 Cdn Armd Regt (F.G.H.)
3 Cdn Inf Div Arty
6 Fd Regt R.A.
Three medium regiments)
One field regiment) 4 A.G.R.A.
One heavy regiment)
Three medium regiments less one battery - 3 A.G.R.A.
Two medium regiments - 8 Corps
Four field regiments - 59 Inf Div
Two field regiments - 3 Brit Inf Div
R.N. Resources
All artillery under C.C.R.A., 1 Corps
16 Cdn Fd Coy R.C.E.
"A" and "B" Coys (M.M.G.) C.H. of O. (M.G.)
"D" Coy (Mortar) C.H. of O. (M.G.)

(W.D., H.Q. 8 Cdn Inf Bde, July 1944:
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to

8 CDN INF BDE OO No 14

dated 3 Jul 44

MOVEMENT TABLE

SP (R Wpg Rif) Rd Juno 939738
 SP All others Xrds 952765
 Dia P Xrds 926718

Route: CAMILLY - BRAY - BRETTEVILLE L'ORGUEILLEUSE.
 N Shore R by separate route BOUANVILLE - la
 VILLENEUVE - EAST of R MUE,

Speed: 30 mi/h.

Density: Packets of 8 vehs; 25 yds between vehs;
 300 yds between packets; 5 mins between
 units.

UNIT	UNIT SIGN	TIME PAST SP	TIME PAST DP	REMARKS
R Wpg Rif	55 White on Red	1500-1520	1506-1526	
HQ 8 Cdn Inf Bde	87 White on Green & 87 Red on blue white	1510-1515	1530-1535	
R de Chaud	61 White on Green	1520-1535	1540-1557	
GOR of C	60 White on Green	1540-1555	1600-1617	"D" Coy CH of O to be moved by Comd CH of O
B Coy CH of O	64 White on Green	1600-1610	1620-1632	
52 Cdn A tk Bty	46 on Blue & red			To be moved by Lt-Col Bethell
16 Pd Coy RCE				To be moved by Comd 16 Pd Coy RCE

CODE WORDS

The usual report line system will be used. That is Code word indicating place followed by

- ABLE - Indicated fwd elements are at that place
- BAKER - Main body at that place
- CHARLIE - Unit complete with HQ is set up in that place

OBJECTIVES

- R Wpg Rif objective
- R de Chaud objective
- N Shore R objective
- QOR of C objective

CODE WORD

- WINNIPEG
- QUEBEC
- CHATHAM
- TORONTO

PLACES WHICH MAY REQUIRE ENCODING

- VERSON
- RIVER ODON
- Rly COLLEVILLE to MOUEN to VERSON
to BRETTEVILLE-SUR-ODON
- BRETTEVILLE-SUR-ODON
- Rd VERSON to BRETTEVILLE-SUR-ODON
- ST GERMAIN - 1a BLANCHE HERBE
- Rd and rly King at 984690
- Rly NORREY EN BESSIN to CARPIQUET
- Rd BRETTEVILLE L'ORQUEUILLEUSE
to LE BOURG
- FRANQUEVILLE
- AUTHIE
- CUSSY

- GOLD
- SILVER
- LEAD
- TIN
- IRON
- ZINC
- BRASS
- COPPER
- BRONZE
- STEEL
- PLATINUM
- ALLOY