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NEPTUNE - BIGOT

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NUMBER 1)

Neptune - Bigot

Hq. 440th Tr Car Gp.
APO 133 U.S. Army
2 June 1944, 0800 Hrs.

- MAPS: CODE KA-GSGS-4369 Scale 1:500,000
The Border Midlands and Wales, Southwest
England, North Sea Strait of Dover.
- CODE AF-GSGS-4072 Scale 1:500,000
LeHavre, Paris, Brest, Nantes and Dijon,
Midlands, East Anglia, England Southwest,
England Southeast, England South.
- CODE AD -GSGS-3982 Scale 1:250,000 Channel Islands,
Brest, Lannion, Cherbourg, Rennes, Rouen
Boulogne, Chartes.
- CODE CA-GSGS-3957 Scale 1/4" to 1 mile
England East, North Wales and North
Midlands and Lincolnshire, South Wales.

SPECIAL MAPS O-2 and O-3 R.F. 1:50,000

- CODE GSGS 4347 R.F. 1:25,000
Sheets: 28/20 NW, Ne, Se
31/20 NW, Ne, SW, SE
28/18 NE, SE
31/18 NW, NE, SW, SE
34/18 NW, NE, SW, SE
31/16 NW, NE
34/16 NW, NE

CODE GSGS 4250 R.F. 1:50,000
Sheets covering Cherbourg Peninsula
For Map Details see Annex No. 1.

REFERENCES:

- Air Ministry Confidential
Order (AMCO) A 45/1944
(Air-Sea Rescue Procedure).
SD 158 British Air Ministry.
SD 533 British Air Ministry.

1. a. See Intelligence Annex No. 1.

b. Allied Forces.

(1) Air - U. S. Air Forces assigned to the operation are the Eighth Air Force, and the Ninth Air Force. The Royal Air Force units participating are, Bomber Command, 2nd TAF, ADGB, Coastal Command, and Transport Command. The following tasks of these forces will be accomplished in connection with Troop Carrier operations:

- (a) Neutralization of enemy anti-aircraft positions and searchlight batteries.
- (b) Maintenance of adequate night fighter cover.
- (c) Provide Intruders to precede Troop Carrier





formations across beaches and over DZ's.

(d) Day Fighter Escort.

(e) Radio Counter Measures (Diversion Tactics).

(2) Ground.

(a) Allied Armies will assault the continent in order to secure a bridgehead at the base of the COTENTIN PENINSULA, to develop airfield sites in the CARENTAN CAEN area and secure a lodgement for further operations.

(b) The U.S. 101st Airborne Division will begin landing approximately four hours and thirty minutes prior to civil twilight morning of D Day to assist the Fourth Division in the initial assault and capture the town of CARENTAN.

(c) The U.S. 82nd Airborne Division will land to the immediate west of the 101st Airborne Division for the purpose of preventing movement of any enemy reserves to the East and North.

(3) Naval-- The allied navies will transport and support the assault and follow up forces.

(a) Troop Carrier Corridors over naval formations will be marked by ships equipped with appropriate Troop Carrier navigational aids.

2. The 440th Troop Carrier Group will transport Parachute elements of the 101st Airborne Division in accordance with Air Movement Table Annex No. 2, and will be prepared to transport elements of the British First Airborne Division as directed.

(a) D Day: to be announced by Officer Courier.

(b) Command assembly point-ELKO 1500 ft. M.S.L.

(c) Command departure point-FLATBUSH 1000 ft. MSL.

(d) Decision to postpone, cancel or alter the mission may be announced at any time prior to DZ time.

3. x (1) Aircraft will be parked for loading in accordance with parking diagram Annex No. 3.

(2) Routes; For routes, check points and times See Route Overlay Annex No. 4. For DZ Overlay See Annex No. 5.

(3) Altitudes:

(a) Assembly- ADA- ELKO 1500 ft. M.S.L.

(b) FLATBUSH 1000 ft. M.S.L.



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- (c) Over water outbound 500 ft. M.S.L.
 - (d) IP 1500 ft. M.S.L.
 - (e) DZ 700 ft. M.S.L.
 - (f) DZ to GALLUP 100 ft. M.S.L. Climbing to 3000 ft. prior to crossing GALLUP
 - (g) GALLUP to ADA 3000 ft. M.S.L.
- (4) Payloads: 5850 rounds maximum which includes the weight of containers and parachutes.
 - (5) Four to six bundles will be carried on each air-craft, except the 7.7-C which will have no pararacks installed.
 - (6) Load manifests will be completely filled in to include name, rank, and serial number of all crew members and passengers on board.
 - (7) Speeds: to IP 140 MPH IAS.
IP to DZ 125 MPH,
Drop speed 110 MPH
Return 150 MPH.
 - (8) Formation: Nine ship V of V's in Column.
 - (9) Standard Altimeter setting and corrected departure point time will be announced at 2000 hours D minus 1.
 - (10) Recall of aircraft in route will be accomplished over Command Liaison frequencies in accordance with instructions contained in Signal Annex No. 7. Upon receipt of recall, formation will execute 180° turn to the left, climb to 3000 ft. M.S.L. and return to base.
 - (11) Prescribed corridors, altitudes, and constant air speeds will be complied with in as much as all air, ground, and naval forces have been notified types, numbers, and timing of aircraft over the route. Failure to comply will minimize the identification of Troop Carrier Serials and make impossible a rendezvous with night fighter, and day fighter cover.
 - (12) Lights: Navigation lights, formation lights, and downward recognition lights, will be on to a point four minutes beyond FLATBUSH at which point navigation lights will be turned off and a check will be made to see that all cabin and cockpit lights are extinguished. Downward recognition lights will be turned off at HOBOKEN and formation lights



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will be turned down to least practicable intensity. Downward recognition lights will be turned on before crossing GALLUP on the return route. Navigation lights will be turned on four minutes prior to arrival at FLATBUS. Downward recognition lights will be amber. (Above instructions for navigation lights will include passing lights and tail lights.)

- (13) Only one Rebecca will be operating in each nine ship flight which will be in the lead ship of the flight.
 - (14) IFF will not be turned on during this operation except in case of ditching.
 - (15) Radio silence will be maintained except in case of extreme emergency.
 - (16) Pilots of aircraft will be held responsible for the delivery of Paratroop loads to the DZ's. Evasive action prior to delivery of troops will not be tolerated. In the event the DZ is missed on the initial run-in, troops will be delivered within the Combat Area. In the event the coast line is reached and troops have not been delivered, aircraft will execute a right turn and deliver troops in the DZ area.
 - (17) Serial leaders, flight leaders, and individual pilots will be held responsible for continuing to the combat area even though they may become detached from the main formations in route.
 - (18) Aircraft will be marked in accordance with SHAEF MEMO. 23, 18 April 1944, as amended by SHAEF letter dated 25 May 1944.
 - (19) WARMELL AIRDROME is designated as Ninth Troop Carrier Command emergency landing field to be used only in the event damaged aircraft cannot reach Troop Carrier Airdromes.
 - (20) Pilots returning with wounded on board will signal this fact to flying control in accordance with procedures set forth in Signal Annex and Administrative Order.
 - (21) Air-Sea-Rescue Procedure will be in accordance with AMCO A-45--1944.
 - (22) Aircraft, crews landing in the DZ area will come under the control of the nearest ground unit until evacuation is accomplished.
4. See Administrative Order No. 1. Annex No. 6.
 5. a. See Annex No. 7. Plan of Signal Communications.
 - b. (1) Command Posts:



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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Ground</u>	<u>Air</u>
440th TC Gp	Station 463	Lead Gp. A/C
95th TC Sq.	" "	Lead Sq. A/C
96th TC Sq.	" "	Lead Sq. A/C
97th TC Sq.	" "	Lead Sq. A/C
98th TC Sq.	" "	Lead Sq. A/C

(2) Axis of communication will be through specified command Posts.

c. Message centers to be at specified Command Posts.

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