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FAITES UN DON – UTILISEZ LE BOUTON PAYPAL - MERCI



31 May 1944

FIELD ORDER)

NO. 1)

Maps: GSGS 4350 FRANCE 1/50,000 Sheets: LA HAYE DU Puits (5E/5) VALOGNES (6E/3&4)
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1. a. INTELLIGENCE. See Annex No 1 to Field Order No 1, Hqs 101st A/B Div., dated 18 May 1944, and Amendment No. 1 to Annex No. 1 dated 27 May 1944.

b. (1) 4th Inf Division lands at H-H our on D-Day on the COTENTIN PENINSULA with the mission of capturing CHERBOURG with minimum delay.

(2) 101st A/B Division lands beginning at "J" Hour on "D" Day with the mission of assisting the 4th Div in its landing and subsequent passage inland.

2. The 101st Div Pathfinder Group (Prov), with attached security personnel will land by air with the primary mission of establishing ground navigational aids for the accurate dropping of parachute units and the landing of glider elements. It will be prepared to hold off enemy patrols who attempt to interfere with the landing and assembly of the Division elements on the respective DZ's.

3. a. TEAM "A", consisting of Stick 1-502 with attached security and intelligence personnel; Stick 2-502 with attached security personnel and Stick 1-377 with attached security personnel, will, following landing at J-30 mins., accurately locate DZ "A" and mark same for the landing of the 502nd Parachute Infantry and the 377th Precht FA Bn. Marking and establishment of RADAR aids will be in accordance with established SOP. Stick 1-502 is designated as base stick with 2-502 as primary and 1-377 as alternate stick. No. of ships due: 36 A/C at J Hours, 45 A/C at J + 6 mins., 36 A/C at J + 12 mins., 54 A/C at J + 18 mins. Direction of approach FROM 287°. Eureka Channel E/B, Easy-Baker coded A-Able on at J - 15 mins. and off twenty minutes after last element has apparently passed over DZ. HZI Lights Amber, coded A-Able, on at J - 6 mins. and off when last element has dropped. Lights will remain in position for twenty (20) minutes after last element has apparently passed over DZ with operating personnel prepared to re-light for stray A/C seeking DZ. Upon completion of assigned mission all Eureka's will be pooled to the senior officer present at the Base "T" who is charged with the delivery of same to the Division CP. Remaining personnel will report to the commanding officer of the 502nd Precht Inf for subsequent duty.

b. Team "C", consisting of Stick 2-506 with attached security personnel, Stick 1-506 with attached security personnel and Stick 3-501 with attached security personnel, will, following landing at J-25 mins., accurately locate DZ C and mark same for the landing of the 506th Precht Inf (less 3rd Bn), 3rd Bn 501st Precht Inf and Parachute elements of Division Headquarters. Marking and establishment of RADAR aids will be in accordance with established SOP. BUPs Beacon will be established on DZ C, coded 1/1 as soon as Pathfinder Team is assembled, and turned off at J + 4 hrs 50 mins. The senior officer on the DZ is charged with the responsibility of the BUPs Beacon and will take every precaution necessary to prevent its capture by the enemy. Stick 2-506 is designated base stick with 1-506 as primary and 3-501 as alternate stick. No. of ships due: 45 A/C at J + 24 mins., 36 A/C at J + 30 mins., 45 A/C at J + 36 mins. Direction of approach FROM 290°. Eureka Channel A/D, Able-Dog, coded C-Charlie on at

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J / 19 mins. and off twenty minutes after last element has apparently passed over DZ. HZI lights GREEN, coded C-Charlie, on at J / 18 mins. and off when last element has dropped. Lights will remain in position for twenty (20) minutes after last element has apparently passed over DZ with operating personnel prepared to relight for stray A/C seeking DZ. Team "C" will mark LZ "E". Marking and establishment of Radar aids will be in accordance with established SOP. "No. of Tugs" and gliders due: 50 FROM 290° at J / 3 hrs 20 mins; Eureka Channel A/D, Able-Dog, coded E-Easy on at J / 3 hrs and off twenty minutes after last element has apparently passed over LZ. HZI Lights GREEN, coded E-Easy, on at J / 3 hrs 10 mins. and off when last glider has landed. Lights will remain in position for twenty (20) minutes after last tug has apparently passed over LZ with operating personnel prepared to relight for stray A/C seeking LZ. Team "C" will also be prepared to mark LZ "E" for daylight landing.

In the event that the LZ is untenable or obstructed, the Pathfinder Team will set up its aids in the safest area available and operate on scheduled codings and frequencies. Upon completion of assigned missions Eureka's will be pooled to the senior officer present who is charged with the delivery of same to the Division CP. Remaining personnel will report to the Commanding Officer, 506th Prcht Inf for subsequent duty.

c. TEAM "D", consisting of Stick 2-501 with attached security personnel, Stick 1-501 with attached security personnel and Stick 3-506 with attached security personnel, will, following landing at J-10 mins accurately locate DZ "D" and mark same for the landing of the 3rd Bn. 506th Prcht Inf and the 501st Prcht Inf (less 3rd Bn). Marking and establishment of Radar aids will be in accordance with established SOP. Stick 2-501 is designated as base stick with 1-501 as primary and 3-506 as alternate. No. of ships due: 45 A/C at J / 42 mins., 45 A/C at J / 43 mins 45 A/C at J / 54 mins. Direction of approach FROM 296°. Eureka Channel E/C, Easy-Charlie, coded D-Dog, on at J / 27 mins and off twenty (20) minutes after last element has passed over DZ. HZI lights RED, coded D-Dog, on at J / 36 mins and off when last element has dropped. Lights will remain in position for twenty minutes after last element has apparently passed over DZ with operating personnel prepared to re-light for stray A/C seeking DZ. Upon completion of assigned mission all Eureka's will be pooled to the senior officer present at the Base "T" who is charged with the delivery of same to the Division CP. Remaining personnel will report to the commanding officer 501st Prcht Inf CP for subsequent duty.

x. For DZ's and LZ's see Annex 3b(1) to FO No-1, Hqs 101st A/B Div, dtd 18 May 1944, as amended by Amendment to Annex 3b (1) dated 27 May 1944.

4. Administrative.

a. Uniform and special equipment to be carried will be prescribed in separate orders.

b. One (1) type "K" and one (1) type "D" ration will be carried by all personnel. Canteens will be filled prior to departure from the company area. Individuals will carry one (1) bottle of Halazone tablets. All water refills will be treated.

c. All baggage and additional equipment will be stored in the supply room plainly marked with individual names.

d. Casualty and Strength reports: Officer charged with delivery of Eureka's will render casualty and strength reports to Division Pathfinder Officer upon arrival at Division CP.

e. PW's will be held by security personnel until arrival of main force and immediately turned over to Unit S-2's.

5. a. Eureka Channels:	Code	Lights	Code	Panels	Smoke
DZ A	E/B	A	Amber	A	
C	A/D	C	Green	C	
DZ D	E/C	D	Red	D	
(Night) LZ E	A/D	E	Green	E	
(Day) LZ E	A/D	E		Yellow	Green

DZ C

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SCR 536 Frequency

All SCR 536's on 3885 KC's

Call Signs:

TEAM "A" - 1-502:	Kickoff Base
2-502:	Kickoff Primary
1-377:	Kingfish Alternate

Team "C" 2-506:	Kidnap Base
1-506:	Kidnap Primary
3-501:	Kidnap Alternate

Team "D" 2-501:	Klondike Base
1-501:	Klondike Primary
3-506:	Kidnap Alternate

Div P/F Off : Boss

b. Div CP will be at HILLSVILLE (387922) Tentative
501 CP at BEAUMONT (386775) "
502 CP at LOUTHES (389963) "
506 CP at COLOVILLE (398919) "

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