

EXERCISE SECRET

1. HEREFORD Exercise "NIGHTJAR".

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SERIAL 1.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONDUCT OF THE EXERCISE.

1. Objects

- (a) To practice the Bn in a night attack.
- (b) To practice passing res coys through fwd coys onto a second objective by night.

2. Duration

From 1500 hrs 10 APR to 1000 hrs 11 APR.

3. Tps taking part.

BRITISH - 1. HEREFORD

GERMAN One coy 4 KSLI.

4. Dress and Distinguishing Marks. As laid down in GHQ Standing Orders for Exercises 1942.

5. Control & Umpires.

Director ...  
Senior Umpire ...  
Umpires,  
Scale of Offrs..

CO 1. HEREFORD.  
Major H.H. Barneby.

One Capt per Rifle Coy with  
one NCO umpire per pl.  
To be found by Coys concerned.

6. Training Stores.

Blank ...  
Thunderflashes...

20 rds per rifle.  
30 per coy.

7. Ps.W. will NOT be taken.

8. Conference. Preliminary Umpires' Conference at this HQ at 1500 hrs 10 APR 43.

9. Warning All tps will be warned NOT to drive vels or M/Cs across sown fields

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GENERAL AND SPECIAL IDEA

Ref maps :  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 1 mile Sheet 9.

1" to 1 mile Sheet 76.

1. EAST ANGLIA represents NORTHERN FRANCE. The British forces have been thrusting NORTH. After a fierce battle on 9 APR a breach was made in the enemy's posns.
2. 11 Arm'd Div was ordered to push on and secure the crossings at TREFORD. 159 Inf Bde Gp is leading on two routes :-  
WEST WEST STOWE 2689 - ELVEDEN 2798 - TREFORD.  
EAST FORNHAM ST MARTIN 3005 - TREFORD.
3. By 1600 hrs both leading bns are held up by strong enemy resistance on the general line :- SHELTERHOUSE CORNER 2795 - WOOD 2894 - GULFORD LODGE 3194 - D HOUSE 3294. Enemy posns have been located in DUKES RIDE 2795 - SCRUB in 2895 - FOUR CORNERS 2894.
4. Comd 159 Inf Bde appreciates that there is insufficient time to stage a fullscale daylight attack. In addition he considers that if the 191 feature 2995 is captured during night 10/11 APR, it would serve as an excellent base for operations on 11 APR.
5. 1. HEREFORD, now in res on WEST route are ordered to carry out this task. Recce parties may be on the ground by 1800 hrs, the bn will arrive in assembly area Square 2892 by 1800 hrs.
6. At 1930 hrs. CO 1. HEREFORD will meet Bde Comd. (Director) at NEW FM 2892 for final orders.

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SERIAL 3.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR GERMAN SIDE.

1. The Enemy (German side) will be controlled by Director.
2. The German force will act in conformity with Time Table (Serial 4.)
3. OC Coy KILLI will meet Director at FOUR CORNERS 2894 at 1800hrs.
4. The following localities will be occupied by German Force by 1745 hrs 10 APR -  
Scrub about . . . 281955.  
Scrub about . . . 283951.  
FOUR CORNERS.
5. From 1745hrs close observation will be kept over the arc SHELTERHOUSE CORNER 2795 - WORDWELL BARN 301940.
6. Details of patrol plans will be discussed between Director and OC Coy 4 KILLI at FOUR CORNERS at 1800hrs.

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TIME TABLE OF EVENTS.

<u>Time &amp; Date</u>	<u>Event.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
<u>10 APR 43</u>		
1745hrs	Enemy in posn see Serial 3.	
1800hrs	B1 arrives assembly area 2892.	
1800hrs	Recco Parties arrive on ground.	Enemy to keep British under close observation.
1930hrs	CO receives final orders from Director at NEW FM 2892	} Recco patrols by enemy.
2200hrs	Probable Zero hr for attack.	
<u>11 APR 43</u>		
0030hrs	2nd objective captured.	
0100-0700hrs	Digging in.	Fighting patrols by enemy to keep contact and harass BRITISH.
0800hrs	Exercise ends.	

## 1. HEREFORD Exercise "HIGHSEAR"

## DISTRIBUTION OF PAPERS

Serial 1. Instrs for Conduct of Exercise.  
 Serial 2. General and Special Idea.  
 Serial 3. Special Instructions - GERMAN.  
 Serial 4. Time Table of Events.

Recipient	SERIALS				Remarks.
	1.	2.	3.	4.	
1. HEREFORD	6	6	-	-	
4 EBLI	2	2	2	2	For distribution to Coy detailed as GERMAN side.
HQ 100 Inf Bde	2	2	2	2	
Director (CO)	1	1	1	1	
Unfires 1 HEREFORD	5	5	5	5	
File	1	1	1	1	
War Diary	2	2	2	2	
Spare	2	2	2	2	