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25 Sep 42.5 NZ INF BDE OPERATION ORDER No 7.

Ref Map 1/100,000 Sheet 84/48

INFORMATION

No change from verbal orders.

1. Enemy. See NZ DIV EXERCISE No 9 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.1.att.
2. Own Tps. (a) 1 S A DIV is attacking simultaneously on the right and 44 DIV on left.  
(b) 13 CORPS is being strengthened by the addition of  
Two Med Regts R A.  
One Army Fd Regt R A.  
(c) RAF are co-operating by bombing enemy LGs and Tk and MT concentrations.  
(d) 6 NZ INF BDE is attacking simultaneously on left.
3. Additional Tps. undercomd from 1000 hrs 25 Sep. (26 Sep)?  
R Wilts Yeo  
32 NZ A Tk BTY  
7 NZ FD COY In support after barrage by 5 NZ Fd Regt.  
2 NZ MG COY.
4. Inter Bde Bdy. Bg 241 from PALMTREE 87508599.

INTENTION

5. 5 NZ INF BDE will attack and capture Ridge running SE between pt 95 46748580 and pt 86 46818562 night 26/27 Sep.

METHOD

6. Action Prior To Attack (a) On night 25/26 Sep 23 NZ BN will take over from XXBn. 44 DIV present FDLs, opposite their start line.  
Remaining Bns move to:-  
21 NZ BN sq 474861  
22 NZ BN " 473861  
28 NZ (MAORI) BN sq 475862 and lie up during day 26 Sep  
(b) Slit trenches will be dug. There will be minimum movement throughout the day (incl recces).  
(c) No movement of tp carrying tpt fwd of Deployment Area.  
(d) Vehicles fwd of Deployment Area will NOT exceed:-  
Six per BN  
One " A Tk Bty  
One " MG Coy.
7. Action During Attack:  
(a) The attack will be carried out in three phases as per Arty Programme See Trace APPX "A" att.  
(b) Phase i. Night 25/26. 7 NZ FD COY will lift and mark two gaps in own minefield one 40 yd wide 250 yds North of inter Bde Bdy; one 8 yds wide 750 yds North of inter Bde Bdy to be extended 40 yds gap at earliest opportunity.  
Night 26/27 Z to Z plus 50  
23 NZ BN will attack and capture First objective see Trace Appx "A" att.  
(c) Phase ii. Night 26/27 Z plus 50 to Z plus 110. 21 NZ BN on right 22 NZ BN on left will form up on Start Line delineated by rear edge of Barrage on line for 2250 hrs see Trace A att.  
(d) Phase iii. Night 26/27 Z plus 110 to Z plus 172 BNs advance under creeping barrage to final Objective. 7 NZ FD COY lift and mark gaps in enemy minefields (primary and Secondary) in manner identical to para 7 (b)  
(e) Rate of Adv. 100 yds in 2 minutes.  
(f) Axis of Adv. 241 degrees.  
(g) Final Objective. Bns will arrange a junc Pt on final objective.
8. Action after Capture of final Objective.  
(a) The Final objective will be organised in depth to resist

85 a counter attack supported by tks. Policy:- 50 % of available 6 prs will be sited to protect FDL's. 50% of fwd inf localities will be sited on fwd slopes. 7 NZ FD COY will lay protective minefields on Bde front and a lateral minefield to protect right flank. Junc pt between minefields - see Trace Appx "A" att.

9. Tanks. R WILTS YEO will pass through minefield gaps on orders from Bde HQ and take up battle posns for protection of FDL's. Harbour Area for R WILTS YEO sup and amn ech - sq 469858.

10. A Ech Tpt. (Less Tp carrying) will move from Deployment Area under Bde orders. Routes and forming up area, see Trace Appx "B" att. No move from Deployment Area before 1930 hrs 26 Sep. Essential fighting vehicles will be sent fwd to units on request to Bde HQ. 2 NZ DIV PRO COY is lightning route from Deployment Area to Forming Up area.

11. Zero. 2200 hrs 26 Sep.

12. Success Signal. 3 verey lights - Red over Green over white.

ADM

13. Medical. (a) One Amb C per BN will be sent fwd at Unit Request.  
(b) ADS. sq. 476863

14. Rec in minefield gaps, will be fwd by 17 NZ LAD to enemy edge of mnefield thence rearward through 8 yd gap. <sup>d</sup>

15. A P's all natures - opens 0700 hrs 26 Sep.

16. 5 NZ INF BDE PRO SEC will light route from <sup>tpt</sup> forming Up Area to first gap in minefield.

INTERCOMN

- 17. (a) Bde Tac HQ 47298609 opens 2300 hrs night 25/26 Sep.
  - (b) Wireless silence from 2400 hrs 25 Sep until Zero.
  - (c) BNS will take No 11 sets fwd.
  - (d) Line will remain as at present in Deployment Area.
  - (e) " " be laid from Tac HQ to tpt forming up posns and to BNS in day posns 26 Sep.
  - (f) R WILTS YEO will provide L O with w/T sets.
18. Synchronisation : BBC time signal 1900 hrs 26 Sep.

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Time of Signature 0930 Hrs.  
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(Signed) M C Fairbrother, Major.  
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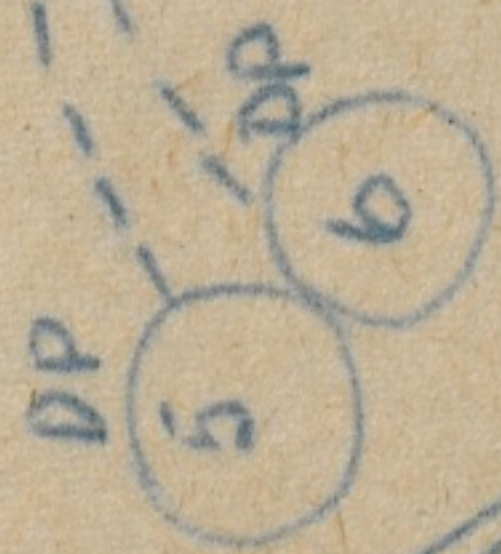
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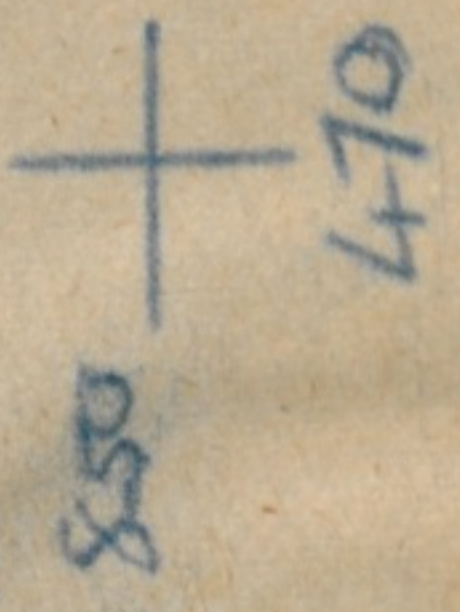
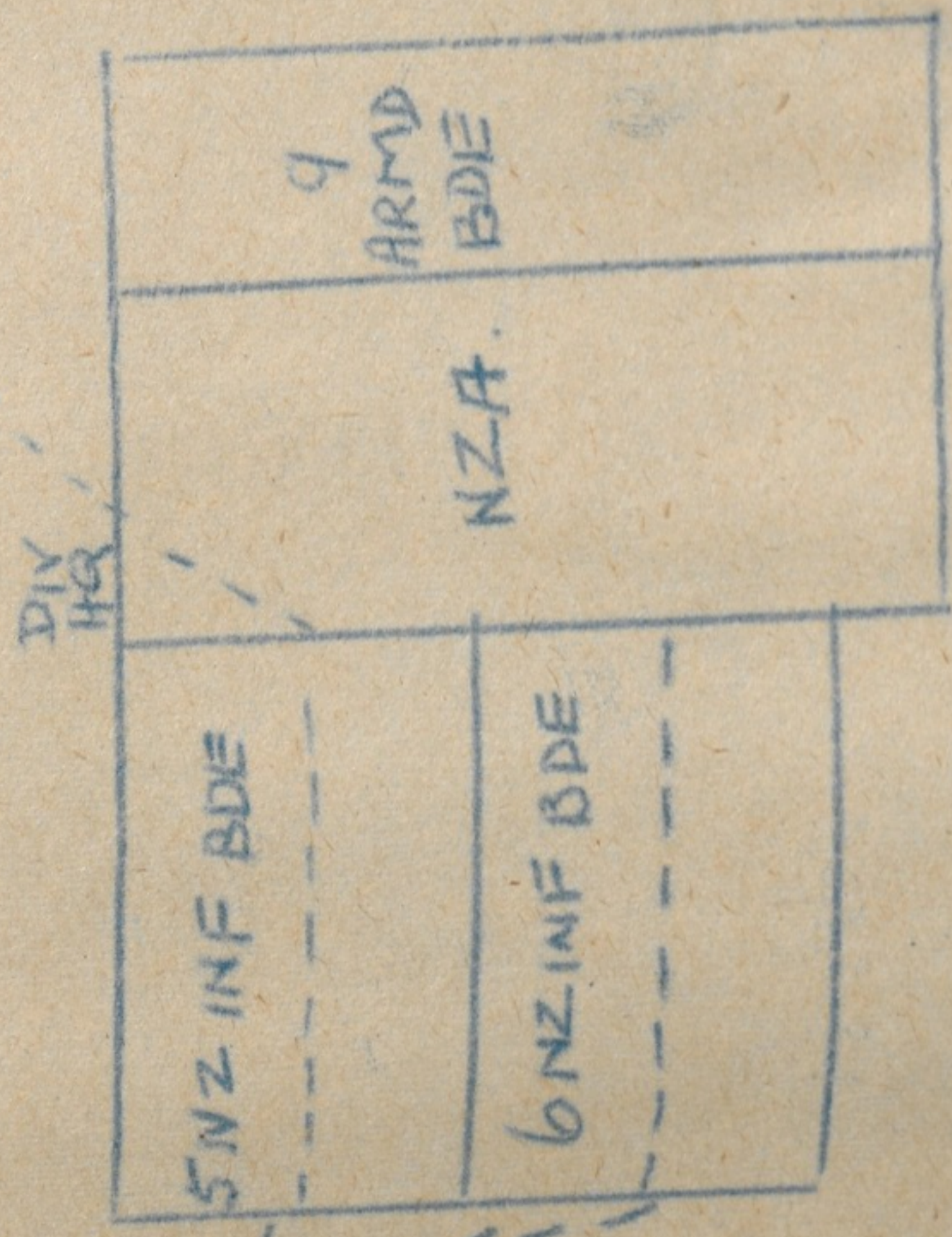
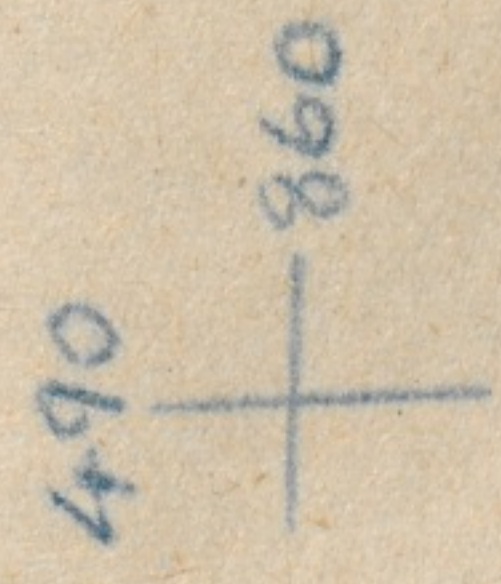
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Showing routes from deployment to harbour AREAS

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Red Route

Green Route



Archives New Zealand = Te Rua Mahara o te Kāwanatanga.

Ref: 28 NZ (Maori) Battalion Diary, WAI 1 1665 DA 68/1/33, pp 84-86