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5 NZ INF BDE OPERATION ORDER NO 18.Ref Map :- 1 50,000 Sheets 42, 43, 49, 50.INFORMATION

1. Enemy. See 2 N.Z. Div Intelligence Summaries already issued.
2. Own Tps.
  - (a) 10 Corps (50 Div right, 2 N.Z. Div. centre, 4 Ind Div left) is attacking to capture the general line DJBEL OGLA 3086 - DJEBEL FROUKR 2886 - DJ DEBONNA 2588 - DJ BLADA 2487 - DJ GARCI 2188.
  - (b) 50 Div is attacking ENFIDAVILLE, with fire ONLY.
  - (c) 4 Ind Div is attacking DJ GARCI DJ BLADA, and DJ DEBONNA in that order.
  - (d) 2 NZ DIV ( 6 INF BDE Right, 5 NZ In<sup>B</sup> Bde left ) is attacking DJEBEL OGLA and DJEBEL FROUKR and exploiting NW and NORTH.
  - (e) 2 N.Z. DIV is being supported by six Fd Regts.  
Two Med Regts.
  - (f) Inter Bdy Boundary - Right 292 Easting Grid, Left (with 4 IND DIV) 270 Easting Grid.

INTENTION

3. 5 NZ INF BDE will attack and capture DJEBIN, 288854, TAKROUNA, 278854 DJEBEL FROUKR 285867.

METHOD.

4. The attack will be carried out in two phases.
5. Grouping and order of battle. See APPX "A" att.

PHASE I

6. Tps taking part. 28 NZ (Maori) Bn Gp on right.  
21 NZ Bn, less one Pl on left.
7. Inter Bn Bdy. during Advance:- 280 Easting Grid.
8. Objective:- 292860 to 270860. TAKROUNA is responsibility of 28 NZ (MA) Bn. 21 NZ Bn will prepare to assist if required.
9. START LINE: 830 Northing Grid. Bde, 21 NZ Bn and 28 NZ (Maori) Bn I, See will lay tape by 2130 hrs. D. Day,
10. Rate of Advance. 100 yds in 2 mins.
11. Timings: See trace "A" att.
12. Flank Protection: (a) One Pl. and one Tp A.Tk 21 NZ Bn will remain on feature pt 321 255840 throughout the operation.  
(b) 21 NZ Bn will establish an A.Tk Line from pt 321 to incl rd 2786 (see para 13 (c) ii)
13. NOTTS YEO
  - (A) will assemble in area sq 2780 by 2200 hrs Day D.
  - (b) will move to area sq 2582 at 0400 hrs day D plus on
  - (c) probable employment (i) Mopping up.  
(ii) Flank protection and supp of A.Tk Gun Line, see para 12 b.

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14. MMGs: 2 NZMG Coy from area 275830 to pt 324 will support attack of 21 NZBn by fire on ascertaining enemy localities, fire to conform with atry time table See Trace Att.

PHASE II

15. Tps taking part:- 23 NZ Bn.
16. Objective:- 292870 to 270870.
17. Strat Line: 860 Northing Grid.
18. Rate of Advance:- 100x in 2 mins.
19. Timings:- See Trace "A" attached.
20. Action on gaining objective: Reorganisation and exploitation along DJ EDILATE, 2788.
22. A.Trk. 17 pr guns remain present posns in res.
23. Lt. A.A. Will remain in present location. One tp will be prepared to cover 5 NZ Fd Regt gun lines if ordered.
24. NZE. will supply a maintenance party on crossing Wadi BOUL. Det with Bns will clear two lanes through any mine fields EAST and WEST of ~~WADI~~ TAKROUNA
25. Zero Hour: (a) 2300 hrs is the time at which fire opens on the Arty opening line.  
(b) D Day will be issued seperately.

ADM

26. Supply. Normal.
27. Medical. ADS established 3073.
28. Tracks: will be lettered Left to Right AB and C at commencement. Centr Track will be lighted by Pro Section by 1830 hrs. Crossing over WADI NE BOUL will all be lighted and lettered.
29. PWI Unit guards to Bde HQ where 5 NZ Inf Bde DEF PL will, where poss take over responsibility.

INTERCOM.

30. Bde HQ established at 272825 at 2000 hrs.
31. Recognition Signals Ground to ground - red tracer fired vertically.
32. Codewords. (a) This operation will be known as "ORATION"  
(b) Place name Codewords will be issued seperately.
33. Wireless: (a) Silence will be broken 2255 hrs. D Da " or on receipt of Codeword "TALKATIVE"  
(b) Bn Hqs will carry in addition to normal No 11 set link, a No 18 set link netted to Bde HQ.
- LINE will be laid earliest opportunity.

25. Synchronisation BBC Time Signal.

Time of Signature 0100 hrs.

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## REFERENCE

Archives New Zealand = Te Rua Mahara a te Kāwanatanga  
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