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PREPARATION OF ALARM SCHEMES

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1. The deployment of Northern European Region Forces in GERMANY in peacetime is governed by administrative and training considerations.
2. There are two situations which might arise, which would require a rapid change in peacetime deployment to meet them. These are :-
  - (a) Threat of hostilities.
  - (b) Serious internal disorder in Western GERMANY especially SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN and HAMBURG.
3. Normal preparation for either of the above situations are covered by existing national mobilization instructions and current internal security instructions. It is possible, nevertheless, that rapid re-deployment necessitating the acceleration of existing orders, may be forced upon us.

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4. This instruction sets out the action that HQ and units will now take to enable them, without twelve hours of the receipt of an executive codeword, to complete sufficient of their mobilization measures to :-
  - (a) be ready to move a maximum distance of 100 miles (leaving no rear party).
  - (b) be capable of operating in their normal role on arrival.

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METHODHQ and Units to be catered for in Alarm Schemes.

5.
  - (a) British military units, Liaison Missions, Staff officers, and individuals within GERMANY allotted to Northern European Region.
  - (b) Office of the Land Commissioner, SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, Control Commission for GERMANY (British Element).
  - (c) Danish units and establishments under command HQ DDK.
  - (d) Norwegian units and establishments under command HQ ADS.
  - (e) Norwegian units and establishments under command Norwegian Brigade.
6. Allied families and other people catered for in current families evacuation schemes are not included in this Alarm Scheme. Such evacuation schemes will now be amended to include parallel arrangements for the

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evacuation of families should the Alarm Scheme be implemented. The transport arrangements and personnel required to implement the evacuation scheme must be independent of those required for the Alarm Scheme.

## GROUPING

7. The wide dispersion of HQ and units within ADS and the pattern of communications renders it necessary to decentralize responsibility for the preparation and supervision of Alarm Schemes.
8. Grouping for preparation and execution will be as follows:-

<u>Group Commander</u>	<u>Units etc</u>
A - Camp Commandant HQ ADS	- HQ ADS British Resident REIDSBURG.
E - Land Commission, SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN.	- HQ CCG KIEL, all CCG establishments.
B - OC 15/19 H	- 15/19 H with increment.
C - Commander DDK	- 6 Liaison, HQ DDK, all units DDK, British Residents ITZEHOE, HEIDE.
D - Commander Norwegian Brigade	- 5 Liaison, HQ Norge Bdo, all units Norge Bdo, Norge Engineer Squadron, Norge Signals unit, British Residents SCHLESWIG, and FLEISBURG.

9. The duties of Group Commanders will be as follows :-
  - (a) The preparation and keeping up to date of a Group Alarm Scheme embracing all units within the group and the supervision and coordination of unit alarm schemes based thereon.
  - (b) Supervision of the preparation of staff tables for movement of all units of the group, and ensuring they are kept up to date.
  - (c) Arranging for training and practice by means of:-
    - (i) Frequent practice alarms including the issue and acknowledgement of codewords.
    - (ii) Periodical implementation of selected unit alarm schemes.
    - (iii) Periodical skeleton and/or indoor exercises to test arrangements.
    - (iv) Alarm scheme practices involving movement and convoy driving as and when possible.

## PRACTICES

10. (a) Certain units are unable, without serious dislocation of their peacetime tasks, to carry out alarm scheme practices involving movement. Such units will,

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to comply with paragraphs 9 (a), (i) and (iii) above. They will also be required to comply with paragraph 9(c) (ii) as far as practicable using slack periods and off duty hours.

- (b) Some units hold considerable quantities of equipment, stores and supplies which could not be moved if the alarm scheme was to be implemented. Plans for the destruction of such material will be included in alarm schemes where practicable. During practices only, rear parties will be detailed to safeguard it.

## SECURITY

11. Alarm Schemes will be graded SECRET.
12. Unit alarm schemes will be written and practised in such a way as not to disclose that they form part of an overall ADS Alarm Scheme.

## TIMINGS

13. The following target timings will be used as preparation basis of Alarm Schemes :-

- (a) A maximum of one hour will elapse between the issues of an executive codeword by HQ ADS and the acknowledgement of receipt by all units.
- (b) within a maximum of twelve hours after receipt of the codeword all groups will be ready to move and have reported accordingly to HQ ADS.

Readiness to move will include completion of the following :-

- (i) All mobilization measures necessary for units to function in the field in their normal role for 48 hours.
- (ii) All vehicles, including attached transport needed to carry marching personnel and stores, loaded, formed up in order of march and ready to be driven away.
- (iii) Supplies for three days and POL for 100 miles loaded and mobile.

## TRANSPORT

### GSO and Impressed transport

14. HQ and units who depend on German driven or impressed transport will ensure that allied drivers are available in case of German non-cooperation.
15. (a) GSO and German driven military transport will be included in practices but the purpose and scope of Alarm Schemes and connected codewords will on no account be given to non-allied personnel.
- (b) Requisitioned or impressed transport will not be included in any practices.

### Vehicle Readiness

16. The success of alarm schemes will greatly depend on the constant readiness of all vehicles, and, to this end, normal peacetime arrangements will have to be modified.

17. The following instructions will apply forthwith :-
- (a) Operational equipment for all vehicles will be drawn up and kept immediately available. This includes :-
    - (i) Camouflage nets.
    - (ii) Pick and shovel.
    - (iii) Tow ropes at a scale of one per vehicle.
  - (b) Petrol tanks will normally be kept filled and arrangements will be made for drivers to refill on completion of normal days duty.
  - (c) Vehicles in preservation will be road tested from time to time and batteries will be kept on the vehicles and charged in accordance with technical instructions now in process of issue from HQ British Army of the Rhine (in respect of British type vehicles only).
  - (d) Arrangements will be made for vehicles in workshops to be readily available according to the work in hand.
  - (e) Armoured Fighting vehicles and Self propelled guns will be kept stowed with ammunition at all times except for "ready bins".. Small arms ammunition will be stored in their normal containers which will be kept intact.
  - (f) Technical stores will be loaded at all times. These vehicles should be kept under cover and chocked up to prevent strain on the springs.

## INTERCOMMUNICATION

### Codewords

18. In an emergency, or for practice purposes, the ADS Alarm Scheme will be put into operation by the issue of codewords detailed in para 19 below. They will normally be issued by ADS (G Branch). They may be used for practice purposes at the discretion of Group Commanders but reference must be made to HQ ADS (G Branch) before doing so.
19. Codewords, and their meaning, to be used in connection with ADS Alarm Scheme will be as follows :-

<u>CODEWORD</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
(a) "EYEWASH.....hrs"	"The warning system is being practised. Acknowledgement receipt through normal channels <u>but take no other action</u> ".
(b) "EYEWASH ACK.....hrs"	"Message at (a) received and understood at..... hrs".

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| (c) "CALL.....hrs"<br>(followed where necessary by the designation of one or more units). | "Put Alarm scheme into operation for practice purposes (in respect of units named if applicable)". |
| (d) "CALL ACK.....hrs"<br>(as for (c)).   | "Message at (c) received and understood at..... hrs."  |
| (e) "FUNCTION.....hrs"  | "Put Alarm Scheme into operation".   |
| (f) "FUNCTION ACK.....hrs"  | "Message at (e) received and understood".  |

## WARNING SYSTEM

20. Codewords will be passed from HQ ADS to HQ of Groups as set out in paragraph 8 above. HQ of Groups are then responsible for passing codewords to all units and individuals in the group.
21. The successful operation of the Alarm Scheme depends entirely on an efficient system of communications and Duty Officers, and on the ability to contact key personnel in minimum time.

Where not already in operation the following instructions will be put into effect forthwith:-

- (a) All HQ and units will have a Duty Officer during non working hours. In the case of major units (battalions and regiments) he should be located in a duty office which is clearly signed, contains the duty telephone and is known to all ranks. Minor units may modify this procedure but their arrangements must ensure efficient receipt of codewords and instructions and prompt action thereon.
- (b) At Group HQ as set out in paragraph 9 above the Duty Officers will not leave the duty office except for urgent reasons. He will sleep in the office and will at all times be immediately available on the duty telephone. Duty telephone numbers will be notified to HQ ADS forthwith.
- (c) Duty Officers will have a list of Alarm Scheme Codewords and instructions for action when codewords are received.
- (d) Duty Officers will keep a record of events and action taken by them during tour of duty.
- (e) All Commanders will ensure that the locations and movements of themselves and their key personnel are known to the Duty Officer at all times.
22. When not already operating ADS Operational Wireless net will open on receipt of codeword "FUNCTION" or automatically on the breakdown of telephone communications.

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## COMPLETION OF ALARM SCHEMES

- 23. All HQ and units will be prepared to put alarm scheme into operation by 25 July.
- 24. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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<u>Serial</u>	<u>Formation or Unit</u>	<u>Copies</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1.	15/19 H	1	
2.	HQ DDK <i>No L det. 24th &amp; k.</i>	<del>2,3.</del>	(to include HQ 6 Liaison).
3.	HQ NORWEGIAN BRIGADE GROUP	4,5.	(to include HQ 5 Liaison).
4.	OO NORWEGIAN RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON.	6.	
5.	OO NORWEGIAN SIGNALS UNIT	7.	
6.	C in C SECRETARIAT HQ BAOR	<del>8,9,10,11</del>	(For HQ POC ) <i>det. 24th &amp; k.</i> HQ BAOR HQ BAPO 2 TRF
7.	HQ HAMBURG AREA	12.	
8.	OFFICE OF LAND COMMISSIONER SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN, KIEL (Brig R.V. HULBE).	<del>13,14</del>	<i>13,14 det. k. 24th &amp; k.</i>
9.	HQ DANISH THIRD REGION, AABENRAA	15.	
10.	HQ DANISH WESTERN COMMAND, AARHUS.	<del>16,17.</del>	<i>16 det. k. 24th &amp; k.</i>
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