

Mr. A. J. Holladay, R. A. (1)

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"OVERLORD"

May 1944.

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Empire Bunting — 410.

THQ. Lt. A. J. Holland, R.A.

Gnr. Smith H.F.

Gnr. Gibb

Gnr. Cullimore

40 M.M.

Sgt. Clouston

Bdr. Kirby

Gnr. Hutchinson

Gnr. Harris J.R.

Gnr. Foster

Gnr. Book

Gnr. Poulter

L/B ~~Frank~~ King

Gnr. Harris H.J.

Gnr. Bernstein.

20 M.M.

Sgt.-Major Phillips

Gnr. Goodman

Gnr. Myers

L/B Hartley.

Sgt. Irish

Gnr. Evans H.G. ²

Gnr. Morgan M.3

Gnr. Key.

20 M.M.

Bdr. Harper ⁴

Gnr. McCoubrey ⁵

Gnr. Maguire

Gnr. Bennett ⁶

L/B Smith H.H. ⁷

Gnr. Cobley ⁸

Gnr. Nicholson ⁹

✓ < Gnr. Moore ¹⁰ >

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24
28
480
192
672

— 500 Ball } 672.
~~172~~ Tracer }
172

Operation Orders.

Information British & Allied Armies are concentrated for invasion.

Intention. 63/20 will man 40 & 20 H.T. equipments in seven merchant ships to be grounded off 1 Corps beach sectors for protection of ships & craft, and as an extension of beach defences.

Method. Six ships at OBAN — Empire Defiance, Empire Bunting, Empire Tamar, Panos, Beachville, Manchester Spinner

One ship at PLYMOUTH — old French battleship Courbet.

Manchester Spinner (Capt. Ballantine)

Empire Bunting (Lt. Hollady) and Panos (Lt. Lindsay) constitute No. 4 Gooseberry which will be beached off 102 Beach Sub-area. Each ship has one Bogart and subsidiary armaments. Each Gooseberry has additional block ships to a total of ten. Remaining ^{named above} craft constitute No. 5 Gooseberry under Captain Guild which will be beached off 101 B.S.A.

L.A.A. will be under operational control of —

101 B.S.A.	A.A.D.C.	Lt-Col Johnston	103 HAA
	Lt. A.A. Cdr.	Lt-Col Armstrong	73 LAA
102 B.S.A.	A.A.D.C.	Lt.-Col G.H. Champness	86 HAA
	Lt. A.A. Cdr.	Lt-Col N.W. Hoare	114 LAA

No. Naval or Merchant Service personnel will remain on board after the ships have been grounded.

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Intercommunication.

O.C. 63 Bty. will establish skeleton BHQ with 73 LAA RHQ as soon as ferry service permits. He will travel with Command Ship No. 5 Gooseberry (Capt. Guild).

Each AA ship will have a 109 set and a 38 set, and the command ships will also have a 22 set and a 208 set.

The 38 will be used for intercommunication within the Gooseberry. It will operate at minimum power compatible with good reception. Wire aeriels will not be used.

The 109 will be netted in the first place to HQ Ship Force "S" for early warning: When beach-head is sufficiently organized, and AAORs functioning, they will be netted to LAA O.P. net which filters AAOR broadcasts.*

(Note 208 set - AAOR net. 22 set LAA Cmdr's net.)

Wireless Silence : — will be observed on all army nets until H Hour. 38s will be netted immediately on embarkation & then shut down. 109s will be tuned to correct frequency & also shut down. At H Hour sets will be switched on, tuned accurately, & listening watch maintained. This only applies to sets within 6 miles of coast. Beyond that limit silence will be maintained.

Tuning Call : — will be last letter of station's code sign.

* This will be notified in SLIDER over 38 net.

W/T Priority.

208s & 22s

Priority One

109s

Priority Eight

38s

No Priority.

7860

Frequencies

{ HQ Ship Force S
109 { 114 LAA O.P.S

~~7860~~ kilocycles

5892 " (F16)

38. 7637 kilocycles (Intercomm.) (F24)

or nearest silent band, notified
by visual signal.

Code Signs. These will be changed at 0200 hrs. every
day. They have been issued in advance for 28 days.

MAY 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
SRV TAX UBB BGG CSN VPC WVO

JUNE 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
HSE ITK KKR OLO ZNC WST AQB

D+2 D+3 D+4 D+5 D+6 D+7 D+8
JUNE 9 10 11 12 13 14
GFR ZNC KPR GYZ MEO MSE JCR

D+9 D+10 D+11 D+12 D+13 D+14 D+15
JUNE 15 16 17 18 19 20 21
JND KPO ZFB JWC OMA BIZ VGO

Call numbers are { MOTO - 1 JOHN - 3 BOB - 5 KEN 7.
PADDY - 2 PIP - 4 US - 6

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	D+16	D+17	D+18	D+19	D+20	D+21	D+22
JUNE	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	JUL	1	WIO	UQO	LKK	UME	EGB
	D+23	D+24					
JUNE	29	30					
	EGG	XLQ					

No code sign documents
will be taken ashore on D day.

Slidex. Keys will be issued to cover period D-1 to
D+10. Fixed or sliding key may be employed.
Unit cards will be standard and Card 5 need
not be used to prefix messages. RA Keys will be used.
FIXED KEY by R/T. Prefix with "SLIDEX..GB RA SO."
SLIDING " " " Send Message "I shall send SLIDEX NO"
get O.K. from receiver then continue GB RA SO. w/out any
further preamble.
Garage Code. 2 copies held by Dr. Ops.

Netting. (a) All stations will be adjusted to freq. before time for netting.
(b) At time for netting control will radiate tuning call in
morse for one minute. MCW if possible - if not, CW.
(c) Pause of 15 secs.
(d) Netting call steady carrier for 30 secs.
(e) Pause of one minute for final adjustment.
(f) Control calls for report of signals
(g) Outstations reply.

Renetting. Control station will order check your net for
slight inaccuracy. For bad inaccuracy order Renet
& repeat initial netting procedure.

Method of giving time.10.30 p.m. 7th June — 072230 B [JUN 44]

All times for operation will be in British D.S.T. — "B"

References to H Hour will be given as follows:

H + 3 mins H - 2 hours.

Time will be taken from BBC (6th pip) and Joint
R.T. Bdest.Joint R.T. Bdest.HQ Ship Force S will broadcast information of
all types at 20 and 50 mins past clock-hour. This
can be picked up on Receivers BP 412 (RMQ.)(Force S HMS Langs J. H. Lang G. Dulole)
(Call signs "Wilderness" "Backline" "Headlight".)Daily Returns. First returns on D + 2

Cas. & strength returns in message form showing position at 0600 daily.

Serially numbered and prefixed CS. No change returns are required.

C — Actual strength at 0600 e.g. One and Twenty-Nine

X — Killed e.g. One and Four. Particulars of officer to be
sent on as soon as possible if not available.

Y — Wounded as for killed

Z — Missing as for killed

ZR — Missing, rejoined as for killed.

N.B. (1) In all cases particulars of D.R.s will also be sent eventually.

(2) If men are detached particulars of men's detachment will be given.

(3) No man will be reported killed unless dead body is seen.

Administration.

Each ship carries rations for 28 days from time of embarkation, over 200 galls. water, stores of petrol, oil and lubricants. After grounding additional stores incl. food and water may be available on ship. Large supplies of ammo. are also carried. After grounding admin will be conducted by Capt. Davis + two 63 BHQ + 7 Reme + 1 3-tonner who will land on evening D day on 102 B.S.A. He will operate for G 5. 139 LAA Rest will find a similar admin. party for G 4. The officer i/c will obtain a craft from R.N. + Beach Control + institute a ferry service with ammo. rations water reports + returns mail casualties etc. Probable duration of task is at least 10 weeks. Some men may be taken off gooseberries to supplement admin party if 20 H.M. cannot all be fixed. 139 Rest party will be attached to HQ 114 LAA Rest.

The admin. parties will cater for LBSF and gooseberries in beach sub-area.

30 CORPS BEACH SECTORS.

104 B.S.A.

HQ 76 BDE
113 HAA Regt-
120 LAA Regt-
20 LAA W/Shop
Admin Party

C/139.

CARROUANCHES

Gooseberry 3
(Capt. Coles)

1 CORPS BEACH SECTORS.

102 B.S.A.

HQ 80 BDE.
155 AAOR
86 HAA Regt-
114 LAA Regt- X
321 LAA Bty (20 M.M.)
474 S.L. Bty (1 1/2 Tps)
112 Pnr (SM) Coy.
139 LAA Admin Party X
(3 RA. 6 REME 1 X 3 Tps.)

B/139
LBSF.

HQ V 139.

(COURSEULLES)

Gooseberry 4.
(Capt. Ballantine)

101 B.S.A.

103 HAA Regt-
73 LAA Regt-
63 SHQ (skelton)
under Mj. Davies
63 Admin Staff
under Capt. Davies

A/139

Gooseberry 5 (OVISTREHAM)
(Capt. Gird)

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3.) Part of 146 HAA Regt. was deployed in a ground
skoring role W. of Zeelbrugge canal. 20 LAA Regt. less one
Bty. deployed in an inf. role North & N.W. of Haldegem
Jooze. Both these units acted in sup of 18 Cdn
Armoured Car Regt. (12 Manitoba Dragoons), 4 Cdn Armd Div.

G.H.Q. A.A. Tps.

BRUSSELS

Xmas Message from C.O. 12 Manitoba Dragoons.

1. I wish to express on behalf of all ranks under my command our very best wishes for Xmas and the New Year to officers and men of the 20th LAA Regt.
2. We also wish to express our obligation for the invaluable assistance that your ^{regiment} gave us in clearing the Scheldt pocket. In spite of your modesty we cannot agree that you were such "amateur infantry" as you claimed to be, and certainly your enthusiasm and steadfastness went a long way to compensate for lack of experience.
3. If the necessity of war brings us together again we shall welcome you as comrades in battle with the greatest of enthusiasm.

Signed.

J. G.

C.O. 12 MANITOBA

DRAGOONS

1942 {
 Edinburgh MARCH
 Banstead
 Stirling
 Crombie
 St. Andrews
 Kinross
 Limerick
 Archerfield
 North Berwick
 Drone Hill
 Havant
 Portsmouth
 Long Eaton
 Derby
 Nottingham
 Carlisle
 Sockington
 Preston

1944

1943 {
 Manston
 Farnborough
 Aldershot
 Chichester
 Farnhurst
 Aldingbourne
 Jonsleigh Hill
 Brighton
 Downton
 Berechurch
 Colchester
 Bourne mouth
 Parkstone
 Poole
 Boscombe
 Leeds

1943 { Great Glen
 Clacton

Ex. "Bloomer"

Husbands Bosworth

Ramsgate

Clacton

Olban

Courcelles - 3. Nov JUNE 7 D + 1

Hepburnle JULY

Colville AUGUST

Ostend SEP

Bruges, Syssels SEP - OCT

Damme OCT

(Leagold Canal)

Brussels OCT

Lembeke NOV

Breskens NOV

(Scheldt)