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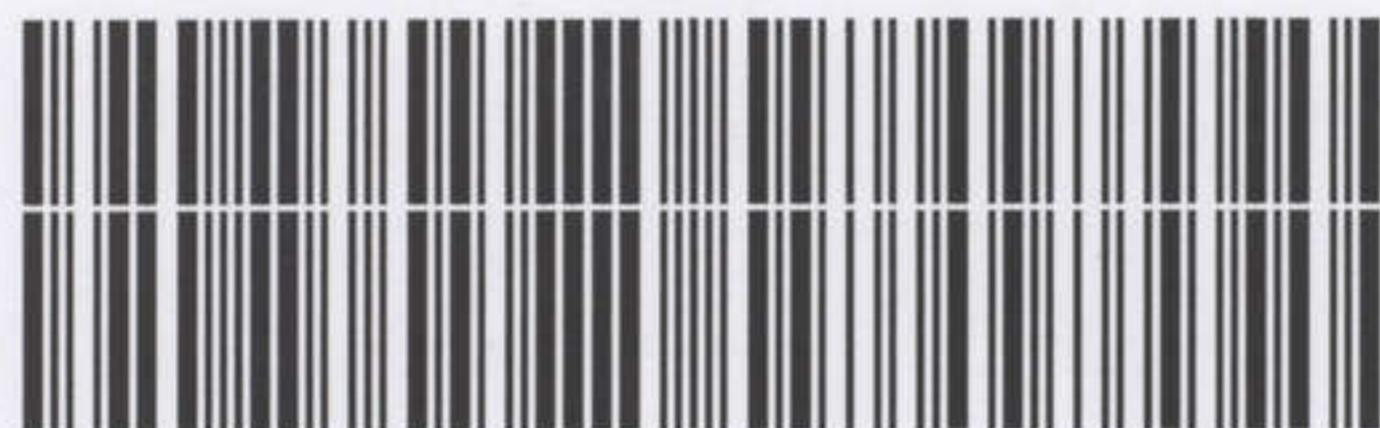
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Appendix II ✓ 7

Special Routine Order

by

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Commanding-in-Chief, Allied Forces, Archangel

General Headquarters

26th. May 1919

Appendix II

GENERAL STAFF

1 GROGANS BRIGADE which arrived to-day, will be officially greeted by the Russian ~~Government~~ Government and the Russian Military Authorities at 1130 hours tomorrow, May 27th on the SOBORNAYA QUAY

2 The troops landing at SMOLNY will be formed up on the SOUTH EAST side of the road between the Sobornaya Quay and the Triumphal Arch, the remainder of the column being in the NABEREJNAYA.

3 The troops landing at the DALGANO PLAVANIA QUAY will be formed up on the South West side of the road between the SOBORNAYA QUAY and the Triumphal Arch.

4 Brigadier General G.W.St.G.Grogan VC:CMG:DSO: will arrive at 1130 hours at the SABORNAYA QUAY by boat from SMOLNY. He will be met at the landing place by the Governor General and the Commander of the Russian Forces, who will greet him on behalf of the Russian Government and the Russian Military Authorities.

5 After inspecting the Guard of Honour formed by Russian Troops General Grogan will proceed to the Triumphal Arch where he will be met by the Civic Authorities, who will offer him Bread and Salt.

6 Addresses will then be made by Deputations from the Municipality the ZEMSTOE and various civil organisations, after which General Grogan with his Brigade Staff, and followed by the troops of his Brigade will proceed up SABORNAYA and TROITSKY to General Headquarters, whence they will march to their respective quarters.

7 A space will be reserved for Allied Officers on each side of the Triumphal Arch

G.H.Q.

(Sd) Major. for
Brig:General General Staff

238th Brigade G 10

War Party

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Appendix E

238th Signal Coy. R.E. 4
384th Field Coy. R.E. 4
55th Battery R.A. 4, 6
2nd Hants Regt. 16
1st Oxford & Bucks L.I. 16
8th Machine Gun Batt. 10

Herewith copies of G.H.Q. instructions for the Ceremonial Parade June 1st

1. Reference Part 2. Units will come to attention as the unconsecrated colours are carried out of the close.
2. Reference Part 3. heads of columns will pass a starting point (corner of VYATSKAYA and TROITSKAYA) at the following times.
Hampshire Regiment 1015 hours.
Ox. & Bucks. L.I. 1025 hours.
attention is called to Para 3. which will be carried out before moving off.

Reference Part 3. para 4. the following numbers will attend the parade

2nd Hants Regt) Headquarters and
1st Ox & Bucks) 4. Coys as detailed.
8th Machine Gun Batt. Hdqtrs & 3 Coys of 2 Platoons each
55th Batt. R.F.A. 1. Officer 40 other ranks.
238th Sig. Coy. 1. Officer 86 other ranks.
384th Field Coy. 1. Officer 120 other ranks.
2 86.

T.M.Batteries will be included on parade as platoons under the command of Officers Commanding Infantry Battalions

3. An Officer of each Unit on parade will meet the Brigade Major at the Cathedral gate tomorrow at 1500 hours to discuss detail.

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A/ Brigade Major.
238th Brigade.

Instructions for the Ceremonial Parade to be held on 1st June 1919, in celebration of the KING'S BIRTHDAY, and for the Presentation of a Colour to the 1st Battalion, SLAVO BRITISH LEGION ("DYER'S")

(In continuation of FE/G/40 dated 19th May 1919).

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I.

PRELIMINARY.

1. The above quoted instructions were not issued to GROGAN'S Brigade, and sufficient detail will therefore be included in these to enable all concerned to understand the procedure on parade.
2. The Commander-in-Chief has decided that a parade of British troops will take place on June 1st in celebration of the KING'S BIRTHDAY, and that the parade for the presentation of a Colour to the 1st Battalion S.B.L. (DYER'S) will be combined therewith.
3. It is realized that the ground on which the British Troops are to be formed up is anything but good; but it is the only ground available.
4. Zero will be at 11.30 hours.

II.

Precis of Instructions for the PRESENTATION of the COLOUR by the Governor-General.

1. The 1st Battalion S.B.L. will be drawn up in the TROITSKY PROSPECT, as shown on the attached plan.
2. At Zero hour the Governor General, accompanied by the Commander-in-Chief and Staffs will arrive at the NORTH CORNER of the Square, and will approach the Saluting Base, passing between the right flank of the Battalion and the Colour Platoon.
3. Appropriate compliments will be paid by the Battalion, which will be inspected.
4. When the Governor General has reached the Saluting Base, the Colour Platoon will move in front of the Battalion, as indicated on the plan.
5. Simultaneously, the Priests, bearing the Colour, will approach from the Cathedral. At the Saluting Base the colours will be consecrated, and will then be handed to the officer detailed to carry it.
6. The Governor General will then give a short address.
7. The Colour Platoon then moves to the left flank of the Battalion, and forms up behind the band.
8. The Colour is then "Trooped" from left to right of the Battalion.

III.

Instructions for GROGAN'S BRIGADE" and amended procedure for the Parade.

1. Troops will be in position at 11.00 hours.
2. Dress. Drill Order.
3. Order of parade. Platoons of a frontage of 20 file sized and equalized.
4. Formation. "GROGAN'S BRIGADE" will be drawn up in the Cathedral Close as shown on the attached plan. Infantry Battalions will be in line of columns of half companies.
Other arms will be drawn up in similar formation, detailed instructions as to which will be issued by G.O.C. GROGAN'S BRIGADE.
It is desired that each arm and branch of the service in the Brigade shall be represented, but the actual number of men to be on parade will be decided by the Brigade Commander.

IV.

The Royal Salute and cheers for the King.

1. On the Band and Colour platoon of the 1st S.B.L.(DYER'S) coming to a halt on the right flank of the battalion, and the battalion having ordered arms, and stood "at ease", the COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF will assume command of the parade.

The Commander-in-Chief will give the order - "The Parade will come to attention and slope". (Executive command for this movement will be given by battalion etc. commanders. S.B.L. come to attention only).

The C-in-C.

"Royal Salute -- PRESENT ARMS".

The band of the 2nd Battalion, HAMPSHIRE Regt. will play . . . bars of the National Anthem.

The C-in-C.

"The Parade will order arms and remove headresses". (executive words by Battalion etc. Commanders).

The troops will remove their caps, holding them in their left hands.

The C-in-C.

"Three cheers for H.M. the King."

The troops will raise their caps above the head and give three cheers, taking the time from the C.-in-C.

V.

Inspection of GROGAN'S BRIGADE.

1. The Governor General will then be asked by the Commander-in-Chief to inspect the Brigade.
2. The Governor General and party will move round the Cathedral by the wooden pavement, first inspecting the detachment of the Royal Navy, then the 2nd Bn. Hampshire Regiment, The Machine Gun Battn., Detachments from other arms, and the 1st Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.
3. The Governor General will be received at the SLOPE. As he moves to inspect the Detachment of the ROYAL NAVY, the Band of the HAMPSHIRE REGT. will play a slow march, and will continue to play until it is ordered to stop. This order will

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Signal from
be given by a Staff Officer from G.H.Q.. This signal will be
given when the Governor General is due WEST of the CATHEDRAL.
On the band ceasing to play :

(a) The drums of the MACHINE GUN Bn. will play a slow march,
and will continue to play until the Governor General gets back
to the Saluting Base.

(b) The Detachment, Royal Navy, will move to their right and
by the shortest route out of the back gate of the CATHEDRAL
CLOSE and along the North side, as indicated on the plan. The
unit formed in front of the gate will make way for them.

The Detachment, Royal Navy, will be closely followed by
the 2nd, Battalion HAMPSHIRE Regt., then the Oxfordshire and
Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, the Machine Gun Battalion and
the Detachments of other arms, in the order named.

VI.

The March Past of the S.B.L.

- When the Governor General leaves the Saluting base to inspect the Brigade, the 1st Bn. S.B.L. will form fours, right, and take up their position in the TROTTSKY, in close column of platoons, preparatory to marching past.
- On the Governor General regaining the Saluting Base, and when all is ready, the signal for the March Past, i.e. one "G" on a Bugle, will be given from the Saluting Base.
The ARTILLERY will move forward and march past as previously directed, but in COLUMN of SUBSECTIONS.
- The Artillery will be followed, at 50 paces interval, by the 1st Bn. S.B.L. in column of platoons, at 30 PACES DISTANCE, with the right flank on the white line on the boards.
- On reaching the Saluting Base the BAND will left wheel, and form up opposite the Saluting Base, and clear of the boards. The Band will play the Battalion past, and will then wheel in behind the rear platoon, and follow their Battalion. On reaching the end of the boards, it will cease to play.
- The platoons of the 1st Bn S.B.L. on reaching the SOUTH side of SOBORNAYA STREET (Point "Y"), will form fours, right, and march down to SOBORNAYA QUAY, where they will proceed as previously ordered.

VII.

The March Past of the ROYAL NAVAL DETACHMENT & GROGAN'S BRIGADE.

- Immediately the rear of the 1st S.B.L. is clear, the Royal Naval Detachment will get into position at Point "X", with leading line on Flag at Point "F", on the Boards, and the Band and Drums of the Hampshires will form up on the roadway, on the left flank, and clear of the boards.
- When the Band of the 1st S.B.L. ceases to play, the Royal Naval Detachment will step off. The band of the Hampshires will begin to play and with the drums will follow the detachment at 30 paces. On reaching the Saluting Base the band will right wheel and take up a position opposite the Saluting Base, clear of the boards.

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3. The leading platoon of the Hampshires will get into position at Point "X" behind the Royal Naval detachment, and as soon as the latter is clear, will move up in line with the flag at Point "F".
 4. The Brigade will then march past in column of platoons at 30 paces distance, with the usual distances between units, headed by the Brigade Headquarters.
 5. As point "X" is cleared by a platoon, the next one will march up, turning to the right when its leading section of fours reaches point "X". It will then move forward to Point "F", where it will mark time until the necessary distance from the platoon in front has been gained.
 6. As each platoon reaches the South side of SOBORNAYA Street (Point "Y") it will "form fours, right". On reaching the WEST side of the square, units will move to the right or to the left, back to their quarters.
 7. The Band and Drums of the Hampshires will play the Brigade past, playing alternately as necessary. They will wheel in and follow the last unit of the Brigade, rejoining their Battalion at a place to be indicated by the Commanding Officer.

J. A. Hobart

G.H.Q. ARCHANGEL.
30th May 1919.

Major, G.S.,
for Brigadier General,
General Staff.

ISSUED to:-

A.D.C. (for G.O.C.-in-C.).
"G" (O).
"G" (T).
"G" (I).
"A".
"Q".
H.Q. GROGAN'S BRIGADE (70 copies).
S.R.A.
Base Commandant.
A.P.M.
1st Battalion, S.B.L.
2nd Battalion S.B.L.
R.A. School.
Base Depot.
J.L.C.R.F.

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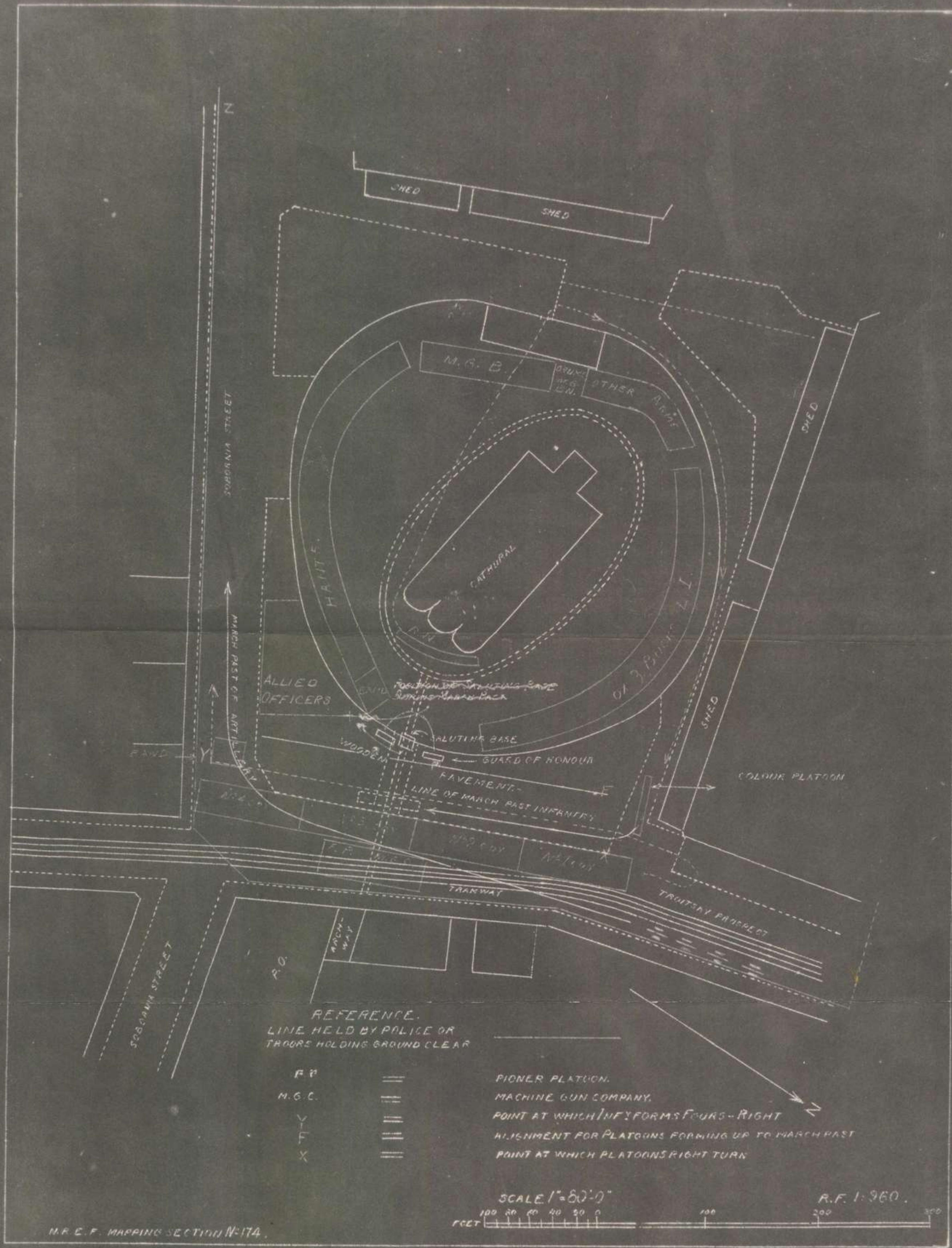
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Commander of Forces, Northern Region.
Colonel Pissarevsky, C.M.G.

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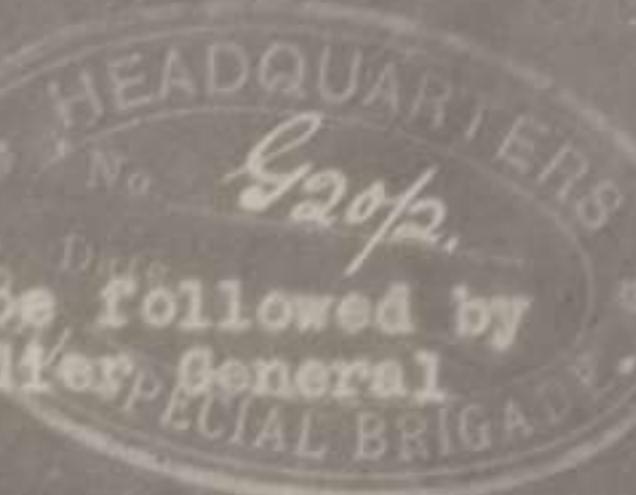
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P.N.T.O.

Commanding General, U.S. Troops.
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Outline of general line of action to be followed by troops of Dvina Command, under orders of Brigadier General G. W. St. G. Grogan V.C. C.M.G. D.S.O.

1. POLICY

At a conference held by the Commander in Chief on June 23rd, it was laid down that the troops now operating up stream forward of PLESS on the Dvina, were not to become involved in major military operation of their own initiative.

For the present their role is that of applying a steady pressure on the hostile troops opposing us, so as to gradually drive in his advanced troops upon his main positions, and to fix him in his main fighting positions as soon as it becomes evident in what locality he means to offer battle. The enemy's attitude throughout these operations, is likely to be entirely of a defensive nature, but our troops must never loose sight of the fact that at any moment ~~he~~ may deliver local counter attacks if he finds he is being pressed too hard, and they must therefore be always prepared to receive such.

2. FORCES AVAILABLE

The troops available for the foregoing operations are as shewn in Appendix one I

3. INTENTIONS OF G.O.C.

The G.O.C. does not at present intend to commence any forward movement from our present positions until such times as the Royal Navy report that the mine fields, which now block our water transport, have been cleared, and that it will be possible for:-

- (a) The fighting ships of the Royal Navy to advance up stream and engage the hostile fleet at close range.
- (b) For our transport convoys to advance by water up to the forward positions now held by our fighting troops on land.
- (c) He considers any advance before this date would be premature as :-
 - (i) The difficulties of supply by land are very great.
 - (ii) Our troops would then be exposed to serious shelling from the enemy gunboats, to which we would have no means of replying.

4. PROCEDURE

G.O.C. As soon as the Royal Navy report that all is clear the G.O.C. intends to at once resume the advance as follows :-

- (a) It is open to us to advance on both Banks with equal forces simultaneously and concurrently, or on either bank in echelon. It is the G.O.C.s intention to pursue the latter course, as he is of opinion that a decisive repulse of the enemy's forces on either bank will be followed by his automatic withdrawal on the other bank. At the present moment, we have the mass of our forces on the right bank, facing the enemy's main forces, and the right bank for a considerable distance up stream commands the left bank. Our efforts to make ground and fix the enemy will therefore be concentrated on the right bank.

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6. ④ In order to achieve our purpose operations will be conducted as follows :-

- (a) A very active system of offensive patrolling will be adopted in order to locate the enemy's outpost positions and to picket and demoralize his advanced troops as much as possible.
- (b) All advances and further making of ground up stream will be conducted by a series of bounds, so as to ensure that troops at all times are well in hand.
- (c) Prior to carrying out any such bound, the Field Artillery, Machine Guns, and Trench Mortars, will be moved very close up to our front line, in positions from which the enemy can be searched well back. ~~ENEMY LINE~~ Enfilade fire should be employed for this as freely as possible. The guns of the Royal Navy and the fighting air craft of the Royal Air Service will at the same time be asked to assist by further searching with fire the more rearward positions of the enemy, where his supporting troops may be expected to be, and thus adding to his demoralization.
- (d) Under cover of this sudden bombardment, strong cavalry and infantry patrols followed by supporting troops will boldly push forward to their front, and on the flank, using the cover offered by the edge of the forest to make short turning movements to manoeuvre the enemy out of his position
- (e) As soon as the bound assigned for each operation has been gained, the troops will at once halt and protect themselves in it, keeping touch with the enemy by means of patrols, and will again advance as soon as objectives have been assigned and arrangements made for the next bound.

As soon as it becomes evident that no further advance can be made without a set attack with all our forces, no further advance will be attempted without reference to General Staff, G.H.Q.

7. Acknowledge by wire.

H. Q.
GROGAN'S
BRIGADE
25/6/19

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Captain
Brigade Major.

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238th. Signal Coy. RE			
O.C. Supplies. Kurgomen			

