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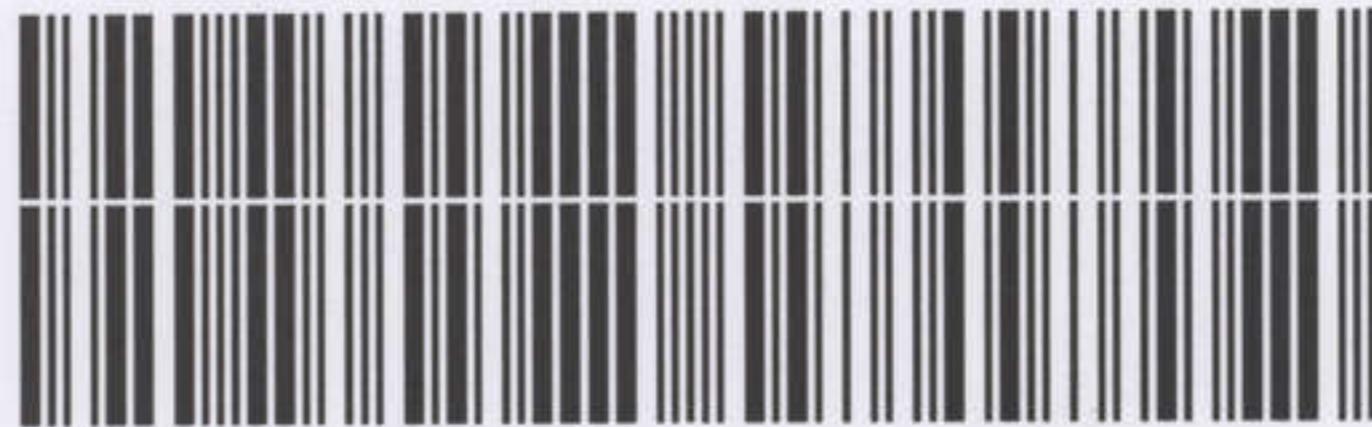
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"B" Coy Blockhouse 11-inclusive to River in Northern end of square Q (Ref: sketch.)
Ref: RUSSIAN FORESTRY MAP.
& SKETCH ISSUED.

10. The 8th Battn M.G.C. less "C" Coy and H.Q., 2 sections "A" Coy will move forward to-night and occupy the village of YAKOVLEVSKOE.

11. Time of marching off from billets 18.00 hours.

12. ORDER OF MARCH.

Advance Guard "B" Coy.

Main Body, Battn H.Q. & D Coy.

Rear Guard, 2 sections "A" Coy.

The 2 sections "A" Coy will join column at place where "A" Coy is at present situated.

13. ROUTE.

Main road, TULGAS, YAKOVLEVSKOE, regulation halts will be observed. All reports to head of Main Body.

14. A distance of about 400 yards will be maintained between the Advance Guard & Main Body throughout.

15. The Column will halt on reaching the Forest when Vanguard & Rearguards will be put out.

16. On reaching edge of Forest just this side of YAKOVLEVSKOE, "B & D" Coy will move forward in artillery formation to the Blockhouses allotted to them putting out a covering party in front towards the edge of Forest. The 2 sections of "A" Coy & Bn H.Q. will remain 200 yards inside Forest until "B & D" Cos are reported in occupation of Blockhouses.

17. The defence of YAKOVLEVSKOE is allotted as follows:-

"B" Coy Blockhouse 11 inclusive to River in Northern end of square Q (Ref: sketch.)

"D" Coy Blockhouse 11 exclusive to Blockhouse 6 & trench immediately N.W. of it inclusive.

2 sections "A" Coy Blockhouse 1,2,3,4,5, 6.

18. Whilst in occupation of YAKOVLEVSKOE "Stand to" will be from 07.30 hours to 08.30 and from 20.30 hours to 21.30 hours. Dinners will be about 23.00 hours. Men not on duty will sleep during the day.

19. As soon as practicable after arrival "B" Coy will send forward an Officer's Patrol to endeavour to locate the whereabouts of the enemies advance posts.

20. Bn H.Q. will be established in area occupied by 2 sections of "A" Coy.

21. One Squadron Russian Cavalry is cooperative and will be disposed as follows:- (Ref: Map 482.) 1 Troops at Cross Roads below first-V in YAKOVLEVSKOE & 1 Troop at Road junction 38, 00, 50.

1 Troops on road at square 57, 20, 40.

1 Troop patrolling road from square 48, 50, 20, to square 39, 60, 10.

22. This Squadron will be in position several hours before Battalion moves.

Distribution Normal.
26th June 1919.

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Commanding 8th Battalion M. G.C.

SECRET.

8th BN M.G.C.
OPERATION ORDER NO. 6

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Ref Archangel District Map 1/42000 Sheet No. 488.

The following operations will take place to night 30th June, 1st July.

1. (a) The 8th BN.M.G.C. less "C" Coy will capture and hold the MILL in square 75, and will push forward two strong patrols and occupy SELTSO if possible.
(b) The following will co-operate.
 1 Gun 2nd Battery Russian Field Artillery
 1 Troop VAGI Squadron Independent Cavalry.
2. (a) All troops will be in position of assembly as already detailed at conference by 23.30 hours.
Troops less Cavalry will move from YAKOVIESKOE in the following order in units of sections or less taking necessary precautions and keeping touch one with another.
 "B" Coy less one section.
 1 Gun Field Artillery with escort.
 (to be found by "D" Coy 1 N.C.O. and 6 men.)
 "A" Coy.
 "D" Coy.
(b) When troops are settled in position of assembly O.C. Cos will meet the C.O. at Field Gun Position.
(c) The signal for the commencement of the operation will be the Field Gun opening fire on the Mill.
(d) 4 Lewis Guns of "B" Coy will be so placed as to bring fire to bear on the Mill and its vicinity the moment the Field Gun opens fire in order to kill any of the enemy who attempt to get away.
(e) When the Field Gun opens fire one section of "B" Coy will start moving forward and will cross the river and occupy the Mill as soon as the enemy in occupation has been dealt with.
This section will be followed as soon as possible by a second section of "B" Coy and both will set to work to consolidate the Mill as quickly as possible.
(f) Directly the above mentioned sections of "B" Coy have taken the Mill, "A" Coy followed by "D" Coy will each push forward a strong patrol through the forest east of the Mill and endeavour to occupy SELTSO if they meet with only slight opposition. If strong opposition is met with these patrols will stay out at least two hours, engage any enemy seen and obtain as much information as possible returning finally across the river via the Mill.
(g) When the patrols of "A" and "D" Coy have moved forward, one section of "B" Coy will make a post at the edge of the forest on this side of the river opposite the Mill.
"D" Coy will arrange to have a party of 1 N.C.O. and 10 men near Field Gun position to cover this party to the West.

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- (h) Prior to the commencement of the operation "B" Coy will arrange to place one section at about square 76. 65. 45. in order to prevent the enemy crossing the river further North.
- (k) The Cavalry will place one troop on road at square 75. 32. 30. to prevent the enemy approaching from the South - no S.M. fire.
- (l) On completion of the operation "B" Coy will wait in a post in the hill - no one in the edge of the forest on the opposite side of the river to the Hill. The post established at about square 76. 65. 45. will also be maintained.
3. The signallers will lay a line from B.Coy.H.Q. to the Hill under the command of Signalling Officer. They will not start until the operation commences and will be escorted by 1 N.C.O. and 2 men of B.Coy.
4. The following convoy will leave the Church of VIEUVILLE at the moment the operation commences.
4 trucks with 20 carts barbed wire.
2 trucks with ammunition.
1 truck with Rations.
1 truck with 80 shovels.
All the above are for B.Coy who will organise the convoy. B.Coy will furnish guide to take it to position of assembly and it will be escorted by one platoon of Russian Infantry. The Guide and platoon of Russian Infantry will report at B.Coy H.Q. at 8 p.m.
5. Advanced Bn H.Q. will during the operation be situated first near the Field Gun Station and afterwards near the Hill. Bn Aid Post will be established near Advanced Bn. H.Q.
6. The Navy will bombard STETSC from 20.0 hrs to 21.0 hrs to day.
7. On completion of operation B.Coy will be billeted near B.Coy present H.Q. and will send out visiting patrols twice daily to B.Coy's post at edge of forest opposite Hill on this side of river at 04.0 hrs and 11.0 hrs.
8. After completion of operation B.Coy will be responsible for escorting Rations etc. to B.Coy posts when required.
9. The Engineers will be attached to B.Coy to assist in Bridging or Wiring if required.
10. Watches will be synchronised at Bn. H.Q. at 7 o'clock at B.Coy H.Q. at 7.30 p.m. p.m. and representatives of Units will attend at whichever place is most convenient.
11. Acknowledge.

M.R. WILSON, 2/LT. ACTG/ ADITY

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| 1. Left Bank H.Q. | 2. P.Coy. |
| 3. B.Coy. | 4. D.Coy. Artillery |
| 5. 3rd B.R.R. | 6. No 2 Art. Gun crew Field |
| 7. Artillery Liaison Officer. | 8. Signalling Officer |
| 9. Intelligence Officer. | 10. Rev. 1 Petard. C.P. |
| 11. C.P. | 12. Field Coy .P.P. |
| 13. War Diary. | 14. War Diary. |

