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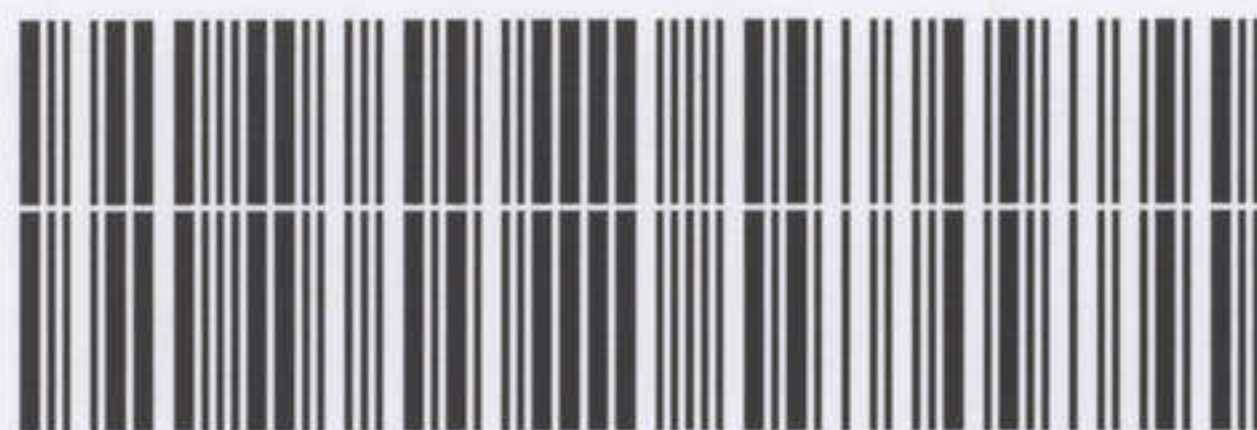
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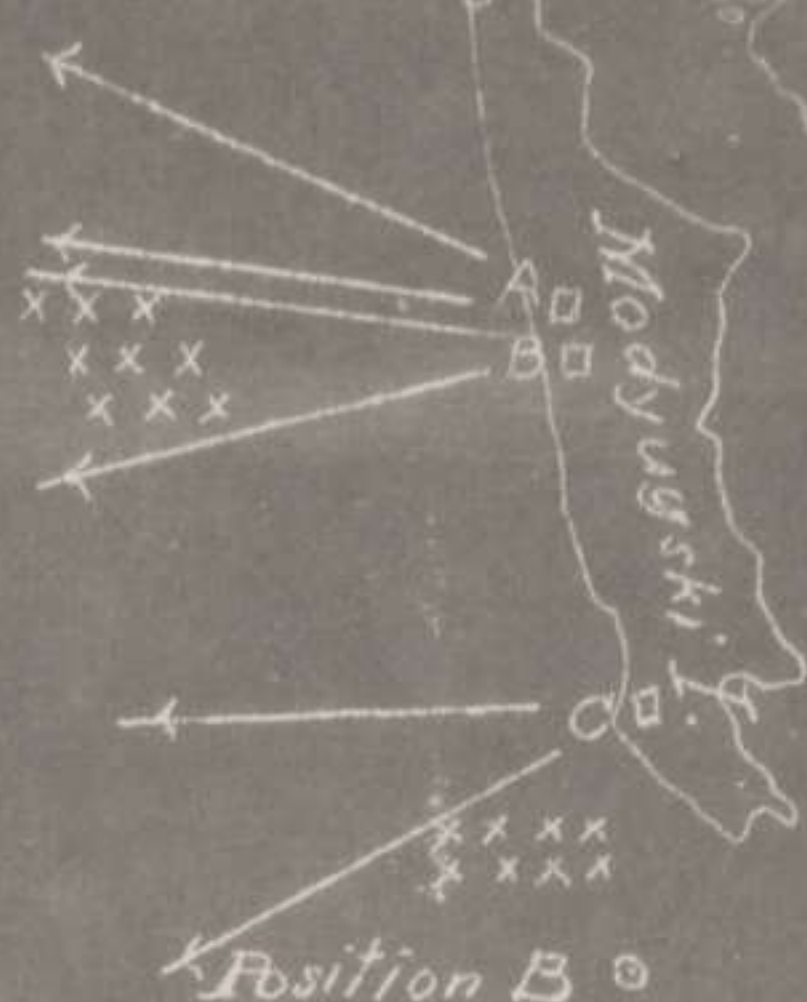
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Position X

Position Y



Position B

Vebedin I.
Murovov I
Lopominski

Old Economy
New Economy

Channel
Maimax

Solombala

Nalovrink Channel

Arkhangel

Dakhariiza

Isaarkgorka

Elope Mapping Section No. 3.



Scale: - 1/151,000

237th INFANTRY BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER No 8.

Ref. Map.
N. Russia. 1/1,000,000.

1. Orders have been received for immediate transfer of the 13th Bn. Yorkshire Regt. to the Elope Force. The Battalion will move in two parts.

(a) A party consisting of 300 all ranks will entrain February 2nd. for MURMANSK and will there embark on Ice breakers, whence the party will be taken to ARCHANGEL direct by sea. A suitable rear party to be included in the above number and will be left behind to load all necessary stores and regimental transport on a second train and will proceed by it to MURMANSK.

- (b) The second party consisting of:-

(a) Mobile Coy. (total 192 all ranks).

(b) The remainder of the Battalion (to include the Coy. now finding guards at KEM).

will entrain at POPOFF on two separate trains in the above order and will proceed to SOROKA, where they will detrain and will proceed to NUKTA by sledge. On arrival at NUKTA these columns will come under the orders of the ELOPE Force.

2. The party proceeding by sea from MURMANSK will entrain with 7 days rations and will embark with all surplus kit, regimental stores etc. Heated carriages will, as far as possible, be supplied by the R.T.O. KEM. Any extra stoves required will be supplied by the O.C., R.E. KEM. The O.C. 13th Yorkshire Regt. will hand these over to the Base Commandant on arrival at MURMANSK for return to KEM. O.C. 13th Yorkshire Regt. will also notify Headquarters, 237th Brigade, and the R.T.O. KEM, when entrainment is completed in the case of both trains.

3. The two parties proceeding by road from SOROKA to NUKTA will entrain and leave POPOFF at 5 a.m. Feb. 5th and 6th respectively. Seven days rations will be taken by each of these parties. The Mobile Coy. will be handed over to the ELOPE Force as complete as possible (less horses for the sledges). Any deficiencies as regards equipment will be made up at SOROKA from stores recently arrived from MURMANSK.

The route to be followed and the halting places arranged are as follows:-

Leave SOROKA 8.30 a.m. Arrive VIRMA 1 p.m. Leave VIRMA 3 p.m. arriving SUMSKI POSSAD at 6.30 p.m. stay night and billet at SUMSKI POSSAD.

Leave SUMSKI POSSAD 12 noon next day. Arrive KOLESMA 4 p.m. leave KOLESMA 7 p.m. Arrive ROIGA 12 midnight. Leave ROIGA 2 a.m. next day. Arrive NUKTA 6 a.m.

4. The following procedure will be adopted for en-sledging:-

An advance party of 1 Officer and 32 O.Rs. will leave SOROKA Feb. 4th. and will be distributed at VIRMA, SUMSKI POSSAD, KOLESMA, ROIGA, and NUKTA. Billets will be arranged at each of these places where men can make tea and cook their food. Billets for the night will be arranged at SUMSKI POSSAD. An Officer to be detailed by the O.C. Troops, SOROKA (Capt. Adams) will be responsible for making all arrangements for the move of both columns to NUKTA.

5. All horses and sledges up to the number of 200 to carry both parties will be assembled at SOROKA by Feb. 5th in accordance with arrangements to be made by Capt. Franklin. When complete the above transport will be handed over to Capt. Adams who will be responsible for the organization of the two columns. Lieut. Stenhouse, R.N.V.R. will assist Capt. Adams in this work and will come under his orders.

6. The following procedure will be adopted for en-sledging. Each column will consist of not more than 13 sections of 1 N.C.O. and 15 O.Rs. Six sledges will be allotted to each section, each sledge carrying 3 men. The sixth sledge will carry the N.C.O. and extra rations. Allowing 80 sledges for each column, this will account for 160 sledges. The remaining sledges will be used for carrying Officers and their kits, stores etc. Officers kits must be light and all surplus kit sent by sea. The Senior Officer 13th Yorkshire Regt. will be responsible for numbering off each section, but will in no way interfere with the movement of the column itself.

7. ✓ Each man proceeding by road will take the following with him:- 9
Rifle and 120 rounds S.A.A.
Gas mask.
Kit Bag,
Five Blankets.
Shis. (in the case of the Mobile Coy)

Men of the Mobile Coy. will wear their Mobile Kit and moccasins. The remainder will wear fur caps, fur coats, and moccasins. Steps will be taken to ensure that each man will wear 3 pairs of socks.

8. Each Company proceeding by road will take its full establishment of Lewis Gun drums (44 per gun). The number of drums required to make the present issue up to establishment will be provided at SOROKA. In addition 1000 rounds of S.A.A. per Lewis Gun will be taken.
9. One Medical Officer with sufficient equipment will accompany each column. These are being provided by SYREN. Further details regarding medical arrangements will be issued later.

Brigade Headquarters.
KEM. 3.2.1919.

(Sd) G. DRAKE-BROCKMAN. Captain.
Brigade Major, 237th Infantry Brigade.

Distribution.

- Copy No 1 G.O.C.
2 H.Q. SYREN.
3 O.C. 13th Yorks.
4 O.C. R.A.S.C.
5 S.M.O. POPOFF.
6 O.C. Troops SOROKA.

237th INFANTRY BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER No 11.

Ref. Map.
North Russia,
1/1,000,000.

- 1) In accordance with orders received from SYREN, the 6th Battalion Yorkshire Regt. will be transferred to the ELOPE Force. The Unit will entrain in the 236th Brigade Area and detrain at SOROKA as follows:-

Party No 1.	
Bn. H.Qrs. and 1 Coy.	16 Officers and 248 Other Ranks.
Mobile Coy.	5 " " 207 " "
	Will arrive at SOROKA night of 26/27th Feb.

- Party No 2.

2 Coys.	10 Officers and 248 Other Ranks.
	Will arrive SOROKA afternoon March 6th.

- 2) On arrival at SOROKA the two parties will be billeted per arrangements made by O.C. Troops SOROKA, as follows:-

Mobile Coy. and $\frac{1}{2}$ Bn. H.Qrs.	SOROKA
1 Coy and $\frac{1}{2}$ Bn. H.Qrs.	SCHISNE (2 versts E. of SOROKA)
2 Coys.	SOROKA

- 3) From SOROKA the 6th Battalion Yorkshire Regt. will be transported by Sledge to OBEROZERSKAYA, in four parties as follows:-

Party	Leaving SOROKA
Mobile Coy. & $\frac{1}{2}$ Bn. H.Qrs.	March 1st.
One Coy " " " "	" 2nd.
One Coy.	" 8th.
One Coy.	" 9th.

All parties except that departing March 2nd will start from SOROKA. The party starting from SCHISNE will leave its baggage at SOROKA Station on detraining, and will march to SCHISNE. The O.C. Remounts SOROKA, will arrange to provide 20 sledges for the conveyance of the rations and blankets of this party to SCHISNE.

- 4) All arrangements for the move by sledge of the 6th Battalion Yorkshire Regt. from SOROKA to OBEZEROSKAYA will be made by the ELOPE Force.

- 5) The total weight of baggage to be carried by sledge is 12 tons. All heavy baggage including reserve ammunition will be sent by Ice-breaker from MURMANSK to ARCHANGEL.

The following stores consigned to O.C. 6th Battalion Yorkshire Regt. are now in SOROKA station, and arrangements will be made by this Officer with the R.T.O. SOROKA to take them over on his arrival: moccasins, snow-shoes, sleighs (eleven feet), and sleighs (Canadian), are in trucks No 970190, and 511006.

- 6) Seven days Mobile rations have been issued for the journey from SOROKA to OBEZEROSKAYA. All ordinary rations not consumed on railroad journey between KOLA and SOROKA will be handed in to the O.C., R.A.S.C. SOROKA, before leaving, under arrangements to be made by O.C., R.A.S.C. and O.C. 6th Yorkshire Regt.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

26.2.1919.

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Brigade Major, 237th Infantry Brigade.

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O.C. 6th Yorkshire Regt.
O.C. Troops SOROKA.
O.C. ELOPE Sledge Convoy.