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TF 62 Operation Plan 5-65

Ref: (a) Maps: Series 269: Sheets 976I-IV, Scale 1:25,000

Time Zone: ALFA

Task Organization:Landing Force (TF 62)

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2d Bn (Rein). 8th Mar (TG 62.1)

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Spanish BRD (TG 62.2)LtCol 1. SITUATION.a. Enemy forces.

- (1) Annex A (Intelligence).
- (2) Current ISUM's.

b. Friendly forces.

- (1) Friendly forces (GREEN) hold the Puerto de Mazarron and are under attack by aggressor forces (YELLOW).
- (2) Amphibious Task Force (TF 61) will conduct amphibious operations to establish the Landing Force (TF 62) ashore by amphibious assault and to support subsequent operations and training.
- (3) Transport Groups (TG 61.1.1 and TG 61.1.2) land and provide logistic support to TF 62.

c. Attachments and detachments. None.d. Assumptions.

- (1) That air superiority has been attained and will be maintained.
(constructive)
- (2) That GREEN forces can hold their present defensive positions until D-Day.

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- (3) That YELLOW forces in the AOA will not change their present course of action nor will they be reinforced before D-Day.
2. MISSION. Commencing at H-hour and L-hour on D-day Landing Force (TF 62) lands over BLUE beach and into helicopter landing zones in the Mazarron area of Spain in order to reinforce friendly forces in Puerto de Mazarron and deny its use to aggressor forces, and to destroy aggressor forces in the area.
 3. EXECUTION.
 - a. Concept of Operations.
 - (1) On D-day, Landing Force (TF 62) conducts a surface and helicopter-borne assault of the Mazarron area. Prior to H-hour and commencing at first light, BLUE beach, landing zones, and objectives will be prepared by naval gunfire and aerial bombardment (Constructive).
 - (2) Commencing at H and L-hours Landing Force (TF 62) lands over BLUE beach with battalions on line and into designated helicopter landing zones to secure Puerto de Mazarron, deny its use to aggressor forces, and destroy aggressor forces in the area. See Annex B (Operation Overlay).
 - b. BLT 2/8 (TG 62.1).
 - (1) Land over BLUE Beach 1 and into designated landing zones at H and L-hours in accordance with the landing plan, seize, occupy, and defend Objective 3 by dark on D-day.
 - (2) Be prepared, on order, to execute subsequent operations to seize, occupy, and defend objective 4.
 - c. Spanish BRD (TG 62.2).
 - (1) Land over BLUE Beach 2 at H-hour, seize, occupy, and defend Objectives 1 and 2 by dark on D-day.
 - (2) Be prepared, on order, to execute subsequent operations to seize, occupy, and defend Objectives 5, 6, and 7.
 - d. Landing Force Reserve. (Co F (Rein), BLT 2/8).(Constructive).
 - (1) Land over BLUE Beach 1 at H-hour in accordance with the landing plan, occupy, and defend assembly area contiguous to BLUE Beach 1.
 - (2) Be prepared, on order, to support the mission of either BLT.
 - e. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) This plan is effective for planning upon receipt and execution on order.

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- (2) BLT 2/8 and Spanish BRD will land all combat and combat support units across their respective beaches by H+60 minutes.
 - (3) Supporting units of BLT 2/8 and Spanish BRD will support only their respective battalion; no joint support agencies will be established. Fire support plans, anti-mechanized plans, etc. will be established by each battalion for its respective zone of action.
 - (4) The boundary between zones of action of BLT 2/8 and Spanish BRD is a No Fire Line. Fire missions will not be called into the opposite zone of action without permission of the appropriate battalion commander.
 - (5) Although constructively the Landing Force Reserve, Co F (Rein), BLT 2/8 will in fact act as aggressors against BLT 2/8 in the BLT 2/8 zone of action only; elements of the Spanish BRD may act as aggressors against its parent unit in the Spanish zone of action if desired. Aggressor elements may be landed prior to H-hour.
 - (6) The joint exercise will terminate by 101800A June 1965. BLT 2/8 and Spanish BRD will then carry out provisions of Annex C (Training Plan).
 - (7) A rehearsal landing will be held on the morning of D-day. Land the Landing Force goes at 0730 and H-hour for the rehearsal landing is 0930. The rehearsal will be without troops or equipment; ramps will be downed on the beach. Aggressor elements may be landed in the rehearsal landing.
 - (8) Emphasize EEI's - Annex A (Intelligence).
 - (9) No live ordnance will be used. Small arms blanks and signalling pyrotechnics only will be used. Commanders ensure safety regulations are enforced.
 - (10) Lined areas on Annex B (Operations Overlay) within the AOA are off limits to all elements of the Landing Force (TF 62).
 - (11) Day and Hour codes:
 - (a) D-Day - 9 June.
 - (b) H-Hour - 1500A.
 - (c) L-Hour - To be announced.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Administration and logistical support of BLT 2/8 and Spanish BRD will be the separate responsibilities of the respective commanders.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

a. Command Post.

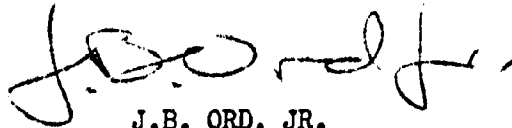
(1) Afloat - APA 249.

(2) Ashore - vicinity GC 112326.

(3) Subordinate elements report command post location when established.

b. Communication-Electronics. Landing Force (TF 62) will furnish one ... liaison officer with a PRC-10 netted with the TF 62 Tactical Net to Spanish BRD prior to H-hour on D-day.

. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.



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ANNEXES:

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Annex A (Intelligence) to Operation Order 5-65

Ref: (a) MAPS: Series 269 ESPANA, Scale 1: 25,000, Sheets 976 I,II,III, and IV

Time Zone: ALFA

1. SITUATION.

- a. General Situation. During April of 1965, the Nation of YELLOW attacked eastward from their mountain stronghold in the SIERRA de la ALMENARA to secure the MAZARRON area with its port city of El Puerto. GREEN Forces stationed in the MAZARRON area were driven back to a beachhead perimeter encompassing the eastern portion of the SIERRA de las MORERAS, the City of MAZARRON and the southern portion of SIERRA del ALGARROBO and SIERRA de la ALTO to a point 2000 meters east of the Port of El PUERTO. YELLOW Forces are presently heavily engaged with GREEN Forces, thirty-five kilometers south of VALENCIA, leaving a light battalion to contain the MAZARRON beachhead. This battalion is presently directing its efforts to probing action against the right flank of the GREEN Beachhead. An assault at this point seems possible, if YELLOW acts early enough.
- b. Special Situation. In May 1965, the Nation of GREEN requested help from the United Nations, and the United States and Spain were requested to assist GREEN Forces in expelling YELLOW from its homeland. A combined Spanish/ US Amphibious Force lands in the Mazarron Area on 9 June 1965, with the mission of reinforcing existing GREEN Forces and extending the beachhead to penetrate YELLOW's supply routes to the North, establishing a lodgement in YELLOW's center for the systematic eradication of her forces on GREEN territory.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION.

- a. Determine the location and disposition of YELLOW Forces.
- b. Determine if YELLOW Forces will use armor. If so, in what strength and disposition?
- c. Determine if YELLOW Forces will counter-attack. If so, where and in what strength?
- d. Determine if YELLOW Forces will conduct guerrilla warfare. If so, to what extent and in what areas?

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- e. Determine the location of suitable routes of egress inland for motorized and tracked vehicles.
- f. Determine the location of suitable helicopter landing zones in the AOA.

3. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS.a. Orders to Subordinate Units.(1) 1st Plat (Rein), Company C, 2d Recon Bn.

- (a) Reconnoiter the RAMBLA de las MORERAS from its mouth at coordinate 107323 to its junction with the RAMBLA ALGARROBO at coordinate 067369, to the road crossing located at coordinate 092398, to determine its trafficability for tracked vehicles. Particular attention to the clearances of the bridges crossing the Ramblas, (i.e., height and width of supporting spans).
- (b) Reconnoiter the road net south from coordinate 092398 to Hill 261, considering avenues of approach for tracked vehicles to the hill mass.
- (c) Reconnoiter HLZ HAWK, coordinate 112393 and lay marking panels when helo wave is sighted. Guide heliborne assault troops to Objective # 3 (Hill 261).

(2) Spanish BRD Reconnaissance Elements.

- (a) Conduct reconnaissance of routes of egress inland from the beachhead for wheeled and tracked vehicles in the SIERRA de las MORERASS Area.
- (b) Establish observation posts on Hill 489, coordinate 057340 and Hill 110, coordinate 065367, to determine disposition and movement of enemy forces.

b. Requests to Higher, Adjacent and Supporting Units.(1) Commander, Amphibious Task Force (CTF 61).

- (a) Provide Aerial Reconnaissance and Photography of the AOA.
- (b) Provide underwater reconnaissance and beach and hydrographic studies of the landing areas.
- (c) Provide current intelligence as received.

c. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) The intelligence collection effort will be initiated and directed by this headquarters (S-2).

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- (2) Report by most expeditious means available, all information relating to EEI's and all other information having an intelligence value.
- (3) During operations, normal reconnaissance and observation will be carried out by all units.

4. MAPS.

- a. Maps necessary for this operation will be issued by appropriate task organization.
- b. Report to this Headquarters (S-2) any significant map errors noted.

5. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE. See Appendix 2 of reference (b).

6. **REPORTS.** Report all information and incidents of an intelligence nature to this Headquarters (S-2) by the most expeditious means available.

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APPENDICES:

- 1 - Intelligence Estimate
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Appendix 1 (Intelligence Estimate) to Annex A (Intelligence) to Operation Order 5-65

Ref: (a) Maps: Series 269 ESPANA, Scale 1:25,000, Sheets 976 I,II,III, and IV

Time Zone: ALFA

1. MISSION. GREEN Landing Force (BLT 2/8 /Spanish BRD) will conduct an amphibious operation at MAZARRON, Spain in order to reinforce entrenched GREEN Forces in that area to counter YELLOW's attempts to consolidate the beachhead and to effect a lodgement in YELLOW's supply routes to the north.
2. PURPOSE OF THIS ESTIMATE. The purpose of this estimate is to determine the capabilities and limitations of YELLOW Forces and their effect upon GREEN Forces missions.
3. ENEMY SITUATION.

a. Composition.

(1) YELLOW Forces in the Area of Operations have been identified as to location, strength and unit designation.

(2) Army.

67th Rifle Company (Rein), 916th Rifle Regiment
 Rifle Platoon (3)
 Weapons Platoon (1)
 Recoilless Rifle Section
 Mortar Section

92d Rifle Company (Rein), 916th Rifle Regiment
 Rifle Platoon (3)
 Weapons Platoon (1)
 Reconnaissance Section

33d Medium Tank Company, 300th Medium Tank Regiment

(3) Navy. None available to support Yellow Forces in the AOA.

(4) Air Force. None available to support Yellow Forces in the AOA.

b. Strength and Combat Efficiency.

(1) Army.

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(a) Rifle Company (2) Officers Enlisted

(a) Rifle Company (2)

12 290

Headquarters Section

2 5

Rifle Platoon (3)

3 90

Weapons Platoon

1	45
<u>6</u>	<u>140</u>

(b) Supporting Elements

Recoilless Rifle Section

0 10

Mortar Section

0 10

Reconnaissance Section

1	10
<u>1</u>	<u>30</u>

(2) Combat efficiency is considered good and morale good.

c. Disposition. (See Tab A to this Appendix (Enemy Situation Overlay)).d. Arms and Equipment.(1) Small Arms.NumberRange

Light Machine Gun 7.62 mm

12

1000 meters

Automatic Rifle 7.62mm

54

500 meters

Rifle 7.62mm

192

500 meters

Pistol Cal. 45

29

50 meters

(2) Mortar

82mm

2

3040 meters

(3) Antitank Artillery

107mm Recoilless Rifle

2

6650 meters

(4) Armored VehiclesGun rangeCruising range

Medium Tank 100mm

10

21,000 Mtr 385 Km

(5) Vehicles.Range

Trucks 2½ ton

15

400 Kilometers

(6) Electronics.

HF Radios

16

15 Kilometers

e. Recent and Present Activities.

(1) Yellow activity has been directed to increasing probing action against the outskirts of Puerto de Mazarron. Believe YELLOW rein-

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forcing existing forces in AOA.

(2) Present dispositions of YELLOW Forces indicate an offensive posture.

- f. Logistical Considerations. Yellow Forces have a self sustaining capability for ten (10) days of combatant operations. YELLOW resupply must be effected by trucks over the existing secondary road net in the AOA. Road movement is vulnerable to GREEN air operations. Food is abundant on the numerous farms in the area. Potable water is scarce, that that is available is probably contaminated.
- g. Personnel Considerations. No replacement factor exists from the civilian population for YELLOW Forces as the local inhabitants fled the advance of YELLOW Forces seeking sanctuary within GREEN's beachhead.
- h. Politics. GREEN'S civil population is under military law in the beachhead area, due to the size of the area, and the large number of civilians seeking refuge therein. The civilian population supports GREEN's government wholeheartedly.
- i. Economics. Agriculture is limited to local consumption. Lead and zinc are mined extensively in the area and are the main source of income with the port facilities supporting these enterprises. Outside commercial interests do not exist in this area.
- j. Sociology. A mining and agrarian society of hard working simple people. The religion is predominantly Roman Catholic with some Protestant denominations represented. The language of the area is Spanish.

3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

- (1) Attack the right flank of the GREEN Beachhead with two companies of infantry supported by a company of medium tanks, prior to D-day.
- (2) Contain GREEN activities by increasing defenses along the perimeter of the beachhead, until D+2.
- (3) Withdraw inland to the mountainous area and conduct a protracted defense until reinforcements arrive.
- (4) Disperse and conduct small unit actions against GREEN exploitation.
- b. Analysis and Discussion. Capability (1) can be utilized if YELLOW acts before GREEN Forces reinforce their beachhead. Capability (2) can be accomplished if reinforcements arrive before GREEN Forces can mount the offensive. This capability depends upon the maintenance of YELLOW's logistical support, which being road bound is susceptible to GREEN air action. Capabilities (3) and (4) are the best suited to YELLOW's capabilities as the terrain in the AOA presents a definite advantage to this type of action.

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4. CONCLUSIONS. Relative probability of enemy capabilities considering current strength, dispositions and favorable terrain factors. Execute capability (1) early in TF 62 amphibious phase, employing capability (2) if repulsed, holding there until logistical considerations and the tempo of operations dictate the employment of capability (3) with capability (4) as a last resort.

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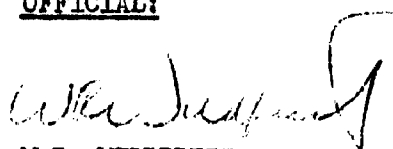
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TABS:

A - Enemy Situation Overlay (To be issued)

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Annex C (Training Plan) to TF 62 Operation Order 5-65

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1. SITUATION. BLT 2/8 and Spanish BRD organized as TF 62 will exercise together in an assault landing at Mazarron, Spain. After the exercise terminates on D+1, TF 62 will perform small unit training on D+2 and D+3. It is desired to give Spanish and U.S. Marines an opportunity to train together.
2. MISSION. TF 62 trains on D+2 and D+3 in small unit tactics and general military subjects training with Spanish and U.S. forces integrated.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. Concept of Operation. BLT 2/8 and Spanish BRD will train separately in their respective training areas following schedules which emphasize small unit tactics, weapons training and any subject matter of probable interest to the opposite national. During the training period one platoon from each BLT rifle company will exchange with a rifle platoon from each of the BRD rifle companies; one BLT 81mm Mortar Section will exchange with 4.2" Mortar Section from the BRD; one BLT 106mm RR Section will exchange with a BRD 90mm SPAT Section.
 - b. BLT 2/8 and Spanish BRD. Implement training programs on D+2 and D+3 within the training areas delineated on Appendix 1 to carry out the training concept.
 - c. Coordinating instructions.
 - (1) At the conclusion of the exercise on D+1 BLT 2/8 and Spanish BRD will assemble in administrative bivouacs within their respective zones of action.
 - (2) Exchange of elements of the two battalions will be effected on the morning of D+2, time to be announced. Elements will report to the opposite battalion's Command post.
 - (3) Time of elements' return to parent units to be announced; elements will bivouac with their host for the entire training period.
 - (4) Appendix 1 (Training Area Overlay).
 - (5) Lined areas on Appendix 1 within the AOA are off limits to all elements of the Landing Force (TF 62).

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Training ammunition and ration supply of the exchange platoons and sections will remain the responsibility of the parent battalion. Requests for resupply may be submitted via the Landing Force Tactical Net to the parent unit.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. Communication between parent units and detached platoons and sections will be effected via the Landing Force Tactical Net.

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