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Glossary:

- Radio Silence - No one uses radios until a certain time or event happens so as not to give your enemy any clues that something important is about to happen
- GPO - General Post Office
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- SOI - Signal Operating Instructions (a code book with frequencies, call signs, and passwords)
- CP - Command Post, the headquarters for an army unit
- Net - Radio/communications network
- SCR - Signal Corps Radio - type of radio. SCR300 is a particular model radio produced for the US Army.
- Pyrotechnics - Signal flares - different colors are available to signal different actions that a specified in the order or the SOI
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Timeforservice Area

1. a. Enemy Situation - Annex No. 3.

b. Friendly Situation - Annex No. 3.

c. The 101st Airborne Division, reinforced, will land by air
and water on the Cotentin Peninsula beginning at 3-Hour on
the right of D-minus one - D-Day to assist landing of the
4th Infantry Division on Utah Beach.

d. Initial CP: Netville
101st A/B Division
506th PIP DIA 3rd Bn.
505th PIP DIA 2nd Bn.
327th Glider Inf. Bn.

Division Service Area
Netville (vicinity)

2. a. General Plan - Annex No. 3.

b. Initially, Radio will be the primary means of Communication
within the Division.

c. J-Hour is the time of dropping of the First Parachute Serial.

d. J-Hour, H-Hour, D-Day will be announced to Units by Office
Courier.

e. 101st Airborne Signal Company

(1) Parachute Rendezvous

(a) Message Centers.

1. One Message Center Team of eight men will operate
message center immediately upon landing.

(b) Radio Communication - Appendices No. 1 & 2.

(c) Wire Communication.

1. One Wire Team of three men will accompany the
505th Parachute Infantry Regiment and one Wire
Team of three men will accompany the 506th
Parachute Infantry Regiment. Immediately upon
landing, these Wire Teams will lay one line
back to the Division Command Post.

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1. Circuit Diagram - Appendix No. 10.
2. Pigeon Communication.
3. Eight Pigeons will be carried.
   a. Message Center.
   b. Operation normal.
   c. Radio Communication - Appendices No. 1, 4, 6, 8.
   d. Wire Communication - Appendices No. 10, 11 & 12.
   e. Pigeon Communication.

5. Sixteen Pigeons will be carried.

6. 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment:

7. 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment:

8. 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, less 3rd Battalion:
   b. Lay one Wire Circuit to Division CP immediately upon establishment of Regimental CP.

9. 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment:
   a. Communication normal with the following exceptions:
      a. Enter Division Command Net, See Appendices 5, 6 & 7.
      b. Lay one Wire Circuit to Division CP immediately upon establishment of Battalion CP.

10. 121st Airborne Division Artillery:
    a. Communication normal. See Appendices No. 3, 5, 6, 7 & 8.
    b. Lay one Wire Circuit to Division Command Post immediately upon landing. See Appendix No. 10.

11. 577th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion:
    a. Communication normal.
    b. Establish liaison with the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment immediately upon landing.

12. 327th Glider Infantry Regiment.
    a. Communication normal.
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(b) Underground Telephone Cable on the Continent will not be cut but repaired. In the eastern sector, telephone exchanges will

(c) Precautions: Previous Operations have shown that open wire leads are sometimes heavily mined around the base of poles and under the lead between poles. Telephone exchanges may be booby-trapped.

(d) Line reports will be submitted by all units every 12 hours.

(5) Pigeon Communication

(a) Pigeons will be delivered by Divided Signal Supply to units at departure airstrips, on D minus 1.

(b) All pigeon lines will be encoded if practicable. Pigeons should be released in pairs with one bird carrying the duplicate copy of message.

(c) Immediately upon landing, each unit will release the birds, giving situation and location at time of landing.

(6) Visual Communication

(a) Yellow and Orange Flares will be used to designate friendly troops.

(b) Orange Flares will designate friendly troops.

(c) Orange Flares will be used to designate friendly troops. Orange Flares will be used to indicate, etc., to land Navy. Red Strobe will be used to indicate a target.

(d) Pyrotechnics: Single Yellow Star will be used as a signal to indicate friendly troops.

(e) Three Dots or Three Dashes, using Signal lamp, SM-11 or Flashlight, means.

(f) Orange Shoulder Loops will be used in Division to designate Beach Control Officer.

(a) Replenishment of Officer in Command Post.

(b) Divisional Signal Corps and Division Signal Supply will be located in vicinity of Division CP.

(c) Signal Supplies, including wire, will be available at Division Signal Supply on D plus 1.

(d) Beach Signal Pumps will be located at D plus 1 and initially will be under control of 1st Engineer Special Brigade.
TOP SECRET — NEED TO KNOW

5. a. Signal Operations Instructions (assault) Index No. 1 - 1 will be in effect at 3-Hour.
   b. Signal Operations Instructions (Reference) Index No. 1 - 1 will be effective at 0000, D plus 1.
   c. Division Signal Officer may be located through the Division Message Center.

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APPENDICES:

2. Radio Sets, Division CP - Pocket, Replenish.
3. Artillery Nt. - Pocket, Replenish.
5. Division Radio Net - Pocket - D-Day.
9. Radio Nets - Chart A.
10. Circuit Diagram - Pocket, Replenish, D-Day.
14. Radio Net - NSFUP

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1. a. Intelligence - Annex No. 1.
   b. Friendly Situation - British Airborne Corps will land ahead of British Second Army to assist its advance northward.
   c. 101st Airborne Division will land by parachute and glider in daylight on D-day and D+2 days in the area of Venlo (BLT 934) through the principal streams and canal crossings at Eindhoven, (490180), 28N (444535) through Vught (493735) in order to assist the advance of the British Second Army northward along the Eindhoven - Grave (525330) highway.

2. a. Command Posts:
   - A/B Corps
   - 32nd A/B Division
   - Artillery
   - 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment
   - 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment
   - 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment
   - 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment

3. a. General Plan - Annex No. 3
   b. Initially, radio will be the primary means of communication.
   c. H-hour, D-Day will be announced by units by Officer Courier.

3. b. 101st Airborne Signal Company
   (1) Rear Base
      a. Message Center
         i. Operation Manual
         ii. Sentry will be used for cryptographic communication to units in United Kingdom.
         iii. Converter M-209 settings will be used in communication to Force Headquarters.
         iv. Special airborne messengers will be used between Rear Base units.
      b. Message calling for nearly will be delivered direct to the Rear Base Commander.
   (2) Parachute Helicopter
      a. Message Center
         i. Operate immediately upon landing.
         ii. Code clerks (30) utilized by British Air Corps will send and receive messages transmitted over 30 Corps - A/B - 101st A/B Division radio net.
         iii. Special M-209 settings issued to First Allied Airborne Army will be employed with Converter M-209 in communication to Airborne Bases and to British Air Corps and British 6th Division.
   c. Radio
      i. Appendix No. 1.

3. c. Glider Helicopter
   a. Message Center
      i. Additional personnel available on landing of gliders will augment parachute echelon.
   b. Radio
      i. Appendix No. 2, 3, 4.
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2. Radio Net after Glider Landing - D - Day
3. Radio Net D + 1
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5. Circuit Diagram
6. Telephone Directory Departure Airfields
7. Telephone Traffic Diagram Departure Airfields

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1. Radio Net Initial Phase
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| 103 A/S Div Arty | Kingfish | Kiwi |
| 502 P. I. (Hq 2 & 3 Bns) | Kidder | Greenham | Trojan | Newbury 1415 |
| 501 P. I. (3 Bn) | Kinloch | Chilbolton | Majorboy | Andover 2287 |
| 506 P. I. (3 Bn) | Kidder | Membury | Tranquil | Marlborough 418 |

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**GLIDER DIVISION**

| 81 A.A.A. Bn (entire Unit) | Kinloch | Aldermaston | Trestop | Reading 1600 |
| 27 A.A.A. Bn (Hq & A & B) | Chilbolton | Kinloch | Kingfish | Newbury 1460 |
| 27 A.A.A. Bn (3 Bn) | Kinloch | Greenham | Trojan | Newbury 1415 |
| 27 A.A.A. Bn (4 Bn) | Kinloch | Chilbolton | Majorboy | Andover 2287 |
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