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Glossary:

- J-Hour - When the paratroopers began jumping into France
- Attachments - Other units that are temporarily assigned to the 101st in order to help the 101st accomplish its mission.
- Drop and Landing Zones - Annexes are not available because of size and brittle nature of original documents
- 65th Armd FA Bn - 65th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. These are artillery (cannons) that are mounted on tracked vehicles
- QM Trk Co - Quartermaster Truck Company. This is a unit of cargo trucks that are used to transport men and cargo.
- A Btry 474th AA AW Bn - This is an anti-aircraft gun battery (about six anti-aircraft guns to protect against air attack.)
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Glossary:

- D-Day is the day the operation starts.
- D+1 is one day after D-Day (looks like D / with a - thru it, typewriters did not have a plus sign on them).
- A/C is aircraft
- CG4A is a Waco Glider that could carry up to 13 troops or a jeep or small cannon.
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(a) The glider element of D - Day Lifts will land on LZ “MM”
and move to areas shown in Annex No. 2h (Glider Assembly Point). The Division Reconnaissance Platoon, less detachment, will be prepared to push reconnaissance toward SUNGREN (406481) – BESK (374256) and MAGGOT (514270).

(b) D 1 and D - 2 day lifts: Units of these lifts will land on glider landing zone “MM” as shown in Annex No. 2h. They will assemble as shown on Annex No. 2h and await orders.

(1) The bridges in the VELTHEU (481376) and ZUREN (446253)
areas will be crossed with utmost speed immediately upon landing by the responsible parachute regiments. The next expeditiously placed small group will
rush those bridges without waiting for the assembly of large elements.

(2) All bridges and signal communications in the area will be
preserved for the use of our own troops.

(3) The Division Artillery Commander is responsible for
sends for support from British artillery and combat aviation.

(4) The 52nd Parachute Infantry Regiment is charged with
securing LZ “MM” for the D - Day glider lift.

(5) Colonel Thomas Sharburne, Division Artillery, is
charged with the reception of glider elements upon landing zone “MM”.

(6) All roads and water ways in the area will be maintained
in working order.

(7) All ferries, barges, etc., not actually in use by the
Division will be brought to the south bank of streams to make them available
for XXX Corps if required.

(8) Roads will be kept free of troops and vehicles of the
Division after ground contact is made to permit the rapid transit of XXX Corps.

(9) Employment of glider pilots will be the same as for
operation “LINNET”.

(10) Mines will be laid only under Engineer supervision and
will be carefully removed. Our own and enemy mines fields will be reported at
once to Division.

4. Administrative order same as for “LINNET”.

b. Gas masks will be carried.

5. Signal annex (Annex No. 6).

b. Tentative Command Posts

Unit

Coordination

Office

82nd Airborne Division

Division and Division Artillery

503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment

503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment

507th Parachute Infantry Regiment

For the Commanding General:

R. B. Wren

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