

always been famous. Brigadier C. G. Phillips proved by his handling of his Brigade during the difficult days of Steinkjer, that he is a commander of marked ability. Brigadier Morgan gave abundant evidence of the capacity for making decisions which is so essential in a commander. Brigadier Kent Lemon proved himself a skilful and determined leader.

APPENDIX A.

Headquarters, 5th Corps,
22nd April, 1940.
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EXPEDITIONARY FORCE INSTRUCTION NO. 1.

To:—

Major-General B. C. T. Paget,
D.S.O., M.C.
SICKLE FORCE.

1. (a) A German Army of about one Corps, based on Southern Norway, is operating against the Norwegian Army, which is believed to be fighting a delaying action on the approximate line Hamar—Elverum.

(b) The Germans have also landed about 3,000 men at Bergen; at Stavanger, where they have occupied the aerodrome; and at Trondheim, where they have between 3,500 and 5,000 men and at least two destroyers. The aerodrome at Vaernes, near Trondheim, is also in their hands.

(c) The German force in the Trondheim area is believed to be disposed as under, but the numbers may be increased by airborne reinforcements.

(i) 1,500 in the area Levanger—Verdalen facing the British force based on Namsos.

(ii) 500 protecting the coast defences at the entrance to the Trondheim Fjord about Agdenes.

(iii) 200 at Stören (25 miles South of Trondheim) operating in a Southerly direction.

(iv) 300 operating on the Trondheim—Østersund railway to the East of Trondheim.

2. Allied forces, consisting of 146 Infantry Brigade and a demi-brigade of Chasseurs Alpins, both under command of Major-General Carton de Wiart, are based on Namsos. If possible these forces are to be kept in being in order to maintain pressure against Trondheim from the North.

You have been informed separately of the composition of the British forces now operating South of Dombås and of the forces to accompany you.

3. A force of Gladiators will, it is hoped, be ashore by the 25th April. In the meantime a Carrier with fighter aircraft will be off your base at Åndalsnes. Contact with these should be arranged through Brigadier Hogg at the Base.

4. An advanced skeleton Corps H.Q., under the orders of Brigadier Hogg (D.A. & Q.M.G.) is travelling with you and will be responsible for:—

(a) Organising the Base at Åndalsnes and organising the anti-aircraft defence of that Base.

(b) Reconnoitring a subsidiary base at Geiranger and arranging for its anti-aircraft defence and for the requisitioning of trans-

port for employment on the road L. of C. from Geiranger to your forces South of Dombås.

(c) Making similar arrangements at Sundalen.

(a), (b) and (c) above are in order of priority. Brigadier Hogg will be operationally under your orders.

5. On arrival in Norway you will assume command of all British troops in the Country, other than those operating under the orders of Major General Carton De Wiart based on Namsos and those in the Narvik area.

6. Your task will be to co-operate with the Norwegian Army in preventing the Northward advance of the German army based on Southern Norway.

7. It will be necessary for you to safeguard your left and rear against attack by the German forces in Trondheim and parachute-landed detachments on your L. of C.

8. You should make the earliest possible contact with the Commander-in-Chief, Norwegian Army, with a view to obtaining close co-operation towards the fulfilment of your task and the safeguarding of your forces and your communications.

You will not be under the orders of the Commander-in-Chief, Norwegian Army.

9. You should report your situation and your requirements at frequent intervals and all information that you are able to obtain.

Your channels of communication are laid down in the Outline Plan and first Maintenance project (G.S. (P) No. 650).

(Sgd.) H. R. S. MASSY,
Lieutenant General,
Commander, 5th Corps.

APPENDIX B.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIEUTENANT-GENERAL
H. R. S. MASSY, D.S.O., M.C.

1. His Majesty's Government have placed you in command of all British and French troops operating in Central Scandinavia, excluding any which may be operating in the Narvik area or based on Narvik. These latter will continue to be commanded by Major-General Mackesy under the orders of Lord Cork and Orrery.

2. The policy of His Majesty's Government is ultimately to evacuate Central Norway.

3. Your object, therefore, will be to evacuate your troops from Central Norway.

His Majesty's Government do not wish to impose any delay upon your operations which would be inconsistent with the military security of your force. They hope, however, that it will be militarily possible to postpone evacuation until after the capture of Narvik.

4. The final decision as to when the evacuation ought to take place rests with you. The final withdrawal and re-embarkation, however, is a joint operation, for which Admiral..... is appointed Naval Commander and Air Marshal..... Air Commander. The actual dates, times and places are the joint responsibility of yourself, the Naval Commander and the Air Commander.