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JUNE

STILIS, GREECE

A full account of the operational activities of the Bn is included in the Intelligence Log Appendix B 1 and papers in Appendix C, which consists of 1–14 Messages connected with the Log, 15–40 Village Survey Questionnaires, 41–51 Community Administration Reports, 52–54 LF(G) Intelligence Reviews.

Jun 1st

Advance Party left Stilis 1500 hrs and proceeded to new area S 198357 arriving approximately 2100 hrs.

Issued: Details of Leave Camp Aliki. Details of Advance Party. Move Order No 7.

0800: Sitrep NTR

1800: Sitrep NTR

Jun 2nd

Bn moved to the new area S198358. "D" Coy moved to area Ayios Kampos T 7641 as per Move Order No 7, arriving approximately 10:00 hrs. Leave Party of 3 Sgts and 10 OR. departed for Aliki Rest Camp

Received: LP(G) Int Review No 18.

"B" Coy and 1 Tp "C" Sqdn 4 Recce established Tirna S 5827. Issued: Revised Camp Standing Orders. Details of New Rates of Exchange – Drachma. Orders for Operation "Tally Ho tNo II"

0800: Sitrep NTR

1800: Sitrep NTR

Jun 3rd

0800: Sitrep NTR

1800: Sitrep NTR

Jun 4th

0800: Sitrep NTR. Operation Order received from Military Command 61 Area

0930: Bn, less "D" Coy, arrived new area. Bn HQ established T198358. "D" Coy moved to area T7641 Ayios Kambos.

1800: Sitrep as above.

Jun 5th

0730: "B" Coy left location and proceeded to Tirna S5827 to establish firm base for future operations.

0930: Recce patrol of "C" Sqn 4 Recce located at Ayia Paraskevi S 6122.

1450: Recce patrol returned to Tirna S5827

1455: Aris reported at Gardhiki S3533. Report received from Comd 2 Beds & Herts.

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1545: "B" Coy arrived at Tirna S 5826.

1800: Sitrep. "B" Coy and Tp "C" Sqn 4 Recce established at Tirna. Aris followers left 10 days ago. No arms collected.

Intentions: "B" Coy to visit hamlets to collect information 6 June.

Jun 6th

0800: Sitrep NTR. "B" Coy visited Kilokhori S5825. Village Questionnaires completed in respect of Tirna S5826 and Vronderon S5727. No further news of Aris.

Intentions: 7th June visit Petrouli S5331.

1800: Sitrep as above.

Jun 7th

0800: Sitrep NTR (out of communication with "B" Coy).

0845: "B" Coy NTR.

"B" Coy visited Petrouli and Survey Questionnaire completed. Villagers report Aris in village 4 days previously with 68 armed men.

Intentions: 8 June visit Stournareika S5421

"D" Coy, acting on information received from Greek sources, located arms dump in wood area T3741. Details sent to Bde (23,000 rounds SAA, 1 MG,42, 400 'Red Devil' grenades).

1800: Sitrep as above.

Jun 8th

0800: Sitrep NTR

"B" Coy visited Stournareika S5421 and completed Village Survey Questionnaire. Instructions for Operation 'TALLY HO TWO' issued.

1800: Sitrep as above.

Jun. 9th

0800: Sitrep NTR

Issued: Inter-Coy Moves.

1800: Sitrep NTR

Sitrep from Bde reported following information: Patrol to Stournareika S5522 obtained following report from villagers. On 6 June Aris visited Mesokhora S5225 and took 100 sheep. On 7 June he was at Kalikomi S5712. 12 armed men are operating in the Stournareika district under command of an ex-ELAS officer named Boutzos. On 7 June 12 men armed with Stens arrested a man 2 miles South of Petroula S5331 only half an hour after 6 Surreys had passed. This man had given information to the patrol.

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- Jun 10th *0800: NTR*
Authority received for carrying out Operation Order dated 4th June (from 61 Area).
1800: "A" Coy to Sea Camp area Ayios Kambas T 6541. "D" Coy returned to Bn HQ from Sea Camp. "B" Coy returned to Bn HQ from Tirna S5827.
Issued: Training Programmes for week ending 17 June. Discipline - Prevalence of Theft
- Jun 11th *0800: Sitrep NTR.*
"C" Coy moved to area Kalabaka S6848 on Operation 'Tally Ho'. Leave Party of 11 OR departed for Aliki Rest Camp. MTO's course for Greek National Guard commenced.
Received: LF(G) Int Review No 19
Issued: Alarm Scheme (Northern Sector) Part I.
1800: Sitrep: "C" Coy moved to area Kalabaka. Report from Blo Trikkala states Aris Velouchiotis in Bookovitsia S5100 yesterday, food, clothing and medical supplies taken from Doctor's house. 4 men arrested by Aris. Interrogation Report ref Aris Velouchiotis received from Blo Trikkala.
- Jun 12th *0800: Sitrep NTR.*
Message from Bde. "A" Sqn 4 Recce to relieve "C" Sqn – to be completed by 24 June. Codenames issued to "C" Coy now compromised. New list of code names to be issued 13 June. Survey Questionnaire completed in respect of Nea Kutsufliani S4460.
Issued: Inter-Coy Move Sea Camp. Alarm Scheme Part II.
Lecture - Release from the Army.
1800: Sitrep NTR
- Jun 13th *0800: Sitrep NTR*
Issued: Use of WD transport. Details of LIAP 13.
New list of codenames to replace codenames compromised issued:
Skantzoi 620527 – BRIGHTON, Nea Kutsufliani 4460 – YORK, Oxihias 6060 – HULL, Orthovouni 5556 – WALMER, Agnandia 5567 – HALIFAX, Ayios Filios 6466 – BUDE, Pevki 4860 – HASTINGS, Gavron 6759 - MARGATE
- June 14th *"A" Coy moved from Sea Camp T6541 to S3761 Lumber C - Task loading telegraph poles.*

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- Jun 15th 6 OR proceeded to LIAP 13.
Issued: Amendments to Programme – Missions.
- Jun 16th *No trouble from Aris. President stated 12 men in village (ex-KKE) had threatened villagers to change political views to those of Communist, was not sure if they were armed.*
Intention: 17 June Recce and one section "C" Force to Karperon S7075 leaving at 0730 hrs. "C" Force to Vлахavia 7256.
1800: Sitrep. A 2/Lt from the GNG at Pili S6521 states on 14 June a battle commenced with Greek National Guard and elements of Mountain Bde against Aris at Antheron S5110. Aris pushed Northwest to Kali Komi S4712, then pushed back in two drives to Kathoni S4315 and Mirofillan S 4013. Arss and followers now surrounded in these villages, but expected to make for Hadji S4118. Report states Aris has been losing weapons and has approx 40-50 men left. Their morale is low. Area of operations hostile to Aris. Further report states Communist band of 20-25 operating in last few days in mountain range Kalabaka S6848 to Tierna S5826. Report received of the death of Aris (details to follow).
Operation Order received from 61 Area.
- Jun 17th *0800: Sitrep NTR*
"C" Coy visited the following and completed Village Survey Questionnaires Skeparni S7058, Karperon S7075, Arapi S7475 and Vлахavia S7256.
Issued: Details for Liaison Mission by Captain Matthew. Captain Matthew departed to HQ 6 BW on Liason Mission.
1800: Sitrep. BLO 118 Bn reports that Pl 118 GNG were in action against Aris at Mesounda S 4010. 4 PW and 1 Bren taken. No casualties either side. Aris forced to withdraw with estimated strength 75. Coy 6 Bn GNG have left Trikkala for Porta S6521 and Palio Karia 5417, Kropa S5117, Vaikanon S4617, and will link up with Pl at Mesounda.
- Jun 18th *0800: Sitrep. "C" Coy visited Skeparni S7058 all quiet. Proceeded to Vлахava S7256. Communist element took to hills on approach of own troops. Patrol "C" Sqn 4 Recce to Karperon 7275 and Arapi 7475 NTR. Civrep states Travellas said to be Aris 2 i/c was at Vлахava 7256 on 14 June recruiting.*
Leave Party of 10 OR departed for Aliko Rest Camp
Issued: Release from Army Lecture Amendments. Moves Inter-

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Coy. instructions re-Drachma Exchange
Warning Order - incoming Draft
Received: LF(G) Int Review No 20

- Jun 19th "C" returned to Bn HQ location. "D" departed on mission to area Gorgoyiri S6431. Draft of 46 OR (including ex-hospital personnel) joined Bn
Issued: Reissue of Drachma.
- Jun 20th "B" Coy departed for Lumber Camp.
- Jun 21st "A" Coy returned to Bn HQ location.
- Jun 22nd *0800: Sitrep NTR*
"D" Coy visited Prothromos S6433, and completed Community Administrative Report and Village Survey Questionnaire.
1800: Sitrep as above.
Intention 23 June "D" Coy to visit area South of Xiloparoikon S6330.
Delegation from Sourias received at this location. Informed that all arms are to be surrendered or operations against him would be put into effect. Agreed to hand in arms at Farsala on 1 July 1945.
- Jun 23rd *0800: Sitrep NTR*
0900: Report on situation in the Gorgoyiri area received from Major Brown, OC "D" Coy.
1800: Sitrep "D" Coy NTR.
Intentions 24 June "D" Coy to visit Pialia S6426. Community administration reports in respect of Gorgoyiri 6432 and Pialia 6426.
- Jun 24th *0800: Sitrep NTR*
1800: Sitrep "D" Coy visited Pialia 6426, Village Survey Questionnaire completed. Following information obtained – 45 armed men Aris gang in area Mesokhora S4125 Moskhiofiton S 4420.
Intentions 25 June Documenting Gorgoyiri.
- Jun 25th *0800: Sitrep NTR Codenames to be used with "A" Coy operations as follows: Tirna 5826 MARIA, Spendhamos 5521 ALICE, Petrouli 5331 BEA, Kamnai 4433 NANCY, Neraidhokhori 5030 JEANNE, Dhesi 4534 KAITIE, Pirra 4831 BARBARA,*

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Dhaimonostrounga Tifloselion 4432 CAROL, Xilokhori 5825 JANE, Gardhiki 3533 SANDRA, Zioli 5823 VALERIE, Montsara 3531 JOAN

1800: Sitrep NTR. Instructions ref Carriage of Arms by Civilians received. Points for surrender of arms by Bandit Leaders.

Issued: Moves Inter-Coy.

Jun 26th

0800: Sitrep NTR

0830: "A" Coy moved to Tirna S5826.

1800: Sitrep as above.

2130: "D" Coy returned to Bn HQ location 1845 hrs. "C" Coy moved at 2130 hrs to 195390 to act as 'stop' for Nat Guard trap for 40 armed men reported in Gournitsa T2338. Report unfounded, and "C" Coy returned to camp 0330 hrs 27 June.

Further report on situation in the Gorgoyira area. Arrived 19 June. Contacted detachment 118 Bn GNG. Whole of area almost clear of Aris followers, and now dominated by Nationalists who have a committee in every village. Several armed Nationalist bands in small numbers being at Pialia 6427, Koris 6231 and Firi S 6927. An armed band of 9 surrendered in receipt of orders from British coy to National Guard. 3 ex-Aris band and 6 who state they had fled to the hills to escape Tsantoulas band. There are stated to be 30 of Aris picked men wanted for criminal charges who are afraid to surrender, and are thought to have gone to Albania or Jugoslavia. Nationalist armed bands are being useful at present rounding up remainder of Aris band, and discovering his amn dumps.

Issued: Moves Inter-Coy. "B" Echelon Leave Camp allocation. Technical Education & Higher Trade Training.

Jun 27th

0800: Sitrep. "C" Coy moved to Lumber Camp S3761 at 0730 hrs. "A" Coy NTR. Village Survey Questionnaires completed for Xiloparoikon S6331, Xilokhori S5825, Kaloyiri S5824 and Zioli S5823. Community Administration Reports for Xiloparoikon S6331, Xilokhori S5825, Kaloyiri S5824 and Zioli S5823.

1800: Sitrep. Report was received 2045 hrs 26 June that there were 20 armed men in the village of Gounitsa T2238. PI was sent to T221394, whilst 61 Area GNG proceeded to Gounitsa. No armed civilians were found. Nationalists reported threatened inhabitants of Koutsoukheron T1933, apprehended by A Sqn 4 Recce and sent by us to 61 Area HQ. "B" Coy returned to Bn HQ location 1730 hrs.

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- Jun 28th *0800: Sitrep NTR.*
Intentions: "A" Coy to visit Gardhiki S3633. "A" Coy's detailed report on Khrisomilia 5738 received, also report on visits to Xilokhori S5825, Kaloyiri S5824 and Zioli S 5823.
1800: Sit rep NTR
Issued: Warning Order. Transport for Move.
- Jun 29th *0800: Sitrep NTR. Community Administration Reports and Survey Questionnaires in respect of Kamnai S4433 and Tiflozelion S4432 completed.*
1800: Sitrep "A" Coy located Kamnai.
Intentions: 29th to visit Dhesi S4534 and Tiflozelion S4432. 30th to visit Gardhiki and Moutsara S 3531. Detachment "B" Coy searched village of Sin Thomai T2234 – see report.
15 OR proceeded to "B" Ech Leave Camp.
- Jun 30th – Jul 1st *0800: Sitrep NTR. Survey Questionnaires and Community Administration Reports completed in respect of Moutsara S3531 and Gardhiki S3233.*
1800: "A" Coy established at Gardhiki and visiting Moutsara S3531.
Intention: 1 July to commence return journey.
Issued: Move Order No 8.
Advance Party ("B" Coy & representatives from other Coys) moved to new area Stilis Y5251.

Report on Operations in Northern Sector (period 4 June – 4 July) att. as Appendix as most of the information concerns the current month.