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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTION
NUMBER 31

- 1. a. The mission of the Allied Armies continues to be the destruction of the enemy armed forces in Italy.
 - b. Fifth Army has developed the enemy positions along the ARNO River and in preparation for the attack continues the movement and resting of its troops as outlined in O.I.'s 29 and 30, which instructions continue in effect until D-Day of this order.
 - c. Eighth Army continues operations to secure the high ground north and northwest of FLORENCE and thereafter, simultaneously with Fifth Army's attack, to attack to the north and northwest and secure the high ground northeast of PRATA.
2. Within its new zone of action Fifth Army, on D-Day, making its main effort on the right, attacks with Corps abreast, II Corps on the right, to force a crossing of the ARNO River and advance to the north and northwest.

- 3. a. Within its zone of action II Corps will:
 - (1) Force a crossing of the ARNO River in the vicinity of MONTELUPO.
 - (2) Coordinating its effort with that of 13 Corps, capture M. AIBANO and secure the area vicinity Hill 493 (Q 4781).
 - (3) Subsequently, be prepared, on Army order, to attack to the northwest from the FUCECCHIO - PONTE DI MASINO area and secure M. PISANO. For this operation, the 1st Armored Division and the 34th Infantry Division will be made available. Plans will be coordinated with IV Corps and change in inter-corps boundary for such an operation will be recommended. Direct communication for planning purposes is authorized between II Corps, 1st Armored Division and 34th Division.
 - (4) Maintain contact with enemy forces and be prepared, at any time after the successful completion of the M. AIBANO operation, to follow up a withdrawal action with all possible speed.
 - (5) Protect the right flank of Fifth Army.
 - (6) Maintain contact with Eighth Army.
- b. Within its zone of action IV Corps will:
 - (1) In conjunction with the II Corps initial attack, simulate a crossing of the ARNO in the area PONTEDERA - CASCINA.
 - (2) Protect the left flank of Fifth Army.
 - (3) Maintain contact with II Corps.
 - (4) Maintain contact by patrol action and be prepared, at any time after the initial attack of II Corps, to follow up any enemy withdrawal with all possible speed.



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c. Army Reserve:

- (1) 34th Division will be attached to II Corps by separate orders at the proper time. Pending such orders, present instructions on coastal patrol and alert of units for possible movement to IV Corps area remain in effect.
- (2) It is planned to make the 442d RCT (less AT Co) available to IV Corps when the 1st Armored Division is withdrawn.
- (3) 370th RCT (92d Division) will be made available to IV Corps on arrival in the Army area, estimated about 20 August.

4. Instructions for coordination of artillery fires will be issued separately.

5. Boundaries:

a. Inter-Corps: No change.

b. Tentative Inter-Army - Effective D-Day: All inclusive to Eighth Army, ROCCASTRADA - thence Route 73 to LA COLONNA road junction Q 706089 - thence road to COLLE DE VAL D'ELSA - thence Route 68 to POGGIBONSI - thence all inclusive to Fifth Army, road junction Q 676352 - thence road to road junction Q 656380 - road junction Q 663389 - road junction 698420 - 710456 - 680500 - crossroad Q 692528 - thence road to Q 675580 - crossroad at CERBAIA (Q 685592), where road junction will be common to both armies - Q 720630 - junction of R. OMBRONE with R. ARNO at Q 696696 - thence R. OMBRONE to POGGIO (Q 6374) - thence road to Q 570820 - thence north along 57 Easting Grid.

6. D-Day: Preparations will be based on 19 August; confirmation later.

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