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LETTER DATED 19 JULY 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 18 July addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of Jordan (A/6765, S/8075).

The Representative of Jordan, in his embarrassment, instead of putting forward any proof for his allegations against the authenticity of the operational orders enclosed in my letter of 17 July (S/8065), resorts to a series of scurrilous calumnies which leads him so far astray as to reassert that Israel attacked Jordan.

The uncontroverted facts are that on the morning of 5 June it was Jordan that launched hostilities against Israel, as was explained in detail by the Minister for Foreign Affairs in his speech at the 1536th meeting of the General Assembly on 26 June 1967.

The contents of the Jordanian military operational orders - of which I now enclose a translation into English - amply prove, if any further proof were needed, the extreme seriousness of the situation which Israel then faced.

With regard to those Jordanian orders, I wish to repeat that the document is available for inspection at this Mission's office, including inspection by the Permanent Representative of Jordan.

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I have the honour to request that this letter and its enclosure be circulated as a document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Gideon RAFAEL  
Permanent Representative of Israel  
to the United Nations

Translation of File Cover of the Jordanian Operational Order

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H. Q. Imam Ali ben Abi Taleb Brigade

Special Orders for Operation "RA'AD"

No. A1/1

H. Q. Western Front/Operations

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H.Q. IMAM ALY BEN ABI TALEB Brigade  
(Operations)

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Reference No.: A'1/1/1  
Date: 7th June 1966

Special Operational Order  
"Operation (RA'AD)"

Reference Maps:

Jerusalem, Ramallah, Salfit

Ajur, Lud, Yafo--Tel-Aviv

1:50000

To: Commander Reserve Battalion 27th Brigade.

1. Situation

A. Enemy

- 1) The enemy forces in MOTZA Village (16471342). The inhabitants number about 800 persons, engage in agriculture and have guard details in the village.
- 2) The village mans five night guard-positions around it.
- 3) The village is surrounded by slit-trenches which are manned when necessary.
- 4) The village has barbed-wire fences.
- 5) The houses of the village are built of concrete, and some have red-tile roofs.
- 6) The forces of the village need 5-7 minutes to man their positions from the moment of surprise.
- 7) Enemy camps close to the village which can take part in the campaign and advance reinforcements: --
  - a) CASTEL Camp (163133) one Infantry Co. with support detachments. The defence position of this unit is on the hill (16371337).
  - b) SHNELER Camp (170132) 6th Brigade Reconnaissance Company.
  - c) ABU GOSH Camp (16301349) Border Police Company.
- 8) Air superiority to enemy.

B. Own Forces:

- 1) The intention of H.Q. Western Front is to carry out a raid on MOTZA Village, to destroy it and to kill all its inhabitants.
- 2) This mission was allocated to the Brigadier of the IMAM ALY BEN ABI TALEB Brigade who will further it to the Brigade Reserve Battalion.

C. Attached and Detached: (When giving Reserve Battalion the Order to proceed)

Under Command                      The forces in position at SHEIH'  
ABD EL AZIZ Area and the RADAR  
from the Battalion responsible  
for the Left wing of the Brigade.

Direct Support                      2nd Field Battery 1st Field Arty.  
Regt. 1 platoon Field Engineers.  
1 section casualty collecting.

2. The Task: The Brigade Reserve Battalion will raid MOTZA Village, will destroy it and will kill all persons in it upon receiving the code-word "HADRAD" from Brigade H.Q.

3. Method

A. General

- 1) Night raid in one phase by Infantry Company plus platoon plus Engineer platoon for the breaching and destroying, one Infantry Company less one platoon plus battalion support weapons as firm base, one infantry company plus elements of pioneers and field engineers for blocking off reinforcements.
- 2) The whole battalion will march from the place of disembarkation from the vehicles, to the dispersal area.

B. One Company plus one platoon - for breakthrough and destroying.

- 1) The task: The destruction of the village and killing all its inhabitants.
- 2) Attached: A.A.O. (Advanced Artillery Observer)  
One platoon field engineers.
- 3) Reorganisation:
  - a) On finishing the mission it will retire to the assembly point allocated to it and from there will march to point 16441366, South-West of BEIT SORIK Village.
  - b) Axis of retreat, East of SHEIH ABD EL AZIZ and from there by track leading to BEIT SORIK and up to the deployment area (16401370).

- c) The Company will travel with the Battalion in vehicles from ELG'IB BIDU cross-roads to BIR A'WAR-BIDU cross-roads and from there to its base in the BETUNYA Hills.

C. One Company less a platoon plus Battalion Support Weapons.  
Firm Base.

1) The Task:

- a) Supporting the breakthrough force and harassment of the target with heavy fire when the raiding party is discovered and after it has finished the destruction.
- b) Supporting the Assault Force in its retreat until it is beyond the range of the enemy fire.
- c) The Company will move from the dispersal point to the place of the base - see trace A', at 16441353.
- d) The Company will retire after all the other forces had completed their retreat. The C.O. of the Force will make sure that all the forces of the mission have retired.

2) Attached: A.A.O.

M.F.S. (Mobile Fire Spotter)

3) Reorganisation:

- a) The Company will retire in full at the end of the operation when ordered by the Battalion Commander and will move by the track from SHEIH ABD EL AZIZ to BEIT SORIK, from there to the assembly point and from there by vehicles.
- b) The Company will travel in vehicles with the Battalion to the Battalion's base at BITUNYA by way of EL GIB--BEIT AWAR Cross-roads - BITUNYA.

D. Company plus engineer platoon - Blocking-off reinforcements will establish two Road Blocks:

- 1) Right position: at (16371342) on the main road leading to ABU GOSH Camp.
- 2) Left position: (16631342) On the slope of the TEL situated on the East side of the MOTZA Village and overlooking the JERUSALEM - KOLOYA Road.
- 3) The Task:
  - a) To prevent the arrival of any reinforcements or forwarding succour which the enemy might send by their routes.

- b) To engage the enemy reinforcement which may come to aid the village.
- c) Cut-off the road leading to the village if the conditions require it, to be executed before the movement of the enemy.
- d) Every force will move from the dispersal point to its position as seen on trace "A" which is attached.

4) Reorganisation:

- a) The right position: When the task is accomplished and when it receives the code word for the order to retire, will move by the route west of SHEIH ABD EL AZIZ up to BEIT SORIK Village and will then proceed to the assembly area, embarkation point with the rest of the battalion.
- b) The Left position: When the task is accomplished and when it receives the code word to retire, will move by the route leading in the direction of SHEIH ABD EL AZIZ from the East up to HIRBET LOZA, BEIT SORIK, assembly area and embarkation point.

E. Mortar Platoon:

- 1) Will take up position at 16471356 North-West of SHEIH ABD EL AZIZ.
- 2) The Task: According to annexed plan of fire (A).
- 3) Reorganisation: When the task is accomplished will retire from its position by way of SHEIH ABD EL AZIZ Village to BEIT SORIK - assembly area - and will move with the Battalion to the embarkation point.

F. Engineer platoon: Will detach a reinforced section to the Blocking-off forces.

- 1) The Task: Will lay anti-vehicle and anti-personel mines on the road leading to MOTZA Village when ordered by the O.C. the Blocking-off force.
- 2) Reorganisation: The section will retire with the Blocking-off force to the assembly area and to the embarkation point.

G. Artillery:

- 1) Task: According to annexed plan of fire (A).
- 2) A.A.O.s will be attached to the firm base and to the Blocking-off force.



H. Engineer platoon:

1) Task:

- a) Breaching the wire fences on an average of one breach per platoon.
- b) Will completely destroy the village with explosives, after the breakthrough force had finished the mopping-up of the houses.
- c) The platoon will attach elements to the Blocking-off force.

- 2) Reorganisation: The platoon will retire with the breakthrough force to the embarkation area and from there will travel in vehicles with the Battalion to BITUNYA.

I. Co-ordination:

- 1) "H" hour will be decided in due time by the Battalion Commander
- 2) Disembarkation and embarkation points.
- 3) Deployment area.
- 4) Dispersal point. See  
trace  
"A"
- 5) Route of advance.
- 6) Dispersal of forces, breakthrough, firm base, cutting-off.
- 7) Starting line.
- 8) The target.
- 9) Embarkation area.
- 10) Rate of advance 100 yards every three minutes.

4. Administration:

- A) Transport: Combat echelon vehicles will remain in assembly area North of BEIT SORIK (164137).
- B) Food: Supper will be served in the assembly area, and no rations will be carried.
- C) Ammunition: Ammunition and explosives - as will be decided for this Operation.
- D) Medical: The casualties will be evacuated to the Battalion Advanced Dressing station by stretcher bearers which are in the village (BEIT SORIK).
- E) Clothing: Full battle dress. Light clothing is recommended.

5. Communication and Control:

- A) Brigade H.Q.: At its present location.
- B) Battalion H.Q.: In all the phases of the operation behind the assault force.
- C) Communications:
- 1) No change in wireless or telephone nets.
  - 2) Wireless silence will be observed up to discovery of the attack, when the artillery and mortar shelling will begin.
- D) Codes:

<u>Word</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Ordered by</u>
"HADHAD"	Reserve Battalion starts Operation	Brigadier
"MA'AN"	Destruction of target	Battalion Commander
"SALMAN"	Leaving Assembly area	Battalion Commander
"MOHAMED"	Leaving Embarkation area	Battalion Commander
"ARBED"	Battalion back to reserve positions	Battalion Commander

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Brigadier IMAM ALI BEN ABI TALEB Brigade  
(AHMED SHEHADA EL HUARFA)

Information:

Distribution List: Annexed.

Annexes:

"A" Annex - Plan of fire.

"A" trace: disembarking area, assembly, division of forces, dispersal point, starting line, target.

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ROYAL ARTILLERY CORPS  
FIRE MISSIONS PLAN

Prepared by: 39    Fire plan: Abd El Rahmaa    Missions "B" & "G"    "M" Hour: later    Page: 1 of 1  
Time and Date: 161300

S E R I A L No.	Time in Minutes From to			Target No.	Number on Map. Elevation. Description.	Batteries in action				Ammunition	Rate of Fire	R e m a r k s	Ammunition Expanded		
	A	B	C			1	2	3	4				J	K	L
1	H	20	G	1504	800m.; 1347; 1846.	1							3 <sup>rd</sup> Mortar from 'H' to 'G'	Explosive	Normal rate
2	H	20	G	1505	800m.; 1336; 1838.	1					High Explosive	Normal			
3	On Demand		G	1508	700m.; 1348; 1804.						High Explosive	Normal	Defensive fire		
4	On Demand		G	1507	700m.; 1345; 1833.						High Explosive	Normal	Defensive fire.		

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DISSEMBLATION AREA



ASSEMBLY AREA



DIVIDING OF  
ROUTE OF ADVANCE

