

Stellungskrieg Normandy

Tactical Warning Order



2: Panzergrenadier of the 2nd Panzer division in June 1944



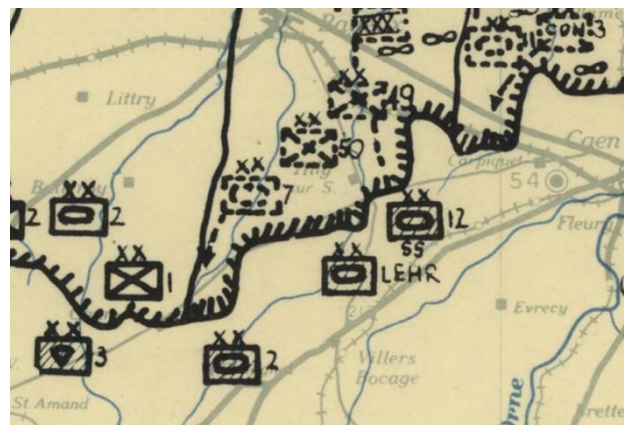
1: 22nd Armoured Brigade machinegunners near Livry, 15th June 1944

Introduction

This is the information pack for participants of the 2024 Re-enact SA Tactical, taking place on the 17th, 18th and 19th of May 2024 at Bennet's block, Chain of Ponds, South Australia. It contains the critical information about the event at the time of release, and any changes to this information will be communicated before the tactical.

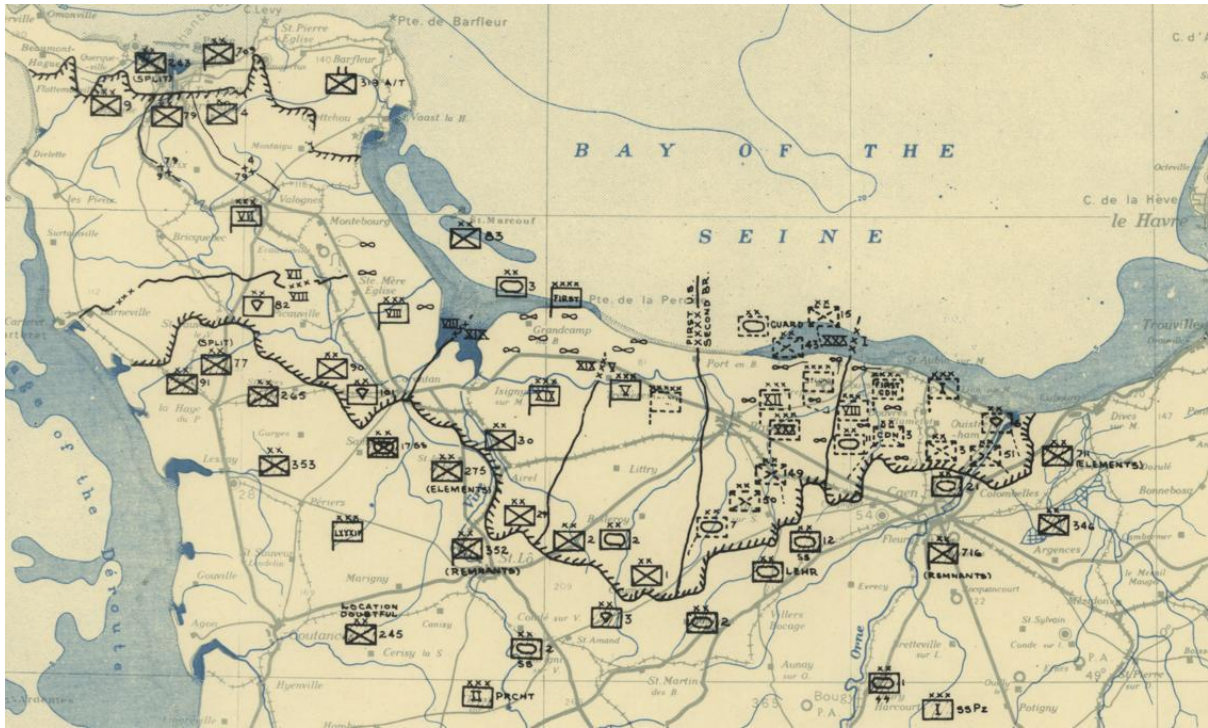
Historical Situation

After the success of the Normandy Landings, both the allied and axis armies in France rushed to build up forces on the front and achieve a decisive victory. After two weeks of fighting and the failure of Operation Perch on the 14th of June to drive through the undefended Caumont sector, the conflict to the west of Caen came to a standstill. The frontlines remained primarily static, with the combatants undertaking small, localised attacks or patrols to gather intelligence for the next two weeks.



3: Historical location of units west of Caen as understood by US 12th Army Group on the 24th of June.

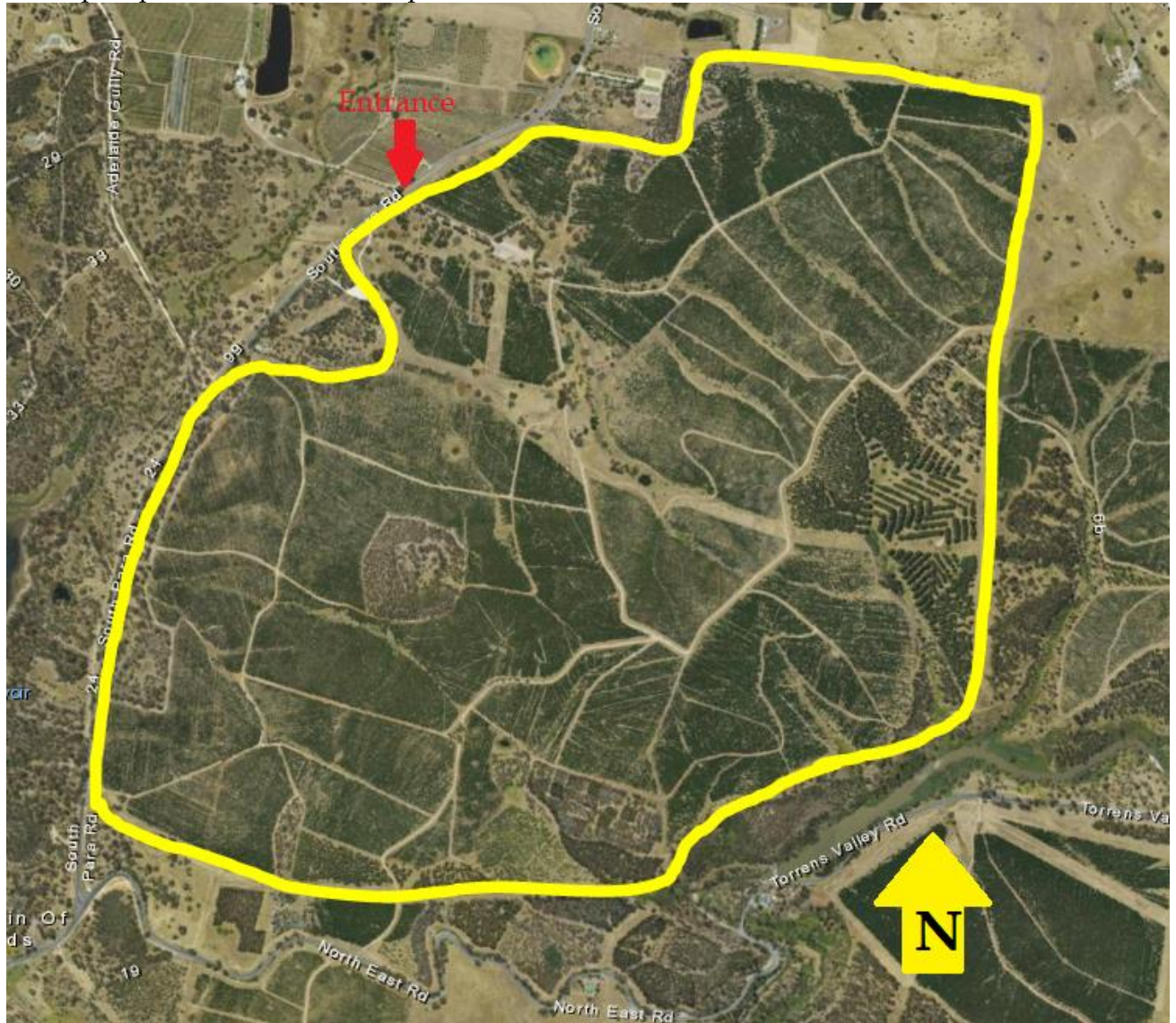
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Location

The event will take place at Bennet's Block, Forestry SA owned land that has been booked for exclusive use for the duration. It is located approximately 1 hour from the Adelaide CBD, with the entrance on South Para Road, Chain of Ponds. The site is hilly and is primarily dense pine plantation with some open areas.



5: Area of Operations, Bennet's Block Chain of Ponds.

Timings

Indicative timings subject to change:

- Friday 1000 - Admin team arrival. Setup assistance from others welcome.
- Friday 1500 - General participant arrival
- Friday 1900 - Event Brief and Safety Brief
- Saturday 0800 - Units move to start locations
- Saturday 0830 - Tactical start
- Saturday 1700 - Tactical end
- Sunday 1200 - Site cleanup

Event Team Contact information

Role	Name	Contact
Project manager	Jason Anglberger	janglberg@gmail.com , 0466604131
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Impressions and Authenticity

For this event the impressions will be:

7th Kompanie, Panzergrenadier Regiment 2, 2nd Panzer Division

Panzergrenadier regiment 2 had been stationed near Calais with its parent division, and rapidly relocated to the Caumont sector west of Caen, arriving piecemeal from the 12th of June. The division was a mixture of veterans and replacements to make up for the losses on the eastern front - most new recruits had just reached conscription age or were workers previously deemed unfit for combat service. It was fortunate enough to have been reconstituted with a nearly complete allocation of equipment and vehicles in early 1944, closely matching the *Kriegsstärkenachweis*.

Contact Louis Tsitouras for more impression details.



6: 7./Pz. Gren. Rgt 2 in training, May 1944

1st Battalion, Royal Hampshire Regiment, 50th Infantry division

Landing on D-Day as part of the first wave, with the failure of Operation Perch the 1st Hampshires are now holding the line. The men know further action is coming...

Contact Matt Scriva for more impression details.



Figure 7: 50th Infantry Division in Normandy

The two sides will be organised into squads. For command and control, the respective RSA sub unit leaders remain in overall command regardless of actual rank or unit.

It is expected that all attendees will fit one of these impressions. Interstate attendees coming as a squad may be able to portray another impression appropriate for the setting. In this case the unit will need to designate a squad leader who will have additional administration responsibilities. Please contact Jason Anglberger to discuss as soon as possible.

All participants will be dressed in an appropriate way for their chosen impression. Authentic personal grooming including period plausible hair styles are expected.

Participants are expected to only use period correct items during the tactical event. Modern items should be hidden or at a minimum an attempt should be made to disguise them.



8: British position north of le Quesnay, opposite the 2nd Panzer division, June 1944.

Firearms, Ammunition and Pyrotechnics

Firearms safety training must be undertaken by all participants. This will cover the safe engagement distances and other considerations with firearms.

Firearms safety training will be run in the club meetings leading up to the tactical for regular members in March, April and May, and completion will be recorded. You only need to attend one of these meetings to complete the training.

Interstate attendees will be required to undertake the training by special arrangement, please contact Jason Anglberger.

Attendees with firearms must bring their firearms licence to the event.

Blank ammunition can only be that supplied by the club, or commercially available blanks. For purchasing blanks contact Gary Meinhart or Neil Dreckow. Orders must be placed by the 27th of April at the latest. Blanks are available on a first come, first served basis. Payment will then be made as for the event registration fees (see below).

Cost will be \$23 per 15 blanks. Only .303, 8mm and .308 blanks can be provided.

All blank ammunition will be inspected prior to the event. Participants must pick up fired blanks as they go.

No live rounds of any type for any reason are to be brought to the event.

Pyrotechnics with a chance to start a fire are not allowed e.g. flares. No smoke grenades are to be used, even if they are non-pyrotechnic.

Food, Camping and Logistics

Food will not be provided at this event. It is up to the participants to organise and prepare their own food for outside of the tactical, which will be the dinners and breakfasts, and for during tactical, which will be lunches/snacks.

Food eaten during the tactical must be historically plausible, e.g. no obviously modern packaging. For meals outside of the tactical, participants are encouraged to bring those that are simple and easy to prepare, that can be heated over the communal wood fire or ration heaters. Canned food or camp meals would be appropriate. Units are encouraged to arrange group meals for more authenticity, however cooking facilities are not available.

All participants are responsible for providing their own water supply for the event. It is recommended to bring 20L of water which can be a commercial water cask that is hidden in a tent. Participants are responsible for bringing a minimum of 1 full canteen of water with them to the start of the tactical.

Participants are encouraged to use an authentic camping system, whether this is a tent or otherwise. Modern items can be hidden inside the tents if necessary. A modern camping area will be designated for those who must use a modern tent. The entire camping area will be out of play for the purposes of the tactical as it is non-period correct due to vehicles and modern buildings.

Valuables should be locked in cars. No firearms should ever be left unsecured when unattended.

Safety

All attendees must carry a No. 15 wound dressing during the tactical.

Medical conditions must be indicated on the registration form and participants are responsible for ensuring required medication is always on their person.

A safety brief will be given at 19:00 on the Friday of the tactical, which is mandatory to attend for all participants.

Vehicles

Vehicles will be used at the event on clearly defined roadways in the forest. At this event RSA intend to bring a 1941 Chevrolet Flat-bed truck as an axis transport.

We would welcome any attendees with an appropriate historic vehicle, especially an allied transport. Contact Jason Anglberger to discuss.

Event Registration

To register for the event, fill in the attached March in Form and send to Jason Anglberger by the 31st of March.

The event fee is \$75 for RSA members, which primarily covers the 3 days of Forestry booking costs. The interstate attendees fee is \$35.

Please make your EFT payment, including your name and 'tactical2024' as a reference, by the 26th of April to:

BSB: 015250

Account Number: 279201239

Email the transfer receipt number to the Re-enact SA Treasurer, Gary Meinhart.
gmei3923@bigpond.net.au.