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MISCELLANEOUS

1 Australian Beach Group

January 1944



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1 RUSSE BEACH GROUP

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ORIGINAL

JANUARY 1911

To 31 Jan 44

Ref Map
CAIRNS 1 : 65,360

Place	Date	Hour	Remarks
DEADWANE GULF	1 Jan 44		1 Aust Beach Group comd Col H R LANKFORD, O.B.E., M.C. bar with following units under comd:- <u>NO ISLES</u> 1 Aust Beach Gp <u>R.A.A.</u> 228 Aust Lt Bty (AMB) <u>R.A.E.</u> 2/15 Aust Pd Coy 42 Aust A/T Op Coy (IC) (AMB) Det <u>SIGS</u> 2 Aust Beach Sig Sec 3 " " " " <u>INT</u> 2/4 Aust Pwr Bn <u>A.A.S.G.</u> 2/188 Aust Gen Tpt Coy 2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl <u>.....M.C.</u> 5 Coy 2/12 Aust Pd Amb Surgical Team <u>A.A.C.</u> 2 Aust Ord Beach Det <u>A.A. Pro C</u> 3 Aust Amn Div Pro Coy <u>Misc</u> A.A.M. Beach Party
			Appt 1a Routine Orders 1b Field Returns 1c Instrns & Orders from Higher Formations. af. af. af af. af. af. af. af. af.

WAL DIAM

Unit: 1 Aust Beach Group

From 1 Jan 44

To 31 Jan 44

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GAINES 1 : 63,360

Place

Date

Hour

DETAILS

DEADLINE ONLY 1 Jan 44

The whole under command 1 Aust Corps. The group is still in the teething stage and many problems connected with it and with have to be solved. No final decision can be arrived at until further exercises be taken place, affording practical experience of personnel and equipment necessary for the efficient operation of a beach maintenance area - In the afternoon a group sports meeting was held.

OK.

Appx 2b

2 Jan 44

1 Aust Corps issue instruction for landing operation to be known as Exercise "PLANNING"

Appx 3

OK.

3 Jan

1630

Planning Conference for Exercise "PLANNING" attended by C.O.s Group Units followed by an exercise in initial Reconn of Beach Maintenance area on 3 Day

OK.

4 Jan

2000

Conference for orders Exercise "PLANNING" Lt-col ROSE issued the orders and discussed the methods to be adopted in implementing them

OK.

5 Jan

Visit by Maj Gen C. STEPHEN D.S.O., M.C., V.L., Engineer in Chief, who inspected 2/15 Aust Wd Coy, 2/166 Aust Gen Coy and landing craft. Expressed agreement that L.M. should be equipped with bulldozers type D6 in place of type D4.

OK.

6 Jan

0400

Exercise "PLANNING" commenced. First parties embarked During afternoon a tour of areas and discussion on ground was held. Col LINTON, Comm, expressed himself as being very pleased with the showing and keenness of all troops participating. B Coy 555 Amph Boat Coy (M.C.), who co-operated in the exercise were, on their work, congratulated by Lt-col ROSE.

OK.

7 Jan

Issue of Training Instrn No 7 covering the period up to and incl 15 Jan

Appx 2 c

OK.

8 Jan

Sunday - Rest and mend

OK.

WAR DIARY

UNIT: 1 Aust Beach Group

From 1 Jan 44

To 31 Jan 44

Ref Map

CAIRNS 1 : 63,560

Place	Date	Time	REMARKS
DEADWATER GULLEY	10 Jan 44		Lieut F.S. GILPHELL marched in, appointed Deputy Principal Beachmaster, to take the place of Lieut Comdr ALLEN <i>af</i>
	11 Jan 44	1000 1500 1600	Col LANGFORD visited by Col BRIDGER Provost Marshall. Brig C.B. TORR and Col GALT DRESS, both of 1 Aust Corps arrived for conference with the Comd, Col LANGFORD. Col LANGFORD, Capt GALT OR, Lieut GALT departed for 6 Aust Div to take part in divisional exercise in preparation for landing exercises. Capt M GILLEN, CO Dental Unit, 1 Offr & OR arrived and moved into 2/12 P& Sub Area. <i>af.</i>
	12 Jan	2000	Lieut Comdr ALLEN marched out to "Landing" Col LANGFORD and party returned from 6 Aust Div exercise. <i>af.</i>
	14 Jan		Maj Gen H SMITH M.C. was met at CAIRNS aerodrome by Col LANGFORD and later visit 2/14, 42 Water Lpt Coy (Det) and 2/15 Aust P& Coy. <i>af.</i>
	15 Jan	1100	1 Offr - 34 OR with 21 vohs from 152 Gen Tpt Coy were transferred to 2/15 Coy ALSC and are now attached to 1 Aust Beach Group This transfer was effected so that the training of 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy would not be interrupted by routine duties. <i>af.</i>
	17 Jan		220 Aust Lt Al Bty carried out a practice shoot. Col LANGFORD addressed all offrs on discipline and future training. <i>af.</i>
	18 Jan		Comd, Col LANGFORD, visited 1 Aust Corps to discuss future training of Beach Group. <i>af.</i>
	19 Jan	1630	Preliminary conference in preparation for exercise "SEMIOLIFE" Present Col LANGFORD, Comd 1 Aust Beach Gp, Lt-col ROSE and Lt-col BROWN from 1 Aust Corps Beach HQ. Lt-col BROWN from 6 Aust Div, the CO and Majt 2/4 Aust Fmr Bn CO 2/15 Aust P& Coy, CO 220 Aust Lt Al Bty and the CO of ALSC <i>af.</i>

AMBIBATY

Unit: 1 Aust Beach Group

From 1 Jan 44

To 31 Jan 44

Ref Map

GAIRNS 1 : 55,360

Place	Date	Time	REMARKS
DEADMAN'S GULLY	19 Jan 44	1630	The subject for discussion was "Loading Tables" for the forthcoming exercise.
	20 Jan		Preliminary preparation for exercise "SEAHORSE".
	21 Jan		The DAAG, Capt GANNON held a conference with OC units to discuss "Q" matters relative to exercise "SEAHORSE".
	23 Jan		He were visited by the DCS and Brig T OSM, CMB of 1 Aust Corps
	24 Jan	0715	Col LANGFORD, Capt GANNON departed for 6 Aust Div to attend exercise. 3 Aust Beach Sig Sec arrived from south by train on Second Aust Army. Strength 1 Offr 40 OR.
PALM BEACH		1700	He with 2 & 3 Secs of Aust Beach Sigs, 3 Aust Arm'd Div Pro Coy and Palm Beach Party mov'd to new area on waterfront at PALM BEACH.
	25 Jan	1000	Adv party of 7 HQ Bn arrived at YORNEY PT bivouac area to prepare for participation in exercise SEAHORSE.
		1500	Lt BUCH and 4 OR 17 Aust Cavalry Unit reported in and were attached.
	26 Jan		Col LANGFORD and Capt GANNON returned from 6 Aust Div.
	27 Jan	1700	The main body of 7 HQ Bn moved into bivouac area YORNEY PT. Lt-col F. REEVE, CO 7 HQ Bn reported to Col LANGFORD - strength 25 Offrs and 503 OR.
	28 Jan		Col LANGFORD visited 7 HQ Bn and addressed all offrs on the formation and role of a Beach Group.
	29-30 Jan		Final preparations for exercise SEAHORSE.
	31 Jan		The group moved out to bivouac area YORNEY POINT on first phase of exercise SEAHORSE.

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 COASTAL REG. DIST. HQ

W A R D I A R Y

J A N 44

Appx 1 a ROUTING ORDERS

WAR DIARY

Jan 44

Appx 1a Routine Orders

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

Colonel H.R. LANGFORD O.B.E. M.C.

commanding

1 AUST BEACH GROUP

18 Jan 44

Serial 1.

Nos 1 - 10

1. COMMAND

QX 53209 Lieutenant Colonel (T/Colonel) H.R. LANGFORD, O.B.E., M.C., is appointed to command 1 Aust Beach Group w.e.f. 19 Dec 43 (authority LHQ 02266 of 4 Dec 43).

Colonel LANGFORD assumed command of 1 Aust Beach Group on 31 Dec 43.

2. DESIGNATION OF HQ.

1 Aust Corps O1356 of 5 Jan 44 authorises the designation of this HQ as HQ 1 Aust Beach Group.

3. UNITS UNDER COMMAND.

The following units come under command HQ 1 Aust Beach Group:-

RAN Beach Commando
228 Aust Lt AA Bty
2/15 Aust Fd Coy
det 42 Aust W/T Op Coy (LC) RAE
2 Aust Beach Sig Sec
3 Aust Beach Sig Sec
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
2/240 Aust Sup Dep Pl
Beach Med Sec
Surgical Team
20 LAMCU
2 Aust Ord Beach Det
1 Aust Beach W/shops AEME
15 Aust Ind Bde Gp Pro Pl
3 Aust Armd Div Salvage Unit

4. PROMULGATION OF ORDERS.

All units under comd will cause to be issued Routine Orders for the purpose of circulating orders issued for general information.

5. ROUTINE.

Reveille	0700
Breakfast	0730
Sick Parade	0815
Trg Period	0815 - 1230
Lunch	1240
Trg Period	1400 - 1630
Evening Meal	1730
Retreat	1800
First Post	2130
Last Post	2200
Tattoo Roll Call	2200
Lights Out	2215

6. SICK PARADES.

Sick parades will be held as follows:-

(a) At Beach Med Sec at 0815 hrs daily -

HQ 1 Aust Beach Group	2/15 Aust Fd Coy
RAN Beach Commando	Beach Med Sec
2 and 3 Aust Beach Sig Secs	20 AMMCU
15 Aust Ind Bde Gp Pro Pl	2 Aust Ord Beach det
228 Aust Lt AA Bty	1 Aust Beach W/shops AEME

(b) At 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn R&P at 0815 hrs daily -

2/240 Aust Sup Dep Pl	det 2/6 Aust Coy ASC
42 Aust W/T Op Coy (LC) R&E	3 Aust Armd Div Salvage Unit
2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	

(c) At 1645 hrs daily -

2/4 Aust Pnr Bn.

7. EVACUATION OF CASUALTIES.

Evacuation beyond R&P will be the responsibility of Beach Med Sec (through det 8 MAC attached) to 5 Aust Camp Hospital.

8. ANTI MALARIAL AND SCRUB TYPHUS.

All precautions will be strictly observed as per this HQ instn 49/3/2 of 16 Jan 44.

9. SECURITY.

In view of the constitution and type of trg of 1 Aust Beach Group it is essential that every member be fully advised as to the necessity for strict security discipline being maintained. It is the duty of all unit comds to ensure all ranks are familiar with full Security measures and reasons for same.

10. DRESS.

Orders for dress as advised from time to time must be strictly observed and any breaches of discipline in this respect will be made the subject of disciplinary action.

RECEIVED
1 AUST BEACH GROUP
(1.1.44. 1.1.44.)

DISTRIBUTION:-

RAN Beach Commando	2 Aust Ord Beach Det
228 Aust Lt AA Bty	1 Aust Beach W/shops AEME
2/15 Aust Fd Coy	15 Aust Ind Bde Gp Pro Pl
det 42 Aust W/T Op Coy (LC) R&E	3 Aust Armd Div Salvage Unit
2 Aust Beach Sig Sec	det 2/6 Aust Coy ASC
3 Aust Beach Sig Sec	1 Aust Corps
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	Offrs' to see File
2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	Staff Capt
2/240 Aust Sup Dep Pl	DRO WILKINSON
Beach Med Sec	War Diary (2)
Surgical Team	HQ circulation
20 AMMCU	File

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20 AMCU

2 Aust Ord Beach Det
1 Aust Beach W/shops AEME
15 Aust Ind Bde Gp Pro Pl
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1 Aust Corps
Offrs'to see File
Staff Capt
DRO WARWICK
War Diary (2)
HQ circulation
File

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J A N 14

ADD: 1 b

S.C. Signature of Commander

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W.E. *Prasanna*. OFFRS. 5 O.R's 4 plus OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
			1	COLONEL					
	1		2	Lieut.-Colonels					
			1	Majors					
				Captains					
				Lieutenants					
				Quartermasters					
				A.A.N.S. and					
				A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
	1		4						

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* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

* * Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 S.Z. Forces

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

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HQ 1 AVST BEACH GP Unit

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday/...../194~~4~~ (Total to Agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A).

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1 Jan 44
Date of Despatch

S.C.

Signature of Commander

First Aust Army Mob Print Unit:—ATZ—ONIX—U/13.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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H. 1. 2. (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8/1/1944 HQ 171ST BEACH GP (Unit)

W.E. 111/17/11 OFFRS. 5 O.R's. 50 + OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.
WE			1	COLONEL					
1				Lieut.-Colonels					
1				Majors					
3			3	Captains					
			1	Lieutenants					
				Quarter-masters					
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.					
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.					
5			5						
DETAIL				A.I.P.	C.M.P.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL
A.				5					
E.(1)									
E.(2)									
TOTAL									5

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

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PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
NX35077	CAPT	COWDERY J.P.	171ST BEACH GP	8/1/44	P.O.S. I.O.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS

PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. 1/1944

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
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HQ 171ST BEACH GP Unit

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 8/1/1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LT COL	OX13209	LANGFORD	H.R.	COMD	YES		
T/COLO	NX2369	MENNEDY	L.J.	S.C.			
T/CAPTAIN	NX3101	GANNON	J.P.	DRAG			
T/CAPTAIN	NX35077	COWDERY	J.H.	TO			
LIUT	NX3598	O'MARA	B.E.				

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
LT COL	NX34709	ROSE D.L.	HQ		
	NX12337	EVANS E.R.	171ST		
MAJ	SK10405	HADKINSON R.H.	CORPS		

8 Jan 44
Date of Despatch
Truth—7/43.

Signature of Commander
171ST BEACH GP

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

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PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
1ST LT	1334700	ROSE AL	HQ		CI
MAJ	1334700	THOMAS ER	1ST		INSTRUMENTAL
MAJOR	1334700	WRIGHT R.H.	CO		

15 JAN 64
Date of Despatch
Trueb-7/42

A. J. Connelley CAPT
Signature of Commander
S.C. 1 AUST REACH SP.

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W.E. 771, 17, 1. OFFRS. 5 O.R.'s 17 + OFFRS. - O.R.'s 2 ATT. BY W.E.

HOUST BEACH GP Unit

6, 4 (Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 22 / 1 / 1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

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PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
LT-COL	NR34700	ROSE AL	HQ		C I
"	NR 12237	EVANS ER	188ST		INSTRUCTIONAL
MAJOR	EX 10405	HAMILTON RH	CORPS		

**PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS
PARTICULARLY REQUESTED. / / 194**

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known).

22 JAN 44
Date of Despatch

TTU-1/02

for *G. F. Connelley* CAPT
Signature of Commander
S.C. 1 AUST BEACH GP.

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29/1/1944 (Un)

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

W.F.

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

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OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

[illegible]

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS
PARTICULARLY REQUESTED./...../194

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At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 29 / 11 / 1944 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

LT COL	0X3209	LANGFORD	H.R.	CMD	NES
TROOP L	NY3101	GIBBYN	J.H.	DAGG	"
LIEUT	NY2369	KENNEDY	L.J.	SC	"
TICAPT	NY5077	COWDERY	J.H.	JO	"
LIEUT	NY5598	O'DARRA	B.E.	GOB	"

PART E.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.

[illegible]

29 JAN 64
Date of Despatch
Truth-7/42.

Signature of Commander
S.E. TRUST BERN GP.

(a) includes 2 bpts.

(b) B.O.W.O. Base Ordnance Warrant Officer W.O.I

(c) at present a bpt.

Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.				
WE	Resists. Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Resists. Required
1				1	WOs Class I					
1				1	WOs. Class II					
1				1	Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sats					
				1	Staff Sergeants					
3				3	Sergeants					
1				3	Corporals					
10				10	Troopers, Privates, etc	AAEE	2			
					Civilians counting as OR					
17				14	Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2.		2			

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Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Requisition Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Requisition Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Requisition Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Requisition Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assist.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Artificer				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Allichers			
Artificer (Artificer)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Artificer (M.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Artificer (A.F.V.)				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Artificer (Instrument)				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangekeepers			
Artificer (Radio)				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Artificer (Signal)								Panel Dealers				Roughriders			
Artificer (Wireless)								Photographers, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Artillery								Predictor Numbers				Saddlery makers			
Artificer, Engine								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Blacksmiths								Radiographers				Stevenson			
Blacklayers								Riggers				Stokers, Steam Engine			
Comptons								Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Cook, Hospital				GROUP II.				Signalers				Tailors			
Cosmetologists				Armourers				Signwriters				Textile Workers			
Cupbearers				Assmen				Telescope Identifying Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Wall Papers				Valmeters			
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Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bellmakers				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Woodman							
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Woodturners							
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APPX 2 b

ORDERS AND INSTNS TO SUBORDINATE FORMATIONS

Subject : RECREATION

HQ I Aust Beach Gp

1 Jan 45

116/5/2

BARRON WATERS

Unl. weekly trip to BARRON WATERS will be held on Sunday 2 Jan 45.

ALLOCATION OF PERSONNEL

2. RAN	6	2 Aust Ord Beach Det	5
2/4 Aust Pmr Bn	50	HQ I Aust Beach Gp	2
2/12 Aust Fd Amb	5	det ARMC Workshop	3
228 Aust Lt AA Bty	15	3 Aust Armd Div Salvage Unit	2
3 Aust Armd Div Pro	2	2/15 Aust Fd Coy	17
2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy	5	det 42 W/T Op Coy RAE	2
2 Aust Beach Sig		2/156 Aust GT Coy	25
Sec	3	2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl	3
		TOTAL	145

TRF

3. Tpt will be provided as follows :-

2 x 3 ton veh	2/15 Aust Fd Coy
3 x 3 ton veh	228 Aust Lt AA Bty
1 x 3 ton veh.	2/12 Aust Fd Amb

4. (a) 2/15 Aust Fd Coy vehs will pick up following unit personnel :-
3 Aust Armd Div Salvage Unit, 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy by 0845 hrs.

(b) 228 Aust Lt AA Bty vehs will pick up following pers by 0845 hrs:-
det 42 W/T Op Coy RAE, 2 Aust Beach Sig Sec, 3 Aust Armd Div Pro,
HQ I Aust Beach Gp, 2/12 Aust Fd Amb, RAN

5. All trucks RV on road opposite 2/4 Aust Pmr Bn entrance by 0900 hrs.

CONTROL

6. 228 Aust Lt AA Bty will provide O.C. party who will be responsible for all matters of convey discipline etc.

MEALS

7. (a) All pers will carry cut lunches.
(b) YACA veh will attend for tea, soft drinks etc.

DRESS

8. JG or KD with gaiters and waistbelt, hats turned down.
9. All pers must wear swimming trunks or other adequate cover

ELMS BEACH

10. 2/15 Aust Fd Coy will detail one offr who will travel with BARRON WATERS party and on completion of offloading will proceed with one 3 ton veh to 32 AVAS BARRACKS to pick up AWLS and to 5 AGH for AWLS pers.

11. Above pers to be conducted to ELMS BEACH as for previous occasions.

12. Midday meal for visitors will be provided by 2/4 Aust Pmr Bn. Escort officer will advise CM of visitors attending as soon as practicable after arrival camp area.

13. Attendance of go pers will be restricted as per group dance allocation.

DISTRIBUTION

As per List "A"

HQ I Aust Beach Gp
(S.J. [signature])

Subject : RECREATION

EC I Aust Beach Gp
3 Jan 48
A10/5/2

BARRON WATERS

Usual weekly trip to BARRON WATERS will be held on Sunday 2 Jan

44.

ALLOCATION OF PERSONNEL

2/4 Aust Pz En	5	2 Aust Beach Det	3
2/13 Aust Pz En	5	EC I Aust Beach Gp	2
228 Aust Lt Al Coy	15	Det ARMC Unit	3
3 Aust Arm Div Pro	2	2 Aust Arm Div Salvage Unit	3
2/3 Aust Ry Const		2/15 Aust Lt Coy	17
	Coy 5	Det 42 W/T Coy RAN	2
2 Aust Beach Hq		2/166 Aust Lt Coy	25
	Sec 3	2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl	3
		TOTAL	145

TPT

3. Tpt will be provided as follows :-

2 x 3 ton veh	2/15 Aust Lt Coy
3 x 3 ton veh	228 Aust Lt Al Coy
1 x 3 ton veh	2/12 Aust Pz En

4. (a) 2/15 Aust Lt Coy vehs will pick up following unit personnel :-
3 Aust Arm Div Salvage Unit, 2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy by 0845 hrs.

(b) 228 Aust Lt Al Coy vehs will pick up following pers by 0845 hrs.:
Det 42 W/T Coy RAN, 2 Aust Beach Det, 2 Aust Arm Div Pro,
EC I Aust Beach Gp, 2/12 Aust Pz En.

5. All trucks WY on road opposite 2/4 Aust Pz En entrance by 0900 hrs.

CONTROL

6. 228 Aust Lt Al Coy will provide O.C. party who will be responsible for all matters of convoy discipline etc.

MEALS

7. (a) All pers will carry out lunches.
(b) WMC4 veh will attend for tea, soft drinks etc.

DRESS

8. JG or PD with garters and wristbelt, hats turned down.
9. All pers must wear swimming trunks or other adequate cover

MEALS BEACH

10. 2/15 Aust Lt Coy will detail one WMC4 who will travel with BARRON WATERS party and on completion of unloading will proceed with one 3 ton veh to 32 ARMS BARBERS to pick up MEAL and to 3 AGH for MEALS pers.

11. Above pers to be conducted to MEALS BEACH as for previous occasions.

12. Midday meal for visitors will be provided by 2/4 Aust Pz En. Escort officer will advise Cpl of visitors attending as soon as practicable after arrival camp area.

13. Attendance of GP pers will be restricted as per group dance allocation.

DISTRIBUTION
As per List "A"

EC I Aust Beach Gp
(E.J. JENNINGS)

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2 JAN 44

1. AUST BEACH GROUP AWMN INSTR. 4

Subject : LOCAL LEAVE

GENERAL:

1. Local leave to CAIRNS will continue on the basis of 10 per cent of unit strength.
2. Leave to MOSSMAN will NOT be granted except to authorized unit parties approved by this HQ to which application must be made.

ALLOTMENT OF PERS:

3. The following are unit daily entitlements:-

R & F	5	2/166 AUST GER TPT COY	26
HQ 1 AUST BEACH GP	2	2/240 AUST SHIP DEP PL	3
228 AUST INF A & A BTRY	28	2/12 AUST PD MED	7
2/15 AUST PD COY	15	SURGICAL TEAM (when present)	1
2/3 AUST HY CONST COY	3	A & M C U	1
DET 42 WATER TPT OF COY	2	AUST ORD BEACH DET	6
(LC) RAE	1	A S M E	4
2 AUST BEACH SIG SEC	5	AUST ARMED DIV PRO COY	3
2/4 AUST PRR BN	3	" " " SALV COY	2
BN HQ	8		
HQ COY	21		
A B & C COYS	11 each		
D COY	10		

DRESS:

4. (a) Leave personnel: ED or JG, slacks and shirt, hat turned down, boots, anklets web, gaiters American, or cloth gaiters, waist belt striped.
- (b) Picquet: (i) Officers as above except SAM BROWNE optional.
(ii) ORs as above plus side arms.

EMBASSING AREA:

5. (a) Old Tpt line opposite entrance to 2/4 Aust Prr Bn.
(b) Time of departure 1845 hrs.

PASSES:

6. All pers will be in possession of passes showing leave from 1845 hrs until 0015 hrs.

DUTIES:

7. Following duties will be supplied as follows:-
(a) Picquet Officer as per roster attached hereto.
(b) Picquet of 1 Sgt, 3 ORs from unit supplying picquet officer.
(c) OC convey as per roster attached.

NOMINAL ROLLS:

8. Each unit or det will submit nominal roll of pers proceeding on leave to O.C. Convey on arrival embussing area.

DISCIPLINE:

9. After inspection by units leave parties will be marched to embussing area by senior member of party who will be responsible for handing over to OC convey.
10. Picquet Officer will be responsible for all matters of discipline as it affects the control of Group pers in CAIRNS and will be assisted by OC convey in these duties.
11. Picquet Officer will establish contact with DAPM CAIRNS immediately on arrival.

12. Officers and OR on duty will NOT visit Officer's Club, Canteens or recreation rooms except on duty and will only remain there as long as is necessary for performance of that duty.
13. (a) Picquet HQ will be set at veh park.
(b) Picquet Officer 2 Jan 44 will liaise with DAFM regarding the establishment of a special veh park for Gp vehs and will notify this HQ of location for promulgation to succeeding duty officers.

TPT:

14. (a) Tpt will be supplied by units as per attached roster.
(b) Units unable to fulfill quota will notify DAFM by 1200 hrs day of duty.
15. First named unit each day will be responsible for picking up pers from 42 Water Tpt Op Coy and returning to embussing area by 1045 hrs.
16. Unit supplying Picquet Officer will supply 1 x 15 ont or 1 x 1 ton veh for picquet purposes.
17. OC convoy will take charge of all keys belonging to tps carrying tpt immediately on arrival parking area.
18. Drs of vehs are duty pers and are NOT on leave.
19. Vehs leave CAMPS in company on return journey at 0015 hrs OC convoy may however at his discretion despatch fully loaded vehs to camp at conclusion of visitures. These vehs will NOT return to CAMPS after unloading.

CONTROL:

20. OC convoy will load tps on to vehs both for forward and return journeys. He will be responsible for correct loading up to 25 pers per veh and will instruct in correct manner of riding in veh. No troops will sit either on sides or cabin roof of vehs nor will any portion of their bodies extend beyond the limits of truck body.
21. Names of absentees will be handed to picquet officer prior to last truck leaving CAMPS.
22. Picquet officer will NOT leave CAMPS before 0100 hrs and will endeavour to locate all missing pers before leaving.
23. Picquet officer will submit a report to this HQ by 1000 hrs on day duty is completed giving details of:-
(a) Number rank and name of absentees
(b) Contact of tps
(c) Action taken in regard to (a) above
(d) Time of reporting to DAFM
(e) Time of leaving CAMPS
(f) No of pers transported to camp in excess of original allotment.
(g) Any other relevant details.
24. Times of departure CAMPS will be strictly adhered to, and tps are warned to return in a quiet and orderly manner to avoid disturbance of pers remaining in camp.

MEDICAL:

25. Condoms etc will be issued to tps proceeding on leave and may be drawn by 2/4 Aust Amb Co from 1100 and by other units at 2/12 Aust Fd Amb.
26. A PMS is maintained at 44 Spencer St CAMPS and all tps are to be informed of this facility.

SECURITY:

27. All tps are to be warned that any mention of the composition of the Beach Gp or nature of present trg is strictly prohibited and that severe disciplinary action will be taken against any offenders.

[Signature]
S.C. I MUST BEACH GP
(I.F. KENNEDY)

APPT "A"

ROSTER OF DUTIES

(Issued with 1 Must Beach Gp Admin Instr 4)
of 2 Jan 44.

1. Picquet and convey officers:-

	<u>Picquet</u>	<u>Convey</u>
2 Jan 44	Lieut M.C. VIGOR	Lieut F. McOABE
3 Jan 44	" " C. LLOYD	A.E. BOYD
4 Jan 44	G.N. SIMON	R.L. FROST
5 Jan 44	K.T. WOOD	A.V. LAMER
6 Jan 44	H.T. RICHMONTH	D.S. MURPHY
7 Jan 44	G.C. ZECK	C.F. HARRIS
8 Jan 44	R.W. CHAMBERS	J.M. THOMPSON
9 Jan 44	H. POTTER	T.W. WYLIE
10 Jan 44	J.C. WINTERBIRD	A.A. GERNARD
11 Jan 44	C.B. FORD	E. GILBERT

2. Tpt:

Tpt will be grouped as follows:-

<u>GP "A"</u>		<u>GP "B"</u>
2/4 Aust Sqr Bn	2	2/15 Aust Fd Coy 4
2/12 " Fd Amb	1	2/c " 2d Const 4
3 Aust Arm'd Div Salv Unit	1	Coy
228 Aust Lt AA Bty	1	
	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>

3. Roster:

2 Jan 44	Gp	A
3 Jan 44	Gp	B
4 Jan 44	Gp	B
5 Jan 44	Gp	A
6 Jan 44	Gp	B
7 Jan 44	Gp	B

*Don Barry*1 AUST BEACH GROUP MAIN INSTR. 4Subject : LOCAL LEAVEGENERAL:

1. Local leave to CAIRNS will continue on the basis of 10 per cent of unit strength.
2. Leave to MOSSEMAN will NOT be granted except to authorised unit parties approved by this HQ to which application must be made.

ALLOCATION OF PERS:

3. The following are unit daily entitlements:-

R & N	5	2/166 AUST GEN TPT COY	26
HQ 1 AUST BEACH GP	2	2/240 AUST SUP DEP PL	3
228 AUST LT & A BTY	23	2/12 AUST FD LMB	7
2/15 AUST FD COY	18	SURGICAL TEAM (when present)	1
2/5 AUST RY CONST COY	7	A & M C U	1
DET 42 WATER TPT GP COY	2	AUST ORD BEACH DEP	6
(LC) RME	1	A & M B	4
2 AUST BEACH SIG BSC	5	AUST ARMD DIV PRO COY	3
2/4 AUST FMR BN	3	" " " SALV COY	2
BN HQ	8		
HQ COY	21		
A B & C COYS	11 each		
D COY	10		

DRESS:

4. (a) Leave personnel: KD or JG, slacks and shirt, hat turned down, boots, gaiters web, gaiters American, or cloth gaiters, waist belt stripped.
- (b) Picquet: (i) Office as above except SAM BROWNE optional, (ii) ORs as above plus side arms.

EMBASSING AREA:

5. (a) Old Tpt line opposite entrance to 2/4 Aust Fmr Bn.
(b) Time of departure 1845 hrs.

PASSES:

6. All pers will be in possession of passes showing leave from 1845 hrs until 0015 hrs.

DUTIES:

7. Following duties will be supplied as follows:-
(a) Picquet Officer as per roster attached hereto.
(b) Picquet of 1 Sgt, 3 ORs from unit supplying picquet officer.
(c) OC convey as per roster attached.

NOMINAL ROLLS:

8. Each unit or det. will submit nominal roll of pers proceeding on leave to C.C. Convey on arrival at embassing area.

DISCIPLINE:

9. After inspection by units leave parties will be marched to embassing area by senior member of party who will be responsible for handing over to OC convey.
10. Picquet Officer will be responsible for all matters of discipline as it affects the control of Group pers in CAIRNS and will be assisted by OC convey in those duties.
11. Picquet Officer will establish contact with DAVE CAIRNS immediately on arrival.

24. Officers and OR on duty will NOT visit Officer's Club, Canteens or recreation rooms except on duty and will only remain there as long as is necessary for performance of that duty.
25. (a) Picquet HQ will be set at veh park.
(b) Picquet Officer 2 Jan 47 will liaise with DAFI regarding the establishment of a special veh park for Op vchs and will notify this HQ of location for promulgation to succeeding duty officers.
26. (a) Tpt will be supplied by units as per attached roster.
(b) Units unable to fulfill quota will notify DAFI by 1200 hrs day of duty.
27. First named unit each day will be responsible for picking up pers from 42 Water Tpt Op Coy and returning to embussing area by 1845 hrs.
28. Unit supplying Picquet Officer will supply 1 x 15 cwt or 1 x 1 ton veh for picquet purposes.
29. OC convoy will take charge of all lhrs belonging to tps carrying tpt immediately on arrival parking area.
30. Drs of vchs are duty pers and are NOT on leave.
31. Vchs leave CAIRNS in convoy on return journey at 0015 hrs OC convoy may however at his discretion despatch fully loaded vchs to camp at conclusion of visitures. These vchs will NOT return to CAIRNS after unloading.

CONTROL:

32. OC convoy will load tps on to vchs both for forward and return journeys. He will be responsible for correct loading up to 25 pers per veh and will instruct in correct manner of riding in veh. No tpoons will sit either on sides or cabin roof of vchs nor will any portion of their bodies extend beyond the limits of truck body.
33. Names of absentees will be handed to picquet officer prior to last truck leaving CAIRNS.
34. Picquet officer will NOT leave CAIRNS before 0100 hrs and will endeavour to locate all missing pers before leaving.
35. Picquet officer will render a report to this HQ by 1000 hrs on day duty is completed giving details of:-
 - (a) Number rank and name of absentees
 - (b) Conduct of tps
 - (c) Action taken in regard to (a) above
 - (d) Time of reporting to DAFI
 - (e) Time of leaving CAIRNS
 - (f) No of pers transported to camp in excess of original allotment.
 - (g) Any other relevant details.
36. Times of departure CAIRNS will be strictly adhered to, and tps are warned to return in a quiet and orderly manner to avoid disturbance of pers remaining in camp.

NOTES:

37. Condoms etc will be issued to tps proceeding on leave and may be drawn by 2/4 Aust Par Bn from FMO and by other units at 2/12 Aust Inf Bde.
38. A P.O is maintained at 44 Spencer St CAIRNS and all tps are to be informed of this facility.

SECURITY:

27. All tps are to be warned that any mention of the composition of the Beach Op or nature of present tps is strictly prohibited and that severe disciplinary action will be taken against any offenders.

S.O. 1 ~~JOINT BEACH OP~~
(L.J. KENNEDY)

ASST "A"

ROSTER OF DUTIES

(Issued with 1 Aust Beach Op Adm Instr 4)
of 2 Jan 44.

1. Dicmat and convey officers:-

	<u>Dicmat</u>	<u>Convey</u>
2 Jan 44	Lieut W.B. VIGOR	Lieut F. McCABE
3 Jan 44	" " " "	A.M. BOYD
4 Jan 44	G.H. SIMON	K.L. FROST
5 Jan 44	L.A. WESS	L.V. LAMBER
6 Jan 44	H.R. KENNEDY	B.E. MURPHY
7 Jan 44	G.C. RECH	O.E. HORNBY
8 Jan 44	H.A. CHAMBERS	J.M. THOMPSON
9 Jan 44	" " " "	T.W. WYLLIE
10 Jan 44	J.C. WOODWARD	A.A. GERRARD
11 Jan 44	C.B. BURLEY	E. GILBERT

2. Tpt:

Tpt will be grouped as follows:-

CP "A"

2/4 Aust Par Bn	2
2/12 " " " "	1
3 Aust Land Div Salv Unit	1
228 Aust Lt Li Bty	2
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CP "B"

2/15 Aust Fd Coy	4
2/3 " " " "	4
Coy	
	<u>8</u>

3. Roster:

2 Jan 44	Gp	A
3 Jan 44	Gp	B
4 Jan 44	Gp	B
5 Jan 44	Gp	A
6 Jan 44	Gp	B
7 Jan 44	Gp	B

Subject-UNIT TPT REQUIREMENTS

HQ I Aust Beach Gp
16 Jan 44
02/44/1

3 TON VEHs

1. Commencing 0700hrs 17 Jan 44 det 2/6 Aust Coy AASC will take over all internal and domestic 3 ton tpt requirements of I Aust Beach Gp.
2. 3 ton vehs at present held by 2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy on attachment will be returned to units on completion of duty Sunday 16 Jan 44.
3. 2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl may requisition direct to 2/6 Aust Coy AASC for daily requirements up to 6 vehs.
4. All other unit requisitions will be submitted through this HQ not later than 1700 hrs day previous to their requirement.
5. (a) 3/4 ton 4 x 4 vehs at present supplied by 2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy to following units will be replaced on Monday 17 Jan 44 by 2/4 x 4 jeeps :-

HQ I Aust Beach Gp	2
Naval Commando	1
2 Aust Ord Beach Det	1

- (b) Supply of 1 x 3/4 T 4 x 4 to 20 AASC will be continued.
- (c) 1 x 3/4 T 4 x 4 supplied to 2/240 Aust Sup Depot pl on Thursdays will be discontinued.
- (d) 2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl will, if additional tpt is required in lieu of (c) above, requisition for 1 x 3 ton veh direct to 2/6 Aust Coy AASC.

WATER

6. Water requirements of units will be supplied as under :-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Supplied by</u>
HQ Adv 6 Aust Div	2/4 Aust. Pnr Bn
HQ I Aust Beach Gp	
Naval Commando	
42 W/T Op Coy RAE	
2 Aust Beach Sig Sec	
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	
3 Aust Armd Div Pro Coy	
2/15 Aust. Fd Coy	Self
228 Aust Lt AA Bty	228 Aust Lt AA Bty
2 Aust Ord Beach Det (if required)	
3 Aust Armd Div Self do	
I Aust Beach Det ARME	Self
2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl	
2/12 Aust Fd Amb	2/12 Aust. Fd Amb
20 AASC	

[Signature]
Capt
HQ I AUST BEACH GP
(L.J. KENNEDY)

DIST INST 'A'
(one copy to addressee only)

SUBJECT- UNIT TPT REQUIREMENTS

HQ I Aust Beach Gp
16 Jan 44
02/44/1

TON VEHs

1. Commencing 0700hrs 17 Jan 44 det 2/6 Aust Coy AASC will take over all internal and domestic 3 ton tpt requirements of I Aust Beach Gp.
2. 3 ton vehs at present held by 2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy on attachment will be returned to units on completion of duty Sunday 16 Jan 44.
3. 2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl may requisition direct to 2/6 Aust Coy AASC for daily requirements up to 6 vehs.
4. All other unit requisitions will be submitted through this HQ not later than 1700 hrs day previous to their requirement.
5. (a) 3/4 ton 4 x 4 vehs at present supplied by 2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy to following units will be replaced on Monday 17 Jan 44 by 2/4 x 4 jeeps :-

HQ I Aust Beach Gp 2
Naval Commando 1
2 Aust Ord Beach Det 1

- (b) Supply of 1 x 3/4 T 4 x 4 to 20 AASC will be continued.
- (c) 1 x 3/4 T 4 x 4 supplied to 2/240 Aust Sup Depot pl on Thursdays will be discontinued.
- (d) 2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl will, if additional tpt is required in lieu of (c) above, requisition for 1 x 3 ton veh direct to 2/6 Aust Coy AASC.

WATER

6. Water requirements of units will be supplied as under :-

Unit	Supplied by
HQ Adv 6 Aust Div	2/4 Aust. Pnr Bn
HQ I Aust Beach Gp	
Naval Commando	
42 W/T Op Coy RAE	
3 Aust Beach Sig Sec	
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	
3 Aust Armd Div Pro Coy	
2/15 Aust. Fd Coy	Self
228 Aust Lt AA Bty	228 Aust Lt AA Bty
2 Aust Ord Beach Det (if required)	
3 Aust Armd Div Salv do	
1 Aust Beach Det AEME	Self
2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
2/240 Aust Sup. Depot. Pl	
2/12 Aust Fd Amb	2/12 Aust. Fd Amb
20 AASC	

[Signature]
Capt
HQ I AUST BEACH GP
(L.J. KENNEDY)

DIST LIST 'A'
(one copy to addressee only)

for Henry

Subject: ANTI-MALARIAL AND SCRUB TYPHUS PRECAUTIONS

HQ I Aust Beach Gp
16 Jan 44
A9/3/2

GENERAL

1. The fact that two primary cases of malaria have recently occurred within the group indicates a general slackness in observation in anti-malarial precautions.
2. An added factor towards a general tightening up of precautionary measures is the arrival within the group, of numbers of pers recently returned from New Guinea, and who are definitely malaria infected.
3. The following instns, are therefore repeated and all Comds within the group will ensure that all ranks are familiar with measures to be adopted and that ofrs and NCOs enforce their being adopted. This particularly applies to det 2/6 Aust Coy AASC, and any breaches of these instns will be severely dealt with.

ANTI MALARIA PRECAUTIONS

4. Full anti-malaria precautions will be observed between the hours of 1930 and 0700 daily.
 5. Mosquito Repellant (MARY) will be applied to all exposed parts of the body by ALL personnel whether on duty or not, who are required to be exposed during the hours mentioned in para 4 above.
 6. Guards and picquets will in addition to application of repellant, wear full anti-malarial clothing e.g., mosquito veils and gloves.
 7. Repellant will be re-applied every two hrs, and in the event of trg involving landing during these hours; supplies of MARY will be kept easily accessible in boats for application, prior to landing.
 8. Bathing or showering is prohibited during period of observance.
- ANTI SCRUB TYPHUS
9. The existence of mites in areas in vicinity of this camp has been established.
 10. All pers of I Aust Beach Gp will therefore, use MARY as anti-mite fluid in addition to its normal function as anti-mosquito repellant pending supply of BETTY.

11. Use of anti-mite and wearing of boots and gaiters will be compulsory under following conditions :-

- (a) during all training
- (b) when exercises are held in areas NOT previously surveyed for mites. This applies to any beach and the area inland from such beaches
- (c) within present camp area at all times.

12. Supplies of MARY, when used as both anti-mite and anti-mosquito repellant will be drawn from 2/240 Aust Sup Depot P1 on the scale of 12 ozs per man for 28 days.

13. Personnel will provide themselves with suitable bottles to carry the repellant.

14. Instns for the use of anti-mite fluid are as follows :-

- (a) clothing should be treated every 10 days (treatment will withstand 7 washings in soap and cold water, half as many if the clothes are boiled.

(b) When men are fully exposed to risk, i.e., when they have to sit, lie, or sleep in mite infested country, the method of treating clothes is as follows

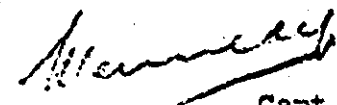
A man dips his fingers in the fluid, taking enough to smear the hands lightly. The clothing is rubbed and worked between the smeared hands at the rate of at least 4 smears per sock, 6 per trousers bottom (to provide a band from above the gaiters to above the knees), and 6 about the fly. The shirt receives 6 smears about the waist, 4 to each complete sleeve, and 8 to the shoulders, collar and front. If the smears are light enough just to cover the hands, it will be found that the area will be treated by $\frac{1}{2}$ oz or a little over, and should be gone over again till 1 oz is used up. The greater number of light smears ensures good cover. The job can be done in under 10 minutes per set, with practice.

(c) If they are only required to stand or walk in mite infested country, sock and trouser bottom only need be treated, and 1 oz of the fluid will serve for 5 or 6 sets of clothes.

(d) Gaiters need not be treated. Sock and trousers are rather more easily treated on the body. The clothes need not be turned inside out.

(e) If sock are not worn, at least 4 smears inside the boots has been proved to protect.

(f) Where troops have to go on long expeditions, one pre-treated set of clothes should last three weeks


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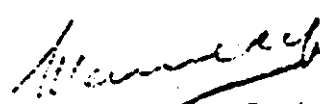
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(c) if they are only required to stand or walk in mite infested country, sock and trouser bottom only need be treated, and 1 oz of the fluid will serve for 5 or 6 sets of clothes.

(d) gaiters need not be treated. Sock and trousers are rather more easily treated on the body. The clothes need not be turned inside out.

(e) if sock are not worn, at least 4 smears inside the boots has been proved to protect.

(f) where troops have to go on long expeditions, one pre-treated set of clothes should last three weeks


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Subject: ANTI-MALARIAL AND SCRUB TYPHUS PRECAUTIONS

HQ I Aust Beach Gp
16 Jan 44
A9/3/2

GENERAL

1. The fact that two primary cases of malaria have recently occurred within the group indicates a general slackness in observation in anti-malarial precautions.
2. An added factor towards a general tightening up of precautionary measures is the arrival within the group, of numbers of pers recently returned from New Guinea, and who are definitely malaria infected.
3. The following instns, are therefore repeated and all Comds within the group will ensure that all ranks are familiar with measures to be adopted and that ofrs and NCOs enforce their being adopted. This particularly applies to det 2/8 Aust Coy AAC, and any breaches of these instns will be severely dealt with.

ANTI MALARIA PRECAUTIONS

4. Full anti-malaria precautions will be observed between the hours of 1930 and 0700 Ezly.
 5. Mosquito Repellant (MARY) will be applied to all exposed parts of the body by ALL personnel whether on duty or not, who are required to be exposed during the hours mentioned in para 4 above.
 6. Guards and picquets will in addition to application of repellant, wear full anti-malarial clothing e.g., mosquito veils and gloves.
 7. Repellant will be re-applied every two hrs, and in the event of trg involving landing during these hours; supplies of MARY will be kept easily accessible in boats for application, prior to landing.
 8. Bathing or showering is prohibited during period of observance.
- ANTI SCRUB TYPHUS**
9. The existence of mites in areas in vicinity of this camp has been established.
 10. All pers of I Aust Beach Gp will therefore, use MARY as anti-mite fluid in addition to its normal function as anti-mosquito repellant pending supply of BETTY.
 11. Use of anti-mite and wearing of boots and gaiters will be compulsory under following conditions :-

- (a) during all training
- (b) when exercises are held in areas NOT previously surveyed for mites. This applies to any beach and the area inland from such beaches
- (c) within present camp area at all times.

12. Supplies of MARY, when used as both anti-mite and anti-mosquito repellant will be drawn from 2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl on the scale of 1 lb per man for 25 days.

13. Personnel will provide themselves with suitable bottles to carry the repellant.

14. Instns for the use of anti-mite fluid are as follows :-

- (a) clothing should be treated every 10 days (treatment will withstand 7 washings in soap and cold water, half as many if the clothes are boiled).

Distribution List "A"

Subject : Leisure Recreational Leave

GENERAL:

1. Approval has been granted for units of 1 Must Beach Group to proceed conditionally on 24 days A.L.

CONDITIONS:

2. Conditions governing the granting of leave are principally as follows:-
 - (a) Training: The group must continue trg in accordance with syllabus as laid down by higher authority.
 - (b) Eligibility: All units under cond have proceeded on leave within the period of 12 mths as laid down by GRC 1 598/43 part II
 - (c) Anticipation: GRC 1 598/43 permits leave being taken in anticipation.
 - (d) Fit: Availability of rolling stock will affect the amt of leave pcrs and may modify percentages of unit strength to move.

GRANTING:

3. Continuance of trg within the Group to ensure efficient functioning precludes, in the case of units who last proceeded on leave as a unit, more than 20% of unit leave pcrs being absent at any one time.
4. In the case of smaller units and those recently formed where the total number of pcrs entitled to leave under this instr does not exceed 20% of posted strength all pcrs so entitled may be granted leave.

ELIGIBILITY:

5. It is proposed to anticipate by one month the completion of qualifying period in the case of pcrs stationed over 150 miles from leave destinations and outside of L of C area. (Category A)
6. In the case of pcrs stationed over 150 miles from leave destinations, but within the L of C area those who have NOT taken leave within the last 6 mths immediately prior to 31 Jan 44 will become eligible for 12 days A.L. (Category B) For purposes of calculation the L of C area is G'd L of C.
7. Those pcrs stationed within 150 miles of leave destinations will NOT be considered for the purposes of this instr.
8. It is pointed out that credit balances of leave in excess of 24 days do NOT in themselves constitute adequate grounds for granting of leave.
9. It will be noted that conditions of leave are of a continuing nature and that every man will eventually come within the scope of this instr.

METHOD OF SELECTION:

10. Units will select pcrs in accordance with the following principles:-
 - (a) All those selected must NOT have taken leave either recreational compensatory or personal within the 12 mths preceding 31 Jan 44 or in the case of pcrs mentioned in para 6 of this instr - 6 mths.
 - (b) In determining numbers to participate those pcrs already absent on compensatory or personal leave must be considered as portion of unit quota.

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Subject : Accrued Uncompensated Leave

GENERAL:

1. Approval has been granted for units of 1 Aust Beach Group to proceed conditionally on 24 days ~~III~~.

-CONDITIONS:

2. Conditions governing the granting of leave are principally as follows:-
- (a) Training: The group must continue to go in accordance with syllabus as laid down by higher authority.
 - (b) Eligibility: All units under cond have proceeded on leave within the period of 12 mths as laid down by GFC 1598/43 part II
 - (c) Anticipation: GFC 1598/43 permits leave being taken in anticipation.
 - (d) Test: Availability of rolling stock will affect the amt of leave paid and may modify percentages of unit strength to move.

ATTENTION:

3. Continuation of the within the Group to ensure efficient functioning precludes, in the case of units who last proceeded on leave as a unit, more than 20% of unit leave pers being absent at any one time.
4. In the case of smaller units and those recently formed where the total number of pers entitled to leave under this instr does NOT exceed 20 % of posted strength all pers so entitled may be granted leave.

ELIGIBILITY:

5. It is proposed to anticipate by one month the completion of qualifying period in the case of pers stationed over 150 miles from leave destinations and outside of L of C area. (Category A)
6. In the case of pers stationed over 150 miles from leave destinations, but within the L of C area those who have NOT taken leave within the last 6 months immediately prior to 31 Jan 44 will become eligible for 11 days AIL. (Category B) For purposes of calculation the L of C area is Q'd L of C.
7. Those pers stationed within 150 miles of leave destinations will NOT be considered for the purposes of this instr.
8. It is pointed out that credit balances of leave in excess of 24 days do NOT in themselves constitute adequate grounds for granting of leave.
9. It will be noted that conditions of leave are of a continuing nature and that every man will eventually come within the scope of this instr.

METHOD OF SELECTION:

10. Units will select pairs in accordance with the following principles:- (a) All those selected must NC have taken leave either recreational compassionate or seasonal within the 12 mths preceeding 31 Jan 41 or in the case of pairs mentioned in para 6 of this instr - 6 mths.
- (b) In determining numbers to participate those pairs already absent on compassionate or seasonal leave must be considered as part of unit strength.

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Appendix 2c

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1 Jan 44

1. MUST REACH GROUP TRAINING INSTRUCTION

No. 6

GENERAL

This instruction is to cover training up to and including 8 Jan 44 and is applicable to all sub-units irrespective of their normal functions.

The primary consideration during the coming phase of training is to develop and maintain the team spirit, at the same time moulding the Beach Gp into a well disciplined, physically fit and formidable force capable of using their weapons with the highest degree of efficiency under all conditions.

All the above characteristics can only be developed by :-

- (a) Well conducted unit parades
- (b) Drill
- (c) Weapon Training
- (d) Route Marches, Sport

2. DRILL

Drill parades will not be less than 30 mins duration at any one period and will cover both rifle exercises and close order drill.

Tps must be made to realise the importance of such training and a high standard will be maintained throughout these periods.

3. SALUTING

The tendency to overlook the need for saluting must cease and all ranks, guards and sentries especially, will be instructed in the correct manner of saluting and will salute on every occasion necessary.

4. WEAPON TRG

This period will provide for a thorough recapitulation on all weapons, and at the end of which, TQETS will be conducted and reports submitted to this HQ showing the standards obtained.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION

Physical fitness being imperative for the success of any operation all Beach Gp personnel must obtain a high standard of physical endurance. Methods to be employed to attain this standard :-

- (a) Bayonet training
- (b) Rifle strengthening exercises
- (c) Unarmed combat
- (d) Route Marches

6. NIGHT TRAINING

Night work, including training with available craft will be included in training programmes. LQIs and LQV (2)s are available on application to this HQ.

At least two nights for a period of three hours will be utilised in night training.

7. LECTURES

A Lecture will be given in 2/15 Aust Fd Coy lines at 1915 hrs on 4 Jan. 44.

Subject " ENGINEERING LESSONS LEARNED IN SICILY OPERATIONS".

The following units will attend in addition to 2/15 Aust Fd

Coy :-

228 Aust Lt AA Bty	8 Officers
2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy	1 Officer
Det 42 Aust W/T Op Coy	1 Officer 6 ORs
2/4 Aust Pwr Bn	6 Officers 4 NCOs
2/166 Aust CT Coy	2 Officers
2 Aust Ord Beach Det	1 Officer

8. SPORT

Until further notice, Saturdays afternoons will be devoted to organized sport. Units will be left to their own resources in this regard but troops must not be allowed to remain in their lines and any not participating in sport will be sent on route marches.

9. Sub-unit detailed syllabus including training areas will be prepared and forwarded to this HQ by 1800 hrs 3 Jan. 44

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Det 42 W/T Op Coy RAE	4
2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy	5
2 Aust Beach Sigs	6
2/166 Aust G T Coy	7
2/240 Aust Sup Det P1	8
2/4 Aust Pwr Bn	9
2/12 Aust M Amb	10
20 LAMCU	11
2 Aust Ord Beach Det	12
1 Aust Beach Det AEME	13
2 Aust Armd Div Pro Coy	14
2 Aust Armd Div Salvage Unit	15
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1 Jan 44

1. ARMY BEACH GROUP TRAINING INSTRUCTION

NO. 6

GENERAL

This instruction is to cover training up to and including 3 Jan 44 and is applicable to all sub-units irrespective of their normal functions.

The primary consideration during the coming phase of training is to develop and maintain the team spirit, at the same time moulding the Beach Op into a well disciplined, physically fit and formidable force capable of using their weapons with the highest degree of efficiency under all conditions.

All the above characteristics can only be developed by :-

- (a) Well conducted unit parades
- (b) Drill
- (c) Weapon Training
- (d) Route Marches, Sport

2. DRILL

Drill parades will not be less than 30 mins duration at any one period and will cover both rifle exercises and close order drill.

Ops must be made to realise the importance of such training and a high standard will be maintained throughout these periods.

3. SALUTING

The tendency to overlook the need for saluting must cease and all ranks, guards and sentries especially, will be instructed in the correct manner of saluting and will salute on every occasion necessary.

4. WEAPON OPS

This period will provide for a thorough recapitulation on all weapons, and at the end of which, EXERCISES will be conducted and reports submitted to this HQ showing the standards obtained.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION

Physical fitness being imperative for the success of any operation all Beach Op personnel must obtain a high standard of physical endurance. Methods to be employed to attain this standard :-

- (a) Bayonet training
- (b) Rifle strengthening exercises
- (c) Unarmed combat
- (d) Route Marches

6. NIGHT TRAINING

Night work, including training with available craft will be included in training programmes. LCMs and LCT (P)s are available on application to this HQ.

At least two nights for a period of three hours will be utilized in night training.

7. LECTURES
A Lecture will be given in 2/15 Aust Fd Coy lines at 1915 hrs on 4 Jun.44.

Subject "ENGINEERING LESSONS LEARNT IN SICILY OPERATION".

The following units will attend in addition to 2/15 Aust Fd

Coy :-

228 Aust Lt AA Bty	2 Officers
2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy	1 Officer
Det 42 Aust W/T Op Coy	1 Officer 6 ORs
2/4 Aust Pwr Bn	6 Officers 4 NCOs
2/166 Aust CT Coy	2 Officers
2 Aust Ord Beach Det	1 Officer

8. SPORT

Until further notice, Saturdays afternoons will be devoted to organised sports. Units will be left to their own resources in this regard but troops must not be allowed to remain in their lines and any not participating in sport will be sent on route marches.

9. Sub-unit detailed syllabus including training areas will be prepared and forwarded to this HQ by 1800 hrs 3 Jun.44

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GSO III 1 Aust Beach Gp
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228 Aust Lt AA Bty	2
2/15 Aust Fd Coy RAE	3
Det 42 W/T Op Coy RAE	4
2/3 Aust Ry Const Coy	5
2 Aust Beach Sigs	6
2/166 Aust G T Coy	7
2/240 Aust Sup Det P1	8
2/4 Aust Pwr Bn	9
2/12 Aust P1 Amb	10
20 LAMCU	11
2 Aust Ord Beach Det	12
1 Aust Beach Det AEME	13
3 Aust Arm'd Div Pro Coy	14
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1st BEACH GROUP TRAINING INSTRUCTION
NO. 1

1. This instruction is to cover training up to and including 10 Jan 44. In addition to specific unit roles, covered in 1st Aust Corps Training Instruction No. 2 training of Beach Group units will include the following:
 - (a) DRILL: Sufficient close order drill will be included in syllabi to ensure the maintenance of a high order of smartness and discipline in all units.
 - (b) MAINTENANCE OF WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT: Beach and Troop conditions preclude the rapid deterioration of arms and all types of equipment. Units will make certain all ranks receive adequate instruction in maintenance of all equipment.
 - (c) NIGHT TRAINING: Night training, where available, must be included in training programmes. MGS and IGV (S) are available in collection to this end.
 - (d) WATER PROOFING AND DECONTAMINATING: Full use will be made of personnel returning from Beach Work, Water Proofing School for instructional purposes on this subject.
 - (e) Jungle Training: All personnel will be trained to be "Jungle minded". Owing to the limited amount of jungle in the training area approval will be given for troops to move to suitable areas for such training, as required.
 - (f) SWIMMING: All personnel in the Beach Group must know how to swim. Swimming practice will therefore be continued. Beach lockouts will be posted while the men are swimming.

2. LECTURES: The following lectures will take place and will be attended by:-
 - (i) 2/168 Aust G T Coy (Officers & NCOs)
 - (ii) 2/240 Sup Depot Pl (Officers & NCOs)
 - (iii) 20 AACMU (Officers and NCOs)
 - (iv) 3 Aust Arm Div Salvage unit (Offr & NCO)
 - (v) Naval Sig Ofc.

DATE	TIME	PLACE	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR
10 Jan 1944	1900hrs	Concrete Model	Landing Operations	Lt Col Rose
		2/4 Aust Pnr Bn Area		
11 Jan 1944	1900hrs	Concrete Model	Organisation & Role	Lt Col Rose
		2/4 Aust Pnr Bn Area	of the Beach Group	
12 Jan 1944	1900hrs	Concrete Model	Landing Ships & Craft	Major Hamilton
		2/4 Aust Pnr Bn Area	Craft in use in SWPA	

- (a) In the event of rain 2/168 Aust G T Coy will be responsible for providing an indoor lecture area. (b) 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn will be responsible for lighting of concrete model.

3. TRAINING:
 - COLLECTIVE TRAINING: Wherever possible one or more units will train together for their mutual assistance, and benefit and syllabi will be compiled accordingly. Examples are:-
 - (a) Beach Control Staff, provost, naval det, craft and other units working together in craft and beach training.
 - (b) Beach Coys, general transport coys, provost, supply depot pl, etc working together in the filling of ration and POW dumps.
4. 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn and Provost Sec will be responsible for providing Beach Control Officer and provost respectively to control personnel and vehicles in the vicinity of PE pier.
5. Unit estimate of requirements for craft will be submitted by 1200hrs 9 Jan 44
6. Unit Syllabi will be submitted by 0600 hrs 10 Jan 44.

1st Lt
GSO III 1st BEACH GROUP
(B.E. O'HARA)

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NAVAL BEACH PARTY	1
NAVAL SIGS	2
228 MUST LT A I Bty	3
2/15 MUST FD COY RLE	4
Det 42 1/2 CI COY RLE	5
2/3 MUST BY CONST COY	6
2 MUST BEACH SIGS	7
2/166 MUST G T COY	8
2/240 MUST SUB MAR FL	9
2/4 MUST INR BN	10
"B" Coy 2/12 MUST FD MB	11
20 AMCU	12
2 Must Ord Beach Det	13
1 MUST BEACH DET MACE	14
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1 AUST BEACH GROUP TRAINING INSTRUCTION
NO. 1

1. This instruction is to cover training up to and including 10 Jan 44. In addition to specific unit roles, covered in 1 Aust Corps Training Instruction No. 2 training of Beach Group units will include the following:-
 - (a) DRILL: Sufficient close order drill will be included in syllabi to ensure the maintenance of a high order of smartness and discipline in all units.
 - (b) MAINTENANCE OF WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT: Beach and Tropical conditions predispose to rapid deterioration of arms and of all types of equipment. Units will make certain all ranks receive adequate instruction in maintenance of all equipment.
 - (c) NIGHT TRAINING: Night training, with available craft will be included in training programmes. LCMs and LCV (P)s are available on application to this HQ.
 - (d) WATER PROOFING AND DE WATERPROOFING: Full use will be made of personnel returning from Beach Group Water Proofing School for instructional purposes on this subject.
 - (e) Jungle Training: All personnel will be trained to be "Jungle minded". Owing to the limited amount of jungle in the training area approvals will be given for troops to move to suitable areas for such training as required.
 - (f) SWIMMING: All personnel in the Beach Group must know how to swim. Swimming practice will therefore be continued. Shark lookouts will be posted while the men are swimming.

2. LECTURES: The following lectures will take place and will be attended by:-
 - (i) 2/166 Aust G T Coy (Offrs & NCOs)
 - (ii) 2/240 Sup Depot Pl (Offrs & NCOs)
 - (iii) 20 AACU (Offr and NCOs)
 - (iv) 3 Aust Armd Div Salvage unit (Offr & NCO)
 - (v) Naval Sig Offrs.

DATE	TIME	PLACE	SUBJECT	LECTURER
10 Jan 1944	1930hrs	Concrete Model 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn Area	Landing Operations	Lt Col Rose
11 Jan 1944	1930hrs	Concrete Model 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn Area	Organisation & Role of the Beach Group	Lt Col Rose
12 Jan 1944	1930hrs	Concrete Model 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn Area	Landing Ships & Craft in use in SWPA	Major Hamilton

- (a) In the event of rain 2/166 Aust G T Coy will be responsible for providing an indoor lecture area. (b) 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn will be responsible for lighting of concrete model.

3. TRAINING:

COLLECTIVE TRAINING: Wherever possible one or more units will train together for their mutual assistance, and benefit and syllabi will be compiled accordingly. Examples are:-

- (a) Beach Control Staff, provost, naval detc, craft and other units working together in craft and beach training.
- (b) Beach Coys, general transport coys, provost, supply depot plc, etc working together in the filling of ration and POW dumps.

4. 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn and Provost Sec will be responsible for providing Beach Control Officer and provost respectively to control personnel and vehicles in the vicinity of BE pier.
5. Unit estimate of requirements for craft will be submitted by 1200hrs 9 Jan 44
6. Unit Syllabi will be submitted by 0800 hrs 10 Jan 44.

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GSO III 1 AUST BEACH GROUP
(B.E. O'MARA)

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Det 42 W/T OF COY RAE	5
2/3 AUST RY 3. NST COY	6
2 AUST BEACH SIGS	7
2/166 AUST C T COY	8
2/240 AUST SUB DAE FL	9
2/4 AUST INR BN	10
"BN" Coy 2/12 AUST TD LHB	11
20 AUSTU	12
2 Aust Ord Beach Det	13
1 AUST BEACH DET WARE	14
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1. MUST BEACH GROUP COLLECTIVE TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 1

1. GENERAL
All future training as from 17 Jan 44 pending notification from this HQ, will be based on the following:-
(a) Rules 2. of Training Instruction Nos 6 and 7.
(b) Applicable Combined Operations Pamphlets as they become available.

2. COLLECTIVE TRAINING
Collective training, as mentioned in 1. Must Beach Group Training Instruction No. 7, is again stressed and all units will give full co-operation with one another in the preparation and execution of miniature exercises.
Such exercises will be prepared by sub-units and full details submitted to this HQ.

3. TRAINING WITH CRAFT
More use will be made of available training craft and where ever possible LCMs or LVT(R)s will be used in conjunction with training.
In future units operating with LCMs will provide two reliefs for winchmen on the craft.

4. LOADING OF L. R. & LCMs
2/15 Must B Coy will be responsible for providing and maintaining L. R. & LCM tracks in vicinity of W. pier to assist in vehicle loading.
O.T. 2/15 Must B Coy to contact O.S. 42 Must Water Transport re location of tracks.

5. RANGES
Miniature range, 2/4 Must B Coy area, is available to all units for rifle training. Application for use of this range to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs on Friday proceeding each week.

6. LECTURES

Date	Time	Place	Subject	Lecturer
17 Jan 1960 hrs		COMBINED MODEL	STORAGE OF LISTS & BILLING OF PERSONNEL	WORMELL
19 " "		" "	SIGNALS IN COMBINED OPERATIONS	LT-COL EVANS
21 " "		" "	MEDICAL SERVICES IN COMBINED OPERATIONS	MAJ BALITON

Provisional and non-permanent on 17 Jan 1. Must Beach Group Training Instruction No. 7

7. LT 44 SMOKE
228 Must B Coy will carry out a shoot with live ammunition on 17 Jan 44 commencing 0900 hrs. Location ref map D40110000 RANGES 1/65, 550 area 603 325.
228 Must B Coy will appoint safety and range officers.
B Coy 550 Engineer Boat Coy UPA will supply one LVT (F) on 16 and 17 Jan.
2 Must Beach Bns will provide R/T communications as required.

8. TRAINING SMOKE
As from 17 Jan 44 300 tons of stores are available for training purposes from 5 Must Beach Div only Unit. Units to submit requirements on form 108 to 228 Must B Coy prior to date required.

9. DISPATCH UNIT SYSTEM AND DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS FOR TRAINING SMOKE
These returns to 2 and 3 by 1800 hrs on Friday of each week proceeding training period.

10. There will be no group exercise before 24 Jan 44

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CSC III 1 Must Beach Group

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1st AUST BEACH GROUP TRAINING INSTRUCTION
NO. 2

1. GENERAL

All future training as from 17 Jan 44 pending notification from this HQ, will be based on the following :-

- (a) 1st Aust Beach Training Instruction Nos 6 and 7.
- (b) Applicable Combined Operations Pamphlets as they become available.

2. COLLECTIVE TRAINING

Collective training, as mentioned in 1st Aust Beach Group Training Instruction No. 7, is again stressed and all units will give full co-operation with one another in the preparation and execution of miniature exercises.

Such exercises will be prepared by sub-units and full details submitted to this HQ.

3. TRAINING WITH CRAFT

Next use will be made of available training craft and where ever possible LCMs or LOV(P)s will be used in conjunction with training.

In future units operating with LCMs will provide two reliefs for winchmen on the craft.

4. LAYING OF A R C MESH

2/15 Aust Fd Coy will be responsible for providing and maintaining 3 RC mesh tracks in vicinity of RP pier to assist in vehicle loading.

O.C. 2/15 Aust Fd Coy to contact O.C. 42 Aust Water Transport re location of tracks.

5. RANGES

Miniature range, 2/4 Aust Par Bn area, is available to all units for rifle training. Application for use of this range to reach this HQ by 1200 hrs on Friday proceeding each week.

6. LECTURES

Date	Time	Place	Subject	Lecturer
17 Jan 1950 hrs		Concrete Model	STORAGE OF SHIPS & BILLING OF PERSONNEL	2009 WORKMAN
19 " "		" "	SIGNALS IN COMBINED OPERATIONS	17-001 EVANS
21 " "		" "	MEDICAL SERVICES IN COMBINED OPERATIONS	181 HAMILTON

Attendance and admin arrangements as per 1st Aust Beach Group Training Instruction No. 7

7. LT AA SHOOT

223 Aust Lt A Bty will carry out a shoot with live ammunition on 17 Jan 44 commencing 0800 hrs. Location ref map MacCallister 2400 1/63, 360 area 693 980.

228 Aust Lt A Bty will appoint safety and range officers.

B Coy 555 Engineer Boat Coy USA will supply one LOV (S) on 16 and 17 Jan.

2 Aust Beach Sig will provide R/T communications as required.

8. TRAINING STORES

As from 17 Jan 44 200 tons of stores are available for training purposes from 3 Aust Arm Div Salv Unit. Units to submit requirements on form 108 to D. 123, 24 hrs prior to date required.

9. RE-TRAINED UNIT SYLLABUS AND RE-TRAINED REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINING PERIOD

These returns to reach this HQ by 1200 hrs on Friday of each week proceeding training period.

10. There will be no group exercise before 24 Jan 44

Lieut
CSC III 1st Aust Beach Group

MEMORANDUM

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1. AUST BEACH GROUP TRAINING INSTRUCTION
NO. 8.

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GENERAL:

This Instruction is intended to cover future training of the Beach Group including Combined Training with 6 Aust Div.

2. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME:

The programme given here under will be adhered to consistent with the necessary naval craft and other essential facilities being available

SERIAL	DATE	SUBJECT	REMARKS
1	3-12 Feb	Practice Landings by Bns 6 Aust Div	If Required data of Beach Site, recon party BDE and ABMs will be provided. 4 LCMs will be available from the dates shown.
2	14-21 Feb	Landing exercise by an Assault Bde Gp, with maintenance stores, and the Beach Group.	
3.	14 Mar	As for Serial 2 above	
4.	Apr	As for Serial 3 above	

3. COLLECTIVE TRAINING:

The collective training of the Beach Gp is provided for in para 2 above.

4. SPECIALIST TRAINING:

When not engaged in preparation, execution and criticism of exercises, training will continue to be on the lines laid down, in Training Instruction No. 8, consideration also being given to the following matters:-

(a) Wading of Vehicles: Owing to the very restricted use of vehicles water proofed up to stage 3 the under mentioned vehicles will be permanently water proofed under arrangement DEME. When available these vehicles will be used for the training of all drivers, on the following system in wading under all conditions.

2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	1/2 ton (jeep)
2/186 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	3/4 Ton
	1.15 cwt (Ford or Chevrolet)
Hold by DEME Det	3 ton

(b) DEMU: Personnel of General Tpt Coy and Det DEME will be trained respectively in the driving and maintenance of this vehicle. The vehicle will then be used in Training in load carrying in Short Shore to Shore runs, or to Shore Camp etc.

(c) Cal .50 MAG: The 228 Aust Lt A. A. Bty will carry out a .50 cal MG practice as under:-

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|----------------------------------|--|
| (1) Ref Map: MICALISTER RANGE | (vi) Firing Point: 603920 |
| (11) Unit: 228 Aust Lt A. A. Bty | (vii) Target: Floating oil-bouquet target. |
| (111) Dates: 7 Feb & 14 Feb 44 | (viii) Bearing of Fire: Right |
| (1v) Time: 0900-1700 hrs | arc 335° grid. Left |
| (v) No Rounds: 17 Feb 2000 Rds | arc 55° grid. |

(ix) Boundaries of Danger Area:
All firing will be toward the sea and all shots will fall within the area:-
550020 - 620020 - 700990 - 603920 - 550020

[Signature]
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GSO III 1 AUST BEACH GROUP
(3.1. 01124)

	Copy No.
Naval Commando	1
Naval Sigs	2
228 Aust Lt A. I. Bty	3
2/15 Aust Fd Coy	4
Det 42 W/T Op Coy RAE	5
2 Aust Beach Sigs Sec	6
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	7
2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	8
2/240 Aust Sup Depct Pl	9
Beach Group Medical Sec	10
ALMCU	11
2 Aust Beach Ord Det	12
1 Aust Beach Det ALME	13
3 Aust Armd Div Pro	14
3 Aust Armd Div Salv	15
1 Aust Corps	16
Beach HQ 1 Aust Corps	17-20
Staff as per list "A"	21-29

1. AUST BEACH GROUP TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO. 9.

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1. GENERAL:

This Instruction is intended to cover future training of the Beach Group including Combined Training with 8 Aust Div.

2. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME:

The programme given here under will be adhered to consistent with the necessary naval craft and other essential facilities being available

SERIAL	DATE	SUBJECT	REMARKS
1	3-12 Feb	Practice Landings by bns 8 Aust Div	If required dots of Beach Sign. recon party BDS and ABMs will be provided. 4 JCMS will be available 1st the dates shown
2	14-21 Feb	Landing exercise by an Assault Bde Gp, with maintenance stores, and the beach Group.	
3.	14 Mar	As for Serial 2 above	
4.	Apr	As for Serial 3 above	

3. COLLECTIVE TRAINING:

The collective training of the Beach Gp is provided for in para 2 above.

4. SPECIALIST TRAINING:

When not engaged in preparation, execution and criticism of exercises, training will continue to be on the lines laid down in Training Instruction No.8, consideration also being given to the following matters:-

(a) Wading of Vehicles: Owing to the very restricted use of vehicles water proofed up to stage 3 the under mentioned vehicles will be permanently water proofed under arrangement DME. When available these vehicles will be used for the training of all drivers, on the following system in wading under all conditions.

2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	1/2 ton (jeep)
2/186 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	3/4 Ton
	15 cwt (Ford or Chevrolet)
Held by DME Det	3 ton

(b) DRIVE: Personnel of General Tpt Coy and Det DME will be trained respectively in the driving and maintenance of this vehicle. The vehicle will then be used in Training in load carrying in Short Shore to Shore runs, or to Shore dump etc.

(c) Cal .50 MFG: The 228 Aust Lt A. A. Bty will carry out a .50 cal MG practice as under:-

(1) Ref Map: MCDONALD RANGE (1 in to 1 mile)	(vi) Firing Points: 603920
(11) Unit: 228 Aust Lt A. A. Bty	(vii) Target: Floating silhouette target.
(111) Dates: 7 Feb & 14 Feb 44	(viii) Bearing of Fire: Right
(17) Time: 0900-1700 hrs	are 325° grid. Left
(v) No Rounds: 17 Feb 3000 rds	are 55° grid.

(ix) Boundaries of Danger Area:
All firing will be toward the sea and all shots will fall within the area:-
550020 - 620020 - 700920 - 603920 - 550020

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GSO III 1 AUST BEACH GROUP
(3.A. C.M.A.)

	<u>Copy No.</u>
Naval Commando	1
Naval Sigs	2
228 Aust Lt A & Bty	3
2/15 Aust Fd Coy	4
Det 42 W/T Op Coy RAE	5
2 Aust Beach Sigs Sec	6 -
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	7
2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	8
2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl	9
Beach Group Medical Sec	10
AMOU	11
2 Aust Beach Ord Det	12
1 Aust Beach Det AEME	13
3 Aust Armd Div Pro	14
3 Aust Armd Div Salv	15
1 Aust Corps	16
Beach HQ 1 Aust Corps	17-20
Staff as per list "A"	21-29

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EXERCISE PLAYBOY

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* Jan 44**Subject : EXERCISE "REMBARK"**

1. * A Beach Maintenance Area Recco exercise is to be carried out on the 6 Jan 44 under direction of the officers of Beach NO 1 Anst Corps

2. **OBJECTS:**

- (a) To exercise relevant Beach Group Officers in all recco required to be done in the BMA on D - Day of a landing operation.
- (b) To gain information as to the strength and composition of recco parties.
- (c) To ascertain the time required for recco, under the conditions of this exercise.

3. **SCOPE:**

The exercise will involve the landing of relevant recco personnel, at intervals appropriate to operational conditions, on an unseen coast. The parties to carry out recco necessary for the production of the Second Key Plan and for the siting of BMA defences. The exercise will include the production of the Second Key Plan.

4. **PERSONNEL TO ATTEND:**

Strength of recco and asst. time parties will be determined after consultation with unit comds, at conference mentioned in para (6) below.

5. **TIME AND DURATION OF EXERCISE:**

The exercise will commence with the embarkation of early recco parties on a "Near Shore", which will be some miles from the "Far Shore". The landing of first recco parties will be timed for first light on D - Day. D - Day will be 6 Jan. It is anticipated that the exercise, and consideration of results, will last most of the day.

6. **CONFERENCES:**

The following conferences to be held at Officers Mess 1 Anst Beach Group will be attended by the Beach Group Staff and Unit Comds.

- (a). Planning Conference. 1.630 hrs 3 Jan.
- (b). Conference for Orders. 2.000 hrs 4 Jan.

7. **FORM OF ORDERS:**

The Orders to be issued on 4 Jan will not be comprehensive or detailed. They will include the following:-

- (a). Table regulating sequence of landings and outline of tasks.
- (b). First Key Plan.
- (c). Force objective for D - Day. (Covering Lines)
- (d). Sufficient instruction for general control.

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NO 1 ANST BEACH GROUP
(R.E. O'MARA)

RMN Beach Commando	1
228 Aust Lt AA Bty	2
2/15 Aust Md Coy	3
2/5 Aust Ry Const Coy	4
Det 42 Aust W/T Op Coy	5
2/4 Aust Lnr Bn	6
2/166 Aust G T Coy	7
2/240 Aust Sup Depot Fl	8
2 Aust Beach Sig Sec	9
"3" Coy 2/12 Aust Md Amb	10
Surgical Team	11
20 AMIGU	12
1 Aust Beach Det AME	13
2 Aust Beach Ord Det	14
3 Aust Arm'd Div Salvage Unit	15
3 Aust Arm'd Div Tro Coy	16
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ORDERS FOR EXERCISE "ZANYBOY"

Ref Map : - CHILDS Sh 1" - 1:110.
Map enlargement of that area (Appx "A")
First Key Plan (Appx "C")

DEFINITION.

1. Own Side

- (a) Assault Bde to land over CHILDS and MILLER beaches and be organized on covering line (Appx "A") on D-Day.
- (b) Follow-up Bdes to pass through and move against CHILDS.
- (c) Anticipated daily arrivals will not exceed :-
 - (1) Personnel 6000
 - (ii) Vhs 120
 - (iii) Stores 800 tons.

2. Enemy

No opposition to landing is anticipated but some form of counter attack by air or ground troops may occur during D-Day.

No evidence of beach defenses.

3. Topography of Landing Area

The area proposed to be developed as a BDA is limited to the NW by MILLER CR, which is bordered by an irregular mangrove swamp. To the SE the ground is limited by MILLER CR and its swamps. The limit from the area is to the South, through ground which is enclosed by these two swamps. Details are given below.

(a) Beaches

(1) Extent:

Start and above MILL. First and below MILL.

(ii) Width:

30 to 40 feet at high water. 80 to 90 feet at low water.

(iii) Bars:

Bars at mouths of MILLER'S and MILLER'S CRs which extend about 200 yds to seawards.

(b) Surf

Negligible but may rise to 4 feet in bad weather.

(c) Beaches

(i) GREEN BEACH

Beach appears to let straight on to the hinterland.

(ii) RED BEACH.

This beach appears to be enclosed, to some extent, by houses and a built up sea wall.

(d) Timber

Most of the area is covered with moderately thick coastal timber, but not jungle. Tidal swamps bordering the area are of mangrove. One or two rainwater swamps, of small extent, drain from the area but appear to be dry.

The ground seems to present no special engineering problems except in the event of heavy rain.

(e) Roads and Tracks

A firm road runs through the area from North to South. The presence of numerous cart tracks suggests that the ground generally, is firm and these may be of value in constructing road framework of the M.A.

4. Metereological

(a) General data is tabulated below :-

DATE	LUNAR		SUN		MOON		HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
	FIRST LIGHT	LAST LIGHT	RISE	SET	RISE	SET	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Jan. 5	0604	2043	0654	1953	1520	0420	8.24	6.05	0001	12.26
6	0605	2043	0654	1953	1607	0518	7.11	6.50	0041	1.20
7	0605	2043	0654	1953	1635	0610	7.54	7.30	1.20	2.08

(b) Rainfall

Heavy monsoonal rain may be expected at any time during the next two months.

(c) Prevailing Winds

At this season of the year the wind may be expected to blow either from the SE or NE, sometimes shifting to the NW.

METHOD OF CONDUCT OF EXERCISE

5. Personnel to Attend

(a) These are shown in Table at Appx "B".

(b) Officers will be used as orderlies, assistants, runners etc, by recon dots wherever possible, consistent with total recon and working party numbers given in Appx "B".

(c) Any available officers, not included in (a) and (b), above, will be fed in by road under Beach Op arrangements, as observers and will wear a white armband.

6. Craft

- (a) To be supplied by "B" Coy, 533 MBSR on the scale of one LOVP per serial shown in Appx "B", and in addition to Beach Gp normal training requirements.
- (b) Craft carrying Serials One and Two are required to remain under orders HIRs and PLIR, remaining craft are not required after discharging serials.

7. Embarkation

- (a) Near Shore

NAI PLIR 028873.

- (b) Time

See Table at Appx "B".

- (c) Control

Beach Group to arrange. Directed lights may be used at Near Shore.

8. H - Hour

Time of landing of Serials 1 and 2, and will be 0530hrs 6 Jan '44.

9. First Key Plan

Given at Appx "C".

10. Method of Recce

- (a) Recce to be conducted in accordance with outline given in Appx "B" and with knowledge of the subject generally, to check suitability of First Key Plan.
- (b) Recce to be conducted with the greatest possible speed, consistent with securing outline information for production of Second Key Plan.
- (c) Roads, routes, areas of HQs, dumps, transit areas etc, will be marked so as to be recognisable for inspection later by Comd and D.S.
- (d) Officers of "B" Party will report to Beach Gp Comd or his representatives immediately on completion of their respective recce and will then stand by. Parties may be left behind to complete the marking of routes, areas etc.

11. Second Key Plan

BGC to coordinate at Conference of "B" Group at Beach Group HQ and prepare single copy of rough draft only. Time of conference cannot be given as this is a matter for test in the exercise.

12. Assembly

Unless otherwise ordered, all officers will assemble in Unit Groups, in vicinity of Beach Group HQ at 1100hrs.

INTERCOMUNICATION

13. Exercise Control

R/T control posts will be established by Beach Group. Number and location of these will be given at "Orders" Conference.

14. Synchronisation

ABC time.

ADMINISTRATION ARRANGEMENTS

15. Beach Group will regulate dress, meals etc and tpt for return to camp and will provide an ambulance and medical orderlies to stand by at Main Control Post from 0600hrs.

16. Umpires

A limited number of umpires will be employed mainly in checking times. D.S. and umpires will wear white bands on both arms.

DISCUSSION

17. The lessons from the exercise will be discussed and the layout of the H.Q. will be examined, on the ground after the draft Second Day Plan has been prepared. Commanders of "A" and "B" Groups will attend.

SECURITY

18. Beach Group will arrange adequate policing of ground where exercise commences and discussions are held.

D. L. P.
.....Lt-Col
Director.
G.I., G.C., 1 Aust Corps.

APPENDICES

Appx "A"	-	Assault Sd. Coy Objective for D-Day.
Appx "B"	-	Exercise Landing Table.
Appx "C"	-	First Day Plan.

Issued at Conference at Beach Group H.Q. at 2000 hrs 4 Jun '44.

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SAULT-BDE-GP-FINAL-OBJECTIVE-PER-D-DAY
 Ref map CAIRNS 1

A detailed map of a coastal area, likely a river delta or estuary, overlaid with a grid. The map shows various geographical features and locations:

- Grid:** The horizontal axis is labeled 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72. The vertical axis is labeled 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82.
- Waterways:** A large river system is shown, with branches labeled "RICKTER" and "THOMAS". Other smaller waterways include "REDDEN" and "BARRY".
- Beaches:** Several beaches are marked along the coast: "GREEN BEACH", "AMBER BEACH", "RED BEACH", and "HARRIS".
- Key Locations:** "STRATFORD" is marked at the bottom center. "CULT" is marked near the bottom left. "REDDEN" is marked near the bottom right.
- Other Features:** A "BDE OBJECTIVE PER D-DAY" is marked with a line. A "BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA" is indicated with a hatched pattern. "SANDHILL" is marked near the bottom center.
- Topography:** Contour lines and shaded areas indicate elevation and terrain features.

EXERCISE LANDING TABLE

APPX "D" TO ORDAS
FOR EXERCISE "PLAYBOY"

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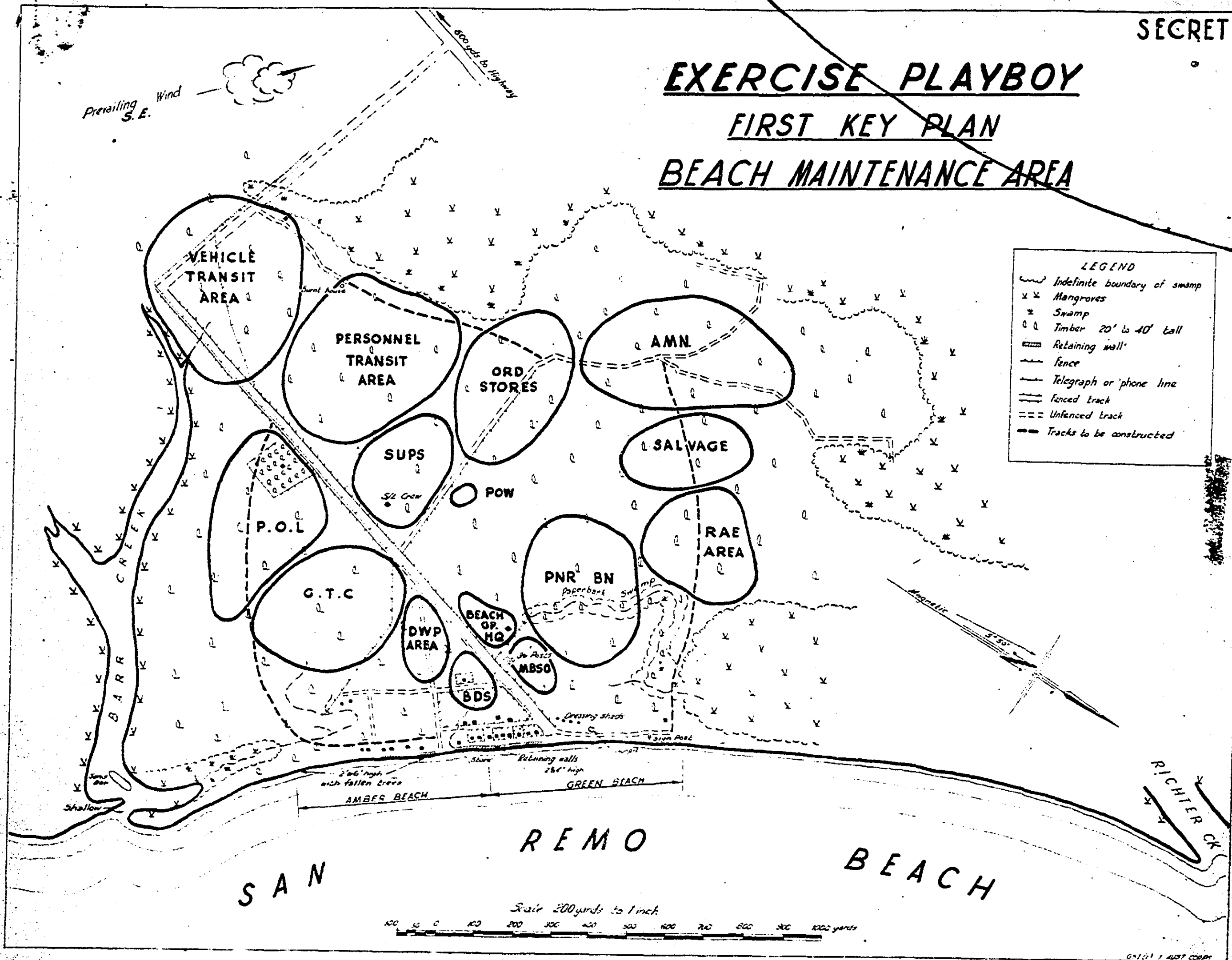
Serial (a)	Personnel (b)	No. (c)	Tasks (in sequence) (d)	Remarks (e)	Lands (f)	Beach (g)	Remarks (h)
1	2 AMTs & Parties.	3	(i) Check Location. (ii) Signal in succeeding waves with lamp or flag. (iii) Early Beach Recce. (iv) Factor work with SCOs.	0400	H - Hour	GREEN	(i) Normally in different craft landing on Bn Flanks. (ii) UTO not represented.
2	2 AMTs & Parties.	3	Same as for Serial 1.	do	do	do	do
	(a) ETR and additional Beach Party.	7	(i) Meets AMTs and assumes control of his beach. (ii) Further beach recce. (iii) Works with SCC. (iv) Sites all beach markers and signs after conference with SCC. (v) Responsible to ETR at Beach Op Hq.	0420	Z plus 20 (approx,	GREEN	(i) Parties in this Serial would normally move in different craft in the same wave.
	(b) SCC & Det.	3	(i) Gets early info from UTO. (ii) Checks beach for units etc. (iii) Works with ETR. (iv) Commands beach coy and the beach. (v) Responsible to DABG.				(ii) Adv Dets, Beach Sigs would land about this time but are not represented in this exercise.

Serial (a,	Personnel (b,	No. (c)	Tasks (in sequence) (d,	Remarks (e,	Time (f,	Beach (g,	Remarks (h,
3 (Contd,	(a) Fd Coy Recce Party, incl 1 OFtr & 1 OR for Sign Posting.	5	(i) Consult BCC and decide on work for first beach mat and exit and indicates work to first engr working parties on arrival. (ii) Moves inland to recce for road framework.	0420	H plus 20 (approx,	0415 M	
	(d) Beach Gp Fd Amb.	2	Recce site for BDS.				Normally land with Bn RMO.
	(Same as for Serial 3; (a) BMr and additional Beach Party.	7	Same duties as those given for Serial 3.	0420	H plus 20 (approx,	AMBER	Remarks for Serial 4 are the same as for Serial 3.
	(b) BCC and Det.	5					
	(c) Fd Coy Recce Party, incl 1 OFtr & 1 OR for Sign Posting.	5					
	(d) Beach Gp Fd Amb.	2					
	(a) Recce Party, Tp Lt AI	5	Recce sites for guns on, or near beach.	0445	H plus 45 (approx,	ORANGE AMBER	
	(b) Recce Party, Tp Utl. 50.	4	Do Do Do				
	(c) "R" Gp personnel, incl Fd Coy Recce Party.	5	Coordinate recce of road framework, incl bridges etc.				

Serial (a)	Personnel (b)	No. (c)	Task (in sequence) (d)	Remarks (e)	Time (f)	Beach (g)	Remarks (h)
5 (Contd)	DAQ G.	2	Early coordination of all tasks and work. Advise Bde Comd, if required.	0415	H plus 45 (Approx)	GRAND AMBER	
	Pro. Comd.	2	Under orders DAQ G.				
	I.O.	2	Check tact situation. Check location. Recce Beach Gp HQ. Maintains Beach Gp location status.				
	ASMS Recce.	3	Recce for main DWP Area.				
	CC Beach Sigs.	2	Siting of 1500 in conjunction with I.O.				Normally lands with support party. (Main)
6	"R" Gp personnel, incl. Comd.	2	Assumes comd of H.M. Holds conferences etc.	0500	H plus 90 (Approx)	GRAND AMBER	
	G.III.	2	Establishes HQ & assists Comd.				
	Bty Comd, Lt AA, incl 2 Officers.	4	Recce & coordination, 0600 and 4000 hrs.				
	CC Fd A.D.	2	Recce of final DWS in area.				
	CC S.C.D.I of 2 Ops for S.A. Posting.	6	Recce of DWS Stores & Rm Dump Areas.				Normally lands with DWS earlier.
	Bn Comd. Incl 4 Officers.	7	Recce of Defence Layout Personnel Transit Area. Bn Area generally.				
	CC. G.P.C. Incl 4 Ops for Sigs Posting.	7	Recce of Supply & FOB Dumps, OPC & Veh Transit Areas.				
	PHR.	3	Assumes Naval control duties. Advices Brigadier, if required.				

Serial (a)	Personnel (b)	No. (c)	Notes (in sequence) (d)	Admission (e)	Index (f)	Batch (g)	Remarks (h)
7	"Op personnel, incl, OC HQ Coy.	2	Detailed record of En Iron.	0000	1 plus 150 (approx,	GRAN 1931.	
	OC Defence Coy.	6	Detailed layout of En Defence.				
	OC Sup Dep Hl.	3	Detailed layout of stations and PCL dumps.				
	Staff Capt. { OC Salvage. { OC H&CU.	3 3					Not represented { Normally lands { later

EXERCISE PLAYBOY
FIRST KEY PLAN
BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA



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Jan 44

ALLOCATION ON TRAINING CHARTER

<u>L.C.M.</u>			
DATE	UNIT	TIME	NO. OF CRAFT
Monday 10	223 Aust Lt A A Bty	1930 - 2200	3
Tues. 11	223 Aust Lt A A Bty	1530 - 1530	2
	2/166 Aust G T Coy	0930 - 1200	3
	2/166 Aust G T Coy	1330 - 1500	1
Wed. 12	2/166 Aust G T Coy	0930 - 1500	3
	223 Aust Lt A A Bty	1930 - 2200	3
Thurs 13	223 Aust Lt A A Bty	1330 - 1530	1
	2/166 Aust G T Coy	0930 - 1530	2
Friday 14	223 Aust Lt A A Bty	1330 - 1530	2
	2/166 Aust G T Coy	0930 - 1200	3
	2/166 Aust G T Coy	1330 - 1500	1

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Monday 10	"B" 2/12 Aust Md Amb Coy	0800	2	To proceed to San Remo Beach and land there in "Playboy" Exercise Area
	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	0830 - 1500	4	
Tues. 11	Beach Sigs	0900 - 1100	1	
	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	0830 - 1500	2	
Wed. 12	2/15 Aust Md Coy	1030 - 2130	3	
	2/240 Aust Sup Dep Pl	0130 - 1200	2	
	"B" 2/12 Aust Md Amb Coy	1330 - 1500	2	
	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	0830 - 1500	2	
Thurs. 13	2/240 Aust Sup Dep Pl	0830 - 1200	2	
	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	0830 - 1500	2	
Friday 14	Beach Sigs	1330 - 1530	5	
	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	0830 - 1500	2	
Saturday 15	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	0830 - 1500	2	

RV for Craft and Personnel R.M. pier.

Distribution:

2nd Naval Commando
223 Aust Lt A A Bty
2/166 Aust G T Coy
"B" Coy 2/12 Aust Md Amb

2/240 Aust Sup Dep Pl
2 Aust Beach Sigs
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn (2)
2/15 Aust Md Coy

CSO III + Lieut
H. I. WEST BEACH GROUP
(B. 2. 0. 1. 2. 1.)
2 Aust Beach Det
"B" Coy 533 Engineer
Boat Coy (U&I) (2)
Beach Hq 1 Aust Corps
Staff as per list "X"

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HQ I AUST BEACH GROUP
5 Jan 44

I AUST BEACH GROUP EXERCISE ADM INSTM 1
(Issued in conjunction with orders for Exercise "PLAYBOY")

ref map CAIRNS 1/65360

GENERAL:

1. This instrn covers movement of exercise personnel to near shore for embarkation, adm details in exercise area, and return to camp at conclusion of exercise

PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

2. As per Appx "B" to orders for exercise "PLAYBOY" plus observers.
3. Observers from 2/Aust Ord Beach Det 3: 2/12 Aust Fd Amb (Sur-iaal team) will embark with serials 6 & 7 respectively

DRESS:

4. KD or JG slacks and shirts hats turned down boots anklets web or anklets cloths belts web or sam browne

EMBARKATION:

5. (a) Embarkation Staff: Major J.K. Callinan 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn with necessary staff from within own unit will control assembly and dispatch of pers at near shore.
(b) Transport: 2/166 Aust Genl Tpt Coy will supply 1 x 4 ton 4 x 4 to report 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn at 0300hrs 6 Jan 44. truck will remain with party until embarkation completed and will return staff to unit lines.
(c) Major Callinan to embark with serial 7.
6. Movement to RAE PIER: Mvt to embarkation area will be by groups as follows:- Group A serials 1-4 Group B serial 5 Group C serial 6 Group D serial 7.
7. TPT: 2/166 Aust Genl Tpt Coy will supply 4 ton 4x4 tpt requirements as follows:-
(a) Group A: (1) Vehs will collect pers as under:-
Naval Commando 30-3 vehs
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn 10-1 veh
2/15 Aust Fd Coy 10-1 veh
2/12 Aust Fd Amb 4-1veh
(11) Vehs to report ESO by 0330 hrs 6 Jan 44
(111) 6 vehs as above will turn around and pick up as para C and D below.
(b) Group B: (1) Vehs will collect pers as under:-
228 Aust Lt A A Bty 9-1 veh
2/15 Aust Fd Coy 3)
1 AEME 3) 1 veh
2 Aust Beach Sig 2)
Beach Gp Hq 4) 1 veh
Pro Sec 2)
(11) Vehs to report ESO by 0400 hrs
(111) Vehs to return to unit lines on off loading
(c) Group C: (1) Vehs will collect pers as under
Beach Gp Hq 2) 1 veh
2/4 Pnr Bn 7)
2/12 Aust Fd Amb 2) 1 veh
2/166 A G T Coy 7)
228 Aust Lt A A Bty 4) 1 veh
2 Aust BOD 6)
Naval Commando 3) 1 veh
(11) Vehs to report ESO by 0500 hrs
(111) Commanders car report Gp Hq Building at 0445hrs
(d) Group D: (1) Vehs will collect pers as under
2/12 Fd Amb (Observers) 2) 1 veh
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn 8)
2/240 Sup Dep Pl 3)
3 Aust Armd Div Salvage Unit 3) 1 veh
AAMCU 3)
(11) Vehs to report to ESO 0600 hrs.

RETURN TPT:

8. 2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy will supply 15 x 1 ton 4x4 vehs to report exercise area by 1230 hrs 6 Jan 44
9. ADQMG will arrange for Pro Guides to meet tpt at 687775.

TRAFFIC CONTROL:

10. Det 3 Aust Armd Div Pro Coy will est TCP's at 0345 hrs 6 Jan 44 as follows:-
(a) Junction COCKS HIGHWAY & RD to RAE PIER
(b) RAE PIER 628873
Above posts to remain est until 0630 hrs
11. (a) Two MC orderlies to est TCP at 687775 by 0515 hrs
(b) Under arrangement DAQMG the above pers will be responsible for all security within area during conference at conclusion of exercise.

MEALS:

12. (a) Breakfast: in unit lines
(b) Lunch: (i) Cut lunches will be carried
(ii) Hot tea will be provided under arrangements Gp Hq as below
(c) 2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy will provide 1 x 3 ton 4x4 to report to 228 Aust Lt A A Bty for pick up of 1 water trailer and will report to Hq 1 Aust Beach Group CQMS by 0930 hrs 6 Jan 44.
(d) CQMS will arrange necessary cooking gear and staff to provide tea for midday meal.
(e) 2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl will make available to CQMS sufficient tea sugar and milk for 120 personnel
(f) Veh will report to DAQMG at TCP 687775 at 1030 hrs 6 Jan 44.

ACCOMMODATION STORES:

13. Under arrangement CQMS 1 12 by 14 tent together with tables and forms will be tptd and erected at site selected by DAQMG for use of Commander and Hq Staff.

MEDICAL:

14. Under arrangements 2/12 Aust Fd Amb 1 Amb form 'S MAC will est medical aid post at track and fence junction below Beach Group Hq area as shown on 1 Key Plan.
15. Four Medical orderlies to be supplied by 2/12 Aust Fd Amb.
16. Post to be est by 0430 hrs

HYGIENE:

17. CQMS 1 Aust Beach Group will make provision for latrine acc. in vicinity luncheon area. Latrine site to be clearly indicated and sealed after completion of exercise.

ANTI-MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS:

18. All ranks participating will ensure full anti-malarial precautions are taken and that protection against scrub-typhus is ensured.

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Signed at 17.0

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16 2/240 AUST SUP DEP. PL

17 "B" COY 2/12 AUST Fd Amb

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