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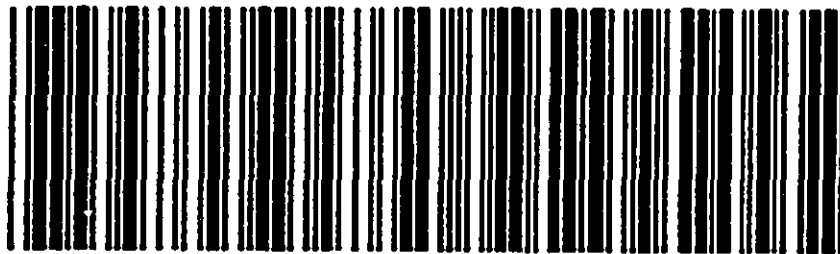
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1 Australian Beach Group

October 1944



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1 ANSO BRANCH GROUP

WAR DIARY

ORIGINAL

October 1941

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.2118
(adapted)

Unit 1 Aust Beach Group

Date and Time.—From 1 Oct 44

To 31 Oct 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DEADMANS GULLY	1 Oct		1 Aust Beach Group under comd Col C J CHURCHES CBE. Located	
			Mo. ref 622352 C. 11113. 111	
			From the First to the Fourth of this month storage tug was	
			carried out on LST 743. On the third of the month a Pnr rfn (Pte BUCKLEY)	
			was killed by accident with a mortar bomb, during tug. On the	
			Fourth this Group came under comd 7 Aust Div for tug.	a/c
	5 & 6 Oct		Where two days taking training for Beach Group parade.	b/c
	7 Oct		1 Aust Beach Group first full parade. Inspected by Col CHURCHES	
			and he was impressed by showing.	a/c
	8 - 11 Oct		Preparation for Exercise "D-Day"	a/c
	14		Conference held at 21 Pde on the Exercise.	a/c
	16		Col CHURCHES conference with unit comds.	a/c
	19		Troops embarked on LSI for tug until D Day which was 22nd	a/c
	25		One section of Exercise "D-Day"	b/c

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C.21184
(adapted.)

Unit 1 Just Beach Group

Date and Time.—From 7 Oct '11

~~To 31 Oct 44~~

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Oct 44

Appendix 2a

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

Nos 357-364

by
COL C J CULLINGS, OBE

COMMANDING 1 AUST BEACH GROUP, (AIF)

Serial 42

6 Oct 44

357. REQUEST HOUR

1. Ref F A A O A146 of 5 Aug 44.
2. Return from all Units is required to reach this HQ not later than 8 Oct 44.

358. NOMINAL ROLLS OF PERSONNEL FOR CAIRNS LEAVE.

1. Names and Units of personnel with valid leave passes who do not appear on Nominal Rolls of leave trucks will be listed and submitted to Staff Captain 1 Aust Beach Group

(To be repeated in Unit R Os)

359. ORDERS - ATTENTION OF UNITS IS DIRECTED TO R Os AS UNDER:

1. C R O 264/44 and 265/44 GRO 348/44

360. SERVICE AND EXECUTION OF PROCESS UPON MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY FORCES

1. The attention of all personnel is directed to the following paragraphs of GRO A40/44 as recently amended by GRO's dated 8 Sep 44
3. The location address of a unit may be disclosed to the civil police, a solicitor or process server when such address is also the unit's postal address and it is required by :-
 - (a) the civil police, the solicitor or process server for the purpose of serving any legal process on a member of the unit; or
 - (b) the civil police for the purpose of investigating any alleged offence.
4. When the postal address of a unit does not disclose its location, the Commander of an L of C Area or command may disclose such information as to the location of the unit as he thinks fit, having regard to the requirements of national security and the circumstances of the particular case, to :-
 - (a) the civil police, a solicitor, or a process server for the purpose of serving legal process on a member of the unit; or
 - (b) the civil police for the purpose of investigating any alleged offence.
5. Except as permitted under paras 3 and 4, the location address of a member's unit will not be disclosed to the civil police, a solicitor, or a process server desiring to serve legal process on a member.
- 5A. Where the location address of the member's unit is not disclosed and the member has not nominated a solicitor to accept service on his behalf, the civil police, a solicitor, or process server desiring to serve legal process, will be advised to apply, or an application already made by such person will be referred, to the Officer-in-Charge Echelon and Records of the L of C Area or command of enlistment of the member for a statement which may be used in support of an application to a competent court for an order for substituted service.
7. Where the location address of a unit is disclosed as it is undesirable that police and process servers be permitted to search around a camp for the persons upon whom they desire to serve or execute legal process, commanding officers or other local authorities will arrange for the members concerned to attend at Unit Headquarters at such time as it is most

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convenient to those commanding officers or authorities and the police or process servers.

8. No member will undertake the service of any legal process upon any other member.

(To be republished in Unit R Os)

361. SUPPLY OF TIMBER FOR WORKSHOPS AND L A Ds.

1. In order to expedite the supply of timber for repairs to vehicles and equipment and for the manufacture of crates for shipping Ordnance Stores, Workshop units are requested to submit indents each month to cover estimated monthly requirements.
2. It is desired that indents be prepared in time to reach DADOS by the 23rd day of each month.

362. SUITS COMBINATION BLUE JEANS

1. LHQ memo 60464 of 16 Sep 44 advises that above item is now obsolescent.

363. ARMY MECHANICAL TRANSPORT FOR RECREATION PURPOSES.

1. The attention of all COs and OCs is drawn to the provisions of GHO 4359/44.
2. Before submitting applications to this HQ for approval these provisions must be applied to each individual case and if necessary, applications will be refused by Unit Comds.

[Signature]
 MAJ
 DAQMG 1 AUST BEACH GROUP
 (J E GAYTON)

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List 'A'

NOTICE OF FIELD FIRING PRACTICE

Field Firing Practice will be held by 2 Aust Beach Group between hours of 1000 hrs and 2200 hrs 10 Oct and 13 Oct Area CAIRNS 1" firing point ref house 636814 left arc line to hillcrest ref 627806 right arc line to hillcrest ref 633810 extreme range to hillcrest ref 628822.

NOTICES

6 Aust Div Concert Party will be showing in 1 Aust Beach Gp Cinema Area on Monday 9th Oct.

No pictures will be shown in Monday 9 Oct owing to repairs to cinema. Picture night will be advised later.

ADDENDUM

364. COLOURS

All ranks and vehicular traffic passing RAAF Commando lines at 0800 hrs and 1800 hrs daily will halt and pay respects for Naval Ceremonial of "Colours". Respects will be the same as for Retreat in the Army. This order will be promulgated to all ranks immediately.

NOTICES CONT'D

ADDENDUM NO 1 TO CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF "BALACLAVA"

SERVICES CLUB " DATED 29 SEP 44

It is very apparent that the various Units and Services have, unwittingly overlooked the principal object of the club. The reason for the founding of such an institution for "other ranks" is, for entertainment and relaxation, NOT as a medium of making money. The former is of paramount importance.

(a) It has come to the notice of the Comd 17 Aust L of C Sub-Area and Cairns Fortress that Units and Services have been making charges for the admission to the Club that come within a taxable scale under the Commonwealth Entertainments Tax Act. This practice will cease forth-with.

(b) Any function that is conducted and the price of admission is more than One shilling is taxable, unless such function is for the benefit of some Charitable Institute or Institutions and 50% of the gross receipts are donated to a recognised charity.

(c) Any Unit or Service desiring to charge more than One Shilling (1/-) per male person will request permission from the Hon Secretary, 'BalACLava Services Club'.

Entertainments should be conducted by the Unit or Service for the benefit of personnel only and NOT for the benefit of any special fund. Any expenses incurred should be met from Unit or Regimental Trust Fund.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

Nos 365 - 372

by

COL C.J. CUMMINGS, CBE

COMMANDING 1 AUST BEACH GROUP, (AIF)

Serial 43

12 Oct 44

365. SUPPLEMENTARY RATIONS - DRIPPING

1. Units are advised that Canteen Services will be carrying the above line for purchase on Supplementary Ration account as from Wednesday 11 Oct 44.
2. The commodity being in 38 lb tins, price £1-/8 per tin.
3. Units when purchasing will inform their Issuing Point future requirements so that the necessary supplies may be brought forward.

366. S18s FOR ENGR STORES

1. Attention of all units is drawn to the necessity of clearly showing on S18 reasons for the Engr Stores and, if possible, actual extent of jobs :

e.g. manufacture 10 WE crates - each 2' x 2'6" x 9".

367. DESPATCH OF OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. All official correspondence to units beyond CAIRNS and ATHERTON TABLELAND area must be sent by Army post, e.g. -

QLD L of C Area - NSW L of C Area.

2. Orderly Room Sgts will ensure the contents of this order are known by all clerks.

368. RETURNABLE CONTAINERS

1. Attention is drawn to GRO Q308/44 which amends the method of accounting for returnable containers.
2. This method is being brought into effect by 2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl as from 12 Oct 44. Opening balance will be the quantities of containers on charge to units after delivery 11 Oct 44.
3. Items of returnable containers which remain an ASC responsibility are listed hereunder, together with their respective values.

Egg Cases & fillers complete	8/- ca
Egg Cases only	4/- ca
Lid only	1/- ca
Fillers, sets of 10	3/- pcr set
Cardboard Egg Cartons	5/9 ca
Vegetable Crates	5/- ca
Milk Cans	45/- ca
Rum jars	10/- ca
Biscuit tins	2/6 ca

4. Units are reminded that although 2/240 Aust Sup Dep Pl will not collect other items such as potato sacks, tomato cases etc, the unit is still responsible for their retention. Such items are to be kept in one central dump and will be collected once per week by 3 Aust Armd Div Salvage.

369. EXPENSE STORES

1. Attached as Appendix "A" is a list of expense stores available from 2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl.

370. ATTENTION OF UNITS IS DIRECTED TO RO AS UNDER:-

GRO 356/44

371. DAMAGE TO ROAD SURFACES BY TRACKED VEHICLES

1. Complaints have been made that bulldozers and tractors have caused damage to bitumen sealed roads, particularly the COC HIGHWAY.
2. Such equipment will not be driven on paved roads unless absolutely unavoidable.

372. HYGIENE

1. In future all latrine trenches will be burnt out twice per week with a mixture 2 pints kerosene and 2 pints waste oil. Petrol will NOT be used.
2. This duty will be performed by the hygiene dutyman.

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Philipa Carr
MAJ
DAQMG 1 AUST BEACH GROUP
(J.E. GANTON)

NOTICE OF FIELD FIRING PRACTICE

2 Aust Beach Group advise field firing practice 3-inch mortar and small arms being conducted at battle course 153 firing point ref map CAIRNS 1" house 636614 left of are line to hillcrest ref 627806 right of are line to hillcrest ref 633810. Period 15 to 29 Oct 44. Times 0830 hrs to 2200 hrs daily.

COMBINED WOMENS SERVICES DANCE

An open invitation is extended to the members of 1 Aust Beach Group to attend the Combined Women's Services Dance which will be held at the Balclutha Club, on Saturday the 14th of October, from 2000 to 2330 hrs.

Admission is 2/- per member and tickets may be obtained from Leading WRAN WALKER, WRAN Barracks, The Esplanade, CAIRNS.

There will be floor shows, a good orchestra and an excellent supper provided.

Proceeds of dance will be evenly distributed to Prisoners of War Fund and ACF.

Units will advise this HQ by 141200H the number of personnel desiring to attend, to enable ppt arrangements to be made.

APPENDIX "A"

EXPENSE STORES

1. Subtended is list of expense stores at present available from 2/240 Aust Sup Dep Pl.

MONTHLY ISSUES

RATE OF ISSUE

Twine Binder	1 ball per unit per 28 days
Twine Ordinary	1 " " " " " "
Twine Sewing	1 hank " " " " "
Nails	1 lb " 100 men per 28 days
Anti-Mite Fluid	6 ozs per man per 28 days

2. FORTNIGHTLY ISSUES

Soap Common	25 lb per 100 men per 14 days
Soda Ash	12 1/2 lbs " " " " "
Sand Soap	7 1/2 cakes per 100 men per 14 days
Paper Toilet	21 rolls " " " " "
Paper Brown	2 lbs " " " " "
Paper White	2 " " " " "
Calico Unbleached	5 yds " " " " "
Cloth Muslin	2 1/2 " " " " "
Cotton Ties	{ 5 lb " " " vehicle per 14 days
	{ 2 lb " " " " "
Cleansing Pdr	5 " " " " per 14 days

3. Fortnightly Issues when required (to be shown in Remarks Column).

Kerosene	{ 1/2 pint per lamp per day
	{ 2 pints " vehicle per 14 days
	as required
Skewers	" " Authority SMO Formation.
Lamp wicks	1/2 lb per 100 men per 14 days
Phenyle	Washp personnel only { 1/2 cake per man
Paper Bags	{ per 14 days
Solvol }	{ 1/2 pkt per man
Persil }	{ per 14 days
Foot Powder	2 oz per man per 14 days } Author-
Mosquito Spray	3 gals " 100 men per 14 days } ity SMO
Methylated Spirits	1 pint " " " " " } Formation
Mosquito Repellent Lotion	1 x 4 oz bottle per 28 days (MONTHLY ISSUE)

4. Items in paras 1 and 2 need not be enumerated on AB 55 but will be supplied in all cases unless listed as not required.

5. Items in para 3 will be supplied only when listed on AB 55.

ADDENDUM TO ROUTINE ORDERS - SERIAL 43

373. LIGHTS OUT

1. Lights Out is sounded at 1030 hrs when all troops must be in bed except those on duty or on leave. No lights will be shown in tents after that hour and all noise will cease in the lines.
2. The only exceptions are as follows:-
 - (.) Unit HQ offices and stores
 - (b) Officers' Messes
 - (c) Sgts' Messes
 - (d) Officers' Lines.
3. Noise in Officers' and Sgts' Messes will cease at 1100 hrs which must be situated as far from the men's lines as possible.
4. On two occasions recently officers have created disturbances in the lines after Lights Out and the officers concerned have been dealt with by this HQ. In future, any breach of this regulation will be dealt with by Courts Martial.
5. This order will be specially promulgated verbally to all and the usual posting on notice boards.

374. MEDICAL

1. Times for Malarial precautions to be taken have been amended to read 1800 hrs to 0600 hrs until further notice.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

Nos 373 - 380

by
COL C J CUMINGS, OBE

COMMANDING 1 AUST BEACH GROUP (AIF)

Serial 44

25 Oct 44

373. INCOME TAX - MEMBERS WITH DEPENDENTS RESIDENT OVERSEAS

The Income Tax Assessment Act provides for the rebate of tax to a taxpayer in respect of his wife and children resident in Australia.

(2) A member of the AIF who married in a country other than Australia and whose wife or children are not resident in Australia is not entitled to such rebate. As the non-allowance might cause hardship, any member affected is requested to apply, through his pay representative, for a remission of tax.

(3) A member applying for such remission will furnish -

- (a) his name in full and all regimental particulars; and
- (b) the names and addresses of his dependants,

and will advise whether-

- (1) his wife and children are wholly maintained by him;
- (11) his wife's separate income exceeds \$50 per annum (Aust); and
- (111) it is his intention, as soon as war conditions permit and transport is available, to bring his wife and children to reside in Australia.

(4) The application will be forwarded by the pay representative to the Director of Finance Administration, AIF, who will refer the case to the Taxation Department for consideration.

374. FIRST AUST ARMY (ATHERTON TABLELANDS) ADMIN STANDING ORDERS

First Aust Army (Atherton Tablelands) Administrative Standing Orders apply and with any amendments thereto from time to time notified in 1 Aust Corps Routine Orders will continue to apply until further order to all units and personnel now or hereafter under command 1 Aust Corps.

(To be republished in Unit Routine Orders)

375. PROPHYLACTIC ABUTION CENTRES

(1) It has been conclusively shown that approximately 90 per cent of army personnel who contract venereal disease neglect to make use of P.A.C facilities.

(2) The reason for such neglect is thought to be:-

- (a) Lack of effective promulgation of addresses of P.A.Cs.
- (b) Lack of effective education as to the definite necessity for prophylactic treatment in every case of promiscuous exposure.

(3) Attention is directed to the list of addresses of army P.A.Cs now established, which is contained in a notice at the end of these orders.

(4) Attention is also directed to the fact that all P.A.Cs operated by Navy, A.M.F., and Allied Services, are available for use by members of the AIF.

(5) This order will be promulgated to all personnel prior to their departure on leave.

(To be republished in Unit Routine Orders)

376. FORMS G51 and G52

(1) All outstanding AF forms G51 and G52 will be completed and handed to POWO HQ 1 Aust Beach Gp before 1000 hrs 26 Nov 44.

(2) In all cases G52s will show engine number in addition to Army number.

377. BOOKLET - "SECURITY AND THE DUTIES OF UNIT SECURITY OFFICERS"

(1) Adv AF: advise that the above booklet will shortly be issued on the basis of one per Unit Security Officer in the AIF.

377. Contd.

(2) This booklet briefly covers the main tasks of Security, and it is considered that it will act as a ready guide in assisting Unit Commanders and Unit Security Officers in the practical application of Security.

378. MEDICAL - SPECIALIST CONSULTATIONS

- (1) In future all units will ensure that personnel sent for specialist consultations at 116 AGH have in their possession a leave pass for the day endorsed "for consultation 116 AGH."
- (2) Personnel for hospitalisation at 116 AGH must be accompanied by MF 3118 made out and signed by the MO concerned.

379. TOBACCO TINS

- (1) Tobacco tins are urgently required by the Medical Service.
- (2) Units will collect all tins which will be picked up by 3 Aust Arm'd Div Sal Unit once a fortnight.

380. FIRING OF WEAPONS

- (1) Any unit conducting an exercise using live ammunition will ensure, that the person or persons, handling weapons, firing live ammunition; are fully trained and have qualified as gunners, mortarmen etc by firing those weapons previously on a practice range under detailed supervision.

MAJ
D.L.G. 1 AUST BATTAL GROUP
(J E GANNON)

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NOTICES

IDENTITY DISCS marked W1140850 WESTWOOD A. H found. Owner to apply orderly room 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn.

MUSIC RECITAL

(1) A musical recital arranged by AESS will be held in City Council Chambers, GILLES on Friday night 27 Oct 44 commencing at 1945 hrs.
Pianist: WO DORMAN Violinist: GRAY

ADDRESSES OF PROPHYLACTIC ABUTION CENTRES:

QUEENSLAND L OF C AREA

- (1) No 17 (N) L of C Sub-area
 1. CLIMNS - 65 Grafton Street
 2. LATHERTON - Main Street.
- (2) No 1 (N) L of C Sub-area
 1. TOWNSVILLE - Flinders Street, near Morris Street.
 2. COONAMBA - 13 Aust Pnr Staging Camp
 3. Charters Towers - Mossman and Gill Streets.
- (3) No 2 (SQ) L of C Sub-area
 1. BRISBANE-
 - (a) Edward Street (opp Peoples' Palace)
 - (b) 263 Wickham Street, Valley. (between Warner and Pallow Sts)
 - (c) Fiveways, W'gabba (at Entrance to Cricket Ground)
 - (d) Hostel APCS Wickham Terrace.
 - (e) Leave & Transit Depot (at main Entrance Exhibition)
 2. Yerongpilly - Camp area behind Post Office.
 3. Ealinga - Camp area behind Post Office.
 4. Petrie, Adjacent Railway Station.
 5. Strathpine, Adjacent Railway Station
 6. Redbank Camp area near Trade Testing Centre.
 7. Toowoomba - 24 Bell Street.
 8. Burleigh Heads - 7 Div PT Camp
 9. Warwick - Fitzoy St, off Palmerin Street.
 10. 7 Aust Div Post Camp - Redcliffe
 11. Ipswich, 174 Brisbane St.
 12. Southport - Scarborough Street.
 13. Tenterfield - High Street.

Addresses of P.O.s Cont.

NEW SOUTH WALES L OF C AREA

1. Sydney AOC Service Club, Railway Sq.
2. Board of Health, 93 Macquarie St.
3. AOC Hostel, 320 Surry Street.
4. Greta (No 1) Main Camp Entrance
5. Greta (No 2) Silver City Camp
6. Holdsworth Detention Barracks
7. Ingleburn, Main Camp Area.
8. Liverpool, Main Camp entrance
9. Narrellan, Main camp entrance.
10. Randwick Racecourse, off flat entrance to paddock.
11. Rutherford, Camp Entrance
12. Showgrounds No 1 behind Pay Office.
13. Showground No2 MRD Area.
14. Concord Hotel, 113 AGH
15. Kemmore Coulbourn, 114 AGH
16. Kensington Racecourse, RLP Paddock entrance.
17. Walgrove, Camp entrance
18. Bathurst, Russell Street.
19. Cowra, Macquarie Street.
20. Muswellbrook, William Street, behind Royal Hotel.
21. Darlinghurst, 298 Victoria Street.
22. Newcastle, Wolfe Street behind Scotts Store
23. Tamworth, Bourke Street.
24. Wagga Wagga, Army Hut near Railway Station.
- 25/ Wollongong, 108a Heira Street
26. Hay, 14 Main Camp Hospital

VICTORIA L OF C AREA:

1. Melbourne
 - (a) 295 Flinders Street (opp Hosio's Hotel and situated in Basement Shop in Railway Buildings)
 - (b) Blamey House, Collins Street.
 - (c) AOCs (Craigs) Elizabeth Street.
2. St Kilda - St Kilda Esplanade
3. Royal Park GDD
4. Albury - Dear Street (at rear of Central Transport Dep)
5. Geelong - 127 Little Malop Street
6. Darley Camp
7. Mt Martha Camp

TASMANIA L OF C AREA:

1. Hobart - Argyle St.
2. Launceston - LTD Market Sq.
3. Brighton Camp
4. Launceston Hospital
5. Royal Hobart Hospital.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA L OF C AREA:

1. Warradale Camp (at right of entrance)
2. Mayville Camp (at right of entrance)
3. Roswick Barracks
4. Adelaide Railway Station (in sq at east of station)
5. Frome Road - Adelaide Hospital Clinic
6. Glenelg

WEST AUSTRALIA L OF C AREA:

1. Perth - 3/4 Wellington Street
2. Fremantle - 10 Elder Place.
3. Melville Camp
4. Karrakatta Camp
5. Northam Camp
6. Perth, Sportman's House, King Street.
7. Claremont Camp
8. Perth, Roe Street.

WAR DIARY

Oct 14

Appendix 2a

Subject: AUDIT BOARDS

W.D.
H. 1 MUST BEACH GROUP (HIF)
30 Oct 44
Ref: A5423

1. Further our 4678 of 3 Oct 44 H. 1 Must Beach Group. Capt F D. BOUR, 2/4 Must Par Bn, and Capt H J COLLING, 2/240 Must Sup Depot Pl, are appointed to constitute an audit board to audit and report to this H. on Rental Funds, Officer's and Sjt's Mess and unit canteen accounts of all units of 1 Must Beach Group.
2. The board is responsible to this H. that all accounts are kept in accordance with GROS F819/43 and 319/44. Test audits will be carried out by the Board and reports will be submitted to this H. by 12th of each month.
3. To facilitate the work of the board, it will be the responsibility of each OC to personally check the cash and stock on hand of each mess and canteen at the completion of trading on the last day of each month. Stock sheets and statements of cash on hand, signed by the OC, will be held for production to the Audit Board.
4. Units will submit to this H. by 5th of each month Balance Sheet or Statement of Affairs for each Mess and Canteen operating. These accounts will be handed to audit board who will then carry out test audits as necessary.

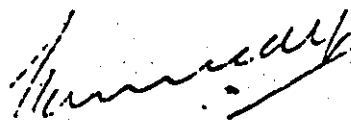
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Subject: ISSUE OF NEW VEHICLE LOG BOOKS FOR CARRIERS (ALL TYPES)
AND 'B' VEHICLES

HQ 1 AUSST BEACH GROUP
10 Oct 44
Ref: Q4890

1. To enable all units of 1 Ausst Beach Group to be equipped with the new type log book, a return showing requirements in accordance with GPO G152/44 will be submitted to reach this HQ, NOT later than 15 Oct 44.
2. The prescribed date for these log books to be taken into use will be 6 Nov 44.
3. To ensure that all books are available to units by the prescribed date, it is essential that this return is submitted NOT later than 15 Oct 44.
4. Stationery Depot ATTERTON will advise this HQ by signal when books are ready for collection. On receipt of this advice immediate action will be taken to effect distribution.


CAPT
SC 1 AUSST BEACH GROUP
(L J KENNEDY)

Distribution:
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10/11

SUBJECT : CRICKET

HQ 1 Aust Beach Group
13 Oct 44
Ref : A5002

DRAW FOR CRICKET COMPETITIONS AND ALLOCATION OF
FIELDS FOR 15 - 31 OCT 44

DATE

SUN 15 Oct	0900-1200 Sal/AEME v Ord 1300-1700	0900-1200 2/15 Fd Coy v 2/4 1300-1700 Pnr (B)
MON 16 "	HQ RAN (Unit Sports)	1300-1630 Med v HQ
TUE 17 "	Pnr Bn (" ")	" 2/4 Pnr (A) v 2/15 Fd Coy
WED 18 "	AEME, Wksp & Sal (Unit Sports)	" Med v HQ
THU 19 "	2/15 Fd Coy, Stores & ME Pls (Unit Sports)	" 2/4 Pnr (A) v 2/15 Fd Coy
FRI 20 "	Med, Ord & Sup (Unit Sports)	" " (B) v Gen Tpt Coy
SAT 21 "	Gen Tpt Coy (Unit Sports)	" " "

SUN 22 "	0900-1200 Ord v Sup 1300-1700	0900-1200 Sal/AEME v RAN 1300-1700
MON 23 "	HQ RAN (Unit Sports)	1300-1630 Gen Tpt Coy v Sup
TUE 24 "	Pnr Bn (" ")	" 2/4 Pnr (B) v Ord
WED 25 "	AEME, Wksp & Sal (Unit Sports)	" " (A) v 2/15 Fd Coy
THU 26 "	2/15 Fd Coy, Stores & ME Pls (Unit Sports)	" " (A) v 2/15 Fd Coy
FRI 27 "	Med, Ord & Sup (Unit Sports)	" " (B) v Ord
SAT 28 "	Gen Tpt Coy "	" Gen Tpt Coy v Sup

SUN 29 "	0900-1200 Med v Sal/AEME 1300-1700	0900-1200 HQ v Ord 1300-1700
MON 30 "	HQ RAN (Unit Sports)	1300-1630 2/4 Pnr (A) v 2/4 Pnr (B)
TUE 31 "	Pnr Bn (" ")	" " "

B. J. O'Mara

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CAPT
A/SC "A" 1 AUST BEACH GROUP
(B.E. O'MARA)

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Oct 4:

Appendix 2b

CONFIDENTIAL

HQ 1 AUST BEACH GROUP
2/ Oct 44
Ref : Q5327

TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 20
TYRE CARE AND MAINTENANCE.

GENERAL

1. As it is essential that all ranks having vehicles in their care, possess a thorough understanding of the principles of tyre care and maintenance and as recent inspections of unit vehicles reveal a lack of appreciation on these matters, a series of lectures has been arranged.

LECTURES

2. Capt JOHNSON, EME (Rubber) HQ 1 Aust Corps, will conduct the lectures which will be illustrated by 35 mm strip films.

DURATION

3. Commencing 1900 hrs each evening for approx 75 mins.

PROGRAMME

4.	Date	Units to Attend	Location
	3 Nov 44	2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	Unit responsibility
	6 "	2/15 Aust Fd Coy 1 Aust Beach Wesp AMMC 2 Aust Ord Beach det 3 Aust Amtd Div Sal Unit 1 AMMC Coy (Beach Gp)	2/15 Aust Fd Coy lines
	13 Nov 44	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn HQ 1 Aust Beach Gp 15 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl 2 Aust Beach Sig Sec	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn lines

5. Units indicated in Coln 3 above will be responsible for provision of suitable building with lighting facilities and blackboard.

REPORTING

6. Unit parties will march to area indicated to arrive by 1845 hrs.

PERSONNEL TO ATTEND

7. All OAC; Officers, tpt or "Q" NOOs, Drivers, mechanics and any other pers who may be required to drive vehicles at any time.

8. Only essential duties, such as Duty Officer or NOO if included in categories above will remain in camp. Such personnel will attend on one of the other lecture nights.

9. Unit comds will ensure that full implementation is given to this instruction.

DISTRIBUTION: List "A"

plus 1 Aust Corps

2 Aust Beach Wesp (Capt JOHNSON)

HQ 1 AUST BEACH GROUP
(J.E. GATTON)

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24 OCT 44

1 AUSTRALIAN BEACH GROUP EMBARKATION INSTR NO 1

EXERCISE "FINCH"

Ref Maps : CAIRNS 1" to 1 ml
MACALISTER RANGE 1" to 1 ml

1. GENERAL

This instr covers carrying up, mov and embarkation of 1 Aust Beach Gp personnel from TRINITY and SOUTH UNITY BEACHES and EMAS "PARK".

2. RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMBARKATION

- (a) A combined staff from 25 Aust Inf Bde and 1 Aust Beach Gp will be responsible for embarkation of personnel, vchs, guns and tractors on exercise.
- (b) 25 Aust Inf Bde will be responsible for loading of force stores (250 tons) at TRINITY BEACH.

3. CONTROL

ALL tps on entry to assembly area are under the control of ECOs and will NOT leave area without first reporting to control post.

4. OSC TPS

The following units will supply OSC tps for craft as shown:-

LCI No 4	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
LCI No 7	2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.

OSC tps as above and ECOs (see para 6 below) will report to HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde for a conference at 1100 hrs 29 Oct 44.

Tpt to be coordinated by 2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy

5. MARRYING UP

- (a) Marrying up of craft serials for each craft will be carried out in areas indicated under arrangements OSC tps. Units or portions of units to be embarked will report to respective areas at times laid down by OSC tps. Times of assembly will be notified by signal through this HQ.

LSI GREEN (Glencarn)	Spots - ref C642847
1 RAD (Spearhead)	" " " 25 Aust Inf Bde HQ
LSI BLUE (Lvo)	Bivouac area SOUTH UNITY BEACH
LCI 1	2/31 Aust Inf Bn lines
LCI 2	2/33 " " " "
LCI 4	Beach Gp (area to be nominated by OC tps)
LCI 6	Bivouac area SOUTH UNITY BEACH
7	

IST 1 (1st loading see Sports field 642847
Appx "C")
IST 2 (2nd loading see Bivouac area SOUTH UNITY
Appx "C")

Balance of pers & vehs
ISTs 1, 2 and 4 HMAS "PARK"
(See Appx "C")

ALC 40s 4, 5 and 6 Assembly area TRINITY BEACH
(Bivouac areas SOUTH UNITY are indicated
in Appx "B" attached).

MOV TO ASSEMBLY AREAS

5. (b)

(i) Marrying up to be completed in sufficient time to
permit of arrival at assembly areas as shown:-

Craft	Arrive Assembly Area	Embark (approx)
LSI GREEN (incl LCM loads)	300830K	300700K
LSI RED	300630K	300700K
LCI 1, 2 & 4	011330K	011400K
ALC 40 4, 5 & 6	011330K	011400K
IST 1 (from waterproofing area)	311200K	
LSI BLUE	Marry up by 011600K in bivouac areas	
LCI 6 & 7	"	
IST 2	Marry up by 010900K in bivouac areas	

(ii) Mov to all areas is responsibility of OSC ships and craft. Names of OSC for all craft other than shown in para 4 above may be obtained on application this H.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

(a) Within Embarkation Areas control will be exercised by line under arrangement Sig O 25 Ddc. Line will be supplemented for all embarkations at TRINITY by CR 536 sets under arrangements 2 Aust Beach Gp.
Operators reporting to LCO at 0530 hrs 30 Oct 44 and 1100 hrs 1 Nov 44.

7. CRAFT SERIAL ROLLS

(a) OSC tps as per para 4 above will be responsible for 5 copies of the consolidated Craft Serial Rolls for each craft serial. One copy is retained by Unit and the remaining 4 copies to Boat Team leader prior to marrying up for distribution as under:-

2 copies for Ship
1 copy for LCO (to be returned to 25 Ddc Hq on completion of embarkation)
1 copy for Boat Team Leader.

(b) In the case of all other craft landings one copy of craft serial rolls will be forwarded to Hq 1 Aust Beach Gp by 1600 hrs 29 Oct 44 for consolidation and forwarding.

8. SIGNPOSTING OF ASSEMBLY & EMBARKATION AREAS

ECOs will draw sign requirements from pool held by 2/15 Aust Fd Coy. Orders for additional signs must be kept to a minimum and if necessary, will be placed direct with 2/15 Aust Fd Coy.

ECOs will be responsible for signposting of respective areas.

9. LOADING OF FORCE STORES

- (a) Slotting of 250 tons force stores on TRINITY BEACH will be completed by 1200 hrs on 29 Oct 44. Under arrangements 3 Aust Armd Div Sal Unit. Labour to be supplied by 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn.

Break-up of Stores as follows:-

POL	50 tons
SUPS	30 "
AMN	130 "
ORD	20 "
EXPENSE	20 "
	<u>250 "</u>

- (b) Loading of stores on to LST 1 under arrangements 25 Aust Inf Bdo.

10. MARKING OF VEHs AND STORES

With exception of Stores (para 9 above) all vehs, guns, tractors, etc, will be clearly marked on front, back and sides in chalk with figures 12" high with craft serial No and, in the case of LST loadings, landing priority numbers.-Stowage plan to be issued later.

11. EMBARKATION

Will be effected from areas as indicated:-

LSI GREEN (Glencarn)	TRINITY	0730 hrs 30 Oct 44
LSI RED (Spearhead)		
LCI 1, 2 & 4	TRINITY	1400 hrs 1 Nov 44
LST 1 (1st loading)	"	(Stores 0900 hrs 31 Oct 44 Vehs & pers 1200 hrs 31 Oct
AICs 40 4, 5 & 6	"	1400 hrs 1 Nov 44
LSI BLUE (Ere)	SOUTH UNITY	2 Nov 44 (as required)
LCI 6 & 7	"	"
LST 2 (2nd loading)	"	"
LST 1, 2 & 4	HMAS "TARK"	To be fed into assault beaches at hours shown in Landing Tables. By ECO

12. WATERPROOFING

- (a) Vehs for first LST loading will report to waterproofing assembly areas (map ref C642847) by 0900 hrs 30 Oct 44 for completion of Stage IV under arrangements 25 Aust Inf Bdo.
- (b) 2/15 Aust Fd Coy vehs for LOMs serials 45/47 will be waterproofed by 1 Aust Beach Wksp ALME to Stage IV in sufficient time to permit of arrival at assembly area TRINITY BEACH by 0630 hrs 30 Oct for embarkation at 0700 hrs.

- (c) Dewaterproofing - All units will be responsible for the return of non-expendable dewaterproofing stores to respective Wksp on completion of exercise.

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13. BIVOUAC AREAS SOUTH UNITY

- (a) Location as indicated on Appx "B".
- (b) Hygiene : Latrines have been dug in these areas and Oso tps will ensure that these are used and that a high standard of hygiene is maintained. All sullage and garbage pits must be filled and sealed before leaving area.
- (c) Feeding & Water :
- (i) Personnel for LSI BLUE and LCIs 6 & 7 proceeding by road on 1 Nov 44 will carry out lunches up to and incl evening meal 1 Nov 44 as required.
- (ii) Under arrangements 25 Aust Inf Bde 3 x 400 gal water tanks will be placed in bivouac areas for LCI and LST personnel by 30 Oct 44.

14. TRINITY BEACH - RATIONING

- (a) Except where otherwise shown rationing will be a unit responsibility.
- (b) (i) LCIs 1, 2 & 4 - Evening meal 1 Nov 44 will be prepared by Ship - unconsumed portion of day's rations to be taken aboard for this purpose. 2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl will arrange for bulk rations to be delivered to Senior Member of Beach Gp personnel embarking at embarkation points.
- (ii) LST - Personnel rationed by Ships - first meal evening 31 Oct.
- (iii) LIG 40s - out lunches up to and incl evening meal 1 Nov 44.
- (iv) LSI - rationed by Ships.

15. HMAS "PARK" (ref map M501986) plan to be issued later)

- (a) All tps proceeding to HMAS "PARK" area will carry out lunches or equivalent up to and incl evening meal 1 Nov 44.
- (b) Water : HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde will provide and service 2 x 400 gal tanks by 1200 hrs 30 Oct 44.
- (c) Hygiene : Latrines and garbage as per para 13 (b) above.

16. EMBARKATION CONTROL STAFF

Units of 1 Aust Beach Gp will provide following members of ECO Staffs for beaches and areas as shown:-

- (a) TRINITY - (i) Pos:-
- | | | |
|-------------|---------------|------------------|
| ECO | Capt V. LLOYD | 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn |
| Asst ECO | It | 2/166 AGT Coy |
| Batmen 2 | 1 each | (2/4 Aust Pnr Bn |
| | | (2/166 AGT Coy |
| Maintenance | 1 NCO & 10 | 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn |
| Party | | |
| Supervising | 1 NCO | 2/15 Aust Pn Coy |
| Engr | | |
| NCOs | 2 Spts | 2/166 AGT Coy |

- (ii) Personnel as above to report with personal gear and eating utensils to SC 25 Aust Inf Bde 1400 hrs 29 Oct 44.
- (iii) Rations for 35 personnel (incl 18 as above) will be provided by 2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl for meals incl evening meal 29 Oct 44 to evening meal 1 Nov 44.
- (iv) Cooks and cooking gear under arrangements 25 Bde.
- (v) Tpt for above Beach Gp personnel to be provided by 2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy.
- (b) SOUTH UNITY - (i) : Pers

ECO Capt CAMERON)
 1 Batman) 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
 1 Orderly)

Report to SOUTH UNITY by 1500 hrs 31 Oct 44. Tpt to be supplied by 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

- (ii) Rations for 24 personnel to be delivered to control post for meals incl evening meal 31 Oct 44 to midday 2 Nov 44 under arrangements 2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl.
- (iii) Cooks provided by 25 Aust Inf Bde.
- (iv) Cooking gear for 24 pers to be provided by 2/4 Aust Inf Bn and taken to area by ECO

- (c) HMS "PARK" (i) : Pers

ECO Lt GERRARD 2/166 AGT Coy
 Asst ECO Lt GULLIVER 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
 2 Batmen) 1 each from respect-
 2 Orderlies) ive units as above

- (ii) Report to SC HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde 1200 hrs 31 Oct with personal gear and eqpt for mov to HMS "PARK" area.
- (iii) Rations for 18 personnel to be delivered to control post under arrangements 2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl for incl evening meal 31 Oct 44 to midday 2 Nov 44.
- (iv) Cooking gear to be provided by 2/166 AGT Coy and taken with ECOs staff when reporting as above.

17. NOTIFICATION TO TPS

All units will ensure that all tps are aware of their Craft Serial No.

18. MOV TO HMS "PARK" AND SOUTH UNITY AREAS

Mov table for personnel and vchs for above areas will be issued later. Date of mov 1 Nov 44.

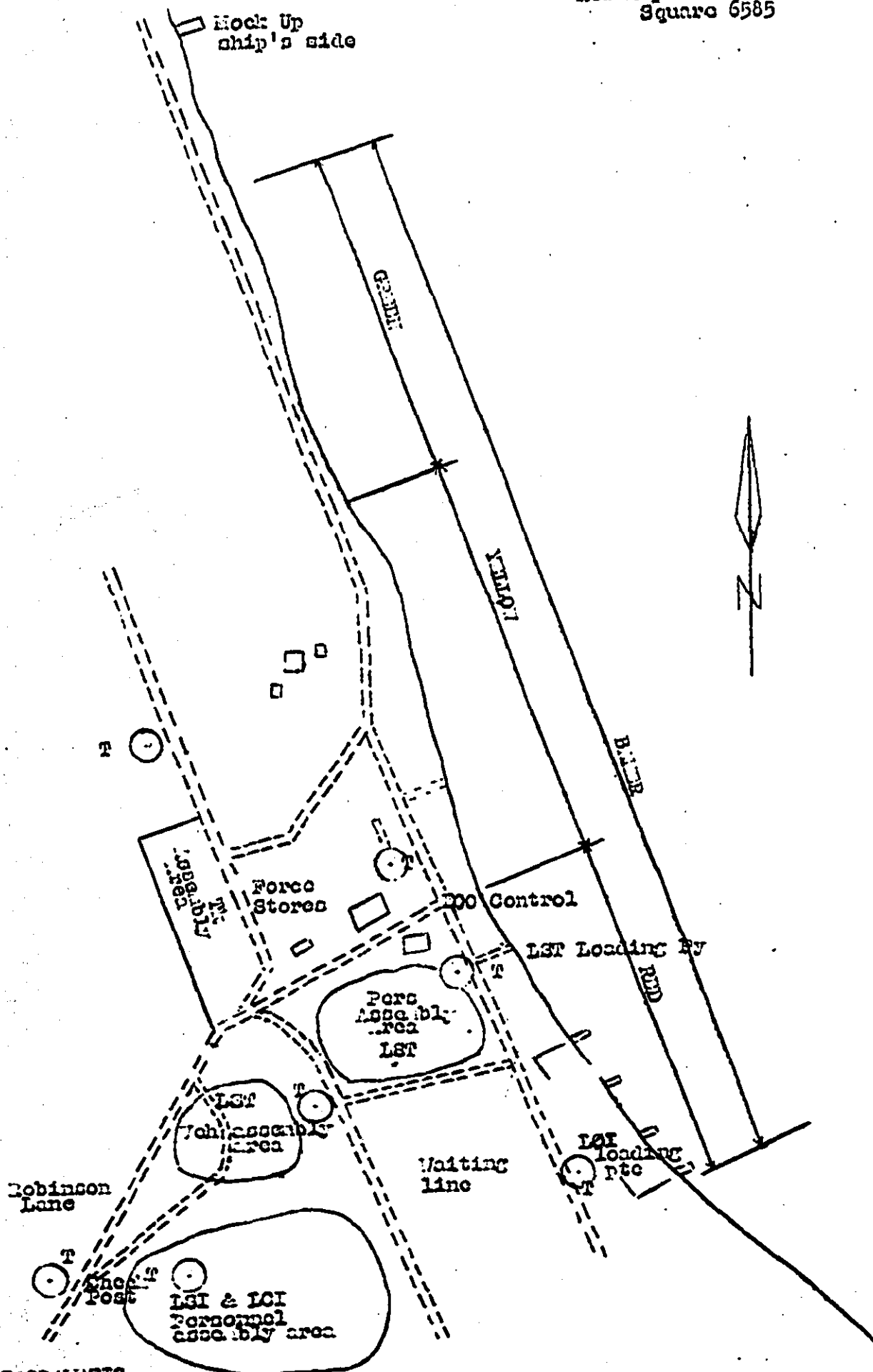
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Embarkation Instn 1
Ref Map CHINA 1" - 1 in
Square 6585

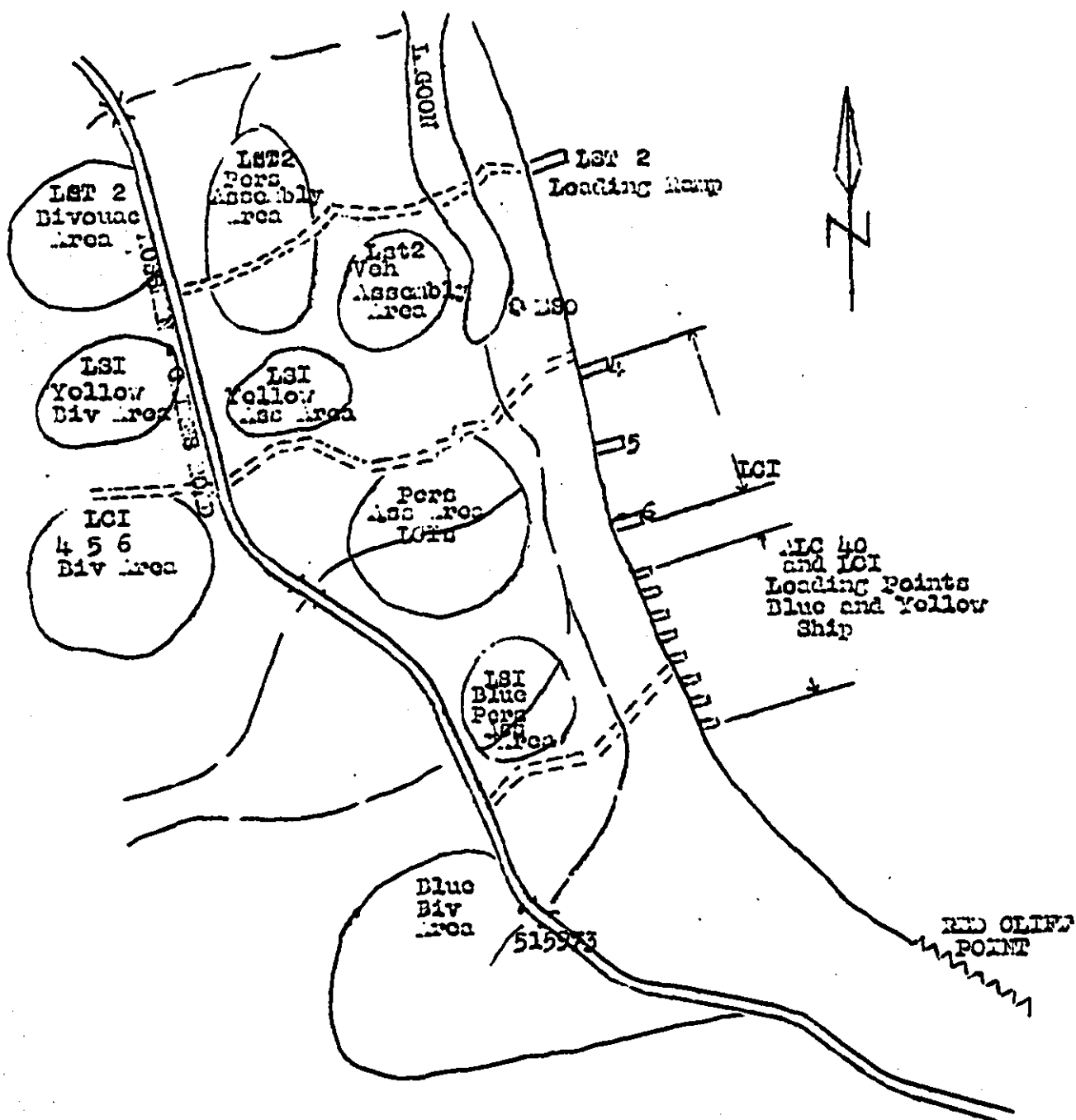


DIAGNOSTIC

Scale 1" = 66 fms

EXERCISE PLAN
RED CLIFF POINT AREA
MILITARY SECTOR

TYPE "D" to
1 MUST BEACH GROUP
ELIMINATION INSTR NO 1
Ref Map Macalister Range
1" to 1 mi



APPX "C"

(Issued with 1 Aust Beach Gp
Embarkation Instr 1
EXERCISE "FINCH").

LST 1 (1st loading)

	To move from TRINITY and embark 311200K		To move to HMS "PARK" and arrive by 1000 hrs 1 Nov 44.	
	Vehs	Pers	Vehs	Pers
2/15 Aust Fd Coy	1 D4 tractor 1 Sled 4 x 3 ton Tipper 2 Jeeps & Trlrs 2 x 2 1/2 ton 6 x 6 (14 tons stores preloaded)	1245	1 x 3 ton 6 x 6	2
HQ 1 Aust Beach Gp		4	1 Jeep & Trlr	2
1 Aust Beach Wksp Co AEEME		6	2 D4 wreckers	4
		5755		68

LST 2 (2nd loading)

HQ 2/166 AGT Coy	7 Jeeps & Trlrs	15
	6 2 1/2 ton 6 x 6	12
1 AMC Coy (Beach Gp)	3 Jeeps & Trlrs	14
		41

NOTE:-Mov table to be issued later for HMS "PARK" personnel.

1 AUST BEACH GROUP ROAD MOVEMENT TABLE EXERCISE "FINCH"

Ref : (a) APPX "B" to 1 Aust Beach Group Embarkation Instr 1

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ASSEMBLY AREA : No 2 Sports Oval
 START POINT : Entrance to COOK HIGHWAY from oval.
 ROUTE : SE - COOK HIGHWAY - BIVOUAC AREAS
 SPEED & DENSITY : (a) Speed NOT to exceed 15 MPH (b) Density 12 VEH
 MEDICAL : Evacuation to RAP HQ 1 Aust Beach Group
 REC : To 1 Aust Beach Wasp AREA

Serial	Craft		Unit	Pers	Vehs				Con- voy	Assemble		Pass SP	Debussing Area		Fed to Assault Beach at approx	Remarks		
	Serial No	Type			Unit on Exercise		Addition- al GT Coy	Tps		Tpt	Arrive		Location					
					3T tip	Jeep & Trlr								DT Wrecker			2 1/2 T 6 x 6	
								3 ton										
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)
1	49	LST 1	2/15 Aust Fd Coy	2	1												H +90	(a) to be loaded
2	50	"	HQ 1 Aust Beach Gp	2		1											"	in GT exercise
3	49	"	1 Aust Beach Wasp	2			1										"	vehs - incl Med
4	50	"	"	2			1										"	Orderly for
5	118	LST 4	2/166 AGT Coy	12		7		6		1	with	0845	0900	0940		HMS	H +180	Convoy
6	118	"	1 LMC Coy	14(a)		3					tpt					"PARK"	"	(b) leads convoy
7	89	LSI BLUE	15 Aust Indep Pro P1	2		1(b)											"	returns for es
			TOTALS	36	1	12	2	6										court of 2nd con
																		voy - on comple
																		tion all mov 2
																		& 3 convoys re-
																		port to BLUE
																		Bivouac area
																		(c) OC convoy
																		at SMITH 2/166
8	89-92	LSI BLUE	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	129														(d) OC Convoy
9	92-93	"	2 Aust Ord det	47				10	10	2	0905	0905	0920	1000	BLUE Bivouac Area			Capt BARBOUR
			TOTALS	176				10	10									2/4 Pnr Bn
																		(d) incl Med Or
																		derly for con
																		voy 2 & 3

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)
10	76	LCI 6	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	41													(f) OC convoy Capt DUNCAN
11	76	"	1 Aust Beach Wksp	7													2/166 AGT Coy.
12	84	LCI 7	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	26					9	3	0925	0925	0945	1020	LCI BIVOUAC AREA		(g) Serials 12 & 13 report to Lt PROSSER 2/14 Hr A.
13	84	"	2/166 AGT Coy	45													Bty on arrival with 5 copies serial rolls.
14	84	"	2/240 Sup Depot Pl	20													(h) Capt DUNCAN boat leader
15	84	"	57 BIPOD Pl	14													LCI 7
			TOTALS	153					9								

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SC 1 AUST BEACH GROUP
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SUBJECT : CLOSE SUPPORT OF LANDINGS

RESTRICTED

TRIALS OF 3" AND 4.2" MORTARS FIRED FROM ALC 40

HQ 1 Aust Beach Group
Oct 44
Ref : GS222

1. GENERAL

A series of trials firing 4.2" and 3" mortars from an ALC 40 will be conducted on 25 Oct 44.

2. LOCATION

Area bounded by points ref map CAIRNS 1" 940720 - 940680 - 910680 - 910720

3. OBJECT

The object of these trials is to test the effectiveness of 4.2" and 3" mortars fired from a landing craft during its approach to a beach.

4. TPS

det 101 Aust Bde Sp Coy
" Mortar Pl 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn.

5. CRAFT AVAILABLE

1 ALC 40
1 fast motor launch.

6. METHOD

(a) Mortars are mounted in craft braced against hardwood beams. The foremost pair is mounted 18' from the bow of the craft to ensure safe clearance of the raised ramp.

(b) Only one type of mortar will be fired on each run into target area.

(c) Augmenting charges to be used are:-

(i)	4.2" mortar	450 grain neobite
(ii)	3" "	115 grain stick cordite

(d) Firing will open at:-

(i)	4.2" mortar	-	2500 yds from target area
(ii)	3" "	-	2000 " " " "

(e) Firing will cease 400 yds from target area for both weapons.

(f) Target area to be engaged is:-

(i)	4.2" mortar	-	100 yds to either side of zero line
			and 500 yds inland from water line
(ii)	3" mortar	-	100 yds on either side of zero line
			and 350 yds inland from water line.

(g) Programme of firing is attached as Appx "A".

7. RECORDING OF SHOOT

2 RLA Director.. stas will be sited on shore to observe and record the fall of bombs.

8. INTERCOMMUNICATION

- (a) Communications will be established between ALC 40, observers, motor launch and both RAA director stas by W/T Set No 46. Control Sta in ALC 40.
- (b) Communications will be established between ALC 40 and 1 Aust Beach Gp by W/T Set No 22. Control Sta in ALC 40. Communications will NOT be established until ALC 40 arrives WIDE BAY. First call to be made at 1200 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION:-

Major

2 Aust Beach Ltg Sec	4
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	6
1 Aust Combined Ops Sec	4
1 Aust Corps	1
Observers	20
File	4
War Diary	2

APPX "L" to HQ 1 Aust
Beach Gp G

PROGRAMME OF FIRING

<u>RUN</u>	<u>TYPE OF</u> <u>MORTAR</u>	<u>CHARGE</u> <u>1 PRIMARY</u> <u>PLUS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>RATE OF FIRE</u>
1	3"	8	H hour	2000 yds	5 RPM
		7	H plus 1 minute	1800 "	
		6	H " 2 "	1600 "	
		5	H " 35 "	1300 "	
		4	H " 4.5 "	1100 "	
		3	H " 5.5 "	900 "	40 RPM
		2	H " 6.5 "	700 "	
			H " 8 "	400 "	
2. Repetition of run No 1.					
3	4.2"	4	H plus 180	2500	5 RPM
		3	H " 183 $\frac{1}{2}$	1800	6 RPM
		2	H " 186	1300	12 RPM
		1	H " 189	700	
			H " 190 $\frac{1}{2}$	400	
4 Repetition of run No 3 except last 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ minutes - 15 RPM.					

NOTE:- (a) Total bombs to be fired:-

Run	1	163
	2	163
	3	86
	4	91

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(b) Speed of barge based at/knots or approx 200 yds per minute.

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1 AUST BEACH GROUP

OPERATION ORDER NO 2

EXERCISE "FINCH"

XID(2)

Amendment No 2 to 1 MUST BEACH GROUP EMBARKATION

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Add para 16

LOADING OF VEHICLES

All windcreens and shiny portions of vehicles which are to be loaded in LSTs or LCO 40s for Exercise "POSSUM" will be smeared with grease to prevent the reflection of sunlight.

In the case of jeeps, windscreen covers will be fitted.

Fittings of covers or grease coating of windcreens etc, will be carried out in the vehicle waterproofing areas prior to embarkation.

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DATE 25OCT 44

1 AUST BEACH GROUP OPERATION ORDER NO 2

EXERCISE "FINCH"

Ref Maps : MACALISTER RANGE one inch to 1 mile
Air Photographs V1701, V1702, V1703.

INFORMATION

1. ENEMY

(a) General

After our successful operations against TRINITY IS the enemy began to reinforce UNITY IS, 1 AUST CORPS is preparing to invade FAKI IS, 500 miles NORTH TRINITY IS.

No serious opposition is anticipated to a landing, which will NOT take place prior to 0630 hrs D day.

We will have air superiority and enemy airborne troops should not be able to operate.

Counter landings are possible.

(b) Land

(i) Total enemy strength in area of operation

19065

Base and L of C Tps included in total

9950

(ii) Dispositions:-

UNITY IS 3100
Base & L of C 1000

{ included in total -

FAKI IS 15965
Base & L of C 8950

{ included in total -

UNITY IS may be reinforced from FAKI IS.

(c) Air

Total enemy A/C available in area 291 all types. Ref 25 AUST INF BDE special Int Summary No 1.

(d) Sea

Probably 150 barges stationed on FAKI IS.

No com naval craft reported in area

2. OWN TPS

(a) Land

- (i) 25 AUST INF BDE with 1 AUST BEACH GP in support will carry out assault of UNITY IS.
- (ii) Assault will be in three phases - see Appendices "A", "B" and "C".
- (iii) Following tps come under comd 1 Aust Beach Gp on landing:-
- | | | |
|---------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| One bty | 2/2 Tk/A Regt - defence | UNCLE SECTOR |
| | 2/4 Hy AA Bty | } first task defence |
| | 2/15 Lt AA Bty | |
| | 84 Aust Mobile SL Bty | } BMA. Second task |
| | | |
| | | } beach defence |
| | | |
| 2 pls | 2/1 Aust MG Bn. | UNCLE SECTOR |
- (iv) OOB 1 Aust Beach Gp is attached at Appx "D".

(b) Air

Air cover for convoy is being provided up to and incl D day.

Close support will be provided by six Sqs BOSTONS, 3 Sqs MITCHELLS, 3 Sqs BEAUFIGHTERS.

(c) Sea

See Appx "K" to 25 AUST INF BDE.OO No 1.

3. TOPOGRAPHICAL

UNCLE SECTOR is approx 1000 yds long - white sand beach - 20 to 30 yds of soft sand above high water mark - 10 to 20 yds of firm sand between high and low water marks.

The approach is unobstructed but landing in 2 to 3 feet of water is anticipated.

For boundaries of RED, GREEN beaches UNCLE SECTOR see FIRST KEY PLAN Appx "G".

BMA area located on level ground with exception of POL area, Supply and Ordnance areas which are situated on rising ground, estimated slope 1 in 8.

Creek from NORTH boundary of GREEN beach runs to a point approx 150 yds inland from centre of RED beach.

The ground for a distance of 100 yds on both sides of creek is mangrove swamp to point where creek turns WEST, from this point to road banks are steep and thickly covered with secondary growth. This area is unsuitable for BMA.

Reference to roads in BMA will be given by reference to letters shown on Key Plan.

4. METEOROLOGICAL

Period D - 1 to D plus 1

(a) General conditions for disembarkation area:-

Mainly fine; slight to moderate sea.

(b) Ocean Forecast:-Present indications point to fine weather or possibly a few light showers. Wind SE 10 - 15 MPH. Seas slight to moderate with low SE swell.

(c) General conditions for beach landing:-Probably a few showers; moderate surf.

(d) Beach forecast:-Winds SE 10 - 15 MPH.

(e)	<u>Twilight</u>	<u>Rises</u>	<u>Sets</u>	<u>Twilight</u>
Sun				
D Day	0517	0536	1819	1838

(f)	<u>Rises</u>	<u>Sets</u>	<u>Phase</u>
Mon 1	1952	0638	Full moon.
D-1 Day			

(g)	<u>High Water</u>	<u>Low Water</u>	<u>High Water</u>	<u>Low Water</u>
Tides	1013 hrs	0340 hrs	2203 hrs	1626 hrs
D Day	7.9 ft	0.4 ft	6.3 ft	2.2 ft

(h) Further information will be issued to all concerned at intervals of 48 hrs from 0900 hrs on 26 Oct 44.

5. THE MAINTENANCE PROJECT

(To be issued separately).

6. INTENTION

1 Aust Beach Gp will land on UNCLE GREEN and UNCLE RED beaches and develop an area to maintain 7 Aust Div.

7. METHOD

(a) Distribution of 1 Aust Beach Group to Ships and Craft is attached at Appx "E".

(b) Landing of Beach Gp will be in accordance with extracts from 25 Aust Inf Bde Landing Tables attached at Appx "F".

8. D DAY

Will be notified by signal.

9. H HOUR

Will be notified by signal.

10. FIRST KEY PLAN

Attached at Appx "G".

11. RECONNAISSANCE

(a) Recce gps as per Bde Landing Craft Table.

(b) Reports to Beach Gp HQ on completion of reconnaissance and NOT later than H plus 3 hours.

- (c) BCC will forward preliminary reports to Adv Beach Gp HQ at H plus 35 minutes.

12. SECOND KEY PLAN

Will be issued verbally or by runner NOT later than H plus 4 hrs.

13. GROUND and AIR DEFENCE

- (a) Each sub unit will be responsible for close defence of his own area .
- (b) Major D.E. MACINNIS, Acting Commanding Officer 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn, will be responsible for the coordinated defence of the BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA incl defence to SEAWARD.

14. RAE

- (a) Tasks (in order of priority):-
- (i) Clearance of beaches.
 - (ii) Ramping water gap for LST.
 - (iii) Construction BEACH LATERAL and FEEDER tracks.
 - (iv) Construction exit tracks.
 - (v) Rd framework within BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA.
 - (vi) Instal WP by 1000 hrs D plus 1.
 - (vii) Engr work within Dump areas incl digging in operating theatre for 1 AMC Coy (Beach Gp).
 - (viii) Provide night illumination on beaches.
 - (ix) Supply and control of engr stores.
 - (x) Building PW cage.

15. 2/4 AUST PNR BN

- (a) Will be responsible for recon, organizing, controlling and staffing of Personnel Assembly Area.
- (b) Will be responsible for digging in Comd Post, Beach Gp HQ by H plus 4 hrs.
- (c) Establishing and signposting public latrines on each beach.

16. LABOUR

(a) Beach Coys

UNCLE GREEN beach -

Comd Capt G. CARTER
tps "D" Coy 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn.

UNCLE RED beach -

Comd Maj J.K. CALLINAN
tps "A" Coy 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn.

- (b) Each service will provide personnel for labour within its own dump area.
- (c) Reserves:-2/4 Aust Pnr Bn less "A" and "D" Coys.

17. S & T

(a) Tpt

2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy will build up pool of de-water-proofed vchs to move stores from beach to dumps.

(b) Sups

Depot to be ready for issues by 0700 hrs on D plus 1.

(c) POL

Depot to be ready for issues by 0700 hrs on D plus 1. In an emergency issues will be made at any time after first craft carrying POL beaches.

(d) Water

Water brought ashore will be ready for issue by 1600 hrs on D day. (Token for exercise).

(e) Vch Transit Area

2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy will be responsible for organizing, controlling and staffing the Vch Transit Area.

18. ORDNANCE

(a) Amn to be ready for issue by 1400 hrs on D day. If demanded amn will be issued from beach.

(b) Ord sealings to be ready for issue by 0700 hrs on D plus 1.

19. AMEE

(a) Recovery points on UNCLE GREEN and UNCLE RED beaches by H plus 70.

(b) De-waterproofing and maintenance as per First Key Plan.

(c) Second echelon repairs NOT before D plus 1.

(d) Evacuation NOT before D plus 4.

20. MEDICAL

(a) Beach Dressing Stations will be established on junc of GREEN RED beaches and UNCLE RED beaches by H plus 60 minutes.

(b) After rescue they will concentrate under instructions from DADMS in Main Beach Dressing Station as indicated by Second Key Plan.

(c) Estimated casualties 200.

(d) Evacuation of casualties by LSI and LST arranged by GEO. (for this exercise casualties will NOT be evacuated seawards).

(e) Malarial control by 20 AMCU, landing at H plus 12 hrs (NOT on exercise).

- ## 22. SALVAGE

- ## ADMINISTRATION

23. TRANSPORT

- (iv) 2 Inst Ord Beach dot 1 x 6 x 6 for carriage of unit stores.

24. MEDICAL

- (a) Rigid anti malarial and INTI mito precautions to be observed by all units vide AG/3/2 of 16 Jan 44.
- (b) Evacuation of actual casualties will be through MBDS by ambulance to 116 AGH under arrangements GEO.

25. HYGIENE

All refuse, wet or dry, will be buried. Each unit will give high priority to digging of deep or bore hole latrines.

26. DRESS

Marching Order.

27. AMN

Unit first line on man or with unit. (for exercise units will ensure that no live amm is carried by the man. First line amm and vchs for such will not be on exercise).

28. RATIONS

- (a) Landing ration for consumption D day will be carried under unit arrangements.
- (b) 2/240 Aust Sup Depot P1 will arrange for distribution of hard rations for consumption D plus 1. This distribution will be made within the BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA on D day.
- (c) 2/240 Aust Sup Depot P1 will arrange for a further 2 days hard rations to be available on wheels in camp lines to be called forward by road if required.

29. WATER

- (a) All personnel will land with water bottles full.
- (b) All MT will land with reserve of 4 gals.
- (c) 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn will deliver to MBDS 100 gals of water by H plus 60 minutes.
- (d) Each sub unit will carry ashore sufficient water to last personnel until 1000 hrs on D plus 1.

30. POL

- (a) Each unit will carry on vchs sufficient POL for 48 hrs.
- (b) 57 Aust BIPOD P1 will have on call in camp lines sufficient POL for a further 48 hrs.

31. LIGHTS and FIRES

Instructions will be issued in BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA on D day. Fires will NOT be lit before promulgation of these instructions.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

32. Communication during voyage -

- (a) No Army communications will be provided during voyage.
- (b) Wireless silence on all sets will be maintained until H - 30 or until Force Commander orders otherwise.
- (c) Communications during voyage are the responsibility of the Navy who will handle all traffic between ships or units.

33. LOCATION OF HQ

HQ 1 Aust Beach Gp will be located as follows:-

During embarkation
Afloat

DEADMAN'S GULLY
GREEN SHIP

UNCLE SECTOR

Adv Beach Gp HQ

Setting up approx H plus 35 Centre UNCLE GREEN

Beach Gp HQ

As per First Key Plan.

34. DESPATCH BOAT ROUTINE

Craft returning from beaches to ships will be used to carry despatches to ships.

35. AIR RAID WARNING

- (a) By signal up to H plus 4 hrs.
- (b) After H plus 4 hrs 3 consecutive rounds from nominated Bofors.
- (c) All clear will be one shot from nominated Bofors.

36. SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES

With Ships KING ZONE time at H - 2 hrs.

37. CODE WORD FOR OPERATION -

FINCH

38. LIAISON OFFICERS

Full use will be made of LOs who will call at all Sig offices when moving between HQs.

39. DRIS

Within BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA will be instituted as soon as possible. Time table will be issued on D day.

40. FREQUENCIES - CODE SIGNS - CODE NAMES

- (a) Beach Sigs will issue to all concerned for period D - 1 to D plus 2.
- (b) All frequencies etc will be changed daily at 0100K.

41. LINE COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA

Beach Sigs will provide line communications from the Main Beach Signal Office as follows - see Appx "H".

- (a) BCC on each beach.
- (b) HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde.
- (c) HQ 1 Aust Beach Gp.

2/4 Aust Pnr Bn sig pl will provide line communications within the BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA in following priority:-

- (a) RJE
- (b) GEN TPT COY
- (c) PNR BN
- (d) LI. HQ
- (e) Transit areas
- (f) AEME
- (g) MBDS
- (h) Ord
- (j) POL

(k) Sups

(1) Pro.

42. ACK --- 2.11.680 K

Signed at _____

Issued by _____

DIAG 1 MUSTERBEACH GROUP
(J.E. GANNON)

LIST OF APPENDICES

"A" - Assault - Phase 1
"B" " " 2
"C" " " 3
"D" OOB 1 Aust Beach Gp.
"E" Distribution of 1 Aust Beach Gp to Ships & Craft
"F" Extracts from 25 Aust Inf Bde Landing Craft Table
"G" First Key Plan
"H" Signal diagram.

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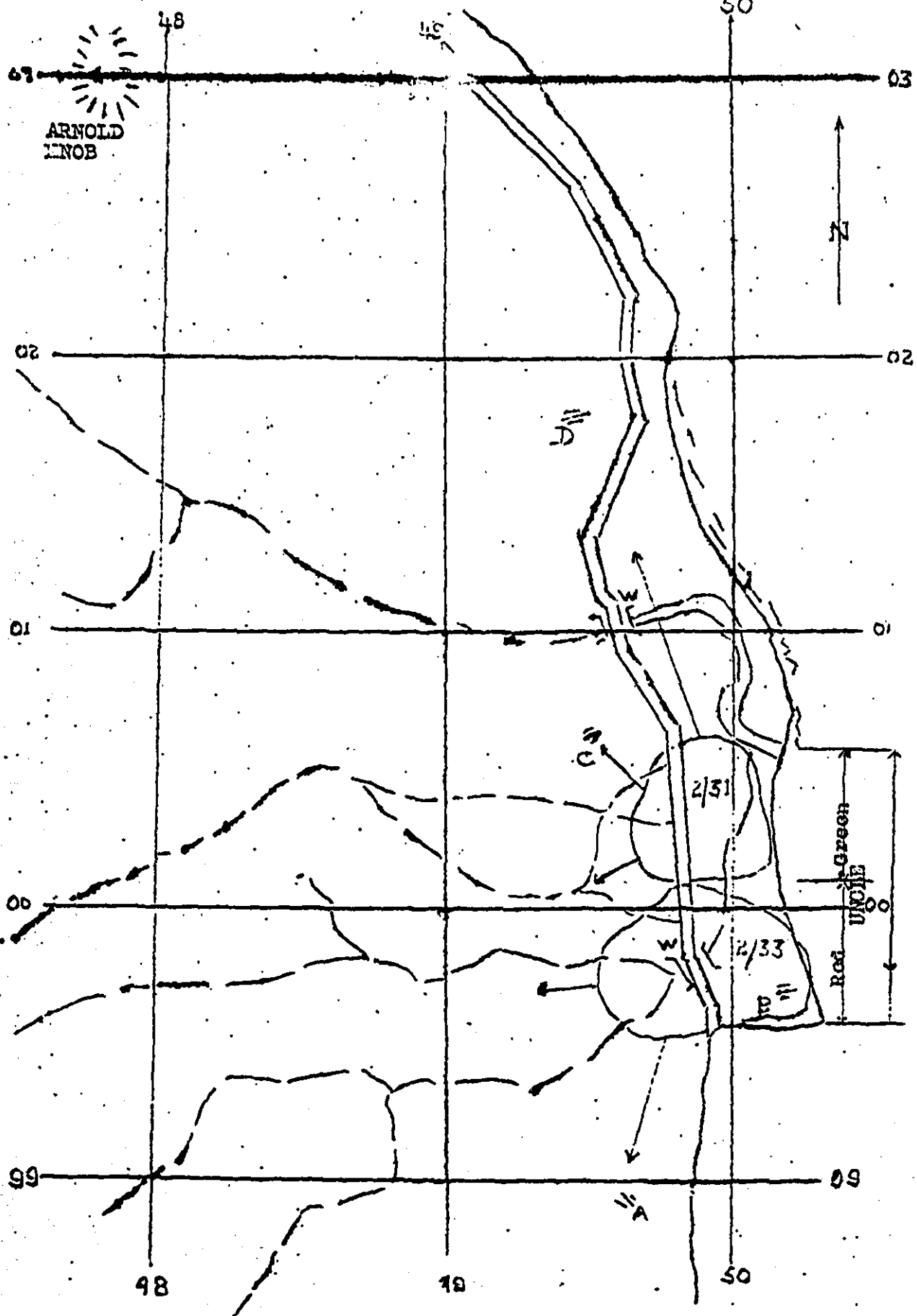
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2/15 Aust Fd Coy	2 - 4	1 pl 2/1 Aust MG Bn	22
2 Aust Beach Sig Sec	5	2 " " " "	23
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	6 - 10	1 Aust Corps	24
2/168 Aust Gen Tpt Pl	11	7 Aust Div	25 - 25
2/240 Aust Sup Depot	12	25 Aust Inf Bde	46 - 50
P1	13	1 Aust Combined Ops Sec	51 - 52
57 Aust EIPOD Pl	14	1 Aust Mil Ldg Gp	53
1 AMC Coy (Beach Gp)	15	ATU	54 - 57
2 Aust Ord Beach det	16	Comd	58
1 Aust Beach Wksp JEME	17	DAQMG	59
15 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro	18	IO	60
P1	19	DADMS	61
Bty 2/2 Tk/A Regt	20	Spare	62 - 67
2/14 Hy AA Bty		File	68
2/15 Lt AA Bty		War Diary	69 - 70

Phase 1

EXERCISE "STORM"

TOP SECRET

App: 'A' to
1 Aust Beach Gp 00 No 2



Scale: 4" to 1 Mile

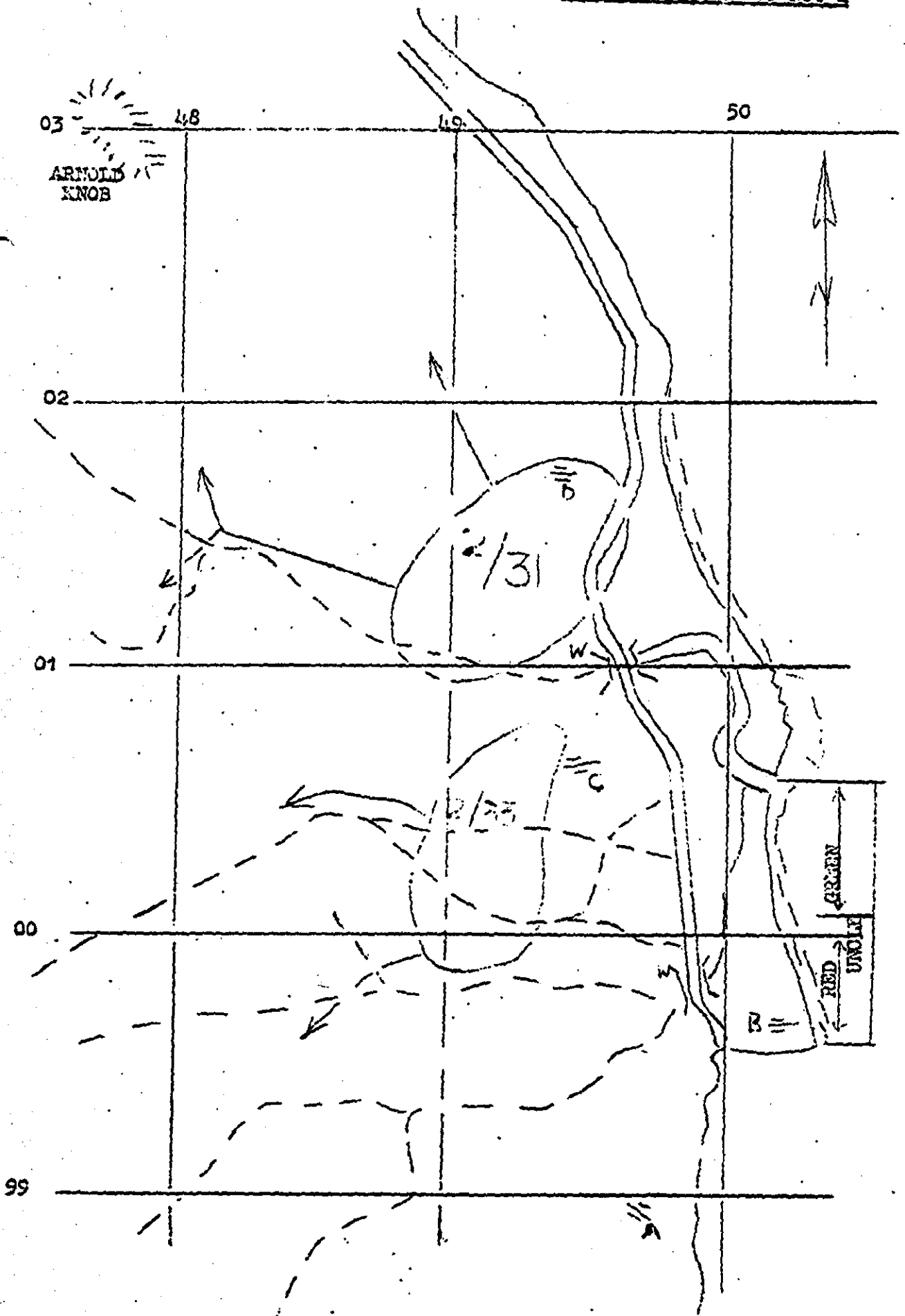
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EXERCISE 1

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Appx '8' to

1 AUST BEACH GP 00 No. 2



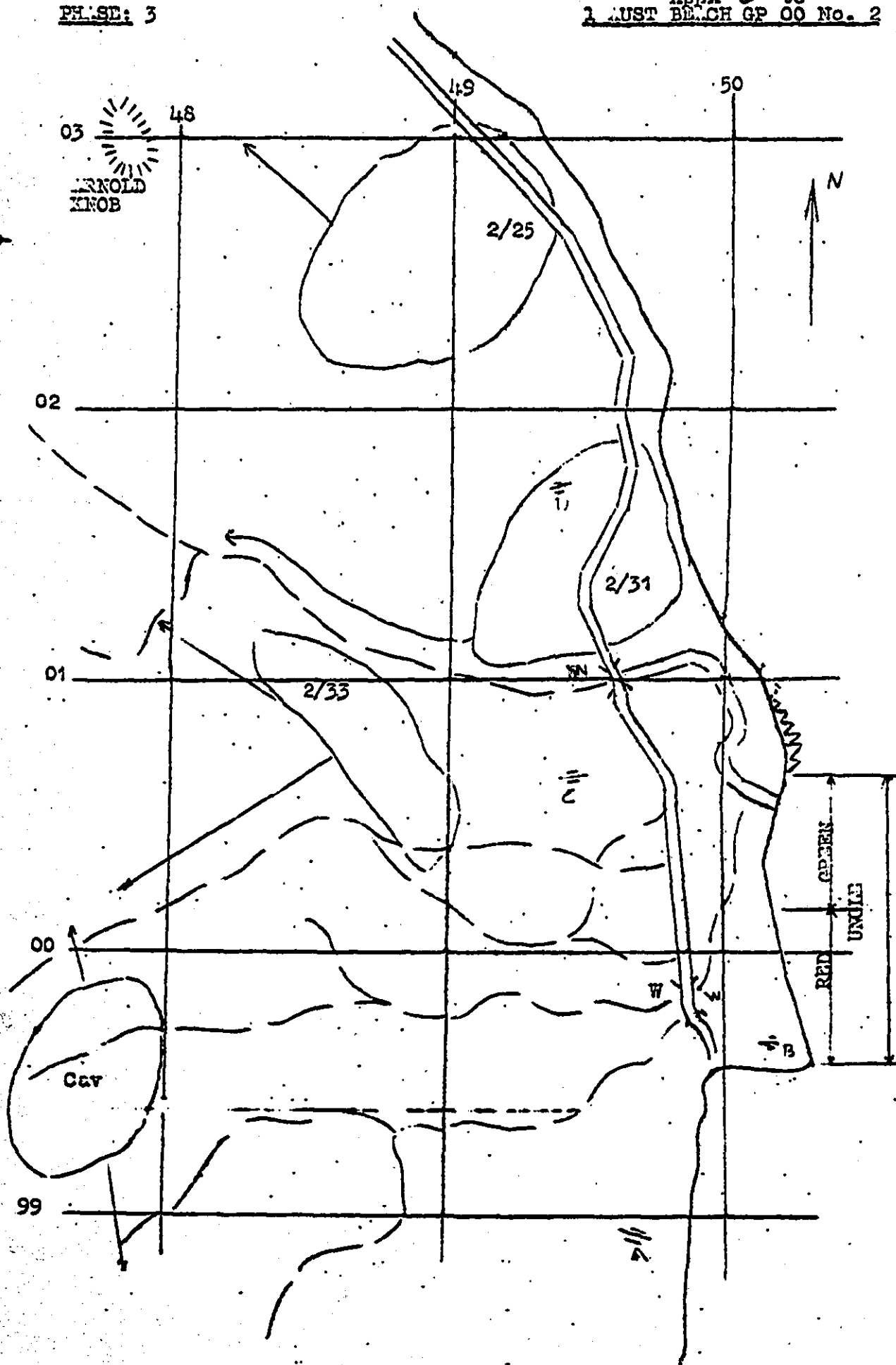
SC 1: 4" to 1 Mile

EXERCISE "Continued"

TOP SECRET

PHASE: 3

1. MUST BE CH GP 00 No. 2



SC-12: 4" to 1 mile

1 WEST BEACH GROUP - CCB

TOP SECRET

1 West Beach Group to 2

Serial	UNIT	Pers	AWC GMS	Tip- pers	Jeeps Trlrs	Diamond Eng	Trac- tors	Sleds	Dozers	Stores
1	Det Hq 1 West Beach Gr	13			1					
2	" 2/15 West Bd Coy	204	2	7	2		3-24	10	2-26 3-24	28 tons
3	" 2 West Beach Sig Bde	39								
4	" 2/4 West Pwr Bn	450								
5	" 2/163 West Gen Tpt Coy	75	6		7					
6	" 2/240 West Sup Depot #1	23								
7	" 57 West Bldg	16								
8	" 1 West Coy	53			3					
9	" 1 West Beach Trsp Bn	46				2				
10	" 2 West Ord Beach Det	50								
11	" 15 West Inscr Bde Gr Pro 21	29			1					
12	" Bldg Commando "	65								
		1079	8	7	14	2	3-24	10	2-26 3-24	28 tons

DISTRIBUTION OF 1 AUST BEACH GROUP TO SHIPS & CRAFT

TOP SECRET

Appx F to
1 Aust Beach Gp OO No 2.

S E C T I O N	U N I T	LSI Glen- earn		LSI Empire Spear- head		ALC 40		ALC 40		ALC 40		ICI 1	ICI 2	ICI 4	LSI H.E.	LST 1		LST 2		ICI 6	ICI 7	LST 4								
		Personnel	Tipper	Personnel	Tipper	Personnel	Mech eqpt	Personnel	Mech Eqpt	Personnel	Mech Eqpt	Personnel	Personnel	Personnel	Personnel	Jeep & trlr	Personnel	cc vehs & tractors	3 ton Tipper	Stores	Personnel	Jeeps & trlrs	Vehs	Stores	Personnel	Personnel	Personnel	Jeeps & trlrs	2 1/2 ton 6 x 6	
1	Hq 1 Aust Beach Gp	6												6																
2	2/15 Aust Fd Coy	4	2	36	1	25	2 (e)	24	2 (e)	47	3 (e)	8	8	5		35	1 (a)	2	14	12	2	4 (e)	14							
3	2 Aust Beach Sig Sec	27		12																										
4	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	34		144								6	6	64	129										41	26				
5	2/163 Aust GT Coy			3																						45	27	7	6	
6	2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl			3																						20				
7	57 Aust BIPOD Pl			2																						14				
8	1 ALC Coy (Beach Group)	24		25																							14	3		
9	1 Aust Beach Wasp ALC													14		5	1 (a)			5		1 (a)		22						
10	2 Aust Ord Beach det			3											47															
11	15 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl													27	2	1														
12	RMC Commando 'A'	36		28										2																
		131	2	256	1	25	2	24	24	47	3	14	14	118	178	140	1	2	14	23	3	5	14	53	105	41	10	6		

(a) B4 tractor & 1 sled
(b) 1 Diamond T wrecker

(c) incl 2 = 3 ton tippers
2 = 2 1/2 ton 6 x 6 incl 6' overhang
(d) 1 Diamond T wrecker

(e) 1 D6 Dozer 2 sleds
1 D4 Dozer 1 sled
(f) 1 D4 Dozer 1 sled 2 B4 tractors
2 sleds

Craft Available:-68 LCA
8 LCM (3)
8 LCI
6 ALC 40
4 LST

EXTRACT FROM 25 AUST INF BDE LANDING TABLE.

APPX 1/2 TO 1 AUST BEACH GROUP CO NO 2.

TOP SECRET
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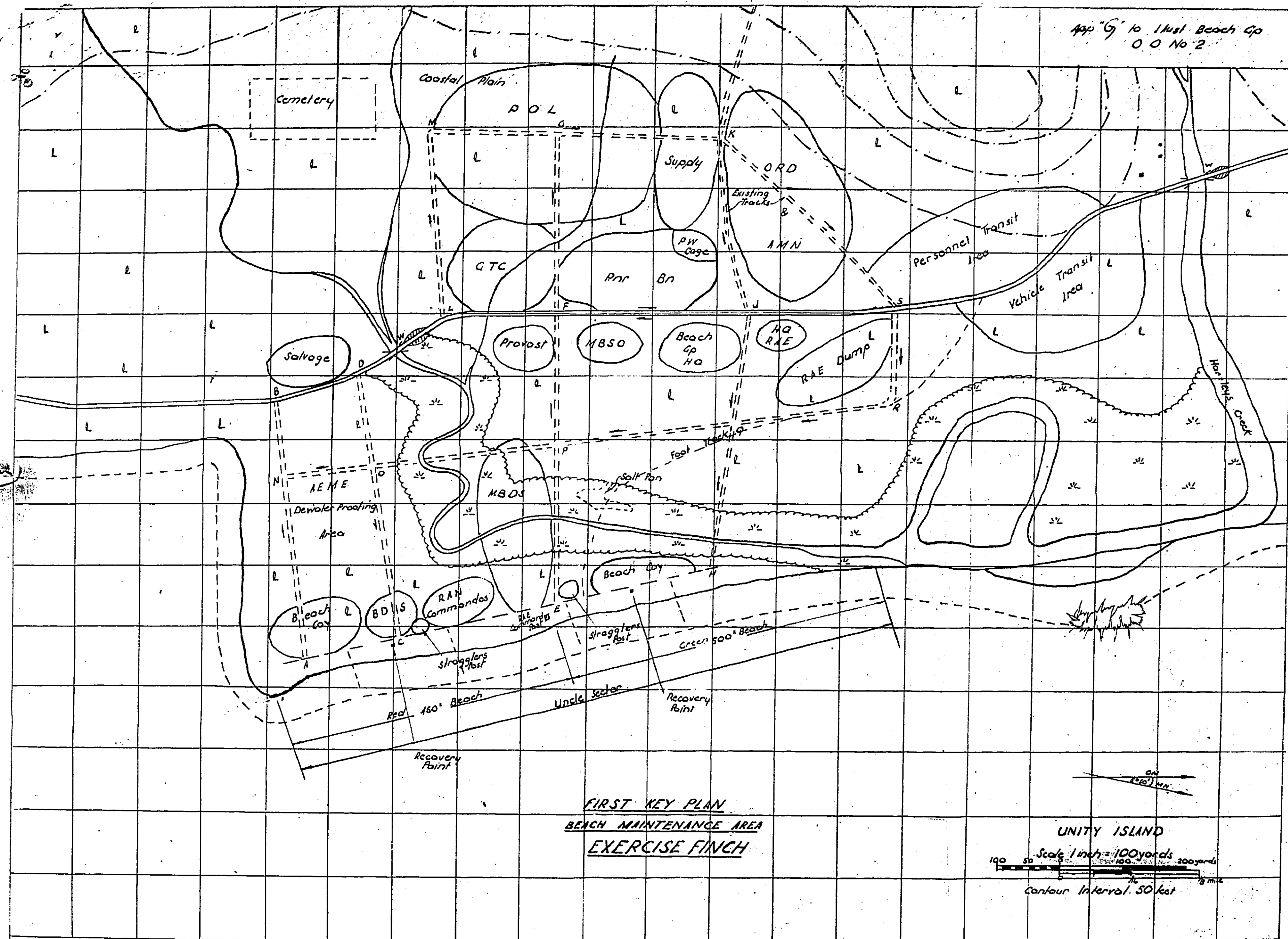
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To WILLIAM SECTOR - LCI 75 mins, LCA 80 mins, LST 120.

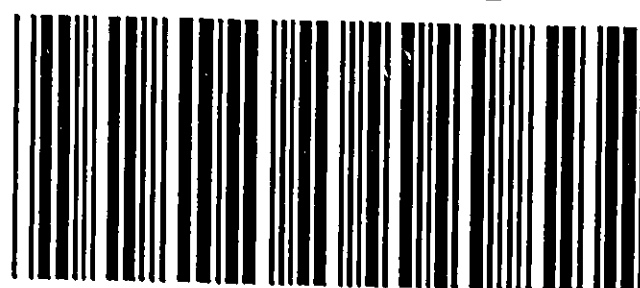
Ldg Craft Craft Ready Serial to No Beach		UNIT	Personnel Parties		Vess & Guns		Stores		Embark Sector or Beach	CRAFT	SHIP	Ldg Sector & Beach	REMARKS
			feet	veh	No	Type	Tons	Type					
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)		(g)		(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
1 - 7	H hr	<u>BEACH GP</u> - ABM & Party	2-6				Beach signs & Lamps		ABLE YELLOW	7 LCA	LSI GREEN	UNCLE GREEN	To be pre- loaded
8 - 15	H hr	<u>BEACH GP</u> - ABM & Party	2-6				"		"	8 LCA	LSI RED	UNCLE RED	"
21-24	H 5	<u>BEACH GP</u> - BMR & Det Sigs ARMY " NAVY " MARC Coy	1-7 5 4 2				Boat & Sal gear 1 22 & 1 46 set " 300 & 10 egpt		"	1 LCA	LSI RED	"	10 spaces for sig. eqpt & To accompany RMK
25-31	H 10	<u>BEACH GP</u> - BMR & Det Sigs ARMY " NAVY " MARC Coy	1-8 5 4 1-1				Boat & SAL gear 1 22 set 1 46 set SCR 300. VS egpt		ABLE YELLOW	7 LCA	LSI GREEN	UNCLE GREEN	9 spaces for sig eqpt & sal gear
32	H 10	<u>BEACH GP</u> - 2/15 Aust Fd Coy Beh Coy Comd	1-7 1-5						300R RED	LCI 2		UNCLE GREEN	
33	H 10	<u>BEACH GP</u> - 2/15 Aust Fd Coy Beh Coy Comd	1-7 1-5						"	" 2		UNCLE RED	
41-43	's re- quired	<u>BEACH GP</u> - Sigs ARMY " NAVY	2-20 1-12				sig eqpt		ABLE YELLOW	3 LCA	LSI GREEN	UNCLE	21 spaces for as dir-sig eqpt ected

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
44	H 30	BEACH GP Main Recce Party DAGG IO OC 2/15 Aust Fd Coy OC ABNE OC Pro Pl DMMR Ind Bde Pro Pl Det Bch Coy 2/4 Pnr Bn 1 Aust Beach Wksp	5-14 1-2 1-2 1-4 1-1 4 1-1 23 4-60 12				BAKER RED	LCI 4		UNCLE GREEN	Open adv Bch Gp HQ Dewaterproof- ing
45-46	H 33	BEACH GP 2/15 Aust Fd Coy 1 MHC Coy	1-21	4	2 x 3T Tipper		BAKER YELLOW	2 LCI	LSI GREEN	UNCLE GREEN	
47	H 35	BEACH GP 2/15 Aust Fd Coy 1 MHC Coy	1-22	2	1 x 3T Tipper		"	1 "	LSI RED	UNCLE RED	
48	H 45	BEACH GP Comd Party - Beach Gp Comd 2/4 Pnr Bn (3) PBMR	6-9 1-4 3-4 1-1				"	1 "	LSI GREEN	UNCLE GREEN	Incl Bch Gp Comd & PBMR
49	H 60	BEACH GP 1 Aust Beach Wksp 2/15 Aust Fd Coy	3 29	2 6	1 DT wrecker 2 x 3T Tippers 1 R4 tractor 1 Sled	14 Tons incl FLB	BAKER YELLOW	LST 1		"	
50	H 60	BEACH GP HQ 1 Aust Beach Gp 2/15 Aust Fd Coy	4	2 12	1 Jeep & Trlr 2 Jeeps " " 2 2 1/2 T 6 x 6 2 3T Tippers 1 DT wrecker	14 Ton 6' overhang	BAKER YELLOW	LST 2		UNCLE RED	
51-55	H 70	1 Aust Beach Gp Wksp BEACH GP 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn sig pl	1-26	5			BAKER YELLOW	5 LCI	LSI GREEN	UNCLE GREEN	2ND FLIGHT 15 spaces for sig gear

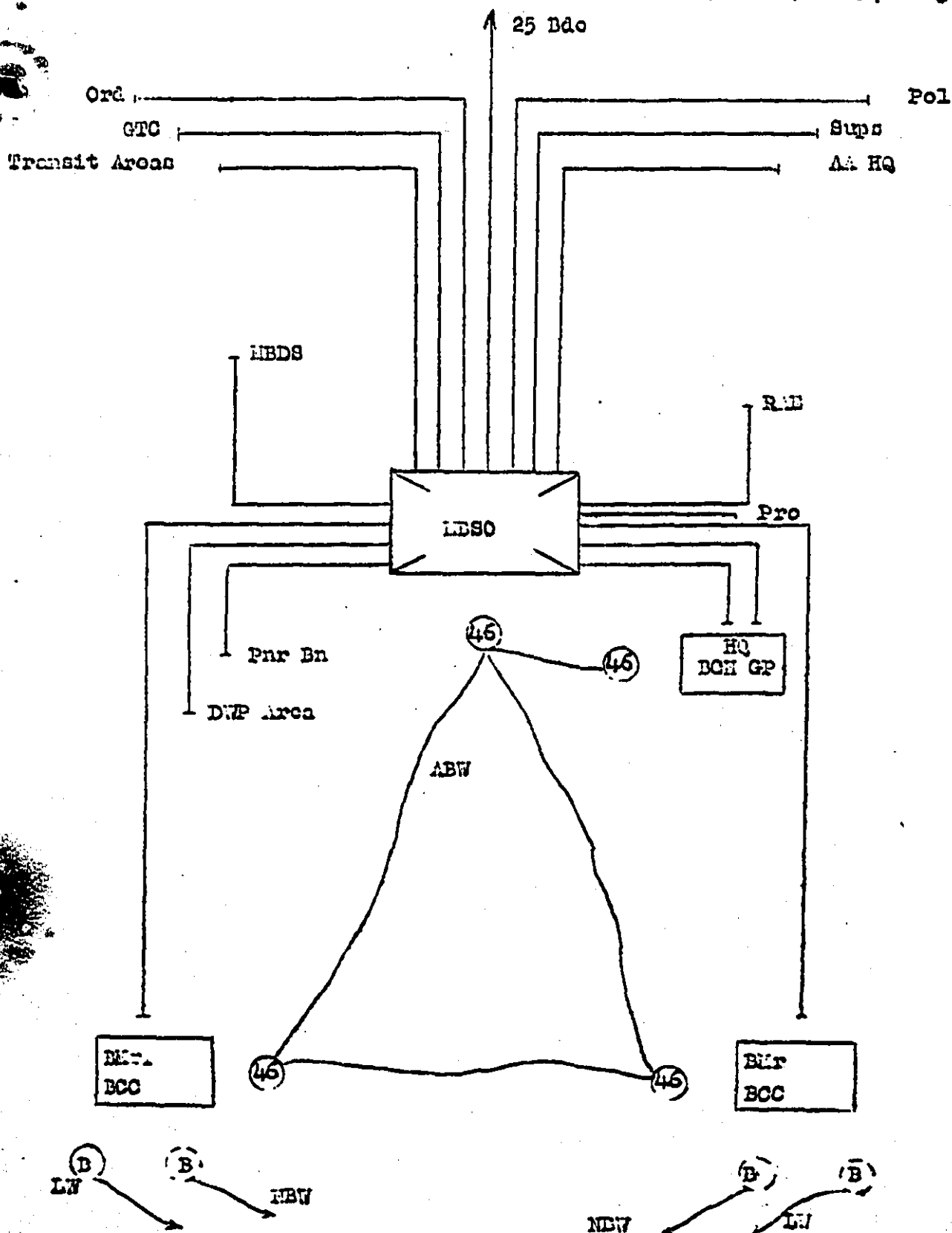
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56-63	H 70	BEACH GP Det 2/15 1st Bd Coy 2/4 1st Pnr Bn Beh Coy Beach Sigs RMY " " NAVY	1-33 3-76 7 8			Sig Dept "	WILLIAM WILLOW	8 LCI	LSI RED	UNCLE RED	2ND FLIGHT 6 spaces for sig gear 11ce party in cl Naval sub sp party
84-87	H 75	BEACH GP Beh GP & Recce OC 2/166 1st Gen Tpt Coy 2/240 1st Sup Depot Pl BIPOD Pl 2 1st Beh Ord det 2/4 1st Pnr Bn Beh Coy " " " " pnr Pl " " " "	11 1-2 1-2 1-1 1-2 2-24 1-29 9				WILLIAM	4 LCI	LSI RED	UNCLE RED	3 spaces for sig gear
76	H 85	BEACH GP 1 1st Beh GP Wasp 2/4 1st Pnr Bn Beh Coy	1-21 1-40				"	LCI 6		UNCLE RED	
84	H 90	BEACH GP 2/4 1st Pnr Bn 2/166 1st Gen Tpt Coy 2/240 1st Sup Depot Pl 57 1st BIPOD Pl	26 45 20 14				"	" 7		"	
88-89	H 115	BEACH GP Ind Bde Pro Pl 2/4 1st Pnr Bn	1-28	2	1 Jeep & Tr lr		"	2 LCMS	LSI BLUE	UNCLE as directed	
91	H 125	BEACH GP 2/4 1st Pnr Bn	5-95				"	1 LCI	LSI BLUE	"	
92-94	H 150	BEACH GP 2 1st Ord Beh GP	47				"	3 LCI	LSI BLUE	"	
118	H 180	BEACH GP " MC 2/166 1st Gen Tpt Pl	8	6 27	3 Jeeps & 3 Trlrs 6 2 1/2 T 6x6 with winch 7 Jeeps & 7 Trlrs		WILLIAM	1ST 4		UNCLE RED	



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SIGNAL PLAN



TOP SECRET

COPY NO 61

1 AUST BEACH GROUP

OPERATION ORDER NO 1

EMBARKATION INSTRUCTION NO 1

AMENDMENT NO 1

ISSUED WITH 1 MUST BEACH GP 00 NO 1.

INSERT AFTER:-

29. WATER Sub-para (d)

- (c) Water carts and water in serial 113 will come under comd of 2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl when vchs come ashore. This 600 gals of water will be a Beach Gp reserve.
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MEMORANDUM TO 1 AMST BEACH GROUP MEDICALIZATION INSTN NO 1

PARA 13(c)

add Cut lunches will be carried on 18 Oct 44.

PARA 16 MEDICAL

- (a) Palm Beach - Medical Orderly in attendance at EGO Control Post - evacuation to 2 Amst Beach Gp HQ R/P.
- (b) Trinity - Medical Orderly from 42 Amst Landing Craft Coy at EGO Control Post - evacuation by ambulance to 116 AGH.
- (c) South Trinity - 1 amb situated 515972 from 18 Oct until completion of exercise - evacuations to 116 AGH.

1 AUST BEACH GROUP OPERATION ORDER NO 1

TOP SECRET

EXERCISE "POSSUM"

COPY NO 61

15 OCT 44

Ref Maps : MACALISTER RANGE one inch to 1 mile
Air photographs flown 3 Oct 44

INFORMATION

1. ENEMY

(a) Land.

There are no organized beach defenses on the SE coast but fortified positions have been seen from the air on the WESTERN beaches.

(b) Air.

Enemy aircraft are based at PAKI and NAKUL ISLANDS and there is an airfield on UNITY ISLAND.

- (c) 7 Aust Div Special "POSSUM" intelligence summary No 1 is available for perusal at this HQ if further details are required.

2. OWN TPS.

(a) Land.

21 Aust Inf Bde will land on UNCLE GREEN and UNCLE RED beaches and secure a beachhead and covering position through which 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp can be passed later (see attached trace Appx "A").

(b) Sea.

Preliminary bombardment will be carried out by the Navy.

(c) Air.

Air support will be provided up to and incl D day.

3. TOPOGRAPHY

- (a) UNCLE SECTOR is divided into two beaches GREEN and RED. (See Appx "A")

- (b) UNCLE SECTOR is approximately 1000 yds long, of white sand beach, 20 to 30 yds of soft sand above high water mark, 10 to 20 yds of firm sand between high water and low water marks. The approach to the beaches is unobstructed.

- (c) BEACH FLATS. No swamps exist but with heavy rain, water would lie about in many places.

- (d) INTERLAND. For approximately 100 yds in from the dune line the soil is loose and sandy and difficult going for four wheeled drive vehs. The vegetation is mostly stunted bush with fairly dense undergrowth from the dune line to the foothills. An all weather rd (Class B1) runs parallel to the beaches and a bush track runs from this rd to 498003 ref map UNITY ISLAND 1/63,360.

4. MST

MOON		TIDE							
		HIGH WATER				LOW WATER			
DATE		RISE	SET	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT
Mon 23 Oct		1011	2332			1354	5'9"	0525	2'3"
Tue 24 "		1108	-	0111	4'0"	1543	6'3"	0715	2'7"
Wed 25 "		1203	0027	0355	4'2"	1650	7'0"	0950	2'5"
Thu 26 "		1304	0119	0509	5'0"	1739	7'6"	1108	2'0"

5. TEE MAINTENANCE PROJECT

(To be issued separately).

6. INTENTION

1 Aust Beach Gp will land on UNCLE GREEN and UNCLE RED beaches and develop an area to maintain 7 Aust Div.

7. METHOD

(a) Distribution of 1 Aust Beach Gp to ships and craft and OOB is attached at Appendix "B".

(b) Landing of Beach Gp will be in accordance with extracts from 21 Aust Inf Bde landing craft tables attached at Appendix "C".

8. D DAY

will be notified by signal.

9. H HOUR

will be notified by signal.

10. FIRST KEY PLAN

Attached at Appendix "D".

11. RECONNAISSANCE

(a) Recce gps as per Bde Landing Craft Table.

(b) Reports to Beach Gp HQ on completion of reconnaissance and NOT later than H plus 3 hours.

12. SECOND KEY PLAN

will be issued verbally or by runner NOT later than H plus 4 hours.

13. GROUND DEFENCE

(a) Each sub-unit comd will be responsible for the close defence of his own area.

(b) Lt-Col J. McCARTY, Commanding Officer 2/4 Aust Pmr Bn will be responsible for the coordinated defence of the BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA and defence to S.W.M.D.

(c) One coy 2/4 Aust Pmr Bn under comd 2/15 Aust Pd Coy will revert to comd 2/4 Aust Inf Bn in event of attack on BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA.

14. 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn

- (a) will be responsible for reeco organizing, controlling and staffing of Pors Assembly Area.
- (b) will be responsible for digging-in Comd Post, Beach Gp HQ, by H plus 4 hours.
- (c) establishing public latrines on each beach.

15. LAB

(a) Tps under comd:-

- (i) One pl 2/6 Aust Pd Coy from landing until completion of discharge of LSTs on D Day.
- (ii) One coy of 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn. This coy will revert to comd 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn in the event of an attack on BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA.

(b) Tasks (in order of priority)

- (i) Clearance of beaches.
- (ii) Ramping water gap for LST.
- (iii) Construction BEACH LATERAL and FEEDER tracks.
- (iv) Construction exit tracks.
- (v) Rd framework within BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA.
- (vi) Instal WP by 1000 hrs D plus 1.
- (vii) Engr work within DUMP areas incl digging-in operating theatre for 1 AMB Coy (Beach Gp).
- (viii) Provide night illumination on beaches.
- (ix) Supply and control of Engr Stores.

16. LABOUR

(a) Beach Coys

UNCLE GREEN beach	Comd Capt G. CARTER tps "D" Coy 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn.
UNCLE RED "	Comd Capt V.S. LLOYD tps "I" Coy 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn.

(b) Dumps

Each service will provide pors for labour within its own dump area.

(c) Reserves

2/4 Aust Pnr Bn less "A", "B" and "D" Coys.

17. S & T

(a) Tpt

2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy will provide de-waterproofed vehs to move stores from craft/beach to dumps. Vehs will be detailed to assist unloading stores direct from hold of LSTs.

(b) Sups

Dump to be ready for issues by 0700 hrs D plus 1.

(c) POL

Dump to be ready for issues by 0700 hrs D plus 1. In an emergency issues will be made at any time after first craft carrying POL beaches.

(d) VEH TRANSIT AREA

2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy will be wholly responsible for organizing, controlling and staffing.

18. ORDNANCE

(a) Amn to be ready for issue as soon as first craft carrying amn beaches. Sufficient pers will be detailed to check amn as it is discharged on beaches and if necessary to establish A.P. on beaches.

(b) Ord sealings to be ready, for issue by 0700 hrs on D plus 1.

19. ARME

(a) Tps under comd:-

Recovery sec of 2/124 Bde Wkps from time of landing until LSTs are discharged.

(b) Recovery points on UNCLE GREEN and UNCLE RED beaches from H plus 2 hrs.

(c) De-waterproofing and maintenance as per First Key Plan.

(d) Second echelon repairs NOT before D plus 2.

(e) Evacuation NOT before D plus 10.

20. MEDICAL

(a) Beach dressing stations will be established on UNCLE GREEN and UNCLE RED beaches by H plus 60 minutes.

(b) After noon they will concentrate into main Beach Dressing Station, as per Second KEY PLAN.

(c) Estimated casualties 200.

(d) Evacuation of casualties by LST and LST as arranged by CEO (NOT FOR ELIMINISE).

(e) Malaria Control by 20 AMCU, landing H plus 4 hrs.

21. PROVOOT

(a) Within BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA, 15 Aust Indop Bde Gp Pro Pl.

(b) Sign posting and traffic control normal.

22. SALVAGE

(a) Depot to be established by H plus 6 hours.

(b) No evacuation before D plus 10.

ADMINISTRATION

25. TRANSPORT

- (a) All vehs will be waterproofed to stage IV prior to embarkation.
- (b) Vehs will carry 75% load only.
- (c) 2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy will detail vehs to following units to tpt ashore unit stores and equipment. These vehs will be returned to 2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy immediately after they are unloaded.
 - (i) 2/15 Aust Fd Coy - 3 x 6 x 6 WW for carriage of SBG (Serial 72)
 - (ii) 2/4 Aust Pmr En - 4 jeeps to tow T/4 guns (Serials 112 and 113)
 - (iii) 2/240 Aust Sup Depot P1 and 57 Aust BIPOD - 1 x 6 x 6 for carriage of unit stores.
1 x 6 x 6 for carriage of actual rations (Serial 112)
 - (iv) 2 Aust Ord Bnch det - 1 x 6 x 6 for carriage of unit stores (Serial 112)
 - (v) 20 AMCU - Tpt for 2 x 44 gal drums malarial (Serial 112)

24. MEDICAL

- (a) Normal.
- (b) Evacuate to MBDS (for exercise, actual casualties will be evacuated by rd to 116 AGH under arrangements CEO.)

25. EXERCISE

- (a) All refuse, wet or dry, will be crushed and buried. Each unit will give highest priority to digging of deep latrines.

26. DRESS

Marching Order.

27. AMN

Unit first line on man or with unit. (For exercise units will ensure that no live amn is carried by the man).

28. RATIONS

- (a) One emergency ration will be carried on the man.
(NOTE : these rations are NOT to be consumed except in an emergency and will be returned to 2/240 Aust Sup Depot P1 on completion of exercise).
- (b) One F.O.R. O.R. will be carried on the man for consumption D day.
- (c) 2/240 Aust Sup Depot P1 will arrange for distribution of hard rations for consumption D plus 1. This distribution will be made within the BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA on D Day.
- (d) 2/240 Aust Sup Depot P1 will arrange for a further 2 days hard rations to be available on wheels in camp lines to be called forward by rd if required.

29. WATER

- (a) All pers will land with water bottles full.
- (b) All MT will land with reserve of 4 gals.
- (c) 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn will take ashore in serial 45 100 gals of water. This water will be immediately delivered to MBDS or BDS on GREEN BEACH.
- (d) Each sub-unit will carry ashore sufficient water to last pers until 1600 hrs on D plus 1.

30. POL

- (a) Each unit will carry on vehs sufficient POL for 48 hrs.
- (b) 57 Aust BIPOD will have on call in camp lines sufficient POL for a further 48 hrs.

31. LIGHTS & FIRES

Instructions will be issued in BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA on D Day. Fires will NOT be lit before promulgation of these instructions.

32. INTER COMMUNICATION

32. COMMUNICATIONS DURING VOYAGE:-

- (a) No Army communications will be provided during voyage.
- (b) Wireless silence will be maintained until the order for breaking is given by Force Command.
- (c) Communications during voyage are the responsibility of the Navy who will handle all traffic between ships or units.

33. LOCATION OF HQ

HQ 1 Aust Beach Gp will be located as follows:-

During embarkation :	DEADMAN'S GULLY
Afloat :	GREEN SHIP
For Shore :	As per first KEY PLAN

34. DESPATCH ROUT ROUTINE

During assault returning landing craft will carry despatches from shore to ships.

35. ARTILLERY FIRING

- (a) Three consecutive shots by one nominated 40 mm hows.
- (b) ALL GUNS one shot.

36. SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES

Watches will be synchronized to ship's KING ZONE time, one hour before launch of assault companies.

37. RELAY OFFICERS

Full use will be made of LCOs who will call at all sig offices when moving between HQs.

IN
58. LINE COMMS WITH BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA.

2 Aust Beach Sig Sec will provide line comms from the Main Beach Signal Office as follows:-

- (a) HQ, 2/14 and 2/16 Aust Inf Bns.
- (b) BCG and BMR on UNCLE GREEN and UNCLE RED beaches.
- (c) HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.
- (d) HQ 1 Aust Beach Gp.

2/4 Aust Pnr Bn Sig Pl under comd 2 Aust Beach Sig Sec, will provide line comms within the BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA in the following order of priority (see Signal Diagram attached at Appx "E").

- (a) RAE.
- (b) Transit areas (pors and vehs).
- (c) Gen Tpt Coy.
- (d) Pnr Bn.
- (e) FME (Recovery and DWP).
- (f) Ord.
- (g) Pro.
- (h) Sups.
- (i) HQ.
- (j) MBDS.
- (k) BIPOD.

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Signed at

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Issued by

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DRONE 1 AUST BEACH GROUP
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LIST OF APPENDICES

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2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl	12	Cond	45
57 Aust DIPOD	13	D.M.T.	46
1st AC Coy (Beach Gp)	14	IO	47
20 ACU	15	D.D.M.S.	48
2nd Aust Ord Beach det	16	Spare	49 - 58
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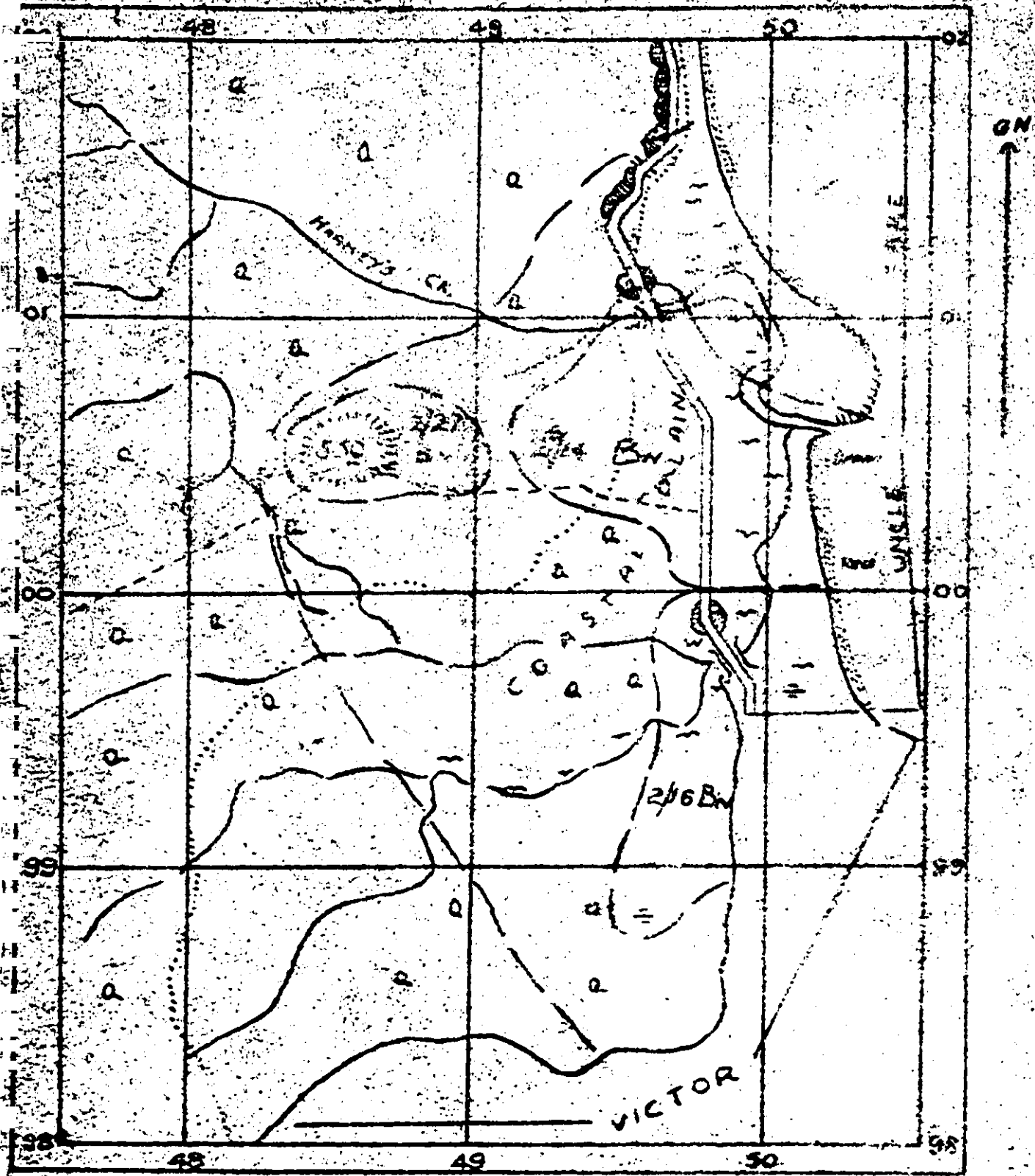
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Appx A.



Phase 2
Phase 3
20 Brigade Int Sec.
27 Oct 44

Scale 4" to 1 mile

LEGEND	
UNDERGROWTH	~~~~~
TIMBERED	Q Q Q
Beach	~~~~~
Foot Hills	~~~~~
Ref	~~~~~

DISTRIBUTION OF 1 AUST BEACH GROUP TO SHIPS AND CRAFT

SECRET
 Appx "B" to 1 Aust Beach Gp
 OO No 1 - Exercise "POSSUM"

Serial	Unit	LSI Green	LSI Red	LCI	LCI	LCI	LCI	LSI 743	LSI 562	LSI 743 (second trip)	LSI 562 (second trip)	LSI	LSI	LSI	LSI	LSI
		Pers	Trac	Sled	Pers	Pers	Pers	Pers	Pers	Pers	Pers	Pers	Pers	Pers	Pers	Pers
1	HQ 1 Aust Beach Gp	6						6	2	1						10
2	2/15 Aust Fd Coy	8	2	2	4		4	7	1	3	3	18	5	3		
3	2 Aust Beach Sigs	25		3				4	1	1						5
4	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	39		1	8		86					6	2			105
5	2/135 AGF Coy	3						6				20	26	3		40
6	2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl	3										12				7
7	57 Aust BIPOD	2										3				11
8	1 AMC Coy	48		2						13	3					
9	20 AMCU											9	1			
10	1 Aust Beach Hosp	18					2			4		1	5			15
11	2 Aust Ord Beach Det	3														47
12	15 Aust Indep Jeep Pro Pl	13					3					2	1			11
13	3 Aust Armd Div Sol Unit											15	1			
14	RIN Commando 'A'	31		20			2					22				7
15	Sigs															
16	TOTAL	199	2	2	179		90	5	26	1	3	6	3	35	13	137

- (a) 2 D-4 tractors, 2 sleds LMC mesh
 (b) incl part SBG in 2 G = 6 & 1 tipper
 (c) 1 D-4 tractor, 1 sled LMC mesh
 1 D-4 dozer 1 sled LMC mesh
 1 D-6 Dozer and sled LMC mesh

- (d) incl SBG
 (e) 1 D-6 dozer and 2 sleds mesh
 2 D-4 dozers and 2 sleds mesh

- (f) 6 x 3-ton tippers.
 (g) Towed by GTC vabs.
 (h) 1 x 3-ton water
 1 x 30 cwt water

21 MUST INF BDE LANDING TABLE (Continued)

SECRET

Sheet No 2

Ldg Craft Serial No	Craft Ready to Beach	UNIT	Personnel Parties Foot Vch		Vehicles & Guns No Type	STORES Tons Type	Embark Sector or Beach	CRAFT	SHIP	Landing Sector & Beach	REMARKS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
32	H/20	Beh Gp 2/4 Pnr Engr Coy " " 2/15 Fd Coy	86 4				BAKER	1 LCI Op No 2		UNCLE RED	
34	H/20	Beh Gp Hq recon " " 2/15 Fd Coy	18 72				BAKER	1 LCI Op No 4		UNCLE GREEN	DAQM 2, IO4, Pro3 Fd Coy 5, AIMS 2, TP Bmr 2.
35-37	H/30	Beh Gp Sigs Army " " " Navy " " Med Sec	20 8 46x				ABLE	3 LC GREEN		UNCLE GREEN	6 Main Support Party x Incl CTO 1st & 2 Orderlies
38	H/30	Beh Gp 2/15 Fd Coy AIMS	18	2	1 x D4 Dozer	1 sled Arc Mesh	ABLE	1 LCM GREEN		UNCLE GREEN	
39	H/30	Beh Gp 2/15 Fd Coy		2	1 x D4 Dozer	1 sled Arc Mesh	ABLE	1 LCM GREEN		UNCLE GREEN	
42-43	directed	Beh Gp Comd Party	13x				ABLE	2 LC GREEN		as directed	Free Boats x incl: Beh Gp Comd 3, GSO 111 3, CO 2/4 Pnr Bn 5, and PBmr 2
45	H/80	Beh Gp - Coy 2/4 Pnr Bn Beh Gp Hq 2/15 Fd Gp	105 10 22				SOUTH UNITY BEACH	1 LCI Op No 1		UNCLE GREEN	Second Trip
46-53	H/90	Beh Gp 2/4 Pnr Bn	105				ABLE	8 LCI RED		UNCLE RED	

Ldg Craft Serial No (a)	Craft Ready to Beach (b)	UNIT (c)	Personnel Parties		Vehs & Guns No Type (f)	Stores Tons Type (g)	Embark Sector or Beach (h)	Craft (i)	Ship (j)	Landing Sector & Beach (k)	REMARKS (l)
			Foot (d)	Veh (e)							
54-58	H/105	Bch Gp 2/4 Pnr Bn Pnr Pl	39				ABLE	2 LCA 1 LCM	RED	UNCLE RED	Extra Craft pro- ceed unloaded to keep waves intact
70	H/120	Bch Gp Bch Gp Pro 2/4 Pnr Bn Sig Pl Bch Gp recce party	13 30 11x				ABLE	1 LCM	GREEN	UNCLE GREEN	This craft is sec- ond trip of Serial 44.GTC3, Sup3, Or3, BIPOD 2 x incl service rep
72	H/120	2/15 Aust Fd Coy Bch Gp H3 2/15 Aust Fd Coy 2 Aust Beach Sig Sec 2/15 Aust Fd Coy 2/166 AGT Coy 2/15 Aust Fd Coy 2/15 Aust Fd Coy 2 Aust Beach Sig Sec		2 2 2 2 2 4 6 2 2 2 <u>2</u> <u>26</u>	1 D4 ✓ Dozer 1 D6 ✓ Dozer 1 Jeep ltr 1 " 1 " 1 " 1 " 2x2 6x6 3x2 6x6 1 D4 Trac- tor 1x3T Tip- per 1 Jeep	1 sled & ARC Mesh 1 Sled & ARC Mesh SEC Bridge 3 vehs with 6' overhang 1 sled & ARC Mesh	BAKER		LST 743	UNCLE RED	See Stowage Plan

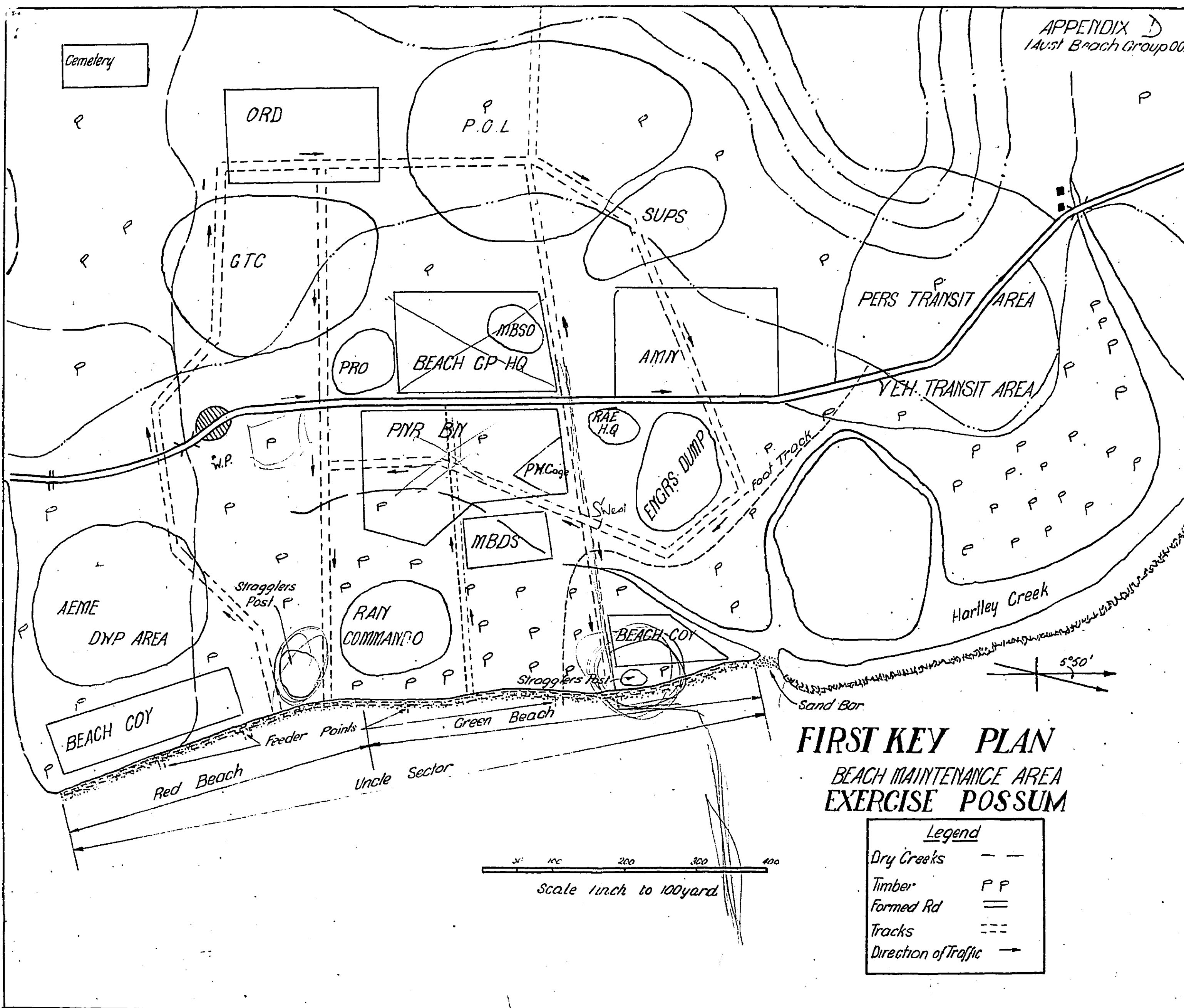
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			foot (d)	veh (e)							
73	H/120	Beach Gp 2/15 Aust Fd Coy		18	1x D6 dozer & 2 sleds mesh 6x3T Tip 2x D4 Dozer & 2 sleds mesh		BARRIER		LST 562	Uncle Green	See Stowage Plan
		1 Aust Beach Wasp 1 MC Coy	7	4 6	1 Diamond T Wrecker 3 Jeeps & trls						Incl Surgical

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87	H/160	Beach Sigs Army " " Navy Gen Tpt Coy Pro AMEE Ord Sup Depot BIPOD	5 7 40 11 15 47 7 11				South UNITY BEACH	1 LCI Op No 3		UNCLE	As directed Second Trip
88	H/160	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn 2/15 Aust Pz Coy	159 29				South UNITY BEACH	1 LCI Op No 4		UNCLE	As directed Second Trip
89-96	H/180	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	57				South UNITY BEACH	8 LCA	YELLOW	UNCLE	As directed
112	H/240	1 Bch Wisp AME 2/166 GTC 2/166 GTC 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn RAN Commando 'A'	22 22	5 18 2 6 31	1 Diamond T wrecker 36-5 3/7 6 Jeeps 6 P 2 Jeeps 2 2-pr Tk ..	125 Force	South UNITY BEACH	LST 743 (2nd Trip)		UNCLE as directed	See Storage Plan Stores pre-loaded BAKER Sector Boat repair & recovery Section

EXTRACTS FROM 21 MUST INF BDE LANDING TABLES

SECRET
Sheet No 6

Ldg Craft Serial No	Craft Ready to Beach	UNIT	PERSONNEL Parties Foot Veh		Vehicles & Guns No Type	Stores Tons Type	Embark Sector or Beach	CRAFT	SHIP	Landing Sector & Beach	REMARKS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
113	E/240	2/15 Fd Coy	5	5	1 Auto Patrol Jeeps trailers	125 Force	SOUTH UNITY BLANCH		LST 562 (2nd trip)	UNCLE (as fir ected)	See Storage Plan ø Stores pre- loaded BAKER Sector
		2/4 Pnr Bn		4	1 3T water 30cwt water						
		2/166 Gen Tpt Coy		6	1 jeep trailer						
		2/4 Pnr Bn		6	3 jeeps pr 7.62 guns						
		20 AMCU	7	2	1 jeep 1 trailer						
		3 Armd Div Sd1	13	2	" 1 "						
		15 Indep Bde Gp		2	" 1 "						
		Pro P1		2	" 1 "						
		2/240 Sup Depot P1	12								
		57 BIPOD	3								
			41	28							



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EXERCISE "POSSUM"

GENERAL

1. 21 Aust Inf Bde gp and 1 Aust Beach Gp will embark at PALM, TRINITY and SOUTH UNITY Beaches and will land at UNCLE Sector UNITY BEACH.
2. (a) 1 Aust Beach Gp will be responsible for embarkation of pers, vchs, guns and tractors.
(b) 21 Aust Inf Bde will be responsible for loading of force stores.

SHIPS AND CRAFT

3. Ships and craft available for exercise are as shown on Appx "C" to 1 Aust Beach Gp OO 1.

METHOD

4. CONTROL

- (a) The following officers are appointed Embarkation Control Officers:-

(1) PALM BEACH	15 Dec 44 Lt J. WHITEHEAD	2/166 Aust
	19 Oct 44 " J.W. SMITH	) Gen Tpt
		) Coy

(11) TRINITY BEACH : Maj J.K. CALLINAN 2/4 Aust Pmr Bn

(111) SOUTH UNITY BEACH : Capt K.T. PROWSE "

- (b) ECOs will liaise with Bn LT Comds prior to movement to embarkation areas re methods of embarkation.

- (c) Sufficient Staff and eqpt for embarkation areas will be detailed by units supplying ECOs.

- (d) Tpt will be provided for ECOs and staff by HQ 2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy on the following basis:-

PALM BEACH	1 x 3 ton vch (if required)
TRINITY "	1 x 3 " "
SOUTH UNITY BEACH	2 x 3 " "

Tpt will remain with ECOs and will return ECOs and Staff to camp lines after completion of embarkation.

- (e) All tps upon entering Assembly Areas are under the jurisdiction of ECOs and will not leave Assembly Areas without permission.
- (f) Copies of embarkation area plans will be issued to ECOs separately.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications within embarkation areas will be by line installed by "A" Aust Corps Sigs and secondly by apparatus loud-speaking under arrangements this HQ. Line system switches will be manned by pers from 7 Aust Div Sigs.

6. NOMINAL ROLLS

Two copies of Craft serial nominal rolls, will be handed to Bn LT or equivalent comds on arrival at marrying-up areas.

7. TRANSIT SIGNS

Transit Signs for ships and craft will be supplied as under:-

- (a) for LSTs and LCIs at TRINITY BEACH already in posn.
- (b) for LCAs on PALM BEACH. 21 Aust Inf Bde to deliver to RAN Commando "B" (2 Aust Beach Gp) on morning of 14 Oct 44.
- (c) for LSTs LCIs on SOUTH UNITY BEACH - 21 Aust Inf Bde to deliver to RAN Commando "A" (1 Aust Beach Gp) as soon as completed.
- (d) for LCAs at SOUTH UNITY BEACH - Signs on PALM BEACH will be picked up by RAN Commando "A" after completion of loading 19 Oct 44 and re-erected on SOUTH UNITY prior to 21 Oct 44.

8. SIGN POSTING OF ASSEMBLY AREAS

Responsibility for sign-posting of assembly areas lies with each Embarkation Control Officer. Guides will be provided as necessary.

9. HYGIENE IN ASSEMBLY AREAS

Under arrangements 21 Aust Inf Bde.

10. LOCATION OF ASSEMBLY AREAS

Location of all veh and pers Assembly Areas and water-proofing areas as shown in Appendices "B", "C" and "D" attached.

11. MARKING OF VEHS AND STORES

With exception of force stores all vehs, guns, tractors, tanks and stores will be clearly marked with serial number (and landing priority number in the case of LSTs) in 12 inch figures in waterproof chalk, on front, back and both sides. (For exercise purposes ordinary chalk may be used)

12. MOVEMENT

(a) Personnel : As per Appx "B" to 1 Aust Beach Gp 00 No 1.

Serial	Ship or Craft	Marry-up		Arrive Assembly Area		Embark	Remarks
		Location	Time	Location	Time		
1	LST GREEN	2/14 Lines	180900K	181700K	190700K		
2	LST RED	2/16 "	180900K	181730K	190700K		
3	LCI Op No	2/16 "	211400K	211530K	211600K		
4	LCI "	2/14 "	211400K	211530K	211600K		
5	LST YELLOW	SOUTH UNITY	211800K	220700K	220930K		
6	LCI Op No 1	"	211600K	220700K	220800K		2/4 Pnr Bn to control
7	" Op No 3	"	211600K	220700K	220900K		2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy to control
8	" Op No 4	"	211600K	220700K	220900K		2/4 Pnr Bn to control

(b) Pers for LST loadings not in vehs will embark on completion of loading of vehs etc as shown below.

(c) Gp Assembly Area : All personnel for serials 1, 2, 3 and 4 above will assembly on No 2 Sports Ground one hour prior to time of reporting at marry-up areas. 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn will appoint OC party for serials 1, 2, and 3 from pers on exercise. 2/15 Aust Rd Coy will appoint OC party for serial 4 from pers on exercise.

Unit parties will arrive at Sports Ground already sorted in craft serials and will hand Landing Craft serial rolls to OC party on arrival.

OSC parties will marry-up all Gp pers into Gp serial parties before leaving Gp assembly area.

HC 2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy will provide necessary tpt for movement to Bn LT Marry-up areas.

(d) Movement from Bn LT marry-up areas to assembly areas under arrangements Comd Bn LT or equivalent.

(e) Movement of Serials 5, 6, 7 and 8 will be by road on 21 Oct 44 movement order will be issued separately.

(f) Vehicles : as per Appx "B" to 1 Aust Beach Gp 00 1.

Serial	Ship or Craft	Report LST Waterproofing Area		Arrive Assembly Area		Commence Loading	Remarks
		Location	Time	Location	Time		
1	LST 743 (1st trip)	TRINITY	191800K	TRINITY	191830K	200800K	Loading pt 2
2	LST 562 (1st trip)	"	191300K	"	191830K	200800K	Loading Pt 1
3	LST 743 (2nd trip)	"	-	SOUTH UNITY LST 2 Assembly area	211200K	221100K	Loading pt 2
4	LST 562 (2nd trip)	"	-	" LST 1	211200K	221100K	Loading at 1

Waterproofing area within Assembly Areas.

FEEDING ARRANGEMENTS

13. The following arrangements will apply during marry-up, assembly and embarkation periods:-

- (a) LCI 244. 21 Oct 44. Lunch - unit lines. Rations for evening meal to be placed aboard in bulk under arrangements 2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl. Meal to be prepared by Ship's Staff. Thereafter Ship arrangements.
- (b) LST 743 19 Oct 44. Lunch - unit lines.
562 20 Oct 44. Evening meal - under arrangements 2/15 Aust Fd Coy for all pers in waterproofing area.
Breakfast - under arrangements 2/15 Aust Fd Coy in assembly area by 0645 hrs.
Thereafter under ship arrangements.
- (c) LSIs 18/19 Oct 44 Evening meal and breakfast under arrangements 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn in assembly areas (hot boxes if possible).
- (d) 2/240 Aust Sup Depot Pl will make necessary adjustments to unit indents.

14. Within SOUTH UNITY BEACH - Staging Area the following will apply:-

- (a) LST YELLOW (57 pers 2/4 Pnr Bn) from 18 Oct to time of re-embarking at SOUTH UNITY BEACH Under arrangements 2/5 Cav Commando Sqn.
- (b) Evening meal 21 Oct for all other Beach Gp pers is a unit responsibility. Hot boxes or cut meals under unit arrangements.

15. D Day onwards : As per para 28.1 Aust Beach Gp 00 1.

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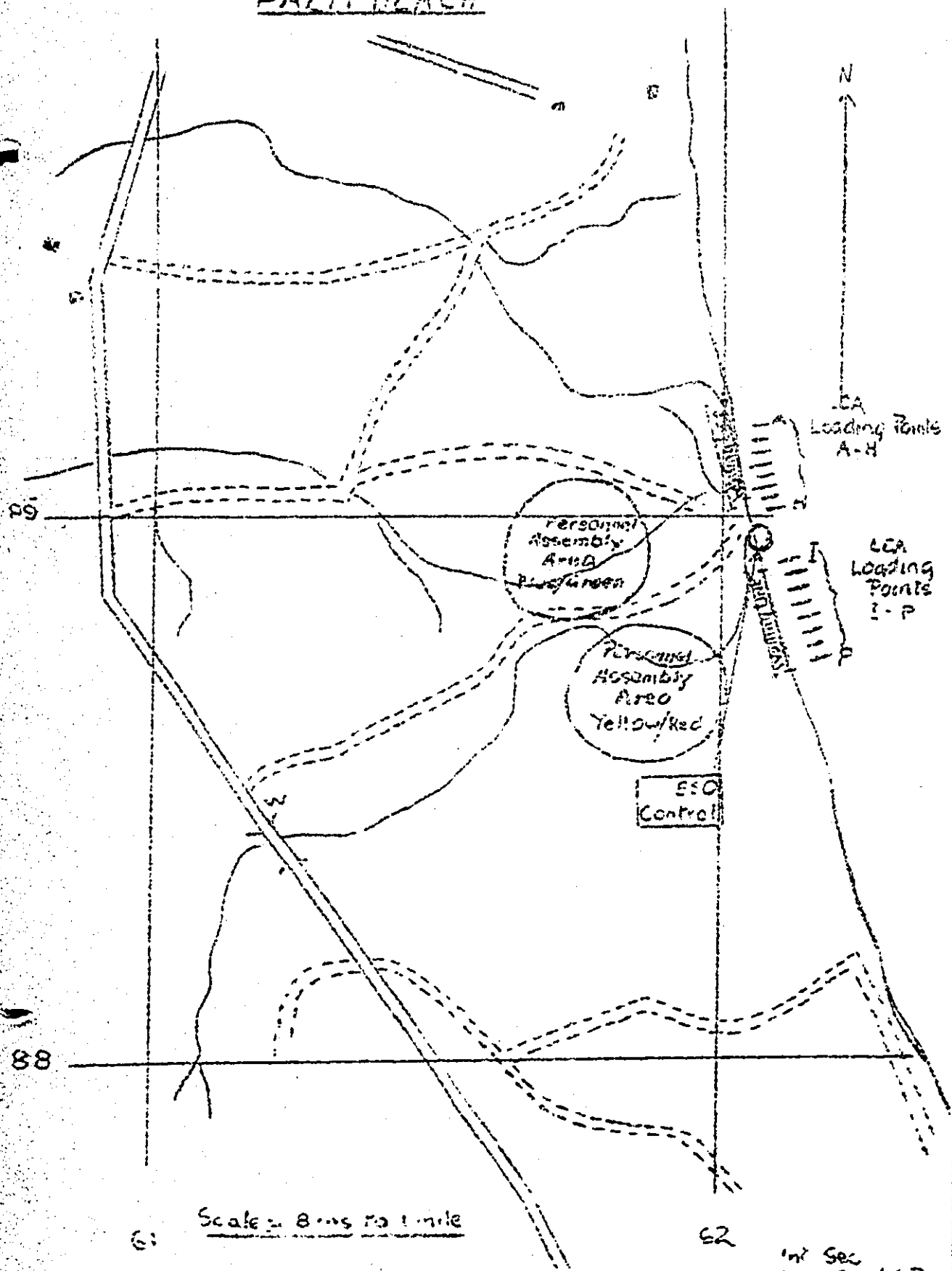
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EMBARKATION AREAS PALM BEACH

EXERCISE POSSIBLE



Scale - 8 miles to 1 mile

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EMBARKATION AREAS

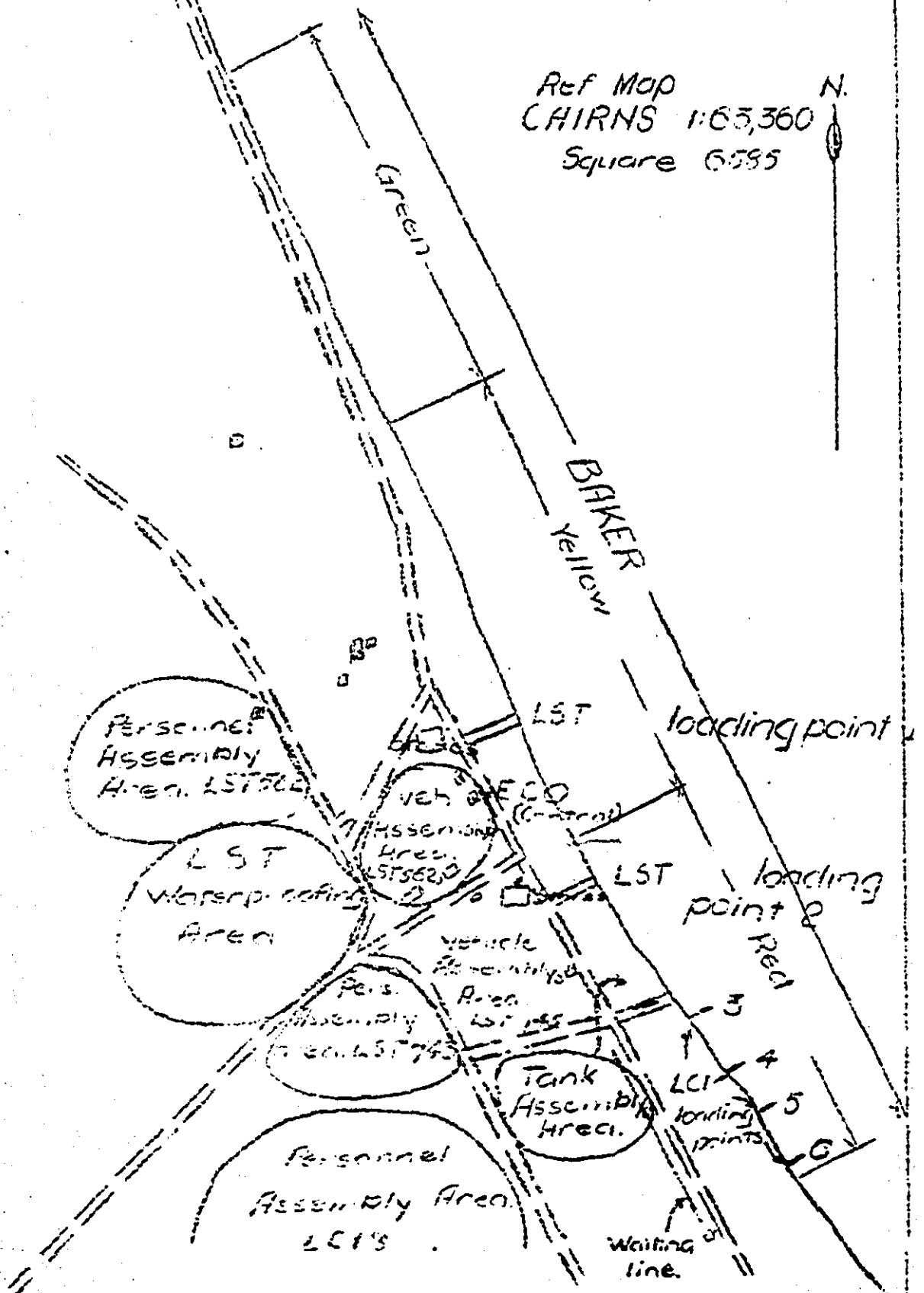
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TRINITY BEACH

EXERCISE 'POSEUM'

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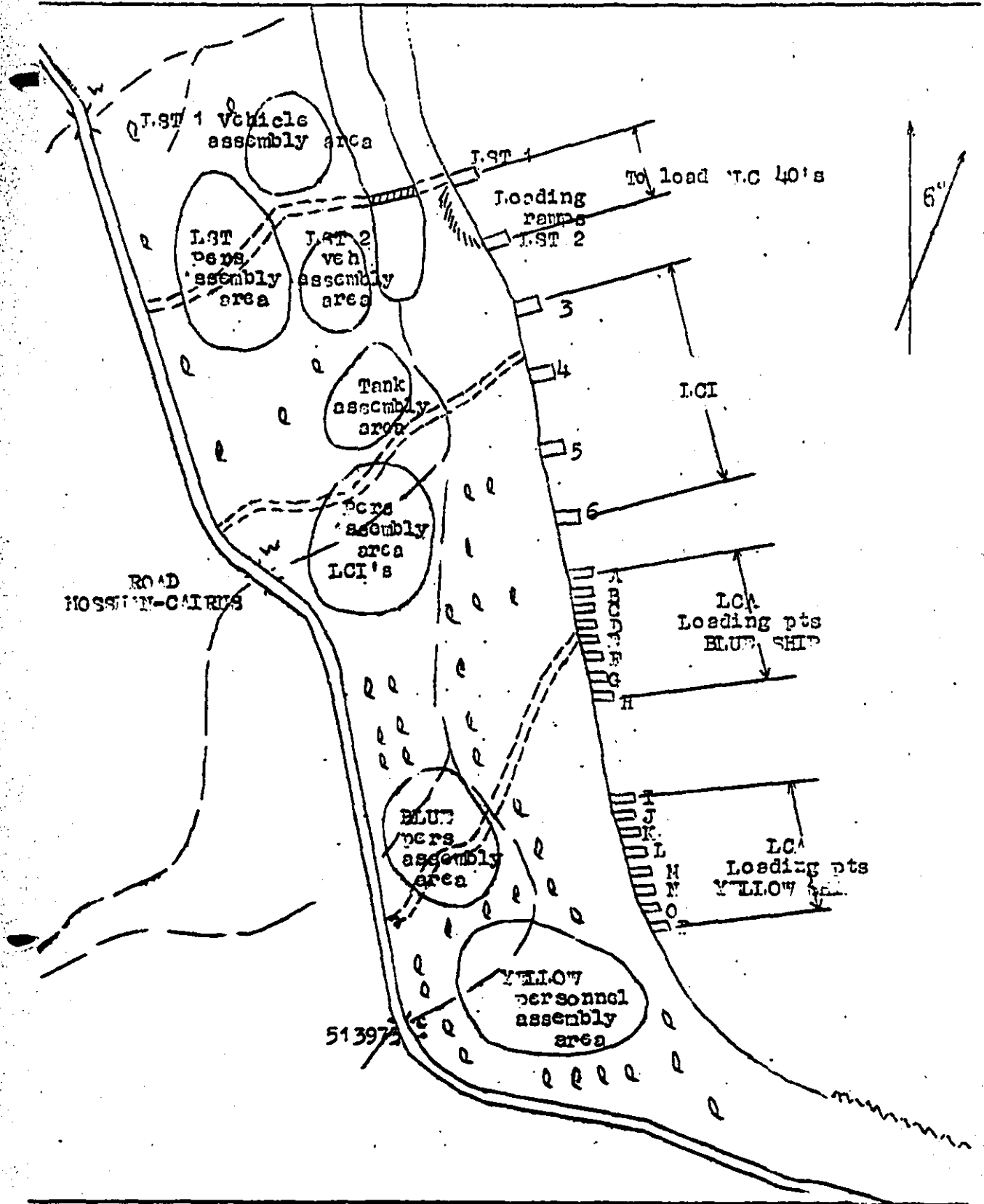


Appendix "B"
EXERCISE "POSSUM"

DISBARMENT ASSEMBLY AREA - SOUTH UNITY BEACH.

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Ref map : MACLISTER RANGE 1 inch



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Detail from aerial photos.