

**AWM52**  
**2nd Australian Imperial Force and**  
**Commonwealth Military Forces unit war**  
**diaries, 1939-45 War**

Item number: 8/2/20

20 Infantry Brigade  
August 1943, Appendices

SUBJECT:      WAR DIARY.

11 DEC 1943

SECRET.  
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde  
2 Aug 43.

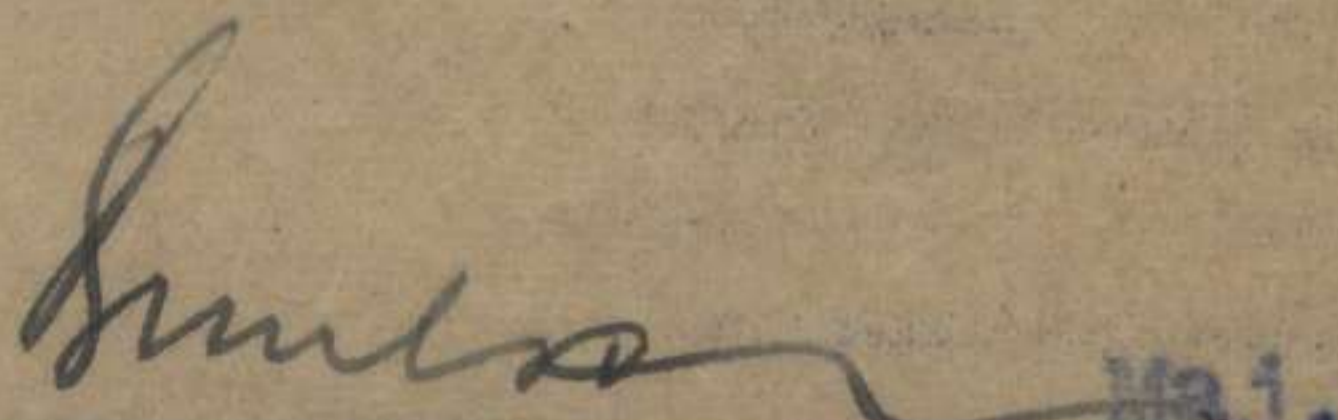
Ref: I 23/3/189.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn.  
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.  
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.  
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2. The following Pro Forma will be used:-

|  | <u>Offrs.</u> | <u>ORs.</u> |
|--|---------------|-------------|
| Number in NEW GUINEA.  | :             | :           |
| Number who were original Offrs of unit.  | :             | -           |
| Number who sailed with or in same convoy as unit.  | :             | :           |
| Number who were in TOBRUK or west of TOBRUK in 1941.                                     | :             | :           |
| <i>or seconded within 9 months</i><br>Number with unit in EGYPT from Jul 42 to 5 Nov 42. | :             | :           |

  
BM,      Maj.  
20 Aust Inf Bde.

Subject :- Statistical Return  
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.-  
War Diary.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.  
8 Sep 43.

Ref I23/3/189 dated 2Aug 43.

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HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde :-

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|--|--------------|-------------|
| 1. <u>Number in New Guinea</u><br>HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde<br>Attached Personnel   | 13<br>3      | 59<br>8     |
| 2. <u>Number who were original Offrs of unit</u>   | 1            | -           |
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| Number with unit in EGYPT from Jul 42 to 5 Nov 42.   | :             | :           |

*Smiles*  
Maj.  
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Subject: War Diary.



2/13 AUST INF BN  
9 Aug 43.  
Ref: Q174/4/62.

20 AUST INF BDE.

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|  | Offrs. | ORs. |
|--|--------|------|
| 1. Number in NEW GUINEA  | 39     | 740  |
| 2. Number who were original officers of unit   | 7      |      |
| 3. Number who sailed with or in the same convey as unit  | 23     | 255  |
| 4. Number who were in TOBRUK or west of TOBRUK in 1941   | 18     | 403  |
| 5. Number with unit or seconded within 9 AUST DIV in EGYPT from Jul 42 to 5 Nov.42(see note below) | 27     | 499  |

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 Lieut P B MARTIN- do.  
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*G E Colvin*  
 .....Lt-Col  
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( G E COLVIN ) Lt-Col  
Comd.

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20 AUST INF BDE



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2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
9 Aug 43  
Ref:

Ref your I23/3/189

|   | <u>Offrs</u> | <u>ORs</u> |
|---|--------------|------------|
| 1. Number in NEW GUINEA   | 41           | 788        |
| 2. Number who were original Offrs of unit   | 11           | --         |
| 3. Number who sailed with or in same convoy as unit                                 | 21           | 289        |
| 4. Number who were in TOBRUK or west of TOBRUK in 1941                              | 22           | 395        |
| 5. Number with unit or seconded within 9 Aust Div in EGYPT from Jul 42 to 5 Nov 42. | 37           | 509        |

*C. Grace*

Lt-Col  
Comd



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~~SECRET~~

2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
9 Aug 43  
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Ref your I23/3/189

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|--|--------------|------------|
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| 3. Number who sailed with or in same convoy<br>as unit                                 | 21           | 289        |
| 4. Number who were in TOBRUK or west of<br>TOBRUK in 1941                              | 22           | 395        |
| 5. Number with unit or seconded within<br>9 Aust Div in EGYPT from Jul 42 to 5 Nov 42. | 37           | 509        |

*C. Huace*

Lt-Col  
Comd



2/17 Aust Inf Bn  
19 Aug 43

Ref 23/3/715

Subject : War Diary

20 AUST INF BDE

Ref your L 2333/189.

2. The required infm is furnished hereunder.

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|   | <u>Offrs</u> | <u>ORs</u> |
|---|--------------|------------|
| Number in NEW GUINEA  | 35           | 728        |
| Number who were original offrs in unit  | 7            |            |
| Number who sailed with or in same <del>convoy</del><br>convoy as unit Oct 40              | 22           | 266        |
| Number who were in TOBRUK or west of TOBRUK in 1941                                       | 23           | 389        |
| Number with unit or seconded within 9 Aust DIV in<br><u>EGYPT from Jul 42 to 5 Nov 42</u> | 33           | 527        |

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*James [unclear] [unclear]*  
for Lt-Col  
*[unclear] on [unclear]*

15  
WR 12 Offrs 57 Crs Att 5 Offrs 16 Crs  
**FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.**

New forms NOT available.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.) For Week Ending 4 Aug 43.

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

| War Establishment. | 1                        | 2   | 3                         | 4  |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|
|                    | Ranks.                   | Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment). |
|                    | *                        |   |                           |  |
|                    | *                        |   |                           |  |
|                    | *                        |   |                           |  |
|                    | *                        |   |                           |  |
|                    | Lieut.-Colonels ...      | 1   |                           |  |
|                    | Majors... ..             | 1   |                           |  |
|                    | Captains ... ..          | 5   |                           |  |
|                    | Lieutenants ... ..       | 2   |                           |  |
|                    | 2nd Lieutenants ... ..   |   |                           |  |
|                    | Quartermasters ... ..    |   |                           |  |
|                    | District Officers ... .. |   |                           |  |
|                    | TOTALS ... ..            | 9   |                           |  |

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
|       | nil   |        |       |        |
|       |       |        |       |        |
|       |       |        |       |        |
|       |       |        |       |        |
|       |       |        |       |        |

Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
|       | nil   |        |       |        |
|       |       |        |       |        |
|       |       |        |       |        |
|       |       |        |       |        |
|       |       |        |       |        |

**PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.**

| Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known). |
|-------|--------------------|--------|--|
|       |                    |        |  |
|       |                    |        |  |
|       |                    |        |  |
|       |                    |        |  |
|       |                    |        |  |

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

| 1  | 2        | 3                 | 4   | 5                                       | 6        | 7   | 8                 | 9   |
|----|----------|-------------------|---|---|----------|---|-------------------|---|
|    | M. or S. | Substantive Rank. | Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.<br>Regtl No | Name and Initials.                      | Corps.   | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No). | Date Joined Unit. | If not present with Unit, state how employed. |
| 1  |          | Brig              | NX 396  | W. J. V. WINDEYER                       | -        | Yes   |                   | Cond  |
| 2  |          | Maj               | NX 328  | B. V. WILSON                            | -        | "   |                   | BM  |
| 3  |          | Capt              | OX 6200   | B. WILLIAMS                             | -        | "   |                   | BM(L)   |
| 4  |          | Capt              | VX15146   | H. M. HAMILTON                          | -        | "   |                   | SC  |
| 5  |          | Capt              | OX 6196   | H. C. JENSEN                            | -        | "   |                   | SC(L)   |
| 6  |          | T/Capt            | NX29407   | G. F. J. HOLTSBAUM                      | -        | "   |                   | LO(1)   |
| 7  |          | T/Capt            | NX13029   | H. J. WINSLOW                           | -        | "   |                   | TO  |
| 8  |          | Lieut             | OX 949  | W. G. MURISON                           | -        | "   |                   | LO(11)  |
| 9  |          | Lieut             | NX70750   | R. W. HESLOP                            | -        | "   |                   | LO(111)                                       |
| 10 |          |                   |   |   |          |   |                   |   |
| 11 |          |                   |   |   |          |   |                   |   |
| 12 |          |                   |   | <u>SERVICES.</u>                        |          |   |                   |   |
| 13 |          | Capt              | NX70449   | A. J. WATERS                            | AASC     | Yes   |                   | BASCO   |
| 14 |          | Chap              | SX12188   | A. J. ROBJOHN                           | AACHD    | No  |                   | Det to 2/13 Bn                                |
| 15 |          | Chap              | OX22602   | E. A. JAMES                             | AACHD    | No  |                   | Det to 2/15 Bn                                |
| 16 |          | Chap              | VX47864   | W. L. BYRNE                             | AACHD    | No  |                   | Det to 2/17 Bn                                |
| 17 |          |                   |   |   |          |   |                   |   |
| 18 |          |                   |   | <u>Offrs attached from other units.</u> |          |   | <u>Date</u>       |   |
| 19 |          | Capt              | NX52634   | L. H. HALLIDAY                          | HQ 9 Div |   | 14.6.43           | ISO   |
| 20 |          | Lieut             | NX21195   | D. W. B. MAUGHAN                        | 2/13 Bn  |   | 18.6.43           | EO  |
| 21 |          | Lieut             | NX21876   | J. E. SEARLE                            | 2/13 Bn  |   | 14.7.43           | Att for duty                                  |
| 22 |          |                   |   |   |          |   |                   |   |
| 23 |          |                   |   |   |          |   |                   |   |
| 24 |          |                   |   |   |          |   |                   |   |
| 25 |          |                   |   |   |          |   |                   |   |
| 26 |          |                   |   |   |          |   |                   |   |
| 27 |          |                   |   |   |          |   |                   |   |
| 28 |          |                   |   |   |          |   |                   |   |
| 29 |          |                   |   |   |          |   |                   |   |
| 30 |          |                   |   |   |          |   |                   |   |
| 31 |          |                   |   |   |          |   |                   |   |
| 32 |          |                   |   |   |          |   |                   |   |
| 33 |          |                   |   |   |          |   |                   |   |
| 34 |          |                   |   |   |          |   |                   |   |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive Rank. | Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Date of attachment. | Nature of attachment. |
|-------------------|---|--------------------|--------|---------------------|-----------------------|
|                   |   |                    |        |                     |                       |
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Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit.)

15 Aug 43

(Date of Despatch.)

*H. M. Hamilton*

Capt

SC 20 Aust Inf Bde (Signature of Commander.)

9 Aust Div

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

43 5 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14 8 3 / 194 3 HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.  
(Unit)

W.E. 11 2 3 OFFRS. 12 O.R's. 57 + OFFRS. 5 O.R's. 15 ATT. BY W.E.

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| 1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED   |                |                 |                  | 5 DETAIL.  | 6 ATTACHED ALLOWED BY WE |                  |                   |                |                    | 9     | 10     |          |    |       |
|---|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------|--------|----------|----|-------|
| Reinfts. Required.  | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. |  | Arm or Corps.            | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E.   | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. |       |        |          |    |       |
|   |                |                 |                  |  | W.Os Class I             | AOC              | 1                 |                |                    |       |        |          |    |       |
|   |                |                 | 2                | W.Os. Class II   | AASC                     | 4                |                   |                |                    |       |        |          |    |       |
|   |                |                 | 1                | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts                                       | AEME                     | 3                |                   |                |                    |       |        |          |    |       |
|   |                |                 | 1                | Staff Sergeants  | AACHD                    | 3                |                   |                |                    |       |        |          |    |       |
|   |                |                 | 3                | Sergeants  | AACC                     | 3                |                   |                |                    |       |        |          |    |       |
| NR  | 1              | 2               | 6                | Corporals  | AAMC                     | 1                |                   |                |                    |       |        |          |    |       |
| NR  | 11             |                 | 34               | Troopers, Privates, etc  |                          |                  |                   |                |                    |       |        |          |    |       |
|   | 12             | 2               | 47               | Civilians counting as O.R  |                          |                  |                   |                |                    |       |        |          |    |       |
|   |                |                 |                  | Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. |                          | 15               |                   |                |                    |       |        |          |    |       |
| Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2). |                |                 |                  | Detail   | A.I.F.                   | C.M.F.           |                   | A.W.A.S.       | A.A.M.W.S.         | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.F. | ** | TOTAL |
|   |                |                 |                  |  | 62                       | Under 19 Years.  | 19 Years and over |                |                    |       |        |          |    | 62    |
|   |                |                 |                  | A  |                          |                  |                   |                |                    |       |        |          |    |       |
|   |                |                 |                  | B(1)   |                          |                  |                   |                |                    |       |        |          |    |       |
|   |                |                 |                  | B(2)   |                          |                  |                   |                |                    |       |        |          |    |       |

## Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

## Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

| Number of O.Rs | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs | Unit to which detached | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached |
|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1              | 2/4 Hyg Sec               |                |                           | 1              | 2/13 Bn                |                 |                        |
| 1              | YMCA                      |                |                           | 1              | 2/15 Bn                |                 |                        |
| 1              | 2/15 Bn                   |                |                           | 1              | 2/17 Bn                |                 |                        |
| 1              | HQ 9 Div                  |                |                           |                |                        |                 |                        |
| 1              | 2/13 Bn                   |                |                           |                |                        |                 |                        |
| 4              | 9 Div Postal              |                |                           |                |                        |                 |                        |
| 2              | "B" Sec FSW               |                |                           |                |                        |                 |                        |
| 1              | 2/156 GT Coy              |                |                           |                |                        |                 |                        |
|                |                           |                |                           |                |                        |                 |                        |
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## Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To (Unit) is Particularly Requested. / /194

| Army No | Rank | Name and Initials | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
|---------|------|-------------------|---|
|         |      |                   |   |
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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 14 / 8 / 1943 .**

| Details of Tradesmen.<br>GROUP I.      | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen.<br>GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen.<br>GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen.<br>GROUP III. (cont.)   | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners                   |      |                  |                   | Surveyors, Engineering                    |      |                  |                   | Operating Room Assts.                      |      |                  |                   | G.P.O. Assistants   |      |                  |                   |
| Armament Artificer Fitter              |      |                  |                   | Surveyors, B.A.A.                         |      |                  |                   | Operator, Keyboard                         |      |                  |                   | Hammermen   |      |                  |                   |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) |      |                  |                   | Surveyors, Topographical                  |      |                  |                   | Operator, Line                             |      |                  |                   | Leather Stitches  |      |                  |                   |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)       |      |                  |                   | Surveyors, Trigonometrical                |      |                  |                   | Operator, Signal                           |      |                  |                   | Orderlies, Nursing  |      |                  |                   |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)     |      |                  |                   | Toolmakers                                |      |                  |                   | Operator, Switchboard                      |      |                  |                   | Orderlies, Nursing Mental   |      |                  |                   |
| Armament Artificer Instrument          |      |                  |                   | Turners                                   |      |                  |                   | Operator, Wireless                         |      |                  |                   | Plate Layers  |      |                  |                   |
| Armament Artificer Radio               |      |                  |                   | Watchmakers                               |      |                  |                   | Opticians                                  |      |                  |                   | Rangefinders  |      |                  |                   |
| Armament Artificer Signals             |      |                  |                   | Welders                                   |      |                  |                   | Painters                                   |      |                  |                   | Riveters  |      |                  |                   |
| Armament Artificer Wireless            |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   | Panel Beaters                              |      |                  |                   | Roughriders   |      |                  |                   |
| Artificer, Artillery                   |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   | Photographer, Dry Plate                    |      |                  |                   | Saddlers  |      |                  |                   |
| Artificer, Engine                      |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   | Predictor Numbers                          |      |                  |                   | Saddletree makers   |      |                  |                   |
| Blacksmiths                            |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   | Printers                                   |      |                  |                   | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer   |      |                  |                   |
| Bricklayers                            |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   | Radiographers                              |      |                  |                   | Stevadores  |      |                  |                   |
| Computers                              |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   | Riggers                                    |      |                  |                   | Stokers, Staty. Engine  |      |                  |                   |
| Cooks, Hospital                        |      |                  |                   | <b>GROUP II.</b>                          |      |                  |                   | Sawyers                                    |      |                  |                   | Storemen, Technical   |      |                  |                   |
| Coppersmiths                           |      |                  |                   | Armourers                                 |      |                  |                   | Signallers                                 |      |                  |                   | Tailors   |      |                  |                   |
| Dispensers                             |      |                  |                   | Axemen                                    |      |                  |                   | Signwriters                                |      |                  |                   | Textile Refitters   |      |                  |                   |
| Draughtsmen                            |      |                  |                   | Bakers                                    |      |                  |                   | Telescope Identfn Numbers                  |      |                  |                   | Tinsmiths   |      |                  |                   |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural)            |      |                  |                   | Bty. Comd's Asst.                         |      |                  |                   | Well Borers                                |      |                  |                   | Vulcanizers   |      |                  |                   |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering)              |      |                  |                   | Bollermakers                              |      |                  |                   | Wheelers                                   |      |                  |                   | Wagon Erectors  |      |                  |                   |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical)               |      |                  |                   | Carpenters                                |      |                  |                   | Winchman                                   |      |                  |                   | Whitesmiths   |      |                  |                   |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical)            | 2    | 2                |                   | Carpenters and Joiners                    |      |                  |                   | Wireman                                    |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| Electricians                           |      |                  |                   | Cooks                                     |      |                  |                   | Woodturners                                |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| Electricians (M.V.)                    |      |                  |                   | Dental Mechanics                          |      |                  |                   |  |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| Electricians (Signals)                 |      |                  |                   | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)              |      |                  |                   |  |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| Fitters                                |      |                  |                   | Driver-Operator                           |      |                  |                   |  |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| Fitters (Cycle)                        |      |                  |                   | Drainers                                  |      |                  |                   |  |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| Fitters (Electrical)                   |      |                  |                   | Electricians                              |      |                  |                   |  |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| Fitters (Gun)                          |      |                  |                   | Electricians (Engineers)                  |      |                  |                   |  |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| Fitters (Instrument)                   |      |                  |                   | Fire Control Operators                    |      |                  |                   | <b>GROUP III.</b>                          |      |                  |                   | <b>DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.</b>  |      |                  |                   |
| Fitters (M.V.)                         |      |                  |                   | Gun Operator                              |      |                  |                   | Battery Surveyors                          |      |                  |                   | Drivers   | 10   | 8                | NR                |
| Fitters, Railway Signal                |      |                  |                   | Hatchman                                  |      |                  |                   | Butchers                                   |      |                  |                   | MT Orderlys   | 9    | 8                | NR                |
| Fitters, Signals                       |      |                  |                   | Height Taker                              |      |                  |                   | Clerks                                     | 6    | 8                |                   | Hygiene   | 1    | 1                |                   |
| Grinder, Precision                     |      |                  |                   | Helio Operator                            |      |                  |                   | Clerks, Supply                             |      |                  |                   | Water duties  | 1    | 1                |                   |
| Mechanics, Instrument                  |      |                  |                   | Instrument Operator                       |      |                  |                   | Clerks, Technical                          |      |                  |                   | Batmen  | 13   | 9                | NR                |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)        |      |                  |                   | Intelligence Duties                       | 4    | 4                |                   | Coach Trimmers                             |      |                  |                   | Sig Orderl.   | 6    | 4                | NR                |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)       |      |                  |                   | Joiners                                   |      |                  |                   | Concretors                                 |      |                  |                   | General Duties  |      |                  |                   |
| Mechanics, Radio                       |      |                  |                   | Lineman                                   |      |                  |                   | Cooks                                      |      |                  |                   |   | 5    | 2                | NR                |
| Mechanics, Typewriter                  |      |                  |                   | Lineman, Signals                          |      |                  |                   | Dental Clerk Orderlies                     |      |                  |                   | <b>ATTACHED BY W.E.</b>   |      |                  |                   |
| Mechanics, Wireless                    |      |                  |                   | Lithographers                             |      |                  |                   | Despatch Riders                            |      |                  |                   | AASC  | 4    | 4                |                   |
| Millwrights                            |      |                  |                   | Machinists, Metal                         |      |                  |                   | Draughtsmen, Signals                       |      |                  |                   | AAMC  | 1    | 1                |                   |
| Operators, Excavator                   |      |                  |                   | Machinists, Wood                          |      |                  |                   | Drivers, H.T.                              |      |                  |                   | AAOC  | 1    | 1                |                   |
| Pattern Maker                          |      |                  |                   | Masons                                    |      |                  |                   | Driver Mechanics                           |      |                  |                   | AEME  | 3    | 3                |                   |
| Pharmacist                             |      |                  |                   | Masseurs                                  |      |                  |                   | Driver Tptn. Plant                         |      |                  |                   | AACC  | 3    | 3                |                   |
| Photographer, Wet Plate                |      |                  |                   | Mechanics, M.T.                           |      |                  |                   | Engine Hands, I.C.                         |      |                  |                   | AACHD   | 3    | 3                |                   |
| Photowriter                            |      |                  |                   | Miners                                    |      |                  |                   | Equipment Repairers                        |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| Plumber                                |      |                  |                   | Moulders                                  |      |                  |                   | Farriers                                   |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| Saw Doctors                            |      |                  |                   | Nurses, Trained                           |      |                  |                   | Fitters' Mates                             |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| Surveyors                              |      |                  |                   | Observation Post Assis.                   |      |                  |                   | Gun Layers                                 |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| CARRIED FORWARD                        | 2    | 2                |                   | CARRIED FORWARD                           | 6    | 6                |                   | CARRIED FORWARD                            | 12   | 14               |                   | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively | 72   | 62               | NR                |

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15 Aug 43

Date of Despatch

All reinfnts will be raised from the Bde.

Signature of Commander

WE 12 Offrs 57 Ors Att. 5 Offrs 15 Ors

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

NO 20 Aust Inf Bde. (Unit.)

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

| 1                 | 2   | 3                        | 4   |
|-------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| Ranks.            | Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment) |
|                   |   |                          |   |
|                   |   |                          |   |
|                   |   |                          |   |
|                   |   |                          |   |
| Lieut.-Colonels   | 1   |                          |   |
| Majors            | 1   |                          |   |
| Captains          | 5   |                          |   |
| Lieutenants       | 2   |                          |   |
| 2nd Lieutenants   |   |                          |   |
| Quartermasters    |   |                          |   |
| District Officers |   |                          |   |
| Totals            | 9   |                          |   |

\*Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.)

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause |
|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
|       |       | NIL    |       |       |
|       |       |        |       |       |
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|       |       |        |       |       |

### Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank. | Name | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
|-------|------|--------|-------|--------|
|       |      | NIL    |       |        |
|       |      |        |       |        |
|       |      |        |       |        |
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## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED

| Rank | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known.) |
|------|--------------------|--------|--|
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**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(I) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

| 1  | 2   | 3                  | 4         | 5   | 6   |
|--|---|--------------------|-----------|---|---|
| Substantive Rank.                          | Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. | Name and Initials. | Corps.    | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.) | If not present with Unit, state how employed. |
| Brig                                       | NX 396                                    | W. J. V. WINDMEYER | -         | Yes   | Comd  |
| Maj  | NX 328                                    | S. V. WILSON       | -         | "   | EM  |
| Capt                                       | QX 6200                                   | B. WILKINS         | -         | "   | EM(L)   |
| Capt                                       | VX15145                                   | H. M. HAMILTON     | -         | "   | SC  |
| Capt                                       | QX 6196                                   | H. C. JENSEN       | -         | "   | SC(L)   |
| T/Capt                                     | NX29407                                   | G. F. J. MOLTSHAUM | -         | "   | LO(L)   |
| T/Capt                                     | NX13029                                   | H. J. WINDLOW      | -         | "   | TO  |
| Lieut                                      | QX 949                                    | W. B. MURISON      | -         | "   | LO(II)  |
| Lieut                                      | NX70750                                   | R. W. BESLEY       | -         | "   | LO(III)                                       |
| <b>SERVICES.</b>                           |   |                    |           |   |   |
| Capt                                       | NX70449                                   | A. J. WATERS       | AASC      | "   | BASCO   |
| Chap                                       | SX12188                                   | A. J. BOBSONS      | AACB      | No  | Det to 2/13 Bn                                |
| Chap                                       | QX22602                                   | E. A. JAMES        | "         | No  | Det to 2/15 Bn                                |
| Chap                                       | VX47864                                   | W. L. BIRNE        | "         | No  | Det to 2/17 Bn                                |
| <b>Officers Attached from other units.</b> |   |                    |           |   |   |
| Capt                                       | NX52634                                   | L. H. HALLIDAY     | HQ 9 Div  | 14.6.43                                       | 100   |
| Lieut                                      | NX21195                                   | D. W. S. NAUGHAN   | 2/13 Bn   | 13.6.43                                       | 10  |
| Lieut                                      | NX21376                                   | J. E. SEARLE       | do        | 14.7.43                                       | 10  |
| Capt                                       | NX34784                                   | P. B. GREEN        | 2/2 MG Bn | 16.8.43                                       | Att for Duty                                  |

**(II) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.**

| Substantive Rank. | Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Date of attachment. | Nature of attachment. |
|-------------------|---|--------------------|--------|---------------------|-----------------------|
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HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit.)

22 Aug 43

(Date of Despatch.)

*[Signature]*  
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde  
9 Aust Div.  
(Signature of Commander.)  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving).



## FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

43 / 6 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 21 8 /1943 HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.  
(Unit)

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS. 12 O.R's. 57 + OFFRS. 5 O.R's. 15 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. |                  |                 |                |                    |   |  |   |  |    |   |
| Reinfts. Required.       | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength. |   |   |      |           |   |   | Arm or Corps.            | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. | Reinfts. Required. |   |  |   |  |    |   |
|                          |                |                 | <b>2</b>         |   | W.Os. Class I.  | AOC  | <b>1</b>  |   |   |                          |                  |                 |                |                    |   |  |   |  |    |   |
|                          |                |                 | <b>1</b>         |   | W.Os. Class II.   | AEME | <b>3</b>  |   |   |                          |                  |                 |                |                    |   |  |   |  |    |   |
|                          |                |                 | <b>1</b>         |   | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts.                                       | AAMC | <b>1</b>  |   |   |                          |                  |                 |                |                    |   |  |   |  |    |   |
|                          |                |                 | <b>3</b>         |   | Staff Sergeants   | AASC | <b>4</b>  |   |   |                          |                  |                 |                |                    |   |  |   |  |    |   |
| <b>NR</b>                | <b>1</b>       | <b>2</b>        | <b>6</b>         |   | Sergeants   | AACC | <b>3</b>  |   |   |                          |                  |                 |                |                    |   |  |   |  |    |   |
| <b>NR</b>                | <b>11</b>      |                 | <b>34</b>        |   | Corporals   | AChD | <b>3</b>  |   |   |                          |                  |                 |                |                    |   |  |   |  |    |   |
|                          |                |                 |                  |   | Troopers, Privates, etc.  |      |           |   |   |                          |                  |                 |                |                    |   |  |   |  |    |   |
| <b>NR</b>                | <b>12</b>      | <b>2</b>        | <b>47</b>        |   | Civilians counting as O.R.  |      |           |   |   |                          |                  |                 |                |                    |   |  |   |  |    |   |
| *                        |                |                 |                  | * | Totals of cols. marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. |      | <b>15</b> | * |   |                          |                  |                 |                |                    |   |  |   |  |    | * |

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| Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2).<br><br>** 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 N.Z. Forces. | Detail | A.I.F.    | C.M.F. |  | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.P. | ** | TOTAL.    |
|  | A      | <b>62</b> |        |  |          |            |       |        |          |    | <b>62</b> |
|  | B(1)   |           |        |  |          |            |       |        |          |    |           |
|  | B(2)   |           |        |  |          |            |       |        |          |    |           |

#### Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

#### Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

| Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached. |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>1</b>        | <b>YMCA</b>               |                 |                           | <b>1</b>        | <b>2/13 Bn</b>          |                 |                         |
| <b>1</b>        | <b>2/4 Hyg Sec</b>        |                 |                           | <b>1</b>        | <b>2/15 Bn</b>          |                 |                         |
| <b>1</b>        | <b>HQ 9 Div</b>           |                 |                           | <b>1</b>        | <b>2/17 Bn</b>          |                 |                         |
| <b>1</b>        | <b>2/13 Bn</b>            |                 |                           |                 |                         |                 |                         |
| <b>2</b>        | <b>"B" Sec FSW</b>        |                 |                           |                 |                         |                 |                         |
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#### Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To ..... (Unit) is Particularly Requested. .... /194.....

| Army No | Rank. | Name and Initials. | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 21 / 8 / 1943.**

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. |                  |                   | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) |                  |                   | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) |                  |                   | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)  |                  |                   |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|---|------------------|-------------------|---|------------------|-------------------|
| W.E.                           | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | W.E.                                   | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | W.E.                                    | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | W.E.  | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
|                                |                  |                   | Surveyors, Engineering                 |                  |                   | Operating Room Assts.                   |                  |                   | G.P.O. Assistants   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Surveyors, R.A.A.                      |                  |                   | Operator, Keyboard                      |                  |                   | Hammermen   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Surveyors, Topographical               |                  |                   | Operator, Line                          |                  |                   | Leather Stitchers   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Surveyors, Trigonometrical             |                  |                   | Operator, Signal                        |                  |                   | Orderlies, Nursing  |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Toolmakers                             |                  |                   | Operator, Switchboard                   |                  |                   | Orderlies, Nursing Mental   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Turners                                |                  |                   | Operator, Wireless                      |                  |                   | Plate Layers  |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Watchmakers                            |                  |                   | Opticians                               |                  |                   | Rangetakers   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Welders                                |                  |                   | Painters                                |                  |                   | Riveters  |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   |  |                  |                   | Panel Beaters                           |                  |                   | Roughriders   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   |  |                  |                   | Photographer, Dry Plate                 |                  |                   | Saddlers  |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   |  |                  |                   | Predictor Numbers                       |                  |                   | Saddletree makers   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   |  |                  |                   | Printers                                |                  |                   | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   |  |                  |                   | Radiographers                           |                  |                   | Stevedores  |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   |  |                  |                   | Riggers                                 |                  |                   | Stokers, Staty. Engine  |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | GROUP II.                              |                  |                   | Sawyers                                 |                  |                   | Storemen, Technical   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Armourers                              |                  |                   | Signallers                              |                  |                   | Tailors   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Axemen                                 |                  |                   | Signwriters                             |                  |                   | Textile Refitters   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Bakers                                 |                  |                   | Telescope Identfn. Numbers              |                  |                   | Tinsmiths   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Bty. Comd's. Asst.                     |                  |                   | Well Borers                             |                  |                   | Vulcanizers   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Boilermakers                           |                  |                   | Wheelers                                |                  |                   | Wagon Erectors  |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Carpenters                             |                  |                   | Winchman                                |                  |                   | Whitesmiths   |                  |                   |
|                                | 2                | 2                 | Carpenters and Joiners                 |                  |                   | Wireman                                 |                  |                   |   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Cooks                                  |                  |                   | Woodturners                             |                  |                   |   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Dental Mechanics                       |                  |                   |   |                  |                   |   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)           |                  |                   |   |                  |                   |   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Driver-Operator                        |                  |                   |   |                  |                   |   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Drainers                               |                  |                   |   |                  |                   |   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Electricians                           |                  |                   |   |                  |                   |   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Electricians (Engineers)               |                  |                   |   |                  |                   |   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Fire Control Operators                 |                  |                   | GROUP III.                              |                  |                   | DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Gun Operator                           |                  |                   | Battery Surveyors                       |                  |                   | Drivers   | 10               | 8                 |
|                                |                  |                   | Hatchman                               |                  |                   | Butchers                                |                  |                   | Mt Orderlys   | 9                | 8                 |
|                                |                  |                   | Height Taker                           |                  |                   | Clerks                                  | 6                | 8                 | Hygiene   | 1                | 1                 |
|                                |                  |                   | Helio Operator                         |                  |                   | Clerks, Supply                          |                  |                   | Water duties  | 1                | 1                 |
|                                |                  |                   | Instrument Operator                    |                  |                   | Clerks, Technical                       |                  |                   | Batmen  | 13               | 9                 |
|                                |                  |                   | Intelligence Duties                    | 4                | 4                 | Coach Trimmers                          |                  |                   | Sig Orderly   | 6                | 4                 |
|                                |                  |                   | Joiners                                |                  |                   | Concretors                              |                  |                   | General Duties  | 5                | 2                 |
|                                |                  |                   | Lineman                                |                  |                   | Cooks                                   |                  |                   |   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Lineman, Signals                       |                  |                   | Dental Clerk Orderlies                  |                  |                   | ATTACHED BY W.E.  |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Lithographers                          |                  |                   | Despatch Riders                         |                  |                   |   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Machinists, Metal                      |                  |                   | Draughtsmen, Signals                    |                  |                   |   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Machinists, Wood                       |                  |                   | Drivers, H.T.                           |                  |                   | AAC   | 1                | 1                 |
|                                |                  |                   | Masons                                 |                  |                   | Driver Mechanics                        |                  |                   | AAMC  | 1                | 1                 |
|                                |                  |                   | Masseurs                               |                  |                   | Driver Tptn. Plant                      |                  |                   | AASC  | 4                | 4                 |
|                                |                  |                   | Mechanics, M.T.                        |                  |                   | Engine Hands, I.C.                      |                  |                   | AEME  | 3                | 3                 |
|                                |                  |                   | Miners                                 |                  |                   | Equipment Repairers                     |                  |                   | AACHD   | 3                | 3                 |
|                                |                  |                   | Moulders                               |                  |                   | Farriers                                |                  |                   | AACC  | 3                | 3                 |
|                                |                  |                   | Nurses, Trained                        |                  |                   | Fitters' Mates                          |                  |                   |   |                  |                   |
|                                |                  |                   | Observation Post Assts.                |                  |                   | Gun Layers                              |                  |                   |   |                  |                   |
| CARRIED FORWARD                | 2                | 2                 | CARRIED FORWARD                        | 6                | 6                 | CARRIED FORWARD                         | 12               | 14                | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively. | 72               | 62                |

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22 Aug 43.  
Date of Despatch

All Reints will be raised from the Bde.

Signature of Commander

# 20 AUST INF BDE OBJECTIVES

## YELLOW BEACH

APPROX. SCALE: 1000 YDS. = 3 IN.



### YELLOW BEACH

#### LEGENDS

- RAIN FOREST
- COCONUTS
- KUNAI
- SWAMPS
- TRACKS

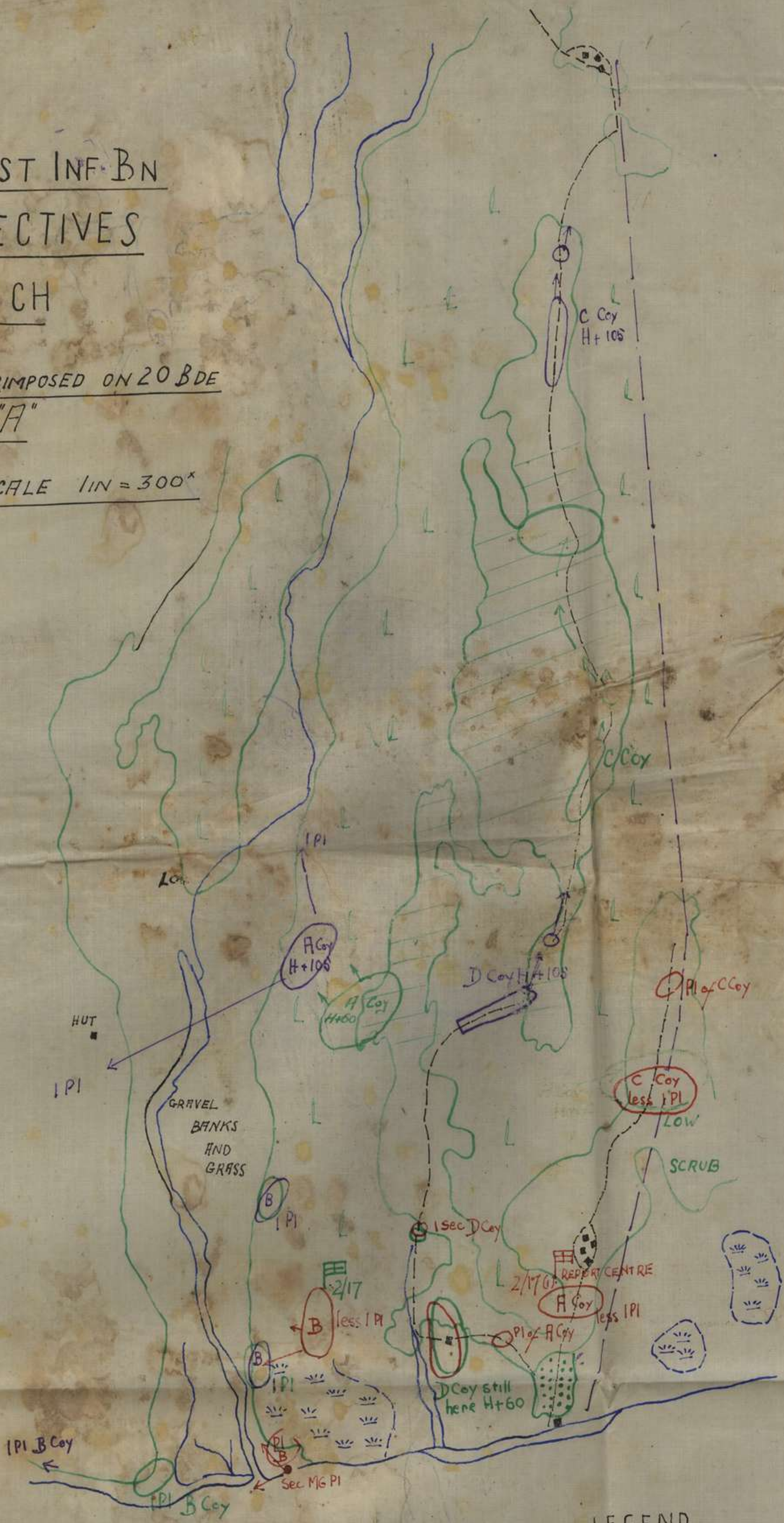
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2/17 AUSTRALIAN INF. BN  
COY OBJECTIVES  
RED BEACH

TO BE SUPERIMPOSED ON 20 BDE  
TRACE APPX "A"

APPROX SCALE 1 IN = 300'

↑ APPROX NORTH



LEGEND

- 1ST PHASE = [Red wavy line]
- RS AT H+60 = [Green wavy line]
- RS AT H+105 = [Blue wavy line]

2/13 Bn PROJECTED DISPOSITIONS.

Overlay to Appendix "A"  
 20 AUST INF BDE OBJECTIVES  
YELLOW BEACH

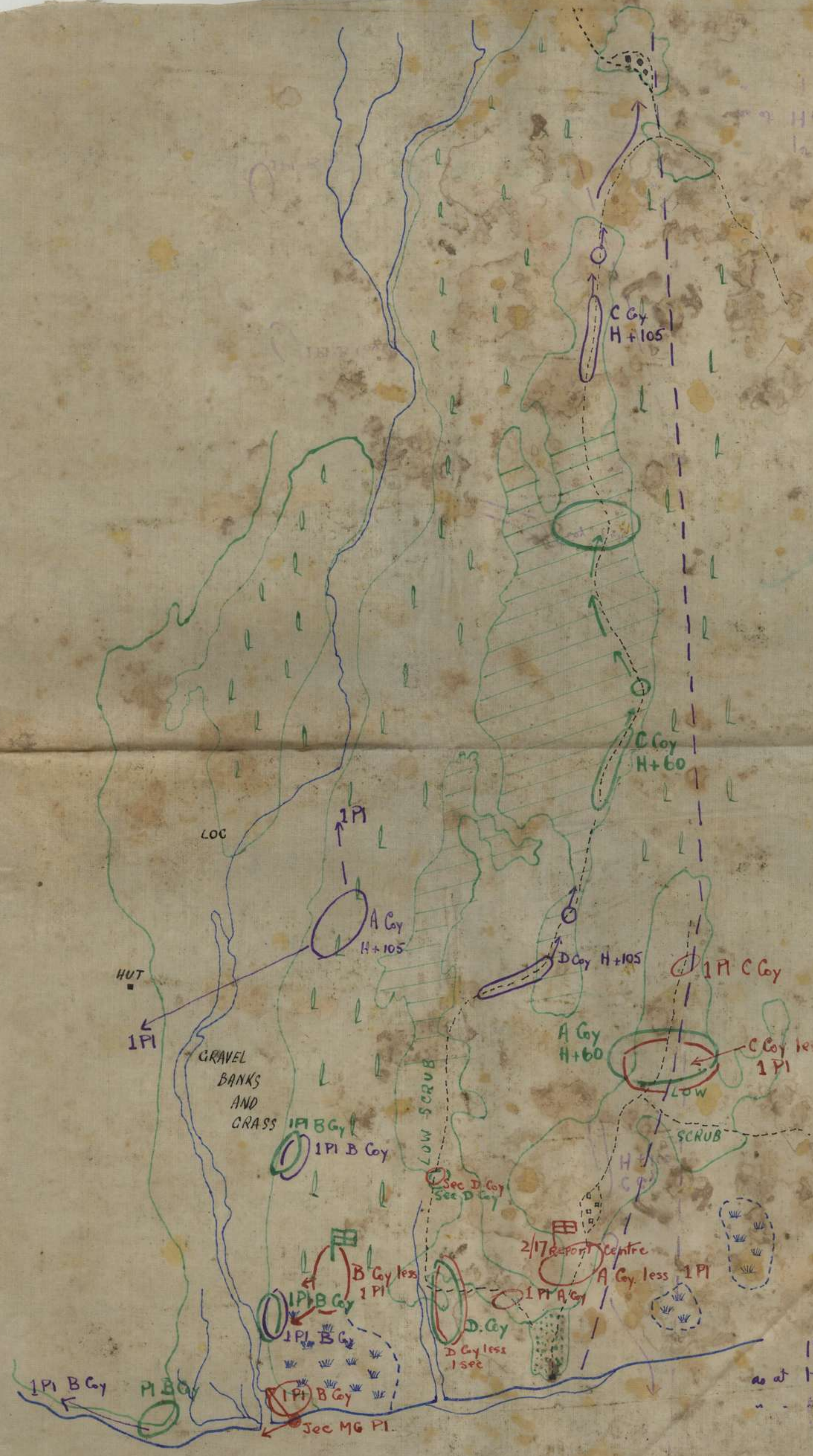


- — H+1 hr Bn. disposition with standing patrol
- — H+1 hr 45 min. Don. Coy Proceeded to Area indicated
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Int. Sec.  
 2/13 Bn.  
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H+60  
12/1/42

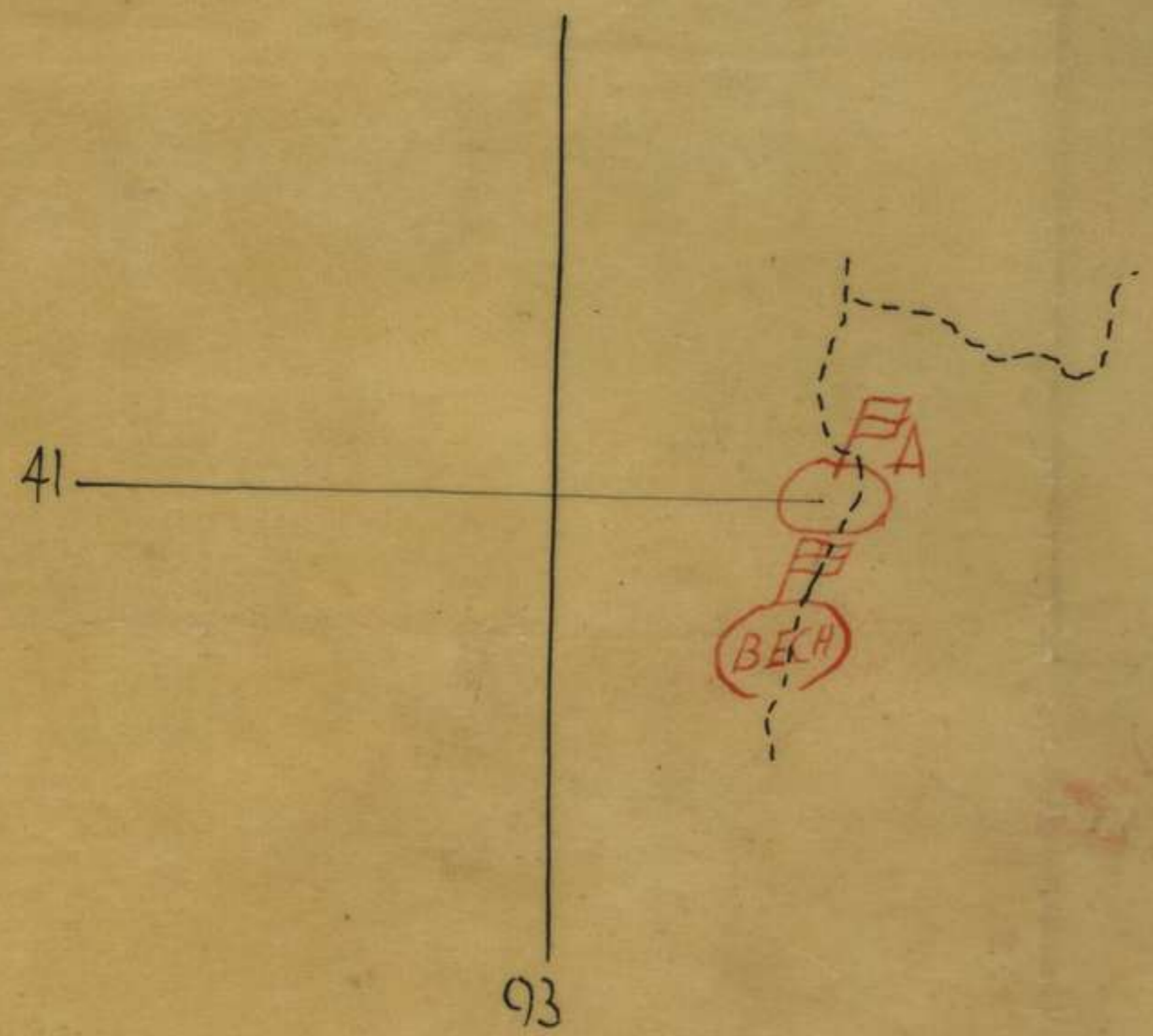
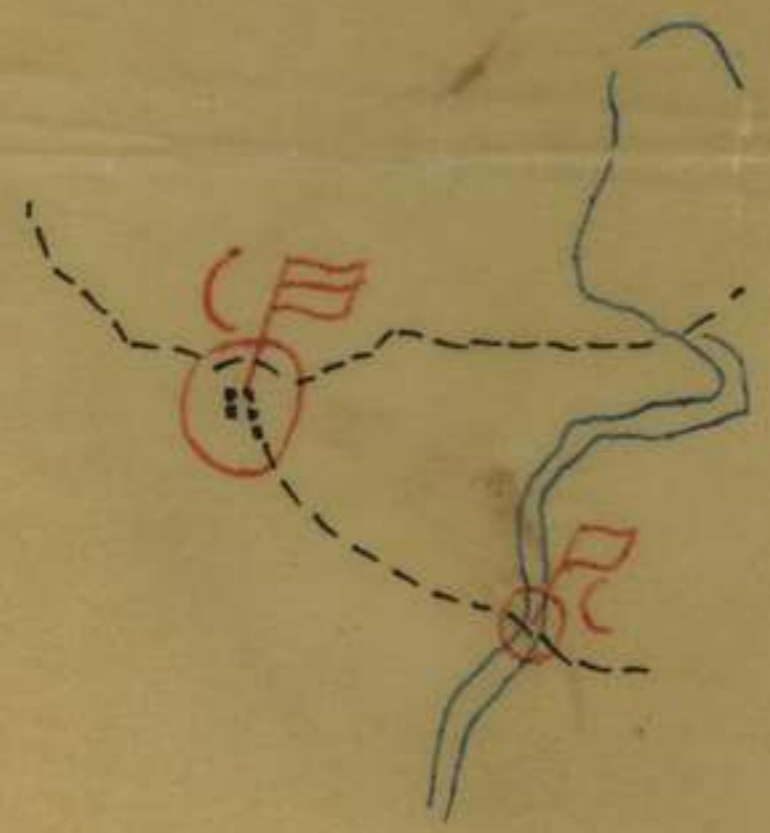
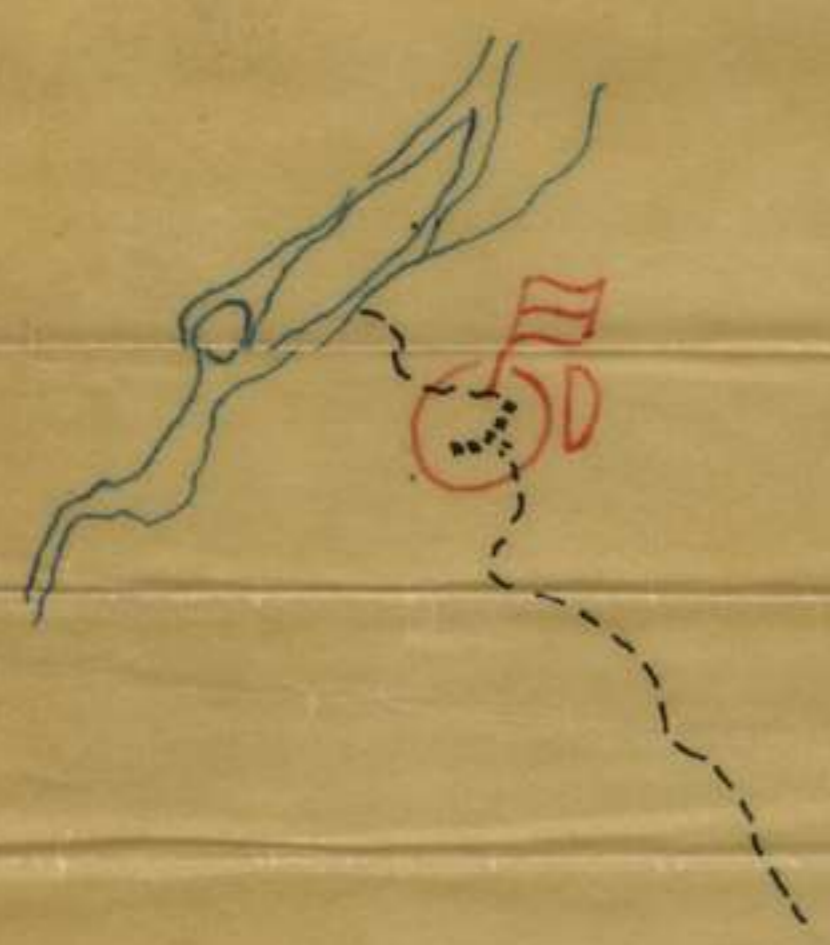
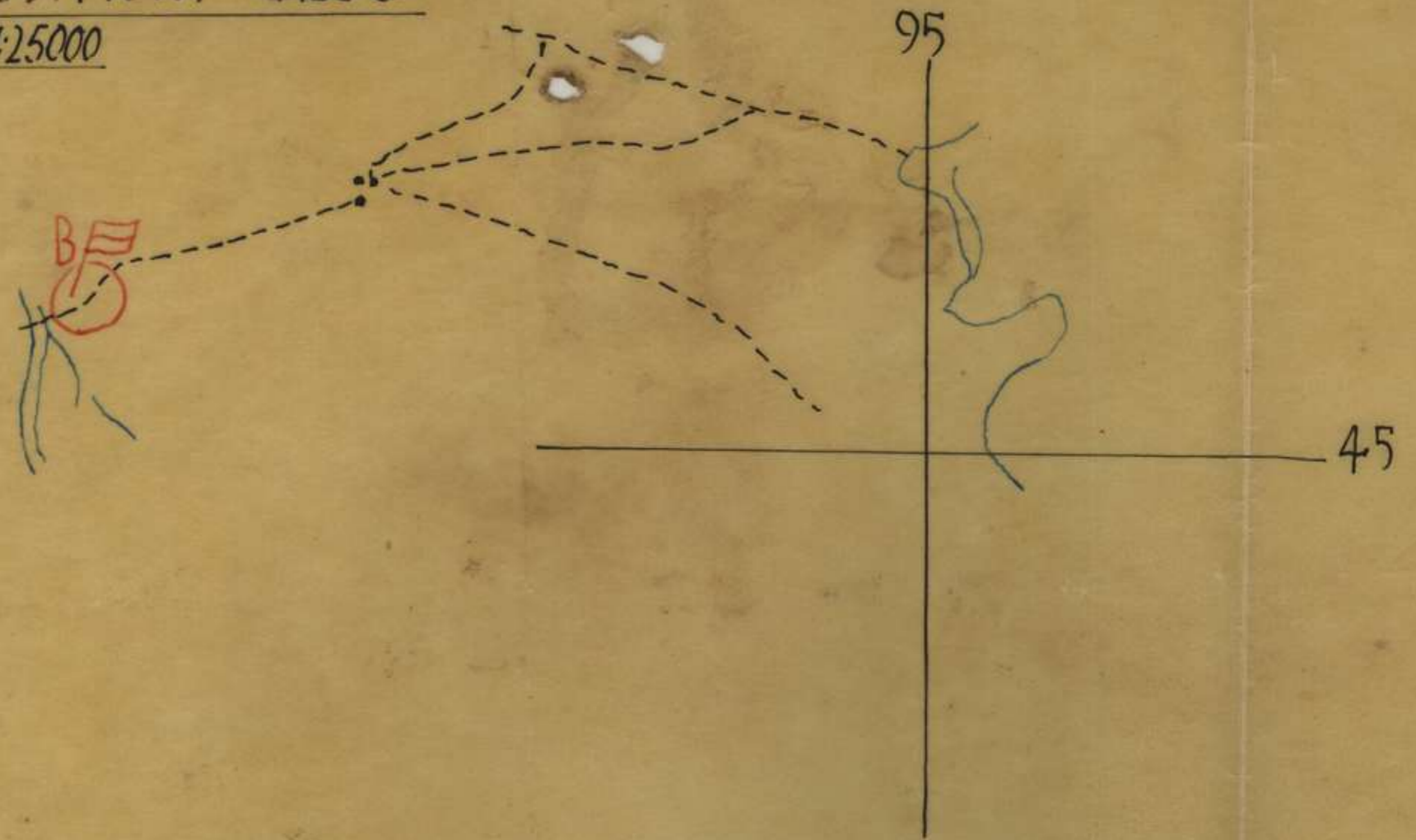
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2/17 Bn Coy  
dispositions  
to overlay 20 Bde  
APPX A

1<sup>st</sup> Phase = Red  
as at H+60 = Green  
" " H+105 = Purple

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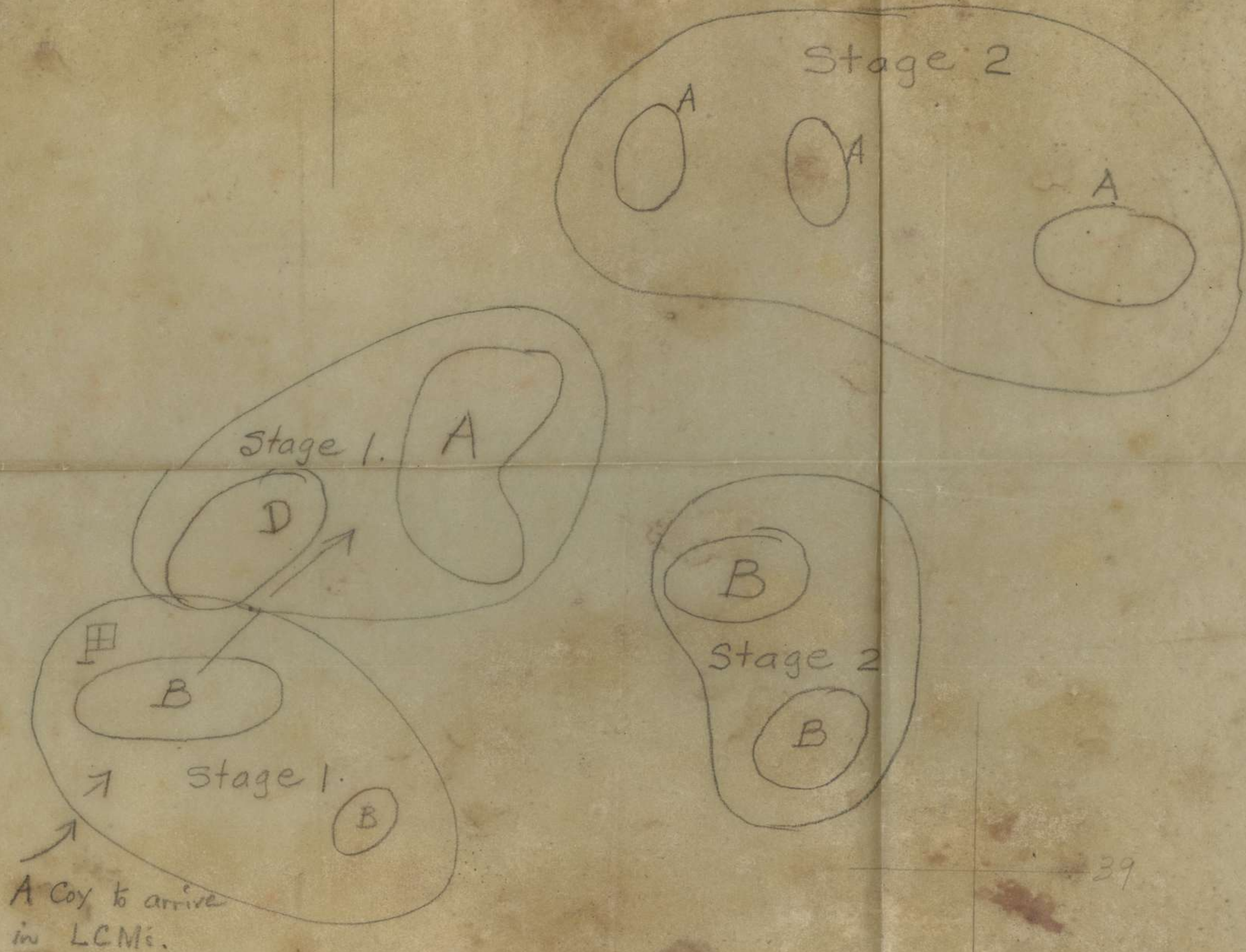
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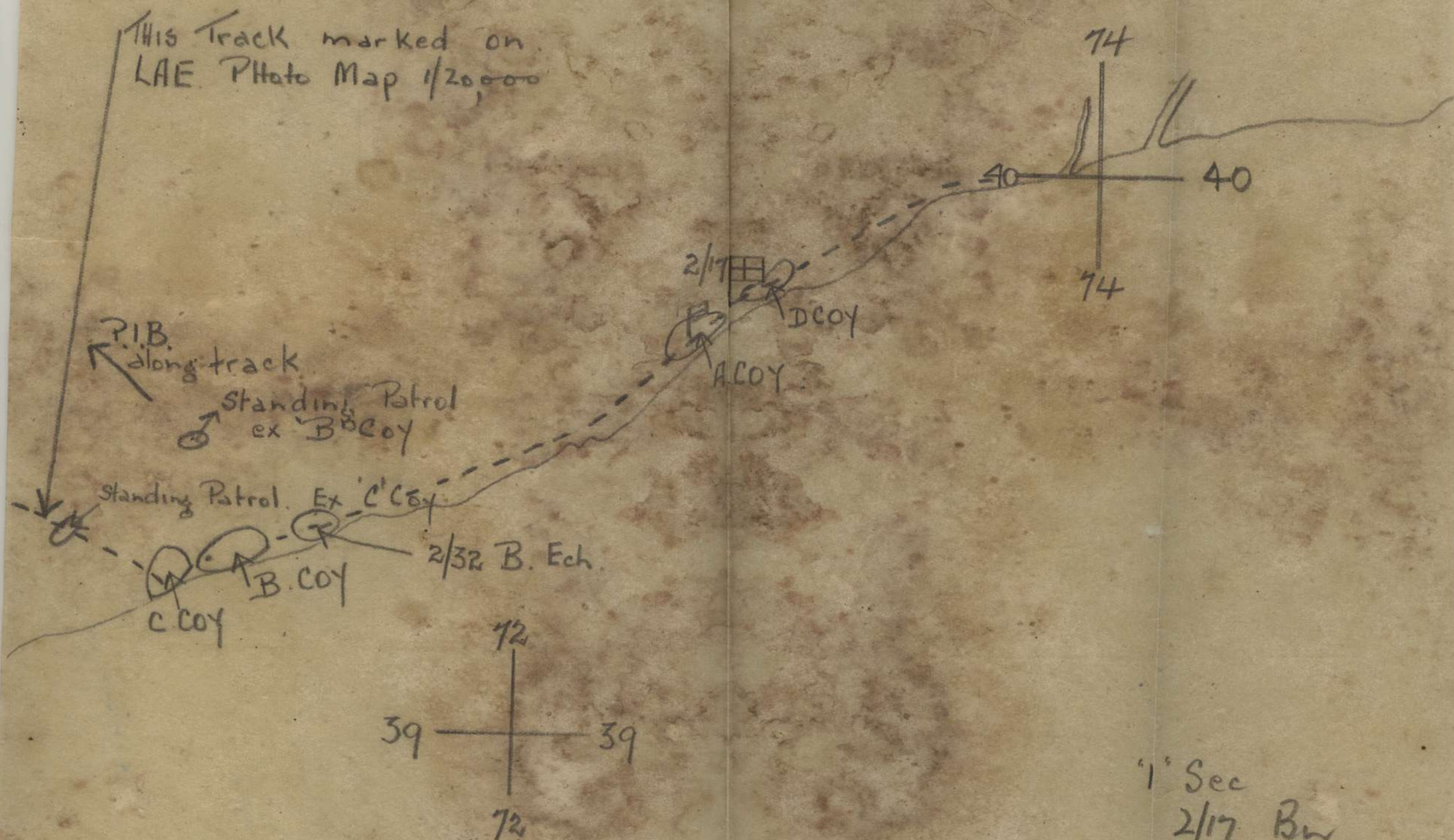
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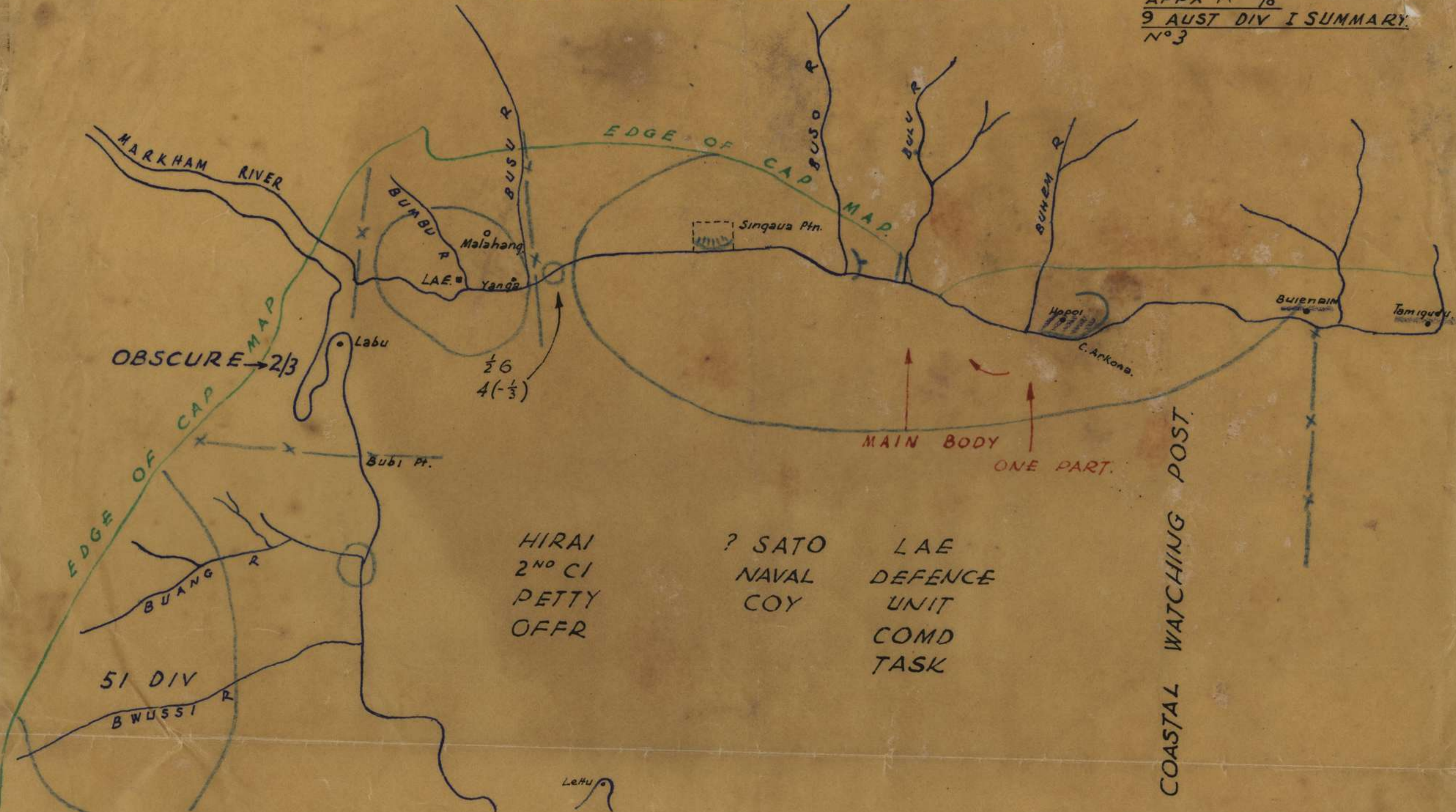
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2/17 Bn  
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TRANSLATION OF CAPTURED MAP

APPX "A" To  
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LEGEND

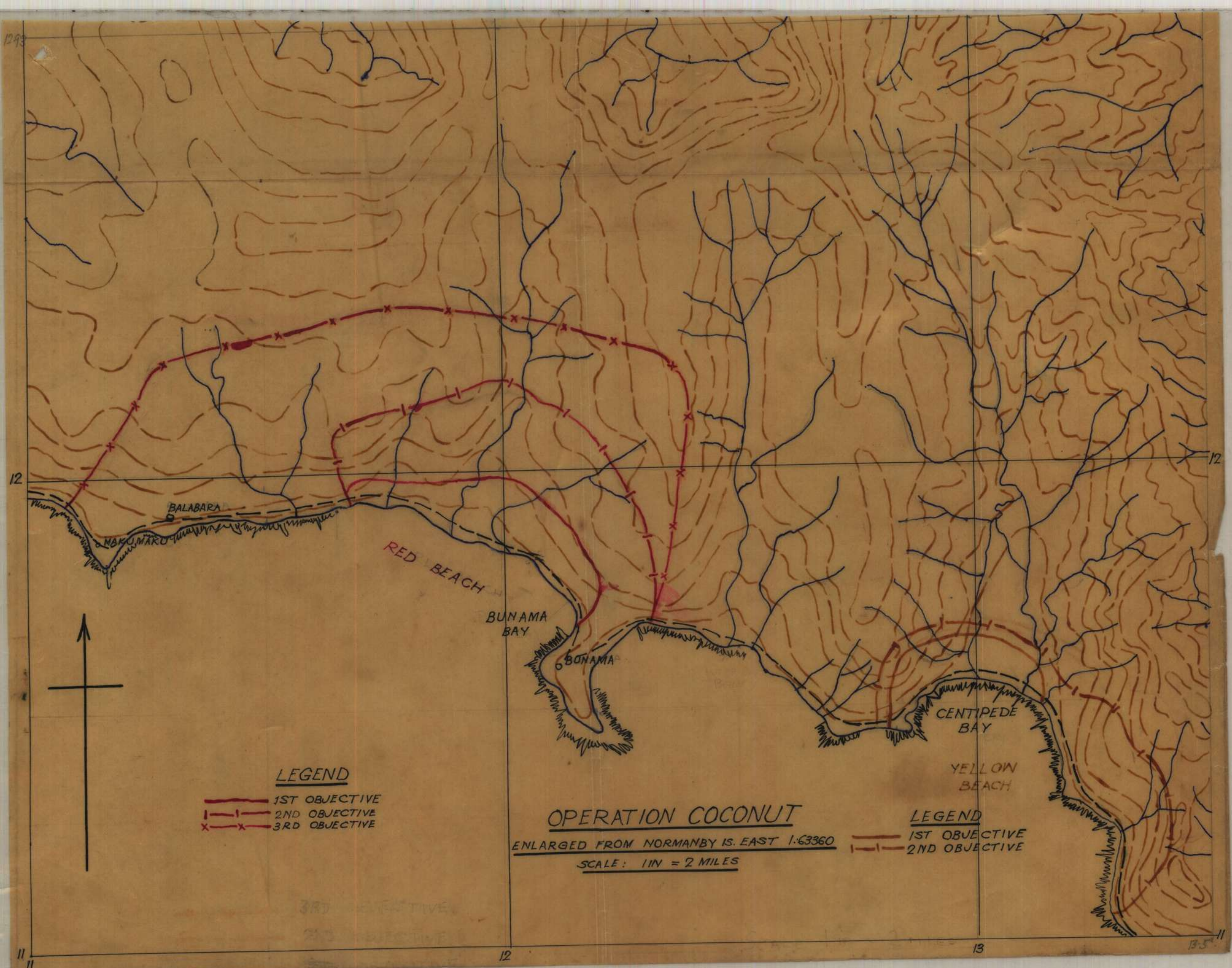
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OPERATION COCONUT

ENLARGED FROM NORMANBY IS. EAST 1:63360  
 SCALE: 1 IN. = 2 MILES

LEGEND

- 1ST OBJECTIVE
- - - 2ND OBJECTIVE



ADM:

11. Maps: Under arrangement of DAPM 9 Aust Div. (See Appx "B").

INTERCOMN:

14. Location of HQ:

- (a) On landing Bde HQ will be est approx 200 yds in scrub from centre of landing beach.
- (b) Will be marked from edge of beach by sign "88" and tape line.

15. Sig Plan:

- (a) Afloat- As at Appx "D".
- (b) Ashore:  
W/T links as at Appx "D".  
L/T. J Sec Sigs will lay lines to Sh Coy and Sp arms.  
 Bn line comn normal.  
 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns will lay lateral lines by mutual arrangement.  
VS- will be est by 2/13 and 2/15 Aust Inf Bns on beach to Bde HQ afloat.
- (c) W/T Silence: Until H - 15 or at such times when enemy interference makes urgent W/T comn necessary.

16. Code Names:

(a) Bn Code Names to be notified to this HQ by 2100 hrs.

- (b) LCI- DOG.
- LCM- RAT.
- LCT- CAT.
- LCV- MOUSE.

(c) Landing effected correct beach- OPHIR.  
 " " wrong " - ROVING.  
 100 yds- ORANGE  
 (e.g. 200 yds- TWO ORANGES)

- (d) Appointments Code:  
 Comd- SILVER.  
 GI, BM, Adj- GOLD.  
 AQ, SC, QM- RED.  
 I- BLUE.

17. Synchronisation of Time: ABC time sigs.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Signed at 1430 hrs.  
Issued through Sigs and IOs.

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BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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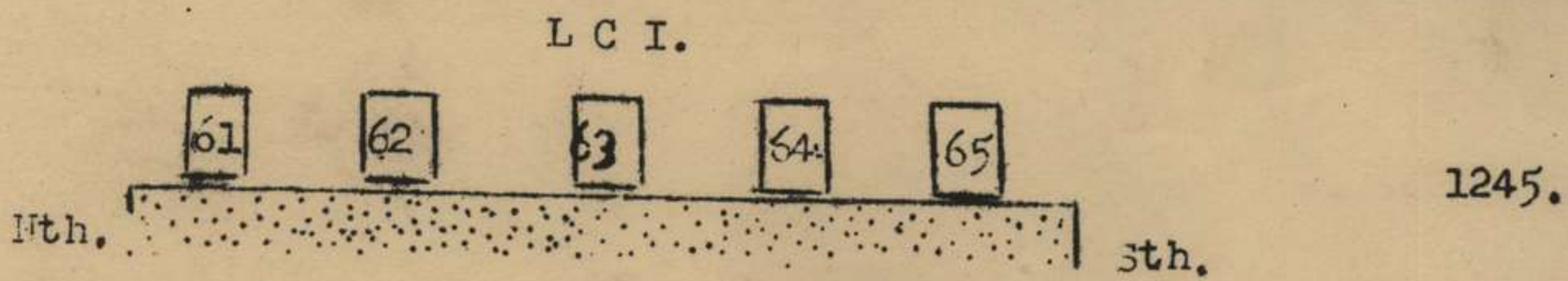
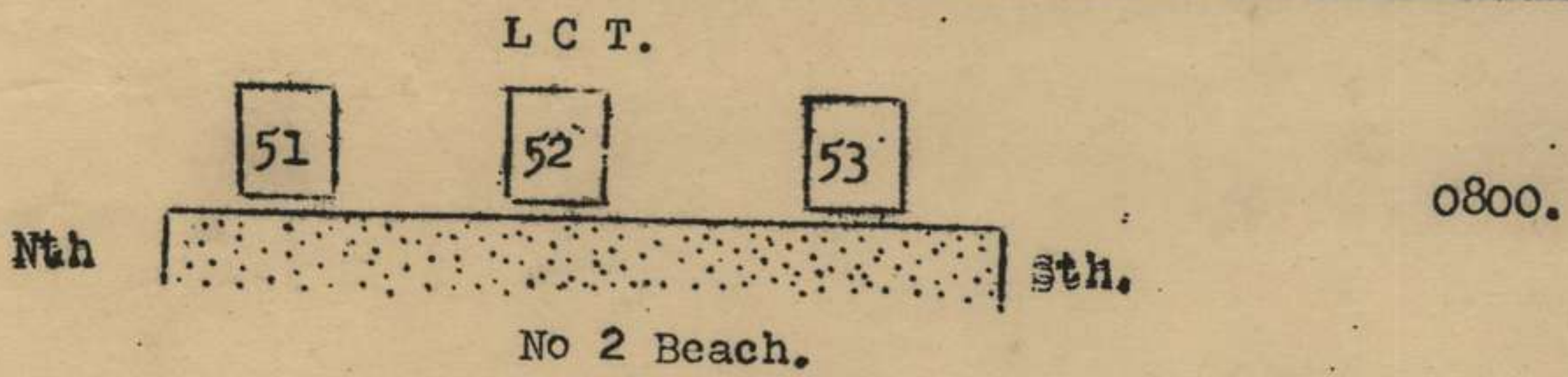
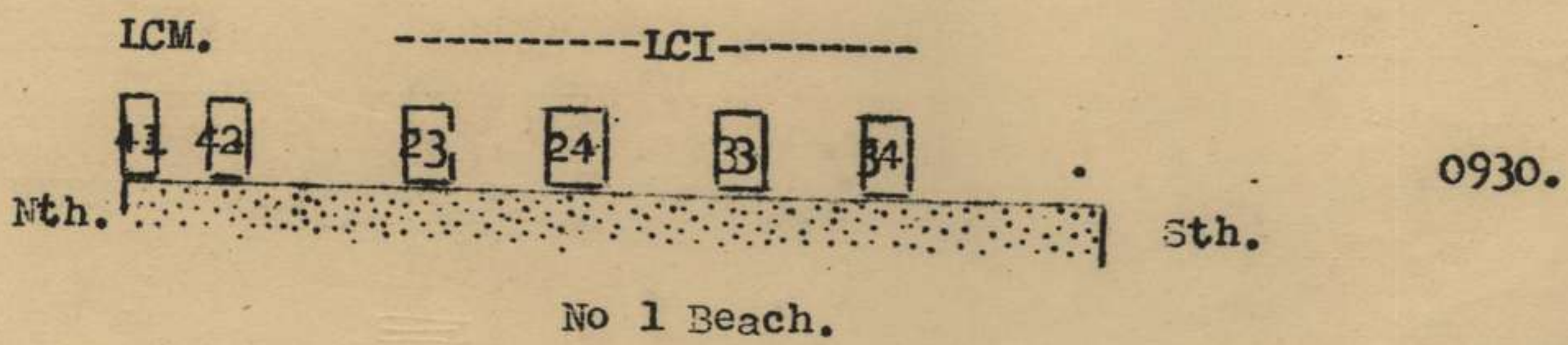
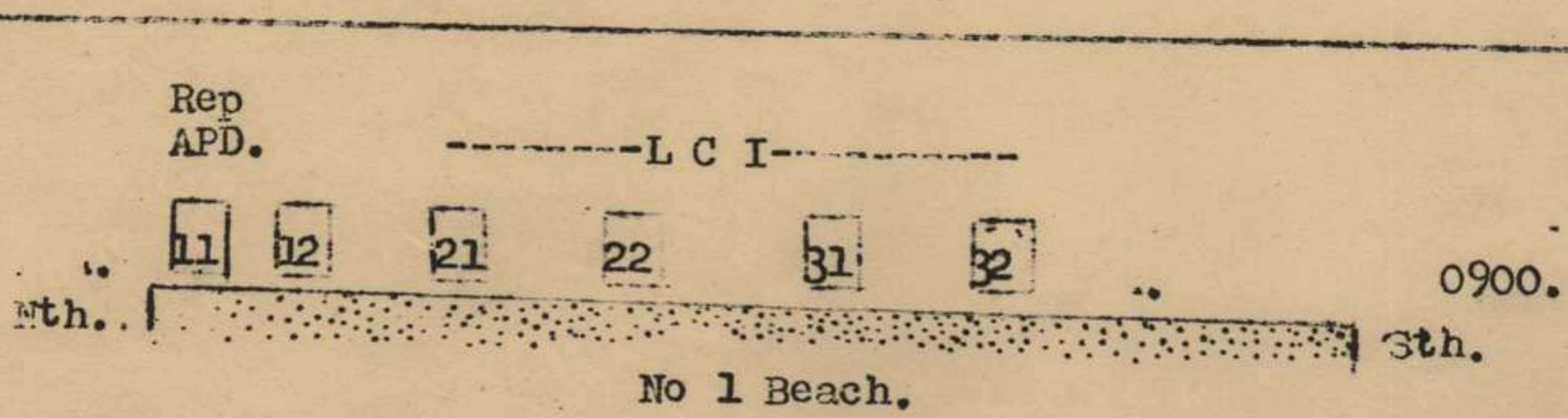
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- 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.
- 9 Aust Div.- Navy 1. )
- G- 2. )
- CRA- 1. )
- CRE- 2. )
- CO 9 Div Sigs 1. )
- DAPM. 1. )
- USA Air sp. 1. )

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LOADING ON NEAR SHORE.

DIAGRAM.



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20 AUST INF BDE-EXERCISE NO 2.

The above exercise will be carried out on 16 Aug 43 in accordance with 20 Aust Inf Bde OO No 2 (issued 9 Aug 43) with the following amendments:-

1. Para 7 (a): Substitute new appx "B" att.
2. Para 7 (c): Substitute:-  
 Personnel will be assembled into craft parties in unit assembly areas ready to move to Ready Line at the time respective craft beach.
3. Para 11- Delete.
4. Para 12 (a): Amend to read " 1 offr and 5 ORs".
5. Para 12 (b): Add"..... in rear and left of centre of landing beach".
6. Para 16 (a) (b) (c): Substitute:-  
(a). Bn Code Names.

| Unit.                       | Code.   | Unit.                       | Code.   |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|
| HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.         | OMEGA.  |                             |         |
| <u>2/13</u> Aust Inf Bn.HQ. | ROCK 1. | <u>2/17</u> Aust Inf Bn HQ. | ROCK 3. |
| A Coy.                      | ALPH 1. | A Coy.                      | ALPH 3. |
| B Coy.                      | BETA 1. | B Coy.                      | BETA 3. |
| C Coy.                      | GAMA 1. | C Coy.                      | GAMA 3. |
| D Coy.                      | DELA 1. | D Coy.                      | DELA 3. |
| <u>2/15</u> Aust Inf Bn HQ. | ROCK 2. | <u>2/23</u> Aust Inf Bn HQ. | ROCK 4. |
| A Coy.                      | ALPH 2. | A Coy.                      | ALPH 4. |
| B Coy.                      | BETA 2. | B Coy.                      | BETA 4. |
| C Coy.                      | GAMA 2. | C Coy.                      | GAMA 4. |
| D Coy.                      | DELA 2. | D Coy.                      | DELA 4. |

(b) Craft:

|      |        |
|------|--------|
| APD- | CAMEL. |
| IST- | HORSE. |
| LCT- | DOG.   |
| LCI. | CAT.   |
| LCM- | RAT.   |
| ICV- | MOUSE  |

(c) Landing effected correct Beach- ORANGES.  
 " " wrong " - LEMONS.  
 100 yds- NUT.  
 (e.g. 200 yds- 2 NUTS.

(d) Appointments Code:

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Comd-        | CHESTERFIELD.   |
| GI, BM, Adj- | OLD GOLD.       |
| AQ, SC, QM-  | DUNHILL.        |
| I-           | LUCKY STRIKE.   |
| Sigs-        | PHILLIP MORRIS. |

Distribution:  
 As for OO No 2.

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 BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

ASSEMBLY AREAS.

Appx "B" to  
20 Aust Inf Bde CO No 2

HQ 20 Bde &  
Att.

2/15 Bn

2/17 BN

BEACH No 1.

Pro

TCP

LCT. 1

No 4 Bay

LCT. 2

No 5 Bay

LCT. 3

BEACH No 2.

No 6 Bay

TRAIL



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20 AUST INF BDE GP

Operation Order No 2.

INFORMATION:

1. Enemy:
  - (a) RED Beach (No 3) is assumed to be lightly defended by the enemy. (Owing to USA encampments tactical movement ashore will be confined to a limited extent-possibly 300 yds).
  - (b) After leaving beach tps will move in order to avoid USA Camps and installations and will be kept in control-parties in rear of the beach.
2. Own Tps:
  - (a) After securing of Beachhead 2/23 Bn(26 Aust Inf Bde) is to land and come under comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.
  - (b) 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp has been detached for op elsewhere.

INTENTION:

3. 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp (less 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp) will land and secure a Beachhead on RED Beach.

METHOD:

4. General Plan:

The Bde will land with two Bns fwd-

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| <u>Right-</u> | 2/15 Aust Inf Bn Gp. |
| <u>Left-</u>  | 2/17 Aust Inf Bn Gp. |
5. Objectives:

2/15 Aust Inf Bn- Right half of Beachhead with objectives as given to Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

2/17 Aust Inf Bn- Left half of Beachhead with objectives as given to Comd 2/17 Aust Inf Bn, incl dets to secure river crossings and line of river on left of Beachhead.
6. Loading:

In accordance with Loading Tables issued separately.

(b) Craft enumerated below are in accordance with ESB loading numbers, i.e. first digit indicates wave numbers, second digit indicates place of craft in wave commencing from the right. (See Appx "A"):-

6. (b) (continued).

| No. | Craft. | Beach.                 | Unit.         | Beaches at. | Remarks.               |
|-----|--------|------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 11. | LCI.   | No 1 North.            | 2/15 Bn.      | 0900.       | Representing APDs.     |
| 12. | LCI.   | "                      | 2/17 Bn.      | 0900.       |                        |
| 21. | LCI.   | "                      | 2/15 Bn       |             |                        |
| 22. | LCI.   | "                      | "             | 0900.       |                        |
| 31. | LCI.   | "                      | "             |             |                        |
| 32. | LCI.   | "                      | Bde HQ & att  |             |                        |
| 23. | LCI.   | "                      | 2/17 Bn)      |             |                        |
| 24. | LCI.   | "                      | 2/17 Bn)      | 0930.       |                        |
| 33. | LCI.   | "                      | Bde HQ & att) |             |                        |
| 34. | LCI.   | "                      | 2/17 Bn)      |             |                        |
| 41. | 1 LCM. | No 1<br>Extreme North. | E.S.B.        | 0930.       | RAE personnel rep ESB. |
| 42. | 1 LCM. | "                      |               |             |                        |
| 51. | LCT.   | No 2.                  | As per        |             | In charge of           |
| 52. | LCT.   |                        | Loading       | 0800.       | Loading, RAA           |
| 53. | LCT.   |                        | Tables.       |             | offr in each LCT.      |
| 61. | LCI.   | No 1.                  | 2/23 Bn.      | Approx      |                        |
| 62. | LCI.   |                        |               | 1245.       |                        |
| 63. | LCI.   |                        |               |             |                        |
| 64. | LCI.   |                        |               |             |                        |
| 65. | LCI.   |                        |               |             |                        |

7. Assembly Areas:

(a) As per trace (att at Appx "B").

(b) All personnel of sub-units will assemble at least 45 mins before time of embarkation.

(c) Before leaving Assembly Areas for Ready Line personnel will be organised into craft parties.

(d) All vehs and stores for LCT will be in Assembly Areas by 0745 hrs.

8. Departure Times:

(a) Craft when loaded will retract and assemble off shore.

(b) Convoy will leave Near Shore at 1030 hrs (approx).

9. "H" HOUR:

1200 hrs 10 Aug, at which time landing craft from APDs beach.

10. Landing Intervals:

Wave 1. H.

II: H plus 7.

III: H plus 19.

IV: H plus 19.

V: H plus 30.

VI: When called by Lucas Lamp from Beachhead. Signal "PROCEED"11. Air: See Appx "C".12. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Recce Party:

(a) 1 offr and 3 ORs to travel in LCI 32.

(b) For Recce of Bn Assembly Area.

ADM:

13. TCPS: Under arrangement of DAPM 9 Aust Div. (See Appx "B").

INTERCOMN:

14. Location of HQ:

(a) On landing Bde HQ will be est approx 200 yds in scrub from centre of landing beach.

(b) Will be marked from edge of beach by sign "88" and tape line.

15. Sig Plan:

(a) Afloat- As at Appx "D".

(b) Ashore:

W/T links as at Appx "D".

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Bn line comm normal.

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17. Synchronisation of Time: ABC time sigs.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Signed at 1430 hrs.

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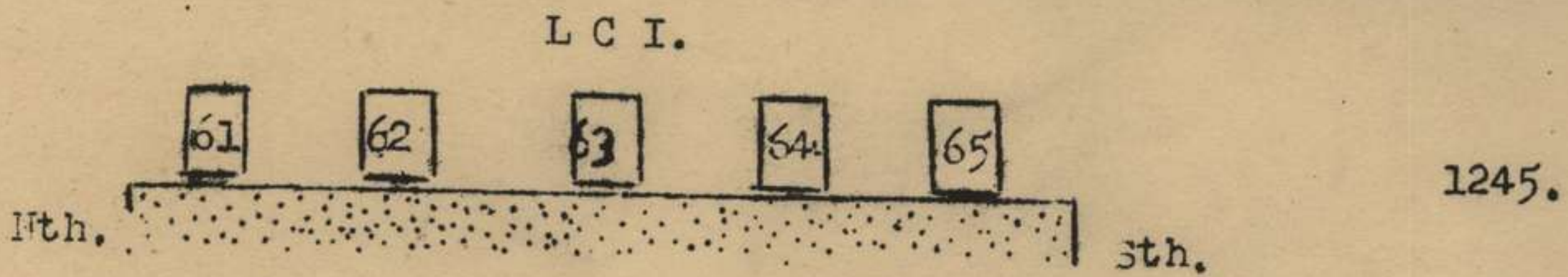
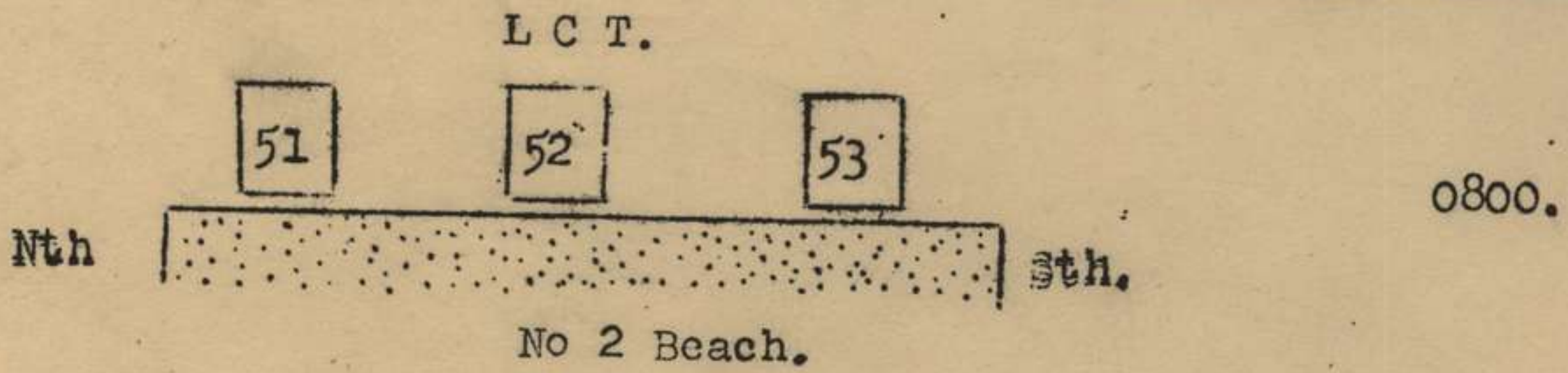
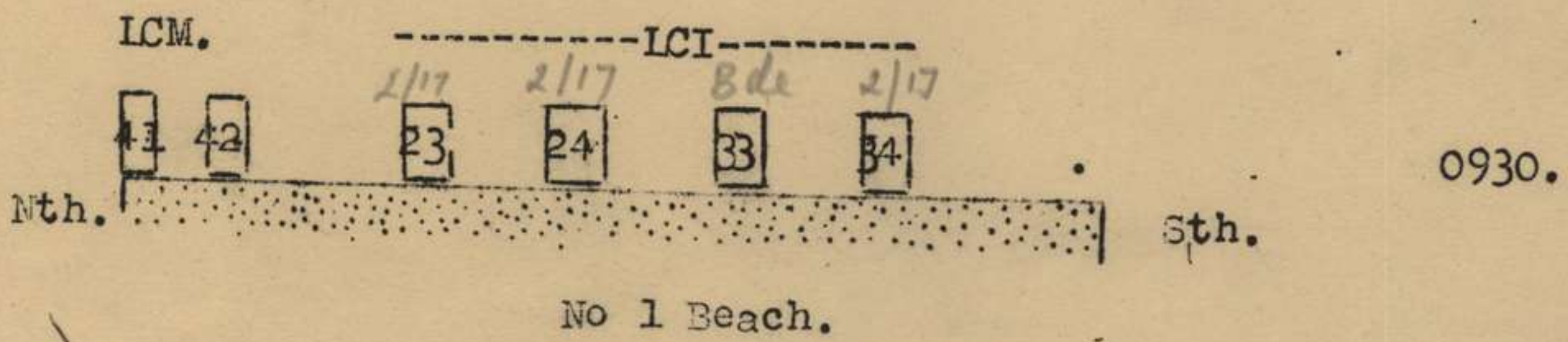
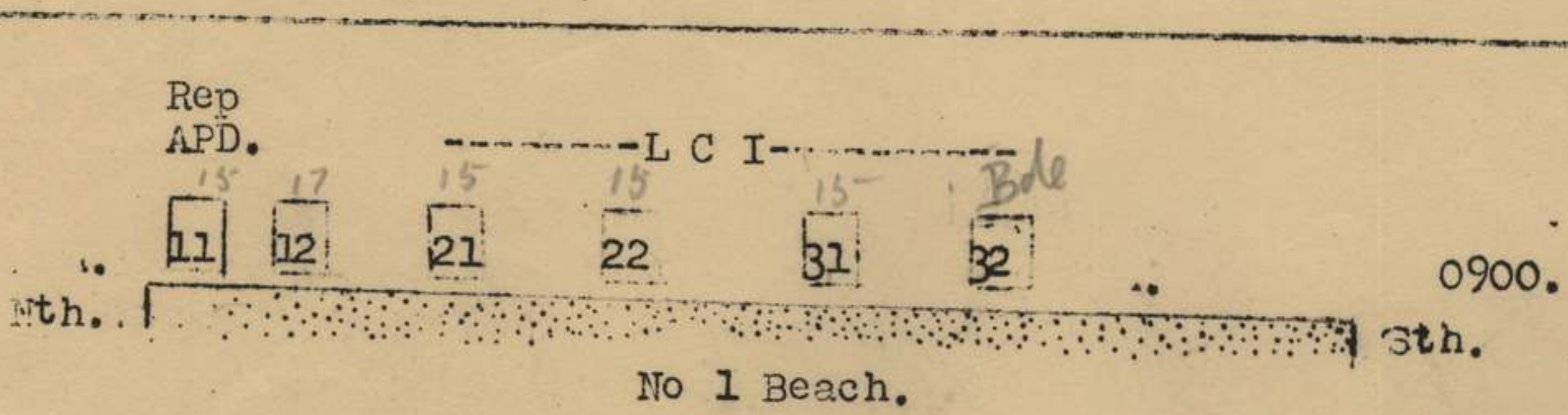
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 BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

LOADING ON NEAR SHORE.

DIAGRAM.



ASSEMBLY AREAS.

APPENDIX B to  
20 Aust. Inf Bde Op No 2.

HQ 20 Bde.  
& att.

2/17 Bn.

2/15 Pn

TCP...

LCT. 1

No 1 Bay.

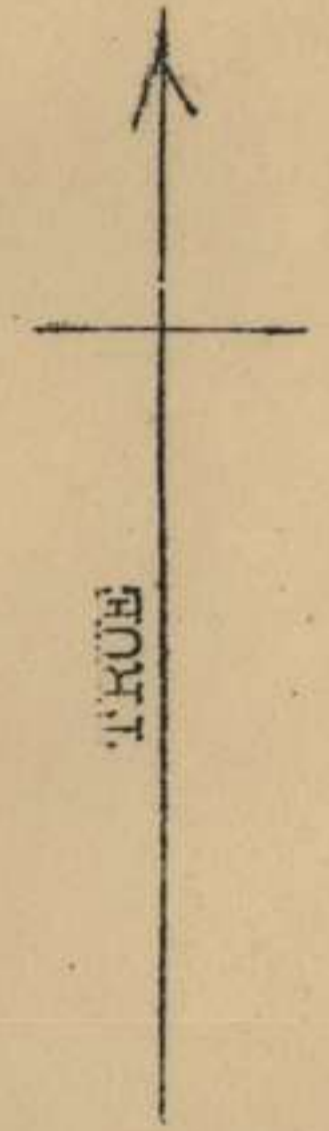
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LCT. 3

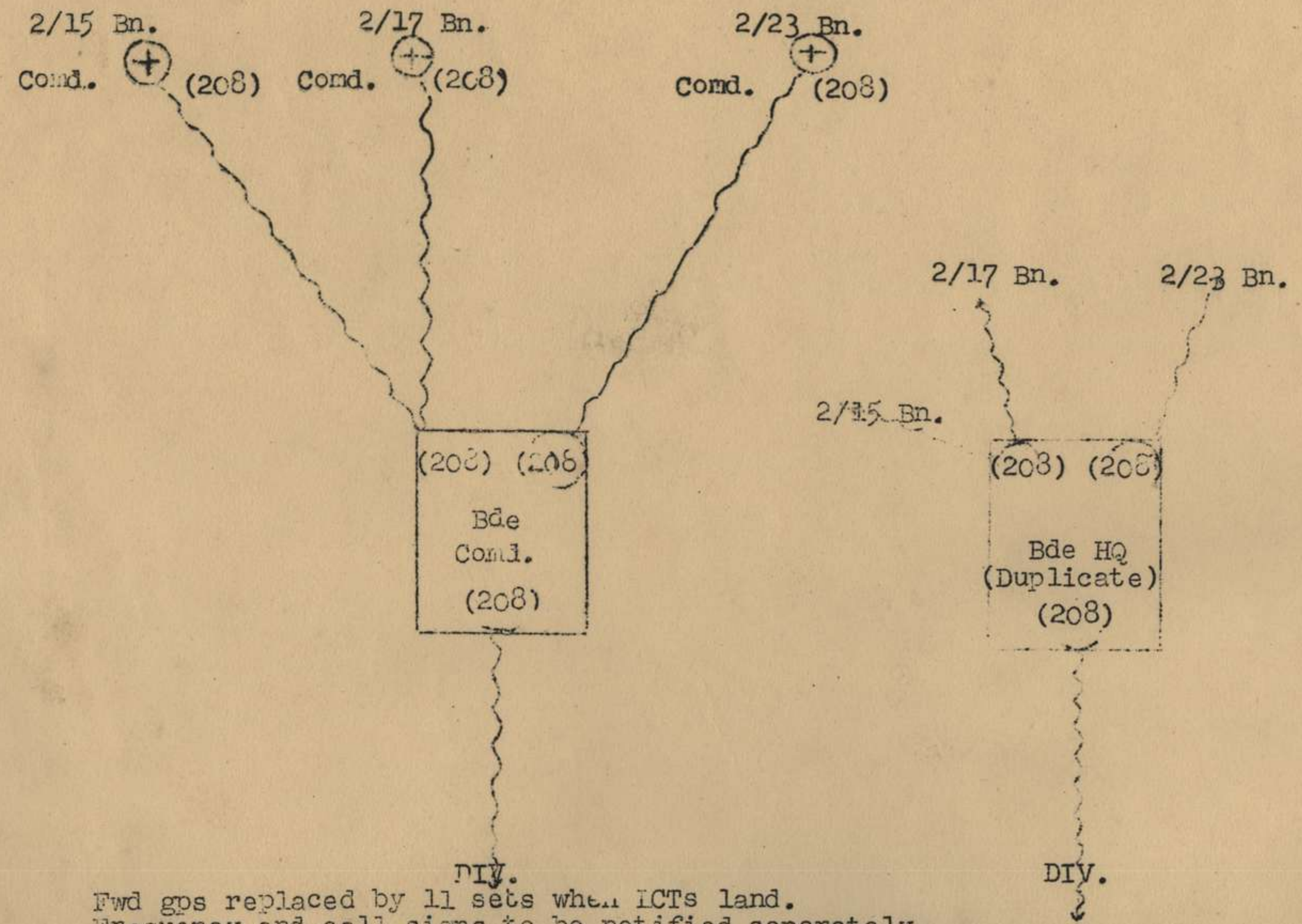
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W/T COMNS AFLOAT.

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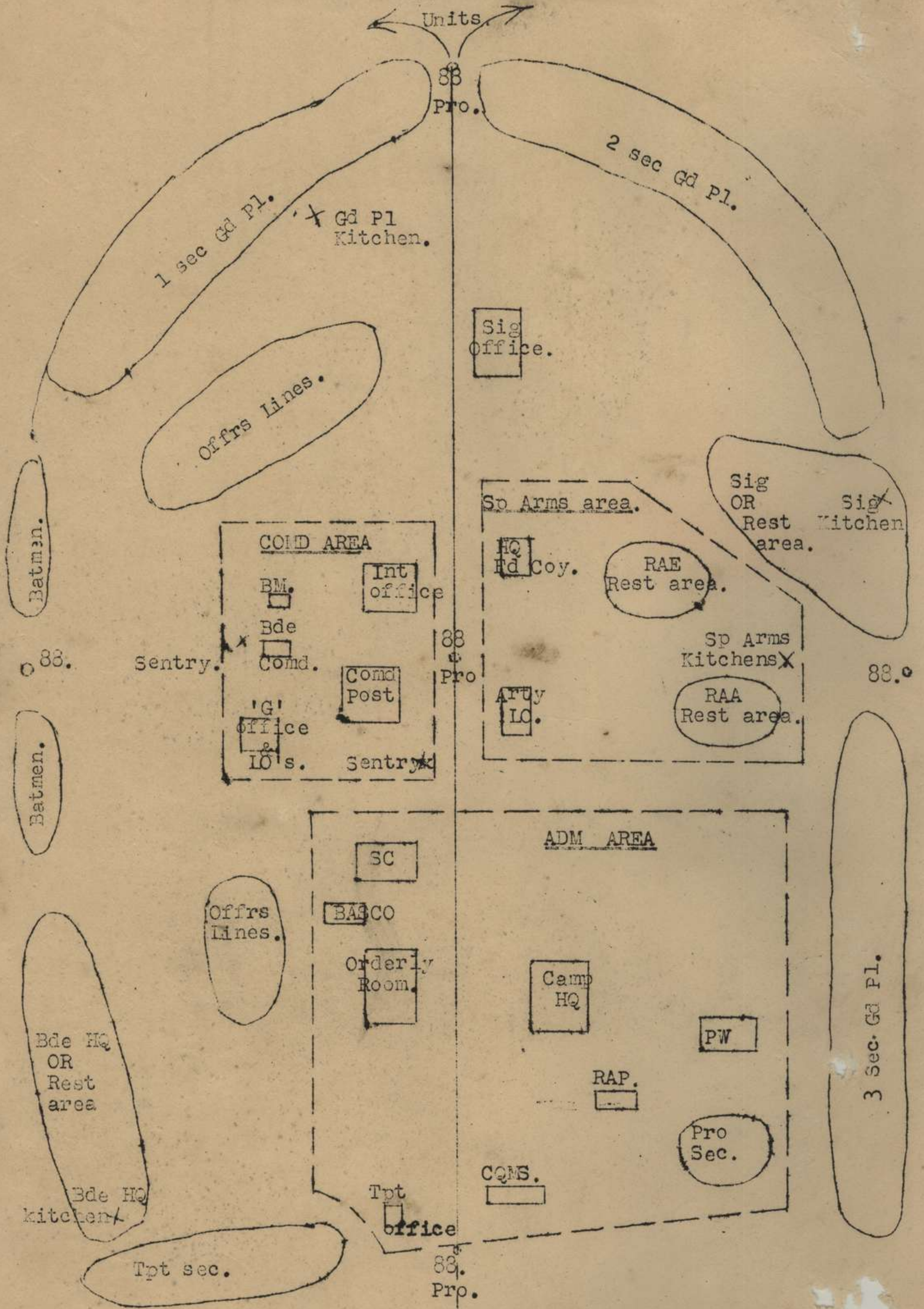


Fwd gps replaced by 11 sets when ICTs land.  
Frequency and call signs to be notified separately.

11 Aug 43.

Layout of Bde HQ in the fd.

Approx Scale- 1-in to 20 yds.



NOTE: Situation and distance of HQ from beach-line to be determined by I.O.  
 88 Pro.  
*B. Williams*

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17 Aug 43

EXERCISE "COCONUT"

20 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTRUCTION No.4  
(Issued in conjunction with 20 Aust Inf Bde OO 3)

1. **AMM**
  - (a) First line will be the amm carried with the assault mission.
  - (b) YELLOW BEACH two days WUR will be bulk loaded in LCT under Div arrangements.
  - (c) RED BEACH - Res at a scale to be fixed will be landed in bulk under Div arrangements.
2. **SUPS**
  - (a) on the man 1 days FOR 3 days emergency
  - (b) In bulk with assault mission 1 days FOR
  - (c) For consumption during exercise units will carry 4 days rations.
    - (i) 1 day for consumption D minus 1 day on board ship.
    - (ii) 2 days for consumption on shore during exercise.
    - (iii) 1 day as res.
  - (d) Solidified alcohol must not be used during exercise.
3. **POL**
  - (a) Tanks will be full.
  - (b) 200 miles res will be carried with all vehs.
4. **WATER**
  - (a) Water bottles will be filled.
  - (b) All water drawn from local sources will be sterilized. Every effort must be made to avoid fouling local water supplies.
5. **ANTI GAS STORES** - Capes and wallets will be carried on the man.
6. **BLANKETS** - one blanket per man will be carried in bulk under unit arrangements.
7. **CLOTHING** - one spare shirt will be carried on the man.
8. **TPT** - all vehs and guns used during the exercise will be fully water-proofed.

Vehs will have batteries fully charged and topped off before loading. Lights and horns will be disconnected during the voyage.
9. **MEDICAL** -
  - (a) - Lt ADS
    - (i) One Lt ADS of 2/8 Aust Fd Amb will be in sp of each Inf Bn, and will be Est in vicinity of unit centre lines.
    - (ii) One Lt ADS of 2/8 Aust Fd Amb in res.
  - (b) MDS will be Est in Div Adm Area.
  - (c) Evacuations
    - (i) All wounded will go ashore except those on APD.
    - (ii) YELLOW BEACH - Craft of 2 EB and SR returning from YELLOW to RED BEACH will convey casualties for admission to MDS.
  - (d) Anti-Malarial Precautions. Strict Anti-Malarial precautions will be observed at all times.
  - (e) Mosquito nets will be carried in bulk under unit arrangements.
10. **HYGIENE** - Hygiene is a unit responsibility in unit areas. Strict attention will be paid to this matter and all ranks will be warned of the importance of hygiene in the fd.
11. **TRAFFIC CONTROL AND INFORMATION**
  - (a) An information post manned by one offr and 8 ORs of 1 Sec 2/9 Aust Div Pro Coy will be Est at the Centre Range Pole. Personnel from this post will patrol the beach, ensure that it is left free of stragglers and direct them to their units. These duties will be taken over by 9 Aust Div Pro Sec when landed.



**TRAFFIC CONTROL AND INFORMATION- continued**

- (b) TCP's will be Est
    - (i) On beach at track leading to Bde HQ
    - (ii) At junc of tracks and beach
    - (iii) At tracks and beach
  - (c) Traffic control and information on YELLOW BEACH under arrangements 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
12. UNIT EQPT- Unit eqpt landed in bulk will be moved clear of Div Adm Area as soon as possible.
13. NATIVES - All tps will be warned not to interfere with natives and to avoid causing any damage to native property and gardens. Personnel of 1 Sec 2/9 Aust Div Pro Coy will patrol all native villages when captured.
14. DIV ADM AREA
  - (a) A Div Adm Area will be Est at main beach head. For area and area of ESB, responsibility see trace- to be issued separately.
  - (b) Organization -
    - (i) MLO - Ltcol B.R. SEARL, AA & QMG 9 Aust Div, will be responsible for beach organization.
    - (ii) He will be assisted by:-  
Beach Master 2/Lt Bruce CAMPBELL 2 ESB.
15. LABOUR- All available tps will be used to the fullest extent in unloading of stores and the clearance of beaches as quickly as possible.

ACK. (with 20 Aust Inf Bde OO 3)

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde

Signed at 16.56 hrs

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(Issued in conjunction with 20 Aust Inf Bde OO 3)

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- (c) For consumption during exercise units will carry 4 days rations.
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- (d) Solidified alcohol must not be used during exercise.

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*W. H. ...*  
Capt.  
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Signed at 1656 hrs

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Capt.  
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3. After embarkation, before departure.

He will

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**During voyage he will**

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He will

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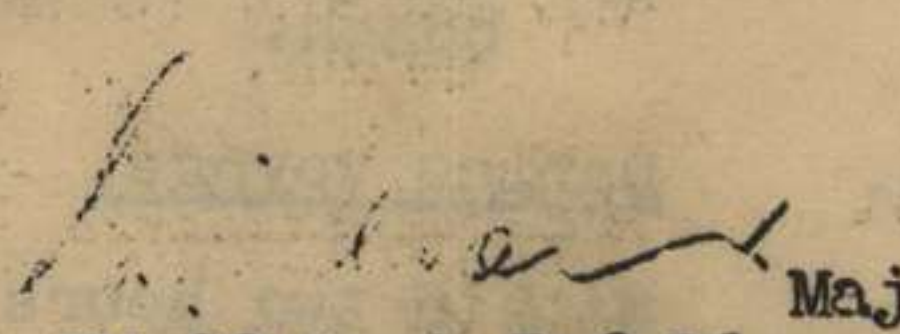
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He will

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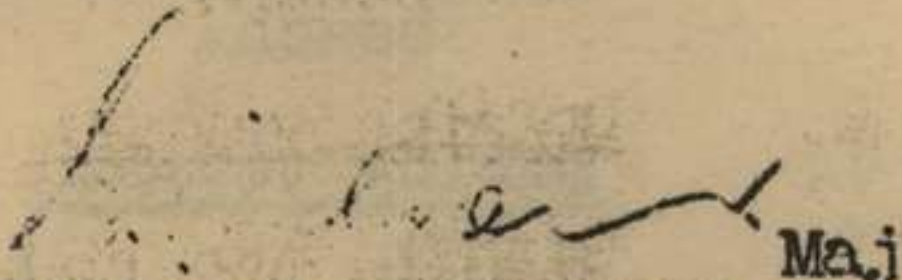
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18 Aug 43

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EXERCISE "COCONUT"  
CONFIRMATION OF VERBAL ORDERS

20 AUST INF BDE OO No.3

Ref Map - NORMANBY ISLAND (SPECIAL) 1:63360

**INFORMATION**

1. Enemy
  - (a) NORMANBY ISLAND is held by the Japanese.
  - (b) Estimated enemy strength and dispositions are shown in special intelligence summary - Appx "A".
2. Own Tps

NGF supported by 5 AF and PHIBFOR 7 Fleet is to seize the area SEWA BAY (25 miles to the WEST of BUNAMA 1211) in order, subsequently to develop it as a base.
3. 9 Aust Div with att tps is to land on the SOUTH COAST of the island with the object of isolating the enemy's western garrison and attacking it from the rear.
4. 20 Aust Inf Bde with att tps is to seize and secure two beachheads (RED BEACH and YELLOW BEACH). RED BEACH unless the tactical situation otherwise necessitates is to be the beachhead for 9 Aust Div.
5. Additional tps with 20 Aust Inf Bde:-
  - (a) Under Comd:-
    - E Tp 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
    - one sec 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt
    - one sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy
    - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn (on landing)
  - (b) In Sp:-
    - 2/12 Aust Fd Regt (less one bty and dets)
    - 12 Aust Lt AA Bty
    - 2/3 Aust Fd Coy
    - 532 Shore Bn 2 ESB.
6. TOPOGRAPHICAL

See special intelligence summary - Appx "A".

**INTENTION**

7. 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp will land and secure a beachhead for 9 Aust Div on the South Coast of NORMANBY ISLAND.

**METHOD**

8. General Plan

The Bde Gp will land with two bns fwd on RED BEACH and one bn on YELLOW BEACH

  - (a) YELLOW BEACH

2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp will land in accordance with instns issued.
  - (b) RED BEACH
    - Right 2/15 Aust Inf Bn
    - Left 2/17 Aust Inf Bn
    - Res 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

will land in accordance with instns already issued.
9. Objectives and Boundaries. - See Appx "B".

10. Groupings:

2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp: 2/13 Aust Inf Bn with under comd:-  
E Tp 62 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt.  
Sec 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt  
and in sp:-  
2Pl 2/3 Aust Fd Coy  
B1 Lt ADS 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.

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11. Movement:

Units will move from MILNE BAY area in accordance with embarkation table - Appx "F".

12. Assembly Areas for Embarkation: - Appx "C" att.

13. D Day - 21 Aug 43

14. H Hr: - at least 30 mins after sunrise.

15. Landing Times

(a) YELLOW BEACH

Wave 1 - H  
" 2 - NOT later than H plus 10  
" 3 - H plus 30.

(b) Wave 1 - H  
" 2 - NOT later than H plus 10  
" 3 - H plus 30  
" 4 - H plus 35  
" 5 - H plus 50

16. Naval Bombardment:

(a) Preliminary bombardment by destroyers from H minus 11 mins to H minus 6 mins. (Will NOT be fired during the exercise)

(b) Subsequent fire sp by destroyers moving to either flank along the coast.

17. Arty:

(a) CRA is comd all Fd Arty, Lt AA and all Bombardment LOs and FOOs except:-  
E Tp 2/12 Aust Fd Regt ) Under comd 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.  
One sec 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt )

(b) FOOs move in accordance with Craft Loading Table in the following craft:-

| Beach.        | Craft No. | FOOs on landing will move with- |                      |
|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| <u>RED</u>    | LCI 21    | "C"                             | Coy 2/15 Aust Inf Bn |
|               | LCI 22    | "B"                             | Coy 2/15 Aust Inf Bn |
|               | LCI 23    | "C"                             | Coy 2/17 Aust Inf Bn |
|               | LCI 24    | "B"                             | Coy 2/17 Aust Inf Bn |
| <u>YELLOW</u> | LCI 21    | "D"                             | Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn |
|               | LCI 22    | "A"                             | Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn |

18. RAE:

- (a) CRE 9 Aust Div is comd all RAE units and for work on the beaches, all enjrs sub-units of 532 Sh Bn 2 ESB.
- (b) (i) Tasks incl clearance of minor obstacles in the beach area to enable fwd tps to move their vehs off the beach .
- (ii) Development of the Beach maintenance area in general.
- (iii) Sp of land ops incl construction of trs and brs.

19. Air Sp:

- (a) High level bombing from H - 6 to H - 5
- (b) Low level straffing of beaches from H - 5 to H.  
(Runs simulating straffing will be made over beach)

20. Calls for Close Air Sp:

- (a) Will be submitted by units in accordance with instns issued separately.
- (b) Will be submitted through HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.
- (c) Requests for pre-determined air sp will be submitted, where practicable, by 1600 hrs the day prior to that on which this sp is required.
- (d) One air sp LO will move with HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde on LCI No.33.

21. Beach Def:

- (a) Close def of RED BEACH area (incl ESB ground def weapons) will be coord by Capt P. GREEN, 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
- (b) Until ESB weapons are sited inf bns will provide protection for beach as follows:-

MG- right flank - one sec 2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
 centre of beach- one pl 2/23 Aust Inf Bn  
 left flank- one sec 2/17 Aust Inf Bn

2pr Tk A guns: right - 2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
 left - 2/17 Aust Inf Bn

ADM:

22. 20 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instn No.4 issued separately.

INTERCOMN:

23. Location of Bde HQ:

- (a) Present: Bde HQ moves present posn at time of embarkation 20 Aug and reopens on far shore on landing
- (b) Afloat: Bde HQ LCI 33  
 Relief HQ LCI 32  
 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp HQ - LCI 23
- (c) Far Shore: Anticipated posn shown at Appx "B"  
 Report Centre 9 Aust Div at Beach Sig Sta.

24. Beach Sig Sec:

A Beach Sig Sta will open on RED BEACH as soon after H plus 15 as possible.

25. Codes:

- (a) W/T comms will be in clear using R/T code No.2 already issued.
- (b) Following additional code words will be used:-

|       | 2/13 Aust Inf Bn. | 2/15 Aust Inf Bn. | 2/17 Aust Inf Bn |
|-------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Bn HQ | BOTU              | HORI              | FODA             |
| A Coy | BUSI              | HAPA              | FOSA             |
| B Coy | BULO              | HALA              | FAPU             |
| C Coy | BUDU              | HAFI              | FUFA             |
| D Coy | BUPI              | KALI              | KOVI             |

- (c) Code word for Bde HQ and appointment code as per R/T code No.2
- (d) Landing effected on correct beach - ROSE  
 " " on wrong " - CORNFLOWER  
 100 yds - GRAPE  
 200 yds - TWO GRAPES.

Codes - continued -

- 25. (e) Craft-

|     |        |
|-----|--------|
| APD | CAMEL  |
| LST | HORSE  |
| LCT | DOG    |
| LCI | CAT    |
| LCM | RAT    |
| LCV | MOUSE. |

26. Sig Plan:

- (a) Afloat: As at Appx "H"  
Navy and ESB channels will not be used by army formations except in emergency.
- (b) Ashore: W/Y as at Appx "H".  
Coord of frequencies to be issued by HQ 9 Aust Div.

L/T:

- (i) 20 Aust Inf Bde sigs will lay lines to the following:-
  - 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
  - 2/15 Aust Inf Bn
  - 2/17 Aust Inf Bn
  - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Assembly area.
- (ii) Aust Beach Sigs is laying line from Beach Bn CP to 20 Aust Inf Bde and for intercomm within Beachhead.
- (iii) 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns will lay lateral lines by mutual arrangements.

V/S:

Lucas lamps will be sited on beach by fwd elements of 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns for comm with Bde HQ until it lands.

W/T Silence:

Until "H" hr, or until order for breaking silence is given by HQ 9 Aust Div.

(iv) RED BEACH and YELLOW BEACH

W/T link will be provided by Beach Sig Sec until line is laid.

27. Periodic Reports:

Units will report situation at the times set out below in addition to normal traffic:-

- 2/13 Aust Inf Bn - every clock hr and half hr.
- 2/15 Aust Inf Bn - 5 mins after every clock hr and half hr.
- 2/17 Aust Inf Bn - 10 " " " " " " " " " "

28. Synchronisation of Time:

Watches will be synchronised with clocks on naval vessels at H-30.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 1030 hrs.

Issued through Sigs and LOs.

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BM 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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| 2/13 Aust Inf Bn    | 14              | 9 Aust Div-              | 7 - 13          | TO          | 21             |
| 2/15 " " "          | 21              | incl copies for:         |                 | LOs         | 22-24          |
| 2/17 " " "          | 3               | US Navy                  |                 | 20 Aust Inf |                |
| 2/12 " Fd Regt      | 4               | Air Sp.                  |                 | Bde Sigs    | 25             |
| 2/3 Aust Fd Coy     | 15              | 2 ESB                    |                 | War Diary   | 26-27          |
| 2/8 Aust Fd Amb     | 6               | 26 Aust Inf Bde 14 - 15  |                 | File        | 28             |
|                     |                 | (one for 2/23 Bn)        |                 | Spares      | 29-30          |
|                     |                 | Observer Gp (Maj BATTEN) | 16              |             |                |
|                     |                 | Comd                     | 17              |             |                |
|                     |                 | BM                       | 18              |             |                |
|                     |                 | SC                       | 19              |             |                |
|                     |                 | IO                       | 20              |             |                |



EXERCISE "COCONUT"

20 AUST INF BDE SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Issued in conjunction with 20 Aust Inf Bde OO No.3 dated 17 Aug 43.)

Based on information received up to 1600 hrs 16 Aug 43

Ref Map 1/63360 - Sheet : NORMANBY ISLAND EAST (SPECIAL)

PART 1

ESTIMATED ENEMY STRENGTH

- (a) SOBLACE (15 16) a large town  
80 Div building up. Probably HQ, proportion of div troops and one inf bde arrived.  
Two bns fd arty.  
Base troops.
- (b) KASIKASI (13 11) a large native village.  
Detachment of unknown strength.
- (c) SEWA BAY area, on west coast of the island. Distant 25 miles from BUNAMA (12 11)  
70 Div.  
Elements of other formations (? two inf bns)
- (d) MAURI (11 14) a small native village.  
Detachment of unknown strength
- (e) MADAUNG (13 16) a small native village.  
A small garrison, possibly two inf coys.
- (f) It is probable that small detachments and coast-watching parties are spread along the coast but no information on them is available.
- (g) Some recent enemy activity has been reported on the southern hill of VENTENAT IS (135 103)
- (h) It is reliably reported that the Mission Station on the BUNAMA promontory has been unmolested by the Japanese and that there are no enemy on the promontory.
- (i) No AFVs reported on the island.

PART 11

TOPOGRAPHICAL

TERRAIN

- (a) The island is everywhere mountainous. Except where deep and narrow valleys reach to the shores, the hills run down to the sea in a series of promontories.
- (b) At the valley mouths are small areas of low-lying ground, much intersected by shallow creeks and swamps.
- (c) Dense woods and forests cover the whole island except in a few places which have been cleared for coconut plantations or native gardens. These show clearly in the air photographs.
- (d) Of the streams on the south or SE coasts only that at 115 119 is likely to be an obstacle requiring bridging.

TERRAIN continued-

- (e) Movement on foot is possible along the whole coast, for a short distance inland.
- (f) The tracks shown on the map exist. The coastal track is good and, in many places, will take Jeep traffic.

2. BEACHS

(a) YELLOW BEACH 132-114 - 1129 115 (CENTIPEDE BAY)

- (i) Approach - Clear, deep water up to 100 yards off the beach. At either extremity of the beach, and along the coast to the east and west, are dangerous coral shoals and reefs.
- (ii) Close in shore - Depth of water varies along the beach. Generally the slope of the beach is good up the last 20 yards under water. The western quarter of the beach may be shallow (3 feet) up to 100 yards.
- (iii) Surface - Water edge, generally good though patches of coral and small rocks may be found, especially in the western quarter. Above high water. Firm sand.
- (iv) Exits - No difficulty as far as coastal track. Some shallow creeks and stream mouths. The valley about 131 115 should provide good going for wheeled vehicles with chains, once tracks are cleared.
- (v) Native huts are numerous near the shore. There are a few inland.

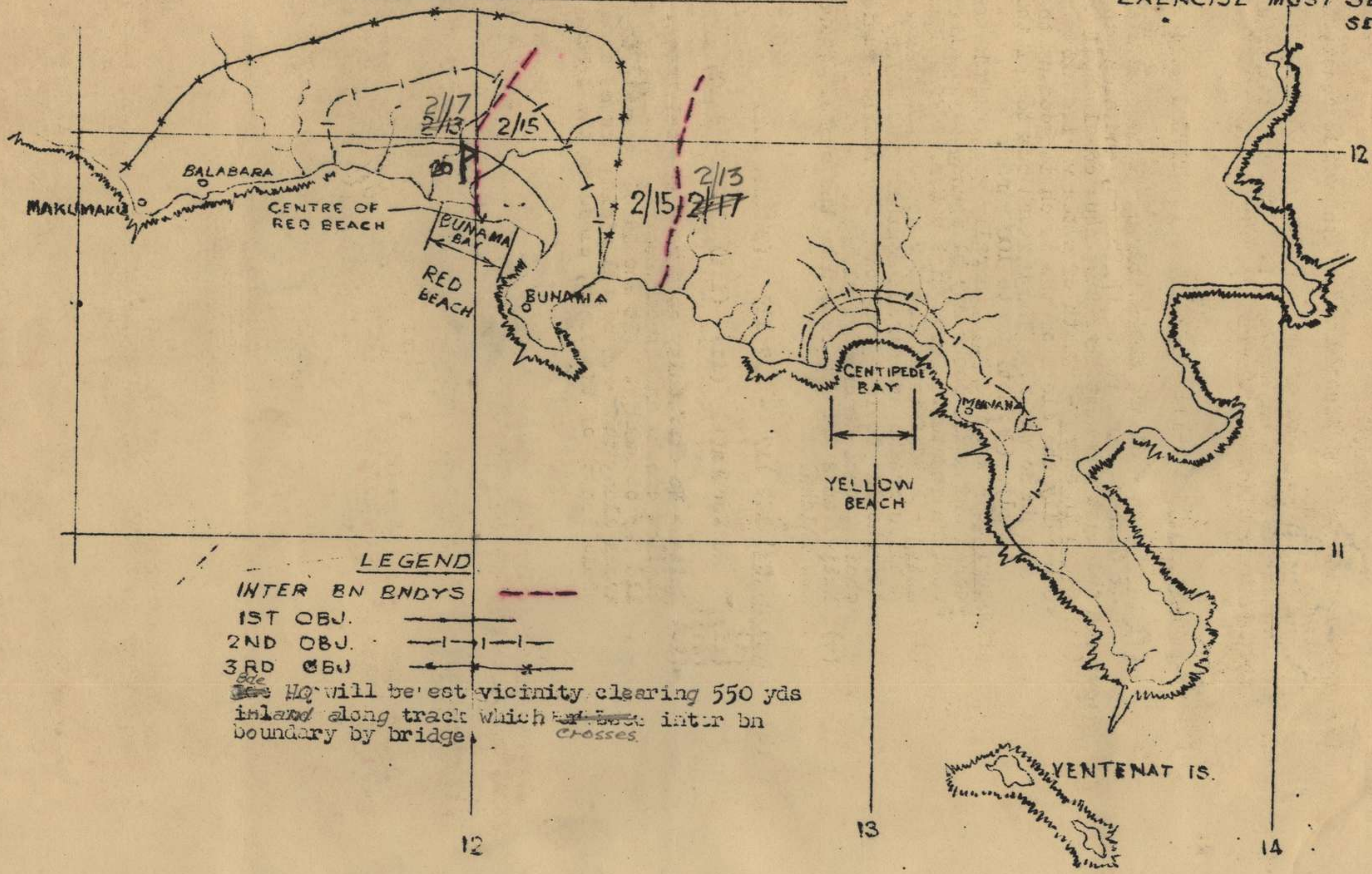
(b) RED BEACH 122 117 - 117 119 (BUNAMA BAY)

- (i)
- (ii) As for 2a(i) (ii) (iii) YELLOW BEACH
- (iii)
- (iv) Exits - No difficulty as far as coastal track. Numerous shallow creeks and stream mouths. The valley about 119 118 may be swampy. It should be possible to form dump areas along the base of all rising ground along the whole length of the beach, close to the beach.

OPERATION COCONUT  
 REF. MAP NORMANBY IS. EAST 1:53360

APPX B  
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EXERCISE MOST SECRET (BR)  
 SECRET (ANE)



**LEGEND**

INTER BN BNDYS ---

1ST OBJ.

2ND OBJ.

3RD OBJ. \*

*etc*  
 Hq will be est vicinity clearing 550 yds inland along track which ~~crosses~~ inter bn boundary by bridge *crosses*

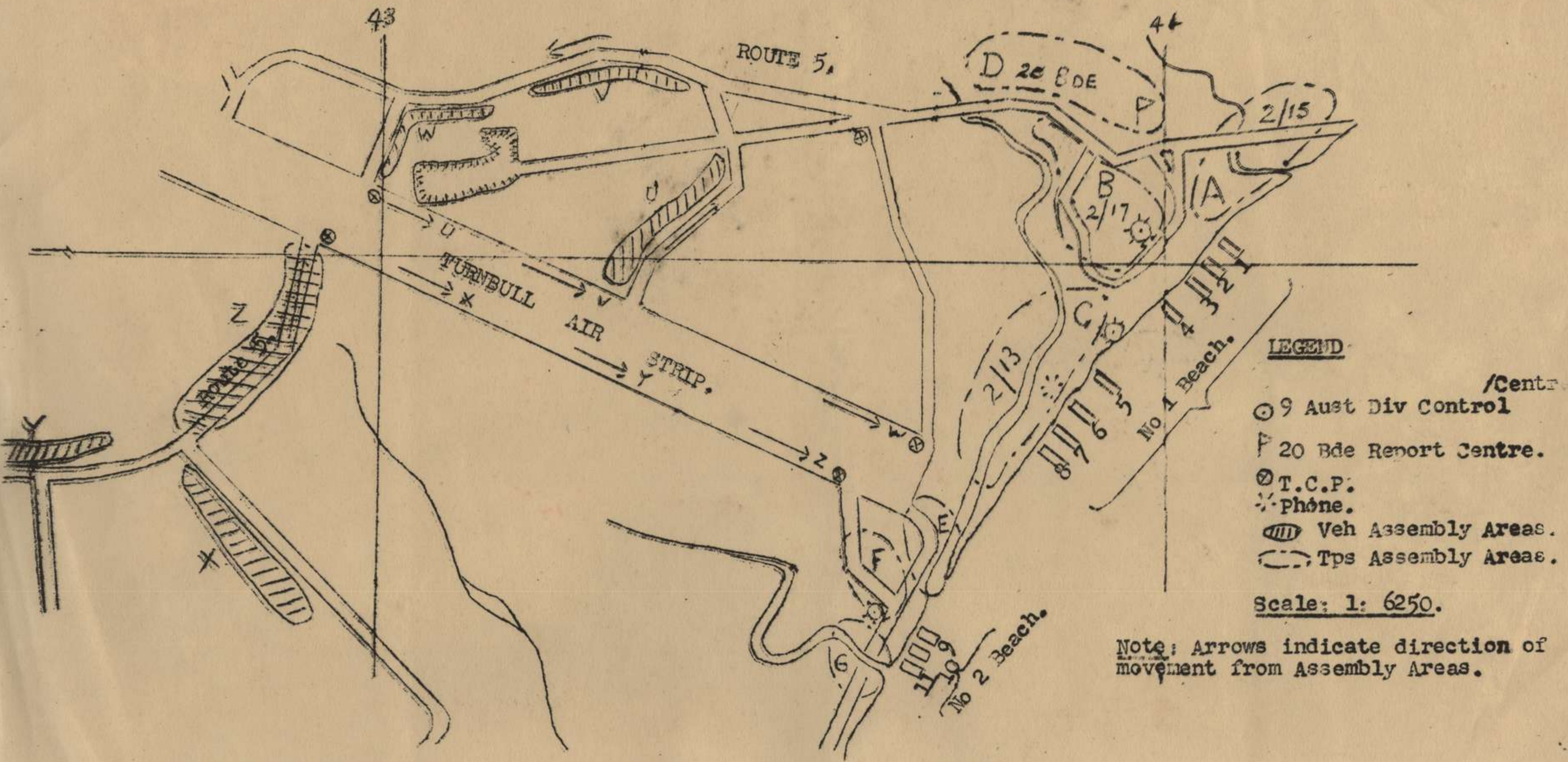
EXERCISE "COCONUT"

ASSEMBLY AREAS.

MOST SECRET (BRITISH)  
SECRET. (AMERICAN)

APPX C. Copy No. 27

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- LEGEND
- ⊙ 9 Aust Div Control /Centre
  - ⌘ 20 Bde Report Centre.
  - ⊗ T.C.P.
  - ☼ Phone.
  - ▭ Veh Assembly Areas.
  - ⋯ Tps Assembly Areas.

Scale: 1: 6250.

Note: Arrows indicate direction of movement from Assembly Areas.

EXERCISE "COCONUT"  
EMBARKATION TABLES.

Issued in conjunction with 20 Aust Inf Bde OO No 3 dated 18 Aug 43.

(a) Personnel:

| Serial No. (a) | Craft No. (b) | Type of Craft. (c) | Beach No. (d) | Ramp No. (e) | Day. (f) | Assembly Area. (g) | Assembly Time. (h) | Time of Embarkation. (i) | REMARKS. |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| 1.             | RED 42.       | ICT.               | 2.            | 9.           | 20 Aug.  | E.                 | 0700.              | 0730.                    |          |
| 2.             | " 43.         | "                  | 2.            | 10.          | "        | F.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 3.             | " 44.         | "                  | 2.            | 11.          | "        | G.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 4.             | YELLOW 31.    | "                  | 2.            | 9.           | "        | E.                 | 0730.              | 0800.                    |          |
| 5.             | " 32.         | "                  | 2.            | 10.          | "        | F.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 6.             | RED 11.       | APD.               | 1.            | 9.           | "        | E.                 | 0930.              | 1000.                    |          |
| 7.             | " 12.         | "                  | 1.            | 10.          | "        | F.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 8.             | YELLOW 11.    | "                  | 1.            | 9.           | "        | E.                 | 1000.              | 1030.                    |          |
| 9.             | " 12.         | "                  | 1.            | 10.          | "        | F.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 10.            | RED 21.       | ICT.               | 1.            | 1.           | "        | A.                 | 0945.              | "                        |          |
| 11.            | " 22.         | "                  | 1.            | 2.           | "        | A.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 12.            | " 23.         | "                  | 1.            | 3.           | "        | B.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 13.            | " 24.         | "                  | 1.            | 4.           | "        | B.                 | 1015.              | 1100.                    |          |
| 14.            | " 31.         | "                  | 1.            | 1.           | "        | A.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 15.            | " 32.         | "                  | 1.            | 2.           | "        | D.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 16.            | " 33.         | "                  | 1.            | 3.           | "        | D.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 17.            | " 34.         | "                  | 1.            | 2.           | "        | B.                 | 0945.              | 1030.                    |          |
| 18.            | YELLOW 21.    | "                  | 1.            | 3.           | "        | C.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 19.            | " 22.         | "                  | 1.            | 7.           | "        | C.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 20.            | " 23.         | "                  | 1.            | 8.           | "        | G.                 | "                  | "                        |          |

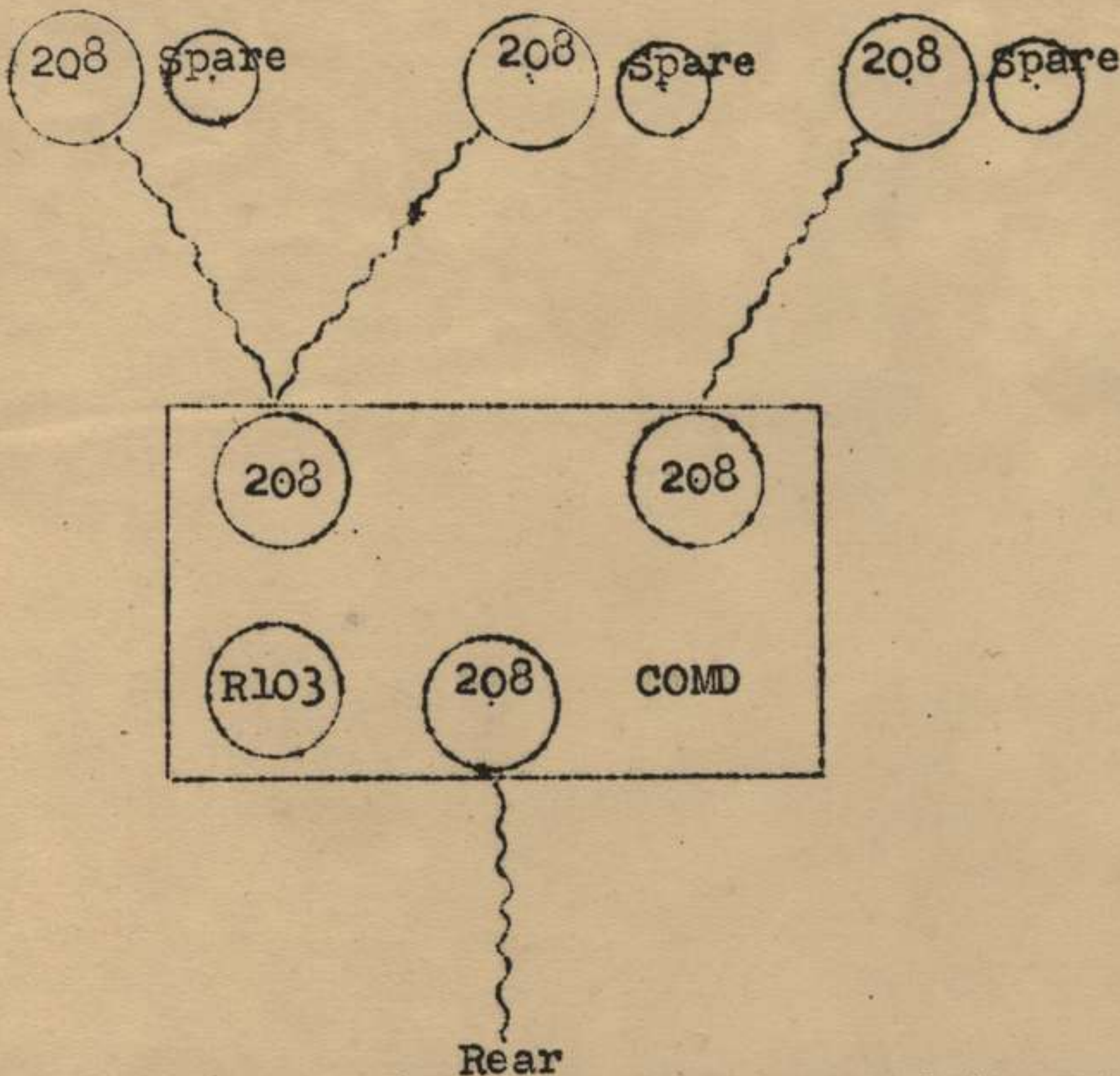
(b) Vehs and Stores:

| Serial No. | Craft No.  | Type of Craft. | Beach No. | Ramp No. | Day.    | Assembly Area. | Assembly Arrive. | Area. Depart. | Begin Loading. | Complete Loading. | Remarks: |
|------------|------------|----------------|-----------|----------|---------|----------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1.         | YELLOW 31. | ICT.           | 2.        | 11.      | 18 Aug. | Z.             | 0600.            | 0630.         | 0700.          | 1000.             |          |
| 2.         | RED 135.   | "              | 1.        | 2.       | "       | Z.             | 0600.            | 0630.         | 0700.          | 1000.             |          |
| 3.         | YELLOW 32. | "              | 2.        | 11.      | "       | Z.             | 1200.            | 1230.         | 1300.          | 1600.             |          |
| 4.         | RED 42.    | "              | 2.        | 9.       | 19 Aug. | X.             | 0800.            | 0830.         | 0900.          | 1200.             |          |
| 5.         | " 43.      | "              | 2.        | 10.      | "       | Y.             | "                | "             | "              | "                 |          |
| 6.         | " 44.      | "              | 2.        | 11.      | "       | Z.             | "                | "             | "              | "                 |          |

# SIGNAL PLAN

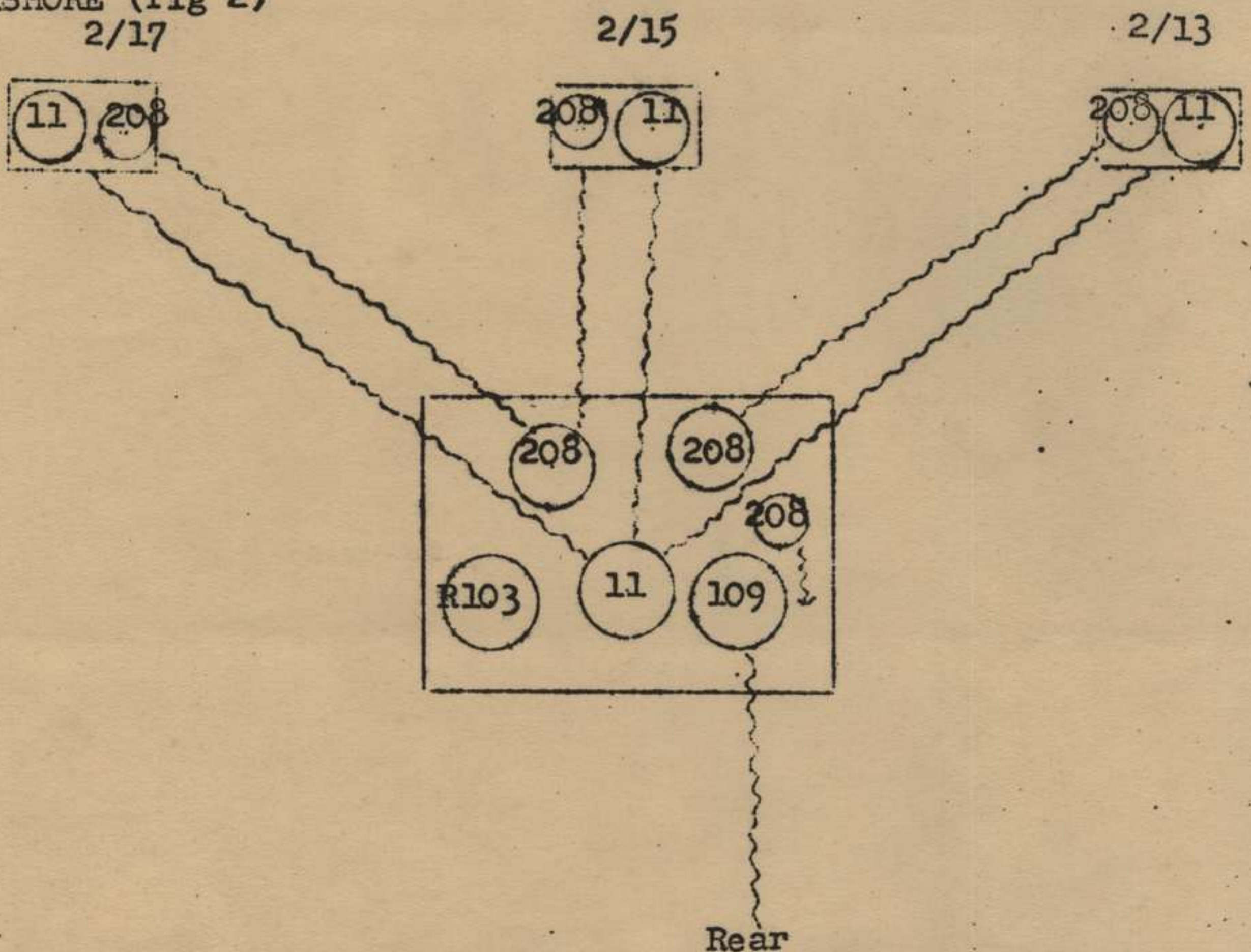
Appx H  
 MOST SECRET  
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1. W/T AFLOAT (fig 1)  
 2/17



Note : 1. Ser 536 between comd and 2/15 , 2/17 bns.  
 2. Frequencies and call signs to be issued separately.

2. W/T ASHORE (fig 2)  
 2/17



Note : 1. 208 gps to act as reserve.  
 2. Freqs and call signs to be issued separately.  
 3. Exercise - Gps will not be complete owing to shortage of sets.

INSTNS FOR CONDUCT OF EXERCISE "COCONUT"

(To be read in conjunction with 20 Aust Inf Bde OO No.3 dated 19 Aug 43)

1. Military control will be exercised by 9 Aust Div.
2. Observers Gp
  - (a) Senior Observer - Lt-col T.K. WALKER, Royal Marines.
  - (b) Attachments -
    - (i) Maj BATTEN 2/48 Aust Inf Bn with HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.
    - (ii) One offr with bn HQ.
    - (iii) One offr with each rifle coy.
  - (c) Units will ration and accommodate for the duration of the exercise those observers att to them.
  - (d) Observers and spectators will wear one white armband.
3. Enemy  
Will NOT be represented.
4. Re-embarkation and Return to MILNE BAY
  - (a) The following will report to Main Beach Sig Sta (RED BEACH) at 1130 hrs on D day to receive instns for re-embarkation and reloading.
    - (i) CO or 2 i/c of 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns.
    - (ii) All OC Tps of LCT.
    - (iii) Reps OC Tps of all LCI.
  - (b) Timetable - see att appx "A".
5. Security
  - (a) During the exercise all ranks are to be impressed with the necessity for preserving the degree of secrecy which is essential in all phases of an amphibious op if success is to be ensured.
  - (b) The number of persons to whom the details of the op are made known will be kept to a minimum.
6. Embarkation Staff
  - (a) Maj BATTEN 2/48 Aust Inf Bn and staff of LOB offr and OR will control assembly and embarkation of all personnel from Nos 1 and 2 Beaches except those embarking in APDs.
  - (b) Maj STRANGE 2/15 Aust Inf Bn and one offr and two NCOs will control assembly and embarkation of all personnel embarking in APDs.
  - (c) Embarkation staff will wear white armbands.
7. Movement to Assembly Areas
  - (a) Tps moving by MT will debus on dispersal runway at approx 430 453 for Beach No.1 and 429 449 for Beach No.2 and march to assembly areas.
  - (b) Tps assembling in areas A, B and D will march via road 430 453 to 437 452 and tps assembling in area C will march along side of air strip thence across country.
  - (c) Thorough recce must be made by units and detachment commanders of route and assembly areas.
8. TCPs will be established at:

|            |         |     |         |
|------------|---------|-----|---------|
| No.1 Beach | 437 452 | and | 437 448 |
| No.2 Beach | 436 447 |     |         |
9. Control Centre
  - (a) Bde report centre will be Est in assembly area D (see Appx C to 20 Aust Inf Bde OO 3)
  - (b) Units will send reports of readiness to embark 20 mins before scheduled time of embarkation.
10. Nominal Rolls

OC tps of each craft will ensure that complete nominal rolls for his craft are handed to runners who will report to the craft.

11. Lifelbelts  
 All units will report after exercise by 1800 hrs 22 Aug  
 deficiencies in lifelbelts of their own personnel.  
 Reports will show number of the craft and number short per  
 craft.

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 BM 20 Aust Inf Bde

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| 2/13 Aust Inf Bn                      | 1               |
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| 2/17 Aust Inf Bn                      | 3               |
| 2/12 Aust Fd Regt                     | 4               |
| 2/3 Aust Fd Coy                       | 5               |
| 2/8 Aust Fd Amb                       | 6               |
| 9 Aust Div                            | 7 - 13          |
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| US Navy                               | 1               |
| Air Sp                                | 1               |
| 2 ESE                                 | 2               |
| 26 Aust Inf Bde (one for<br>(2/23 Bn) | 14 - 15         |
| Observer Gp (Maj BATTEN)              | 16              |
| Comd                                  | 17              |
| EM                                    | 18              |
| SC                                    | 19              |
| IO                                    | 20              |
| TO                                    | 21              |
| LOs                                   | 22 - 24         |
| 20 Aust Inf Bde Sigs                  | 25              |
| War Diary                             | 26 - 27         |
| File                                  | 28              |
| Spare                                 | 29 - 30         |



EXERCISE COCONUT

MOST SECRET  
(Appx to Instns for the  
Conduct of the Exercise)

TIMETABLE FOR RE-EMBARcation AND RELOADING  
(Supersedes the Suggested Timetable previously issued on a limited distribution)

| Serial | Day  | Time              | Beach         | Wave                | Move of Tps and Stores  | Craft Nos required to Beach | Arrive MB (Day)   |
|--------|------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|
| 1      | Zero | X Hr              | -             | -                   | Fwd tps concentrate but bns remain in posns until guns and vehs from LST have been brought up | -                           | -   |
| 2      | "    | X Plus 30         | RED<br>YELLOW | 1,2,3, & 5<br>1 & 2 | ) Move of tps to Assembly Areas<br>) near beaches commences                                   | -                           | -   |
| 3      | "    | X Plus 60         | RED<br>YELLOW | 1,2 & 3<br>1 & 2    | ) Commence re-embarkation   | All craft of waves          | ZERO (PM)   |
| 4      | "    | X Plus 90         | RED           | 5                   | Commence re-embarkation   | All craft of wave           | do.   |
| 5      | "    | 1500 hrs (approx) | RED<br>YELLOW | 4<br>3              | " "   | less craft Nos 44 & 45      | - See Serial 7)   |
| 6      | "    | -                 | RED<br>YELLOW | 4, 12 & 13<br>3     | All remaining personnel vehicles and stores   | All LST and LCT             | Z Plus Ships & 1 (PM) craft leave for shore about 0700 hrs. |

**NOTE:**

(a) X hr will be notified during the Exercise. Probable time of X Hour 1300 hrs on Zero Day.

(b) LST and LCT may be required to continue unloading after X Hour. The decision as to when these craft will stop unloading will be taken during the Exercise.

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EXERCISE "COCONUT"  
CONFIRMATION OF VERBAL ORDERS

20 AUST INF BDE OO No.3

Ref Map - NORMANBY ISLAND (SPECIAL) 1:63360

INFORMATION

1. Enemy
  - (a) NORMANBY ISLAND is held by the Japanese.
  - (b) Estimated enemy strength and dispositions are shown in special intelligence summary - Appx "A".
2. Own Tps

NGF supported by 5 AF and PHIBFOR 7 Fleet is to seize the area SEWA BAY (25 miles to the WEST of BUNAMA 1211) in order, subsequently to develop it as a base.
3. 9 Aust Div with att tps is to land on the SOUTH COAST of the island with the object of isolating the enemy's western garrison and attacking it from the rear.
4. 20 Aust Inf Bde with att tps is to seize and secure two beachheads (RED BEACH and YELLOW BEACH). RED BEACH unless the tactical situation otherwise necessitates is to be the beachhead for 9 Aust Div.
5. Additional tps with 20 Aust Inf Bde:-
  - (a) Under Comd:-
    - 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
    - one sec 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt
    - one sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy
    - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn (on landing)
  - (b) In Sp:-
    - 2/12 Aust Fd Regt (less one bty and dets)
    - 12 Aust Lt AA Bty
    - 2/3 Aust Fd Coy
    - 532 Shore Bn 2 ESB.
6. TOPOGRAPHICAL

See special intelligence summary - Appx "A".

INTENTION

7. 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp will land and secure a beachhead for 9 Aust Div on the South Coast of NORMANBY ISLAND.

METHOD

8. General Plan

The Bde Gp will land with two bns fwd on RED BEACH and one bn on YELLOW BEACH

  - (a) YELLOW BEACH

2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp will land in accordance with instns issued.
  - (b) RED BEACH

Right 2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
Left 2/17 Aust Inf Bn  
Res 2/23 Aust Inf Bn  
will land in accordance with instns already issued.
9. Objectives and Boundaries. - See Appx "B".

10. Groupings:

2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp: 2/13 Aust Inf Bn with under comd:-  
E Tp 62 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt.  
Sec 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt  
and in sp:-  
2Pl 2/3 Aust Fd Coy  
B1 Lt ADS 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.

2/15 Aust Inf Bn Gp: 2/15 Aust Inf Bn with in sp:-  
24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt.  
Sec 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt.  
3 Pl 2/3 Aust Fd Coy  
A2 Lt ADS 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.

2/17 Aust Inf Bn Gp: 2/17 Aust Inf Bn with in sp:-  
23 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt  
Sec 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt.  
1 Pl 2/3 Aust Fd Coy.  
A1 Lt ADS 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.

11. Movement:

Units will move from MILNE BAY area in accordance with embarkation table - Appx "F".

12. Assembly Areas for Embarkation: - Appx "C" att.

13. D Day - 21 Aug 43

14. H Hr: - at least 30 mins after sunrise.

15. Landing Times

(a) YELLOW BEACH

Wave 1 - H  
" 2 - NOT later than H plus 10  
" 3 - H plus 30.

(b) Wave 1 - H  
" 2 - NOT later than H plus 10  
" 3 - H plus 30  
" 4 - H plus 35  
" 5 - H plus 50

16. Naval Bombardment:

(a) Preliminary bombardment by destroyers from H minus 11 mins to H minus 6 mins. (Will NOT be fired during the exercise)

(b) Subsequent fire sp by destroyers moving to either flank along the coast.

17. Arty:

(a) CRA is comd all Fd Arty, Lt AA and all Bombardment LOs and FOOs except:-  
E Tp 2/12 Aust Fd Regt ) Under comd 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.  
One sec 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt )

(b) FOOs move in accordance with Craft Loading Table in the following craft:-

| Beach.        | Craft No. | FOOs on landing will move with- |                      |
|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| <u>RED</u>    | LCI 21    | "C"                             | Coy 2/15 Aust Inf Bn |
|               | LCI 22    | "B"                             | Coy 2/15 Aust Inf Bn |
|               | LCI 23    | "C"                             | Coy 2/17 Aust Inf Bn |
|               | LCI 24    | "B"                             | Coy 2/17 Aust Inf Bn |
| <u>YELLOW</u> | LCI 21    | "D"                             | Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn |
|               | LCI 22    | "A"                             | Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn |

18. RAE:

- (a) CRE 9 Aust Div is comd all RAE units and for work on the beaches, all enrgs sub-units of 532 Sh Bn 2 ESB.
- (b) (i) Tasks incl clearance of minor obstacles in the beach area to enable fwd tps to move their vehs off the beach .
- (ii) Development of the Beach maintenance area in general.
- (iii) Sp of land ops incl construction of trs and brs.

19. Air Sp:

- (a) High level bombing from H - 6 to H - 5
- (b) Low level straffing of beaches from H - 5 to H.  
(Runs simulating straffing will be made over beach)

20. Calls for Close Air Sp:

- (a) Will be submitted by units in accordance with instns issued separately.
- (b) Will be submitted through HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.
- (c) Requests for pre-determined air sp will be submitted, where practicable, by 1600 hrs the day prior to that on which this sp is required.
- (d) One air sp LO will move with HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde on LCI No.33.

21. Beach Def:

- (a) Close def of RED BEACH area (incl ESB ground def weapons) will be coord by Capt P. GREEN, 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
- (b) Until ESB weapons are sited inf bns will provide protection for beach as follows:-

MG- right flank - one sec 2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
 centre of beach- one pl 2/23 Aust Inf Bn  
 left flank- one sec 2/17 Aust Inf Bn

2pr Tk A guns: right - 2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
 left - 2/17 Aust Inf Bn

ADM:

22. 20 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instn No.4 issued separately.

INTEL/COMN:

23. Location of Bde HQ:

- (a) Present: Bde HQ moves present posn at time of embarkation 20 Aug and reopens on far shore on landing
- (b) Afloat: Bde HQ LCI 33  
Relief HQ LCI 32  
2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp HQ - LCI 23
- (c) Far Shore: Anticipated posn shown at Appx "B"  
Report Centre 9 Aust Div at Beach Sig Sta.

24. Beach Sig Sec:

A Beach Sig Sta will open on RED BEACH as soon after H plus 15 as possible.

25. Codes:

- (a) W/T comms will be in clear using R/T code No.2 already issued.
- (b) Following additional code words will be used:-

|       | <u>2/13 Aust Inf Bn.</u> | <u>2/15 Aust Inf Bn.</u> | <u>2/17 Aust Inf Bn</u> |
|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bn HQ | BOTU                     | HORI                     | FODA                    |
| A Coy | BUSI                     | HAPA                     | FOSA                    |
| B Coy | BULO                     | HALA                     | FAPU                    |
| C Coy | BUDU                     | HAFI                     | FUFA                    |
| D Coy | BUPI                     | KALI                     | KOVI                    |

- (c) Code word for Bde HQ and appointment code as per R/T code No.2
- (d) Landing effected on correct beach - ROSE  
 " " on wrong " - CORNFLOWER  
 100 yds - GRAPE  
 200 yds - TWO GRAPES.

Codes - continued -

- 25. (e) Craft-
  - APD CAMEL
  - LST HORSE
  - LCT DOG
  - LCI CAT
  - LCM RAT
  - LCV MOUSE.

26. Sig Plan:

- (a) Afloat: AS at Appx "H"  
Navy and ESB channels will not be used by army formations except in emergency.
- (b) Ashore: W/T as at Appx "H".  
Coord of frequencies to be issued by HQ 9 Aust Div.

L/T:

- (i) 20 Aust Inf Bde sigs will lay lines to the following:-
  - 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
  - 2/15 Aust Inf Bn
  - 2/17 Aust Inf Bn
  - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Assembly area.
- (ii) Aust Beach Sigs is laying line from Beach Bn CP to 20 Aust Inf Bde and for intercomn within Beachhead.
- (iii) 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns will lay lateral lines by mutual arrangements.

V/S:

Lucas lamps will be sited on beach by fwd elements of 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns for comn with Bde HQ until it lands.

W/T Silence:

Until "H" hr, or until order for breaking silence is given by HQ 9 Aust Div.

(iv) RED BEACH and YELLOW BEACH

W/T link will be provided by Beach Sig Sec until line is laid.

27. Periodic Reports:-

Units will report situation at the times set out below in addition to normal traffic:-

- 2/13 Aust Inf Bn - every clock hr and half hr.
- 2/15 Aust Inf Bn - 5 mins after every clock hr and half hr.
- 2/17 Aust Inf Bn - 10 " " " " " " " " " "

28. Synchronisation of Time:

Watches will be synchronised with clocks on naval vessels at H-30.

*[Signature]*  
BM 20 Aust Inf Bde.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 1030 hrs.

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| 2/13 Aust Inf Bn    | 1               | 9 Aust Div-              | 7 - 13          | TO          | 21             |
| 2/15 " " "          | 2               | incl copies for:         |                 | LOs         | 22-24          |
| 2/17 " " "          | 3               | US Navy                  |                 | 20 Aust Inf |                |
| 2/12 " Fd Regt      | 4               | Air Sp.                  |                 | Bde Sigs    | 25             |
| 2/3 Aust Fd Coy     | 5               | 2 ESB                    |                 | War Diary   | 26-27          |
| 2/8 Aust Fd Amb     | 6               | 26 Aust Inf Bde          | 14 - 15         | File        | 28             |
|                     |                 | (one for 2/23 Bn)        |                 | Spares      | 29-30          |
|                     |                 | Observer Gp (Maj BATTEN) | 16              |             |                |
|                     |                 | Comd                     | 17              |             |                |
|                     |                 | BM                       | 18              |             |                |
|                     |                 | SC                       | 19              |             |                |
|                     |                 | IO                       | 20              |             |                |

EXERCISE "COCONUT"

20 AUST INF BDE SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Issued in conjunction with 20 Aust Inf Bde OO No.3 dated 17 Aug 43.)

Based on information received up to 1600 hrs 16 Aug 43

Ref Map 1/63360 - Sheet : NORMANBY ISLAND EAST (SPECIAL)

PART 1

ESTIMATED ENEMY STRENGTH

- (a) SOBLACE (15 16) a large town  
80 Div building up. Probably HQ, proportion of div troops and one inf bde arrived.  
Two bns fd arty.  
Base troops.
- (b) KASIKASI (13 11) a large native village.  
Detachment of unknown strength.
- (c) SEWA BAY area, on west coast of the island. Distant 25 miles from BUNAMA (12 11)  
70 Div.  
Elements of other formations (? two inf bns)
- (d) MAURI (11 14) a small native village.  
Detachment of unknown strength
- (e) MADAUNG (13 16) a small native village.  
A small garrison, possibly two inf coys.
- (f) It is probable that small detachments and coast-watching parties are spread along the coast but no information on them is available.
- (g) Some recent enemy activity has been reported on the southern hill of VENTENAT IS (135 103)
- (h) It is reliably reported that the Mission Station on the BUNAMA promontory has been unmolested by the Japanese and that there are no enemy on the promontory.
- (i) No AFVs reported on the island.

PART 11

TOPOGRAPHICAL

TERRAIN

- (a) The island is everywhere mountainous. Except where deep and narrow valleys reach to the shores, the hills run down to the sea in a series of promontories.
- (b) At the valley mouths are small areas of low-lying ground, much intersected by shallow creeks and swamps.
- (c) Dense woods and forests cover the whole island except in a few places which have been cleared for coconut plantations or native gardens. These show clearly in the air photographs.
- (d) Of the streams on the south or SE coasts only that at 115 119 is likely to be an obstacle requiring bridging.

TERRAIN continued-

- (e) Movement on foot is possible along the whole coast, for a short distance inland.
- (f) The tracks shown on the map exist. The coastal track is good and, in many places, will take Jeep traffic.

2. BEACHS  
 (a) YELLOW BEACH 132-114 - 1129-115 (CENTIPEDE BAY)

- (i) Approach - Clear, deep water up to 100 yards off the beach. At either extremity of the beach, and along the coast to the east and west, are dangerous coral shoals and reefs.
- (ii) Close in shore - Depth of water varies along the beach. Generally the slope of the beach is good up the last 20 yards under water. The western quarter of the beach may be shallow (3 feet) up to 100 yards.
- (iii) Surface - Water edge, generally good though patches of coral and small rocks may be found, especially in the western quarter. Above high water. Firm sand.
- (iv) Exits - No difficulty as far as coastal track. Some shallow creeks and stream mouths. The valley about 131-115 should provide good going for wheeled vehicles with chains, once tracks are cleared.
- (v) Native huts are numerous near the shore. There are a few inland.

(b) RED BEACH 122-117 - 117-119 (BUNJUM BAY)

- (i) as for 2a(i)
- (ii) as for 2a(ii)
- (iii) as for 2a(iii)
- (iv) Exits - No difficulty as far as coastal track. Numerous shallow creeks and stream mouths. The valley about 119-118 may be swampy. It should be possible to form dump areas along the base of all rising ground along the whole length of the beach, close to the beach.

PART II

TOPOGRAPHICAL

(a) The island is everywhere mountainous. Except where deep and narrow valleys reach to the shores, the hills run down to the sea in a series of promontories.

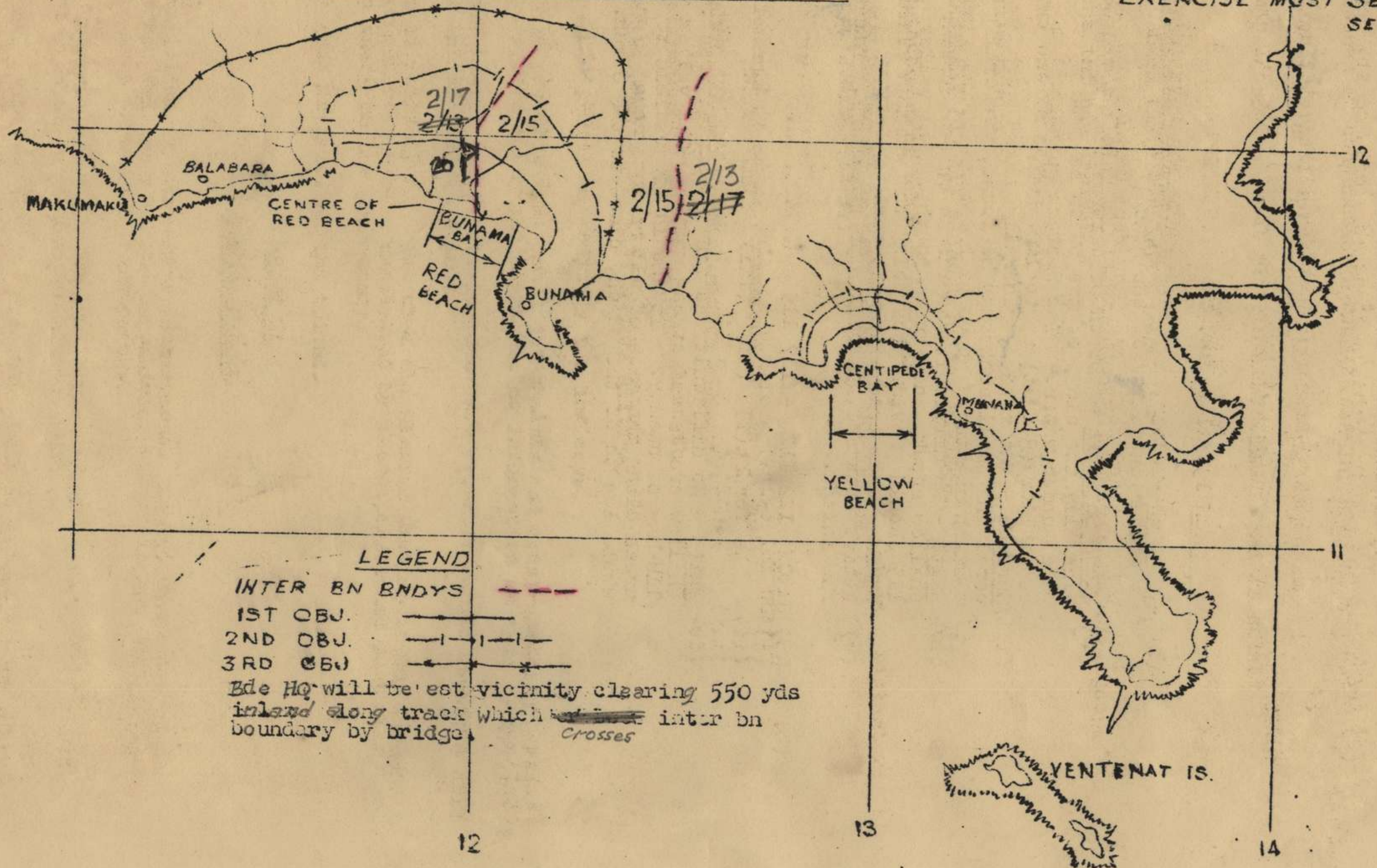
(b) At the valley mouths are small areas of low-lying ground, much intersected by shallow creeks and swamps.

(c) Dense woods and forests cover the whole island except in a few places which have been cleared for coconut plantations or native gardens. These show clearly in the photographs.

OPERATION COCONUT  
 REF. MAP NORMANBY IS. EAST 1:53360

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EXERCISE MOST SECRET (BR  
 SECRET (ANE)



**LEGEND**

INTER BN BNDYS ---

1ST OBJ.

2ND OBJ.

3RD OBJ.

Bde HQ will be est vicinity clearing 550 yds inland along track which ~~crosses~~ inter bn boundary by bridge. Crosses



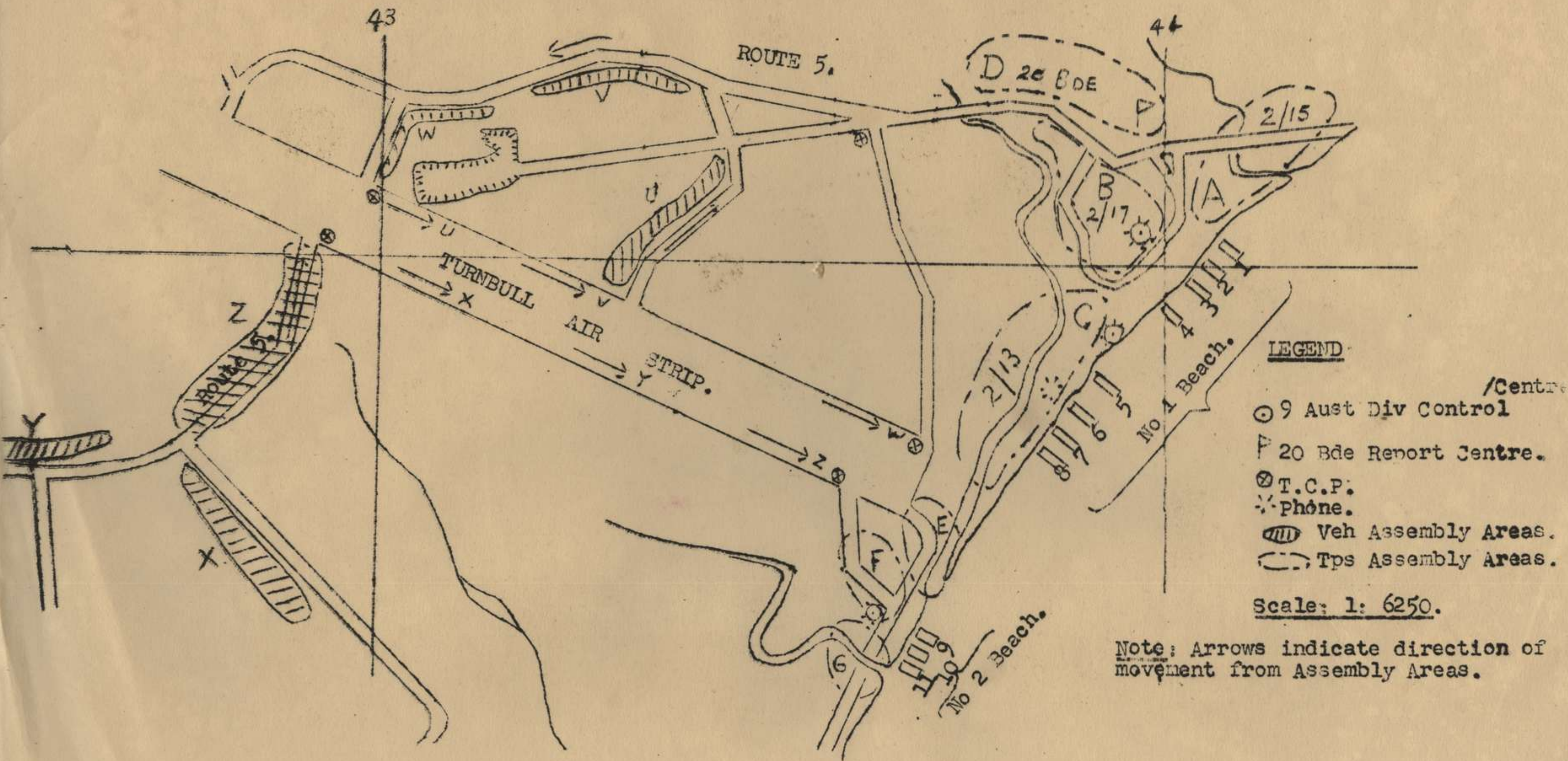
EXERCISE "COCONUT"

ASSEMBLY AREAS.

MOST SECRET (BRITISH)  
SECRET. (AMERICAN)

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EXERCISE "COCONUT"  
EMBARKATION TABLES.

Issued in conjunction with 20 Aust Inf Bde OO No 3 dated 18 Aug 43.

(a) Personnel:

| Serial No. (a) | Craft No. (b) | Type of Craft. (c) | Beach No. (d) | Ramp No. (e) | Day. (f) | Assembly Area. (g) | Assembly Time. (h) | Time of Embarkation. (i) | REMARKS. |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| 1.             | RED 42.       | ICT.               | 2.            | 9.           | 20 Aug.  | E.                 | 0700.              | 0730.                    |          |
| 2.             | " 43.         | "                  | 2.            | 10.          | "        | F.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 3.             | " 44.         | "                  | 2.            | 11.          | "        | G.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 4.             | YELLOW 31.    | "                  | 2.            | 9.           | "        | E.                 | 0730.              | 0800.                    |          |
| 5.             | " 32.         | "                  | 2.            | 10.          | "        | F.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 6.             | RED 11.       | APD.               | 2.            | 9.           | "        | E.                 | 0930.              | 1000.                    |          |
| 7.             | " 12.         | "                  | 2.            | 10.          | "        | F.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 8.             | YELLOW 11.    | "                  | 2.            | 9.           | "        | E.                 | 1000.              | 1030.                    |          |
| 9.             | " 12.         | "                  | 2.            | 10.          | "        | F.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 10.            | RED 21.       | ICI.               | 1.            | 1.           | "        | A.                 | 0945.              | "                        |          |
| 11.            | " 22.         | "                  | 1.            | 2.           | "        | A.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 12.            | " 23.         | "                  | 1.            | 3.           | "        | B.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 13.            | " 24.         | "                  | 1.            | 4.           | "        | B.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 14.            | " 31.         | "                  | 1.            | 1.           | "        | A.                 | 1015.              | 1100.                    |          |
| 15.            | " 32.         | "                  | 1.            | 2.           | "        | D.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 16.            | " 33.         | "                  | 1.            | 3.           | "        | D.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 17.            | " 34.         | "                  | 1.            | 4.           | "        | B.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 18.            | YELLOW 21.    | "                  | 1.            | 6.           | "        | C.                 | 0945.              | 1030.                    |          |
| 19.            | " 22.         | "                  | 1.            | 7.           | "        | C.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 20.            | " 23.         | "                  | 1.            | 8.           | "        | C.                 | "                  | "                        |          |

(b) Vehs and Stores:

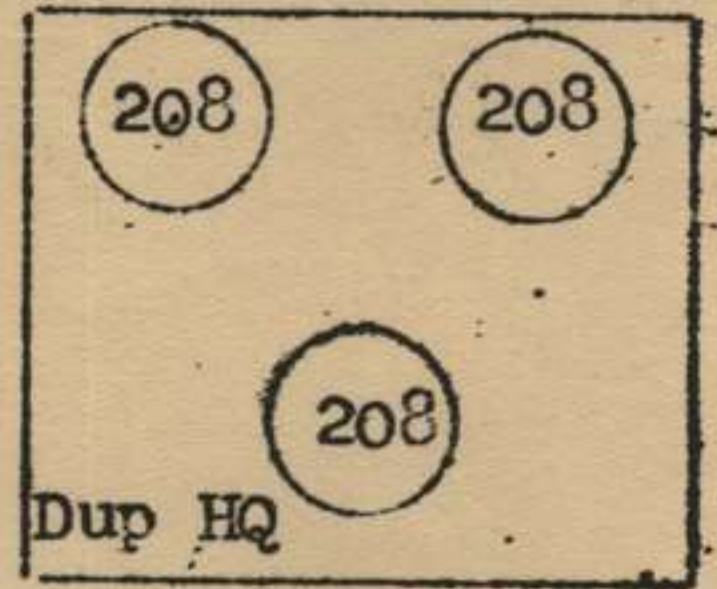
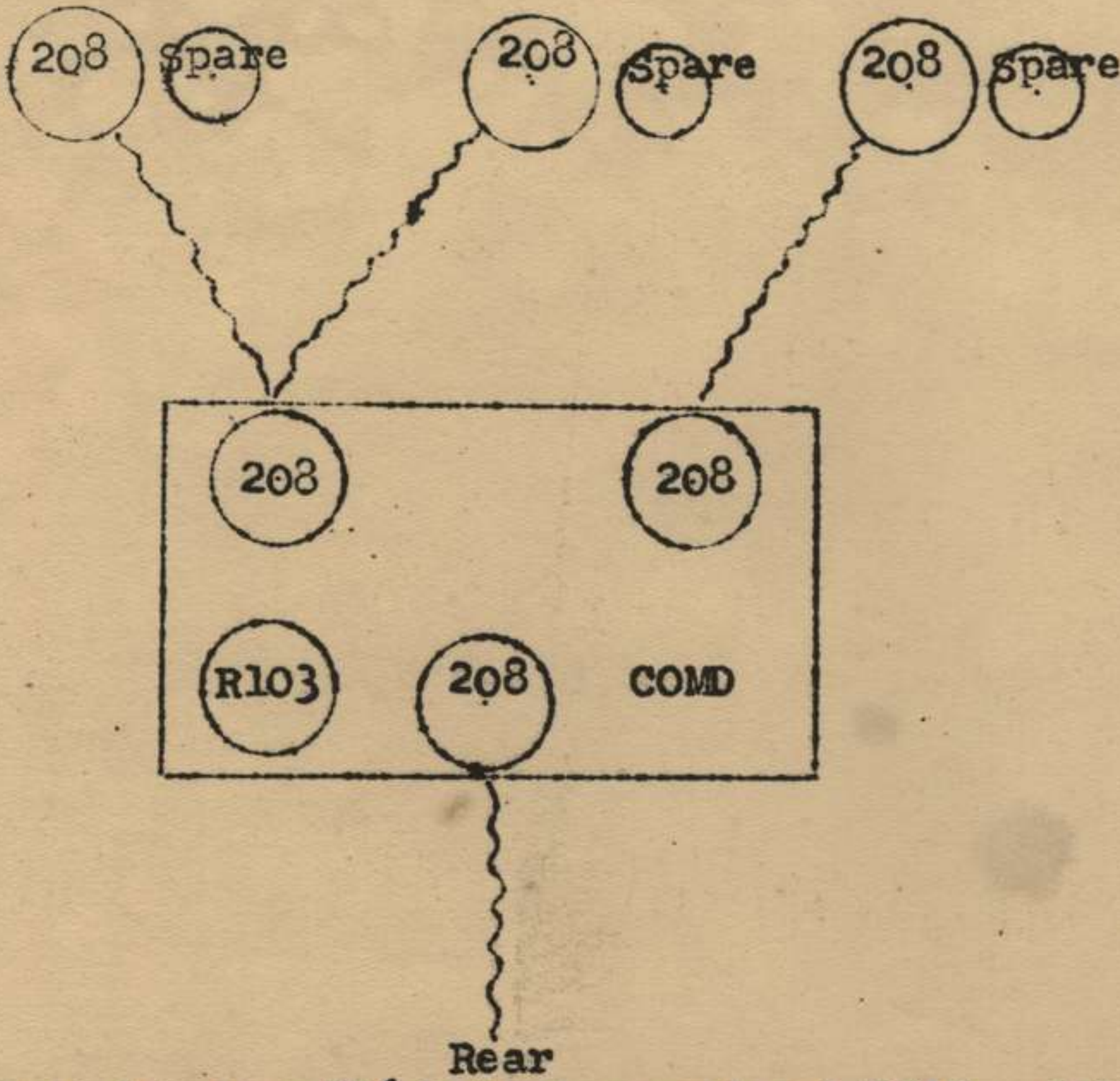
| Serial No. | Craft No.  | Type of Craft. | Beach No. | Ramp No. | Day.    | Assembly Area. | Assembly Arrive. | Area. Depart. | Begin Loading. | Complete Loading. | Remarks: |
|------------|------------|----------------|-----------|----------|---------|----------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1.         | YELLOW 31. | ICT.           | 2.        | 11.      | 18 Aug. | Z.             | 0600.            | 0630.         | 0700.          | 1000.             |          |
| 2.         | RED 135.   | "              | 1.        | 2.       | "       | Z.             | 0600.            | 0630.         | 0700.          | 1000.             |          |
| 3.         | YELLOW 32. | "              | 2.        | 11.      | "       | Z.             | 1200.            | 1230.         | 1300.          | 1600.             |          |
| 4.         | RED 42.    | "              | 2.        | 9.       | 19 Aug. | X.             | 0800.            | 0830.         | 0900.          | 1200.             |          |
| 5.         | " 43.      | "              | 2.        | 10.      | "       | Y.             | "                | "             | "              | "                 |          |
| 6.         | " 44.      | "              | 2.        | 11.      | "       | Z.             | "                | "             | "              | "                 |          |

# SIGNAL PLAN

1. W/T AFLOAT (fig 1)  
 2/17

2/15

2/13

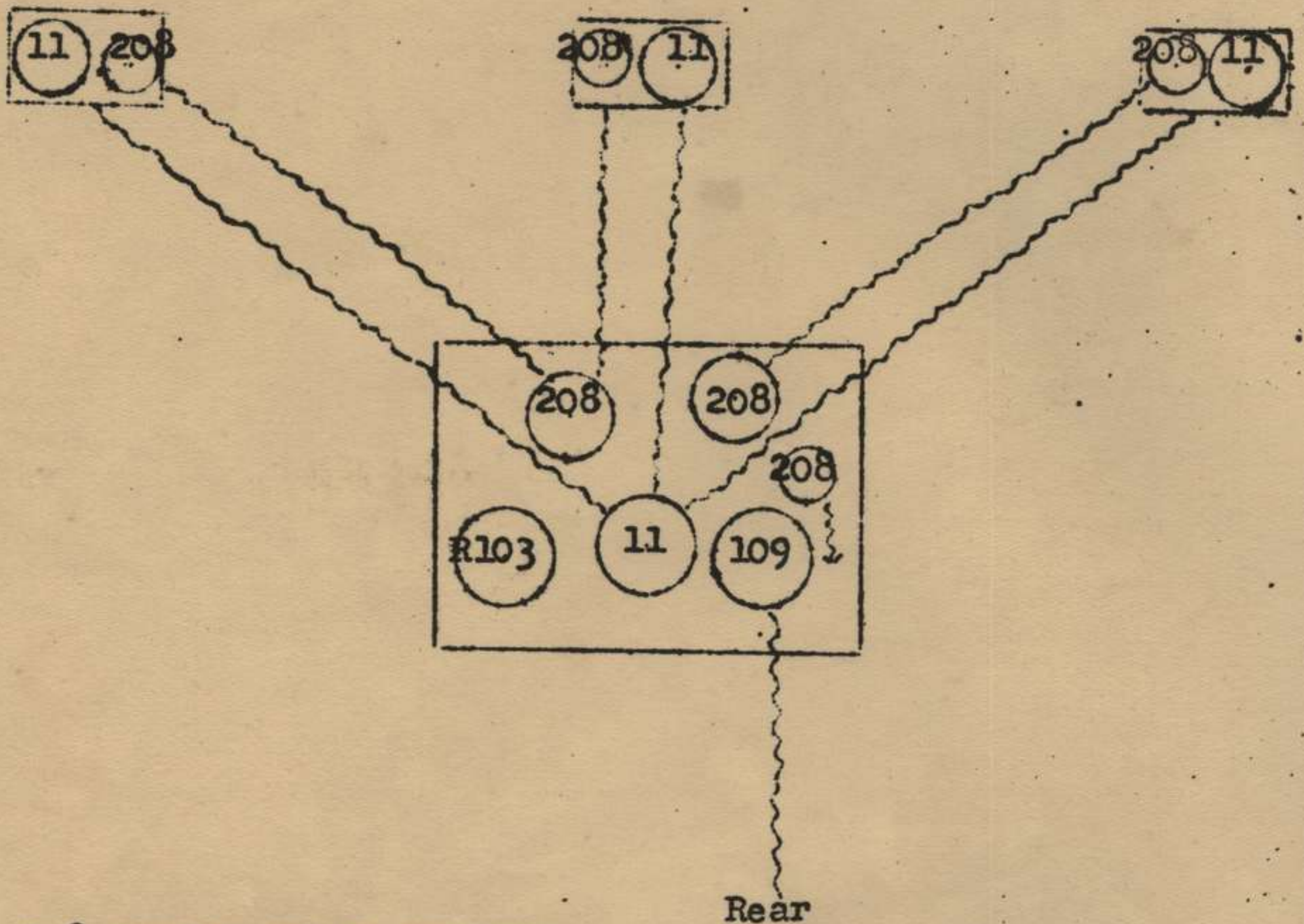


Note : 1. Ser 536 between comd and 2/15 , 2/17 bns.  
 2. Frequencies and call signs to be issued separately.

2. W/T ASHORE (fig 2)  
 2/17

2/15

2/13



Note : 1. 208 gps to act as reserve.  
 2. Freqs and call signs to be issued separately.  
 3. Exercise - Gps will not be complete owing to shortage of sets.

INSTNS FOR CONDUCT OF EXERCISE "COCONUT"

(To be read in conjunction with 20 Aust Inf Bde OO No.3 dated 19 Aug 43)

1. Military control will be exercised by 9 Aust Div.
2. Observers Gp
  - (a) Senior Observer - Lt-col T.K. WALKER, Royal Marines.
  - (b) Attachments -
    - (i) Maj BATTEN 2/48 Aust Inf Bn with HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.
    - (ii) One offr with bn HQ.
    - (iii) One offr with each rifle coy.
  - (c) Units will ration and accommodate for the duration of the exercise those observers att to them.
  - (d) Observers and spectators will wear one white armband.
3. Enemy  
Will NOT be represented.
4. Re-embarkation and Return to MILNE BAY
  - (a) The following will report to Main Beach Sig Sta (RED BEACH) at 1130 hrs on D day to receive instns for re-embarkation and reloading.
    - (i) CO or 2 i/c of 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns.
    - (ii) All OC Tps of LCT.
    - (iii) Reps OC Tps of all LCI.
  - (b) Timetable - see att appx "A".
5. Security
  - (a) During the exercise all ranks are to be impressed with the necessity for preserving the degree of secrecy which is essential in all phases of an amphibious op if success is to be ensured.
  - (b) The number of persons to whom the details of the op are made known will be kept to a minimum.
6. Embarkation Staff
  - (a) Maj BATTEN 2/48 Aust Inf Bn and staff of LOB offr and OR will control assembly and embarkation of all personnel from Nos 1 and 2 Beaches except those embarking in APDs.
  - (b) Maj STRANGE 2/15 Aust Inf Bn and one offr and two NCOs will control assembly and embarkation of all personnel embarking in APDs.
  - (c) Embarkation staff will wear white armbands.
7. Movement to Assembly Areas
  - (a) Tps moving by MT will debus on dispersal runway at approx 430 453 for Beach No.1 and 429 449 for Beach No.2 and march to assembly areas.
  - (b) Tps assembling in areas A, B and D will march via road 430 453 to 437 452 and tps assembling in area C will march along side of air strip thence across country.
  - (c) Thorough recce must be made by units and detachment commanders of route and assembly areas.
8. TCPs will be established at:

|            |         |     |         |
|------------|---------|-----|---------|
| No.1 Beach | 437 452 | and | 437 448 |
| No.2 Beach | 436 447 |     |         |
9. Control Centre
  - (a) Bde report centre will be Est in assembly area D (see Appx C to 20 Aust Inf Bde OO 3)
  - (b) Units will send reports of readiness to embark 20 mins before scheduled time of embarkation.
10. Nominal Rolls

OC tps of each craft will ensure that complete nominal rolls for his craft are handed to runners who will report to the craft.

11. Lifelabelts

All units will report after exercise by 1800 hrs 22 Aug deficiencies in lifelabelts of their own personnel. Reports will show number of the craft and number short per craft.

*B.W. Williams* Maj  
BM 20 Aust Inf Bde

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| 2/13 Aust Inf Bn         | 1       |
| 2/15 Aust Inf Bn         | 2       |
| 2/17 Aust Inf Bn         | 3       |
| 2/12 Aust Fd Regt        | 4       |
| 2/3 Aust Fd Coy          | 5       |
| 2/8 Aust Fd Amb          | 6       |
| 9 Aust Div               | 7 - 13  |
| incl copies for          |         |
| US Navy                  | 1       |
| Air Sp                   | 1       |
| 2 ESB                    | 2       |
| 26 Aust Inf Bde (one for | 14 - 15 |
| (2/23 Bn)                |         |
| Observer Gp (Maj BATTEN) | 16      |
| Comd                     | 17      |
| BM                       | 18      |
| SC                       | 19      |
| IO                       | 20      |
| TO                       | 21      |
| LOs                      | 22 - 24 |
| 20 Aust Inf Bde Sigs     | 25      |
| War Diary                | 26 - 27 |
| File                     | 28      |
| Spare                    | 29 - 30 |

EXERCISE COCONUT

MOST SECRET  
(Appx to Instns for the  
Conduct of the Exercise)

TIMETABLE FOR RE-EMBARKATION AND RELOADING  
(Supersedes the Suggested Timetable previously issued on a limited distribution)

| Serial | Day  | Time              | Beach         | Wave                | Move of Tps and Stores  | Craft Nos required to Beach | Arrive MB (Day)   |
|--------|------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|
| 1      | Zero | X Hr              | -             | -                   | Fwd tps concentrate but bns remain in posns until guns and vehs from LST have been brought up | -                           | -   |
| 2      | "    | X Plus 30         | RED<br>YELLOW | 1,2,3, & 5<br>1 & 2 | ) Move of tps to Assembly Areas<br>) near beaches commences                                   | -                           | -   |
| 3      | "    | X Plus 60         | RED<br>YELLOW | 1,2 & 3<br>1 & 2    | ) Commence re-embarkation   | All craft of waves          | ZERO (PM)   |
| 4      | "    | X Plus 90         | RED           | 5                   | Commence re-embarkation   | All craft of wave           | do.   |
| 5      | "    | 1500 hrs (approx) | RED<br>YELLOW | 4<br>3              | " "   | less craft Nos 44 & 45      | -<br>- See Serial 7)  |
| 6      | "    | -                 | RED<br>YELLOW | 4, 12 & 13<br>3     | All remaining personnel vehicles and stores   | All LST and LCT             | 2 Plus Ships & 1 (PM) craft leave for shore about 0700 hrs. |

- NOTE:** (a) X hr will be notified during the Exercise. Probable time of X Hour 1300 hrs on Zero Day.
- (b) LST and LCT may be required to continue unloading after X Hour. The decision as to when these craft will stop unloading will be taken during the Exercise.

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EXERCISE "COCONUT"  
CONFIRMATION OF VERBAL ORDERS

20 AUST INF BDE CO No.3

Ref Map - NORMANBY ISLAND (SPECIAL) 1:63360

**INFORMATION**

1. Enemy
  - (a) NORMANBY ISLAND is held by the Japanese.
  - (b) Estimated enemy strength and dispositions are shown in special intelligence summary - Appx "A".
2. Own Tps

NGF supported by 5 AF and PHIBFOR 7 Fleet is to seize the area SEWA BAY (25 miles to the WEST of BUNAMA 1211) in order, subsequently to develop it as a base.
3. 9 Aust Div with att tps is to land on the SOUTH COAST of the island with the object of isolating the enemy's western garrison and attacking it from the rear.
4. 20 Aust Inf Bde with att tps is to seize and secure two beachheads (RED BEACH and YELLOW BEACH). RED BEACH unless the tactical situation otherwise necessitates is to be the beachhead for 9 Aust Div.
5. Additional tps with 20 Aust Inf Bde:-
  - (a) Under Comd:-
    - 3 Tp 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
    - one sec 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt
    - one sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy
    - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn (on landing)
  - (b) In Sp:-
    - 2/12 Aust Fd Regt (less one bty and dets)
    - 12 Aust Lt AA Bty
    - 2/3 Aust Fd Coy
    - 532 Shore Bn 2 ESB.
6. TOPOGRAPHICAL

See special intelligence summary - Appx "A".

**INTENTION**

7. 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp will land and secure a beachhead for 9 Aust Div on the South Coast of NORMANBY ISLAND.

**METHOD**

8. General Plan

The Bde Gp will land with two bns fwd on RED BEACH and one bn on YELLOW BEACH

  - (a) YELLOW BEACH

2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp will land in accordance with instns issued.
  - (b) RED BEACH
    - Right 2/15 Aust Inf Bn
    - Left 2/17 Aust Inf Bn
    - Res 2/23 Aust Inf Bnwill land in accordance with instns already issued.
9. Objectives and Boundaries. - See Appx "B".

10. Groupings:

2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp: 2/13 Aust Inf Bn with under comd:-  
E Tp 62 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt.  
Sec 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt  
and in sp:-  
2Pl 2/3 Aust Fd Coy  
B1 Lt ADS 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.

2/15 Aust Inf Bn Gp: 2/15 Aust Inf Bn with in sp:-  
24 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt.  
Sec 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt.  
3 Pl 2/3 Aust Fd Coy  
A2 Lt ADS 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.

2/17 Aust Inf Bn Gp: 2/17 Aust Inf Bn with in sp:-  
23 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt  
Sec 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt.  
1 Pl 2/3 Aust Fd Coy.  
A1 Lt ADS 2/8 Aust Fd Amb.

11. Movement:

Units will move from MILNE BAY area in accordance with embarkation table - Appx "F".

12. Assembly Areas for Embarkation: - Appx "C" att.

13. D Day - 21 Aug 43

14. H Hr: - at least 30 mins after sunrise.

15. Landing Times

(a) YELLOW BEACH

Wave 1 - H  
" 2 - NOT later than H plus 10  
" 3 - H plus 30.

(b)

Wave 1 - H  
" 2 - NOT later than H plus 10  
" 3 - H plus 30  
" 4 - H plus 35  
" 5 - H plus 50

16. Naval Bombardment:

(a) Preliminary bombardment by destroyers from H minus 11 mins to H minus 6 mins. (Will NOT be fired during the exercise)

(b) Subsequent fire sp by destroyers moving to either flank along the coast.

17. Arty:

(a) CRA is comd all Fd Arty, Lt AA and all Bombardment LOs and FOOs except:-  
E Tp 2/12 Aust Fd Regt ) Under comd 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.  
One sec 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt )

(b) FOOs move in accordance with Craft Loading Table in the following craft:-

| Beach.        | Craft No. | FOOs on landing will move with- |                      |
|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| <u>RED</u>    | LCI 21    | "C"                             | Coy 2/15 Aust Inf Bn |
|               | LCI 22    | "B"                             | Coy 2/15 Aust Inf Bn |
|               | LCI 23    | "C"                             | Coy 2/17 Aust Inf Bn |
|               | LCI 24    | "B"                             | Coy 2/17 Aust Inf Bn |
| <u>YELLOW</u> | LCI 21    | "D"                             | Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn |
|               | LCI 22    | "A"                             | Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn |



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20 AUST INF BDE GP

Operation Order No 2.

INFORMATION:

1. Enemy:
  - (a) RED Beach (No 3) is assumed to be lightly defended by the enemy. (Owing to USA encampments tactical movement ashore will be confined to a limited extent-possibly 300 yds).
  - (b) After leaving beach tps will move in order to avoid USA Camps and installations and will be kept in control parties in rear of the beach.
2. Own Tps:
  - (a) ~~After securing of Beachhead 2/23 Bn(26 Aust Inf Bde) is to land and come under comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.~~
  - (b) ~~2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp has been detached for op elsewhere.~~

INTENTION:

3. 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp (less 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp) will land and secure a Beachhead on RED Beach.

METHOD:

4. General Plan:

The Bde will land with two Bns fwd-

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| <u>Right-</u> | 2/15 Aust Inf Bn Gp. |
| <u>Left-</u>  | 2/17 Aust Inf Bn Gp. |
5. Objectives:

2/15 Aust Inf Bn- Right half of Beachhead with objectives as given to Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

2/17 Aust Inf Bn- Left half of Beachhead with objectives as given to Comd 2/17 Aust Inf Bn, incl dets to secure river crossings and line of river on left of Beachhead.
6. Loading:

In accordance with Loading Tables issued separately.

(b) Craft enumerated below are in accordance with ESB loading numbers, i.e. first digit indicates wave numbers, second digit indicates place of craft in wave commencing from the right. (See Appx "A");-

6. (b) (continued).

| No. | Craft. | Beach.                 | Unit.         | Beaches at. | Remarks.               |
|-----|--------|------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 11. | LCI.   | No 1 North.            | 2/15 Bn.      | 0900.       | Representing APDs.     |
| 12. | LCI.   | "                      | 2/17 Bn.      | 0900.       |                        |
| 21. | LCI.   | "                      | 2/15 Bn       |             |                        |
| 22. | LCI.   | "                      | "             | 0900.       |                        |
| 31. | LCI.   | "                      | "             |             |                        |
| 32. | LCI.   | "                      | Bde HQ & att  |             |                        |
| 23. | LCI.   | "                      | 2/17 Bn)      |             |                        |
| 24. | LCI.   | "                      | 2/17 Bn)      | 0930.       |                        |
| 33. | LCI.   | "                      | Bde HQ & att) |             |                        |
| 34. | LCI.   | "                      | 2/17 Bn)      |             |                        |
| 41. | 1 LCM. | No 1<br>Extreme North. | E.S.B.        | 0930.       | RAE personnel rep ESB. |
| 42. | 1 LCM. | "                      |               |             |                        |
| 51. | LCT.   | No 2.                  | As per        |             | In charge of           |
| 52. | LCT.   |                        | Loading       | 0800.       | Loading, RAA           |
| 53. | LCT.   |                        | Tables.       |             | offr in each LCT.      |
| 61. | LCI.   | No 1.                  | 2/23 Bn.      | Approx      |                        |
| 62. | LCI.   |                        |               | 1245.       |                        |
| 63. | LCI.   |                        |               |             |                        |
| 64. | LCI.   |                        |               |             |                        |
| 65. | LCI.   |                        |               |             |                        |

7. Assembly Areas:

(a) As per trace (att at Appx "B").

(b) All personnel of sub-units will assemble at least 45 mins before time of embarkation.

(c) ~~Before leaving Assembly Areas for Ready Line personnel will be organised into craft parties.~~ *Personnel will be assembled into craft parties in unit assembly area ready to move to ready line at the time respective craft beach*

(d) All vehs and stores for LCT will be in Assembly Areas by 0745 hrs.

8. Departure Times:

(a) Craft when loaded will retract and assemble off shore.

(b) Convoy will leave Near Shore at 1030 hrs (approx).

9. "H" HOUR:

1200 hrs 10 Aug, at which time landing craft from APDs beach.

10. Landing Intervals:

Wave 1. H.

II: H plus 7.

III: H plus 19.

IV: H plus 19.

V: H plus 30.

VI: When called by Lucas Lamp from Beachhead. Signal "PROCEED"11. Air: See Appx "C".12. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Recce Party:(a) 1 offr and ~~3~~<sup>5</sup> ORs to travel in LCI 32.(b) For Recce of Bn Assembly Area. *in rear and left of centre of landing beach.*

18. RAE:

- (a) CRE 9 Aust Div is comd all RAE units and for work on the beaches, all enrgs sub-units of 532 Sh Bn 2 ESB.
- (b) (i) Tasks incl clearance of minor obstacles in the beach area to enable fwd tps to move their vehs off the beach .
- (ii) Development of the Beach maintenance area in general.
- (iii) Sp of land ops incl construction of trs and brs.

19. Air Sp:

- (a) High level bombing from H - 6 to H - 5
- (b) Low level straffing of beaches from H - 5 to H.  
(Runs simulating straffing will be made over beach)

20. Calls for Close Air Sp:

- (a) Will be submitted by units in accordance with instns issued separately.
- (b) Will be submitted through HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.
- (c) Requests for pre-determined air sp will be submitted, where practicable, by 1600 hrs the day prior to that on which this sp is required.
- (d) One air sp LO will move with HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde on LCI No.33.

21. Beach Def:

- (a) Close def of RED BEACH area (incl ESB ground def weapons) will be coord by Capt P. GREEN, 2/2 Aust MG Bn.
- (b) Until ESB weapons are sited inf bns will provide protection for beach as follows:-

MG- right flank - one sec 2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
 centre of beach- one pl 2/23 Aust Inf Bn  
 left flank- one sec 2/17 Aust Inf Bn

2pr Tk A guns: right - 2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
 left - 2/17 Aust Inf Bn

ADM:

22. 20 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instn No.4 issued separately.

INTEL.COMN:

23. Location of Bde HQ:

- (a) Present: Bde HQ moves present posn at time of embarkation 20 Aug and reopens on far shore on landing
- (b) Afloat: Bde HQ LCI 33  
Relief HQ LCI 32  
2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp HQ - LCI 23
- (c) Far Shore: Anticipated posn shown at Appx "B"  
Report Centre 9 Aust Div at Beach Sig Sta.

24. Beach Sig Sec:

A Beach Sig Sta will open on RED BEACH as soon after H plus 15 as possible.

25. Codes:

- (a) W/T comms will be in clear using R/T code No.2 already issued.
- (b) Following additional code words will be used:-

|       | <u>2/13 Aust Inf Bn.</u> | <u>2/15 Aust Inf Bn.</u> | <u>2/17 Aust Inf Bn</u> |
|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bn HQ | BOTU                     | HORI                     | FODA                    |
| A Coy | BUSI                     | HAPA                     | FOSA                    |
| B Coy | BULO                     | HALA                     | FAPU                    |
| C Coy | BUDU                     | HAFI                     | FUFA                    |
| D Coy | BUPI                     | KALI                     | KOVI                    |

- (c) Code word for Bde HQ and appointment code as per R/T code No.2
- (d) Landing effected on correct beach - ROSE  
 " " on wrong " - CORNFLOWER  
 100 yds - GRAPE  
 200 yds - TWO GRAPES.

Codes - continued -

25. (e) Craft-
- |     |        |
|-----|--------|
| APD | CAMEL  |
| LST | HORSE  |
| LCT | DOG    |
| LCI | CAT    |
| LCM | RAT    |
| LCV | MOUSE. |

26. Sig Plan:

- (a) Afloat: As at Appx "H"  
Navy and ESB channels will not be used by army formations except in emergency.
- (b) Ashore: W/T as at Appx "H".  
Coord of frequencies to be issued by HQ 9 Aust Div.

L/T:

- (i) 20 Aust Inf Bde sigs will lay lines to the following:-  
2/13 Aust Inf Bn  
2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
2/17 Aust Inf Bn  
2/23 Aust Inf Bn Assembly area.
- (ii) Aust Beach Sigs is laying line from Beach Bn CP to 20 Aust Inf Bde and for intercomm within Beachhead.
- (iii) 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns will lay lateral lines by mutual arrangements.

V/S:

Lucas lamps will be sited on beach by fwd elements of 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns for comm with Bde HQ until it lands.

W/T Silence:

Until "H" hr, or until order for breaking silence is given by HQ 9 Aust Div.

(iv) RED BEACH and YELLOW BEACH

W/T link will be provided by Beach Sig Sec until line is laid.

27. Periodic Reports:

Units will report situation at the times set out below in addition to normal traffic:-

- 2/13 Aust Inf Bn - every clock hr and half hr.  
2/15 Aust Inf Bn - 5 mins after every clock hr and half hr.  
2/17 Aust Inf Bn - 10 " " " " " " " " " "

28. Synchronisation of Time:

Watches will be synchronised with clocks on naval vessels at H-30.

*[Signature]*  
BM 20 Aust Inf Bde.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed at 1030 hrs.

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| 2/13 Aust Inf Bn    | 1               | 9 Aust Div-              | 7 - 13          | TO          | 21             |
| 2/15 " " "          | 2               | incl copies for:         |                 | LOs         | 22-24          |
| 2/17 " " "          | 3               | US Navy                  |                 | 20 Aust Inf |                |
| 2/12 " Fd Regt      | 4               | Air Sp.                  |                 | Bde Sigs    | 25             |
| 2/3 Aust Fd Coy     | 5               | 2 ESB                    |                 | War Diary   | 26-27          |
| 2/8 Aust Fd Amb     | 6               | 26 Aust Inf Bde 14 - 15  |                 | File        | 28             |
|                     |                 | (one for 2/23 Bn)        |                 | Spares      | 29-30          |
|                     |                 | Observer Gp (Maj BATTEN) | 16              |             |                |
|                     |                 | Comd                     | 17              |             |                |
|                     |                 | EM                       | 18              |             |                |
|                     |                 | SC                       | 19              |             |                |
|                     |                 | IO                       | 20              |             |                |

EXERCISE "COCONUT"

20 AUST INF BDE SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Issued in conjunction with 20 Aust Inf Bde OO No.3 dated 17 Aug 43.

Based on information received up to 1600 hrs 16 Aug 43

Ref Map 1/63360 - Sheet : NORMANBY ISLAND EAST (SPECIAL)

PART 1

ESTIMATED ENEMY STRENGTH

(a) SOBLACE (15 16) a large town

80 Div building up. Probably HQ, proportion of div troops and one inf bde arrived.

Two bns fd arty.

Base troops.

(b) KASIKASI (13 11) a large native village.

Detachment of unknown strength.

(c) SEWA BAY area, on west coast of the island. Distant 25 miles from BUNAMA (12 11)

70 Div.

Elements of other formations (7 two inf bns)

(d) MAURI (11 14) a small native village.

Detachment of unknown strength

(e) MADAUNG (13 16) a small native village.

A small garrison, possibly two inf coys.

(f) It is probable that small detachments and coast-watching parties are spread along the coast but no information on them is available.

(g) Some recent enemy activity has been reported on the southern hill of VENTENAT IS (135 103)

(h) It is reliably reported that the Mission Station on the BUNAMA promontory has been unmolested by the Japanese and that there are no enemy on the promontory.

(i) No AFVs reported on the island.

PART 11

TOPOGRAPHICAL

TERRAIN

(a) The island is everywhere mountainous. Except where deep and narrow valleys reach to the shores, the hills run down to the sea in a series of promontories.

(b) At the valley mouths are small areas of low-lying ground, much intersected by shallow creeks and swamps.

(c) Dense woods and forests cover the whole island except in a few places which have been cleared for coconut plantations or native gardens. These show clearly in the air photographs.

(d) Of the streams on the south or SE coasts only that at 115 119 is likely to be an obstacle requiring bridging.

TERRAIN continued-

- (e) Movement on foot is possible along the whole coast, for a short distance inland.
- (f) The tracks shown on the map exist. The coastal track is good and, in many places, will take Jeep traffic.

2. BEACHS

(a) YELLOW BEACH 132-114 - 1129 115 (CENTIPEDE B.Y)

- (i) Approach - Clear, deep water up to 100 yards off the beach. At either extremity of the beach, and along the coast to the east and west, are dangerous coral shoals and reefs.
- (ii) Close in shore - Depth of water varies along the beach. Generally the slope of the beach is good up the last 20 yards under water. The western quarter of the beach may be shallow (3 feet) up to 100 yards.
- (iii) Surface - Water edge, generally good though patches of coral and small rocks may be found, especially in the western quarter. Above high water. Firm sand.
- (iv) Exits - No difficulty as far as coastal track. Some shallow creeks and stream mouths. The valley about 131 115 should provide good going for wheeled vehicles with chains, once tracks are cleared.
- (v) Native huts are numerous near the shore. There are a few inland.

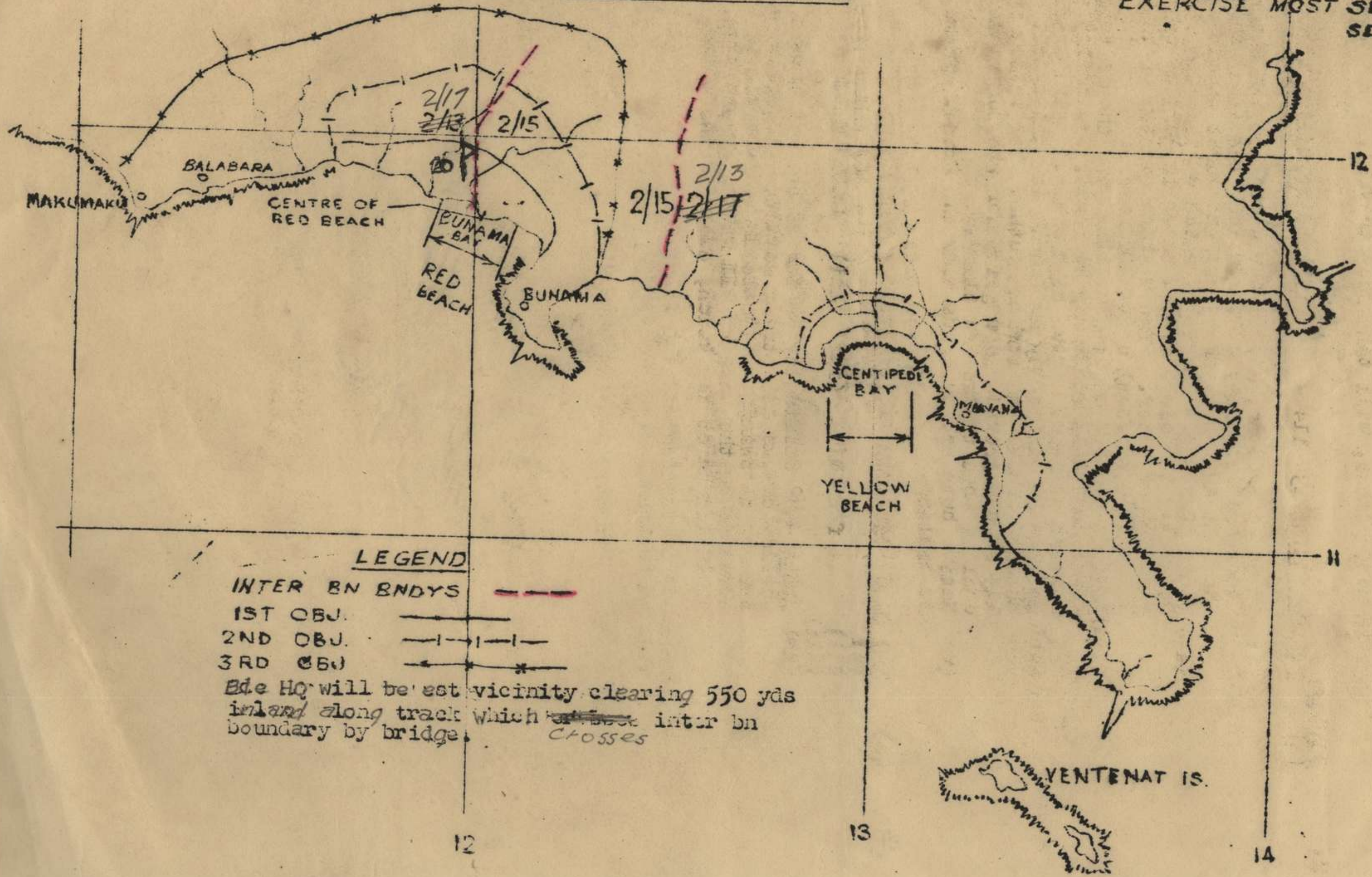
(b) RED BEACH 122 117 - 117 119 (BUNJIA BAY)

- (i) As for 2a(i)
- (ii) As for 2a(ii)
- (iii) As for 2a(iii)
- (iv) Exits - No difficulty as far as coastal track. Numerous shallow creeks and stream mouths. The valley about 119 118 may be swampy. It should be possible to form dump areas along the base of all rising ground along the whole length of the beach, close to the beach.

OPERATION COCONUT  
 REF. MAP NORMANBY IS. EAST 1:63360

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EXERCISE MOST SECRET (BRI)  
 SECRET (ANEF)



LEGEND

- INTER BN BNDYS ---
- 1ST OBJ.
- 2ND OBJ.
- 3RD OBJ.

Hq will be est. vicinity clearing 550 yds inland along track which ~~crosses~~ inter bn boundary by bridge. Crosses

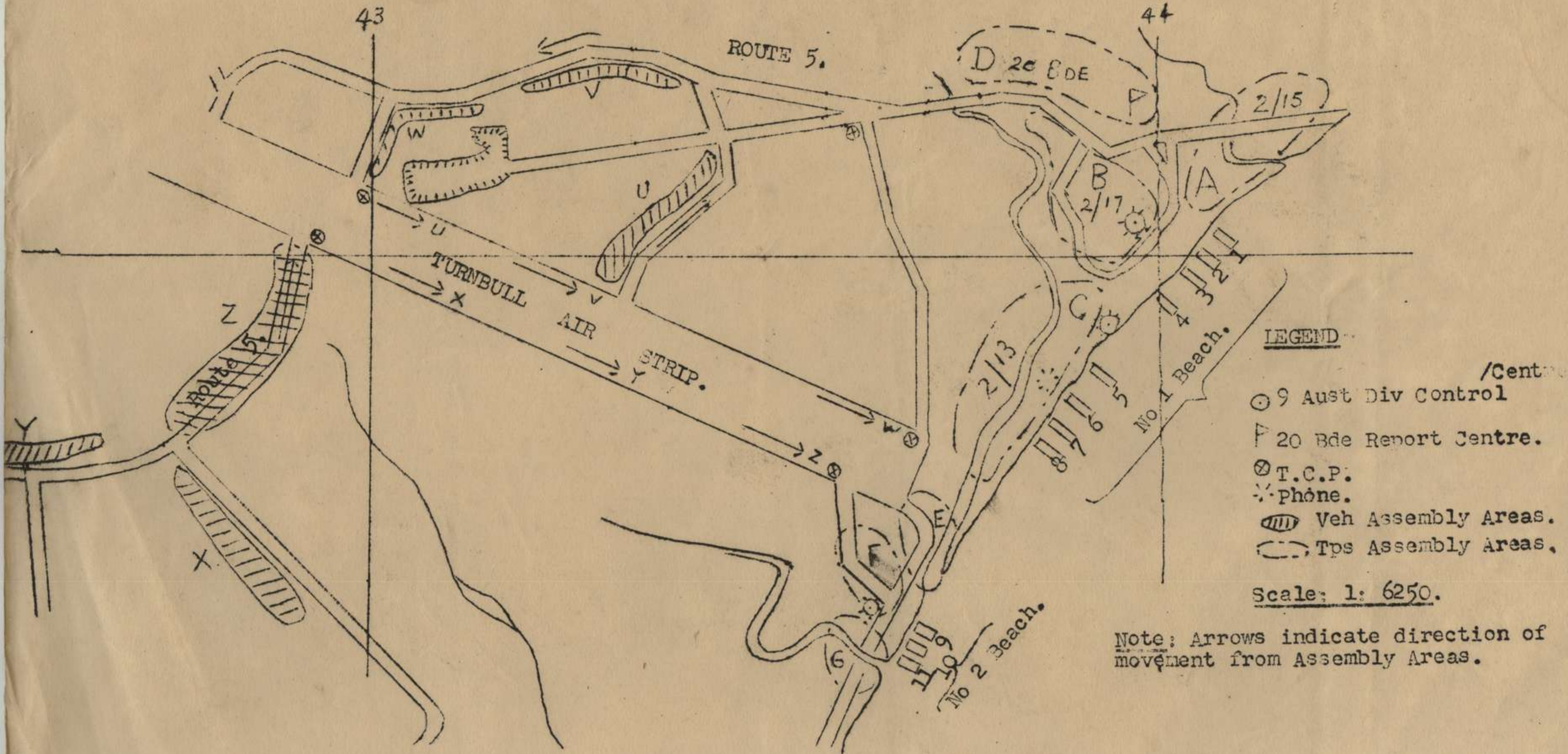
EXERCISE "COCONUT"

ASSEMBLY AREAS.

MOST SECRET (BRITISH)  
SECRET. (AMERICAN)

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Note: Arrows indicate direction of movement from Assembly Areas.



EXERCISE "COCONUT"  
EMBARKATION TABLES.

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(a) Personnel:

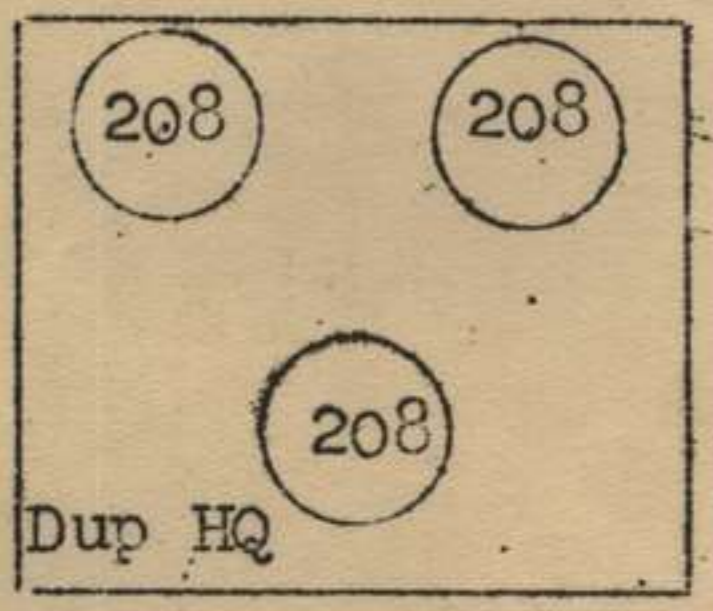
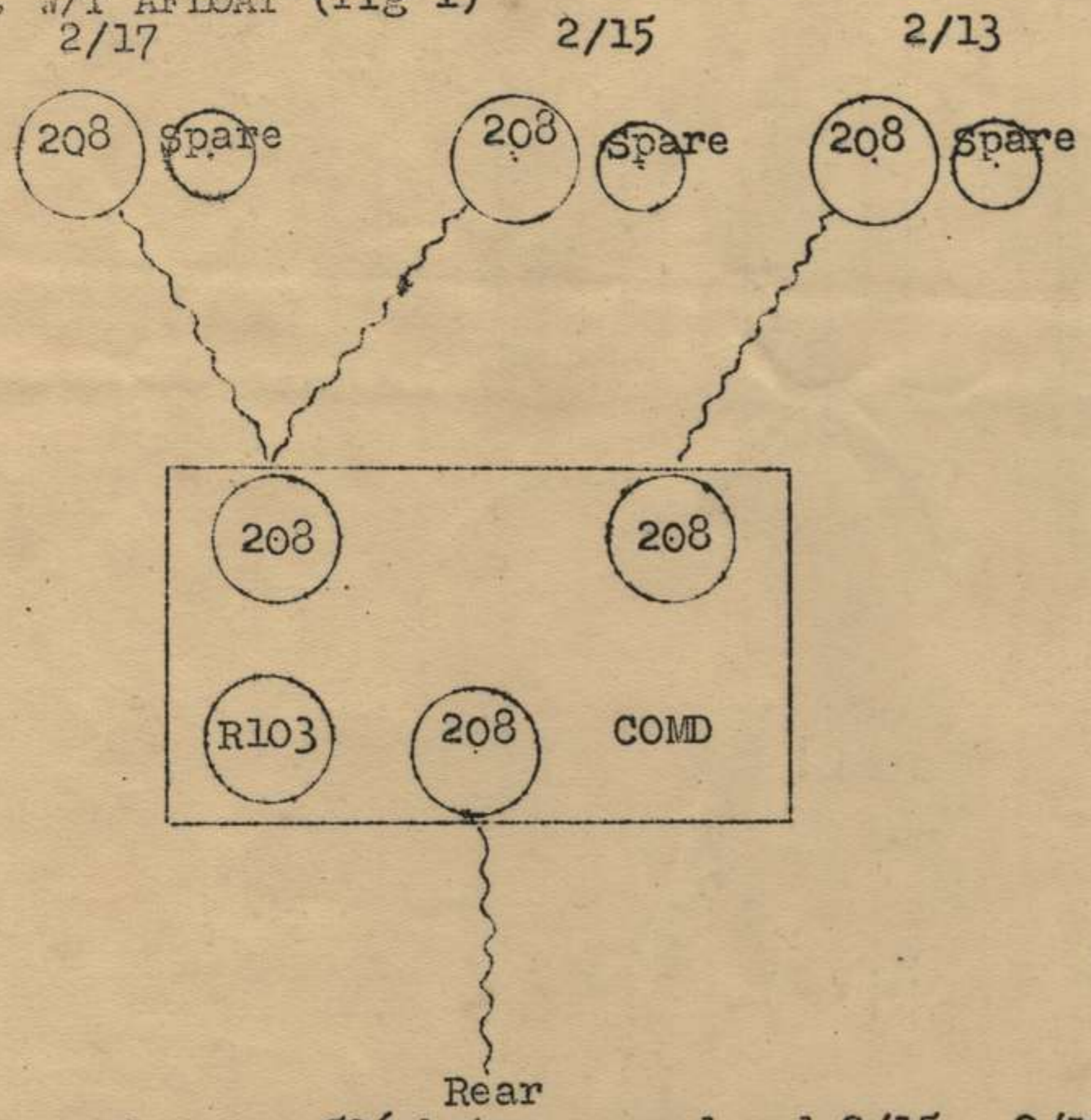
| Serial No. (a) | Craft No. (b) | Type of Craft. (c) | Beach No. (d) | Ramp No. (e) | Day. (f) | Assembly Area. (g) | Assembly Time. (h) | Time of Embarkation. (i) | REMARKS. |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| 1.             | RED 42.       | ICT.               | 2.            | 9.           | 20 Aug.  | E.                 | 0700.              | 0730.                    |          |
| 2.             | " 43.         | "                  | 2.            | 10.          | "        | F.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 3.             | " 44.         | "                  | 2.            | 11.          | "        | G.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 4.             | YELLOW 31.    | "                  | 2.            | 9.           | "        | E.                 | 0730.              | 0800.                    |          |
| 5.             | " 32.         | "                  | 2.            | 10.          | "        | F.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 6.             | RED 11.       | APD.               | 2.            | 9.           | "        | E.                 | 0930.              | 1000.                    |          |
| 7.             | " 12.         | "                  | 2.            | 10.          | "        | F.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 8.             | YELLOW 11.    | "                  | 2.            | 9.           | "        | E.                 | 1000.              | 1030.                    |          |
| 9.             | " 12.         | "                  | 2.            | 10.          | "        | F.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 10.            | RED 21.       | ICT.               | 1.            | 1.           | "        | A.                 | 0945.              | "                        |          |
| 11.            | " 22.         | "                  | 1.            | 2.           | "        | A.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 12.            | " 23.         | "                  | 1.            | 3.           | "        | B.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 13.            | " 24.         | "                  | 1.            | 4.           | "        | B.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 14.            | " 31.         | "                  | 1.            | 1.           | "        | A.                 | 1015.              | 1100.                    |          |
| 15.            | " 32.         | "                  | 1.            | 2.           | "        | D.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 16.            | " 33.         | "                  | 1.            | 3.           | "        | D.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 17.            | " 34.         | "                  | 1.            | 4.           | "        | B.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 18.            | YELLOW 21.    | "                  | 1.            | 5.           | "        | C.                 | 0945.              | 1030.                    |          |
| 19.            | " 22.         | "                  | 1.            | 7.           | "        | C.                 | "                  | "                        |          |
| 20.            | " 23.         | "                  | 1.            | 8.           | "        | C.                 | "                  | "                        |          |

(b) Vehs and Stores:

| Serial No. | Craft No.  | Type of Craft. | Beach No. | Ramp No. | Day.    | Assembly Area. | Assembly Arrive. | Area. Depart. | Begin Loading. | Complete Loading. | Remarks: |
|------------|------------|----------------|-----------|----------|---------|----------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1.         | YELLOW 31. | ICT.           | 2.        | 11.      | 18 Aug. | Z.             | 0600.            | 0630.         | 0700.          | 1000.             |          |
| 2.         | RED 135.   | "              | 1.        | 2.       | "       | Z.             | 0600.            | 0630.         | 0700.          | 1000.             |          |
| 3.         | YELLOW 32. | "              | 2.        | 11.      | "       | Z.             | 1200.            | 1230.         | 1300.          | 1600.             |          |
| 4.         | RED 42.    | "              | 2.        | 9.       | 19 Aug. | X.             | 0800.            | 0830.         | 0900.          | 1200.             |          |
| 5.         | " 43.      | "              | 2.        | 10.      | "       | Y.             | "                | "             | "              | "                 |          |
| 6.         | " 44.      | "              | 2.        | 11.      | "       | Z.             | "                | "             | "              | "                 |          |

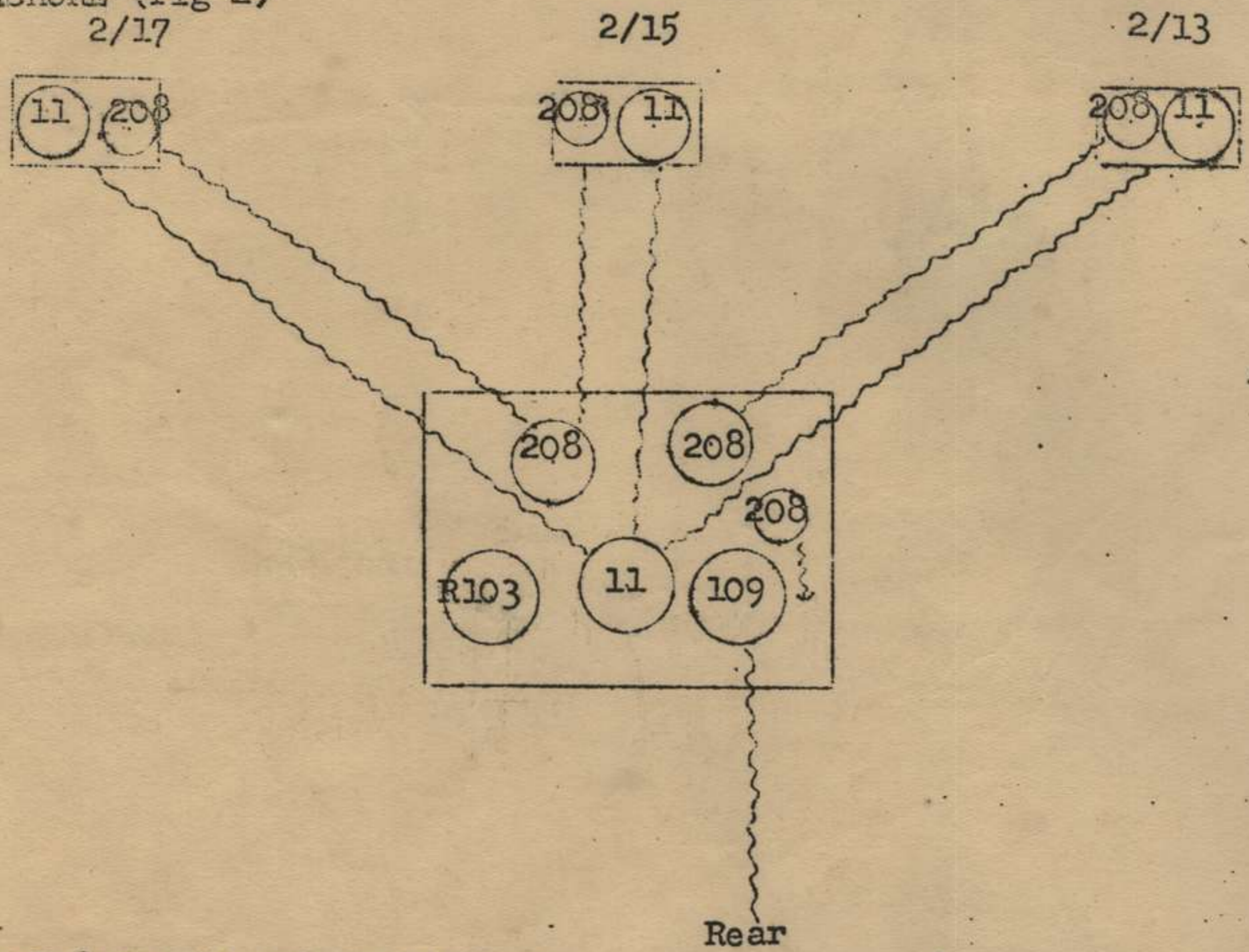
# SIGNAL PLAN

1. W/T AFLOAT (fig 1)  
 2/17



Note : 1. Ser 536 between comd and 2/15 , 2/17 bns.  
 2. Frequencies and call signs to be issued separately.

2. W/T ASHORE (fig 2)  
 2/17



Note : 1. 208 gps to act as reserve.  
 2. Freqs and call signs to be issued separately.  
 3. Exercise - Gps will not be complete owing to shortage of sets.

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INSTNS FOR CONDUCT OF EXERCISE "COCONUT"

(To be read in conjunction with 20 Aust Inf Bde OO No.3 dated 19 Aug 43)

1. Military control will be exercised by 9 Aust Div.
2. Observers Gp
  - (a) Senior Observer - Lt-col T.K. WALKER, Royal Marines.
  - (b) Attachments -
    - (i) Maj BATTEN 2/48 Aust Inf Bn with HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.
    - (ii) One offr with bn HQ.
    - (iii) One offr with each rifle coy.
  - (c) Units will ration and accommodate for the duration of the exercise those observers att to them.
  - (d) Observers and spectators will wear one white armband.
3. Enemy  
Will NOT be represented.
4. Re-embarkation and Return to MILNE BAY
  - (a) The following will report to Main Beach Sig Sta (RED BEACH) at 1130 hrs on D day to receive instns for re-embarkation and reloading.
    - (i) CO or 2 i/c of 2/13, 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns.
    - (ii) All OC Tps of LCT.
    - (iii) Reps OC Tps of all LCI.
  - (b) Timetable - see att appx "A".
5. Security
  - (a) During the exercise all ranks are to be impressed with the necessity for preserving the degree of secrecy which is essential in all phases of an amphibious op if success is to be ensured.
  - (b) The number of persons to whom the details of the op are made known will be kept to a minimum.
6. Embarkation Staff
  - (a) Maj BATTEN 2/48 Aust Inf Bn and staff of LOB offr and OR will control assembly and embarkation of all personnel from Nos 1 and 2 Beaches except those embarking in APDs.
  - (b) Maj STRANGE 2/15 Aust Inf Bn and one offr and two NCOs will control assembly and embarkation of all personnel embarking in APDs.
  - (c) Embarkation staff will wear white armbands.
7. Movement to Assembly Areas
  - (a) Tps moving by MT will debus on dispersal runway at approx 430 453 for Beach No.1 and 429 449 for Beach No.2 and march to assembly areas.
  - (b) Tps assembling in areas A, B and D will march via road 430 453 to 437 452 and tps assembling in area C will march along side of air strip thence across country.
  - (c) Thorough recce must be made by units and detachment commanders of route and assembly areas.
8. TCPs will be established at:

|            |         |     |         |
|------------|---------|-----|---------|
| No.1 Beach | 437 452 | and | 437 448 |
| No.2 Beach | 436 447 |     |         |
9. Control Centre
  - (a) Bde report centre will be Est in assembly area D (see Appx C to 20 Aust Inf Bde OO 3)
  - (b) Units will send reports of readiness to embark 20 mins before scheduled time of embarkation.
10. Nominal Rolls

OC tps of each craft will ensure that complete nominal rolls for his craft are handed to runners who will report to the craft.

11. Lifelbelts

All units will report after exercise by 1800 hrs 22 Aug deficiencies in lifelbelts of their own personnel. Reports will show number of the craft and number short per craft.

*W. Williams*  
Maj  
BM 20 Aust Inf Bde

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| 2/13 Aust Inf Bn         | 1  |      |
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| 2/17 Aust Inf Bn         | 3  |      |
| 2/12 Aust Fd Regt        | 4  |      |
| 2/3 Aust Fd Coy          | 5  |      |
| 2/8 Aust Fd Amb          | 6  |      |
| 9 Aust Div               | 7  | - 13 |
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| Air Sp                   | 1  |      |
| 2 ESB                    | 2  |      |
| 26 Aust Inf Bde (one for | 14 | - 15 |
| (2/23 Bn)                |    |      |
| Observer Gp (Maj BATTEN) | 16 |      |
| Comd                     | 17 |      |
| BM                       | 18 |      |
| SC                       | 19 |      |
| IO                       | 20 |      |
| TO                       | 21 |      |
| LOs                      | 22 | - 24 |
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| File                     | 28 |      |
| Spare                    | 29 | - 30 |

EXERCISE COCONUT

MOST SECRET  
(Appx to Instns for the  
Conduct of the Exercise)

TIMETABLE FOR RE-EMBARKATION AND RELOADING  
(Supersedes the Suggested Timetable previously issued on a limited distribution)

| Serial | Day  | Time              | Beach         | Wave                | Move of Tps and Stores  | Craft Nos required to Beach | Arrive MB (Day)   |
|--------|------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|
| 1      | Zero | X Hr              | -             | -                   | Fwd tps concentrate but bns remain in posns until guns and vehs from LST have been brought up | -                           | -   |
| 2      | "    | X Plus 30         | RED<br>YELLOW | 1,2,3, & 5<br>1 & 2 | ) Move of tps to Assembly Areas near beaches commences  | -                           | -   |
| 3      | "    | X Plus 60         | RED<br>YELLOW | 1,2 & 3<br>1 & 2    | ) Commence re-embarkation   | All craft of waves          | ZERO (PM)   |
| 4      | "    | X Plus 90         | RED           | 5                   | Commence re-embarkation   | All craft of wave           | do.   |
| 5      | "    | 1500 hrs (approx) | RED<br>YELLOW | 4<br>3              | " "   | less craft Nos 44 & 45      | - See Serial 7)   |
| 6      | "    | -                 | RED<br>YELLOW | 4, 12 & 13<br>3     | All remaining personnel vehicles and stores   | All LST and LCT             | 2 Plus Ships & 1 (PM) craft leave for shore about 0700 hrs. |

NOTE: (a) X hr will be notified during the Exercise. Probable time of X Hour 1300 hrs on Zero Day.  
(b) LST and LCT may be required to continue unloading after X Hour. The decision as to when these craft will stop unloading will be taken during the Exercise.

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SUBJECT:

Craft Loading Tables.

MOST SECRET.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.  
Ref: G1/4/870.  
24 Aug 43.

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1. Fwded herewith Craft Loading Tables.
2. All previous Loading Tables will be destroyed.

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R I G H T B E A C H .

2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

|       |  | <u>Personnel.</u>  | <u>Total.</u>   |
|-------|--|--|---|
| <hr/> |  |  |   |
|       | <u>WAVE 1.</u>                         | One rifle coy.   | 129.  |
| x     | APD 'B' 11.<br>Capt F. DESCHAMP.<br>x  | RAA Recce party, Fd.<br>RAA " " AA.<br>RAE " "<br>ESB "  | 4.<br>2.<br>4.<br><u>3.</u>                             |
|       |  |  | 142.  |
| <br>  |  |  |   |
|       |  | One rifle coy.   | 137.  |
| x     | APD 'C' 12.<br>Capt E.A. HANDLEY.<br>x | RAE Recce party.<br>ESB "  | 3.<br><u>2.</u>   |
|       |  |  | 142.  |
| <hr/> |  |  |   |
|       | <u>WAVE 2.</u>                         | 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.  | 695.  |
|       | LCI 'D' 21.<br>Capt B.G. CRIBB.        | less:-<br>Two coys.<br>Tk A crews.<br>Drs Jeeps.   | 264.<br>4.<br>4.<br><u>272.</u>                         |
|       |  |  | 423.  |
|       |  | plus:-<br>Tp 62 Bty 2/12 Fd Regt.<br>Sec Lt AA Tp.<br>RAE.<br>Bde Sigs.<br>Lt ADS.<br>Sh Fire control party.<br>RAA FOO Parties (2)<br>Bde LO. | 36.<br>6.<br>54.<br>2.<br>35.<br>9.<br>10.<br><u>1.</u> |
|       | LCI 'A' 22.<br>Capt H.H. COOPER.       |  | 153.  |
|       |  |  | 576.  |
| <br>  |  |  |   |
|       |  | LCI 23.<br>Maj J.L.A. KELLY.   |   |
| <hr/> |  |  |   |
| ..... | <u>WAVE 3.</u>                         | Fd Gun crews.  | 13.   |
| :     |  | AA " "   | 9.  |
| :     | LCT :                                  | Drs Jeeps.   | 4.  |
| :     | 1 :                                    | Drs Arty tractors.   | 2.  |
| :     | 31 :                                   | Drs RAE Eqpt.  | 7.  |
| ..... |  | 2 ORs per 2-pr.  | <u>2.</u>   |
|       |  |  | 37.   |
| <br>  |  |  |   |
| ..... |  | Fd Gun crews.  | 13.   |
| :     |  | AA " "   | 9.  |
| :     | LCT.:                                  | Drs Jeeps.   | 3.  |
| :     | :                                      | Drs Arty tractors.   | 2.  |
| :     | 32.:                                   | Drs RAE Eqpt.  | 8.  |
| ..... |  | 2 ORs per 2-pr.  | <u>2.</u>   |
|       |  |  | 37.   |
|       |  |  | <u>TOTAL: 934.</u>                                      |

LEFT BEACH.

WAVE 1.

| 2/17 AUST INF BN.  | Total Personnel. | 2/15 AUST INF BN.   | Total Personnel. | Wave 1. Total Pers. |
|--|------------------|---|------------------|---------------------|
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 10px;">                     x      APD      x<br/>                          12.      <br/>                          'A'      <br/>                     Capt P. H. PIKE.<br/>                     x                      x                 </div> <p>One rifle coy.                      132.<br/>                     RAE Recce party.                      3.<br/>                     ESB: 1 offr.                                      5.<br/>                          4 ORs.                                      <u>5.</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">140.</p> |                  | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 10px;">                     x      APD      x<br/>                          11.      <br/>                          'A'      <br/>                     Capt W. M. ANGUS.<br/>                     x                      x                 </div> <p>One rifle coy.                      136.<br/>                     RAE Recce party.                      3.<br/>                     ESB: 1 offr.                                      5.<br/>                          4 ORs.                                      <u>5.</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">144.</p> |                  | 284..               |

x. ESB Beach Recce and Sigs to land in first wave.



L E F T B E A C H.

WAVE 2.

| 2/17 AUST INF BN.   |  | Total<br>Pers. | 2/15 AUST INF BN.  |   | Total<br>Pers. | Wave 2<br>Total<br>Pers. |
|---|--|----------------|--|---|----------------|--------------------------|
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">                     ICI<br/>'B'<br/>Capt T.C.SHELDON.<br/>24.                 </div> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">                     ICI<br/>'C'<br/>Capt J. DINNING.<br/>23.                 </div> |                | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">                     ICI<br/>'B'<br/>Capt E. McN. CHRISTIE.<br/>22.                 </div> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">                     ICI<br/>'C'<br/>Maj S. NEWCOMBE<br/>21.                 </div> |                |                          |
| One rifle coy & att.  | 130.   |                | One rifle coy & att.   | 130.  |                |                          |
| Elements HQ Coy & Bn HQ (Duplicate)   | 42.  |                | Elements HQ Coy & Bn HQ.   | 45.   |                |                          |
| Bde Sigs.   | 1.   |                | Bde Sigs.  | 2.  |                |                          |
| Sh Fire Control party.  | 9.   |                | Sh Fire Control party.   | 9.  |                |                          |
| RAA Recce party. Fd.  | 8.   |                | RAA Recce party A.A.   | 4.  |                |                          |
| RAA FOO "   | 5.   |                | RAA FOO "  | 5.  |                |                          |
|   |  |                | Bde IO.  | 1.  |                |                          |
|   | <u>195.</u>  |                |  | <u>196.</u>   |                |                          |
|   |  | <u>195.</u>    |  |   | <u>194.</u>    |                          |
|   |  | <u>390.</u>    |  |   | <u>390.</u>    | <u>780</u>               |

LEFT BEACH.

WAVE 3.

| 2/17 AUST INF BN.  |             | Total Pers.          | 2/15 AUST INF BN.  |  | Total Pers.  | Wave 3 Total Pers.   |             |
|--|-------------|----------------------|--|--|--|----------------------|-------------|
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     ICI<br/>'D'<br/>Capt G.C. REED.<br/>34.                 </div> |             |                      | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     ICI<br/>Lt-Col HOUSTON.<br/>33.                 </div> |  |  |                      |             |
|  |             |                      |  | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     ICI<br/>Capt B. WILLIAMS.<br/>32.                 </div> |  |                      |             |
|  |             |                      |  |  | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                     ICI<br/>'D'<br/>Capt L. SNELL<br/>31.                 </div> |                      |             |
| One rifle coy & att.   | 130.        | HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.  | 30.  | HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.  | 29.  | One rifle coy & att. | 130.        |
| Elements HQ Coy.   | 45.         | Bde Sigs.            | 20.  | Bde Sigs.  | 22.  | Elements HQ Coy.     | 51.         |
| RAE.   | 20.         | HQ Gd Pl.            | 21.  | HQ Gd Pl.  | 21.  | RAE Recce party.     | 10.         |
|  |             | Lt ADS.              | 35.  | RAE Recce party  | 10.  |                      |             |
|  |             | Beach Sigs det.      | 20.  | Lt ADS.  | 35.  |                      |             |
|  |             | RAA.                 | 48.  | Beach Sigs det.  | 20.  |                      |             |
|  |             | Div "Q" Recce party. | 3.   | Div "G" Recce party.   | 13.  |                      |             |
|  |             | Comd party.          | 5.   | Ram AA "   | 12.  |                      |             |
|  |             | arty LO party.       | 9.   | Div "Q" " "  | 9.   |                      |             |
|  |             | MG LO. "             | 2.   | 2/23 Bn " "  | 6.   |                      |             |
|  |             | Div LO.              | 1.   | Fd Coy HQ.   | 16.  |                      |             |
|  |             |                      |  | Comd 2/4 Aust Lt AA  | 1.   |                      |             |
|  | <u>195.</u> |                      | <u>194.</u>  | <u>191.</u>  | <u>191.</u>  | <u>191.</u>          | <u>385.</u> |
|  |             |                      | <u>389.</u>  |  |  |                      | <u>774</u>  |

LEFT BEACH.

WAVE 4.

2 LCM of E. S. B.

Leading elements and first priority eqpt of Sh Bn for commencement of Beach Maintenance Area.

|   |   |                      |  |  |    | <u>WAVE 5.</u>   |  |                      |  |  |  |
|---|---|----------------------|--|--|----|--|--|----------------------|--|--|--|
|   |   |                      |  |  |    | <u>Total Pers.</u>   |  |                      |  |  |  |
| <pre> : : : : : :   I C T   : :   44.     : : : : : :                     </pre>                    |   |                      | <pre> : : : : : :   I C T   : :   43.     : : : : : :                     </pre> |  |    | <pre> : : : : : :   I C T   : :   42.     : : : : : :                     </pre>                         |  |                      |  |  |  |
| <u>To incl:-</u>  | <u>Pers:-</u>   |                      | <u>To incl:-</u>   | <u>Pers:-</u>                          |    | <u>To incl:-</u>   | <u>Pers:-</u>  |                      |  |  |  |
| RAA )<br>RAE ) Eqpt.  | RAA )<br>RAE ) Pers.  |                      | RAA )<br>RAE ) Eqpt.   | RAA )<br>RAE ) Pers.                   |    | RAA )<br>RAE ) Eqpt.   | RAA )<br>RAE ) pers.   |                      |  |  |  |
| 2/17 Bn.<br>2 x Jeeps.<br>2 x 2-prs.<br>2 x Jeeps (W/T & Bn)<br>1 x Jeep (ADS)<br>2 x Jungle carts. | 2/17 Bn.<br>Drs Jeeps.<br>2 ORs per 2-pr.<br>"Q" Pers.<br>AAMC. Dr. | 4.<br>4.<br>2.<br>1. | Bde HQ.<br>4 x Jeeps.<br>2 x trailers.<br>1 x Jungle cart.                       | Bde HQ.<br>Drs Jeeps.<br>ORs.<br>Sigs. |    | 2/15 Bn.<br>2 x 2-prs (lt)<br>2 x Jeeps.<br>3 x 2 x Jeeps (W/T&Bn)<br>1 x Jeep ADS.<br>2 x Jungle carts. | 2/15 Bn.<br>Drs Jeeps.<br>2ORs per 2-pr.<br>"Q" Pers.<br>AAMC. Dr. | 4.<br>4.<br>2.<br>1. |  |  |  |
|   |   | 11.                  |  |  | 7. |  |  | 11. 32.              |  |  |  |

NOTES ON EXERCISE COCONUT

## GENERAL

1. Troops worked well.
2. Conditions very similar may be expected, however-  
Terrain almost certainly easier :-
  - (a) beach surface much the same
  - (b) wider beach with fewer trees near beach
  - (c) no surf
  - (d) immediately inland of beach the going was much the same, possibly firmer, certainly less far to go to reach good ground
3. The disadvantages resulting from the lack of a Joint HQ, or of adequate attachment of senior staff officers to other Services HQs was apparent.
4. H Hour was not promulgated before embarkation. It should be, otherwise there is risk of some craft and ships not knowing it - especially as wireless silence will be necessary and light signals will not be possible after dark.  
H Hour; how can it be altered if an emergency arises, it will have to be, in any case, after the landing if true H Hour is not achieved.
5. Synchronisation of watches and ships time NOT achieved. This fault probably had its origin in the lack of a Joint Signal Instruction. X
6. Identification of beaches by A, C planes H Minus 15 was planned in Operation Orders. This is likely to be very chancy. Will not be possible if a dawn landing is made. Some other arrangements essential, since identification of beaches from 5 to 6000 yards out is very difficult. - Can DD or APDs close right in to the beach, or can some other craft do so?  
At dawn small craft may make an error when running in over 5000 yards.  
A fast craft will achieve our object.
7. Smoke plan did not seem adequate. It was in fact forgotten and ALO was left to arrange something.  
It would seem that smoke is likely to be most valuable after the initial landing. Adequate control will be needed, also prior planning.
8. Security. Appears generally to have been good. 20 Aust Inf Bde was reported on favourably in this respect.

If any doubt  
about air  
eliminate shopping

EMBARKATION

1. 20 Aust Inf Bde staff organisation worked well, and bn arrangements went through smoothly. Bde Tpt Offr watched all bde loading.

2. 26 Aust Inf Bde orders to units rather late on issue.

3. 2/13 and 2/23 Aust Inf Bns had good Standing Orders for amphibious operations.

2/13 and 2/15 Aust Inf Bns had a good embarkation procedure.

4. Personnel attached must be conversant with the parent unit's embarkation table and know the number of their craft.

Nominal rolls must be prepared and produced for everyone. Many rolls were missing. The collection and collation of these rolls requires better organising. They must be accurate.

~~2/13~~ 2/15 ?  
5/23

9 Aust Div Recce Party embarked in wrong craft, instead of 32)

The RAF Recce Party for craft No. 32 was different in each practice and for the exercise.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn embarked in LCI 27 only to find that the senior officer of the wave had moved to LCI 25

5. When ships carry elements of various units a co-ordinating conference of seniors of each group prior to embarkation is desirable. In such a case, it is essential to have an embarkation staff (with guides) for large craft (LST).

No prior embarkation arrangements were made with craft.

6. Liaison between CG Troops and offrs of ships and craft varied greatly. In the case of LST 123 this was excellent and all went smoothly.

In case of two FOO parties these were nearly left behind.

7. Loading plans for LST and LCT are essential. Good loading will put vehicles on to both decks of LST alternately in correct order.

Personnel who load should also unload the craft.

8. Generally, embarkation arrangements worked fairly well.

(a) Personnel Assembly Areas and embarkation

Better working required.

Provosts should be fully instructed and posted.

Nominal rolls should be collected at Assembly Areas and checked by OC Troops or assistant at the gangway.

There should never be any need for men to wade on board. Gangplanks should be held ready on the beaches to bridge water gaps. ✓

(b) Vehicle embarkation

Assembly Area arrangements should be improved :-

- (i) Vehicles require a proper embarkation slip showing - No of craft - No of ramp for loading - Serial No and position in craft loading diagram - certificate of "passed inspection".
- (ii) Each vehicle to carry a Serial No on windscreen
- (iii) Driver to know details of his slip
- (iv) An LAD should be available for last minute minor repairs.

*Written slip to all  
 No - craft  
 Ramp  
 Serial number  
 for embarkation in  
 order.*

(c) Stores Loading

No OC Troops were present at loading of stores. No plans of loading had been made out. As a result stores nearest the ramp were taken and loaded anywhere convenient in the craft. There was no check on what had been loaded.

9. Suggested improvements to Embarkation arrangements:

Two control centres along the beach line, connected by telephone. One to be a Main Control Centre and connected by telephone to TQPS :-

- (a) line to Assembly Areas
- (b) line to intermediate TQPS along routes.

All centres to be clearly marked. A Naval Officer to be on duty (this was done).

EMBARKATION (Ctd)

10. Reserve LCT should be held ready to replace breakdowns - two craft never sailed.

11. Lifbelts. Short in probably all cases - reports have been called for.

LST 121 - 200 short

LST 125 - 166 short (in this ship tickets were given to men for places on rafts while non-swimmers were given a priority issue of life-belts. Lack of lifbelts is normally never acceptable.)

12. Other points

- (a) RE ramp construction greatly delayed all except one LST loading. Ramps were not necessary.
- (b) Skid chains were missing on most vehicles.
- (c) Many vehicles had lights and horns still connected.
- (d) Loads on sledges in most cases were not properly lashed down or covered.
- (e) The number of sledges available was insufficient. They should be allotted to units.
- (f) Once on board many vehicles, guns and sledges were not secured for sea.
- (g) Stores were inadequately covered. Tarpaulins are essential.

13. Troops on board generally conducted themselves very well. They should however be warned to keep bunks, living spaces and "heads" clean.

VOYAGE

- 1. Little seasickness in 26 Aust Inf Bde.
- 2. Coffee given in some ships was much appreciated. Some craft were most helpful, especially the APDs over preparing food and tea for troops, some were not. APD arrangements for the troops were excellent. LCI galleys must be made available for the troops who should, in landing craft, have a right to their use. It may be necessary to put hot boxes of food and drink on board.

Troops require instruction in ships orders and in emergency drills. Most ships organised this, but not all did so. ✓

Men also require instruction in putting on lifebelts.

4. Blackout restrictions in draft were good. One exception noted -

In LST 126 the blackout was bad. Matches were left open and smoking allowed everywhere. Also in this ship no First Aid Posts were established although a doctor and Fd Amb personnel were on board.

FINAL APPROACH

ASSAULT

BOMBARD AND STRAFFING

- 0540 Ships off shore seen clearly
- 0638 First wave beached
- 0642 Strafing of beaches began
- 0644 Second wave - ICI - beached.
  - 0649 First ICI away
  - 0651 Last ICI away
- 0652 Third wave - ICI - beached
- 0710 ESB shore party contacted ship by V/S ✓
- 0713 Fifth wave - 8/25 Aust Inf Bn and Bde HQ - beached.
- 0749 Two LST with ESB - beached
- 0830 (approx) Tactically loaded LST beached. (waves Y3 and R4)
- 0829 Twelfth wave - LST - beached

*Red flare or landing ??*

*Very possible for officers in caaft ??*

2. Although destroyers ran in close to beach at H minus 15 they subsequently conducted the bombardment from 5 - 6000 yards out.

Against such a target, with little or no aiming mark, accurate fire on the beach-line is impossible.



FINAL APPROACH (Ctd)

3. Air Traffing

(a) Safety precautions on the beach and in early craft are essential.

(In any case is the whole of 5 AF being informed of our operation prior to H)

(b) An alternative plan in the event of air straffing not materialising is necessary.

4. Ships at present lie too far out. Seems unlikely heavy enemy armament need be expected. Bombardment and control ships should close the beach. They can then control shelling, straffing and smoke.

5. Initial assault very weak. Unarmoured boats, few of them, no close support. Men were bunched and very visible in craft.

Can more craft be produced, or can LCT join in the assault carrying guns and MGs and infantry?

Can SC and other craft close right in to the beach?

In any case AA flak craft appear necessary, while close inshore protective craft will be invaluable after D Day. Cannot LCT be used for all these roles, stores being carried in LST?

6. Japs have in the past allowed the first wave to land and fired on the second wave. If close support small craft are made available they can cover second and subsequent waves by fire or with smoke.

7. Men were slow out of first and second wave LCI. Kept under cover too long on this occasion. In one case the bow of an LCI jammed in a tree

8. LCI captains did not know beach markings,

9. LCI landed 2/17 Aust Inf Bn in amongst 2/15 Aust Inf Bn and this caused delay and confusion.

10. 2 pr guns in one craft had no crew.

*No smoke from  
craft except on  
orders ~~of~~ ship  
Pointing <sup>gun</sup> or flanker  
to be marked by flags  
~~Can't do it~~  
smoke ashore*

*No far sight markers!!*

*[Handwritten signature]*

BEACH AREA ORGANIZATION

1. Handicapped from the start by failure of ESB to arrive on time and by shortage of equipment.

Unloading of craft proceeded without direction from the beaches with consequent confusion.

There was little organisation before 0900 hrs.

2. Some beach marks inadequate, ought to show clearly to seaward.

3. Extreme right beach mark confused the issue. Even the two LCI (29 and 74) beached outside extreme right limit.

*Eliminate it in early stage*

4. Marking of LST landing places - recce required before ships come in. There are too many marks on the beach and too many craft are trying to use the beach at the same time. The most efficient way to beach large craft is to order them in by wireless when the beach is ready to receive them.

5. First ESB beach parties only had V/S equipment. The lamps took far too long to set up - through at 0710.

Aldis lamps will work better. Wireless should be landed initially.

6. Men must be moved away clear of the beach:-  
0729 Over 1000 men were concentrated on the beach.  
0900 Probably over 2000.

Provosts must clear the beaches, they need practice.

7. 26 Aust Inf Bde, and 2/13 Aust Inf Bn swamped the beach, which was not ready to receive them, nor were guides in place. There had been no time for recce or beach organisation. Even if ESB had arrived they would not have had time to organise themselves on the beach, with the result that the area would probably have been equally congested.

*Men must not straggle along in single file*

The waves came in too quickly - safety on shore, as opposed to on the water, does not follow if 1000 men are crammed into an area 1000 yards by 30 yards.

Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde met Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde.

8. LST stuck in sand might have been unloaded by LCG or even LCT. ✓

9

9. Beach defences. Protective detachments very "pinched" near beaches. Generally, organisation was bad.

~~Now~~ Now coordinated interdependently

37 mm badly sited. In some cases behind own troops, in one case 20 yards behind a hill. ✓

10. AA must NOT dig in on a beach until organisation is fully fixed. Crest holes block traffic.

AA ESB guns out to dig in early

11. Much promiscuous tree cutting. Felled trees only block the road especially if stump remains. ✓

12 Pns worked extremely well and unloading was quick.

ESB stores handling personnel also worked very well.

There was unnecessary double dumping of stores when one, longer, carry would have sufficed.

~~Part~~ Part of beach is first nature

All pns should land carrying their tools.

1. It is essential to wait until roads are in fit state to take traffic before unloading vehicles.

5. Concentrate first on short tracks to dumps deckboarding with dumping surfaces of mats deckboards and wire mesh. Cross the beach at once. later take a traverse road.

INTERCOMN

1. Synchronisation of watches was very bad. It must be ensured that all ships chronometers are synchronised if military watches are to be set by them. (Ships clocks, as opposed to chronometers, are not necessarily accurate).
2. Telephone lines inland from the beaches were well and quickly laid. Telephone comms were good.
3. Lines laid along the beach were laid on the ground and quickly cut up; they must be raised well off ground.
4. Sigs between RED and YELLOW poor. Only W/T throughout, which was installed 0815 hrs, and faded 1030 hrs.  
Even when No. 11 Set sent over could not R/T.
5. Interference excessive - need for joint Sig Instructions. There is in some quarters an idea that naval comms are a separate entity.
6. Exhaustion of W/T batteries.
7. Failure of No 208 set.
8. Some W/T sets were well protected by wrapping in gas capes and carrying in packs.

*All units should adopt -*

TACTICAL

1. Div HQ "lost" inland. Although position gave fine view of bay gave nothing else.

All traffic will find its way to the beach, better for Div to be there.

. HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde moved at once to bde assembly area, out-ran 2/17 Aust Inf Bn and so ~~did~~ left flank until 2/17 Aust Inf Bn arrived. Control until 0845.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde appeared to land too early. 35 mins not long enough for 20 Aust Inf Bde to mop up.

3. CO at YELLOW BEACH had no information from Bde during the operation. Re-embarkation orders reached him one hour late.

4. Contact patrols from 2/15 and 2/13 Aust Inf Bns missed each other. No contact was made, though 2/13 Aust Inf Bn patrol passed through 2/15 Aust Inf Bn front.

5. Men were too heavily loaded. 150 rds SAA were carried, also 8 mortars per bn, but it is thought that the rations form the greater encumbrance.

In all earlier amphibious operations the overloading of the men has been a major criticism

16. Concentrate first on one road. Duckboards, string, mesh.

Do not allow vehicles on until ready.

17. Duck-boarding and mats or canvas put under ARC mesh netting (over undergrowth trimmings) will make a good temporary road on soft mud.

18. Less mechanical stuff on beach.

19. Road making

20. Danger of trees jamming craft doors if come in too far.

Clearance may be necessary.

21. Unit beach signs were in some cases inadequate and could not be seen clearly.

Signal offices must be marked.

Put signs up in trees where they can be seen otherwise dumps get built around them

MEDICAL

1. Areas for MDS and CGS should be laid down in advance.

2. Stretcher bearers with bns cannot compete in the thick country. They will need reinforcing.

3. Stretchers are deficient.

4. The medical LST ship did not show its Geneva cross, after initial unloading, as had been arranged.

This must not be done at expense of fighting efficiency of unit. Soldiers must not be allowed off duty to carry wounded. Reorganise SB to be correct

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- SINGAUA Plantation Locality Sketch "H"
- Overprint - 1 inch series SHEETS LAE-FINSCHHAFEN "J"
- 1 : 25000 Series LAE-HEATHS-NADZAB "K", "K1", "K2"

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR POSTERN OPERATION

- Ref Maps : (a) South coast, HUON Peninsula, 1 in to 1 mile, published by US Engrs with additional annotations by GSI NGF, (NADZAB, LAE, MONGI River Sheets).  
(b) LAE 3508 1:25,000 Series

TOPOGRAPHY (for detailed information see Appx 'A')

1. Seaward Approaches

It is easy for ships up to 10,000 tons to approach the coast almost anywhere from HOPOI to LAE, but suitable anchorages are few owing to the depth of water.

The following places are recommended:-

- (a) Off BULU Plantation.
- (b) SE of APO Fishing Village.
- (c) At SINGAUA Plantation, anywhere 500 yards from the beach: two places usually used are 500 yards off shore south of rubber area near east end and 500 yards off shore south of Copra shed. (See Map Appx 'H').
- (d) Close-to off MALAHANG.

Profiles of beaches at HOPOI, BUSU River to SINGAUA and MALAHANG are attached (Appx 'B').

2. Landing Places

The most suitable landing places appear to be:-

- (a) At BULU Plantation from 988398 to 952396 (marked 'C' on attached map - Appx 'J')
- (b) At SINGAUA Plantation from 943430 to 820428. There is a small reef some 100 yards offshore and opposite the bungalow near the western side of the plantation. In view of this and the fact that the beach is within 13,000 yards of the guns around the MALAHANG airfield it does not seem as suitable as (a).

At both the above places there is easy access from the beach to the coastal track at any point. However the plantations themselves are probably badly overgrown and movement through them may be very difficult.



### 3. Tracks

There are two main routes from east to west:-

- (a) The foot track (1 to 5 feet wide) along the coast. It runs near to or on the beach from HOPOI to the BUSU River. From the BUSU there are tracks passable to MT to LAE, as well as the continuation of the coastal foot track.
- (b) An inland foot track from HOPOI via BUSO, ALUKI, APO, TALI, MUSOM and a village at 808462. From here there is a possible route around the foothills to the SANKWEP River and so to GAWAN and MUSOM (6855). There are connections from BULU and SINGAUA Plantations to this route at BUSO and west of MUSOM (827460) respectively. The track is probably overgrown and it may be easier to move through the jungle on either side.

In addition, there are the following tracks in the area:-

- (a) From MUSOM (8346) northwards to MOMALILI. This track connects with what is believed to be one of the two main routes from FINSCHHAFEN to LAE used by the enemy.
- (b) A possible easy route, but no known track, from the mouth of the BUREP River upstream to 749490, thence across the level and mostly open country to the SANKWEP and BUSU Rivers, and so to GAWAN and MUSOM.
- (c) From the mouth of the BUSU up the left bank to the SANKWEP thence up the right bank of this stream to GAWAN.
- (d) From MALAHANG airfield to MUSOM. This track runs near the right bank of the BUSU and crosses at 686545 by a cane bridge.  
(This bridge was known to exist in Jan 43 and has probably been maintained by the Japanese.)

### 4. Vegetation

The coastal plain is covered with dense rain forest interspersed with occasional plantations and frequent kunai grass areas. The hill country behind is dense rain forest.

### 5. Hills

The principal hill features of tactical importance are:-

- (a) A spur in 7848 and 7849. This is some 500 feet high and commands the low country between it and LAE.

- (b) The spurs SE of MUSOM (about 7054) and west of the BUSU (about 6554 and 6654).
- (c) The SE end of ATZERA Range (Upper half of 10,000 metre-square 64) rising to 600 ft,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles north of JACOBSEN'S.
- (d) Mt LUNUMAN. This is some 500 ft high and is between LAE airfield and the BUMBU River.

6. Obstacles.

(a) Rivers:

BUSU - Near the mouth it is usually easy to cross on foot (average max depth 3 feet) in normal weather; in flood crossing is extremely difficult (maximum depth  $5\frac{1}{2}$  ft) and is impassable for loaded men. Higher upstream it may be possible to ford the river in about Squares 7145 and 7146. Possible bridging sites in Squares 7047, 7048, 7049.

BUMBU  
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- BUIEM) may be encountered during flood.
- BUNGA)
- BUREP)

Other streams are fordable on foot at all times.

(b) Vegetation:

Movement through the rain forest is difficult and usually involves cutting. Movement of troops would be slow. (2 m p h may be possible if there is an adequate cutting party ahead.) There are however frequent patches of open kunai country on the coastal plain and especially either side of the BUSU. Movement across these kunai patches is thought to be harder than through the jungle until the leading party has formed a track.

(c) Tracks:

Lack of adequate tracks restricts all movement. It is considered that improvement of these tracks to take even Jeep traffic would involve a great deal of work and special provision should be made beforehand.

(d) Meteorological Conditions:

Rain may be expected throughout the period May to Oct - maximum monthly falls usually Aug-Sep - average 21 and 18 rainy days respectively. In these months therefore movement on all

tracks except the coastal one will be difficult and maintenance of the tracks will be a problem. The coastal track is on sandy soil and is quite passable on foot in all weathers. However it is usually easier to cross the rivers during the period of heavy rains - Jul to Oct - since the water runs off quickly and often directly to the sea. At other times heavy storms in the hills behind are more liable to cause floods and the BUSU may be impassable for short periods.

## INSTALLATIONS

### 7. Airfields

- (a) There is one airfield at LAE and another at MALAHANG. Locations are shown on map attached (Appx 'C').
- (b) Details of the LAE airfield giving size, capacity and major defensive installations are shown on sketch attached as Appx 'D'.
- (c) Latest reports of the MALAHANG airfield state that it is covered with grass but is quite usable. Size of airfield and location of known defences are shown on Appx 'D'. These defences are being further developed.

### 8. LAE Defences

- (a) Attached as Appx 'C' is a map showing known prepared defensive positions at LAE.
- (b) These defences consist of a series of strongposts tactically sited in the form of a perimeter. As a result of the original necessity for AA defence, the largest concentration is centred around LAE airfield and Japanese HQ located in the TERRACE area. Interpretation of latest air photographs shows that extensive field works are being constructed along this perimeter.
- (c) There is a strong outpost position at HEATH'S PLANTATION approximately eight miles to the NW along MARKHAM VALLEY Road. (See inset on map attached, Appx 'C'). This outpost covers the approach to LAE from this direction.

## ENEMY FORCES

### 9. Estimated Enemy Strength

An estimate of enemy strength by units with their probable fire power is set out in table attached as Appx 'E'. For purposes of comparison details of probable weapons, derived from photographic interpretation and aircraft sighting reports, are also included.

10. Supplies

Enemy shipping has been denied entrance to LAE since Jan 43, and he has been driven to the expedient of moving supplies into the area by barge and submarine. Until three months ago reports indicated that his supply situation was serious. Since then the position has certainly improved, but it is considered that there would be some deficiencies in the event of a prolonged full scale attack.

11. MORALE

- (a) Most of the base troops at LAE have been in the area for some time and have been subjected to continued air attacks.
- (b) The knowledge that the arrival of reinforcements is at present hazardous, together with the critical position at SALAMAUA is probably causing apprehension among all troops.
- (c) It is likely however, that they may have been informed of the intention to relieve them by moving a large force overland from MADANG.
- (d) The exhortation to hold out until this force arrives will no doubt be fulfilled with characteristic stubbornness.

TOPOGRAPHICAL DEDUCTIONS

- (a) It appears that the beach off BULU Plantation is most suitable for the establishment of a beachhead. There is a possible though exposed anchorage and it is possible to move from the beach to the plantation area behind at any point. Both tracks could be used and the passage of rivers east of SINGAUA Plantation will not present great difficulty.
- (b) After crossing the BUNGA River the inland track swings NW to MUSOM, but it is probable that except after heavy rain the BUSU can be forded between points 'X' & 'Y' marked on map (Appx 'J').
- (c) Tanks could operate in the comparatively open country on either side of the BUSU, but it is unlikely they would be able to ford the river at any point except near the mouth, and here only with difficulty.
- (d) Bridging equipment is required to enable MT and AFV's to cross most rivers - especially the BUSU - with the possible exception mentioned in (c) above.

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Most of the troops who are thought to be at LAE, have been in the area some time. Awareness of local defeats, inferiority in the air, and the BISMARCK SEA CONVOY'S fate has probably caused a progressive deterioration in morale. 3 Bn, 21 Regt is, however, still considered to be first class and there is little doubt that all troops in the area would fight with their characteristic stubbornness in defence.

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- (b) Against an attack from the east it is within the enemy's power to offer resistance along the line of the BUSU, based on MALAHANG airfield. Successful defence here would also block the main route from the MUSOM area.
- (c) Against an attack from the NW the first prepared positions known to exist are from EMERY'S to JACOBSEN'S. The right flank of these positions rests on the BUMBU. Movement against these positions from the north is dependent upon control of ATZERA Ridge (See map Appx 'K').
- (d) The enemy's estimated strength in field troops does not permit him to fight a serious engagement more than a short distance in front of his prepared positions.

DETAILED TOPOGRAPHICAL INFORMATIONHOPOI to LAE

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1. SEAWARD APPROACHES

Depths throughout the HUON GULF are great, and usually extend so close inshore that anchorage further than half a mile from the beach is impracticable in most places. Anchorage closer inshore than  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile may be dangerous due to sudden squalls which would cause possible dragging of anchors during the SE season.

Known anchorages suited to all vessels are available at the following points:-

- (a) Off BULU Plantation.
- (b) SE of APO Fishing Village.
- (c) At SINGAUA Plantation anywhere 500 yards from the beach. Two places usually used are 500 yards offshore south of the Rubber Area near east end, and 500 yards offshore south of Copra Shed.
- (d) Close to, off MALAHANG.

2. DESCRIPTION OF COASTLINE : BUHEM RIVER TO LAE

(For Beach Profiles at HOPOI, BUSU River to SINGAUA and MALAHANG, see attached Appendix ('B')).

(a) Section BULU Plantation and vicinity

Beach A - From the mouth of the BUHEM River to the point at 000387 the beach is pebbly and open, comparatively wide (20 to 30 feet at high tide) and easily traversed on foot. The shoreline is backed by mangroves and tall timber, which approach to the edge of the beach.

Several easily forded streams enter the sea over this section.

In the small bay about 025389 possible reef obstruction to landing exists about 100 yards offshore.

Beach B - From the point at 000387 NW for approximately 1,800 yards, the narrow black sand beach is backed by dense mangroves which extend up to 600 yards inland.

Beach C - From point 987397 a good beach of black sand extends westward for approximately 4,000 yards past the BULU Plantation to approximately 955395.

Over the first section of about 400/500 yards the beach is backed by an old village coconut plantation. From there westward to the eastern edge of BULU Plantation rain forest occurs behind the beach line and then, at the plantation, coconuts are found. Over the last section of about 700 yards a fringe of mangrove swamp approximately 20 yards in depth backs the beach.

Although exposed to the SE, anchorage for vessels drawing up to 15 feet is available about 300 yards offshore at BULU Plantation, and approach by craft drawing up to 3 feet of water to within 30 or 40 feet of the beach is possible over the section  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 miles east and west of the plantation. Flat bottomed craft may run up to the beach edge.

Beach D - From point 955395 to the mouth of the BUSO River the beach is of black sand and shingle, but becomes pebbly and stony over the later stages towards the mouth of the river.

The beach is backed by a narrow fringe of mangroves interspersed with coconuts.

(b) Coastline, SE from APO Fishing Village

The beach is narrow, of black sand and shingle, but is not steep to. It is about 4,000 yards in length and extends from approximately 896412 NW to approximately 863432 and backed, for the greater part of its length, by a belt of mangrove swamp varying from 200 to 600 yards in depth.

Anchorage about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile offshore and SE of APO Fishing Village is available in 3-4 fathoms.

The three fathom line is about 400/500 yards offshore and vessels drawing up to three feet may approach to within 40 feet of the beach without grounding.

A measure of protection from SE weather is afforded this landing place by the direction of the coast over this section and the occurrence of a shore reef which extends in a SW direction to seaward from the point at 896406. The section of beach given above is exclusive of this shore reef, which would prevent the approach close to of landing craft.

From 863432 westward to the mouth of the BUIEM River may be excluded from consideration due to the existence of a shore reef which extends over part of that section and the swamp which backs the last 400/500 yards of that area of SINGAUA Plantation east of the BUIEM River.



(c) SINGAUA Plantation and Westward to BUNGA River Mouth

The beach is of black sand and gravel, average width 30 yards at low tide and 10/20 yards at high tide. It varies in gradient from approximately 1/11 to 1/3 with deep water close to. As such, it is suitable for the close approach of landing craft.

The shoreline is backed in part by a fringe of swamp about 100/150 yards wide covered with water waist high. Swamp backs the first 1,000 yards, then a section of 200 yards of dry land occurs in the vicinity of the copra store. The next  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile is backed by swamp and then, westward to the edge of the plantation is dry land to the beach edge covered by coconuts.

Westward to the BUNGA River mouth the beach changes little; there are no known obstructions offshore, rain forest backs the beach for the first 400 yards and then a fringe of mangrove swamp extends to the BUNGA River. This section is approximately 2,400 yards in length.

Anchorage about 400 yards offshore opposite the rubber factory and the copra store, are available for vessels up to 2,000 tons in 3 to 4 fathoms. A patch of offshore reef, 3 to 4 feet under water at low tide, is situated about 100 yards offshore SSE of the plantation bungalow site. This reef is a danger to landing craft approaching the beach.

(d) Beach BUREP River to BUSU River Mouth

This section of beach, about 5,000 yards in length, is exposed to the SE. Its direction is from NE to SW.

Composed of black sand and gravel the beach is narrow and steep and is backed by a fringe of dense mangroves which extend up to half a mile inland.

Deep water extends close inshore but the direct effect of strong SE winds would render the handling of landing craft very difficult.

Proximity to the LAE defences constitutes an additional problem.

(e) MALAHANG (BUSU to BUMBU River)

From the BUSU River mouth SW to the BUMBU about 4,000 yards, the beach is at first steep but flattens out from the MALAHANG wreck onwards. It is 20 to 70 yards wide with a fall to seaward over the last ten yards. Beach is backed by a heavy growth of rain forest and occasional swamps. The flat area backing this section of beach would be soft and difficult for foot travel after heavy rain. The BUMBU River delta is backed by rain forest.

Anchorage may be had close inshore - 15 feet of water within 50 yards of the beach and a sharp descent to about 35 feet 250 yards offshore.

Landing craft could go ashore but the SE winds may render handling difficult.

Two tracks suitable for MT traffic connect with MALAHANG Mission but heavy rains would render them boggy. Use of chains would be necessary for MT.

Close proximity to enemy defences would make an unopposed landing unlikely.

- (f) All anchorages and beaches on this coast are exposed to the SE weather and surf up to 4 or 5 feet may occasionally be expected during this season (May to Oct). Flat bottomed lighters, length 30 feet approximately and 7 feet beam, have been swamped close to beaches by breaking seas during a heavy wind. A strong "set" towards LAE typical of this coastline during the SE season is also liable to cause difficulties during unloading operations.

### 3. ROUTES FROM LANDING PLACES TO LAE

(Ref attached map, 1 inch = 1 mile, annotated, Appx 'J')

- (a) Coastal Track
- (b) Inland track from HOPOI via BUSO, APO, MUSOM (Lower), village at 809462, Foothills, GAWAN, MUSOM to MALAHANG.
- (c) Tracks connecting BULU and SINGAUA to Inland Track in (b).
- (d) Suggested route upstream from mouth of BUREP River and thence NW to BUSU River at 700510.

#### (a) Coastal Track

The coastal track follows the line of the shore within the coastal fringe of timber in part but often actually on the beach. Described as a bridle track, it is suitable for foot traffic in all weather; would not be suitable for MT normally but may be improved to take jeeps. Crossing the numerous rivers is the principal difficulty and in flood time may cause delay to foot traffic for short periods. Floods are the result of heavy rains in the hills and are more frequent during the NW season (Nov-Apr) when storms occur. During the SE season, there are occasional floods but they are short-lived. Air photographs taken 10 Jul 43 indicate that flooding has not occurred recently.

The BUSU River would require bridging to allow the passage of MT. Once across the BUSU movement is relatively easy and a route which passes the south end of MALAHANG strip is passable to MT during dry weather. In addition, there is the main connecting road to LAE from the north end of MALAHANG strip. The route

from the BUSU to LAE via the beach is suited to foot traffic and the BUMBU River is easily fordable.

(b) Inland Track from HOPOI via BUSO, APO, MUSOM (Lower), village at 809462, Foothills, GAWAN, MUSOM to MALAHANG

A track from HOPOI via BUSO, thence westward through the villages of ALUKI, APO, TALI, MUSOM (Lower), village at 809462, is known to have existed, but no details are available. This track is probably overgrown. It is considered (ref Lieut W A MONEY, ANGAU) that movement from village at 809462 around the foothills to GAWAN through heavy timber and occasional native gardens would be relatively easy for small parties with a little bush cutting. From GAWAN a known track continues westward to MUSOM and then southward along the line of the BUSU River to MALAHANG. A kunda (cane) bridge crosses the BUSU south of MUSOM.

It is reported that a further track via the left bank of the BUSU River connects with the coastal route near the river mouth.

(c) Tracks connecting BULU and SINGAUA to Inland Track in(b).

Good tracks, probably now overgrown, over normally dry ground from

BULU Plantation and

SINGAUA Plantation

provide access to the through route described in (b). The track from BULU connects with BUSO and the track from SINGAUA connects with the inland route at a point about one mile west of MUSOM (827460).

(d) Suggested route upstream from mouth of BUREP River and thence NW to BUSU River.

Along both banks of the BUREP River there are possible routes inland through the plain country for approximately five miles (to square 7449). From there easy going may be found through several extensive open grass patches or through the rain forest with little bush cutting to the BUSU or SANKWEP Rivers to connect with routes described in (b). It is considered that the initial breaking of tracks through heavy kunai is more difficult than movement through the rain forest.

(e) Track, SINGAUA to MOMALILI

Of interest from the point of view of possible enemy approach southward from his reported FINSCHHAFEN-LAE L of C is the existence of a track which connects MOMALILI and distant inland villages with the coast at SINGAUA Plantation.

No details of this track are available, but examination of air photographs reveals that the country

traversed north of MUSOM is rough and broken. After leaving MUSOM, (838465), the track ascends through the foothills of the RAWLINSON RANGE. Existing maps indicate that the track crosses a series of crests. Of these, the ones in squares 8351 and 8457 are the most pronounced.

#### 4. SOIL AND VEGETATION

Soil on the coastal fringe is generally sandy but changes to a black sandy loam with a top cover of humus, which becomes very sticky during wet weather.

As progress is made inland the ground underfoot becomes drier, but the black soil persists and would, under heavy vehicular traffic, cut up very readily during wet weather. MT was never used on SINGAUA Plantation due to the nature of the soil on the coastal plain, but it is considered that MT tracks, if located further inland around the base of the foothills, would stand up to traffic.

Vegetation may be classified as :

- (a) Dense rain forest, which covers the greatest proportion of the area and renders movement difficult without bush cutting.
- (b) Open grass country which occurs in patches. Movement is difficult initially and no cover is available.
- (c) Secondary growth, which occurs on the sites of abandoned native gardens and due to the density of growth in advanced stages renders foot travel without extensive bush cutting very difficult.
- (d) Coconut plantation areas, which occur at several points along the coast and usually indicate the presence of drier land. Where they have been neglected, plantations are not easily traversable due to undergrowth, but tracks could be easily cleared.

#### 5. RIVERS AND SWAMPS

Of the coastal rivers concerned, the BUSU presents the most serious obstacle to approach to LAE from the east. This stream drains an extensive watershed and as a result carries a great volume of water, which in its fast-flowing (about 5 knots) course, creates a number of anabranches within a wide bed of rocks, gravel and sand. In its upper reaches the river bed is stony, pebbly further downstream, and sandy over about the last  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile to the mouth.

The river width (main water channel) ranges from 60 feet in the middle reaches to about 120 feet near its mouth. These figures vary according to the volume of water. Floods are infrequent during the SE season and are shortlived. Fording is normally possible when the

depth in midchannel ranges from 3 to 4 feet, but during the flood periods when depths of from 5 to 6 feet have been known it is dangerous. Crossings are usually made at or near the river mouth but, if that is impracticable, points up to half a mile upstream may be selected. Bridging would be necessary to allow the passage of MT or AFV's. It is reported that natives employed at the sawmill North of MALAHANG Plantation forded the river between points 712472 and 715460. As for the other rivers, namely the BULU, BUSO, BUIEM, BUNGA, BUREP and several minor watercourses, little difficulty is experienced normally but the BUSO may cause delay during floods. Floods are usually short-lived and occur more frequently during the NW season. Bridging would be necessary to allow the passage of MT.

Coastal swamp areas, which make movement on foot difficult because of their density of undergrowth and depth of water preclude the use of MT in those localities other than on prepared tracks. Breaks do occur in the chain of swamps where movement inland on foot is possible.

6. HILL FEATURES

The coastal plain varies from 2 to 5 miles in width over this area and is almost featureless. The only interruption, MT LUNAMAN (500 feet), is an isolated hill feature, which rises above the "Terrace" and is between the town and the BUMBU River. MT LUNAMAN is a conspicuous landmark and a guide for shipping.

The country rises, at first gradually, from the coastal plain. Within five or six miles of the coast it reaches approximately 800 to 900 feet on the lower slopes of the RAWLINSON and SARUWAGED Ranges. These form the watershed for the coastal rivers in this region.

Of possible tactical importance in the area East of the BUSU River is a spur, which extends SE from the main feature towards the BUNGA River. This spur ends in the high ground in squares 7848 and 7849. The Eastern slopes of this feature may supply defiladed positions for artillery and on the crest, if cleared, there are possible sites for observation posts. The feature attains an altitude of about 800 feet in square 7850.

The spur SE of MUSOM (about 7054) commands the country to the South.

The ATZERA Range forms the divide between tributaries of the BUMBU and the lower MARKHAM Rivers. The feature runs NW from a point about 1,000 yards NW of EMERY's Plantation, where the first ascent from the coastal plain begins. The MARKHAM VALLEY road skirts the SW foothills of the range.

Ascent is fairly rapid after the first 1,500 yards and a height of approximately 600 feet is reached about  $1\frac{3}{4}$  miles NW of JACOBSEN's Plantation. From that point,

NW it rises to the junction with the SARUWAGED Range where heights vary between 8/13,000 feet.

The ATZERA Range is rough, broken and covered by dense rain forest with a change to moss forest over 7,000 feet.

7. NATURAL RESOURCES

Gravel is plentiful in all streams and easily procured - useful for road and track construction. Good timber stands include the well known Kwila and Tauan, both considered excellent for bridging.

8. METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

No detailed data of rainfall East of the BUSU River has been reported, but at SINGAUA Plantation (ref Lieut A M STEWART, late manager) annual fall is approximately 125 to 130 inches.

Recorded rainfall for LAE averages between 150 and 180 inches annually. SE season (May-Oct) is the wet season, with monthly averages between 14 and 21 inches - the maximum usually occurs between Aug and Sep. Average number of rain days for Aug is 21 and for Sep, 18; these figures apply for the SINGAUA area. During the NW season (Nov-Apr) monthly averages vary from 8 to 14 inches (table of monthly averages is attached - Appendix 'D').

The SE wind, which prevails from May to Oct, although not normally of great velocity, is a source of danger to vessels on the lee shore, due to its squally characteristics. Calm conditions usually prevail in the early morning up to about 1000 hours.

For Tidal Information, Moonrise and Moonset, Sunrise and Sunset Tables, see Appendix 'F'.

For Rainfall Data, see Appendix 'G'.

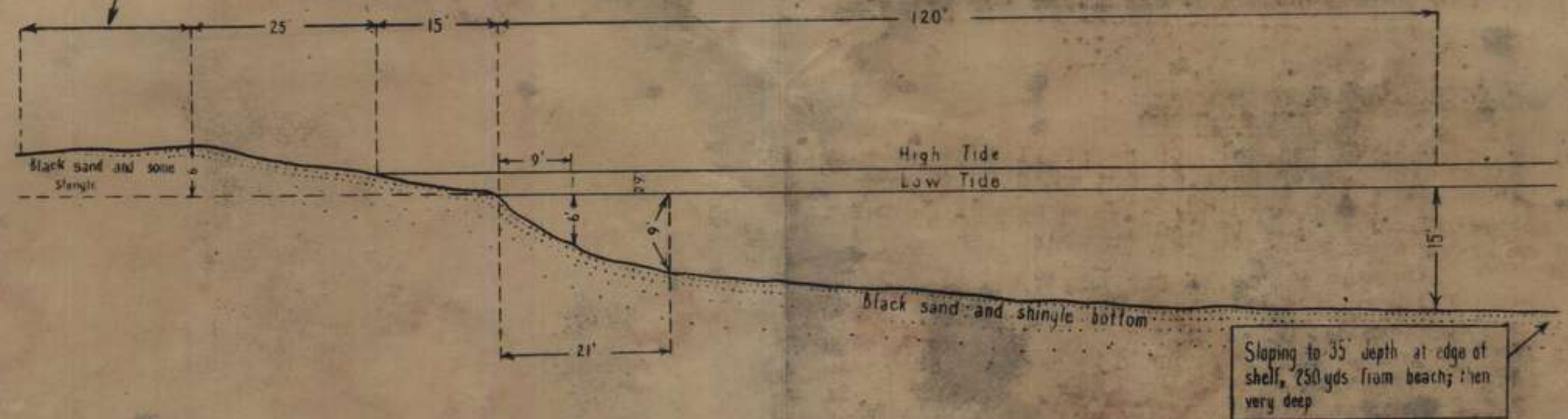
# HOPOI - LAE BEACH PROFILES

20 to 60 yds of level sand with some grass, very light young bush; then 20yds heavy bush then swamp forest about 1ft above high water level.

## PROFILE OF BEACH MALAHANG

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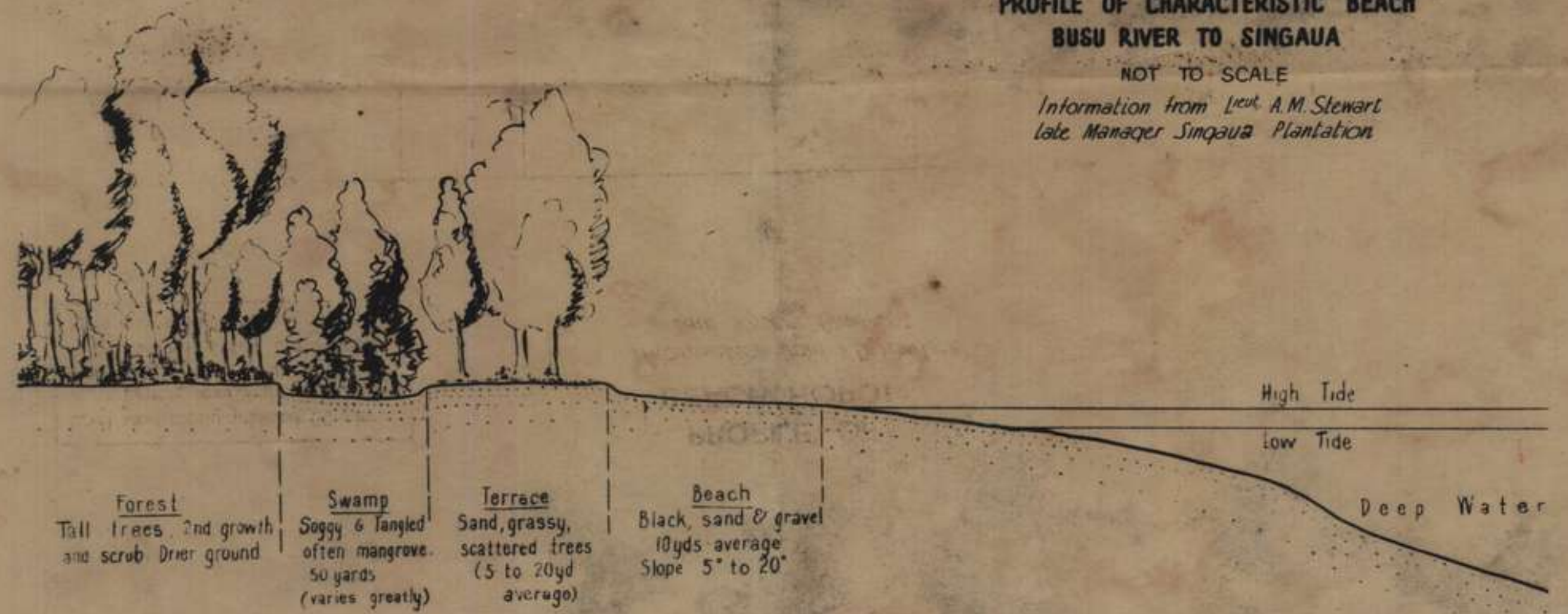
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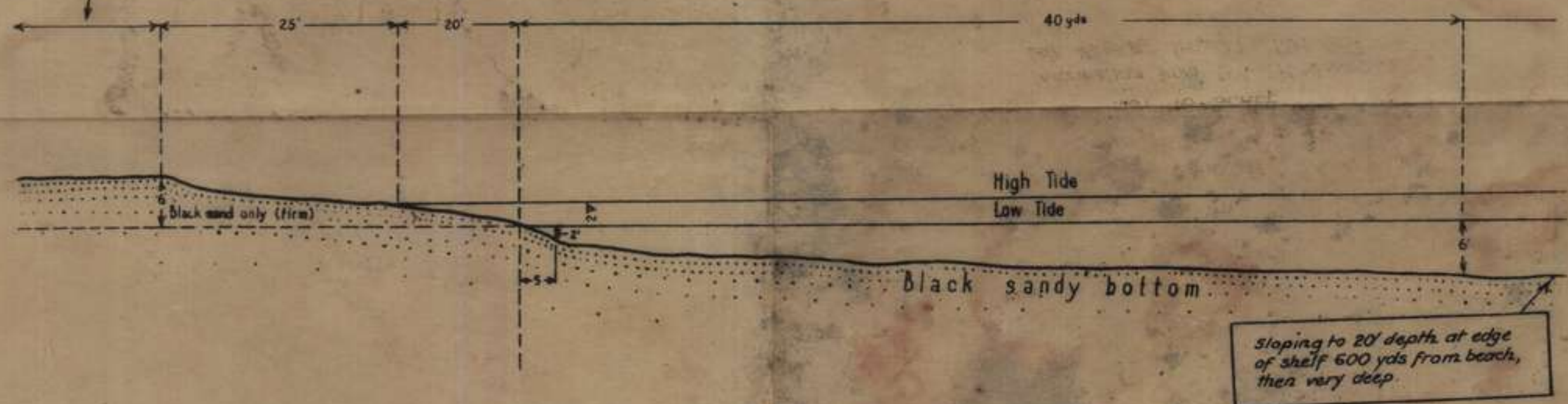
Information from Lieut A.M. Stewart  
late Manager Singaua Plantation



Level sand partly grassed, 50 yds wide centre, less flanks of beach. Then fairly heavy bush. Patches in bush behind beach inclined to be boggy in wet season

## PROFILE OF BEACH HOPOI

Information from V.D. Rohrlack  
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**LAE-MALAHANG DEFENCE AREA SHEET 1**  
 SHOWING ENEMY DEFENCES AS AT 20 JULY

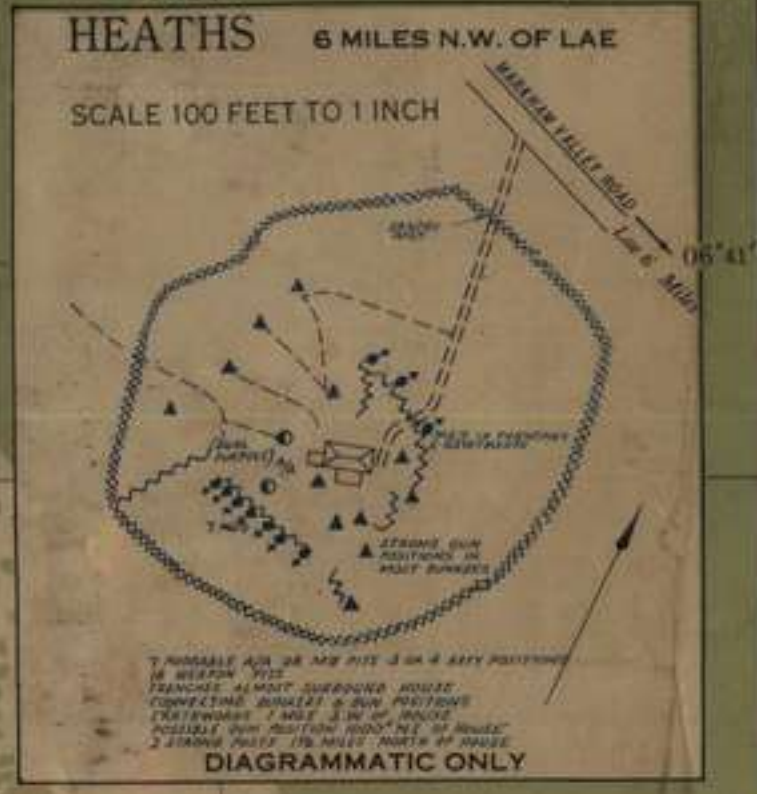
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 SHOWING ENEMY DEFENCES AS AT 20 JULY

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NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES GRID  
 SOUTHERN NEW GUINEA ZONE

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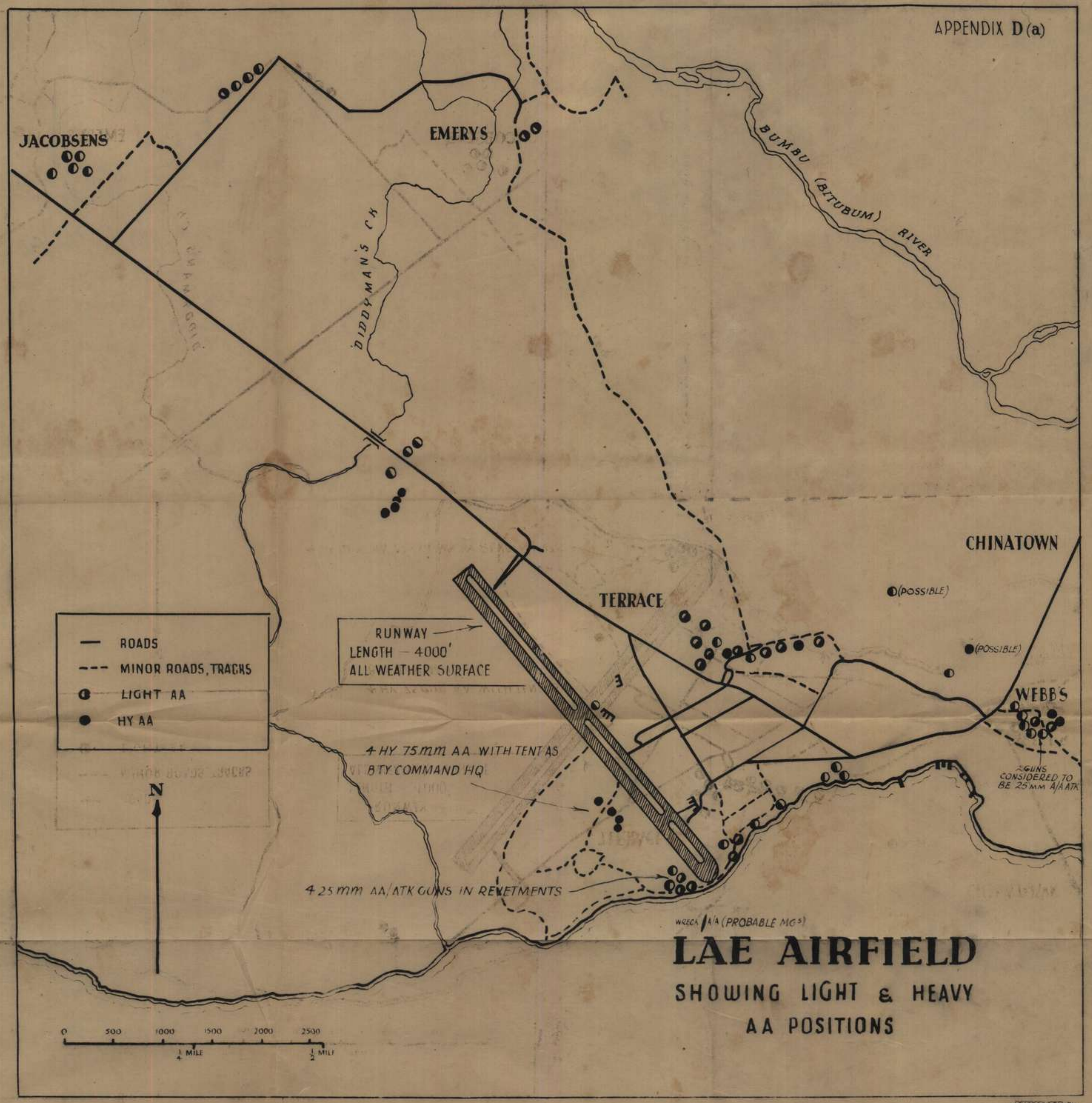
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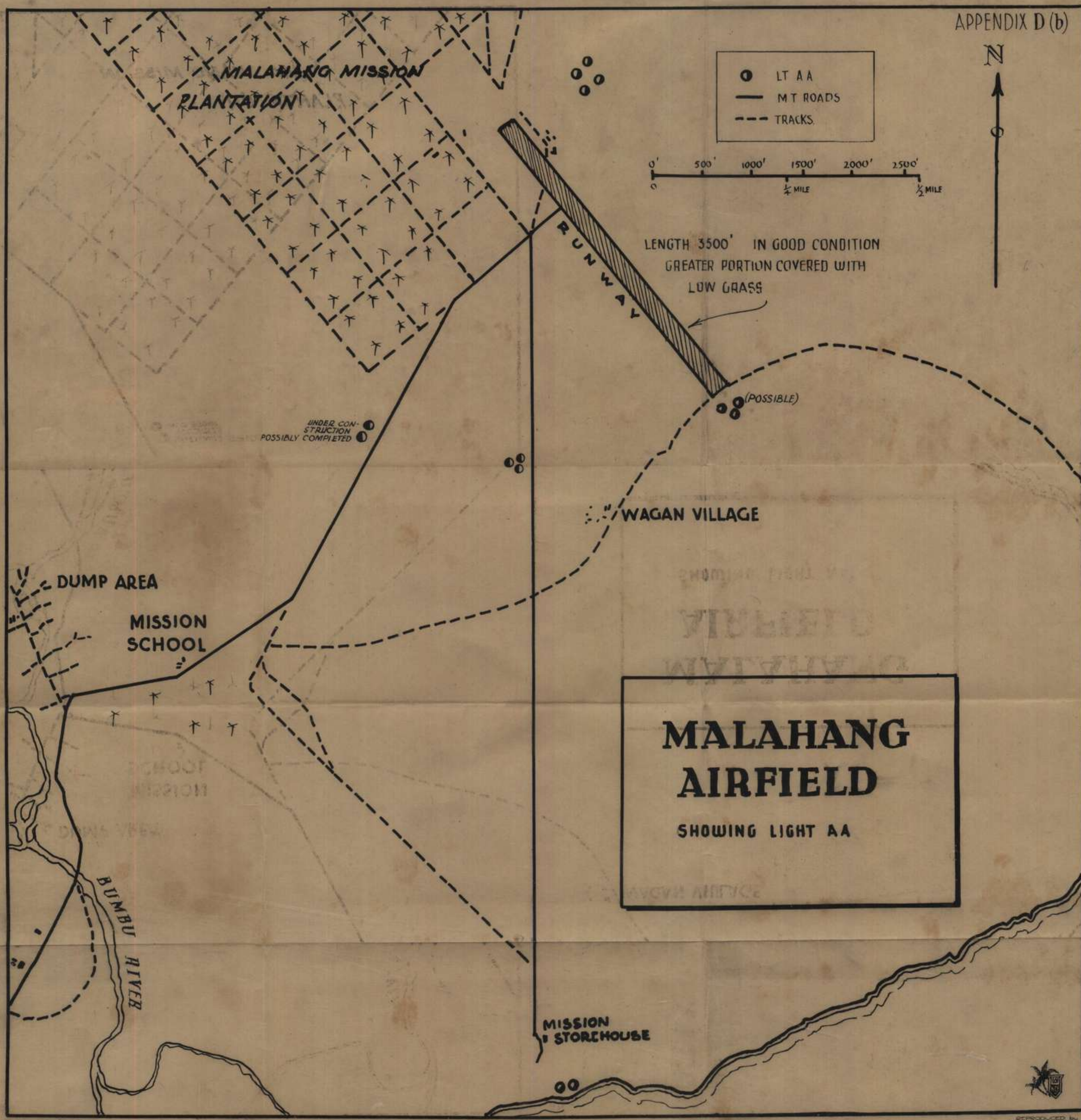
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# LAE AIRFIELD

SHOWING LIGHT & HEAVY  
AA POSITIONS

APPENDIX D (b)



TIDAL, MOONRISE & MOONSET, SUNRISE & SUNSET DATA AT  
SINGAUA PLANTATION

1. TIDAL INFORMATION

(a) One-day tides are experienced, with a small range; generally remaining below 3'3". Consequently high tidal streams are scarcely noticeable.

(b) High tide occurs in the early morning (about 0300 hours) with new and full moons, and in the evening (about 1900 hours) at times of first and third quarters of the moon.

(c) The phases of the moon are as follows :-

|       |               |
|-------|---------------|
| 2 Jul | New Moon      |
| 11 "  | First quarter |
| 17 "  | Full moon     |
| 24 "  | Last quarter  |
|       |               |
| 1 Aug | New moon      |
| 9 "   | First quarter |
| 16 "  | Full moon     |
| 23 "  | Last quarter  |
| 31 "  | New moon      |
|       |               |
| 7 Sep | First quarter |
| 14 "  | Full moon     |
| 21 "  | Last quarter  |
| 29 "  | New moon      |

2. MOONRISE and MOONSET (LOCAL MEAN TIME - HOPOI)

| Date | JUL      |         | AUG      |         | SEP      |         |
|------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
|      | Moonrise | Moonset | Moonrise | Moonset | Moonrise | Moonset |
| 1    |          |         | 0611     | 1815    | 0703     | 1917    |
| 2    |          |         | 0656     | 1901    | 0743     | 2002    |
| 3    |          |         | 0739     | 1948    | 0825     | 2049    |
| 4    |          |         | 0822     | 2034    | 0907     | 2137    |
| 5    |          |         | 0903     | 2119    | 0952     | 2227    |
| 6    |          |         | 0943     | 2164    | 1039     | 2319    |
| 7    |          |         | 1025     | 2252    | 1130     | -----   |
| 8    |          |         | 1109     | 2340    | 1223     | 0014    |
| 9    |          |         | 1155     | -----   | 1320     | 0110    |
| 10   |          |         | 1243     | 0031    | 1420     | 0209    |
| 11   |          |         | 1336     | 0125    | 1520     | 0309    |
| 12   | 1314     | 0057    | 1434     | 0223    | 1621     | 0406    |
| 13   | 1402     | 0148    | 1534     | 0323    | 1721     | 0503    |
| 14   | 1454     | 0242    | 1636     | 0424    | 1819     | 0557    |
| 15   | 1551     | 0339    | 1740     | 0525    | 1915     | 0649    |
| 16   | 1652     | 0440    | 1841     | 0624    | 2009     | 0739    |
| 17   | 1755     | 0543    | 1940     | 0720    | 2102     | 0828    |
| 18   | 1858     | 0645    | 2037     | 0813    | 2155     | 0916    |
| 19   | 1959     | 0745    | 2131     | 0903    | 2246     | 1004    |
| 20   | 2059     | 0841    | 2223     | 0951    | 2338     | 1053    |
| 21   | 2155     | 0935    | 2314     | 1039    | -----    | 1142    |
| 22   | 2248     | 1024    | -----    | 1126    | 0027     | 1231    |
| 23   | 2340     | 1112    | 0005     | 1213    | 0116     | 1319    |
| 24   | -----    | 1158    | 0054     | 1259    | 0204     | 1407    |
| 25   | 0030     | 1243    | 0144     | 1348    | 0350     | 1455    |
| 26   | 0120     | 1329    | 0233     | 1436    | 0335     | 1541    |
| 27   | 0209     | 1416    | 0321     | 1524    | 0418     | 1627    |
| 28   | 0259     | 1503    | 0408     | 1611    | 0500     | 1714    |
| 29   | 0348     | 1551    | 0453     | 1659    | 0542     | 1800    |
| 30   | 0437     | 1639    | 0538     | 1745    | 0624     | 1846    |
| 31   | 0524     | 1727    | 0621     | 1831    |          |         |

3. SUNRISE AND SUNSET (LOCAL MEAN TIME - HOPOI)

|       | <u>Sunrise</u> | <u>Sunset</u> |
|-------|----------------|---------------|
| 7 Jul | 0623           | 1808          |
| 14 "  | 0623           | 1810          |
| 21 "  | 0624           | 1811          |
| 28 "  | 0623           | 1812          |
| 4 Aug | 0622           | 1812          |
| 11 "  | 0621           | 1812          |
| 18 "  | 0618           | 1812          |
| 25 "  | 0616           | 1813          |
| 1 Sep | 0612           | 1810          |
| 8 "   | 0608           | 1809          |
| 15 "  | 0604           | 1808          |
| 22 "  | 0601           | 1807          |
| 29 "  | 0607           | 1806          |

RAINFALL DATA AT LAE AND FINSCHHAFEN

|      | <u>LAE</u>                |                           |                           | <u>FINSCHHAFEN</u>        |                           |                           |
|------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|      | <u>Average<br/>Inches</u> | <u>Maximum<br/>Inches</u> | <u>Minimum<br/>Inches</u> | <u>Average<br/>Inches</u> | <u>Maximum<br/>Inches</u> | <u>Minimum<br/>Inches</u> |
| JAN  | 8.24                      | 12.40                     | 1.42                      | 3.44                      | 5.18                      | 1.22                      |
| FEB  | 9.44                      | 15.17                     | 3.69                      | 4.25                      | 9.78                      | 1.28                      |
| MAR  | 13.05                     | 20.33                     | 8.33                      | 7.03                      | 13.03                     | 1.59                      |
| APR  | 16.73                     | 22.04                     | 12.71                     | 9.64                      | 18.84                     | 5.77                      |
| MAY  | 17.60                     | 29.44                     | 6.38                      | 11.34                     | 20.68                     | 1.77                      |
| JUN  | 15.28                     | 24.67                     | 8.38                      | 23.96                     | 36.91                     | 4.10                      |
| JUL  | 17.47                     | 28.41                     | 8.91                      | 20.70                     | 27.60                     | 14.05                     |
| AUG  | 18.85                     | 28.95                     | 11.92                     | 24.66                     | 34.25                     | 16.29                     |
| SEP  | 20.63                     | 36.30                     | 15.08                     | 20.72                     | 31.54                     | 14.30                     |
| OCT  | 14.24                     | 24.01                     | 2.83                      | 9.90                      | 12.30                     | 7.58                      |
| NOV  | 14.71                     | 22.05                     | 6.93                      | 9.60                      | 16.29                     | 6.57                      |
| DEC  | 11.23                     | 18.16                     | 1.45                      | 4.22                      | 5.59                      | 1.92                      |
| YEAR | 177.47                    | 214.42                    | 163.09                    | 149.46                    | 169.95                    | 98.80                     |

Average number of rain days ( one point or over) at LAE for each month are as follows :-

| JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 11  | 10  | 14  | 14  | 16  | 17  | 20  | 21  | 18  | 14  | 15  | 13  |

Average number of rain days annually - 183

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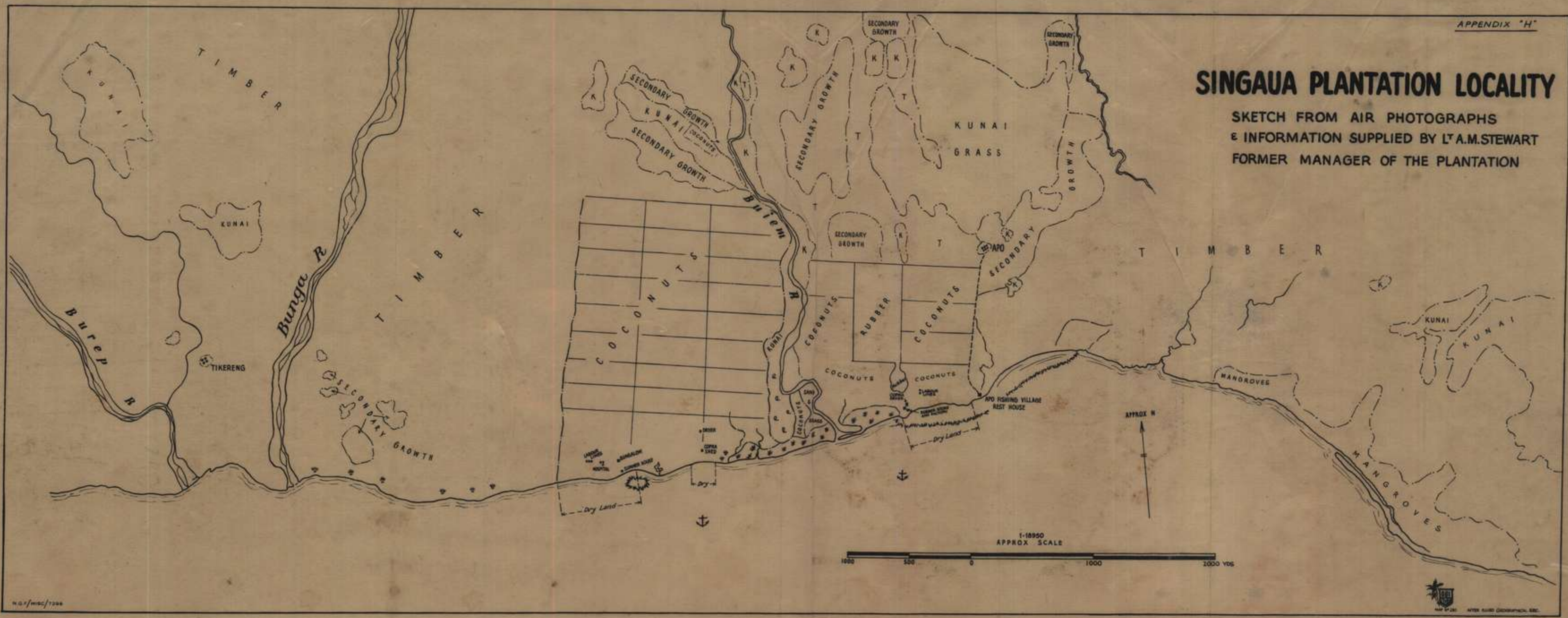
Annual Rainfall : 125 - 130 inches

Rain days : August - approximately 21

September - approximately 18

# SINGAU PLANTATION LOCALITY

SKETCH FROM AIR PHOTOGRAPHS  
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FORMER MANAGER OF THE PLANTATION



W.A.F. 1208



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**NEW GUINEA HEATHS**

SCALE 1:25,000

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| POINT | HEATHS HEATHS |
|-------|---------------|
| 1000  | 44            |
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| 4000  | 38            |
| 5000  | 36            |
| 6000  | 34            |
| 7000  | 32            |
| 8000  | 30            |
| 9000  | 28            |
| 10000 | 26            |



Reef

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| First Class | ▲ 90' |
| Second      | ▲ 85' |
| Third       | ▲ 80' |
| Fourth      | ▲ 75' |

Astronomical Station

Native Garden

Native Village

Unidentified Native Village

Building

River or perennial Stream

Non perennial Stream

Fathom Line

Bridge

Motor Road

Foot Track

Reporting Track

Telegraph Line

Airfield

Sea Plane Base

Cemetery

Missile Station

Spot Height

Grasslands

Swamp

Spring Well, Waterhole

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# NEW GUINEA NADZAB

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- Bridge
- Motor Road
- Jeep Track
- Foot Track
- Reported Track
- Telegraph Line
- Airfield
- Sea Plane Base
- Cowshed
- Mission Station
- Spot Height
- Grasslands

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**POINT MISSION**

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- Trig. Stations
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  - Second
  - Third
  - Fourth
- Astronomical Station**
- Native Garden
  - Native Village
  - Unidentified Native Village
  - Building
  - River or perennial Stream
  - Non perennial Stream
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- Swamp** (unless in immediate vicinity)
- Spring Well, Waterhole
  - Mangroves
  - Dense Jungle Forest
  - Forest
  - Scattered Timber
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22 SEP 1944

APPEND TO 20 AUST. INF. BDE

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Additional Appx.

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20 AUST INF BDE GP.

GENERAL STAFF INSTN- No 1.

1. INTRODUCTION:
  - (a) These regulations are designed to ensure the maximum possible safety for all A/C using TURNBULL FIELD.
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2. RESPONSIBILITY:
  - (a) The control offr and/or Duty Pilot is directly responsible for controlling ALL traffic, both A/C and vehs, using the airfd.
  - (b) Control will be exercised from the Control Tower by lights or flags during daylight hrs, and by lights after dark.
3. SIGNALS: The following signals will be used:-
  - (a) WHITE- Indicates A/C may proceed to taxi along strip.
  - (b) GREEN- A/C may take off or land.
  - (c) RED- Keep clear of strip- Do not take off or land.
4. PARKING:  
No ven will park for more than 5 mins within 50 ft of the edge of the metal strip.
5. AIR RAIDS:  
During an air raid the following sigs will be displayed from the Control Tower:-
  - (a) YELLOW FLAG- Indicates air raid expected.
  - (b) RED FLAG- Air attack imminent.
  - (c) WHITE FLAG- All clear.
6. SPECIAL INSTNS:  
The following instns will be strictly adhered to and severe disciplinary action will be taken against ALL offenders:-
  - (a) No veh will be driven along the side of the strip while A/C are taking off or landing.
  - (b) At all times vehs will be driven along the strip as far away from the metal strip as possible.
  - (c) All vehs approaching the strip from any side rd will slow down and come to a complete stop before entering the strip and look at the Control Tower.
  - (d) If a RED LIGHT is given ALL vehs will immediately stop and are NOT to proceed until a GREEN LIGHT is given.
  - (e) No vehs are to be driven along the metal strip without special authority from the Control offr.
  - (f) All drivers are to proceed along the side of strip with caution, particularly during hrs of darkness, as it is impossible to give controlling lights to drivers when A/C are directly behind them.
7. BOUNDS:  
All RAAF Air Strips, Dispersal Bays and Installations are out of bounds to ALL ranks without special authority from this HQ.

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Plug-Airstrip Control Offr RAAF.

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BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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CAMP ROUTINE ORDERS

No 1

2 Aug 43

In the Field

1. DAILY ROUTINE

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| REVIELLE                 | 0630 |
| ADM PARADE               | 0645 |
| SICK PARADE              | 0700 |
| BREAKFAST                | 0730 |
| OFFRS' & SJTS' MESS      | 0745 |
| SUB UNIT LINE INSPECTION | 0820 |
| PARADE                   | 0830 |
| CAMP INSPECTION          | 1000 |
| LUNCH                    | 1230 |
| OFFRS' & SJTS' MESS      | 1245 |
| PARADE                   | 1330 |
| EVENING MEAL             | 1700 |
| OFFRS' & SJTS' MESS      | 1800 |
| RETREAT                  | 1730 |
| ATEBRIN PARADE           | 1735 |
| SUPPER                   | 2000 |
| TATTOO ROLL CALL         | 2130 |
| LAST POST                | 2200 |
| LIGHTS OUT               | 2215 |

Sub Units' Duty NCO to report Tattoe Roll Call to BSM.

2. MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

|                                    |   |             |      |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------|------|
| Bde & LAD                          | - | Mon & Wed   | 1330 |
| "J" Sec Sigs                       | - | Tues & Thur | 1330 |
| HQ Gd Pl                           | - | Wed & Sat   | 1330 |
| Provost - by arrangement with RAP. |   |             |      |

ALL personnel MUST parade for Tinea inspection twice per week at the above times.

3. DUTY OFFICERS

Duty Offr will mount at Retreat.

4. AMENITIES.

Pictures will be shown adjacent to Camp. Full particulars will be posted on Camp Notice Board when received.

5. BATHING.

As opportunity exists, all personnel should bathe in the sea at least once a day. This will assist in the control of tinea.

DISTRIBUTION

- "J" Sec Sigs
- 2/58 Aust LAD ✓
- 1 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn
- Pro Sec
- Comd
- BSM
- Notice Board
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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

BRIG WJV WINDEYER. DSC. ED.

CCMD 20 AUST INF BDE

Serial 1-10  
3 Aug 43

1. DAILY ROUTINE

Bugle Calls: The following times will be adhered to by all units:-

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| REVEILLE             | 0630 hrs |
| BREAKFAST            | 0730     |
| LUNCH                | 1230     |
| EVENING MEAL         | 1700     |
| RETREAT              | 1730     |
| OFFERS' & SJTS' MESS | 1800     |
| TATTCC               | 2130     |
| LAST POST            | 2200     |
| LIGHTS OUT           | 2215     |

2. CENSORSHIP

(i) The address for this area as for the rest of NEW GUINEA is as under :-

Number, rank, name  
Unit  
AIF AUSTRALIA

(ii) It will be impressed on all ranks that the move of the division must be kept secret and franking officers will pay particular attention to all outgoing mail.

(iii) No mention will be made of movement or change of location and letters will contain nothing likely to indicate that the division, particular unit or individual is no longer in AUSTRALIA.

(iv) Type of training will also be rigidly excluded from letters; this includes the recent amphibious training in the CAIRNS area.

3. BATHING

Personnel will NOT bathe before 0630 or after 1730 hrs.

4. MEDICAL

(i) Swimming: When swimming, personnel will endeavour to keep the head above the water. Constant immersion of the head causes a growth in the ear. This growth is known as Coral ear and is very painful.

(ii) Foot Inspection: Units will ensure medical inspection of feet is carried out twice weekly. Tinea is prevalent in the area.

5. ANTI-MALARIAL SQUADS

(i) Each Inf Coy or equivalent unit will appoint anti-malarial squad of 1 NCO and 2 CRs.

(ii) This squad is to be employed in anti-malarial work in the unit area.

(iii) The work of this squad will be supervised by Bn anti-malarial NCO.

(5 cont)

DUTIES OF ANTI-MALARIAL SQUADS

- (i) NCO will prepare a map of his unit area and divide this area into six parts.
- (ii) Water lying in these divisions will be sprayed daily in rotation if pools cannot be filled in or drained.
- (iii) Latrines will be sprayed daily with malarisol.
- (iv) Grass to be cut back from edges and sides of slit trenches.
- (v) If slit trenches cannot be drained they should be bailed out weekly and sprayed with malarisol.
- (vi) Slit trenches will be sprayed with mosquito spray daily.
- (vii) Drains in area should be kept freely running, sides should be straightened and vegetation cut back from sides.

DUTIES OF BN ANTI-MALARIAL NCO

- (i) He should visit each Coy area and supervise work of Coy squads.
- (ii) He should set out tasks for Coy squads and see that such work is carried out.
- (iii) Supervise stocks of mosquito spray, malarisol and hand pumps.
- (iv) Supervise traffic control to eliminate unnecessary wheel ruts.
- (v) Carry out regular inspection of unit mosquito nets.
- (vi) Supervise all anti-malarial measures in Bn.

6. NATIVES

The natives do not like being called "George". The correct term to use is "boy".

7. AMENITIES

Mobile cinema will periodically give screenings in central locations. Further particulars will be given later.

8. CANTEEN

Bulk Canteen is located on Route 1 - near HQ 5 Aust Div. Units will make purchases; purchasing days arranged with ADCS.

9. REVOLVERS, OVEN GUNS ETC., LOSS OF

Reference 9 Aust Div Standing Orders, para 15. Units will render certificates to this HQ by 1800 hrs each Saturday as to whether or not all arms on charge to the units are in possession.

10. POSTAL

Money will NOT be transmitted through the post.

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*AB Jensen* Capt  
 SC 20 Aust Inf Bde

SUBJECT:-  
Intelligence-Air Photography.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.  
4 Aug 43.

Ref: I 9/10/1943.

W  
2/13 Aust Inf Bn.  
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.  
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

1. A course on Air Photographs of 4 days duration for Int personnel will be held at this HQ commencing 1400 hrs 6 Aug 43.
2. Instn will be under the direction of Lieut N.HARPHAM (2/15 Aust Inf Bn).  
Lieut BLUNDELL (2/17 Aust Inf Bn), Cpl TALBOT (2/13 Aust Inf Bn) and Cpl LONSDALE (HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde) will be made available to assist in instn as required by Lieut HARPHAM.  
Individual instn is to be aimed at rather than lectures.
3. Attendance will be on a scale of 2 Int personnel per Bn and Bde HQ, nominations to reach this HQ by 1700 hrs 5 Aug 43.
4. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will provide one large stereoscope, 2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns each one pocket stereoscope. Students will bring notebooks, pencils (lead and chinagraph) and rulers.

*William Capt*  
Ma.j.  
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.



*War Diary*

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

TO: 20 AUST INF BDE: 24 AUST INF BDE: 26 AUST INF BDE: RAA 9 AUST  
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FROM: 9 AUST DIV

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24 aust inf bde 24 aust inf bde sig sec 2/76 aust LAD 2 pl 2/1 aust  
HQ gd bn 2 sec 9 aust div pro coy 35 FFO all located <sup>M</sup> 289 443 ✓ (.)  
2/28 aust inf bn M288 444 ✓ (.) 2/32 aust inf bn G 337 426 ✓ (.) 2/43  
aust inf bn M277 431 ✓ (.) 2/118 aust bde ord fd park and 2/118 aust  
bde wkshops G370 453 ✓ (.) movements (.) 2/48 aust inf bn to G415 454 ✓  
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to G347 437 ✓ (.) 2/3 aust fd amb located at M286 444 ✓  
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*WR Wilmoth* Capt

DRLS, T00: 1600hrs



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ADDITIONAL APPX's.

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

2nd CORPS 22 OCT. 0

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STANDING ORDERS (ADMINISTRATIVE) MILNE BAY AREA

1. MALARIAL SUPPRESSION AND CONTROL

- (a) The necessity for strict supervision of anti-malarial discipline cannot be over-emphasised. It concerns every individual, officer, NCO and OR and no relaxation of the measures laid down will be permitted.
- (b) ATEBRIN
- (i) All personnel in MILNE BAY area will take one ATEBRIN tablet each day six days per week, excluding Sunday. This tablet will be taken during the evening meal and will NOT be taken on an empty stomach.
- (ii) All ranks will be warned that failure to take atebtrin can be positively detected by a chemical test and will be severely punished.
- (iii) They will also be warned that the taking of quinine instead of atebtrin (except with the written permission of the ADMS), will afford no defence to a charge of failure to take atebtrin.
- (iv) Cases of refusal to take atebtrin as laid down in sub-para (i) above will not be disposed of summarily, but will be submitted for Court Martial.
- (v) AASC Supply Depots will supply atebtrin tablets on demand on the basis of the unit ration strength.
- (c) INSECT REPELLANT LOTION
- (i) Insect Repellant Lotion will be used by all ranks in accordance with instructions on bottle, commencing 1730 hrs daily.
- (ii) AASC will supply on demand.
- (d) DRESS
- (i) Wearing of shorts and short sleeve shirts, or shirts of loose weave or torn, is strictly forbidden.
- (ii) Long trousers and shirts will be worn at all times, except where personnel are directly engaged in heavy manual labour, when shirts may be removed, but will be replaced immediately personnel cease work.
- (iii) Sleeves of shirts will be rolled down and gaiters worn by 1730 hrs daily or at the evening mess parade whichever is the earlier.
- (iv) Rolling up of trouser legs is prohibited at all times.

## (e) BATHING AND SHOWERS

Bathing and showers will be prohibited after 1730 hrs daily, except in the case of duty personnel, where CO's may give special permission for personnel to bathe up to 1800 hrs. Personnel will immediately obey in accordance with para 1 sub-para (d) (iii) above on completion of drying.

## (f) TENTS SPRAYING OF

COs will ensure that tents and huts in their unit lines are thoroughly sprayed with fly spray immediately after reveille and at dusk. The tents will be closed for 20 minutes after spraying.

## (g) MOSQUITO NETS

All personnel will sleep under a mosquito net, and will be responsible that their mosquito nets are kept in good order.

## (h) AIR RAIDS

During air raids personnel proceeding to slit trenches will be clothed in long trousers and shirts, with sleeves rolled down and boots etc.

2. NATIVE LABOUR

- (a) All arrangements regarding native labour are made through "A" Branch HQ 9 Aust Div to which branch all requests for Native Labour parties will be addressed. The supply of native labour is limited and constructional works and anti-malaria control are absorbing practically all available labour.
- (b) Natives will NOT be used for domestic duties in unit areas.
- (c) No requests for natives to sleep in or adjacent to camp areas will be considered and all natives will be returned to BARAGA Native Camp by 1800 hrs daily.
- (d) Unit transport will be used for the collection and delivery of natives.
- (e) Instances have occurred where the full advantage of native labour has been lost through lack of supervision by units employing the labour. Any such laxity or failure to employ natives up to the time laid down for work to cease will result in the curtailment of native labour allotted to the unit concerned.
- (f) Units which have parties of natives allotted for various tasks will send an officer or NCO with the transport calling at BARAGA Native Camp for the gangs. The representative should be the officer or NCO who will superintend the work of the natives during the day, and will report to Native Camp BARAGA by 0700 hrs unless otherwise arranged.
- (g) Natives will not be released from the tasks to which they are allotted and will be kept working until 1700 hrs and will not be loaded in transport for return to BARAGA before that hour.

- (h) Under no circumstances will units grant leave to native labour. The internal administration of all natives in this regard is controlled by ANGAU.
- (j) The approved hours of work for natives are - 0800 hrs - 12 00 hrs, 1300 hrs - 1700 hrs daily, except every second Sunday.

3. RELATIONS WITH NATIVES

- (a) The following unsatisfactory relations between service personnel and natives will not be tolerated:-
- (i) Any tendency to fraternise to an undesirable extent, (eg natives moving freely in unit lines or entering tents and huts occupied by white personnel or hanging around kitchens).
  - (ii) Promiscuous bathing, including frolicking together in the water.
  - (iii) Vehicles will not carry both white and native personnel, nor will vehicles stop and give natives a lift.
  - (iv) The commercialisation of the natives, leading to demands for exorbitant prices and the development of a truculent attitude inspired by greed must be suppressed. Maximum prices which may be paid for produce and curios are set out hereunder.
  - (v) Under no circumstances will units adopt natives to which they are not entitled. Adoption encourages absence by natives from their organised gangs and proper accommodation areas, and leads to unhygienic tendencies in unit lines.
  - (vi) Any action contrary to the above can lead only to a lowering of the native character, friction and trouble and loss of prestige by the white race.
- (b) (i) The native seeks garments in which to dress himself and cannot understand the action of white personnel who seek to divest themselves of clothing and thus lose prestige. Natives are exceedingly diffident at bathing in the nude and any needless exposure in the presence of natives is to them most degrading.
- (ii) Commanding Officers will personally bring these matters to the notice of all officers, who will in turn explain to their men the need for maintaining strict and proper relations between service personnel and natives. Officers will be on the alert to check immediately any instances such as those referred to above.
- (c) Natives not forming a part of an allotted gang will not be permitted to enter or wander through unit lines.
- (d) All native villages and camps are out of bounds to all troops except on duty.

PRICE LIST

- (e) Maximum prices to be paid for produce and curios sold by natives:-

|                       |                     |                               |            |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| BANANAS               | 1/- per bunch       | SIPORA                        | 3d per doz |
| EGGS                  | 1/- per doz         | (limes)                       |            |
| FOWLS                 | 1/6 to 2/6 each     | BASKETS                       | 3/- to 8/- |
| MANDARINS             | 9d per doz          | BEADS                         | 1/- to 2/- |
| MANGOES               | 3d to 6d per doz    | (strings)                     |            |
| PAWS PAW              | 1/- to 2/- per doz  | BOWS                          | 3/- to 4/- |
| PINEAPPLES            | 3 or 4 per 1/-      | ARROWS                        | 2 for 1/-  |
|                       | (according to size) | CANOEES                       | 2/- to 3/- |
| POTATOES              | 2 per lb            | (models)                      |            |
| (sweet)               |                     | COMBS                         | 1/- to 2/- |
| PUMPKINS              | 2d to 3d each       | (wooden)                      |            |
| RAMIES                | 3/-                 | GANAS                         | 6d to 1/-  |
| (grass skirts coarse) |                     | (armbands wide)               |            |
| STICKS                | 5/- to 15/-         | RAMIES                        | 5/-        |
| (manila walking)      |                     | (grass skirts fine, coloured) |            |
|                       |                     | SPOONS                        | 6d each    |

- (f) Trading with natives using Army rations for native curios such as beads, combs, etc, is an offence under AA Sec 24 DA 79.

4.

ROAD DISCIPLINE

- (a) Considerable difficulty is being experienced in this area in maintaining roads in a trafficable condition. Bad driving and carelessness cuts up the roads and makes road maintenance more difficult.

- (b) COs of units will ensure that all drivers are instructed in careful driving and that drivers are informed of the following instructions:-

In some localities a limit of 15 mph is enforced. Provost road signs give ample notice of 15 mph speed limit sections.

- (i) The maximum speed limit in MILNE BAY area is 20 mph.
- (ii) Routes 1, 2, 3 and 4 are classified as main roads.
- (iii) Traffic on main roads has right of way at all times.
- (iv) The driver of any vehicle before entering a main road will slow down and change to second gear.
- (v) When two vehicles arrive simultaneously at an intersection not being the intersection of a main road with a road other than a main road, the drivers will give way to the vehicle on the right.
- (vi) Drivers of unloaded vehicles will give way to loaded vehicles travelling on the same road.
- (vii) Drivers will park vehicles clear of the roadway.
- (viii) Vehicles when parked will be dispersed as far as the nature of the area allows.
- (ix) Vehicles proceeding along all roads will be maintained at dispersal distance and will not be closed up.
- (x) All vehicles will be driven as closely as is practicable to the left hand side of the road.
- (xi) Drivers will at all times give the authorised hand signals when turning, stopping, slowing down or passing.

- (c) Chains will not be used on main roads, except on essential vehicles such as water vehicles which may have to traverse boggy ground to maintain unit supplies. In this case the driver's work ticket will be endorsed by an officer to the effect that chains are necessary.
- (d) Natives will not be carried in the front seat of vehicles alongside the driver.
- (e) All personnel being conveyed by MT will be carried inside the back of the vehicle, in no circumstances will personnel be allowed to ride on the running boards.
- (f) Vehicles will not cross aerodrome strips without permission of aerodrome control officer.
- (g) Vehicles will not be overloaded beyond the laid down carrying capacity for their type.
- (h) MT will not be used to convey personnel to screenings of pictures or performances of concert parties. The Mobile Cinema and concert party have set itineraries for each change of programme and practically all troops will have an opportunity to view these entertainments in the vicinity of their own lines.
- (j) Drivers of vehicles will carry work tickets or an authority from their unit stating the nature of duty and destination.
- (k) Officers will only drive vehicles in cases of emergency.
- (l) The necessity for conserving rubber cannot be over-emphasised. COs will ensure that all drivers are conversant with instructions that have been issued on this matter and that the running of MT is reduced to a minimum.

## 5. SALVAGE

- (a) Owing to the difficulty of supply, the conservation of equipment etc, and the collection of all salvageable material is of utmost importance. Special attention must be paid to the salvage of warlike stores, rubber and containers.
- (b) MILNE FORCE Salvage Unit is located at northern end of Route 2 (411443). The collection of salvage within their area and delivery to the Salvage Depot will be a unit responsibility.
- (c) Items of salvage which have been collected in the Salvage Depot are available for re-issue to units. Units requiring issue of items held in the Salvage Depot will requisition on MILNE FORCE Salvage Unit using requisition form AAF W108 which must be signed by an officer.
- (d) The following are returnable containers:-
- |                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 44 gallon Petrol (incl aviation) |                               |
| Diesel Oil )                     |                               |
| Engine Oil )                     | To be returned to empty       |
| Malarisol )                      | drum dump on Route 2 (417437) |
| Fly Spray )                      |                               |
| 4 gallon Petrol )                | To be replaced drum for drum  |
| Malarisol )                      | when drawing supplies.        |
| Containers Foodstuffs            |                               |



- (e) All containers must be complete with bungs and washers when being returned.

6. GARBAGE, DISPOSAL OF

Garbage will not be dumped indiscriminately, but will be collected in unit lines and incinerated and buried.

7. BATHING IN CREEKS

- (a) Owing to the necessity of protecting the health of troops in this area and the fact that water is drawn for drinking purposes at various points on creeks, notices are being erected at all points where bathing is prohibited.
- (b) Natives are not allowed to bathe in creeks, except in the EARAGA Area, troops will remove natives found bathing in creeks in any other area. Under no circumstances will troops bathe in the same creek as natives.
- (c) Troops will not walk around the banks of creeks bare-footed owing to risk of contracting hook worm, boots will be put on immediately troops leave water.
- (d) CO's of units in new locations near creeks will ascertain whether water points exist downstream before allowing personnel to bathe therein.

8. GRAVEL FOR ROADS

Units will not remove gravel from gravel pits of river beds without first consulting CRE 9 Aust Div, who will advise them from where gravel may be taken.

9. CATTLE, SLAUGHTER OF

2/2 Aust Fd Butchery is the only unit in the MILNE BAY Area, which is authorised to slaughter cattle.

10. WATER SUPPLY

- (a) Water will only be drawn from established water points.
- (b) Units will be advised location of point from which they will draw.
- (c) All water issued from water points is super-chlorinated.
- (d) Owing to the demand for water it is not possible in the time available to permit detasting. The water, issued, therefore, has not been detasted and it is the unit's responsibility to arrange for this to be carried out.
- (e) Detasting tablets are available on demand from AASC Stores. Usage scale will be advised by unit RMO.

11. COCONUT PALMS, FELLING OF

- (a) Indiscriminate felling of coconut palms for material required for jobs IS NOT PERMITTED.
- (b) Before coconut palms may be felled in any area the permission of CO of the area must be obtained. When any doubt exists as to which unit is responsible for an area, the matter will be referred to HQ 9 Aust Div.

- (c) Coconut palms play an important part in concealment and camouflage of dumps, areas, etc, and this angle will be fully considered by COs before granting permission to fall.
- (d) In numerous outlying areas there are small patches of coconut palms which are owned by natives. If it is ever found necessary to fell such trees HQ 9 Aust Div and ANGAU must be advised of details in order that arrangements can be made to compensate the native owners.

12.

POSTAL

- (a). **POSTAL RATES:** Postage rates for letters to the mainland are:- Air Mail 3d; Air Letter Card 1d; Ordinary free; parcels as those which apply in Australia.
- (b) **TELEGRAMS:** Owing to heavy congestion of Mainland telegraph circuits and owing to the fact that telegrams lodged in this area are forwarded to the mainland by air, personnel are advised to use the air mail letter service in preference to the lodgment of telegrams.
- (c) **POSTAL NOTES:** Postal notes to the value of £5 only is the limit of scale to any one individual in one transaction over a period of 14 days.
- (d) **PROHIBITED ARTICLES:**
  - (i) The transmission by post of shells, grenades, cartridge fuses, detonators or portion of same containing explosives or other matter likely to injure mails or personnel of the Post Office is strictly prohibited. Daggers and other articles of a dangerous character will not be sent or included in parcels posted by members of the Army.
  - (ii) The strictest surveillance by Franking Officers is essential for the carrying out of the above instruction.
- (e) **POSTAL ORDERLIES:** Unit post orderlies and personnel of Field Post Offices are not to be delegated for other duties or parades when or where such duties or parades interfere in any way with postal routine duties.
- (f) **PARCELS TO MAINLAND**
  - (i) Soldiers are NOT permitted to forward parcels containing any of the following:- Issue clothing, Cigarettes or Tobacco, Canteen Goods.
  - (ii) Franking Officers will pay particular attention to this order. Disciplinary action will be taken when any breaches are reported.

13.

CANTEENS

- (a) A Canteen Bulk Store and issuing point is established on Route 4 in the vicinity of HQ 5 Aust Div for the purchase of unit canteen supplies. It is the duty of each unit to set up their retail Canteen within their area, and a responsible buyer with signed authority from the CO of each unit will be appointed to make bulk purchases at Canteen Issuing Point for sale to unit personnel.
- (b) It is not permissible for the ADCS to allow credit to any unit for the purchasing of Canteen goods in this area.

- (c) Price lists and information on trading and goods available can be obtained by applying to ADCS Bulk Store Head Office, Route 4.
- (d) Units will draw canteen supplies from the issuing point on a timetable as notified. This timetable will be strictly adhered to.
- (e) Supplementary ration allowance is not applicable in this area.
- (f) Supplementary rations are taken over by AASC and included on the ration scale.

14.

AMMUNITION, STORING OF

- (a) Units will ensure that ammunition on issue is properly stored.
- (b) Ammunition will be kept dry and shielded from the sun.
- (c) Suitable storage methods are as follows:-
  - (i) Platforms built up of palm logs or other dunnage, to keep stacks clear of any water.
  - (ii) A skillion roof or roofing iron or if unavailable, a wooden frame covered with sage leaf.
  - (iii) Sides will be left open to enable sufficient air to penetrate the stacks.

15.

REVOLVERS, OWEN GUNS ETC - LOSS OF

- (a) The loss of a revolver by any officer of other rank will be deemed to be an offence for which the loser will be tried by Court Martial.
- (b) Units will carry out a DAILY check of ALL revolvers on charge to the unit and if any revolvers are found to be missing, necessary enquiries, summary of evidence and application for Court Martial will be prepared forthwith and forwarded to HQ 9 Aust Div.
- (c) Commanding Officers and Officers Commanding units will render a certificate, through the normal channels to reach HQ 9 Aust Div by 0900 hrs each Sunday as to whether or not all revolvers on charge to the unit are in possession, and if not action taken with regard to the missing revolvers.
- (d) In every case of the loss of a pistol the officer or other rank to whom same has been issued will be required to pay the listed price for same.
- (e) Information has been received that in MILNE BAY area comparatively large numbers of OWEN GUNS on charge to units have disappeared. Commanding Officers and Officers Commanding will therefore take the necessary measures to safeguard them plus all other weapons on issue to their unit and will immediately report by wire direct to HQ 9 Aust Div repeated to intermediate HQ's the loss of any revolver, Owen Gun or other weapon on charge.

16.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST RATS

- (a) RATS are probably the animal reservoir from which MITES transfer SCRUB TYPHUS to the human subject.

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- (b) They also carry another form of TYPHUS and are responsible for serious epidemics of BUBONIC PLAGUE which has a high death rate.
- (c) Their destruction, therefore, is to be aimed at, while they must not be encouraged to live in proximity to kitchens and troops quarters: for the latter purpose food waste must be properly disposed of, fallen coconuts must be collected and burned, and litter in unit lines cleaned up.

17. PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FLIES.

- (a) DYSENTERY exists in NG natives .
- (b) To prevent its spread to troops, every effort will be made to avoid fly breeding, food will be protected from exposure to flies, and the fly proofing of latrines will be carefully watched.

18. STANDING, ROUTINE ORDERS ETC - DISTRIBUTION OF

Commanding Officers and Officers Commanding are expressly directed that all orders issued by this HQ are brought to the notice of ALL concerned and that copies of orders affecting troops are posted on company etc notice boards.

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Lt Col  
AA & QMG 9 Aust Div

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20 AUST INF BDE GP.

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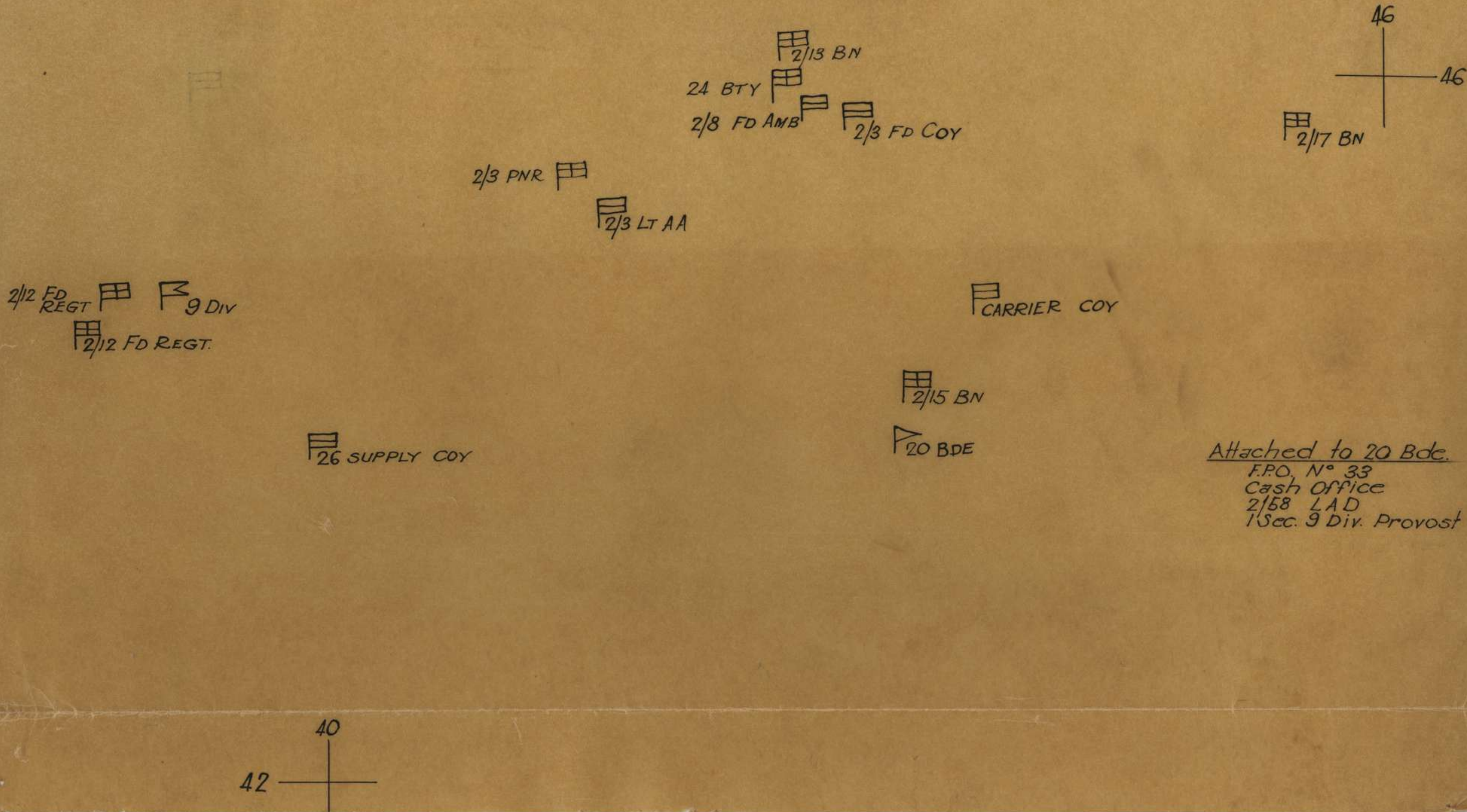
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# OVERLAY SHOWING DISPOSITIONS OF 20 BDE & SUPPORTING ARMS

5 AUG '43

REF. MAP: GILI GILI 1:25,000



Attached to 20 Bde.  
F.P.O. N° 33  
Cash Office  
2/58 LAD  
1 Sec. 9 Div. Provost

War Diary

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

BRIG WJV WINDEYER, DSO, ED.

COMD 20 AUST INF BDE

Serial 1-10  
3 Aug 43

1. DAILY ROUTINE

Bugle Calls: The following times will be adhered to by all units:-

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| REVEILLE             | 0630 hrs |
| BREAKFAST            | 0730     |
| LUNCH                | 1230     |
| EVENING MEAL         | 1700     |
| RETREAT              | 1730     |
| OFFERS' & SGTs' MESS | 1800     |
| TATTOO               | 2130     |
| LAST POST            | 2200     |
| LIGHTS OUT           | 2215     |

2. CENSORSHIP

(i) The address for this area as for the rest of NE GUINEA is as under :-

Number, rank, name  
Unit  
AIF AUSTRALIA

(ii) It will be impressed on all ranks that the move of the division must be kept secret and franking officers will pay particular attention to all outgoing mail.

(iii) No mention will be made of movement or change of location and letters will contain nothing likely to indicate that the division, particular unit or individual is no longer in AUSTRALIA.

(iv) Type of training will also be rigidly excluded from letters; this includes the recent amphibious training in the CAIRNS area.

3. BATHING

Personnel will NOT bathe before 0630 or after 1730 hrs.

4. MEDICAL

(i) Swimming: When swimming, personnel will endeavour to keep the head above the water. Constant immersion of the head causes a growth in the ear. This growth is known as Coral ear and is very painful.

(ii) Foot Inspection: Units will ensure medical inspection of feet is carried out twice weekly. Tinea is prevalent in the area.

5. ANTI-MALARIAL SQUADS

(i) Each Inf Coy or equivalent unit will appoint anti-malarial squad of 1 NCO and 2 CRs.

(ii) This squad is to be employed in anti-malarial work in the unit area.

(iii) The work of this squad will be supervised by Bn anti-malarial NCO.

(5 cont)

DUTIES OF ANTI-MALARIAL SQUADS

- (i) NCO will prepare a map of his unit area and divide this area into six parts.
- (ii) Water lying in these divisions will be sprayed daily in rotation if pools cannot be filled in or drained.
- (iii) Latrines will be sprayed daily with malarial.
- (iv) Grass to be cut back from edges and sides of slit trenches.
- (v) If slit trenches cannot be drained they should be bailed out weekly and sprayed with malarial.
- (vi) Slit trenches will be sprayed with mosquito spray daily.
- (vii) Drains in area should be kept freely running, sides should be straightened and vegetation cut back from sides.

DUTIES OF BN ANTI-MALARIAL NCO

- (i) He should visit each Coy area and supervise work of Coy squads.
- (ii) He should set out tasks for Coy squads and see that such work is carried out.
- (iii) Supervise stocks of mosquito spray, malarial and hand pumps.
- (iv) Supervise traffic control to eliminate unnecessary wheel ruts.
- (v) Carry out regular inspection of unit mosquito nets.
- (vi) Supervise all anti-malarial measures in Bn.

6. NATIVES

The natives do not like being called "George". The correct term to use is "boy".

7. AMENITIES

Mobile cinema will periodically give screenings in central locations. Further particulars will be given later.

8. CANTEEN

Bulk Canteen is located on Route 1 - near HQ 5 Aust Div. Units will make purchases; purchasing days arranged with ADCS.

9. REVOLVERS, OVEN GUNS ETC., LOSS OF

Reference 9 Aust Div Standing Orders, para 15. Units will render certificates to this HQ by 1800 hrs each Saturday as to whether or not all arms on charge to the units are in possession.

10. POSTAL

Money will NOT be transmitted through the post.

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*AB Jensen* Capt  
# SC 20 Aust Inf Bde

20 Aust Inf Bde Intelligence Summary No 1 (Based on Information received from 0900 hrs 2 Aug to 0900 hrs 5 Aug 43).

1. LAND

BALANAUVA AREA.

Increased fire by own arty generally during 1 AUG. A direct hit scored on an aircraft on BALANAUVA Strip and twenty yards of footbridge at mouth FRANCISCO RIVER was destroyed.

COASTAL AREA.

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GOODVIEW JUNGLE.

Patrolling continued.

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2. AIR (Cwn)

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(Enemy) No report.

3. SEA.

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BM 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

9 AUST DIV GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION NO 3 8 Aug 43

Security

1. Attention is drawn to 9 Aust Div General Staff Instruction No 1.
2. It is obvious from the matter returned from the Censorship Unit that this instruction is not being obeyed. Typical examples of deliberate attempts to disclose the fact that the Div is at present in NEW GUINEA are quoted :-
  - (a) "...Since writing last a lot has taken place, I am in the same place as Harry..." - Franked and allowed to pass.
  - (b) "...Never seems to stop raining here...believe the wet season starts next month...I mentioned in a previous letter that Don had been in a certain place...Don left for home a few days after I arrived..." - Self franked.
  - (c) "...I have arrived OK at my new destination, I had a fair trip over...I am not allow to say where I am at present but no doubt you will have a good (excised) I (excised) during (excised)...One thing though there is any amount of coconuts and bananas up here easy to get..." - Franked.
  - (d) "...well the hint I gave you is an established fact, now you know how to find out where I am, so from this letter onwards (7 more) you will have to say your ABC..." - Franked.
3. From these extracts and from others received two things are obvious :-
  - (a) Not only troops but officers are violating censorship regulations in general and the above-mentioned General Staff Instruction in particular.
  - (b) Officers are not exercising sufficient care in franking mail.
4. There are also many references drawing attention to the use of 3d stamps. It was not considered necessary to insist on the use of 4d stamps but the drawing attention to the fact in the text is most undesirable and will not be permitted.
5. It will be pointed out to all ranks that these breaches not only jeopardise the lives of themselves and their fellow soldiers, and lead to disciplinary action against offenders but result in considerable delay in the despatch of mail.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Subject : CENSORSHIP

Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde

9 Aug 43

Ref : 219/13/196

2/13 Aust Inf Bn  
2/15 Aust Inf Bn  
2/17 Aust Inf Bn

1. A number of instances of failure to carry out censorship instns by offrs of this bde has been reported by 1 Aust Fd Censorship Sec.
2. Breaches consist mainly of franking letters without deleting censorable matter. Comds will take steps to prevent any recurrence of such breaches.
3. Anything, particularly any indirect reference, which suggests a change of location or the present location of the unit or the individual is forbidden in correspondence. Instances are :-
  - " I saw Bill Jones today"
  - " Harry Smith will tell you where I am"
  - " We are living in a coconut plantation"
  - " I have been for a sea voyage"
  - " I am going yellow from taking Atebrin"
4. Offrs committing such breaches are liable to be deprived of the right of censoring their own mail, and where necessary will be court-martialled.

*W. J. Thompson*  
Lieut for Maj  
Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde

Copy No. 27.  
9 Aug 43.  
Ref: G15/8/848.

20 AUST INF BDE GP

Operation Order No 2.

INFORMATION:

1. Enemy:
  - (a) RED Beach (No 3) is assumed to be lightly defended by the enemy. (Owing to USA encampments tactical movement ashore will be confined to a limited extent-possibly 300 yds).
  - (b) After leaving beach tps will move in order to avoid USA Camps and installations and will be kept in control parties in rear of the beach.
2. Own Tps:
  - (a) After securing of Beachhead 2/23 Bn(26 Aust Inf Bde) is to land and come under comd 20 Aust Inf Bde.
  - (b) 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp has been detached for op elsewhere.

INTENTION:

3. 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp (less 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp) will land and secure a Beachhead on RED Beach.

METHOD:

4. General Plan:

The Bde will land with two Bns fwd-

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| <u>Right-</u> | 2/15 Aust Inf Bn Gp. |
| <u>Left-</u>  | 2/17 Aust Inf Bn Gp. |
5. Objectives:

2/15 Aust Inf Bn- Right half of Beachhead with objectives as given to Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

2/17 Aust Inf Bn- Left half of Beachhead with objectives as given to Comd 2/17 Aust Inf Bn, incl dets to secure river crossings and line of river on left of Beachhead.
6. Loading:

In accordance with Loading Tables issued separately.

(b) Craft enumerated below are in accordance with ESB loading numbers, i.e. first digit indicates wave numbers, second digit indicates place of craft in wave commencing from the right. (See Appx "A");-

6. (b) (continued).

| No. | Craft. | Beach.                 | Unit.         | Beaches at. | Remarks.               |
|-----|--------|------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 11. | LCI.   | No 1 North.            | 2/15 Bn.      | 0900.       | Representing APDs.     |
| 12. | LCI.   | "                      | 2/17 Bn.      | 0900.       |                        |
| 21. | LCI.   | "                      | 2/15 Bn       |             |                        |
| 22. | LCI.   | "                      | "             | 0900.       |                        |
| 31. | LCI.   | "                      | "             |             |                        |
| 32. | LCI.   | "                      | Bde HQ & att  |             |                        |
| 23. | LCI.   | "                      | 2/17 Bn)      |             |                        |
| 24. | LCI.   | "                      | 2/17 Bn)      | 0930.       |                        |
| 33. | LCI.   | "                      | Bde HQ & att) |             |                        |
| 34. | LCI.   | "                      | 2/17 Bn)      |             |                        |
| 41. | 1 LCM. | No 1<br>Extreme North. | E.S.B.        | 0930.       | RAE personnel rep ESB. |
| 42. | 1 LCM. | "                      |               |             |                        |
| 51. | LCT.   | No 2.                  | As per        |             | In charge of           |
| 52. | LCT.   |                        | Loading       | 0800.       | Loading, RAA           |
| 53. | LCT.   |                        | Tables.       |             | offr in each LCT.      |
| 61. | LCI.   | No 1.                  | 2/23 Bn.      | Approx      |                        |
| 62. | LCI.   |                        |               | 1245.       |                        |
| 63. | LCI.   |                        |               |             |                        |
| 64. | LCI.   |                        |               |             |                        |
| 65. | LCI.   |                        |               |             |                        |

7. Assembly Areas:

(a) As per trace (att at Appx "B").

(b) All personnel of sub-units will assemble at least 45 mins before time of embarkation.

(c) Before leaving Assembly Areas for Ready Line personnel will be organised into craft parties.

(d) All vehs and stores for LCT will be in Assembly Areas by 0745 hrs.

8. Departure Times:

(a) Craft when loaded will retract and assemble off shore.

(b) Convoy will leave Near Shore at 1030 hrs (approx).

9. "H" HOUR:

1200 hrs 10 Aug, at which time landing craft from APDs beach.

10. Landing Intervals:

Wave 1. H.

II: H plus 7.

III: H plus 19.

IV: H plus 19.

V: H plus 30.

VI: When called by Lucas Lamp from Beachhead. Signal "PROCEED"11. Air: See Appx "C".12. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Recce Party:

(a) 1 offr and 3 ORs to travel in LCI 32.

(b) For Recce of Bn Assembly Area.

ADM:

13. TCPS: Under arrangement of DAPM 9 Aust Div. (See Appx "B").

INTERCOMN:

14. Location of HQ:

(a) On landing Bde HQ will be est approx 200 yds in scrub from centre of landing beach.

(b) Will be marked from edge of beach by sign "88" and tape line.

15. Sig Plan:

(a) Afloat- As at Appx "D".

(b) Ashore:

W/T links as at Appx "D".

L/T. J Sec Sigs will lay lines to Sh Coy and Sp arms.

Bn line comn normal.

2/15 and 2/17 Aust Inf Bns will lay lateral lines by mutual arrangement.

VS- will be est by 2/13 and 2/15 Aust Inf Bns on beach to Bde HQ afloat.

(c) W/T Silence: Until H - 15 or at such times when enemy interference makes urgent W/T comn necessary.

16. Code Names:

(a) Bn Code Names to be notified to this HQ by 2100 hrs.

(b) ICI- DOG.  
ICM- RAT.  
ICT- CAT.  
ICV- MOUSE.

(c) Landing effected correct beach- OPHIR.  
" " wrong " - ROVING.  
100 yds- ORANGE  
(e.g. 200 yds- TWO ORANGES)

(d) Appointments Code:  
Comd- SILVER.  
GI, BM, Adj- GOLD.  
AQ, SC, QM- RED.  
I- BLUE.

17. Synchronisation of Time: ABC time sigs.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Signed at 1430 hrs.

Issued through Sigs and IOs.

DISTRIBUTION:

2/13 Aust Inf Bn.  
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.  
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.  
2/12 Aust Fd Regt.  
2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt.  
2/3 Aust Fd Coy.  
2/8 Aust Fd Amb.  
9 Aust Div.- Navy 1. )  
G- 2. )  
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CRE- 2. )  
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DAPM. 1. )  
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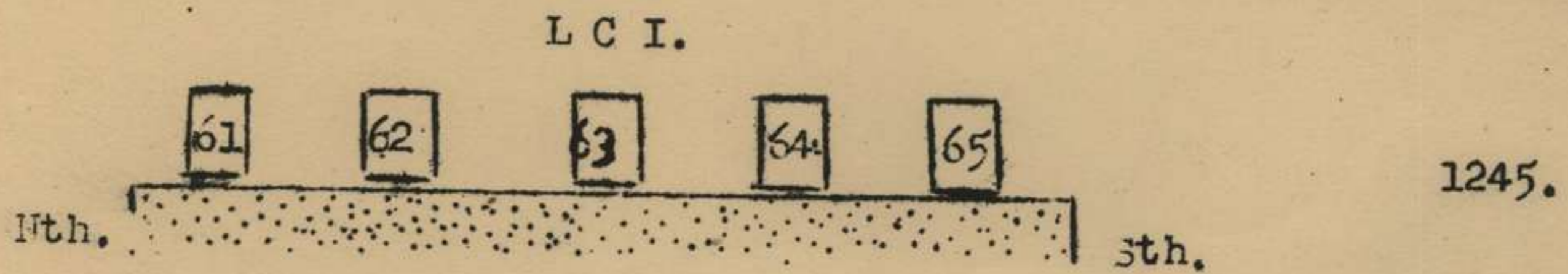
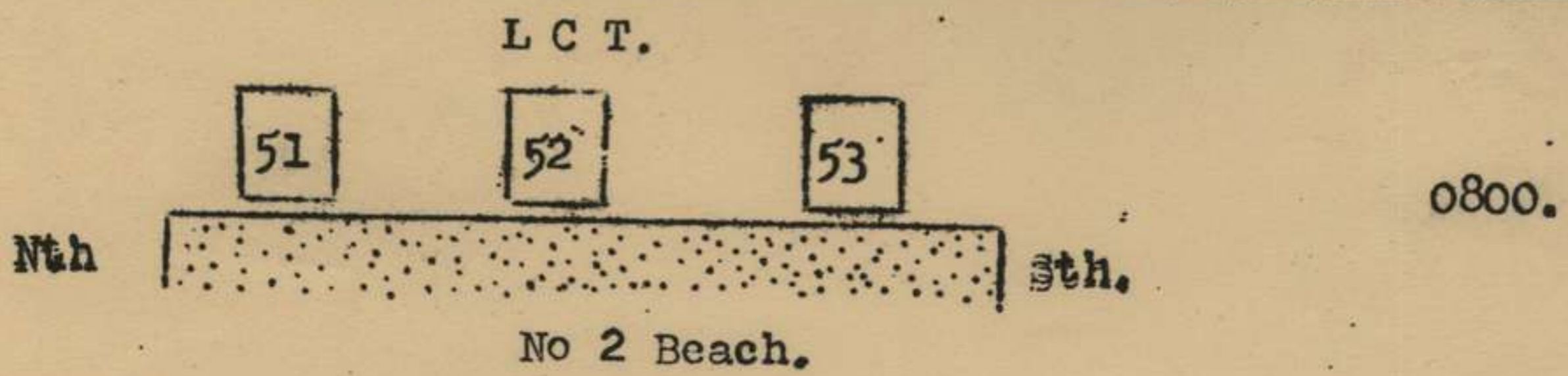
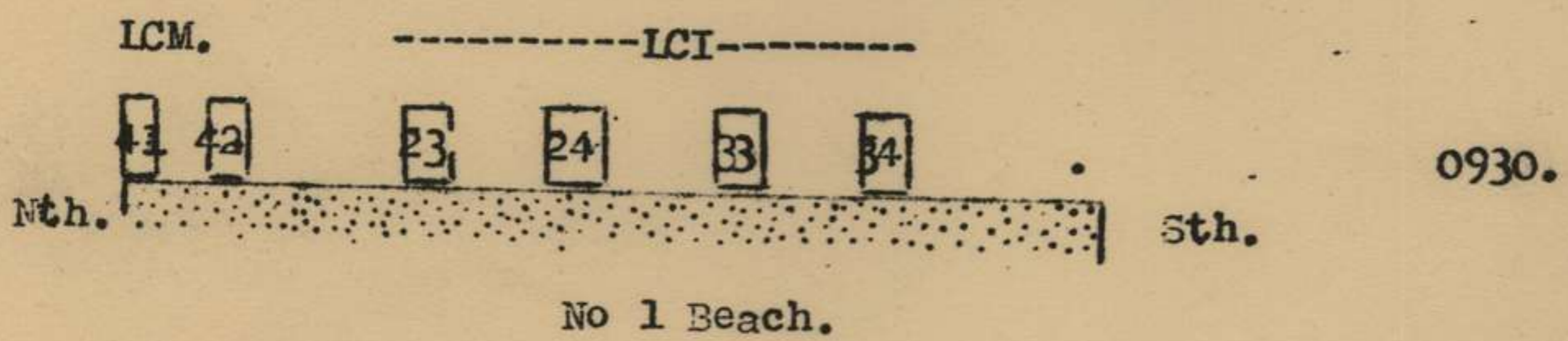
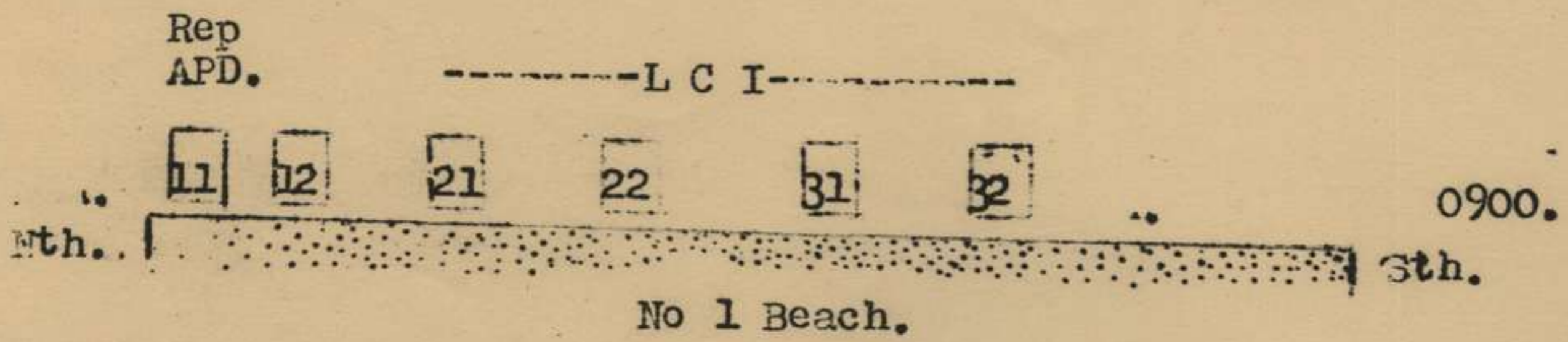
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*Spindler* Maj.  
BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

LOADING ON NEAR SHORE.

DIAGRAM.



ASSEMBLY AREAS.

APPX B to  
20 Aust Inf Bde Op No 2.

HQ 20 Bde.  
& att.

2/17 Bn.

2/15 Pn

TCP..

LCT. 1

No 1 Bay.

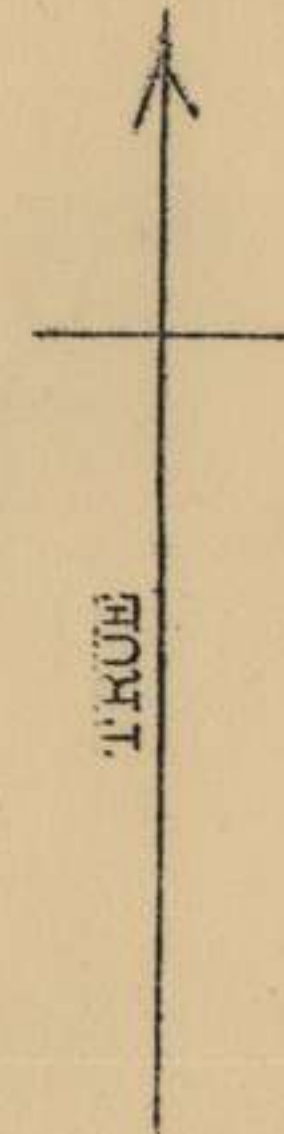
LCT. 2

Box girder Bridge.

LCT. 3

No 2 Bay.

No 3 Bay.



LEGEND

SUGAR 1 and 4 H-10 to H-5

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SUGAR 2 and 3 At Call

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SKETCH

AIR SP

1. TARGETS

As indicated above

2. SMOKE

From H-10 to H+5 on SUGAR 1 and SUGAR 4.

3. INTERCOMN

Set representing Air Sp Link is to be established by 9 Aust Div Sigs at present Bde HQ posn.

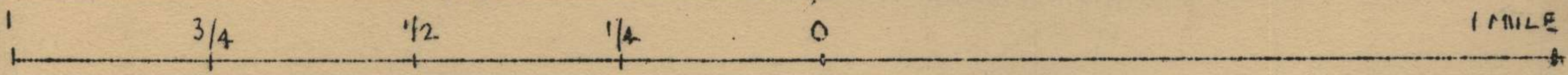
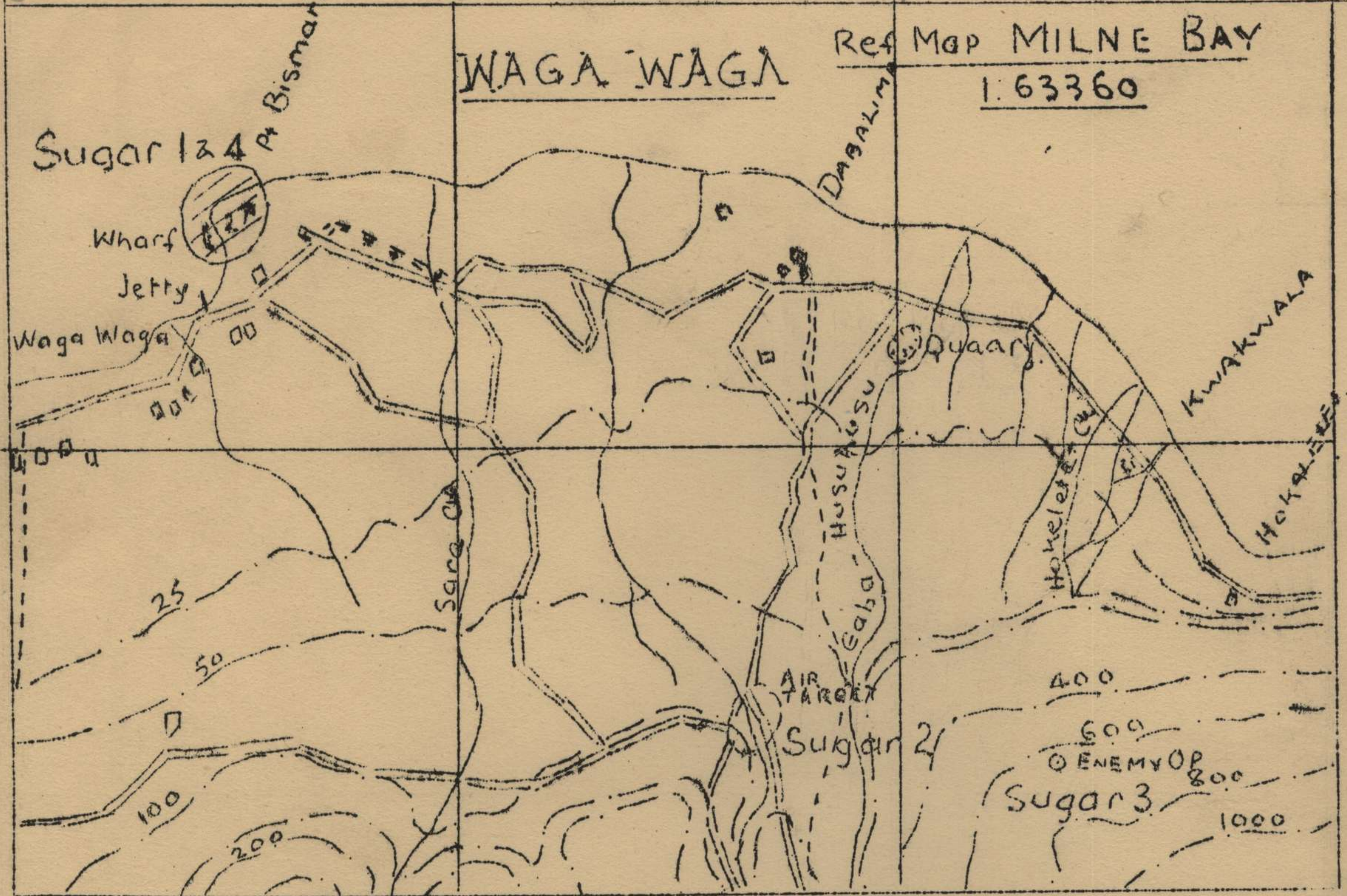
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to 20 Aust Inf Bde 00 2  
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EXERCISE - MOST SECRET (Brit)  
- CONFIDENTIAL (USA)

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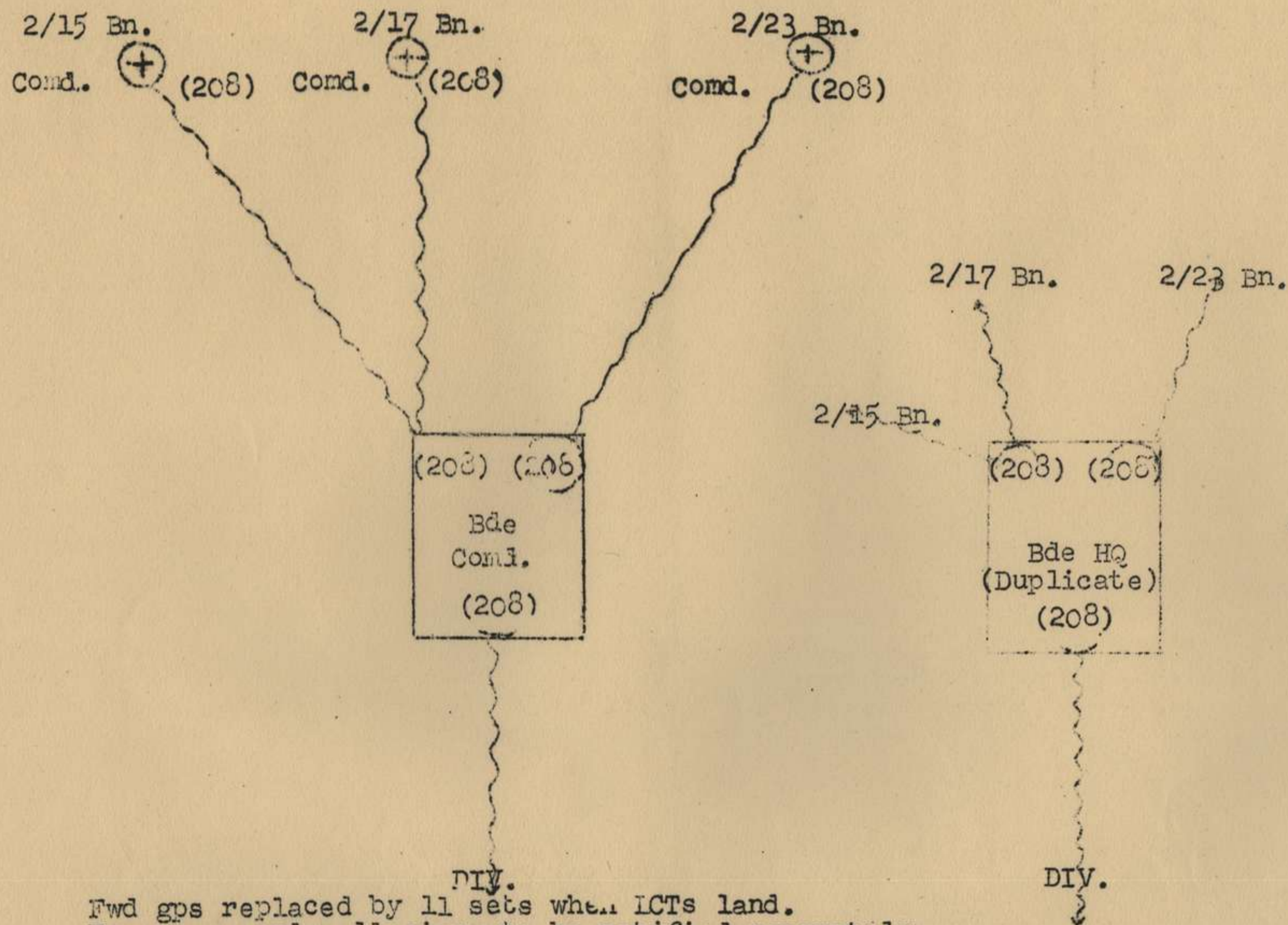
SCALE IN MILES

VI in FEET.



W/T COMNS AFLOAT.

APPX "D"- to  
20 Aust Inf Bde OO.No 2.



Fwd gps replaced by 11 sets when ICTs land.  
Frequency and call signs to be notified separately.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Subject : LOB Personnel.

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde  
Ref : *A/88/6201*  
10 Aug 43.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn.  
2/15 Aust Inf Bn.  
2/17 Aust Inf Bn.  
✓ War Diary.

Authority 9 Aust Div GS Instn No *4* - G841/65/10 of 8 Aug 43

1. Prior to going to battle, units will leave a trained nucleus of officers, NCOs and men out of battle in accordance with scale set out below. This is to ensure that, in the event of the unit having very heavy casualties, there will be a trained body of men available to restore the unit. These personnel will be known as "Left out of Battle Personnel" (LOB) and will remain in B Ech area or such other area as may be ordered. They will, while LOB, be under command of an officer appointed by 9 Aust Div.

2. In calculating LOB personnel, officers, OR and specialists must be LOB in accordance with this scale. Non-specialists must be left if possible.

3. It is anticipated that reinforcements will be available before operations. These personnel are to be absorbed and under no circumstances will they be nominated as LOB. If, after absorbing these reinforcements, units are unable to make up the requisite number of <sup>non-</sup>specialists, then, with prior approval of this HQ, these numbers may be reduced.

4. LOB parties will be made up as follows:-

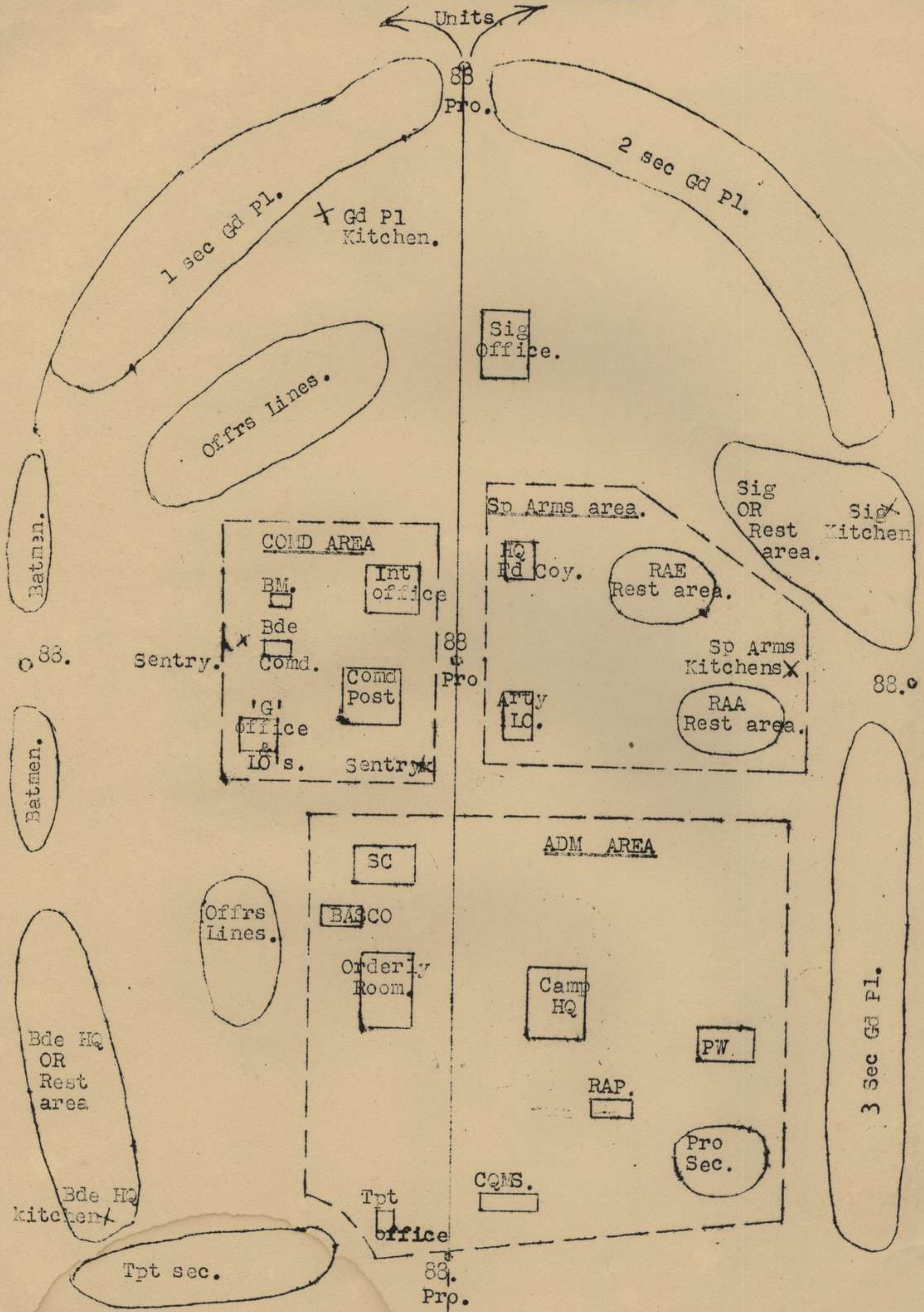
One Major capable of taking over comd of bn.  
Five offr, incl an offr suitable to replace  
Adjut but not to include QM. Three to be made  
up of Majors or Captains.  
Two WOs. ) One from  
Three Sjts. ) each coy.  
Seven Cpls  
Forty-one ORs, including 3 sigs, 2 mortar personnel,  
2 MMG Personnel.

*A. Hamilton* Capt  
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde.

Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde.  
11 Aug 43.

Layout of Bde HQ in the fd.

Approx Scale- 1-in to 20 yds.



NOTE: Situation and distance of HQ from beach-line to be determined by I.O.  
88 Pro. Beach.  
*B. Williams* aj.

MAN LOADING TABLE BDE HQ

DRESS

1. (a) Helmet Steel w/net
- (b) Identity Discs.

EQUIPMENT

2. (a) Battle Order
- i Gaiters
- ii Water bottle filled.

BASIC POUCHES

3. (a) Amn - Riflemen, 50 SAA, 2 Bren mags (loaded 25),  
100 SAA in bandoliers around waist, 2 - 4 sec Grenades.
- (b) OSMGs - 9 Mags (loaded 28), 100 SAA in bandoliers  
around waist.
- (c) Riflemen without Basic Pouches - 40 SAA in Pouches  
Cartridge and 100 SAA in bandoliers around waist.

HAVERSACK

4. (a) FOR (without tin)
- (b) 2 Emergency Rations
- (c) Mess Tin, Tea, Sugar, Salt, Milk
- (d) Toilet gear, 1 sox, 1 towel, Hcfs.
- (e) Crown ring cooker and alcohol heater
- (f) Insect repellent lotion
- (g) Boot laces, string
- (h) Qty Flannellette
- (i) Individual Billy and mug
- (j) Gas cape rolled on top
- (k) Machette wrapped in paper and under flaps.

GROUND SHEET

5. Rolled with mosquito net and felt hat inside attached to  
waist belt.

SHIRT POCKETS

6. (a) Left : Gas wallet containing - Paybook, Atebrin tabs,  
Toilet paper, Pencil and paper, envelopes.
- (b) Right : Water sterilizing tabs.

TROUSER POCKETS

7. (a) Right Hip : Field Dressing
- (b) Left Hip : 1 Emergency Ration
- (c) Side : Tobacco, matches, handkerchief etc.

PACK

8. i Blanket
- ii Pullover
- iii 1 pr Boots
- iv 2 Shirts
- v 2 Trousers JG
- vi 1 Towel
- vii 2 U/pants, 2 Singlets, spare bootlaces, 2 sox, Hcfs  
dubbin, Housewife, spare solidified alcohol.

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SECRET.  
 13 Aug 43.  
 Ref: G15/7/351.  
 Copy No. 26

20 AUST INF BDE-EXERCISE NO 2.

The above exercise will be carried out on 16 Aug 43 in accordance with 20 Aust Inf Bde OO No 2 (issued 9 Aug 43) with the following amendments:-

1. Para 7 (a): Substitute new appx "B" att.
2. Para 7 (c): Substitute:-  
 Personnel will be assembled into craft parties in unit assembly areas ready to move to Ready Line at the time respective craft beach.
3. Para 11- Delete.
4. Para 12 (a): Amend to read " 1 offr and 5 ORs".
5. Para 12 (b): Add"..... in rear and left of centre of landing beach".
6. Para 16 (a) (b) (c): Substitute:-  
(a), Bn Code Names.

| Unit.                       | Code.   | Unit.                       | Code.   |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|
| HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.         | OMEGA.  |                             |         |
| <u>2/13</u> Aust Inf Bn.HQ. | ROCK 1. | <u>2/17</u> Aust Inf Bn HQ. | ROCK 3. |
| A Coy.                      | ALPH 1. | A Coy.                      | ALPH 3. |
| B Coy.                      | BETA 1. | B Coy.                      | BETA 3. |
| C Coy.                      | GAMA 1. | C Coy.                      | GAMA 3. |
| D Coy.                      | DELA 1. | D Coy.                      | DELA 3. |
| <u>2/15</u> Aust Inf Bn HQ. | ROCK 2. | <u>2/23</u> Aust Inf Bn HQ. | ROCK 4. |
| A Coy.                      | ALPH 2. | A Coy.                      | ALPH 4. |
| B Coy.                      | BETA 2. | B Coy.                      | BETA 4. |
| C Coy.                      | GAMA 2. | C Coy.                      | GAMA 4. |
| D Coy.                      | DELA 2. | D Coy.                      | DELA 4. |

- (b) Craft:
- |      |        |
|------|--------|
| APD- | CAMEL. |
| IST- | HORSE. |
| LCT- | DOG.   |
| LCI. | CAT.   |
| LCM- | RAT.   |
| LCV- | MOUSE  |
- (c) Landing effected correct Beach- ORANGES.  
 " " wrong " - LEMONS.  
 100 yds- NUT.  
 (e.g. 200 yds- 2 NUTS.
- (d) Appointments Code:
- |              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Comd-        | CHESTERFIELD.   |
| GI, BM, Adj- | OLD GOLD.       |
| AQ, SC, QM-  | DUNHILL.        |
| I-           | LUCKY STRIKE.   |
| Sigs-        | PHILLIP MORRIS. |

Distribution:  
 As for OO No 2.

*Smilson* Maj.  
 BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

ASSEMBLY AREAS.

Appx "B" to  
20 Aust Inf Bde CO No 2

HQ 20 Bde &  
Att.

2/15 Bn

2/17 BN

BEACH No 1.

Pro

TCP

LCT. 1

No 4 Bay

LCT. 2

No 5 Bay

LCT. 3

No 6 Bay

BEACH No 2.

TRIP

20 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instn No. 3

Instns for Move of 2/58 Aust IAD and LOB from PEMMICAN

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  - (b) Mvt table for move of first gp vide Appx "A". To be issued.
2. SUPS

One day voyage ration and one day reserve ration will be carried.
3. WATER

Water bottles and unit water containers will be filled.
4. AMN
  - (a) First line will be carried by units.
  - (b) LOB's and dets of units will carry normal scale "on the man" for respective weapons.
5. TENTAGE, OFFICE EQPT etc.
  - (a) All tentage office eqpt unit stores etc will be carried.
  - (b) Units will ensure that sufficient tentage for LOB's is allotted.
6. FOSTERING AT DESTN
  - (a) Parties will be fostered in at destn by units in area. Camp sites with Kitchen shelters etc have been prepared.
  - (b) 9 Aust Div "Q" rep is at destn and will meet OC Party.
7. ORDERS FOR OC TPS

Will be given to OC Tps separately.
8. COVERAGL FOR STORES ON LANDING CRAFT

Tent flys will be used.
9. VEHS
  - (a) Waterproofing - in accordance with practice developed in AUSTRALIA. If time is available in veh assembly area any damage to waterproofing occasioned by move to assembly area will be repaired.
  - (b) Batteries - fully charged and topped up.
  - (c) POL - tanks and sumps full.
  - (d) Lights and Horn - will be disconnected for duration of voyage. OC Tps on each vessel will check.
10. MEDICAL
  - (a) ADMS 9 Aust Div will arrange medical pers with necessary eqpt to accompany each vessel.
  - (b) Sufficient supplies of atebirin to cover the voyage will be taken.
11. OC LOADING GP

Lt-col WITHERS, CASC 9 Aust Div is appointed OC Loading Gp for all embarkations from PEMMICAN. Staff will be appointed by HQ 9 Aust Div.

12. ACK.

Signed at 1000 hrs.

Issued by sigs.

*[Signature]* Capt.  
SC 20 Aust Inf Bde

| <u>DISTRIBUTION</u>    | <u>Copy No.</u> |           |         |
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| 2/13 Aust Inf Bn       | 1               | Comd      | 7       |
| 2/15 Aust Inf Bn       | 2               | BM        | 8       |
| 2/17 Aust Inf Bn       | 3               | SC        | 9       |
| J Sec Sigs.            | 4               | LO's      | 10 - 12 |
| A Fl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Bn | 5               | File      | 13 - 14 |
| 2/58 Aust LAD          | 6               | War Diary | 15 - 16 |



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| 2/58 Aust IAD          | 6               | War Diary | 15 - 16 |

Week ending Saturday 7 Aug 43.

# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

WS 11/2/3 12 OFICRS 57 ORS Att 5 OFFICRS 15 ORS

11, 20 Aust Inf Bde.

(Unit)

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

| 1                   | 2   | 3                         | 4  |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------|--|
| Ranks.              | Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment). |
| *                   |   |                           |  |
| *                   |   |                           |  |
| Lieut.-Colonels ... | 1   |                           |  |
| Majors ...          | 2   |                           |  |
| Captains ...        | 5   |                           |  |
| Lieutenants ...     | 2   |                           |  |
| 2nd Lieutenants ... |   |                           |  |
| Quartermasters ...  |   |                           |  |
| Totals ...          | 9   |                           |  |

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank. | Name.         | Corps. | Date.   | Cause.            |
|-------|---------------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| CAPT  | JAMESON, H.C. | -      | 30.7.43 | from special duty |
| MAJ   | WILSON, B.V.  | -      | 7.8.43  | " 10 CCS          |

### Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank. | Name.        | Corps. | Date.  | Cause.              |
|-------|--------------|--------|--------|---------------------|
| MAJ   | WILSON, B.V. | -      | 5.8.43 | evacuated to 10 CCS |

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known). |
|-------|--------------------|--------|--|
|       |                    |        |  |
|       |                    |        |  |
|       |                    |        |  |
|       |                    |        |  |

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.  
(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held. | 2<br>Personal Number. | 3<br>Name and Initials. | 4<br>Corps. | 5<br>Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No). | 6<br>If not present with Unit, state how employed. |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--|--|
| Brig   | NZ 396                | W. V. WILSON            | -           | Yes  | Comd   |
| Maj  | NZ 328                | D. V. WILSON            | -           | "  | SM   |
| Capt   | GN 6250               | B. WILSON               | -           | "  | SM (1)   |
| Capt   | VZ17145               | H. W. HAMILTON          | -           | "  | SM   |
| Capt   | OX 6175               | A. C. JAMES             | -           | "  | SM (1)   |
| T/Capt   | NZ2447                | G. J. HAMILTON          | -           | "  | SM (1)   |
| T/Capt   | NZ1129                | H. J. WILSON            | -           | "  | SM   |
| Lieut  | NZ 759                | W. G. HAMILTON          | -           | "  | SM (1)   |
| Lieut  | NZ70750               | H. W. HAMILTON          | -           | "  | SM (11)  |
| OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER UNITS.                  |                       |                         |             |  |  |
| Capt   | NZ70449               | A. J. WILSON            | ASC         | "  | ASC  |
| Chap   | 312108                | A. J. WILSON            | ASC         | NO   | DET TO 2/13 SM                                     |
| Chap   | 312202                | H. A. JAMES             | "           | "  | DET TO 2/13 SM                                     |
| Chap   | VZ47364               | W. L. JAMES             | "           | "  | DET TO 2/17 SM                                     |
| Capt   | NZ2636                | L. H. HAMILTON          | 9 DIV       | 14.5.43  | SM   |
| Lieut  | NZ21135               | D. V. WILSON            | 2/13 SM     | 13.6.43  | SM   |
| Lieut  | NZ21076               | J. E. SPENCE            | 2/13 SM     | 14.7.43  | Attached for duty.                                 |

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held | Personal Number. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Date of attachment. | Nature of attachment. |
|---|------------------|--------------------|--------|---------------------|-----------------------|
|   |                  |                    |        |                     |                       |
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|   |                  |                    |        |                     |                       |

1st 20 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit.)

*W. Hamilton*  
SG 20 Aust Inf Bde  
(Signature of Commander.)

7 Aug 43

(Date of Despatch.)

9 Aust Div

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

43 / 4 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 7 / 8 / 194 3 <sup>10 20 Aust</sup> (Unit)

Int Bde

W.E. 11 / 2 / 3 OFFRS 12 O.R.'s 57 + OFFRS 5 O.R.'s 15 ATT. BY W.E.

## Part A. Posted Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements Required.

| 1 W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED |                |                 |                 | 2            |                | 3                                      |                 | 4  |           | 5                       |                           | 6                |  | 7             |                  | 8               |                | 9 |  | 10 |    |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--|-----------------|--|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--|---------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|---|--|----|----|
| Reinfts. Required         | Deficient W.E. | Surplus to W.E. | Posted Strength | DETAIL.      |                |  |                 | ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.   |           |                         |                           | Reinfts Required |  |               |                  |                 |                |   |  |    |    |
|                           |                |                 |                 | W.Os Class I | W.Os. Class II | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts | Staff Sergeants | Sergeants  | Corporals | Troopers, Privates, etc | Civilians counting as O.R |                  | Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. | Arm or Corps. | Posted Strength. | Surplus to W.E. | Deficient W.E. |   |  |    |    |
|                           |                |                 |                 |              |                |  |                 | W.Os Class I   |           | AAUC                    | 4                         |                  |  |               |                  |                 |                |   |  |    |    |
|                           |                |                 | 2               |              |                |  |                 | W.Os. Class II   |           | AAUC                    | 1                         |                  |  |               |                  |                 |                |   |  |    |    |
| NR                        | 1              |                 | -               |              |                |  |                 | Squadron or Company Quartermaster Sgts                                       |           | AEME                    | 2                         |                  | 1  |               |                  |                 |                |   |  |    | NR |
|                           |                |                 | 1               |              |                |  |                 | Staff Sergeants  |           | AACHD                   | 2                         |                  | 1  |               |                  |                 |                |   |  |    | NR |
| NR                        | 2              |                 | 1               |              |                |  |                 | Sergeants  |           | AACC                    | 3                         |                  |  |               |                  |                 |                |   |  |    |    |
| NR                        | 1              | 5               | 9               |              |                |  |                 | Corporals  |           | AAMC                    | 1                         |                  |  |               |                  |                 |                |   |  |    |    |
| NR                        | 12             |                 | 33              |              |                |  |                 | Troopers, Privates, etc  |           |                         |                           |                  |  |               |                  |                 |                |   |  |    |    |
|                           |                |                 |                 |              |                |  |                 | Civilians counting as O.R  |           |                         |                           |                  |  |               |                  |                 |                |   |  |    |    |
| -                         | 16             | 5               | 46              |              |                |  |                 | Totals of cols marked * should agree with details shown in Part E on Page 2. |           |                         | 13                        |                  | 2  |               |                  |                 |                |   |  |    |    |

| Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 7 of instructions for compilation of this return will complete analysis of Part B(1) and B(2). | Detail | A.I.F. | C.M.F.          |                   | A.W.A.S. | A.A.M.W.S. | CIVIL | R.A.N. | R.A.A.P. | ** | TOTAL |
|---|--------|--------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|------------|-------|--------|----------|----|-------|
|   |        |        | Under 19 Years. | 19 Years and over |          |            |       |        |          |    |       |
|   |        |        | A               | 59                |          |            |       |        |          |    |       |
| B(1)  |        |        |                 |                   |          |            |       |        |          |    |       |
| B(2)  |        |        |                 |                   |          |            |       |        |          |    |       |

## Part B. Other Ranks Attached from Other Units.

## Part C. Other Ranks Included in Part A Detached to Other Units.

| Number of O.Rs | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs | Unit to which they belong | Number of O.Rs | Unit to which detached | Number of O.Rs. | Unit to which detached |
|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1              | 2/4 Aust Mt Kyg Bde       |                |                           | 1              | 2/15 Bn                |                 |                        |
|                |                           |                |                           | 1              | 2/17 Bn                |                 |                        |
| 1              | YACA Service              |                |                           |                |                        |                 |                        |
| 1              | HQ 9 Aust Div             |                |                           |                |                        |                 |                        |
| 1              | 2/17 Bn                   |                |                           |                |                        |                 |                        |
| 3              | 2/13 Bn                   |                |                           |                |                        |                 |                        |
| 1              | 2/15 Bn                   |                |                           |                |                        |                 |                        |
| 2              | 9 Div Cash Office         |                |                           |                |                        |                 |                        |
| 4              | 9 Div Postal Unit         |                |                           |                |                        |                 |                        |

## Part D. Description of Other Ranks Whose Return To ..... (Unit) is Particularly Requested. .... / ... / 194

| Army No | Rank | Name and Initials | REMARKS (e.g., present whereabouts if known). |
|---------|------|-------------------|---|
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**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 7 / 8 / 1943 .**

| Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.         | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.) | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. | Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)  | W.E. | Posted Strength. | Reints. Required. |
|--|------|------------------|-------------------|--|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|---|------|------------------|-------------------|
| Ammunition Examiners                   |      |                  |                   | Surveyors, Engineering                 |      |                  |                   | Operating Room Assts.                   |      |                  |                   | G.F.O. Assistants   |      |                  |                   |
| Armament Artificer Fitter              |      |                  |                   | Surveyors, R.A.A.                      |      |                  |                   | Operator, Keyboard                      |      |                  |                   | Hammermen   |      |                  |                   |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical) |      |                  |                   | Surveyors, Topographical               |      |                  |                   | Operator, Line                          |      |                  |                   | Leather Stitchers   |      |                  |                   |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)       |      |                  |                   | Surveyors, Trigonometrical             |      |                  |                   | Operator, Signal                        |      |                  |                   | Orderlies, Nursing  |      |                  |                   |
| Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)     |      |                  |                   | Toolmakers                             |      |                  |                   | Operator, Switchboard                   |      |                  |                   | Orderlies, Nursing Mental   |      |                  |                   |
| Armament Artificer Instrument          |      |                  |                   | Turners                                |      |                  |                   | Operator, Wireless                      |      |                  |                   | Plate Layers  |      |                  |                   |
| Armament Artificer Radio               |      |                  |                   | Watchmakers                            |      |                  |                   | Opticians                               |      |                  |                   | Range-takers  |      |                  |                   |
| Armament Artificer Signals             |      |                  |                   | Welders                                |      |                  |                   | Painters                                |      |                  |                   | Riveters  |      |                  |                   |
| Armament Artificer Wireless            |      |                  |                   |  |      |                  |                   | Panel Beaters                           |      |                  |                   | Roughriders   |      |                  |                   |
| Artificer, Artillery                   |      |                  |                   |  |      |                  |                   | Photographer, Dry Plate                 |      |                  |                   | Saddlers  |      |                  |                   |
| Artificer, Engine                      |      |                  |                   |  |      |                  |                   | Predictor Numbers                       |      |                  |                   | Saddletree makers   |      |                  |                   |
| Blacksmiths                            |      |                  |                   |  |      |                  |                   | Printers                                |      |                  |                   | Shoemaker and Boot Repairer   |      |                  |                   |
| Bricklayers                            |      |                  |                   |  |      |                  |                   | Radiographers                           |      |                  |                   | Sievedores  |      |                  |                   |
| Computers                              |      |                  |                   |  |      |                  |                   | Riggers                                 |      |                  |                   | Stokers, Staty. Engine  |      |                  |                   |
| Cooks, Hospital                        |      |                  |                   | <b>GROUP II.</b>                       |      |                  |                   | Sawyers                                 |      |                  |                   | Storemen, Technical   |      |                  |                   |
| Coppersmiths                           |      |                  |                   | Armourers                              |      |                  |                   | Signallers                              |      |                  |                   | Tailors   |      |                  |                   |
| Dispensers                             |      |                  |                   | Axemen                                 |      |                  |                   | Signwriters                             |      |                  |                   | Textile Refitters   |      |                  |                   |
| Draughtsmen                            |      |                  |                   | Bakers                                 |      |                  |                   | Telescope Identfn Numbers               |      |                  |                   | Tinsmiths   |      |                  |                   |
| Draughtsmen (Architectural)            |      |                  |                   | Bty. Comd's. Asst.                     |      |                  |                   | Well Borers                             |      |                  |                   | Vulcanizers   |      |                  |                   |
| Draughtsmen (Engineering)              |      |                  |                   | Boilermakers                           |      |                  |                   | Wheelers                                |      |                  |                   | Wagon Erectors  |      |                  |                   |
| Draughtsmen (Mechanical)               |      |                  |                   | Carpenters                             |      |                  |                   | Winchman                                |      |                  |                   | Whitesmiths   |      |                  |                   |
| Draughtsmen (Topographical)            | 2    | 2                |                   | Carpenters and Joiners                 |      |                  |                   | Wireman                                 |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| Electricians                           |      |                  |                   | Cooks                                  |      |                  |                   | Woodturners                             |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| Electricians (M.V.)                    |      |                  |                   | Dental Mechanics                       |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| Electricians (Signals)                 |      |                  |                   | Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)           |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| Fitters                                |      |                  |                   | Driver-Operator                        |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| Fitters (Cycle)                        |      |                  |                   | Drainers                               |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| Fitters (Electrical)                   |      |                  |                   | Electricians                           |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| Fitters (Gun)                          |      |                  |                   | Electricians (Engineers)               |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| Fitters (Instrument)                   |      |                  |                   | Fire Control Operators                 |      |                  |                   | <b>GROUP III.</b>                       |      |                  |                   | <b>DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.</b>  |      |                  |                   |
| Fitters (M.V.)                         |      |                  |                   | Gun Operator                           |      |                  |                   | Battery Surveyors                       |      |                  |                   | Drivers   | 10   | 8                | NR                |
| Fitters, Railway Signal                |      |                  |                   | Hatchman                               |      |                  |                   | Butchers                                |      |                  |                   | MT Ordies,  | 9    | 9                |                   |
| Fitters, Signals                       |      |                  |                   | Height Taker                           |      |                  |                   | Clerks                                  | 6    | 8                |                   | Hygiene   | 1    | 1                |                   |
| Grinder, Precision                     |      |                  |                   | Helio Operator                         |      |                  |                   | Clerks, Supply                          |      |                  |                   | Water   | 1    | 1                |                   |
| Mechanics, Instrument                  |      |                  |                   | Instrument Operator                    |      |                  |                   | Clerks, Technical                       |      |                  |                   | Batmen  | 13   | 7                | NR                |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)        |      |                  |                   | Intelligence Duties                    | 4    | 4                |                   | Coach Trimmers                          |      |                  |                   | Sig Ordies  | 6    | 4                | NR                |
| Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)       |      |                  |                   | Joiners                                |      |                  |                   | Concretors                              |      |                  |                   | Gen Duties  | 5    | 2                | NR                |
| Mechanics, Radio                       |      |                  |                   | Lineman                                |      |                  |                   | Cooks                                   |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| Mechanics, Typewriter                  |      |                  |                   | Lineman, Signals                       |      |                  |                   | Dental Clerk Orderlies                  |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| Mechanics, Wireless                    |      |                  |                   | Lithographers                          |      |                  |                   | Despatch Riders                         |      |                  |                   | <b>ATTACHED BY W.E.</b>   |      |                  |                   |
| Millwrights                            |      |                  |                   | Machinists, Metal                      |      |                  |                   | Draughtsmen, Signals                    |      |                  |                   | AASC  | 4    | 4                |                   |
| Operators, Excavator                   |      |                  |                   | Machinists, Wood                       |      |                  |                   | Drivers, H.T.                           |      |                  |                   | AAMC  | 1    | 1                |                   |
| Pattern Maker                          |      |                  |                   | Masons                                 |      |                  |                   | Driver Mechanics                        |      |                  |                   | Ord Conduct.  | 1    | 1                |                   |
| Pharmacist                             |      |                  |                   | Masseurs                               |      |                  |                   | Driver Tptn. Plant                      |      |                  |                   | AACC  | 3    | 3                |                   |
| Photographer, Wet Plate                |      |                  |                   | Mechanics, M.T.                        |      |                  |                   | Engine Hands, I.C.                      |      |                  |                   | AACHD   | 3    | 2                | NR                |
| Photowriter                            |      |                  |                   | Miners                                 |      |                  |                   | Equipment Repairers                     |      |                  |                   | Mech MT   | 1    | 1                |                   |
| Plumber                                |      |                  |                   | Moulders                               |      |                  |                   | Farriers                                |      |                  |                   | Fitter MV   | 1    | 1                |                   |
| Saw Doctors                            |      |                  |                   | Nurses, Trained                        |      |                  |                   | Fitters' Mates                          |      |                  |                   | Armourer  | 1    | -                | NR                |
| Surveyors                              |      |                  |                   | Observation Post Assts.                |      |                  |                   | Gun Layers                              |      |                  |                   |   |      |                  |                   |
| CARRIED FORWARD                        | 2    | 2                | -                 | CARRIED FORWARD                        | 6    | 6                | -                 | CARRIED FORWARD                         | 12   | 14               | -                 | Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A respectively | 72   | 59               | -                 |

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.  
(b) Authorized trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.  
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back  
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."  
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

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Date of Despatch

Note:- All reinf's will be raised from the Bde.

Signature of Commander  
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