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HQ 6 AUST DIV

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WONDECLA	1		Comd PEARSON, RAN, who commands the Naval Beach Commando, and Lt-Col N. GODSALL (GSO I CO) reported for duty at this HQ.	
	2		A conference was held at Div HQ on the organization and training of the Australian Beach Group. This was attended by the representatives of LANDOPS, 1 Aust Corps, and by the Comd 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn in addition to the Div Staff. Recommendations were forwarded to LANDOPS for certain alterations and additions to the Beach Group as at present constituted. Lieut RICHARDSON, RANVR(S) OC Naval Beach Signal Party arrived at the Div HQ. Instruction for training of unit signallers with 108 Wireless Sets issued. Amendment location statement issued.	Appx "A" Appx "B" Appx "C"
	3		A full dress rehearsal for the Div parade on Friday 5 Nov was held, a total of 8552 all ranks attended. Advice was received that Brig TINSLEY, recently appointed CRA of this Div is to move immediately to 9 Aust Div as CRA. The form of the exercise and the discussions on ship-to-shore operations which are to be conducted here in a few days was decided upon and the necessary instructions issued.	
	4		The C-in-C (Sir Thomas BLAMEY, (GBE, KCB, CMG, DSO) arrived in the area. He inspected the Bunker Defence Area which has been constructed for training purposes and witnessed certain experimental work with roadways and bridges. He approved of leave for personnel of the 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp and other elements of the Div and sent a signal to LANDFORCES to make the necessary arrangements. Copy attached. He also agreed to a signal being sent from here giving priority to the 17 Aust Inf Bde over the 8 and 23 Aust Inf Bdes for the issue of equipment to complete the WET. Copy attached. The Div Comd discussed with the C-in-C the question of a CRA vice Brig TINSLEY and the names of Lt-Cols REDDISH, O'CONNEL and Brig DYKE were mentioned. No finality was reached. The Div Comd took the salute at a march past of Army, AWAS, AAWMS and Air Force personnel in ATHERTON in support of the 4th Liberty Loan and later spoke at a loan rally.	Appx "D" Appx "E"

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WONDECLA	5		9132 all ranks paraded for the C-in-C at the HERBERTON Racecourse. A copy of the C-in-C's address to the troops and of his letter to the Div Comd is attached. A final review disclosed that 5224 personnel of the Div are entitled to Recreational Leave and the C-inC approved of this number being sent away in due course. The Div Comd discussed with the C-inC the recommendations submitted for alterations to,the Australian Beach Group organization and the latter is considering the matter. Censorship instruction regarding Div Parade issued.	Appx "F" Appx "G"
	6		A Div Race Meeting attended by the C-in-C and many thousands of troops was held at the HERBERTON Racecourse. Following representations by the Div Comd the C-inC authorized the transfer of Majors CAPES and SMITH, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn, to the reserve of officers. These officers to move to the GDD Vic L of C for disposal. Comd PEARSON was advised that the Naval Board had cancelled the Navy crews for the landing craft which were to be used during the training of this Div. This information was passed on to the C-in-C who stated he will follow it up on arrival in BRISBANE. Notification was received that Gen LETHBRIDGE and some members of his Mission will be in this area on the 10th of November.	
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	8		C-in-C departed for BRISBANE. Div Comd interviewed Brig MARTIN (19 Aust Inf Bde) and outlined certain special points which the latter was to look out for specially during his forthcoming visit to NEW GUINEA. He also discussed with Brig MARTIN certain weaknesses which have been in evidence during the training of the Bde and instructed him to increase the amount of time which the Bde spends on jungle training. 1 Aust Corps was notified by signal that Comd 7 Amphibious Fleet is to control the Amphibious Training of this Div and that two ships will be available at CAIRNS for training purposes on 22 Nov.	
	9		The medical members of the Lethbridge Mission visited all medical installations in the area and were shown an Advanced Dressing Station set up in the jungle. Location statement 15 issued.	Appx "H"

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WONDECLA	10		Rear Admiral GOULDEN and three other Naval members of the Lethbridge Mission toured the Div area. Gen LETHBRIDGE and 5 other members of the Mission arrived in the Corps area and agreed to the itinerary prepared for them by this HQ. - Copy attached. Lt-Gen Sir Edmund HERRING arrived by plane at 1315 hrs and the Div Comd ceased to administer command 1 Aust Corps at that time.	Appx "I"
	11		The Lethbridge Mission spent the whole day in the Div area visiting the Bunker Defence Area, inspecting various types of improvised bridges constructed by the Div Engineers and later viewing the 16 Aust Inf Bde in a defensive position in the jungle. Members of the party Maj-Gen LETHBRIDGE, Col DEWARE and ROBIN (USA) and Lt-Cols ANDREW, STOCKLEY, and WENTWORTH-SHIELDS. The first party of key personnel proceeded on recreational leave	
	12		Maj-Gen LETHBRIDGE interviewed representative officers from all arms and services of the Div and gleaned from them valuable information concerning methods, equipment and fighting in the jungle. He expressed his appreciation of the co-operation extended to him by all the officers he met and arrangements made to facilitate obtaining all possible information in the minimum time. The 4 Days Exercise and Discussion Period on Ship-to-Shore operations, involving the Australian Beach Group, commenced and was attended by the Corps Comd. Copy of programme attached.	Appx "J"
	13		The 2/3 Aust Fd Regt demonstrated a close target shoot in the jungle for the benefit of the Lethbridge Mission which then departed from the Corps Area. Amendment location statement 15 issued.	Appx "K"
	15		The Corps Comd was evacuated to 2 AGH with malaria. He approved of the broad outline of the proposed training of the Beach Group at CAIRNS and the training also of the 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp in Ship-to-Shore operations. A letter containing the proposals for training is being forwarded by him to the Comd 7 Amphibious Fleet.- Copies attached. Amendment location statement 15 issued.	Appx "L" Appx "M"

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WONDECLA	16		The Combined Operations exercise which has been in progress since 12 Nov concluded and the series of recommendations or alterations to the Australian Beach Group organization together with a forecast of possible further amendments has been forwarded to 1 Aust Corps. - Copy attached.	Appx "N"
			A representative of LANDOPS (Maj BATES) was present throughout the exercise and the subsequent discussions.	
			Comd PEARSON received a signal notifying him the Capt STEVENS, US Navy and two staff officers will arrive at CAIRNS on 17 Nov to take charge of the amphibious training of 6 Aust Div and requesting him to arrange a conference between Capt STEVENS and 1 Aust Corps. With Gen HERRING's approval this has been arranged for Thursday 18 Nov. Brig BIERWIRTH will represent the Corps Comd.	
			The Leave Camp which has been used by 16 Aust Inf Bde at CAIRNS was closed in view of the early departure of the personnel of that Brigade on recreational leave.	
			HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde was warned of its early movement to CAIRNS for amphibious training.	
			Training Instruction No 20 - Combined Training of 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp - issued.	Appx "O"
			Training Instruction No 21 - Training of 1 Aust Beach Group - issued.	Appx "P"
	17		GOC and ADC proceeded on leave, ETR 8 Dec 43.	
			Lt-Col GODSALL and other staff officers left for CAIRNS to prepare for the amphibious training of the Div.	
			GSO I(CO) 1 Aust Corps (Lt-Col T.K. WALKER, RM) returned to Corps HQ.	
			Additional details of combined training of 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp issued.	Appx "Q"
			Amendment to location statement 15 issued.	Appx "R"
	18		A conference on the training of the Div in combined operations was held at HQ 1 Aust Corps. Capt STEVENS, USN agreed to the proposals submitted by this HQ. The names of officers who attended, and the points discussed are shown in the agenda attached.	Appx "S"
	19		DAAG admitted to hospital for varicose vein operation.	
			Comd and Staff 19 Aust Inf Bde and advance parties of two battalion LTs embarked at CAIRNS for preliminary combined operations training.	

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WONDECLA	19		Instruction issued temporarily placing MOOMIN RANGE out of bounds pending search for unexploded round being made.	Appx "T"
	20		Brig R. KING (16 Aust Inf Bde) Adm Comd 6 Aust Div proceeded on leave. Col R.G. POLLARD, GSO I, instructed to administer command 6 Aust Div until arrival of Brig MOTEN, 17 Aust Inf Bde. GSO I approved of Div Tps of 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp being quartered in American camp opposite entrance to TRINITY BAY instead of alongside 19 Aust Inf Bde units, owing to lack of material for construction of new camp.	
	21		Col R.G. POLLARD, GSO I, visited Adv Div HQ and Beach Group. Training being handicapped owing to lack of waterproofing materials, stores, ammunition, rations for handling by Beach Gp.	
	22		Maj RODD, GSO II, 1 Aust Corps informed of situation re training stores for combined operations training and requested take urgent steps to rectify. Lt-Col WALKER, GSO I(CO) 1 Aust Corps asked by phone for GSO I and AQ representative 6 Aust Div together with "I" officer to be available early 25 Nov for reconnaissance for Bde Ship-to-Shore Exercise for approximately 14 Dec. Stated 30, .50 calibre MGs required by Beach Gp - 12 for 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn, 18 for 228 Aust Lt AA Bty. Visit by Lt-Col WILLOUGHBY and Lt-Col READHEAD of Lethbridge Military Mission. (Discussions and inspections as per appendices.) Lt-Cols WILLOUGHBY and READHEAD of Lethbridge Mission visited HQ 6 Aust Div. Conferred with representatives of arms and services - visited Jap Bunker Defence Area and RAE 6 Aust Div to see types of defences and improvised bridges constructed from local materials. Also shown special items of equipment designed for jungle warfare. Brig MARTIN (Comd 19 Aust Inf Bde) Lt-Col THOMPSON (ADOS 6 Aust Div), Lt-Col BLEBY (2/3 Aust Fd Regt) and Lt-Col HOWDEN (2/8 Aust Inf Bn) returned from visit to 7 and 9 Aust Divs in NG. Brig MARTIN and Lt-Col HOWDEN instructed to remain in CAIRNS area and proceed with combined operations training 19 Aust Inf Bde. GSO I handed over adm comd 6 Aust Div to Brig MARTIN. Amendment location statement 15 issued.	Appx "U" & "V" Appx "W"

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WONDECLA	23		AA & QMG returned from leave. Lt-Col WILLOUGHBY, Lt-Col BROADIE and Lt-Col READHEAD of Lethbridge Mission visited Beach Gp at DEADMAN'S GULLY. Signal received from 1 Aust Corps asking for further information re our recommendations Beach Gp components. Signals received from GOC 6 Aust Div (Maj-Gen J.E.S. STEVENS) at LHQ asking for report re progress our recommendations. Replies sent to both.- Copies attached. As no "I" officer available HQ 6 Aust Div, Corps asked to provide - agreed to. Corps again informed of shortage training stores and asked to expedite, also informed of requirements .50 calibre MGs and distribution and requested arrange course for AEME fitters on .50 calibre MG.	Appx "X"
	24		ADGMS (Col A. DAWKINS) visited HQ 6 Aust Div - position made clear that Coy 2/12 Aust Fd Amb is to be an integral part of Aust Beach Gp therefore NOT available for return to parent unit after short training period. ADGMS stated that he intends seeking directions from LHQ re 17 Aust Inf Bde continuing suppressive treatment for malaria as this contrary to policy and GROs. AA & QMG visited Adv Div HQ TRINITY BAY re AQ matters concerning combined operations training. OC "B" Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt, Maj RUNDLE instructed to report to Maj RODD, GSO II 1 Aust Corps for instructions re move to 3 Aust Div area for training with that Div. Further instructed to reconnaissance route for tanks. GSO I (Col POLLARD) and DAQMG(L)(Capt ORR) moved to Adv Div HQ at 2000 hours to carry out reconnaissance in preparation for Bde Ship-to-Shore exercise to be held approximately 14 Dec 43. Recommendations for establishments of certain units of the Beach Gp, and appointments of officers to the staff signalled to 1 Aust Corps.	Appx "Y"
	25		GSOI, GSOI(CO) 6 Aust Div, GSOI(CO) and IO 1 Aust Corps, Instructor 1 Aust Beach Gp, Comd RAN Beach Commando & DAQMG(L) 6 Aust Duv carried reconnaissance BRAMSTON PT BAY area for Bde Ship-to-Shore exercise. Brig M. MOTEN returned from leave and took over adm comd 6 Aust Div.	

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WONDECLA	25		Combat Efficiency Report rendered to 1 Aust Corps. Location Statement Number 16 issued.	Appx "Z" Appx "AA"
	26		Signal received advising the following changes in staff to date from 17 Nov:- GSOI (Col POLLARD) to Chief Instructor, Senior Staff School; Lt-Col J.A. BISHOP (CO 2/27 Aust Inf Bn) to GSOI 6 Aust Div; Brig J. REDDISH to be CRA. Amendment to location statement 16 issued.	Appx "AB"
	27		Brig M. MOTEN, Adm Comd 6 Aust Div observed Combined Trg Exercise of battalion LT, 19 Aust Inf Bde, during this afternoon, night and dawn landing tomorrow. GSOI(CO) 1 Aust Corps was injured during exercise this morning. When he trod on an unexploded grenade No 69 his right foot was injured and top of his right big toe blown off.	
	28		Capt BLAXLAND (LANDOPS) visited the HQ and discussed divisional requirements with regard to .50 calibre guns.	
	29		Col R.G. POLLARD, GSOI, returned from TRINITY BAY after inspecting training. Amendment to location statement 16 issued.	Appx "AC"
	30		Advice received that HMAS "MANOORA" will remain at CAIRNS until 15 Dec 43 approximately and that replacement of HMAS "WESTRALIA" is impracticable. Brig J.E.G. MARTIN visited the HQ and discussed the movement of 19 Aust Inf Bde back to WONDECLA in view of the departure of HMAS "WESTRALIA" and imminent loss of HMAS "MANOORA" for training purposes. Amendment location statement 16 issued.	Appx "AD"

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6 AUST DIV

COMBINED TRAINING

DISCUSSION AND EXERCISE PERIOD

12,13,15 and 16 Nov 43

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The exercise taken as the background for these discussions has no relation to any operation either planned or contemplated for 6 Aust Div. The tactical plan is based upon information of the area which is far too scanty to enable an actual operation to be staged. Should, therefore, such an operation eventuate, the plan implemented may in all probability be entirely different to that discussed for the purpose of this exercise.

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THE BEACH GROUP

1. DEFINITION.

A Beach Group may be defined as a collection of Navy and Army Units and detachments organised with their equipment to develop the beaches, and an area of hinterland adjacent to them, into a Beach Maintenance Area. Primarily, the Beach Group is responsible for passing all the personnel, equipment and stores of the force from the Beaches to the Assembly Areas, transit areas and dumps within the Beach Maintenance Area. Its secondary role is to assist in the development of the Div Maintenance Area.

2. EVOLUTION IN RECENT YEARS.

The Beach Group as it has been developed in the U.K., in the Mediterranean, in India and now in Australia, is a very considerable advance on anything that had been envisaged up till the middle of 1942. Experience in training and in operations proved that the development of the Beach Maintenance Area and the handling of the Force through it, could only be successfully carried out by an organization which was additional to Bde and Divisional Establishments, which was allocated for Beach Organization and Maintenance only and which was specifically trained for the purpose.

3. DEFINITIONS OF SOME TERMS IN BEACH ORGANIZATION.

(a) Assembly Areas. These are areas within the covering position but outside the Beach Maintenance Area to which personnel or vehicles are directed after leaving the transit areas.

(b) Asst. Beachmaster (A.B.M.) A Naval Officer who lands in the first wave on a Bn Beach, directs in subsequent waves of landing craft and carries out early beach recce.

(c) Asst. Military Landing Officer (A.M.L.O.) Assistant to the Military Landing Officer of the Beach Group. Is distinct from the A.M.L.O.(Ship).

(d) Beach. The beach is a section of the hostile shore selected for the landing. The term is usually applied to the frontage covered by a Bn.

(e) Beach Dressing Station. A dressing station developed by the medical component of the Beach Group in the Beach Maintenance Area.

(f) Beach Master. Defined in para 4(a) below.

(g) Beachhead. A line to be seized by the first waves of the assaulting troops the holding of which will protect the beach from enemy small arms fire and infiltration.

(h) Beach Maintenance Area. The ground developed by the Beach Group for its dumps, installations etc, required to maintain the force. It includes the beaches and such unloading facilities as may require to be constructed.

(i) Covering Position. A line secured by the assault Bde, the holding of which will provide sufficient space for the accommodation of the Beach Maintenance Area and for successive echelons of the Division. The Covering Position should be far enough inland to protect the Beaches from ground observed arty fire.

(j) Ferry Service. Landing Craft which have discharged their initial assault loads become available for transferring further echelons of personnel, equipment and stores from the ships to the beaches. This is known as the Ferry Service.

(k) First Key Plan. The lay-out of the Bde or Div Maintenance Area from which the assault force will be maintained. It will in addition, show the complete lay-out of the Beach Maintenance Area and is based upon a study of available maps, air photographs etc.

(l) Landing Points. Landing Points are points developed on the beach for the reception of craft and the quick unloading of them.

(m) Second Key Plan. The lay-out of the Maintenance Area as amended after recce on the ground after the landing.

(n) Transit Areas. Transit Areas (Personnel and MT) are areas provided WITHIN the Beach Maintenance Area, to which personnel and vehicles are directed from the beaches. These must not be confused with Assembly Areas (personnel and vehicles) which are OUTSIDE the Beach Maintenance Area.

(e) Turn-round. The time required by a ship or craft to complete the cycle of its trip. This will therefore include loading, forward passage, unloading and return passage.

4. ORGANIZATION AND ROLE OF THE BEACH GROUP

NAVAL COMPONENTS.

(a) Staff.

(i) Principal Beachmaster (P. Bmr). Commands Naval Beach Commando, and, under the Senior Naval Officer Landings, all landing ships and craft during the assault and all naval personnel from them on the beaches. His command of Parties of the Naval Beach Commando is delegated to Beachmasters.

(ii) Beachmaster (Bmr). Commands Naval Beach Party and is responsible for all beach functions affecting the smooth turn round of landing craft.

(iii) Assistant Beachmaster (A. Bmr). Responsible for early Beach recce and handling of craft. Assistance to Bmr after he lands.

(b) Naval Beach Commando. 13 Officers and 127 ratings. Is commanded by P. Bmr and is divided into beach parties, each of which is commanded by a Beachmaster. Beach Parties erect beach markings and lights, mark navigational hazards, handle the turn round of craft on the beaches and carry out maintenance and repair of craft.

(c) Beach Signal Section RAN. 2 Officers and 27 ratings - with Army Beach Sigs Sec, forms main and subsidiary Beach Signal offices and maintenance. Responsible for maintenance of all communications to seaward.

ARMY COMPONENTS

(d) Beach Group Headquarters. The compositions of Beach Group HQ and the Comd of the Beach Group is referred for discussion in para 6 (a).

(e) Pnr Bn: The Battalion which provides:-

(i) facilities for adm of Beach Group
(ii) a Beach Coy for each of two beaches
(iii) labour for operating ordnance, supply and RAE dumps
(iv) domestic comns within the Beach Gp with its Sig Pl
(v) stretcher bearers for Beach Maintenance Area.

(f) Beach Coy. A normal Pnr Coy whose comd is styled the Beach Coy Comd. The Beach Coy handles all vehicles and stores discharged on the beach. The Beach Coy Comds are virtually the old Beach Gp-AMLCs.

(g) Bty Lt AA. 12 officers and 276 ORs at present three tps each of six guns. Responsible for AA defence of Beach Mtce Area. This may be in excess of Beach Gp requirements.

(h) Beach Gp Fd Coy. 7 Officers and 244 ORs, with normal organization and equipment. Responsible for:-

(i) clearance of beach wire, mines and obstacles
(ii) with Navy, clearance of under-water obstacles, artificial or in nature of minor reefs and sandbars
(iii) construction of ramps for craft and such other beaching or berthing facilities that may be required
(iv) construction of comns within Beach Mtce Area including pier and ramp construction, beach roadway, beach exits, road to dumps, transit areas etc. including bridging where necessary and the clearance of sites for dumps
(v) development of water supply
(vi) operating RAE Beach Mtce Area dump. Labour supplemented by one Coy Pnr Bn.

(i) Fl Ry Construction Coy. 2 officers and 72 ORs, 26 vehicles and 33 articles of heavy mechanical equipment. Engineer work in the Beach Mtce Area requires mechanical equipment additional to that contained in a Fd Coy. The question is mentioned for discussion in para 6(c). It appears obvious that the sub-unit as at present organized and equipped is far too large for inclusion in the Beach Gp as space for its equipment could not normally be allotted to a sub-unit whose activities will be restricted to that beach area. Better use could be made of it as a Div unit, one of its early tasks being the development of the Div Mtce Area.

(j) Beach Sig Sec. 1 offr and 40 ORs with sec, RAN, forms main and subsidiary Beach Sig offices. (Fully dealt with in Serial on Intercomn).

(k) Sup Depot Pl. 2 offrs and 30 ORs - organizes AABC supply, POL and water dumps in Beach Mtce Area. Dump labour found from Coy MG or Pnr Bn.

(l) Ordnance Beach Det. 5 offrs and 65 ORs organized into HQ, arm and stores secs. Handles ord stores and amn. Dump labour found from Coy MG or Pnr Bn.

(m) Gen Tpt Coy.

(i) HQ of 4 offrs and 44 ORs and 9 vehicles
(ii) Tpt Pl of 1 offr and 61 ORs, 34 jeeps and trailers
(iii) Tpt Pl of 1 offr and 61 ORs, 34 3-ton GS

(iv) Tpt Pl of 1 offr and 61 ORs 34 US ¾-ton weapon carriers
(v) Wkshop Pl of 1 offr and 36 ORs.

Above transport appears to be excessive and is down for discussion at para 6(d). Doubtful if more than one Pl could be landed initially. This transport is required to remove all stores from beach to dumps in Beach Mtce Area.

(n) One Relief Driver Increment of 32 ORs.

(o) Coy Fd Amb. 3 offrs and 62 ORs, provides EDS and evacuates to seaward.

(p) 2 Secs Pro. 32 ORs, 14 M/Cs, 4 jeeps and 2 15-cwt trucks, guide and police duties within Beach Mtce Area.

(q) Supplementary Labour Unit. A unit of approx strength of an inf bn which is not part of the Beach Gp organization but which is found from Div or Corps resources to cope with the many early demands on labour and would later be withdrawn by Force for tactical or other use.

(r) AEME Det. (At the moment to be provided from Div resources). A suggested requirement is 1 offr and 60 ORs, divided into Mtce Sec of 40 and Rec Sec of 21, initial role of Mtce Sec is de-water-proofing, also does maintenance. Rec sec does veh recovery within Beach Mtce Area but is not equipped for recovering drowned vehs. (Incl for discussion at para 6(e)).

5. THE LANDING SEQUENCE AND ROLE OF THE BEACH GROUP IN THIS OPERATION

(a) Considerations affecting priority of landing. Relevant dets of Beach Gp must always be landed in sufficient time to allow for recce and for necessary work to be completed by the time it is required. Some considerations affecting this priority are the following:-

(i) anticipated time of arrival of first guns and vehicles so that track and road may be prepared in advance by Beach Gp Fd Coy and Det AEME be available for de-water-proofing.

(ii) anticipated time of arrival of bulk stores and supplies so that RAE, Ord, and AASC dumps can be prepared, together with roads to them. Sufficient Beach Gp labour must be landed to handle the stores, and some tpt available to convey stores from beach to dump.

(iii) appreciation of the above work involves a close study of information regarding nature of beaches, exits and hinterland [illegible] that adequate labour and equipment may be landed in order to deal with engineering and other problems envisaged. The above are only a few of the many considerations involved if a satisfactory prior plan is to be made for the Beach Gp to land, with necessary equipment, to carry out the work expected of it.

(b) General Sequence of Events. The "Battle Drill" for the Beach Gp is the same in principle as that for tactical organizations and in respect of all its activities will develop as follows:-

(i) recce parties - minimum in composition and landing early
(ii) advance parties - landing a little later and carrying recce and preparation further down the scale
(iii) Main bodies - landing in sufficient strength and sufficient time to execute the actual work before the arrival of the troops, equipment or commodities they are preparing for.

(c) Co-ordination. The work of all sections of the Beach Group is co-ordinated by the Beach Group Comd (BGC). Initial co-ordination effected by the landing of his 'O' Gp of key sub-ordinate comds, who check the first Key Plan of the Beach Mtce Area. This group is followed by the 'R' gp, who can then ensure that the "Main Bodies" referred to in (b) (iii) above act in accordance with a co-ordinated plan. It will be noted that substantial numbers of RAN officers and dets are included in this discussion of the Beach Gp. The question of command of Navy personnel working with the Beach Gp is not discussed here but it can be accepted that in training, planning and in ops the conduct of their duties harmonises with that of Army officers and dets for the smooth working of the Gp as a whole.

(d) Landing Sequence in this Exercise. A solution to the problem of landing the Beach Gp in this exercise is given at Appx "E". Examination of this Appendix will invite consideration of the following points:-

(i) Necessity of accepting space on ships and craft to harmonise with the landing of the force generally.

(ii) Necessity of selecting only such personnel and equipment as will be necessary to develop and work the Beach Mtce Area to conform to the plan of the Force Comd.

It will be obvious that the most careful thought must be given to the above, right down to the smallest detail of equipment, for example, the following table shows personnel, vehicles and equipment (a) on the establishments of the units and dets of the Beach Gp, and (b) that actually included in this exercise.

	Pers	M/Cs	Vehicles	Mech Eqpt	Guns
On establishments	2206	73	294	33	18
Used in Exercise	2005	-	88	13	12

6. POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION DURING SERIAL 19.

(a) Headquarters and Comd of Beach Group.

Points for discussion:-

(i) Will Beach Group be commanded by Comd, Fmr Bn using his Bn staff to administer Beach Gp, supplemented by additional staff referred to in sub-para (i) below? or

(ii) Will the Beach Group have a separate Comd and staff? In this event will staff be found from HQ Fmr Bn plus staff mentioned in sub-para (iii) below.

(iii) Staff suggested for inclusion on HQ Beach Group are DAQMG and Staff Capt to account for all equipment, stores and supplies in Beach Mtce Area. MLO and AMLO to regulate movement of all personnel, supplies, stores and vehicles from beach to dumps, transit areas, etc. Are any "G" Staff officers required?

(b) Defence of Beach Maintenance Area

(i) Ground Defence of Beach Maintenance Area the responsibility of Force Comd?

(ii) In event of infiltration or surprise, Beach Comd is responsible for own local defence by means of the weapons carried by all components of the Beach Gp.

(c) Heavy Mechanical Equipment. Engineer work of Beach Maintenance Area requires use of heavy equipment. How is equipment of Pl Ry Construction Coy best allocated?

(i) Portion alloted to Beach Group Fd Coy and balance held by CRE?

(ii) Pl Ry Construction Coy allocated to Beach Gp and Beach Gp Engrs required to assist in development of Div Mtce Area?

(iii) Any other solution?

(d) Gen Tpt Coy. Consist of an HQ and three load carrying pls, each of 34 vehs, also a Wkshop pl.

(i) Can Beach Gp use all this transport under jungle conditions?

(ii) If not, consider allocation of equipment surplus to Beach Gp requirements.

(iii) Is existing organization suitable?

(e) AEME. If Beach Gp AEME found from Div resources, how will this react upon:-

(i) Strength of Beach Gp det.

(ii) Div AEME units.

(f) Sup Depot Pl. Is one pl sufficient to handle all AASC supplies in Beach Maintenance Area?

(g) Salvage Unit. Is it required in Beach Group?

(h) AAMCU. Is one required in Beach Group?

(i) Surgical Team. Is one required in Beach Group?

(j) MT and Mechanical Equipment. Taking each component of the Beach Group in turn:-

(i) What MT does it require?

(ii) What mechanical equipment is required?

Note: In regard to the above notes generally and to the points in para 6 in particular, the Senior officer in each of the four groups given in para 3 of General Instructions of 11 Nov 43 will hold a discussion within his group on the composition, organization and employment of the Beach Group. Suggestions emanating from these discussions will be given in writing to GSO I 6 Aust Div by the Senior Officer of each group not later than 0900 hours 15 Nov 43.

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GS 6 Aust Div

13 Nov 43.

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THE SEQUENCE OF LANDING – BEACH GP.

& ROLE ON LANDING

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APPX. 1 TO SER 11

SER	TROOPS	No	VEHS. & EQUIPT.	No	SHIP	H+	BEACH	ROLE ON LANDING
1	ABMv & DET	5			KANIMBLA	H HOUR	WHITE	1. EARLY RECCE ON RESPECTIVE BEACHES
2	2 ABMvs & DET	8			MANOORA	do	GREEN	2. GUIDE IN SUBSEQUENT WAVES OF LANDING CRAFT
3	2 do do	8			WESTRALIA	do	AMBER	3. NAVAL BEACH CONTROL UNTIL ARRIVAL OF BEACHMASTER
4	ULO & DET	4			KANIMBLA	do	WHITE	1. PASS THEIR UNITS ACROSS THEIR RESP BEACHES
5	do do	4			MANOORA	do	GREEN	2. EARLY RECCE FOR BEACH EXITS
6	do do	4			WESTRALIA	do	AMBER	3. SELECTION OF BN ASSEMBLY AREAS
7	RECCE PARTY BEACH FD COY.	7			do	H + 5	GREEN	4. HAND OVER TO BEACH COY COMDS
8	BMv & DET	12	BEACH CAMPS & SIGNS		MANOORA	H + 15	GREEN	RECCE OF WORK FOR BEACH EXITS
9	do do	12	do do		WESTRALIA	do	AMBER	CONTROL OF L.Cs & THEIR TURN AROUND
10	BEACH COY COMD & RUNNER	2			KANIMBLA	do	WHITE	RECCE INSHORE & REPORT TO BEACH GP COMD
11	do do do	2			MANOORA	do	GREEN	COMD OF BEACH COY IN CLEARING THEIR BEACHES
12	do do do	2			WESTRALIA	do	AMBER	
13	ADV PARTY, BEACH SIGS, ARMY & NAVY	9			MANOORA	do	do	EST COMNS:- 1. FWD TO BNS
14	do do do	9			WESTRALIA	do	GREEN	2. TO ARMY & NAVY AFLOAT
15	do do RAN & ARMY	9			KANIMBLA	do	WHITE	3. LATERAL BEACHES
16	PL, BEACH FD COY	65			WESTRALIA	do	GREEN/AMBER	BEGINS BEACH CLEARANCE OF OBS & IMPROVE EXITS
17	RECCE PARTY. LT AA	7			MANOORA	H + 30	do	RECCE FOR LT AA GUN POSNS
18	DET BEACH DRESSING STATION	32	1200 LBS MED STORES		do	do	GREEN	SETS UP BEACH DRESSING STATION
19	do do	33	do do		WESTRALIA	do	AMBER	
20	MAIN SUPPORT PARTY BEACH SIGS	26	SIGNAL EQUIPT		MANOORA	do	GR OR AMB	SETS UP MAIN BEACH SIG OFFICE
21	BEACH GP RECCE PARTY INCL BGC, MLO & FD COY COMD	16			KANIMBLA.	do	do	RECCE TO CHECK 1st KEY PLAN
22	10, OC BEACH SIGS, COMD PRO DETS & RUNNERS		2 D4 DOZ, 3 D6 DOZ, 4 SLEDGES					
23	RLY CONSTRN COY DVRS	4	5 TONS ARC MESH	5	MANOORA	do	do	COMMENCE RD CONSTRN HAULS LT AA OFF CRAFT
24	GEN TPT COY DVRS	4	4 WEAPONS CARRIERS EACH	4	KANIMBLA	do	do	FOR BEACH TRACK
25	PL BEACH FD COY	65	LOADED WITH 20 SHTS ARC MAT		MANOORA	do	do	COYS BEACH TRACK, IMPROVE EXITS ETC.
26	"A" COY MG BN	133	LABOURING TOOLS.		WESTRALIA	do	do	UNDER COMD FD COY FOR LABOUR
27	ABMv & DET NAVAL BEACH COMMANDO	20			WESTRALIA	do	GREEN	MAINT & TURN-AROUND OF CRAFT
28	do do	20			MANOORA	do	AMBER	
29	DET PROV	8			WESTRALIA	do	GREEN	GUIDE & POLICE DUTIES
30	TP LT AA	74	6 GUNS	6	MANOORA/KANIMBLA	H+45	GR OR AMB	AA DEF BEACH AREA
31	BEACH GP O GP, INCL OCs BEACH ORD	18			MANOORA	do	AMBER	RECEIVE 2nd KEY PLAN & RECCE THEIR AREAS
32	DET AEME, FDS, GTC, SUPP DEP PL BEACH.							& MAKE PREP FOR ARRIVAL OF THEIR TPS
33	COY, BTY LT AA & REP BEACH SIGS							
34	FD COY LESS 2 PLS & RECCE DET	114	TOOLS & EQUIPT		KANIMBLA &	do	do	CONTINUATION OF RD CONSTRN
35	2 PLS PROV LESS DETS	23			WESTRALIA	do	do	GUIDES & POLICE
36	A & B BEACH COYS LESS RECCE DETS	252			MANOORA &	H + 60	do	BEACH LABOUR
37	ADV DET, SUPP DEP PL	5			KANIMBLA	H + 90		SUPERVISE PREP OF SUPP & POW DUMPS
38	do. BEACH ORD DET	7			do			do AMN & STORE do
39	AEME MAINT DET	17			do			DE-WATERPROOFING & MAINT OF VEHS
40	DET DVRS, BEACH DRESSING STA	2	2 LOADED JEEPS & TRLS	4	AKA	H + 90		
41	DET RLY CONSTRN COY	4	2 DOZ D6 2 SLEDGES	2	AKA			RD & OTHER CONSTRN
42	6 DRVS GTC	6	6 ¾ TON WEAPONS CARRIERS	6	WESTRALIA			BEACH TRACK
43	BEACH GP AEME MAINT DET	17	3 TON STORES 3 TON GAR-	4	do			DE-WATERPROOFING & MAINT OF VEHS.
44	SUPPORT BEACH SIGS ARMY & NAVY	8	AGE, 2 JEEPS		KANIMBLA		WHITE	REINF SUBSIDIARY BEACH SIG DET
45	DET GEN TPT COY DVRS	6	4 ¾ TON WEAPONS CARRIERS	4	3 LSIs	H + 105	GR OR AMB	MAT FOR BEACH TNS, VEHS FOR STORE CARRYING
46	BEACH SIG MAINT PARTY	7	EACH WITH 20 SHTS ARC MAT		WESTRALIA	do	do	MAINT BEACH SIG SEC
47	DET BEACH SIGS DVRS	3	3 JEEPS WITH SIG STORES	3	AKA	H + 3 HRS	do	
48	DET BEACH FD COY DVRS	6	4 TRUCKS 3 TON W/WINCH	4	AKA	do	do	
			2 do do GS	2	AKA	do	do	
49	DET GEN TPT COY 6 DVRS	7	7 ¾ TON WEAPONS CARRIERS EACH WITH 20 SHTS ARC MAT		do	H + 4½ HRS	do	MAT FOR RDS, VEHS FOR STORE CARRYING
50	C & D BEACH COYS	236	MESH & 12 SLEDS		4 LST	do	do	LABOUR FOR (1) UNLOADING (2) DUMPS
51	DET RLY CONSTRN COY	20	TD9 TRACTOR (1) SCOOP CARRYALL (1) BERRYMAN LOADERS (2) DOZ D6 (2) SLEDGES (20) TRLS WATER (1) TRUCKS TIPPING (6)	7	AKA	BETWEEN H+4½ & H + 20	do	CONSTRN IN BEACH MAINT AREA
			do 3 TON W/WINCH (1)	14				
52	PL, GEN TPT COY LESS DETS LANDED	13	13 ¾ TON WEAPONS CARRIERS	13	do	do	do	LOAD CARRYING TO DUMPS
53	AEME REC DET	21	3-6 WHEEL BREAKDOWN	3	do	do	do	
54	DET BEACH GP FD COY (DVRS)	16	4 JEEPS & TRLS 3 TRUCK 3 TONS GS WITH 'A' EQUIPT & STORES 7 TRUCKS TIPPING WITH 'A' EQUIPT & STORES 1 TRUCK WATER					CONSTRN IN BEACH MAINT AREA
			3 TRLS AIR COMPRESSOR	18	do	do	do	
55	BTY LT AA LESS 2 TPS (GUNS & REPS ONLY)		6 GUNS 6 TRACTORS WITH	12	do			AA DEF BEACH MAINT AREA
56	PNR BN LESS 4 BEACH COYS	294			4 LSTs	H + 12½	do	ADMIN & LABOUR IN BM AREA
57	MG BN LESS 3 COYS	309			do	do	do	
58	SUPP DEP PL LESS DETS ALREADY LANDED	27			do	do	do	COMPLETE STAFF FOR SUPP & POW DUMPS
59	BEACH ORD DET do	59			do	do	do	do do AMN & STORES do

NOTE :- LANDING TIMES AFTER H HOUR APPROX ONLY.
SERS 51 TO 55 INCL MAY BE EXPECTED TO BE DISCHARGED FROM AKA AT THE RATE OF 7 VEHS EVERY 1½ HRS.

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6 AUST DIV

COMBINED TRAINING

DISCUSSION AND EXERCISE [illegible]

NAVAL SIGNAL PLAN

1. COMMUNICATIONS DURING EMBARKATION

(a) Normal communication facilities of port unless ships load in midstream. In latter case special arrangements required; probably naval signal party on beach during loading.

(b) Early liaison between Navy and Army Sig officers essential

(i) To arrange (a)
(ii) To establish Combined Sig Office on board ship. Two methods, viz:-

(A) If space permits, army unit establish own sig office and send and receive external messages via naval sig office.

(B) Small army staff work in ship's sig office (S.D.O.) and messages handled jointly.

2. COMMUNICATIONS DURING VOYAGE

(a) Provided entirely by navy (army operators may be required to assist). Messages from army authorities ashore routed over naval broadcast services.

(b) Strict W/T (wireless) silence. V/S permitted by day only. This will mean:-

(i) Communications within Division indifferent once embarked.
(ii) Plans cannot be changed after sailing.
(iii) No communication to Corps, etc.

(c) Intercommunication facilities (W/T) do exist however and will be used in emergency. (Normal naval channels).

(d) Units embarked in LCIs will be at great disadvantage in respect of above.

(e) Communication with air escort will be provided.

3. COMMUNICATIONS DURING THE APPROACH

(a) Landing from LSIs

(i) R/T communication from ships to craft) LANDING WAVE
and between craft of flotillas)
(ii) V/S also available.
(iii) Army communications available to some extent.
(iv) Limitations: - W/T silence until H hour or loss of surprise. No light may be flashed shorewards.

i.e. This organization exists to meet emergencies and to enable naval and military commanders to regroup scattered forces.

(b) Landing from LCIs and LSTs.

Certain craft will be in R/T touch with beach prior to landing.

(c) Close support by PCs.

Craft ordered to support battalion landings will set watch on battalion waves.

4. COMMUNICATIONS WHEN BATTALIONS LANDED

(a) SNOL - Landing Ships - craft - Emr (LANDING WAVE)
(Control of craft, regulation of unloading, reports to SNOL)

(b) HQ afloat (incl Force Cdr) - B.S.S. (NAVAL BEACH WAVE)
(alternative to Landing Wave
alternative to military channel (brigade wave)
alternative to FOO Waves (mentioned later)).

(c) V/S from shore to any ship or craft in sight.

(d) Line Beach (BILL BILL Is) - army communications.

5. COMMUNICATIONS WHEN BRIGADE LANDED.

(a) Generally as above but more powerful sets on Naval Beach Wave, (enables communication to ships if compelled to leave immediate vicinity).

(b) NBW may be used as alternative to Div wave.

(c) Beach signals consolidated except for station on White beach (Allows for subsequent use).

(d) Use of landing craft for hand messages.

6. COMMUNICATIONS WHEN DIVISION LANDED

As above. Naval Beach Wave and Ship-Shore waves act as rear link until Div in direct touch with Corps.

7. NAVAL BOMBARDMENT COMMUNICATIONS

(a) Spotting aircraft work ships direct on common frequency.

(b) FOOs work direct to ship for whom spotting (on individual frequencies). Also have V/S.

(c) Requests for support from troops ashore received via FOO communications or via army channels (N.B.W. if necessary) in Div HQ ship. Orders for support passed via naval channels.

8. [illegible]

During entire landing, ships are in continuous communication via naval channels. If a message can be made to reach any ship it will be speedily passed to any other.

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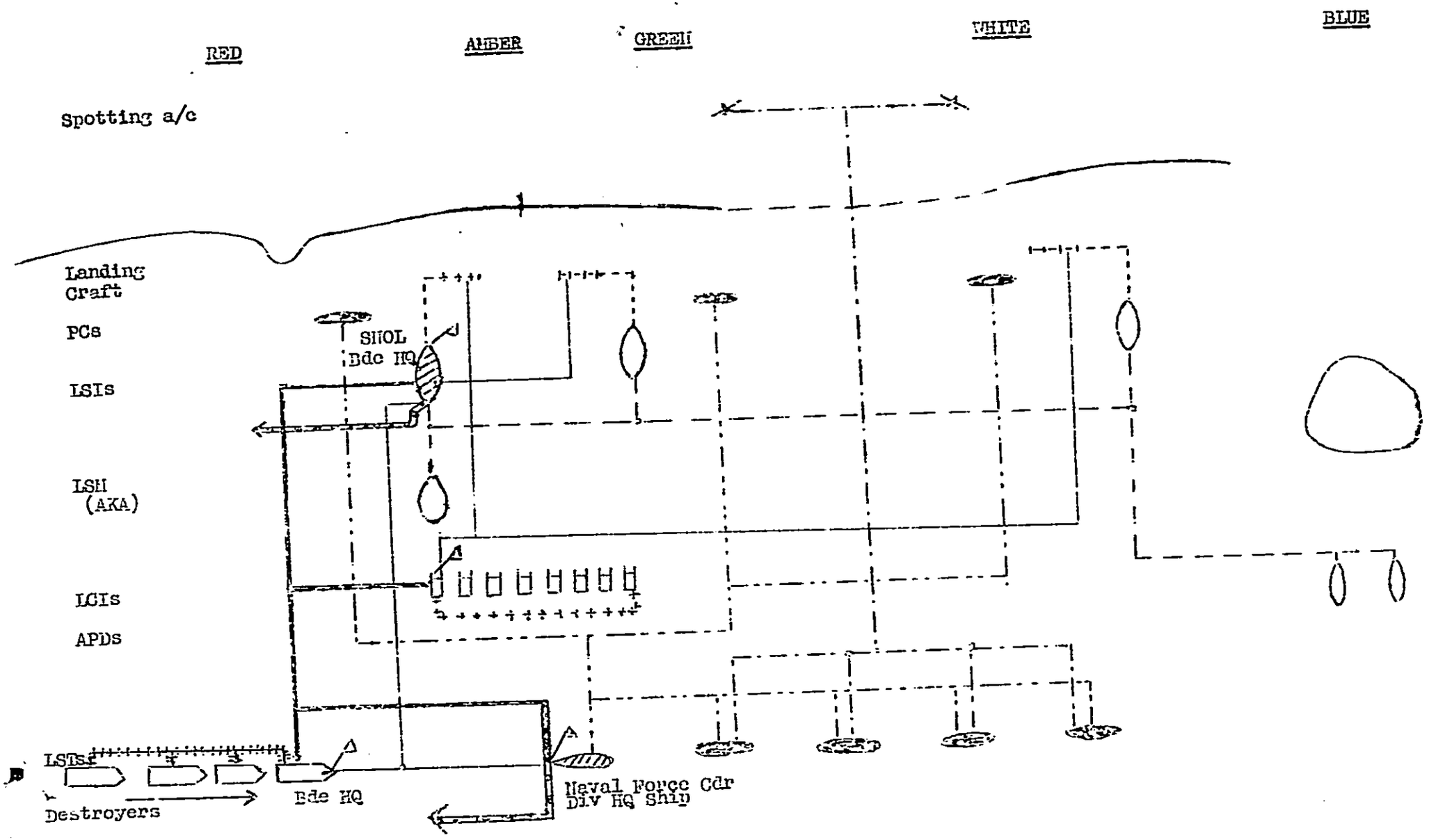

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Bde HQ
Naval Force Cdr Div HQ Ship

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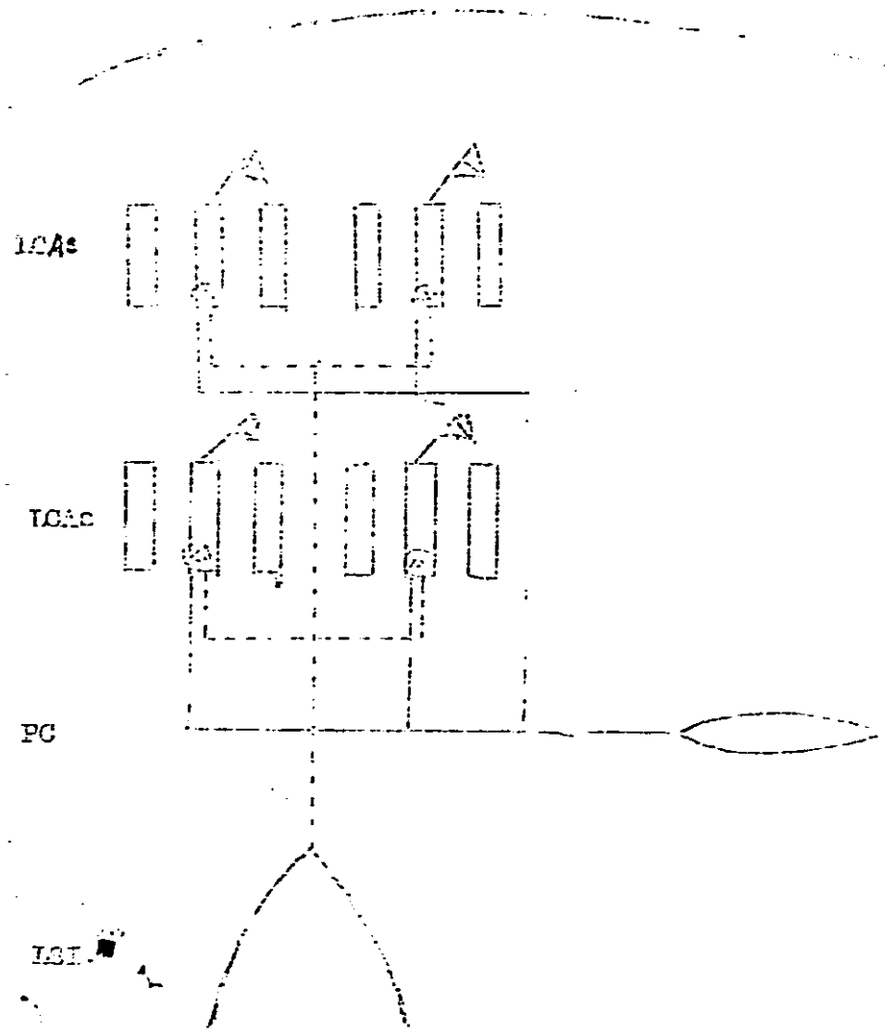


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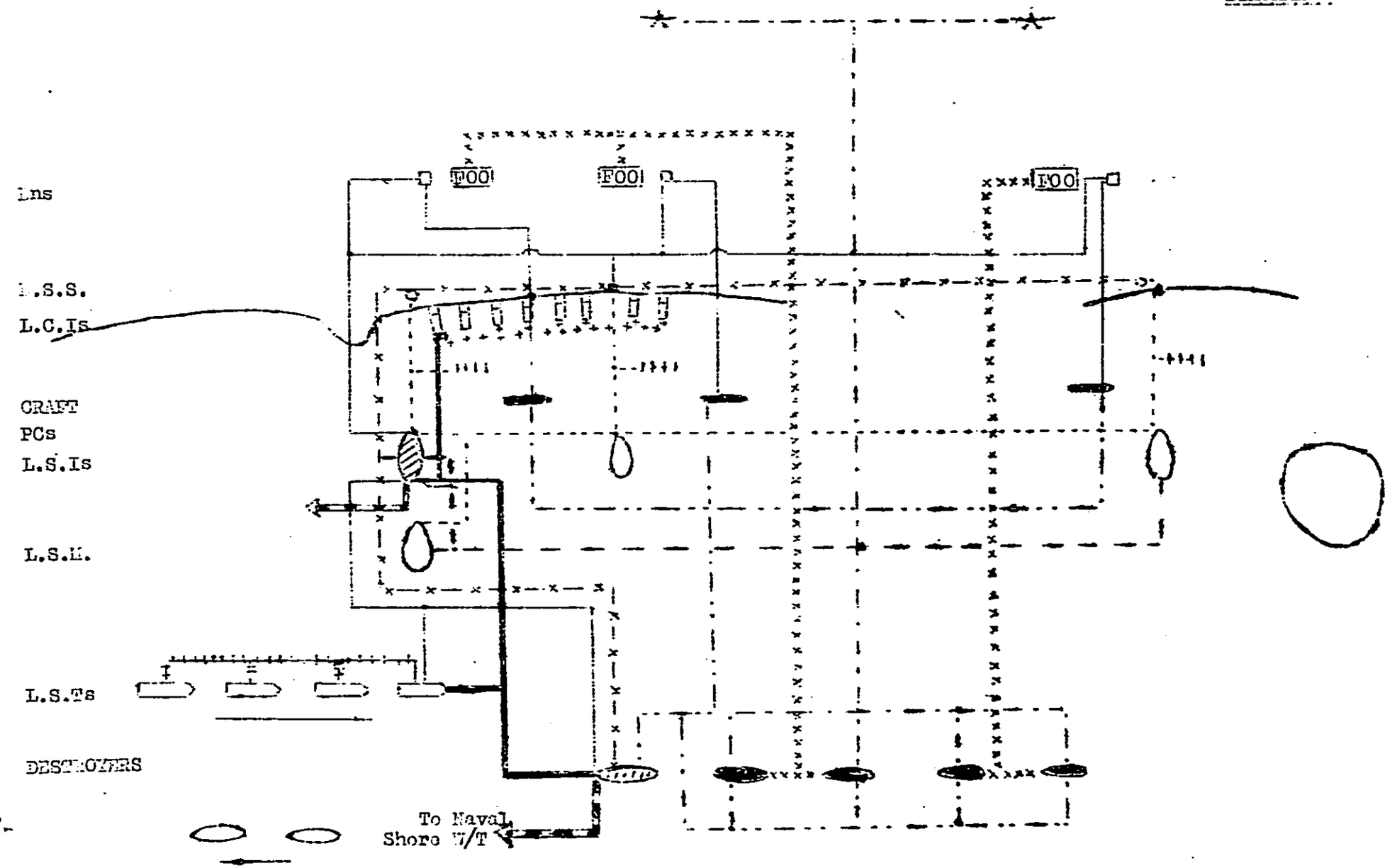
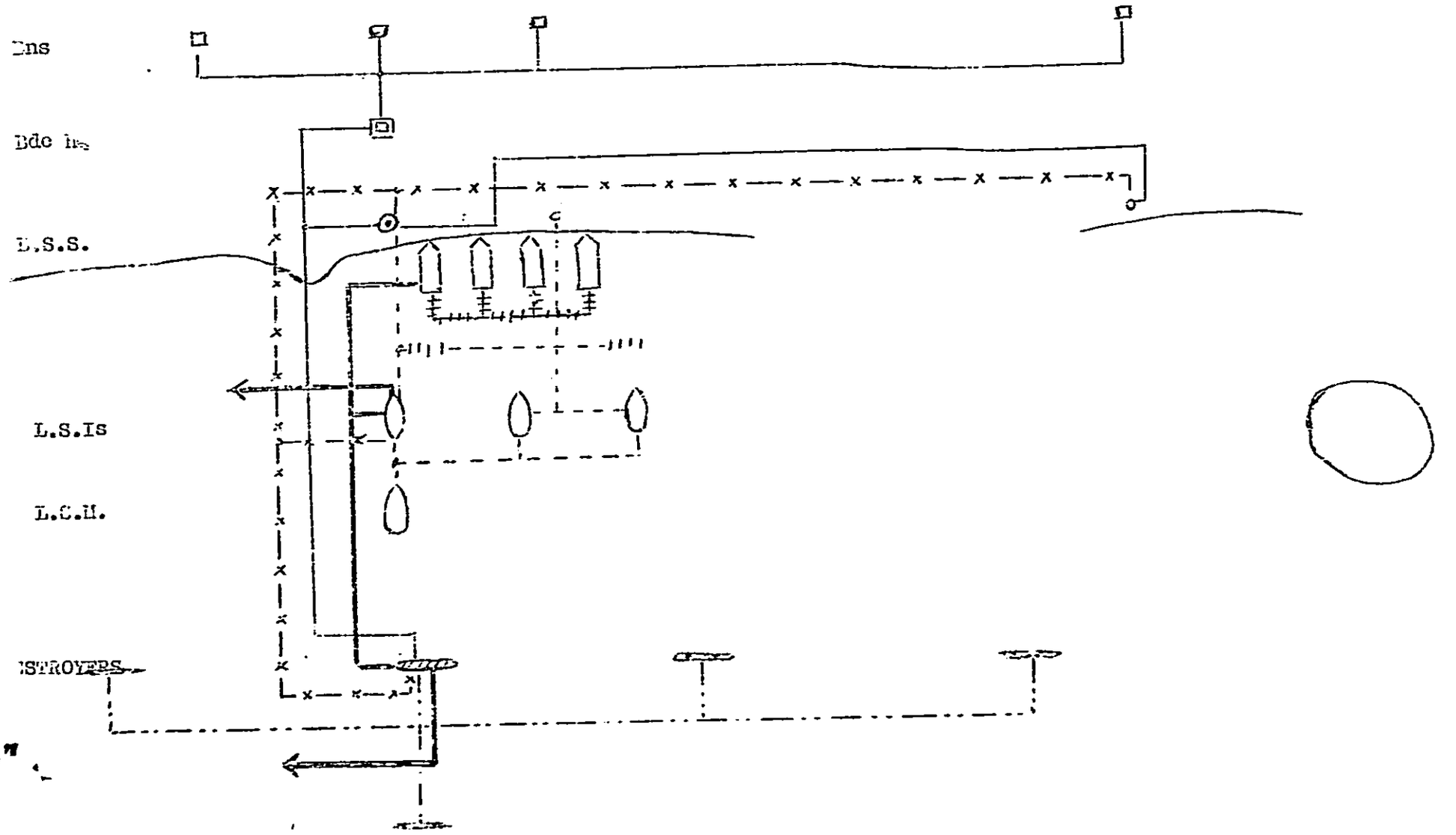

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DESTROYERS
To Naval
Shore W/T

DIAGRAM 3



War Diary

ESTIMATED RATE OF LANDING OF ASSAULT FORCE

BEACH	H h	H + 15 mins Pers	H + 15 mins Eqpt	H + 30 mins Pers	H + 30 mins Eqpt	H + 45 mins Pers	H + 1 hr Eqpt	Total at H + 1 hr Pers	Total at H + 1 hr Eqpt	Total at H + 2 hrs Pers	Total at H + 2 hrs Eqpt
BLUE	Cav Commando Sqn Gp 288							Cav (Comm) Sqn Gp 288		Cav (Comm) Sqn Gp 288	
WHITE	2/2 Bn Gp total 210	2/2 Bn Gp 210	2/75mm packs					2/2 Bn Gp 420	2/75mm packs	2/2 Bn Gp 770	2/75mm packs
GREEN and AMBER	2/4 Bn & attd Tps 210 2/8 Bn Gp 210	2/4 Bn Gp 210 2/8 Bn Gp 210		2/4 Bn Gp 210 2/8 Bn Gp 140 Bal 2/2 Bn Gp 95 Beach Gp incl HQ, Adm, Sigs, Engr etc 320 Available in LCIs 2/11 Bn, 16 Bde & 1 Bn.	2 - D4s 3 - D6s 180 yds Road Net 6 Bofors	2/4 Bn Gp 105	4/25 pdrs 4/½ ton Jeeps 8 Beach Gp vehs 4 Bofors	2/4 Bn Gp 735 2/8 Bn & att tps 560 Bal 2/2 Bn Gp 95 Beach Gp 320 Available in LCIs 2/11 Bn 730 16 Bde & Bn 756	5 Dozers Rd Netting 4/25 pdrs & tractors 6 Bofors 8 Beach Gp vehs	Gp & Recce 6 pdr 2/4 Bn & att tps 945 2/8 Bn Gp 647 Bal 2/2 Bn 95 2/11 Bn 730 16 Bde & Bn 756 Beach Gp 1014 Various 118 Total Troops 5270	5 Dozers and netting 8/25 pdrs and tractors 12 Bofors 12 Beach Gp vehs 1 other vehs

BEACH	Total at H + 3 hrs Pers	Equipt	Total at H + 4 hrs Pers	Equipt	Total at H + [illegible] hrs Pers	Equipt	Total at H + 6 hrs Pers	Equipt	Total at H + 13½ hrs Pers	Equipt
BLUE	Cav Comd Sqn Gp 268		As	"	As at		As	"	As	
WHITE	2/2 [illegible] Gp 770	2/75mm packs	at H	2/75mm packs	H + 3 hrs	2/75mm packs	at	2/75mm packs	at H + 6 hrs	2/75mm packs
GREEN and AMBER	As at H + 2 hrs	25 Beach Gp vehs 125/25 pdrs and tractors 10 Bofors 3 other vehs	As at H + 5 hrs	35 Beach Gp vehs 12[illegible] pdrs & tractors 10 Bofors 20 [illegible] vehs	All units of LSIs & LCIs plus 3/5 Bn 730 Beach Gp 236 Div HQ 77 Det Pi Bty 75 Fd Amb 66 HQ & HQ Tps 100 Various 324 1609 Total ashore at 6670	40 Beach Gp vehs 96/25 pdrs & tractors 10 Bofors 20 other vehs [illegible] vehs [illegible] other vehs in LCTs	At H + 4½ hrs		As at H + 4½ hrs plus HQ 19 Bde 39 3/5 Bn 101 Beach Gp 755 Div HQ 77 3/5 Fd Coy 130 Det Bty 176 HQ & HQ Tps 55 Fd Amb 56 Various 164 Total ashore 6470	56 HT pool vehs 10 HQ vehs

ESTIMATED RATE OF LANDING OF ASSAULT FORCE

BEACH	H hr	H + 15 mins		H + 30 mins		H + 45 mins	H + 1 hr	Total at H + 1 hr		Total at H + 3 hrs	
		Pers	Eqpt	Pers	Eqpt	Pers	Eqpt	Pers	Eqpt	Pers	Eqpt
BLUE	Cav Commando Sqn Gp 286							Cav (Comm) Sqn Gp 286		Cav (Comm) Sqn Gp 286	
WHITE	2/8 Bn Gp total 230	2/8 Bn Gp 210	2/75mm packs					2/8 Bn Gp 420	2/75mm packs	2/8 Bn Gp 770	2/75mm packs
GREEN and AMBER	2/4 Bn & attd Tps 210 2/8 Bn Gp 210	2/4 Bn Gp 210 2/8 Bn Gp 210		2/4 Bn Gp 210 2/8 Bn Gp 140 Bal 2/2 Bn Gp 95 Beach Gp incl RE, AA, Sigs, Eng. etc 320 Available in LCIs 2/11 Bn, 16 Bde & 1 Bn.	3 - D4s 3 - D6s 180 yds Road Mat 2 Bofors	2/4 Bn Gp 105	4 - 25 pdrs 4/5 ton Jeeps 6 Beach Pty vehs 4 Bofors	2/4 Bn Gp 755 2/8 Bn & att tps 360 Bal 2/2 Bn Gp 93 Beach Gp 320 Available in LCIs 2/11 Bn 730 16 Bde & Bn 756	5 Dozers Rd Matting 4/25 pdrs & tractors 6 Bofors 8 Beach Gp vehs	Gp & Bde Hq 6 div 2/4 Bn & att tps 945 2/8 Bn Gp 847 Bal 2/2 att 95 2/11 Bn. 730 16 Bde & 2/1 Bn 755 Beach Group 1014 Various 115 Total under 5270	5 Dozers and matting 4/25 pdrs on tractors 12 Bofors 12 Beach Gp vehs 6 other vehs

BEACH	Total at H + 3 hrs		Total at H + 4 hrs		Total at H + 4½ hrs		Total at H + 6 hrs		Total at H + 13½ hrs	
	Pers	Vehs	Pers	Vehs	Pers	Vehs	Pers	Vehs	Pers	Vehs
BLUE	Cav Gp Sqn HQ 268		As		As at		As	"	As	
WHITE	2/2 [illegible] Gp 770	2.75mm packs	at H + 4 hrs	2.75mm packs	at H + 4½ hrs	2/75mm packs	at H + 6 hrs	2/75mm packs	at H + 6 hrs	2/75mm packs
GREEN and AMBER	As at H + 2 hrs	25 Beach Gp vehs 17/25 pdrs and tractors 16 Bofors 3 other vehs	As at H + 4 hrs	35 Beach Gp vehs 17/25 pdrs & tractors 16 Bofors 20 other vehs	All units on LSIs & LCIs plus 2/3 Bn 730 Beach Gp 236 Div HQ 77 Det Fd Bty 75 Fd Amb 68 HQ & HQ tps 100 Various 314 1600 Total ashore at 6870	50 Beach Gp vehs 16/25 pdrs & tractors 16 Bofors 20 other vehs 40 LT pool vehs + 68 others in LSTs	+ 4½ hrs		As at H + 4½ hrs plus HQ 19 Bde 89 2/2 Fd Coy 101 Beach Gp 755 Div HQ 77 2/2 Fd Coy 130 Pnr Bn 173 HQ & HQ tps 55 Fd Amb 56 Various 164 Total ashore 8470	56 LT pool vehs 10 HQ vehs

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2/4 BN LANDING CRAFT TABLE
FOR HMAS "MANOORA"

Appendix " to 2/4 Bn O O No 1 dated 16 Nov 45

SERIAL NO	LANDING CRAFT		LOAD			MARSHALLING		LANDING		REMARKS
	TYPE	NO	PERSONNEL	VEHICLES	STORES	PLACE	TIME	BEACH	TIME	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)
7	VP	M4	7 Pl A Coy 25 2/2 Fd Coy 3 "A" Coy HQ(CSM Run) 2 SB 1 ULO 4			4	H-50	GREEN	H hr	
8	VP	M8	8 Pl A Coy 29 "A" Coy HQ (Coy Comd Run) 3 Sigs (108 Set) 2 S.B. 1			8	H-50	GREEN	H hr	
9	VP	M12	9 Pl A Coy 25 2/2 Fd Coy 3 Sigs (Wire Party) 2 A.B.M. Party 4 S.B. 1			12	H-50	GREEN	H Hr	
10	VP	M3	10 Pl B Coy 29 2/2 Fd Coy 3 "B" Coy HQ(CSM Run) 2 S.B. 1			3	H-50	GREEN	H hr	
11	VP	M7	11 Pl B Coy 29 "B" Coy HQ (Coy Comd Runner). 3 Sigs (108 Set) 2 S.B. 1			7	H-50	GREEN	H hr	

S...L No (a)	LANDING CRAFT TYPE (b)	NO (c)	LOAD PERSONNEL (d)		VEHICLES (e)	STORES (f)	WAITING PLACE (g)	WAITING TIME (h)	LANDING BEACH (i)	LANDING TIME (j)	REMARKS (k)
12	VF	Nil	12 Pl B Coy	25							
			2/2 Fd Coy	3							
			Sigs (Wire Party)	2			11	H-50	GREEN	H hr	
			ABH Party	4							
			SB	1							
	FERRY SERVICE										
124	H		53 Fd Bty	12	2-25 Pndr		Not 8		GREEN		
					2 Trucks ¼ ton						

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6 AUST DIV

COMBINED TRAINING

DISEMBARKATION AND EXERCISE PERIOD

MEDICAL ASPECTS

A. OBJECT

Maintenance of health of troops and collection, treatment and evacuation of sick and wounded.

B. MEDICAL ESTABLISHMENTS

1. Divisional

(a) Regimental Medical Establishments
(b) One Field Ambulance each with a Malaria Team.
(c) One CCS
(d) One AAMCU (Malaria control unit).

2. Each Group Medical Section

(a) Regimental Medical Establishments
(b) One Bearer Company of a Field Ambulance. In this case 1 Aust Corps Fd Amb - 2/12.

Beach group medical units remain in the beach area.

C. MEDICAL UNITS EMBARKED IN CONVOYS

ARRIVAL OF D DAY

After discussion with planning staff, with the 16 and 17 Aust Inf Bdes were included:-

1. Regimental Medical Establishments
2. Beach Group Medical Section
3. 2/7 Aust Field Ambulance
4. Approximately two-thirds of 2/1 Aust Field Ambulance.
5. Light Section CCS.
6. AAMCU

With the 17 Aust Inf Bde:-

1. Regimental Medical Establishments
2. Remainder of 2/1 Aust Fd Amb
3. Approximately two-thirds of 2/2 Aust Fd Amb
4. Heavy Section of the CCS.

A small detachment from each Fd Amb and the CCS was left on the near shore.

D. DISTRIBUTION TO SHIPS

See APPENDIX "A"

Was decided with a view to:-

1. Dispersion among ships
2. Priority of landing
3. Tactical distribution of detachments to Bn groups
4. Unit and its equipment if possible in the same ship
5. Supplying sufficient stretcher bearers
6. Supplying facilities for major surgery
7. Co-operating with the scheme of evacuation.

E. PRIORITY OF LANDING

See APPENDIX "V".

F. MOVEMENT

See APPENDIX "U"

Load Tables for Divisional Medical Units were developed during shore to shore training and apply equally to ship to shore.

That of the Beach Group Medical Section is not finalised.

G. VEHICLES

See APPENDIX "U".

Each Bn Amb has 6 jeeps.
Beach Group Medical Section has 2 jeeps.
CCS has no vehicles to replace MAC used in normal land operations.

Each jeep can be fitted with brackets to carry two stretcher cases allowing 3 - 4 walking wounded or equipment to be carried in the body of the vehicle.

H. SITING OF MEDICAL STATIONS

In relation to:-

1. HQ of formation concerning that station
2. Cover
3. Distance from the fringe of jungle
4. Dumps
5. Roads and tracks already in existence
6. Roads to be made by Beach Group
7. Water
8. Artillery

For this exercise:-

(a) RAP sited in relation to Bn HQ
(b) BDS sited at least 150 yards in from the jungle fringe
(c) ADS sited in vicinity of RAP if possible
(d) MDS and CCS sited at least 4-500 yards inland from jungle fringe.

J. FUNCTIONS

That of various units well known except Beach Group Med Sec.

Its duties are:-

1. Establish their BDS.

2. Collect and treat casualties from the medical station immediately inland from them and from the beach area.

3. Sort these cases for evacuation by sea.

4. Load them into landing craft used for the purpose.

K. EVACUATION See APPENDIX "F"

Planned in conjunction with RAN and USN for this operation.

Some factors affecting this are:-

1. Ships and craft available. Their number, type and time they remain in the area.
2. Type and number of cases ships and landing craft can deal with.
3. Method of transferring casualties from landing craft to ASIs.
4. Weather.
5. Air Attack.
6. Time of journey to resupply base.
7. Facilities for hospitalisation at that base.

L. HYGIENE AND SANITATION

Units responsible for their own hygiene. Shallow trench latrines in areas and along tracks by unit hygiene personnel. These changed to deep trench latrines at earliest opportunity.

All refuse buried.

M. MALARIA AND SCRUB TYPHUS CONTROL

Wastage severe in NG at present.

"Betty" still useful if clothes washed in soap and cold water, seven times, and if boiled, four times.

Can only be controlled by complete pre- utions being taken both individual and general.

APPENDIX "C"

DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL UNITS TO SHIPS

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UNIT	"MANOORA"			"KANIMBLA"			"WESTRALIA"			AKA			8 LCIs at H plus 30 mins		
	Pers	Veh	Stores	Pers	Veh	Stores	Pers	Veh	Stores	Pers	Veh	Stores	Pers	Veh	Stores
2/7 Fd Amb	31	–	Lbs 1400				34	–	Lbs 1400	34	–	Lbs 1400			
2/1 Fd Amb				34	–	Lbs 1400									
Beach Group	31	–	Lbs 1200				33	–	Lbs 1200		2	Lbs 1600			
104 CCS															
2/2 Fd Amb															
AAHCU															

UNIT	4 LSTs at H plus 1½ hrs			4 LSTs at H plus 12½ hrs			6 LCIs at D plus 1			6 LSTs at D plus 2			8 LCIs at D plus 6		
	Pers	Veh	Stores	Pers	Veh	Stores	Pers	Veh	Stores	Pers	Veh	Stores	Pers	Veh	Stores
2/7 Fd Amb	113	4	8 tons lbs												
2/1 Fd Amb	38	–	2800	56	4	8 tons	60	–	–	27	–	–			
Beach Group															
104 CCS				33	–	3½ tons				63	–	20 tons	10	–	–
2/2 Fd Amb							66	–	Lbs 2800	100	4	8 tons	67	–	1400 lbs
AAHCU				18	–	2½ tons									

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APPENDIX "Y"

PRIORITY OF LANDING OF MEDICAL UNITS

A. Regimental Medical Establishments

With their Bns in the first 3 waves.
They establish their RAPs.

B. Beach Group Medical Section

On half on each of Green and Amber Beaches preferably in the first flight that is approximately H plus 30 - 40 minutes. It will establish a RDS as per key plan.

C. Bearer Coy Dets in Support of Assault

Dets land in early waves of Ferry Service. They will establish their ADSs.

D. 2/7 Aust Fd Amb HQ

As soon after H plus 4½ hours as possible. It will establish an ADS as per key plan.

E. 2/1 Aust Fd Amb HQ plus Lt Sec CCS and AAMGU

A portion of HQ 2/1 Aust Fd Amb and Lt Sec CCS and AAMGU will land as soon after H plus 13½ hours as possible.

F. Remainder of 2/1 Aust Fd Amb, two-thirds of 2/2 Aust Fd Amb and Heavy Sec CCS will land by night of D plus 2/3.

APPENDIX "W"

PLAN OF EVACUATION

A. BLUE AND WHITE BEACHES

(a) Casualties occurring in landing craft approaching the shore to return to APDs and LSI respectively.

(b) Remainder to be held until evacuated to Green or Amber beaches by small craft allotted for the purpose.

(c) If tactical situation satisfactory this evacuation will commence as soon as possible after H plus 4½ hours.

(d) If the situation does not allow of this, as decided by the P. Bmr, it will be carried out after dark on D day and following this when required under direction of the P. Bmr.

B. GREEN AND AMBER BEACHES

(a) Casualties in Landing Craft -

(i) Those during landing of assault troops will return direct to LSIs.

(ii) After establishment of the Beach Dressing Station they will be landed and sent forward to the nearest station.

(b) Casualties on the beach will be forwarded to the nearest Beach Dressing Station.

(c) From H plus 2½ to H plus 4½ hours 6 LCAs will be available for evacuation to the three LCIs. Two to evacuate to each LSI.

(d) Cases evacuated to LSIs to include all types except non-transportable.

(e) There will be no further evacuation by sea until the 4 LSTs leave the area at H plus 8 and again at 0100 hours D plus 1.

(f) Only sick and more lightly wounded will be evacuated by LSTs.

(g) Cases requiring major surgery will be held ashore after H plus 4½ hours.

(h) Walking wounded only will be evacuated by LCIs leaving the area on night D plus 1/2.

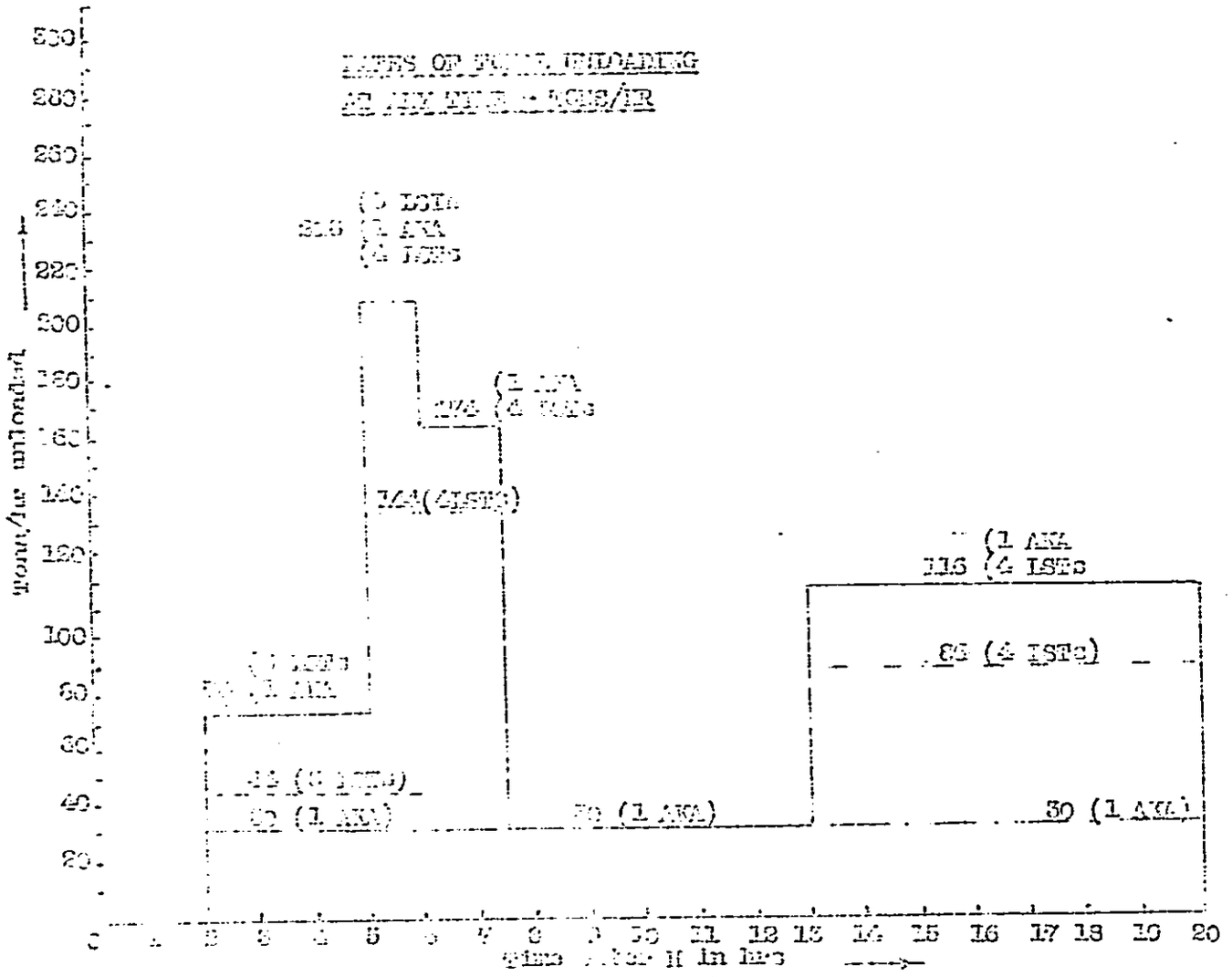
(i) Selected cases will be evacuated by LSTs leaving the area on night D plus 2/3.

(j) Resupply base where hospitalisation facilities are available is FINSCHHAFEN.

(k) Length of voyage in LSTs from Green and Amber Beaches to FINSCHHAFEN is 22 hours.

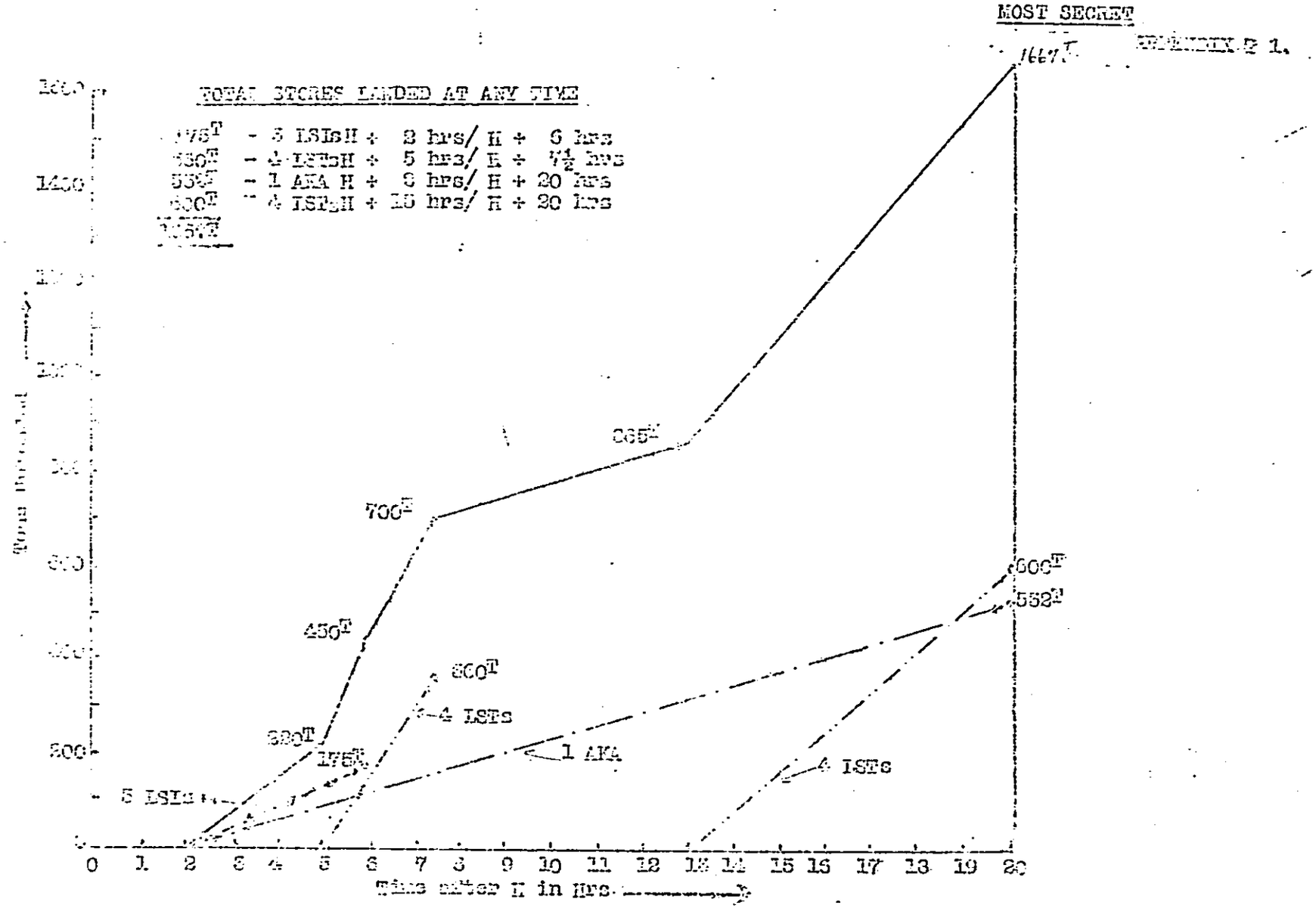
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Appendix I II



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APPENDIX 2 to 1.



War Diary

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COMBINED TRAINING

ADMINISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE

PART I

INTRODUCTION

1. The success of offensive operations during and following a landing on open beaches, whether opposed or unopposed, will to a large extent be dependant on an efficient beach and maintenance organisation. This in itself requires the maximum degree of administrative planning.

2. The principal features involved are:-

(a) Provision of supplies (incl water), ammunition and POL.
(b) Medical arrangements.
(c) Facilities for repair, maintenance and replacement of equipment.

ORGANISATION.

3. The process is divided into three phases :

(a) Unloading of craft and movement of personnel, stores, and equipment across beaches to the Beach Transit Area, consisting of temporary dumps just off the beaches.

(b) With the arrival of Beach Gp transport, the gradual building up of a Beach Maintenance Area.

(c) The establishment of the D ivisional Maintenance Area which may, or may not, be superimposed on the Beach Maintenance Area.

4. Of the above, the first two may be looked upon as the temporary maintenance period. This is the responsibility of the Beach Group and has already been covered in a previous discussion.

5. The third phase is the responsibility of the Div Staff with Div heads of services, in conjunction with the Beach Group Commander.

6. It is the establishment of the Divisional Maintenance Area with which we are concerned now.

THE DIVISIONAL MAINTENANCE AREA

7. In discussing generally the establishment of the Div Maintenance Area, one of the primary considerations is the quantities of stores that will have to be handled. During this portion of the discussion it is not proposed to go into details of how this is arrived at, but a little later when discussing the particular operation involved in this exercise, the matter will be fully covered.

8. When the Divisional Maintenance Area has been established, its management and control will remain with the Divisional Staff, although there will be a member of the Div 'Q' Maintenance Staff working with the Beach Group Commander as LO between D iv 'Q' Staff and the Beach Maintenance Area. In addition it may, and will almost certainly be necessary to superimpose on the Div Staff certain administrative organisations from within the Beach Gp in order to make the Maintenance Area function.

9. This may continue as long as Div units are drawing stores, sups, etc., direct from the Maintenance Area. When the division moves sufficiently far from the Maintenance Area to necessitate an additional link in the maintenance chain it becomes the responsibility of higher authority to take over the control and running of the Maintenance Area which then beccmes in effect a small Base.

MAINTENANCE PROJECT.

10. In order that the administrative plan may be arrived at,

MAINTENANCE PROJECT (Contd)

certain 'G' decisions are necessary. They will include:

(a) Estimated number of days for which various elements of the Force must be self-contained.

(b) Estimate of overland progress of the operation and necessary requirements in M/T Veh Tpt in early stages.

(c) Estimates of amn expenditure.

(d) Est mate of casualties.

(e) Pos ibilities of capture of port or whether maintenance over open beaches will have to be continued or other means possible (viz. Air Supply).

11. Q will then arrive at certain decisions including :

(a) Daily requirements by types of stores.

(b) System of maintenance and supply

(c) Tpt requirements for maintenance of force from Div Maintenance Area.

(d) Medical Plan

(e) Plan for repair and replacement of vehs and eqpt.

12. The above and other considerations will be incorporated in the Maintenance Project which is issued by AA & QMG. Particularly, it is most important to differentiate between the Maintenance Project and the normal Div Administrative Order and Instn issued for an operation. The latter put into administrative effect the G Plan for the operation, the former is concerned with the necessary arrangements for the Maintenance of the formation on the far shore, though there will perforce be some overlapping in the two.

FIRST KEY PLAN

13. In referring previously to the Div Maintenance Area, no mention was made as to how it was decided upon. Actually, following on decisions from G in accordance with Para 10 above, Q will decide on the most likely area for the establishment of the Maintenance Area. Then, from various sources of information an area will be decided upon. The main sources of such information are:

(a) Air Photograph
(b) Intelligence Information
(c) Maps
(d) Ex-residents.

14. Then in conjunction with heads of services and especially, Engrs a plan of the area will be evolved. This is called the First Key Plan.

REVISED MAINTENANCE PROJECT AND SECOND KEY PLAN.

15. In the early stages of the landing, a Recce Party will land to check up on the ground, the workability of the First Key Plan and Maintenance Project. AA & QMG and certain Staff, Engr Reps, Heads or reps of services, and the Beach Group Comd will make the recce and from it will evolve the Revised Maintenance Project and Second Key Plan on which the establishment of the Div Maintenance Area is carried out.

16. The actual maintenance of the div tps from the area is intended to be as normal as possible, that is, as though possibly, in the early stages, div units were drawing, or being supplied, from an FMC, and should an advance occur over such a distance that units could not be maintained direct, div maintenance units would move forward, the maintenance area be taken over by Adm Units from higher formation (i.e. a small base to be established), and normal maintenance as from a Railhead

REVISED MAINTENANCE PROJECT AND SECOND KEY PLAN (Contd)

or Roadhead area be inaugurated as far as div is concerned.

PART (II)

PLANNING FOR THIS EXERCISE

General

1. Following the previous general remarks on Administration and Maintenance, following are the General Administrative and Maintenance considerations in connection with this Exercise.

QUANTITIES

2. The comd in his outline plan has specified that the following reserves are to be built up :

(a) 21 days if practicable

if not

(b) a minimum of 10 days by the time the full div has been landed.

3. In addition to the above, the force has to be maintained from day to day and these daily maintenance stores have to be brought in at the same time as the reserve stores.

4. In computing the daily tonnage of stores either for maintenance or for the building up of reserves, the following figures were taken;

Supplies	30 tons
POL	25 tons
Amn	80 tons
Ord	20 tons
Engr Stores	40 tons
Miscellaneous	10 tons
	205 tons

plus 150 tons with vessels arriving on D Day being water for two days only pending the Engr plan for water supply being put into operation.

5. The Table att as Appx Q gives the maximum possible intake of personnel, vehs and stores from D day to D plus 5 using the craft available, viz.,

D day	3 LSI	
	2 APD	
	8 LCI	
	1 AKA	
	8 LST	
Subsequent to D day	) 8 LCI	-- to D plus 6 only
	) 6 LST	-- for subsequent ferrying.

6. The timings and loads are as arrived at by Navy, G and Q in conjunction. They fit in to the limitations as to maximum available unloading periods imposed by Navy and are acceptable to G and Q from their individual and collective view points, and are based on the following assumptions :-

(a) All personnel and vehs, other than those landing on D day, to be ferried from MILNE BAY to FINSCHHAFEN by D - 8.

QUANTITIES (Contd)

6. (b) Convoy for D day landing to be assault loaded with personnel stores and vehs at MILNE BAY.

(c) Stores other than those carried in assault convoy to be placed at FINSCHAFEN under arrangements higher authority, although it may be that Div would have to ferry these round from MILNE BAY in the period prior to D - 8.

(d) All stores other than those carried in first convoy plus 2nd and 3rd turn round of 6 LSTs to be placed at FINSCHAFEN.

(e) All convoys, subsequent to the Assault Convoy on D day, together with all re-supply convoys to come forward from FINSCHAFEN.

7. As will be seen from Appx Q it is possible to bring in 7 days reserves incl by D plus 5 and it will take a further 36 days to build up to 21 days reserves, and at the same time effect normal maintenance.

8. G being then consulted and agreeing, necessary information is passed to higher authority, who approve and set the necessary machinery in motion for stores etc. to be placed at required locations.

9. Following this, AA & QMG in consultation with Beach Group Comd, MLO and heads of services writes the Maintenance Project and evolves the First Key Plan which is distributed to all concerned ----Appx R & S

10. At the same time the necessary Div Adm Order or Instn will be issued to supplement the Div Operation Orders.

DIVISIONAL MAINTENANCE AREA

11. It is now accepted that vessels and craft have been tactically loaded with personnel, stores and vehs and the operations commences. Normal unloading of craft by Beach Gp takes place and stores go to the Beach Transit Area and when possible the Beach Maintenance Area commences to be built up.

12. Early on D day, probably from a later trip from one of the LSI's, the Recce Party lands. This will be composed of

AA & QMG
DAQMG
CRE and/or Reps
Heads or Reps of heads of Services,

and will carry out the necessary recce to verify the suitability of the Maintenance Project and First Key Plan.

13. In this case it is superimposed on the Beach Maintenance Area and will gradually take shape as necessary Engr work, roads etc. are made to permit of the necessary dumps being created. This will necessitate in addition the employment of the Mechanised Sqrt Pl with the Beach Gp. ---------Model of Key Plan, and Appx 'S'.

FEATURES OF KEY PLAN

14. (a) Dumps for various types of Stores, viz.,

(i) Supplies
(ii) POL
(iii) Amn
(iv) Ord Stores
(v) Engr Stores
(vi) Medical
(vii) Water.

(b) Adm Installations.

(i) MDS
(ii) CCS

FEATURES OF KEY PLAN (Contd)

14. Adm Installations (contd)

(iii) POW Cage
(iv) Staging Area.
(v) Veh Reception Area
(vi) Pro.

(c) Building of roads and communications.

(d) Staffing of various Service Dumps - from Division but almost certain to require supplementing from BeachGroup.

15. This would probably take until D plus 4. In the intervening period, maintenance would be from the Beach Maintenance Area, normal Div maintenance commencing on D plus 5 from the Div Maintenance Area.

SUBSIDIARY PLAN

16. As far as this exercise is concerned, an alternative First Key Plan would have been made involving an area through RED BEACH, in order to meet unforeseen operational hitches.

ARRIVAL OF SHIPPING AND CRAFT FOR MAINTENANCE CALCULATIONS

Appx 'Q'

DATE	DISCHARGE FROM	DISCHARGE TO	TYPE OF CRAFT	CAPACITY PER TRIP PERS	CAPACITY PER TRIP VEHS	CAPACITY PER TRIP STORES	TURNAROUT OF CRAFT	REMARKS
D	H	H Plus 6	3 LSI's	3629	48	182	21 Trips 'M' Craft 24 Trips 'V' Craft	ASSUME: 8 trips of 'M' with 3 ton type 13 trips with 2 vehs 11 trips LCV's with 1 veh.
D	H	-	2 APD's	280	NIL	NIL	-	-
D	H plus ½	-	8 LCI	1496	NIL	NIL	-	-
D	H plus ½	H plus 20	1 AKA	151	84	532	84 trips 'M' Craft 14 trips 'W' Craft	ASSUME 'M' craft carry in heavy MT and equipment for Beach Group plus 168 tons stores.
D	H plus 4½	H plus 7½	4 LST's	1604	108	240		Each vessel 27 vehs/60 tons.
D	H plus 12½	H plus 20	4 LST's	1600	108	600		Each vessel 27 vehs/150 tons.
	AT END OF 'D' DAY			8766	348	1674	Less 30 tons Unit Equip.	5 days Reserves. (incl 2 days water) (allowing for losses)

FERRY SERVICE

DATE	DISCHARGE FROM	DISCHARGE TO	SHIPS OR CRAFT	CAPACITY PER TRIP PERS	VEHS	STORES	REMARKS	
D plus 1	2300		8 LCI's	1496	NIL	NIL	-	-
D plus 2	2100		6 LST's	2400	162	900	approx 4 days reserves	120 tons plus 27 tons in vehs.
D plus 3	2300		8 LCI's	1496	NIL	NIL	-	-
D plus 5	2100		6 LST's	2400	162	900	approx 4 days reserves	- do -
D plus 5	2300		8 LCI's	1496	NIL	NIL	-	-
				9288	324	1800	includes 80 tons Unit Equipment	
TOTAL TO END D PLUS 5				18051	672	3474		

TONNAGE RECONCILIATION

(allowing in all cases for a proportion of loss)
25% in early stages, less in later stages.

D Day	1674 tons	
D plus 2	900 tons	
D plus 5	900 tons	
	3474	
less unit equipment	160	3314 tons = (allowing for losses) 13 days - 6 days expended by D plus 5 = 7 days.

∴ at estimated rate of wastage (205 tons per day or 615 tons in 3 days) and at building up of dumps at rate of 900 tons every three days, net gain towards building up reserves is 285 tons every 3 days.

∴ To build up 21 days reserves would require 41 days.

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Appendix 'R'

TYPICAL HEADINGS FOR MAINTENANCE PROJECT.

Issued in conjunction with Task Force OO.

INFORMATION

1. Outline of plan.

2. Intelligence :-

(i) (i) Beaches
(ii) Hinterland
(iii) Met data
(iv) Local resources
) Data essentially required in maintenance area.

3. Composition of force.

Summarized in body of Order :-

Units	Pers	MC	Vehs	Guns
ASSAULT FORCE Inf Bde HQ, three bns. One fd bty. One fd coy One tp Lt AA				
Etc....	4,550	129	203	22

Detailed in Order of Battle, issued at Appx.

ADM INTENTION

4. To land the force in accordance with the plan and to arrange for its subsequent maintenance on the following basis :-

Phase 1 .....etc.
Phase 11 .....etc.
Phase 111 .....etc.

The period of beach development will be divided into phases- the number of days' reserves of various commodities being shown for each.

METHOD

5. Convoys :-

(i) Policy as to method of stowage - i.e. tactically or otherwise.

(ii) Composition and dates of arrival (details given in Appx.). Special references necessary to type, capacity and allotment, etc, of -

Pers and MT ships,
Stores ships,
Hospital ships,
Depot ships.

6. Rate of unloading pers and MT :-

Include Appx showing basic calculations for the rates at which the pers and MT convoys might be expected to be unloaded.

7. Assault Force :-

Initial maintenance -

(i) MLO - his role and responsibility.
(ii) Unit stores and eqpt to be landed with assault force.
(iii) Reserves of stores to be landed.
(iv) Beach maintenance plan.

8. Subsequent maintenance :-

(i) Policy regarding discharge facilities - pers, MT stores.
(ii) Tpt for use in beach maintenance area and L of C. An appx might be included showing how MT will be allotted to meet expected demands.
(iii) Priority of discharge - stores.
(iv) 1st key plan - Preparation - scope - capacity of area.
(v) Reversion to base area organization. Indications when this might be expected.

9. Engrs :-

Units eqpt and stores allotted - outline of responsibility. Details could probably be included in Engr Appx.

10. Beach Group :-

Units, eqpt and stores allotted - outline of responsibility. This would include daily total of tonnages to be off-loaded. Policy as to pier construction. Details would probably be included in an Appx.

11. Sups :-

Ref to any special hard rations to be issued.
When change to FS ration may be expected.
Policy as to : Est of fd bakery.
Issue of frozen in lieu of p meat.
Utilization of local resources.
Add as an appx, calculations showing how reserves are to be built up.

12. Water :-

Policy as to est of water pts, condensers, or well boring (by RAE), delivery fwd by AASC and daily ration per man.

13. Pet :-

Policy as to vehicles being shipped with full tks.
Estimated mileage to be covered daily.
This will enable AASC to calculate what tonnages are required in each convoy and how reserves can be expected to rise.
Summary of these calculations would be included in an Appx.

14. Tpt :-

Policy as to loading of AASC and unit vehs for shipment, also instns regarding the disposal of loads on landing, e.g. pet, vehicles which cannot be loaded with pet in ships can be used to carry amn ashore, etc.

15. Amn :-

Policy as to 1st and 2nd line vehs being shipped loaded.
Estimated expenditure over initial period - according to expected course of ops.
AAOC can then calculate tonnages required in each convoy.
Summary of these calculations probably included in Appx.

16. Med :-

Units allotted.
Estimates of casualties.
Detailed med arrangements, and calculations to show how casualties are to be dealt with included in Appx.

17. Ord Stores :-

Policy as regards ;

(i) Reserves carried by 2nd line vehs.
(ii) Increase of unit reserves.
(iii) Reserves to be held in base area.
(iv) Estimated wastage.
(v) Veh reserve.

Details would be included in an appx.

18. Special :-

Note as to any special stores required.

19. Reinfts :-

Policy regarding 1st reinfts.

20. Additional Units :-

Note as to procedure involved in demanding any additional units after initial convoys have been made up.

INTERCOMM:

21. MLO's staff.

22. Landing of formations HQs :-

(i) Assault
(ii) Force.
(iii) Base sub-area

NOTE: Paragraphs dealing with following services would be included where applicable:-

Pay	Graves registration
Postal	Traffic Control.
Provost	MFO
Printing and Stationery	Salvage.

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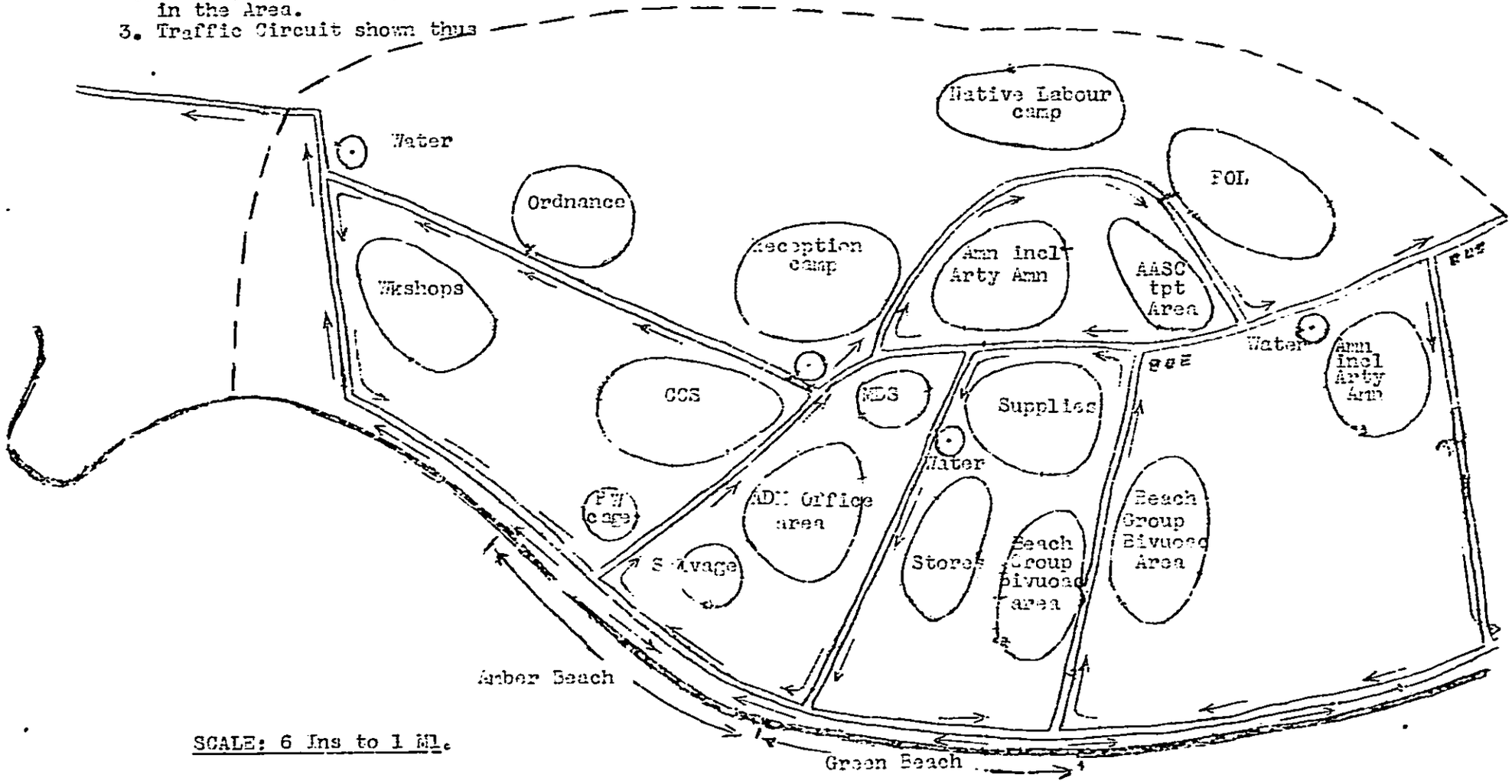
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B. Order of battle (limited distribution).
C. Composition and dates of arrival of convoys.
D. Landing of pers and MT.
E. Engr units, stores and plant.
F. Tn
G. AASC :-
(i) Sups
(ii) Pet.
(iii) Gen tpt coy.
H. Amn.
J. Ord Stores.
K. Medical.

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FIRST KEY PLAN

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Appx. "S"

NOTE: 1. Plan would also incorporate AA defences.
2. EnvisagesBeach Group still in the Area.
3. Traffic Circuit shown thus



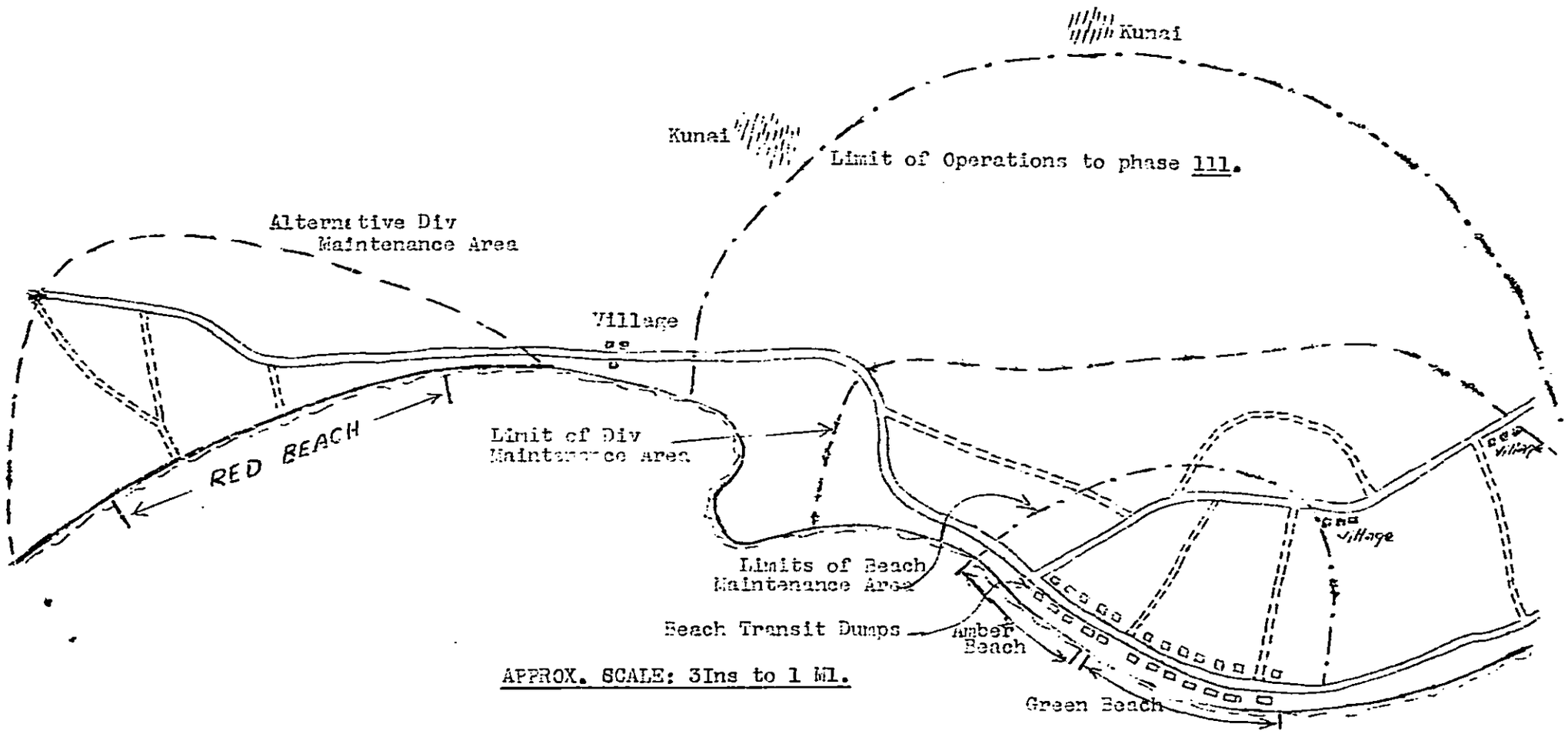
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DISCUSSION AND EXERCISE PERIOD

THE ASSAULT BDE GP AND BN LT

1. DISTRIBUTION OF BDE TO SHIPS

ref Appx X

(a) conformance with Bde Comds Plan.

(b) dispersion of units. Allocation on Bn Landing team basis.

(c) maintenance of tactical organization.

2. TACTICAL PLAN

ref estimated rate of landing

(a) Bde Comd's plan - draft landing table.

(b) Bde Comd briefs subordinate comds.

(c) Preparation of Bn landing craft tables. Adjustment of Bde Landing table.

(d) Bde Landing table firmed on and distribution of assault bde finalised.

3. BDE LANDING TABLE

ref Appx X

(a) Produced by BM advised by MLO and SNOL.

(b) Accurate staff tables covering units in Order of Battle and all types of vehs.

(c) gives allocation of craft to units and sub-units with total number carried in each wave.

(d) necessity for accurate checking MLO Navy.

5. BN LANDING CRAFT TABLE

gives details of

(a) type and position of craft
(b) loads of each craft
(c) manning time and place.

6. DIAGRAMS

Useful to give Navy picture and own tps also.

7. CONCLUSION

Necessity for accurate and detailed work. Large numbers of orders to be distributed. Necesity for each service to have exact details of the action other service. No contact between ships after sailing hence lack of opportunity for conferences and verbal orders.

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DISCUSSION AND PLANNING PERIOD

EMBARKATION

PART I - GENERAL

1. (a) 6 Aust Div and att tps concentrated at MILNE BAY.

Final Rehearsal held D minus 17. Re-embarkation and return to MILNE BAY, and discharge to shore, completed by D minus 15.

Two days allowed to ships and craft for essential repairs. They will then - D minus 12 - be ready to load elements proceeding to FINSCHHAFEN.

(b) Immediately after the Rehearsal the "post-mortem" will be held. Re-adjustments to plans, methods, and in loadings and timings can then be made. These must, to a large extent, be firm by D minus 13, since the LSTs load on D minus 12 to sail the following day.

(c) The Force departs from MILNE BAY as follows:-

(i) By D minus 6 some 6,700 men
vehs of Div less D day vehs
Reserve stores
for FINSCHHAFEN.

(ii) By D minus 5

Ship/Craft	Men	Guns/Vehs	Stores
1 AKA	158	84	532
8 LCI	1,496	-	-
8 LST	3,200	216	640
Total:	4,854	300	1,172

(Note: 300 guns/vehs represents capacity and not necessarily actual numbers.)

To stage via ORO BAY — D minus 3
and FINSCHHAFEN — D minus 1

(iii) By D minus 2

2 APD	300	-	-
3 LCI	2,659	43	102
Total:	2,959	43	102

2. This means that last dates for Orders conferences are as follows:-

(a) Force conference — D minus 6
(b) GOC with 15 and 19 Bde Gps — D minus 5
(c) GOC with 19 Bde Gp — D minus 4
(d) Comd 19 Bde with his third battalion and rear echelons — D minus 3.

Unless roads are rebuilt at M.B. and from North Lakes - Mathews

Telephone to ORO BAY only will be available.

Wireless will be restricted. - The need to build up false wireless traffic.

Use of Liaison Officers. - Very important as a link with the Naval and Air HQs.

3. The distribution of Orders and Maps is a problem in itself and requires great care on the part of the Div and Bde "G" staffs, also of units, if all is to go well.

PART II - EMBARKATION AT MILNE BAY

4. The Problem

The concentration area of 6 Aust Div and the places where the Div will embark are shown at Appx "AA".

The Division, with its equipment and stores, is to be embarked into ships and craft at two main embarkation points in time to allow naval units sailing in accordance with the times agreed upon in the planning.

5. Principal Considerations

(a) Tactical Loading

Must be in accordance with Landing Tables and usually involves loading in reverse order.

(b) Place of Embarkation

Note different places for embarkation into (i) ships and (ii) beaching craft: Tps and commodities must be delivered accordingly.

(c) Time

Sailing times for all ships and craft have been referred to in Part I. Loading may commence about D - 15 with AKA and finish with LSIs and APDs on D - 2.

6. Responsibility for Movement and Embarkation

Suggest the following:-

(a) Div responsibility to move from Concentration Area to Embarkation Assembly Area.

(b) Beach Group Comd responsible to Div for handling the Force from Embarkation Assembly Areas to ships and craft.

7. General Method

(a) Recce

Beach Gp Comd and PBmr or his representative will gain all available information from L of C Area and NOIC and then recce for suitable places of embarkation and ground in shore for Assembly areas, including any work necessary to improve beaches and assembly areas.

(b) Plan

Beach Gp Comd will make detailed plan of embarkation assembly areas (See Appx "BB") and arrange for work including:-

(i) Engr Construction (roads, bridges, ramps, latrines).
(ii) Erection of beach markers for Navy and a liberal allotment of sign posts and notice boards.
(iii) Intercommunication (within assembly areas to Div and Bdes and to seaward, diagram at Appx "BB1").

(c) Execution of the Plan

Practically all requirements for the preparation of Assembly Areas and for the embarkation can be found from within the Beach Group and the procedure of embarkation is really a reverse to that of the landing, and will be as follows:-

(i) Recce by EGC and PBmr.
(ii) Engr work by Beach Gp Fd Coy.
(iii) Intercomm by Beach Sigs, Navy and Army.
(iv) Provost, guides, etc. by Beach Group provost.
(v) Staff: Beach Coy Comds, M.L.O, AMLO, etc.
(vi) Naval. Assistant Beach Masters to control the beaching etc of craft.

The experience of this staff in embarking the Force will be invaluable to it at the Far Shore when the Force is again passing through its hands.

In the event, certain Beach Group staff may have to embark before embarkation is completed, Corps or L of C officers or resources may have to be drawn upon.

Note: A plan for an Embarkation Assembly Area to serve the beached craft only, has been added as an Appx. The same general principles will apply in the case of embarkation into the LSIs and AKA at their respective wharves.

PART III - STAGING THE ASSAULT FORCE

8. General

The planning must include adequate provision for the reception and despatch of those troops which will stage at CRO BAY and at FINSCHHAFEN. This will be met by flying Beach Group officers from MILNE BAY to these staging places. These officers will probably be officers of Beach Coys who are in possession of landing tables and all information concerning the movement of the Force. They will therefore know what troops are to arrive and when, and the time they must be re-embarked.

9. Adm

Administrative arrangements for the staging troops will be provided by local L of C resources.

10. Intercomm

Signal communications will be found by L of C Signals.

11. Naval

The reception and despatch of beaching craft will be under arrangements, the local NOIC of the respective ports.

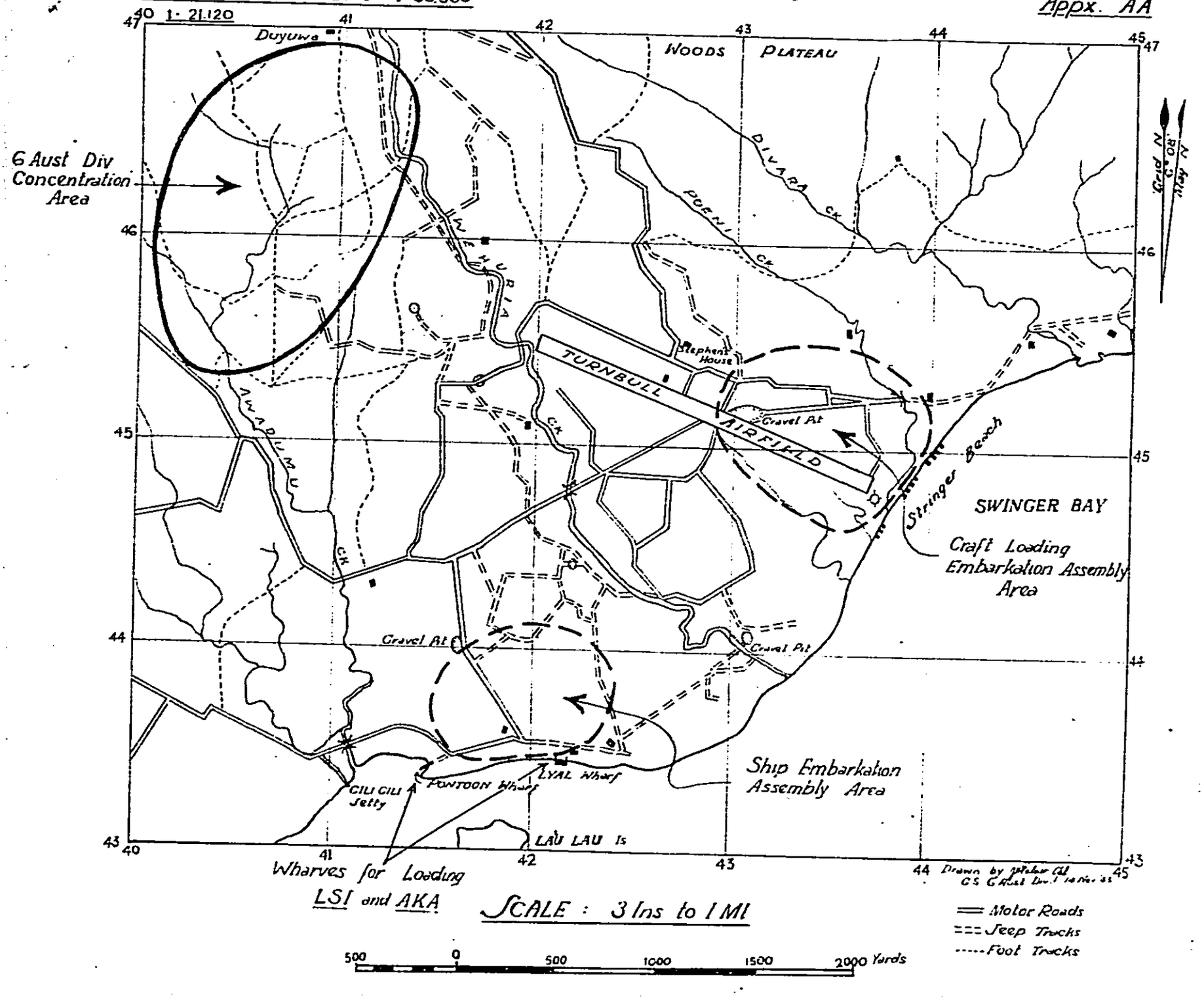
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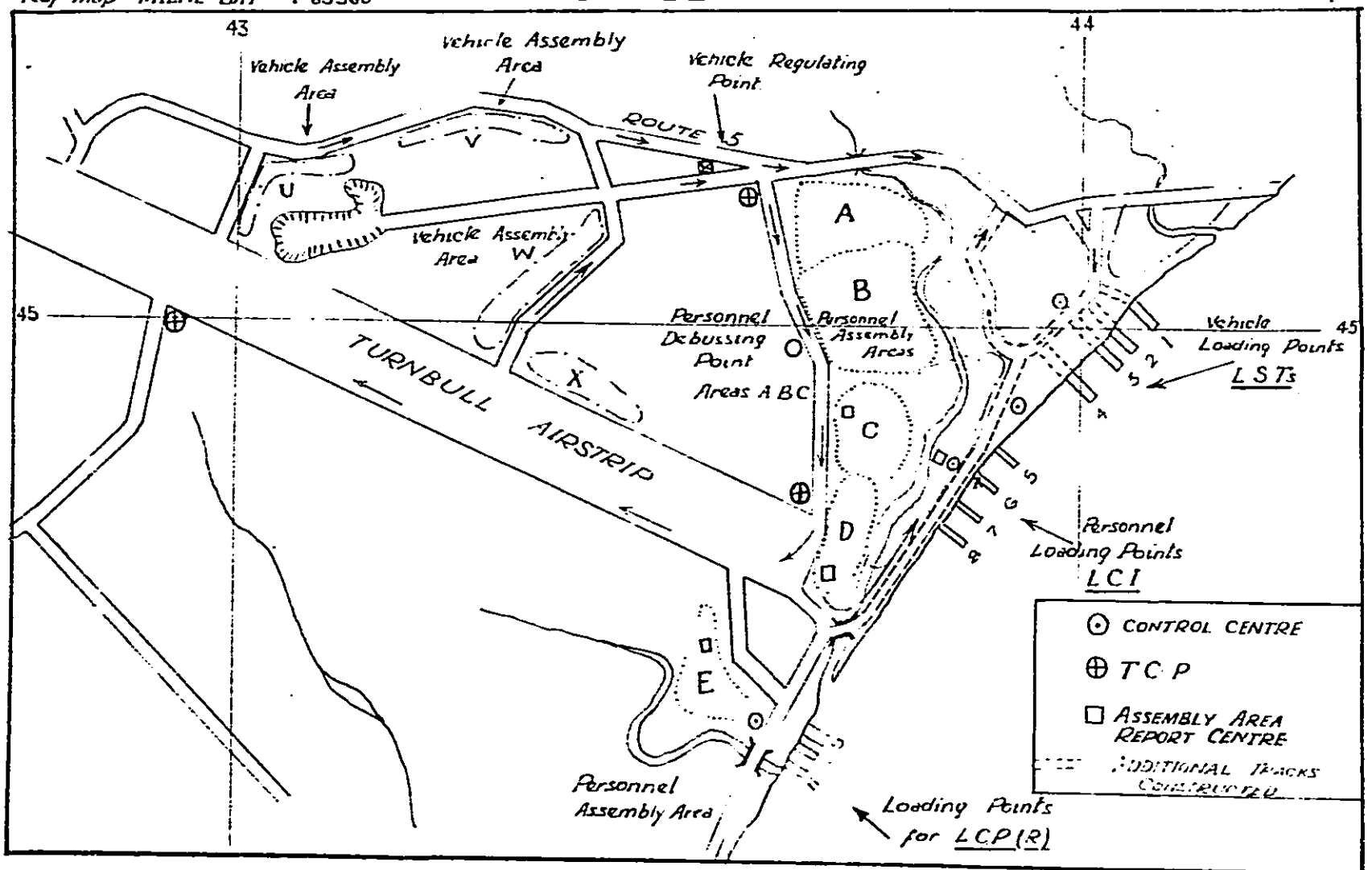
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ASSEMBLY AREA

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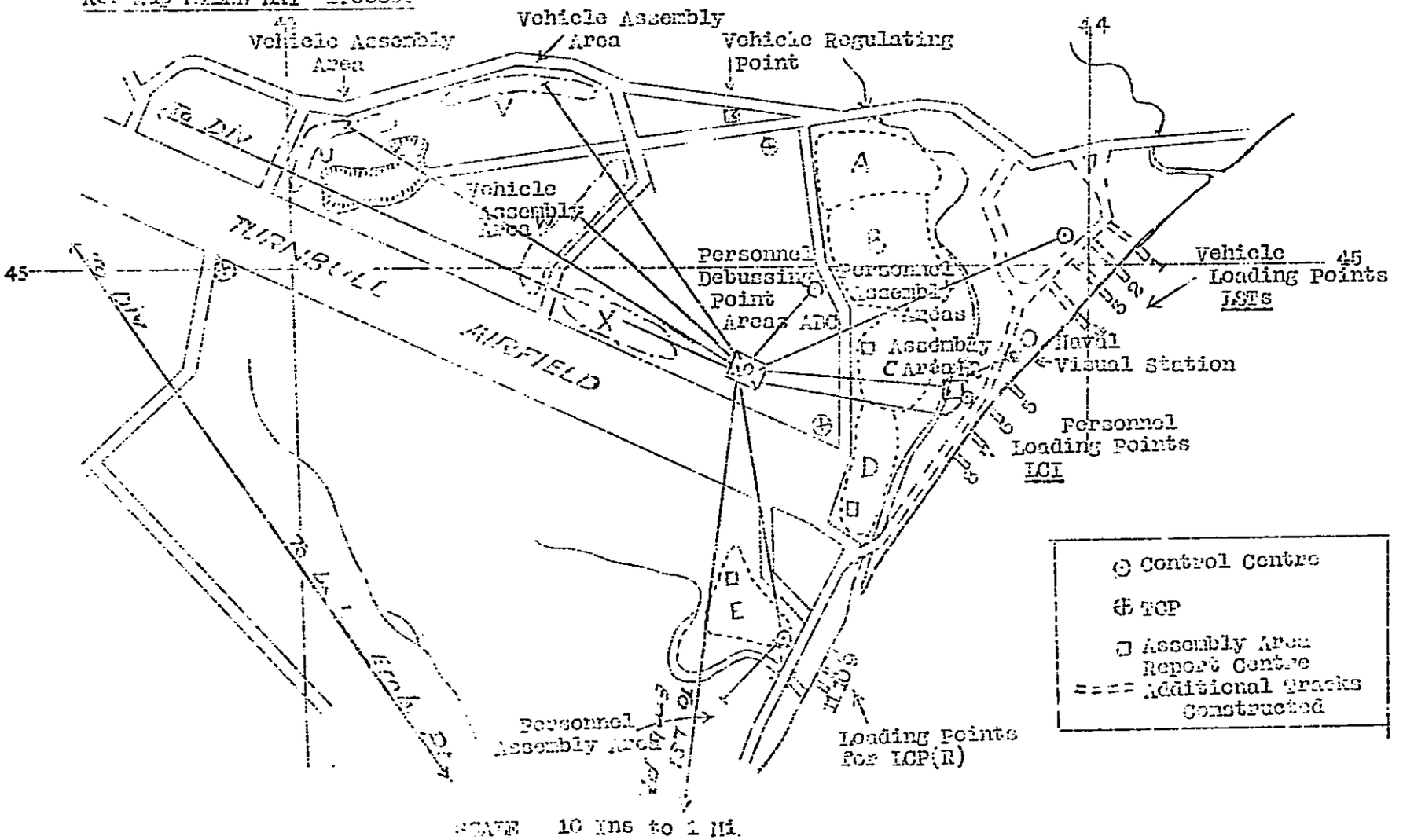
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PLAN OF
EMBARKATION ASSEMBLY AREA INTERCOMMUNICATIONS

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ASSAULT BDE GP COMD's OUTLINE PLAN

"Well gentlemen, you are already in possession of all available information as well as being aware of the nature of the operation allotted to 6 Aust Div. The GOC has confirmed his first outline plan which is briefly: 2/5 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn is to capture BILI BILI Is and silence the coast defence gun thereon, 2/2 Aust Inf Bn is to land immediately North of the GOGOL R in order to secure a bridgehead over that river whilst 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp lands on AMBER HEAD BEACH in order to secure and hold a divisional beachhead and to protect the southern flank of the operation. 16 Aust Inf Bde Gp is to land as soon as possible after us with orders to advance northwards in order to consolidate the crossing over the GOGOL R. Arrangements are being made to land 17 Aust Inf Bde Gp not later than D plus 2 in order that this brigade may pass through 16 Aust Inf Bde as soon as the GOGOL R crossing has been secured, with the object of establishing a bridgehead over the GUH R. The role of 19 Aust Inf Bde will be to secure and hold a covering position to protect the landings of the remainder of the Division and the divisional maintenance area [illegible] it has been established. The operation will be carried out in two phases, PHASE I - Landing; PHASE II - The occupation of a covering position. The landing phase of the operation will be carried out with two assault bn LT's forward - 2/4 Aust Inf Bn LT on GREEN BEACH, 2/8 Aust Inf Bn LT on AMBER BEACH - with 2/11 Aust Inf Bn LT a floating res. The res bn LT will be prepared to land on either GREEN or AMBER beaches although, if the initial landings are successful, it is my intention to land the res on AMBER BEACH in order that it may be readily available to meet any threat from the South. During the approach inshore there will be a pause [illegible] of 2/4 and 2/8 Aust Inf Bn LT's. For naval bombardment purposes these bns will each have one DD in support. In order to gain surprise I do not intend to have any preliminary naval bombardment. Incidentally, the LT wind should also assist surprise by permitting LC to approach inshore without being heard prematurely. The ships allotted to the Bde are shown on the Bde Distribution to Ships Table. In considering your allotment of tps to ships, I would like each bn LT to consist of a bn, sec 53 Fd Bty, pl 3/2 Fd Coy, det Bde Sig Sec and a det 2/7 Fd Amb. If the guns can be fitted in, I would prefer 2/4 and 2/8 Aust Inf Bn LT's each to have a tp 53 Fd Bty. This is highly desirable for, in addition to protecting the southern flank of the operation, our artillery may be required in the early stages to support 2/2 Aust Inf Bn North of the GOGOL R. For the second phase of the operation, i.e., the occupation of a covering position, 2/4 Aust Inf Bn LT will be responsible for incl HATAGA HOOK - GORIMA - excl/KUHAI PATCH and 2/8 Aust Inf Bn LT for KUHAI PATCH - AMBER HEAD both incl. 2/11 Aust Inf Bn on landing will move into the area just NW of AMBER HEAD and the bn less a coy be available as a mobile res for employment as necessary. One coy 2/11 Aust Inf Bn will establish a standing patrol in the vicinity of SMALL KUHAI PATCH. Owing to the nature of the country and the extent of the front to be covered in this area it will be necessary for 2/4 and 2/8 Aust Inf Bns to cover portion of their fronts by patrols and standing patrols. 2/8 Aust Inf Bn must be careful to pay particular attention to the approaches from the South. Active offensive patrolling will be carried out by both bns paying particular attention to the roads and tracks to the North and South of 2/4 and 2/8 Aust Inf Bns respectively. Coy 2/11 Aust Inf Bn responsible for maintaining a standing patrol in the vicinity of SMALL KUHAI PATCH will patrol the gaps between 2/4 and 2/8 Aust Inf Bns. Adm arrangements will be in accord with Div Adm Orders."

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ALCA 20
LCM 13

19 INF. BDE. LANDING TABLE

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TIME OF LANDING	SERIAL NO.	UNITS	MEN	VEHICLES	CRAFT	SHIP	BEACH	REMARKS
H Hour	1 - 6	2/2 Bn Gp ABH & party	205 5	-	6A	Kanimbla	White	
	7 - 12	2/4 Bn Gp A.F & party	202 8	-	6VPs	Manoora	Green	
	13 - 18	2/3 Bn Gp ABH & party	202 8	-	6 A	Westralia	Amber	
H + 15 Mins.	19 - 24	2/2 Bn Gp	210	-	6A	Kanimbla	White	
"	25 - 30	2/4 Bn Gp BH & party	197 13	-	6VPs	Manoora	Green	
	30 - 36	2/3 Bn Gp Bn & party	197 13	-	2As 4VPs	Westralia	Amber	
FERRY SERVICE commencing at approx. H & 90 Mins.	72 - 75	2/4 Bn Gp	140	-	4Asor VPs	Manoora	Green	
	76 - 80	2/3 Bn Gp	140	-	4Asor VPs	Westralia	Amber	
	81 - 84	2/4 Bn Gp	140		4Asor VPs	Manoora	Green	
	124	2/4BnGp (53 Fd Bty)	12	2/25 pndrs, light 2 trucks ¼ton	LCM	Manoora	Green	

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The same operation carried out as a Shore-to-Shore operation from bases nearer to HADANG.

1. The general conditions as regards ships and craft available, time and distance factors are assumed to be the same as for 9 Aust Div landing at LAE in Sep 45.

2. Comparison of landing rates.

3. A harder test of Beach organisation during the early hours of the landing.

   (a) Personnel discharge

   (b) Equipment discharge

   (c) Stores discharge

   (d) Boat traffic off the Beach.

4. Is the Beach Group which we have discussed equal to task?

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SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENT

I - SNOL

In charge of a Convoy for a Brigade Group officer of Captain's rank. In our case SNOAIS in "MANOORA" . His senior officer is naval force commander. Probably RA in DD.

SNOL supreme in his own sphere and responsible that convoy gets there and carries out naval side of Ship to Shore movement phase.

He must be kept informed of situation ashore both from Army and Navy side. Particularly of all decisions concerning changes ashore or alteration of priority so that he can re-direct unloading and boat traffic. In present operation he must know, for example, the moment when AMBER beach starts development as a Brigade Beach.

II - DUTIES OF LANDING SHIPS

Under SNOL to:-

(i) Operate the LC each carries
(ii) Work holds and place cargo in LC
(iii) Receive casualties evacuated to them and treat them.

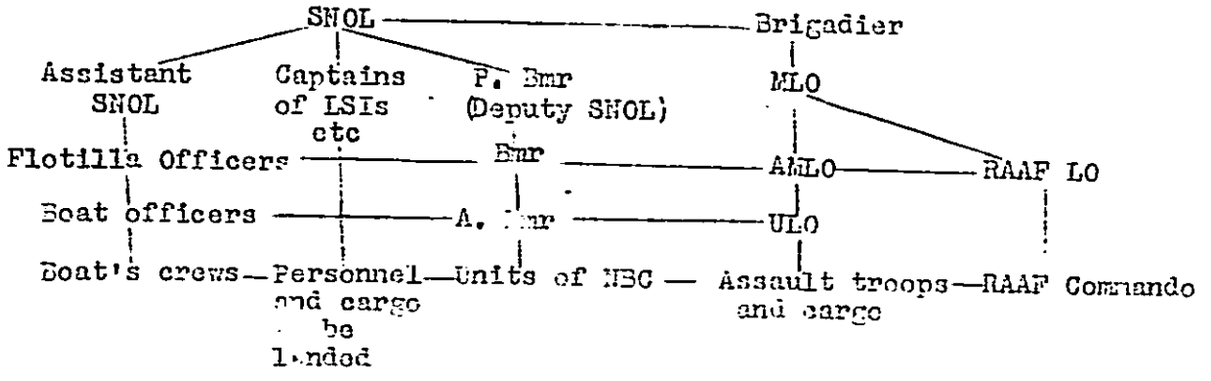
III- DUTIES OF NAVAL BEACH COMMANDO

(i) Control of boat traffic off shore - a control boat (LCVP or LCA) fitted with salvage gear must be available at conclusion of first flight, i.e. first trip of all boats. An A. Bmr is in charge.
(ii) Salvage and repair of stranded or damaged craft. Destruction of them as obstacles if necessary.
(iii) To handle LC if crews are casualties.
(iv) Clear heavy objectsoff beaches with Salvage gear.
(v) Know simple RE, beach maintenance, pontoon and pier equipment.
(vi) Trained in demolition and camouflage.
(vii) Survey off shore of beaches and in consultation with AMLO, select landing points.
(viii) Keeping Naval side afloat in touch with situation ashore. The Naval Beach Signal Section provides Bmr with a communication channel.

The Beach and Coast report indicates that the problem of setting up landing points at the beaches selected should be comparatively easy.

IV - NAVAL CHAIN OF COMMAND

In sketching this Army opposite numbers are shown to try and show picture:-



V - STRENGTH OF NAVAL BEACH COMMANDO

HQ unit - 1 P. Bmr, 1 DF Bmr, 2 messengers

3 sections each of - 1 Bmr, 3 A Bmr, 42 men including boat repair and maintenance staff.

So total strength 14 officers, 128 men.

- Number is higher than British owing to possibility of surf landings with attendant boat troubles.

VI - ARRIVAL OFF FAR SHORE

40 minutes before arrival ship goes to operational action stations. By this time soldiers have been called, fed and had chance to check over gear. 20 minutes before boats lowered first troops move up to boats and 10 minutes later they man them. Boats at davits are lowered with troops in them. Boats in board are hoisted out and proceed to scrambling nets for embarkation purposes.

Training with scrambling nets is necessary for all troops.

As soon as ship stops, boats at davits lowered.

Dist ce off shore of ships 4 M in this case. Out of range of enemy S/L and smaller defensive guns. Also noise of preparations to land is out of earshot from shore. Ships do not anchor, precautions about accidental blowing of sirens, talking and smoking necessary for above reason and possibility of enemy off shore patrol.

Boats will take 35 minutes to run ins hore. 40 allowed to make sure of hitting exactly at H hour.

Executive officer (Commander or senior Lt Cdr) of ship is in complete charge of internal arrange nts.

It is at stage of boats having been lowered, that as mentioned previously, responsibility for calling off operation passes from Naval to Army force commander.

VII - MANNING BOATS

Ship will indicate to Adjutant order in which boats should be lowered and he will place troops accordingly. "MAMOORA" would require boats at Nos 3, 4, 11 and 12 to be used in first wave as they clear way for inboard boats to hoist out. It is also advisable to lower alternate boats as removes chance of damage in swell as boats hang very close together. Boats are taken evenly from each side of ship as this assists forming up and stops congestion of troops moving about in board. With these considerations boat numbers above plus 7 and 8 are chosen for first wave.

Other boats are selected for later waves bearing in mind similar reasons e.g. middle boat in boat deck is obviously going to be last out.

As boats clear ship filled they form up ahead of her. Ship at this stage keeps bows pointed shorewardif possible

(i) To assist boats in setting off in right direction
(ii) To present as small a target as possible.

VIII - BOAT TACTICS

Column formation with leader in front midway between lines. Flexibility in case of wrong approach or unexpected navigational dangers. Deployment deferred until certain of position. Station keeping and chance of boats getting lost lessened by closer formation.

Signals made by leader can be seen and acted on simultaneously. Signals are simple and effective.

Actual moment of deployment is when leader sees beach line, With quiet boats this will be before he himself is seen. Approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ M offshore.

Distance apart in column formation 15 yards. Distance apart after deployment. Dark night 50x. Normal night 75x. Daylight 100x or whatever Army ask for. Closer than 50x risk of enfilading fire. Normal deployment formation line abreast.

Having landed troops boats back off and turn to starboard if possible to clear beach. Reason to avoid collisions by all doing same thing. Single screw boats tend to turn to starboard naturally.

All boats carry smoke floats and LMG.

Tactics vary from American in having no line of departure marked by destroyers. Reason to get inshore as quickly as possible and retain surprise. Leaders taught to find shore in darkness. In present operation this will be difficult as shore line is featureless. May have to put scouts ashore before-hand or give first boat Infra Red directional binoculars or Lorenz beam reception.

Leaders boats carry R/T sets for communication to ship.

Some of NBC go in first wave, remainder in other waves of first flight.

First wave NBC show lights to seaward as soon as landed to get support assault waves to same place as first assault, even if wrong place.

Remainder of NBC set to work on recce and marking of dangers, detailed marking of beaches and getting off of boats which have stuck.

First LCM load should beach at H plus 45 minutes. Governed by fact that it takes about half an hour to open heavy upper deck hatches and 15 minutes to load plus 10 minutes to get derricks ready for cargo work. Hatches cannot be removed in advance as LC are housed on top of them.

Normally when boats return from first flight the ferry service starts.

IX - FERRY SERVICE - MAIN BEACHES

Seems clumsy on face of it that all boats should return to Brigade HQ ship rather than own ship and so get on with the job.

Reasons -

(i) Boat casualties may reduce one ship to 50% boats while others have 90% left. Result - former lags in unloading and may hamper operations ashore. An example from WEST AFRICA.

(ii) Brigade as result of experience may call for a change in priorities. Call may be for cargo carried by one of ships. To execute this first available boats from any source are required. With pool system SNOL has them immediately at hand.

As HQ ship will probably stand inshore a little more than others, extra time involved is not great particularly when it is remembered there are Loud Hailers to instruct boats when they are still a long way inshore.

Scrambling nets are placed abreast each cargo hold and personnel going inshore with transport, stores, etc man boats there while cargo is being hoisted out and assist to handle it into boat.

Each boat carrying cargo shows a flag in bows to indicate what it is. Bmr can see this for 2 M and can tell AMLOs what to get ready for. Boat tells Bmr priority number it is carrying when it beaches so that he is up-to-date with situation.

As boat approaches Beach Commando men guide it exactly to place it is required. Done by day having signs to represent where different types of things are required and transit flags to get boat accurately at the beach roadway. By night lights and torches do the same duty.

X - TURN ROUND TIMES

Ships 4 M off shore, loaded LCVP and LCA take 35 minutes to run distance whatever handbooks say to contrary. Allow same time for run back for safety. Good beach group will unload 4 tons of boxed stores in 10 minutes. Ship takes 5 - 10 minutes to load them. Total time - 90 minutes.

LCM faster through water but slower to load and possibly to unload so allow same time.

If ships can move into 2 M which they will do if and when Beachhead secured time of turn round comes down to 55 minutes.

Greater time is taken in planning to give a safety factor or for unexpected hold up, e.g. slips parting, temporary engine failure in boat.

In all ships the unloading gear can usually work faster than the boats can get to and fro so Beach Group need not worry about over working ship. With long run this is always so.

XI. MEDICAL EVACUATION MAIN BEACHES

Loath to provide facilities as it holds up boats from carrying cargo. Bmr responsible for providing boats. Certainly will not do so until after ferry service is established at say H plus 2½ hrs.

Usually forced to arrange for 2 to go off at a time to LSIs when they can be got in board fairly quickly and so not delay boats. In present case LCAs are not much use for cargo so not including them in ferry service. WESTRALIA'S 8 boats (if serviceable) after the assault will be available until H plus 5 hours for casulaties. Can take about 8 stretcher cases and equal number of walking wounded to ship, they will be hoisted at davits and unloaded at deck level. Then lowered again for next trip.

Each ship has two doctors and SB staff to handle wounded from boats.

Later casualties may be sent away in LST and LCI as they complete unloading after beaching.

XII WHITE AND BLUE BEACHES

Personnel only landed so organization quoted before not necessary for stores.

They will have to be maintained and have casualties evacuated at night unless we take the coast line more easily than expected.

Small section of NBC will be landed to get craft in there at night and assist in unloading.

XIII NAVAL PARTIES WHO REMAIN

Beach Signal Section
Naval Beach Commando
2 LCM, 8 LCVP, 8 LCA to provide some form of small craft for inter beach work after LSI convoy sails and to maintain White and Blue beaches.

Army's responibility to maintain naval parties remaining after 48 hours up till then use rations, ammunition, etc they bring with them.

Leave when situation is far enough advanced to put in an NOIC of P.D. i.e. the stage where a sub-area Commander arrives.

XIV CONCLUSION

Assault in darkness so cannot borrow boats from other ships if own ship seems short. Been tried and boats did not get to other ship in time.

If approaching wrong beach following action can be taken by flotilla officer.

(a) Before deployment get out and find correct if there is time. Go Astern if possible.

(b) After deployment - land where you are.

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CORPS COMMANDER'S OUTLINE PLAN

Corps Comds Outline Plan given out at HQ 1 Aust Corps on 12 Nov to Comd 6 Aust Div:-

As you know, 9 Aust Div has cleared the area Northwards to SIO and the Western half of NEW BRITAIN is in our hands. With the further operations in view immediately, it is expected that by mid-December the area East and South of the general line SINGORAKI - DUMPU - River RAMU will be cleared of Japanese and that the 7 Aust Div will be closing in on BOGADJIM.

These operations should give us complete control of VITIAZ Straits and allow an extension of fighter cover for further operations towards MADANG.

It is necessary now to plan for these further operations against MADANG and WEWAK. 7 Aust Div's task in this regard will be to secure BOGADJIM.

6 Aust Div, with the Corps Troops now under comd, will capture the MADANG area, this operation to be undertaken as early as possible in January 44.

Shipping in accordance with the details already given you will be available for the operation and for essential training and rehearsals in the MILNE BAY area.

BUNA and FINSCHHAFEN are available as staging areas if you desire them. Each will accommodate a maximum of two Bde groups.

Allied Navy will provide escort for the movement North and two destroyers will be available for Naval support of your operation.

The Air Cover plan will include:-

(a) neutralization of Jap airfields from which EA may operate against you.

(b) strafing of coast road and any defences located between MADANG and BOGADJIM.

(c) strafing of S/L/ S/I/ Is where a gun is reported to have been installed.

(d) fighter cover as required, probably up to H plus 10 hours on D Day and thereafter as arranged.

(e) Tac/R as required.

This air plan will probably commence to operate from about D - 7. Final details will be worked out later.

All necessary photographs have been taken and, with topographical data, are available here for you.

Remember in your planning that 7 Aust Div, with the best intentions in the world, may not be able to get BOGADJIM and you will have to watch carefully your Southern flank.

I should like to discuss your Outline Plan with you immediately you have it prepared.

Serial 8

THE DIV COMMANDER'S FIRST OUTLINE PLAN

After a careful study of the available data and discussions with the Navy, it became clear that only two beaches were available.

Apart from navigational and other naval considerations, I could not afford to land within range of the guns at MADANG.

Of the two beaches possible, I have chosen the Northern because of (a) easier approach and (b) to give me as much distance as is practicable from BOGADJIM which is not so heavily gunned as MADANG and which, in any case, will be taken by 7 Aust Div before, or coincidentally with, my operation.

The Southern Beach however is an alternative which we may have to use.

The problem of successfully reaching a point from which an attack on MADANG proper may be delivered is complicated by two other factors, viz, the GOGOL River, which may prove a difficult obstacle if it is in flood, and the gun on BILI BILI Is. Both these questions require special treatment. My outline plan is as follows:-

Object: To capture the MADANG area.

Method: First Phase - H Hour D day

(a) Land one inf bn with sec (2 guns) mtn bty North of GOGOL River to secure the river crossing. This bn will come from 16 Aust Inf Bde.

(b) Land 2/5 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn on BILI BILI Is, to secure the island and silence the CD gun there.

(c) Land 19 Aust Inf Bde Group plus essential components of Beach Group on Main Beach to form beachhead and protect Southern flank of operation.

Second Phase:- as soon after H Hour D day as is practicable

Land 16 Aust Inf Bde Group (less bn landed in First Phase) on Main Beach - to pass through 19 Aust Inf Bde and consolidate the crossing over GOGOL River.

Third Phase: Not later than D plus 2:

Land 17 Aust Inf Bde Group - to pass through 16 Aust Inf Bde when GOGOL River crossing is secure and capture GUM River crossing.

The forces landed on BILI BILI and North of GOGOL River will be under direct command HQ 6 Aust Div. The latter force will revert to 16 Aust Inf Bde when the latter passes through 19 Aust Inf Bde.

Adm:

(a) Div Mtce area initially in area of main landing. 21 days maintenance if practicable. If not, minimum 10 days.

(b) Labour for Beach Group - 2/3 Aust MG Bn (less B Coy).

(c) 19 Aust Inf Bde plus bn of 16 Aust Inf Bde required for First Phase to embark MILNE BAY and proceed direct.

(d) Balance of Div to be concentrated FINSCHAFFEN on D - 2.

(e) Omit from O O B initially:-

Carrier Coy
12 Tk A Bty
119 and 135 Wkshops (less small det)
Concert Party
All dental units
Mob Bath unit
LOB personnel.

(f) No maintenance stores to be landed with bn North of GOGOL except what can be carried ashore and dumped by assaulting troops. This beach will not be developed. No vehicles on this beach.

(g) In allotment of stores and personnel to craft, bear in mind providing means of crossing GOGOL River.

(h) Vehicles in initial landing to be reduced to absolute minimum until Third Phase completed.

Allotment of Troops for Phases
Subject to Space in Ships

First Phase:

(D Day)

(a) 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
F00/2/3 Aust Fd Regt
Engineer recce party with rubber boats etc.

(b) 2/5 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn

(c) 19 Aust Inf Bde
Aust Beach Group
53 Aust Fd Bty
2/2 Aust Fd Coy
2/7 Aust Fd Amb
Recce Party Div HQ
Op HQ 6 Aust Div
2/3 Aust MG Bn (less B Coy)

If too big, cut out 2/2 Aust Fd Coy. Include AAMCU if not provided in Beach Group

Second Phase:

(D or D plus 1 Day)

16 Aust Inf Bde
5 Aust Fd Bty
2/1 Aust Fd Coy
2/1 Aust Fd Amb
Adv HQ 6 Aust Div
HQ RAA and 3 Sec 3 Survey Bty
2/1 Aust Fmr Bn
2/5 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn (less one troop)

Include 6 Aust Fd Bty and HQ RAA if craft permits.

Third Phase :	17 Aust Inf Bde
	6 Aust Fd Bty
(D plus 2 Day)	2/1 Aust Lt AA Bty
	2/8 Aust Fd Coy
	Det 2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy (for bridging)
	2/2 Aust Fd Amb
	Lt Sec 104 Aust CCS
	Balance of Div as is practicable
	Sup Depot Pls and Gen Tpt Pls (to minimum required) to land with respective bde gp.

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ORGANIZATION OF THE FORCE
IN RELATION TO SHIPPING.

1. Summary of previous information

   (a) Total capacity LSIs

   (b) Time for discharge

   (c) Turn round of LC

   (d) Safety margin

2. Landing Tables

   (a) Personnel

   (b) Vehicles and guns

3. Div distribution of force

   (a) Staff table

   (b) Reduction of non-essential personnel

   (c) Reduction of vehicles

   (d) Adjustment of Heads of Services and Brigade requirements.

4. Rate of Landing

   (a) Ferry service

   (b) Traffic control

   (c) Assembly areas.

5. Conclusion

   The assault force should not only meet the Comds tactical requirements but it must fit into the ships allotted and subsequently be landed with its maintenance echelons in the time allowed.

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DISTRIBUTION OF TROOPS IN ASSAULT CONVOYS

Serial	Formation or Unit	LSI "MANOORA"				LSI "KANIMBLA"				LSI "WESTRALIA"				AKA "ALGORAB"				LCI(8)			LST(6)				LST (6)				Total				Remarks
		Pers	Guns	Vehs	Stores	Pers	Vehs	Guns	Stores	Pers	Guns	Vehs	Stores	Pers	Guns	Vehs	Stores	Pers	-	-	Pers	Guns	Vehs	Stores	Pers	Guns	Vehs	Stores	Pers	Guns	Vehs	Stores	
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2.	" " Sigs	23		3		24				2																			49		3		
3.	" " Pro	8								8																			16				
4.	" "Gd Bn	16								8																			24				
5.	remainder HQ																								47				47				
6.	Det GT Pl																								32	10			32		10		
7.	Dep Sup Pl																								10				10				
8.	2/4 Bn	730																											730				
9.	2/8 Bn									730																			730				
10.	2/11 Bn																	730											730				
11.	2/2 Bn Gp (16 Bde)					770																							770				incl det:- 2/1Fd Amb 34 2/1Fd Coy 6 Mtn Bty 20 FOO Party
12.	5 Fd Bty	24	2	3		30	2	3		24											80	4	6						158	8	12		
13.	2/2 Fd Coy	60		2		60		2		30															101				251		4		
14.	2/7 Fd Amb	34								34				34							133								235				
15.	19 Bde Rcol																								36	36			36		36		incl 10 trailers
16.	Beach Gp	347	3	6		412	3	6		155		11		100		84					236				755				2000		6	107	
17.	HQ 6 Div	20		1		15		1																					35		2		reserved for Div allotment
	TOTAL	1300	5	15	85	1311	5	12	52	1018	-	11	45	134	-	84	532	730			449	4	6	320	981	46		320	5923	14	174	1354	

APPENDIX H

"H" + 12½ LST (4) Pers	Guns	Vehs	Stores	TOTALS Pers	Guns	Vehs	Stores	REMARKS
1600	108		320					
				262	-	-	-	incl RAN 8
89		10		243	-	10	-	incl G.T. Coy 32/10; incl Sup Pl 10
				2190				
				770				incl 34 2/1 Aust Fd Amb and 6 2/1 Aust Fd Coy 20 & 2 guns Mtn Bty; 3 Beach Group and F.O.C. Party.
				158				
101				251				2 dozers
				235				
755				2005				
				10				incl Sig Party
				87				incl Div Sigs
67				77				
10				20				

	"H" + 12½ / LST (4)				TOTALS				
	Pers	Guns	Vehs	Stores	Pers	Guns	Vehs	Stores	REMARKS
	1600	100		320					
	55		10		171				incl GT 32/10; Sup 10
					1460				
	75	4			150				
	130				230				
	56				124				less det with 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
	56		56		96		96		
	173				173				remainder in Ferry Service
	33								
	1600				8754				
				15				80	
				305				1274	
	1600	108		320	8754	22	326	1354	

DIVISIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF FORCE TO SHIPS ARRIVING "D" DAY

Serial	Formation or Unit	"H" HOUR APD(2) Pers	LSI's (3) Pers	LSI's (3) Guns	LSI's (3) Vehs	LSI's (3) Stores	"H" + ½ AKA (1) Pers	AKA (1) Guns	AKA (1) Vehs	AKA (1) Stores	LCI (8) Pers	LCI (8) -	LCI (8) Stores	"H" + 4½ LST (4) Pers	LST (4) Guns	LST (4) Vehs	LST (4) Stores
	Capacity	288	3629	48	182		158	84	532		1496	-	-	1600	108	320	
	ASSAULT BDE																
1.	2/5 Cav (Commando) Sqn	262															
	19 Aust Inf Bde																
2.	HQ and HQ tps		154	-	3												
3.	Three Aust Inf Bns		1460								730						
4.	2/2 Aust Inf Bn (16 Bde)	-	770														
5.	5 Aust Fd Bty		78	4	6									80	4		
6.	2/2 Aust Fd Coy		150	-	4												
7.	2/7 Aust Fd Amb		68				34							133			
	BEACH GROUP																
8.	Beach Group		914	6	23		100	-	84					236			
	6 AUST DIV HQ																
9.	Recce Party Div HQ		10		2												
10.	Ops HQ 6 Aust Div		20											67			
11.	Adv HQ 6 Aust Div													10		2	
12.	HQ RAA 6 Aust Div		5											5		4	

Serial	Formation or Unit	--"H" HOUR-- APD(2) Pers	LSI's (3) Pers	LSI's (3) Guns	LSI's (3) Vehs	LSI's (3) Stores	"H" + ½ AKA(1) Pers	AKA(1) Guns	AKA(1) Vehs	AKA(1) Stores	LCI (8) Pers	LCI (8) -	LCI (8) Stores	"H" + 4½ LST (4) Pers	LST (4) Guns	LST (4) Vehs	LST (4) Stores
	Capacity	286	3629	46		182	158	84		532	1496	-	-	1600	108		320
		---"FOLLOW UP" TROOPS ---															
	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde																
13.	HQ and HQ Tps										16			100			
14.	Two Aust Inf Bns										730			730			
15.	5 Aust Fd Bty													75	4		
16.	2/1 Aust Fd Coy						24				20			56			
17.	2/1 Aust Fd Amb													68			
18.	M.T. pool 16/17/19 Aust Inf Bdes													40		40	
19.	2/1 Aust Pnr Bn																
20.	Lt Sec 104 Aust CCS																
		262	3629	10	38		158				1496			1600			
	ESTIMATION OF TONNAGE OF UNIT STORES ETC					45				5							15
	ALLOTMENT TO SHIPS AND CRAFT OF DIVISIONAL RESERVES					137				527							305
	TOTALS	262	3629	10	38	182	158	84		532	1496			1600	108		320

Appendix H

DISTRIBUTION OF UNITS TO FERRY SERVICE
ARRIVING FROM D + 1 on

Serial	Formation or Unit	LCI (8) ARR 2300 D + 1			IST (6) ARR 2100 D + 2			LCI (6) ARR 2300 D + 3			IST (6) ARR 2100 D + 5			REMARKS
		Pers	Vehs	Stores	Pers	Vehs	Stores	Pers	Vehs	Stores	Pers	Vehs	Stores	
		1440	-		2400	162	882	1440	-		2400	162	882	
21.	2/1 Aust Pnr Pn	569												
22.	2/1 Fd Amb	50												
23.	17 Inf Bde HQ (incl HQ tps)	23			150									incl(GT 32/10 (Sup 10
24.	Three Inf Bns	680			1510									
25.	6 Fd Bty	10			150									
26.	2/8 Fd Coy	20			220									
27.	2/2 Fd Amb	68			100									
28.	2/1 Lt AA Bty	10			140	8								
29.	Det 2/22 Fd Pk	10			20	10								
30.	Hy Sec 104 CCS				63									
31.	Rear Ech Bdes				47									N.B. Possible to land 969 vehicles by D + 5 if required
32.	Remainder Div Units							1440			1514			
		1440	NIL		2400	162	882	1440	NIL		1514	162	882	

MOST SECRET

G (MO) DIV

COMBINED [illegible]

DISCUSSION AND [illegible]

LANDING BEACHES AND BEACH AREAS

1. Beaches Involved

Blue, White, Amber, Green, Red.

2. Nature of Beaches

(a) firm sand
(b) narrow
(c) not liable to surf at present season
(d) Blue suitable for LCM and all small types personnel craft
(e) White, suitable for LCM, LCA only
(f) Amber, Green, Red - all types LC
(g) Deductions:
(i) Foot troops only at Blue Beach
(ii) Foot troops only at White Beach
(iii) All arms - Amber, Green, Red.

3. Beach Defences

(a) No mines, obstacles, strong points on beaches.
(b) Affect Engineers in force.
(c) No special data, nor equipment.

4. Exits from Beaches

(a) No cliffs, but jungle.
(b) No extensive work required.
(c) Tracked vehicles.
(d) Engineer commitment affected by landing places for different types of craft.
(e) Number required affect priority loading of engineer stores and equipment, bulldozers, track etc.

5. Hinterland and Communications

(a) Single coast road.
(b) Ground boggy offroad, jungle few clearings.
(c) Engineer requirements; roadway, equipment, etc.
(d) Reduction of vehicles necessary.

6. Capacity of Beaches

(a) Ability of beaches to receive landing craft.
(b) Area available for working party's equipment.
(c) General calculations.
(d) Mechanical Equipment.
(e) Labour.

7. Conclusion.

Definite affect on Order of battle.

Once a beach has been opened up it becomes mainly an Engineer commitment.

Item Diary (2)

6 AUST DIV

MOST SECRET

COMBINED TRAINING

DISCUSSION AND EXERCISE PERIOD

COMBINED SIGNAL APPRECIATION

OBJECT To provide the normal communications for all services during the various phases of the operation.

CONSIDERATIONS

1. Wireless silence.
2. Communications during embarkation.
3. Communications during staging en route.
4. Issue of orders after embarkation.
5. Use of Naval Channels for the passing of Army and Air Force traffic during the approach and until such times as Army and Air Force HQ are established ashore.
6. Control of small craft LST and LCI.
7. Installation of W/T sets in ships.
8. The dispersion of the division in various types under different commands. (Naval Channels cumbersome).
9. Air Warning and Fighter Control;-
   (a) At sea
   (b) Transport area
   (c) After landing.
10. Number and location of combined Sig Offices (Div HQ ships and Bde HQ ships) and Beach Sig Stns. (each Assault Bn).
11. Subsidiary Landings. Bili Bili.
12. Naval Gunfire Support - F.O.O. parties.
13. Light Support Craft.
14. Air Support. (Direct and alternative.)
15. Standardization of W/T tuning.
16. Submarine Cable between (White and Green beach).

DISTRIBUTION
List OT

War Diary

MOST SECRET

6 AUST DIV

COMBINED TRAINING

DISCUSSION AND [illegible]

ARMY SIGNAL PLAN

GENERAL

1. Wireless Silence.
2. Location of HQ Afloat and Ashore.
3. Location and Number of Beach Sig Stns.
4. Location of Combined Sig Offices.
5. Comms to Bdes in small craft.
6. Landing [illegible]
7. Comms to 7 Aust Div.
8. Comms to higher formation.
9. Submarine Cable.
10. Comms to Light Support Craft.
11. Requests for Naval Fire Support.
12. Requests for Air Support.
13. Air Warnings.

EMBARKATION

1. Signal officer and small party embark prior to embarkation of main body.
2. Army Sig personnel should be prepared to assist ship's Sig personnel.
3. Despatch boats.

VOYAGE

1. Wireless Silence.
2. Responsibility for communications.

THE APPROACH

1. Coy Comds should travel with Sub-Division Comds, together with small Sig det including 1 - 108 set.
2. Bn Comds, Bn HQ, Det of Bde Sig Sec in one craft, BM and Beach Coy Comd with respective recce parties and Beach Sigs in one craft. Close liaison between these two craft.
3. Bn nets on listening watch together with [illegible] light support craft.
4. Comms shown in Appx "L".

BN HQ LANDED

1. Adv Beach Sig Stns set up approx 50 yds from shore, close to Beach Coy Comd. BM's set on landing wave near BM.

2. Bn HQ will probably move inland.

3. Comms may be quicker and are simpler if Bn HQ sited near Adv Beach Sig Stn.

4. Comms from Adv Beach Sig Stn shown in Appx "M".

BDE HQ LANDED

1. When the Bde Comd decides on which beach he will land and prior to the Bde HQ Landing the Main Support Party of the Beach Sig Unit will land and establish the Main Beach Sig office.

2. Desirable for Bde HQ recce party to accompany Main Support Party.

3. Factors to be considered in siting of Main Beach Sig Office:

   (a) Suitable site for R/T sets.

   (b) Cover from fire.

   (c) Proximity to Beach Exits.

   (d) Position of Bde HQ on landing.

   (e) Position of Beach Group HQ.

   (f) Position of Adv Div HQ.

4. Comms from Main Beach Signal office shown in Appx "N".

ADV DIV HQ LANDED

1. OC Div Sigs Recce Group will assist in recce of Adv Div HQ and inform Main Beach Sig office of the location.

2. Desirable for Div Sigs to land an officer, who, after consultation with MLO, will recce assembly areas for Sig personnel and vehicles and keep CO Div Sigs informed of landings.

EMPLOYMENT OF BDE SIG SEC

During the assault personnel will probably be disposed as follows:-

(a) One detachment with each Bn.

(b) One detachment working the Bde-Bn group on the Bde HQ ship.

(c) One detachment working the rear link to Div, on Bde HQ ship.

(d) One detachment standing by in Bde HQ ship ready to land with Bde Comd.

(e) Personnel required for assisting in the combined Sig Office on HQ ship.

(f) Balance of personnel with Bde HQ personnel.

EMPLOYMENT OF DIV SIGS

1. The main artery of comms will be to Bde HQ inland and the Main Beach Signal office.

2. Personnel of Div Sigs will be disposed as follows:-

(a) CO and personnel to man W/T links and combined Sig office on Div HQ ship.

(b) Adv Div Recce Gp in assault ship or Bde HQ ship.

(c) Adv Div HQ Gp in LST, or assault ship alloted a high priority in landing.

(d) Remainder of Div Sigs, in LSTs, or personnel ships, allotted such landing priority that will enable the whole unit to land in a sequence [illegible] for the [illegible] of normal Div comms.

AIR FORCE PLAN

AIR SUPPORT

1. Direct Support covering landing period.

2. Direct Support after Div HQ landed and established inland.

3. Air Support Party.

AIR WARNING

1. During approach.

2. After Div HQ has landed.

3. Fighter Control Liaison Sec.

FIGHTER COVER

1. During approach.

2. After Div HQ has landed.

3. Fighter Control Liaison Sec

TAC/R

1. During approach.

2. After Div HQ landed.

3. Tac/R Det HQAF.

MOST SECRET

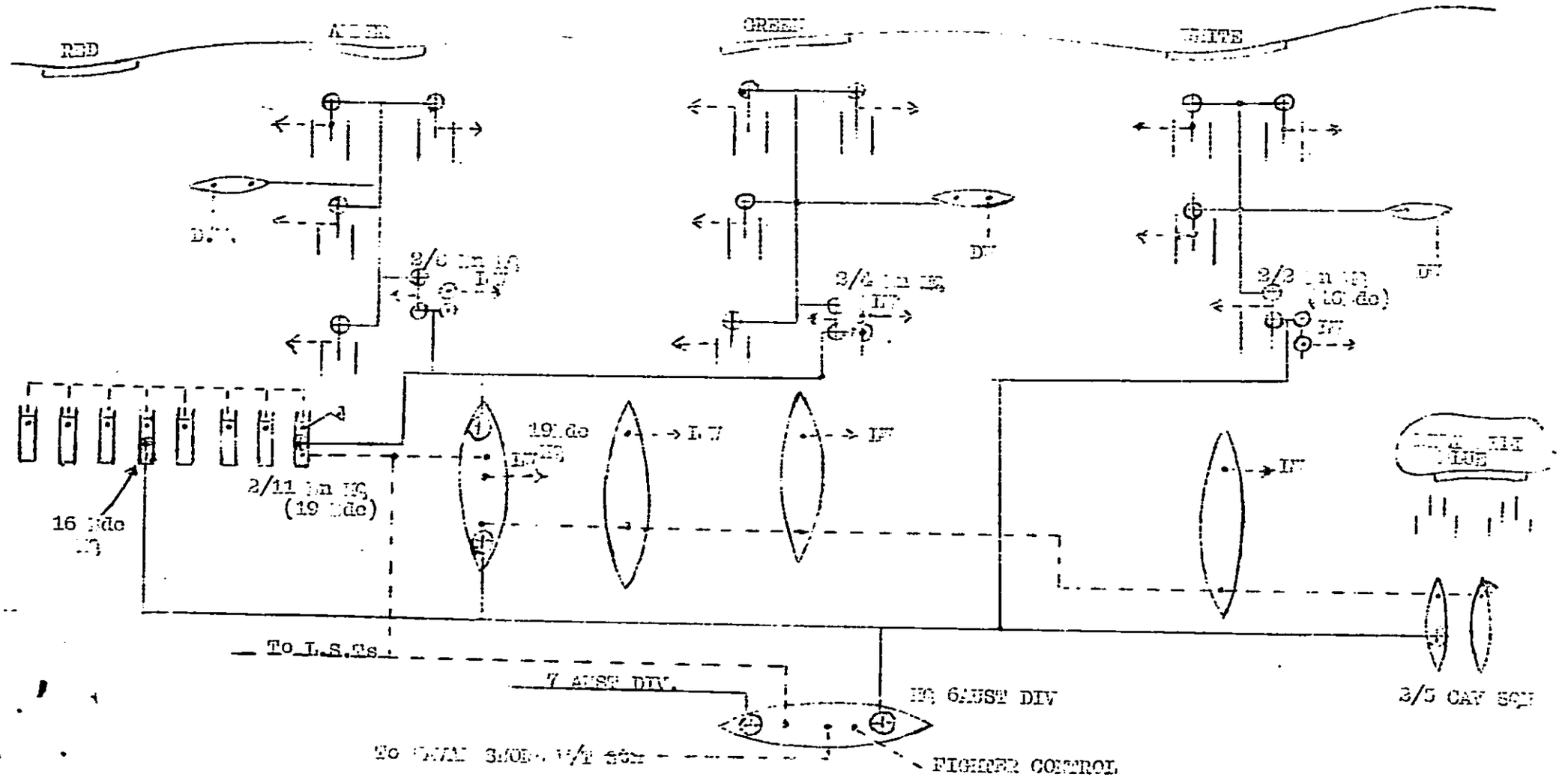
APPX. "J"

WIRELESS DIAGRAM

THE APPROACH

KEY

- Army Sets
- Beach Sig Unit Sets
- Sets Installed in Ships
- Army T/R Channels
- Navy T/R Channels
- Air Force Channels

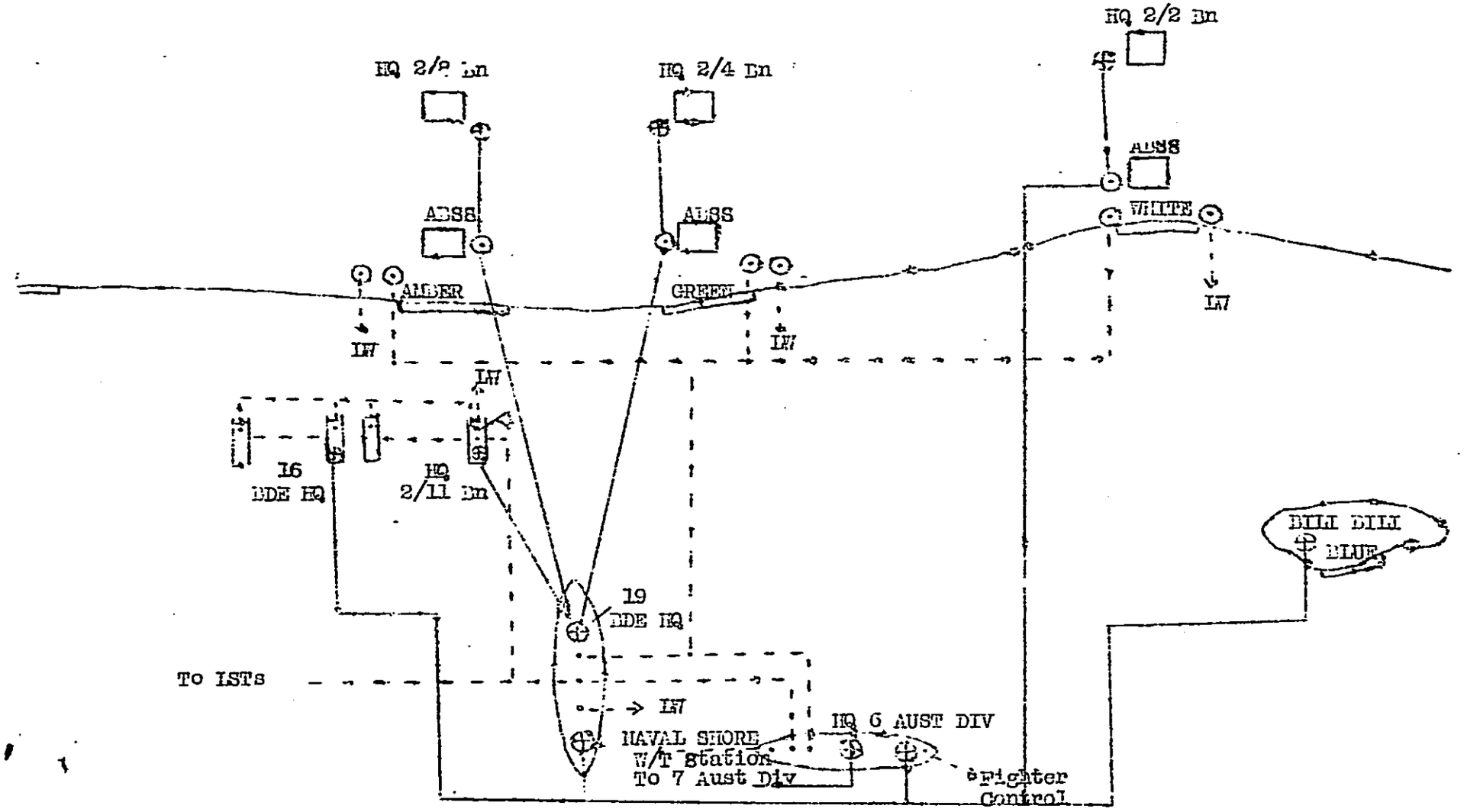


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APPENDIX "H"

WIRELESS DIAGRAM

BN HQ LANDED



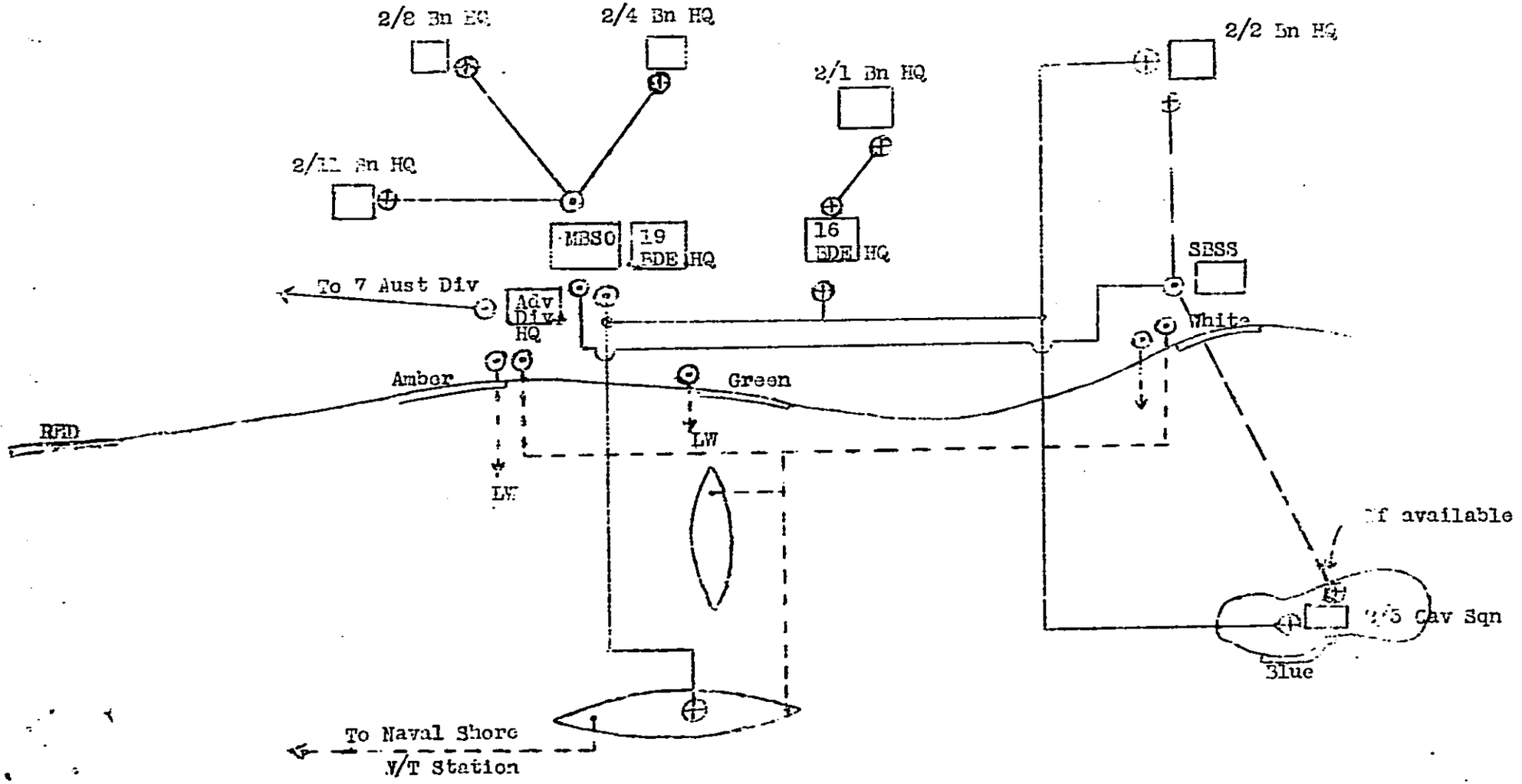
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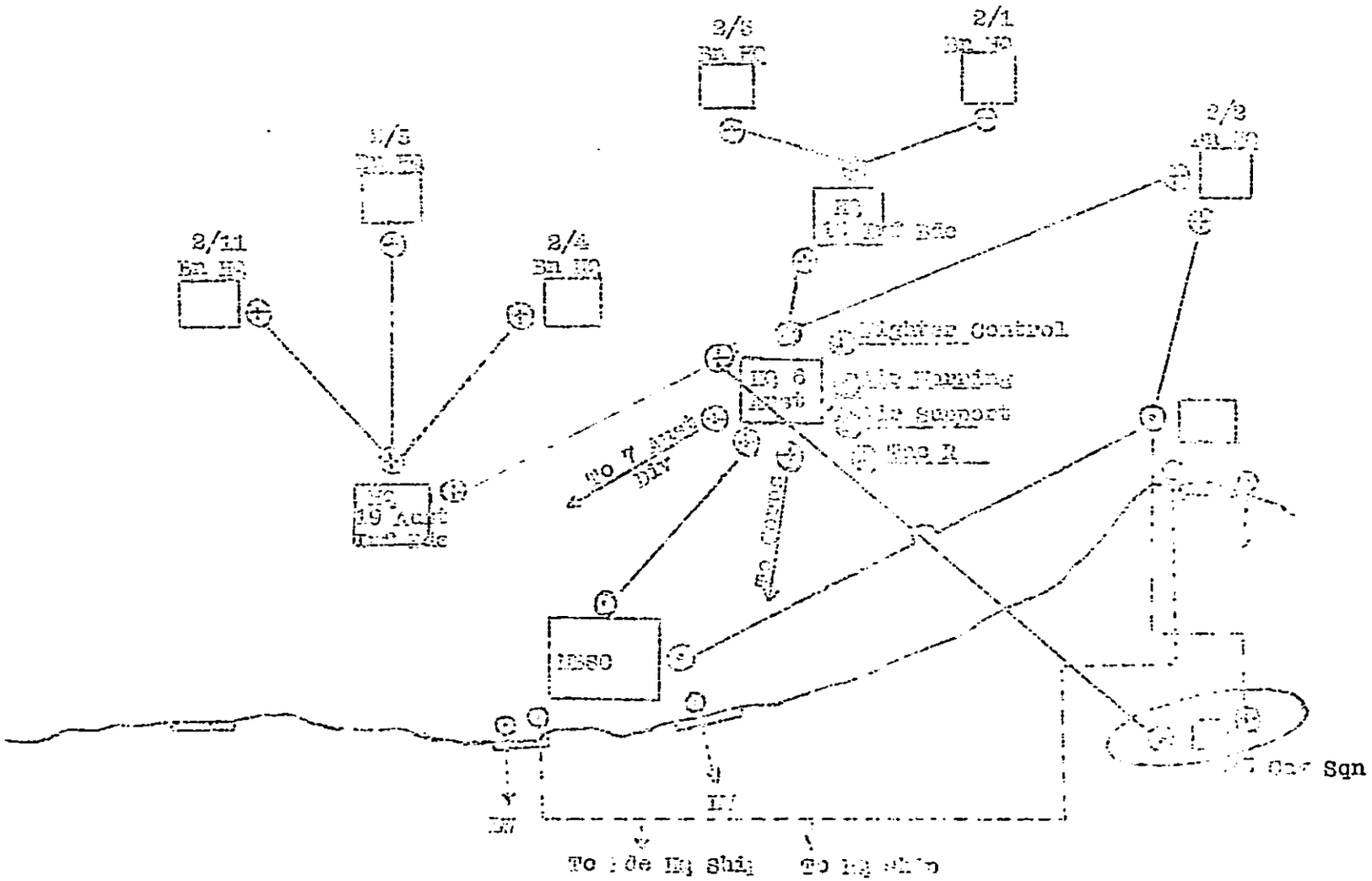
WIRELESS DIAGRAM

BDE HQ AND ADV DIV HQ

LANDED



Appendix "O"


2/5
2/1
1/5
2/3
2/11
2/4
Fighter Control
no 7 Group
Comms
USSC
To Tide Rip Ship
To Rig Ship

WIRING DIAGRAM

To Beach Control Officer
To Beach Control Officer
To Beach Control Officer

6 AUST DIV

MOST SECRET

COMBINED TRAINING

DISCUSSION AND EXERCISE PERIOD

No. [illegible]

1. [illegible]

3. Naval Support

Purely Naval problem governed by:-

(i) Known enemy forces which may be encountered.
(ii) Value of convoy. Assault convoys particularly valuable
(iii) Favourable strategical position. This may take months. Army interest is that part of it available for bombardment on D day and some days after.

2. Passage of Convoys

1. Basic [illegible]:-

(i) Further movement of troops and cargo not required in assault to an advanced base. Use other than assault shipping. If not available compromise may be necessary. Shipping cannot be turned on like water. If assault shipping has to be used training must stop and L.C. may not be [illegible] fit for assault. Our case comprehensive is necessary, Appendix B.

(ii) Assault Convoys. Everything to be landed on D day. Goes to far shore without unloading, although in case of smaller ships some stops are made for rest. One destroyer as Div HQ ship, "Manoora" as Brigade HQ Ship. See Appendix D.

5. Routing during voyage. Try to avoid enemy range. Presence that convoy is bound for places other than intended. Avoid enemy interception by keeping routing outside range of A/C and ships, particularly S/M. Navigation must not be hazarded. Shoals, Shoalfields and reefs.

Those which guided present planning:-

(i) Raven Channel 40 M from M.B.
(ii) Goschen Str completely safe for daylight passage.
(iii) Cramped men in small ships makes intermediate stops necessary. These help cover plan.
(iv) Ham and Veale 80 M East of Cre Bay passable by night if fine. We cannot afford the risk.
(v) Arrival and departure at intermediate ports by darkness to hide information as to actual contents of ships and certain knowledge of destination.
(vi) Beyond Pinschhafen all convoys steer for Dampier Str by day and alter course for actual destination after dark.
(vii) Zigzagging by daylight to avoid loss of ships.

6. Ships in [illegible] best speeds not maximum given.
LST - [illegible] knots. 1 knot for station keeping. 1 knot for [illegible] and may be for bad weather.
Liberty [illegible] knots. 1½ knots loaded.

3. Control of sea routes and denial to enemy of his

1. (i) [illegible] sea patrols [illegible] own bases.
(ii) Bombing and strafing of [illegible] bases and forces.

B. In particular:-

(i) As far as Finschhafen no expectation of encountering large force. May get a break through.
(ii) Sea action in Solomons.
(iii) Air action at Rabaul.
(iv) Naval and air strength has ensured beyond Finsch[illegible]n that continuous enemy patrolling has ceased. Still open to attack by air and S/M or light craft from Hansa Bay (60 M). This limits stay of ISI and me[illegible] subsequent night arrival of supply ships.
(v) Still have slight risk of accidental interception to face.

4. Air Support and Escort

A. (i) Shore based V Carrier borne A/C,
(ii) Time support is available - limits stay of ISIs.
(iii) Escort for convoy - continuous for A/S purposes

B. In our particular case:-

Mentioned factors governing passage of convoy in [illegible] route section. Another point is that if possible all conv[illegible] beyond Finschhafen should run at night. This is not prac[illegible]able but last few hours of passage in later convoys then assault arrive and leave far shore so as to be 50 M offshore when daylight begins or ends. Amount carried limited by this, e.g. LST with 120 tons and 27 vehicles. Could carry 1800 tons.

Air cover needed over landing places from H + ½ hour to H + 10 hours.

Recce to be maintained to N and E on D and 5 subsequent days.

5. Selection of suitable landing places and dates

A. (i) No surf is possible. Operation off above 6 ft, Uncertain at 3 ft.
(ii) Good gradient so LC can beach at all states of tide. 4 ft of water 40 ft out. 15 ft 300 ft out. Lack of off-shore dangers.
(iii) Firm sand and good exits. Sufficient length.
(iv) Possibility of building piers.
(v) Ships able to close land to launch LC.
(vi) Sea conditions suitable for wading cargo into boats from ships.
(vii) Weather - effect of rain fog and mist.
(viii) Astronomical conditions - time of daylight - time of moonrise and moonset.
(ix) Tide - leaving LST stranded over a tide - beach drying out to a shelf to cause wading either side of low water.

B. How these features affect us:-

It is NW season so wind off shore. Sea and surf conditions should be good to excellent.

Tidal information scanty but leads to conclusion that strength will not worry. Rise and fall of 4 ft will not spoil main beaches. They are steep to. See appendix C.

Nautical dawn is at 0650K.

There will be no moon from 0230 to daylight for a number of days around possible D day. If quiet, therefore, we may get tactical surprise.

Sand between HW and LW marks is hard. That above HW is firm, and there are no cliffs or hills guarding the beaches. 15-50 yards wide. Total length of main beaches 1700x, so we should not be cramped.

If beach head is quickly established, LSIs will be able to close into 2 M off-shore and so speed up unload.

Water deepens too quickly off-shore for prospective piers although there is a bay which is otherwise suitable.

6. Naval Bombardment and Close Inshore Support

(i) White and Blue Beaches:-
H - 1 hr to H + 2 hrs. 2 HC work into ½ M offshore.

(ii) Amber and Green Beaches -

	Offshore ½ M	Bombardment
H - 1 hr to H + ½ hr	2 HC	2DD
H + ½ hr to H + 2½ hrs	2 HC	4DD
H +2½ hr to H + 4½ hrs	4 HC	4DD
H +4½ hr to H + 6 hrs	4 HC	5DD

Thereafter Inshore craft start to return with convoy but DD remain with one added at D + 12½ and are available by day for bombardment for 6 days.

Ranges ships fire at will give flat trajectory.

Ships will have to steam up and down during firing. May have to divert gunfire because of air or sea attack.

As naval forces have to carry on other jobs until last moment probable that liaison will have to chase them to tie up bombardment position.

Each ship can only give a total of 15 minutes fire as must carry mainly ship to ship and AA ammunition.

If bombardment is done before a landing it will probably not achieve a specific target. Afterwards, F.O.O. can put ship on target accurately.

Weather (NW wind) is hopelessly against ships or craft assist with smoke. LSIs have CSA for own protection, and can use it if wind is favourable to assist inshore.

II - NAVAL COVER PLAN

Indicated ours in convoy sailing. Like to draw attention to it again by quoting examples. Concentrations of ships are difficult to disguise e.g. La Linea in Spain is always chatting about our movements around Gibraltar.

Dieppe. No strategical but tactical surprise gained. Disguised ships. Night Embarkation. Sealed areas. Several ports used for embarkation. RV at sea.

Norway. Naval personnel issued with tropical kit.

Greece. Code for stores. Not enough or too many people in know as medical stores arrived labelled ATHENS.

R. Ardour. Commando ships disguised sailed in OG convoy.

Diversions, if resorted to, must be a strong joint, not a sporadic show.

Wireless silence until first assault wave into beach.

III - DIVISION OF COASTLINE FOR LANDING

Force or Division - Lettered sectors Able, Baker, Charlie etc for Brigades to land on.

Brigade - Coloured Beaches Red, Amber, Green for Battalions to land on.

Battalions land on coloured beaches.

Companies land at landing points within the coloured beaches.

All references from R to G looking inland.

Length of Beaches - Army wish with regard to deployment ashore. Naval wish for handling boats at night. Compromise. Boats 70ˣ apart each carrying a platoon.

Brigade group found best for C.Ops. S.N.O.I. works with Brigadier on his plan and commands Brigade convoy. This found large enough for one man to handle. Furthermore, area of sea occupied off shore seem to fall naturally into a convenient size for Brigade Group.

IV - NAVAL RESPONSIBILITIES

(i) Arrival of convoy in right place
No shore lights. Overcast weather and lack of observations. Wind, tide and current effect in last hours of passage by night. Compass errors in small ships.
D/F Brgs - from scouts landed, nearby friendly bases, Sch columnists. S/M as a marker. Brgs from a transmitting buoy. Lorenz beam. Shore beacons (not flashes) from agents ashore. Brgs dropped from A/C. Prepared silhouettes of objective
(ii) Disembarkation of personnel and discharge of cargo from white ensign ships. Velocity lifts and alterations.
(iii) Operation and control of LC.
(iv) Safe Beaching and quick turn round of LC.
(v) Command of expedition during passage. Apparent as to what losses of ships with army that show, otherwise Naval Force Cdr (or S.N.O.L.) can ask it no to moment LC hits water. Then Army Force Cdr has complete responsibility. Dieppe.
Warning that appearance of S/M in area may stop loading and cause ships to clear off altogether or temporarily. West Africa.

V - CONCLUSIO

Planning - Return of ships bound for Gallipoli and Norway to re-load due to loading plan not being done with Navy.

West Africa job under estimated and naval advice rejected for a political consideration - lack of training.

Co-operation - let other services in early so that problem is not spoilt by lack of appreciation and such things as:-

(i) Not too many eggs in one basket.
(ii) All eggs complete with shells.

are taken care of, e.g. AA in one ship, predictors in another as on a Norwegian jaunt, Predictor ship sunk.

Naval problem is to put the Army in an advanced position by comfortable means and will do what is wanted if it knows what that is.

Sir F. Drake's "gentlemen and mariners" veering and hauling.

APPENDIX B

TABLE OF TIME AND DISTANCE BY SEA

		Distance	13 Knots	10 Knots	7.5 Knots
MILNE BAY to	Destination	486	39	49	65
	FINSCHHAFEN	334	-	34	45
	ORO BAY	224	-	23	30
ORO BAY to	Destination	320	-	32	44
	FINSCHHAFEN	160	-	16	22
FINSCHHAFEN to	Destination	160	-	16	22

Notes:

1. In passages from and to MILNE BAY northwards, the 50 miles nearest MILNE BAY MUST be done in daylight due to the existence of a dangerous channel.

2. Reef 80 miles South East of ORO BAY must be entered in daylight in passage from and to ORO BAY from the Southward.

APPENDIX C

ASTRONOMICAL AND METEOROLOGICAL DATA

Wind - NW seasonal Nov to Mar

Sea - Anticipate slight

Surf - Small to nil

Tides - 4 feet rise and fall

No accurate information of times of H.W. and L.W. This should not affect us in places chosen.

Rainfall - Can expect heavy rainfall especially at night

Visibility - Should be good except during rain squalls or heavy rain.

	Nautical Dawn	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
31 Dec	0630	0805	1831	0955	2227
1944					
1 Jan	0629	0804	1830	1041	2215
2 Jan	0629	0804	1830	1129	2303
3 Jan	0628	0803	1829	1217	2351
4 Jan	0627	0802	1828	1305	-
5 Jan	0626	0801	1827	1353	0037
6 Jan	0626	0801	1827	1441	0125
7 Jan	0626	0800	1826	1529	0213

Times - Zone King.

APPENDIX D

CONVOY SAILINGS

(1) No	(2) Duty	(3) Ships	(4) Escort	(5) Dep MB	(6) Arr OB	(7) Dep OB	(8) Arr F	(9) Dep F	(10) Arr Destination	(11) Dep Destination	(12) Troops	(13) Cargo Tons	(14) Veh	(15) Further Duty	(16) Remarks
SF1	Staging	as req	as req	D-6	-	-	D-4	When unloaded	-	-	3000	3400	640	-	These should be ships NOT being used in the assault
SF2	Staging	8 LST	as req	1000 D-11	-	-	0700 D-9	2000 D-9	-	-	3200	640	216	Return to MB by 1700, D-7 for assault load	Allow 4 hrs for load and unload
SF3	Staging	8 LCI	as req	1200 D-9	-	-	2200 D-8	0700 D-7	-	-	1496	-	-	Return to MB by 1700,D-6 for assault load	Load and unload time negligible
AS4	Assault	4 LST	1 DD 2 SC	1300 D-5	1900 D-4	2100 D-3	1900 D-2	2100 D-1	H+ 12½ hrs D	H+ 16 Hrs D	1600	320	108	Return to F as Reserve	DD remain at destn travel to F with AS5
AS5	Assault	4 LST	1 DD 2 SC	1500 D-5	1900 D-4	2100 D-3	1900 D-2	2100 D-1	H+ 4½ hrs D	H+ 7½ hrs D	1600	320	108	Return to F Start ferry service with 2 LST not yet used	Escort need not join until F Travel to F with AS 4 DD remain destination

(1) No	(2) Duty	(3) Ships	(4) Escort	(5) Dep IB	(6) Arr OB	(7) Dep OB	(8) Arr F	(9) Dep F	(10) Arr Destination	(11) Dep	(12) Troops	(13) Cargo Tons	(14) Veh	(15) Further Duty	(16) Remarks
AS2	Assault	1 AKA 8 LCI	2DD 2SC	1430 D-5	1530 D-4	0300 D-3	1900 D-2	1500 D-1	H+½ hr D	LCI H+½ hr AKA H+20	158 1496	552	84	LCI return No F. Start follow up trips AKA to MB.	DD remain at destination. 1 SC for LCI 1 SC for AKA) Return
AS1	Assault	5 LSI 2 APD	3DD 4SC 4PC	1530 D-2	-	--	-	-	H-1 hr D	H+5 hr D	3629 262	182	48	Return to MB. LSI may be available for trips to F.	DD remain behind. PC remain behind.
										approximately	15441	5594	1204		

APPENDIX E

LCI FOLLOW UP TRIP - 9 CRAFT FROM AS2

Number	Arrive F	Depart F	Destination Arrive	Depart
FCI	2330 D	0700 D+1	2300 D+1	0100 D+2
FC2	1700 D+2	0700 D+3	2300 D+3	0100 D+4
FC3	1700 D+4	0700 D+5	2300 D+5	0100 D+6

LCT FERRY SERVICE - 4 SHIPS FROM AS3
2 SHIPS FROM RESERVE AT F

Number	Arrive F	Depart F	Destination Arrive	Depart
FA1	1200 D+1	2300 D+1	2100 D+2	0500 D+3
FA2	0100 D+4	2300 D+4	2100 D+5	0300 D+6
FA3	0100 D+7	2300 D+7	2100 D+8	0300 D+9
FA4	0100 D+10	2300 D+10	2100 D+11	0300 D+12
FA5	0100 D+13	2300 D+13	2100 D+14	0300 D+15
FA6	0100 D+16	2300 D+16	2100 D+17	0300 D+18
FA7	0100 D+19	2300 D+19	2100 D+20	0300 D+21
FA8	0100 D+22	2300 D+22	2100 D+23	0300 D+24
FA9	0100 D+25	2300 D+25	2100 D+26	0300 D+27
FA10	0100 D+28	2300 D+28	2100 D+29	0300 D+30

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The Characteristics of Ship-to-Shore operations as opposed to Shore-to-Shore operations.

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1. Historical.

2. Willingness of all the Services to co-operate, though more than half the battle, is not by itself enough. Commanders and staffs must have knowledge and some experience of combined operation problems.

3. Ship-to-Shore and Shore-to-Shore operations are really similar as far as main essentials are concerned. The former are undoubtedly the more difficult of the two.

4. Air Cover.

5. Types of ships and craft.

6. Loading and embarkation.

7. Rates of discharge on the Far Shore.

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GENERAL IDEA

NOTE: This study of an operation for the capture of MADANG is based on very inadequate and possibly inaccurate information. The study is therefore purely theoretical and must not under any circumstances be considered as having any operational significance.

1. Early in November 43 Allied forces occupied the western half of NEW BRITAIN, the WOODLARK and KIRIWINA Islands. Small forces of 9 Aust Division based on FINSCHHAFEN working along the NE coast of PAPUA have, up to date, 12 Nov, succeeded in clearing it of Japanese to as far West as SIO.

2. It is expected that by mid-December 43 the area East and South of the general line SINGORAI - BUKAU - RIVER MAMI will be cleared of Japanese and that 7 Aust Division will be closing in on MADANG. This should result in:-

(a) Allied air superiority, and the ability to give shore-based fighter cover to shipping in the VITIAZ STRAIT and as far North as MADANG.

(b) Our being able to supply by sea, using small craft moving by night, any of our forces established along the coast as far West as SINGORAI.

3. All available information as to the enemy's present dispositions in the MADANG area is given in the Intelligence Summary Appendix "A" attached. Also given, are increases in enemy strengths in the area to be expected by first week in January 44.

4. HQ I Aust Corps, (area DOBUDURA) is conducting operations in NG.

5. 6 Aust Division and attached troops are now concentrated at MILNE BAY where they are carrying out amphibious training.

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APPENDIX "A"

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Note: This summary is compiled from incomplete and possibly inaccurate information and must not under any circumstances be regarded as adequate for the planning of an operation of this nature. It is for exercise purpose only.

6 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 1

(Issued in conjunction with General Idea - MADANG Exercise)

compiled from information received up to 1800 hrs 11 Nov 43.

Ref maps: AUSTRALIAN AERONAUTICAL MAP 1: 1000000
Sheets A8 - A10, B8 -,B10, C8 - C10.
Special Enlargement MADANG AREA 2" to 1 mile
Admiralty Charts.

1. ENEMY DISPOSTIONS AND ORDER OF BATTLE

The strength of the Japanese forces in the MADANG-ALEXISHAFEN area is at present estimated at a minimum of 5,000 and a maximum of 7,000.

Captured documents show that these troops are portion of 237 and 239 Infantry Regiments of 41 Div plus divisional troops.

These regiments were recently moved from WEWAK by barge and by the coastal road, to replace 20 Div which, formerly in MADANG, was moved to the SIO-SATELBERG area in Sep-Oct 43.

The actual dispostions of the MADANG garrison is not known. It is considered, however, that the majority of the force is occupying the MADANG-ALEXISHAFEN area and that the defence of the coastline between MADANG and BOGADJIM has been allotted to 3 Bn of 237 Regt. Intercept messages suggest that the HQ of this Bn is at BILI BILI village and that isolated coast defences in bunker positions are distributed along the shore (See "Enemy Defences" below).

HQ 41 Div is located at AMRON mission.

The third regiment of the division, 238 Regiment, is holding BOGADJIM and the road BOGADJIM-DUMPU as far South as YAULA, where it is being engaged by elements of 7 Aust Div. 238 Regiment was involved in the SALAMAUA-LAE operations, and have regrouped in their present position after withdrawal by sea and overland routes. It is considered that the present fighting strength of the regiment is not higher than 2,000.

2. ENEMY DEFENCES

(a) MADANG and ALEXISHAFEN Harbours

The two main entrances to the harbours - DALIMAN and OTTILIEN passages - are heavily defended with coast defence and medium machine gun positions.

The airstrips are defended by the following weapons, many of which could, in addition, be switched for ground and coast defence:-

MADANG Strip	-	20 hy AA posns
		3 Lt AA posns
		20 MG posns
ALEXISHAFEN Strip I	-	6 hy AA posns
		2 Lt AA posns
ALEXISHAFEN Strip II	-	12 hy AA posns

(b) The Coast MADANG-BOGADJIM

This area is relatively undefended, i.e. there is no evidence of large scale defensive works, and the most recent air photographs reveal no fixed coastal defences, beach obstacles, or artificial off-shore obstacles.

The following defences have, however, been located:-

(i) BILI BILI Island: There is a small enemy garrison force occupying the Island, and there is at least one coastal gun there, of unknown type.

(ii) On the small headland immediately South of MARAGA ROCK three or four bunker positions have been located. One of them appears to be disused. It is probable that this area is held by a small force with light and medium machine guns.

(c) BOGADJIM Area

This important roadhead is almost certainly held in strength. It is considered that HQ 238 Inf Regt is also located here, plus at least one battalion of 41 Div Mtn Arty Regt.

3. NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

Allied Naval Forces have complete naval supremacy in the seas between HANSA BAY and GASMATA, having destroyed the enemy's heavy and medium units in this area in recent naval actions.

Both these harbours, however, are being used as advanced bases for submarines and light surface craft (destroyers and sub-chasers). In consequence, protection is still necessary against sea attack by such craft in the MADANG to C. NELSON area.

RABAUL is the nearest base for heavier ships. These have been sighted in RABAUL recently, but have largely been destroyed and the remainder are at present being engaged by Australian and US Naval Forces in the SOLOMONS Seas.

4. COAST REPORT

No off shore dangers exist up to 4 miles off shore between MADANG and BOGADJIM so ships can approach to position for lowering LC in safety.

Except for islands at odd intervals, shoreline is practically featureless so that establishment of correct position may be impossible. This can be overcome by getting a patrol behind the selected beaches to show lights, using a S/M in position in advance to give a check position or by selecting a night when a fairly full moon is setting behind the land just before H hour.

Ships must remain at least 4 miles from defended posts until after the beachhead is secured.

Once this has been done there is no navigational objection to them moving in to 1 mile off shore to speed up unloading.

5. Beach Reports

Beach	Description	Naval Comment	Exits	Remarks
(a) MADANG	Landlocked harbour; entrance through DALLMAN passage 400x wide. Foreshore is jagged coral shelf with 8 ft bank beyond. One good sandy beach.	Landings can be made in harbour if loss of up to 100% boats can be accepted after assault has landed. Probable boat (and troop) loss on way in 50%. There is no possible landing for 16 miles North.	-	Backed by MODILON and MATUPI plantations.
(b) MADILON to JABOB Is	Low broken coral cliff with razor sharp edges.	No landing places.	-	Backed by MODILON plantation.
(c) JABOB Is to GUM RIVER	½ to ¾ mile of soft beach 50x - 70x wide. Inshore depths of 6 ft and over. Beach commanded by bold coral bluff and JABOB and UMIBA Is.	600 yards maximum for one LSI. Not acceptable unless islands in vicinity are neutralised.	No exits from beach for stores.	-
(d) BILI BILI	No information regarding beaches. Possible landing stage on West side of Island.	Landing for LC appears possible on West side of Island but doubtful elsewhere - landing can be achieved anywhere with LCA(L).	-	Island is covered with jungle and coconuts and has steep sides. Is part of BILI BILI village (shore) community.
(e) GUM RIVER to COCOL RIVER	4 - 5 miles of beach 50x-100x wide. At times only 3 ft water ¼ mile out and surf breaks in SE season. Slight shelter behind BILI BILI Island. Small reef off UMUM at southern end.	Most LC may ground up to ¼ mile off shore as shelf 3 ft depth of water runs out. LCA can probably land personnel only near shore line.	Land inshore is covered with flat jungle and many native gardens. Coastal road within 200x of beach.	Head of MT track from coast to ALELE mission in this area.

Beach	Description	Naval Comment	Exits	Remarks
(f) GOGOL R. to MARAGA HOOK	2miles of beach 15-35x wide. Hard beach at low tide. Cl water for ½ mile from shore. Surf breaks in SE Season.	Too treacherous to be certain of getting LCs beach on the banks of the river. LC will probably stick 200x off-shore at ½ tide and below so not suitable for stores.	Flat jungle covers terrain inshore. Coastal track near beach (100-200x)	Village of GORIMA and MARAGA ½ mile inshore and many native gardens.
(g) MARAGA HOOK to small HEADLAND	As in (f) above but deeper water inshore.	Good landing place for LC with probability of development into Transit Area. Should be no danger of surf a present season.	ditto	Many native gardens close inland.
(h) Small HEADLAND to ERIMA POINT	As in (f) above but deeper water inshore. Rock and reef along ERIMA POINT.	2 Miles of good landing beach marred by rocks at each end which cut effective beach to 1 M for assault purposes. Some LC may be sunk if off course but rocks are close inshore so men will still land. Good for development into Transit area. No danger of surf at present season.	Ditto. Distance between beach and road varies from 100x at North end to 700x at South	Many native gardens close inland. ERIMA BEACH and ERIMA BUSH plantations along ERIMA POINT to PALPA river.
(i) ERIMA POINT to BOGADJIM	Beach 15x to 35x wide varying depths inshore but generally deep. Quite heavy surf in SE but partly sheltered in NW season.	A succession of 3 beaches, each about 2 miles long being interrupted by points or rivers. All good landing beaches capable of development into Transit areas.	Flat plain for 3 miles inland, covered with large coconut plantations (BOGADJIM, MAGARIA, DUAI)	Mouths of PALPA and GORI rivers along this shore.

6. TOPOGRAPHY

(a) Terrain:

General: The area surrounding MADANG is flat and mostly raised coral, rising to the West into hills 3 - 4 miles from the coast. South from MADANG the land immediately inshore is also flat, known as the BOGADJIM. It is covered with high and low jungle and extensive low coconut plantations near the coast. There are numerous clearings and native gardens. The hinterland of these coastal flats is hilly, without being mountainous; for instance TOMKOB is only 1500 feet and AMELE 650 feet. Further West towards the RAI Valley the ground rises to 2500 feet. East from BOGADJIM along the South Coast of ASTROLABE BAY and the RAI coast, the Kunai spur-ends of the FINISTERRE come close down to the sea, leaving a very narrow coastal flat.

Particular areas of high ground and dominating features are:-

(i) AMRON MISSION - 4 miles SW from ALEXISHAFEN, on a prominent knoll approximately 600 feet high and commanding the ALEXISHAFEN flats.

(ii) NOBINOB - 7 miles NW from MADANG. It is a prominent landmark from offshore, and commands a view from its summit of the inside coast from C RIGNEY to C CROISILLES on a clear day. It also dominates the MADANG-ALEXISHAFEN coastal flat.

(iii) The bluff or escarpment, 4 miles West of the GOGOL mouth. It runs South from the direction of AMELE into a wide bend of the GOGOL (see map) and dominates the coastal flat to the East. It also covers the GOGOL to its mouth.

(iv) The general line of high ground running from AMELE up to NOBINOB and AMRON. Although its average height is only approximately 1,000 feet it forms a western barrier to the coastal flats and dominates them. A fairly good road and track system makes this high ground accessible to jeeps.

(v) The high ground 2 - 3 miles South and SW from BOGADJIM, where spurs from the mountains run down into the head of ASTROLABE BAY. These features command the important track head of BOGADJIM.

(b) Rivers:

(i) GUM R - Rises about 12 miles SW of ALEXISHAFEN and runs generally SE for about 50 miles reaching the sea 3 - 4 miles South of MADANG. It is not navigable. The width depending on rainfall varies from 30 - 50 yards, depth 2 - 5 feet increasing to 10 feet quickly after rain. The river has 2 mouths known as No 1 GUM (the new and northernmost mouth) and No 2 GUM (the old and southernmost, now silted over). The latter is 50 yards wide and would need work to carry MT. Between May and December the mouth of No 1 GUM closes and can normally be crossed dry footed there. When the mouth opens the river is usually forded 4 miles up stream near the village of KUNUP. Between December and May the river would be an obstacle to tanks and MT. It is bridged at present approximately 1,000 yards from its mouth.

(ii) GOGOL R This is the largest and principal river in the area under discussion. The headwaters are about 30 miles West of C CROISILLES on the SW slops of the ADELBERT Range. It flows SW, then turns South and finally SE, reaching the mouth about 8 miles from MADANG. The length

is over 100 miles; width 250 - 300 yards near the mouth but 80 - 100 yards further upstream. The depth is variable; comparatively shallow between May and December (about 5 - 10 feet near the mouth) but quickly responsive to inland rain. Between December and May the depth may increase to 30 feet. During the latter period a great volume of water passes at up to 8 knots.

The river is bridged approximately 1,000 yards from the mouth. Photographs of 13 May showed the bridge damaged but from subsequent photographs (2 Jun) it would appear that it had probably been repaired by that date. However, by 20 Jun it had again been destroyed for half its length. This is the latest information available.

The river can be crossed diagonally by native raft at AMELE, the raft moving 400 yards down stream before reaching the opposite bank.

The banks are soft, mostly black soil, with a considerable amount of secondary growth and dense jungle. Approximately 4 miles from its mouth it takes a wide southern curve round a bold bluff or escarpment which runs SE from the direction of AMELE.

(iii) PALPA R Little information available. It runs generally East for approximately 10 miles, entering the sea at ERIMA plantations approximately 7 miles South of the GOGOL mouth. It appears to be narrow and shallow and is not considered to be a serious obstacle to infantry.

(iv) GORI R Little information available. It runs generally East for approximately 25 miles entering the sea a mile North of BOGADJIM. It is not considered a serious infantry obstacle. The bridge was bombed on 27 Aug and received 3 direct hits. 3 or 4 miles from its mouth it is joined by the IOWORO R.

(v) IOWORO R a tributary of the GORI. It is the river which the BOGADJIM-DUMPU road crosses in its early stages.

(vi) MINTJIM R The river rises at the base of the BOGADJIM-MAMU Valley divide and the course is generally North until 3 miles from its mouth were it swings East entering ASTROLABE BAY at MINTJIM. Length approximately 40 miles, depth 5 - 15 feet. Not navigable. May be crossed easily in dry season inland but crossing at mouth always likely to be difficult. From December to May river is an obstacle to troops, tanks and MT as far as 2 miles from mouth. Floods rise quickly and can be dangerous in the lower reaches. Along its upper reaches the road BOGADJIM-DUMPU runs East for some distance.

(c) Roads and tracks

The following are the main roads and tracks in the general area MADANG-BOGADJIM:-

(i) South of MADANG the main road runs through the MODILON plantation, close to the shore, through flat coastal country, heavily timbered but with many native gardens and clearings. It crosses the GUM, GOGOL, PALPA and GORI rivers. These are all bridged for MT, though recently the GOGOL bridge was partly destroyed and our air forces have been attacking bridges and other targets all along the route. The road runs through plantations and the villages of JOMBA, JABOB, BILI BILI, UMUM, GORIKA, MARAGA to

BOGADJIM, approximately 20 miles South of MADANG. It generally follows the coast and has been made serviceable for MT by the Japanese.

(ii) The track [illegible] (2½ hours walking)

This track passes through undulating forested country and is probably jeepable or could be made so. Below are villages passed, and walking time:-

To [illegible]	- 2 hours	
To BASIKP	- 30 minutes	
To BIDU	- 30 "	(BASIKP and BIDU are known collectively as [illegible]).
To BARAMIN	- 15 "	
To MIAKUK	- 30 "	

Thence a steep track descending to the GUM River followed by a 30 minute climb to GUM, on top of the mountain; to MOLESWAY an hour on a very good track. To AMELE track 2½ hour. Then 15 minutes along the motor road to AMELE Mission.

(iii) The track [illegible]

This is a well formed earth and red loam track 8-10 feet wide. It runs SW through the WAGOL plantation and patches of open rain forest to the GUM River which it fords near the village of KESUP (often inaccurately called JESSO). There is no bridge, but the GUM River is fordable here in all but the wettest weather. Beyond this point the track runs through heavy rain forest. Approximately one hour before AMELE, junction is made with the Government road from GUM River mouth.

(iv) Track GUM RIVER-AMELE

This road leaves the main coastal road 500m beyond the GUM River mouth. It is of sandy loam formation and grassed but unformed, and is cut to 15 feet. It would cut rapidly with heavy traffic.

The next section passes through many swamps with some bush. Part of the road is corduroyed but the greater part has been raised by spoil thrown from deep drains on either side. It is a clay surface.

The road then climbs through some secondary scrub and old gardens. It crosses low hills of jungle. Average width is about 15 feet, the centre formed and wide enough to carry MT. It has been graded in most places, but could be much improved. The steepest grades are about 1 in 10. About an hour before AMELE the track from WAGOL plantation comes in. The country opens out. The road now becomes all soil with clay subsoil and impassible in the wet.

There are villages (pop 100-150) along the road, with most houses and mission buildings.

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1. On 12 Nov 45 Comd 6 Aust Division and selected staff officers are at HQ 1 Aust Corps. Discussions are held and planning commenced for an attack on MADANG to be carried out as early as possible in January 46.

2. (a) 6 Aust Division is to land on the coast between MADANG and BOGADJIM and then capture MADANG.

The landing will be co-ordinated with the final operations by 7 Aust Division for the capture of BOGADJIM.

(b) Naval and Air co-operation will be provided by US forces.

(c) Shipping and craft available to carry the military force:-

Serial No.	Type and number of Ship or craft	Craft				
		LCI	LCV(P)	LCA	LCP(R)	
1.	2 APD	-	-	-	3	Available for initial landing only
2.	3 LSI	-	-	-	-	Available beyond FINSCHHAFEN for initial landing only. Thereafter can ferry as far forward as FINSCHHAFEN.
	HMAS Manoora	1	21	-	..	
	" Kanimbla	5	10	12	-	
	" Westralia	2	8	8	-	
3.	1 AKA	7	12	-	1	Available beyond FINSCHHAFEN for initial landing only. Thereafter can ferry as far forward as FINSCHHAFEN.
4.	8 LCI	-	-	-	-	Available until H plus 6 day.
5.	4 LSP	-	4	-	-	Available for initial landing and, subsequently, for re-supply. Will be augmented to six for re-supply.
6.	4 LST	-	4	-	-	Available for initial landing only. To discharge on far shore night D/D plus 1.

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

PLACE:

1. Store tent erected below GOC's Mess lines.

PROGRAMME:

2. Attached at Appendix 1.

GROUPS:

3. Officers attending will be grouped as follows:-

Group 1

Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde)
Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde) with BMs and SCs.
Comd 19 Aust Inf Bde)
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde

Group 2

CO 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
CO Sigs 6 Aust Div
OC 228 Aust Lt AA Bty
OC 2/15 Aust Fd Coy
OC 2 Aust Beach Sig Sec

Group 3

CRA
BMRA
SCRA
GSO III(O)
ADMS
CEME

Group 4

CRE
GSO II or GSO II(L)
I.O.
DAQMG
Comd CASC
ADOS (or representative)

SEATING

4. Officers will seat themselves in accord with the plan attached at Appendix 2.

MEALS

5. Officers attending who are quartered outside 6 Aust Div area will be rationed at Div HQ. All other officers will return to their own units for the midday meal.

DISTRIBUTION LIST

6. Distribution list, referred to as List GT, for all precis and instructions for this period is shown in Appendix 3.

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APPENDIX I
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6 AUST DIVISION COMBINED TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR DISCUSSION PERIOD

Serial	Date	Time	Subject	Officer Responsible
1.	Fri 12 Nov	0900	Opening address.	GOC
2.		0910 0930	Characteristics of Ship-to-Shore operations as opposed to Shore-to-Shore operations.	Lt-Col T.K. WALKER
3.		0930 0945	Presentation of the Exercise	GOC
4.		0945 1015	Groups study Coast and Beach Reports, and other available information.	GSO III(I)
5.		1015 1100	The Naval Aspect of the operation.	P. Bmr
6.		1100 1115	Discussion on the Naval Aspect	P. Bmr
7.		1115 1230	Examination of the shipping and craft available	MLO
8.			The Div Comd's first Outline Plan	GOC
9.		1430 1500	Examination of the landing beaches and beach areas.	GSO I (CO)
10.	Sat 13 Nov	0900 1000	Organization of the Force, as dictated by the shipping available and the expected rate of landing.	GSO I (CO)
11.		1000 1100	The Beach Group	Lt-Col A.L. ROSE
12.		1110 1230	The Approach The Ship-to-Shore movement	P. Bmr GSO I (CO)
13.		1400 1415 1415 1450 1500 1545 1545 1600	Intercommunication Combined Signal Appreciation Naval Signal Plan Army Signal Plan Air Signal Plan	Lt-Col E.H. EVANS Lieut D.J. RICHARDSON RANVR Lt-Col E.H. EVANS Lt-Col E.H. EVANS
14.	Mon 15 Nov			
	(a)	0900	Administration and Maintenance	A/DAQMG, MLO
	(b)	0945 1020	Discussion: Administrative	A/DAQMG, MLO
15.	(a)	1040	Medical Plan	Maj H. HAMILTON
	(b)	1115 1200	Discussion: Medical Plan	Maj H. HAMILTON
16.	(a)	1400	The Assault Brigade Group Commander's Outline Plan	Col GS,

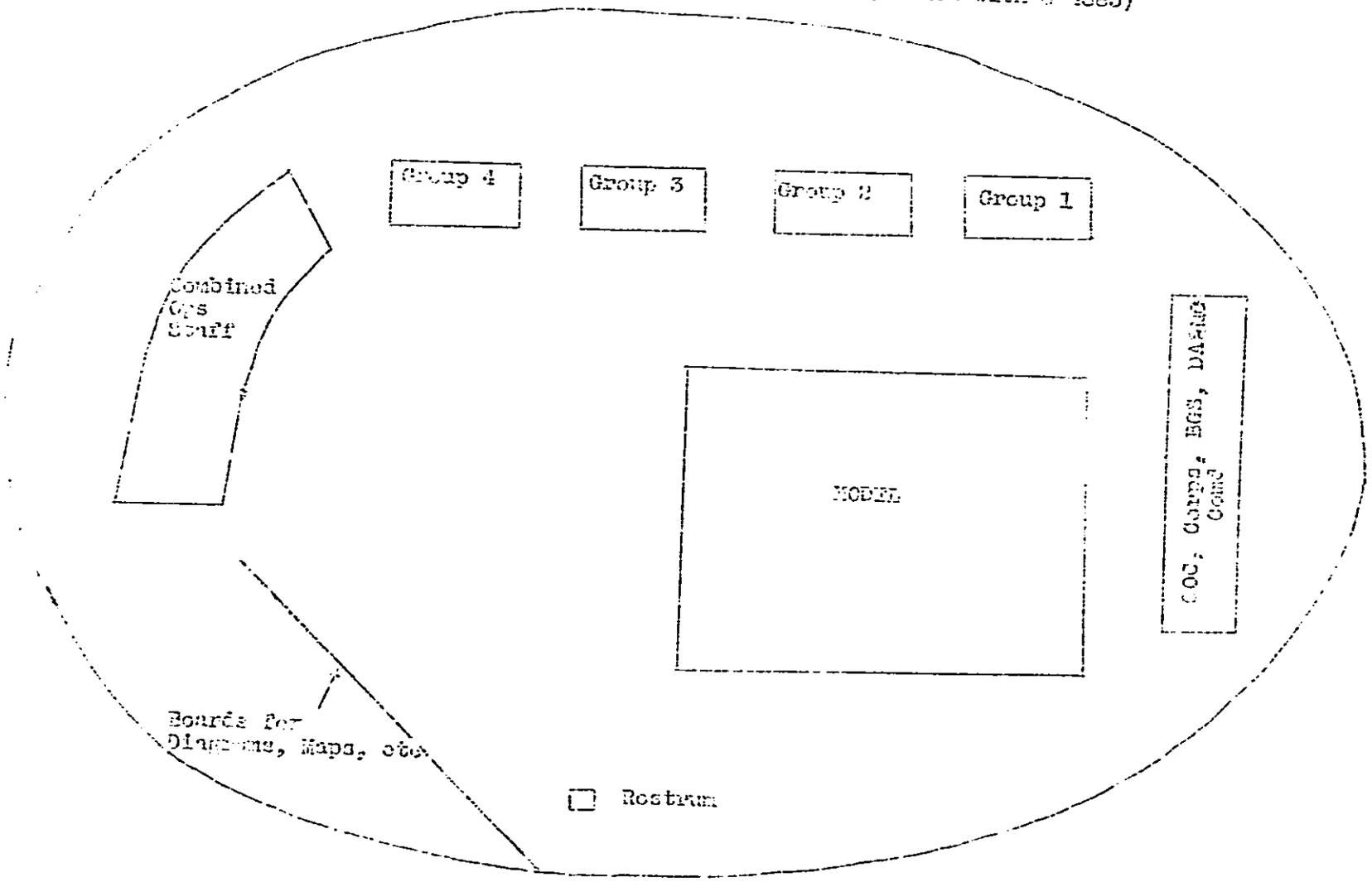
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APPENDIX I
(Issued with G 4885)

6 AUST DIVISION COMBINED TRAINING
PROGRAMME FOR DISCUSSION PERIOD

Serial	Date	Time	Subject	Officer responsible
1.	Fri 12 Nov	0900	Opening address.	GOC
2.		0910 0930	Characteristics of Ship-to-Shore operations as opposed to Shore-to-Shore operations.	Lt-Col T.K. WALKER
3.		0930 0945	Presentation of the Exercise	GOC
4.		0945 1015	Groups study Coast and Beach Reports, and other available information.	CSOIII(I)
5.		1015 1100	The Naval Aspect of the operation.	P. Bmr
6.		1100 1115	Discussion on the Naval Aspect	P. Bmr
7.		1115 1230	Examination of the shipping and craft available	MLO
8.			The Div Comd's <u>first</u> Outline Plan	GOC
9.		1430 1500	Examination of the landing beaches and beach areas.	GSO I (CO)
10.	Sat 13 Nov	0900 1000	Organization of the Force, as dictated by the shipping available and the expected rate of landing.	GSO I (CO)
11.		1000 1100	The Beach Group	Lt-Col A.L. ROSE
12.		1110 1250	The Approach The Ship-to-Shore movement	P. Bmr GSO I (CO)
13.		1400 1415 1415 1450 1500 1545 1545 1600	<u>Intercommunication</u> Combined Signal Appreciation Naval Signal Plan Army Signal Plan Air Signal Plan	 Lt-Col E.H. EVANS Lieut D.J. RICHARDSON RANVR Lt-Col E.H. EVANS Lt-Col E.H. EVANS
14.	Mon 15 Nov			
	(a)	0900	Administration and Maintenance	AAQMG, MLO
	(b)	0945 1030	<u>Discussion:</u> Administrative	AAQMG, MLO
15.	(a)	1040	Medical Plan	Maj H. HAMILTON
	(b)	1115 1200	<u>Discussion:</u> Medical Plan	Maj H. HAMILTON
16.	(a)	1400	The Assault Brigade Group Commander's Outline Plan	Col GS.

APPENDIX 2
(Issued with C 4335)



Appendix 3 to [illegible]
of 10 Nov 43

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CRA 6 Aust Div
CMRA 6 Aust Div
SCRA 6 Aust Div
OC [illegible] Lt AA Bty
CRE 6 Aust Div
CO 2/13 Aust Fd Coy
CO Sigs 6 Aust Div
CO 2 Aust Beach Sig Sec
Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde
BM 16 Aust Inf Bde
SC 16 Aust Inf Bde
Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde
BM 17 Aust Inf Bde
SC 17 Aust Inf Bde
Comd 18 Aust Inf Bde
BM 18 Aust Inf Bde
SC 18 Aust Inf Bde
CO 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
Comd AACC 6 Aust Div
ADMS 6 Aust Div
ADOS 6 Aust Div
CRME 6 Aust Div
GSO I (C Ops) (Lt Col G.N. GODSELL)

GOC [illegible]
[illegible] (C)
GSO III(I)
AA & QMG
DAQMG
HLO (Maj J.E. MORRALL)
AHLOs (Capt A.P. CRICHTON
(Lieut C.S. MORRIS
Lt Col A.L. ROSE
Lt Col E.H. EVANS
Major R.H. HAMILTON
Major P.R. GILMOUR
CO, RAN Beach Commando
CO, RAN Beach Sig Sec
GOC
BGS
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1 Aust Corps (2)
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Subject: COMBINED TRAINING

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HQ 6 Aust Div

14 Nov 43

Ref No: G/4741

1. Instructions have been received for 6 Aust Div to be trained in Combined Operations and for this HQ to organise and train an Australian Beach Group.

2. A "Discussion and Exercise" period (12/13, 15/16 Nov) will be conducted by GOC, 6 Aust Div as a preliminary to this training.

3. The following officers will attend throughout the foregoing period:-

CRA
BMRA
SCRA
OC 2/3 Aust Lt AA Bty

CRE
OC 2/15 Aust Fd Coy

CO Sigs
OC 2 Aust Beach Sig Sec

Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde
BM
SC

Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde
BM
SC

Comd 19 Aust Inf Bde
BM
SC

CO 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn

Comd AASC

ADMS

ADOS

CRME

GSO I (C Ops) (Lt Col G.H. GODSALL)

GSO II

GSO III (O)

GSO III (I)

AA & QMG

DAQMG

HLO (Maj J.E. WORRALL)

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Subject: TRAINING OF UNIT SIGNALLERS WITH 108 WIRELESS SETS

HQ 6 Aust Div

2 Nov 43

Ref No: G4696

1. Reference 6 Aust Div G4051 of 4 Oct 43, Course No 4 for unit signallers will be conducted on similar lines, commencing 0800 hrs 7 Nov 43.

2. Vacancies are allotted as under:-

RAA 6 Aust Div	-	4
RAE 6 Aust Div	-	4
2/1 Aust Inf Bn	-	2
2/2 Aust Inf Bn	-	2
2/3 Aust Inf Bn	-	2
2/4 Aust Inf Bn	-	2
2/8 Aust Inf Bn	-	2
2/11 Aust Inf Bn	-	2
2/3 Aust MG Bn	-	2
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	-	2
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3. Nominal rolls will be forwarded to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs 4 Nov 43.

4. Students will report to Sigs 6 Aust Div at 1500 hrs 6 Nov 43.

P G Potter Lt Col
CE 6 Aust Div

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19 Aust Inf Bde	(4)	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	(1)
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Sigs 6 Aust Div	(3)	File	(1)

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TO 16 AUST INF BDE 17 AUST INF BDE 19 AUST INF BDE
RAA 6 AUST DIV RAE 6 AUST DIV SIGS 6 AUST DIV 2/5 AUST MG BN
2/4 AUST FNR BN 6 AUST DIV CARR COY 1 AUST CORPS C I A Q
AASC 6 AUST DIV MEDICAL 2/8 AUST DENTAL UNIT CPO ABME
6 AUST DIV PRC COY PAY POSTAL "A" AUST FS SEC CAMP
6 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP CAMP SC CI 303 MESSING STORE
2/1 AUST PNRBN

FROM 6 AUST DIV O 887 2

SECRET (.) amendment location statement (.) add serial 7A

1 AUST ENGR SIG SEC 81 WONDECLA Div Tps Area

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TO LANDFORCES

FROM 6 AUST DIV | Originator's Number Z 827 | Date 4 | In Reply to Number

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NODECO	(.)	from	C in C	(.) 5
16	aust	inf	bde	gp 10
plus	elements	6	aust	div 15
HQ	and	ancillaries	will	be 20
given	leave	as	soon	as 25
possible	(.)	total	involved	approx 30
4000	(.)	immediately	following	signal 35
gives	details	(.)	full	period 40
24	days	for	all	(.) 45
having	regard	to	undersirability	of 50
any	units	leaving	on	return 55
journey	within	one	week	of 60
christmas	(.)	forward	to	LANDOPS 65
outline	of	mvt	plan	for 70
my	infm			75
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SIGNATURE (sgd) D McRae Capt

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TO: LANDFORCES LANDOPS MILBASE BRISBANE FIRST AUST ARMY SECOND AUST ARMY I AUST CORPS 3 AUST CORPS 13 AUST ADV ORD DEPOT

FROM: 6 AUST DIV | Originator's Number: Q 183 | Date: 5 | In Reply to Number:

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SECRET	(.)	from	C in C	(.)
ref	LANDFORCES	SD 62603	15	Oct
NOT	to	all	addressees	(.)
all	units	17	AUST	INF
BDE	GP	recently	returned	ATHERTON
tableland	plus	2/8	AUST	FD
COY	will	be	re-equipped	prior
to	8	and	23	AUST
INF	BDES	(.)	all	other
arrangements	as	detailed	in	SD 62603
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8 Nov 43

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

by

MAJOR-GENERAL J.E.S. STEVENS DSO, ED

Commanding 6 AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

The Commander in Chief sent us the following letter regarding the Divisional Parade held on 5 Nov 43:-

"Dear General Stevens,

It was a very proud and pleasing experience for me to have seen your grand division on parade yesterday. You, as its Commander, and the Officers, WOs, NCO's and men of the Division are to be most heartily congratulated on the steadiness, the bearing and the precision of the parade. The preparation for the parade and the Staff work also reflect the greatest credit on all Staff Officers involved.

I was most gratified to see how fit and hard the men are and I am completely confident that no matter what jobs may lie ahead of them they will give the good account of themselves which we have come to naturally expect of the 6 Division.

I feel that the traditions of the Division are in very safe and competent keeping.

My congratulations again,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) T. A. BLAMEY General
Commander in Chief
Australian Military Forces

I desire to add my congratulations to the officers and men of the Division for their whole hearted co-operation in making possible such a magnificent parade.

A transcript of the Commander in Chief's address is attached and it is requested that this Order and the attached address be read to all personnel on parade.

Major-General
Comd 6 Australian Division

Distribution: List "D" plus 2/5 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn.

ADDRESS BY GENERAL SIR THOMAS BLAMEY

G.C.B., D.S.O., C.M.G., D.S.O.,

COMMANDER, ALLIED LAND FORCES IN THE SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA,

AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

TO

THE 6TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION on 5th NOVEMBER, 1943.

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General Stevens, Officer, Warrant Officers, NCO's and men of the Sixth Australian Division.

There are times and persons and incidents in one's life which go a long way towards making or marring it for each of us. There are persons whose impact on our own lives goes so far as to determine our outlook and future, and I feel somewhat that way towards the Sixth Division. In such an organisation as this our lives and ways are moulded, and our future shaped. It was my first command in this war, and has been the mother of very many of our commanders and our staffs.

The Division has known many changes of country and climate. It has fought in the most difficult and arduous parts of the world, in the deserts and jungles, and it now only remains for you to go to the Arctic to have fought in every climate. When forming this Division, we had no idea what changes the Sixth would see and in what a variety of countries it would fight, and although it is not actually stated that this war will take us there, we could not now be greatly surprised, and in the light of our many changes, it would hardly seem extravagant to suggest that you might fight in the Arctic Circle.

When the sound of tramping feet has died away down the corridor of Time, and memories of this war are dim, there will be many who, discussing events by their firesides will praise the bravery and think of the comradeships formed throughout the Sixth Division's life.

In the early days of war, great difficulty was found in completing the Sixth Division. Despite the unwillingness of Australians to appreciate the seriousness of what lay before them and the need to come forward for the defence of their country when not only their country and their own future, but that of civilisation itself was at stake, there did come forward the first and the finest young men of this country. This was the beginning of the Sixth Division. Its spirit was the spirit of those few brave clear sighted men who came forward readily and eagerly to bear the torch, to accept the challenge to undertake the hardship. They started a grand formation that will never change, so all men coming after have followed willingly in their footsteps. It must bring a grand feeling of pride to you men to know that you belong to such a Division, and I am sure you will never do anything to lower that standard or bring criticism to this grand formation.

I have seen you in the desert; and the name of Bardia and Tobruk will thrill you to the end of your days. Our greatest success in the earlier part of the war was the capture of Bardia and Tobruk where you took many times your own strength in enemy prisoners, and first shook the belief of the world in the Italian army. The Sixth Division thus struck the first blow at Italian prestige which has culminated only recently in the capitulation of Italy.

You came with me through Greece over the high passes. You will remember finally that only a small force of the Division was left to face the overwhelming strength of the available German army.

Then followed Crete, one of our greatest military trials, where the German, with complete monopoly of the air, struck us in overwhelming strength

Then it fell to the good old Sixth to assist in driving the Jap back across the Kokoda Trail. In this the 16th Brigade, of grand memory, did its share. Then the 17th played its part in carrying on the war from Wau to Salamua over razor-backed ridges, through greatest difficulties in country unlike the swampy terrain met by the 16th, but still most difficult and strenuous.

The 17th covered itself with glory and is now having a brief leave season to rest and recover.

The 16th Brigade Group will now have a chance to rest and see their homes for a short period, after which we will see the 16th, 17th and 19th in the same grand old Division that no formation anywhere in this war will surpass. It will carry on with courage and valour, and each man of you will play your part to maintain its proud place in the Armies of the the Empire.

I wish you all the best of good luck.

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FROM 6 AUST DIV I 141 5

ref div ceremonial parade and visit of C-in-C (.) pers may mention in letters that a parade was held recently and salute taken by C-in-C but NO indication of date or place may be given (.) NO reference will be made to forthcoming leave for certain units (.) franking offrs will police this instn rigidly and any infringements will be followed by disciplinary action

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Copy No: 61

Subject: LOCATION STATEMENT NO 15

HQ 6 Aust Div

Ref No: G4857

Herewith 6 Aust Div Location Statement No 15 as at 2400 hours 8 Nov 43.

2. It is requested that this HQ be advised of any errors or omissions in attached statement, and that changes in location be notified immediately they take place.

3. Copies of Location Statement No 14 will be destroyed by fire.

ACK.

Col

GS 6 Aust Div

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16 Aust Inf Bde	1 - 4
17 Aust Inf Bde	5 - 8
19 Aust Inf Bde	9 - 12
RAA 6 Aust Div	13 - 16
RAE 6 Aust Div	17
Sigs 6 Aust Div	18 - 21
2/3 Aust MG Bn	22
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	23
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	24
6 Aust Div Carr Coy	25
1 Aust Corps	26 - 27
"B" Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	28
2/5 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn	29
G	30
I	31
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AASC 6 Aust Div	35
Medical	36 - 41
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6 Aust Div Reception Camp	56
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6 Aust Div

Receipt is acknowledged of 6 Aust Div Location Statement No 15, Copy No.....

Signature.....

Date.....

Appointment.....

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6 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT NO 15 AS AT 2400 HOURS 13 NOV 45

Divisional Sign: Kangaroo on Boomerang
Map Legend : G Grid Zone - see inch to one mile
H - 2/25 METRIC 'G' on Irish Series

(1) Serial No.	(2) Unit	(3) Unit Serial No.	(4) Location	(5) Camp	(6) Map Ref	(7) Remarks
	HQ					
1.	HQ 6 Aust Div	84	WONDECLA	Div HQ Area	H 336076	
2.	"					
	RAA					
3.	HQ RAA 6 Aust Div	69	"	AF	H 344035	
4.	2/3 Aust Fd Regt	74	"	AE	H 377080	
5.	2/3 Aust Fd Reg Sig Sec	74	"	AE	H 377080	
6.	2/4 Aust LAD	94	"	AD	H 337083	
7.	2/1 Aust Lt AA Bty (Airborne)	48	"	AD	H 345084	
	RAE					
8.	HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	91	"	Div Ips Area	H 325073	
9.	1 Aust Emr Sig Sec	81	"	"	H 325073	
10.	2/3 Aust Fd Coy	60	"	"	H 325073	
11.	2/15 Aust Fd Coy	83	"	"	H 325073	
12.	2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	87	"	"	H 325073	
13.	2/30 Aust LAD	67	"	"	H 325073	
14.						
	SIG					
15.	Sigs 6 Aust Div	86	"	Sig Area	H 358052	
	INF					
16.	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	93	"	E Bde Area	H 319074	
17.	16 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec.	88	"	"	H 319074	
18.	2/45 Aust LAD	98	"	"	H 319074	
19.	Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	55	"	"	H 319074	
20.	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	50	"	Q Bn Area	H 318073	
21.	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	99	"	R Bn Area	H 315067	
22.	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	56	"	P " "	H 321073	
23.	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	96	"	G Bde Area	H 341066	
24.	17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	96	"	"	H 341066	
25.						
26.	Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	55	"	"	H 341066	
27.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	63	"	AC	H 342067	
28.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	61	"	AB	H 341067	
29.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	95	"	AA	H 340067	
30.	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	65	"	F Bde Area	H 319078	
31.	19 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	65	"	"	H 319078	
32.	2/2 Aust LAD	65	"	"	H 319078	
33.	Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	55	"	"	H 319078	
34.	2/4 Aust Inf Bn	82	"	M Bn Area	H 317079	
35.	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	91	"	N Bn Area	H 318079	
36.	2/11 Aust Inf Bn	77	"	L Bn Area	H 317078	
37.	6 Aust Div Cmr Coy (less one Pl)	88	"	AF	H 343083	

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	AASC					
38.	H.Q. Comd AASC 6 Aust Div	53	WONDECLA	Div Tps Area	H 327073	
39.	Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	55	"	"	H 327073	
40.	2/155 Aust Gen Tpt Coy	97	"	"	H 327076	
41.	2/5 Aust Sup Depot Coy (less 25 Pl)	64	"	"	H 327076	
42.	25 Aust Sup Depot Pl.	64	"	"	H 297098	
	AAMC					
43.	2/1 Aust Fd Amb	57	"	"	H 325073	
44.	2/2 Aust Fd Amb	58	"	"	H 325072	
45.	2/7 Aust Fd Amb	70	"	"	H 327074	
	AAOC					
46.	2/119 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	58	"	"	H 333067	
47.	136 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	98	"	"	H 330073	
	AEME					
48.	2/22 Aust LAD	84	"	Sig Area	H 358052	
49.	2/119 Aust Bde Wkshops	76	"	T Area	H 333067	
50.	135 Aust Bde Wkshops	90	"	"	H 330073	
	MISC					
51.	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	95	"	Pro Area	H 362046	
52.	6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	80	"	Div HQ "	H 366046	
53.	6 Aust Div Postal Unit (less dets)	55	"	"	H 366046	
54.	6 Aust Div Salvage Unit	78	"	"	H 322072	

LHQ. ARMY AND CORPS TPS UNDER COMMAND

	RECCE					
55.	2/5 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn	102	WONGABEL		H 390190	Under comd 2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt
	ARMD CORPS					
56.	"B" Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt		WONDECLA	T Area	H 327073	
57.	Rear Party "C" Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	53	"		H 327073	
58.	Det Wkshops 4 Aust Armd Bde		"		H 327073	
	RAA					
59.	12 Bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	145	"	AD	H 345064	
60.	3 Sec 3 Aust Svy Bty	177	"	AF	H 344065	
	RAE					
61.	26 Aust Camflg Unit	73	"	Div Tps Area	H 325073	
	SIGS					
62.	2/41 Aust Cipher Sec	68	"	Sigs Area	H 358052	
63.	2 Aust Beach Sig Sec	701	"	"	H 358052	
	INF					
64.	2/3 Aust MG Bn (less "B" Coy)	182	"	S En Area	H 320067	"B" Coy under Comd MERAUKE Force

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
65.	2/66 Aust LAD	182	WONDECLA	S Bn Area	H 320067	
66.	2/1 Aust Pnr Bn		WONGABEL	Camp	H 403180	
67.	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn (less "D" Coy)	140	WONDECLA	S Bn Area	H 332073	
68.	"D" Coy 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	140	ROCKY CREEK	S/S AGH		
69.	"G" Coy 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt (less 10, 11 and 12 Pls)	225	WONDECLA	Div HQ Area	H 366046	Att HQ 6 Aust Div
70.	10 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	225	"	E Bde Area	H 31[illegible]	Att 16 Aust Inf Bde
71.	11 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	225	"	G Bde Area	H 341006	Att 17 Aust Inf Bde
72.	12 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	225	"	G Bde Area	H 341006	Att 19 Aust Inf Bde
	FSW					
73.	"A" Aust FS Sec	84	"	Div HQ Area	H 366046	
	AAMC					
74.	104 Aust CCS	143	"	Div Tps Area	H 327075	
75.	109 Aust CCS		"		H 310096	Under Comd 1 Aust Corps
76.	101 Aust Mob Bacteriological Laboratory					
77.	2/117 Aust Mob Bath Unit	79	"		H 322072	
78.	19 AAMCU	151	"	Div Tps Area	H 325073	
	AAD Corps					
79.	HQ (1) Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	156	"	Div HQ "	H 366046	Att HQ 6 Aust Div
80.	HQ (2) 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	156	"	"	H 325076	Att HQ RAE 6 Aust Div
81.	A Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	156	"	M Bn Area	H 317079	Att 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
82.	B Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	156	"	N " "	H 318079	Att 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
83.	C Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	156	"	AE " "	H 337068	Att 2/3 Aust Fd Regt
84.	D Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	156	"	R " "	H 315067	Att 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
85.	E Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	156	"	Q " "	H 318073	Att 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
86.	F Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	156	"	Div Tps "	H 327076	Att AASC 6 Aust Div
	ADOS					
87.	21303 Messing Store		"		H 30091	NOT under Comd
	MISC					
88.	6 Aust Div Reception Camp	71	"	Ry Sta	H 295103	
89.	2 Secs 1 Aust MilitaryLanding	Gp	"	Div Tps Area	H 366046	
90.	Vic L of C Concert Party	799	"	Div HQ "	H 366046	

SECRET 1

Subject: DISCUSSIONS WITH LETHBRIDGE MISSION

HQ 6 Aust Div

// Nov 43

Ref No: G4926

1. The following officers will report on Fri 12 Nov 43, to the GOC's Mess, 6 Aust Div, at times shown hereunder in order to discuss jungle warfare problems with members of the Lethbridge Mission:-

Time (hrs)	Officers to attend	Subject for Discussion
1000 to 1030	RAA Capt Lester Capt Scott	The Fd Regt in jungle warfare. Problems of transport for Fd Regts in jungle warfare. Standard artillery equipment in jungle warfare.
1030 to 1045	RAE Lt Col C.E. Baird Capt R.L. Ballentine Capt A.G. Crawford	Blast bombs Tree climbing irons Developments with standard compressor equipment Chinaman suitable for loading gravel into tip trucks. Pillboxes Reports, with photos of demolitions and bridge experimental work.
1045 to 1100	SIGS Maj L.N. Tribolet	IN GENERAL TERMS ONLY:- Wireless equipment in jungle warfare Line equipment DRLS Handcarts General Sig points of interest
1100 to 1200	INF Lt Col F.A. Cullen " " A.G. Cameron Maj D.N. Fairbrother Capt J.C. Burrell and one other	All phases of jungle warfare from the infantry point of view. Note: Officers to attend may be varied at discretion of Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde but total will NOT be increased.
1200 to 1215	AASC Lt Col J. Talbot Capt C.M. McCartney Maj J.F.H. Brown Lieut J.W. Blackstone	IN GENERAL TERMS:- Supply in the jungle Re-organization of tpt for jungle warfare Supply by air
1215 to 1245	ORD Lieut E.M. McNally	Ord Service in jungle warfare. Note: The following equipment will be laid out for inspection on the verandah of GOC's Mess by 0945 hrs:- 2" Mortar, light base Jungle boots, pr Mess tins, light weight Tommy cookers and crown rings Anti-malarial equipment Matchetes, Aust and American Machine for wheat gristing Stereoscopes pocket size Jap type entrenching shovel Owen Gun Mk 2 with bayonet attachment.

4. Units and Heads of Services concerned will ensure that all officers are warned forthwith.

R.G. Pillard, Col
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Address HQ 6 Aust Div

Date Nov 43

Subject: TRAINING IN COMBINED OPERATIONS 6 AUST DIV and BEACH GROUP

1 Aust Corps

The proposed arrangements for training 6 Aust. Division and the Aust Beach Group in Combined Operations, up to 18 Dec 43, are forwarded herewith for your approval. (See Appendix "A").

2. Owing to the need to give staffs and units adequate preliminary training afloat the earliest date on which it will be possible to commence a large-scale brigade and Beach Group landing exercise is 14 Dec 43. Such an exercise at this stage in the divisional and Beach Group training is considered to be essential.

3. It is understood that H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" may be required to proceed to Sydney for refit about mid-December. Therefore it is requested that Commander 7th Amphibious Force be asked to ensure that the ship remains available for training in the Cairns area until, inclusive, 18 Dec 43.

4. Subsequent to 18 Dec it will be possible to continue training afloat using only H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA", though, of course, the scope of the training will have to be restricted.

5. As discussed, a letter to Commander 7th Amphibious Force, giving details of the training programme and requesting the use of H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" until 18 Dec 43, is attached for your signature, if you concur.

Maj Gen

Comd 6 Aust Div

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Appendix "A" to
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6 AUST DIV AND BEACH GROUP TRAINING ARRANGEMENTS CAIRNS AREA

	19 Aust Inf Bde Gp	Beach Group
First Period 19 - 22 Nov	1. Short course for Bde and Bn staffs. 2. Preparation of Bn and Coy exercises. Recce of beaches. Ship - H.M.A.S. "MANOORA".	Formation of Group. Sub-unit training in PALM BEACH area.
Second Period 22 - 28 Nov	Landing Exercises from H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" and H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA". - Two Bn landing teams (comprising Inf, RAA, RAE and other units). Under 19 Aust Inf Bde HQ arrangements.	As above.
Third Period 1 - 10 Dec	1. Landing Exercises from H.M.A.S. "MANOORA". - Third Bn landing team with elements of the Beach Gp. 2. Bde HQ and two Bns training with detachments of Beach Gp and E.S.B. in TRINITY BAY area.	Beach Gp divided into two parts. Each part doing 5 days training afloat in H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" and, in conjunction with Bn landing team, in H.M.A.S. "MANOORA".
Fourth Period 14 - 18 Dec	Large-scale landing exercise for Bde Gp and Beach Gp. Using both H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" and H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA". A stores landing exercise will be carried out concurrently.	

2. Spectators from 16 and 17 Aust Inf Bdes will attend the various exercises carried out by 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp and the Beach Gp.

3. It is proposed to employ the specialist C.C. officers as follows:-

(a)	Lt Col	G.H. GODSALL	GI (CO)	On staff of 6 Aust Div. Instructing 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
	Maj	J.E. WORRALL	MLO	
	Capt	A.R. ORR	AMLO	
	Lieut	C. MORRIS	AMLO	
(b)	Lt Col	A.L. ROSE	Beach Group	Instructional duties Beach Gp.
	Lt Col	E.H. EVANS	Signals	
	Maj	H. HAMILTON	AAMC	
	Maj	P.R. GILMOUR (on return from LANDFORCES)	Engineers	
(c)	Comdr	PEARSON	RAN	P.B.Mr and Naval Liaison
(d)	Lieut	RICHARDSON	RANVR(S)	RAN Signal Officer (CO)
(e)	Lt Comdr	BARLING	RANR(S)	Naval Liaison with Beach Gp.

4. Adv 6 Aust Div HQ will be established in TRINITY BAY AREA on 28 Nov, on completion of second period.

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19 Aust Inf Bde Gp will carry out combined training in the CAIRNS area during the period 19 Nov 43 to approx 18 Dec 43. HQ representatives and Battalion Landing Teams will be required in the area by the dates shown in the Outline Training Programme attached at Appendix "A".

2. Composition of Battalion Landing Teams is shown in Appendix "B".

3. Details of movement to the [redacted] concentration area will be issued separately by this HQ.

4. Training programmes already submitted for the period 18 Nov to 30 Nov 43 will be amended in accordance with Appendix "A".

5. GSO I (Combined Ops) will represent the CGS 6 Aust Div during the initial stages of the amphibious training. The remainder of the staff attached to 6 Aust Div for Combined Training will be available to assist Comd 19 Aust Inf Bde in all aspects of the training.

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GS 6 Aust Div

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OUTLINE TRAINING PROGRAMME - 19 AUST INF BDE GP

Serial	Concentrate at CAIRNS by	TRG Period From	TRG Period To	Unit	Subject
1.	18 Nov 45	19 Nov	22 Nov	Bde Comd (on return) BM SC OC 55 Aust Fd Bty OC 2/2 Aust Fd Coy OC 19 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec Bn Comds Bn Adjts 4 batmen	(a) Lectures by Combined Ops Staff. (b) Recce of beaches and preparation of Bn and Coy exercises.
2.	21 Nov 45	22 Nov	28 Nov	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde "A" Bn LT "B" Bn LT	Bn etc landing exercises.
3.	30 Nov 45	1 Dec	10 Dec	"C" Bn LT	Bn etc landing exercises.
4.		11 Dec	—	(To be decided)	Landing exercise.

NOTE: 1. The above training will be carried out on board ship.

2. During period 28 Nov to 14 Dec, 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp less "C" Bn LT will carry out training on local beaches, in the TRINITY BAY area, with detachments of the Beach Group and E.S.D.

3. Allotment of Battalions to A, B and C Bn LTs is at discretion of Bde Comd.

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APPENDIX "B" TO 6 AUST
DIV TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 1

Serial	BRIGADE GROUP TOTAL STRENGTH AVAILABLE					Unit allotment per Bn LT	"A" BN LT MANOORA				"B" BN LT WESTRALIA				"C" BN LT MANOORA			
	Unit	Offrs	ORs	Guns	Vehs		57 Offrs	819 ORs	Guns	Vehs	55 Offrs	933 ORS	Guns	Vehs	57 Offrs	819 ORs	Guns	Veh
1.	Three Inf Bns 19 Aust Inf Bde	99	2319	-	-	One Bn	36	669	-	3	29	753	-	3	29	652	-	3
2.	53 Aust Fd Bty	14	207	8	56	Sec Fd Bty	6	18	2	5	4	30	2	5	4	20	2	5
3.	2/12 Aust Tk A Bty	7	163	16	42	Sec Tk A Bty	3	9	2	3	2	10	2	3	-	-	-	-
4.	2/1 Aust Lt AA Bty	7	143	12	12	Sec Lt AA Bty	3	21	2	3	2	22	2	3	-	-	-	-
5.	2/2 Aust Fd Coy	7	240	-	47	Det Fd Coy	3	37	-	8	2	32	-	8	2	38	-	8
6.	2/7 Aust Fd Amb	12	225	-	33	Det Fd Amb	2	18	-	2	2	32	-	2	-	-	-	-
7.	Shore FC Party RAA 6 Aust Div	2	8			SFC Party	1	4	-	-	1	4	-	-	1	4	-	-

Note Allotment of officers and ORs to Bn LTs is at discretion of Unit Comds

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6 AUST DIV TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 21

OF 16 NOV 45

TRAINING - AUST BEACH GROUP

1. Beach Group Training Instruction No 1 is attached. This instruction covers, in outline, the training for Beach Group sub-units for the period 19 Nov - 10 Dec. As there is a close inter-relationship between the activities of the various sub-units, training instructions, particular to any one component, will normally be issued to all.

2. Comds of all Beach Group sub-units, as per the distribution list, will submit a detailed syllabus for their sub-unit, to the Combined Operations Beach Group Instructor (Lt Col A.L. ROSE) at HQ 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn by 0900 hrs on 19 Dec 45.

3. Future instructions in relation to the training of components of the Beach Group will be issued by the Beach Group Instructor.

4. It will be noticed that the MMG, Mortars and Pnr Pls of HQ Coy, 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn are allocated for labor duties initially. This is a temporary arrangement only as it is almost certain that these three pls will be required in operations for the close defence of the beach and for domestic duties.

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GS G Aust Div

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228 Aust Lt AA Bty
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2 Pl 2/3 Aust Ry Construction Coy
2 Aust Beach Sig Sec
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
Sup Depot Pl
Aust Gen Tpt Coy
B Coy 2/12 Aust Fd Amb
2 Aust Beach Ord Det
Aust Bde Wkshops
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BEACH GROUP

TRAINING INSTRUCTION

APPENDIX QUALIFYING MARCH [illegible]

1. GENERAL

(a) Training Syllabus

Detailed syllabuses will be adjusted to provide for no training on Sunday, as far as is possible.

(b) Physical Training

It will be the duty of comds of all Beach Group units and dets to incorporate adequate physical training in their syllabuses, where such is not provided by the nature of the normal work.

2. NAVAL DETACHMENTS

During the period 19 Nov - 10 Dec, naval Beach Group detachments will be represented as follows:

(a) Naval Beach Commando

2 officers, 2 POs and 8 ratings - available to participate in model and ground exercises and discussions, particularly in reference to the duties of Beach Coy Comds.

(b) Naval Beach Sig Unit

This will be represented by 4 naval signalmen to work with the Shore Army det (Sec IC).

(c) Naval Boats Crews

Two officers and 16 ratings for service of craft available for training on the beaches.

3. TWO BEACH BATTALION (2/4 AUST PNR BN)

(a) Primary allocation to Beach Group roles

As from 19 Nov, 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn will make the following detachments, for training purposes:

(i) Two rifle coys to train as beach coys.
(ii) One rifle coy under comd Beach Group Fd Coy. (2/5 Aust Fd Coy) for assistance in engr works.
(iii) Mk A Pl to assist Sup Depot Pl at POL dump.
(iv) MMG Pl to assist Sup Depot Pl at Supply dump.
(v) Mortar Pl to assist Beach Grd Det at Stores dump.
(vi) Pnr Pl to assist Beach Grd Det at Ammo dumps.
(vii) One rifle coy to train in defence of Beach Maintenance Area.
(viii) Det Stretcher Bearers to train with Fd Coy 2/12 Aust Fd Amb.

Note: Above detachments to be made interchangeable as training progresses, to keep all concerned busily employed with full change of work.

(b) Outline Programme for Bn less (ii), (iii), (iv). (v). (vi) and (viii) above

Serial	Period	Subject	Remarks
1.	19-30 Nov	Lecture to officers - "Role of the Beach Group".	Combined Ops Instructor
2.		Lecture to officers - "Employment of Pnr Bn in Beach Group".	Combined Ops Instructor
3.		Lecture to Coys on lines of Serials 1 and 2.	Sub-unit comds.
4.		Tests in handling stores dryshod.	Appropriate sub-units.
5.		Tests in handling stores off craft.	Appropriate sub-units.
6.		Model exercises for officers.	Combined Ops Instructor
7.		Model exercises for troops.	Sub-unit comds
8.		Sig Pl to instal and maintain intercomm within Beach Group.	
9.		Defence considerations - model and ground	Coy allotted to Beach Defence
10.		Exercises with craft, if available.	
11.	1 Dec	Embark on ships.	
12.	1-4 Dec	Simple landing exercises.	
13.		Landing and setting up Beach Coy organization.	
14.	5 Dec	Disembark	
15.	6-10 Dec	Recapitulation Serials 1 - 9.	

4. THE BEACH GROUP FIELD COMPANY. (2/15 AUST FD COY)

(a) Attachments

2/15 Aust Fd Coy will have under comd for training:
(i) as from 19 Nov - One rifle coy, 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
(ii) Dets Rly Construction Pl, from time to time.

(b) Outline Programme for Coy plus attachments.

Serial	Period	Subject	Remarks
1.	19 Nov-5 Dec	Lecture to officers - "Role of Beach Group Engrs".	Combined Ops Instructor
2.		Lecture to Tps, as in Serial 1.	Sub-unit Comds
3.		Road making through jungle without mechanical eqpt.	
4.		Road making through jungle with mechanical equipment.	Relevant dets of pl Ry Construction Coy.
5.		Bridging of creeks with local resources.	
6.		Bridging the water-gap. (ramps etc for LSTs.)	
7.		Preparing Beach exits without mechanical eqpt.	
8.		Preparing Beach exits with mechanical equipment.	Relevant dets of pl Ry Construction Coy.
9.		Pier building from local resources.	
10.		Erection of pier with tubular scaffolding.	
11.		Demolition of sand bars.	
12.		Construction of bridges and roads across swamps.	
13.		Trial packing of engr eqpt into vehs incl sledges.	¾ tonners from GTC, sledges from pl Ry Constn Coy
14.		Removing beach mines and marking gaps.	
15.		Construction of supply and ord dump areas.	
16.		Preparation of signs for use in Beach Maintenance Area	
17.		Wading of vehicles	With AEME
18.		Model exercises.	
19.		Construction and siting of dummy craft, dumps, etc.	
20.	6 Dec	Embarkation	With limited equipment
21.	6-9 Dec	Simple landings	
22.		Landing, recce, laying beach track and preparing beach exits.	Appropriate dets of pl Ry Constn. Coy
23.	10 Dec	Disembark.	

5. THE BEACH GROUP LT AA BTY (2ND AUST LT AA BTY)

(a) Attachments

If available, Bofs 50 cal AA will be placed under comd for training. If not available, 30 cal guns will be used in token in exercises.

(b) Outline Programme

Serial	Period	Subject	Remarks
1.	19-30 Nov	Lecture to offrs. - "Role of Lt AA in Beach Group".	Combined Ops Instructor
2.		Lecture to tps as in Serial 1.	Sub-unit Comds
3.		Testing capacity of different prime movers to [illegible]	Assistance from pl Ry Constn Coy.
4.		Model exercise - Siting of beach guns and guns in Beach Maintenance Area.	
5.		Recce and occupation of initial beach AA defence positions by troops.	Supervised by OC Bty.
6.		Recce and occupation of position in Beach Maintenance Area by Bty, incl intercomm.	
7.		Camouflage in exposed positions.	
8.		Wading of guns and vehicles	With AEME and pl Ry Constn Coy
9.		Loading into craft, if available	
10.	1 Dec	Embark on ships with some guns and vehicles.	
11.	1-4 Dec	Simple landing of vehicles.	
12.		Landing, recce and occupation of beach positions by troops.	Tractors from pl Ry Constn Coy
13.		Landing of Bty and occupation of position in skeleton in Beach Maintenance Area.	Tractors from pl Ry Constn Coy.

6. PL RY CONSTRUCTION COY

(a) Detachments

This pl will make such detachments of it's equipment as may be necessary from time to time for use with HQ Coy, Bty Lt AA and RAN. This will include the shipment of two D6 tractors, with operators, on HMAS MANOORA on 22 Nov.

(b) Outline Programme

Serial	Period	Subject	Remarks
1.	19-30 Nov	Lecture. "Use of Hy Mech Eqpt in landing operations.	Instructor Combined Ops
2.		Individual training of drivers and technicians in the use of their equipment.	
3.		Wading	with AEME
4.		Demonstration of equipment to other Beach Group Sub-units.	
5.	23 Nov-10 Dec	A D6 dozer is allotted each to MANOORA and WESTRALIA	RAN use
6.	1 Dec	Approximately ½ pl embarks with some equipment, including ARC mat and sledges.	
7.	1-4 Dec	Practice in landing of equipment.	
8.		Landings in conjunction with Lt AA and Beach Companies.	
9.	5 Dec	Disembarkation.	
10.	6 Dec	Embarkation of approximately half pl with some equipment.	
11.	6-9 Dec	Practice landings of equipment.	
12.		Landings in conjunction with Fd Coy.	
13.	10 Dec	Disembarkation.	

7. THE SUPPLY DEPOT PLATOON

(a) Attachments

As from 19 Nov this Platoon will have attached for training, the Tk A Platoon and MMG Platoon of HQ Coy, 2/4 Aust Inf Bn.

(b) Outline of Programme

Serial	Period	Subject	Remarks
1.	19 Nov-5 Dec	Lecture - "Role of Sup Depot Pl in Beach Main-tenance Area"	Combined Ops Instructor.
2.		Preparation of POL, Supply and water dumps in Beach Maintenance Area.	With and without Fd Coy Assistance.
3.		Model - layout of Supply etc dumps.	
4.		Camouflage of dumps	Advice and assistance from Fd Coys
5.		Organization of labour	
6.		Handling and checking of commodities into and out of dumps. Note: An armed guard will always be mounted on every dump.	With GTC

Serial	Period	Subject	Remarks
7.	6 Dec	Embarkation	
8.	6-9 Dec	Simple landings.	
9.		Landing, recce and dump preparation.	
10.		Handling of supplies into dumps (if possible).	With GTC.

8. THE BEACH ORDNANCE DET

(a) Attachments.

As from 19 Nov this Det will have attached for training the Mortar and Pioneer Pls of HQ Coy, 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn.

(b) Outline Programme

Serial	Period	Subject	Remarks
1.	19 Nov-5 Dec	Lecture - "Responsibilities of Beach Ord Det in Beach Maintenance Area".	Instructor Combined Ops
2.		Organization of labour.	
3.		Model - Layout of amn and stores dumps in Beach Maintenance Area	
4.		Preparation of dumps on the ground.	
5.		Receiving, handling and checking amn and stores into and out of dumps.	With GTC.
6.		Camouflage of dumps.	Advice and assistance from Fd Coy.
		Note: An armed guard will always be mounted on every dump holding stores.	
7.	6 Dec	Embarkation.	
8.	6-9 Dec	Simple landings.	
9.		Landing, recce and dump preparation.	
10.		Handling of amn and stores into dumps (if possible)	with GTC.

9. "A" COY 2/12 AUST FD AMB

(a) Attachments

Stretcher bearers from 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn will be attached for training, as required.

(b) Outline Programme

Serial.	Period	Subject	Remarks
1.	19 Nov-5 Dec	Lecture - "Role of the Beach Dressing Station".	Instructor, Combined Ops
2.		Detailed organization of equipment.	Instructor, Combined Ops
3.		Model - Beach Dressing Station in the Beach Maintenance Area.	Instructor, Combined Ops
4.		Setting up Beach Dressing Station on Battalion Beaches.	
5.		Setting up Beach Dressing Station in Beach Maintenance Area	
6.		Lecture at Model - "Evacuation of wounded".	Instructor, Combined Ops.
7.		Dryshod exercise with troops.	Casualties from 2/4 Aust Pnr Bn
8.	21-23 Nov	Inspection - 1 Aust Corps Area.	
9.	6 Dec	Embarkation, with some eqpt.	
10.		Simple landings.	
11.		Landing and setting up Beach Dressing Station and evacuation of wounded.	

10. 2 AUST BEACH SIG SEC

(a) Detachment

2 Aust Beach Sig Sec will make a detachment to act as Shore-to-Ship link between Beach Group and HMAS MANCORA. Supporting this det will be a det of Naval Beach Sigs. 2 Aust Beach Sig Sec will also furnish DRLS.

(b) Training Programme - Beach Sig Sec less det

Serial	Period	Subject	Remarks
1.	18-22 Nov	Embark MANCORA and WESTRALIA.	Combined Ops Instructor
2.		Lecture - "Communications in Combined Ops.	
3.		Recapitulation of previous training with Naval Sec.	Combined Ops Instructor.
4.		Landing exercises and setting Shore ship etc communications with Naval Sec.	Combined Ops Instructor
5.	23 Nov - 10 Dec	Cooperate with Bn landings and build up to MBSO.	Combined Ops Instructor.

11. THE DET AEME

An outline training programme is not included for the AEME detachment. Its duties during the period 19 Nov-10 Dec are set out below:

(a) Maintenance Sec

(i) Supervision of waterproofing of all Beach Group vehicles used in wading practices of any kind.

(ii) Supervision of de-waterproofing of all Beach Group vehicles used which have been waterproofed.

(iii) Observation and recording of wading capacities of all classes of vehicles and mechanical equipment in the Beach Group.

(iv) A limited amount of maintenance.

(b) Recovery Sec

Recovery of vehicles, with special reference to those which have had stoppages on the beaches or in the water.

12. BEACH GROUP PROVOST (2 SECS, 3 AUST ARMD DIV PRO COY)

Outline Programme

Serial	Period	Subject	Remarks
1.	19-30 Nov	Lecture - "Duties of Beach Group Pro."	Instructor Combined Ops
2.		Model - Beach Maintenance Area, with special reference to duties on beaches and traffic circuits.	
3.		Systems of sign-posting by day and track lights by night.	
4.		Development and custody of sign posts.	Construction by Fd Coy.
5.		Model Exercise - Guide and traffic duties in Beach Maintenance Area.	
6.	1 Dec	1 Sec embarks.	
7.	1-5 Dec	Simple landings.	
8.		Guides for Beach staff in landings.	
9.		Beach Group Pro duties in Bn landings.	
10.		Recapitulation. Serials 1 - 5.	

Note: The other sec embarks 6 Dec and does serials 7-10 from 6-10 Dec.

13. GEN TPT COY, AASC

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An outline programme of training will be issued in respect of the above sub-units when they are available for training.

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AGENDA FOR CONFERENCE ON TRG OF 6 AUST DIV

1. TIME AND PLACE 1000 hrs 18 Nov at office of GOC 1 AUST CORPS

2. OBJECT To discuss ship to shore training of 6 Aust Div and the Australian Beach Group.

3. OFFICERS ATTENDING

Brig R. Bierwirth	HQ 1 Aust Corps
Brig R. King	6 Aust Div
Capt P.A. Stevens	USN
Col R.G. Pollard	GSO I 6 Aust Div
Comdr Pearson	RAN
Lt-Col T.K. Walker	GSO I Combined Ops HQ 1 Aust Corps
Maj A.G. Bates	GSO II (Ops) Adv LHQ
Maj J.M. Rodd	GSO II (Ops) HQ 1 Aust Corps

4. POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Availability of APA's.
(b) Trg programme for 19 Aust Inf Bde Gp - 6 Aust Div Trg Instn No 20
(c) Trg programme for Aust Beach Gp - 6 Aust Div Trg Instn No 21
(d) Chain of Command
    (1) Navy
    (2) Army

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Subject: 19 AUST INF BDE TK A RANGE - OUT OF BOUNDS

HQ 6 Aust Div

17 Nov 43

Ref No: G5109

Ref map: HERBERTON 1 inch to 1 mile

1. On 17 Nov 43, two soldiers were killed and one injured, on 19 Aust Inf Bde Tk A Range, through accidentally kicking an unexploded 37mm shell.

2. The range, which is located on the NW slopes of MT LAVARACK 335133, is out of bounds for all purposes until further notice.

L. Wadell Ma,
Col
GS 6 Aust Div

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HQ 6 Aust Div
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LETHBRIDGE MISSION

PROGRAMME OF INSPECTIONS

1400 hrs to 1630 hrs 22 Nov 43

Serial	Approx Time	Unit, area etc	Remarks
1	1400 - 1500	RAE 6 Aust Div Bridging for jungle ops	Use of local materials in bridging
2	1500 - 1545	B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt 2/1 Aust Inf Bn	Tanks in co-operation with infantry
3	1545 - 1630	Bunker assault course	Jap type bunker - construction and camouflage

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HQ 6 Aust Div

21 Nov 43

Ref No: G5176

Subject: DISCUSSIONS WITH LETHBRIDGE MISSION

1. Reference 6 Aust Div G4926 of 10 Nov 43, three additional members of the Lethbridge Mission will be in 6 Aust Div area on Mon 22 Nov 43.

2. The following officers will report to GOC's Mess 6 Aust Div on 22 Nov 43, at the times shown hereunder, in order to discuss jungle warfare problems with the members of the mission:-

Time (hrs)	Officers to attend	Subject for discussion
	ARMOUR AND RAA	Armd Regt, oepn, organ, etc
1000 to 1030	Maj [illegible] (2/9 Aust Armd Regt) Capt [illegible]) RAA Capt [illegible])	The Fd Regt in jungle warfare Problems of transport for Fd Regts in jungle warfare. Standard artillery equipment in jungle warfare.
	RAE	
1030 to 1045	Lt-Col C.E.BAIRD Capt R.L. BALLENTINE Capt A.G. CRAWFORD	Blast bombs. Tree climbing irons. Development with standard compressor equipment Chinaman suitable for loading gravel into tip trucks . Pillboxes. Reports with photos of demolitions and bridge experiment work.
	SIGS	
1045 to 1100	Maj L.N. TRIBOLET	IN GENERAL TERMS ONLY:- Wireless equipment in jungle warfare. Line equipment. DRLS. Handcarts. General air points of interest
	INF	
1100 to 1200	Lt-Col R.A. CULLEN Lt-Col A.G. CAMERON Maj A.J. ANDERSON Capt J.C. BURRELL and one other Lieut BOYER	All phases of jungle warfare from the infantry point of view. NOTE: Officers to attend may be varied at discretion of Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde but total will NOT be increased.
	AASC	
1200 to 1315	Maj G. HILL Capt C.M. McCARTHEY Maj J.F.H. BROWN Lieut J.W. BLACKSTONE	IN GENERAL TERMS:- Supply in the jungle. Re-organization of transport for jungle warfare. Supply by air.

1215 to .?45	ORD Lieut E.M. McNALLY	Ord Service in jungle warfare. Note: The following equipment will be laid out for inspection on the veranda of CO[illegible]s Mess by 0945 hours 2" Mortar light base Jungle boots pr Mess tins light weigh. Tommy cookers and cro: rings Anti-malaria equipment Machetes Aust and American Machines for wheat gristing Stereoscopes pocket size Jap type entrenching shovel Owen Gun Mk 2 with bayonet attachment

3. Commanders and Heads of Services concerned will ensure that all officers are warned forthwith.

[signature] Col
GS 6 Aust Div

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AA & QMG (2) one for Pro Cpl
ADOS
1 Aust Corps (2)
File
War Diary (2)

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RAE 6 AUST DIV SIGS 6 AUST DIV 2/3 AUST MD FD S'L AUST FDR BN
2/4 AUST FDR BN 6 AUST DIV CARR GOI 1 AUST CORPS
"B" SQN 2/9 AUST ARMD REGT 2/5 AUST CAV (COMMANDO) SQN G I A Q
AASC 6 AUST DIV MEDICAL 2/6 AUST DENTAL UNIT ORD AEME
6 AUST DIV PRO GOY PAY POSTAL "A" AUST FS SEC CAMP
6 AUST DIV RECEPTION CAMP CAMP SO CI 303 MESSING STORE
ADV PARTY 1 AUST BEACH GP HQ

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10 to DEADMANS GULLY all informed

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TO I AUST CORPS

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
6 AUST DIV	O 943	24	SD 1908

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SECRET	(.)	first	(.)	recommendations 5
for	appointments	will	follow	after 10
consultation	combined	ops	staff	(.) 15
second	(.)	agree	re	pers 20
but	variations	in	type	tpt 25
will	be	required	in	accord 30
our	memo	G 5040	of	17 35
Nov	45	(.)	third	(.) 40
two	medical	offrs	five	ORs 45
incl	two	operating	assistants	and 50
three	gen	duties	(.)	two 55
of	gen	duties	also	act 60
as	batmen	(.)	type	B 65
AAMCU	WE	IV/144/1	as	amended 70
by	GRO	G731	of	29 75
Oct	43	(.)	fourth	(.) 80
type	WE	I/33/2	of	which 85
only	HQ	and	one	sec 90
with	one	truck	¼	ton 95
4x4	and	one	truck	weapons 100
carr	½	ton	4x4	considered 105
necessary				110
				115
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SECRET	(.)	further	to	my	5
O 943	(.)	following	offrs	recommended	10
for	PROBATIONARY	appointments	as	shown	15
but	desire	to	confirm	after	20
current	trg	period	beach	gp	25
(.)	DAQMG	(.)	capt	J R	30
SMITH	amphibious	trg	school	TOORBUL	35
PT	possibly	suitable	owing	past	40
experience	amphibious	trg	(.)	SC	45
(.)	capt	L J	KENNEDY	SC (L)	50
19	AUST	INF	BDE	only	55
available	offr	with	qualifications	but	60
bde	comds	views	unknown	(.)	65
GSO 3	(.)	lieut	B E	O'HARA	70
2/4	AUST	INF	BN	qualified	75
for	G III (O)	appointment	FAA	junior	80
staff	school	but	bde	comds	85
views	also	unknown	(.)	IO	90
(.)	capt	J A	COWDERY	2/7	95
AUST	CAV	COMMANDO	REGT	at	100
present	at	FAA	junior	staff	105
school	(.)	HLO	(.)	maj	110
J E	WORRALL	att	6	AUST	115
DIV	(.)	AMLOs (3)	(.)	capt	120
A R	ORR	lieut	C S	MORRIS	125
both	att	6	AUST	DIV	130

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

and	capt	O	O'BRIEN	amphibious	trg
school	TOORBUL	PT			

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TO LANDFORCES

FROM 6 AUST DIV | Originator's Number 0 942 | Date 24 | In Reply to Number SD 70885

(Write horizontally)					
NODECO	(.),	for	gen	STEVENS	5
from	POLLARD	(.)	PART	1	10
(.)	recommendations	being	considered	by	15
LANDOPS	who	have	signalled	urgently	20
to	CORPS	for	recommendations	re	25
following	(.)	one	(.)	appointments	30
for	beach	gp	other	than	35
comd	(.)	two	(.)	organizing	40
of	pers	of	gen	tpt	45
cov	on	present	WEs	II/14/2	50
for	time	being	(.)	three	55
(.)	composition	surgical	team	and	60
type	AAMCU	required	(.)	four	65
(.)	type	salvage	unit	required	70
(.)	PART	2	(.)	following	75
replies	to	above	being	forwarded	80
to	1	AUST	CORPS	(.)	85
One	(.)	being	forwarded	after	90
consultation	combined	ops	staff	(.)	95
two	(.)	agree	re	pers	100
but	variations	in	type	tpt	105
will	be	required	in	accord	110
our	memo	G 5040	of	17	115
Nov	43	(.)	three	(.)	120
two	medical	offrs	five	ORs	125
incl	two	operating	assistants	and	130

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

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three	gen	duties	(.)	two	5
of	gen	duties	also	act	10
as	batmen	(.)	type	B	15
AAMCU	WE	IV/144/1	as	amended	20
by	GRO	G731	of	29	25
Oct	43	(.)	four	(.)	30
type	WE	I/33/2	of	which	35
only	HQ	and	one	sec	40
with	one	truck	½	ton	45
4 x 4	and	one	truck	weapons	50
carr	¾	ton	4 x 4	considered	55
necessary					60
					65
					70
					75
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FROM 6 AUST DIV	Originator's Number 0 946	Date 24	In Reply to Number SD 70885

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from	POLLARD	(.)	further	my 10
0 942	(.)	have	forwarded	following 15
recommendation	re	appointments	beach	gp 20
to	1	AUST	CORPS	(.) 25
begins	(.)	following	offrs	recommended 30
for	PROBATIONARY	appointments	as	shown 35
but	desire	to	confirm	after 40
current	trg	period	beach	gp 45
(.)	DAQMG	(.)	capt	J R 50
SMITH	amphibious	trg	school	TCORSUL 55
PT	possibly	suitable	owing	past 60
experience	amphibious	trg	(.)	SC 65
(.)	capt	L J	KENNEDY	SC(L) 70
19	AUST	INF	BDE	only 75
available	offr	with	qualifications	but 80
bde	comds	views	unknown	(.) 85
GSO 3	(.)	lieut	B E	O'MARA 90
2/4	AUST	INF	BN	qualified 95
for	G III(O)	appointment	FAA	junior 100
staff	school	but	bde	comds 105
views	also	unknown	(.)	IO 110
(.)	capt	J. A	COWDERY	2/7 115
AUST	CAV	COMMANDO	REGT	at 120
present	at	FAA	junior	staff 125
school	(.)	MLO	(.)	maj 130

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FROM

Originator's Number | Date | In Reply to Number

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J E	WORRALL	att	6	AUST
DIV	(.)	AMLOs (3)	(.)	capt
A R	ORR	lieut	C S	MORRIS
both	att	6	AUST	DIV
and	capt	O	O'BRIEN	amphibious
trg	school	TOCRBUL	PT	(.)
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TO 6 AUST DIV

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FROM LANDFORCES	Originator's Number SD 70885	Date 23	In Reply to Number

NODECO	(.)	personal	for	col	POLLARD
from	gen	STEVENS	(.)	advise	quickest
whether	our	latest	recommendation	concerning	beach
group	has	been	fwded	by	CORPS
to	LANDOPS	and	if	so	position
LANDOPS	(.)	desire	discuss	with	staff
duties	here				

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COMBAT EFFICIENCY REPORT - 6 AUST DIV

FOR PERIOD ENDING ~~30 Nov 45~~

MOST SECRET
HQ 6 Aust Div
Ref No: G 8350

Serial No	Formations etc (down to Div and Bdes)	Approx Percentages Available With Units													Strength of personnel	Role	Present Employment
		Weapons										Tpt					
		Rifles	LMGs	MMGs	SMGs	2" Mortar	3" Mortar	2 pr	6 pr	25 pr	40 mm weapons	MT	Carriers	Tanks			
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)
1.	HQ 6 Aust Div	100	100		100							90			100	Jungle and Amphibious Operations	Training
2.	RAA 6 Aust Div	100	100		100	100			100	100	100	69			94		
3.	RAE 6 Aust Div	97	100		112	-						82			90		
4.	Sigs 6 Aust Div	100	100		100							68			100		
5.	16 Aust Inf Bde	109.5	100	100	101.6	94.6	100	92.5				-			106.4		
6.	19 Aust Inf Bde	100	100	92	99	94	96	100				-			97		
7.	2/3 Aust MG Bn	100	100	100	100							40			100		
8.	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	100	100	100	100	100	100	100				-			100		
9.	6 Aust Div Carr Coy less one platoon	109	88	60	87							140	78		77		
10.	AASC 6 Aust Div	100	100		100							76			93		
11.	Medical	93			25							61			83		
12.	Ordnance	100	100		100							86.5			93		
13.	AEME	100	50		-							90			95		
14.	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	100	-		100							75			100		

Serial No (a)	Formation etc (b)	Gen Standard of Offrs & NCOs (s)	Phase of Trg Covered during Month (t)	Type of Warfare Formation Considered Capable of (u)	Remarks (v)
1.	HQ 6 Aust Div	Good	Individual and hardening	A	
2.	RAA 6 Aust Div	Good	Arty practices, Convoy driving, Bty exercise	A	
3.	RAE 6 Aust Div	Good	Bde exercise, offrs and NCOs cadre, bridging	A	
4.	Sigs 6 Aust Div	Good	Specialist training, weapon training, and hardening	A	
5.	16 Aust Inf Bde	Good	Musketry, Pl and Coy training, river crossing, Bde offrs TEWT	A	
6.	19 Aust Inf Bde	Good	Pl and Coy jungle training, individual training & hardening	A	
7.	2/3 Aust MG Bn	Good	Tactical training in jungle and hardening	F	Require amphibious training
8.	2/4 Aust Para Bn	Good	Coy and Bn training	F	Require amphibious training
9.	6 Aust Div Carr Coy less one pl	Good	Weapon and minor tactical training	A	
10.	AASC 6 Aust Div	Good	Individual training, operation and maintenance of MT in jungle, Bde exercises	A	
11.	Medical	Good	General and technical training, Anti-malarial control	A	
12.	Ordnance	Good	Individual and hardening	A	
13.	AEME	Good	Infantry minor tactics, Bde exercises	A	
14.	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	Good	Pro and individual training	A	

Type A - Efficient and experienced for mobile offensive operations.
Type F - Training is NOT yet complete.

General Remarks

N.G. Howard, MC

Maj-Gen
Comd 6 Aust Div

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Copy No:

HQ 6 Aust Div

Nov 43

Ref No: G5236

Subject: LOCATION STATEMENT NO 16

... Herewith 6 Aust Div Location Statement No 16 as at 2400 hours 23 Nov 43.

2. It is requested that this HQ be advised of any errors or omissions in attached statement, and that changes in location be notified immediately they take place.

3. Copies of Location Statement No 15 will be destroyed by fire.

ACK.

Col

GS 6 Aust Div

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RAA 6 Aust Div	13 - 16
RAE 6 Aust Div	17
Sigs 6 Aust Div	18 - 21
2/3 Aust MG Bn	22
2/1 Aust Pnr En	23
2/4 Aust Pnr En	24
6 Aust Div Carr Coy	25
1 Aust Corps	26 - 27
"B" Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	28
2/5 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn	29
G	30
I	31
A	32
Q	33 - 34
AASC 6 Aust Div	35
Medical	36 - 41
2/8 Aust Dental Unit	42
Ord	43 - 47
AEME	48 - 50
6 Aust Div [illegible] Coy	51
Pay	52
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"A" Aust FS Sec	54
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6 Aust Div

Receipt is acknowledged of 6 Aust Div Location Statement No 16, Copy No .....

Signature.....

Date..... Appointment.....

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6 AUST DIV LOCATION STATEMENT NO 16 AS AT 2400 HOURS 23 NOV 43

Divisional Sign: Kangaroo on Boomerang

Map Legend: H - 2013 HERBERTON one inch series

(1) Serial No	(2) Unit	(3) Unit Serial No	(4) Location	(5) Camp	(6) Map Ref	(7) Remarks
	HQ					
1.	HQ 6 Aust Div	84	WONDECLA	Div HQ Area	H 366046	
2.						
	RAA					
3.	HQ RAA 6 Aust Div	69	"	AF	H 344065	
4.	2/3 Aust Fd Regt	74	"	AE	H 377068	
5.	2/3 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	74	"	AE	H 377068	
6.	2/41 Aust LAD	74	"	AE	H 337068	
7.	2/1 Aust L AA Bty (Airborne)	43	"	AD	H 345064	
	RAE					
8.	HQ RAE 6 Aust Div	81	"	Div Tps Area	H 325076	
9.	1 Aust Fd Sig Sec	81	"	"	H 325076	
10.	2/2 Aust Fd Coy	60				DEADMANS GULLY
11.	2/22 Aust Fd Pk Coy	67	"	"	H 325076	
12.	2/80 Aust LAD	67	"	"	H 325076	
13.						
	SIGS					
14.	Sigs 6 Aust Div	56	"	Sig Area	H 358052	
	INF					
15.	HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	88	"	E Bde Area	H 319074	
16.	16 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	88	"	"	H 319074	
17.	2/45 Aust LAD	88	"	"	H 319074	
18.	Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	55	"	"	H 319074	
19.	2/1 Aust Inf Bn	50	"	Q Bn Area	H 318073	
20.	2/2 Aust Inf Bn	99	"	R Bn Area	H 315067	
21.	2/3 Aust Inf Bn	56	"	P Bn Area	H 324073	
22.	HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde	96	"	G Bde Area	H 341066	
23.	17 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	96	"	"	H 341066	
24.						
25.	Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	55	"	"	H 341066	
26.	2/5 Aust Inf Bn	63	"	AC	H 342067	
27.	2/6 Aust Inf Bn	61	"	AB	H 341067	
28.	2/7 Aust Inf Bn	93	"	AA	H 340067	
29.	HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde	65				Less comp Coy 2/2 AGH
30.	19 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	65				
31.	2/79 Aust LAD	65			DEADMANS GULLY	
32.	Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	55				
33.	2/4 Aust Inf Bn	82				
34.	2/8 Aust Inf Bn	91				
35.	2/11 Aust Inf Bn	77	"	L Bn Area	H 317078	
36.	6 Aust Div Carr Coy (less one Pl)	39	"	AF	H 343063	

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37.	HQ Comd AASC 6 Aust Div	59	WONDECLA	Div Tps Area	H327076	
38.	Det 6 Aust Div Postal Unit	55	"	"	H 327076	
39.	2/155 Aust GT Coy	97	"	"	H 327076	Less Det DEADMANS GULLY
40.	2/5 Aust Sup Depot Coy (less 25 Pl)	64	"	"	H 327076	Less Det DEADMANS GULLY
41.	25 Aust Sup Depot Pl	64	"	"	H 297098	
	AAMC					
42.	2/1 Aust Fd Amb	57	"	"	H 325073	
43.	2/2 Aust Fd Amb	52	"	"	H 325072	
44.	2/7 Aust Fd Amb	70	"	"	H 327074	
	AAOC					
45.	2/119 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	83	"	"	H 333067	
46.	135 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	98	"	"	H 330073	
	AEME					
47.	2/42 Aust LAD	84	"	Sig Area	H358052	
48.	2/119 Aust Bde Wkshops	76	"	T Area	H 333067	Less Det DEADMANS GULLY
49.	135 Aust Bde Wkshops	90	"	"	H 33[illegible]73	
	MISC					
50.	6 Aust Div Pro Coy	95	"	Pro Area	H362046	Less Det DEADMANS GULLY
51.	6 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	80	"	Div HQ	" H366046	
52.	6 Aust Div Postal Unit (less dets)	55	"	"	H 366046	
53.	6 Aust Div Salvage Unit	78	"	Div Tps Area	H 322072	
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	RECCE					
54.	2/5 Aust Cav (Commando) Sqn	102	WONGABEL		H 390190	Under comd 2/7 Aust Cav (Com) Regt
	ARMD CORPS					
55.	"B" Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt		WONDECLA	T Area	H 327073	
56.	Rear Party "C" Sqn Aust Armd Regt	53	"		H 327073	
57.	Det Wkshops 4 Aust Armd Bde		"		H 327073	
	RAA					
58.	12 Bty Aust Tk A Regt	145	"	AD	H 345064	
59.	3 Sec 3 Aust Svy Bty	177	"	AF	H 344065	
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60.	26 Aust Camflg Unit	73	"	Div Tps Area	H 325076	
	SIGS					
61.	2/41 Aust Cipher Sec	68	"	Sigs Area	H35[illegible]32	
	INF					
62.	2/3 Aust MG Bn (less "B" Coy)	182	"	S Bn Area	H320067	B Coy under comd MERAUKE FORCE
63.	2/66 Aust LAD	182	"	"	H320067	
64.	2/1 Aust Pnr Bn		WONGABEL	Camp F	H 403180	
65.	"C" Coy 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt (Less 10, 11, and 12 Pls)	225	WONDECLA	Div HQ Area	H 366046	Att HQ 6 Aust Div
66.	10 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	225	"	E Bde Area	H 319074	Att 16 Aust Inf Bde
67.	11 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	225	"	G Bde Area	H 341006	Att 17 Aust Inf Bde
68.	12 Pl 2/1 Aust HQ Gd Regt	225	"			DEADMANS GULLY

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	FSW					
69.	"A" Aust FS Sec	84	WCMDECLA	Div HQ Area	H 366046	
	AAMC					
70.	104 Aust CCS	143	"	Div Tps Area	H 327075	
71.	109 Aust CCS		"		H 310096	Under comd 1 Aust Corps
72.	101 Aust Mob Bacteriological Laboratory					
73.	2/117 Aust Mob Bath Unit	79	"		H 322072	
74.	19 AAMCU	161	"	Div Tps Area	H 325073	
	AAD Corps					
75.	HQ (1) Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	156	"	Div HQ Area	H 366046	Att HQ 6 Aust Div
76.	HQ(2) 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	156	"	Div Tps Area	H 325076	Att HQ RAE 6 Aust Div
77.	A Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	156	"	M Bn Area	H 317079	Att 2/4 Aust Inf Bn
78.	B Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	156	"	N " "	H 318079	Att 2/8 Aust Inf Bn
79.	C Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	156	"	AE" "	H 337068	Att 2/3 Aust Fd Regt
80.	D Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	156	"	R " "	H 315067	Att 2/2 Aust Inf Bn
81.	E Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	156	"	Q " "	H 318073	Att 2/1 Aust Inf Bn
82.	F Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	156	"	Div Tps Area	H 327076	Att AASC 7 Aust Div
	ADOS					
83.	CI 303 Messing Store		"		H 30091	HCT under comd
	MISC					
84.	6 Aust Div Sec Reception Camp	71	"	Ry Sta	H 295103	
85.	Vic L of C Concert Party	799	"	Div HQ Area	H 3[illegible]46	
86.	Adv Party 1 Aust Beach Gp HQ					
87.	Adv Party 228 Aust Lt AA Bty and Wkshops					
88.	2/15 Aust Fd Coy	86				DEADMANS GULLY
89.	2 Pl 2/3 Aust Ry Constn Coy					
90.	2 Aust Beach Sig Sec	701				
91.	2/4 Aust Pnr Bn	140				
92.	B Coy 2/12 Aust Fd Amb					
93.	3 Sec 3 Aust Armd Div Pro Coy					

(Serials 86 - 93 comprise part of 1 Aust Beach Gp)

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SECRET (.) amendment location statement 16 (.) amend serial 40 to read less 21 pl and serial 41 to read 21 pl (.) delete serial 56 (.) amend serial 58 insert 2/3 after bty (.) amend location serial 76 to DEADMAN'S GULLY delete remarks and add att 2/12 AUST FD AMB (.) amend serial 93 to read 3 and 4 sec (.) add serial 94 42 AUST WATER TPT OPERATING COY (LC) RAE add serial 95 2 AUST ORD BEACH DET both at DEADMAN'S GULLY (.) all informed

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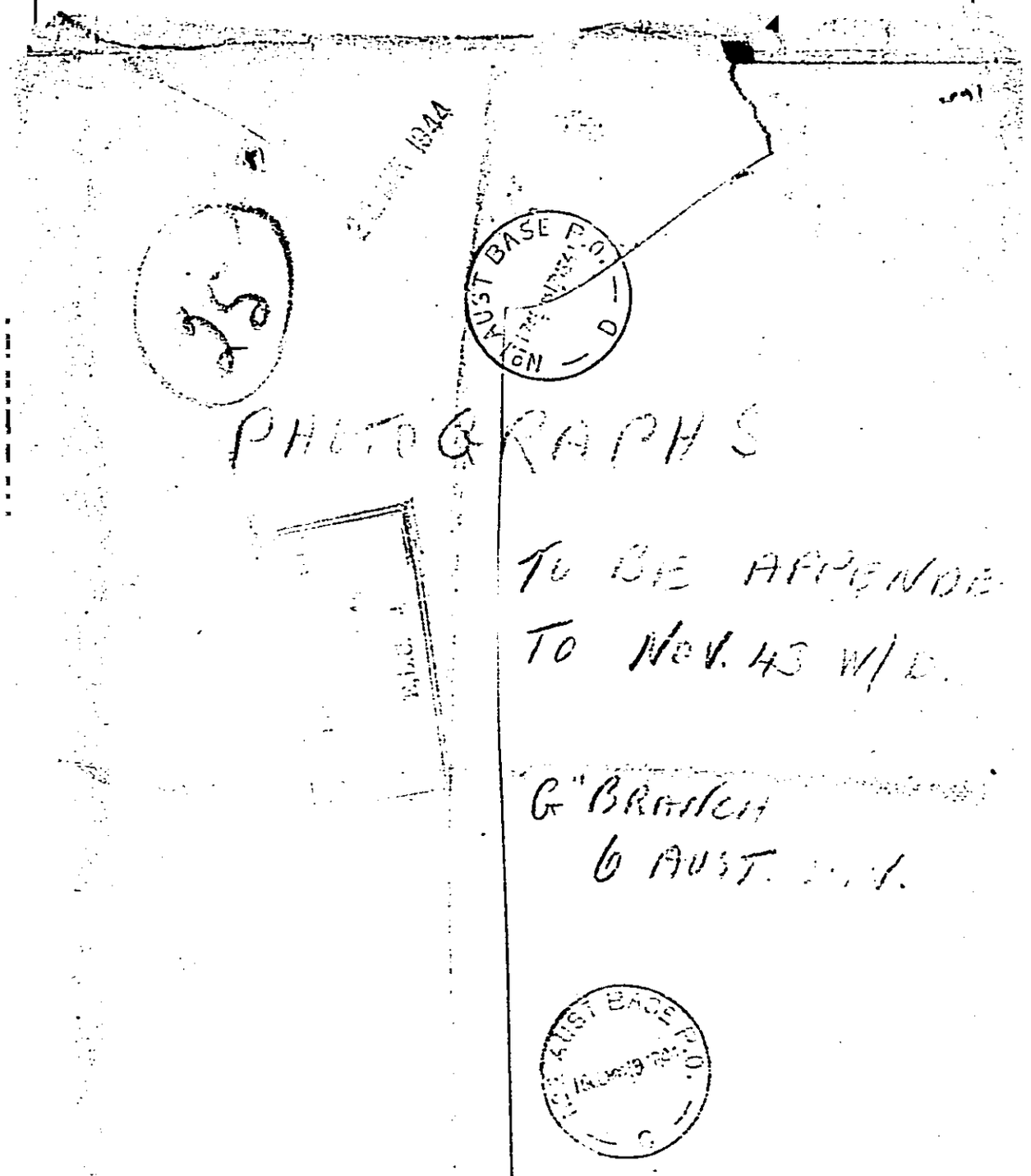
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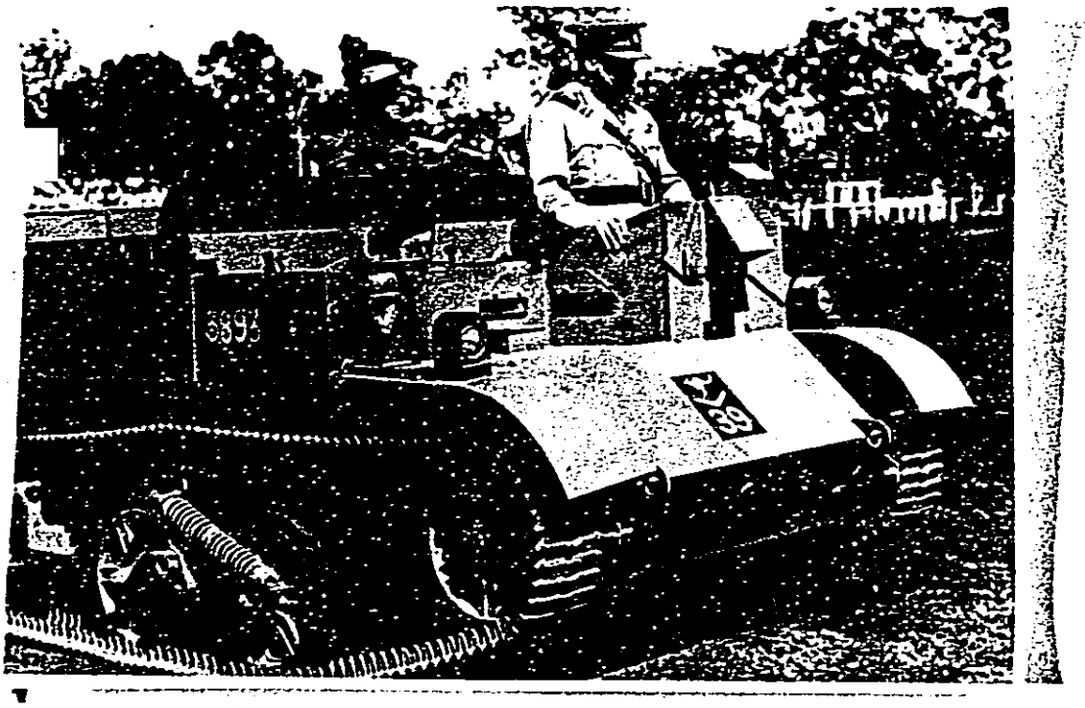


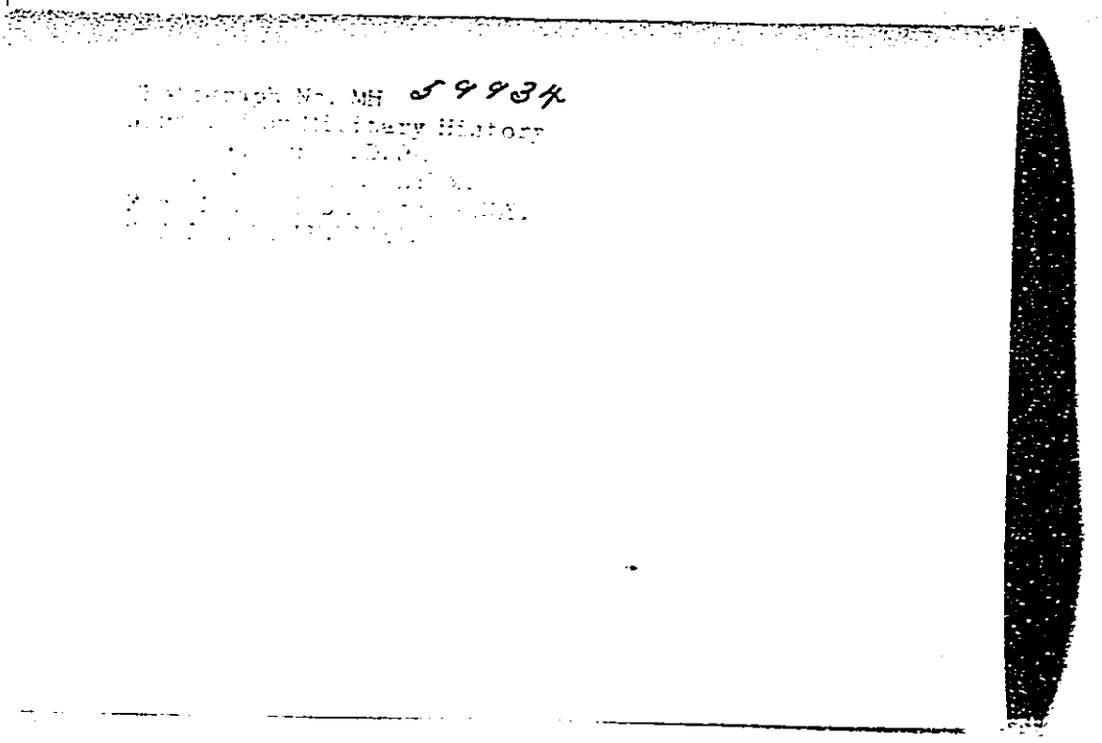


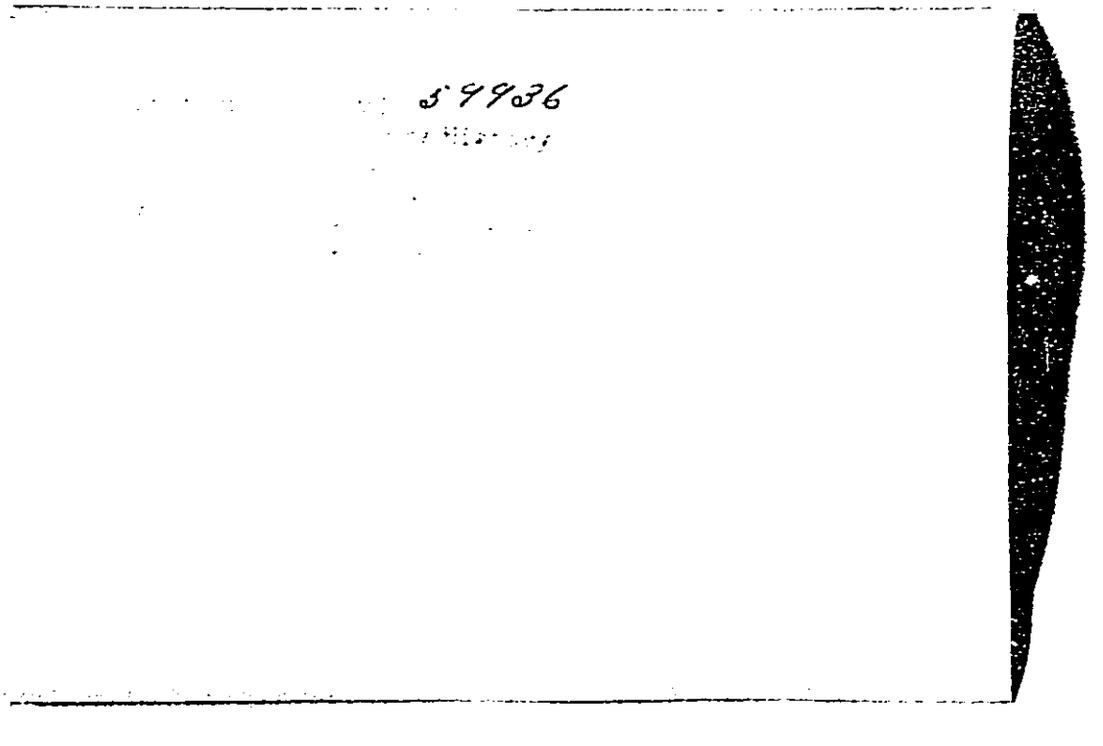
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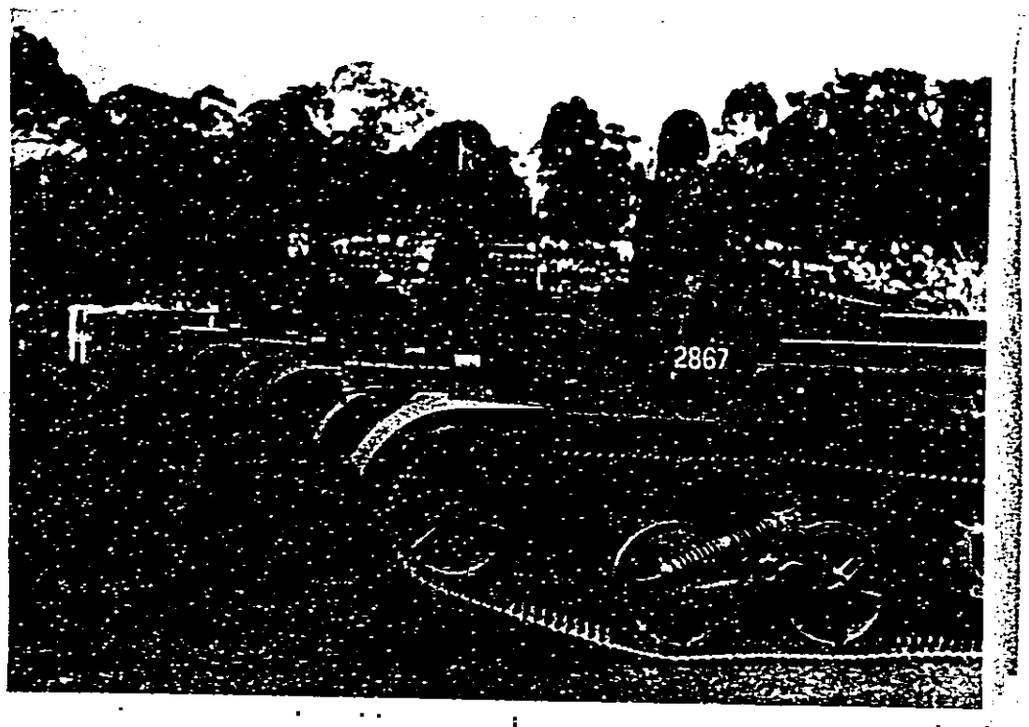




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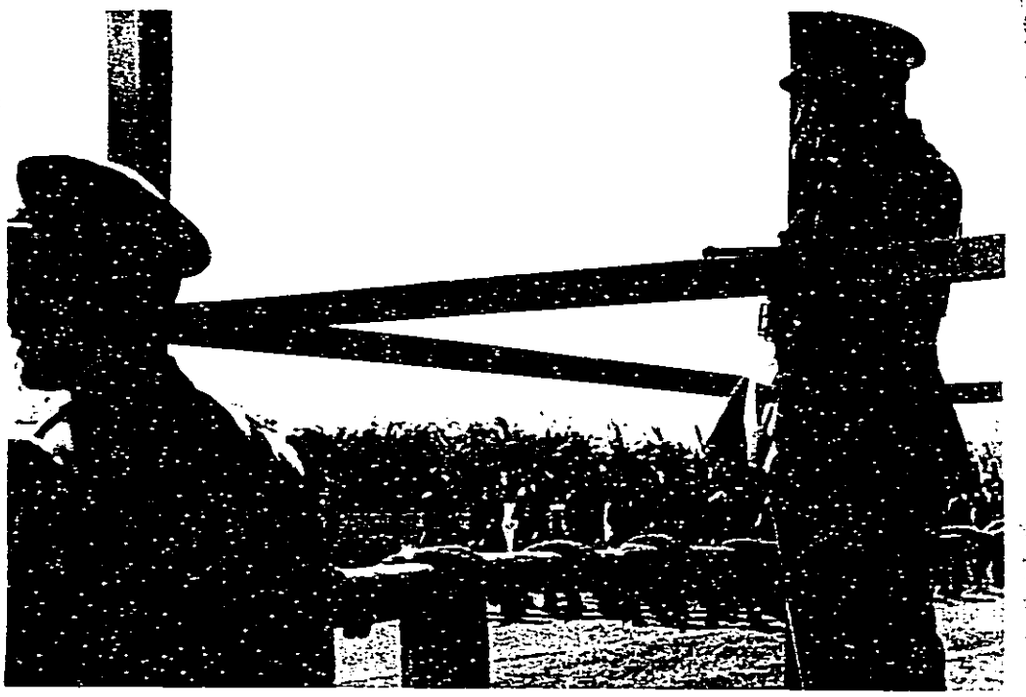

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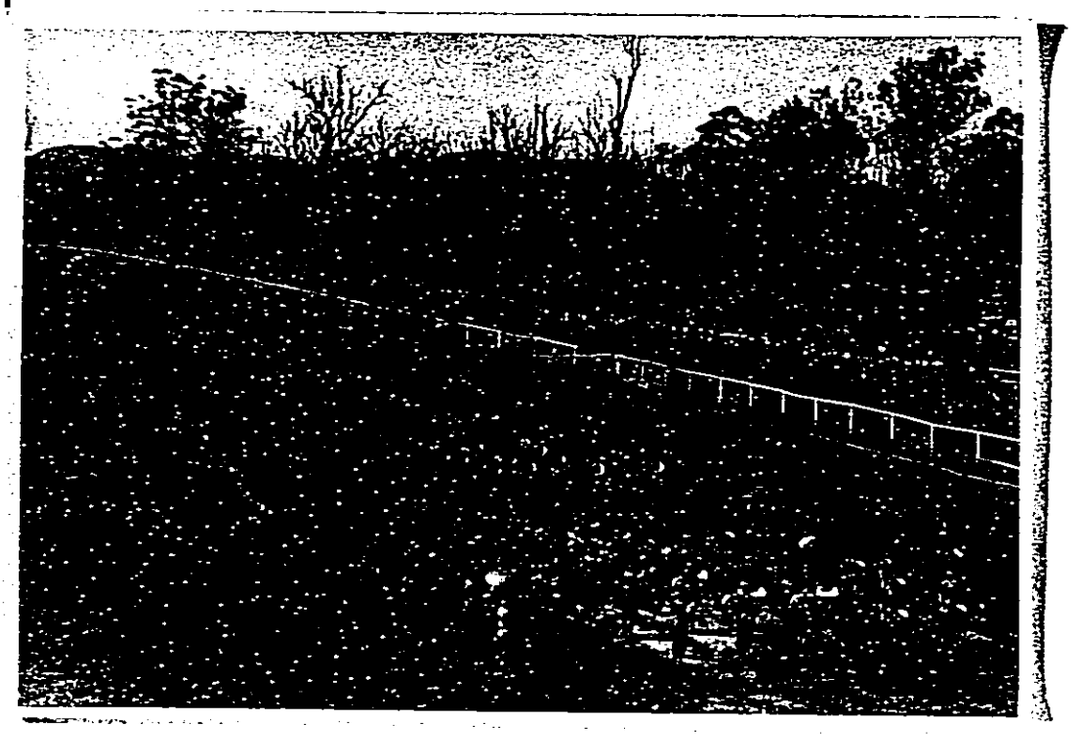




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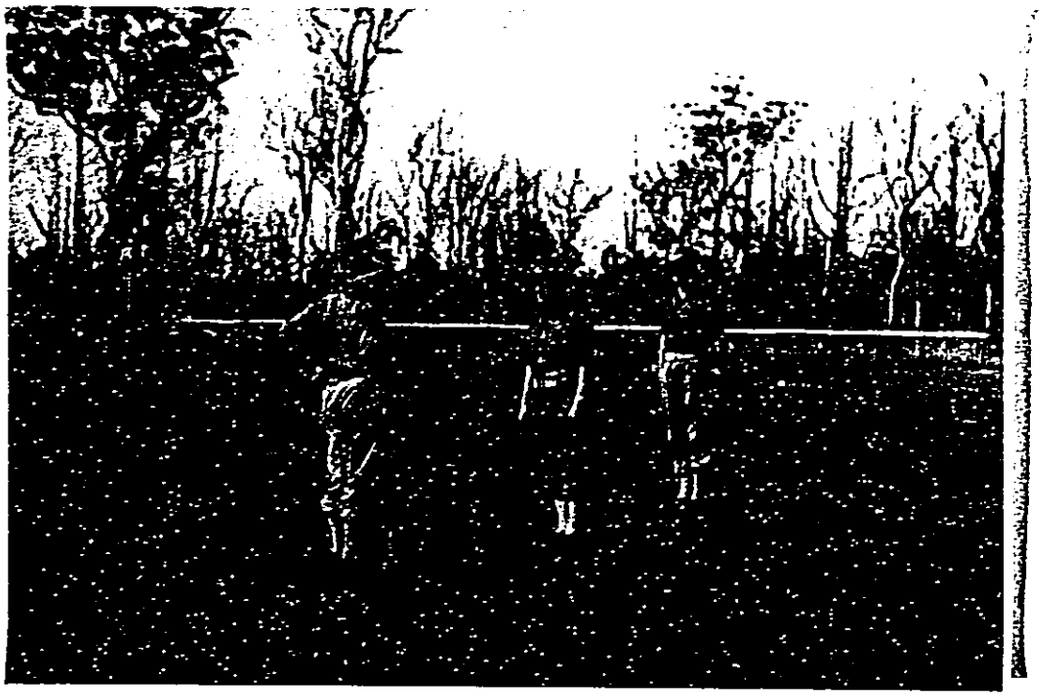




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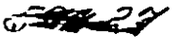




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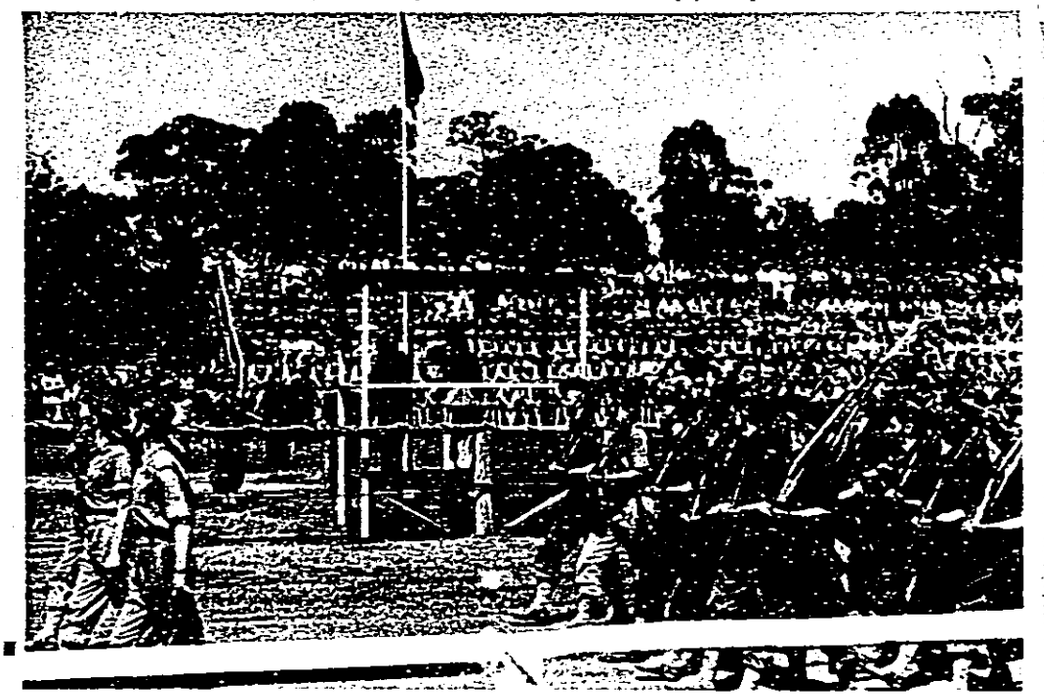
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