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2/27 Infantry Battalion
October 1944, part 2 of 2

H.M.S. "GLENEARN" & UNITY BEACH CAMP

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"Possum" PRELIM.

- Exercise ~~"POSSUM"~~ to commence this morning. See appx. C
"A" /
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- 0600K Reveille.
- 0730 Breakfast, troops ready packed to disembark.
- 0825K "H.M.S. GLENEARN" weighs anchor, and proceeds NORTH/
- 0900K Ship slows down, troops ordered to respective troop decks.
- 0920K First wave of A.L.A.'s leave the Mothership and form up.
- 1000K First wave of A.L.C's land on VICTOR section of UNITY BEACH
A/and B. Coys. who were forward troops quickly reformed
and proceeded to their objective COOK HIGHWAY/ See appx. "A"/
- 1040K Last wave of craft make safe landing.
- 1042K Highway reported cut by forward companies, other troops
consolidating in rear.
- 1130K Bn. ordered to move SOUTH to arranged biv. area.
- 1215K All troops arrive in area. Welcomed with drink by Y.M.C.A
- 1230K Dinner served by own cooks.
- 1400K C.O.'s conference with company commanders, points discussed:
Training and discipline in area.
Hygiene and sanitation, dust etc..
Atebrin check. full malaria precautions.
Inspection of weapons.
L.C.I. training Major Tomms O.C. party.
Sand tray to be prepared by Int. Sec. for
Exercise "POSSUM" on 22nd. inst.
Troops to be allowed to swim as much as possible.
- The C.O. in the evening attended a conference at Brigadex
C.O. exercise "POSSUM" discussed. See appx. "D"/
- R.O's and ships instructions issued while on H.M.S. "GLENEARN"
See appx. "B"/
- Reps issued to troops in the evening, the C.O. had an inspection

Exercise "POSSUM" to commence this morning. See appx. "A".

0600 Reveille.

0730 Breakfast, troops ready packed to disembark.

0800 H.M.S. "GLENEARN" weighs anchor, and proceeds NORTH.

0900 Ship alows down, troops ordered to respective troop decks.

0930 First wave of A.I.C.'s leave the Mothership and form up.

1000 First wave of A.I.C.'s land on VICTOR section of UNITY BAY.

1030 A and B Coy's, who were forward troops quickly reformed and proceeded to their objective COOK HIGHWAY. See appx. "A".

1040 Last wave of craft make safe landing.

1045 Highway reported cut by forward companies, other troops consolidating in rear.

1100 Im. ordered to move SOUTH to arranged div. area.

1130 All troops arrive in area. Welcomed with drink by Y.M.C.A.

1230 Dinner served by own cooks.

1400 C.O.'s conference with company commanders, points discussed:

Training and discipline in area.

Hygiene and sanitation, dust etc.

Medical check. Full malaria precautions.

Inspection of weapons.

I.C.I. training Major Tomes C.O. party.

Sand tray to be prepared by Inf. See. for Exercise "POSSUM" on 2nd. Inst.

Troops to be allowed to swim as much as possible.

The C.O. in the evening attended a conference at Bridger.

C.O. exercise "POSSUM" discussed. See appx. "B".

C.O.'s and ship's instructions issued while on H.M.S. "GLENEARN".

See appx. "C".

Landing on UNCLE SECTOR, UNITY BEACH

22 Oct. 44

As directed by naval control, on advice from Bde. H.Q..

RED BEACH

GREEN BEACH

NAVAL WAVE DIAGRAM

H Hr.	8 L.C.A'S.	ex "SPEARHEAD"	H HR.	8 L.C.A's	ex "SPEARHEAD"
H 5	1 L.C.A.		H 5	3 L.C.A's	
H 15	4 L.C.A. ,	1 L.C.M.	H 15	6 L.C.A's.	
H 20	1 L.C.I.		H 20	2 L.C.I.	
			H 30	3 L.C.A's,	2 L.C.M's.
H 35	1 A.L.C. (40)		H 35	1 A.L.C. (40).	
			H 40	2 L.C.A's,	1 L.C.M.
			H 80	1 L.C.I.	
H 90	8 L.C. A's				
H 105	4 L.C.A's,	1 L.C.M.			
			H 110	8 L.C.A's	
			H 115	3 L.C.A's	
H 120	1 L.S.T.		H 120	1 L.C.I.	
			H 120	1 L.S.T. ;	1 L.C.M.
H 125	6 L.C.A.				
			H 130	2 A.L.C's	(40).
			H 140	3 L.C.A's,	2 L.C.M.s
			H 160	2 L.C.T.s	
			H 180	8 L.C.A.s	
			H 185	4 L.C.A.s	
			H 195	1 L.C. M.	
			H 200	8 L.C.A.s	
			H 215	2 L.C.A.s	
			H 240	2 L.S.T.s	

APPX C.

EXERCISE "POSSUM"

TOP SECRET

COPY No

HQ 7 Aust Div

9 Oct 44

7 AUST DIV SPECIAL "POSSUM" INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.1

Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 8 Oct 44 (incl air photos flown 3 Oct 44)

Ref Maps : 1/15840 SE UNITY IS
1/65360 MACALISTER RANGE

PART I ENEMY

1 Present enemy dispositions

<u>AREA</u>	<u>INF</u>	<u>PD ARTY</u>	<u>ENGRS</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>BASE & LofC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
UNITY IS	1200	490	240	170	1000	3100
FAKI IS	5535	500	480	500	8950	15965
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>6735</u>	<u>990</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>670</u>	<u>9950</u>	<u>19065</u>

A detailed estimate of the Order of Battle of these enemy forces is attached as Appx 'A'.

The principal formation in the area is 100 Div whose Hq are now located on FAKI IS.

100 Div was formed in 1940 and was committed for the first time in the PHILIPPINES performing efficiently and with distinction.

As a reward for meritorious service this Div was withdrawn to Japan on leave, where it remained until Mar 44 when its movement forward to the KAWA SEA area began.

The 100 Div is organized on the Japanese "Island Warfare" basis and consists of the 500 Type A Regt and the 501 and 502 Type B Regts.

Included in the organization are a Tank Unit with 17 lt tanks who are Divisional troops and a Tank Unit with 14 lt tanks who are Type A Regtl troops.

The Div is commanded by Lieut Gen ISHIKASHI Toriu.

2 ENEMY INTENTIONS

After our landing on TRINITY IS in early June the enemy's plans were somewhat upset until in early July he began to reinforce UNITY IS and commenced the construction of an airfield there.

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This combined with the movement forward of the remainder of the Div Sp at FAKI 13 plus his massing of aircraft at rear bases make it evident that the enemy intends to launch an offensive.

From his continued aerial reconnaissance, and evident interest in the TRINITY area, it would appear that TRINITY is his objective.

5 Present enemy dispositions in KAWA SEA

(a) General

A diagrammatic sketch showing general dispositions of enemy in KAWA SEA area appears as Appx 'B'.

A detailed Order of Battle of enemy in this area with their dispositions appears as Appx 'A'.

(b) FD Arty

The enemy is known to have in the UNITY 13 area a complete FD Arty Bn of 12 x 75 mm guns.

In addition he is estimated to have his normal WE of bn guns in the area.

These would amount to 4 x 70 mm and 4 x 37 mm guns.

Our PT Boats have been fired on by 70mm and 75 mm guns from 4 points in the SE Coastal plain area and from 3 pts on the Western Coastal plain area.

As this accounts for 10 x 75 mm guns known to be on the island, it is considered that in the defence of the airfield only 2 x 75 guns, his 70 mm bn guns and 37 mm guns will be used plus any effective fire which he is able to bring to bear with his AA guns.

All known 75 mm gun positions in SE UNITY 13 are pinpointed on map as Appx 'C', showing area of fire of these guns.

(c) AA Guns

From aerial recon only 3 x AA guns can be pinpointed.

As this agrees with the number of guns reported on UNITY from other sources it is considered that this is the full total of these guns on UNITY.

The guns appear to be of 75 mm calibre and as such would have a vertical range of 30000 ft and a horizontal range of 15000 yds.

Owing to the siting of the guns and their flat trajectory, it does not appear possible for them to engage targets on the beaches in SE UNITY nor on any shipping standing off these beaches.

The guns are pinpointed on map at Appx 'C'.

(d) Beach Defences and enemy activity

From aerial recon and photos, no organized beach defences can be seen on the SE Coast, the enemy apparently having concentrated his forces in defence of the airfield and the Western beaches where fortified areas can be seen from the air.

(e) Artificial obstacles

There is no indication of artificial obstacles either off shore or on the beaches in the SE. However anti boat obstacles are numerous on the beaches off the West Coast.

(f) ALVS

There is no report or indication of tanks on UNITY IS but the enemy has 14 tanks on FAKI IS.

As forward movement from FAKI IS continually taking place there is the likelihood of some of these tanks being encountered on UNITY IS.

(g) L.T.

It is estimated that the enemy has available 50/60 L.T.s, the majority of which are engaged in the carrying of supplies from his main harbour on the West Coast to the airfield.

(h) Barges

No reliable estimate of barges can be made owing to the continual movement of these vessels, and consequent changes in locations, but it appears likely that a minimum of 150 barges are stationed at FAKI IS.

4 Enemy Supply Situation

The enemy is apparently well supplied on UNITY with large dumps, particularly in the airfield area, and large reserves at FAKI IS.

5 Possible Enemy Reactions to Landing(a) Movement of reinforcements

The enemy has at FAKI IS a Regtl Gp which could be moved forward immediately to reinforce UNITY leaving a Regtl Gp on FAKI as a garrison.

It is appreciated by higher formation that no further troops will be available to the enemy for the defence of FAKI until later in October when a further Regtl Gp is expected to be moved into the area.

The most reinforcements that can be expected into the UNITY IS area therefore would consist of one Regtl Gp until towards the end of October, when a further Regtl Gp could be expected.

The enemy has barges sufficient to move these tps forward and has the intention of holding UNITY as an airbase.

It is therefore appreciated that he will reinforce the UNITY IS area up to one regimental group until the end of October when further reinforcements would be available to him.

Owing to our naval and air superiority it is considered that these reinforcements would amount to no more than two coys per night, probably in two groups of one coy each.

As the enemy has been considering the use of counter landing units it is possible that some of these reinforcements may attempt to land on our beachhead in a harassing role.

(b) Movement of Reserves

Upon our landing on the SE Beaches the enemy who apparently has been expecting the landing on the more suitable Western beaches will have to decide whether the landing is diversionary or not.

This being so he will be unable to definitely decide on the object of the landing until further moves are made by our forces.

He will be unwilling to withdraw troops from his airfield defence or from his vulnerable Western beaches until he is sure of our intention.

By this time our forces should be in a position to attack his airfield area.

It is therefore considered that no large change in enemy dispositions will result for some time after our landing on D Day.

(c) Paratroops and airborne troops

It is appreciated by higher formation that there is no likelihood of paratroops or airborne troops being encountered owing to our local air superiority and the absence of any suitable troop carrying transports.

However limited quantities of supplies and limited numbers of troops could be landed at night if the airstrip on UNITY IS is left serviceable.

(d) Withdrawal

The Jap has intentions of establishing an air base at UNITY possibly as a springboard from which to attack TRINITY.

The island is small and leaves no room for a withdrawal to better positions on the island.

A withdrawal by sea would be costly and hazardous.

Therefore it is considered that the enemy will fight to the last.

6 Enemy Air

(a) A table showing dispositions and air strength is set out as Appx 'D'.

(b) The proportion of bombers to fighters in the enemy rear bases on NAKUL IS would lead to the conclusion that the striking force being built up in this area is offensive rather than defensive.

Enemy reaction to our landing can be expected.

(c) Allied Air Force appreciation is as follows:-

AIR APPRECIATION

(i) Enemy aircraft based at FAKI and NAKUL ISLANDS and the airfield at UNITY (not fully operational), constitute a threat to the landing. Total enemy strength as at 7 Oct was estimated to be 291 aircraft consisting mainly of fighters, light and medium bombers with a fair proportion of recon aircraft.

(ii) The main enemy air strength is NORTH of the KAWA SEA within a radius of 600 miles from NAKUL. Therefore reinforcements could be readily brought forward to replace losses prior to D Day.

(iii) FAKI ISLAND has sufficient aircraft to cause light opposition at an early hour on D Day. Relative distances favour the enemy and attacks may take place half an hour before the arrival of our fighters.

(iv) Should the element of surprise be lost before D Day heavy attacks from aircraft staging at UNITY must be expected prior to the arrival of fighter cover. Therefore the convoy will have to rely upon AA protection prior to 0630 hrs D Day.

(v) In view of our greatly superior air strength, even after providing sufficient fighter defence at TRINITY, no serious opposition may be anticipated to a landing, which will NOT take place prior to 0630 hrs D Day.

(vi) Night attacks on beachhead can be expected.

7 Naval Intelligence

Complete control of the sea exists within the reef which runs 10/15 miles off the East Coast of UNITY IS and the only enemy interference which might be expected will come from the intrusion of enemy light surface craft and submarines as from sunset on D Day onwards.

Heavier enemy naval interference is being held off by our covering forces.

8 Morale

The Japanese troops on UNITY and on FAKI IS are new troops to the area and are well equipped and supplied.

Their last action was in the PHILIPPINES, where they were successful and earned the praise of their emperor.

Therefore it must be assumed that morale is high and no breakdown can be expected.

PART II TOPOGRAPHY - UNITY IS

9 Terrain

(a) General

The island is of volcanic origin and irregular in shape, with its greatest length running NW and SE for a distance of 9 miles.

It is approx 4 miles wide at the widest part.

The hills rise sheer from the sea except in the SE corner of UNITY and on the West Coast.

On the West Coast is a flat coastal plain extending inland for about 2 miles for a distance of 3 miles along the coast.

On the SE Coast is a flat to undulating coastal strip extending inland for a distance of approx 1 mile at its greatest breadth in the South and tapering to 50 yds towards the North. (See map at Appx 'E').

In the interior is a flat plateau suitable for development as an airfield.

(b) Ground Condition

On both plains for approx 100 yds inland from the timber line the soil is loose and sandy and difficult going for 4 wheel drive vehicles. Other vehicles would bog.

It then firms a little and in dry conditions would take limited traffic. Constant heavy traffic would however, soon cut up the surface.

In wet weather vehicles would bog.

As the foothills are approached the soil is inclined to become gravelly and rock outcrops are encountered.

The hills are rocky, and soil gravelly.

(c) Swamps

There are no swamps as such although with much rain, water would lie in many places.

(d) Vegetation

On both coastal plains the vegetation is similar being for the most part stunted bush with fairly dense undergrowth which would hinder movement at first, but provide excellent overhead cover from view. These conditions apply to the vegetation bordering the beach.

As the foothills are approached the timber thins out and on the slopes present practically no obstacle to movement.

(e) Streams

There are no streams of any magnitude on the West Coast and the SE Coastal plain is divided by only two streams.

The Southernmost stream is of no importance being dry during the dry season and containing water only in the wet season.

The Northernmost stream (HARTIEYS CK) is a sluggish stream containing sluggish stagnant water, and presents no real obstacle to movement of troops, and could be crossed by tanks west of the bridge at 495010 (ref map EXERCISE "POSSUM" UNITY IS 1/63360).

(f) Roads

(i) A short road has been constructed from the Jap barge unloading point at 499996 (Ref map EXERCISE "POSSUM" UNITY IS 1/63360) North along the coast line to 465057 (Ref map EXERCISE "POSSUM" UNITY IS 1/63360) with possibly the intention of linking up with the airfield.

This road is an all weather road capable of taking the heaviest traffic but would require widening to take two streams of constant traffic.

(ii) A further road moves inland from the main road at 498003 (Ref map EXERCISE "POSSUM" UNITY IS 1/63360), and leads to the airstrip.

This road can be classed as no better than a bush track.

(g) Bridges

The streams are bridged with substantial bridges where crossed by the main North and South road, of the SE Coastal plain.

10 Coast Line and offshore conditions(a) Naval Report on Coast.

The charts of the areas are good, except that details of the present extent of reefs is not complete, so that care should be exercised when navigating in their vicinity. Generally speaking, all reefs, shoals etc have extended beyond the limits given on the charts.

Apart from the obstruction caused by reefs and shoals, the remainder of the coast line can be approached to an average distance of 5000 yds by ships of up to 25 feet draught.

No harbours or shelters for small craft exist on the SE Coast but shelter can be obtained on the West Coast.

There are sufficient features as represented by the hills inland and off shore islands to make an approach by night feasible.

Two tides occur daily and the predictions are as given in Appx 'F'.

(b) Beach Report

A description of the beaches appears as Appx 'G' and on map a t Appx 'C'

11 Meteorological Information (Oct - Nov 44)(a) Winds

In the main light airs will prevail from 2200 to 1000 daily. For the remainder of the day the SE wind rises to a strength of approx 20 knots in the late afternoon and dies away again.

Variations to this will occur before and after rain and may cause long periods of calm, culminating in SW to E winds rising in strength to 40 knots.

(b) Surf and Sea

With the SE wind a short surf up to 3 feet in height can be expected accompanied by a confused sea.

Otherwise sea and surf will be slight.

(c) Current

For the full length of the East coast a northerly set of current is experienced, which varies between $\frac{1}{2}$ knot and $1\frac{1}{2}$ knots.

The ebbing tide diminishes its effect and the flood and prevailing wind produce its maximum effects.

(d) Rainfall

Up to 10 days rain per month occurring in spells of 2 to 3 days is to be expected.

(e) Visibility

Good to excellent.

(f) Cloud

Sky 5/10 covered with cumulus cloud is to be expected.

12 Water Supply

The water supply on the SE coastal plain is practically negligible as the streams are brackish and would require distilling before drinking.

Water exists in the vicinity of the Jap airfield and on the West Coast.

Local inhabitants state that reasonably good water can be obtained by boring to a depth of 80 feet.

13 Population

Pre war the population of the islands (termed UNITIANS) amounted to approx 1000 people.

The majority of these natives who are of MICRONESIAN type are pro Japanese and therefore no co-operation can be expected from them, and even hostility may be encountered.

14 Medical Problems

All the usual tropical diseases are common, and malaria and blackwater are prevalent particularly on the coastal plains.

Isolated cases of cholera have occurred, but the disease in epidemic form has not been reported.

15 Local Resources

Local inhabitants state that material for bridging and building is scarce owing to the unsuitability of local timber.

16 Astronomical Data

This is set out at Appx 'F'.

17 Table of Distances and Times by Sea

This is set out at Appx 'H'.

ACKNOWLEDGE

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DISTRIBUTION

	<u>Copy No :</u>
18 Aust Inf Bde	1 - 5
21 Aust Inf Bde	6 - 10
25 Aust Inf Bde	11 - 15
2/7 Aust Cav (Commando) Regt	16
2/9 Aust Armd Regt	17
RAA 7 Aust Div	18
RAE 7 Aust Div	19
Sigs 7 Aust Div Sigs	20
2/1 Aust MG Bn	21
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	22
1 Aust Combined Ops Sec	23 - 24
1 Aust Beach Gp	25
1 Aust Mil Landing Gp	26
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DETAILED ORDER OF BATTLE
 (as at 7 October 1944)

UNITY IS

Area of UNITY AIRSTRIP

2 Guns from 100 Pd Arty Regt	30
1 Airfield Bn	500
2 AA Unit	170
Base and L of C	180
	<u>980</u>

Area of West COASTAL PLAIN

501 Inf Regt (less 5 Bn)	1050
1 Bn 100 Pd Arty Regt (less one Bty and two guns)	260
Base and L of C	350
	<u>1660</u>

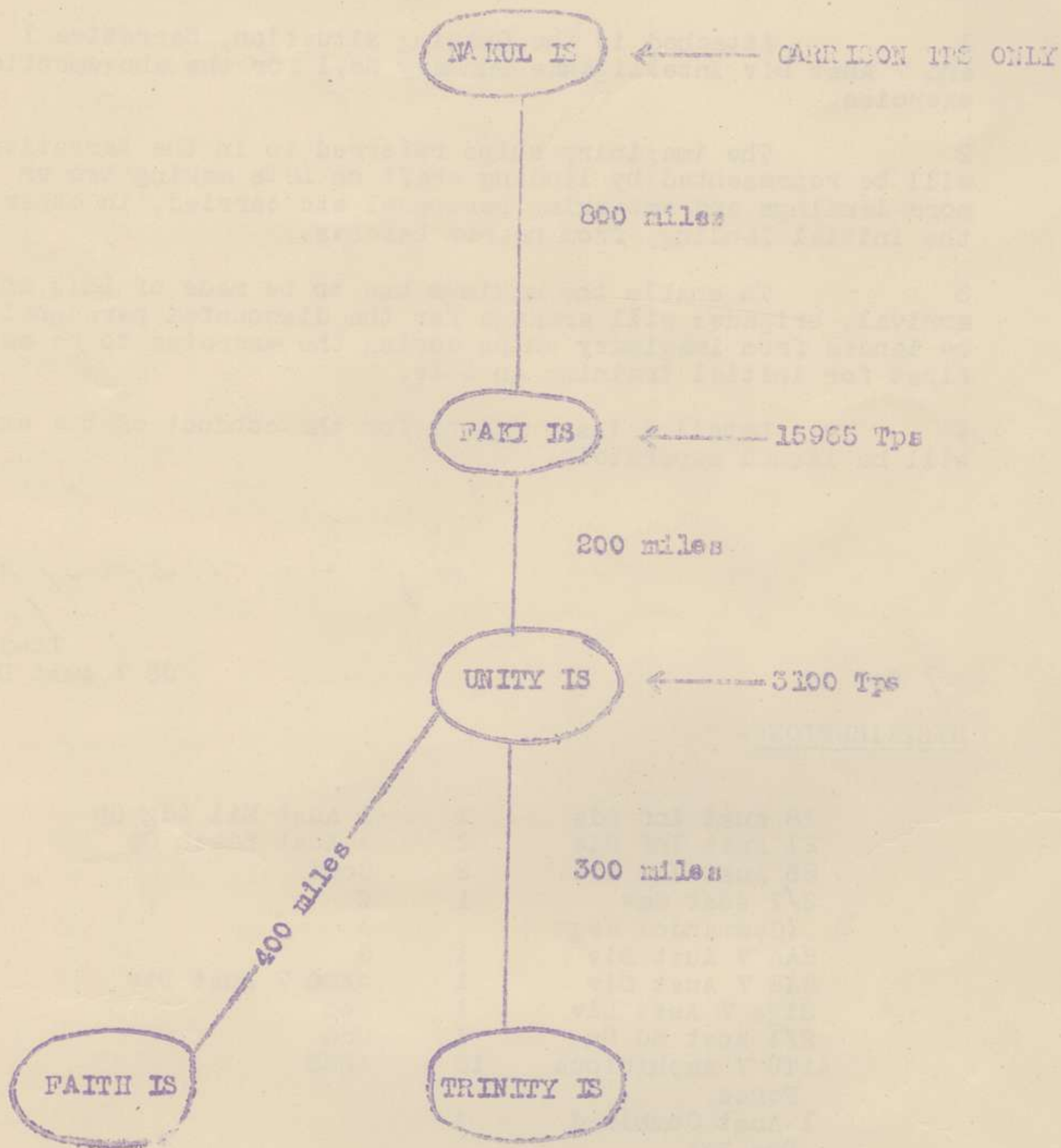
Area of SE COASTAL PLAIN

One Bty 1 Bn 100 Pd Arty Regt	150
5 Coy 500 Inf Regt	110
L of C	210
	<u>470</u>

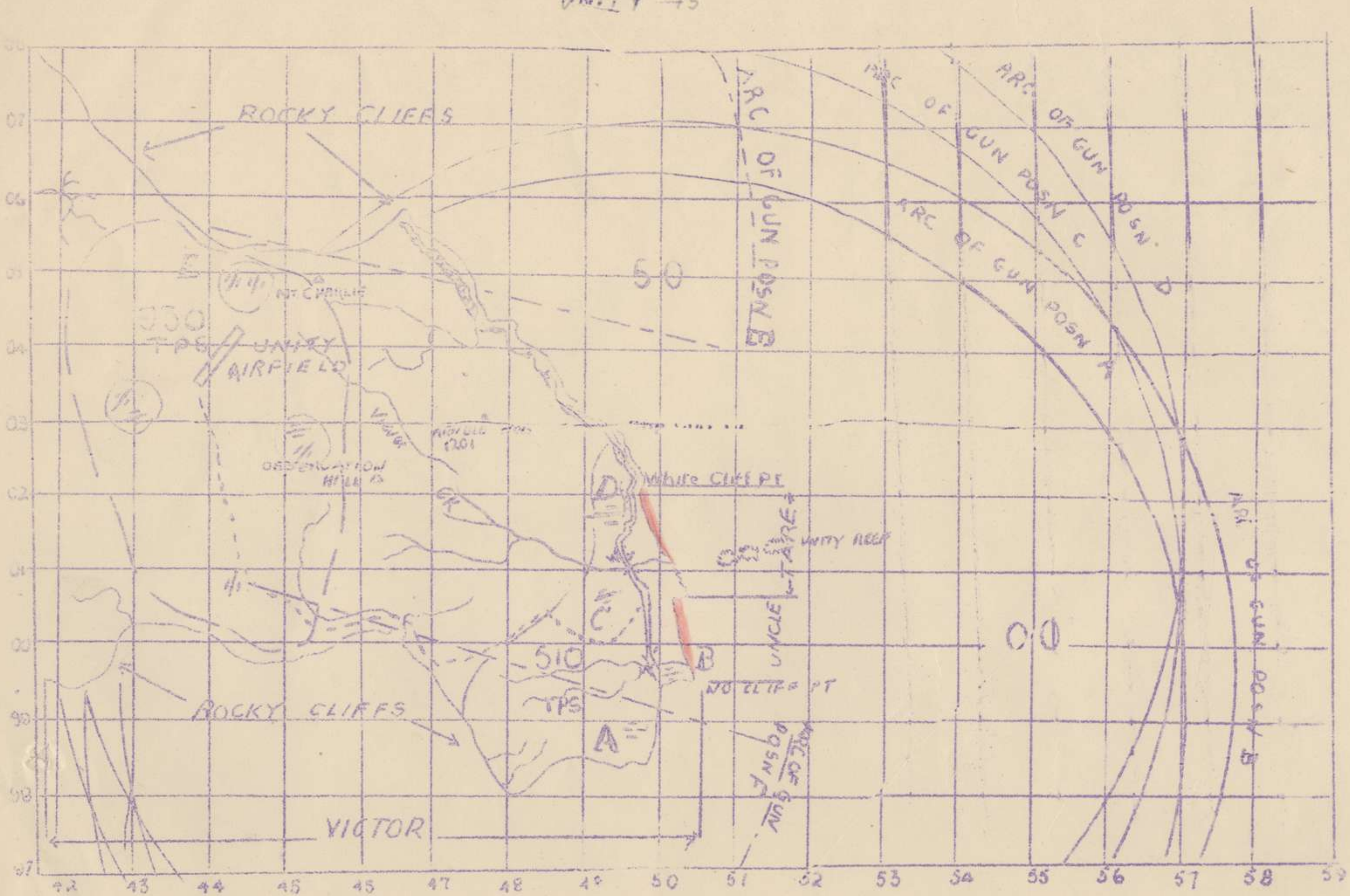
PART IS

100 Div Hq	500	
500 Inf Regt	3900	(incl 2 TANK COY with 14 lt tanks)
502 Inf Regt	2700	
2 Bn 100 Pd Arty Regt	500	
2 Airfield Bn	500	
3 Airfield Bn	500	
3,4,5 AA Units	510	
Misc, Base and L of C Units	7055	
	<u>15965</u>	

DIAGRAMMATIC SKETCH OF KAWA SEA AREA



EXERCISE "POSSUM"
 UNITY 45



ARTY			
AREA	32mm	75mm	AA
SE COAST PLAIN	9	4	
UNITY AIRFIELD		2	0
W COAST PLAIN	2	0	
TOTAL	6	12	0

TROOPS				
AREA	SE COAST PLAIN	UNITY AIRFIELD	W COAST PLAIN	TOTAL
INF	150	-	1050	1200
POWRS	150	80	260	490
ENGNS	-	300	-	300
AA	-	170	-	170
TPS	210	180	550	940
TOTAL	510	630	1660	2800

LEGEND

- ARC OF FIRE 75mm
- GUNS AIRFIELD AREA
- ARC OF FIRE 75mm
- GUNS IN COAST PLAIN
- AA POSNS
- BEACH

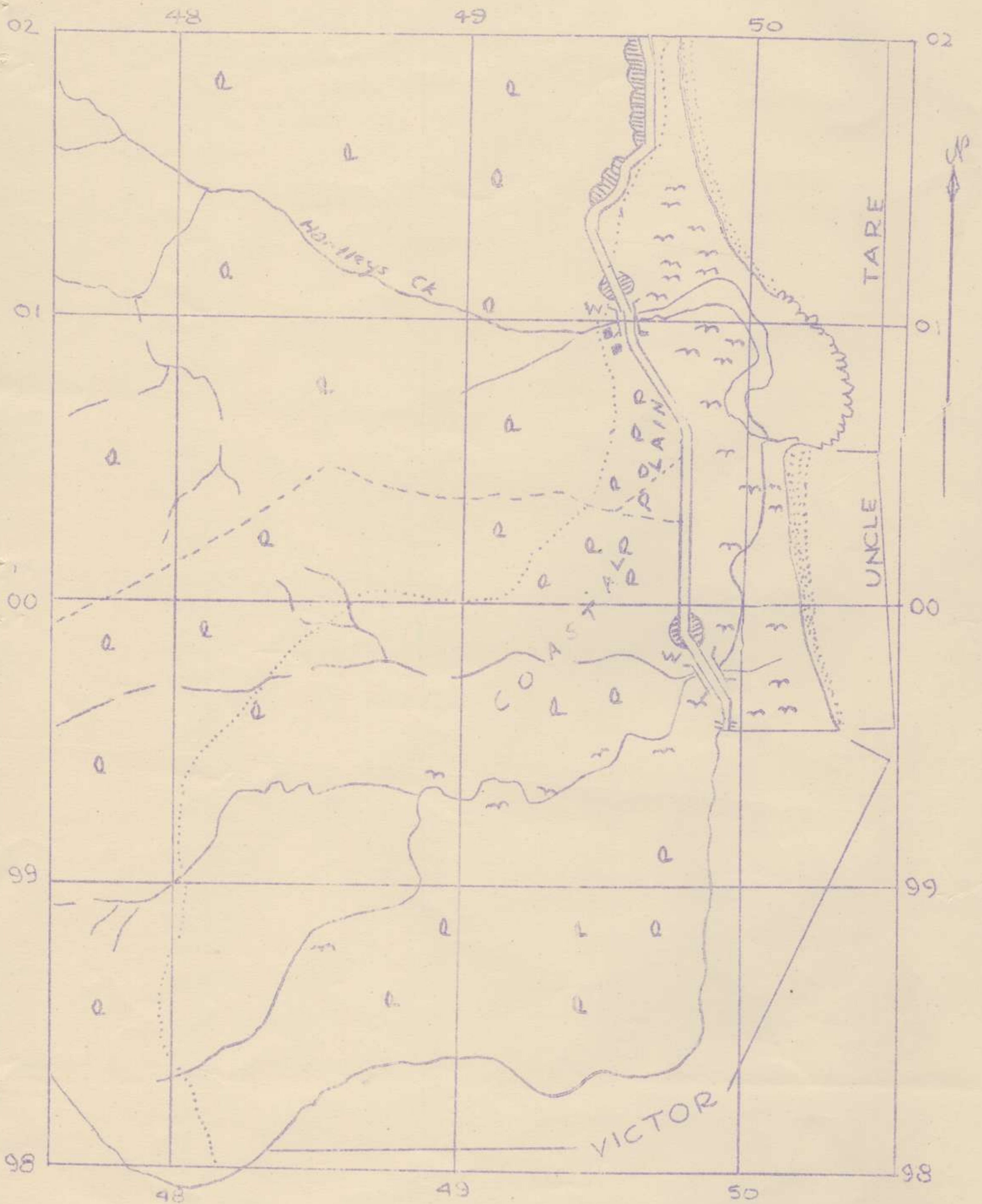
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ENEMY AIR STRENGTH

Areas	F	2 ET	L/B M/B	T/B D/B	F/B	F/P	Obsn	7 Oct
UNITY IS	10					3	4	17
FAKI	20	4	6	3		6	6	45
NAKUL	90	9	100			10	20	229
	120	13	106	3		19	30	291

S.E. UNITY IS.

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LEGEND	
Undergrowth	r r r
Timbered	a a a
Beach
Foothills
Reef	~~~~~

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ASTRONOMICAL DATA

1944 OCT	MOON		T I D E							
	RISE	SET	HIGH WATER				LOW WATER			
			Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
Mon 9	0018	1150	0435	4'3"	1721	6'8"	1023	2'5"	-	-
Tues 10	0112	1242	0550	4'9"	1909	7'3"	0011	2'3"	1130	2'1"
Wed 11	0158	1333	0633	5'4"	1845	7'5"	0043	1'8"	1219	1'7"
Thur 12	0240	1424	0705	5'8"	1915	7'6"	0118	1'5"	1255	1'5"
Fri 13	0324	1512	0730	6'1"	1939	7'5"	0145	1'4"	1327	1'5"
Sat 14	0402	1600	0755	6'3"	1959	7'4"	0206	1'3"	1351	1'6"
Sun 15	0439	1646	0815	6'4"	2015	7'1"	0225	1'4"	1414	1'7"
Mon 16	0515	1734	0834	6'5"	2031	6'9"	0236	1'4"	1430	1'9"
Tues 17	0549	1820	0852	6'7"	2047	6'6"	0246	1'5"	1445	2'1"
Wed 18	0629	1909	0915	6'6"	2104	6'4"	0256	1'5"	1504	2'4"
Thur 19	0707	1959	0941	6'5"	2124	6'1"	0310	1'4"	1525	2'6"
Fri 20	0738	2049	1015	6'5"	2145	5'7"	0330	1'4"	1555	3'0"
Sat 21	0832	2142	1100	5'2"	2209	5'1"	0357	1'6"	1636	3'5"
Sun 22	0919	2238	1207	5'0"	2243	4'5"	0432	1'9"	1750	4'1"
Mon 23	1011	2332	-	-	1354	5'9"	0525	2'3"	2238	3'9"
Tues 24	1106	-	0111	4'0"	1543	6'3"	0715	2'7"	2319	3'1"
Wed 25	1203	0027	0355	4'2"	1650	7'0"	0950	2'5"	2350	2'4"
Thur 26	1304	0119	0509	5'0"	1739	7'6"	1106	2'0"	-	-
Fri 27	1404	0211	0559	5'9"	1820	8'1"	0023	1'7"	1157	1'4"
Sat 28	1504	0259	0641	5'7"	1859	8'4"	0055	1'0"	1244	0'9"

PHASES OF THE MOON

Last quarter - Monday 9 October
 New Moon - Tuesday 17 October
 First Quarter - Wednesday 26 October

 Spring tides - Saturday 14 October
 Neap tides - Sunday 22 October

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EXTRACTS FROM BEACH REPORTS

(Reference Map : McALISTER RANGE 1" = 1 mile)

SECTOR (REFERENCE POINTS)	DESCRIPTION FROM RIGHT TO LEFT, LOOKING FROM SEAWARD	NAVAL COMMENTS	EXITS AND REMARKS
<p><u>NAME</u> Being from South end of WHITE CLIFF PT (497024) to South end of un-named PT (502006), incl UNITY REEF Total length - 1550^x (Ref map EXERCISE "POSSUM" UNITY IS 1/63360)</p>	<p>(a) 1150^x of white sand badly obstructed with flat rocky ledges and boulders around low water mark. 20-30^x of soft sand above HW mark. 10-20^x of firm sand between HW and LW marks. Gradient - above HW mark, about 1 in 10; between HW and LW marks about 1 in 15.</p> <p>(b) 400^x of white sand covering a coral formation which leads out to UNITY REEF. The approach to this part of the sector is fouled by the REEF. Gradients as at (a).</p> <p>(c) UNITY REEF - A coral and sand formation running about 1500^x off shore to the ENE with less than 3 feet of water over it in parts at LW. At LW Springs parts of it show.</p>	<p>(a) LC can use parts of the beach after a careful survey has been made to locate positions of the ob- structions in shallow water, craft should beach with no water gap at HW, and with 10-20 yards water gap below half tide, with greatest depth of 16" at the ramp. Suitable for amphibians.</p> <p>(b) Unsuitable for LC</p> <p>(c) LC should NOT approach within the charted limits of the REEF until a careful survey of it has been made.</p>	

Ref Map : EXERCISE "POSSUM" UNITY IS 1/63360

SECTOR (REFERENCE POINTS)	DESCRIPTION FROM RIGHT TO LEFT, LOOKING FROM SEAWARD	NAVAL COMMENTS	EXITS AND REMARKS
<p><u>UNCLE</u> Being from South end of un-named point (502006) to NO CLIFF PT (504996) Total Length - 1000^x</p>	<p>1000^x of white sand beach. The approaches are clear. There appears to be a false beach 5-10^x off shore at LW. Approaches to the beach are un-obstructed, except for UNITY REEF, (in TARE sector), which lies to the Northward. 20-30 yards of soft sand above HW mark. 10-20 yards of firm sand between HW and LW marks. Gradients - Above HW mark, about 1 in 6; Between HW and LW marks, about 1 in 15.</p>	<p>Suitable for LC. Craft should beach with dry ramps at HW. At other states of tide water-gap up to 20^x may be expected with greatest depth at ramp of 18 inches.</p>	
<p><u>VICTOR</u> Being from NO CLIFF PT (504996) to un-named PT (479982). Total Length - 2700^x</p>	<p>2700^x of rough coral cliffs from 5-15 ft high.</p>	<p>Unsuitable for LC and amphibians.</p>	

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INTELLIGENCE STANDING ORDERSEXERCISE "POSSUM"*130900K
Not Registered*1. Units to which these orders apply

These Intelligence Standing Orders apply to all units under command of 21 Aust Inf Bde and any other unit which may be placed under command from time to time.

2. SITREPS

SITREPS will be submitted to 21 Aust Inf Bde HQ by "IMMEDIATE" signal to reach there by 0700 hrs and 1900 hrs daily.

3. TOPOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Topographical information will be submitted on overlays to enlargement "SE UNITY IS 4 ins to 1 mile".

4. SCALE OF TRACES ETC

All normal traces, overlays, sketches will be of scale 4 ins to 1 mile. For special cases where this scale is too small 8 ins to 1 mile will be used.

5. LOCATION STATEMENTS

Units will immediately notify Bde HQ of any change in location of any unit or part of unit of, or more than, one infantry coy or equivalent sub-unit.

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21 AUST INF BDE OPERATION ORDER No 1.

Ref Map : MACALISTER RANGE 1 inch to 1 mile
SE UNITY IS
sketches and Traces attached

INFORMATION

1. Enemy - See 7 Aust Div Intelligence summary No 1 already issued.
2. Own Tps
 - (a) 6 Aust Div and 9 Aust Div are re-organising in the southern part of TRINITY IS, based on TOWNISHI.
 - (b) 7 Aust Div less 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp are in the TABLELANDS area, preparing to move to CAIRNOSA.
 - (c) Order of Battle 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp is attached as Appendix "A".
 - (d) 1 Aust Beach Gp is in support of 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
3. AIR
 - (a) Air cover for convoys is being provided up to and including "D" Day.
 - (b) Aircraft available to 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be :-
 - (i) Close Support
 - Six Sqs BOSTONS - based on TRINITY IS.
 - Three Sqs MITCHELLS - based on FAITH IS.
 - Three Sqs BEAUFIGHTERS - Based on FAITH IS.
 - (ii) Tac R
 - 5 Tac R Sqn - based on TRINITY IS.
4. NAVY

The following ships are supporting the landing :-

 - (a) Fire Support Gp one - 2 CLs 2 DDs
 - (b) Fire Support Gp two - 4 DDs
 - (c) Fire Support Gp three - 4 DDs
 - (d) Fire Support Gp four - 2 CLs 2 DDs
5. Shipping Available - See Appendix "B" attached.

INTENTION

6. 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp will land on UNCLE GREEN and UNCLE RED Beaches and secure a beachhead and covering position through which 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp can be passed later.

METHOD

7. D Day - 22 Oct 44
8. H Hour - 0800 hrs
9. Distribution of Force to Ships - Issued separately
10. Brigade Landing Table - Issued separately
11. Composition of Battalion Groups - See Appendix "C"
12. The operation will be carried out in four phases.

/ PHASE I ...

PHASE I

Assault Landing

13. Fwd Tps

- (a) Right - 2/14 Aust Inf Bn plus attached troops.
- (b) Left - 2/16 Aust Inf Bn plus attached troops.

14. Task

Land on UNCLE Beach and secure the area bounded by GREEN line shown on trace attached as Appendix "D"

15. Beaches

- (a) 2/14 Aust Inf Bn - UNCLE GREEN
 - (b) 2/16 Aust Inf Bn - UNCLE RED
-) See Appendix "D".

16. Inter Battalion Boundary - See Appendix "D".

17. Special Tasks

- (a) 2/14 Aust Inf Bn - (1) Secure crossing over HARTLEY'S CREEK 496010
- (b) 2/16 Aust Inf Bn - (1) Destroy 75mm gun located at 492006.
- (1) Destroy 75mm guns located at 501995, and 497987, as soon as possible.

18. Intercommunication - See 21 Aust Inf Bde Signal Instruction No 1 attached.

PHASE II

19. Tps - Right

2/14 Aust Inf Bn plus attached troops.

Tasks

- (a) As soon as GREEN line is secured, move North and occupy the area Coast 499013 to incl cutting at 496012, with patrols North along Main Coast road and west along HARTLEY'S CREEK (See BLUE line Appendix "E").
- (b) Be prepared to advance North.

20. Tps - Left

2/16 Aust Inf Bn plus attached troops.

Tasks

- (a) Remain in locality defence securing the area bounded by BLUE line on Appendix "E", with patrols on track at 494003 and West and SW.
- (b) Be prepared to - (1) Move West and SW to destroy any enemy in that area; or (11) move North to support 2/14 Aust Inf

21. On completion Phase II, battalions will be disposed as shown on Trace attached as Appendix "E".

PHASE III

Landing of Reserve Bn

22. Tps

- 2/27 Aust Inf Bn plus attached troops.

23. Tasks

- (a) Land on UNCLE RED Beach at H 110 unless orders to the contrary are received from HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) Pass through 2/16 Aust Inf Bn and secure feature 485005.

24. On completion of Phase III, battalions will be disposed as shown by the RED Lines on Trace attached as Appendix "F".

PHASE IV

Enlargement and Consolidation of Covering Position

25. Fwd Tps - 2/14 Aust Inf Bn plus attached troops
2/27 Aust Inf Bn plus attached troops

26. Tasks

- (a) 2/14 Aust Inf Bn - advance via main North road and occupy positions astride road from 491031 to 487028, with patrols on to ARNOLD'S KNOB.
(b) 2/27 Aust Inf Bn - occupy the area from incl track at 485005 to incl crossing over HARTLEY'S CREEK 496010 and patrol NW along VEIVER CREEK.

27. Reserve - 2/16 Aust Inf Bn - remain in reserve and be prepared to move North to assist 2/14 Aust Inf Bn or NW to 2/27 Aust Inf Bn.

28. On completion of PHASE IV battalions will be occupying the areas included by YELLOW Lines on the Trace attached as Appendix "G".

NAVAL SUPPORT FOR LANDING

29. Navy is bombarding beaches and located 75mm gun positions from H - 60 on D Day until H - 15 mins.

30. Thence at call

31. SFCPs allotted to assault battalions will control Naval gunfire support after landing.

32. Naval Bombardment programme is attached as Appendix "H".

AIR SUPPORT

33. Tac R

- (a) A Flt 5 Tac R Sqn available as follows :-
(i) H to H+120 - Tac R and arty R.
(ii) H+6 hrs onwards - Further sorties as required.
(b) Requests for Tac R and Arty R will be forwarded through Bde HQ.
(c) 13 Air Liaison Party will be attached to Bde HQ.

34. Bombing and Strafing

- (a) Bombing and strafing of beaches and located gun positions from H-15 to H-1.
(b) Bombing and strafing of areas West of road incl from H-3 to H+2.

35. Air Support Programme is attached as Appendix "J".

ARMD SQN

36. One Tp C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt is allotted under command each assault battalion.

ARTILLERY

37. Fd Arty - One Bty 2/5 Aust Fd Regt in support each battalion. FOOs with each battalion.

38. Tk A - (a) One Tp under command each battalion.
(b) 7 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt less three tps, defence of Beach to seawards. These guns will be incorporated in the Beachhead Defence Plan issued separately.

39. AA - (a) HQ and one tp 2/14 Aust HAA Bty and one tp 2/15 Aust HAA Bty will be responsible for AA defence of the Beachhead area.
(b) These guns are incorporated in the Beachhead Area Defence Plan issued separately, with a secondary role of firing on seaborne targets.
(c) Tp 84 Aust Mob SL Bty will be under command OC 2/14 Aust HAA Bty after landing.

SFCPs

40. - One SFCP is allotted under command each 2/14 Aust Inf Bn and 2/16 Aust Inf Bn.

CAVALRY

41. (a) 2/5 Aust Commando Sqn will land as soon as possible after the Reserve Bn, and move to area at road and track junction 498005.
(b) Probable Tasks - (i) Patrol Main Coast Rd forward of 2/14 Aust Inf Bn position.
(ii) Patrol to OBSERVATION HILL and UNITY airfield.
(iii) Special Tasks as ordered on landing.

ENGINEERS

42. (a) One section 2/8 Aust Fd Coy is allotted under command, each assault battalion.
(b) Role - clearance of beach mines and obstacles.
43. ~~2/6 Aust Fd Coy less one pl. and two sections will come~~
under command 1 Aust Beach Gp on landing.
44. One Pl in ^{by units} reserve under direct command HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde on landing. Move to road and track junction 498003 on landing.

MGs

45. B Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn will come into Bde Reserve on landing. Move to map ref 498008.
- Probable Role - Beach defence, either on beaches on which landings took place or beaches in TARE sector.

AIM

46. See 21 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr No 1.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

47. See 21 Aust Inf Bde Signal Instr No 1.

Communications at Embarkation Areas

Telephone communications will be provided at Embarkation Areas for use during embarkation by A Corps Sigs (See Embarkation Instr).

Communications during voyage

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

Location of HQ

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde will be located as follows :-

During Embarkation - TRINITY CAMP 637835

Afloat - HMS "GLENEARN"

Ashore - (i) Immediately on landing, Bde HQ will be established at 498003.

(ii) After Bde communications established,
Bde HQ at road and track junction
497003.

51. Despatch Boat Routine

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

52. Air Support Control

- (a) Air Support Control Communications are to be in accordance with 7 Aust Div GS Instr No 20.
- (b) 13 ALP will be attached to HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde and are to be responsible for communications to Support Aircraft Control Party.

53. Tac R

Tac R Reports will be broadcast on 2890 KCs during recess.

54. Air Raid Warning

Three consecutive shots by one nominated 40mm Bofors.

55. Codes and Ciphers

A pre-arranged message code issued separately will be used during the assault.
On establishment of Bde HQ ashore, normal codes and ciphers will be used.

56. Landing Craft Recognition Signals

In accordance with Naval OO No 10 - 22

57. Synchronization of Watches

Watches will be synchronized to ship's KING zone time, one hour before launching of Assault Company.

58. Liaison Officers

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

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2/16 Aust Inf Bn	3 - 4	3 - 4	3 - 4
2/2 Aust Inf Bn	5 - 6	5 - 6	5 - 6
C Sqr 2/9 Aust Armd Regt	7	7	7
2/5 Aust Commando Sqn	8	8	8
2/6 Aust Fd Regt	9 - 11	9 - 11	9 - 11
Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt	12	12	12
HQ & Tp 2/14 H AA Bty	13	13	13
Tp 2/15 Aust AA Bty	14	14	14
Tp 64 Aust Mob SL Bty	15	15	15
No.1 Aust SFCP	16	16	16
No.2 Aust SFCP	17	17	17
2/6 Aust Fd Coy	18	18	18
7 Aust Div Sigs	19	19	19 - 21
21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	20	20	22 - 24
B Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn	21	21	
7 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	22	22	
2/7 Aust Sup Dep Pl	23	23	
2/8 Aust Sup Depot Pl	24	24	
2/9 Aust Gen Tpt Pl	25	25	
2/6 Aust Fd Amb	26	26	
2/124 Aust Bde Wksp	27	27	
2/59 Aust IAD	28	28	
3 & 4 Sec 7 Aust Div		29	
Pre Coy	29	30 - 39	25 - 30
1 Aust Beach Gp	30 - 35	39 - 58	31 - 50
ATU 7 Amphibious Force	36 - 55	59	51 - 52
HMS "GLENEARN"	56	60	52
HMS "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD"	57	61 - 62	53 - 54
Lt-Col HAWARD RM	58 - 59	63 - 65	55 - 57
1 Aust Combined Ops Sec	60 - 62	66	58
41 Aust Ldg Craft Coy	63	67 - 88	59 - 78
Trg HQ 7 Aust Div	64 - 83	87	79
1 Aust Mil Ldg Gp	84	89	80
Comd	85	90	81
BM	86	91	82
SC	87	92	83
IO	88	93 - 94	84
TO	89	95 - 96	85 - 86
MIC	90 - 91	97 - 112	87 - 93
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War Diary	94 - 110		101 - 111
Spares	111 - 121		

ORDER OF BATTLE

21 AUST INF BDE GP

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
Dep 2/42 Aust Cipher Sec
7 Fl 'B' Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
2/59 Aust IAD
Two Secs 7 Aust Div Pro Coy
2/5 Aust Commando Sqn
Two Tps 'C' Sqn 2/9 Aust Armcd Regt
2/5 Aust Fd Regt
2/5 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec
2/52 Aust IAD
7 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt
Det 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt Sig Sec
Det 2/54 Aust IAD
HQ and one Tp 2/14 H AA Bty 2/13 Comp AA Regt
One Tp 2/15 L AA Bty 2/13 Comp AA Regt
Tp 84 Aust Mob SL Bty
No.1 SFCP
No.2 SFCP
2/6 Aust Fd Coy
Det 2 Aust Engr Sig Sec
Det Mch Eqpt Pl 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy
Det 7 Aust Div Sigs
2/14 Aust Inf Bn
2/16 Aust Inf Bn
2/27 Aust Inf Bn
'B' Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn
2/7 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/8 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/8 Aust Gen Tpt Pl
2/6 Aust Fd Amb
2/124 Aust Bde Wkspa

1 Aust Beach Gp

SHIPPING AVAILABLE
TO
21 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP

TYPE OF SHIP	NAME OR NO	DESIGNATING COLOUR	CRAFT AVAILABLE	REMARKS
LSI	HMS "GLENEARN"	GREEN	22 LCA 3 LCM(3)	LCAs carry a maximum of 30 troops
LSI	HMS "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD"	RED	12 LCA 1 LCM(3)	" "
LSI	HMS "EXE"	BLUE	22 LCA 3 LCM(s)	Represented by craft of "GLENEARN" reloading at a staging point
LSI	HMS "WYE"	YELLOW	12 LCA 1 LCM(3)	Represented by craft of "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" reloading at a staging point
LST	743			Represented by LST 743 reloading at a staging point Represented by LST 562 reloading at a staging point
LST	562			
LST	1001			
LST	1002			
LCI	Op No 1			Second trip - reloaded at a staging point " " " " " "
LCI	Op No 2			
LCI	Op No 3			
LCI	Op No 4			
LCI	Op No 1			
LCI	Op No 2			
LCI	Op No 3			
LCI	Op No 4			
AIC 40				Second trip - reloaded at a staging point " "
AIC 40				
AIC 40				
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COMPOSITION OF BATTALION GROUPS

2/14 Aust Inf Bn Gp

2/14 Aust Inf Bn - with under comd

Tp 'C' Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm'd Regt
Tp 7 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt
No.1 SFCP
Sec 2/6 Aust Fd
Det 21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
Lt Sec 2/6 Aust Fd Amb

In support - One Bty 2/6 Aust Fd Regt

2/16 Aust Inf Bn Gp

2/16 Aust Inf Bn - with under comd

Tp 'C' Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm'd Regt
Tp 7 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt
No.2 SFCP
Sec 2/6 Aust Fd Coy
Det 21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
Lt Sec 2/6 Aust Fd Amb

In support - One Bty 2/6 Aust Fd Regt

2/27 Aust Inf Bn Gp

2/27 Aust Inf Bn - with under comd

Tp 7 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt
Det 21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
Lt Sec 2/6 Aust Fd Amb

In support - One Bty 2/6 Aust Fd Regt

2/16 Bn

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APPX "D"
PHASE 1

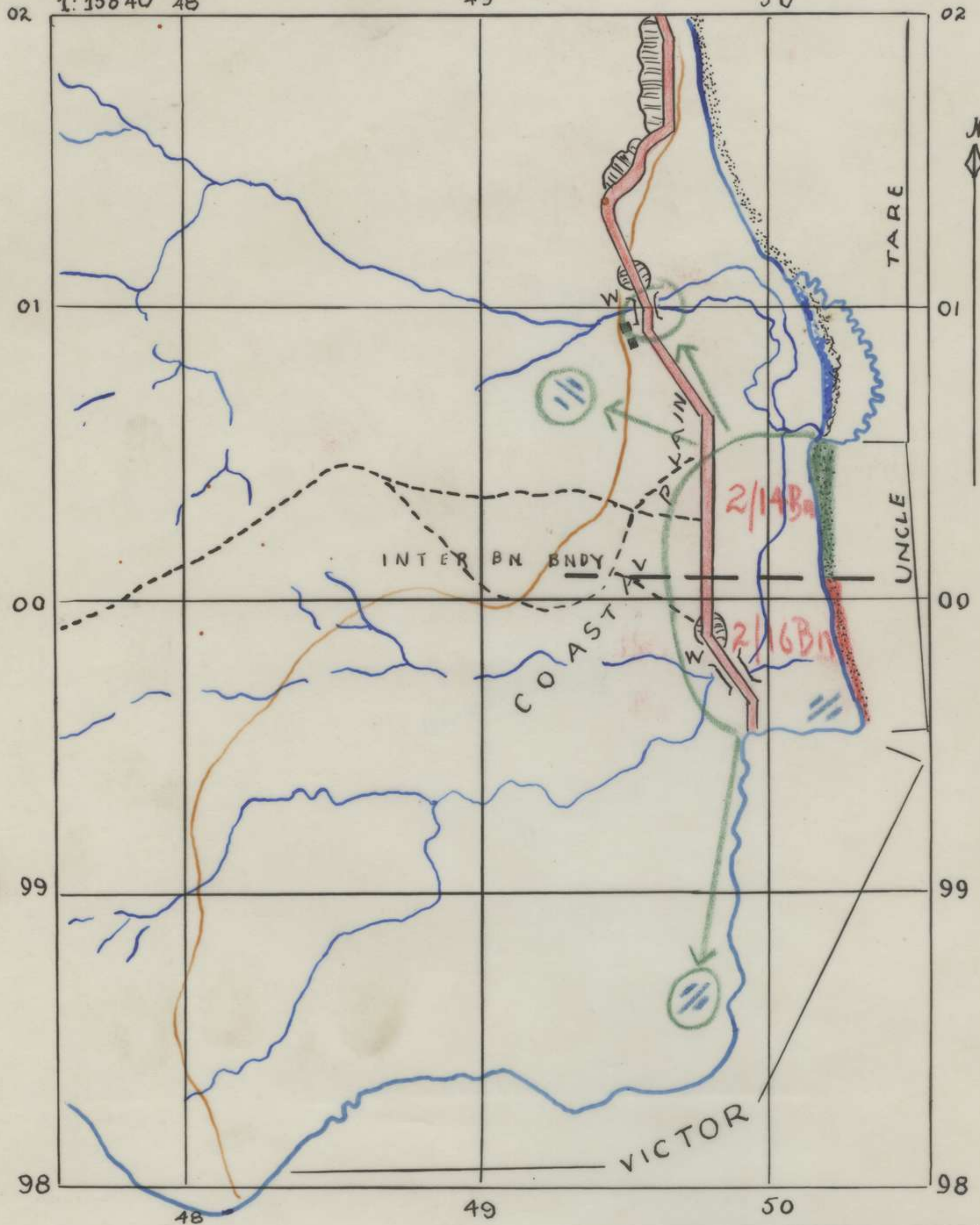
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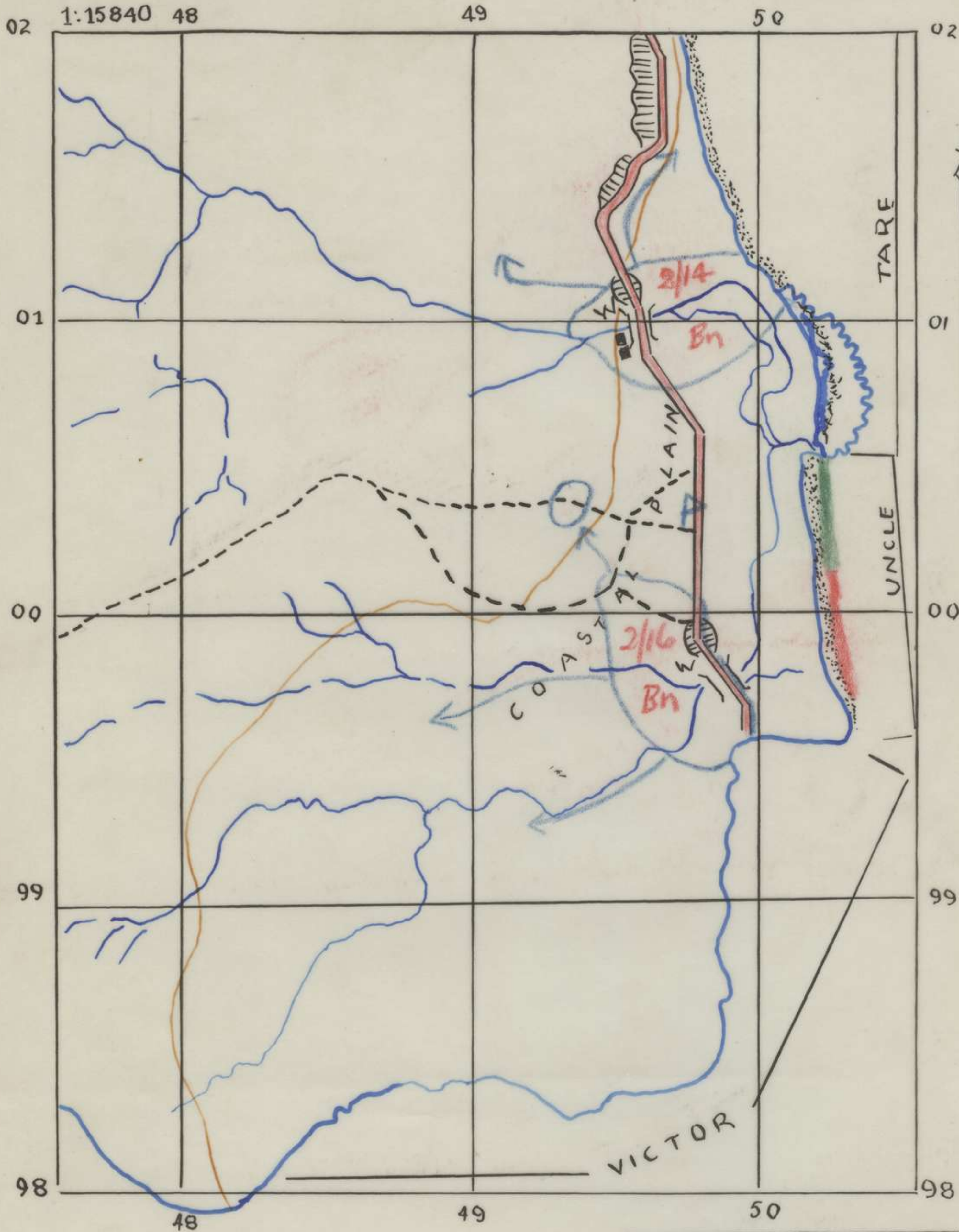
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Phase II

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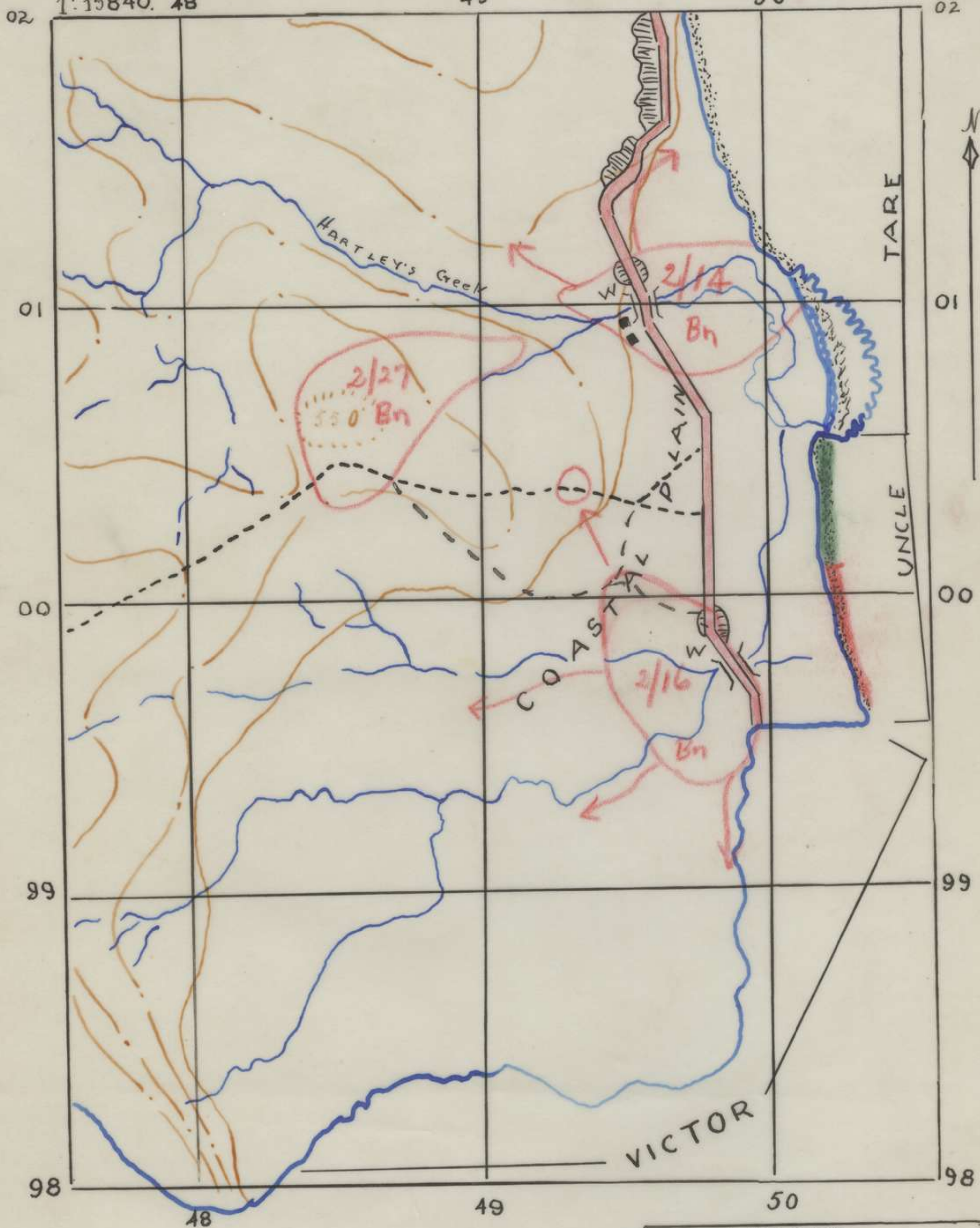
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Phase III
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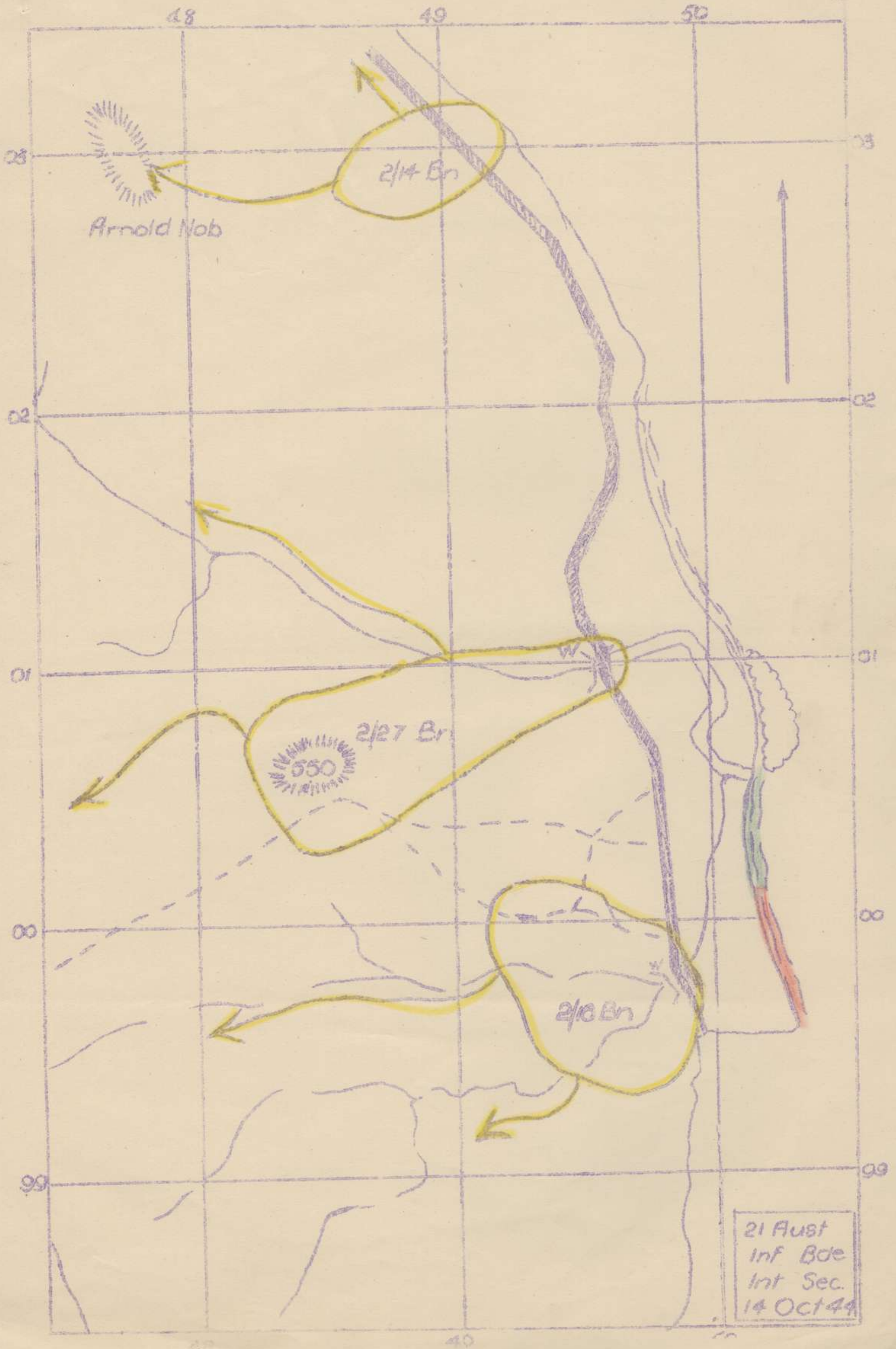
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Beach	
Foothills	
Reef	

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Phase IV



NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT

1.	Fire Support Group One	2 CLs	2 DDs
2.	Fire Support Group Two	4 DDs	
3.	Fire Support Group Three	4 DDs	
4.	Fire Support Group Four	2 CLs	2 DDs

1. Fire Support Groups take station in assigned areas by H minus ninety (90) minutes, D-day.
2. From H minus sixty (60) minutes to H minus thirty (30) minutes, conduct counter battery fire on following known gun positions :-

FSG 1 - Gun A	} Ref 7 Aust Div Int Summary No 1
FSG 2 - Gun B	
FSG 3 - Gun C	
FSG 4 - Gun D	
3. From H minus thirty (30) minutes to H minus fifteen (15) minutes conduct intense neutralization fire on the area extending five hundred yards inland from UNCLE BEACH.
4. After H minus fifteen (15) minutes be prepared to furnish fire on call.
5. Fire on targets of opportunity as they appear prior to H minus fifteen (15) minutes.
6. CLs use plane spot.
7. Ammunition expended will be limited to fifty percent of HE on board.
8. DDs assigned FSG 1 and 4 furnish anti-submarine screen for cruisers.

PREARRANGED AIR SP PROGRAMME

Serial	No of A/C	Type	Time	Target	Role	Remarks
1	4 Sqns	BOSTONS	H - 15 to H - 3	Gun posns A,B,C,D.	Bomb and strafe	
			H - 3 to H + 2	Area of road and west, from br 496010 to coast 499994		No bombing or strafing East of road after H - 1
2	3 Sqns	MITCHELLS	H - 15 to H - 3	UNCLE GREEN and UNCLE RED beaches	Bomb and strafe	A proportion to retain bombs for Task II
			H - 3 to H + 2	Area of road and west, from br 496010 to coast 499994		No bombing or strafing East of road after H - 1
3	3 Sqns	BEAUFIGHTERS	H - 4 to H - 1	UNCLE GREEN and UNCLE RED beaches	Strafe	
			H - 1 to H + 5		Feint strafing	A/C to make feint attacks on beaches and road.
4	2 Sqns	BOSTONS	H - 15 to H + 100	As directed	Close support	At air alert with one flight available for smoke laying if req- uired

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21 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTR No.5(Issued in conjunction with 21 Aust Inf Bde OO No.1)

Ref Map: MACALISTER RANGE 1 in to 1 mile
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1. WATER

- (a) Tps will land with water bottles full.
- (b) All unit 2 gal water cans will be taken ashore filled.
- (c) One gal per man will be landed with force maintenance stores.
- (d) 1 Aust Beach Gp are establishing a WP by 1000 hrs D + 1.
- (e) For exercise purposes units will carry ashore as many filled cans as can be handled. Remaining cans will be taken ashore in vehicles of 2/8 Aust Gen Tpt Pl. WPs as per sketch attached as Appendix A will be maintained by water trucks.

2. AMN

- (a) First line ammunition carried will be as agreed on by this BQ and Unit Comds. (On conclusion of exercise this will be a subject for discussion with a view to getting the best solution for conformity during further exercises or ops).
- (b) AP - will be established in Beach Maintenance Area. Location as per sketch attached as Appendix A. Pending the establishment of this point a temporary AP will be opened on the beach immediately craft carrying force maintenance stores commence discharging at approx H + 4 hrs.

3. POL

- (a) All vehicles will embark with tanks 75% full.
- (b) PP - in Beach Maintenance area as per sketch attached as Appendix A (not opened for exercise).
- (c) Sufficient reserve will be carried to enable vehicles to return to camp on conclusion of exercise.

4. SUPS

- (a) On the man.
Two F.O.R.
One emergency.
(For this exercise one F.O.R. only need be carried).
- (b) It is anticipated that normal system of sup replenishment will commence on D + 1, when rations will be issued for consumption D + 2.

5. AASC

- (a) (i) 2/7 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/8 Aust Sup Depot Pl
In Beach Maintenance area - location as per sketch attached as Appendix A.
(ii) Task - will initially assist Beach Gp AASC.
- (b) (i) 2/8 Aust Gen Tpt Pl - location as per sketch attached as Appendix A.
(ii) Task - be prepared to carry out first line maintenance 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

6. MED

- (a) Lt Sec 2/6 Aust Fd Amb in support each
2/14 Aust Inf Bn
2/16 Aust Inf Bn
2/27 Aust Inf Bn
- (b) 2/6 Aust Fd Amb less three lt secs will concentrate initially in vicinity MBDS.
Location as per sketch attached as Appendix A.

7. REPAIR AND REC

- (a) Diamond T wrecker and team 2/124 Aust Bde Wksp under comd 1 Aust Beach Gp.
- (b) (i) Detachment 2/124 Aust Bde Wksp initially in Beach Maintenance area. Location as per sketch attached as Appx A.
(ii) Task - Assist in de-waterproofing Bde Gp vehicles.
- (c) All vehicles will be de-waterproofed immediately on landing. This will be carried out in AEME De-waterproofing area. Location as per sketch attached as Appendix A.
- (d) Rec Pts are to be established on UNCLE GREEN and UNCLE RED Beaches by 1 Aust Beach Gp as from H + 2 hrs.

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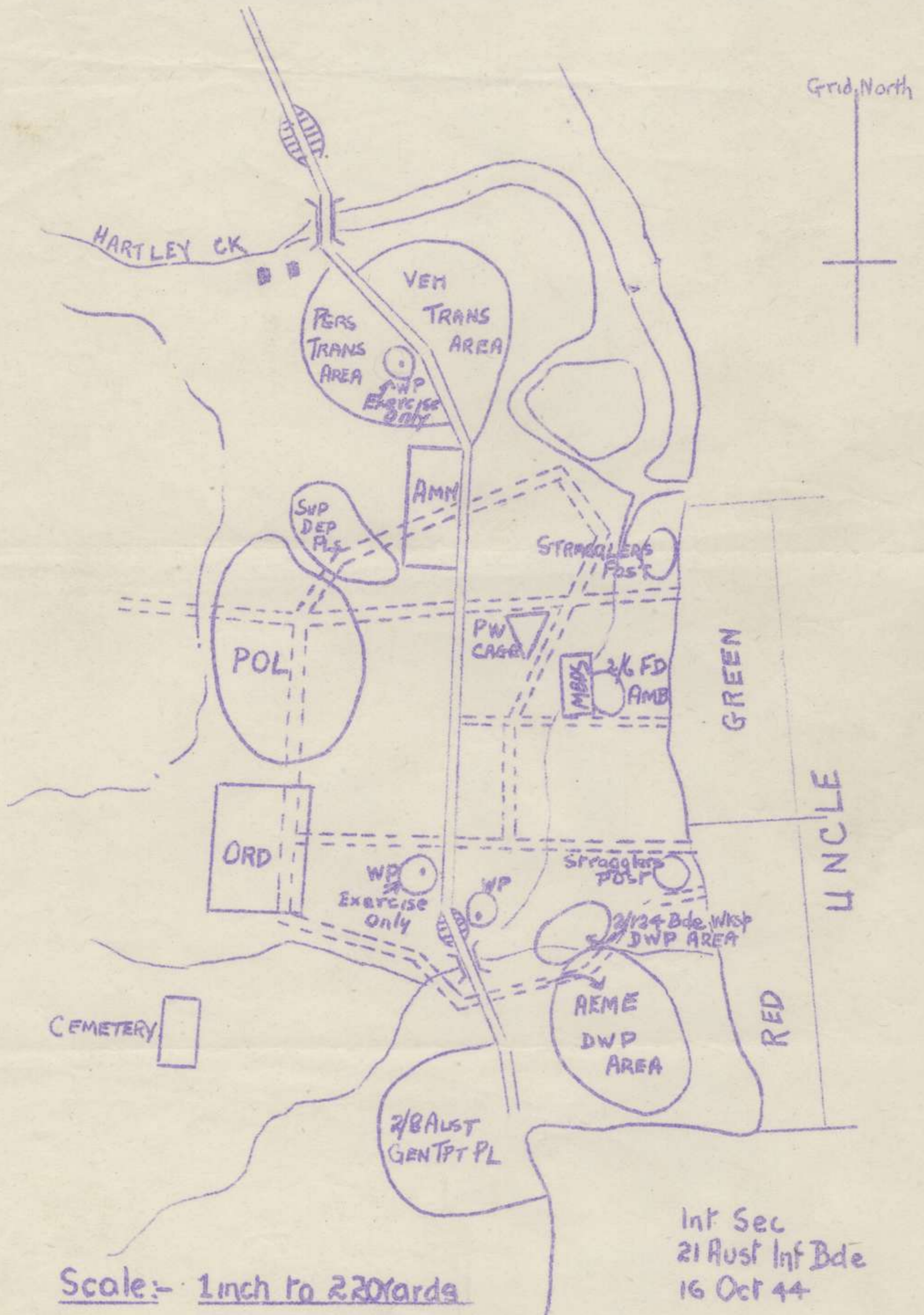
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APPX "A"

21 AUST INF BDE ADM INSTR

EXERCISE "POSSUM"



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21 AUST INF BDE SIGNAL INSTRUCTION No.1INTENTION

1. Comms in the assault landing of 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be provided by the following signal units:-

Det Sigs 7 Aust Div
 21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
 2/5 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec
 Det Engr Sig Sec
 2 Aust Beach Sig Sec (AIF)
 'A' RAN Beach Sig Sec
 HQ Ship Sec HMS "GLENEARN"

METHOD Phase 1 - Embarkation

2. (a) On embarkation HQ are to be located as follows:-

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde HMS GLENEARN (LSI GREEN)
 HQ 2/14 Aust Inf Bn " " " "
 HQ 2/16 Aust Inf Bn HMS EMPIRE SPEARHEAD (LSI RED)
 HQ 2/27 Aust Inf Bn HMS EXE (LSI BLUE)
 HQ 2/5 Aust Commando Sqn HMS WYE (LSI YELLOW)
 HQ 2/5 Aust Fd Regt HMS GLENEARN (LSI GREEN)
 HQ 2/8 Aust Fd Coy HMS GLENEARN (LSI GREEN)

(b) Comms at embarkation point (See Appx A Diagram 6)
 Line comms at embarkation point will be provided by A Corp Sigs.

3. Phase 1 - Final approaches to the beaches (see Appx A diagram 1)

(a) The distribution of signal personnel and equipment attached to each assault battalion is shown in the following table:-

Each Bn Comd Craft		Each Adjnt And Bn's Craft	
Personnel	Equipment	Personnel	Equipment
<i>C.O. Sct to Bde</i> Bde Sig Sec 1 OP 1 linesman	W/set 46 2/3 mile cable D3 1 Telephone	Bde Sig Sec 1 OP 1 linesman	<i>Bn W/T to Bde</i> W/set 22 2/3 mile cable D3 1 Telephone
<i>Line Comm. to Bde</i> Beach Sigs - Navy 1 leading sig 1 teleg	V/S gear W set 46	Beach Sigs - Navy 1 sig 1 telegraphist	V/S gear W set 46 - 2
Beach Sigs - Army 1 Sgt 2 Ops	W set 22	Beach Sigs Army 1 OP 1 linesman	W set 46 1 telephone 1/6 mile cable D3

(b) A Shore Line Control party will be attached to each of 2/14 and 2/16 Aust Inf Bns and will be distributed between Bn Comds and adjacent craft.

No 46 Set opens listening watch
 (c) Wireless sets will open a listening watch on Bde B wave and landing wave from the time of embarkation into landing area. Control set on Bde A wave in HQ ship HMS GLENEARN will also open listening watch.

(d) Wireless silence will be observed in accordance with para 3.

4. Phase II - Bn HQ landed (See Appx A Diagram 2)

WIRELESS

(a) ABSSs will be established on UNCLE GREEN and UNCLE RED beaches by adv parties of Beach Sigs and will open comms on the following waves:-

From	To	Wave	Frequency	Remarks
HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	2/14 Aust Inf Bn 2/16 Aust Inf Bn 2/27 Aust Inf Bn Alternate Bde HQ UNCLE GREEN ABSS UNCLE RED ABSS	Bde B		Army
UNCLE GREEN and UNCLE RED	Landing craft HMS GLENEARN HMS EMPIRE Spearhead HMS EKE HMS WYE Landing craft Control	Landing wave		Navy
UNCLE GREEN and UNCLE RED	HMS GLENEARN HMS LOTHIAN	Naval Beach Wave		Navy

- (b) Comms will be maintained by R/T on Bde B wave to ABSS's Bde HQ ship and lateral Bn HQ.
- (c) When Bn HQ is established inland the No.22 dets of 21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec will open comms on Bde A wave.
- (d) Returning landing craft will be used as messenger boats to HQ ship.
- (e) Bde Sig Sec Line Dets will lay a line from the ABSS's to Bn HQ as they move inland.

5. Phase III - Establishing MBSO and Adv Pde HQ Landing (see Appx A diagram 3)

(a) As soon as the main beach has been decided, the main support party of the Beach Signal Unit will land and establish the MBSO, sufficient time being allowed for comms to be established before the arrival of Bde HQ.

(b) The following wireless comms will be established by the MBSO:-

From	To	Wave	Freq	Remarks
MBSO	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde 2/14 Aust Inf Bn 2/16 Aust Inf Bn 2/27 Aust Inf Bn	Bde A		No.22 Set
MBSO	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde 2/14 Aust Inf Bn 2/16 Aust Inf Bn 2/27 Aust Inf Bn	Bde B		No.46 Set
MBSO	HQ 7 Aust Div 21 Aust Inf Bde	Div A		No.22 Set 22 Set listens and re-transmit when 21 Bde HQ set est comms

(b) (Continued)

From	To	Wave	Freq	Remarks
MBSO	HQ 7 Aust Div 21 Aust Inf Bde	Div B		No.22 set No.22 set listens and re-transmits when 21 Bde HQ set establish comms
MBSO	Tac R Aircraft	Tac R		Reception Set No.4
MBSO ABSS ABSS	UNCLE GREEN UNCLE RED Beach Gp HQ	ABW		No.46 set
MBSO	SBSO ABSS HMS GLENEARN HMS LOTHIAN	NSW		No.22 set

(c) Immediately the MBSO No.22 set and No.46 set on the Bde A & B waves open comms on the group the No.46 sets at ABSS's on UNCLE GREEN and UNCLE RED Beaches will flick to Army Beach Wave frequency.

(d) When HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde lands and establishes itself near the MBSO the MBSO No.22 set on the Bde A wave will assume control.

(e) Bde Sig Sec Dets on landing will move to an assembly area near the MBSO.

(f) Line Comms

The following line comms will be established by the MBSO:-

From	To	Remarks
MBSO	SBSO	
MBSO	2/14 Aust Inf Bn	Existing lines looped in
MBSO	2/16 Aust Inf Bn	do
MBSO	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	Bde responsibility
MBSO	HQ 1 Aust Beach Gp	

6. Phase IV - 21 Aust Bde HQ Established Inland - (see Appx A Diagram 4)

(a) The following comms will be established at HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde:-

WIRELESS COMMS

From	To	Wave	Freq	Remarks
HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	2/14 Aust Inf Bn 2/16 Aust Inf Bn 2/27 Aust Inf Bn	Bde A		Assumes control from MBSO.
do	do	Bde B		do
do	HQ 7 Aust Div	Div A		22 set at MBSO becomes listening and re-transmission.
do	do	Div B		Div B will not be established until alternate Bde HQ lands
HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	Tac R A/C	Tac R	2090	
do	MBSO	AIMBW		MBSO will be control

NOTE:- B Wave will close down when comms set on Bde A Wave.

LINE COMMS

From	To	Remarks
Hq 21 Aust Inf Bde	HQ 2/14 Aust Inf Bn HQ 2/16 Aust Inf Bn HQ 2/27 Aust Inf Bn	Existing lines looped in
do	MBSO	

7. D.R.L.S.
 (a) 2 Aust Beach Sig Sec will be responsible for DRIS from MBSO to HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde and units in the BMA four times daily. Time table will be issued on landing.
 (b) 21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec will provide DRIS within the Bde Op twice daily. Time table will be issued separately.
8. Wireless Silence
 Wireless silence will be maintained until
 (a) Leading Companies of assault battalions are ashore.
 (b) In the case of extreme urgency by the Force Commander.
9. Pre-arranged Message Code
 See Appx B.
10. Code Names Call Signs and Frequencies
 See Appx C
11. Datum Frequency
 Datum frequency is 4900 Kc/s, and associated code word "ARDEL".
12. R/T Code No.2
 Key-word - BROWNSILK/HAT/U
13. Code Names for Wireless Silence

For imposing wireless silence	For breaking wireless silence
MELODY	BABOON
FESTER (Reserve)	BADGER (Reserve)
14. Air-Ground Comms (Visual)
 Will be in accordance with Appx F 7 Aust Div G3 Instruction No.20.
- | <u>Headquarters</u> | <u>Identification</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 21 Aust Inf Bde | 769 |
| 1 Aust Beach Gp | 433 |
| 2/14 Aust Inf Bn | 325 |
| 2/16 Aust Inf Bn | 221 |
| 2/27 Aust Inf Bn | 827 |
| 2/5 Aust Commando Sqn | 958 |
15. W/T Identification
 Combined authentication system - CGPS - 0122/D8.
16. Cipher
 All unit cipher documents will be collected by 21 Aust Inf Bde Cipher Sec Det before embarkation and re-distributed on the landing of Bde HQ.
17. Time
 Watches will be synchronised to ships' KING Zone Time one hour before launching of assault companies.

18. Naval Gunfire Support

Shore fire control parties attached to 2/14 and 2/16 Aust Inf Bns will communicate to bombardment ships on the following frequencies:-

SFCP	2/14 Aust Inf Bn	(P) 2716
		(S) 3155
SFCP	2/16 Aust Inf Bn	(P) 2716
		(S) 3155

19. Pigeons

Pigeons will be carried forward by Bde HQ and will be released before 1600K D plus 1 day.

20. Frequency Standard and Netting of W/T Sets

By standard frequency station WFC operating on 5 M/Cs. All W/T groups will be netted and locked before embarkation.

21. Duty Detachment Cards

Will be completed for each W/T and line det before embarkation.

ADMIN

22. Batteries

One days reserve for dry batteries will be carried on the man for pack sets.

23. Porterage

Porterage will be supplied by Bde HQ and battalions to assist in the transport of sig equipment.


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OO 21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec

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Method of issue - DRLS

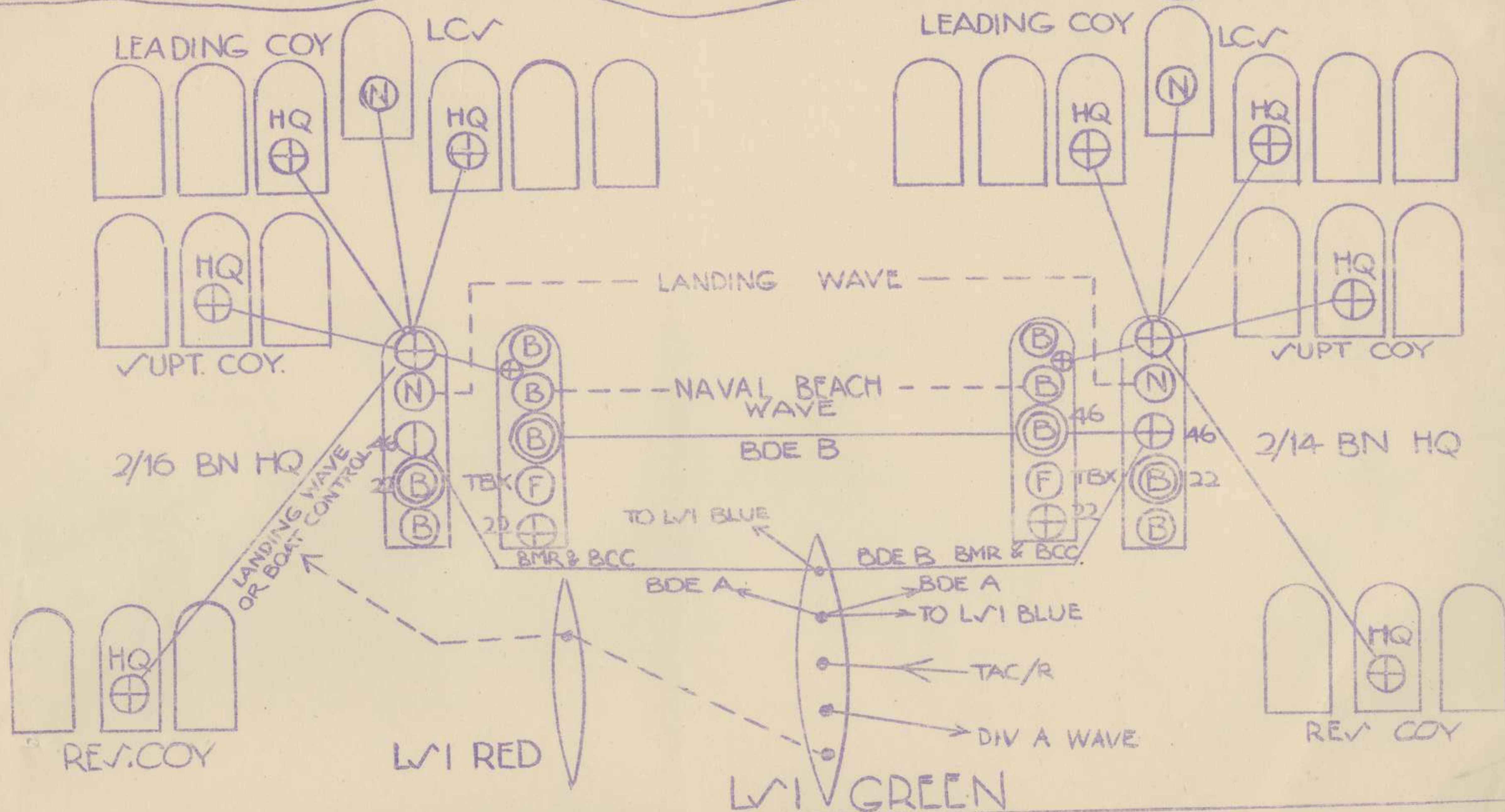
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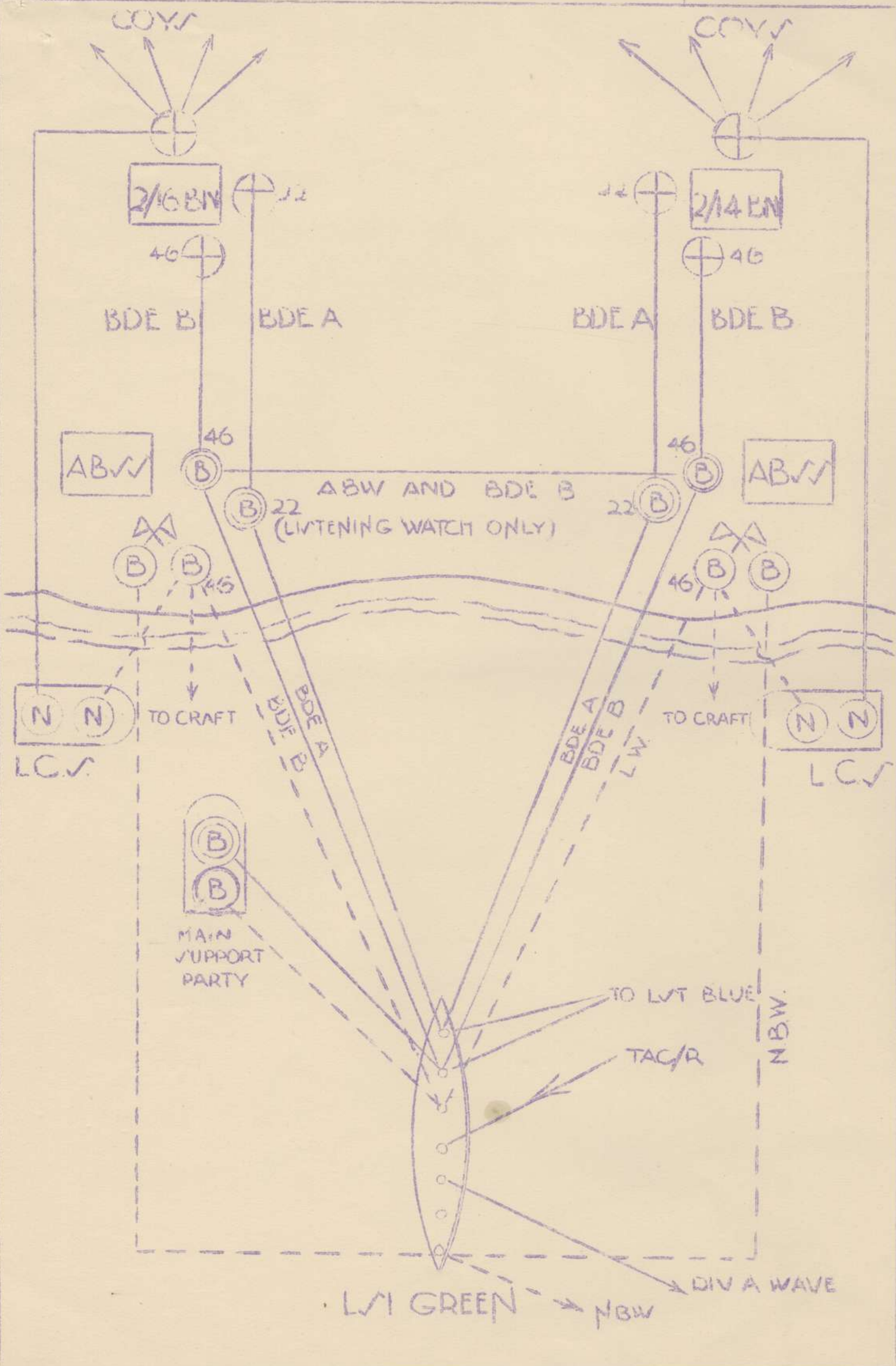
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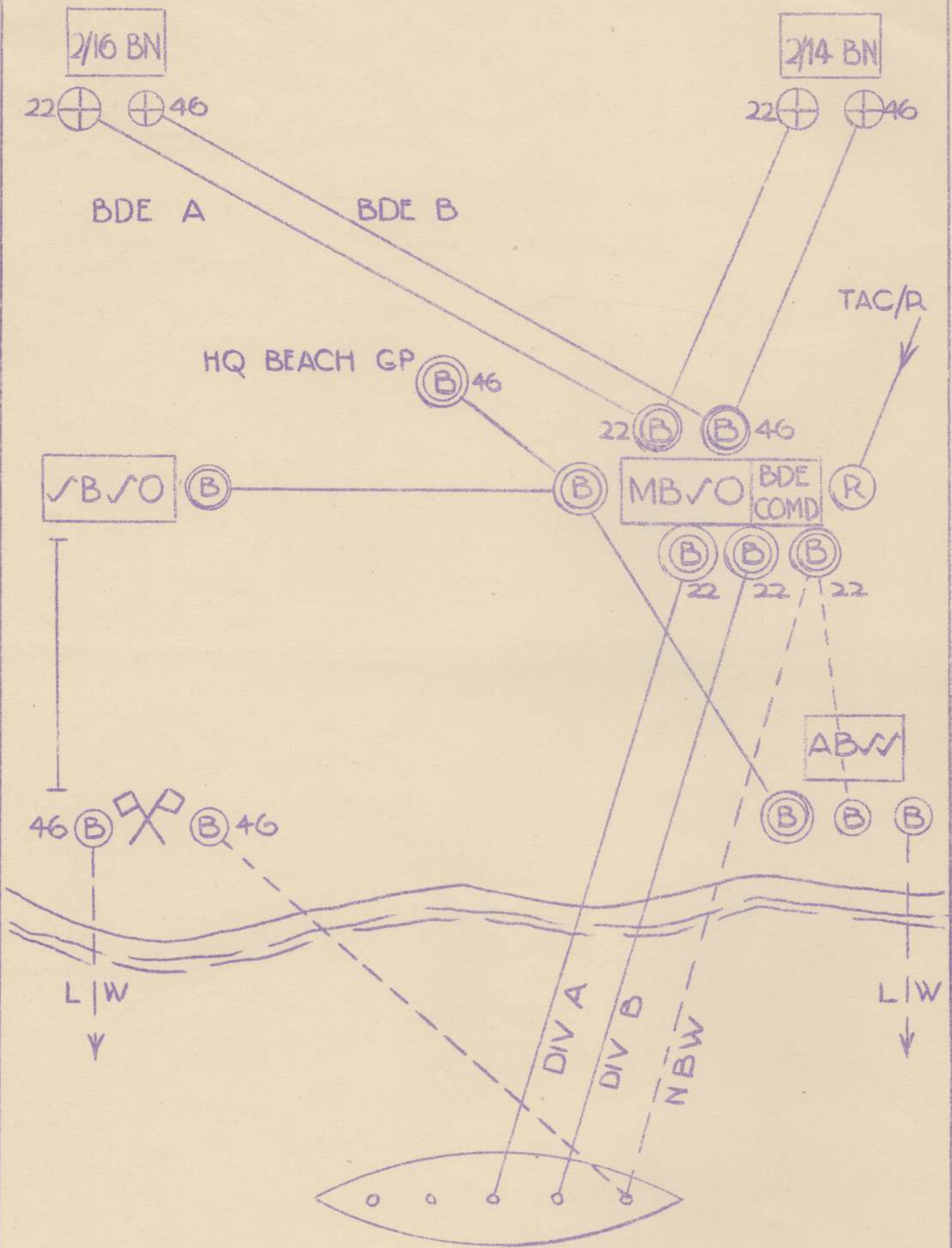
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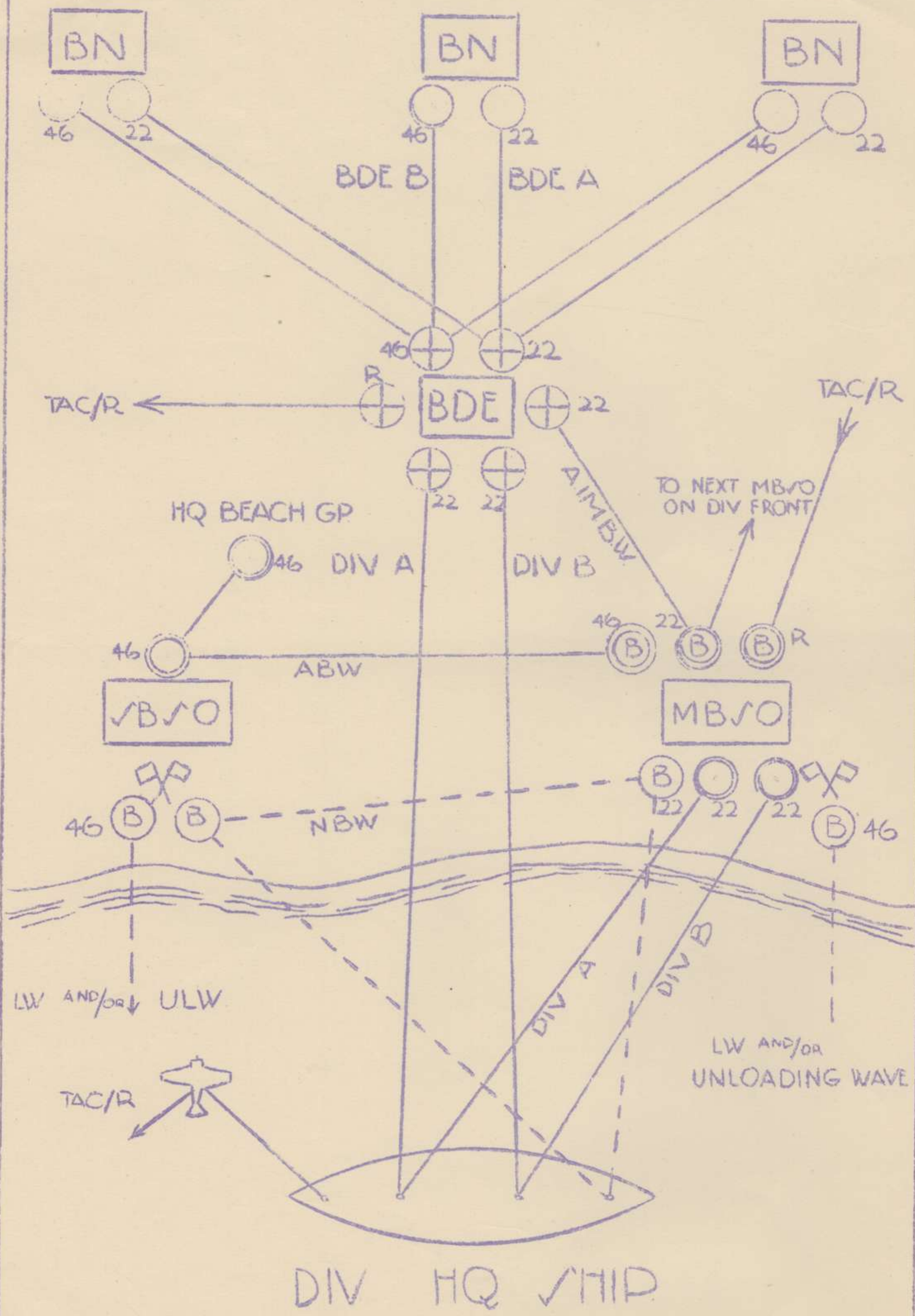
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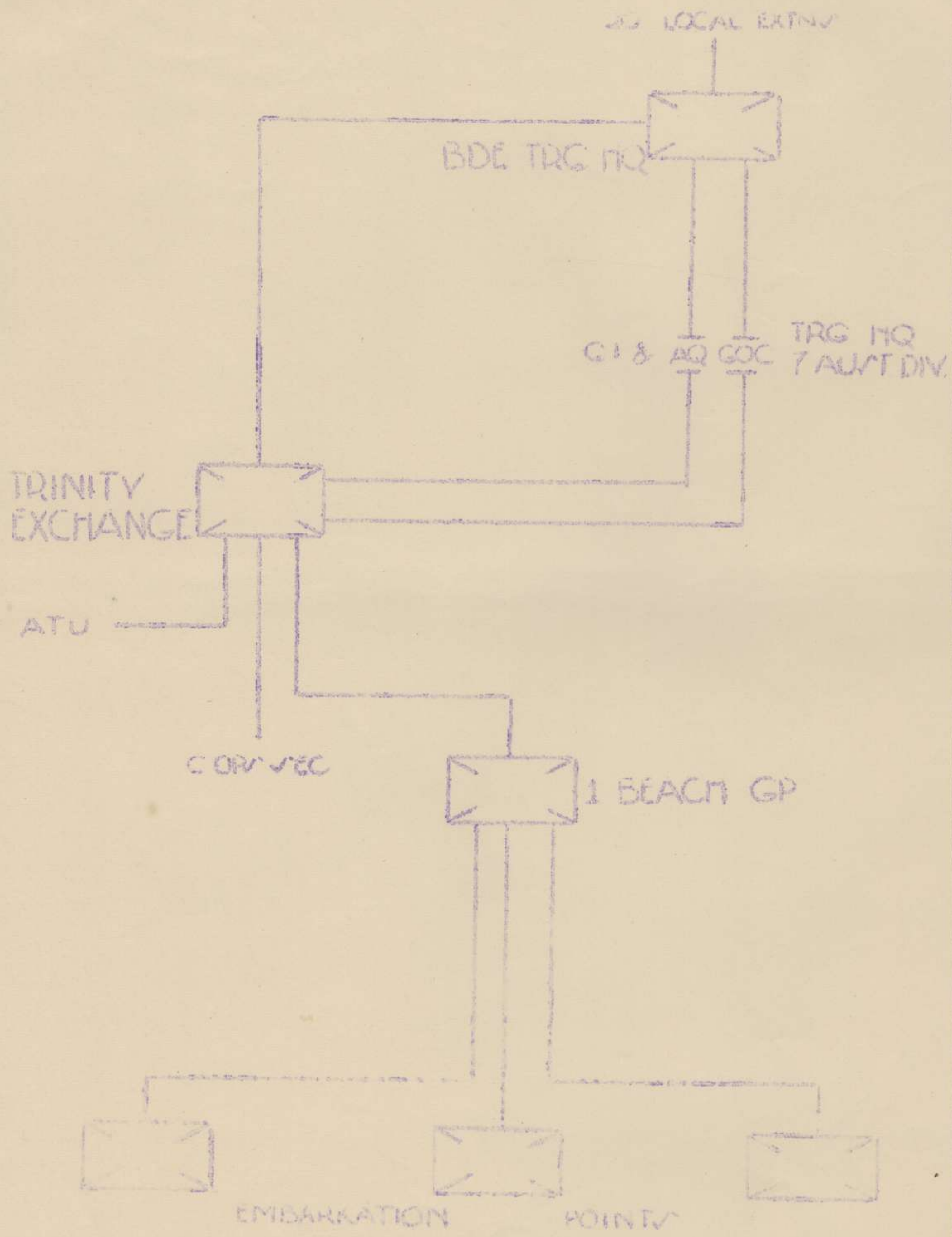
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LINE DIAGRAM COMMS TO EMBARKATION POINTS

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PRE-ARRANGED MESSAGE CODE -- APPX B.

<u>CODE WORD.</u>	<u>PHRASE.</u>
GAT	Green Line secured.
LET	Gun A destroyed.
SIN	Gun B destroyed.
FOOT	Gun C destroyed.
FUN	Gun D destroyed.
DOG	Hartley's Creek crossing secured.
JIG	Advance held up by heavy opposition.
BET	Blue Line secured.

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21 AUST INF BDE GROUP - FREQUENCY, CODE NAMES, CODE SIGNS AND CODE NAMES ALLOTMENT EXTRACT

Ser No	Unit or Signal Station	21 Oct 44				22 Oct 44			
		Freq	Freq Code Name	Code Sign	Code Name	Freq	Freq Code Name	Code Sign	Code Name
1	HQ 7 AUST DIV (G) Link)	2488	BUTTER	5GW2		2384	EFFORT	7IH9	
2	HQ 7 AUST DIV TRG CENTRE (G Link)	7120	JACKAL	5FV5		7445	GARDEN	3QJ4	
3	HQ 7 AUST DIV (Q Link)	2728	FESTER	ZV52		2820	ELDEST	RJ32	
4	HQ 7 AUST TRG CENTRE (Q Link)	7665	POWDER	QH91		7655	GINGER	S883	
5	HQ 7 AUST DIV A WAVE (P)	2448	EDIBLE	FJ41		2132	MARBLE	JT63	
6	HQ 7 AUST DIV A WAVE (S)	7470	SERENE	5VU4		7255	CANYON	T227	
7	BDE TERMINAL DIV A WAVE	5300	HAGGLE	M947		2768	IMPOSE	IC35	
8	HQ 7 AUST DIV B WAVE (P)	6345	BARREN	WE36		6595	GAITER	2WT1	
9	HQ 7 AUST DIV B WAVE (S)			9NX2		4355	HAZARD	V352	
10	BDE TERMINAL DIV B WAVE	4605	ERMINE	9NX2		6535	CURFEW	FT77	
11	21 AUST INF BDE A WAVE (P)	6250	GAMBIE	8TM4				BL51	
12	" " " " " " (S)			SU46				5EL5	
13	2/14 AUST INF BN BDE A WAVE TERMINAL			8UM9				V352	
14	2/16 " " " " " " "			9NX2		3690			
15	2/27 " " " " " " "			8TM4				FT77	
16	21 AUST INF BDE B WAVE (P)	(F) 3690		SU46				BL51	
17	" " " " " " (S)	(F) 3950		8UM9				5EL5	
18	2/14 AUST INF BN BDE B WAVE TERMINAL			QV47				8YC2	
19	2/16 " " " " " " "			BP79		6250	BASKET	1ER2	
20	2/27 " " " " " " "					2580			DAVU
21	2/5 AUST COMMANDO SQN BDE TERMINAL	6475	FACTOR			2940			DAVU
22	" " " " " " HQ	(F) 2580				3280			DAVU
23	" " " " " " - SQN to TPS	(F) 2940				7980	SCHOOL		PUMD
24	" " " " " " - " " "	(F) 3180				7610	SALMON		
25	" " " " " " - " " "	7750	GINGER			5720	BANDIT		
26	C SQN 2/9 ARMD REGT - SQN TO TPS	7620	GI GILO			5300	CARROT		
27	" " " " " " - 11 TP TO TKS	6045	ROBUST			7205	SERENE	CN55	
28	" " " " " " - 12 " "	5430	BANDIT					5CP6	
29	" " " " " " - 13 " "	7365	SALARY	2JG9				OW32	
30	2/5 AUST FD REGT Link 1			4WG9				2079	
31	" " " " " " 1 10 FD BTY TERM			UG49					
32	" " " " " " 1 55 FD BTY TERM			PU52		4955	CACTUS		
33	" " " " " " 2	4790	HERMIT						

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34	2/5 AUST FD REGT LINK 2 9 FD BTY TERM			UY83				SP58	
35	" " 3	4905	KITTEN	5IU9		4925	DECIDE	QL65	
36	" " 3 OP TERMINAL			Y897				F562	
37	9 AUST FD BTY	4630	HEAVEN		BULO	4720	KITTEN		GOTU
		(F) 8020				8020			
38	10 AUST FD BTY	5465	BANGLE		GOLI	5775	CASTLE		FORU
		(F) 8455				8455			
39	55 AUST FD BTY	6240	BARTER		LUDA	6530	COUSIN		GALD
		(F) 9635				9635			
40	SHORE FIRE CONTROL PARTY No.1	(F) 2716		6AW	FOX 1	2716		6AW	FOX 1
		(F) 3155				3155			
41	SHORE FIRE CONTROL PARTY No.2	(F) 2716		IFc		2716		IFC	FOX 2
		(F) 3155				3155			
42	7 AUST TK A BTY	7285	SENILE	3XS2		6780	GRUMPY	6DT2	
		(r) 8315			BUMA	8315			HOPO
43	HQ 2/15 LT AA BTY	4225	HAZARD		DERA	4490	RADISH		FEGA
44	2/6 AUST FD COY BDE TERMINAL	6830	DOLLOP	VE17		7285	GARAGE	6A12	
45	" " FWD HQ			2GQ1	ROBU			LIF3	LOGO
46	" " - COY to PLS 1	(F) 3240			ROBU	3240			LOGO
47	" " - " " 2	(F) 2880			ROBU	2880			LOGO
48	2/14 AUST INF BN - BN to COYS (P)	(F) 2520			DENO	2520			HECA
49	" " " " " (S)	(F) 3060			DENO	3060			HEGA
50	2/16 AUST INF BN - " " " (P)	(F) 3000			DINO	3000			FORA
51	2/16 " " " " " (S)	(F) 3360			DINO	3360			FOBA
52	2/27 AUST INF BN - " " " (P)	(F) 3420			LOPO	3420			NAPA
53	" " " " " " " (S)	(F) 2640			LOPO	2640			NAPA
54	2 AUST BEACH SIG SEC (ABW) (P)	(F) 3830				3830			
55	" " " " " " (S)	(F) 3950				3950			
56	BEACH GROUP HQ (ABW)			2EN8				5GX4	
57	RIGHT ABSS (ABW TERMINAL)			6VF2				5RX2	
58	LEFT ABSS			CC25				QG94	
59	MBSO (ABW TERMINAL)			7XB9				3MS5	
60	2 AUST BEACH SIG SEC (AIMBW) (P)	2064	FELLOW			2368	EFFECT		
61	" " " " " (S)	7445	SEPTIC			7055	ARCHER		
62	HQ 21 AUST INF BDE TERMINAL (AIMBW)			XX17				70V5	
63	MBSO TERMINAL (AIMBW)			1SX1				WV73	
64	MBSO TERMINAL DIV A WAVE			FT84				V297	

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		Freq	Freq Code Name	Code Sign	Code Name	Freq	Freq Code Name	Code Sign	Code Name
65	MBSO TERMINAL DIV B WAVE			BI46				UV21	
66	" BDE A & B WAVES			BT81				VV23	
67	RAN BEACH SIG SEC (LW)	(F)3910				3910			
68	" (NBW) BASE (P)	(F)3970				3970			
69	" (S)	7655	ANTLER			7750	HOOPER		
70	MBSO TERMINAL (NBW)			PW84				50V7	
71	RIGHT ABSS TERMINAL (NBW)			W831				5WV3	
72	LEFT ABSS TERMINAL (NBW)			8IW7				0A95	
73	INTER COMM B.M.A.	(F)5780			WUVA LUKI	5780			FUTA DONA

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1	HQ 7 AUST DIV (G Link)	2220	MEDIUM	VZ9		2084	PIKALE	V559	
		7335	SEPTIC			7055	SADDLE		
2	HQ 7 AUST DIV TRG CENTRE (G Link)			F45				QV56	
3	HQ 7 AUST DIV (Q Link)	2692	IMPACT	90Z		2856	ARTERY	5NW1	
		7850	ANTLER			7750	SCHOOL		
4	HQ 7 AUST DIV TRG CENTRE (Q Link)			40F				9VH7	
5	HQ 7 AUST DIV A WAVE (P)	2012	BRIGHT	119		2052	ACCURSE	T836	
6	" " (S)	7205	GARGLE			6000	JETSOM		
7	BRIGADE TERMINAL DIV A WAVE			9ML				5QW0	
8	HQ 7 AUST DIV B WAVE (P)	3276	FIDDLE	T31		2892	EMBOSS	U568	
9	" " (S)	6515	CLARET			6420	OYSTER		
10	BRIGADE TERMINAL DIV B WAVE			W19				XN93	
11	21 AUST INF BDE A WAVE (P)	4315	KIDNEY	Y77		4225	RADISH	Z971	
12	" " (S)	6475	BASKET			6365	FACTOR		
13	2/14 AUST INF BN BDE A WAVE TERMINAL			EM7				WU49	
14	2/16 " "			7HM				4UU3	
15	2/27 " "			MY9				M858	
16	21 AUST INF BDE B WAVE (P)	(F) 3690		Y77		3690		X971	
17	" " (S)	(F) 3950				3950			
18	2/14 AUST INF BN BDE B WAVE TERMINAL			EM7				WU49	
19	2/16 " "			7HM				4UU3	
20	2/27 " "			MY9				M858	
21	2/5 AUST COMMANDO SQN BDE TERMINAL			7DF				5SB2	
22	" HQ	6715	GAMBLE	Y38		6535	NIMBLE	7XP5	
23	" - SQN to TPS	(F) 2580			MEVA	2580			LUDA
24	" " "	(F) 2940			MEVA	2940			LUDA
25	" " "	(F) 3180			MEVA	3180			LUDA
26	" " "				KOLA	7850			KEDO
27	C SQN 2/9 ARMD REGT - SQN TO TPS	7655	HOOTER			7590	ANTLER		
28	" - 11 TP TO TKS	7800	ARTIST			5430	SQUALL		
29	" - 12 "	5525	HECTAR			5525	CARROT		
30	" - 13 "	5720	ORATOR			7470	NECTAR		
31	2/5 AUST FD REGT LINK 1	6880	JETSON	C47			CANYON	BY88	
	" 1 10 FD BTY TERM			QC4				BG43	

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32	2/5 AUST FD REGT LINK 1 55 FD BTY TERM			VQ6				4EG5	
33	" " 2	4820	OBLIGE	5YF		4945	DECRER	9HW7	
34	" " 2 9			6RT				FY88	
35	" " 3	4720	OBJECT	DT5		4990	RADIUM	5LU8	
36	" " 3 OF TERMINAL			ZTO				G222	
37	9 AUST FD BTY	4990	RADIUM		VELO	4905	DECIDE		WUVA
		(F) 8020				8020			
38	10 "	5755	ORDEAL		PABO	5550	NEEDLE		BOLO
		(F) 8455				8455			
39	55 "	6450	NIS-VR		MACO	6355	FABRIC		MIVA
		(F) 8365				8365			
40	SHORE FIRE CONTROL PARTY NO 1	(F) 2716		6AW	FOX 1	2716		6AW	FOX 1
		(F) 3155				3155			
41	" " 2	(F) 2716		1FC	FOX 2	2716		1FC	FOX 2
		(F) 3155				3155			
42	7 AUST TK A BTY	6830	GARAGE	9LI		7440	DOLLUP	3TS1	
		(F) 8315			FOPO	8315			DUXO
43	HQ 2/15 LT AA BTY	4355	DECKIT		RESA	4315	KIDNEY		GATO
44	2/6 AUST FD COY BDE TERMINAL	7050	SENILE	L99		6780	DIPPER	EQ32	
45	" FWD HQ			6WB				Q257	
46	" - COYS TO PLS 1	(F) 3240			POCO	3240			SALA
47	" " 2	(F) 2880			POCO	2880			SALA
48	2/14 AUST INF BN - BN TO COYS (P)	(F) 2520			TAGA	2520			GOTA
49	" " (S)	(F) 3060			TAGA	3060			GOTA
50	2/16 AUST INF BN - BN TO COYS (P)	(F) 3000			VONA	3000			HODI
51	" " (S)	(F) 3360			VONA	3360			HODI
52	2/27 AUST INF BN - BN TO COYS (P)	(F) 3420			FEMA	3420			KURI
53	" " (S)	(F) 2640			FEMA	2640			KURI
54	2 AUST BEACH SIG SECTION (ABW) (P)	(F) 3830				3830			
55	" " (S)	(F) 3950				3950			
56	BEACH GROUP HQ (ABW)			1ZH				KN24	
57	RIGHT ABSS (ABW TERMINAL)			LH1				6GF1	
58	LEFT ABSS (ABW TERMINAL)			J97				YC26	
59	MBSO (TERMINAL ABW)			JA8				9CUB	
60	2 AUST BEACH SIG SECTION (AIMBW) (P)	2136	BURGER			2196	ACCUSE		
61	" " (S)	7120	GARDEN			6845	JACKAL		
62	HQ 21 AUST INF BDE TERMINAL (AIMBW)			AL5				2IX8	
63	MBSO TERMINAL (AIMBW)			4CO				X136	

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64	MBSO TERMINAL DIV A WAVES			QJ9				FC29	
65	" " B "			VY2				I443	
66	" " " BIE A & B WAVES			5GR				8LY7	
67	RAW BEACH SIG SECTION (LV)	(F)3910				3910			
68	" " (NBW) (P)	(F)3970				3970			
69	" " (S)	7665	GINGER			7800	POWER		
70	MBSO TERMINAL (NBW)			7KW				3FC9	
71	RIGHT ABSS TERMINAL (NBW)			7YX				8G36	
72	LEFT ABSS TERMINAL (NBW)			D29				8LW3	
73	INTERCOM B.M.AL	(F)5780			HADA GOTU	5780			VELD BIRG

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Exercise "POSSUM"

Ref maps : CAIRNS 1 in to 1 mile
 MACALISTER RANGE 1 in to 1 mile
 Plans attached appendices C, D & E.

GENERAL

1. 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp and 1 Aust Beach Gp will embark at PALM, TRINITY and SOUTH UNITY Beaches and will land at UNCLE sector UNITY BEACH.

EMBARKATION ARRANGEMENTS

2. (a) 1 Aust Beach Gp will be responsible for embarkation of pers, vehs, guns and tractors.
 (b) 21 Aust Inf Bde will be responsible for loading of stores and eqpt.
 (c) Pers embarking in LSTs will load force stores in addition to own eqpt under control respective O's C troops.

SHIPS and CRAFT

3. Ships and craft available for exercise are as shown in Appex 'B' to 21 Aust Inf Bde O.O. No 1.

METHODMarrying Up

4. (a) Marrying up of craft serials for each ship will be carried out in the areas as shown on Embarkation Schedule attached as Appendix 'A'.
 (b) Units or portions of units to be embarked will report to respective areas mentioned above at the times shown in Appendix 'A'. Upon arrival in the "marrying up" area they will come under command of the LT Comd or equivalent.
 (c) Move to Assembly Area will be controlled by Comd LTs or equivalent.
5. Assembly Areas Assembly areas are as shown on Appendices C, D and E at tached.
6. Embarkation Control Officers Under arrangements 1 Aust Beach Gp the following Offrs are appointed ECO's as indicated :-
- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| (a) PALM BEACH | Lt L WHITEHEAD
HQ 2/166 Aust Gen Tpt Coy |
| (b) TRINITY BEACK | Maj J K CALLINAN
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn |
| (c) STH UNITY BEACH | Capt K J PROWSE
2/4 Aust Pnr Bn |
- (d) ECOs will liaise with Bn LT Comds prior to movement to assembly areas re methods of embarkation.
7. Sufficient Staff and eqpt for embarkation areas will be detailed by 1 Aust Beach Gp Units supplying ECOs.
8. Tpt for ECOs and Staff will be supplied under arrangements 1 Aust Beach Gp.

CONTROL

9. All tps upon entering assembly areas are under the jurisdiction of ECOs and will not leave assembly areas without permission.

COMMUNICATIONS

10. Within embarkation areas control will be exercised by
 (a) Line to be installed by A Aust Corps Sigs under arrangements Signals Adviser 1 Aust Combined Ops Sec.

(b) Apparatus loud speaking under arrangements 1 Aust Beach Gp.

(c) See Appendix "A" Diagram 5 to 21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Instr No 5

NOMINAL ROLLS

11. (a) Four copies of craft serial nominal rolls will be handed to ECO or his representative on arrival at Waiting line by Comds Bn LT's or equivalents.

(b) Pro forma nominal roll attached as Appx "F"

SHIPS STAFF

12. OC Tps for each ship will be detailed by the units specified in Appendix "G" attached.

Remainder of ships staff will be detailed by O's O Tps from units embarking in their respective landing teams.

TRANSIT SIGNS

13. Transit Signs for ships and craft will be supplied as under

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

SIGN POSTING of ASSEMBLY AREAS

14. Responsibility for marking of assembly areas lies with each Embarkation Control Officer.

LOADING OF FORCE STORES

- 15. (a) Stores for LST's 562 & 743 will be slotted in inverse order to discharge under arrangement 21 Aust Inf Bde in areas indicated on Appx "D" attached.
- (b) Slotting will be completed by 1200 hrs 19 Oct 44.

MARKING of VEHs & STORES

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

EMBARKATION

17. Embarkation will be from three areas as indicated below. Craft serial numbers shown are those appearing on Landing Table issued with 21 Aust Inf Bde O.O. No. 1.

18. Area I - PALM BEACH (see Appx "C")

(a) 15 Oct 44 : (i) BLUE SHIP : serials 59/66 67/69
74/79 82/84 85/86
102/103

(ii) YELLOW SHIP: serials 89/96 97/100
101 104/109
110/111

(iii) Above serials will disembark at SOUTH UNITY BEACH on morning of 18 Oct 44 and will bivouac in general area UNITY BEACH until mov to assembly areas as directed

on 21 Oct 44.
(b) 19 Oct 44 : (i) GREEN SHIP : serials 1/8 17/19
21/26 35/39 42/44 70

(ii) RED SHIP : serials 9/16 27/31
46/53 54/58

19. Area II - TRINITY BEACH (see Appx "D")

(a) 19 Oct 44 : (i) LST 743 : serial 72
(ii) LST 562 : serial 73
(iii) Vehs, guns and tractors report
to Waterproofing area by 1300
hrs 19 Oct 44.
(iv) Pers embark after completion of
loading of vehs, guns etc, on 20 Oct.

(b) 21 Oct 44 : (i) ALC 40 : serial 40
(ii) ALC 40 : serial 41
(iii) LCI Op No 1 : serial 20
(iv) LCI Op No 2 : serial 32
(v) LCI Op No 3 : serial 33
(vi) LCI Op No 4 : serial 34
(vii) Pers, vehs and tanks for ALC's
report tank assembly area by
1300 hrs 21 Oct 44.

20. Area III - SOUTH UNITY (see Appx "E")

(a) 22 Oct 44 : (i) LCI Op No 1 : serial 45
LCI Op No 2 : serial 71
LCI Op No 3 : serial 87
LCI Op No 4 : serial 88
(ii) BLUE SHIP : serials 59/69 74/79
82/86 102/103
(iii) YELLOW SHIP : serials 89/101 104/111
(iv) ALC 40 : serial 80
ALC 40 : serial 81
(v) LST 743 : serial 112
LST 562 : serial 113

(b) Pers for (i) and (v) and vehs, tanks etc for
(ii) & (iii) above will move by road to SOUTH
UNITY BEACH on 21 Oct 44 under arrangements
21 Aust Inf Bde. Mov table will be issued
later.

(c) Anticipated embarkation times 22 Oct 44 are
as follows :-

(i) Personnel 0900hrs
(ii) ALC 40's 1000 "
(iii) LST's 1100 "

FEEDING ARRANGEMENTS DURING EXERCISE

21. In assembly areas prior to embarkation

- (a) Except where shown otherwise rationing will be a unit responsibility.
- (b) LCI 1, 2, 3, & 4
Evening Meal 21 Oct will be prepared by ships.
Rations for this meal will be taken on board on embarkation.
- (c) LST's
Evening meal 19 Oct - Waterproofing area
Breakfast 20 Oct - To be available in assembly area by 0645 hrs.
Thereafter rationed by ships
- (d) ALC
Evening meal 21 Oct - Prior to embarkation
- (e) LSI's
Evening meal 18 Oct) In assembly area by hot boxes
Breakfast 19 Oct) as under

(1) LSI Green

<u>Unit</u>	<u>No of pers</u>	<u>Unit responsible for rationing</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
HQ 21 Bde inc Sig Sec & Gd Pl	80	HQ 21 Bde	
C Sqn 2/9 Armd Regt	2	do	
2/5 Fd Regt	78	2/5 Fd Regt	
7 Bty 2/2 Tk/A Regt	10	do)These Rations to)be handed to 2/5)Fd Regt by units)for cooking &)delivery
HQ & Tp 2/15 AA Bty	6	do	
No 1 SFCP	8	do	
2/6 Fd Coy	42	2/6 Fd Coy	
Det 7 Div Sigs	6	HQ 21 Bde	Rations to be handed to 21 Bde by Div Sigs for cooking & delivery
2/14 Bn	360	2/14 Bn	
2/7 Sup Dep Pl	20	2/7 Sup Dep Pl	
2/8 Gen Tpt Pl	10	2/8 Gen Tpt Pl	
2/6 Fd Amb	16	2/14 Bn	Rations to be handed to 2/14 Bn by Fd Amb for cooking & delivery
1 Aust Beach Gp	199	1 Aust Bch Gp	
Sec Div Provost	13	HQ 21 Bde	Rations to be delivered to 21 Bde by Prov Sec for cooking & delivery

(11) LSI Red

21 Bde Sig Sec	4	HQ 21 Bde
2/9 Armd Regt	2	do

<u>Unit</u>	<u>No of pers</u>	<u>Unit responsible for rationing</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
2/5 Fd Regt	66	2/5 Fd Regt	
SFCP	8	do	
7 Bty 2/2 Tk/A Regt	5	do) Rations to be handed by units to 2/5 Fd Regt for cooking & delivery
Tp 2/14 HAA Bty	5	do	
Tp 84 Mob SL Bty	3	do	
2/6 Fd Coy	50	2/6 Fd Coy	
2/16 Bn	380	2/16 Bn	
2/8 Sup Dep Pl	22	2/8 Sup Dep Pl	
2/6 Fd Amb	16	2/16 Bn	Rations to be handed to 2/16 Bn by 2/6 Fd Amb for cooking & delivery
1 Aust Beach Gp	179	1 Aust Bch Gp	

STH UNITY BEACH - STAGING AREA

- 22. (a) Adm arrangements for units staging & embarking at Sth UNITY BEACH are as follows.
- (b) Movement
 - LSI BLUE)
 - LSI YELLOW) Will land at the Beach on 18 Oct.
 - 2 LSTs Second Personnel & vehicles will move to Trip STH UNITY by road on afternoon 21 Oct
 - 2 ALC 40s " do
 - 4 LCIs " Personnel will move to STH UNITY by road on afternoon 21 Oct.
- (c) Embarkation of above parties for landing on assault beaches will take place on morning 22 Oct.
- (d) Movement order for road mvt to STH UNITY will be issued later.
- (e) Rations
 - Rations for LSI personnel for consumption 18 to 21 Oct incl will be delivered to STH UNITY BEACH daily on day before consumption.
- (f) Cooking arrangements for LSI BLUE are under control of 2/27 Aust Inf Bn.
- (g) Cooking arrangements for LSI YELLOW will be co-ordinated by OC Tps. Cooks will be provided as follows

2/5 Com Sqn	3
A/A Gp	1
2/8 Tpt Pl	1
2/5 Fd Regt	2
2/6 Fd Amb	1
- (h) Ration indents will be submitted for all personnel of ships by 2/27 Bn & 2/5 Cav Sqn respectively.
- (i) Evening meal 21 Oct for personnel of remaining craft

will be delivered to the area in hot boxes. Units will be responsible for rationing their own personnel for this meal.

(j) Stores

The following stores will be provided as shown and moved to STH UNITY BEACH on 17 Oct 44. Tpt arrangements will be notified later.

LSI BLUE

- (i) Cooking gear - 2/27 Aust Inf Bn
- Water Tanks - 2 x 400 Gall tanks
- 2/27 Bn
- 200 gall storage
- B Coy 2/1 MG Bn

(ii) LSI YELLOW

- Cooking gear -
- Wiles Cooker HQ 21 Bde
- For 250 Pers 2/5 Commando Sqn
- " 100 " 2/5 Fd Regt
- " 100 " A/A Gp
-
- Water Tanks
- 2 x 400 gall 2/16 Bn
- 1 x 200 " 2/5 Fd Regt

(k) Water

The following water trucks will service STH UNITY BEACH area

- 21 Bde - 3
- 2/5 Fd Regt- 1
- 2/6 Fd Amb - 1

ACK

Time of Signature 1500 hrs
Issued by DR

Maj.
BM 21 Aust Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

LIST A plus

- Comd Task Force 769
- HMS "Glennearn"
- HMS "Empire Spearhead"
- Lt-Col Haward R.M.
- ATU 7 Amphibious Force (1)
- 1 Aust Combined Ops Sec (4)
- 7 Aust Div (12)
- 1 Aust Beach Gp (6)
- ECO PALM Beach (4)
- ECO TRINITY Beach (4)
- ECO UNITY Beach (2)
- MLO 1 Aust Mil Ldg Gp

EMBARKATION SCHEDULE

Ship or Craft	Marrying up Area-LSIs & LCIs			Waterproofing Area			Assembly Area			Embarkation		
	Location	LT Assembles at	LT Leaves at	Location	Vehicles Report at	Vehicles Leave at	Location	Colour or No.	LT Arrives at	Beach	Approx Time	Loading Point
LSI GREEN	2/14 Bn Camp Lines	0900 hrs 18 Oct	1500 hrs 18 Oct				PALM BEACH	GREEN	1700 hr 18 Oct	ABLE YELLOW	0700 hrs 19 Oct	A to H
LSI RED	2/16 Bn Camp Lines	0900 hrs 18 Oct	1530 hrs 18 Oct				PALM BEACH	RED	1730 hr 18 Oct	ABLE YELLOW	0700 hrs 19 Oct	I to P
LCI Op No.1	2/16 Bn Camp Lines	1400 hrs 21 Oct	1430 hrs 21 Oct				TRINITY	LCI Pers Assembly Area	1530 hr 21 Oct	BAKER RED	1600 hrs 21 Oct	5
LCI Op No.2	2/16 Bn Camp Lines	1400 hrs 21 Oct	1430 hrs 21 Oct				TRINITY	do	1530 hr 21 Oct	BAKER RED	1600 hrs 21 Oct	4
LCI Op No.3	2/14 Bn Camp Lines	1400 hrs 21 Oct	1430 hrs 21 Oct				TRINITY	do	1530 hr 21 Oct	BAKER RED	1600 hrs 21 Oct	5
LCI Op No.4	2/14 Bn Camp Lines	1400 hrs 21 Oct	1430 hrs 21 Oct				TRINITY	do	1530 hr 21 Oct	BAKER RED	1600 hrs 21 Oct	6
IST 743				IST W/proofing Area TRINITY BEACH	1300 hr 19 Oct	1800 hrs 19 Oct	TRINITY	LST Area 743	1830 hr 19 Oct	BAKER RED	0800 hrs 20 Oct	2 X
IST 562				LST W/proofing Area TRINITY BEACH	1300 hrs 19 Oct	1800 hrs 19 Oct	TRINITY	LST Area 743	1830 hr 19 Oct	BAKER YELLOW	0800 hrs 20 Oct	1 X
2 ALCs 40s				Tk Assembly Area TRINITY BEACH	1300 hrs 21 Oct	1600 hrs 21 Oct	Tk Assembly Area TRINITY		1600 hr 21 Oct	BAKER RED	1700 hrs 21 Oct	Posn 20 yds South of 2
ISI BLUE	SOUTH UNITY	1600 hrs 21 Oct	0630 hrs 22 Oct				SOUTH UNITY	BLUE	0700 hr 22 Oct	SOUTH UNITY	0830 hrs 22 Oct	A to H
ISI YELLOW	SOUTH UNITY	1600 hrs 21 Oct	0630 hrs 22 Oct				SOUTH UNITY	YELLOW	0700 hr 22 Oct	SOUTH UNITY	0930 hrs 22 Oct	I to P
LCI Op No1 second trip	SOUTH UNITY	1600 hrs 21 Oct	0630 hrs 22 Oct				SOUTH UNITY	LCI Pers Area	0700 hr 22 Oct	SOUTH UNITY	0800 hrs 22 Oct	3

EMBARKATION SCHEDULE (Contd)

APPENDIX A to
21 Aust Inf Bde
Embarkation Instruction No.2 (Contd)

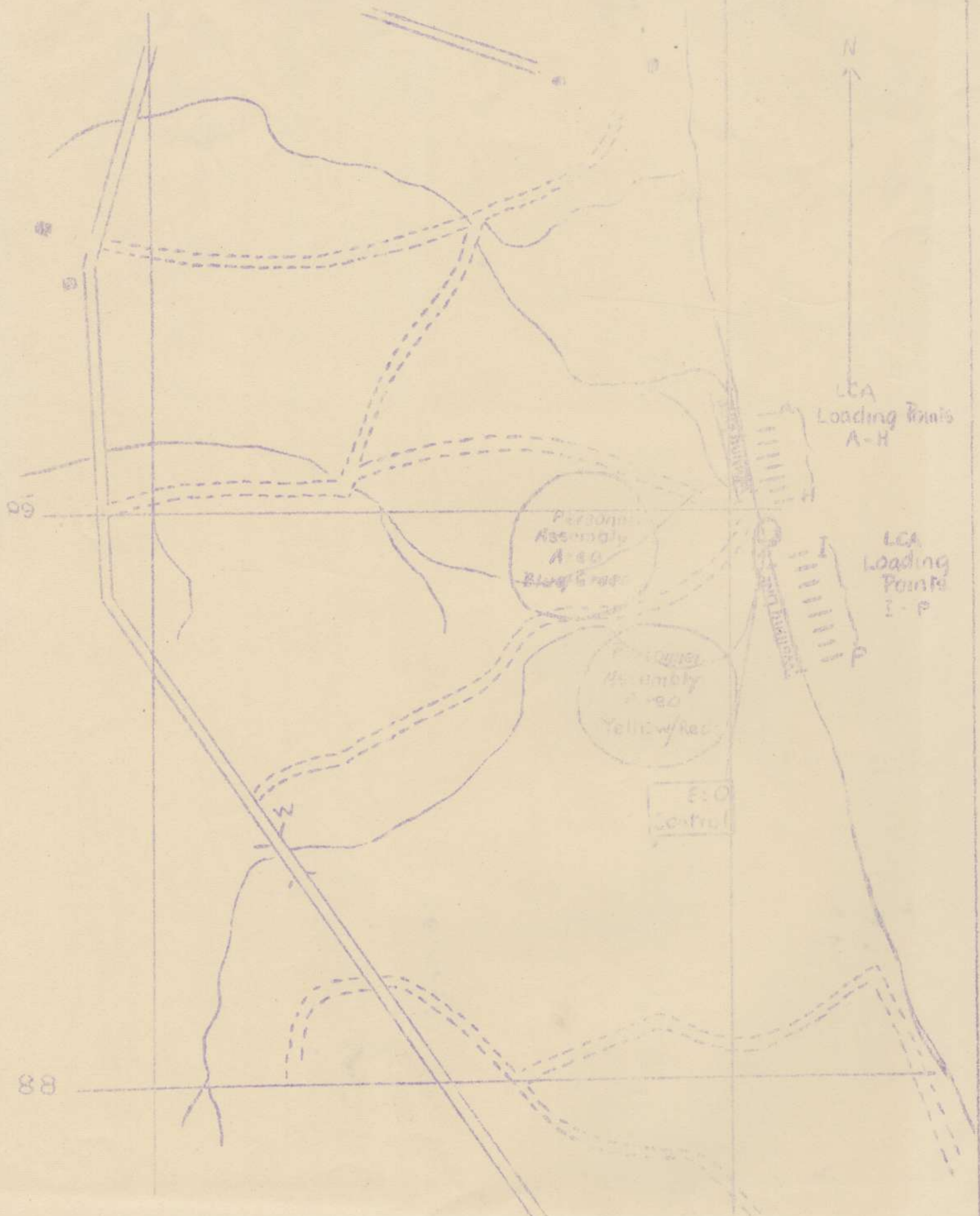
Ship or Craft	Lorrying up Area-LSIs & LCIs			Waterproofing area			Assembly Area			Embarkation		
	Location	LT Assembles at	LT Leaves at	Location	Vehicles Report at	Vehicles Leave at	Location	Colour or No	LT Arrives at	Beach	Approx Time	Loading Point
LCI Op No.2 Second Trip	SOUTH UNITY	1600 hrs 21 Oct	0630 hrs 22 Oct				SOUTH UNITY	LCI Pers Area	0700 hr 22 Oct	SOUTH UNITY	0830 hrs 22 Oct	4
LCI Op No.3 Second Trip	SOUTH UNITY	1600 hrs 21 Oct	0630 hrs 22 Oct				SOUTH UNITY	LCI Pers Area	0700 hr 22 Oct	SOUTH UNITY	0900 hrs 22 Oct	5
LCI Op No.4 Second Trip	SOUTH UNITY	1600 hrs 21 Oct	0630 hrs 22 Oct				SOUTH UNITY	LCI Pers Area	0700 hr 22 Oct	SOUTH UNITY	0900 hrs 22 Oct	6
LST 743 Second Trip				IST 2 Assembly Area	1200 hrs 21 Oct	Remain Assembly Area				SOUTH UNITY	1100 hrs 22 Oct	2
LST 562 Second Trip				IST 1 Assembly Area	1200 hrs 21 Oct	do				SOUTH UNITY	1100 hrs 22 Oct	1
2 ALC 40s				Tk Assembly Area SOUTH UNITY	1200 hrs 21 Oct	do				SOUTH UNITY	1000 hrs 22 Oct	IST 1 & IST 2

! Loading of stores commences 0800 hrs.
Personnel to be loaded by 1800 hrs 21 Oct.

Appx "C"

EMBARKATION AREA PALM BEACH

EXERCISE FOSSUM



Scale = 8 ins to 1 mile

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1st Sec
11.2. Aust Lt Bde
13 Oct 44

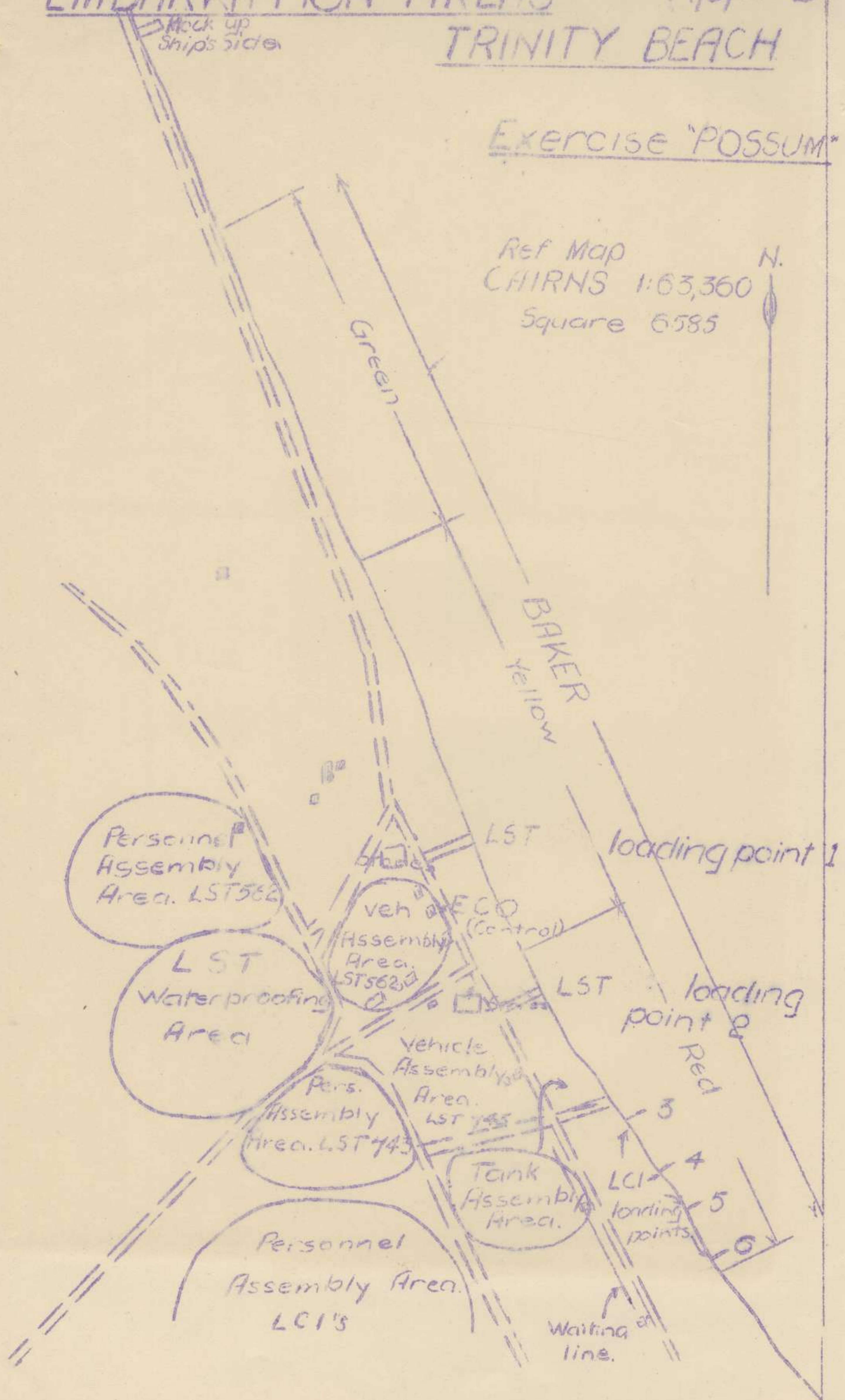
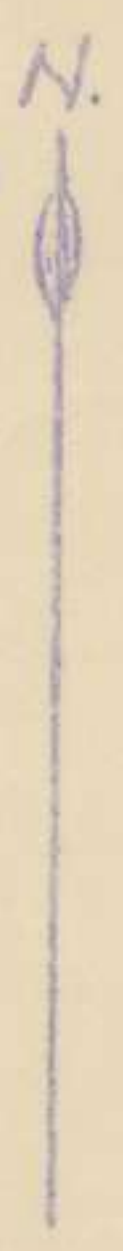
EMBARKATION AREAS

Appx'D

TRINITY BEACH

Exercise "POSSUM"

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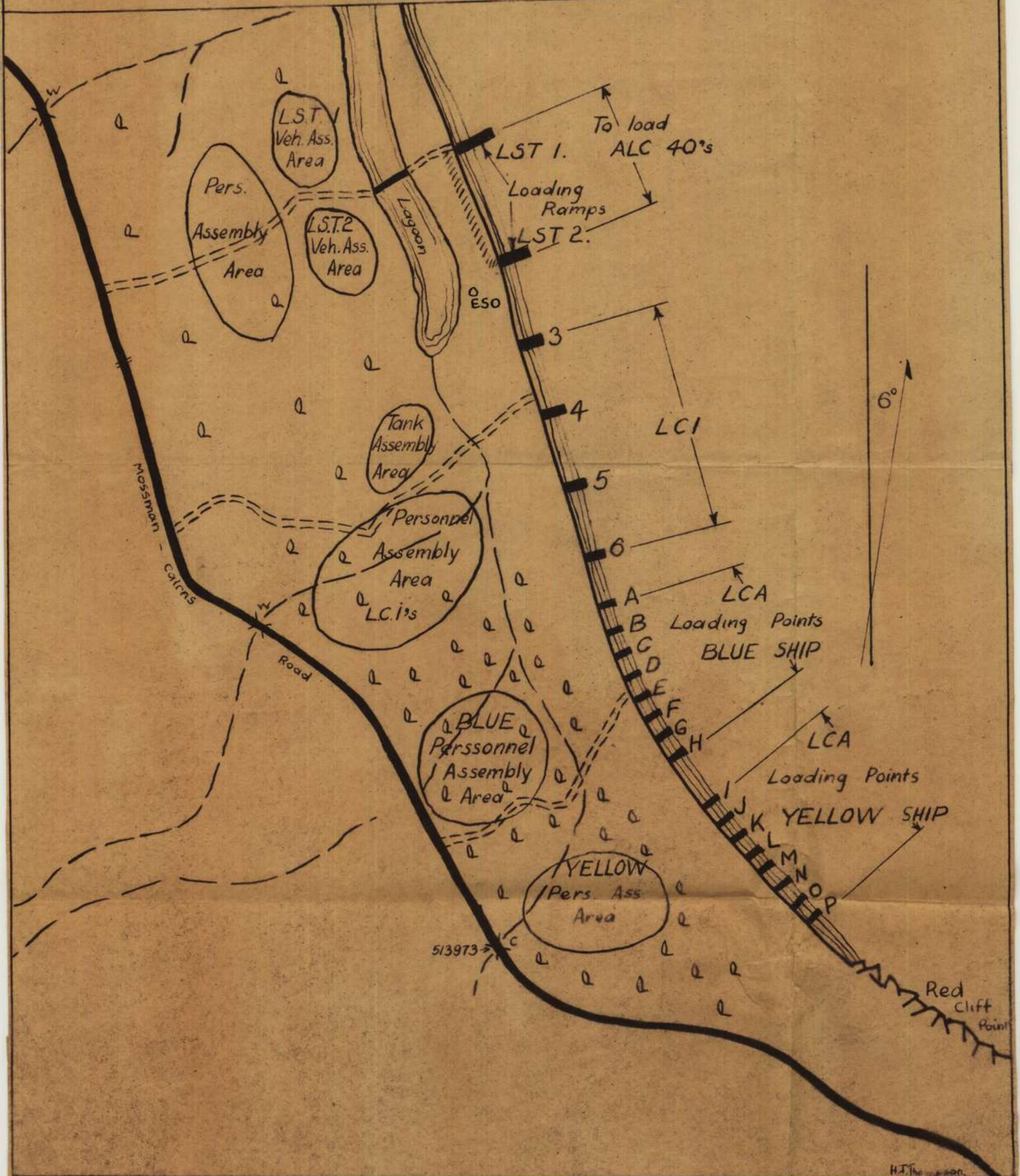


EMBARKATION ASSEMBLY AREA

SOUTH UNITY BEACH

RF 1:3600

Ref map Macalister Range 1 inch to 1 mile



Scale 1 inch to 100 yards

100 200 300 400 500 yds.

Bearings by compass
Distances by pacing

12 Oct 44
Detail from Aerial Photos

LSI

2/27 AUST INF BN LANDING CRAFT TABLE.

SECRET

Craft available:- 22 LCA
2 LCM

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Average Turn-round Times:-
LCA - 90 mins
LCM 90 mins
LCI 75 mins

Sheet No 1

Ldg Cft Serial No. (a)	LANDING CRAFT		PERSONNEL			LOAD			MANNING		LANDING		REMARKS
	No	Type	Sub-Unit	March ing	On Vehs	Guns	Vehs	Stores	Place	Time	Beach	Time	
	(b)		(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	
59		LCA	A Coy 7 Pl S.B.	2 -27 1 <u>2 -28</u>							As ordered	H plus 110	Wave 1 Right Flank
60		LCA	8 Pl S.B.	1 -28 1 <u>1 -29</u>							As Ordered	H plus 110	
61		LCA	A Coy O.C. Storeman Bat- man CSM Clerk Orderlies (3) S.B. I Sec Sigs 3 Pl 2 Pl	1 - 7 2 1 4 8 7 <u>1- 29</u>				108 Set 2 Dms Cable Strtchr 1 M 3 1 MMG comp- lete 1 D Mk V			As Ordered	H plus 110	
62		LCA	9 Pl S.B.	1- 28 1 <u>1- 29</u>							As Ordered	H+110	

Ldg Cft Ser No (a)	LDG CRAFT		PERSONNEL			LOAD			MANNING		LANDING		REMARKS (m)
	No	Type (b)	Sub-Unit (c)	March ing (d)	On Vehs (e)	Guns (f)	Vehs (g)	Stores (h)	Place (i)	Time (j)	Beach (k)	Time (l)	
63		LCA	B Coy 10 Pl SB ULC & Fty ULO RP Batman "I" Sec	1 - 24 1 1 1 1 2 - 28							As Ordered	H + 110	
64		LCA	B Coy (JC Batman GSM Clerk Ord (3) Storeman SB "I" Sec Sigs 3 Pl 2 Pl	1 - 7 2 1 4 8 7 1 - 29			108 Set 2 drums cable 1 D V Stretch er 1 Mortar 3" 1 MMG Com plete				As Ordered	H + 110	
65		LCA	B Coy 11 Pl SB	1 - 28 1 1 - 29							As Ordered	H + 110	
66		LCA	L Coy 12 Pl SB	1 - 28 1 1 - 29							As Ordered		Wave 1 Left Plank

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AUST INF BN LANDING CRAFT TABLE (Continued)

SECRET

Sheet No...3....

Landing Craft Serial No (a)	LANDING CRAFT		PERSONNEL			LOAD			MANNING		LANDING		REMARKS (m)
	No	Type	Sub-Unit (c)	Marching (d)	On Vehs (e)	Guns (f)	Vehs (g)	Stores (h)	Place (i)	Time (j)	Beach (k)	Time (l)	
67		LCA	Adjnt Observer Offr Sig Sjt Batmen Bn Sigs Bde Sigs Int Sec B Coy 2/1 MG Bn Recce Party 5 Pl	1 1 1 2 6 3 1 1 4 10 <u>3 27</u>				1-22 w/less Set 1-108 Set 3 Don Vs			As order- ed	H#115	Wave 2 Right Flank
68		LCA	CO Sig Offr Observer Offr Int Sjt Int Sec RSM Clerk Batmen R.P. Bn Sigs Bde Sigs 5 Pl	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 4 3 4 1 1 10 <u>4 26</u>				1-46 w/less Set 1-108 Set 1 D V Office Box			As Ordered	H#115	

AUST INF BN CRAFT TABLE (Continued)

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Sheet No 4

Ldg Cft Ser No (a)	LDG CRAFT		PERSONNEL		LOAD			MANNING		LANDING		REMARKS	
	No	Type	Sub-Unit	Marching (d)	On Vehs (e)	Guns (f)	Vehs (g)	Stores (h)	Place (i)	Time (j)	Beach (k)		Time (l)
	(b)		(c)									(m)	
69	LCA		I O Observer Offrs Batman Bn Sigs Int Sec 7 Bty 2/2 Tk A Regt - Tp Recce party 5 Pl	1 2 3 10 1 1 - 4 8 <u>4 - 26</u>				2 108 Sets 1 10 LUC 4 drums cable 3 phones D V Int Sec Box			As Order ed	H+115	Wave 2 Left Flank
71	LCI		C Coy Sigs 3 Pl Int Sec SBS 9 Bty 2/5 Aust Fd Regt 55 Bty 2/5 Aust Fd Regt	5 - 89 4 8 1 5 1 - 29 1 - 29 <u>7 - 165</u>				108 Set 2 Drums Cable 1 D V Phone 2 Stretch ers 1 Mortar 3"			as ord ered	H+120	Wave 3
74	LCA		2/6 Pl Amb RAP SB Chaplain Batman 2 Pl Less dets	1 - 6 2 1 1 1 1 - 17 <u>3 - 27</u>				2 MMG Complete			As Order ed	H+125	Wave 4 Right Flank

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Ldg Cft Ser No (a)	LDG CRAFT		PERSONNEL	LOAD					MANNING		LANDING		REMARKS (m)
	No (b)	Type	Sub-Unit (c)	March ing (d)	On Vehs (e)	Guns (f)	Vehs (g)	Stores (h)	Place (i)	Time (j)	Beach (k)	Time (l)	
75	LCA		7 Pl 2/1 Aust MG Bn RAP S B	1 -26 1 - 1 1 <u>2 -28</u>				4 MMGs Complete Stretch er			As Order ed	H+125	
76	LCA		D Coy 16 Pl SB	1 -28 1 <u>1 -29</u>							As Order ed	H+125	
77	LCA		D Coy -hq OC Observer Offr CSM Clerks Orderlies Batman Hygiene Int Sec S B 3 Pl Sigs .7 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt	1 1 1 2 3 1 1 1 2 8 4 5 <u>2 -28</u> 1-28				108 Set 2 Drums Cable D Mk V Phone Stretch er Mortar 3"			As Order ed	H+125	
78	LCA		D Coy 17 Pl S B	1 -28 1 <u>1 -29</u>							As Order ed	H+125	

Ldg Craft Serial No (a)	LANDING CRAFT		PERSONNEL		LOAD			MANNING		LANDING		REMARKS (m)	
	No (b)	Type	Sub-Unit (c)	March ing (d)	On Vehs (e)	Guns (f)	Vehs (g)	Stores (h)	Place (i)	Time (j)	Beach (k)		Time (l)
79		LCA	D Coy 18 Pl S B	1 -28 <u>1</u> 1 -29							As ord ered	H+125	Wave 4 Left Flank
82		LCA	8 Pl 2/1 Aust MG Bn Observer Pty 2/1 Aust MG Bn	1 -26 <u>1 - 2</u> 2 -28							As ord ered	H+140	Wave 5 Right Flank
83		LCA	Alternative HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde	<u>3- 27</u> 3-27				Sig Eqpt			As ord ered	H+140	
84		LCA	Alternative HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde R P	2 -27 <u>1</u> 2 -28	2-27			Sig Eqpt			As ord ered	H+140	
85		LCM	B Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn less dets 2/6 Fd Amb 4 Pl A Coy	3 -48 11 1 -13 <u>4</u> 4-76							As ord ered	H+140	

Ldg Cft Ser No (a)	PERSONNEL			LOAD			MANNING		LANDING		REMARKS (m)		
	No (b)	TYPE	Sub-Unit (c)	March ing (a)	On Vehs (e)	Guns (f)	Vehs (g)	Stores (h)	Place (i)	Time (j)		Beach (k)	Time (l)
86		LCM	3 Pl Less dets HQ Coy Sigs 6 Q Pl Rear BHQ YMCA B Coy	2 -25 1 - 9 4 2 -20 76 1 - 1 7 6 -74							As ord ered	H+140	Wave 5 Left Flank
102		LCA	A Coy D Coy	1 -13 1 -10 2 -23	2-22						As ord ered	H+200	Wave 6 Right Flank
103		LCA	C Coy 5 Pl	1 -20 4 1 -24							As ord ered	H+200	Wave 6 Left Flank

21 AUST INF BDE LANDING TABLE

(Issued in conjunction with 21 Aust Inf Bde OO No 1)

S E C R E T

Sheet No. 1.....

Copy No.....

Craft Available :- 34 LCA
4 LCM

Turn-round times :- LCA, LCM - 90 mins
LCI - 75 mins
IST - 120 mins

Ldg Craft Serial No (a)	Craft Ready to Beach (b)	UNIT (c)	Personnel Parties		Vehicles & Guns No Type (f)	Stores Tons Type (g)	Embark Sector or Beach (h)	CRAFT (i)	SHIP (j)	Landing Sector & Beach (k)	REMARKS (l)
			Foot (d)	Veh (e)							
1-8	H hr	2/14 Aust Inf Bn LT Beach Gp A Bmr & Parties	232 8				ABLE	8 LCA	GREEN	UNCLE GREEN	Lamps & Bch signs to be pre-loaded
9-16	H hr	2/16 Aust Inf Bn LT Beach Gp A Bmr & Parties	232 8				ABLE	8 LCA	RED	UNCLE RED	Lamps & Bch signs to be pre-loaded
17-19	H + 5	2/14 Aust Inf Bn LT	90				ABLE	3 LCA	GREEN	UNCLE GREEN	
20	H + 5	2/16 Aust Inf Bn LT	100				BAKER	1 LCI Op No1		UNCLE RED	
21-26	H + 15	2/14 Aust Inf Bn LT Beh Gp Beh Coy Comd " " Bmr & Det " " Beh Sigs Army " " " " Navy " " Med Sec " " 2/15 Fd Coy recce 2/5 Aust Fd Regtrecce 2/15 Aust IAA Bty recce	144 4 9 5 4 2 4 4 2			Beh Signs & gear	ABLE	6 LCA	GREEN	UNCLE GREEN	Incl RMO 4 spaces allowed for signs & gear - to be pre-loaded Accompanies RMO

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Ldg Craft Serial No (a)	Craft Ready to Beach (b)	UNIT (c)	Personnel Parties		Vehicles & Guns No Type (f)	STORES Tons Type (g)	Embark Sector or Beach (h)	CRAFT (i)	SHIP (j)	Landing Sector & Beach (k)	REMARKS (l)
			Foot (d)	Veh (e)							
27-30	H+15	2/16 Aust Inf Bn LT	87				ABLE	4 LCA	RED	UNCLE RED	4 Spaces allowed for signs & gear to be preloaded.
		Beh Gp Beh Coy Comd	4								
		" " Bnr & Det	8								
		" " 2/15 Fd Coy recce	4								
		2/5 Fd Regt recce	8								
		2/14 HAA Bty recce	5								
31	H+15	2/16 Aust Inf Bn LT	81				ABLE	1 LCM	RED	UNCLE RED	Incl RMO
		2/5 Fd Regt	8								
		Beh Gp Sigs Army	5								
		" " " Navy	4								
		Med Sec	2								Accompanies RMO
32	H+20	2/16 Aust Inf Bn LT	100				BAKER	1 LCI Op No 2		UNCLE RED	
		Beh Gp 2/4 Pnr Engr Coy	86								
		" " 2/15 Fd Coy	4								
33	H+20	2/14 Aust Inf Bn LT	100				BAKER	1 LCI Op No 3		UNCLE GREEN	
34	H+20	2/14 Aust Inf Bn LT	100				BAKER	1 LCI Op No 4		UNCLE GREEN	
		Beh Gp HQ recce	18								
		" " 2/15 Fd Coy	72								
35-37	H+30	Beh Gp Sigs Army	20)		∅		ABLE	3 LCA	GREEN	UNCLE GREEN	∅ Main Support Party
		" " " Navy	8)								
		Med Sec	46 x								x Incl GEO
		2/5 Fd Regt recce	12								Asst & 2 Orderlies
		2/15 LAA Bty recce	4								
38	H+30	Beh Gp 2/15 Fd Coy		2	1 x D4 Dozer	1 Sled Are Mesh	ABLE	1 LCM	GREEN	UNCLE GREEN	
		AEME	18								

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Log Craft Serial No (a)	Craft Ready to Beach (b)	UNIT (c)	Personnel Parties		Vehicles & Guns No Type (f)	Stores Tons Type (g)	Embark Sector or Beach (h)	CRAFT (i)	SHIP (j)	Landing Sector & Beach (k)	REMARKS (l)
			Foot (d)	Veh (e)							
39	H+30	2/14 Aust Inf Bn IT Beh Gp 2/15 Fd Coy	18	2	1 x D4 Dozer	1 Sled ARC Mesh	ABIE	1 LCM	GREEN	UNCLE GREEN	
40	H+35	2/9 Aust Armd Regt	11	4 2	1 x Matilda Tank 1 x Jeep & trlr		BAKER	1 ALC 40		UNCLE GREEN	
41	H+35	2/9 Aust Armd Regt	11	4 2	1 x Matilda Tank 1 Jeep & trlr		BAKER	1 ALC 40		UNCLE RED	
42-43	As directed	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde 2/1 Gd Regt Bde Sig Sec Det 7 Div Pro Beach Gp Comd Party	21 5 16 5 13				ABIE	2 LCA	GREEN	As directed	Free Boats x incl: Beh Gp Comd, GSO III, CO 2/4 Pnr En and PBmr
44	As directed	Bde Sig Sec HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde Det 7 Div Sigs 2/1 Gd Pl Det Pro Pl	8 23 6 5 8	2	1 Jeep & trlr		ABIE	1 LCM	GREEN	As directed	This craft returns to LSI GREEN for second trip to pick up Serial 70
45	H+80	Beh Gp - Coy 2/4 Pnr Bn Beh Gp HQ 2/15 Fd Coy 2/6 Fd Amb	105 10 22 48				South UNITY BEACH	1 LCI Op No 1		UNCLE GREEN	Second Trip

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Lgd Craft Serial No (a)	Craft Ready to Beach (b)	UNIT (c)	Personnel Parties		Vehs & Guns No Type (f)	Stores Tons Type (g)	Embark Sector or Beach (h)	CRAFT (i)	SHIP (j)	Landing Sector & Beach (k)	REMARKS (l)
			Foot (d)	Veh (e)							
46-53	H+90	2/16 Aust Inf Bn LT Beh Gp 2/4 Pnr Bn	135 105				ABLE	8 LCA	RED	UNCLE RED	
54-58	H+105	2/16 Aust Inf Bn LT Beh Gp 2/4 Pnr Bn Pnr P1	15 39				ABLE	2 LCA 2 LCA) 1 LCM)	RED	UNCLE RED	Extra Craft proceed unloaded to keep waves intact
59-66	H+110	2/27 Aust Inf Bn LT	240				South UNITY BEACH	8 LCA	BLUE	As Direct- ed	
67-69	H+115	2/27 Aust Inf Bn LT	90				South UNITY BEACH	3 LCA	BLUE	As Direct- ed	
70	H+120	2/14 Aust Inf Bn LT Beh Gp - Beh Gp Pro 2/4 Pnr Bn Sig P1 Beh Gp recce party	46 13 30 11 x				ABLE	1 LCM	GREEN	UNCLE GREEN	This craft is second trip of Serial.44 x incl service reps
71	H+120	2/27 Aust Inf Bn LT 2/5 Fd Regt	112 60				South UNITY BEACH	1 LCI Op No 2			Second trip

Ldg Craft Serial No (a)	Craft Ready to Beach (b)	UNIT (c)	Personnel Parties		Vehicles & Guns No Type (f)	Stores Tons Type (g)	Embark Sector or Beach (h)	CRAFT (i)	SHIP (j)	Landing Sector & Beach (k)	REMARKS (l)
			Feet (d)	Veh (e)							
72	H+120	2/5 Fd Regt	38	25	3x25 pr guns 4 jeeps 1x2 1/2 Ton 3xtractors arty		BAKER		LST 743	UNCLE RED	See Stowage Plan
		2/2 Tk A Regt	28	12	2x6 pr guns 2x3 ton GS 1 Jeep						
		2/14 HAA Bty	9	9	1x3.7 AA Gn 1x120 mortar						
		84 Mob SL Bty 2/15 IAA Bty	13	7	1x2 1/2 Ton 1x40 mm Bofors						
		2/6 Fd Coy	14	6	1 Jeep 1x3 T Tip 1xD4 tracked						
		2/124 Bde Wksp 2/59 Aust IAD 2/15 Fd Coy	5	2	1 D4 A/Dozer	1 sled & ARC Mesh					
		2/6 Fd Amb		2	1 D6 A/Dozer	1 Sled & ARC Mesh					
		2/6 Fd Amb		4	2 jeeps & 2 trlrs						
		Beach Gp HQ		2	1 Jeep 1 tlr						
		2/15 Fd Coy		2	1 " 1 "						
		2 Beach Sig Sec		2	1 " 1 "						
		2/15 Fd Coy		4	2x2 1/2 T 6x6)	SBC bridge					
		2/166 GTC		6	3x2 1/2 T 6x6)	3 vehs with 6' overhang					
		2/15 Fd Coy		2	1 D4 tractor	1 Sled & ARC Mesh					
		2/15 Fd Coy Beach Sigs		2	1 3T Tipper						
				2	1 Jeep						
			107	97							

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Idg Craft Serial No (a)	Craft Ready to Beach (b)	UNIT (c)	Personnel Parties		Vehicles & Guns No Type (f)	Stores Tons Type (g)	Embark Sector or Beach (h)	CRAFT (i)	SHIP (j)	Landing Sector & Beach (k)	REMARKS (l)	
			Foot (d)	Veh (e)								
73	H+120	Hq 21 Bde 2/5 Fd Regt	38	2 25	1 Jeep & trlr 4 jeeps 1 x 2 1/2 T <i>2x25ft</i> 3 x tractor arty		BAKER		LST 562	UNCLE GREEN	See Stowage Plan	
		2/2 Tk A Regt	28	12	2 x 6 pr 2 x 3T GS 1 x Jeep							
		2/14 HAA Bty	9	9	1 x 3.7 AA 1 x Matador							
		2/15 IAA Bty	13	7	1 x 40 mm Bofors							
		2/6 Fd Coy	14	6	1 x 2 1/2 T 1 x Jeep 1 x 3T Tip 1 x D4 tractor							
		2/59 IAD	3	2	1 x Jeep 1 x trailer							
		Beach Gp 2/15 Fd Coy		18	1 x D6 Dozer & 2 sleds Wash 6 x 3T Tip 2 x D4 Dozer & 2 Sleds Wash 1 x Diamond T Wrecker							
		1 Aust Beach) Wksp AEME 1 AMC Coy	7	4 6	3 Jeep & trlrs							Incl Surgical Team
			112	91								

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LCG Craft Serial No (a)	Craft Ready to Desc (b)	UNIT (c)	Personnel Parties		Vehicles & Guns No Type (f)	Stores Tons Type (g)	Embark Sector or Beach (h)	CRAFT (i)	SHIP (j)	Landing Sector & Beach (k)	REMARKS (l)
			Foot (d)	Vel (e)							
74-79	H+125	2/27 Aust Inf Bn LT	130				South UNITY BEACH	6 LCA	BLUE	As Direct- ed	
80	H+130	2/9 Aust Arm Regt	11	4	1 Matilda Tank		South UNITY BEACH	1 ALC 40		UNCLE GREEN	
81	H+130	2/9 Aust Arm Regt	11	4	1 Matilda tank		South UNITY BEACH	1 ALC 40		UNCLE GREEN	
82-84	H+140	2/27 Aust Inf Bn LT HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde Bde Sig Sec 2/1 GC Pl	37 26 19 8				South UNITY BEACH	3 LCA	BLUE	UNCLE As directed	
85-86	H+140	2/27 Aust Inf Bn	200				South UNITY BEACH	2 LCM	BLUE	UNCLE As directed	
87	H+160	2/5 Aust Fd Regt Tp 2/15 Lt AA Bty Beach Gp - Beach Sigs Army " Navy Gen Tpt Coy Pro ABIE Ord Sup Dep BIFOD	20 25 5 7 40 11 15 47 7 11				South UNITY BEACH	1 LCI Op No 3		UNCLE As directed	Second trip
88	H+160	Beach Gp - 2/4 Pnr Bn 2/15 Fd Coy	159 29				South UNITY BEACH	1 LCI Op No 4		UNCLE As Directed	Second trip

Log Craft Serial No (a)	Craft Ready to Lash (b)	UNIT (c)	Personnel Parties		Vehicles & Guns No Type (f)	Stores Tons Type (g)	Embark Sector or Beach (h)	CRAFT (i)	SHIP (j)	Landing Sector & Beach (k)	REMARKS (l)
			Foot (d)	Veh (e)							
89-96	H+180	2/5 Cav Commando Sqn Deach Gp 2/4 Par Bn 2/14 H AA Regt 2/15 L AA Regt	153 57 10 20				South UNITY BEACH	8 LCA	YELLOW	UNCLE As Directed	
97-100	H+180	2/5 Cav Commando Sqn 2/5 Pd Coy 2/6 Pd Asst	63 38 22				South UNITY BEACH	4 LCA	YELLOW	UNCLE as directed	
101	H+195	2/5 Cav Commando Sqn 2/6 Pd Asst Tp 84 Mob SL Bty	41 23 11				South UNITY BEACH	1 LCM	YELLOW	UNCLE As directed	
102-103	H+200	2/27 Aust Inf Bn LT	50				S UNITYB	2 LCA	BLUE	UNCLE As Directed	
104-109	H+200	2/5 Aust Pd Regt 2/14 H AA Bty 2/15 L AA Bty	90 65 21				South UNITY BEACH	6 LCA	YELLOW	UNCLE As Directed	Craft x wave 1 Ship Blue Serials 59-66
110-111	H+215	Tp 84 Mob SL Bty 2/3 Aust Gen Lpt Pl	4 40				South UNITY BEACH	2 LCA	YELLOW	UNCLE As Directed	

Ldg Craft Serial No (a)	Craft Ready to Beach (b)	UNIT (c)	Personnel Parties		Vehicles & Guns No Type (f)	Stores Tons Type (g)		Embark Sector or Beach (h)	CRAFT (i)	SHIP (j)	Landing Sector & Beach (k)	REMARKS (l)
			Foot (d)	Veh (e)								
112	H-240	Tp 84 Mobile SL	35	2	1 2 1/2 ton 1 SL	125	Force	6 SOUTH UNITY		LST 743 (2nd trip)	JUNGLE as directed	See Stowage Plan
		2/6 Rd Coy	8	4	1 jeep 1 2 1/2 ton							
		2/14 Aust Inf Bn	4	6	1 2 pr gun 1 jeep							
		2/16 Aust Inf Bn	4	6	1 2 pr gun 1 jeep							
		2/27 Aust Inf Bn	4	6	1 2 pr gun 1 jeep							
		2/3 Gen Tpt Pl		10	6 jeeps 3 trailers							
		2/124 Bde Wksp	14	4	1 jeep 1 trailer 1 3 ton mech							
			67	38								
		<u>Beach Gp</u>										
		1 Aust Beach Wksp		5	1 Diamond T Wrecker							
		AMEE		18	3 6 x 6 W/W 6 jeeps 6 trailers							
		2/166 GFC		2	2 jeeps							
		2/4 Par Bn		6	2 2 pr Tk A							
		RAM Commando A	22									
			22	31								Boat repair & Recovery Section.

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Ing Craft Serial No (a)	Craft Ready to Beach (b)	UNIT (c)	Personnel Parties		Vehicles & guns No (f)	Stores Tons Type (g)	Embark Sector or Beach (h)	CRANE (i)	SHIP (j)	Landing Sector & Beach (k)	REMARKS (l)	
			Foot (d)	Veh (e)								
113	H-240	2/6 RI Coy	29	6	2 3 ton tippers 1 D4 A/dozer	125	Force	SOUTH 6 UTILITY BEACH		LSP 562 (2nd trip)	UNCLE as direc- ted	See Storage Plan Stores pre- loaded BAKER Sector
		2/14 Aust Inf Bn	4	6	1 2 pr 1 jeep							
		2/16 Aust Inf Bn	4	6	1 2 pr 1 jeep							
		2/27 Aust Inf Bn	4	6	1 2 pr 1 jeep							
		2/8 Gen Tpt Pl		10	5 jeeps 5 trailers							
		2/124 Wksps	14	4	1 jeep 1 trailer 1 2 1/2 ton							
			55	38								
		Beach Gp										
		2/15 RI Coy	6	6	1 auto patrol 2 jeeps 2 trailers							
		2/4 Par Bn		4	1 3T water 1 30 cwt water							
		2/160 Gen Tpt Coy		6	1 jeep 1 trailer							
		2/4 Par Bn		6	2 jeeps 2 pr Tk A guns							
		20 AMCU	7	2	1 jeep 1 trailer							
		3 Armd Sal Unit	13	2	1 jeep 1 trailer							
		15 Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl		2	1 jeep 1 trailer							
2/240 Sup Dep Pl 57 LIPOD	12 3											
	41	28										

Craft available :- LSI "M" 21 LCV 3 LCM 26 AUST INF BDE LANDING TABLE
 LSI "W" 15 " 2 LCM (Issued in conjunction with
 APA "A" 32 " 2 " 26 Aust Inf Bde OO No 1
 6 APD 24 LCPR (3 two runs) dated)
 LSD 6 ALC(4C) 6 ALC(15) 3 ALC(20)
 LST 8 LVT(A)(2)

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Turn-round times :-

LCVP 135 min
 LCM 135 min
 ALC 135 min
 LVT(A)(2) 105 min

Ldg Craft Serial No	Craft Ready to Beach	Unit	Personnel Parties		Vehicles and Guns No. Type	Stores Tons Type	Embark Sector or Beach	Craft	Ship	Landing Sector and Beach	Remarks
			Foot	Veh							
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
X 1-8	H hr	2/23 Bn LT A Bmrs and Party - Beach Gp	248 8	✓		Beach Signs		8 VP	LSI "M"	Item Green	
9-16	H hr	2/24 Bn LT A Bmr & Party - Beach Gp	248 8			Beach Signs		8 VP	APA "A"	Item Red	
X 17-20	H + 10 approx	2/25 Bn LT	128	✓				4 VP	LSI "M"	Item Green	
21-25	H + 10 approx	2/24 Bn LT	128					4 VP	APA "A"	Item Red	
X 26-28	H + 15	2/23 Bn LT (Cos Party) Bde LO & Party Bmr & Party) Beach Sigs) Beach Navy Sigs) Gp AAMC)	36 3 8 6 4 2	2 ✓	1 jeep & 1 tlr	1 Boat Sig Eqpt (2) " " (2)		3 VP	LSI "M"	Item Green	Incl Bde Sigs & SFCP 26 boat spaces for jeep and trailer
29-32	H + 15	2/24 Bn LT (Cos Party) Bde LO & Party Bmr & Party) Beach Sigs) Beach Navy Sigs) Gp AAMC) LAA Recce Party	69 3 8 5 4 2 4	2	1 Jeep & tlr	1 Boat Sig Eqpt (2) " " (2)		4 VP	APA "A"	Item Red	Incl Bde Sigs & SFCP 26 boat spaces for jeep & trailer

Ldg Craft Serial No (a)	Craft Ready to Beach (b)	UNIT (c)	Personnel Parties		Vehicles And Guns No Type (f)	Stores Tons Typo (g)	Embark Sector or Beach (h)	CRAFT (i)	SHIP (j)	Landing Sector And Beach (k)	REMARKS (l)
			Foot (d)	Veh (e)							
X 33-37	H+25	2/23 Bn INF	160	✓				5 VP	LSI "M"	Item Green	
38-42	H+30	2/24 Bn INF	135					5LVT(A)2	LST	Item Red	
43-44	H+30	Beach Sig Sec } Beach RAN Sigs } Gp 2/24 Bn INF	16 11 28			Sig Eqpt(7) Sig Eqpt(4)		2 VP	APA "A"	Item Red	
X 45-47	H+30	B Sqn 2/9 Aust Amnd Regt RAE 9 Div	- 30	12	3 tanks			3 ALC40	LSD	Item Green	
48-50	H+30	B Sqn 2/9 Aust Amnd Regt RAE 9 Div	- 30	12	3 tanks			3 ALC40	LSD	Item Red	
X 51-53	H+35	LAA tp 53 Comp AA Regt 2/23 Bn INF RAE 9 Div	27 20 -	✓ 3	3 Bofors 3 D4 Tractors			3 LCM	LSI "M"	Item Green	
54	H+35	LAA tp 53 Comp AA Regt 2/24 Bn INF	- 80	3	1 x 2½ ton			1 LCM	APA "A"	Item Green	40 mm amm
55-58	H+35 to H+45	Hq 26 Aust Inf Bde 26 Bde Sig Sec Guard Platoon Air sp party Det B Sec Sigs	26 16 13 15 7	1	1 jeep 1 tlr 1 Jeep 1 tlr			4 VPs	APA "A"		26 boat spaces for each jeep and tlr.
59-61	H+45	Beach Gp 2/11 Fd Coy Recce Party 2/2 Pnr Bn Recce Party Pns 2/24 Bn INF Recce Party 24 Bde	6 5 2 76 7					3 VPs	APA "A"	Item Red	
62-63	H+45	Beach Gp 2/11 Fd Coy Recce Party 2/2 Pnr Bn Pns 2/11 Fd Amb	6 5 2 51					2 VPs	LSI "W"	Item Green	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
64-75	H+45 to H+60 approx.	2/48 Bn LT	384					12 LCP(R)	6 APDs	-	At call Bde Comd Incl Bde Sigs
76-87	H+45 to H+60 approx.	HQ 26 Bde 26 Bde Sig Sec Det B Sec Sigs Guard Platoon 2/43 Bn LT	31 17 5 14 317					12 LCP(R)	6 APDs	-	Alternative Bde HQ
86-93	H+70	Recce Party Rd Bty Guard Platoon Beach Gp 2/11 Rd Coy Pro Pl 2/2 Pnr Bn HQ 2 Beach Gp	20 5 46 4 52 9	2	1 Jeep 1 tlr			6 VPs	APA "A"	Item Red	26 boat spaces for jeep & tlr
94-97	H+70	Beach Gp 2/11 Rd Coy 2/2 Pnr Bn ALME Recce Party Beach Gp B Party HQ 2 Beach Gp Pro Pl RAN Commando 2/11 Rd Coy	46 61 3 5 3 2 5					4 VPs	LSI "W"	Item Green	Incl 16 Sigs
98	H+75	Beach Gp 2 Mech Eqpt Pl Recce Party 24 Bde	4 9	1	1 x D6 Angledozer	3	ARC Mesh on 2 sleds	1 LCM	APA "A"	Item Red	
99-101	H+75	Beach Gp 2 Mech Eqpt Pl 2/11 Rd Coy	8 49	3	3 x D6 Angledozers	12	ARC Mesh on 3 sleds	2 ALC 20s 1 ALC 15	LSD	Item Green	
102-103	H+80	RAE 9 Aust Div	56	6	4 Jeeps 4 tlr			2 LCMs	LSI "W"	Item Green	26 boat spaces for each jeep & tlr

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
104-111	H+30	2/46 Bn LT RAE 9 Div Recce Part HQ RAE & 2/7 Fd Coy 2/11 Fd Amb etc. Beach Gp AAMC Coy 2/2 Pnr Bn	- 28 29 30 58 15	5 2	2 Jeeps 2x2ps 1 Jeep 1 Tlr			8 LC VPs	LSI "W"	Item Green	26 boat spaces for each jeep and trailer RMO, 5 Orderlies, 9 SBs
112-116	H+120	RAE 9 Div	21	5	5 x D6 Angledozer			5 ALC 15s	LSD	Item Red	
117	H+120	Beach Gp 2/11 Fd Coy ALME Beach Gp	30 3	1	1 x 18 Tractor			1 ALC 20	LSD	Item Green	
FERRY SERVICE COMMENCES											
118-124	H+135	2/23 Bn LT RAN Commandos	135 32	6	2 Jeeps 2x2pr			7 VPs	LSI "M"	Item Green	26 boat spaces each jeep and trailer
125-131	H+135	HQ 26 Bde 26 Bde Sig Sec 2/24 Bn LT Beach Gp Pro Pl 2/2 Pnr Bn 2/103 G.T. Coy 2/2 Pnr Bn Sigs	- - 15 10 30 6 14	2 1 6	2 Jeep 2 Tlr 1 Jeep 1 Tlr 2 Jeeps 2x2pr			7 VPs	APA "A"	Item Red	26 boat spaces each
132-138	H+150	Beach Gp 2/2 Pnr Bn 2/23 Bn LT	193 2	2	1 Jeep 1 Tlr			7 VPs	LSI "M"	Item Green	Lt Sec 2/11 Fd Amb
139-144	H+150	Beach Gp Stores Pl Sup Dep Pl BIFOP Ord Beach Det Beach Wksps 2/2 Pnr Bn 2/24 Bn LT	16 3 3 18 13 107 4	2	1 Jeep 1 Tlr			6 VPs	APA "A"	Item Red	Lt Sec 2/11 Fd Amb

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
145-149	H+160	Recce Party HQ 9 Div Beach Gp	21	2	1 Jeep 1 tlr			5 VPs	LSI "W"	Item Green	26 boat spaces
		Beach Wksp	18								
		Beach Gp HQ	-	2	1 jeep 1 tlr						
		RAE 9 Div	32								
		2/11 Fd Amb	11			2	Med				
150	H+165	2/7 Fd Regt	27	3	2x25 pr guns 1 x tractor 1 x 2½ tons			ALC 40	APA "A"	Item Green	
		Beach Sig Sec	2	2	2 jeeps						
151	H+165	2/7 Fd Regt	27	3	2x25 pr guns 1 x tractor 1 x 2½ ton			ALC 40	APA "A"	Item Green	
		RAN Commando	-	2	1 Jeep 1 tlr						
152	H+165	2/7 Fd Regt	27	3	2x25 pr guns 1 x tractor 1 2½ ton			ALC 40	APA "A"	Item Green	
		Beach Gp									
		17 Pro Pl	-	2	1 Jeep 1 tlr						
153	H+165	2/7 Fd Regt	27	3	2x25 pr guns 1 x tractor 1 x 2½ ton			ALC 40	APA "A"	Item Green	
		LAA tp 53 Comp AA Regt	6	2	1 Jeep						
154	H+165	2/7 Fd Regt	28	6	3 jeeps 2 tlr			ALC 40	APA "A"	Item Green	
		Beach Gp									
		Mech Eqpt Pl	3	1	1 x D 6 Angledozer	3	ARC Mesh on sled				
155	H+165	Beach Gp									
		2/11 Fd Coy		6	3 x 3 Ton T			ALC 40	LSI "M"	Item Red	
		2/23 Bn LT	63								
156-157	H+165	Beach Gp									
		2/11 Fd Coy	-	6	2 x 3 Ton T			2 LCM	APA "A"	Item Red	
		2/2 Pnr Bn	180								
158-159	H+165	2/2 Pnr Bn	66					2 VPs	LSI "W"	Item Green	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
160	H + 165	2/24 Bn IT	11	4	2 Jeeps 2 tlr			1 LCM	APA "A"	Item Red	
161	H + 165	<u>Beach Gp</u> Mech Eqpt Pl	5	1	1 x D8 Angledozer	3	ARC Mesh	1 LCM	LSI "M"	Item Green	
		2/23 Bn IT	25					4 VPs	APA "A"	Item Green	
162-165	H + 165 to H + 180	2/78 LAD Fwd Observer Posts RAAF <u>Beach Gp</u> Gen Tpt Coy Beach Wkps Ord Beach Det 2/2 Pnr Bn	2 8 5 15 4 94								
166-168	H + 180	2/7 Md Regt	27	6	3 Jeeps 2 Tlrs			3 VPs	LSI "M"	Item Green	
169-171	H + 180	2/48 Bn IT Rear Party 24 Bde	92 4					5 LCPs	APLs	Item Red	
172-173	H + 180	2/24 Bn IT 2/78 LAD	20 4	2	1 Jeep 1 Tlr			2 VPs	APA	Item Red	
174	H + 180	25 Bde Sig Sec 2/23 Bn IT 2/24 Bn IT 2/48 Bn IT B Squ 2/9 Armd Regt RAE 9 Aust Div <u>Beach Gp</u> 2/11 Md Coy AEME	- - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1 4 4 4 4 28 46	1 Jeep 1 Tlr 4 Jeep 4 Tlr 4 Jeep 4 Tlr 4 Jeep 4 Tlr 1 Jeep 1 Tlr 3 Tanks 1 SBC 5 Jeep 5 Tlr 3 Air Comprat 12 x 3 ton 3 x D4 Tractor and sled 1 x D4 Angledozer 1 x 3 Ton Tlxer w/ compressor l wrecker & compressor	1	Misc		LSI 1	Item Green	

21 AUGUST 1945 LANDING TABLES (Continued)

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175	H+180	RAE 9 Aust Div	113	12	3 Jeep 3 Tlr 6 x 2½ Ton 2 Auto Patrols 1 x D4 Dozer and Sled				LST 2	Item Red	
		Recce Party HQ RAE and 2/7 Fd Coy Beach Gp		5	5 Jeep 5 Tlr						
		Beach Gp HQ 2/2 Pnr Bn	18	5	3 load haulers 3 Crawler cranes 1 Jeep 1 Tlr						
		Beach Sigs AAMC Coy Pro Pl 2/11 Fd Coy 2/2 Pnr Bn	9	2	1 Jeep 1 Tlr						
		Gen Tpt Coy		6	5 Jeep 5 Tlr						
		2/11 Fd Coy		2	1 Jeep 1 Tlr						
		AEME		2	2 Jeep 2 Tlr						
		Sup Depot Pl	30	2	1 Jeep and 1 x 2pr gun						
		Stores Pl	1	4	2 x 2½ ton & 2 x 2pr guns	2.2	ARC Mesh & Roller Runway				
		Mech Eqpt Pl	1	2	1x 3ton tipper & 1 Compressor						
		BIPOD	7	2	2 wreckers with 1 x 2 pr gun and	30	Force Stores				
		B Sqn 2/9 Armd Regt		2	1x DB Tractor						Under comd Beach
176-181	H+205	RAE 9 Div	70	4	2 Jeep 2 Tlr			6 VPs	LSI "W"	Item Green	
		2/2 MG Bn	8	2	1 Jeep 1 Tlr						

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182-185	H+205	Beach Gp Ord Beach Det Gen Tpt Coy Pro Pl 2/11 Fd Coy...RAN...2. 2/11 Fd Amb Fwd Observer Post RAAF RAAF Beach Party	47 19 15 6 22 10 4					1.5 Gen		4 VPs LSI "W"	Item Red	
186	H+210	2/7 Fd Regt	23	2	2 x 25 pr guns 1 Jeep 1 Tlr				ALC 20	LSI "W"	Item Green	
187	H+210	2/7 Fd Regt	23	2	2 x 25 pr guns 1 Jeep 1 Tlr				ALC 20	LSI "W"	Item Green	
188	H+210	RAE 9 Div Beach Gp RAN Sigs Beach Sigs		4	2 Trucks 3 Tons				ALC 15	APA "A"	Item Red	
189	H+210	RAE 9 Div 2/24 Bn LT Beach Gp RAN Pro Pl Medical		2	1 x 3 ton				LCM	APA "A"	Item Red	
190-191	H+215	2/7 Fd Regt	63		4x25 pr guns				2 LCM	LSI "W"	Item Green	
192-193	H+215	2/23 Bn LT		2	2 Jeep 2 Tlrs				2 VPs	LSI "M"	Item Green	
194-195	H+215	2/48 Bn LT Pl MG Bn	10	2	2 Jeep 2 Tlrs				2 VPs	LSI "W"	Item Red	
196-199	H+215	2/23 Bn LT Gd Pl 2/1 Gd Regt 2/7 Fd Regt	45 5 6	2	1 Jeep 1 Tlr				4 VPs	LSI "M"	Item Red	Incl det Lt Sec 2/11 Fd Amb
200-203	H+270	Beach Gp 2/11 Fd Coy Reece Party AASC Pl MG Bn 2/26 Sup Dep Pl	6 9 23 25	2	1 Jeep 1 Tlr				4 VPs	LSI "W"	Item Red	

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204-205	H+270	Beach Gp AAMHT Sal 2/11 Fd Coy BIPOD	9 28 2 16					2 VPs	APA "A"	Item Green	
206-213	H+270	Beach Gp Gen Tpt Coy	64			18 Force Stores		8 VPs	APA "A"	Item Green	
214-215	H+215	Beach Gp Gen Tpt Coy	60					2 VPs	LSI "W"	Item Red	
216-219	H+285	Beach Gp Gen Tpt Coy Beach Gp HQ	2 1	2 Jeep 1 Tr	2	Force Stores		4 VPs	LSI "W"	Item Green	
220-226	H+295					21 Force Stores		7 VPs	LSI "W"	Item Red	
227-229	H+300	2/7 Fd Regt LAA Tp 53 Comp AA Regt		4 3	2 x 3 Ton 1 x 3 Ton	20 10	Force Stores Force Stores	3 LOM	LSI "M"	Item Red	
230	H+300	Lt AA Tp 53 Comp AA Regt 2/24 Bn LT	27 16		3 x 40 mm Bofors	8	Force Stores	ALC 40	APA "A"	Item Red	
231-232	H+300	Beach Gp Fd Coy		1	1 x 3 ton	34	Force Stores	2 ALC 40	LSI "W"	Item Green	
233-234	H+300					61.5	Force Stores	2 ALC 40	LSI "W"	Item Red	
235-236	H+300					40)	Force Stores	1 ALC 40 1 LOM	APA "A"	Item Red	

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
238	H+860	Beach Gp							IST 4	Item Green	
		Mech Sqpt Pl		2	1 Auto Patrol 1 Jeep & 1 Tr						
		1 Ord Beach Det		1	1 Jeep & 1 Tr						
		17 Pro Pl		2	2 Jeep & 2 Tr						
		Beach Sig Sec		2	2 Jeep & 2 Tr						
		2/11 Pd Coy		3	3 Jeep & 3 Tr						
		Gen Tpt Coy		10	8 Jeep & 8 Tr						
				13	13x2 1/2 ton						
				3	3x3 ton mach						
				3	3x3 ton Stores						
		2/124 Bde Wksp	15	5	2 Jeeps 1xDB Tractor						
		RAF 9 Div	33	10	5 Jeep & 5 Tr	30	Force Stores				

26 ADJUTANT GENERAL'S TABLE (Continued)

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239	H+360	Beach Gp								LST 5	Item Red
		Mech Bn Pt Pl		1	1 Mech shovel	1.4	ARC				
		Gen Tpt Coy		10	10x2 1/2 ton		Mosh				
		2/11 Pd Coy		3	3x2 1/2 ton		&				
				2	2x3 ton T		Roller				
		AARC Coy		1	1x400 gal WC		runway				
				1	1 x 2 1/2 ton						
		2/78 IAD		2	2 Jeeps & 2 Tlrs						
		2/7 Pd Regt		2	1 Jeep & 1 Tlr						
		2/26 Sup Depot Pl		4	1 Jeep & 1 Tlr						
		Lt Sec 2/123 Ord Pd Pk		3	1 Jeep & 1 Tlr	5	Misc				
		Lt Sec 2/123 Bde Wasp	20	4	3 Jeep & 3 Tlrs						
		Lt Warning Sec RAAF	20	2	2 Jeep & 2 Tlrs						
		Det Gen Tpt Coy		20	20x2 1/2 ton						Engr Bridge Eqp
		RAE 9 Div		12	4x3 ton Stores	30	Force Stores				

25 ASST INF BDL LANDING TABLE (Continued)

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238	H+360	Beach Gp							IST 5	Item Rod	
		Mech Sqd Pt		1	1 Mech shovel	1.4	ARC				
		Gen Tpt Coy		10	10x2½ ton		Mesh				
		2/11 Pd Coy		3	3x2½ ton		&				
				2	2x3 ton T		Roller				
		AACG Coy		1	1x400 gal WC		runway				
		2/78 LAD		2	2 Jeeps & 2 Tlrs						
		2/7 Pd Regt		2	1 Jeep & 1 Tlr						
		2/26 Sup Depot Pl		4	1 Jeep & 1 Tlr						
		Lt Sec 2/123 Ord Pd Pl		3	1 Jeep & 1 Tlr	5	Misc				
		Lt Sec 2/123 Bde Wasp	20	4	5 Jeep & 5 Tlrs						
		Lt Warning Sec RAAF	20	2	2 Jeep & 2 Tlrs						
		Det Gen Tpt Coy		20	20x2½ ton						Engr Bridge Eqp
		RAE 9 Div		15	4x3 ton Stores	50	Perce Stores				

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240	H 360	<u>Beach Gp</u>							IST 6	Item Red	
		Gen Tpt Coy		13	18 Jeep & 18 Tr						
		Mech Eqp Pt		1	1x3 ton mech						
		Beach Wksp		3	3x3 ton mech						
				2	2x3 ton stores						
		2/26 Sup Depot Pl		4	1 Jeep & 1 Tr						
		Lt Sec 2/123 Ord Pd Hk		3	1 Jeep & 1 Tr	5	Misc				
		Det Gen Tpt Coy		5	5x2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton						Engr Bridging Etc
		RAE 9 Div	10	3	3xD4 tractor with sleds						
		Lt Warning Sec RAAF	15	2	1 Jeep & 1 Tr						
		<u>Beach Gp</u>									
		Sup Depot Pl		10							
		BIPOD		3							
		Salv		2							
		Pnrs		12							
		Stores Pl		6							
		Beach Sigs		1		30	Force Stores				

COMPOSITION OF Bn IIs

Exercise "ROBIN"

26 AUST INF BDE

IF	U N I T S	PIRS	JEEPS	TRAILERS	GUNS	TANKS	REMARKS
2/23 Bn II	2/23 Aust Inf Bn Bde HQ Bde Sig Sec Tp B Sqn 2/9 Armd Regt 8 Aust SFCP Det RAE 9 Aust Div Pl 2/2 Aust MG Bn Lt Sec 2/11 Aust Fd Amb	767 ✓ 2 ✓ 4 ✓ 14 ✓ 10 ✓ 31 ✓ 33 ✓ 32 ✓	8 1 2	6 1 2	2 	 3 	Padre and Batman
	TOTALS	893	11	9	2	3	
2/24 Bn II	2/24 Aust Inf Bn Bde HQ Bde Sig Sec Tp B Sqn 2/9 Armd Regt 8 Aust SFCP Det RAE 9 Aust Div Pl 2/2 Aust MG Bn Lt Sec 2/11 Aust Fd Amb	767 2 4 14 10 31 33 32	8 1 2	6 1 2	2 	 3 	Padre and Batman
	TOTALS	893	11	9	2	3	
2/43 Bn II	2/43 Aust Inf Bn Bde HQ Bde Sig Sec Pl 2/2 Aust MG Bn Lt Sec 2/11 Aust Fd Amb	767 2 4 33 32	8 2	6 2	2 	 	Padre and Batman
	TOTALS	838	8	6	2		

Appx "E" to 2/27
Aust Inf Bn 00 1
dated 20 Oct 44.

ADM.

1. Amn.

- (a) SAA - assault scale.
- (b) Mortar 3 in -
 - (i) 50 bombs per mortar.
 - (ii) In initial phases two dets 3 Pl will move with each mortar landed to provide additional mortar numbers.
 - (iii) Res pls of rifle coys will assist in carriage of amn.
- (c) MMG
 - (i) 2500 rpg
 - (ii) Res pls of rifle coys will assist in carriage.

2. POL

- (a) All vehs will embark with tks 75% filled
- (b) Sufficient res to be carried to enable vehs to return to camp.

3. SUPS

- (a) On the man - 1 FOR and 1 emergency ration.

4. Water

- (a) Tps will land with water bottles full.
- (b) Anticipate no further water until 0700K D+1
- (c) Unit 2-gal containers will be distributed to Coys and carried ashore filled.
- (d) All local water is contaminated and will NOT be used.

5. Med.

- (a) RAP
 - (i) Phase 1 - as per appx "D"
 - (ii) Phase II and III - 496006
- (b) Lv Sec 2/6 Aust Fd Amb will accompany RAP during Phases I to III.
- (c) Malaria Control.
 - (i) Full malarial precautions will be taken
 - (ii) Coys will render returns by 0700K each morning certifying that all personnel have taken suppressive atabrin.

6. HYG.

- (a) Latrines will be constructed as soon as areas are occupied.
- (b) To be effectively sealed and marked before area is evacuated

7. Dress.

- (a) Battle order
- (b) Shelter halves, ground sheets and mosquito nets will be carried.

8. Blankets.

Will be collected and labelled in sub-unit bivouac areas.

INFORMATION.

1. ENEMY.

An estimated total 3100 enemy troops on UNITY IS are disposed as follows:- 930 in UNITY AIRSTRIP area, 1660 in WEST COASTAL PLAIN area and 510 in S.E. COASTAL PLAIN area.

In the S.E. COASTAL PLAIN area 150 Arty personnel are manning 4 - 75 mm GUNS. There are 150 infanters whilst the remaining 210 are L of C tps.

There are ^{No} organized beach defences and obstacles. There is a likelihood that lt tanks will be encountered.

It is anticipated that the enemy will NOT reinforce the S.E. COASTAL PLAIN for some time after D Day. No air or naval interference is anticipated on D Day. No paratroops or airborne tps are likely to be used by the enemy.

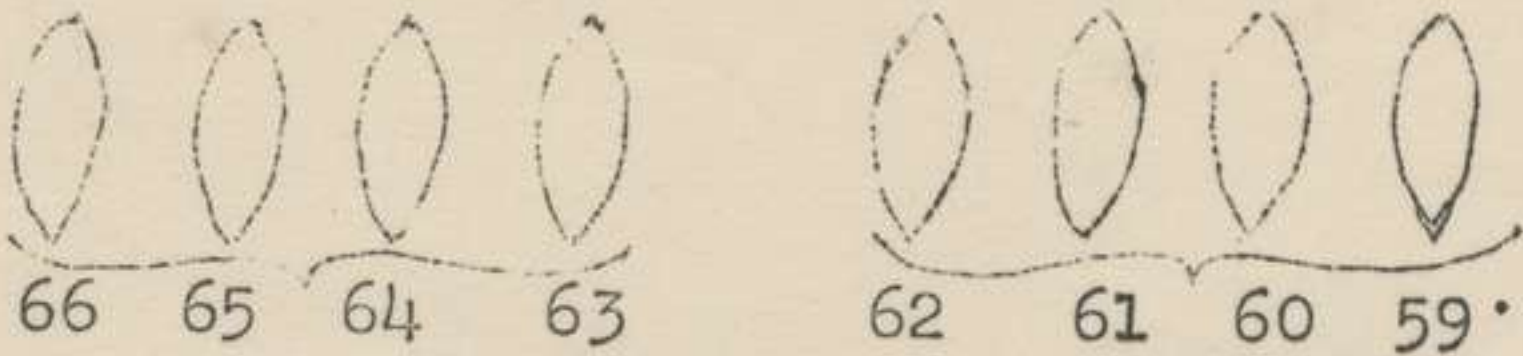
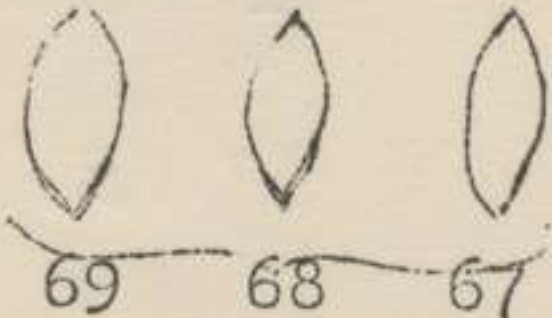

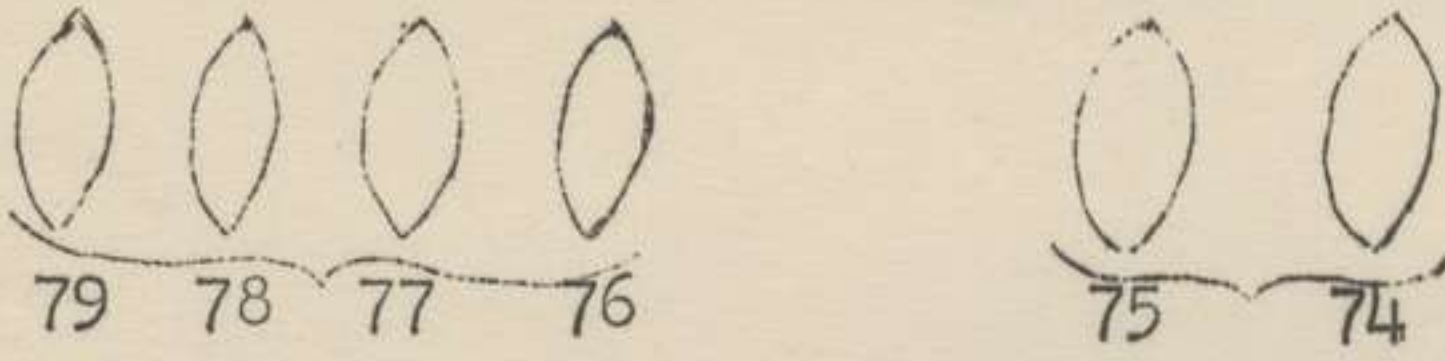
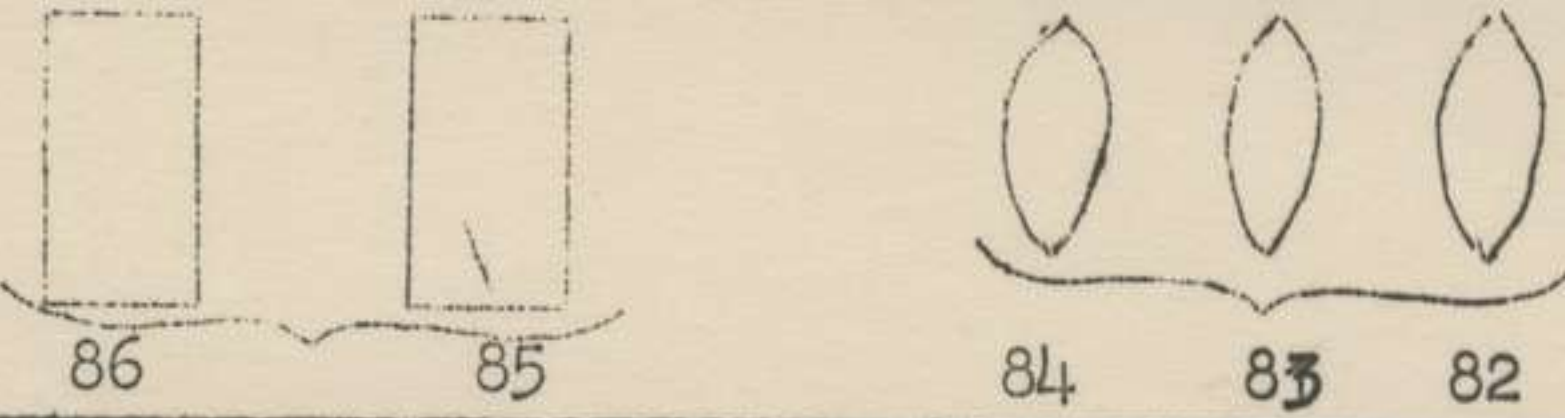
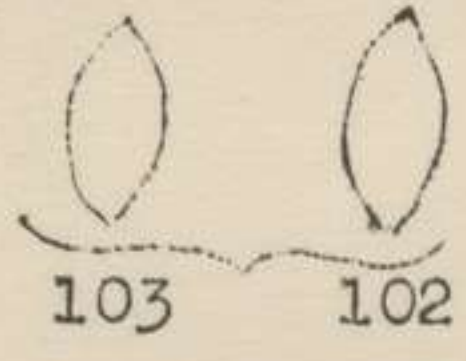
Night nuisance raids by enemy A/c can be expected from night of D day onwards.

It is considered that the enemy will fight to the last.

2. OWN TPS.

2/27 AUST INF BN BEACHING DIAGRAM.

(Issued with 2/27 Aust Inf Bn Landing Craft Table.)

WAVE	TIME	COMPOSITION	CRAFT
1.	H \mp 110	 <p>66 65 64 63 62 61 60 59.</p>	8 LCA
2.	H \mp 115	 <p>69 68 67</p>	3 LCA
3.	H \mp 120	 <p>71</p>	1 LCI
4.	H \mp 125	 <p>79 78 77 76 75 74</p>	6 LCA
5.	H \mp 140	 <p>86 85 84 83 82</p>	3 LCA 2 LCM
6.	H \mp 200	 <p>103 102</p>	2 LCA

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EXERCISE "POSSUM"

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2/27 AUST INF BN OO 1.

Ref Map: MACALISTER RANGE 1: 63360.
SE UNITY IS.
Sketches and traces attached.

INFM.

1.

Enemy.

As per 7 Aust Div Int Summary No 1 already issued.

2.

Own Tps.

- (a) 7 Aust Div less 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp is in TABLELANDS area preparing to move to CAIRNOSA.
- (b) Order of Battle 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp as per Appx. "A" attached.
- (1) 1 Aust Beach Gp is in support 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
- (d) 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp is landing on UNCLE GREEN and UNCLE RED beaches and securing a beachhead and covering posn through which 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp can be passed later.
- (e) Bde landing is being conducted in 4 Phases as per Appxs "B" and "C" attached.

3.

Tps under comd.

One tp 7 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt.
Det 21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec.
Lt Sec 2/6 Aust Fd Amb.

4.

Air.

- (a) Air cover for convoy is being provided up to and incl "D" Day.
- (b) Aircraft available to 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp -
 - (1) Close Sp -
Six Sqns BOSTONS
Three Sqns MITCHELLS
Three Sqns BLAUFIGHTERS.
 - (11) Tac R -
5 Tac R sqn
- (c) ~~are~~ ^{Close sp aircraft} Bombing and strafing ~~of~~ beaches, located gun posns and areas WEST of rd incl from H-15 to H+2.

5.

Navy.

- (a) The following ships are in sp of the landing
 - 4 Lt Cruisers
 - 12 Destroyers.
- (b) Navy is bombarding beaches and located gun posns from H-60 to H-15.

6. Met.

As per 21 Aust Inf Bde Met Summary already issued.

INTENTION.

7. 2/27 Aust Inf Bn will land on UNCLE beach as reserve Bn and will assist in enlargement and consolidation of covering posn.

METHOD.

8. The op will be carried out in 3 phases.

PHASE 1.

Landing and Reorg as Reserve Bn.

9. Bn Landing Craft Table - issued separately.

10. Landing Beach.

UNCLE RED beach at H+110 unless orders to the contrary received from HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.

11. Reorg.

On touch down sub-units will proceed due WEST and will reorg in area EAST of rd and excl beach as per Appx "D" att.

12. Possible Tasks.

- (a) Assist 2/14 Aust Inf Bn to gain their objective.
- (b) Assist 2/16 Aust Inf Bn to gain their objective.

PHASE 11.

Occupation of covering posn.

13. Fwd Tps.

Right. A Coy with under comd one det 3 Pl.

Objective - NORTH WEST spur KNOLL 550 485007.

Left. B Coy with under comd one det 3 Pl.

Objective - KNOLL 550 485004 incl track.

14. Res. Tps.

Right. C Coy with under comd one det 3 Pl and one sec 2 Pl.

Objective - Spur at 495007

Left. D Coy with under comd one det 3 Pl and one sec 2 Pl.

Objective - Track junc 495003.

PHASE 111.

Enlargement and consolidation of covering posn.

15. Enlargement.

D Coy and att tps will relieve 2/14 Aust Inf Bn at HARTLEY'S CREEK crossing 496010.

16. Consolidation.

All Coys will consolidate.

17. Patrols.

- (a) D Coy will send recon patrol to contact 2/14 Aust Inf Bn in ARNOLD MOB area.
- (b) C Coy will send fighting patrol NW along VEIVER CREEK to 467027.

Task. To locate possible enemy approaches to our covering posn.

- (c) B Coy will send fighting patrol SW along track from 485004 to 468996.

Task. To locate enemy posns and possible approaches to our covering posn.

18. D Day.

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19. H hr.

0800K

20. Fd Arty.

- (a) FOO 2/5 Aust Fd Regt will move with Bn HQ.
- (b) Arty sp will be available as btys are landed.

21. Tk A.

- (a) Tasks.

When guns are available during Phase III they will be sited to cover possible approaches of enemy AFVs along line of rd from incl crossing over HARTLEY'S CREEK 496010 to incl spur 497007.

- (b) OC tp 7 bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt will co-ordinate tasks of own tp and 4 Pl.

22. MG.

- (a) Phase I and II -

One sec 2 Pl under comd each C and D Coys.

- (b) Phase III -

- (1) OC 2 Pl will coordinate tasks of secs sited in C and D Coys localities to cover approaches along coast rd and afford protection to Tk A guns.
- (11) He will liaise with B Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn.

23. Mortars.

- (a) All phases -

One det under comd each A B C and D Coys.

- (b) Phase III -

When additional mortars landed ex LST four dets to bn reserve.

24. Pnrs.

- 4 -

(a) All phases.-
Protection Bn HQ.

(b) Phase 111 -
OC 5 Pl will recon tracks to A and B Coys with view to making them suitable for jeeps.

ADM

as per appx "E" att.

INTERCOMN.

25. See 21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Instr No 1.

26. Wireless Silence during Voyage
Will be maintained until order is given for breaking by Force Comd.

27. Comms
- (a) During ship to shore movement
 - (1) 108 set to coys
 - (11) alternative comms through Navy Sigs.
 - (111) all sets on listening watch from H-5.
 - (1v) Wireless silence will be maintained until order for breaking given by Bn Comd.
 - (b) Phases 1 and 11 -
108 sets and runner
 - (c) Phase 111 -
LT will be established to coys.

28. Location of HQ.

HQ 2/27 Aust Inf Bn will be located as follows -

- (a) Afloat
HMS "EXE" (LSI "BLUE")
- (b) Ship to shore
Wave 2
- (c) Phase 1 -
Centre of Bn assembly area
- (d) Phase 11 -
Move with C Coy to 496006
- (e) Phase 111 -
At 496006

29. Unit Prearranged message code
as per appx "F" att.

30. Synchronization
Watches will be synchronized by Sig Offr at H-60.

ACK.

 Capt.
Adjt. 2/27 Aust Inf Bn.

TIME OF SIGNATURE 1300K

METHOD OF ISSUE Sigs

DISTRIBUTION /

DISTRIBUTION.

	Copy
A Coy	1
B Coy	2
C Coy	3
D Coy	4
HQ Coy	5
Tp 7 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt	6
B Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn	7
Lt Sec 2/6 Aust Fd Amb	8
7 Aust Div	9 - 19
21 Aust Inf Bde	20 - 21
21 Aust Inf Bde (alternative HQ)	22
2/14 Aust Inf Bn	23
2/16 Aust Inf Bn	24
1 Aust Beach Gp	25
CO	26
2 i/c	27
IO	28
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APPENDIX "A" to
2/27 AUST INF BN.
OO No. 1.

ORDER OF BATTLE

21 AUST INF BDE GP

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
Dep 2/42 Aust Cipher Sec
7 Pl "B" Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
2/59 Aust LAD
Two Secs 7 Aust Div Pro Coy
2/5 Aust Commando Sqn
Two Tps "C" Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
2/5 Aust Fd Regt
2/5 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec
2/52 Aust LAD
7 Bty 2/2 Aust Tk L Regt
Det 2/2 Aust Tk L Regt Sig Sec
Det 2/54 Aust LAD
HQ and one Tp 2/14 H AA Bty 2/13 Comp AA Regt
One Tp 2/15 L AA Bty 2/13 Comp AA Regt
Tp 84 Aust Mob SL Bty
No. 1 SFCP
No. 2 SFCP
2/6 Aust Fd Coy
Det 2 Aust Engr Sig Sec
Det Mech Eqpt Pl 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy
Det 7 Aust Div Sigs
2/14 Aust Inf Bn
2/16 Aust Inf Bn
2/27 Aust Inf Bn
"B" Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn
2/7 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/8 Aust Sup Depot Pl
2/8 Aust Gen Tpt Pl
2/6 Aust Fd Amb
2/124 Aust Bde Wksps

1 Aust Beach Gp.

Appx B.
2/27 Aust. Inf. Bn.

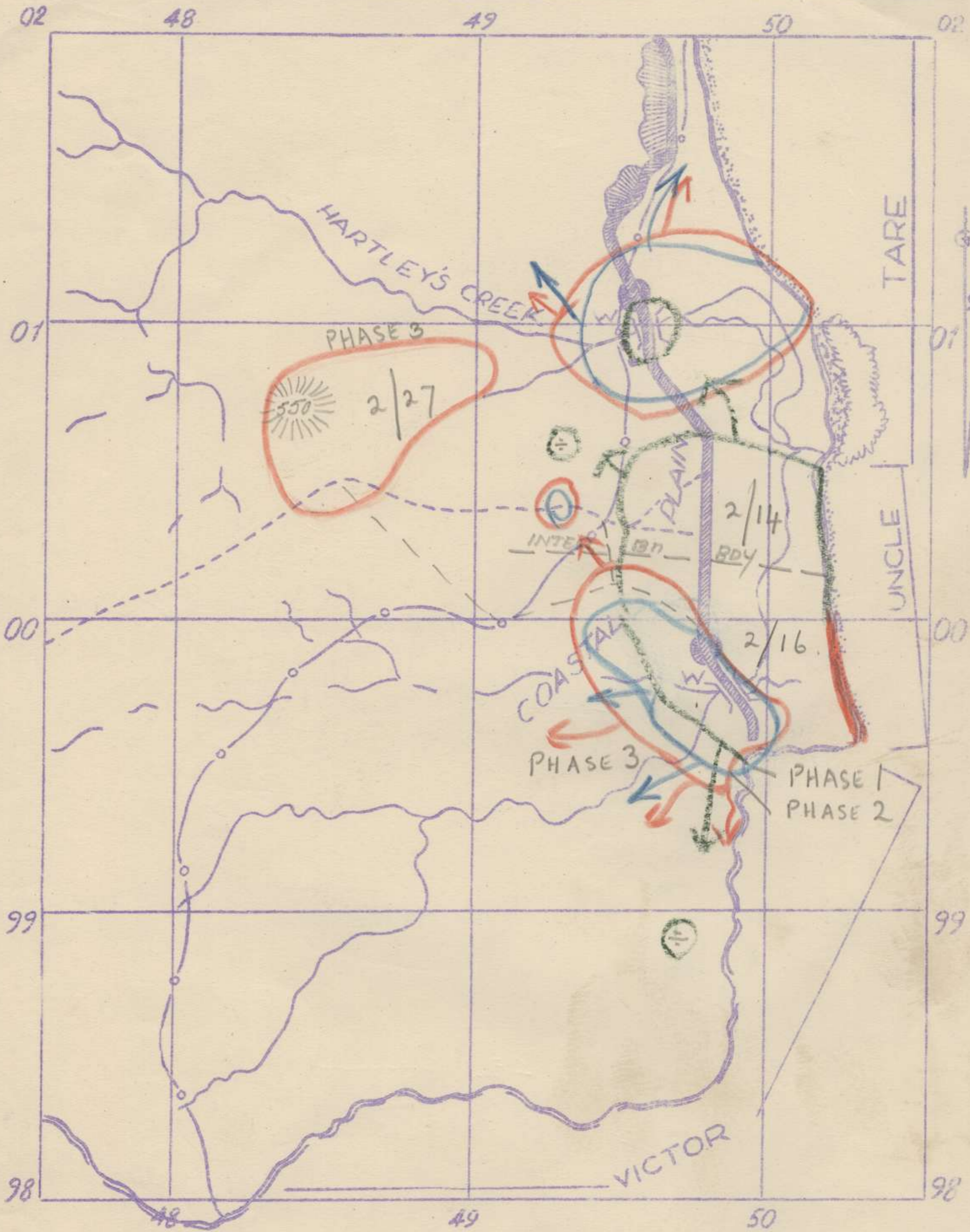
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SPECIAL



SCALE 4ins to 1mile

LEGEND

Barch	WASH
Foothills	—○—
Reef	⊖

PHASE 2

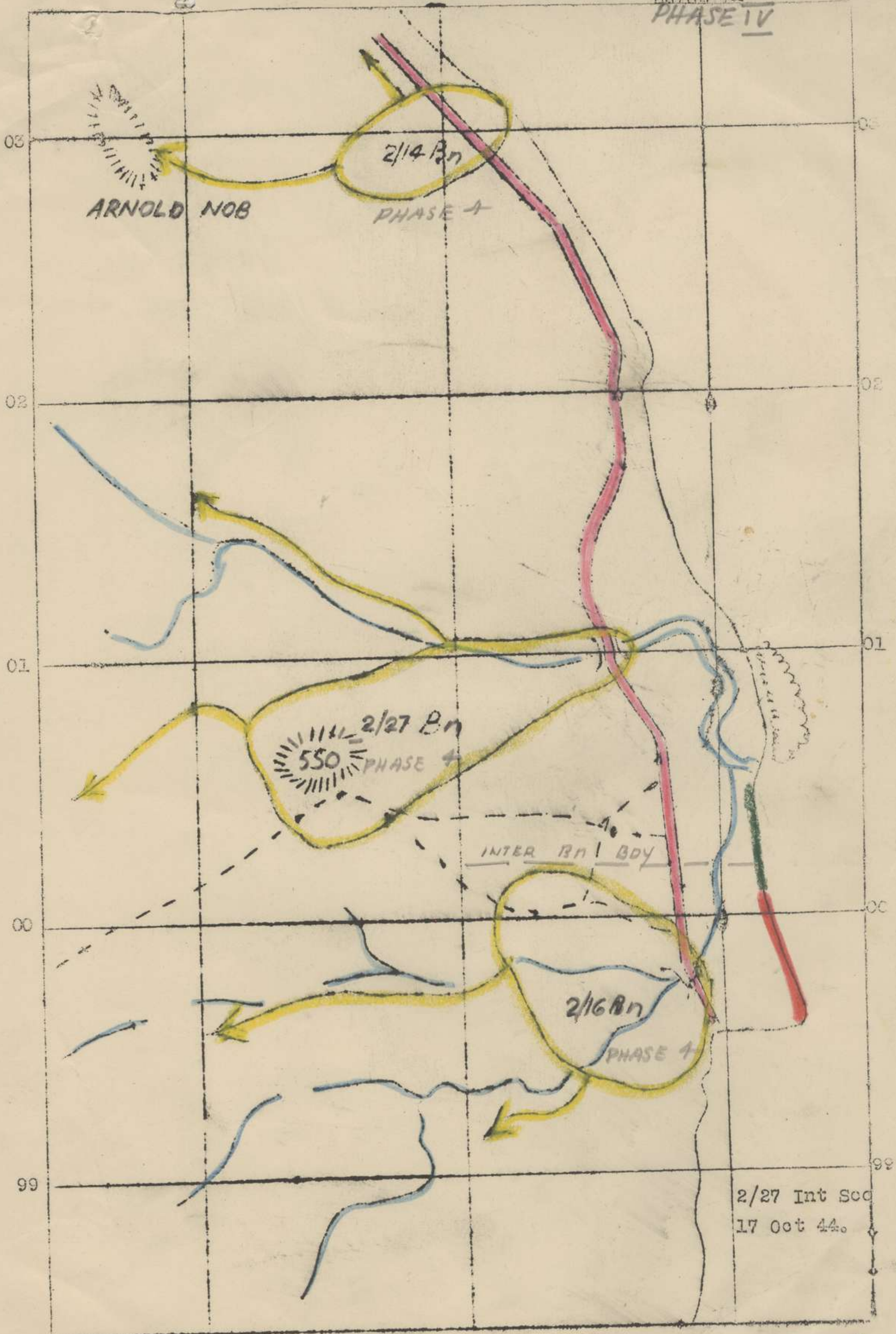
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PHASE 3

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PHASE IV



2/27 Int Sec
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SUB UNIT ASSEMBLY AREAS

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Appx "D"
2/27 Aust Inf Bn
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R O A D

B Coy
one det Mortars

A Coy
one det mortars

Bn HQ

One det mortars
D Coy
One Sec MMG

HQ Coy
less
dets
Tp 7 Bty
2/2 Aust
Tk A Regt

One det mortars
C Coy
One Sec MMG

RAP
and
Lt Sec 2/6
Fd Amb

B E A C H

SECRET.

PREARRANGED MESSAGE CODE.

Appx "F" to
2/27 Aust Inf Bn OOI
dated 20 Oct 44.

Code Word

Phrase.

EUREKA

Sub-units reorganized in
assembly area

SCRAMBLE

Commence Phase II

SUMMIT

Phase II completed

EXTEND

Commence Phase III

MAFESH

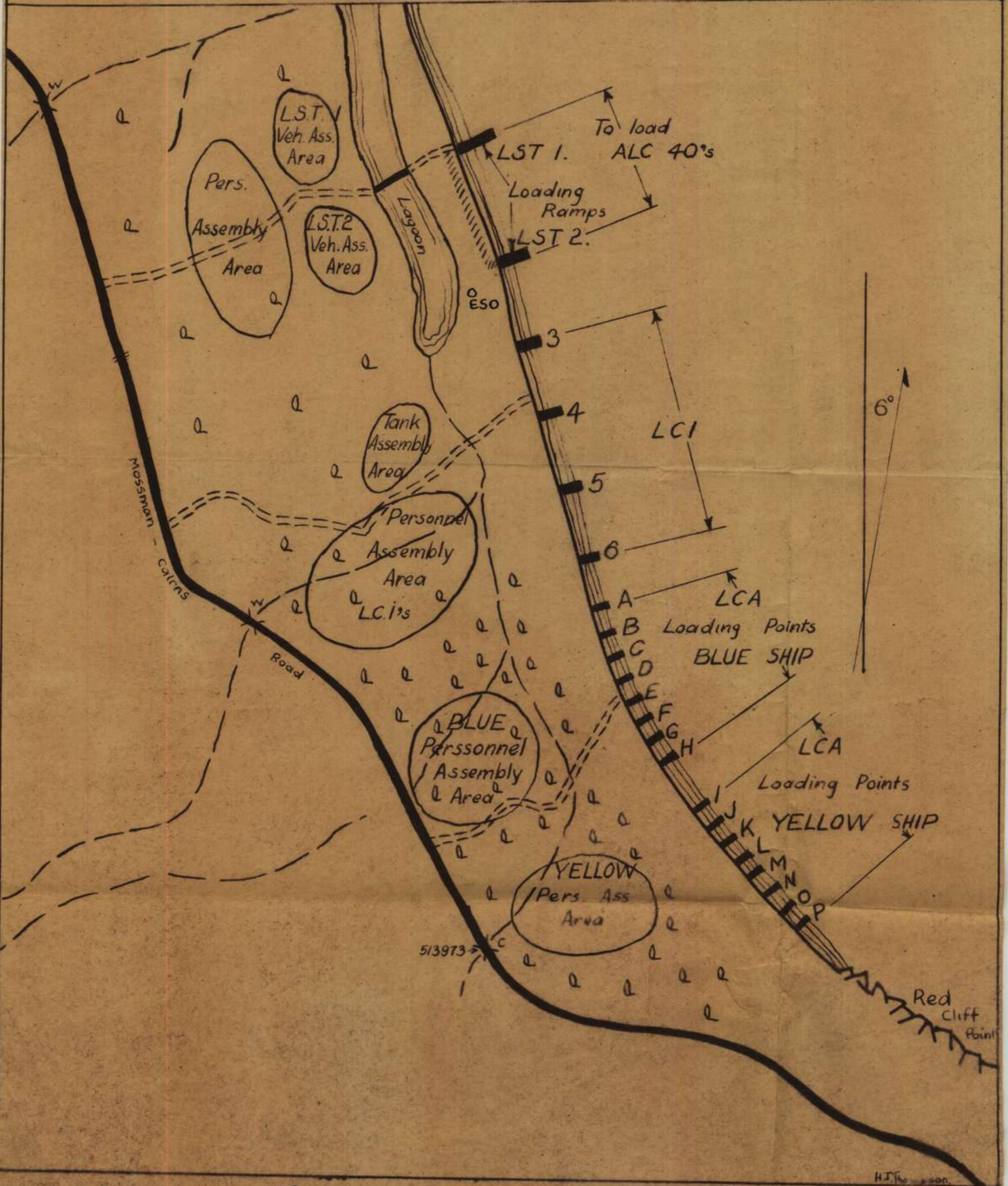
Phase III completed

EMBARKATION ASSEMBLY AREA

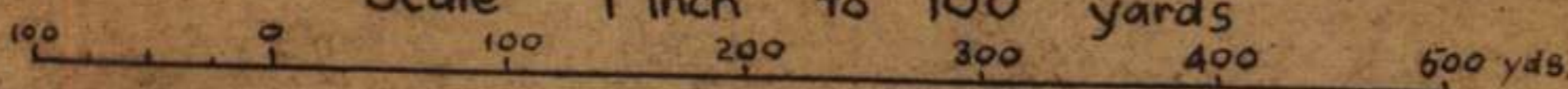
SOUTH UNITY BEACH

RF 1:3600

Rot map Macalister Range 1 inch to 1 mile



Scale 1 inch to 100 yards



Bearings by compass
Distances by pacing

12 Oct 44

Detail from Aerial Photos

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