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**Commonwealth Military Forces unit war**  
**diaries, 1939-45 War**

**Item number: 8/3/27**

**2/27 Infantry Battalion**

**March 1945, Operation "Seagull",**  
**part 1 of 2**

Appendix 27

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24 Mar 45.

2/27 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER NO 1.

OPERATION "SEAGULL".

Ref Maps : PORT TUBAN 1 inch to 1 mile  
MORONES ISLAND 1 inch to 4 miles

INFORMATION

- 1. Topography } See 7 Aust Div Special "SEAGULL" Int Summary No 1.
- 2. Enemy }
- 3. Own Troops

(a) US Forces

US Forces control LEYTE and SAMAR and have established two bomber and four fighter strips; with an additional seven strips on MINDORO.

(b) 7 Aust Div

7 Aust Div is to land on MORONES ISLAND in the MONACO area and -

- (i) Seize and hold covering position
- (ii) Protect landing of remainder of 1 AUST CORPS
- (iii) Cover establishment of an Aust Base Sub area
- (iv) Capture NUSA to secure harbour facilities for the Allied Forces.

(c) 18 Aust Inf Bde

18 Aust Inf Bde is to land on CHARLIE YELLOW and GREEN beaches (simultaneously with 21 Aust Inf Bde) and

- (i) Capture PORT TUBAN
- (ii) Be responsible for east flank of beachhead.

(d) "X" Aust Inf Bde

"X" Aust Inf Bde is to land on CHARLIE SECTOR on D Day and

- (i) Come into Divisional Reserve
- (ii) Be prepared to advance on TOMAKINE not before D+2.

(e) 1 Aust Para Bn

1 Aust Para Bn is to make an airborne landing in KENAPAI area and secure a beachhead for an unopposed landing by 25 Aust Inf Bde on D+2.

(f) 25 Aust Inf Bde

25 Aust Inf Bde is to land at KENAPAI on D+2 and patrol beyond TAGANI with a view to subsequent advance on NUSA.

(g) 21 Aust Inf Bde

21 Aust Inf Bde is to land on DOG GREEN and CHARLIE RED beaches and -

- (i) Secure a beachhead
- (ii) Capture GILLAMATONG; VIGA river crossing at 850388 and GILLAMATONG Airfield
- (iii) Be prepared to advance and capture high ground 7543 and 7544

The Bde operation is to be carried out in four phases. See appendices "A" and "B," and "C".  
Inter Bn Boundaries shown on appendix "A".

(h) Engineers

Engineers are clearing gaps in beach obstacles at H-90, and are to clear and mark lanes in minefields on beach.

(i) Arty

Btys of 2/5 Aust Fd Regt are landing at approx H+90; H+150; and H+180. 2/14 Aust Inf Bn and 2/27 Aust Inf Bn have call on one Bty from H+180; Call to be controlled by Bde Hq.

4. Guerrilla Forces

There are 17,000 Guerrilla Forces on the island; their activities are being co-ordinated.

5. Additional Tng

(a) Under Command 2/27 Aust Inf Bn

LO Party Hq 21 Aust Inf Bde  
Det 21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec  
Det "C" Aust F.S. Sec  
Det 34 Aust F.S. Sec (EE)

(b) In support 2/27 Aust Inf Bn

Det 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt (2 x 4.2" Mortars)  
LO Party 2/5 Aust Fd Regt  
Two Secs 2/6 Aust Fd Coy (For clearance of mines on beach only)  
Lt Sec 2/6 Aust Fd Amb  
Det Amphibian Tractor Bn  
Coy Amphibian Tank Bn

6. Naval Support

Allied Naval Forces are providing, protection for convoys, and bombardments in support of landings and coastwise movement. Details of support are shown in Appendix "D".

7. Air Support

(a) Land based aircraft are providing general Strategic Support

(b) Close support is being provided by an escort carrier group.

Pre-arranged close support programme is shown in Appendix "E".

INTENTION

8. 2/27 Aust Inf Bn will land on DOG GREEN Beach, secure left flank of beach head and assist in establishing covering position.

MEMORANDUM

9. SUMMARY

The operation will be carried out in three Phases.

- Phase 1. Capture of beach head
- Phase 2. Protection of beach head to cover landing and subsequent action of reserve Bns.
- Phase 3. Occupy position on VIGA RIVER at 040304.

Phases 1 & 2

- 10. Allotment of troops
- 11. Groupings
- 12. Routes
- 13. Objectives
- 14. Support Arms

AS PER APPENDICES "F" AND "G" ATTACHED

~~Element and route as per Appendix "E" attached.~~

Phase 3

15. Preliminary Moves -

- (a) "A" and "B" Coy's will recon approaches to VIGA RIVER Bldg and locate enemy positions.
- (b) "A" Coy with under command One Sec 2 Pl and One Det 3 Pl will be prepared to act as advance troops for Bn Group.

16. UNIT DUTY.

To be carried out on orders from Bn HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.

- (a) Occupy position on VIGA RIVER at 040304.
- (b) Be prepared to support crossing of 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
- (c) Be prepared to secure bridghead over VIGA RIVER.
- (d) Be prepared to support 2/16 Aust Inf Bn.

17. Method of Landing

- (a) Bn Landing Craft Tables Appendix "H" attached.
- (b) Wave Diagram Appendix "J" attached.

18. D DAY 23 Mar 45

19. H HOUR 0730H

20. Start Times. Phases 2 and 3. On orders from Bn HQ

ADMINISTRATION

21. Ammunition

- (a) First Line Ammunition will be carried.
- (b) On the men and with guns -
  - (i) on the men - 100 rounds
  - (ii) MG - 250 rounds per gun
  - (iii) OMM MG - 100 rounds per gun
  - (iv) Grenades 4 sec } - 2 per man
  - (v) Grenades 7 sec }
- (c) In reserve - in initial stages will be established at 857328
  - (i) Reserve ammunition landed as under
 

H-60	1 BULK	Mixed ammunition
H-100		Remainder first line ammunition
- (d) Replenishment through PAB in BVA until AP established.

22. Supplies

- (a) On man
  - 1 x A3
  - 1 x C2
  - 1 x Tin Solid Fuel
- (b) Unit Bulk
  - 1 x C2 per man
  - 3 days expense stores

23. Water

- (a) Troops land with water bottles filled.
- (b) 2 gallon tins on basis of one per three men will be landed with troops
- (c) All vehicles will carry 4 x 2 gallon tins.

24. Fuel

- (a) All vehicles will embark with tanks filled to 95% or within 1 gallon of capacity, whichever is the greater.
- (b) Vehicles carry 2 x 4 gallon drums reserve.

25. Equipment

- (a) On the man
  - Groundsheet
  - Mosquito Net
  - Tent Shelter Half
- (b) Blankets 1 per man in unit bulk

26. Tools

- (a) On the man
  - Shovels entrenching
  - 2 picks per section
  - 2 machetes per section
  - 1 tomhawk per section
- (b) 5 Platoon will carry heavy shovels, picks and axes
- (c) Reserve Tools Landed at H-100

27. Transport

(a) Allocation of Vehicles

- |                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| (1) Jeep and trailer   | Comd, Bn HQ and Intelligence Stores              |
| (ii) Jeep and trailer  | Sig Stores                                       |
| (iii) Jeep and trailer | RAF  |
| (iv) Jeep and trailer  | One section 2 Pl                                 |
| (v) Jeep and trailer   | Pioneer Stores                                   |
| (vi) Jeep and trailer  | Reserve Tools                                    |
| (vii) Jeep             | 2 Pr Mk A gun                                    |
| (viii) Jeep            | 2 Pr Mk A gun                                    |
| (ix) 5 x 2 1/2 ton     | Reserve ammunition and unit stores land at H+100 |

28. Medical

- (a) RAF - Land at H+10 thence vicinity Bn HQ.
- (b) Lt Col 2/6 Aust EC Amb - lands with RAF and will be centrally established vicinity RAF.
- (c) Casualties in Assault landing craft remain in craft and return to ship.
- (d) Casualties in craft in ferry service to BDC.
- (e) 4 stretcher bearers per Coy.

29. Hygiene

- (a) Malarial and scrub typhus precautions - as per 2/27 Aust Inf Bn Standing Orders Appendix "D".
- (b) Coys will arrange lectures on tropical hygiene and prevalent diseases and methods for their control.

30. DLB

Will be brigaded centrally at Personnel Transit Area.

31. Refugees

Will be evacuated by RAF to collecting point vicinity Bde HQ.

32. EE

Will be evacuated under escort to collecting point vicinity Bde HQ.

UNRECORDED

33. Bn HQ

Will be located as follows

- (a) During voyage LSI "CHRISTMAS"
- (b) Ship to shore Wave 6
- (c) Shore 1 Vicinity ABSS
- (d) Subsequent moves will be notified.

34. Allocation of Malaria Sets.

- (a) 108 sets 1 per Coy  
Bn HQ 2 sets  
RAF 1 set
- (b) SCR 536 Sets Pls to Coys

35. Wireless Silence

- (a) Will be maintained until H-60.
- (b) Listening watch will be kept on Bde B Wave from 1800 D-1.

36. Line

Will be laid to Coys during all phases of operation.

37. Sec. Messages

On reaching first objectives Coys will send two runners back to HQ through HQ.

38. Success Signals

To be transmitted by Line and Wireless.

39. Ground to air communication

Unit identification panel display number 457.

40. Synchronization of Time

- (a) Afloat Ship's Time Zone B
- (b) Ashore DDC Time signals plus 8 hrs.

41. Code Word

"HANGUL"

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*Amber* Capt  
 Adj. 27 Aust Inf Bn

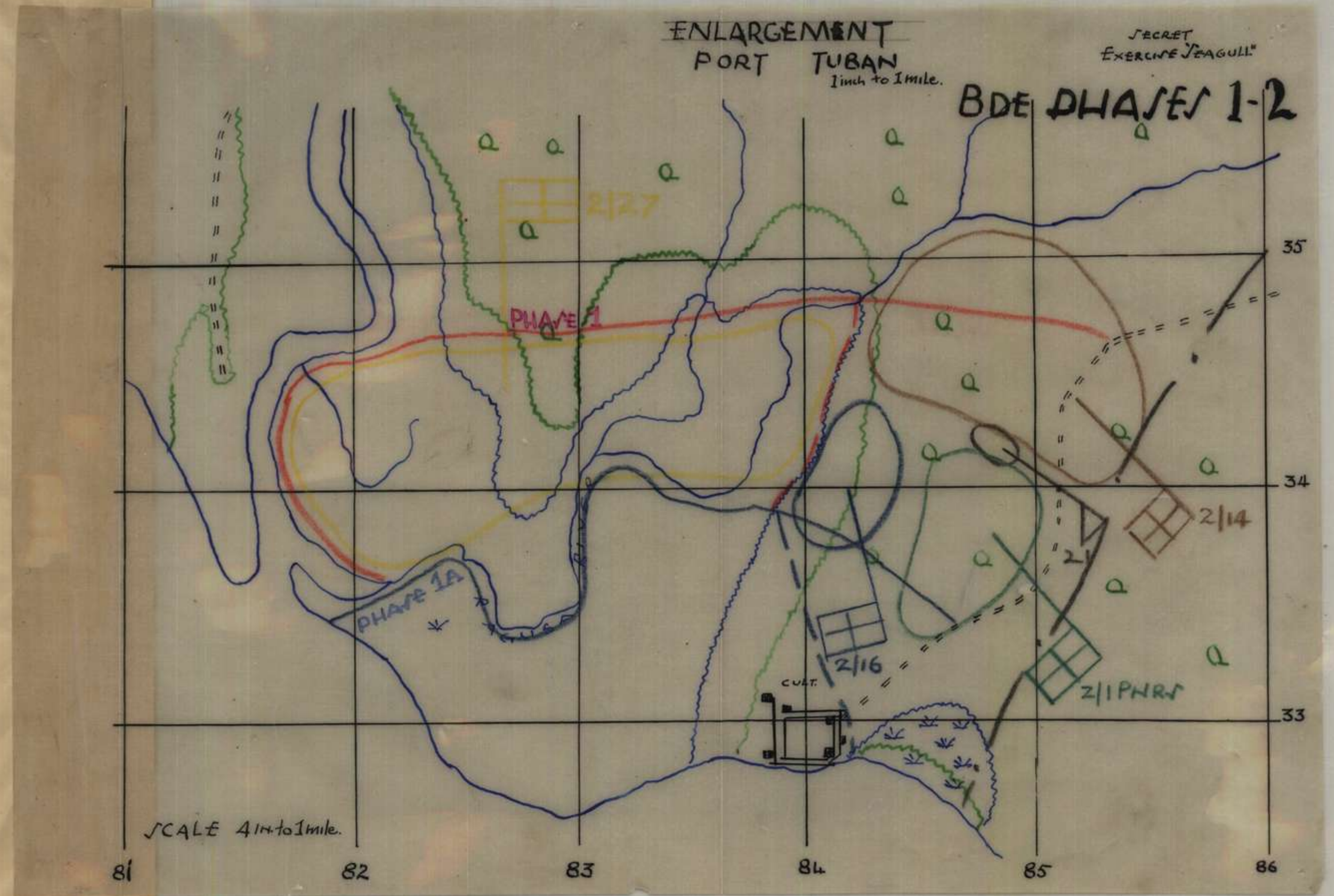
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DISTRIBUTION

<u>Sub-Unit</u>	<u>Copy No</u>
A Coy	1
B Coy	2
C Coy	3
D Coy	4
Hq Coy	5
Amphibion Tank Bn	6
Amphibion Erector Bn	7
Dty 2/3 Aust PG Regt	8
7 Dty 2/2 Aust Inf A Regt	9
2/6 Aust PG sub	10
Comd	11
HQ	12
Sig Ctr	13
Q	14
21 Aust Inf Bco	15-17
File	18-19
War Diary	20-21

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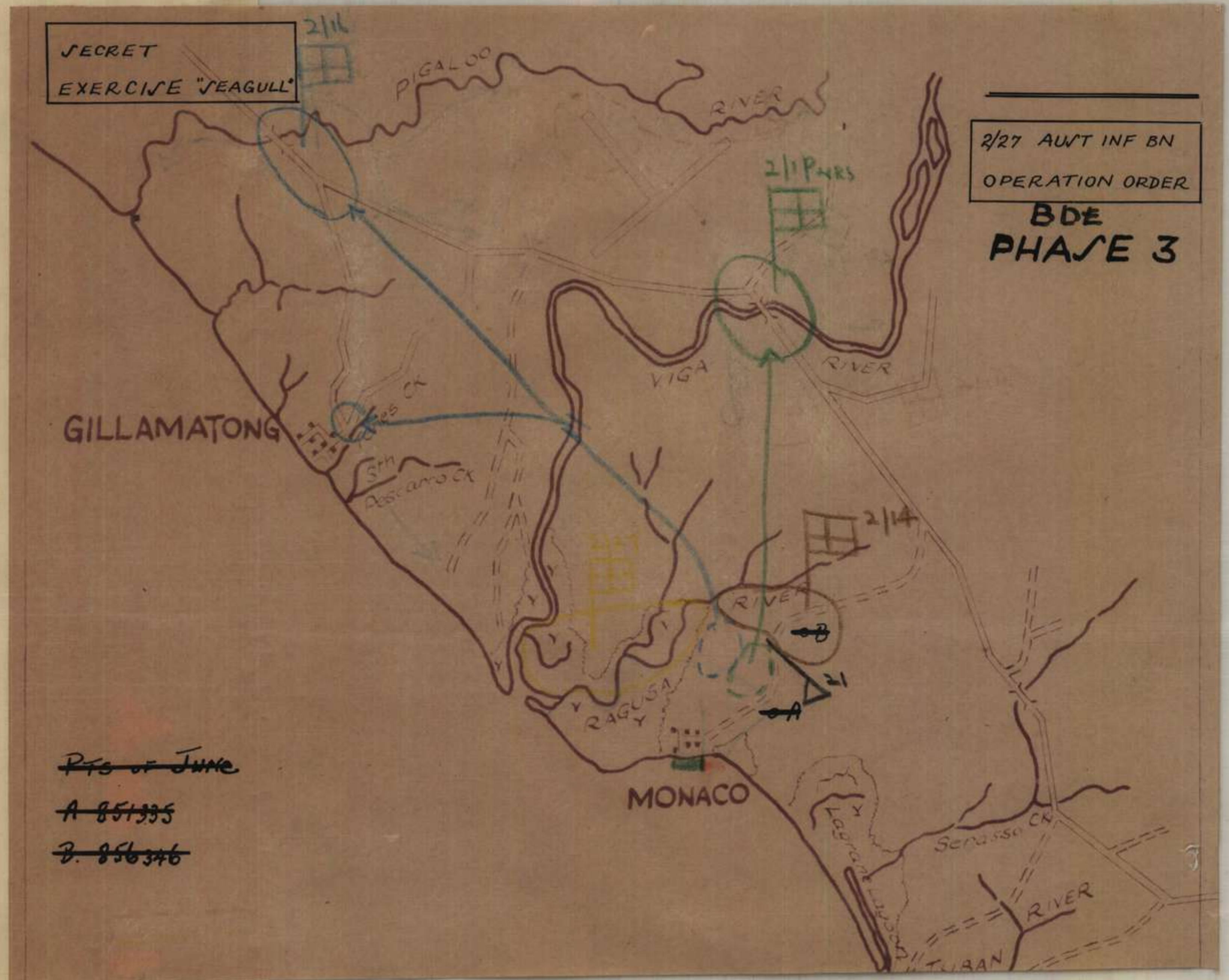
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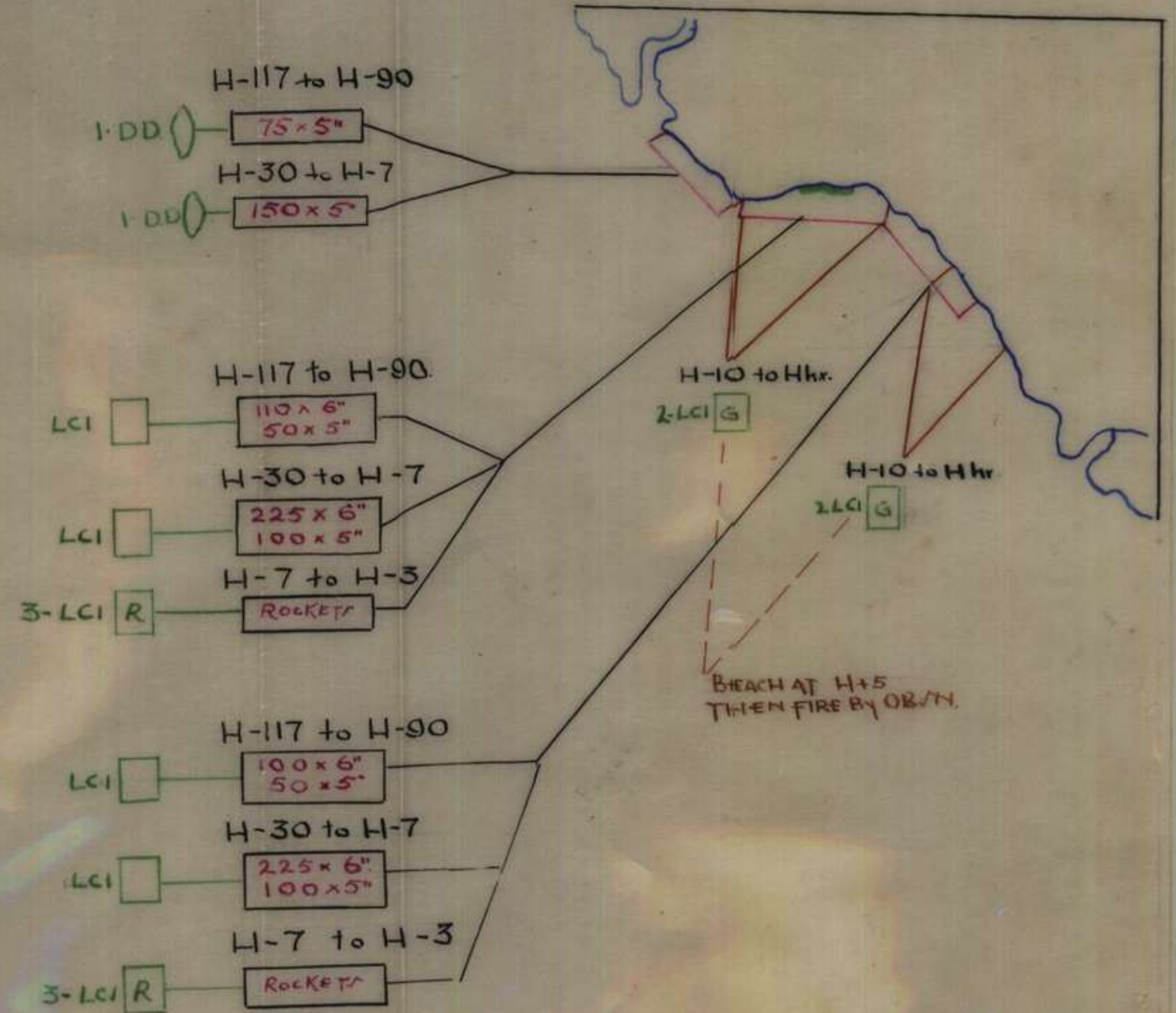


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# NAVAL BOMBARDMENT PLAN

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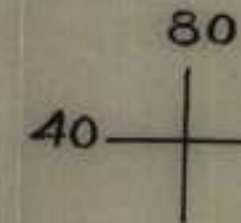
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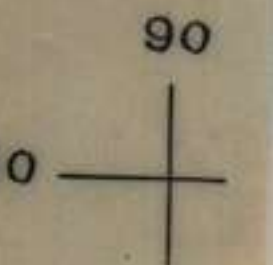
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PORT TUBAN 4" SERIES

D DAY

H-30 to H-30	8 FIGHTERS 3 DIVE-BOMBERS	BOMB And STRAFE
H hr to H+10	12 FIGHTERS 9 DIVE-BOMBERS	CLOSE SP TARGETS AS REQUIRED
FIRST LIGHT to H+120	4 BOMBERS	SMOKE LAYING AS REQUIRED
H+60 to LAS LIGHT	12 FIGHTERS 18 BOMBERS	ON CARRIER ALERT BOMB AND STRAFE SPECIAL TARGETS AS REQUIRED



BOMB LINE  
NOT TO SEAWARD  
OF WATER-LINE



TASK AND GROUPING TABLE (PHASES 1 & 2)

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Serial No	Sub-Unit	Additional Troops Phase 1	Phase 2	Landing	TASKS PHASE 1	TASKS PHASE 2	REMARKS
1	A Coy	UNDER COMD - One det 3 Pl in LVT Serial 53 In Support - One Tp Amphibian Tk Bn	Nil	H+1	(a) Land as right forward Coy (b) Destroy bunker at 830329 and clear beach of enemy (c) Secure position area 840337 (d) Make contact with left flank 2/14 Aust Inf Bn	(a) Remain on Objective Phase 1 (b) Fighting patrol to recon approaches to RIVER BEND 840382 and to locate enemy dispositions. Patrol to move on orders from Bn HQ.	Support arms come into support "C" Coy at H+45
2	B Coy	UNDER COMD - One Det 3 Pl in LVT Serial 54 In Support - One Tp Amphibian Tk Bn	UNDER COMD - One Det 3 Pl In Support - One Tp Amphibian Tk Bn (until H+150)	H+1	(a) Land as left forward Coy (b) Destroy enemy on line of beach to mouth of RAGUSA RIVER	Be prepared to patrol and destroy enemy in MANGROVE SWAMP area	
3	C Coy	Under Comd - One Det 3 Pl One Sec 2 Pl in LVT Serial 57 In Support - One Tp Amphibian Tk Bn	Under Comd - One Det 3 Pl One Sec 2 Pl	H+4	(a) Land as support Coy (b) Be prepared to assist "A" Coy (c) Advance at H+45 and secure area 843348 (d) Make contact with left flank 2/14 Aust Inf Bn	(a) Remain on Objective Phase 1 (b) Fighting patrol to clear northern edge of MANGROVE SWAMP to VIGA RIVER 822359. Patrol will move on orders from Bn HQ and will remain at 822359 until 2/16 Aust Inf Bn reaches VIGA RIVER.	Support arms taken over from "A" Coy at H+45.

Serial No	Sub-Unit	Additional Troops		Land- ing	TASKS PHASE 1	TASKS PHASE 2	REMARKS
		Phase 1	Phase 2				
4	D Coy		One Det 3 Pl One Sec 2 Pl	H+13	(a) Land and concentrate as reserve Coy at 837330 (b) Be prepared to assist "B" Coy (c) Be prepared to patrol MANGROVE SWAMP AREA.	(a) Be prepared to move to area 830350 on orders from Bn HQ (b) Be prepared to receive approaches to RIVER BEND 840382 and locate enemy dispositions.	
5	Coy Amphibian Tk Bn						
	(a) One Tp			H+45	(a) Engage beach defences (b) Support "A" Coy (c) Support "C" Coy from H+45.	Tasks as ordered  Coy comes into support 2/16 Aust Inf Bn at H+150	
	(b) One Tp			H+6	Support "B" Coy		
	(c) One Tp			H+20	(a) Left flank protection for four leading assault waves (b) Rally area 837330 (c) Tasks as ordered		

Serial No	Sub-Unit	Additional Troops		Landing	TASKS PHASE 1	TASKS PHASE 2	REMARKS
		Phase 1	Phase 2				
6	Coy Amphibian Tractor Bn			H+4	1 LVT Serial 57. To carry one sec 2 Pl under comd "C" Coy	Remain with dets 2 Pl and 3 Pl	
				H+4	1 LVT Serial 53. To carry one det 3 Pl under comd "A" Coy		
				H+4	1 LVT Serial 54. To carry one det 3 Pl under comd "B" Coy		
				H+1 to H+20	(a) Coy less dets concentrates area 842331 (b) Be prepared to undertake tasks as ordered, including lifting stores and assisting vehicles from beach (c) 2 LVTs to pick up two dets 3 Pl on landing at H+13		
7	Arty			H+10	LO party with Bn HQ	One Bty available for support from H+180. Call to be controlled by 21 Aust Inf Bde.	
8	Mortars (2x4.2)			H+35	RV with reserve Coy Tasks as ordered.	Tasks as ordered	

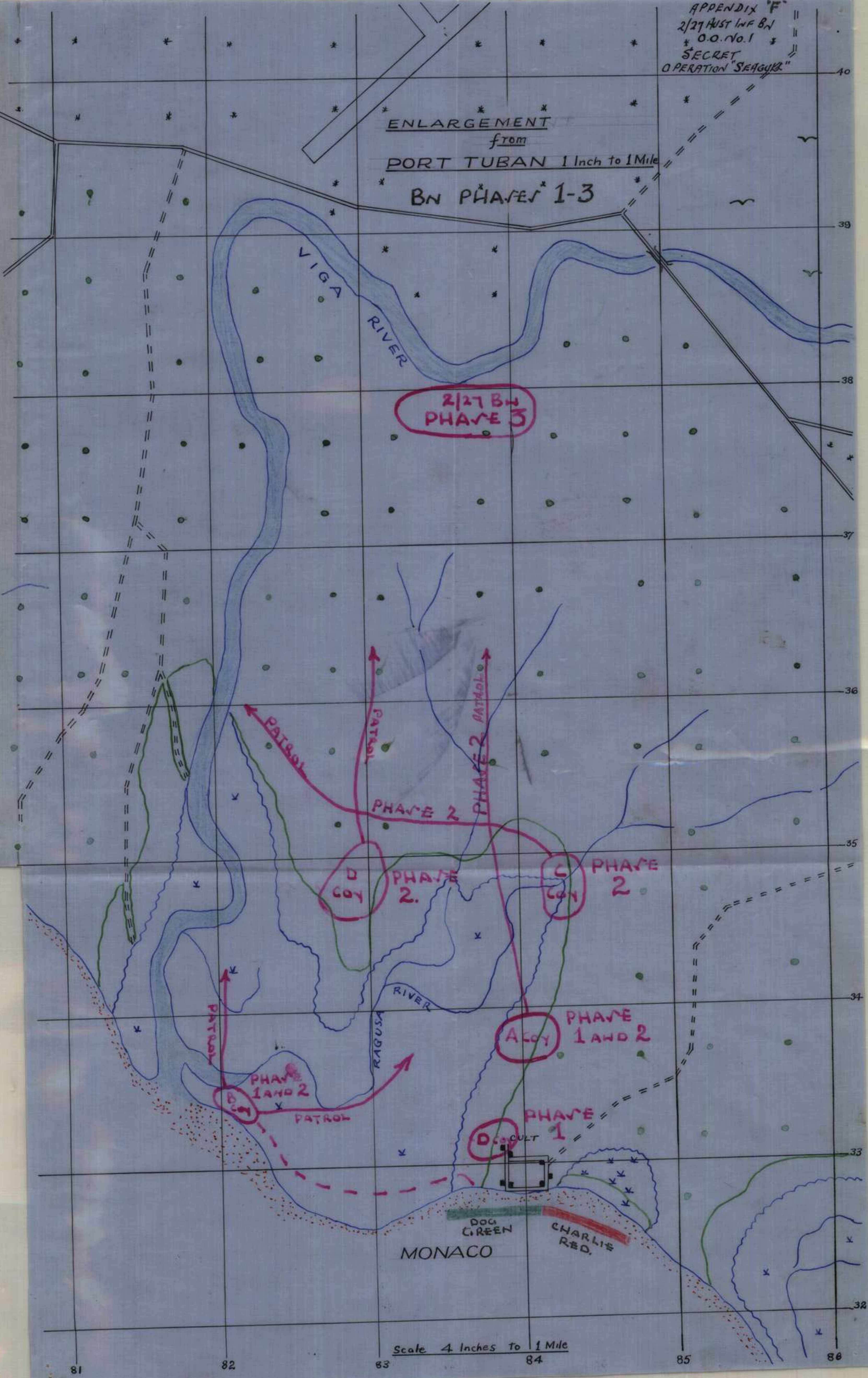
Serial No	Sub-Unit	Additional Troops		Landing	TASKS PHASE 1	TASKS PHASE 2	REMARKS
		Phase 1	Phase 2				
9	Mortars 3"						
	(a) One Det	1 LVT	1 LVT	H+4	(a) Under Comd "A" Coy until H+45 (b) Under comd "C" Coy for H+45	Remains with "C" Coy	Land in LVT
	(b) One Det	1 LVT	1 LVT	H+4	Under comd "B" Coy	Remains with "B" Coy	Land in LVT
	(c) Two Dets	2 LVT		H+13	Bn Reserve	One Det under comd "D" Coy One Det as ordered	Two LVTs will pick up dets on landing
	(d) Four Dets			H+180		To be moved as directed by ULO	
10	<u>MMG</u>						
	(a) One Sec	1 LVT	1 LVT	H+4	Under comd "C" Coy	As ordered	
	(b) One Sec			H+10	Bn Reserve	As ordered	In jeep & Trailer
11	<u>Tk A</u>						
	2 guns			H+18	Occupy positions to cover northern approaches to reserve Coy area	As ordered	2 jeeps





APPENDIX "F"  
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ENLARGEMENT  
from  
PORT TUBAN 1 Inch to 1 Mile  
BN PHASES 1-3



2/27 BN  
PHASE 3

D COY  
PHASE 2

C COY  
PHASE 2

A COY  
PHASE 1 AND 2

B COY  
PHASE 1 AND 2

D CULT  
PHASE 1

Scale 4 Inches to 1 Mile

LSI.....

Craft Available :—

Average Turn-round times :—

# 2/27 AUST INF BN LANDING CRAFT TABLE

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APPENDIX "H"

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LCA, LCVP, LCM - 120 mins first flight, thence 50 mins  
DUKW, LVT(A)4, LVT4 - 240 mins first flight, thence 100 mins

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)	
G		LVT4	5 Pl 2/6 Aust Pd Coy	March							Dog Green	H-90	Ex lot 5
H		LVT4	5 Pl 2/6 Aust Pd Coy	March							" "	H-90	
I		LVT4	5 Pl 2/6 Aust Pd Coy	March							" "	H-90	Engr demolition party
J		LVT4	5 Pl 2/6 Aust Pd Coy	March							" "	H-90	After demolition these craft stand off-shore and beach at H+20 as serials 119-124
K		LVT4	5 Pl 2/6 Aust Pd Coy	March							" "	H-90	
L		LVT4	5 Pl 2/6 Aust Pd Coy	March							" "	H-90	
7		LVT(A) 4	Amphibious Tk Bn		5						" "	H hr	Wave 1 R1 Flank
8		LVT(A) 4	Amphibious Tk Bn		5						" "	H hr	

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Sheet No. 2

Ldg Craft Serial No. (a)	LANDING CRAFT		PERSONNEL			LOAD			MANNING		LANDING		REMARKS (m)
	No. (b)	Type	Sub-Unit (c)	Marching (d)	On Vehs. (e)	Guns (f)	Vehs (g)	Stores (h)	Place (i)	Time (j)	Beach (k)	Time (l)	
9		LVT(A) 4	Amphibious Tk Bn	5	5						Dog Green	H hr	
10		LVT(A) 4	Amphibious Tk Bn		5						"	H hr	
11		LVT(A) 4	Amphibious Tk Bn		5						"	H hr	
12		LVT(A) 4	Amphibious Tk Bn		5						"	H hr	Wave 1 Left Flank
21		LVT(h)	RAN Commando 7 Pl A Coy	1 3 1 15 2 18				Beach Signs				H+1	Ex LSPYh Wave 2 Right Flank
22		LVT4	7 Pl A Coy SBs 8 Pl A Coy	10 1 9 20								H+1	Ex LSPY 4"
23		LVT4	A Coy 8 Pl SB ULOg party Int Sec RP	1 16 1 1 1 1 19								H+1	" " "
24		LVT4	B Coy - 10 Pl ULOg party ULO Batman Sig	1 16 1 1 1 2 18				1x108 Set with ULO				H+1	" " "

AUST INF BN LANDING CRAFT TABLE (CONTINUED)

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Sheet No. 3

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)
25		LVT4	B Coy 10 P1 SB 11 P1 SB	20							DOG Green	H+1	Ex LST4
26		LVT4	RAN Comondo B Coy 11 P1	1 3 1 15 2 18				Beach Signs			" "	H+1	Ex LST4 Wave 2 Left flank
27		LVT(A) 4	Amphibian Tk Bn		5						" "	H+1	Ex LST 5 Protect left flank & wait off-shore
28		LVT(A) 4	Amphibian Tk Bn		5						" "	H+1	Ex LST 5 Protect left flank & wait off-shore
37		LVT4	A Coy 9 P1 SB	19 1 20							" "	H+1	Ex LST4 Wave 3 Right flank
38		LVT4	A Coy Coy HQ 7 P1 9 P1	4 6 10 20							" "	H+2	Ex LST4
39		LVT4	A Coy Coy HQ 8 P1 Int Sec SBs Signs 2/6 Aust Bd Coy	1 2 6 1 1 1 3 3 6 6 1 19				1x108 set			" "	H+2	Ex LST4

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Sheet No. 4

Ldg Craft Serial No. (a)	LANDING CRAFT		PERSONNEL		LOAD			MANNING		LANDING		REMARKS (m)	
	No. (b)	Type	Sub-Unit (c)	Marching (d)	On Vehs. (e)	Guns (f)	Vehs (g)	Stores (h)	Place (i)	Time (j)	Beach (k)		Time (l)
40		LVT4	B Coy Coy HQ 10 P1 Int Sec SB Sign 2/6 Aust Pd Coy	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19				1x100 Set			Dog Green	H+2	Ex LST4
41		LVT4	B Coy Coy HQ 11 P1 12 P1	4 6 10 20							" "	H+2	Ex LST4
42		LVT4	B Coy 12 P1 SB	1 18 1 19							" "	H+2	Ex LST4 Wave 3 left flank
43		LVT(A) 4	Amphibion Tk Bn		5						" "	H+2 flank	Ex LST5 Protect left and wait off shore
44		LVT(A) 4	Amphibion Tk Bn		5						" "	H+2	Ex LST5 Protect left flank & wait off-shore
53		LVT4	3 P1 2/6 Aust Pd Coy	6 4 10				1x3 in Mor 100 bombs			" "	H+4	Ex LST5 Wave 4 Right flank
54		LVT4	3 P1 2/6 Aust Pd Coy	6 4 10				1x3 in Mor 100 bombs			" "	H+4	Ex LST5

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Sheet No. 5

Ldg Craft Serial No. (a)	LANDING CRAFT		PERSONNEL			LOAD			MANNING		LANDING		REMARKS (m)
	No. (b)	Type	Sub-Unit (c)	Marching (d)	On Vehs. (e)	Guns (f)	Vehs (g)	Stores (h)	Place (i)	Time (j)	Beach (k)	Time (l)	
55		LVT4	G Coy 13 P1 2 P1 2/6 Aust PA Coy	10 6 4 20				1200 4 boxes bolt amm			Dog Green	H4	Ex LST5
56		LVT4	G Coy 13 P1 SB	1 20 1 1 21							" "	H4	Ex LST5
57		LVT4	G Coy 14 P1 2 P1	14 6 20				1200 4 boxes bolt amm			" "	H4	Ex LST5 MMB pore tall to craft seria 55 on landing
58		LVT4	G Coy 14 P1 SB	1 20 1 1 19							" "	H4	Wave 4 Left flank
59		LVT(A) 4	Amphibian Tk Bn		5						" "	H4	Ex LST5 Protect left flank and wait off-shore
60		LVT(A) 4	Amphibian Tk Bn		5						" "	H4	Ex LST5 " "
81		LCA	G Coy 15 P1 SB	1 28 1 1 29							" "	H40	Ex LSI "G" Wave 6 Right flank

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Sheet No. 6

Ldg Craft Serial No. (a)	LANDING CRAFT		PERSONNEL			LOAD			MANNING		LANDING		REMARKS (m)
	No. (b)	Type	Sub-Unit (c)	Marching (d)	On Vehs. (e)	Guns (f)	Vehs (g)	Stores (h)	Place (i)	Time (j)	Beach (k)	Time (l)	
82		LCA	G Coy Coy HQ Sigs Int Sec SB 15 Pl RHO Batman RAP SBs 2/6 Aust Fd Amb Beach Gp 2 AAHC Coy	1      1      1 1	6 1 1 4   1 1 3 5 2 1 1			1x108 Set			DOG Green	H+10	Ex LSI "G"
83		LCH	Sigs 2 Pl 6 T Pl Batman (Adj) 21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec 2/6 Aust Fd Amb	8 8     8	   2 1  1  4		1x1 ton 1x1 Pl 1x1 ton 1x1 Pl	MMG Stores  sig stores 1x22 Set		" "	H+10	Ex LSI "G" <del>XXXXXXXX</del> <del>XXXXXXXX</del>	
84		LCA	Adj Int Sec (Sjt & 1 OR) RPs Clerk Sigs HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde 21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec "G" Aust F.S. Sec Beach Gp RAM Coo Beach Sigs BOC and party	1    1      1 1 1 1 1	2 2 1 2 2  1 1  7 4 3 25			1x108 Set        1x108 Set 1x46 Set 1x108 Set		" "	H+10	Ex LSI "G"	



AUST INF BN LANDING CRAFT TABLE (Continued)

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Sheet No. 7

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)	
85		LCA	CO and Batman IO and Batman RSM and Batman Int Sec RP Clerk Rifleman Sigs (incl sig sjt) 5 P1 IO party 2/5 Aust Pd Regt 21 Inf Bde Sig Sec 1/4 Aust FS Sec (RR) 7 Aust Div Pro Coy <u>Beach Gp</u> Beach Sigs	1 1 1 2 2 3 1 1 1 1 4 2	1 1 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 4 27			1x108 Set 1x46 Set 1xSubd             1x22 Set			Dog Green	H+10	Ex LSI "G"
86		LCA	2 P1 5 P1 2/6 Aust Pd Amb	1 1 1 2	8 13 7 20						" "	H+10	Ex LSI "G" Wave 6 Left flank
87		LVP(A) 4	Amphibian Tk Bn		5						" "	H+10	Ex LSP 6 Protect left flank and wa off-shore
88		LVP(A) 4	Amphibian Tk Bn		5						" "	H+10	Ex LSP 6 " " "
95		LCA	3 P1 4 P1 5 P1	1 1 1 1	22 1 6 29			1x3 in Mor 50 bombs			" "	H+13	Ex LSI "G" Wave 7 Right flank

**AUST INF BN LANDING CRAFT TABLE (CONTINUED)**

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Sheet No. 8

Ldg Craft Serial No. (a)	LANDING CRAFT		PERSONNEL			LOAD			MANNING		LANDING		REMARKS (m)
	No. (b)	Type	Sub-Unit (c)	Marching (d)	On Vehs (e)	Guns (f)	Vehs (g)	Stores (h)	Place (i)	Time (j)	Beach (k)	Time (l)	
96		LCA	D Coy 18 P1 SB 3 P1	21 1 <u>1 7</u> 1 29				20 Mortar bombs			Dog Green	H+13	Ex LSI "G"
97		LCA	D Coy 17 P1 18 P1	17 13 <u>30</u>				50 Mortar Bombs			" "	H+13	" "
98		LCA	D Coy 17 P1 SB Beach Co 5 Aust Bomb Dis P1 2/11 Aust Pd Coy Beach Sigs(Army)	1 17 1 5 1 3 <u>2 20</u>				1 mile cable			" "	H+13	" "
99		LCA	D Coy Coy HQ Int Sec SB Sigs 16 P1 3 P1 P	1 6 1 2 3 6 10 1 <u>1 29</u>				1x3 in Mor 20 bombs			" "	H+13	" "
100		LCA	D Coy 16 P1 SB	1 28 1 <u>1 29</u>				50 mortar bombs			" "	H+13	Ex LSI "G" Wave 7 left flank
105		LCA	D Coy D Coy 6 @	18 5 7 <u>30</u>							" "	H+13	Ex LSI "G" Wave 9

**AUST INF BN LANDING CRAFT TABLE (CONTINUED)**

Ldg Craft Serial No. (a)	LANDING CRAFT		PERSONNEL			LOAD			MANNING		LANDING		REMARKS (m)
	No. (b)	Type	Sub-Unit (c)	Marching (d)	On Vehs (e)	Guns (f)	Vehs (g)	Stores (h)	Place (i)	Time (j)	Beach (k)	Time (l)	
106		LCH	Hq Coy Coy HQ Padre & Batman 4 P1 6 Q 6 T 2/5 Aust Fd Regt Det Local Adm Unit(US)	5 1 1 9 4 6 3 <u>1 28</u>			2 2x2 prs 2 2x1 ton					Dog Green H+18	
107		LCA	A Coy 6 P1 7 Bty 2/2 Aust IKA Regt	17 4 9 <u>30</u>							" "	H+18	Ex LSI "G" 4.2 Mor Recce party
108		LCH	2/5 Aust Fd Regt C Coy 2/6 Aust Fd Coy	6 12 10 <u>28</u>		2 1x2 1/2 ton 2 1 trl comp					" "	H+18	Wave 9 Left Flank
119-124	6	LVE4	5 P1 2/6 Aust Fd Coy	18 18 <u>36</u>							" "	H+20	Beaching of Wave demolition parties as per serials G-L 10
168		LCA	Beach Co 2/11 Aust Fd Coy 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	13 16 <u>1 29</u>							" "	H+40	Ex LSI G Wave 15 Right Flank
169		LCA	Beach Co 2/11 Aust Fd Coy 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	14 15 <u>1 29</u>							" "	H+40	Ex LSI "G"
170		LCA	Beach Co 2/11 Aust Fd Coy 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	14 15 <u>1 29</u>							" "	H+40	" "
171		LCA	Beach Co 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	1 29							" "	H+40	" "

AUST INF BN LANDING CRAFT TABLE (CONTINUED)

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Ldg Craft Serial No. (a)	LANDING CRAFT		PERSONNEL		LOAD			MANNING		LANDING		REMARKS (m)	
	No. (b)	Type	Sub-Unit (c)	Marching (d)	On Vehs (e)	Guns (f)	Vehs (g)	Stores (h)	Place (i)	Time (j)	Beach (k)		Time (l)
172		LCA	<u>Beach Gp</u> 2/2 Pnr Bn	1	29						DOG GREEN	H+40	Ex LSI "G"
173		LCA	<u>Beach Gp</u> 2/2 Pnr Bn	1	29						" "	H+40	Wave 15 Left Blank
179		VP	<u>Beach Gp</u> 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	1	31						" "	H+45	LSI "G" 2 VP ex LST2
180		VP	<u>Beach Gp</u> 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	1	31						" "	H+45	Wave 16
200		DUKW	6 @ P1					1			" "	H+60	Ex LST 2
<del>ERRY SERVICE</del>													
274		LCA	HQ RAB 7 Aust Div 23 P1 2/1 Aust Gd Regt 2/59 Aust LAD	24 13 2	29						" "	H+160	Ex LSI "G" Ferry Service
275		LCA	OP Report Team Naval LOG <u>Beach Gp</u> 1 Aust Ord Beach Det 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn HQ RAB 7 Aust Div 23 P1 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	2 3 1 1 6 6	28						" "	H+160	Ferry Service

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Ldg Craft Serial No. (a)	LANDING CRAFT		PERSONNEL		LOAD			MANNING		LANDING		REMARKS (m)	
	No. (b)	Type	Sub-Unit (c)	Marching (d)	On Vehs (e)	Guns (f)	Vehs (g)	Stores (h)	Place (i)	Time (j)	Beach (k)		Time (l)
276		LCA	Rops Partisan Forces	8							Dog Green	H+160	Ferry Service "Bx LSI "G"
			2/5 Aust Pd Coy	6									
			Beach Co										
			235 Aust Sup Dep P1	1	2								
			53 Aust BIFOD P1	1	2								
			Stores P1		4								
			2/27 Aust Inf Bn		6								
			6 Q P1		6								
				2	20								
277		LCA	2/5 Aust Pd Coy	19							" "	H+160	Ferry Service
			2/27 Aust Inf Bn	10									
			6 Q P1		19								
293			3 P1		2						" "	H+180	1st yr
			6 Q P1		1								
			6 P P1		10								Remain discha
					13								ordered god carrier 1
													DUNG
													5x2 1/2 ton vehs
													for Unit Store

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Appendix "K" to 2/27  
Aust Inf Bn O.C. No 1.

EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

SHIP'S (ARMY) STAFF

LSI "G"

OC Troops	Lt-Col K.S. PICKEN
Asst Ship's Adjt	Lt KORFF
Ship's QM	Lt LILLYMAN
Ship's QIS	WO II MILLS
A A Defence Officer	Lt McDERMOTT
Messing Officer	Lt MACDONALD
Ship's Sjt-Maj	WO II BAKER

# WAVE DIAGRAM

APPENDIX 'J'  
2/27 Aust Inf Bn  
o.o.No.1

DOG GREEN  
BEACH

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EXERCISE 'SEAGULL'

SERIAL No	TIME OF BEACHING	CRAFT	EX SHIP	SUMMARY OF PERSONNEL
		<i>First Flight</i>		
7-12	H hr	H H H H H H	L.S.T 4	AMPHIBIAN TANK BN
21-26	H + 1	H H } □ □ □ □ □ □	L.S.T. 4	TWO FWD PLS A & B COYS
37-42	H + 2	H H } □ □ □ □ □ □	L.S.T 4	A & B Coy HQs plus SUP PLS
53-58	H + 4	H H } □ □ □ □ □ □	L.S.T 5	TWO PLS C COY TWO DETS M3 ONE SEC M.M.G.
67-72	H + 6	H H H H H H	L.S.T 1	AMPHIBIAN TANK BN (originally provided for protection ENGR demolition party H-90)
81-88	H + 10	H H } □ □ □ □ □ □	L.S.I. 'G'	BN HQ GP C COY HQs plus ONE PL PNR PL ONE SEC M.M.G.
95-100	H + 13	□ □ □ □ □ □	L.S.I. 'G'	D Coy TWO DETS M3
—	H + 16	H H H H H H H H	L.S.T 586	LVTA's Which moved on LEFT FLANK WAVES 2-3-4-6
105-108	H + 18	□ □ □ □ □ □	L.S.I. 'G' (a) L.S.I. 'M'	RECCE PARTY 7 BY 2/2 TK A REGT 2 x 2 pdr
119-124	H + 20	□ □ □ □ □ □	L.S.T. 5	ENGR DEMOLITION PARTY
	H + 25	□ □ □ □ □ □	L.S.I. 'm'	NIL
	H + 30	□ □ □ □ □ □	L.S.I. 'm'	NIL
FREE CRAFT		□ □ □ □ □ □	L.S.I. 'm'	BDE HQs GP (WILL BEACH AT TIME AND PLACE AS REQUIRED)
155	H + 35	□ □ □ □ □ □	L.S.I. 'm'	ONE D.U.K.W. 2 x 4.2 M
168-173	H + 40	□ □ □ □ □ □	L.S.I. 'G'	NIL
179-180	H + 45	□ □ □ □ □ □	L.S.I. 'G'	NIL
	H + 50	□ □ □ □ □ □	L.S.I. 'M'	NIL
	H + 55	□ □ □ □ □ □	L.S.I. 'm'	NIL
193-195 and 200	H + 60	□ □ □ □ □ □	5th LST 1 1st LST 2	ONE D.U.K.W. - UNIT RESERVE AMMO THREE D.U.K.W.s - 4.2 M
		<i>Ferry Service</i>		
274-277	H + 160	□ □ □ □ □ □	L.S.I. 'G'	16 PERSONNEL (6Q)
	H + 180	□ □ □ □ □ □	L.S.T Y.2.	4 x JEEPS + TRAILERS 5 x 2 1/2 TON UNIT STORES RESERVE AMMO 4 x 3' M

# BEACH INFM & ARCS OF FIRE ENEMY GUNS

## MORONES ISLAND PORT TUBAN

EXERCISE "SEAGULE"  
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App. "C" to 1st Aust Corps Intelligence  
Summary Operation "SEAGULE"

REFER TO THIS MAP AS:  
NO 1 PORT TUBAN 1 INCH SERIES

APPX

DESCRIPTION FROM RIGHT TO LEFT LOOKING FROM SEAWARD

### 1. SEAWARD APPROACH:

- Obstacles: A number of shoals not accurately charted and of undetermined length make the approaches unsafe. Higginheads are also present in the shallower water.
- Depths Offshore: Shallow water extends offshore for an average distance of 1000 yds when depth increases abruptly. This abrupt increase in depth indicates that coral reef is probably the boundary of the shallows.

### 2. NAVAL COMMENTS: Unsuitable.

### 3. GENERAL COMMENTS: Other features not presented due to unsuitability for landing craft.

DESCRIPTION FROM RIGHT TO LEFT LOOKING FROM SEAWARD

SUB-SECTOR I: From exel point 824327 to incl 819331. 600 yds of white sand.

### 1. SEAWARD APPROACH:

- BETWEEN HW AND LW MARKS: As for CHARLIE Sector
- NAVAL COMMENTS: ABOVE HW MARK: Sector
- ENEMY DEFENCES: None visible on air photographs. Guerilla reports pinpoint bunkers at 824331, 820335. See also para 3(f) of Intelligence Summary.

### 5. EXITS:

- Inf - Backing of mangrove makes inf movement difficult
- Veh - Land veh movement impractical without extensive engineer work.

### 6. HINTERLAND:

Continuation of mangrove swamp described in DOG sector. Movement is extremely difficult. Swamp backed by sparsely timbered plantation area.

### 7. GENERAL COMMENTS: As for DOG sector.

SUB-SECTOR II: From exel 819331 to incl mouth of VIGA River 826335. 500 yds of white sand.

### 1. SEAWARD APPROACH:

- Obstacles: Nil
- Depths Offshore: Gradient below LW mark of 1 in 300 increasing to 1 in 500 further offshore gives water gaps that are impractical.

### 2. NAVAL COMMENTS: Due to extensive water gap, beach considered unsuitable.

### 3. GENERAL COMMENTS: Owing to unsuitability other factors not presented.

DESCRIPTION FROM RIGHT TO LEFT LOOKING FROM SEAWARD

### 1. SEAWARD APPROACH:

- BETWEEN HW AND LW MARKS: As for CHARLIE Sector
- NAVAL COMMENTS: ABOVE HW MARK: Sector
- ENEMY DEFENCES: None visible on air photographs. Guerilla reports pinpoint bunkers at 839329, 836329, 832329, 833327, 826329. See also para 3(f) of Intelligence Summary.

### 5. EXITS:

- Inf - Difficult due to swamp
- Veh - Only practical exit for vehicles is foot track on extreme RIGHT of beach through MONACO - See CHARLIE Sector.

HINTERLAND: With the exception of 500 yds on the RIGHT limit in the MONACO area, beach is backed by a mangrove swamp which has an open waterway approx 20 ft wide at the right end. This swamp is an offshoot of the RAGUSA River and is 200/300 yds wide. A definite obstacle to LF. An off-shoot from this swamp branches from approx the centre of the beach and runs inland at almost right angles to the shore to meet the RAGUSA River about 1500 yds from its mouth (not shown on map see air photos). The ground behind the swamp is sparse timber and secondary growth.

GENERAL COMMENTS: Good landing facilities. Exits are limited to the 500 yds on the RIGHT limit. Backing swamp makes movement from remainder of beach difficult. Suitable maintenance areas available only after traversing swamp. Soil backing this sector excluding MONACO is clay loam, this belt of soil terminates at MONACO and runs northwards along the line of the swamp to a depth inland of approx 3000 yds.

DESCRIPTION FROM RIGHT TO LEFT LOOKING FROM SEAWARD

### 1. SEAWARD APPROACH:

- Obstacles - Nil
- Depths Offshore - Gradient below LW mark approx 1 in 60 giving the following water gaps:-

	HW yds	Depth at Ramp ft	LW yds	Depth at Ramp ft
LST	85	4	60	4
LCM	55	3.25	65	3.25
LCV	50	2.5	50	2.5

### 2. BETWEEN HW AND LW MARKS:

- Length: 1900 yds
- Width: 100 yds
- Gradient: 1 in 25
- Nature: Fairly firm sand
- Natural Obstacles: Nil

### 3. NAVAL COMMENTS: Suitable for landing ships and craft and amphibians.

ENEMY DEFENCES: None visible on air photos though guerilla reports bunker type defences partially completed. Completed coconut log bunkers have been pinpointed from those reports at 853321, 852329, 851326, 848326, 843329, 842329. See also para 3(f) of Intelligence Summary.

### 5. EXITS:

- Inf - No restrictions.
- Veh - (i) Wheeled: Track extreme left limit of beach though MONACO will require eng work to be fully jeepable. Right half of beach should be suitable for constr of dry weather jeep tracks leading inland. (ii) Tracked: Track extreme left of sector, or right half of beach.

HINTERLAND: Scattered timber and secondary growth directly behind beach except for a belt of thick timber approx 150 yds wide backing the LEFT half of the beach extending to MONACO. This timber, although giving good cover from the air, would impede vehicle traffic. Ground backing beach is sandy loam varying in width from 4000 - 5000 yds. Thence clay loam. NE of the beach the country, including the swamp, opens out into scattered timber and plantations and appears suitable for establishment of main area.

GENERAL COMMENTS: Good facilities for landing, constr of exits for troops and vehicles appears practical. Appears to be the best beach in the area.

DESCRIPTION FROM RIGHT TO LEFT LOOKING FROM SEAWARD

### 1. SEAWARD APPROACH:

- Obstacles - Nil
- Depths Offshore - Gradient below LW mark approx 1 in 100 which coupled with gradient of 1 in 100 between HW and LW give a stern beaching for LST resulting in the following water gaps:-

	HW yds	Depth at Ramp ft	LW yds	Depth at Ramp ft
LST	125	4	92	4
LCM	110	3.4	80	3.1
LCV	90	2.75	80	2

### 2. BETWEEN HW AND LW MARKS:

- Length: 2300 yds
- Width: 100 yds
- Gradient: 1 in 100
- Nature: Fairly firm sand
- Natural Obstacles: Nil

### 3. NAVAL COMMENTS: Suitable for landing ships and craft and amphibians.

ENEMY DEFENCES: None visible on air photographs, but guerilla reports indicate that some bunker def's are in course of construction on timber fringe. Bunkers have been pinpointed at 865303, 863307, 860311, 859314, 858318. See also para 3(f) of Intelligence Summary.

### 5. EXITS:

- Inf - Swamp backing beach and LAGRANE LAGOON may be an obstacle to foot tps. At extreme LEFT limit of sector tps could move around lagoon.
- Veh - Wheeled and tracked vehicles could move off beach only at LEFT extremity by moving round LAGOON. Will require eng assistance.

HINTERLAND: Sector backed by a mangrove swamp forming LAGRANE LAGOON. Open waterway flowing to the right vary in width from 80/100 ft. The mangrove swamp is approx 300 yds wide being thickest round the open waterways. Inland from the swamp the country changes to open timber and plantation areas. Some clearance would be necessary for LF movement. This ground is firm sandy loam for 5000 yds inland, thence clay loam.

GENERAL COMMENTS: Beach is suitable for craft but presence of lagoon and attendant swamp makes access to hinterland difficult. Suitable maintenance areas are available NE of the swamp.



### ENEMY STRENGTHS

LOCATION	INF	ARTY	AA	ENGRS	BASE & L of C	GUNS			TOTAL TFS	REMARKS
						75mm AA	75mm	1.5in AA		
GILAMA TONG	700	250	90	30	100	12	4	2	1230	
PORT TUBAN	150								150	
TOTAL	850	250	90	30	100	12	4	2	1380	

DESCRIPTION FROM RIGHT TO LEFT LOOKING FROM SEAWARD

SUB-SECTOR I: From 866293 to 866297. 400 yds white sand.

### 1. SEAWARD APPROACH:

- Obstacles - A coral reef covered by less than 1 ft of water at LW springs extends along the frontage of the beach at an average distance of 1,000 yds off shore. The water between the reef and the shore is studded with "Higginheads".
- Depths Offshore - Deep water seaward of reef. Water between reef and shore has maximum depth of 5 ft at LW Springs.

### 2. BETWEEN HW AND LW MARKS:

- Length: 400 yards
- Width: 20/50 yards
- Gradient: 1 in 30
- Nature: Fairly firm sand
- Natural Obstacles: Nil

### 3. NAVAL COMMENTS:

Unsuitable for landing ships and craft. Dangerous to amphibians due to "Higginheads"

### 4. CRAFT ANCHORAGE AND HIDEOUTS:

TUBAN RIVER NOT navigable.

### 5. GENERAL COMMENTS:

Other factors NOT considered due to unsuitability of beach for landing craft.

DESCRIPTION FROM RIGHT TO LEFT LOOKING FROM SEAWARD

SUB-SECTOR II: Entrance LAGRANE LAGOON. From exel 866297 to 865299

### 1. SEAWARD APPROACH:

- Obstacles - Sandbank running offshore to join reef in SUB-SECTOR I is covered by less than 2 ft of water at LW Springs.

### 2. NAVAL COMMENTS: Unsuitable

### 3. CRAFT ANCHORAGE AND HIDEOUTS:

LAGRANE LAGOON due to sand bank and shallow water is not navigable.

### 4. GENERAL COMMENTS:

Beach bounded at LEFT by entrance to LAGRANE LAGOON an obstacle to vehicles. Other factors NOT considered due to unsuitability of beach for landing craft.

### LEGEND

- ARC OF FIRE AA GUNS
- ARC OF FIRE 120MM FD GUNS
- 1.5 AA
- 75 AA
- FD GUNS
- BUNKER

### REFERENCE GRID

East	91	93	North	15	6
91	93	93	15	6	6

Scale: 1:50,000  
Reference to nearest 100  
Nearest similar Reference Distance 100 Kilometers

### Symbol Legend

- River or Perennial Stream
- Non-Perennial Stream
- Waterhole
- Mangroves
- Fathom Line
- Rain Forest
- Forest
- Scattered Timber
- Scrub
- Plantation
- Ridges
- Cliffs

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