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1/4/1 CORPS

1 Australian Corps
General Branch (1 Aust
Corps 'G' Branch)

March 1945, part 2, appendices



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FROM :: LANDOPS TOO :: 131931 I
TO :: LANDFORCES ONE CORPS AUSTSTAGE
INFO :: PORTLAND MILBANK BRISBANE 1 BASE SUB AREA

SD528 SECRET (.) in 23 paras (.) LANDOPS 0640 point 33D 9 mar tp
move priority lists MCHOTAI (.) amend as follows (.)

- 1 (.) priority 48 to read 28 mob cinema (.)
- 2 (.) priority 65 to read det 8 line maint sec (.)
3. (.) priority 86 to read 112 mob cinema (.)
- 4 (.) insert new priority 111A det 1 fd censorship coy 10 pers
embark BRIS under cond A and D local adm (.)
- 5 (.) insert new priority 111B HQ 1 aust corps and att HQ units
less planning team (.) approx 800 pers 75 vehs embark TOW CAI
under cond A (.) this subject to confirmation (.) will advise
further (.)
- 6 (.) amend priority 112 to read 26 inf bde gp (.) 5052 pers 565 vehs
(.) embark TOW CAI (.)
- 7 (.) amend priority 136 to read under cond D NOT C (.)
- 8 (.) amend priority 137 to read 117 mob cinema (.)
- 9 (.) insert new priority 141A 1 blood transfusion unit (.) moves
with 2/5 gen hospital was priority 213 (.)
- 10 (.) amend priority 155 det 16 air op flt 21 pers (.) embark TOW CAI
(.) 3 AUSTER A/C located SYDNEY vide 1 aust corps GA244 of
101200K (.) request LANDFORCES arrange ship separately (.)
- 11 (.) amend priority 163 to read 8 line maint sec less det (.)
- 12 (.) amend priority 189 to read under cond C NOT D (.)
- 13 (.) amend priority 198 to read 2 port constr coy (.)
- 14.(.) delete priority 213 now priority 141A (.)
- 15 (.) delete priorities 230 and 231 (.) now priorities 247 and 248 (.)
- 16 (.) amend priority 233 to read 103 MOB BACT LAB (.)
- 17 (.) insert new priorities 233A 233B 3 and 6 MOB ENTOMOLOGICAL SECS
each 3 pers 2 vehs embark TOW ~~44~~ and BRIS respectively (.)
under cond C (.)
- 18 (.) reserve priorities 240 to 243 incl.will advise (.)

- 19 (.) add priority 244 (.) HQ 9 AUST DIV less FLASHING TEAM and
 REAR HQ plus DIV ADM TFS less 2/1 CCS 22 HOSP LAUNDRY UNIT (.)
 2860 pers 520 vehs (.) add priority 245 (.) 24 INF BDE GP (.)
 4837 pers 498 vehs (.) add priority 246 (.) 20 INF BDE GP
 incl REAR HQ 9 AUST DIV 2/1 CCS 22 HOSP LAUNDRY UNIT 5173 pers
 558 vehs (.)
- 20 (.) add priority 247 (.) 2/3 CCS (.) priority 248 (.) 21 HOSP
 LAUNDRY UNIT (.) were priorities 250 and 251 (.)
- 21 (.) add priority 249 (.) 2/4 GHE HOSP (.) 288 pers 16 vehs (.)
 add priorities 250 251 252 40 42 43 HOSP LAUNDRY UNITS
 each 6 pers 2 vehs (.) all embark BRIS (.) comm C (.)
- 22 (.) add priority 253 (.) 2/5 GHE HOSP 510 pers (.) add priority
 254 (.) 3 HOSP LAUNDRY UNIT 61 pers (.) add priority 255 (.)
 77 DEP CASH OFFICE (.) 9 pers (.) vehs and escorts 2/5 GHE
 HOSP 3 HOSP LAUNDRY UNIT moving priorities 150 and 151 (.)
 embark SYDNEY (.) comm C (.)
- 23 (.) copies this signal sent safe hand 13 MAR (.) ACK

NOTE: Para 17 : ~~4/4~~ Both units embark CAIRNS -
 located WONGABEL.

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MESSAGE OUT

FROM : I COMPS

14/250 R

TO : I BASE SUB AREA

SD615 (.) SECRET (.) your SD1276 of 131500R (.) A (.) accepting action
(.) B (.) det 1 base sub area details rep specified cur 5-553 of 12
mar should read quote 41 personnel 2 vehs unquote in lieu of 4 personnel
2 vehs

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9 Aust Div

1 Aust Base Sub Area) DRIS

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FROM LANDOPS 141442I

TO LANDFORCES

INFO FORLAND I CORPS

SD538 SECRET . LANDFORCES SD17136 of 101730K NOT to all addressees

. LANDOPS G540.3SD 9 mar . one . amend priority 108 to read det

102 adv DEPOT LED STORES 3 pers . these already embarked . two .

amend priority 149 to read 2 BASE DEPOT LED STORES less 7 pers .

LANDOPS A443 of 14 mar also refers

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MESSAGE OUT

FROM: 1 CORPS

Date-Time of Origin *141450K*

FOR ACTION: 2/6 GEN HOSP 2 HOSP LAUNDRY UNIT 4 FACIO MAX
PLASTIC SURGERY UNIT 95 DEP CASH OFFICE

FOR INFO: 1 BASE SUB AREA RELEASE BRISBANE

SD616(.) SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.)

ONE (.) following units will be prepared for embarkation on
tropical service (.) 2/6 gen hosp (.) 2 hosp laundry
unit (.) 4 facio max plastic surgery unit (.) 95
dep cash office (.)

TWO (.) move with unit eqpt accn stores tentage scale A
and vehs (.) 1 corps adm order no 8 applies but
submit GPO 318/43 particulars to this HQ only (.) ack

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Degree of Priority

Signed *U. J. Hill May*

DRLS

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9 Div - DRLS

FROM MILBASE BRISBANE 141725 K

TO I CORPS

INFO I BASE SUB AREA

SD1107 CONFIDENTIAL . RHP YOUR 02554 OF 121746K AND SD482 OF
081025K . BY MUTUAL ARRANGEMENT I BASE SUB AREA HAS PLACED 7 AND
8 BASE SUB AREAS ON WARNING ORDER IN THEIR SD1039 OF 192130K FEB
NOT TO I CORPS

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MESSAGE OUT

FROM :: 1 CORPS
TO :: 1 BASE SUB AREA
INFO :: LANDFORCES LANDOPS

SD625 (.) SECRET (.) ref landforces SD15219 of 021830K and
your SD1158 of 031620K not to landforces or landops (.) only
one det 14 AAD str 30 pers and 3 vehs required (.) if det
str 60 pers and 6 vehs already embarked reduce det str 52 pers
5 vehs warned in your SD1213 of 071600K not to landforces landops
by 30 pers 3 vehs (.) no more than total 32 pers and 6 vehs
to embark

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W. J. G. H.
.....Maj

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9 Aust Div - DRLS

1 CORPS

14 2317 K

9 DIV

SDGGS (.) SECRET (.) CNE (.) landings approve composition
and priority of mov of 26 inf bde gp vide group C priority
lists dated 10 Mar (-) also approve priority of move
of remainder 9 DIV vide group F except that 2/1 CCS
and 22 troop laundry unit will move in priority 43 and 44
of 20 inf bde gp and not 32 and 33 of div admin tps

A. J. Wootliff
Maj.

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SECRET

BR. MA. D 4.1. DRLS

Subject: ACMA. C. R. 1 ASST CORPS AND ASSOCIATED UNITS

Hq 1 Aust Corps
15 Apr 45
3/4955/3.

Hq RAA 1 Aust Corps
1 Aust Combined Ops Sec
1 Aust Visitors and Observers Sec
Det Aust Public Relations, AF Unit.
1 Aust AF PS Team
1 Aust Op Report Team
23 Pl Coy 2/1 Aust Ad Regt
1 Aust Corps Sec Int Corps
1 Aust PS Sec
Det SIS
3 Aust AMPL
LM, PS Regt Ad Sec
1 Aust Corps Postal Unit
319 Aust LAD

1. Addressees will prepare to embark for tropical service at strengths as follows. Date of move will be advised later.

Serial	Unit	Offrs	GRs	Men incl trns
1.	Hq RAA 1 Aust Corps less det	8	32	11
2.	1 Aust Combined Ops Sec less det	5	15	3
3.	1 Aust V & C Sec	2	7	4
4.	Det Public Relations	1	4	4
5.	1 Aust AF PS Team	3	5	6
6.	1 Aust Op Report Team less det	1	2	-
7.	23 Pl Coy 2/1 Aust Ad Regt less det	1	33	-
8.	1 Aust Corps Sec Int Corps less det	3	7	4
9.	1 Aust PS Sec	1	14	6
10.	Det SIS	-	2	-
11.	3 Aust AMPL less det	-	7	3
12.	LM, PS Regt Ad Sec	2	6	2
13.	1 Aust Corps Postal Unit	1	21	6
14.	319 Aust LAD	1	15	7
15.	Hq 1 Aust Corps	75	475	18
	TOTAL	104	645	77

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2. Units will move with personal arms and equipment, unit equipment, accommodation stores and tentage scale A.
3. 1 Aust Corps Adm Order No 2 applies, except that addressees will submit GRC 312/43 particulars to G Branch A, 1 Aust Corps only. These particulars are required to reach G Branch by 0900 hours 17 Mar 45.
4. Administrative orders for the move will be issued separately.

Stephenson here
for Orig.
AS 1 Aust Corps.

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PA to PCC

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P Air

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DAMS

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Camp - To submit GRC 312/43 particulars for A, 1 Aust Corps to A Branch and arrange move of the A and units located at HNS.

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S Aust Div - ERLS

I CORPS

15 0935 A

I HAVE THE AREA

WILSON'S 25 100150

38027 (.) SECRET (.) our 21553 of 12 Mar (.) para one and 13 Mar
(.) ACE

INTERSECTION AT '03' 15 Mar 43

A 2

B 6

9 Aust Div - 1743

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Afford
May

I CORPS

15 1020 X

DDPS I CORPS

SD629 (.) SECRET (.) ref para one our SD646 of 121740K (.)

add 3 and 8 mob entomological sees (.) ask

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9 Aust Div - DRLS

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1 CORPS

15 1045E

1 BASE SUB AREA

WILKINSON BRISBANE

SDS (.) SECRET (.) our SDS of 12 May (.) para one add 13 TCU

2/4 AGH 40 42 43 deep laundry units (.) ask

A. Wall

Maj.

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Wan Henry ✓

MESSAGE OUT

FROM :: 1 CORPS TO :: 15/200 H
TO :: DE1 & SP13 RAAF LAKEBA
INFO :: 88 ARMY CO-OP WING RAAF LANDOPS
 LANDFORCES

SD630 (.) SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.)
 det
ONE (.) /15 Air OP flt str 22 para and 3 aircraft will be
 prepared for embarkation on tropical service (.)
TWO (.) move with personal arms and eqpt (.) det rejoins
 88 army co-op wing on arrival at destination (.)
THREE (.) request ALC at RAAF LAKEBA submit SRC 011/40
 particulars for det to this HQ earliest (.) ack

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.....Maj.

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Department of Interior

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LANDOPS

LANDFORCES

SD 634 (.) SECRET (.) your STOPS of 151931I para 5
(.) HQ I corps and att HQ units less planning team next unit on
priority list to embark (.) landforces QE 15409 of 151800K
allots VAF HECIZ for movement (.) request confirmation that HQ
is to move in priority 1113

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IMMEDIATE
TO LANDOPS

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FROM: LANDOPS 1609401

TO: LANDFORCES 1 CORPS MOUTAGE

INFO: FORLAND PILBAX BRIDGE NO 1 BSA

SD545 SECRET LANDOPS 6640.3SD 9 MAR TP HAVE PRIORITY 11175

MONOTAI () HQ 1 CORPS LESS LAMIN TOLD BUREAU PRIORITY

NEXT AFTER 26 BDE GP (.) SEND PRIORITY FROM 1118 TO 112A (.)

SEND PART 5 LANDOPS SD525 OF 1319311 ACCORDINGLY

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File

LANDOPS

161901I

LANDFORCES I CORPS AUSTSTAGE

INFO FORLAND MILBASE BRISBANE I BASE SUB AREA

22047 SECRET (.) LANDOPS 0040 pt 220 9 mar troop move priority lists

RENOTAI (.) amend as follows (.)

ONE (.) priority 112 (.) 26 bde gp (.) incl complete 2/2 HQ BN
in lieu one coy 2/2 HQ BN (.)

TWO (.) amend priority 130 to read 14 MOB AND REPAIR SHOP (.)

THREE (.) insertion priority 160 A (.) 290 LAD (.) att A CORPS
SIGS (.)

FOUR (.) insert priority 180A (.) 2/50 LAD (.) att 22 L of C
SIGS (.)

FIVE (.) amend priority 194 to read 37 L OF C SAL SEC less det
34 pers 5 vehs (.)

SIX (.) insert priority 210 A 2/100 WESP PL COND C (.)

SEVEN (.) insert following priorities after 223 (.) 223A 2/1 A
TPO SVY COY less det 157 pers 18 vehs (.) det HOLLANDIA
COND A (.) 223 B 18 fd coy embarked BRISBANE COND C (.)
223C 11 WESP AND PARK COY and 305 LAD embarked BRISBANE
COND B (.) 223D HQ COND AASC 1 BASE SUB AREA embarked
BRISBANE COND C (.) 223E det 17 AAD 44 pers 6 vehs COND
C (.) 223F det 4 HQ 20 pers 2 vehs COND C (.) 223G
det 10 ORD VEH PARK 20 pers 2 vehs (.) 223H det 10 ORD
VEH PARK 18 PERS 1 veh COND D (.) 223I det 14 AAD 30
pers 3 vehs COND C (.) 223J 2/101 HQ WESP BRISBANE COND
D (.) 223L 2/102 HQ ORD FD FK embarked BRISBANE COND
D (.) 223 M 33 WIRELESS SEC TYPE C embarked TOWCAI COND
D (.)

EIGHT (.) copy this sig being sent safe hand 18 mar

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MESSAGE OUT

FROM: 1 CORPS

Date-time of origin 16-123 K

TO: RAA 1 AUST CORPS

SD646 (.) SECRET (.)

ONE (.) 1 mob net flt will be prepared for embarkation on tropical service (.)

TWO (.) move with unit eqpt accn stores tentage scale A and vehs (.)

1 corps adm order No.8 applies but submit GAO 318/43 particulars to this HQ only (.) ack

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN
by any means

Signed *(1/4/45) Maj*

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War Diary 2 ✓
9 Div - DRIS

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FROM :: LANDFORCES TOO :: 171600K
TO :: I CORPS
INFO :: LANDOPS

SD19807 RESTRICTED (.) ref 1 corps SD472 of 071222K and 084818
of 8 mar (.) tractors tracked TD9 and TD18 for FD and MED REGTS (.)

- FIRST (.) 084818 advised that tractors TD9 on issue to fd
 regts require major overhaul and some replacement
 necessary (.) LANDFORCES unable to effect replacement
 of any TD9 tractors (.)
- SECOND (.) all available TD18 tractors already issued to 1 CORPS
 and NOT anticipated further quantities available for
 some considerable time (.)
- THIRD (.) in view info advised 084818 consider may be
 desirable review scale of NT for fd and med regts
 considering availability and suitability other
 types prime movers (.) available types as follows (.)
 tractors arty (AUST) 8 or 9 (.) MACKS (.)
- FOURTH (.) appreciate your comments (.) if considered desirable
 request reviewed scales for fd and med regts be
 submitted earliest possible (.)
- FIFTH (.) issue order OSI/H/1654 release 18 MACKS to 7 ORD
 VEH PK

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Q (2) - to arrange issue MACKS to each Med Regt - scale 18 per Regt.
RAA - to advise G3 re para fourth
War Diary (2)

MESSAGE OUT

FROM; 1 CORPS

Date-Time of Origin 17/1710Z.

FOR ACTION: 1 BASE SUB AREA

FOR INFO: MILEASE BRISBANE

SD657 (.) SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.)

ONE (.) following units will be prepared to move on
tropical service (.) det 1 fd censorship coy 10
pers 2/66 LAD 2/106 wksp pl 18 fd coy 11 wksp
and pk coy and 305 LAD HQ comd AASC 1 base sub
area (.) det 17 ACD 44 pers 6 vehs (.) det 4 RSD
20 pers 2 vehs det 10 ord veh pk 20 pers 2 vehs
det 10 ord veh pk 18 pers 1 veh det 14 AAD 30 pers
3 vehs 2/121 bde wksp 2/121 bde ord fd pk (.)

TWO (.) ref para ONE our SD553 of 121750Z delote det 37
L of C sal sec 20 pers 2 vehs and insert 37 L of
C sal sec less det 34 pers 5 vehs (.)

THREE (.) units and dots will move in priority vide LANDOPS
G 640 pt 3 SD of 9 mar as amended up to LANDOPS
SD547 of 161901Z (.)

FOUR (.) move with unit eqpt accn stores tentage scales
and vehs (.) 1 corps adm order no 8 applies (.)
ack

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Degree of Priority

Signed
A. H. all

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A: 2 (6) : CE : War Diary (2) : 9 Div - DRIS : 1 Base Sub Area - DRIS

MESSAGE OUT

FROM : I CORPS

17/7// E

TO : 2/1 A TOPO SVY COY

SD658 (.) SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.)

ONE (.) 2/1 A TOPO SVY COY less det strength 157 pers 18 vehs
will prepare for embarkation on tropical service (.)

TWO (.) move with unit eqpt accn stores tentage scale A and
vehs specified (.) I CORPS adm order no 8 applies but
submit GRC 318/43 particulars to this Hq only (.) ACK

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9 Aust Div - D.R.L.S.

MESSAGE OUT

FROM: 1 CORPS

Date-Time of Origin ..17/17/43.....K

FOR ACTION: 9 DIV

FOR INFO: MOVEMENTS CAIRNS

SD651 (.) SECRET (.) LANDOPS direct complete 2/2 MG bn move with
26 inf bde gp in lieu one way (.) amend serial 30 group C of
priority list to read 2/2 MG bn (.) delete serial 17 from group F
div adm tps (.) delete serial 23 from group F 24 inf bde gp (.)
delete serial 22 from group F 26 inf bde gp (.) submit GRO 318/43
particulars for complete bn immediately

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into enemy hands, this message must
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Originators Instructions
Degree of Priority

Signed *(Signature)*

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM 1 CORPS
TC A CORPS SIGS

T C C 17 / 7/4 K

SD 659 (.) SECRET (.) MOVING ORDER (.) one (.) 290 LAD will be
prepared to move on tropical service (.)
two (.) move with unit eqpt accn stores tentage scale A and
vehs (.) 1 corps adm order applies but submit CRC 318/43
particulars to this HQ only (.) ack

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enemy hands, this message must be sent
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9 Div - DRLS

FROM LANDOPS 1818331

TO LANDFORCES I CORPS NEXT STAGE

INFO FOELAND EMBARK BRIGADE I BULK SUB AREA

SD551 SECRET (.) LANDOPS SD525 of 1319311 part 1B (.) one (.)
amend LANDOPS G 640.3SD 9 mar to mov priority lists MOCOTAI as
follows (.) insert priority 241 (.) 107 dep cash office 7 pers
2 vehs (.) priority 242 (.) remainder adv LHC area whsp sec
15 pers 5 vehs (.) priority 243 G FS sec 15 pers 5 vehs (.) all
embark BRIGADE under command A at MOCOTAI (.) two (.) delete
priority 1 6 and 7 appx G LANDOPS G640.3SD 23 feb NOT to NEXT
STAGE (.) all units previously appx G are now included G640.3SD
9 mar (.) appx G is now cancelled ask

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SECRET

D.R.-L.S.

Subject : I AUST CORPS LOCATION STATEMENT NO 13

HQ 1 Aust Corps,
15 Mar 45.
G/1532/Ops

7 Aust Div	1 - 4	4 Aust MC Gp PERTH	41
9 Aust Div	5 - 8	5 Aust MC Gp DARWIN	42
1 Aust Base Sub area	9	6 Aust MC Gp ADELAIDE	43
1 Aust Combined Ops Sec	10	7 Aust MC Gp THURSDAY IS	44
11 Aust MC Gp	11	10 Aust MC Gp CAIRNS	45
RAA 1 Aust Corps	12	Det 2 Aust MC Gp ROBERT	46
A Aust Corps Sigs	13-14	100 TOWNSVILLE	47
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1 Aust Corps Accounts Office	17	13 Aust ACD	50
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Qld L of C Area	37		
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2 Aust MC Gp MELBOURNE	39		
3 Aust MC Gp BRISBANE	40		

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I AUSTRALIAN CORPS LOCATION STATEMENT No. 13

Consolidated List of Amendments as at 2400 hrs 15 Mar 48

a	b	c	d	e	f
A1					Wanted to move on tropical service
A2					not met u/c
A3-A10				delete	not met u/c
A11				REMOVED	att. Wing RAAR
A12				REMOVED	to move to 12th Div. RAAR
A13-17				delete	
A19				delete	not met u/c
A20				11	att. 14 Sp. Bn.
A22				delete	not met u/c
A24-A27					Wanted to move on tropical service
A28					att. 1st Div. RAAR
A29-A33					att. 1st Div. RAAR
A35					Wanted to move on tropical service
A44					Wanted to move on tropical service
A46					not reported in. remainder wanted to move on tropical service
A47					
A50					
A51					
A52					
A54					
A56					
A58					
A61					u/c 7 Aust - IV for local adm
A62					Two data wanted to move on tropical service

I Aust Combined Sp. Bn. (less det.)

HQ PAE I Aust Corps (less det.)

a	b	c	d	e	f
A65					add "warned to move on tropical service".
A66				BARINE 3859336	
A72		}			Warned to move on tropical service.
A73		}			Not warned to move on tropical service.
A74		}			
A75		}			
A77		}			
A78		}			Warned to move on tropical service
A81		}			
A84		}			
A85		}			
A86		}			
A89 - 90		}			
A91		}			Warned to move on tropical service
A93		}			
A97		}			
A98		}			Not warned to move on tropical service
A100		}			
A101		}			Warned to move on tropical service
A102		}			Not warned to move on tropical service
A114-A117		}			Warned to move on tropical service.
A118		}			Det 4 pers warned to move on IS.
A121			2/21 must Tpt P1 (DUNK)		2/3 must Amphib Van Increment att
A126					att 2/21 must Tpt P1 (DUNK)
A131		}			
A132		}		Delete	Not now u/c
A133		}			
A152					Warned to move on tropical service.

a	b	c	d	e	f	g
L153		)				
L155		)				
L157		)				
L159, A162, A164		)				Warned to move on tropical service.
L165		)				
L166		)				
L167		)				
L179-187						Warned to move on tropical service - to concentrate with 2/5 Aust Armd Regt.
L188		)				
L191		)				
L192		)				
L194						Add "u/c 7 Aust Div for local adm -"
A200						Warned to move on tropical service
A204				Delete		Not now u/c
A205						Delete "1st"
A206-207						Warned to move on tropical service
A210						The ship warned to move on tropical service.
A211		)				
A212		)				
A213		)				
A214		)				
A216		)				Warned to move on tropical service.
A219						Add "u/c 7 Aust Div for local adm - warned to move on tropical service"
A230-236						Warned to move on tropical service
A 238				Delete		Not now u/c
A242			Delete serial			
A246						Warned to move on tropical service.

a	b	c	d	e	f	g
A248						add "moving 1 unit - see serial 1"
A254			delete serial			
C16						2 1/2 units to move units at British Pacific Fleet
C36			delete "loss 2 op data"			
C84a	61211	2-101/152	2/101 must lose BU	RM101	3,89304	
C90					3,89303	at 2/25 must lose BU
C94			delete serial			
C95						
C96a			2 Svc 78 must Dental Unit	RM101	3,89304	at 1/27 must lose BU on 1/27 local
C97	45842	2-5/181				2,89304
D5	47746					warned to move on tropical service.
D17			amend to read "2 Svc 78 must Dental Unit"			
D22a			RM Command (C)	RM101	3,89303	
9 MUST BE Location Statement No 18 after "as at 2,000 28 Feb 45" add: "all units warned to move on tropical service except the following serials: 839,860,862,874,876,8107,8114"						
E92						delete Lnd Tps
E93						
I138	45843	711	add new serial "Det AUS"	RM101	3,89303	
2 MUST BE LCH GP add "all units warned to move on tropical service".						
I1-22				RM101		staging
C5						warned to move on tropical service.
G7						balance warned to move on tropical service
G8						warned to move on tropical service.

a	b	c	d	e	f	g
G11				REDLIFE		warned to move on tropical service
G12						awaiting transportation
G13				RECEIVED		
G16						warned to move on tropical
G17						service.
G21						all "one" to "SUBSISTENT"
G22						no det. provided.
G23						no det. provided. awaiting det. for
G24			2/1 East Richmond Co. (less one det.)			ation. Unit warned to move on tropical service.
G26						det. "Unit warned to move on tropical service."
G27						det. det. 100000 - unit warned
G28						to move on tropical service.
G31						
G32						warned to move on tropical service
G33						
G34			2/2 East Spring Fl (less one det.)			one det. explained for overseas
G35						two det. warned to move on tropical service
G36						warned to move on tropical service
G39						det. warned to move on tropical ser- vice.
G40						
G43						warned to move on tropical service
G44						
G45						det. warned to move on tropical
G46						service

a	b	c	d	e	f	g
G47						warned to move on tropical service
G48						
G49						det. warned to move on tropical service
G51						
G52						
G54						warned to move on tropical service
G56						
G61						
G62					RELEAS.	awaiting transportation
G63						
G64						
G65						
G66						warned to move on tropical service
G71						
G72						
G73						
G74						
G76						
G79						det. warned to move on tropical service
G80						warned to move on tropical service
G83					RELEAS.	awaiting transportation
G84						
G88						
G89						
G90						warned to move on tropical service
G91						
G92						
G93						

a	b	c	d	e	f	g
G95			2/19 Aust Tpt P1 (DUEW)			(a) 2/1 Aust Amphib Veh Increment att. (b) Local adm old L of C Area (c) Warned to move on tropical service.
G96			2/20 Aust Tpt P1 (DUEW)			(a) 2/2 Aust Amphib Veh Increment att. (b) Local adm old L of C Area (c) Warned to move on tropical service.
G97			49 Aust Tpt P1 (DUEW)			(a) 4 Aust Amphib Veh Increment att. (b) Local adm old L of C Area
G98			50 Aust Tpt P1 (DUEW)			(a) 5 Aust Amphib Veh Increment att. (b) local adm old L of C Area
G99						(a) att 2/19 Aust Tpt P1 (DUEW) (b) u/c old L of C Area local adm (c) warned to move on tropical service
G100						(a) att 2/20 Aust Tpt P1 (DUEW) (b) warned to move on tropical service
G101						(a) att 49 Aust Tpt P1 (DUEW) (b) old L of C Area local adm
G102						(a) att 50 Aust Tpt P1 (DUEW) (b) u/c old L of C Area for local adm.
G105						warned to move on tropical ser- vice
G106						
G109						det warned to move on tropical service

a	b	c	d	e	f	g
G109						
G110						
G111						
G111						
G116						warned to move on tropical service
G118						
G119						
G126						
G127						
G128						
G130						one sec warned to move on tropical service
G131						add "two dots warned to move on tropical service"
G132						add "two dots warned to move on tropical service".
G133						two dots warned to move on tropical service
G134						
G136						warned to move on tropical service
G137						dot warned to move on tropical service
G138						warned to move on tropical service.
G141						two dots warned to move on tropical service
G143						
G146						warned to move on tropical service
G148						
G149						awaiting embarkation
G153						one mcb gas can sec/to move on tropical service

ENDING.

a	b	c	d	e	f	g
G157						warned to move on tropical service
G158			2 Aust Recon Bde Coy (less det)			One det K.LING. awaiting embarkation. Unit warned to move on tropical service
G161						
G162						warned to move on tropical service.
G163						
G164						
G165						three dets warned to move on tropical service
G166			2/3 Aust L of C Tro Coy (less two dets)			add "one sec K.LING. awaiting embarkation. Unit warned to move on tropical service".
G167			Det 22 Cantons Service (less det)			one det K.LING. awaiting embarkation. Two dets warned to move on tropical service.
G168						warned to move on tropical service.
G169						
G170					K.LING.	awaiting embarkation
G171			28 Aust Works Coy (less rear party)		STRATHFORD	rear party K.LING. - unit warned to move on tropical service.
G172						warned to move on tropical service
G174			11 Aust L of C Stationary Depot (Type A) (less one det)			det STRATHFORD att 22 L of C Sigs. two dets warned to move on tropical service
G176						three dets warned to move on tropical service

a	b	c	d	e	f	g
G177						two lots wanted to move on tropical service
G178						wanted to move on tropical service.
G184						
G185						
G186						lot "wanted to move on tropical service"
G189						
G191						
G193				delete		not now under cond
G197			delete serial			
G201						went to room "1/c 1 West House"
G202						wanted to move on tropical service
G203						
G207						
G208			delete serials			
<u>Add New Serials</u>						
C118a			Det SIE		EMIRI 612197	
E130a			Det SIE		RAVENSHOE 439810	

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32706 (.) SECRET (.) LAMBERTS require 2/3 tka regt and sig sec and 2/71
LAD to move on priority before 26 inf lds go (.) prepare units for
immediate movement (.) further instrs follow

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Prior- ity	Formation Unit or Det	Approx Pers	Vehs incl Mech Plant and trlrs	Embark	Cmd at Dest inat ion	Warned	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1-88	EMBARKED						
88A	2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	491	114	TCN/CAI	C		
88B	2/3 Aust Tk A Regt Sig Sec	18	4	"	C		
88C	2/71 Aust LAD (Type G)	39	12	"	C		
89- 111	EMBARKED						
111A	det 1 Aust Fd Censor- ship Coy		10	ERIS	A D		Local adr
111B	2/3 Aust Fnr Bn	836	26	TCN/CAI	C		
111C							
111D							
112	26 Aust Inf Bde Gp			TCN/CAI	C		
1	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde less det and planning team 10 pers	49	12				
2	Det 2/23 Aust Inf Bn	4					
3	Det 2/24 Aust Inf Bn	4					
4	Det 2/48 Aust Inf Bn	4					
5	Det 2/7 Aust Fd Regt	4					
6	26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec less det	41	10				
7	Det 2/43 Aust Cipher Sec	2					

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
8	4 Pl 'A' Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	41					
9	Det 'B' Aust PS Sec	7	2				
10	PPO 36 9 Aust Div Postal Unit	4					
11	3 Aust Op Report Team	4					
12	Det Public Relations	5	2				
13	Det 9 Aust Div Pd Cash Office	2					
14	Det 9 Aust Div Mil Hist Pd Team	2					
15	3 Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	16	2				
16	Det AA Canteens Service	10					
17	Det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit	6	2				
18	2/13 Aust Pd Coy	251	51				
19	Det 24 Aust Pd Pk Coy	8	4				
20	Det 3 Aust Engr Sig Sec	7	2				
21	2/30 Aust Sup Depot Pl	33	4				
22	2/18 Aust Tpt Pl(hy)	99	46				
23	2/11 Aust Pd Amb	234	19				
24	'C' Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	5					
25	2/78 Aust LAD (Type J att 26 Aust Inf Bde)	31	10				
26	2/48 Aust Inf Bn less det	829	26				
27	2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn	280	6				
28	Det 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt Sig Tp	3					
29	2/23 Aust Inf Bn less det	829	26				
30	Two coys 2/2 Aust MG Bn	228	16				

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
31	2/31 Aust Sup Depot Fl	33	4				
32	2/15 Aust Tpt Pl(lt	99	85				
33	2/24 Aust Inf Bn less det	829	26				
34							
35							
36							
37	2/7 Aust Fd Regt less det	683	102				
38	A Tp 8 Aust Svy Bty	20	2				
39	Det 2 Aust Mob Met Flt	5	2				
40	2/7 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	35	8				
41	2/63 Aust LAD (Type D att 2/7 Aust Fd Regt)	37	12				
42	Det 'B' Sec 9 Aust Div Sigs	6	2				
43	2/123 Aust Ede Ord Fd Pk	22	18				
44	2/123 Aust Ede Wksp	130	25				
45	Det ATIS	6					
46	4 Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	15	2				
47	Det 9 Aust Div Sal Unit	10					
48	Det 26 Aust Inf Ede Sig Sec	8					
49	Det HQ 26 Aust Inf Ede	20					
	<u>TOTAL</u>	5001	528				
112/	2/43 Aust Inf Bn	833	26				
112 B	HQ 9 Aust Div and HQ Units			TCX/CAI	B		
1	Adv HQ 9 Aust Div less planning team (60 pers 17 vehs) *	129	18				
2	HQ R.M. 9 Aust Div less planning team	25	6				

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
3	HQ R.E. 9 Aust Div less planning team	28	11				
4	Sigs 9 Aust Div less det 3 Sec (6 personnel 2 vehs less planning team (28 personnel 4 vhs) less rear party (22 personnel)	219	50				
5	2/43 Aust Cipher Sec less dets	16					
6	1 Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt less 1, 2 & 4 Pls	61	4				
7	HQ Comd M.S.C. 9 Aust Div	39	6				
8	9 Aust Div Pro Coy less 1,2,3,4 secs	46	2				
9	Det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit	7	4				
10	3 Aust Engr Sig Sec less dets	7	4				
10	13 Aust PS Sec less dets	4	2				
	TOT..L	581	107				

* NOTE - Includes det SIB 2 pers and det
1 Aust Ops Research Sec 2 pers
and 1 veh warned to move with
HQ 9 Aust Div

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
112C	HQ 1 Aust Corps and HQ Units-						
	HQ 1 Aust Corps	550	18	TOW/CAI	A		
	HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps less planning team	40	11	"	B		
	1 Aust Combined Ops Sec less planning team	20	16	"	B		
	1 Aust Visitors & Observers Sec	9	4	"	B		
	Det Public Relations	5	4	"	B		
	1 Aust MH Pd Team	8	6	"	B		
	1 Aust Op Report Team less planning team	3		"	B		
	23 Pl F Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt less planning team	34		"	B		
	1 Aust Corps Sec Int Corps less planning team	10	4	"	B		
	'U' Aust FS Sec	15	6	"	B		
	Det SIB	2		"	B		
	3 AAPIU less planning team	7	3	"	B		
	1HQ GS Sqpt Pd Sec	8	2	"	B		
	1 Aust Corps Postal Unit	22	6	"	B		
	319 Aust LAD	16	7	"	B		
	1 Aust Mob Met Flt	11	4	"	B		
112D	1 Aust Beach Gp incl Naval Beach Cdos A & C, 5 BD Pl and 2 pers 'Q' Aust FS Sec	2124	277	"	B		

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
113	41 Aust Wireless Sec (Ey)	38	16	BRIS	D		} ex 22 L of C Sigs
114	3 Aust Tech Maint Sec	23	4	BRIS	D		
115	Det 23 Aust Cipher Sec	22	-	TOW/CAI	D		
116	HQ 7 Aust Base Sub Area (Type D)	62	10	BRIS	D		
117	Det 10 Aust Kit Store	5	-	BRIS	D		ex 'A' Aust Corps Sigs
118	2/3 Aust Docks Op Coy 293	17		TOW/CAI	A D		
119	HQ 2 Aust Docks Op	27	8	TOW/CAI	A D		Local adm
120	30 Aust Wks Coy	468	4	BRIS	D		Local adm
121	HQ 2/102 Aust GT Coy	28	6	BRIS	C		
122	HQ 2/26 Aust Sup Depot Coy	16	4	BRIS	C		
123	180 Aust Sup Depot Pl	33	4	BRIS	C		
124	13 Aust Fd Baking Pl	37	2	BRIS	C		
125	Det 17 Aust AOD	116	3	BRIS	C		
126	Det 4 Aust RSD	34	2	BRIS	C		
127	2 Aust Inf Tps Ord Pd Pk	123	53	BRIS	C		
128	% 3 Aust Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit	65	13	BRIS	C		
129	Det 14 Aust A.D	52	5	BRIS	C		
130	14 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop	14	2	BRIS	C		
131	Remainder 2/2 Aust Inf Tps Wksp	67	2	TOW/CAI	C		
132	2/3 Aust L of C Pro Coy less three seds	62	10	BRIS	C		
133	Det 11 Canteens Service	20	2	BRIS	C		
134	Det 6 Aust Base Postal Unit	30	2	BRIS	C		
135	Det 11 Aust L of C Stationery Depot	10	-	BRIS	C		
136	111 Aust Mob Cinema	3	2	TOW/CAI	D		

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
137	117 Aust Mob Cinema	3	2	ERIS	C		
138	2/1 Aust MAC Pl	110	45	ERIS	D		
139	2/5 Aust Gen Hosp (1200 beds)	536	26	SYD	D		
140	8 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type A.)	68	7	ERIS	D		Att 2/5 LGH
141	76 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type C)	3	-	ERIS	D		Att 2/5 LGH
141A	1 Aust Blood Trans- fusion Unit	24	3	ERIS	D		Moves with 2/5 LGH
142	60 Aust Corps Pd Pk Coy less det EQ and one Pd Stores Pl	61	53	ERIS	C		
143	2/44 Aust LAD	16	4	ERIS	C		
144	2/1 Aust Boring Pl	78	16	ERIS	C		
145	2/36 Aust Tpt Pl	99	46	ERIS	C		
146	2/187 Aust Sup Depot Pl	33	4	TOW/CAI	C		
147	15 Aust MCU	32	8	TOW/CAI	D		
148	One Sec 1 Aust Base Depot Dental Stores	4	-	ERIS	D		
149	2 Aust Base Depot Med Stores less 7 pers	27	2	SYD	D		
150	Vehs and escorts 2/9 LGI	26	26	SYD	C		
151	Vehs and escorts 3 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit	7	7	SYD	C		
152	1 Aust Mob Litho Sec	56	9	ERIS	A		
153	12 Aust Pd Svy Depot less det	19	3	ERIS	A		
154	Det 2 Aust Adv 2nd Ech	60	1	ERIS	A D		Local adm. 60 pers to move progressively with each ship
155	Det 16 Air OP Flt	22	5	TOW/CAI	C		
			Auster A/C				
156	5 Hq 8 Aust Base Sub Area (Type D)	60	10	ERIS	C		

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
157	9 Aust MCU (Type B)	19	8	BRIS	C		
158	13 Aust MCU (Type B)	19	8	BRIS	C		
159	181 Aust Sup Depot Pl	33	4	BRIS	D		
160	One Mob Gas Gen Sec of 13 Aust Adv Wksp	13	5	BRIS	C		
161	Det HQ 22 Aust L of C Sigs	16	2	BRIS	C		
162	11 Aust Line Sec less det	33	5	BRIS	C		
163	8 Aust Line Maint Sec less det	14	2	BRIS	C		
164	18 Aust Op Sec less det	19	2	BRIS	C		
165	3 Aust DR Sec less det	14	12	BRIS	C		
166	49 Aust Wireless Sec (hy) less det	19	3	BRIS	C		
167	50 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K) less det	11	-	BRIS	C		
168	Det 4 Aust Sig Eqpt Sec	4	1	BRIS	C		
168A	2/66 Aust LD	16	7	BRIS	C		Att 22 Aust L of C Sigs
169	Det HQ 4 Aust Corps Sigs	27	6	TOW/CAI	B		
170	1 Aust Line Sec	66	10	TOW/CAI	B		
171	1 Aust Line Maint Sec	27	4	TOW/CAI	B		
172	1 Aust Tech Maint Sec	23	4	TOW/CAI	B		
173	1 Aust Op Sec	40	4	TOW/CAI	B		
174	Det 13 Aust Tg Op Sec	19	1	TOW/CAI	B		
175	Det 33 Tele Swbd Op Sec	11	2	TOW/CAI	B		
176	1 Aust DR Sec	27	24	TOW/CAI	B		
177	1 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy)	39	6	TOW/CAI	B		
178	2 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt)	26	4	TOW/CAI	B		
179	88 Aust High Speed Wireless Sec	35	8	TOW/CAI	B		

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
180	21 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K)	22	-	TOW/CAI	B		
180A	290 Aust L.D	16	7	TOW/CAI	B		Att A Aust Corps Sigs
181	Det 11 Aust L of C Stationery Depot	10	-	ERIS	C		
182	1 Aust Base Sub Area Details Depot less dets	129	3	ERIS	D		
183	1 Aust Corps Accounts Office less det	14	2	TOW/CAI	B		
184	2/102 Aust Wksp Pl	25	8	ERIS	C		
185	182 Aust Sup Depot Pl	33	4	ERIS	D		
186	15 Aust Fd Baking Pl	37	2	ERIS	C		
187	65 Aust BIFOD Pl	29	2	ERIS	C		
188	Two Secs 1 Aust Armd Div Pro Coy	32	4	TOW/CAI	D		
189	118 Aust Mob Cinema	3	2	TOW/CAI	C		
190	2/5 Aust Dental Unit less one sec	36	2	ERIS	C		
191	2/2 Aust MLC Pl less two secs	78	33	ERIS	C		
192	2/37 Aust Tpt Pl	99	46	ERIS	C		
193	2/38 Aust Tpt Pl	99	46	ERIS	C		
194	37 Aust L of C Sal Sec less det	34	5	ERIS	C		
195	Det 10 Aust Kit Store	5	2	ERIS	C		
196	9 Aust CRE Wks	34	9	ERIS	C		
197	73 Aust DCRE Wks	21	5	ERIS	C		
198	2 Aust Port Constr Coy	286	61	ERIS	C		
199	1 Aust Welding Pl	47	14	ERIS	C		
200	2 Aust Welding Pl	47	14	ERIS	C		
201	3 Aust Welding Pl	47	14	ERIS	C		
202	5 Aust Welding Pl	47	14	TOW/CAI	C		
203	4 Aust Mech Bqpt Spare Parts Sec	13	2	ERIS	C		

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
204	One sec 1 Aust Base Depot Dental Stores	4	-	ERIS	C		
205	93 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type A.)	10	-	ERIS	C		
206	One Pl 4 Aust Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy	22	1	ERIS	C		
207	2/19 Aust Tpt Pl (DURW)	99	51	ERIS	C		
208	2/1 Aust Amphibious Veh Increment	26	3	ERIS	C		
209	2/20 Aust Tpt Pl (DURW)	99	51	ERIS	C		
210	2/2 Aust Amphibious Veh Increment	26	3	ERIS	C		
210A	2/106 Aust Wksp Pl	25	8	ERIS	C		
211	1 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office	9	-	TOW/CAI	B		
212	Det 1 Aust Base Sub Area Details Depot	41	2	ERIS	D		
213							
214	113 Aust Con Depot	192	5	ERIS	D		
215	2/6 Aust Gen Hosp	536	25	TOW/CAI	D		
216	2 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type A.)	68	7	TOW/CAI	D		
217	95 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type C)	3	-	TOW/CAI	D		
218	24 Aust War Graves Unit	9	3	TOW/CAI	D		
219	4 Aust Pacio Maxillary Plastic Surgery Unit	10	-	TOW/CAI	D		
220	2/7 Aust Dental Unit	41	2	ERIS	C		
221	2/3 Aust A. Regt (Comp) (LE)	32	115	ERIS	C		
222	2/3 Aust A. Regt (Comp) Sig Sec (LE)	32	8	ERIS	C		
223	2/3 Aust A. Regt (Comp) Wksp (LE)	89	18	ERIS	C		
223L	2/1 Aust A. Topo Svj Coy less det	157	18	TOW/CAI	L		Det at HOLLANDIA

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
223B	18 Aust Fd Coy	251	48	BRIS	C		
223C	11 Aust Wksp and Pk Coy and 305 Aust LAD	299	27	BRIS	B		
223D	HQ Comd AASC 1 Aust Base Sub Area	41	6	BRIS	C		
223E	Det 17 Aust AOD	44	6	BRIS	C		
223F	Det 4 Aust RSD	20	2	BRIS	C		
223G	Det 10 Aust Ord Veh Pk	20	2	BRIS	D		
223H	Det 10 Aust Ord Veh Fk	18	1	BRIS	D		
223J	Det 14 Aust AAD	30	3	BRIS	C		
223K	2/121 Aust Bde Wksp	130	25	BRIS	D		
223L	2/121 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	22	16	BRIS	D		
223M	63 Aust Wireless Sec (Type C)	24	8	TCW/CAI	D		
224	34 Aust FS Sec (EE) (less det)	9	-	TCW/CAI	C		
225	13 Aust Wireless Sec (EJ)	38	16	TCW/CAI	C		
226	2 Aust Line Sec	66	10	TCW/CAI	C		
227	2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp less det	14	6	TCW/CAI	C		
228	3 Tp 1 Aust Naval Bombardment Gp less det	22	6	TCW/CAI	C		
229	Det 5 Aust Fd Svy Coy	12	3	TCW/CAI	C		
230							
231							
232	2/13 Aust Fd Amb	234	19	TCW/CAI	C		
233	103 Aust Mob Bact Lab	6	4	TCW/CAI	C		
233A	3 Aust Mob Ent Sec	3	2	TCW/CAI	C		
233B	6 Aust Mob Ent Sec	3	2	TCW/CAI	C		
234	2/9 Aust Armd Regt less one sqn	396	133	TCW/CAI	C		
235	2/9 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp less det	16	8	TCW/CAI	C		

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
236	2/9 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk less one sqn sub pk	40	33	TOW/CAI	C		
237	2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp less one sqn sec	150	58	TOW/CAI	C		
238	8 Aust War Graves Unit less det	6	3	TOW/CAI	C		
239	23 Aust War Graves Unit	9	3	TOW/CAI	C		
240							
241							
242							
243							
244	Div Adm Tps less 2/1 Aust CCS and 22 Hosp Laundry Unit			TOW/CAI	B		
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
11	2/24 Aust Fd Fk Coy less det	197	60				
12	2/16 Aust Fd Coy	251	51				
13	Det 3 Aust Engr Sig Sec	2					
14	2/16 Aust Tpt Fl (Hy)	99	46				
15	2/189 Aust Sup Depot Fl	33	4				
16							
17	2/2 Aust MG Bn less four coys	47	14				
18	9 Aust Div Sal Unit less deta	23	2				
19							
20	Hq 2/142 Aust GT Coy	28	7				
21	2/142 Aust Wksp Fl	25	8				
22	2/67 Aust L.D (Type A att HQ 9 Aust Div)	16	6				
23	9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office less deta	5					
24	9 Aust Div det A.I. Canteens Service less det	22	2				
25	115 Aust Mob Cinema	3	2				
26	116 Aust Mob Cinema	3	2				
27	9 Aust Div Reception Camp	17	4				
28	4 Aust Visitors & Observers Sec	9	4				
29	9 Aust Mil Hist Fd Team less det	5	4				
30	Det Directorate Public Relations	5					
31	2/72 Aust L.D (Type L att 2/24 Aust Fd Fk Coy)	16	6				
		806	222				

(a)		(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
	32							
	33	2/118 Aust Mob BU	18	3				
	34	2/3 Aust HCU (Type A)	32	8				
	35							
	36	2/8 Aust Dental Unit less A, B & C Secs	26	2				
	37	2 Aust Mob Met Flt less det	6	2				
	38	8 Aust Svy Bty less A Tp	53	10				
	39	HQ 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	45	4				
	40	2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt Sig Tp less dets	6					
	41							
	42							
	43	HQ 2/156 Aust GT Coy	28	8				
	44	2/44 Aust Tpt Pl (Lt)	99	85				
	45	2/156 Aust Wksp Pl	25	15				
	46							
		TOTAL	1144	359				
245	24	Aust Inf Bde Gp						
	1	HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde less planning team 10 pers and less det	49	12				
	2	det 2/28 Aust Inf Bn	4					
	3	det 2/32 Aust Inf Bn	4					
	4							
	5	det 2/12 Aust Fd Regt	4					
			61	12				

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
6	24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec less det	41	10				
7	Det 2/43 Aust Cipher Sec	2					
8	2 Fl 1. Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	41					
9	FFO 35 9 Aust Div Postal Unit	4					
10	2 Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	16	2				
11	Det 'B' Aust FS Sec	2					
12	2/7 Aust Fd Coy	251	51				
13	Det 3 Aust Engr Sig Sec	2					
14	2/28 Aust Sup Depot Fl	33	4				
15	2/14 Aust Tpt Fl (Lt)	99	85				
16	2/3 Aust Fd Amb	234	19				
17	B Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	5					
18	2/76 Aust L.D (Type J) (Att HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde)	31	10				
19							
20	2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn	280	6				
21	Det 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt Sig Tp	3					
22	2/28 Aust Inf Bn less det	829	26				
23	C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	114	8				
24	2/29 Aust Sup Depot Fl	33	4				
25	2/32 Aust Inf Bn less det	829	26				
26							
27							
28		2910	265				

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
	29 2/12 Aust Fd Regt less det	683	102				
	30 2/12 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	35	8				
	31 2/61 Aust L.D (Type D att 2/12 Aust Fd Regt)	37	12				
	32 2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Fk	22	18				
	33 2/122 Aust Bde Wksps	130	25				
	34 Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	8					
	35 Det HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	20					
	TOTAL	5845	428				
246	20 Aust Inf Bde Gp incl rear HQ 9 Aust Div, 2/1 Aust CCS, 22 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit						
	1. HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde less det	59	12				
	2 Det 2/13 Aust Inf Bn	4					
	3 Det 2/15 Aust Inf Bn	4					
	4 Det 2/17 Aust Inf Bn	4					
	5 Det 2/8 Aust Fd Regt	4					
	6 20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	41	10				
	7 Det 2/43 Aust Cipher Sec	2					
	8 1 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Cd Regt	41					
	9 Det '3' Aust FS Sec	2					
	10 FPO 33 9 Aust Div Postal Unit	4					
	11 2/3 Aust Fd Coy	251	51				
		416	73				

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
12	Det 3 Aust Engr Sig Sec	2					
13	2/26 Aust Sup Depot Pl	33	4				
14	2/17 Aust Tpt Pl (Hy)	99	46				
15	2/8 Aust Fd Amb	234	19				
16	1 Sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	5					
17	2/58 Aust L.D (Type D att HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde)	31	10				
18	2/13 Aust Inf Bn less det	829	26				
19	2/12 Aust Cdc Sqn	280	6				
20	Det 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdc) Regt Sig Tp	3					
21	2/15 Aust Inf Bn less det	829	26				
22	B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	114	8				
23	2/13 Aust Tpt Pl (Lt)	99	85				
24	2/17 Aust Inf Bn less det	829	26				
25							
26							
27							
28	2/8 Aust Fd Regt less det	685	102				
29	2/8 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	35	8				
30	2/58 Aust L.D (Type D att 2/8 Aust Fd Regt)	37	12				
31	2/118 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	22	18				
32	2/118 Aust Bde Wkaps	130	25				
33	1 Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	16	2				
		4726	496				

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
	34 Det 9 Aust Div Sal Unit	9					
	35 Det 20 Aust Inf Sde Sig Sec	8					
	36 Det HQ 20 Aust Inf Sde	20					
	37 Rear Party Sigs 9 Aust Div	22					
	38 Det 9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	2					
	39 Det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit	4					
	40 HQ 2/6 Aust Sup Depot Coy	16	4				
	41 2/27 Aust Sup Depot Fl	33	4				
	42 Rear HQ 9 Aust Div	32					
	43 2/1 Aust CCS	136	14				
	44 22 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit	6	2				
	TOTAL	5014	520				
247	2/3 Aust CCS	128	14	POW/CL.I	C		
248	21 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit	6	2	POW/CL.I	C		
249	2/4 Aust Gen Hosp	328	16	ERIS	C		
250	40 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit	6	2	ERIS	C		
251	42 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit	6	2	ERIS	C		
252	43 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit	6	2	ERIS	C		
253	2/9 Aust Gen Hosp	510		SYD	C		
254	3 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit	61		SYD	C		
255	77 Aust Depot Cash Office	9		SYD	C		

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9 Aust Div	5 - 8	5 Aust MC Gp DARWIN	42
1 Aust Base Sub Area		9 6 Aust MC Gp ADELAIDE	43
1 Aust Combined Ops Sec	10	7 Aust MC Gp THURSDAY IS	44
11 Aust MC Gp	11	10 Aust MC Gp CAIRNS	45
RAA 1 Aust Corps	12	Det 2 Aust MC Gp HOBART	46
A Aust Corps Sigs	13-14	MCC TOWNSVILLE	47
HQ Comd 1 Aust Corps Tps AASS	15	Movements MAREESA	48
HQ Comd 1 Aust Corps Tpt Cnln		Sig Centre ATHERTON	49
	AASS 16	13 Aust AOD	50
1 Aust Corps Accounts Office	17	1 Aust HQ Area Comd ATHERTON	51
1 Aust Corps Reception Camp	18	Qld Ech and Records	52
		Det Qld Ech and Records CAIRNS	53
		Det Qld L of C Stationary Unit	
		ATHERTON	54
	19	Eastern Area RAAP	55
	20-31	NE Area RAAP	56
	32-34	A Sub Lq Aust Eit Store IPSWICH	57
	35	NORTH Qld Det 1 Aust Pd	
	36	Censorship Coy	58
	37	16 Aust Fers Staging Camp	59
	38		
	39		
	40		

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11 Aust Div

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1 Aust MC Gp SYDNEY

2 Aust MC Gp MELBOURNE

3 Aust MC Gp BRISBANE

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1 AUST CORPS LOCATION REPORT 16

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
A2					all "unit warned to move on tropical service"
A44			delete		Not now under command.
A45					Warned to move on tropical service
A63					add "warned to move on tropical service".
A72			delete		Not now under command.
A83		1/224			
A108- A112		delete serials			
A131- A133			delete		delete "warned to move on tropical service" and add "not now under command".
A156		add (less one coy)			2 Coy WCHD 152
A199					add "warned to move on tropical service".
A204			delete		delete "warned to move on tropical service" and add "not now under command"

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
A238				delete		delete "warned to move on tropical service" add "not now under command".
		2 AUST BEACH GP delete "all units marked to move on tropical service" and substitute "all units not now under command".				
P1-22				delete		delete remarks and substitute "not now under command".
G1		HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area (Type B) (less three dots)				Three dots embarked for overseas.
G6		add "less one dot"				One dot embarked for overseas.
G7 G13 G17	}	delete serial				
G18		add "less one pl"		GROVELY		One pl MCCROCKLA
G19				CHERRY SIDE		
G20		delete serial				
G21		add "less dot HQ & Pd Stores Pl				Unit warned to move on tropical service - dot HQ and Pd Stores Pl embarked for overseas.
G22		9 Aust Wasp & Pz Coy (less two dots)				One dot MCCROCKLA - One dot SALISBURY.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
G23			11 Aust Wksp & Pk Coy (less one det)			add "unit warned to move on tropical service". One det TOCPLAA.
G24			delete serial			
G26- 27 - 28				TOOREUL		delete "rear det TOOREUL"
G33			delete (less three dots)			delete "dots COOPAREE, ANLAC PK, CHARLESIA."
G35			add (less two dots)			Two dots embarked for overseas.
G36			add (less one dot)			add "one dot embarked for overseas"
G39			add (less one dot)			Det embarked for overseas.
G43			add (less one dot)			add "one dot embarked for overseas".
G44			delete serial			
G45			add (less one dot)			Det embarked for overseas.
G46			add (less one dot)			Det embarked for overseas.
G47			delete serial			
G48			add (less one dot)			add "det embarked for overseas".
G52			add (less one dot)			add "det embarked for overseas".
G54			add (less one dot)			add "det embarked for overseas".

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
G56			delete serial			
G58						Unit warned to move on tropical service.
G59						Unit warned to move on tropical service.
G62			}			
G63			}			
G71			}delete serial			
G72			}			
G78			}			
G79			add (less one dot)			Dot embarked for overseas.
G83			}			
G84			} delete serial			
G89			}			
G103						Warned to move on tropical service.
G106			add (less two dots)			add "two also embarked for overseas".
G109			add (less one dot)			add "dot embarked for overseas"
G131			17 Aust MOD (less two dots)			Two dots embarked for overseas.
G132			4 Aust RSD (less one dot)			Under command 17 MOD. Two dots warned to move on tropical service- one dot embarked for overseas.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
G133			add (less one det)			amend to read "four deta warned to move on tropical service - one det embarked for overseas.
G134			add (less one det)			amend to read "two deta warned to move on tropical service - one det embarked for overseas.
G140						Warned to move on tropical service.
G141			add (less one det)			amend to read "one det embarked for overseas - one det warned to move on tropical service.
G145						Warned to move on tropical service.
G146			delete serial			
G147					CHERRYSIDE	
G149			delete serial			
G151						Warned to move on tropical service.
G155						Warned to move on tropical service.
G158			delete serial			

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
G162			delete serial			
G165			add (less one det)			amend to read "two lots warned to move on tropical service - one det embarked for overseas"
G166			C/S Aust L of 3 Tro Coy (less three det)			Unit warned to move on tropical service - three det embarked for overseas.
G167			add (less two det)			amend to read "two lots embarked for overseas".
G170 G171			} delete serial			
G176			add (less one det)			amend to read "two lots warned to move on tropical service - one det embarked for overseas"
G177			add (less one det)			amend to read "unit warned to move on tropical service -one det embarked for overseas"
G178			add (less one det)			amend to read "unit warned to move on tropical service - one det embarked for overseas"

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
	<u>ENGAS</u>	add new serials				
G179a	46308	1/357	1 Aust CRE (Wks)			
G179b	46205	14/60	14 Aust Ft Coy			
G179c	47405	4/129	4 Aust - Tps Coy			
G179d	46302	1/121	1 Aust - Tps Coy			
G179e	61509	2-1/4	2/1 Aust Mech Fgpt Coy			
	<u>SIDS</u>	add new serials				
G180a	45810	3/504	3 Aust Tech Maint Sec			
G180b	48083	41/510	41 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy)			
G180c	45325	5/650	One on det 1 Aust Legion Sec			
	<u>ST</u>	add new serials				
G180d	48945	179/65	178 Aust Sup Depot Pl			
G180e	48946	179/65	178 Aust Sup Depot Pl			
G180f	92063	2-1/4	2/1 Aust Pd Fixing Pl			
G180g	92065	2-3/4	2/3 Aust Pd Fixing Pl			
G180h	92371	62/207	62 Aust GIPD Pl			
G181a	92307	2-31/2	2/31 Aust Tpt Pl			
G181b	92308	2-32/2	2/32 Aust Tpt Pl			
G181c	92310	2-33/2	2/33 Aust Tpt Pl			
G189			amend to read 3 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type A)			

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
	<u>A2YE</u>	- add new serials				
G192a	45048	260/40	260 Aust LAD (Type A)			} Embarked for overseas
G192b	48606	340/40	340 Aust LAD (Type A)			
G193						} Embarked for overseas
G193a	48712	2/419	2 Aust Mech Fgt Wksp			
G194a			6 Aust Mch Gas Gen Sec			Moving from DOCKBANK - under command on arrival
	<u>PAY</u>	- add new serial				
G196a	92405	94/379	94 Aust Depot Cash Office (Type C)			Embarked for overseas
	<u>LABOUR</u>	- add new serials				
G199a	45502	14/833	14 Aust Wks Coy			} Embarked for overseas
G199b	45516	28/833	28 Aust Wks Coy			

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FROM : I CORPS

21/200 Z

TO : 7 DIV

INFO : MOVEMENTS CAIRNS

SD761 (.) SECRET (.) WARNING C DEX (.)

ONE (.) 7 DIV will prepare for tropical service units 1 BRACH OF

vide LHM SM10017 of 20 sep appx D plus naval bch edoc A and C
and 5 BD pl and 2 para 2 FS sec (.)

TWO (.) move with unit eqpt accn stores tag scale A and vehs (.)

I CORPS adm order No 6 applies but submit GRC 318/43 particulars
to this HQ only (.) ACK

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I Combined Ops Sec

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2nd Aust Div - DRLS

104: 500 210 074101

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DEFG: 1 CCF: 5

SD2074 of 114131 SECRET . 1-4-74 1:57 PM 0640. 137 of 137 . follows .

PIRET . Delete 2/6 AGN two home laundry unit and 55 depart each office
at priorities 215 216 and 217 respectively . Delete 2/2 AGN
three home laundry unit and 77 depart each office from priorities
203 204 and 255 and insert at priorities 215 216 and 217
respectively .

SECOND . delete 2/121 and Wasp 2/121 B & add 22 EX in position on day 180
Wasp see from priorities 233K 233L and 242 and insert as priorities
233 254 and 255 respectively .

THIRD . delete 2/57 Opt Pl 2/38 Tot Pl 37 I. of C Sgt Cash Office at 117 Rob Cinema 111 Rob Cinema from priorities 227 228 229 230 231 and insert as 258 257 256 255 250 respectively . insert 2/6 AGH to House Laundry unit and 35 Depot Cash Office as priorities 257 258 255 . To each unit in this part add following remarks to move direct to objective area when required in shipping to be assigned separately .

FOURTH . Above amendments necessary to ensure completion move to inf Edr
by target date . 1 Corps concurs . All ack

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SD788 (.) SECRET (.) forland approve additional 3 para 2

A A P I U move with H1 9 div

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1 CORPS

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1 BASE SUB AREA

WILBASE BRISBANE

SDV33 (.) SECRET (.) WARNING ORDER (.) prepare hq 1 base
depot dental stores for embarkation on tropical service (.) move
with unit eqpt soon stores and tentage scale A (.) 1 corps a/c order
no 8 applies (.) unit will move in priority SD4 of adv lthg 8640
pt 3 SD of 9 mar

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INFO WILKINS BRISBANE

SD736 (.) RESTRICTED (.) cancel car SD733 of 221625K

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Subject : 1 AUST CORPS POOL OF MT AND EQPT.

Hq 1 Aust Corps
23 Mar 45
G/6970/SD.

7 Aust Div (2).

Copy : 9 Aust Div (2).

1. The release of the following equipment held in 1 Aust Corps Pool of MT and Eqpt to 1 Aust Beach Gp is authorised:-

(a) Trailers Pump with Pyrene Eqpt	2
(b) Sledges Inverkip	60
(c) Benjamin Reflectors complete	4 sets
(d) Sirons general alarm	1
(e) Drag Ropes Heavy 30 ft	100

2. Twenty Inverkip sledges will be issued immediately and will be moved forward with 1 Aust Beach Gp. Forty Inverkip sledges and the remainder of the equipment are being moved in bulk to the staging area where they will be available for issue.

3. The following additional equipment will be available for issue to 1 Aust Beach Gp on arrival in the staging area:-

Wireless Sets No 46	12
Bags Clothing Waterproof	2096
Lamps electric with cell	2096
Match boxes Waterproof	2096
Bags food Waterproof	2096

A. J. Smith
A. J. Smith
GS 1 Aust Corps.

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CE - for action re Inverkip Sledges
CSO - for action re Wireless Sets No 46
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1 CORPS

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7 DIV Rea 1 CORPS

11 DIV

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Brig & H O'BRIEN will also send Rea 1 Corps as from 200000 HAF
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20783 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) col 1 7 207 9 will 400 0000 all
corps and units not under comd divs as from 2000000 Mar (.) ask

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FROM LANDOPS 231703I

TO LANDFORCES 1 AUST CORPS AUST STAGING

INFO MOVE MOROTAI PORTLAND MILBASE BRISBANE 1 BASE SUB AREA

SD588 (.) SECRET (.) Landops G603 SD 9th following message to move
priority list MOROTAI (.) insert priority 119A det 11 aust MC gp
13 personnel 4 vehicles embark TOWNSVILLE/CAIRES (.) selection of
personnel being advised by Mov MOROTAI

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TO LANDFORCES 1 CORPS AUSTAGE
INFO PORTLAND MILBASE BRISBANE 1 BASE SUB AREA MOVES MOROTAI

SD397 SECRET (.) LANDOPS 0640.33D 9 MAR TP MOV PRIORITY LISTS
MOROTAI AND LANDOPS SD584 OF 241506I TO PORTLAND 1 CORPS (.)
AMEND LANDOPS 0640.33D AS FOLLOWS (.) ONE (.) DELETE PRIORITIES
215 216 217 2/6 GEN HOSP 2 HOSP LAUNDRY UNIT 95 DEPOT CASH OFFICE
(.) SEE PART 3 (.) TWO (.) DELETE PRIORITIES 253 254 255 (.)
2/9 GEN HOSP 3 HOSP LAUNDRY UNIT 77 DEPOT CASH OFFICE AND INSERT
AS PRIORITIES 215A 216A 217A (.) THREE (.) ADD PRIORITIES 261
262 263 AS 2/6 GEN HOSP 2 HOSP LAUNDRY UNIT 95 DEPOT CASH OFFICE
(.) NOTE IN REMARKS COLUMN THAT PRIORITIES 261 262 263 WILL MOVE
DIRECT TO OBJECTIVE AREA WHEN REQUIRED IN SHIPPING TO BE SEPARATELY
ASSIGNED (.) FOUR (.) INSTRUCTIONS TO COVER BLANK PRIORITIES WILL
BE ADVISED LATER (.) ACK (.)

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SECTION 1 TO 14 PAGE 1/6 GENERAL HOSPITAL & OFFERS 5 CR. 200 BY CAIRNS

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FROM: LANDCPS 261925I

TO: LANDFORCES 1 AUST CORPS AUST STAGE

INFO: FORLAND MILBASE BRISBANE 1 ESA MOVTS MOROTAI

SD610 . SECRET . 6640.3SD 9 MAR TROOP MOV . PRIORITIES LISTS .

MOROTAI AND LANDCPS A/21 OF 251145I TO LHC FORLAND .

ONE . AMEND 6640.3SD AS FOLLOWS . INSERT PRIORITY 117A .

REINPTS 800 PERS . EMBARK BRISBANE .

TWO . OWING UNDEVELOPED STAGE STAGING AREAS ESSENTIAL EACH

PERS BRING CUTS FOLDING AND NETS MOSQUITO . REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY

ON DISEMBARKATION

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MESSAGE OUT.

FROM : I COMES
TO : 11 MC GP

26/945 E

SD819 (.) SECRET (.) WARNING OF DEF (.) det 11 MC GP 13 pers 4 vehs
will prepare for embarkation on tropical service (.) MOV MOROTAI
will advise details pers to move (.) move with unit capt accn stores
and tentage scale A (.) 1 corps adm order No 8 applies but submit
GPO 318/43 particulars to this HQ only immediately on receipt of
details pers to move

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands this message must
be sent in CIPHER

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H. J. Wall
Maj
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9 Aust Div - DRIS
7 Aust Div - DRIS

MESSAGE OUT.

FROM : I CORPS Date-Time of Origin....27.....K
TO : LANDFORCES
INFO : LANDOPS

SD771 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) your SD19807 of 171600K and
SD20284 of 201405K (.)

ONE (.) have reviewed scale of tractors for arty units and
recommend following scale tractors for all regts of I
Corps and I base sub area incl 6 div and 2/11 fd regt (.)
A (.) for fd regts each 4 TD9 and 4 2½ ton 6 by 6 if
available or macks second reference (.) these are
additional to 9 2½ ton 6 by 6 already on scale (.)

B (.) for med regts each 4 TD18 16 macks (.)

C (.) for comp AA regts (.) no change (.)

T.O (.) A (.) total requirements (.) 44 TD9 16 TD18 44 2½ ton
6 by 6 and 32 macks or 76 macks (.)

B (.) availability (.)

TD 9 (.) 6 div hold 12 (.) held this area 40 (.)
dues in 9 wide LEO issue orders OSI/E/1644
OSI/E/1645 OSI/J/1332 and 7 for 2/11 fd
regt vide your SD20284 of 201405K (.)
total 88 thus leaving 24 in reserve (.)
owing state of tractors large reserve
necessary (.)

MACKS (.) for med regts refer our SD472 of 071722Z
and para 5 your SD19807 of 171600K (.)
for fd regts 18 2½ ton 6 by 6 withdrawn from
the ord fd pks vide your SD14952 of 020930K
are at present held by each div (.) if 2½
ton 6 by 6 not to be issued 44 macks
required plus 10 per cent reserve required
in this area for replacement of casualties
before embarkation (.)

TD 18 (.) med regts hold 7 (.) each comp regt holds
2 (.) held in reserve in depot 2 of which 1
requires major repair (.) does in 1 vide
OS1/H/6140 (.) consider 2 sufficient as
maintenance reserve (.)

THREE (.) in order to equip quickly fd regts of 9 div following
reallocation of resources immediately available is
recommended (.) transfer to fd regts of 9 div 12 2 1/2 ton
6 by 6 withdrawn from 9 div bde ord fd pks (.) this first
preference (.) alternatively transfer 11 macks held by med
regts plus 1 available in 7 AOVF (.) to allow med regts to
carry out regt trg have authorised issue of 3 used 25 pdr
Mk 2 (.) can provide prime movers for those from non
operational tractors arty No 8 or 9 present held by 9 div
(.) have sufficient madders for 8 6 inch hows being
sent forward vide your SD15564 of 161630X and if additional
6 inch hows are allotted can use macks released vide your
SD19207 of 171600X (.)

FOUR (.) desire 2/11 fd regt be equipped in present area (.) if
above scale agreed to request 4 TD9 and 4 macks be
forwarded to unit soonest and 3 TD9 held in 4 AOVF as 1
corps reserve (.) surplus TD9 held in this area can be
moved into staging area as maintenance reserve for use
whilst in that area (.) does in could be shipped from
BRISBANE direct to objective area (.)

FIFTE (.) request advice your decisions earliest (.)

SIXTH (.) separate signal being sent on question of provision of
tractors for bde and beach wkspys (.)

SEVENTH (.) copy this sig being sent DRIS

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EDGES (.) SECRET (.) further our 3D668 of 282145X (.)
request instrs as to division of responsibility between
7 DIV and 11 DIV on closing HQ I CORPS (.) recommend
7 DIV be responsible only for adm of units under comd (.)
11 DIV to be responsible for adm functions relating to the
ATHERTON TABLELAND area (.) request advice urgently

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7 DIV ADV HQ I CORPS

SD858 (.) SECRET (.)

ONE (.) HQ I CORPS located BARRINE closes 2400 hrs 31 mar (.)

TWO (.) recommend 7 DIV assumes comd all units located CAIRNS -

ATHERTON TABLE LAND area at present under comd I CORPS (.) recommend

1 base sub area passes to comd QLAND L OF C area (.) GOC I CORPS

and GOC 7 DIV concur both recommendations (.)

TERKE (.) request LANDFORCES issue executive order for change

in comd of 7 DIV and 1 BASE SUB AREA and also inform all

concerned of assumption by 11 DIV of responsibility of movement

of all fms and units of I CORPS (.) request advice urgently

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SECRET (.) SECRET (.) cancel our SETCS or ELIGOR (.) lastpage advise
additional para 2 APTN step 3 para 1 vch now required move with div adn
tpe (.) insert as priority 246 (10)

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TROOP MOVEMENT PRIORITY LIST

(Adv LEQ G/640.3/SD of 9 Mar)

AMENDMENT No. 1

ADD TO COVER SHEET:-

COMMAND

- (A) Adv LEQ and attached and ancillary units.
- (B) HQ 1 Aust Corps and attached and ancillary units.
- (C) 9 Aust Div and attached 1 Aust Corps and 1 Aust Base Sub Area Troops.
- (D) Staging Area Troops to remain at MOROTAI after the departure of 9 Aust Div Force.
- (E) Units other than A, B, C and D above.

ADD TO PAGE 1:-

As amended by Landops

SD551	of 18 Mar
SD588	of 23 Mar
SD597	of 24 Mar
SD607	of 26 Mar
SD616	of 26 Mar
SD615	of 27 Mar
SD622	of 26 Mar

ADD FOLLOWING SERIALS:-

91A	Two t2 dozer tps 2/1 Aust Arm'd Bde Recce Sqn	34/ 8/BRIS / - /	Includes 3 AEME pers. Will be att 2/9 Aust Arm'd Regt.
111C	Surgical team 2/6 AGE	7/- /CAI / - /	To arrive MOROTAI not later than 20 Apr.
111D	63 Aust Wireless Sec (Type C)	24/ 8/TCW/CAI/ D /	To operate at MOROTAI by 25 Apr
117A	Reinforcements	800/- /BRIS / - /	
119A	Det 11 KC Gp	13/4/TCW/CAI / - /	
215A	2/9 A G E	510/- /SYD / C /-	
216A	3 Aust Hosp Laundry	61/- /SYD / C /-	
217A	77 Aust Depot Cash Office	9/- /SYD / C /-	
241	107 Aust Depot Cash Office	7/ 2/BRIS / A	
243	0 PS Sec	14/ 6/BRIS / A	
244(10)	Det 2 MAPIU	3/ 1/TCW/CAI/ B	
255A	Remainder Adv LEQ Wksp Sec	16/ 5/BRIS / A	
256	2/37 Aust Gen Tpt Pl	99/46/BRIS / C	} Will move direct to objective area when required in separate shipping to be assigned.
257	2/38 Aust Gen Tpt Pl	99/46/BRIS / C	
258	37 L of C Sal Sec less Det	34/ 5/BRIS / C	
259	117 Aust Mob Cinema	3/ 2/TCW/CAI/ C	
260	111 Aust Mob Cinema	3/ 2/TCW/CAI/ D	
261	2/6 A G E	536/25/TCW/CAI/ D	
262	2 Hosp Laundry Unit	68/ 7/TCW/CAI/ D	} Will move direct to objective area when required in separate shipping to be assigned.
263	95 Depot Cash Office	3/- /TCW/CAI/ D	

NOTE: Serials 259 and 260 have already embarked.

DELETE FOLLOWING SERIALS:-

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AMEND FOLLOWING SERIALS:-

Serial 148	Column	(a)	should read TCM/CAI
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" 223G	"	(a)	should read SYD
" 223H	"	(a)	should read SYD

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Hq 1 Aust Corps
30 Mar 45
G/7046/SD.

7 Aust Div
9 Aust Div
1 Aust Base Sub Area
HAA 1 Aust Corps
1 Aust Para Bn
A Aust Corps Sigs
HQ Comd 1 Aust Corps Tps AASC
HQ Comd 1 Aust Corps Tpt Coln AASC
5 Aust Fd Svy Coy
2/1 Aust Army Topo Svy Coy
Det 12 Aust Fd Svy Depot
11 Aust KC Gp
78 Aust Dental Unit
79 Aust Dental Unit
2/5 Aust Dental Unit
2/3 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Fk
2/1 Aust L of C Postal Unit
1 Aust Arm Div Pro Coy

1 Aust Corps Reception Camp
1 Aust Corps Sal Unit
2 Aust Fd Punishment Centre
8 Aust War Graves Unit
25 Aust War Graves Unit
24 Aust War Graves Unit
5 Aust Welding Fl
12 Aust Mob Cinema
14 Aust Mob Cinema
27 Aust Mob Cinema
30 Aust Mob Cinema
96 Aust Mob Cinema
97 Aust Mob Cinema
Fk A Mob Wing LHQ School of Arty
(Fd)
No 2 Team AASC Mob Wing LHQ School
of Arty
1 Aust Press Unit

Copy for information to:

LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv Hq 1 Aust Corps
11 Aust Div
QUEENSLAND L of C Area

1. Hq 1 Aust Corps will close in its present location - BARRINE
- at 2400 hours on 31 March 45.

2. At the same time the following changes in command will take place:-

- (a) 9 Aust Div and units at present under command and located on MORTON ISLAND will come under command 7 Aust Div.
- (b) All Corps Troops and units under command Hq 1 Aust Corps (excluding those mentioned in sub-paragraphs c, d and e below) will come under command 7 Aust Div.
- (c) 1 Aust Base Sub Area comes under command Qld L of C Area.
- (d) No.1 B Mob Wing LHQ School of Mechanization, 3 Mob Wksp Wing LHQ AASC School and 2 Aust Fd Punishment Centre come under command 11 Aust Div.
- (e) 78 and 79 Aust Dental Units and 12,14,27,30,96 and 97 Aust Mob Cinemas come under command 11 Aust Div and will be available for attachment and circulation as required by 7 Aust Div.

3. 11 Aust Div, in conjunction with Movements CAIRNS, becomes responsible for the warning and movement of units of 1 Aust Corps located on Atherton Tableland:

U. J. Watt
Brig.
GS 1 Aust Corps.

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G (Int)
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DAMS
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Chaplains

ST
Med - to warn all units under command
Dental - to warn all units under command

Ord
D. 005 1 Aust Corps Tps

EME
CENE 1 Aust Corps Tps - to warn units under command

Catering
Pay
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MESSAGE OUT

Date - time of origin
31.2.55 K

FROM: 1 CORPS

TO: HQ 1 ARL. COMD ABERLON

INFO: 11 DIV

SD938 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) HQ 11 DIV (.) 63 wireless sec (type C)
will be prepared for embarkation on tropical service forthwith (.)
move HQ str with personal arms and eqpt unit, eqpt MET scale vehs HE
scale tentage and accn stores scale A incl cots folding (.) unit remains
under control HQ as HQ tps Att 1 corps (.) no transfers personnel
from this unit prior mov without HQ authority (.) authority for move
HQ SD24046 of 311610K (.) submit GAC618/43 particulars this HQ earliest
(.) ack

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Capt

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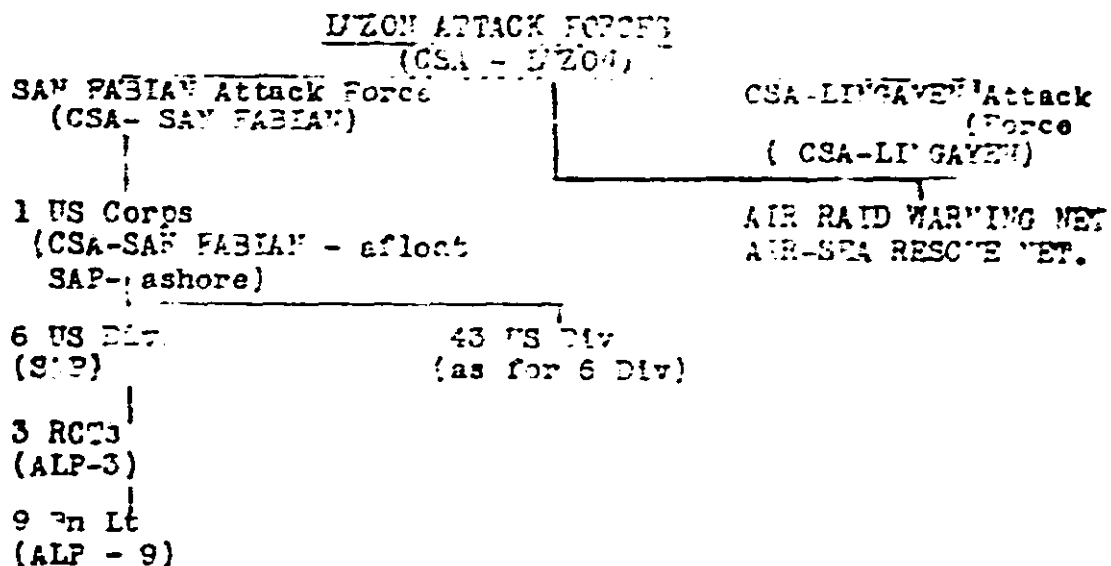
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- "I" SEATTLE CODE.

REPORT ON "THE AIR ASPECT OF
THE LINGAYEN OPERATION"

1. This report covers only the aspects of the Air Operations in all phases and deals particularly with application of such to 1 US Corps Operational Plan for landing in the SAN FABIAN Sector to the North of LINGAYEN GULF, LUZON ISLAND, PHILIPPINES.
2. The writer was attached to the Air Support Control Unit operating with the AG Ship USS "BLTE RIDGE" which carried the flag of Admiral SARREY, Commander Seventh Amphibious Forces.
3. Complete details of the Allied Operational Plan have been dealt with in other reports. It is therefore not intended to discuss any portion other than "Air".
4. Briefly:
On the 9th of January 1945, 6 US Army supported by elements of 3rd Fleet, 7th Fleet and 1st, 7th, 13th, 14th and 20th US Airforces made an amphibious shore to shore landing at LINGAYEN GULF, approximately 100 miles NW of MANILA. The landing was made in two sectors with 1 US Corps on the left and 14 US Corps on the right on a two divisional front.
5. The object of the operation was the seizure of the CENTRAL LUZON area; destruction of the principle garrisons central to the enemy on the North entrance to the SOUTH CHINA SEA and provision of army and naval bases for the support of further operations against the Japanese.
6. Preliminary operations were limited to the establishment of minimum essential land-based airforces required for the support of the overland operations, to the opening of a line of sea-borne communications to the West coast of LUZON via the CENTRAL PHILIPPINES.
7. The period covered by this report is from D - 15 to the afternoon of D + 6, with particular emphasis on direct air support commencing on D Day which was supplied by a Carrier Task Force. The conception and employment of the supporting aircraft followed the doctrine and instructions commended to usage in the Central Pacific area. Co-ordination of Naval gun fire, artillery and supporting aircraft was achieved by the Commander of the SAN FABIAN ATTACK FORCE. The chain of command and channels of communications for the control of all aircraft operating within the area of operation was as under:



NAME:

STRATEGIC AIR SUPPORT MAP
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NOV 26, 1942

1. PRIMARY OPERATIONAL
2. SECONDARY OPERATIONAL
3. TERTIARY OPERATIONAL
4. NON OPERATIONAL
5. LEADERSHIP

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SAN FABIAN
ATTACK FORCE
(1 US CORPS)

LINGAYEN
ATTACK FORCE
(14 US CORPS)



8. Control and organisation afford the maximum in flexibility and co-ordination. Each Commander Support Aircraft exercised actual control over specified components and through very close liaison blended these components into a co-ordinated operation. The organisation was simple; a team comprised of three parties co-ordinated through a single agency which was the Commander Support Aircraft LIZON.

Land-based aircraft took over control from carriers at 1030 hrs 17 Jan 45 -- D + 2.

PLAN

9. The general plan for the operation in so far as strategical air attacks for the period applied was as follows:

Fast Carrier Group: (3rd US Fleet)

Prior to D-5 Day FORIOSA, OKINAWA and the JAPANESE EMPIRE were harassed. From D-3 to D-1 FORIOSA was again the target, and from D Day onwards this fast Carrier Group ranged from FORIOSA down to SAIGON in FRENCH INDO CHINA. The main targets being shipping and destruction of aircraft.

(b) 5th Air Force: attacked targets throughout the PHILIPPINES; again with particular emphasis on airforce installations and destruction of enemy aircraft and airfields in this area, and provided direct support aircraft when carrier-based aircraft departed the area.

(c) 7th Airforce: Strategical attacks, mainly against the HANOI area SE LIZON

(d) 13th Airforce: Attacks against airfields, enemy aircraft, airforce installations and shipping throughout the CELEBES and NORTH BORNEO areas.

(e) 14th Airforce: Seaward reconnaissance of areas - FRENCH INDO CHINA - CHINA SEAS to JAPANESE EMPIRE and attacks against enemy air and naval forces in YONG KONG area during the period covered by this report.

(f) 20th Airforce: Seaward reconnaissance of the approach to the PHILIPPINES with heavy attacks on SHANGHAI-TAIKONG area in particular against air installations in the area.

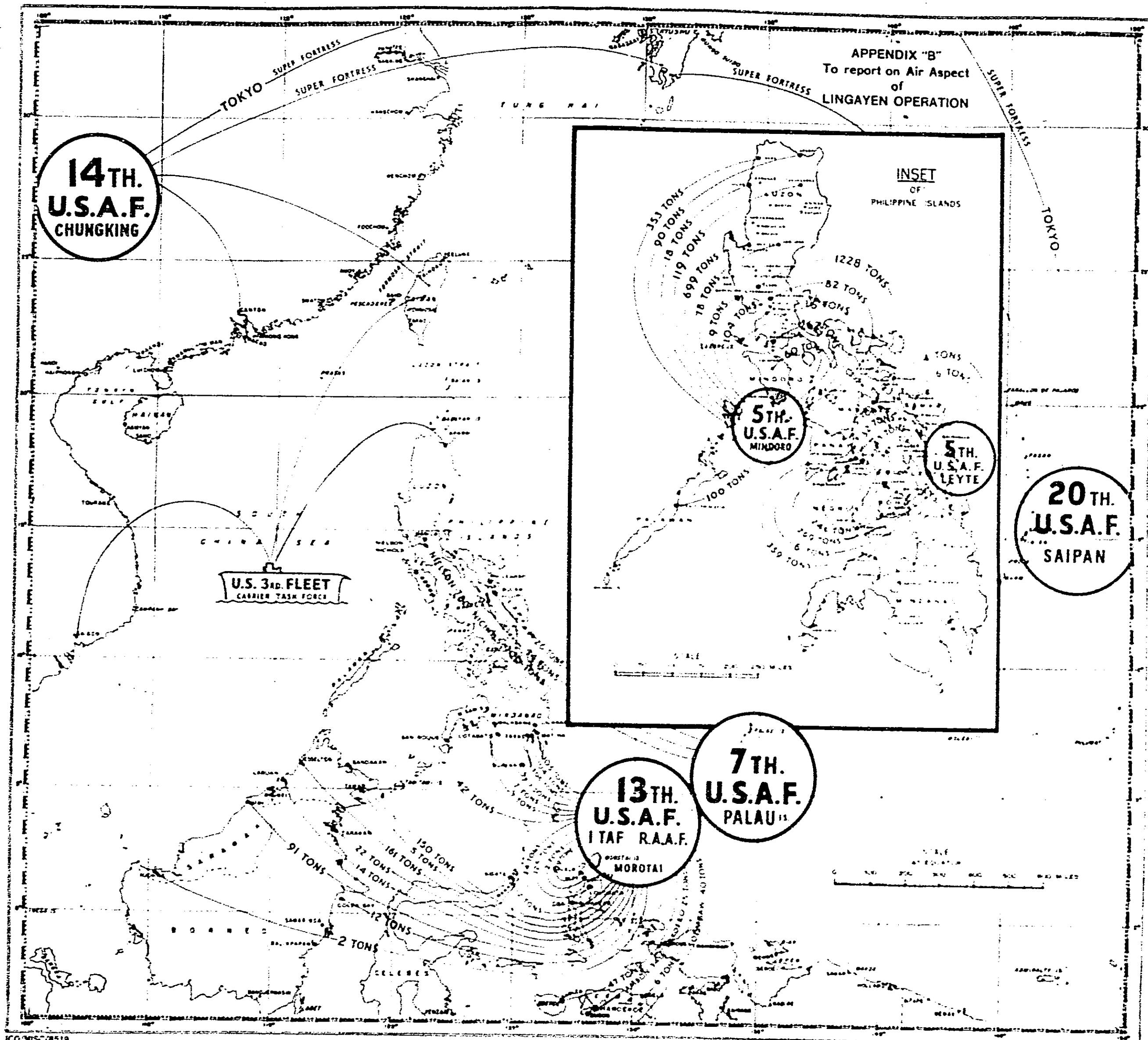
INTELLIGENCE

10. The intelligence of surrounding air strength was as under :

CHINA	-	625	aircraft
FORIOSA			
RYUKYU IS	-	366	"
PHILIPPINES	-	580	"
BORNEO	-	180	"
CELEBES	-	75	
Total		1825	

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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS AIR FIELD STATUS MAP

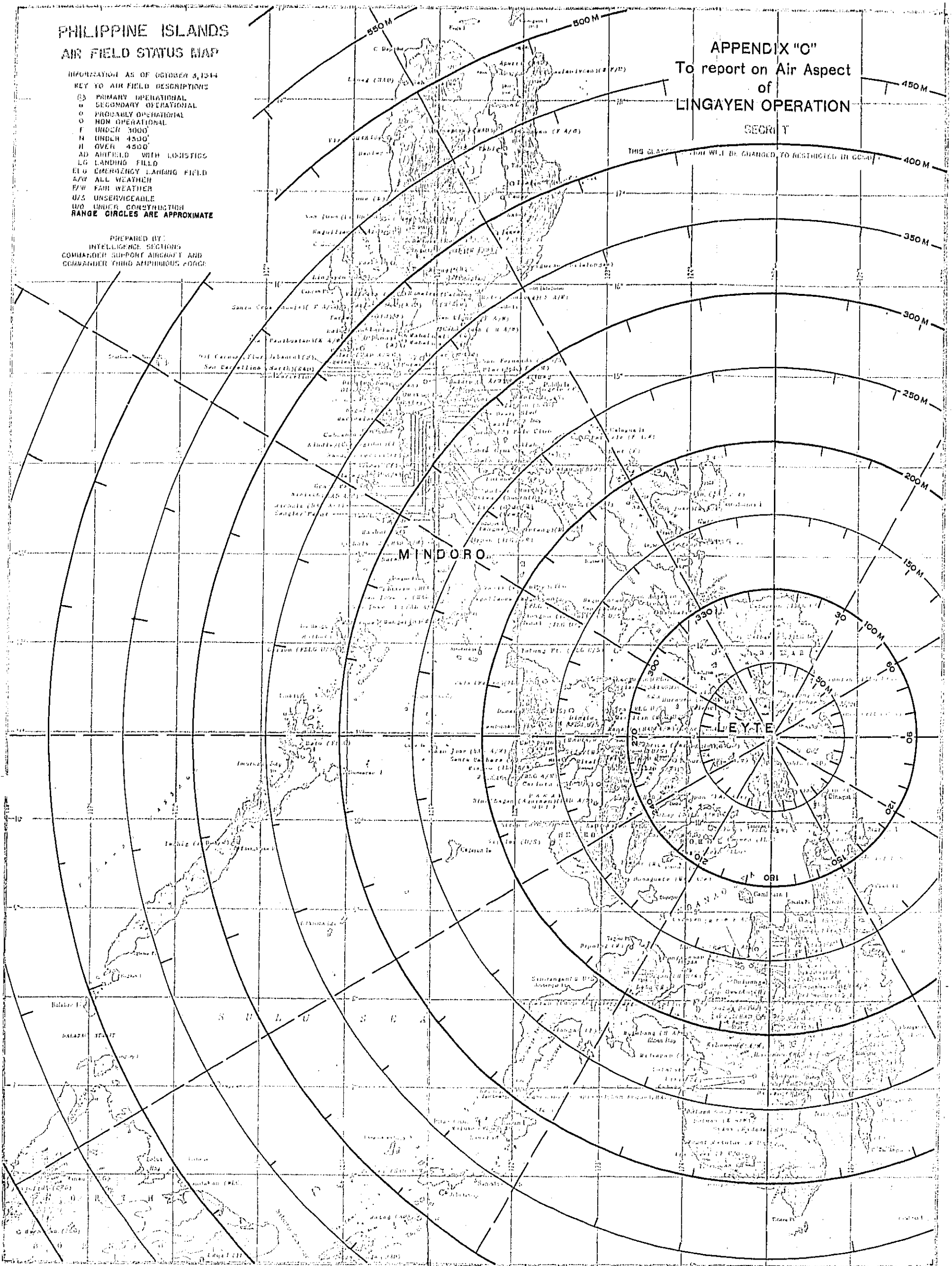
INFORMATION AS OF OCTOBER 3, 1944
KEY TO AIR FIELD DESCRIPTIONS
 (O) PRIMARY OPERATIONAL
 (S) SECONDARY OPERATIONAL
 (P) PROBABLY OPERATIONAL
 (U) UNKNOWN OPERATIONAL
 (F) UNDER 3000
 (H) OVER 4500
 (A) AIRFIELD WITH LOGISTICS
 (L) LANDING FIELD
 (E) EMERGENCY LANDING FIELD
 (A/W) ALL WEATHER
 (F/W) FINE WEATHER
 (U/S) UNSERVICEABLE
 (U/C) UNDER CONSTRUCTION
 RANGE CIRCLES ARE APPROXIMATE

PREPARED BY:
INTELLIGENCE SECTIONS
COMMANDER SUPPORT AIRCRAFT AND
COMMANDER THIRD AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

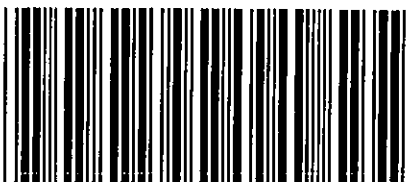
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11. The plan provided that as many as possible of these aircraft would be destroyed prior to the operation as they were considered the major menace to its success. For the period of 26 days prior to and during the operation, approximately 800 of these aircraft were either destroyed in the air or on the ground thus rendering the enemy airforce incapable of mounting a major offensive which would have seriously affected the Allied shipping and consequent re-supply in the beach-head area.

AIR SUPPORT PLAN

12. On D - 3 Day the Bombardment Group arrived in the LINGAYEN area and commenced heavy bombardment of selected targets within the beach-head area. These forces, consisting of battleships, cruisers and destroyers was supported by 12 escort carriers each mounting approximately 30 aircraft and a comprehensive list of priority targets was given to the Commander Support Aircraft in this formation by 1 US Corps comprising 150 targets within the area of operation of the corps.

13. The Direct Support Group consisted of 6 escort carriers and the plan for their use was as under:

- (a) Special strike group consisting of 16 fighters and 8 bombers from H-1 hour to H + 1 hour on D Day only.
- (b) Beach Observer from H-2 hour to H hour on D Day
- (c) Direct support group for each CSA of 1 and 14 US Corps, from H hour, relieved every 2 hrs consisted of 20 A/c approx (12 fighters - 8 B's)
- (d) Air Co-ordinator relieved every two hours throughout the day.
- (e) Airborne Observer from H hour, relieved every two hours.
- (f) Photo aircraft on call -(2 1/2 hours notice)
- (g) Smoke laying aircraft on call.

THE OPERATION

14. D Day

- (a) The beach observer covered the beach-head area from 0715 - 1000 hrs. All initial intelligence reports and progress of our troops ashore were obtained by the Commander through this net.
- (b) The Air Support Strike Group were on station orbiting given points at first light and their loading consisted normally of a mixture of 500 and 100 lbs bombs plus ammunition on the bombers, the fighters were loaded with a proportion of rockets. All strikes on D Day were initiated by CSA SAN FABIAN Attack Force in conjunction with 1 US Corps from ground intelligence reports and the Air Observers reports and supplemented by intelligence received as a result of air strikes received during the period D-3 to D Day.

- (c) No requests were received from the Air Liaison Parties ashore during D Day.
- (d) Army Airforce (5th US Airforce) supplied 1 group of A20s (3030NS) and these were employed to bomb and strafe the road-work to the South and SE of the 1 US Corps area.
- (e) Actual activity: 128 air support sorties throughout the day.

D + 1 Day

10 requests from Air Liaison Party which consisted of - 109 sorties from 12 missions in addition - 1 Photo mission completed for ground troops.

D + 2 Day

103 sorties from 9 ALP requests.

D + 3 Day

71 sorties from 7 ALP requests including 1 photo mission.

D + 4 Day

56 sorties from 4 ALP requests including 1 photo mission.

D + 5 Day

63 sorties from 5 ALP requests.

D + 6 Day

47 sorties from 3 ALP requests.

15. Types of strikes carried out were as under:

<u>Types of strikes carried out</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Results</u>
Troop concentration ROSARIO	D	4 fighters	Nil
Road Net SANTA BARBARA-CANLING	D	49 A20s	Unknown
Township ROSARIO	D	13 Bombers 8 Fighters	Rocket (attack (tgt well (covered.
Bridges BUED RIVER	D	10 Bombers	Bombs exploded under bridges.
Road-block between SANTA FE and HUNTUL	D	1 Bomber 2 Fighters	Nil
Forters East of BINDAY	D	4 Fighters	No tgts seen

<u>Types of strikes carried out</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Results</u>
AA positions	D	7 fighters	Area strafed rockets used
Villages and towns	D+1	10 fighters 18 bombers	scored 4 direct hits some damage reported
Mechanised vehicles	"	4 fighters	recce car strafed & burnt.
Artillery positions	"	4 fighters	tgts not found
Targets of opportunity town of POCHERUSIA	"	7 fighters 1 bomber	Blow up lge bld & prob and dump.
Garrison of URANDETA	"	6 bombers 5 fighters	Entire area stn blds left burning
Bridges, towns, mortar posns trench systems.	D+2	30 fighters 26 bombers	Unobserved results
Bridges and roads. T concentrations	D+3	12 fighters 10 bombers	30 trucks destroyed

COMMENTS

16. On the whole the direct air support was effectively and satisfactorily rendered. Both pilots, Air Liaison Officers, Air Co-ordinators and in the latter stages Air Observers were to be commended on their efforts. There are however, certain aspects of the initial organisation which deal directly with the operation and are as follows :

COMMUNICATIONS

17. For this operation a JASCO (Joint Assault Signal Coy) unit was used for the first time in the SWPA. It comprised three communication teams :

- (a) A ship-to-shore and shore-to-shore party.
- (b) A Navy Bombardment Communication party
- (c) An Air Liaison party.

18. The organisation and WE of a JASCO provides for the co-ordination of those teams but in actual fact throughout, they worked as three separate units and as such were able to give a far more satisfactory result than had they been combined. The limited scope of the likely employment of Australian Forces does not warrant a JASCO being formed, especially in view of the fact that in the SWPA Airforce and Naval air communications are provided by the two supporting Air elements.

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE AIR SUPPORT CONTROL UNIT
ON BOARD THE HEADQUARTERS SHIP.

19. The functions as outlined in "Transport Doctrine of Amphibious Forces, US Pacific Fleet" chap XXVI, were absolutely adhered to and the principles followed were identically the same as in this publication. Relevant portions of which are attached as Appendix "D"

20. The following is a brief resume of the abbreviations used and the function of each particular net.

21.	C S A	Commander Support Aircraft
	S A O	Support Aircraft Observer
	S A R	Support Aircraft Request
	S A D	Support Air Direction
	S A D - A	Support Air Direction - Army
	I - C S A	Inter-Commander Support A/c
	L A W	Local Air Warning
	C A W	Central Air Warning
	A L P	Air Liaison Party
	S A P	Support Aircraft Party

22. Through the difference in terminology in the Central Pacific Area and the South Western Pacific Area, a certain amount of confusion has become evident in the use of the abbreviations ALP and SAP.

23. In amphibious operations where the landing force is being supported by elements of the US Pacific Fleet, Air Liaison Parties (ALP) are the Air Support Communication Teams which land with the assault battalions and brigade.

24. Support Aircraft Parties (SAP) are considered, therefore, those which are attached to a division and higher formation for communications, etc.

25. The Air Liaison Party has no definite WE and it is a matter of arrangement and availability between Army Commander and the Supporting Air element as to the type and equipment for the ALP to be equipped for the particular operation.

26. In fact in this operation there were three definite types of ALPs.

- (a) 1 officer and 6 or 7 OR with one VHF pack set and a follow up jeep with an VHF high power set mounted, which could be used when the necessity for the pack set passed. In some cases a small Communications Team of the officer and two or three men landed with the 'assault wave' with the pack set and were followed as soon as practicable by the jeep mounted equipment.

(b) ALP equipped in DUKWs.

It was normal for the equipment of this ALP to consist of a pack set VHF and in the DUKW which again was used for the follow up was a high power VHF set and in some cases a VHF set in direct communication with aircraft. This type was mainly with a brigade HQ.

(c) ALP (SAP) mounted in half track

In most cases the ALP (SAP) attached to a divisional HQ was carried in this manner. The equipment consisted of two or three high power VHF sets and a high power VHF set for direct communication with supporting aircraft. The reason for the additional heavy equipment being carried by this type of ALP is that at any time it may be necessary for a divisional ALP to co-ordinate and control the aircraft.

27. It will be seen from the attached diagram (Appendix E) in the initial stages of landing when Corps HQ is still aboard the HQ ship, that all the Air Liaison Parties are on the same frequency (SAR) and that the requests go directly back to the CSA afloat. At the same time it will be noticed that the brigades and divisions simply intercept (listen or monitor) this net but are in a position to vote any requests from the ALPs desired to influence the weight of attack in any particular sector. Throughout the operation this was not necessary and on no occasion did a higher army formation cancel any request from the forward ALPs. It is felt, however, that there are too many communications teams on this net and more especially would this be noticed had serious opposition been encountered. The operational plan did not provide for a secondary frequency. It is, therefore, suggested that an emergency SAR frequency be allotted for future operations.

28. SAC Net

An army officer (one per division) is trained in observation with ground formations and he is allotted, with reserves, to the supporting carriers. He is airborne for periods of two hours and merely orbits his particular divisional area searching for intelligence information about the enemy and reporting the progress of ground troops ashore. In the case of the formations concerned in this operation, it was felt that the airborne observer was not sufficiently trained and for the first two days was working under considerable difficulties. During the latter period from D + 2 to D + 6 the practice he had gained in the previous two days was most noticeable. This section of the control in the early initial stages is a most vital link both to CSA afloat and to the command group controlling the operations. Besides having an army background, he should be thoroughly and extensively trained in observation from the air prior to commencing an operation.

29. Air Co-ordinator

The Air Co-ordinator did not play the important part that is assigned to him in the doctrine. In actual fact he was orbiting the Corps area and did little reporting of his own initiative. The actual physical working was that his directions and briefing were given him by CSA afloat through the SAR net and on receipt of such briefing and necessary target information required for him to fulfil his mission, he merely called in his support aircraft which were also

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orbiting a given area and led them in on the strike. The Air Co-ordinator was a Naval-Air Force officer and was normally an air Group Commander.

30. SAD Net

The Support Air Direction being the amalgamation of SAR and SAO is the most important channel in the whole unit and has an emergency frequency, SAO-E. The requests from the ground troops come in on SAR net, the observations of the Air Observer on SAO net and the air strike is directed on the SAD net. All that is necessary for CSA to do, ascertain from his liaison officer with Naval Bombardment if there is any gunfire in the area, and provided he has the approval of the Army Comd Group and aircraft are available the strike will be carried out.

31. The times averaged approximately 7/9 minutes from the time that the ALP initiated their request until the target was actually engaged. In one instance the time for the overall strike was three minutes.

32. The Support Control Unit was manned by officers who had participated in practically every amphibious operation in the Central and South Western Pacific areas and the smooth running of the unit was due to their experience, diligence and care throughout.

JOINT OPERATIONS ROOM: ABOARD "ELITE RIDGE"

33. As seen by the attached diagram the Naval Bombardment Team consisting of the Force Bombardment Officer and his communication personnel are in constant liaison with the Commander Support Aircraft and his Air Support Control Unit. No targets were attacked by either party until the Corps representative in the Joint Operations Room had given his consent.

34. The organisation of the American Corps and Divisional HQ does not provide for any General Staff (Air) personnel specifically allotted for air duties, consequently, the American G3 had to control the air plan as well as the ground operational plan.

35. This does not obtain the best results, especially where heavy opposition is likely to be met. As in the early stages of an amphibious operation the 'air' plays a major part in the success or otherwise of the plan. It is considered therefore, for the operation of I Aust Corps, a complete Air section comprising a G301, G3011, G30111(Air) should be raised. The addition of a G301 (Air) will mean that he will be able to deal direct with officers, such as the CSA and the Force Bombardment Officer usually of equivalent rank, on the same plane.

36. The appointment of G301(Air) should be part time only, during the planning stages, the initial assault and until land-based Air Forces take over.

37. It is also envisaged that when Corps HQ Command Group goes ashore that the G301 (Air) will remain with the HQ ship until the carriers which are providing the direct air support covering the landing depart from the area and land-based airforces assume control of air support.

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JOINT OPERATIONS ROOM

USS "BLUE RIDGE"

HQ SHIP FOR SAN FABIAN ATTACK FORCE

<u>Comm for Naval Bombardment Teams Ashore</u>	<u>Army Comms Ashore</u>	<u>Comms to;ALF, SAP, SAR,SAO 1-CSA</u>
Naval Bombardment Team	Army Comd Gp	Air Support Control Unit
Intelligence Officer	-G2	Intelligence Ofcr
Force Bombardment Officer	-G3	Comd Support A/c
Naval Com Team (JASCO)	Limited Army Comms	Naval Air Com Team
	Naval Operations Officer	

1. When a request is received on any channel the constant liaison between Naval Bombardment and the Air Support Control Unit prevents any overlapping of such requests.

38. The present WE of a Corps HQ provides only for a GSC II (Air) and that would mean that when a command group has left the HQ ship and the CSA is still the co-ordinating agency, there would be no army representative on board the ship for this vital period of say, 6 days, assuming the carriers departed on D + 8 Day.

AIR PHOTOGRAPHY

39. The supply of aerial photography in all its forms was inadequate to attain the best results from this important aspect of operations.

40. The coverages were poor, the actual photography in the early stages of planning and pre D Day was too limited in re-production nor were there nearly sufficient copies to subordinate army formations.

41. From D Day onwards tactical photography was supplied in the normal way through the Air Support Control Unit. The requests originated from the forward ALFs - were coordinated by higher formation - and passed over the Air Support signal channels to the photo aircraft especially allotted for this purpose from the carrier support force. The normal delivery was made by air dropping. Two copies of prints to the requesting agency and the films to the HQ ship where the machinery existed for printing an unlimited number of copies at very short notice.

42. From discussion with the Commanders of the army formations concerned and their subordinate officers the following scales were suggested for distribution for a Corps engaged in amphibious operations.

(a) Corps Initial Planning :

Overall coverage at scale 1/20,000 - 1/40,000
(Trimet. runs
(for mapping,
etc - 4 cop-
ies.

(b) Corps basic planning:

Overall coverage at scale 1/15,000 - (5 copies

(c) Div basic planning :

Div area of operations scale 1/10,000 - (8 copies
(each Div

(d) Div, bde final planning and operational requirements:

Particular areas of operations. Scale 1/5,000 - sufficient numbers of copies to allow distribution down to and including corps or equivalent HQ with additions of one set of its particular beach-head area for each assault pl.

43. In addition coverages should be obtained at regular intervals and at different times of the day.

INDICATION OF TARGETS

44. As provided in the Doctrine of US Naval Forces Central Pacific a map of 1" to 1 mile is gridded and subdivided into squares each bearing a separate number.
45. Each separate square is subdivided into 25 equal parts with a letter, excluding 'I', of the alphabet indicating the particular square.
46. When the air support is being provided by a US Carrier Task Force, this map is standard and sub-divisions reduced in scale are carried in sheets by the air crew. A copy is attached as Appendix "C" herewith.
47. Other methods employed were that of the use of white phosphorus smoke, both from mortar and artillery fire. In some cases the target was "bracketed" and in others "boxed".
48. The Japanese, however, following their usual practice, themselves commenced using white smoke on D plus 3 Day and for a time a certain amount of confusion was evidenced.
49. The difficulty was ultimately overcome by the use of a COMB Ground/Air Panel Indication Code, and it was used effectively to indicate front lines and the direction of targets.
50. Both ground troops and aircraft were thoroughly conversant with the use of this code.
51. Throughout the operation it was not found possible to use code for map references on place names except for our own front line positions. The single "Shackle Code" attached herewith as Appendix "D", was used in accordance with the Signal Operation instructions issued by GSC.

EMPLOYMENT OF AIR LIAISON OFFICERS

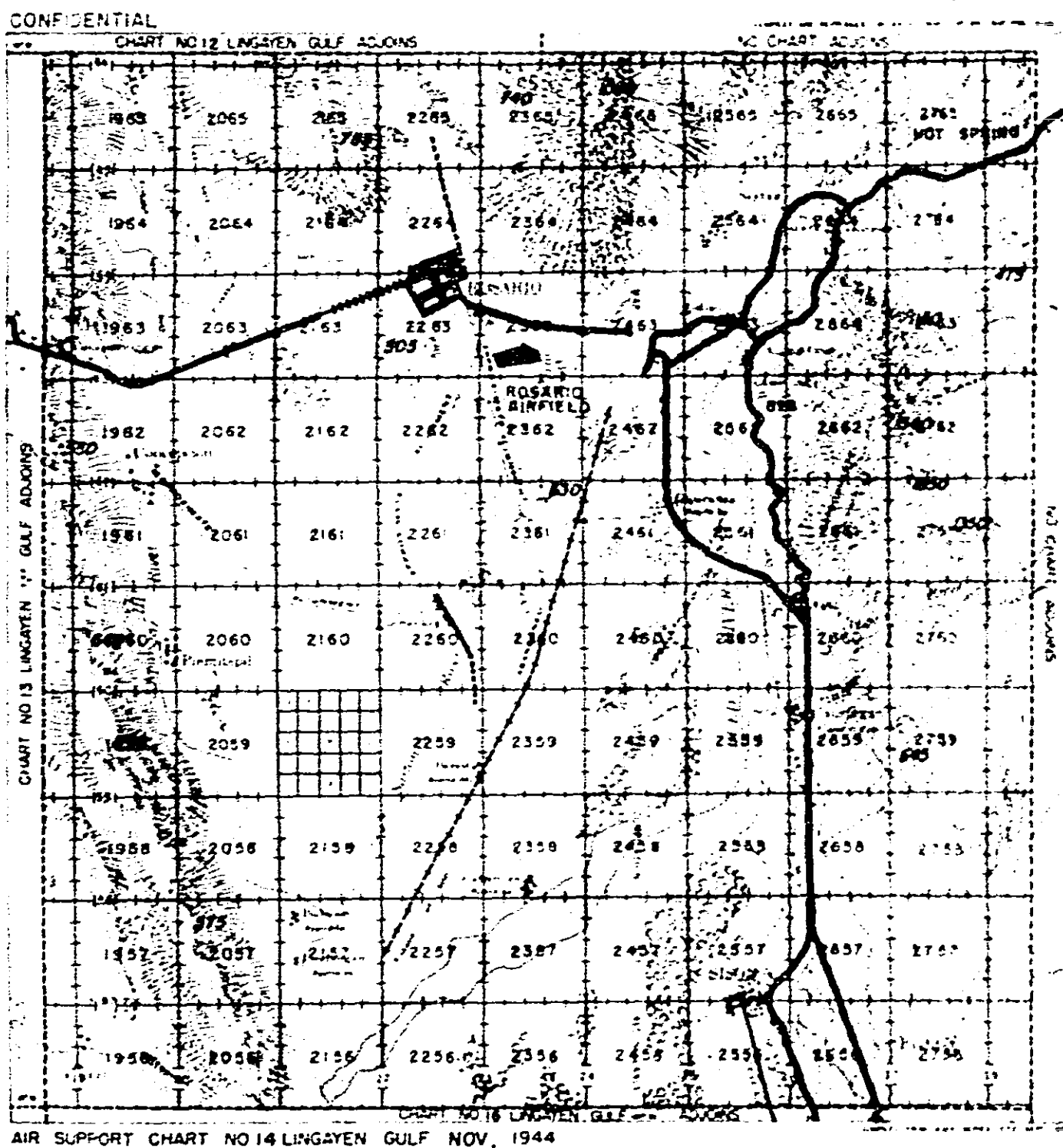
52. There were no ALOs (American equivalent Ground Liaison Officers) attached to Carriers which provided the direct air support for the landing forces.
53. Preliminary briefings were accomplished from intelligence forwarded to each carrier through Commander Support Aircraft DETON. Detailed briefings were supplied to the Air Co-ordinator on the Support Direction net, whilst he was actually airborne.
54. Detailed intelligence and ground operational reports could be supplied through wireless links from the CSA direct to the supporting carriers.
55. For the operation of 1 Aust Corps, 1 Aust Air Liaison Group are providing a Command Section which will be capable of operating for any given time with the Carrier Task Force.

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INDICATION OF AIR TARGETS

1. Basic Map (scale 1" to 1 mile) supplied to all parties concerned by US Naval Forces in an amphibious operation and used whilst carriers are supporting the landing.
2. Attached reproduction gives methods of indicating targets in particular areas.



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SUPPORT AIR REQUEST

SOURCE

MISSION

TIME

SHEET NO. _____

TARGET AREA _____

BOMB LINE : _____

TARGET IDENTIFICATION : _____

NAVAL BOMBARDMENT : _____

LAND ARTILLERY : _____

MISSION COMPLETED - TIME

RESULTS _____

1. This memorandum was completed in detail prior to CSA
authorising strike.

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SHACKLE CODE

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THE AIR OP

56. The Air Observation Post, aeroplanes (PIPER CUB) were used considerably by artillery regiments throughout the period D Day to D + 6 Day.

57. Unlike the organisation with which Australian Forces are being supplied (smaller aircraft) the organisation of the American CP follows exactly that of its British equivalent in that it is flown and maintained by the artillery personnel and it has no connection with any Air Force whatsoever.

58. The summary of its operations for this landing is as under :

59. There was no standard laid down for the carriage of these light aircraft, but generally they were either mounted in DUKWS or a 6 x 6 truck - in both cases the wings being folded.

60. In one instance small bulldozers D8 type were sent ashore with the second assault wave and their first priority was that of construction of a small landing strip within the beach-head area. The PIPER CUB's arrived in the LINGAYEN Sector and were in one case operational in E plus 70 mins.

61. Normal time suggested by COSA of 1 Corps is that they would expect the small strip to be ready and aircraft operational by E plus 40 hrs.

62. As stated in para 2 above there is no control by CSA whatsoever under the American system. This, in the opinion of the writer, is a satisfactory arrangement where there is no opposition, and they operate behind our FDL. It is only a matter of seconds by radio telephony to advise the nearest ALP or SAP that these aircraft are airborne. The CSA would then be in a position to contact the Air OPs and advise them of likely air opposition and all areas in which air strikes are being made.

AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION

63. The first objective for the LINGAYEN Attack Force was the early capture of Japanese held LINGAYEN airstrip.

64. This was occupied by our forces early on D Day. An Airfield Construction Engineer officer with a small reconnaissance party was ashore with the assault wave to report on the condition and possibilities for enlargement of this airstrip.

65. The constructional equipment landed and the actual construction of the airstrip followed the methods employed reported in earlier Allied landings.

66. Due to the fact that air bombardment and naval gunfire had been so directed that it would not seriously damage the condition of the airstrip, it was found that 800-1000 yards of the strip was almost servicable with the exception of a few craters.

67. Work was immediately commenced and on D + 1 Day it was considered an emergency landing ground. Two fighters from the carriers actually made emergency landings on the afternoon of D + 1 Day.

68. The strip was completely metalled for 6000 feet with two 1000 ft hard standings at either end on D +5 and the first fighters which were to be based on this strip arrived on the afternoon of D +6 Day.

69. The airstrip was completely operational by 1600 hrs on D +7 Day when two further squadrons of fighters and one photo reconnaissance squadron arrived.

70. Army Air Force (land based aircraft) took over control of the air at 1030 hrs on 17 Jan 45 -- D +8 Day.

CONCLUSIONS FOR AUSTRALIAN FORCES

71. As a result of the observations it is considered that air support would be more readily available if the following outline plans and training were adhered to :

(a) Aerial Photography

Paragraph 42 of this report confirms the planning requirements laid down by Fwd Echelon Headquarters in Sep 44. It will be seen that this phase especially in the early stages is essential and provisions for the supply of photographs on this scale should be of first priority.

(b) That a CSO (Air) be withdrawn from a higher formation during the planning stages, to co-ordinate and whilst the air support is being supplied by carrier-borne aircraft.

(c) That Air Liaison Officers be attached to carrier aircraft during the rehearsal period and for such time as carrier aircraft are supporting the operation.

(d) That airborne observers, drawn from the resources of 1 Aust Air Liaison Group, continue their training on an extensive basis within the capacity of 1 Aust Corps. A further period of training would be necessary, actually operating with the carriers and it is suggested that these officers be attached as soon as possible, to carriers on any forthcoming operation. It would be necessary to provide three officers per Division with one reserve.

(e) In regard to indication of targets, it is felt that the real answer lies in the use of coloured smoke both from 2" and 3" mortars and 25 prs. The latter deserves considerable attention as it is known that the Japanese have no immediate counter for this measure being used and aircrews report that the coloured smoke is the most readily recognisable method. It is understood that experiments for the use of 25 pr coloured smoke have been continuing within Australia for the past two years. However, as yet, 1 Aust Corps have not been given an opportunity to report on user trials. This method of indication of targets and of front lines has been utilised in the African, Italian and European theatres for the past two years and has proved entirely efficient.

(f) In the past the use of the CCSPS (Air Ground Panel Code) or equivalent has been largely condemned due to the fact that panels are too large and cumbersome for ground troops to carry in an advance. It will be seen from the foregoing report that this method of indication of front lines and targets became a necessity when other methods failed. It is, therefore, incumbent on all commanders that the very fullest training is carried out in their use, down to and including company, or equivalent headquarters.

(g) Whilst the writer did not have the opportunity to examine the methods to be employed in the provision of air support when land-based aircraft took over, it would appear that it would be necessary, in an overland advance, that the provision of Air Liaison Parties should be on the basis of one per brigade, division and Corps headquarters. The system at present operational in SHPA is that these parties are not supplied by the supporting Air Force further forward than divisional headquarters. The brigade, therefore, has no communications directly back to the supporting air element and as a consequence impromptu air requests would become almost impossible.

72. In consequence the application and usage of the term "direct air support" would appear to be along the lines directed by the British Army in September of 1939 with the exceptions that communications are supplied by the supporting air elements and during amphibious operations have an addition of minor directing agencies such as the Support Air Observer and the Air Co-ordinator.

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PARTIANT EXTRACTS FROM-
THE DOCTRINE OF AMPHIBIOUS FORCES, US PACIFIC FLEET

SUPPORT AIRCRAFT IN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS

Section 1. OBJECTIVE OF AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION

1. A beachhead, island, or atoll in enemy dominated territory is the objective of an amphibious operation. The operation is usually a tactical part of a larger operation. This larger operation usually involves preliminary and concurrent operations against the enemy by naval, air, and land forces, including several amphibious operations.

Section 2. AMPHIBIOUS FORCES

2. The combined naval, air, and land forces employed in the amphibious operations are organized into a Joint Expeditionary Force. These combined forces employed at each Objective are organized into Attack Forces.

Section 3. AMPHIBIOUS COMMAND

3. (a) Commander Joint Expeditionary Force commands all task organization employed in the amphibious operations at all Objectives through interrelated Attack Force Commanders. He is normally embarked in his Headquarters Ship with his Commander Support Aircraft and the Commander Expeditionary Troops to insure the proper coordination of the combined naval, air, and land forces.
- (b) The Commander Support Aircraft for the Joint Expeditionary Force acts as Commander Support Aircraft for the entire operations under Commander Joint Expeditionary Force, and as Commander Support Aircraft for such Attack Force as is commanded directly by Commander Joint Expeditionary Force.
- (c) The Commander Attack Force at each Objective is also Commander Naval Force. He is normally embarked in a Headquarters Ship with his Commander Support Aircraft and The Commander Landing Force.
- (d) The Commander Attack Force commands all aircraft on station over the area of operations of the Attack Force at the Objective through the Commander Support Aircraft.
- (e) The Commander Attack Force commands the Landing Force at the Objective through the Commander Landing Force.
- (f) When the Commander Landing Force determines that the status of the landing operation permits, he will assume command on shore and report that fact to the Commander Attack Force. Requests for Naval Gunfire support and Support Aircraft will be made to the Commander Attack Force by the Landing Force Commander or his unit commanders.

- (a) Commander Support Aircraft will continue to exercise command of all aircraft on station over the area of operations of the Attack Force at the Objective, directly or through his deputy ashore, so long as Commander Attack Force retains control of the area of the amphibious operations.

Section 4. FUNCTIONS OF SUPPORT AIRCRAFT

4. Support Aircraft in an amphibious operation have two broad functions :
- (a) Protection of friendly forces at the Objective from enemy air and surface attack.
- (b) Support of Landing Force in assault on Objective.

Section 5. SUPPORT AIRCRAFT FORCES

5. Support Aircraft consists of all aircraft on station over the Expeditionary Force and the Objective for the support of an amphibious operation. This includes Combat Air Patrol, Anti-Submarine Patrols, Hunter Killer Planes, Search Planes, Strike and Troop Support Aircraft, Smoke Planes, Photo Planes, and Liaison Planes. These aircraft may report on station as the result of Scheduled flights or "On Call" flights. Scheduled flights are provided by a prearranged plan. "On Call" flights are retained at base until specifically requested by Commander Support Aircraft. Normally after reporting on station, no Support Aircraft should leave station until properly relieved and ordered by Commander Support Aircraft to perform a mission or return to base, except for shortage of fuel or other emergency.

Section 6. STRIKE AND TROOP SUPPORT AIRCRAFT

6. Strike and Troop Support missions may be flown by all types of aircraft. Strike missions are flown against the Objective prior to and simultaneously with the landings by the Landing Force. Troop Support missions are flown in direct support of the advancing of the Landing Force ashore on request of the Landing Force unit commanders through the Air Liaison Parties. All strike missions occurring during the presence of the Attack Force, together with all troop support missions, are controlled by Commander Support Aircraft until relieved. It is desirable that directions to Support Aircraft on Strike or Troop Support missions should be given by an experienced aviator.

Section 7. SOURCES OF SUPPORT AIRCRAFT

7. Support Aircraft for an amphibious operation may be provided by planes from carriers, tenders, battleships, and land bases.

Section 8. COMMANDER SUPPORT AIRCRAFT

8. (a) Commander Support Aircraft commands all aircraft on station over the area of operations of the Attack Force at the Objective during the amphibious operation. Prior to reporting on station and after departure for base, the Support Aircraft are under command of their respective carrier, group, unit, or base commanders.

- (b) In order that the Commander Support Aircraft may be cognizant of all aircraft operating in area of operations of the Attack Force, search planes, transport planes, ambulance planes, and other itinerant aircraft shall report to Commander Support Aircraft prior to entering the area.

Section 9. HEADQUARTERS

9. Commander Support Aircraft normally is embarked with a Support Aircraft Control Party in the Headquarters Ship. It is from the Headquarters Ship that all Support Aircraft normally are directed.

Section 10. RELIEF HEADQUARTERS

10. A Support Aircraft Control Party under command of an experienced aviator is embarked in the Relief Headquarters Ship to act as Relief Commander Support Aircraft. Upon direction of Commander Support Aircraft, activities of Support Aircraft in whole or in part may be directed from the Relief Headquarters Ship. If the Headquarters Ship is disabled Support Aircraft activities will be directed from the Relief Headquarters Ship.

Section 11. COMMANDER SUPPORT AIRCRAFT'S -
DEPUTY ASHORE

11. (a) If the tactical situation should call for the direction of troop support missions from ashore, the Commander Aircraft may order ashore an experienced aviator to act as his deputy with such additional personnel as may be required. He will direct such troop support missions as ordered by Commander Support Aircraft.
- (b) The Division Air Liaison Party (or in case of an operation employing less than a division, one of the regimental Air Liaison Parties) should be equipped to furnish a headquarters for Commander Support Aircraft's Deputy ashore.
- (c) If an operation plan calls for the establishment of corps or Army Headquarters ashore during an Amphibious Operation and if Commander Support Aircraft is controlling aircraft on a corps or army basis, then the corps or Army Air Liaison Party should be equipped to furnish a headquarters for Commander Support Aircraft's Deputy ashore.

Section 12. AIR COORDINATOR

12. An Air Coordinator in flight is normally on station in the vicinity of the Objective. He should be an aviator with the experience of a group or squadron commander. The Air Coordinator coordinates such strike and troop support missions as directed by Commander Support Aircraft. He will also provide pertinent information on the ground and air tactical situation.

Section 13. AIR LIAISON PARTIES

13. (a) An Air Liaison Party is attached to the Headquarters of the Commander of each division, regiment (combat team), and the battalion (Landing team) engaged in an amphibious operation. Each Party consists of an Air Liaison Officer and enlisted personnel as assigned, with all necessary

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communications equipment. These Parties are components of a Joint Assault Signal Company, trained by Commander Amphibious Training Command, Pacific Fleet and assigned to each amphibious division. If an operation plan calls for establishment of corps and army headquarters ashore during an amphibious operation, each corps and army headquarters so engaged should equip itself with an Air Liaison Party.

- (b) The Air Liaison Officer acts as liaison between his Landing Force Unit Commander and the Commander Support Aircraft. Through him the Landing Force Unit Commander may request direct air support. As a shore-based operational assistant of Commander Support Aircraft, the Liaison Officer advises his Landing Force Unit Commander relative to direct air support.
- (c) The Air Liaison Officer should have complete understanding of the capabilities, limitations, tactical employment, and availability of aircraft.
- (d) It is the duty of the Landing Force Unit Commander and the Commander Support Aircraft to furnish the Air Liaison Officer with intelligence data, Target Maps, Operation Plan, Air Support Plan, and Air Support section of Communications Plan for the amphibious operation.
- (e) The Air Liaison Officer goes ashore with the Landing Force Unit Commander to whom he is attached. If the Headquarters of the Landing Force Unit Commander goes ashore ahead of the Commander, the Air Liaison Officer goes in with the Headquarters.
- (f) The Air Liaison Officer transmits to Commander Support Aircraft the request of the Landing Force Unit Commander for Support Aircraft. A request for Support Aircraft must indicate :
 - (1) Type of air support desired.
 - (2) Target description.
 - (3) Location of targets by reference to target maps or landmarks.
 - (4) Time limit of requested support.
 - (5) Location of friendly troops with respect to targets and other information or special instructions.
- (g) The higher echelons monitor the requests of lower echelons. A senior Landing Force Unit Commander will inform the Commander Support Aircraft immediately if he desires his junior commander's Support Aircraft request cancelled. A senior commander's silence will be construed as concurrence.
- (h) Support Aircraft requests will be given priority over other transmissions, unless otherwise directed.
- (i) The Air Liaison Officer receives Commander Support Aircraft's decisions on requests for Support Aircraft and relays them to the Landing Force Unit Commander.
- (j) Commander Support Aircraft, under Commander Expeditionary Force and in collaboration with Commander Landing Force, either complies with or rejects the request for Support Aircraft based on :

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- (1) Whether or not its compliance will best support the Task Force Plan. This includes co-ordination with Naval Gunfire support and Artillery support.
 - (2) Whether or not it is suitable aircraft target.
 - (3) Availability of Support Aircraft and number of aircraft required to accomplish the mission.
 - (4) Allowable time to comply with request.
 - (5) Type of ammunition required.
 - (6) Weather conditions.
- (k) The Air Liaison Officer may designate targets and own front lines to friendly planes through Commander Support Aircraft by:
- (1) Display of fluorescent panels.
 - (2) Coloured smoke shells or grenades.
 - (3) Rockets, flares, and very lights.
 - (4) Signal lights.
- (l) The Air Liaison Officer will be informed by Commander Support Aircraft of beginning and end of attack and when possible will report results of the attack.
- (m) The Air Liaison Officer must indoctrinate troops in removing panels used to mark front lines when they advance after an air attack.
- (n) The Air Liaison Officer keeps the Commander Support Aircraft informed of the tactical situation on the ground and at the front. He will keep his Landing Force Unit Commander informed of such intelligence data as may be transmitted by Commander Support Aircraft.
- (o) The Air Liaison Officer will keep his Landing Force Unit Commander informed of observations of the Air Observer and transmit requests for air observations through Commander Support Aircraft.
- (p) The Air Liaison Parties should carry only necessary equipment.
- (q) Communications with the Air Liaison Parties should be controlled by an officer with air liaison combat experience.
- (r) The Air Liaison Officer should coordinate his activities with those of the Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer and Artillery Liaison Officer at unit Headquarters.
- (s) When the Landing Force occupies a narrow front and the tactical and command situations permit, one or more battalion Air Liaison Parties may be withdrawn.

Section 16. AIR OBSERVER

14. An Air Observer in flight, under the control of Commander Support Aircraft, reports observations of military significance on the ground situation for the Commander Attack Force and Commander Landing Force in the Headquarters Ship and the Landing Force Unit Commanders ashore.

Section 17. SPOTTING PLANES

15. Naval Gunfire and Artillery Spotting Planes will normally operate under control of parent ship or base. Spotting planes should endeavour to execute assigned missions and withdraw from Objective area as soon as practicable in order to avoid interference with Support Aircraft. Liaison with these planes shall be maintained through Naval Gunfire Control and Artillery Control Officers. Carrier based planes assigned to spotting missions must be equipped with VHF Radio for reporting to and receiving instructions from Commander Support Aircraft, and HF Radio for spotting gunfire.

Section 18. COMMAND AND COORDINATION

16. The closest liaison must be maintained in the Headquarters Ship between Commander Attack Force, Commander Support Aircraft and Commander Landing Force in order to coordinate the employment of the three weapons under their command. It is particularly important that Naval Gunfire Control and Artillery Control maintain the closest liaison with Commander Support Aircraft if the maximum employment of the three weapons is to be attained. Closest liaison must likewise be maintained on shore between Air Liaison Officers, Naval Gunfire Liaison Officers and Artillery Liaison Officers.

Section 19. MAPS AND CHARTS

17. To aid in the coordination of attacks by the Naval, Air, and Land Forces it is essential that all maps and charts used in an amphibious operation be based on a uniform system of gridding or target designation.

Section 20. COMMANDER SUPPORT AIRCRAFT, AMPHIBIOUS FORCES

18. (a) A Support Aircraft organization has been established for forces under the Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean Areas.
- (b) Commander Support Aircraft, Pacific Fleet and all Support Aircraft Control Groups under his command are included in the type command of Air Force, Pacific Fleet, for training and for administration. They are assigned as task groups to the amphibious forces for operations.
- (c) A Support Aircraft Control Group consists of a Commander Support Aircraft for an Attack Force and his Headquarters Ship Support Aircraft Control Party and Relief Headquarters Ship Support Aircraft Control Party, including such personnel from these Parties as may be sent ashore to Control Support Aircraft ashore.
- (d) The duties and responsibilities of Commander Support Aircraft are considered to be :
- (1) Air Operations
Control of the assigned Support Aircraft during an amphibious operation in accordance with this doctrine and directives of higher authority.

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(2) Doctrine

Recommend the tactical doctrine for the employment of Support Aircraft in an amphibious operation. This will envisage the coordination of the various parties involved, including Air Groups furnishing Support Aircraft, Air Liaison Parties, Fighter Direction Bases and Air Warning Units.

(3) Planning.

Prepare the Air Support Plan for amphibious operations. Collaboration with agencies concerned in planning the preliminary photographic reconnaissance and air neutralisation of the Objective and its supporting bases. Close coordination of Naval Gunfire and Artillery plans is essential.

(4) Liaison

Maintain close liaison with the many agencies training for prospective amphibious operations and engaged in amphibious operations to coordinate their activities with Support Aircraft.

(5) Training

- a. Advise the responsible agency regarding training of Air Groups in Support Aircraft operations. This will be conducted in conjunction with Army and Marine Corps units engaged in landing exercises.
- b. Coordinate and advise in the advance training of Air Liaison Parties, Fighters Direction and Air Warning Parties.
- c. Prepare and issue standard instructions regarding the organisation, functions, and advance training of Support Aircraft Control Groups.

(6) Development

Advise the responsible agency regarding the development of aircraft equipment and armament for use in Support Aircraft operations.

Section 21. COMMUNICATIONS

18. (a) Control of Support Aircraft is dependent upon radio communications.

(b) The Air Support section of the Communications Plan of an amphibious operation will set forth all frequencies required for Support Aircraft. The number of Support Aircraft frequencies employed in an amphibious operation should be held to a minimum consistent with efficient communication. A minimum of perfectly functioning and maintained circuits is preferable to a large number of ineffective ones.

(c) All Support Aircraft communications should be transmitted in plain language unless specified to the contrary in the Communications Plan.

(d) In order to reduce communications traffic to a minimum, all personnel must be thoroughly indoctrinated in voice procedure and radio discipline as prescribed in USF-70 Combined British-American Radio Telephone Procedure, special directives of Commander Support Aircraft, and the Communications Plan.

Section 22. PRINCIPAL SUPPORT AIRCRAFT
CONTROL CIRCUITS

20. (a) The following circuits are normally the principal Support Aircraft control circuits (additional circuits as needed and subtractions of the circuits listed herein will be set forth in the Communications Plan of each amphibious operation):

(1) Support Aircraft Request Circuit (SAR)

Support Aircraft Request Circuit is used by Commander Support Aircraft for communications with Commanders of Carrier Task Groups, Commander Land Based Aircraft (if feasible) and Air Liaison Parties.

(2) Support Aircraft Request-Land Based Circuit
SAR-LB

The Support Aircraft Request-Land Based circuit is used by Commander Support Aircraft when requesting aircraft from Commander Land Based Aircraft, if Commander Land-Based Aircraft is unable to guard the SAR channel above. The frequency assigned as the Major Air Tactical circuit for the respective area involved will normally be used as SAR-LB circuit. CW only will be used on this circuit. Messages will be enciphered using the effective edition of CSP 1270 or other appropriate means.

(3) Support Aircraft Direction Circuit (SAD)

a. The Support Aircraft Direction circuit is used by Commander Support Aircraft for communications with all planes reporting on station over the Expeditionary Force or over the Objective, including transport planes, ambulance planes, and search planes operating in vicinity. This circuit is used by Commander Support Aircraft to control Support Aircraft missions and to turn support missions over to Airborne Air Coordinator or Commander Support Aircraft ashore for further directions.

b. The Air Observer, Naval Gunfire and Artillery Spotting planes, Combat Air Patrol Anti-Submarine Patrol and Hunter Killer planes shall report in initially on the circuits assigned them. The Combat Air Patrol, Anti-Submarine Patrol and Hunter Killer planes when relieved from their initial duties and unless instructed to return to base, shall report to Commander Support Aircraft on the Support Aircraft Direction circuit.

c. All planes reporting to Commander Support Aircraft for strike or troop support missions shall give the following information:

1. Flight leaders voice call.
2. Number and type of planes in flight and missions.
3. Time available for use on station
4. Armament
5. Location and altitude

d. Air Coordinator or flight leaders shall report beginning and end of every mission.

(4) Support Aircraft Direction-Emergency
Circuit (SAD-E)

The Support Aircraft Direction-Emergency circuit will be available for EMERGENCY use by Commander Support Aircraft and the Support Aircraft for all forces. This circuit is normally VHF. It may be used ONLY:

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- a. In case of communication failure of the Support Aircraft Direction circuit.
- b. In case that the Support Aircraft Direction circuit is being used by Commander Support Aircraft to direct a flight of planes in an attack and the transmissions concerning the attack are utilizing the SAD circuit in such a way that newly arriving flights cannot check in to Commander Support Aircraft to report their arrival, the SAD-E circuit may be used. This may be done only if flights cannot "get thru" on the SAD circuit.
- c. In case planes are not equipped with HF radio equipment.
- d. By carrier-based Spotter Planes for reporting to and receiving instructions from Commander Support Aircraft.

(6) Support Aircraft Observation Circuit (SAO)

The Support Aircraft Observation Circuit is used by the Air Observer in flight to present an overall up to the minute picture of the ground situation. The Air Observer is a ground force officer. While this circuit is controlled by Commander Support Aircraft, pertinent information will be disseminated to the other Commands aboard the Headquarters Ship. Division, Regimental, and Battalion Air Liaison Parties monitor this circuit and are responsible for the dissemination of pertinent information to the commanding officers of the respective units to which they are attached. The Air Observer will be ordered by Commander Support Aircraft to make specific observations and report thereon in addition to reporting general facts which he observes.

(7) Inter Force Air Warning (Central Pacific
HF Warning)

Circuit.

The Inter Force Air Warning circuit will be used by the various Attack commanders to re-broadcast warnings received over local circuits which they respectively control to warn all Attack Force commanders of the Expeditionary Force. The Circuit will be guarded by the following:

- a. The Attack Force commanders.
- b. All carrier task group commanders.
- c. All ships and units not in company with the various Attack Force Commanders.

(8) Local Air Warning Circuit (LAW)

The Local Air Warning circuit will be used for Anti-Submarine Patrol (ASP), and Hunter Killer (HK) communications as well as the HF Local Air Warning net. Screening vessels must establish immediate communications with aircraft over the Local Air Warning primary (or secondary if so ordered) when ordered to conduct Hunter Killer operations in conjunction with aircraft. Likewise screening vessels must immediately report submarine contacts over this circuit (if radio silence conditions permit) so that HK planes can be assigned to assist without undue delay.

21. Section 23. TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT OF
 SUPPORT AIRCRAFT

- (a) The tactical employment of Support Aircraft is not static. Below are set forth certain tactical orders and doctrine as an amplification of the above publications to include latest methods and practices, tested and proven in recent operations.
- (b) All forms of support used in an amphibious operation have definite capabilities and limitations. Each is complementary of the other. In order to coordinate all forms of support, it is essential that all parties concerned have a clear understanding and appreciation of their own and each other's weapons.
- (c) Individuals who control or assist in the control of Support Aircraft are limited by certain factors outlined below:
 - (1) Commander Support Aircraft is on a Headquarters Ship making command decisions under Commander Attack Force and in collaboration with Commander Landing Force. In making his decisions he is dependent upon preliminary intelligence gathered from various sources and concurrent intelligence supplied by Air Liaison Officers ashore. Air Coordinator, Air Observer, flight leaders, photographic missions, military and naval sources, and target information supplied by pilots to Air Combat Information officers after returning to base. If this target information is of immediate military significance, it should be forwarded to Commander Support Aircraft over the Support Aircraft Request Circuit.
 - (2) Air Liaison officers ashore are limited in their information by the general confusion existing during a land battle. They are normally operating either in the front lines or at the command post of the unit to which they are attached. In any event their communications equipment is usually at the command post, and they are dependent for communications between the front lines and the command posts upon small portable radio sets, land wire telephones, visual signals, or runners, all in the thick of battle. The land wires are frequently destroyed by our own personnel and equipment as well as by enemy action. Tanks often get ahead of the infantry and radio communications fail. One sector advances ahead of another and contact is lost. The front is fluid and constantly shifting. It is seldom if ever a straight line. All these factors limit the information of the Air Liaison officer. His limitations are also those of Commander Support Aircraft.
 - (3) Observation by Air Coordinator, Air Observer, flight leaders and pilots is subject to the natural limitations of aerial observation.
- (d) Air Coordinators and flight leaders should report to Commander Support Aircraft the errors they discover in information furnished them, such as:
 - (1) Tanks or troops in areas where missions have been requested.
 - (2) Targets which are not in areas designated.
 - (3) New targets.

21. (c) The importance of timing cannot be overemphasized. Support Aircraft attacks must be on time. They must not be made before or after a given time limit. The same rule applies if troops or boats have moved from a given position. Troops may be using Support Aircraft to cover an advance. Attacks beyond a specified time limit may very likely hit our own forces.
- (f) Pilots must know the exact nature and location of their assigned target. They must know that they will hit the target. Bombers must pull out without releasing, and fighters must hold their fire if they are not on the target. Wind drift must be taken into account in bombing into the smoke and dust caused by the bombs of the previous plane. The smoke and dust may blow back over our own lines.
- (g) No surface craft should be attacked by aircraft in the vicinity of the Objective unless it has been positively identified as enemy. If identity is doubtful, the presence of vessels should be reported to Commander Support Aircraft.
- (h) Bombing and strafing should not be initiated except on order of the Commander Support Aircraft or those acting under his direction.
- (i) Planes must report on station at the initial point designated and if ordered to move to another initial point they must do so immediately. Certain course rules will be laid down for the vicinity of the Objective. These course rules must be scrupulously obeyed. Upon completion of missions, planes must not engage in sightseeing or loitering. In addition to interfering with subsequent Support Aircraft missions, the offending plane is in danger of injury by artillery and naval gunfire. Spotting planes must be alert not to interfere with strike and troop support missions and should leave the immediate area after spotting. Planes should not fly over friendly troops or vessels unless required by a mission to do so. If it is necessary to fly over a friendly vessel do so in a manner which clearly indicates the plane's friendly character. Planes must keep clear of the line of fire of artillery and gunfire. Maximum ordinate should be given in Air Plan of each operation.
- (j) Pilots should be alert to the possibility of surprise enemy air opposition developing. They must not allow their formation to become spread out or be slow in reaching the rendezvous point.
- (k) If Combat Air Patrols and Anti-Submarine Patrols are to be used for strike and troop support missions after being relieved from patrol, schedules for the relieved patrols should be so arranged that they will have one-half hour's fuel to spare for such missions as may be assigned by Commander Support Aircraft.

21. (1) Pilots should be thoroughly briefed before an operation in the general operation plan of the naval, air and land forces. They should be familiar with the location and type of all major enemy installations in the vicinity of the Objective and with the identification features of enemy surface and aircraft which might be encountered. They should have a thorough understanding of the target maps and charts and system of target designation to be used in the operation. Preliminary information is sometimes faulty and upon arrival over target area, pilots should carefully observe and identify the targets.
- (m) When a Support Aircraft mission is being coordinated with a ground attack notification of completion of attack is essential. This usually is accomplished by the last Pilot in the last plane being directed by Commander Support Aircraft to a previously designated pyrotechnic signal as he completes his attack which will be the "All clear" signal for the ground forces to advance. At the same time Commander Support Aircraft must be notified by the Air Coordinator or flight leader of the completion of every attack. He in turn should immediately notify the Air Liaison Officer concerned.
- (n) Strike and Troop Support Missions are normally flown by aircraft from regular Support Aircraft Groups, which report on station at regular intervals during the amphibious operation. Special Support Aircraft Groups are sometimes used for strike missions, such as DAWN or PRE-H-HOUR strikes.

Section 24. TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT OF AIR COORDINATION

22. (a) When several flights or missions have to be coordinated, the Air Coordinator usually is given general instructions for an attack, such as location and type of target, by Commander Support Aircraft. In most cases he is better qualified to give the detailed instructions to the pilots and control its execution. If only one flight is to be employed in a mission, the Commander Support Aircraft may order the flight leader to assume direction of the mission.
- (b) If there is a time limit on the duration of the attack, due to lifting of artillery or surface fires, it is essential that the Commander Support Aircraft give his instructions well before the attack is to commence. Commander Support Aircraft then keeps the Air Coordinator and flight leaders posted as to the time when the attack shall commence and when it shall cease. Perfect timing is essential in order that continuous fire may be maintained on the enemy.
- (c) The Air Coordinator's duties are considered to include the following :
 - (1) Know every detail of target area by advance study of all available intelligence data and by personal observation after arrival over the Objective.

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- (2) Know the capabilities of the pilots in the Support Aircraft Groups.
- (3) Spot the bomb drops for the Support Aircraft Groups. This induces a spirit of competition among the pilots, improving the bombing results.
- (4) Coordinate the attacks of Support Aircraft Groups upon direction of Commander Support Aircraft.
- (5) Report new targets to Commander Support Aircraft for disposition by Commander Attack Force.

Section 25. TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT OF
AIR OBSERVER

23. (a) It is recommended that all Air Observers for an operation be embarked in the same carrier to enable them to compare information.
- (b) VB aircraft are considered the most suitable for Air Observers.
- (c) Air Observers should have the best information possible concerning the military situation prior to relieving on station.
- (d) The Air Observer should be trained to recognise developments of military significance in order that he may limit his transmissions to essential and pertinent material.
- (e) While it is recognised that the Air Observer's speed and altitude will be governed by the enemy situation, a rather slow air speed is usually necessary for thorough and accurate ground observation. Generally this will be regulated by making many maneuvers without reducing power. It has been found helpful to open landing flaps partially in order to obtain greater stability. In general an altitude of 400-500 feet has been found to be best for investigating an object or a small area; however, a higher altitude should be used in scanning a large area or in searching for heavily travelled trails or roads.
- (f) The technique of flying an Air Observer so that he may be in the best position for observing, is dictated largely by the blind spot formed by wings and fuselage. It seems best to fly out to the side of the area being observed, but on some occasions it may be necessary to be almost vertically above the immediate spot being observed. Therefore steep turns are necessary, and it has been found that the best method is to make a definite "S" turn while scouting along a line of observation. This technique has the added advantage of making the plane a more difficult target for enemy fire.

23. (g) Scanning of an entire area in the attempt to find suspicious activity has been found to be much more effective than singling out and looking at each small area as it is approached. It is best to look at a whole area and try to pick out the colour differences, or some mark of suspicious activity, or movement. A slight hole breaking the symmetry of the even tops of trees, or several trees cut out of a row of palms may lead to the discovery of enemy activity. The observer should not look at the tops of the trees, but force his eyes to focus at the level underneath the trees.
- (h) After a particular spot is discovered that appears to be suspicious, angle and light play a great part in the investigation of it. The angle of observation is usually found to be the most limiting factor in the attempt to see anything distinctly, especially when it is well hidden under tall trees. Any angle of elevation of about 45 degrees or slightly less has been found better than a steep angle in locating small clearings under the trees, and objects in these clearings.

Section 27. SCISSING

24. (a) The importance of accuracy in Support Aircraft bombing in an amphibious operation cannot be overemphasized from the standpoint of target neutralisation and safety of our own troops. It is therefore recommended that only targets such as buildings, fuel and ammunition dumps, and large gun emplacements that are easily seen and identified by pilots be selected for dive or glide bombing attacks. While near misses in bombing probably keep the enemy below ground and force guncrews to seek shelter, relatively few personnel are killed and few guns damaged except as the result of direct hits. Since range errors are normally greater than deflection errors it is desirable when ever the tactical situation permits that bombing runs be made parallel to our front lines.
- (b) When there is no air opposition and AA has become ineffective, the speed with which bombing is carried out is, within reasonable limits, an unimportant factor. Bombers should be deliberate in the execution of their attacks, maneuvering into the best possible positions from which to make their runs on the targets, carefully observing the target area, and allowing smoke, dust and debris to settle as much as possible before releasing their bombs.

Section 30. SELECTION OF TARGETS

25. (a) In considering the part to be played by carrier aircraft, it should be noted that the weapons they carry run from the .50 caliber machine gun to the 2000# bomb. Consequently, aircraft can be equipped for attacks on any type of target. Furthermore, due to their mobility they can quickly gain position to attack targets in any area. Their volume is limited, however, and consequently they should be used primarily against targets that cannot be seen or fired at by ships.

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against targets particularly vulnerable to either machine gun fire or heavy bombs and against targets required to be brought under fire very quickly. This should be the primary basis in the selection of targets for them.

- (b) The accuracy required to hit a revetted gun position is not usually obtained. Nevertheless the effectiveness of dive and glide bombing could be greatly improved by concentrating on specific targets rather than dispersing bombs over a wide area.
- (c) When smoke is used for designating a target, it is essential that the planes be over the target area ready to make their run, and that the ground forces be notified through the Air Liaison Parties that the planes are watching for the smoke signal to be fired.
- (d) It should be remembered that all enemy material and personnel constituting reinforcements for the defense of an island, unlike a mainland operation, lie close at hand. Pilots should be on the alert to locate and report these targets.
- (e) It is likely that gun positions that have not previously been revealed by reconnaissance, may be detected by planes from their flashes.
- (f) Pilots should always verify their targets.
- (g) In selecting targets for support aircraft and assigning priorities, it is important that consideration be given to the effect on future operations of the smoke and dust caused by the strafing of such targets.

26. (a) Section 31. PHOTOGRAPHIC PLANES

Normally, high altitude vertical photographs will have been taken by Photo Squadrons preliminary to an operation. During the pre-2 Day strikes, low altitude obliques will be taken by carrier based planes.

- (b) Negatives should normally be developed on the carrier where facilities and personnel are better equipped to do this type of work. Prints can then be made and later delivered to the Headquarters Ship. If the film is required on the Headquarters Ship a set of prints should be retained on the carrier in case the film is lost in dropping.
- (c) Photographs will normally be taken in accordance with a pre-determined schedule and specifications as to types of photographs set forth in the Air Support Plan. Every effort must be made to obtain photographic coverage in accordance with the plan so that the coverage will be complete and not sketchy. Provision for satisfactory delivery of photographs to the Headquarters Ship should be made in advance.

26. (d) If low altitude oblique and vertical photographs are to be taken of enemy installations protected by light and medium AA, simultaneous diversionary flights should be arranged. Carrier planes normally are better adapted for taking low altitude photographs of landing beaches and defence positions and for evaluation of damage during strike and troop support missions than heavy photographic planes.
- (e) VP's modified for photography are being delivered to carriers. If properly employed they should be able to obtain any type of photographic reconnaissance desired.
- (f) Examination of stereo pairs of photographs of the objective is recommended as a part of the pilots briefing.
- (g) Properly trained pilots should be assigned for photographic reconnaissance in amphibious operations.

Section 32. SMOKE PLANES

27. (a) Pilots of smoke planes should be especially trained in smoke laying techniques suitable to an amphibious operation.
- (b) The Air Coordinator or the flight leader of the smoke planes should determine the wind direction immediately prior to the laying of a smoke screen on order of Commander Support Aircraft. Before a smoke screen is laid, provision should be made for planes to fill in "Holidays".
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AMENDMENT NO 1 TO 1 AUST CORPS SIGNAL INSTRUCTION NO 4

OPERATION "SEAGULL"

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7 Aust Div	12
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4 Aust Armd Bde	1
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Subject: EXERCISE "SEAGULL"
(a) SCHEDULE OF AMMUNITION
(b) CLOSE AIR SUPPORT

GS 1 Aust Corps
24 Jan 45
G/6375/3D

7 Aust Div (12)
9 Aust Div (12)
1 Aust Base Sub Area (3)
4 Aust Armd Bde

- 1. Attached herewith are copies of the following :-
- (a) Schedule of Ammunition - Initial Maintenance
(Paragraph 33(e) 1 Aust Corps Outline Plan refers)
 - (b) Part II to Appendix "I" 1 Aust Corps Outline Plan.

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SCHEDULE OF AMMUNITION - INITIAL MAINTENANCE

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>9 ANST DIV</u> <u>GP</u>	<u>7 ANST DIV</u> <u>GP</u>
Ctges SA Ball .380 Rev	21,065	12,925
Ctges SA Ball .455 Rev	3,000	3,000
Ctges SA Ball .303" Edr	5,304,100	3,490,000
Ctges SA Ball .303" CC	1,326,800	899,000
Ctges SA Ball .303" Ctn	2,301,600	1,261,000
Ctges SA Tracer .303" G	336,800	263,100
Ctges SA Incend .303" E	112,070	68,030
Ctges SA Ball .303" Belt	1,137,600	586,800
Ctges SA Ball 9 mm	5,494,800	3,179,500
Ctges 17" Sig	11,315	6,200
Bombs ML HE 2" Mortar	36,278	16,786
Bombs ML Smoke 2" Mortar	11,928	5,424
Bombs ML Illum 2" Mortar	3,444	1,516
Bombs ML Sig Ccl	1,572	732
Bombs ML HE 3" Mortar W/115 Grns	40,272	19,768
Bombs ML Smoke 3" Mortar	10,068	4,691
Ctges QF 25 Pr Normal	154,030	77,040
Ctges QF 25 Pr Super	11,520	5,760
Shell QF 25 pr HESL Fused 117	144,000	72,000
Shell QF 25 Pr HESL Fused 119		
Shell QF 25 Pr HESL Fused 231		
Shell QF 25 Pr Smoke	10,060	5,040
Shot QF 25 Pr AP	1,440	720
Grenades Hand No.36M	30,700	15,300
Grenades Rifle No.36M	6,710	3,350
Grenades Hand No.69	4,375	4,375
Grenades Rifle No.63 Smoke	3,500	3,500
Grenades Rifle NO.68 Tk/A	4,375	4,375

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>9 AVST DIV</u> <u>GP</u>	<u>7 AVST DIV</u> <u>GP</u>
Grenades Hard No.75	4,375	4,375
Grenades Hard No.77	5,990	2,990
Bombs Incendiary 1½ lbs	875	875
Ctges QF 2-pr AP Shot	3,282	972
Ctges QF 2-pr HE	6,384	1,302
Ctges QF 2-pr Case Shot	500	-
Ctges QF 6-pr 7 cwt AP	1,680	840
Ctges QF 6-pr 7 cwt HE	1,200	600
Ctges QF 3.7 Gun HE Fuzed 208 Flashless	4,800	9,600
Ctges QF 3.7 Gun SAP	490	960
Ctges QF 40 mm HE	25,200	28,800
Ctges QF 40 mm SAP	2,520	2,880
Ctges QF 3" Howr HE	1,215	
Ctges QF 3" Howr Smoke	135	
Generators Smoke No. 8	695	
Ctges SA Mixed 7.92 mm	139,200	
Ctges SA 20 mm Hispano HEI	1,920	
Ctges SA 20 mm Hispano SAPI	240	
Ctges SA 20 mm Hispano Tracer	240	
Ctges BL 5.5" Gun	9,600	
Shell BL 5.5" Gun HE 100 lbs	9,600	
Fuzes DA & Percn No.117	10,560	
Tubes Percn SA Ctge Wk III	10,560	
Ctges BL 155 mm Gun (1941)	9,600	
Shell BL 155 mm Gun HE	9,600	
Fuzes PD M51	6,336	
Primers Percn M11 A1 21 Grns	6,336	
Ctges QF 75 mm Howr HE	3,456	3,456
Ctges AP 75 mm Howr SMK	384	384
Ctges SA Ball .30		149,760
Ctges SA Tracer .30		149,760

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>9 AUST DIV</u> <u>QF</u>	<u>7 AUST DIV</u> <u>QF</u>
Ctges SA Incend .30		49,920
Ctges SA AP .30		149,760
2" Bombthrower Smoke		3,120
Ctges QF 37 mm HE		2,340
Ctges QF 37 mm AP		2,340
Ctges QF 75 mm Gun HE		2,340
Ctges QF 75 mm Gun AP		1,872
Ctges QF 75 mm Gun Smoke		468
Fuzes Percn No.231	13,932	14,706
Fuzes Time & Percn No.222(b)	18,576	19,608
Charges Intermediate 25-pr	5,000	5,000
Primers Percn No.1 Mk II	10,000	10,000
Ctges ML Mortar 95 Grn Ballistite	5,000	5,000

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Exercise SEAGULL

Appendix 'I' to 1 Aust Corps
Outline Plan Operation SEAGULL

PART II

CLOSE AIR SUPPORT PROGRAMME.

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Serial Number	Number of aircraft available	Time		Remarks
		From	To	
1	20 VF 20 VTB	First Light	8 Hour	Available for attack on pre-arranged targets as desired by 9 Aust Div or any opportunity targets offering.
2	12 VF 8 VTB	8 Hour	1200 hrs	On station continuously circling the area of landing, at call for close support targets as required by ground troops.
3	5 VTB	First Light	1200 hrs	Available as required for recon, arty ranging and message dropping. Carry Army Air Liaison Officers trained as air observers.
4.	20 VF 15 VTB	8 Hour	1200 hrs	Available for special targets as required. Two sorties per aircraft per day. Will remain on carriers until ordered to strike by the Support Aircraft Controller.

NOTES:

1. 9 Aust Div will submit requirements for pre-arranged targets by 26 Feb 45.
2. Air strikes will NOT be made in the area of the assault beaches if such strikes limit the extent of the naval bombardment.
3. The above programme is tentative only and may be varied by 9 Aust Div to conform to their requirements.

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EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

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Subject: ORGANISATION US AMPHIBIOUS UNITS

HQ 1 Aust Corps
26 Jan 45.
G/6382/SD.

7 Aust Div (12)
9 Aust Div (12)
1 Aust Base Sub Area (6)
4 Aust Armcd Bde (2)

1. Further details of the organisation of the following
--- units are now available and are attached at -

Appendix 'A' - An Amphibian Tank Battalion
Appendix 'B' - An Amphibian Tractor Battalion
Appendix 'C' - A Boat Battalion - US Engineer Special Brigade

2. 1 Aust Corps Outline Plan, Appendix 'B', serials 34 and
36 should be amended accordingly.

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Appendix 'A' to 1st Corps
G/6582/SD of 25 Jan 44.

ORGANISATION LAMBLEY TANK BATTALION

Serial	UNIT	PERSONNEL			LVT			VEHICLES & TRAILERS						TOTAL TRUCKS & TRAILERS
		Officers	Enlisted Men	Total	LVT Cargo - mounted - without armament	LVT Combat - mounted - with armament	Total LVT's	Truck 3 ton 6 x 6	Truck 3 ton Command	Truck 2 1/2 ton 6 x 6	Truck 1 1/2 ton Reckers	Truck 1 ton Carrier	Trailer 1 ton	
1	HQ & HQ & Service Coy	10	101	111	1	5	7	2	2	6	1		4	17
2	Four Coys (each)	6	156	161	2	18	20	2		2			1	3
3	Att Medical	3	19	22				1				1		5
4	Total Battalion	33	744	777	12	75	87	14	2	16	1	1	6	42

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Appendix 'B' to 1st Corps
G/6382/ST of 23 Jan 48

ORGANIZATION AMPHIBIOUS TRACTOR BATTALION

Serial	UNIT	PERSONNEL			LVT's	TRUCKS AND TRAILERS					Total Trucks & Trailers
		Officers	Enlisted Men	Total		Trucks 3 ton	Trucks 2 1/2 ton	Trucks 1 1/2 ton	Trucks 1 ton	Trailers 1 ton	
1	HQ & HQ & Service Coy	9	97	106	17	3	8	1		3	16
2	Two Coys (each)	5	197	202	51	1	2			2	5
3	Att Medical	1	11	12		3			1		4
4	Total Battalion	20	302	322	119	9	12	1	1	7	30

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Appendix 'C' to 1st Corps
G/6380/SD of 25 Jan 45

ORGANIZATION - A BOLT BATTALION - US ENGINEER SPECIAL BRIGADE

Serial	UNIT	PERSONNEL			TRUCKS, TRAILERS & TRACTORS										BOATS								
		Officers	Enlisted Men	Total	Trucks 2 ton 4 x 4	Trucks 3 ton 4 x 4	Trucks 1 1/2 ton 6 x 6 with winch	Trucks 1 1/2 ton 6 x 6 Cargo with winch	Trucks 2 1/2 ton 6 x 6 Cargo with winch	Trucks 2 1/2 ton 6 x 6 750 G.P. GOLIATH	Trailers 1 ton	Trailers 1 ton	Tracked Vehicles 7C-90 D H R P	Crane M-20	Total Trucks, Tractors and Trailers	Picket Boat 45'	Crane Boat 45'	MT or Utility	LCF (L) (5 Boat)	LCG (H)	LCV (P)	LCM	Total Boats
1	HQ & HQ Coy Boat Bn	8	76	84	2			2	1	3	1	1			10	2		1	3	3			9
2	Four Engr Boat Coys (each)	12	322	334	2		1		2			2	1	1	9	1	1	1	3		30	30	26
	TOTAL	56	1364	1420	10		4	2	9	3	1	9	4	4	46	6	4	5	15	3	120	180	273

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EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

Subject: UNDERWATER OBSTACLES

HQ 1 Aust Corps
26 Jan 45.
G/6385/SD.

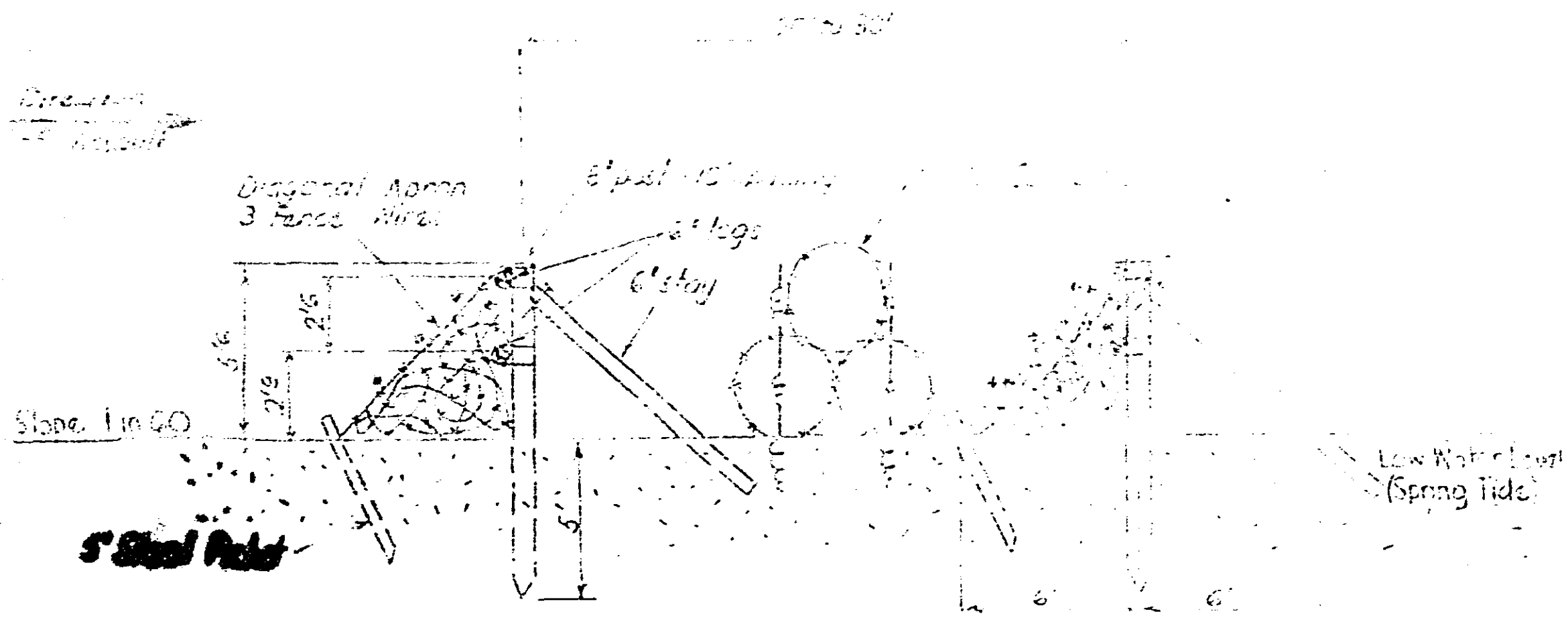
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9 Aust Div (12)
1 Aust Base Sub Area (6)
4 Aust Arm'd Bde (1)

- ... 1. Attached herewith is sketch of a typical JAPANESE underwater obstacle likely to be encountered on the MORONES beaches.
2. Obstacles of this type, laid between high and low water, have been identified on all suitable landing beaches between SAFLANFOE and TOMAKINE. For this exercise divisions must accept responsibility for the breaching of these obstacles.
3. Possible methods of demolishing underwater obstacles have been discussed in 1 Aust Corps G/6199/SD of 20 Jan 45.

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TYPICAL UNDERWATER DETAIL

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EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

Subject: PROVISION OF AMMUNITION - FORCE RESERVE

HQ 1 Aust Corps
25 Jan 45.
G/C324/SD.

7 Aust Div (12)
9 Aust Div (12)
1 Aust Base Sub Area (6)
4 Aust Arm'd Bde (1)

Reference 1 Aust Corps Outline Plan Operation
"SEAGULL" para 33.

1. Force Reserve ammunition is being supplied on the following basis -

30 days at INTENSE rate

30 days at MODERATE rate

2. For purposes of this exercise the above rates are defined as follows -

(a) INTENSE rate - HQ SMTTS of 1 Aug 44 -
relevant extracts repeated
in Appendix A1.

(b) MODERATE rate - Calculated by the formula -

$$\text{MODERATE} = \text{QUIET} + \frac{\text{INTENSE} - \text{QUIET}}{4}$$

3. It is pointed out that the above terms have now been discarded in favour of the terms CONTACT and QUIET (vide "Rates of Usage of War Material (AWST)(C797) issued under cover of this HQ G/6014/SD of 4 Jan 45). They are retained for purposes of this exercise however, as they have provided the basis for tonnage figures for ammunition.

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EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

Appendix 'A' to 1 Aust
Corps G/6384/SD of 26 Jan 45

EXTRACTS FROM LHC S17175 OF 1 AUG 44

Ser ial No	Item	Rates		Remarks
		I	Q	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	2 pr Gun (Tk)	(a) AP	1 0.21	rpg pc
		(b) HE	3 0.42	"
		(c) Cass	0.5 0.07	"
2	2 pr Gun (Tk A)	(a) AP	0.6 0.3	"
		(b) HE	0.8 0.2	"
3	6 pr Gun (Tk A)	(a) AP/APCBC	1.25 0.22	"
		(b) HE	0.75 0.19	"
4	25 pr Gun	(a) Normal Charge	43 1.7	"
		(b) Super Charge	4 0.2	"
		(c) HE	40 1.5	"
		(d) Smoke	3 0.2	"
		(e) AP	0.5 0.1	"
5	75 mm Howitzer	(a) HE	28.8 1.1	"(30% fused M54 (60% fused M46 or M51PD)
		(b) Smoke	3.2 0.2	"
6	5.5 in Gun	(a) Ctges for 80 lb Shell	11 0.275	"
		(b) Ctges Charge II	15 0.375	"
		(c) Ctges Charge IV	12 0.45	"
		(d) Shell 80 lbs	10 0.25	"
		(e) Shell 100 lbs	30 0.75	"
				"
7	155mm Gun M1	HE	24 1.2	"
8	3.7 in AA Gun	(a) HE	3.5 0.075	"
		(b) AP	2.5 0.125	"
9	40 mm AA Guns	(a) HE	4 1	"
		(b) AP	0.5 0.125	"

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
10	3 in Howitzer (Tk) (a) HE (b) Smoke	2.25 0.25	0.54 0.06	rdg pd
11	37mm Gun (Tk) (i) In M3 Light Tanks (a) HE (b) AP (ii) In M3 Med Tanks and Armd Cars (a) HE (b) AP	1.8 1.2 1.5 1.5	0.6 0.4 0.5 0.5	" " " "
12	75 mm Gun (Tk) (a) HE (b) AP (c) Smoke	1.5 1.2 0.3	0.5 0.4 0.1	" " "
13	.303 in Ammunition (except for weapons in AFVs) (a) Ball Mk VII-Bandolier (60%) Cased Charger (15%) Carton (19.4%) (b) Tracer (4.2%) (c) Incendiary (1.4%) Total	 1800000 450000 532000 126000 42000 3000000	 240000 60000 77600 16800 5600 400000	Per Inf Div (TS and NS) per month ($\frac{1}{2}$ rate for Armd Div)
14	.303 in Ammunition Mk VII for Vickers MG (not in AFVs)	120	15	rdg pd
15	Machine Carbine ((((	1000000 1500000	125000 125000	Per Inf Div (NS) per month ($\frac{1}{2}$ rate for Armd Div) Per Inf Div (TS) per month
16	Pistol, Revolver	6000	800	Per Inf Div (TS and NS) per month. ($\frac{1}{2}$ rate for Armd Div)
17	Pistol, Signal (((	9000 6000	900 900	Per Inf Div (NS) and Armd Div per month Per Inf Div (TS) per month SS 1/3% Illum 33 1/3% Red 33 1/3% Green

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
18	.303 in Ammunition (for Bren Guns mounted in AFVs)			
	(a) Ball Mk VII - Ground	80	10	rpg pd
	AA	37.6	4.7	"
	(b) Tracer - Ground	-	-	"
	AA	26.4	3.3	"
	(c) Incendiary - Ground	-	-	"
	AA	16	2	"
19	7.92 mm Mixed Belt (in AFVs)	80	10	"
20	.300 in Ammunition (for weapons mounted in AFVs)			
	(a) Ball - Ground	32	4	"
	AA	16	2	"
	(b) Tracer - Ground	16	2	"
	AA	32	4	"
	(c) Incendiary - Ground	-	-	"
	AA	16	2	"
	(d) AP - Ground	32	4	"
	AA	16	2	"
21	2 in Mortar Bombs			
	(a) HE	7.5	0.975	"
	(b) Smoke	2.5	0.325	"
	(c) Illuminating Signal	20	2.5	per mortar per month
	(d) Coloured Signal	10	1.3	per mortar per month. (20: each Signal Star Red, Single Star Green, Multi Star Red, Multi Star Green, Multi Star Red and Green)
22	3 in Mortar Bombs			
	(a) HE	12.8	1.6	rpg pd
	(b) Smoke	3.2	0.4	"
23	4.2 in Mortar Bombs			
	(a) HE	450	56.25	per mortar per month
	(b) Smoke	50	6.25	" " "
23	2 in Bomb Thrower (AFVs)	2	0.5	rpg pd
24	Bombs PIAT	3	0.4	"
25	Grenades Band No 36M	10000	2500	per Inf Div (TS and RS) per month (1/2 rate for Arm Div)

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
26	Grenades Rifle No 36M	2500	650	per Inf Div (TS and NS) per month ($\frac{1}{2}$ rate for Armd Div)
27	Grenades Hand No 69	2500	650	" " " "
28	Grenades Rifle No 63 Smoke	2000	500	" " " "
29	Grenades Rifle No 69	2500	500	" " " "
30	Grenades No 75	2500	500	" " " "
31	Grenades Hand No 77 Smoke	2500	500	" " " "
32	Bombs Incendiary 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs	500	50	" " " "
33	Generators Smoke No 8	0.2	0.05	rps pd