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Commonwealth Military Forces unit war
diaries, 1939-45 War

Item number: 8/3/13

2/13 Infantry Battalion

August 1943

ORIGINAL

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted.)

8 NOV 1944

Unit 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From.....To.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY			The first few days of August were spent in camp construction and settling down in the new area. Lt-Col ROWEN (37/52Bn) gave us valuable assistance. Anti-malarial precautions were enforced strictly and offr inspections held nightly. CAPT COOPER was appointed 9 Div fostering offr to foster in the remainder of the Div.	Appx D
	3 Aug 43		Trg instruction, number 1, issued giving outlined syllabus of trg. Four whole days to be spent away from camp each week. Amphibious trg commenced and coys practiced embarking and debarking on LCIs. These coys ^{APDs} will be used by us now instead of LCVPs. APDs will also be used for the assault wave, each APD carrying approx 140 men, who land from four LCV type barges from the APD. Tables are being prepared for loading of personnel and stores on the various types of craft.	Appx D " D
	10 Aug		Exercise WAGGA WAGGA was carried out. 2/13 Bn formed an independent gp complete with sp arms. APDs were NOT available for this exercise, so the assault wave, B and C coys, transferred by rope ladder from the LCIs into LCVP, to represent the barges from the APDs. The first ldg was NOT a success as craft did NOT come in on correct timing and places, so the Bde Comd ordered a repeat. This was carried out successfully and a small perimeter and beachhead was secured and stores and sp arms unloaded off the LCTs. Owing to American camps in the area the ground was NOT suitable for an exercise of this nature. However much was learnt on this first exercise which showed the great difficulties to overcome in amphibious ldgs, and also the importance of split second timing. Coy trg continued on a very rigorous policy, including long route marches in mountain jungle country. The tps quickly became used to the conditions and found that the actual jungle country was NOT as severe as the jungle country around KAIRI.	" D
	16 Aug		Conference of Bn hp for exercise STRINGER BEACH.	" C
	17 "		Exercise number 2, STRINGER BEACH, was carried out embarking and ldg on the same beach. The exercise was carried out very smoothly. Coys were employed in the same roles as the previous exercise. Perimeter was formed	" C

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MILNE BAY	17 Aug 43		very quickly and all sp arms landed and in posn ready to fire. The Bde Comd observed the exercise and was very pleased with its progress. Exercise was concluded at 1200 hrs and B and C coys continued during the afternoon with practice on the APDs. The best drill is being worked out for climbing down the rope ladders into the assault barges. Preparation over the next few days was made for the divisional exercise on NORMANBY ISLAND. This exercise was intended to be a full dress rehearsal for our coming Ops.	
	19 Aug		CO held an orders conference at Bn HQ for Bn gp. Role of the Bn gp is the same as for the other exercises. The Bn gp will make a separate ldg on the right of the main div ldg. Our beach will be marked with yellow markers and known as YELLOW BEACH. Lt HERMAN KOHLER, 532 ESB next will travel with the assault coys, and be responsible for the beach marking. Stores, eqpt and guns were loaded on the LCTs during the afternoon.	
	20 Aug		Lt CAPT FAIRBARN is director of Bn gp loading of stores and eqpt on LCTs. Bn gp embarked on APDs and LCIs at STRINGER BEACH and was fully loaded by 0930 hrs, and the convoy moved out into the bay. Rationing aboard the LCIs was rather difficult and depended entirely on individual arrangement with each ships captain. Tps on the APDs were however completely catered for by the ship and very well looked after.	
	21 "		Exercise COCONUT was carried out successfully and according to plan. All objectives were reached early and contact made on the left flank by C coy with the 2/15 Bn by patrol. Heavy rain started shortly after H hr which added realism and presented difficulties which had NOT been met before. It was found that reports did NOT come in from coys as early as was expected. L/T was est quickly in spite of the swampy ground. The exercise was concluded at 1130 hrs and the Bn gp assembled on the beach to await the craft. Craft arrived and embarkation was complete by 1400 hrs and the convoy moved back to MILNE BAY, disembarking on beaches 1 and 2 at approx 1800 hrs. Bn marched back to camp leaving a guard on stores and eqpt on the beach.	
	23 "		From now on intense trg and preparation was carried out for forthcoming Ops. The CO attended many conferences at Div and Bde Hqs. LOB gp was nominated; (OC, MAJ GILLAN) and departed on LSTs on 24 Aug.	

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MILNE BAY	23 ^{Aug} 23	43	Packs, valises and unwanted stores and eqpt were taken by LOB gp to BUNA. The Int Sec prepared a sand table model of the ground for the Op from existing maps and photographs which were issued. The strictest security was maintained throughout the whole planning period. The IO lectured the whole bn gp by pls and dets on the sand table, and the value of this evidenced later. Coys spent what time there was available in practising drills for forming perimeters on ldg and on any other points on trg which were thought necessary. B and C coys made another run to NORMANBY ISLAND on APD, to perfect the drill of assault ldg.	
	29 "		Bn marched to TURNBULL AIRSTRIP to take part in the Bde parade for t-Gen HERRING. The Gen addressed the parade and spoke of the early work done by 5 AF and the part they had played in early Ops in NG. The Bde then marched past in coin. Final preparations continued for POSTERN op.	Appx D
	31 "		At 1400 hrs the CO called an orders conference and OO number 6 (POSTERN) was issued. Final details were discussed for the Op, by all branches of the gp. The CO stressed that there would be no further conference before the ldg and wished all present "good luck!" He also stressed that promulgation of the orders to tps and destinations etc, would NOT be carried out until the last embarkation, prior to the actual ldg.	" D9C
			<p><i>J. Hume St</i> I.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn</p>	
			<p><i>H. Hume</i> Col. Comd. 2/13 Aust. Inf. Bn.</p>	

MESSAGE FORM

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TO ALL Coys 1.0 QM T.O

FROM Bn HQ	Originator's Number 9117	Date 23	In Reply to Number
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COs	conference	will	be	held	Bn HQ
1030	hrs	24	Aug	()	m
addition	following	Officers	attend	heads	JORY
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COYS S/SJT HEAD

FROM

BN HQ

Originator's Number

9/23

Date

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In Reply to Number

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H. E. McDonald

Head

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TO

COYS S/SJT HEAD

FROM

BN HQ

Originator's Number

Q 71

Date

11

In Reply to Number

<i>Sec</i>	<i>9 am</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>area</i>
<i>this</i>	<i>morning</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>tents</i>	<i>will</i>
<i>be</i>	<i>rolled</i>	<i>back</i>	<i>during</i>	<i>fine</i>	<i>weather</i>
<i>inspection</i>	<i>lines</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>ready</i>	<i>for</i>
<i>occupied</i>	<i>○</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>personnel</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>be</i>

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Overlay to Appx 'A' 20 Aust Inf Bde Objective.
Yellow Beach.



Int Sec.
2/13 Bn.
31 Aug 43.

TEL AVIV 20 AUST INF BDE OBJECTIVES

YELLOW BEACH

APPROX. SCALE: 1 IN = 300 YDS



YELLOW BEACH

LEGEND

- llll RAIN FOREST
- COCONUTS
- //// KUNAI
- v v v SWAMPS
- - - TRACKS
- ~ 1ST OBJECTIVE
- ~ 2ND OBJECTIVE
- - - ALTERNATIVE 3RD OBJECTIVE

3 Aug 43

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2/13 AVST INF BN TRO INSTN NO.1.

GENERAL.

As from ³ Aug 43 work on camp construction will cease except in special cases when parties will be detailed from Duty Coys. Training will commence on 5th Aug 43 on the lines set out below.

It is possible that special training will be carried out next week. If so, the subjects included in coy syllabi will be carried out at earliest opportunity.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING. Coys will submit a brief working syllabus for week ending 9 Aug 43 by 1800 hrs 8 Aug 43.

The following trg will be included:-

Advanced Bayonet Training
Fire control and discipline
Indication and recognition of targets
Observation of enemy from high ground and trees
Camouflage (personal and defensive area)
Fighting and recon patrols in difficult country against enemy.
Moving of eng tracks (opposed)
Long, whole-day marches in difficult country including climbing heights with man-loads.

At least 4 whole days will be spent away from camp.

INFORMATION OF LOCAL SITUATION. All officers are directed to make themselves familiar in every respect with SW PACIFIC situation, topography and enemy. The BNIO will arrange times daily for officers to visit "I" Office to examine the considerable amount of malinkaka valuable and interesting information which has been collected.

All information gained through this source will be imparted to troops by pl comds next day.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH INTERPRETATION CLASSES. All officers will attend classes on aerial photograph interpretation to be arranged by I.O. Syndicates will be by coys No 1 to No 5 - A Coy to HQ Coy. At least four classes will be held for each syndicate at times and dates to be notified by Bn I.O.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS DURING TRAINING. Pl Comds must now realise their responsibilities towards the men under their command and begin immediately in an untiring effort to fit both themselves and their men tactically and physically for battle. They must train and fit themselves TO KILL JAPS.

Troops must be impressed with the necessity for serious training and rigid discipline during exercises, movement and rest.

R. J. Somerville
(R. J. SOMERVILLE)

Capt,
Adjt.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/13 AUST INF BN

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col G E COLVIN, DSO, Commanding
Part 1.

No. 543

4 Aug 43.

1. DUTIES:
- | | | |
|---------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Duty Coy 4/5 Aug 43 | | H Q Coy |
| Bn Ord Offr " | | Lieut E L JORY. |
| Duty Coy 5/6 Aug 43 | | A Coy |
| Bn Ord Offr " | | Lieut WCJ HEDGER. |
| Duty Coy 6/7 Aug 43 | | B Coy. |
| Bn Ord Offr " | | Lieut J W RYAN. |

2. DAILY ROUTINE -

Bugle Calls: The following times will be adhered to:

REVEILLE	0630 hrs
BREAKFAST	0730
LUNCH	1230
EVENING MEAL	1700
RETREAT	1730
OFFERS' MESS	1800
FIRST POST	2130
LAST POST	2200
LIGHTS OUT	2215

3. CENSORSHIP-

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

Number, rank, name
Unit

AIF AUSTRALIA

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

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

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

4. BATHING - Personnel will not bathe before 0630 or after 1730 hrs.
5. NATIVES - The natives do not like being called "George". The correct term to use is "boy".
6. AMENITIES - Mobile cinema will periodically give screenings in central locations. Further particulars will be given later.

7. POSTAL - Money will NOT be transmitted through the post.

8. Statement of Regimental Funds as at 31 Jul 43:-

Balance as at 1 Jul	£895	2	1
Receipts for month from Canteen discounts		66	12 6
		<u>961</u>	<u>14 7</u>

Expenditure for month:-

Torches, batteries & globes	£8	1	7
Fruit	107	13	3
Carbide	8	3	9
Cakes & Rolls	31	2	11
Newspapers	5	16	8
Milk	43	18	0
Worcestershire Saucy	7	14	0
Salt		18	0
Debit note for Returnable /containers	5	12	6
		<u>219</u>	<u>0 8</u>

Balance of funds as at 31 Jul	£742	13	11
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 (R J SOMERVILLE) Capt
 Adj.

2/13 AUST INF IN

STANDING ORDERS (ADMINISTRATIVE) MILNE BAY AREA

1. GENERAL. These orders are issued for MILNE BAY AREA but may become applicable in other base areas of NEW GUINEA where the unit may be located.
They will be promulgated to all ranks.
2. MALARIA SUPPRESSION AND CONTROL.
 - (a) The necessity for strict supervision of anti-malarial discipline cannot be over emphasised. It concerns every individual officer, NCO and soldier and no relaxation of the measures laid down hereunder will be permitted.
 - (b) Atebrin. All personnel in this area will take one Atebrin tablet per day, six days per week (will NOT be taken on SUNDAYS). This tablet will be taken in accordance with current instructions, but will NOT be taken on an empty stomach.
 - i. All ranks will be warned that failure to take Atebrin can be positively detected by a chemical test and will be severely punished.
 - ii. Cases of refusal to take Atebrin as laid down in sub para (i) above will NOT be disposed of summarily but will be tried by Court Martial. Tps are also to be warned that the taking of quinine instead of Atebrin will afford NO defence to a charge of failing to take Atebrin.
 - (c) Insect Repellant Lotion, will be used by all ranks when not under net from 1730 hrs daily. The lotion will be applied to the forearms, hands, face and neck. The lotion should be renewed every three hours. This lotion is difficult to obtain and will be used economically.
 - (d) Dress.
 - i. Wearing of shorts and short sleeve shirts is strictly forbidden.
 - ii. Long trousers and shirts will be worn at all times except where personnel are directly engaged in heavy manual labour, when shirts may be removed but they will be replaced immediately personnel cease work. In any case shirts will only be removed on the order of an officer.
 - iii. Sleeves of shirts will be rolled down and puttees worn by 1730 hrs daily or at the evening meal whichever is the earlier.
 - iv. Rolling up trousers legs is prohibited at all times.
 - v. On no account will personnel be permitted to go bare footed. Boots will be worn at all times
 - (e) Bathing and Showers. Personnel will NOT bathe before 0630 hrs or after 1730 hrs.
 - (f) Spraying of tents. Coys will ensure that all tents and huts in their lines are thoroughly spr-ayed with fly-spray immediately after reveille and at dusk. Tents will be closed for 20 minutes after spraying. Spraying will be carried out by coy Malarial Squads.

2. (Continued)

(g) Mosquito Nets. All personnel will sleep under a mosquito net which will be tucked in under the blankets. Nets will be erected before 1700 hrs daily. All personnel will be responsible that their mosquito nets are kept in good order. Daily inspection of nets will be carried out by Coy Malarial Squads.

(h) Piquets and Sentries will wear gloves and mosquito veils in addition to applying repellent lotion.

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

(j) Duties of Coy Malarial Squads:

i. Each coy will appoint anti-malarial squad of 1 NCO and 2 ORs.

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

iii. The work of these squads will be supervised by Bn Anti-Malarial NCO.

iv. NCO will prepare a map of unit area and divide this area into 6 parts.

v. Water lying in these divisions will be sprayed daily in rotation if pools cannot be filled in or drained.

vi. Latrines will be sprayed daily with malarial.

vii. Grass to be cut back from edges and sides of slit trenches.

viii. If slit trenches cannot be drained they will be bailed out weekly and sprayed with malarial.

ix. Slit trenches will be sprayed with mosquito spray daily

x. Drains in unit area will be kept freely running sides will be straightened and vegetation cut back from sides.

(k) Duties of Bn Anti-Malarial NCO.

i. He will visit each coy area and supervise work of coy squads.

ii. He will set out tasks for coy squads and see that such work is carried out.

iii. Supervise stocks of mosquito spray, malarial and hand pumps.

iv. Supervise traffic control to eliminate wheel ruts.

v. Carry out regular inspection of unit mosquito nets.

vi. Supervise all anti-malarial measures in Bn

vii. He will maintain closest liaison with RMO in the control of malaria.

3. CENSORSHIP. For security reasons it is obviously necessary to do everything possible to prevent the enemy from learning the location or movements of units or formations.

(a) Tps may mention their arrival in NEW GUINEA only under the following circumstances:-

i. After ground contact with the enemy.

ii. After one month in NEW GUINEA.

All officers when franking letters will see that this is adhered to.

(b) It is not possible to frame regulations in anticipation of all the minor problems and questions which may arise, but the intention of the above instruction is quite clear and for the safety of the whole, all ranks are expected to assist in carrying out this instruction and NOT to seek devious ways of evading it.

(c) The following are a few of the subjects which must not be mentioned or even hinted at:-

i. The actual location of the unit in the NEW GUINEA area.

ii. A visit to any particular place

iii. Air Raids

iv. No indication of damage or casualties on any particular day or circumstances of a raid.

v. Any discussion in correspondence about air raids must conform to the text of official communiques and newspaper reports. Radio news or newspaper reports should be quoted to prevent the inference that the writers source of information is from personal observation. This precaution will be taken to prevent deletion by censors in AUSTRALIA.

(d) No mention will be made of casualties of any kind until at least five weeks after such casualties have taken place.

(e) Details of operations, own or enemy, or results thereof will NOT be mentioned.

(f) No mention must be made of types of training.

4. RELATIONS WITH NATIVES.

(a) The following unsatisfactory relations between tps and natives will NOT be tolerated:-

i. Any tendency to fraternise to an undesirable extent e.g. natives moving freely in unit lines or entering tents and huts occupied by white personnel or loitering near kitchens.

ii. Promiscuous bathing including frolicking together in the water.

iii. Vehicles will NOT carry both white and native personnel nor will vehs give natives lifts.

(b) The following are maximum prices to be paid to natives for souvenirs, foodstuffs etc:-

Bananas	1/- per bunch	SIPORA	3d per doz
Eggs	1/- " Doz	(Limes)	-
Fowls	1/6 to 2/6 ea.	Baskets	3/- to 8/-
Mandarins	9d per doz	Beads	1/- to 2/-
Mangoes	3d to 6d doz	(String)	-
Paw Paws	1/- to 2/- doz	Bows	3/- to 4/-
Pineapples	3 or 4 per 1/-	Arrows	2 for 1/-
(according to size)		Canoes (models)	2/- to 3/-
Potatoes (sweet)	2d per lb.	Combs (Wooden)	1/- to 2/-
Pumpkins	2d to 3d ea.	Ganas	6d to 1/-
Ramies	3/-	(Armbands wide)	-
(Grass skirts course)		Ramies	5/- (grass
Sticks	5/- tp 15/-	skirts fine, coloured)	-
(Manila Walking)		Spoons	6d each.

4. (Continued).

- (c) Trading with natives using army rations for curios, food-stuffs etc, is forbidden and is an offence under AA 24 and DA 79.
- (d) Natives do not like being called "George". The correct term is "boy".

5. BATHING IN CREEKS. Owing to the necessity of protecting the health of troops in this area and the fact that water is drawn for drinking purposes at various points on creeks, notices are erected at all points where bathing is prohibited. These notices will be strictly obeyed.

Natives are not allowed to bathe in creeks except in the native camp area at BARAGA. Tps will remove natives found bathing in any other creek. Under no circumstances will tps bathe in the same creeks as natives.

Tps will not walk round the banks of creeks barefooted owing to the risk of contracting hook worm, boots will be put on immediately tps leave the water.

6. MEDICAL. Swimming. When swimming personnel will endeavour to keep the head above water. Constant immersion of the head causes a growth in the ear known as Coral Ear and is very painful.

Foot Inspection. Foot inspections will be carried out at least twice weekly. Tinea is very prevalent in this area. Personnel contracting tinea must report ~~immediately~~ to RAP for treatment.

Treatment will not be given at RAP except in urgent cases at times other than at regular sick parades.

7. WATER SUPPLY.

- (a) Water will ONLY be drawn from established water points.
- (b) All water issued from water points is super-chlorinated.
- (c) Owing to the demand for water, it is not possible in the time available to permit detasting. Detasting will be carried out under unit arrangements.

8. FELLING OF COCONUT TREES

- (a) Indiscriminate felling of coconut trees for material for jobs IS NOT PERMITTED.
- (b) Coconut Palms may be felled only with the permission of the Commanding Officer.

9. POSTAL.

- (a) Postal Rates. Postage rates for letters to the mainland are:

Airmail	3d
Air Letter Card	1d
Ordinary	Free
Parcels	As those which apply in AUSTRALIA
- (b) Telegrams Telegrams lodged in this area are fwded to the mainland by air. Personnel are advised to use the airmail letter service in preference to the lodgment of telegrams.
- (c) Postal Notes. Postal Notes to the value of £5: 0: 0 is the limit of scale to any one individual in one transaction over a period of 14 days
- (d) Money in the form of notes or coins will NOT be transmitted through the post

10. CAMP BOUNDS. LEAVE. For the present no personnel will be permitted to leave the camp area unless on duty and then only on duties authorised by this HQ.

All AIR STRIPS and AIR FORCE INSTALLATIONS are strictly OUT OF BOUNDS

All native villages and camps are OUT OF BOUNDS to all tps except those on duty.

11. LIGHTING OF FIRES. No fires will be lit except those required for the kitchens or for burning out of refuse pits.

12. SALVAGE.

- (a) Owing to the difficulty of supply, the conservation of eqpt etc., and the collection of all salvageable material is of utmost importance. Special attention must be paid to the salvage of warlike stores, rubber and containers.
- (b) MILNE FORCE Salvage Unit is located at northern end of Route 2 (411443). The collection of salvage within unit area will be the responsibility of coys who will deliver it to QM.
- (c) Items of salvage which have been collected in the Salvage Depot are available to units.
QM will requisition for items required, and held by the Salvage, on form W.108. W.108 must be signed by an officer.
- (d) The following are returnable containers:-
 - 44 gal petrol (incl aviation
Diesel Oil)
Engine Oil) To be returned to empty drum
Malarinol) dump on Route 2 (417437)
Fly Spray)
 - 4 gal petrol) To be replaced drum for drum
Malarinol) when drawing supplies.
- (e) All containers must be complete with bungs and washers when being returned.

13. ROAD DISCIPLINE.

- (a) Considerable difficulty is being experienced in this area in maintaining roads in a trafficable condition. Bad driving and carelessness cuts up the roads and makes road maintenance more difficult.
- (b) TO will ensure that all drivers are instructed in careful driving and that drs are informed of the following instn:-
 - i. The max speed limit in MILNE BAY area is 20 mph
 - ii. Routes 1, 2, 3 and 4 are classified as main roads.
 - iii. Traffic on main roads has right of way at all times.
 - iv. The dr of any veh before entering a main road will slow down and change to second gear.
 - v. When 2 vehs arrive simultaneously at an intersection not being an intersection of a main road with a road other than a main road, the drs will give way to the veh on the right.
 - vi. Drs of unloaded vehs will give way to loaded vehs travelling on the same road.
 - vii. Drs will park vehs clear of the road way.
 - viii. Vehs, when parked, will be dispersed as far as the nature of the area allows.
 - ix. Vehs proceeding along roads will be maintained at dispersal distance and will NOT be closed up.
 - x. All vehs will be driven as closely as is practicable, having regard for sub para (ix) above.
- (c) Natives will not be carried in the front seat of vehs alongside driver.
- (d) All personnel being conveyed by MT will be carried inside the back of the veh, in no circumstances will personnel be allowed to ride on the running boards
- (e) Offrs will only drive vehs in cases of emergency.
- (f) The following regulations are designed to ensure the maximum safety for all A/C using TURNBULL FIELD:-
 - i. No veh will be driven along the side of the strip while A/C are taking off or landing.
 - ii. At all times vehs will be driven along the strip as far away from the metal strip as possible.

13. (Continued)

- iii. All vehs approaching the strip from any side rd will slow down and come to a complete stop before entering the strip and look at the control tower.
- iv. If a RED light is given ALL vehs will remain stationary and WILL NOT proceed until a GREEN light is given.
- v. No vehs are to be driven along the metal strip without special authority from the Control Offr.
- vi. All drs are to proceed along the side of strip with caution, particularly during hours of darkness, as it is impossible to give controlling lights to drs when A/C are directly behind them.

14. SECURITY. (To be read in conjunction with Security Instruction No.1)

It is most important at this stage that all war equipment on charge to Coys be inspected as frequently as possible and kept in a serviceable condition for battle.

The following will apply:-

- (a) All weapons to be inspected daily.
- (b) All controlled stores, other than weapons, to be checked at least once weekly.
- (c) Particular attention will be paid to the safe custody of Binoculars, compasses, watches etc.
- (d) Coy Comds will render certificates to Bn HQ by 0900 hrs each FRIDAY stating that all controlled stores and weapons on charge to them have been personally sighted, checked and found to be correct in quantity and serviceability.
- (e) Personnel will NOT be evacuated from this unit, until the coys have been notified and any controlled stores on issue to them withdrawn.

Flowerville

Capt,
Adjt.

DISTRIBUTION

- All Coys
- QM
- RMO
- I.O.
- T.O.
- Comd
- 2 i/c
- Adjt
- 20 Aust Inf Bde (2)
- RSM
- File
- War Diary
- Spare (4)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
2/13 AUST INF BN
ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col G E COLVIN, DSO, Commanding
Part 1.

No. 543

4 Aug 43.

1. DUTIES: Duty Coy 4/5 Aug 43 H Q Coy
Bn Ord Offr " Lieut E L JORY.
- Duty Coy 5/6 Aug 43 A Coy
Bn Ord Offr " Lieut WCJ HEDGER.
- Duty Coy 6/7 Aug 43 B Coy.
Bn Ord Offr " Lieut J W RYAN.

2. DAILY ROUTINE -

Bugle Calls: The following times will be adhered to:

REVEILLE	0630 hrs
BREAKFAST	0730
LUNCH	1230
EVENING MEAL	1700
RETREAT	1730
OFFRS' MESS	1800
FIRST POST	2130
LAST POST	2200
LIGHTS OUT	2215

3. CENSORSHIP-

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

Number, rank, name
Unit

ATF AUSTRALIA

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

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

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

4. BATHING - Personnel will not bathe before 0630 or after 1730 hrs.
5. NATIVES - The natives do not like being called "George". The correct term to use is "boy".
6. AMENITIES - Mobile cinema will periodically give screenings in central locations. Further particulars will be given later.

7. POSTAL - Money will NOT be transmitted through the post.

8. Statement of Regimental Funds as at 31 Jul 43:-

Balance as at 1 Jul		£895	2	1
Receipts for month from Canteen discounts		66	12	6
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		961	14	7

Expenditure for month:-				
Torches, batteries & globes	£8	1	7	
Fruit	107	13	3	
Carbide	8	3	9	
Cakes & Rolls	31	2	11	
Newspapers	5	16	8	
Milk	43	18	0	
Worcestershire Sauce	7	14	0	
Salt		18	0	
Debit note for Returnable /containers	5	12	6	
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		219	0	8

Balance of funds as at 31 Jul		£742	13	11
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.....*R J Somerville*.....Capt
 (R J SOMERVILLE) Adjt.

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EXPERIMENTAL ASSIGNMENT TABLE - EXERCISE 6 AUG 43
USING TWO L.C.I.

NO.1 L.C.I. WILL PRACTICE WAVE Nos 1 & 2
NO.2 L.C.I. WILL PRACTICE WAVE Nos.3,4,5.

WAVE NO. 1	WAVE NO. 2	WAVE NO. 3	WAVE NO. 4	WAVE NO. 5
B Coy, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn 118	A Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn 116	C Coy, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn 113	1 Tp 62 Bty 2/12 Aust Fd Regt 49	D Coy, 2/13 Aust Inf Bn 115
<u>Recce:</u>	<u>Plus attached:</u>	<u>Plus Attached:</u>	1 sec of Tp Lt AA 6	<u>Plus Attached</u>
RAA Recce Party Fd 4	Sigs 4	Sigs 4	RAE 70	Sigs 4
RAA Recce Party AA 2	SBs 4	SBs 4	Lt ADS, 2/8 Fd Amb 35	SBs 4
RAE Recce Party 4	'I' Sec 1	'I' Sec 1		'I' Sec 1
<u>Attached to B Coy</u>	2 Dets Mortars 10	2 Dets Mortars 10		<u>HQ Coy -</u>
Sigs 4	1 Sec MMGs 14			Coy HQ 13
SBs 4	<u>Duplicate HQ</u>	<u>Bn HQ</u>		2 Dets Mortars 10
'I' Sec 1	2 i/c 1	Bn Comd 1		No. 6 Pl 28
Tk A Pl as Riflemen 3	I.O. 1	Adjutant 1		<u>Bn HQ</u>
	'I' Sec 2	Batmen 2		Padre 1
	Batmen 2	Clerk 1		Batman 1
	Med. Orderlies 2	'I' Sjt 1		
	SBs 2	'I' Sec 3		
	RMO 1	RSM 1		
	Batman (RMO) 1	RP's 5		
	RP Sjt and RP 2	Orderlies -		
	Clerk 1	LMG No, 1 Sig Ord 2		
	Bde Sigs 1	<u>HQ Coy</u>		
	HQ Coy	Sig Offr 1		
	Pnr Offr, Cpl and 8 10	Sigmn 7		
	Mortar Pl HQ 11	Pnr Sjt, Cpl and 8 10		
	MMG Pl HQ 4	2 Dets Mortars 10		
	Sig Sjt and 4 5	1 Sec MMGs 14		
		Bde Sigs 1		
140	195	192	160	177

NOTE: Mortar detachments to be built up to 5 men each from surplus personnel in HQ Coy

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
2/13 AUST INF BN
ROUTINE ORDERS
BY

Lt-Col G E COLVIN, DSO, Commanding
Part 1.

No. 544

7 Aug 43.

1. DUTIES :
- Duty Coy 7/8 Aug 43C Coy
Bn Ord Offr"Lieut K J HALL.
 - Duty Coy 8/9 Aug 43D Coy
Bn Ord Offr"Lieut A S THOMSON
 - Duty Coy 9/10 Aug 43HQ Coy
Bn Ord Offr "Lieut W B
BIRMINGHAM.

2. PROMULGATION -Sentence by Court Martial.

DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL- NX80759 Pte Norman Charles WAKE, 2/13 AUST INF BN.
A DCM convened by Maj-Gen G F WOOTTEN Comd 9 AUST DIV was held in the field on 19 Jul 43 for the trial of NX80759 Pte Norman Charles WAKE, 2/13 AUST INF BN.

The accused was charged with:-

FIRST CHARGE WOAS disobeying a lawful command given by his superior AA Sec 9(2) officer in that he in the field WOAS on 3 Jun 43 when ordered by Sjt CHOWNE A "Double March" said "I will not do it" and did not do so.

SECOND CHARGE WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he in the AA Sec 15(1) field WOAS on 3 Jun 43 was absent without leave at 1820 hrs.

THIRD CHARGE WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he in the AA Sec 15(1) field WOAS and under open arrest absented himself without leave from his unit from 1200 hrs on 8 Jun 43 until 1600 hrs on 14 Jun 43.

The Court found the accused Guilty of the first and third charges and Not Guilty of the second charge.

Sentence: To suffer field punishment for seventy days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for seventy days.

The accused was two days in close arrest awaiting trial. The finding was duly confirmed on 21 Jul 43; but the confirming authority varied the sentence so that it shall be "to forfeit all ordinary pay for seventy days" and confirmed the sentence as so varied. The finding, sentence of the Court and variation thereof, were promulgated to the accused in the field on 7 Aug 43.

[Signature]
.....Capt
(R J SOMERVILLE) Adjt.

NOTICE.

LOST: On Route 2, WRIST WATCH (Ebel-Water Proof) Case No. 22817, belonging to L/Sjt WILLIAMS RJ, HQ Coy.

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Subject: CHRISTMAS CARDS.

2/13 AUGUST 1945
8 AUG 45.
Ref: 230/1/159

ALL COYS
B/SIC READ.

In order to obtain a suitable design for a Battalion News Card, it has been decided to call for designs from members of the Battalion. The member or members submitting the most suitable design will be given a prize of £2. The following conditions will apply:-

- (a) suggested designs to be submitted to HQ 10 B Coy later than 15 Aug 45.
- (b) a selected committee will decide the most suitable design.
- (c) suggestions may be submitted by one or more individuals.
- (d) before submitting designs, thought should be given to the difficulties which might arise in printing if the design is complicated--the required design should have originality and simplicity.

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(J S BARRVILLE)

WD

Subject: War Diary.

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

20 AUST INF BDE.

Ref. 20 AUST INF BDE I.23/3/189 dated 2 Aug 43 the following information is submitted:

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

NOTE

- (a) Total number of reinforcements received to date 32 Offrs. 849 ORs.
- (b) Of the 23 offrs shown in (3) above, 14 were commissioned in MIDDLE EAST.
- (c) In addition to the figures shown in (5) above the following offrs were seconded within 9 AUST DIV from Jul 42 to 5 Nov 42:-

Capt P S WALSH - GSO(111) (CW) - 9 AUST DIV.
 Capt A J HILL - GSO(111) (O) do.
 Lieut R W HESLOP - 20 AUST INF BDE - LO
 Lieut P B MARTIN - do.
 Capt G D EVANS - GSO(111) (I) - 9 AUST DIV.


Lt-Col
 (G E COLVIN) Comd.

Aug 10 Exercise Wagga Wagga

LCI representing APDs.

Practice in loading & CTs

Exercise done twice.

Range practices Rifle over
mountain pt shoots on Lanta Range

B+C coys practice embarking & disembarking
from APD on Barge.

15 Standing orders for amphibious ops. (armed.
17 (Aug) 5th Army Beach landing).

19 Orders conf for account exercise.

20 Bn group embarked by 0900 on LCI & APDs
Ops well looked after on APDs.

21 All according to plan all objectives reached.
By rain shortly after 4th, many losses
were incurred - good experience for actual
ops.

Concluded 430 - reembarkation complete
by 1400 - moved back to ^{1200 hrs} Gt. Lumber bar &
disembarked on beaches 10-20 & marched
back to camp.

23 Packs & cables ~~repacked~~ to be loaded on
LSTs for Buna. Sand Table & photos ^{Posters}

24 10 spp left for Buna.

26? C & B? coys practice again on APDs.

29 Kerridge's Ide on Lumbull ship. Kerridge
addressed the Ops spoke of the early HQ of the
& development of 5 AF.

Bde then marched post in coln.

31 orders issued for ^{of} Posters

10 Aug 43.

All Coys
Dn HQ.

The following extracts from NG FORCE WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY are issued on the scale of one per pl and will be promulgated to all ranks:

" SECURITY. The following extracts dealing with the JAP treatment of both BRITISH and INDIAN PW in BURMA have been taken from a GHQ INDIA SUMMARY:-

' All reports from escaped PW abound in instances of inhumane treatment and utter cruelty on the part of the JAP towards helpless men. YENANGYUANG Cage was the scene of many cold blooded murders of our PW. One party of about 300 BRITISH and INDIAN prisoners of war was collected at this place on 18 and 19 Mar 42. The prisoners were stripped to their vests and pants, their hands having been tied behind their backs, they were beaten, kicked and finally driven, still bound, into small rooms in which they were hopelessly overcrowded. They were then left there for three days without food or water. Several died of thirst. A BRITISH officer and two SIKH IORs who also begged for water were allowed to drink from a nearby river and then shot. During the night it rained; a little water came through the roof. The JAP however came and shot those who were trying to drink from these leaks. 30 men who collapsed from exhaustion, were kicked and then bayoneted by the JAPS.

At KYIATO an eye witness saw wounded PW being loaded onto damaged lorries which were then set on fire by the JAPS.

Almost invariably prisoners on first capture were stripped of their personal belongings, and of the great majority of their clothing. Their hands were tied and they were generally denied food, and often water for anything up to three days. Prisoners were frequently bound to trees.

Cases have been reported of cow's meat being offered to HINDUS during this period of starvation and of pork being forced into the mouths of bound and starving MOSLEMS. Beating, slapping and kicking were the invariable lot of prisoners on first capture. There were well authenticated accounts of the bayoneting to death of bound PW, both BRITISH and INDIAN.

Escaped PW have returned to INDIA with scars of wounds received from JAP bayonets after capture.

" In MOULEMEIN gaol, the general ill-treatment of prisoners continued throughout their stay there. They had to dispose of their own night soil and rubbish. The majority had only singlets and pants and were without any form of footwear. Bedding consisted of a torn sack. The PW were made to work on the airfield and, both inside and outside the gaol were constantly kicked and beaten.

Towards the middle of 1942, the PW were transferred by sea to RANGOON. A havildar, who had dysentery, was thrown overboard alive by the JAPS and it is believed that others shared the same fate. RANGOON gaol became the main PW Camp in BURMA until labour camps were opened on the BURMA RD. After a period of some weeks when the JAPS calculated that the resistance of the prisoners must have been greatly lowered, the propaganda began in earnest. Their general theme was that the INDIAN PW in HONGKONG and MALAYA had unhesitatingly joined the so-called Indian National Army whose task it was to secure the independence of INDIA. The PW in RANGOON gaol were urged to join this traitor army and carry out any tasks ordered by their JAP masters. Some were even told they would be shot if they did not join. The JAP had however miscalculated the loyalty of the great majority of the PW who refused to fall in with the JAPS and who, having seen JAP behaviour in BURMA could not tolerate the thought of the JAP being helped in any way to commit similar barbarities in INDIA on their fellow countrymen, against their own families, and against their own religion. Two BRITISH officers were flogged to unconsciousness for refusing to broadcast anti-BRITISH messages over the radio."

R. J. Somerville Capt,
Adj 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(R. J. SOMERVILLE)

EXPERIMENTAL ASSIGNMENT TABLE - EXERCISE 6 AUG 43
 USING TWO L.C.I.

LCI 182 personnel
 in Bunkers.

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NO.1 L.C.I. WILL PRACTICE WAVE Nos 1 & 2 345
 NO.2 L.C.I. WILL PRACTICE WAVE Nos. 3,4,5.

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Recce:	Plus attached:	Plus Attached:	1 sec of Tp Lt AA 6	Plus Attached
RAA Recce Party Fd 4	Sigs 4	Sigs 4	RAE 70	Sigs 4
RAA Recce Party AA 2	SDs 4	SDs 4	Lt ADS, 2/8 Fd Amb 35	SDs 4
RAE Recce Party 4	'I' Sec <i>WARD</i> 1	'I' Sec <i>chris</i> 1	<i>Foo party</i> 5	'I' Sec <i>hampley</i> 1
Attached to B Coy	2 Dets Mortars 10	2 Dets Mortars 10		HQ Coy -
Sigs 4	1 Sec MMGs 14			Coy HQ 13
SDs 4	Duplicate HQ	Bn HQ		2 Dets Mortars 10
'I' Sec <i>Thomas</i> 1	2 i/c 1	Bn Comd 1		No. 6 Pl 28
Tk A Pl as Riflemen 3	I.O. 1	Adjutant 1		Bn HQ
	'I' Sec <i>of table of, Bunkers, 10000.</i> 2	Batmen 2		Padre 1
	Datmen 2	Clerk 1		Datman 1
	Med. Orderlies 2	'I' Sjt <i>Loftis Gumbell</i> 1		
	SDs 2	'I' Sec <i>Powers Shuffo.</i> 3		
	RMO 1	RSM 1		
	Batman (RMO) 1	RP 5		
	RP Sjt and RP 2	Orderlies -		
	Clerk 1	LMG No, 1 Sig Ord 2		
	Bde Sigs 1	HQ Coy		
	HQ Coy	Sig Offr 1		
	Pnr Offr, Cpl and 8 10	Sigmn 7		
	Mortar Pl HQ 11	Pnr Sjt, Cpl and 8 10		
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NOTE: Mortar detachments to be built up to 5 men each from surplus personnel in HQ Coy

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2/13 AUST INF BN
12 Aug 43.

DISCIPLINE

TO: All Officers,

Your attention is again directed to the correct method of placing soldiers under arrest. For instance, an officer investigating a disturbance should take the Orderly Sjt or Orderly Cpl with him; if a soldier is to be placed under arrest the officer should order the NCO to place Pte "So and So" under arrest. If an officer considers it expedient, he should also take a file of men with him. If a disturbance occurs in a tent or barrack room, the NCO if present should also be placed under arrest.

Far too frequently have instances occurred of officers placing soldiers under arrest themselves without witnesses. Whilst no soldier should speak insubordinately to an officer under any circumstances, a soldier if placed under arrest by an officer and is insubordinate, finds himself on a very serious charge which otherwise would not have occurred had the officer carried out his duties correctly.

Officers are also in the habit of reproofing NCOs in the presence of their men. Already an NCO alleges in his evidence on oath that his officer reproofed him in the presence of his section. This practice will cease immediately. The method of dealing with NCOs is elementary. If an officer has cause to reprove an NCO, he should inform the NCO that he wishes to see him after parade.

I have issued instructions on these subjects on previous occasions. If officers persist in disobeying orders, disciplinary action will be taken against the officers concerned.

Handwritten signature: G. E. Colvin
.....Lt-Col.
(G E COLVIN) Comd.

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Subjects L O B PERSONNEL.

8/15 AMB INF BR
14 Aug. 48.
Ref: 162 / 1 / 111

ALL CUM
1/3jt HEAD
LSD Op.
48
12.

The following personnel have been selected to remain out of battle
All personnel on the following roll will be ready for movement as from
0300 hrs 15 Aug 48:

ALAN

NR00007 Lieut W F AHN	NR21070 Lieut J H SHARPE (det. HQ SO
30000 L/Opl WREN HLD	40010 AMB INF BR).
40042 Pte WRIGHT JI	40010 L/Opl JAMES OH
15000 " WATSON W	70000 Pte HARRIS SB (det. HQ SO
10000 " TUCKER HA	AMB INF BR).
01100 " WILFORD HO.	01010 Pte WATSON HO

ALAN

NR10000 Maj H C GILLAS	NR00070 Lieut R P WATTEL
10000 WO(11) RADAN JH	30700 L/Opl WILSON AH
10000 Cpl TAYLOR JB	11100 Pte GOSWAMI GN
20000 Pte HENDERSON J	10000 " DICKINSON CP (Hosp.)
07004 " RICHARDSON TD	10000 " HAMILTON BR
30007 " BROAD A	10000 " CURRINGTON C
07000 " JOEL JP	01070 " BARR CP
00001 " IRVING JL	30000 " WYMAN HA
00010 " FREEMAN JW	10000 " YOUNG JA

ALAN

NR10000 Cpl CURRINGTON LB	NR40000 Pte SPENCER ST
40000 Pte STCLAIR WOO	20010 " NEWMAN W
30010 " CLIFT L	

ALAN

NR00000 L/Opl LON J	NR00000 Cpl MURPHY JB
30000 Pte GIBSON JB	01000 Pte BROWN W
17000 " McCAFFREY W	17000 " DAVIS HA

ALAN

NR00000 Lieut R HARRIS	NR01007 L/Opl HICKMAN WY
30014 Cpl PARNHAM W	10000 Pte DUFF W
50100 Pte PARNHAM GN (Hosp.)	10017 " WILSON C - Hosp
00000 " CLIFF W	00000 " COLLIER CA

ALAN

NR00070 Lieut T W SMITH	NR10007 L/Opl WATTEL D
40000 Pte HARRISON HA	10000 Pte LYONS JU
00071 " BROWN VB (Hosp.)	10700 " KING C (Hosp.)
00010 " CARR W	37000 " SPENCE W - C 89
00010 " HENDERSON TD	00000 " SIMMONS W
07010 " WILSON W.	

Of the above, Lieut W F AHN, Pte WATSON HO, L/Opl WREN HLD and L/Opl JAMES OH may not be required to move on 15 Aug. 48.

Ammunition on the scale of 50 rds per rifle will be carried. All personal gear will be taken.

Some will

Subject: LOB PERSONNEL.

2/15, ADST INF BN
16 Aug. 63.
Ref: 6

70 Ed

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A/Adj HEAD
LOB Op.
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
2/13 AUST INF BN.
ROUTINE ORDERS
 BY

Lt-Col G E COLVIN, DSO, Commanding
 Part 1

No. 545

22 Aug. 43

1. DUTIES:
- | | | |
|-------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Duty Coy | 23/24 Aug 43 |C Coy |
| Bn Ord Offr | " |Lieut L R MacDOUG |
| Duty Coy | 24/25 Aug 43 |D Coy |
| Bn Ord Offr | " |Lieut D H GREEN |
| Duty Coy | 25/26 Aug 43 |HQ Coy |
| Bn Ord Offr | " |Lieut K S ANGEL. |

2. SAFETY RAZOR BLADES:

Stocks of razor blades held in NEW GUINEA are very low and it is anticipated that no further supplies will come forward for at least two months.

Strict economy in their use is therefore essential.

3. INCOME TAX RETURNS:

Income tax returns are not required from military personnel in NEW GUINEA provided that such personnel are not on special duty or liable to furnish a return in respect of private income.

4. USE OF FPO'S and APO'S AS A POSTAL ADDRESS:

- (1) Cases have recently come under notice where FPO's and APO's have been adopted as a postal address for soldier's correspondence.
- (2) FPO and APO addresses are on no account to be used by troops.
- (3) Officers performing censorship duties will scrutinise all addresses given, excise FPO addresses and inform the senders.

5. PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES:

Members are forbidden to communicate with the press or to give interviews for broadcasting or other media of publicity on military matters whether by correspondence, personal interviews with press representatives or by any other means except in accordance with para. 3 hereof.

Members who have been on active service may give interviews on first hand experience in battle to uniformed accredited war correspondents, provided that every proposed statement of the nature referred to in this paragraph will be submitted before publication for the approval of an officer of the Directorate of Public Relations. The publication of names of members above the rank of Lieutenant is prohibited unless specifically authorised.

No restriction is placed on members in regard to articles, stories or poems for publication in the press, in periodicals or other publications provided that these do not deal with military matters and that indication of the military rank or unit of the contributor is given.

6. PROMULGATION of Sentence by Court Martial.

VX13938 Pte Alick William LIVINGSTON -2/13 AUST INF BN.

By District Court Martial convened by Maj-Gen G F WOOTTEN GOC 9 AUST I
 VX13938 Pte Alick William LIVINGSTON was tried in the field on the 12th
 day of August 1943 on the following charges:

- (1) WOAS using insubordinate language to his superior officer in that he WOAS in the field on 31 Jul 43 at 2300 hrs used insubordinate language to Lieut E P BEVAN. AA Sec 8(2).
- (2) WOAS using insubordinate language to his superior officer in that he WOAS in the field on 1 Aug 43 at 1100hrs used insubordinate language to Lieut E P BEVAN. AA Sec 8(2).

District Court Martial VX13938 Pte Alick William LIVINGSTON (Co 1.)

(3) WAS disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer in that he WAS in the field at 1110 hrs on 1 Aug 43 when ordered to go on a working party by Licut E P BEVAN did not do so. (AA 9(2))

The Court found the accused guilty of all charges.

By sentence dated 12 Aug 43, the Court sentenced the accused to be fined the sum of Twenty Pounds (£20:0:0) and to forfeit all ordinary pay for ninety days (90).

Finding and sentence of the Court confirmed by Maj-Gen. G F WOOTEN on 14 Aug 43.

Promulgated to the accused in the field on 18 Aug 43.

The accused was not in confinement awaiting trial.

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(R J ROMERVILLE)

Capt
Adj. Gen.

NOTICE.

LOST:

Two valises marked VX12221 F W SIMPSON and NX60607 J M MALE and bearing serial No. 61095, lost during movement to this area.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
2/13 AUST INF BN.
ROUTINE ORDERS
 BY

Lt-Col G E COLVIN, DSO, Commanding
 Part 1

No. 545

22 Aug. 43

1. DUTIES:
- | | | |
|-------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Duty Coy | 23/24 Aug 43 |C Coy |
| Bn Ord Offr | " |Lieut L R MacDOUG |
| Duty Coy | 24/25 Aug 43 |D Coy |
| Bn Ord Offr | " |Lieut D H GREEN |
| Duty Coy | 25/26 Aug 43 |HQ Coy |
| Bn Ord Offr | " |Lieut K S ANGEL. |

2. SAFETY RAZOR BLADES:

Stocks of razor blades held in NEW GUINEA are very low and it is anticipated that no further supplies will come forward for at least two months.

Strict economy in their use is therefore essential.

3. INCOME TAX RETURNS:

Income tax returns are not required from military personnel in NEW GUINEA provided that such personnel are not on special duty or liable to furnish a return in respect of private income.

4. USE OF FPO's and APO's AS A POSTAL ADDRESS:

- (1) Cases have recently come under notice where FPO's and APO's have been adopted as a postal address for soldier's correspondence.
- (2) FPO and APO addresses are on no account to be used by troops.
- (3) Officers performing censorship duties will scrutinise all addresses given, excise FPO addresses and inform the senders.

5. PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCES:

Members are forbidden to communicate with the press or to give interviews for broadcasting or other media of publicity on military matters whether by correspondence, personal interviews with press representative or by any other means except in accordance with para. 3 hereof.

Members who have been on active service may give interviews on first hand experience in battle to uniformed accredited war correspondents, provided that every proposed statement of the nature referred to in this paragraph will be submitted before publication for the approval of an officer of the Directorate of Public Relations. The publications of names of members above the rank of Lieutenant is prohibited unless specifically authorised.

No restriction is placed on members in regard to articles, stories or poems for publication in the press, in periodicals or other publication provided that these do not deal with military matters and that indication of the military rank or unit of the contributor is given.

6. FROMULGATION of Sentence by Court Martial.

VX13938 Pte Alick William LIVINGSTON -2/13 AUST INF BN.

By District Court Martial convened by Maj-Gen G F WOOTTEN GOC 9 AUST VX13938 Pte Alick William LIVINGSTON was tried in the field on the 12 day of August 1943 on the following charges:

- (1) WOAS using insubordinate language to his superior officer in that he WOAS in the field on 31 Jul 43 at 2300 hrs used insubordinate language to Lieut E P BEVAN. AA Sec 8(2).
- (2) WOAS using insubordinate language to his superior officer in that he WOAS in the field on 1 Aug 43 at 1100hrs used insubordinate language to Lieut E P BEVAN. AA Sec 8(2).

District Court Martial VX13938 Pte Alick William LIVINGSTON (Cor 1.)

(3) WOAS disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer in that he WOAS in the field at 1110 hrs on 1 Aug 43 when ordered to go on a working party by Lieut E P BEVAN did not do so. (AA 9(2))

The Court found the accused guilty of all charges.

By sentence dated 12 Aug 43, the Court sentenced the accused to be fined the sum of Twenty Pounds (£20:0:0) and to forfeit all ordinary pay for ninety days (90).

Finding and sentence of the Court confirmed by Maj-Gen. G F WOOTEN on 14 Aug 43.

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The accused was not in confinement awaiting trial.

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Subject: RIFLE-GRENADA PRACTICE.

2/13 AUST INF BN

24 Aug. 43.

Ref: Q 1 / 1 / 174

ALL COYS

QM

IO.

1. All rifle-grenade numbers (one per section) will fire a practice at the mortar range east of the camp area this afternoon.
2. OC practice: Lieut J W RYAN
Instructors: RSM, WO(11) KIRKHAM JA, WO(11) EARL RL.
3. Coys will parade personnel to Lieut RYAN ready to move on road beside RQ Store at 1255 hrs.

Instructors and one guide from I Section will report to Lieut RYAN at the same time.

4. Lieut RYAN will arrange drawing of grenades with QM.
5. Dress: felt hat, haversack (containing ground sheet) rifles, cup dischargers.

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f (H J SOMERVILLE) Capt
Adj. ^{nt.}

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE
2/13 AUST INF BN
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| Duty Coy | 25/26 | Aug 43 |HQ Coy |
| Bn Ord Offr | " | |Lieut K S ANGEL |
| Duty Coy | 26/27 | Aug 43 |A Coy |
| Bn Ord Offr | " | |Lieut C HUGGETT. |

2. CENSORSHIP

- (a) Sub-paragraph 3(a) (ii) of 2/13 AUST INF BN Standing Orders (Administrative) MILNE BAY AREA, is cancelled .
- (b) Irrespective of the length of time since their arrival troops will not refer in correspondence to their presence in NEW GUINEA until specifically permitted to do so.

3. PROMULGATION of sentence by Court Martial.

NX17267 Pte (L/Cpl) Ronald James Thomas BURRIDGE -2/13 AUST INF BN.

A DCM convened by Maj-Gen G F WOOTTEN Comd 9 AUST DIV was held in the field on 11 Aug 43 for the trial of NX17267 Pte (L/Cpl) Ronald James Thomas BURRIDGE of 2/13 AUST INF BN.

The accused was charged with:
WOAS using insubordinate language to his superior officer in that he WOAS in the field at approx 1800 hrs on 20 Jul 43 used insubordinate language to Lieut GREEN..AA 8(2).

The Court found the accused guilty.

Sentence :To be fined the sum of £20.

The accused was 1 day in close arrest awaiting trial.The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 20 Aug 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 24 Aug 43.

R. J. Somerville

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Copy Number 22
30 Aug 43.

2/13 AUST INF BN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 1

ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH 2/13 AUST. INF. BN. O.O.No.6

1. CONTROL OF BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA.

Beach Master - Capt S.R.LEACH

The Beach Master will control the lay-out and organisation of the Beach Maintenance Area, except arrangements for its local defence.

The Beach will be kept clear of stores, marks and lights as far as possible, unless loading operations are in progress. No personnel will be permitted to remain or loiter on beach unless on duty.

2. AMMUNITION

- (a) First Line (on the man) will be carried.
- (b) Two days war usage rate, carried on LCT will arrive in Wave 3
- (c) All amm in possession of casualties will be removed prior to evacuation.

3. RATIONS.

- (a) One days Fd Op rations (removed from tin container) and three days Emergency Ration will be carried on the man.
- (b) One days Fd Op carried on LCI will be dumped on the beach and collected by Beach Maintenance Party.
- (c) Two days reserve will be carried on LCTs, arriving in Wave 3.
- (d) Cooking - fires will not be lit under any circumstances until authority is given. Crown Ring Cookers will be used until that time. Collective cooking is expected to commence, if possible, on D plus 2 day.
- (e) Arrangements for Meals during Voyage. Voyage rations have been placed on board LCI and LCT for consumption during voyage. Sufficient have been provided for four meals on LCIs and 9 meals on LCTs. OC Troops on each craft will arrange times for use of ship's galley with ship's Captain. Cooks with gps will assist ship's cook in preparation of meals.

During staging periods it is anticipated that hot meals will be provided at CHIVALRY and probably PORTICO. After landing sev cooks will report to Beach Master for duty.

4. P.O.L. Vehicles have been loaded with full tanks and sumps plus 100 miles reserve.

5. Vehicles, Mechanical Equipment, Guns, Stores, Etc. Vehs, stores etc, carried on LCT in Wave 3 were preloaded on 30 Aug 43.

Officers in charge of LCT will ensure that all engines are run for at least 10 minutes prior to landing and that horns and lights are disconnected.

6. Medical.

- (a) RAP will be located in Zone 6 shown in Appendix "C" to 2/13 AUST INF BN OO No 6.
- (b) ADS will be located in Zone 7 shown in Appendix "C" to 2/13 AUST INF BN OO No 6
- (c) RMO 2/13 AUST INF BN will advise ADS of location of RAP as soon as possible after it is established.
- (d) Line of Evacuation. Casualties will be evacuated only through RAP, in order that the ADS will not be over taxed by minor casualties.
- (e) WWCP will be located at RAP.

7. Malarial Control.

- (a) Mosquito nets will be carried on the man and will be used whenever the operational situation permits.
- (b) Seven days Atebrin tablets will be carried on the man and will be taken on six days of each week.
- (c) Insect Repellent Lotion will be applied in accordance with current practice every two hours, or where there is excessive perspiration, each hour. Prior to landing it will be applied to clothing and each five days thereafter.

8. Captured Enemy Stores and Equipment.

- (a) Will be treated as salvaged material.
- (b) Captured enemy rations will not be consumed under any circumstances.
- (c) Salvaged enemy weapons, vehs etc, will be sent to Bn HQ from where they will be sent to Beach Master after examination.

9. Nominal Rolls. Nominal rolls will be checked and adjusted by OC of each craft to include the names of all personnel embarking up to the actual time of embarkation. If tps disembark at staging points, rolls will be checked again when they re-embark. OC Tps' copy of roll will be sent to Bn HQ as soon as possible after landing on far shore.

10. Traffic Control - Provost. RP Sjt will arrange for RPs to patrol beach area to prevent loitering on the beach. All tps without authority to be there will be sent back to their respective sub units. He will also ensure that vehs use only the tracks authorized by the Beach Master.

11. Dress. As set out in Appx "M" to STANDING ORDERS FOR AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS. All equipment will be checked to ensure that all personnel are carrying the correct items of eqpt prior to leaving present unit area.

12. Disposal of Personal Eq pt of Casualties. Before evacuation from RAP to ADS, web eq pt and arms of casualties will be removed and returned to Beach Master, except in the case of automatic weapons, which will be removed from casualties prior to evacuation from sub units.

Casualties evacuated from RAP should be in possession of helmet steel, personal effects and necessaries, waterbottles.

12. Disposal of Personal Eqpt of Casualties (Contd).

Disposal of eqpt, personal effects and cash of casualties. Before burial, all items of military eqpt will be removed from the body and forwarded through normal channels to Beach Master. Personal effects and cash will be labelled and forwarded to Bn HQ, where they will be disposed of through the Chaplain and Pay Sjt.

13. Movement from present location - 2 Sep 43.

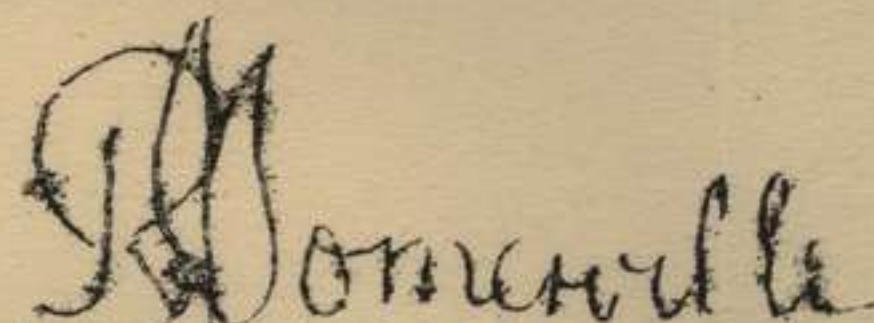
- (a) Assembly prior to movement to embarkation area. Groups to embark on LCI and ADB will assemble in dispersal bay area at bottom of road through 2/3 AUST FD COY Lines.

All personnel from attached units, carried in LCI, will join their respective craft groups in dispersal area by 0715 hrs 2 Sep 43.

Personnel from attached units moving on APD will join their respective groups in dispersal area by 0730 hrs 2 Sep 43.

(b) 2/13 AUST INF BN ARRANGEMENTS.

- i. Reveille - 0530 hrs
 - ii. Breakfast - 0600 hrs
 - iii. LCI groups will assemble, in hold groups, complete with all unit attachments, in area between QM Store and Canteen by 0645 hrs.
 - iv. APD groups will assemble as in sub para iii above by 0700 hrs.
 - v. Groups will march out via Engr Road - 3 minute intervals between groups.
 - vi. Start Point - junc camp track and main road.
 - vii. Start Times: LCI - 0655 hrs
APD - 0710 hrs.
 - viii. Blankets: will be returned to QM Store by 0550 hrs 2 Sep 43, rolled in bundles of ten with outer blanket folded to keep roll intact.
- Stores. Stores, Rations, Amn etc., to be carried on LCIs will be collected near assembly area for embarkation. Location of dumps will be notified later.


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(R. J. SOMERVILLE)

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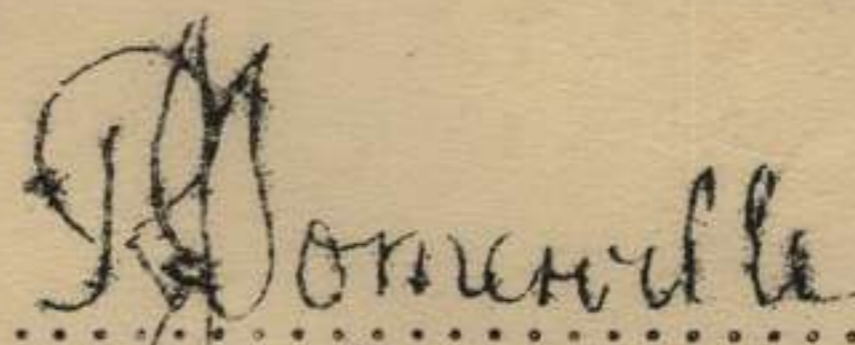
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/13 AUST INF BN

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col GE COLVIN, DSO, Commanding
Part 1 547

IN THE FIELD
31 Aug 43.

1. DUTIES. Duty Coy 31 Aug-1 Sep 43 - A Coy
Bn Ord Offr " " - Lieut DC MAIR
- Next for Duty 1-2 Sep 43 - B Coy
Bn Ord Offr 1-2 Sep 43 - Lieut WB BIRMINGHAM.

2. PROMULGATION OF SENTENCE BY COURT MARTIAL.

- (a) A DCM convened by Maj Gen GF WOOTEN, Comd 9 AUST DIV was held in the field on 26 Aug 43 for the trial of NX84597 Pte Thomas William SHIEL, 2/13 AUST INF BN.

The accused was charged with:-

1. WOAS absenting himself without leave, in that he, in the field WOAS, absented himself without leave from his unit from 0645 hrs on 26 Mar 43 until 1500 hrs on 28 Mar 43. AA Sec 15(1)
2. WOAS absenting himself without leave, in that he, in the field WOAS, absented himself without leave from his unit from 0645 hrs on 3 Apr 43 until 1400 hrs on 6 Apr 43. AA Sec 15(1)
3. WOAS absenting himself without leave, in that he, in the field, WOAS, absented himself without leave from his unit from 0645 hrs on 8 Apr 43 until 2000 hrs on 8 May 43. AA Sec 15(1)
4. WOAS absenting himself without leave, in that he, in the field, WOAS, absented himself without leave from his unit from 0645 hrs on 22 Jun 43 until 1015 hrs on 13 Aug 43. AA Sec 15(1)

The Court found the accused guilty of the 1st, 2nd and 4th charges and not guilty of the third charge.

Sentence: To forfeit all ordinary pay for sixty (60) days.

The accused was in custody NIL days awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 29 Aug 43 and promulgated to accused, in the field, on 30 Aug 43.

- (b) A DCM convened by Maj Gen GF WOOTEN, Comd 9 AUST DIV was held in the field on 26 Aug 43 for the trial of NX 20809 Pte Charles Thomas THORPE, 2/13 AUST INF BN.

The accused was charged with:-

1. WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that he, in the field, WOAS on or about 2 Aug 43 wrote and posted a letter addressed to Mrs RJ THORPE, of DAWES POINT, NSW, disclosing the movement of his unit. AA Sec 40.
2. WOAS, conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that he, in the field WOAS, on or about 2 Aug 43 wrote and posted a letter addressed to Dr TE THORPE of DAWES POINT, NSW, disclosing the movement of his Unit. AA Sec 40.

2. PROMULGATION of Sentence by Court Martial.

NX20609 Pte Charles Thomas THORPE (Contd.)

(b) Continued. (3) WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he in the field, WOAS on or about 1st Aug 43 wrote and posted a letter addressed to Mrs M BALL of DAWES POINT NSW disclosing the movement of his Unit. AA Sec 40.

5. WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he in the field WOAS on or about 2 Aug 43 improperly signed the name of Lieut R J BARRETT to an envelope addressed to Mrs R J THORPE of DAWES POINT NSW which contained a letter to the said Mrs R J THORPE. AA Sec 40.

7. WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he in the field WOAS on or about 2 Aug 43 improperly signed the name of Lieut R J BARRETT to an envelope addressed to Dvr T E THORPE of DAWES POINT NSW which contained a letter to the said Dvr T E THORPE. AA Sec 40.

9. WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he in the field WOAS on or about 1 Aug 43 improperly signed the name of Lieut R J BARRETT to an envelope addressed to Mrs M BALL of DAWES POINT NSW which contained a letter to the said Mrs M BALL. AA Sec 40.

The Court found the accused guilty of all charges.

Sentence : Fined £20 and to forfeit all ordinary pay for a period of (90) ninety days.

The accused was in custody nil days awaiting trial. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 29 Aug 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 30 Aug 43.

3. NX34545 Pte Albert William KENNEDY -2/13 AUST INF BN.

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A DCM convened by Maj-Gen G F WOOTTEN/9 AUST DIV was held in the field on 26 Aug 43 for the trial of NX34545 Pte Albert William KENNEDY -2/13 AUST INF BN.

The accused was charged with:

1. WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he in the field WOAS on 5 Apr 43, did absent himself without leave from 2200hrs 5 Apr 43 until 1230 hrs 22 Jul 43. AA Sec(15) (1).

The Court found the accused guilty of the charge.

Sentence: To forfeit all ordinary pay for a period of 90 days.

The accused was in custody nil days awaiting trial. The finding and sentence was duly confirmed on 29 Aug 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 30 Aug 43.

R. J. Somerville
.....Capt
(R J SOMERVILLE) Adit..

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/13 AUST INF BN

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

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3. WOAS absents himself without leave, in that he, in the field, WOAS, absented himself without leave from his unit from 0645 hrs on 8 Apr 43 until 2000 hrs on 8 May 43. AA Sec 15(1)
4. WOAS absents himself without leave, in that he, in the field, WOAS, absented himself without leave from his unit from 0645 hrs on 22 Jun 43 until 1015 hrs on 13 Aug 43. AA Sec 15(1)

The Court found the accused guilty of the 1st, 2nd and 4th charges and not guilty of the third charge.

Sentence: To forfeit all ordinary pay for sixty (60) days.

The accused was in custody NIL days awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 29 Aug 43 and promulgated to accused, in the field, on 30 Aug 43.

- (b) A DCM convened by Maj Gen GF WOOTEN, Comd 9 AUST DIV was held in the field on 26 Aug 43 for the trial of NX 20809 Pte Charles Thomas THORPE, 2/13 AUST INF BN.

The accused was charged with:-

1. WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that he, in the field, WOAS on or about 2 Aug 43 wrote and posted a letter addressed to Mrs RJ THORPE, of DAWES POINT, NSW, disclosing the movement of his unit. AA Sec 40.
2. WOAS, conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that he, in the field WOAS, on or about 2 Aug 43 wrote and posted a letter addressed to Dr TH THORPE of DAWES POINT, NSW, disclosing the movement of his Unit. AA Sec 40.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/13 AUST INF BN

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Lt-Col GE COLVIN, DSO, Commanding
Part 1 547

IN THE FIELD
31 Aug 43.

1. DUTIES.
- | | | |
|--------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Duty Coy 31 Aug-1 Sep 43 | - | A Coy |
| Bn Ord Offr " " | - | Lieut DC MAIR |
| Next for Duty 1-2 Sep 43 | - | B Coy |
| Bn Ord Offr 1-2 Sep 43 | - | Lieut WB BIRMINGHAM. |

2. PROMULGATION OF SENTENCE BY COURT MARTIAL.

(a) A DCM convened by Maj Gen GF WOOTEN, Comd 9 AUST DIV was held in the field on 26 Aug 43 for the trial of NX84597 Pte Thomas William SHIEL, 2/13 AUST INF BN.

The accused was charged with:-

1. WOAS absenting himself without leave, in that he, in the field WOAS, absented himself without leave from his unit from 0645 hrs on 26 Mar 43 until 1500 hrs on 28 Mar 43. AA Sec 15(1)
2. WOAS absenting himself without leave, in that he, in the field WOAS, absented himself without leave from his unit from 0645 hrs on 3 Apr 43 until 1400 hrs on 8 Apr 43. AA Sec 15(1)
3. WOAS absenting himself without leave, in that he, in the field, WOAS, absented himself without leave from his unit from 0645 hrs on 8 Apr 43 until 2000 hrs on 8 May 43. AA Sec 15(1)
4. WOAS absenting himself without leave, in that he, in the field, WOAS, absented himself without leave from his unit from 0645 hrs on 22 Jun 43 until 1015 hrs on 13 Aug 43. AA Sec 15(1)

The Court found the accused guilty of the 1st, 2nd and 4th charges and not guilty of the third charge.

Sentence: To forfeit all ordinary pay for sixty (60) days.

The accused was in custody NIL days awaiting trial.

The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 29 Aug 43 and promulgated to accused, in the field, on 30 Aug 43.

(b) A DCM convened by Maj Gen GF WOOTEN, Comd 9 AUST DIV was held in the field on 26 Aug 43 for the trial of NX 20809 Pte Charles Thomas THORPE, 2/13 AUST INF BN.

The accused was charged with:-

1. WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that he, in the field, WOAS on or about 2 Aug 43 wrote and posted a letter addressed to Mrs RJ THORPE, of DAWES POINT, NSW, disclosing the movement of his unit. AA Sec 40.
2. WOAS, conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that he, in the field WOAS, on or about 2 Aug 43 wrote and posted a letter addressed to Dr TE THORPE of DAWES POINT, NSW, disclosing the movement of his Unit. AA Sec 40.

2. PROMULGATION of Sentence by Court Martial.

NX20609 Pte Charles Thomas THORPE (Contd.)

(b) Continued. (3) WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he in the field, WOAS on or about 1st Aug 43 wrote and posted a letter addressed to Mrs M BALL of DAWES POINT NSW disclosing the movement of his Unit. AA Sec 40.

5. WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he in the field WOAS on or about 2 Aug 43 improperly signed the name of Lieut R J BARRETT to an envelope addressed to Mrs R J THORPE of DAWES POINT NSW which contained a letter to the said Mrs R J THORPE. AA Sec 40.

7. WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he in the field WOAS on or about 2 Aug 43 improperly signed the name of Lieut R J BARRETT to an envelope addressed to Dvr T E THORPE of DAWES POINT NSW which contained a letter to the said Dvr T E THORPE. AA Sec 40.

9. WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he in the field WOAS on or about 1 Aug 43 improperly signed the name of Lieut R J BARRETT to an envelope addressed to Mrs M BALL of DAWES POINT NSW which contained a letter to the said Mrs M BALL. AA Sec 40.

The Court found the accused guilty of all charges.

Sentence : Fined £20 and to forfeit all ordinary pay for a period of (90) ninety days.

The accused was in custody nil days awaiting trial. The finding and sentence were duly confirmed on 29 Aug 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 30 Aug 43.

3. NX34545 Pte Albert William KENNEDY -2/13 AUST INF BN.

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A DCM convened by Maj-Gen G F WOOTTON/9 AUST DIV was held in the field on 26 Aug 43 for the trial of NX34545 Pte Albert William KENNEDY -2/13 AUST INF BN.

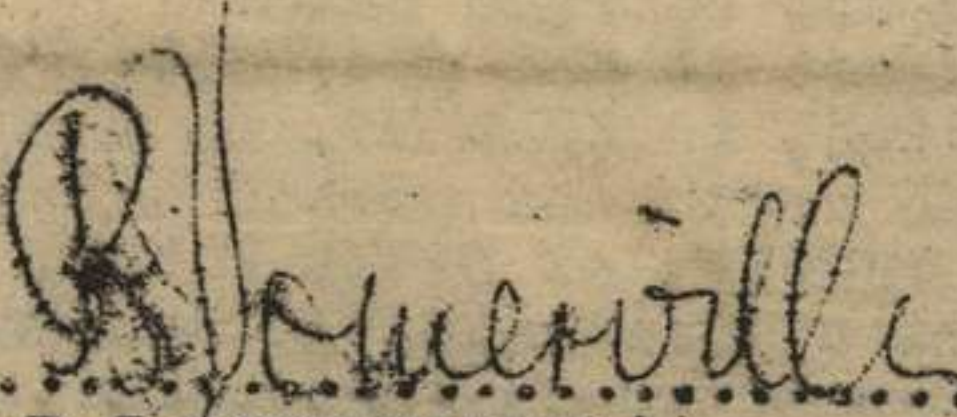
The accused was charged with:

- 1. WOAS absenting himself without leave in that he in the field WOAS on 5 Apr 43, did absent himself without leave from 2200hrs 5 Apr 43 until 1230 hrs 22 Jul 43. AA Sec(15) (1).

The Court found the accused guilty of the charge.

Sentence: To forfeit all ordinary pay for a period of 90 days.

The accused was in custody nil days awaiting trial. The finding and sentence was duly confirmed on 29 Aug 43 and promulgated to the accused in the field on 30 Aug 43.


Capt
 (R J SOMERVILLE)Adjt.

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2/13 AUST INF BN STANDING ORDERS FOR ANPHIL

SECTION 1 - EMBARKATION AND LOAD
DISEMBARKATION.

1. Embarkation of Troops in Craft.

- (a) Allocation of personnel to craft and holds, to be in accordance with Assignment Table attached appendix.
- (b) The embarking of personnel will be co-ordinated by near-shore Beach Control Officer.
- (c) Prior to commencement of loading, each craft group will be assembled in an Assembly Area previously recced by the I.O.. After assembly is checked against nominal rolls the groups will move to an FUP which has been marked previously in LCI Hold or APD Barge Groups. At this point each craft group will form itself into hold or APD Barge Groups in file. On completion of the grouping on FUP craft group will move to a taped Ready Line on receipt of orders from the Beach Control Officer. On a pre-arranged signal from ship's siren or on orders from the Beach Control Officer, troops will embark as quickly as possible.
- (d) Before loading commences each man must know the number of the craft and hold in which he embarks - in the case of APD the number of the craft and the number of the barge in which he embarks and disembarks. Military Commanders of craft groups will ensure that they have this information in sufficient time for promulgation.
- (e) Loading of LCI. LCI Hold Groups will be loaded as follows (facing bow of craft):-
 Right hand side - Hold 4 followed by Hold 3.
 Left hand side - Hold 1 followed by Hold 2.
 Loading must commence simultaneously on both ramps of craft.
 Each Hold Group will be guided to its hold by an officer who has previously recced the ship. Troops will fill up hold from aft end and having taken off their equipment will lie on the bunks provided. No personnel will then be allowed on deck unless on orders from the senior officer in the hold
- (f) Crew's quarters are OUT OF BOUNDS.

2. DISEMBARKATION ON FAR SHORE (Normal circumstances LCI).

- (a) One hour prior to landing, three warning buzzes will be sounded in the holds. Half hour before landing two buzzes will be sounded. On this signal personnel carrying heavy weapons will come up on deck and prepare their weapons for landing.
 On orders from the senior military officer one buzz will be sounded when troops are to come up on deck and prepare to land. They will face the bow kneeling.
- (b) Immediately the ramps hit the beach personnel will land with the utmost speed in the following order (facing bow of ship):-
 Left hand ramp - Hold 3 followed by Hold 4
 Right hand ramp - Hold 3 followed by Hold 1.

Plan of LCI - alternative plan if craft becomes
in water.

Captain will advise Flotilla Leader and senior
officer on board as soon as he is aware that
craft is beached in water too deep for normal landing.

Receipt of such advise senior military officer on board
will advise Hold Commanders and will organise personnel
LCV Groups as set out in Appx "H". Arrangements will
have been made previously to provide LCVs for such an emergency
as soon as craft are secured alongside, embarkation
will commence and as soon as wave is completely loaded it
will land in position previously intended for LCI.

DISEMBARKATION FROM ONE SIDE OF LCI. If enemy fire prevents
unloading from both ramps, troops will be unloaded on
ramp away from fire in hold order as shown in Appx "E" "F" and "G".

5. LOADING OF LCT. When possible LCT will be pre-loaded. In any case
the following will apply:-
 - (a) An Assembly Area will be marked for each unit in rear of
each loading point. All stores will be placed in respect-
ive areas and checked prior to loading.
 - (b) An officer will be appointed to supervise loading of each
craft.
 - (c) T.O. will co-ordinate dumping and ^{as} soon as craft are ready
to load he will call forward stores in priority to ensure
quickest loading in accordance with plan attached as
Appx "J".
6. ACTION STATIONS (US - GENERAL QUARTERS)
 - (a) The senior military officer on board each craft will ensure
that adequate orders are issued for emergencies caused
by enemy action. All troops will be familiar with their
emergency stations and with Ship's Emergency Alarm Signals.
 - (b) A suitable officer, appointed by the senior military officer,
on board each craft, will contact the ship's gunnery officer
to ascertain if assistance is required to man ship's guns
and also to ascertain what other AA guns could be mounted.
7. WATER-PROOFING OF EQUIPMENT. All vehicles, stores, guns, etc,
liable to be exposed to sea water will be thoroughly water-
proofed prior to loading. Stores and guns will be covered with
canvas or tarpaulins.
8. MAINTENANCE AND MECHANICAL EFFICIENCY OF VEHICLES and
MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT.
 - (a) Vohs, guns and mechanical equipment will be thoroughly
checked and put into a state of maximum efficiency prior
to loading.
Certificates that vohs, guns and mechanical equipment have
been serviced and are in a state of maximum efficiency
will be handed to Comd Offr prior to loading and at least
12 hours before.
 - (b) Charging of batteries. All batteries will be fully charged
prior to loading and kept topped up each day during voyage
by drivers.

1. MARKING OF HQ.

- (a) Bn HQ and each Coy HQ will be marked by a distinguishing sign. One sign will be placed at the HQ and another at the point where the approach leaves the track, road or beach.
- (b) By night shaded lamps showing unit distinguishing sign will be used.

2. LOCATION REPORTS.

- (a) Immediately after landing, or after a move all sub-units (including attached sub-units) will report the exact location of their HQ to the HQ under whose command they are at the time.
- (b) Sub-units reporting to Bn HQ will each send two orderlies. These Orderlies will have a map reference of their new HQ and must know the best covered approach to it. One orderly will be sent back to the sub unit and one retained at Bn HQ.
- (c) Closing of HQ.
- i. Bn HQ will report closing to next higher formation by signal or DR.
 - ii. Sub units will report closing of HQ to Bn HQ by quickest available method.

SECTION 3

- COMMUNICATIONS

1. DAILY TIME SIGNALS.

- (a) When a listening set is available sign will synchronise watches by the ABC time signal at 0600 and 1800 hrs daily.
- (b) If wireless is not available time will be synchronised with Bde HQ at the above times.
- (c) Coys will synchronise time with Bn Sig Office 15 minutes after the above time.
- (d) Coys will be responsible for synchronising watches immediately before an operation.

2. REGISTRATION OF MESSAGES.

In operations all inward messages will be handed to I.O. for registration except where the urgency of the message demands that it be handed direct to the Adjt.

SECTION 4

- INFORMATION

1. URGENT INFORMATION. Infm of an urgent or important nature will be passed immediately by the quickest possible means to the next higher HQ. In such cases a brief but accurate statement of fact is required.
2. SITUATION REPORTS. During operations, where practicable, coys will render SITREPS hourly giving the situation. If there is nothing of importance to report the word SITNOR will be signalled.
3. PATROL REPORTS.
 - (a) As soon as possible after return the patrol leader will make a full report which will be passed without delay to Bn HQ.
 - (b) Information required. The following are some of the headings on which information is required;—
 - i. Enemy Equipment.
 - ii. Enemy methods - patrolling, occupation of alternative or additional posns by day or night. alarm system.
 - (c) Enemy Dispositions. Strength, strong points, nature and locality of weapons.

3. Enemy Dispositions (Contd)

(d) Patrol Reports to contain -

- i. Patrol Strength
- ii. Time OUT - Time IN
- iii. Route
- iv. Task - Recon or Fighting Patrol
- v. Infm gained (paras (b) and (c) above).
- vi. Casualties - Enemy, own troops.

4. HOSTILE SHELLING INTELLIGENCE. Information regarding enemy shelling where possible include the following:-

- i. Exact times shelling commenced and finished
- ii. Bearing of flash or report
- iii. Map ref of point from which bearing taken
- iv. Number of seconds from flash to sound
- v. Area shelled
- vi. Nature and calibre of gun
- vii. Number of shells
- viii. Number of guns firing
- ix. Damage

5. AIR INTELLIGENCE.

(a) Air Intelligence which should be forwarded in "SITREPS" includes:-

- i. Particulars of enemy air raids i.e. tactics employed, number and nature of bombs dropped, size of craters, locations of any UXBs.
- ii. Light signals employed by enemy aircraft

(b) The following will be reported immediately:-

- i. Particulars, including location, of enemy aircraft crashing within our own lines. A statement of eqpt salvaged and action taken with regard to enemy pilots and airman should be given.
- ii. Infm of casualties to our own or allied aircraft.

6. RECOGNITION OF ALLIED AIRCRAFT. Officers will ensure that all ranks under command are familiar with the appearance of allied and enemy air craft.

Bn I.O. will supply information.

SECTION 5 - SECURITY.1. GENERAL.

- (a) Orders, official documents and marked maps will not be carried into action except as are indispensable to the operation in hand. Any such maps or papers taken into action will be destroyed and any markings on table coverings to maps, rubbed out, when there is a risk of capture. The same applies to any private papers which may give indications of the location of the unit or of the state of affairs at home.
- (b) Documents, maps and secret and confidential papers will not be left lying about in offices, tents or billets. Those in charge of offices will ensure that all drafts or orders, stencils, waste paper etc., are destroyed by burning.
- (c) Officers are responsible that all ranks under their command are familiar with FSPB Sec 16 to 26.

SECTION 6 - PROTECTION

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1. AIR ATTACK.

(a) In the event of an attack all personnel will go into cover unless they are engaging the enemy either in the air or on the ground.

(b) Personnel will NOT stand in the open watching air attacks.

2. PROTECTION AT REST.

(a) In the jungle the force at rest may be attacked from any direction, or small parties may attempt to infiltrate by night within the bivouac area.

(b) The requirements are a form of perimeter defence, with troops disposed on the outer edge, sufficiently close together to prevent infiltration - to be based on the following:

i. Perimeter Bn area - 400 X 200 yds
Perimeter Coy Area - 75 X 100 yds

ii. In each case a reserve will be kept within this outer perimeter to deal with any enemy which succeeded in penetrating.

iii. Cover and concealment from both air and ground attack.

iv. Close to the track and providing all round defence.

v. Tactical grouping within the bivouac area.

vi. FDS of fire will be cut and troops must rapidly dig themselves in.

vii. Sufficient time will be allowed before dark to prepare the perimeter. Will usually require a halt from one to two hours before dark.

viii. Comms, runners and pre-arranged signals.

ix. One third of strength will be on duty at all times in gps of three.

x. "Stand to" and "Stand Down" will be observed at times indicated.

xi. At night no noise, no smoking, no fires.

xii. Strict fire discipline will be carried out at night. Posns not to be given away. The bayonet to be used whenever possible

xiii. Password - Curfew: Instructions will be issued as required in accordance with the tactical situation.

2. WARNINGS. When an enemy attack takes place or it appears that an attack is imminent each coy cmd will:-

i. Warn next highest HQ

ii. Ensure that neighbouring sub units are aware.

SECTION 7 - ADMINISTRATION

1. Strength Returns. Strength Returns will be prepared as at 1600 hrs daily on pro forma already issued and telephoned to Bn HQ by 1600 hrs daily using CODE WORD - "FIST". When telephoning strength states coys will refer to the serial number on pro forma and NOT to the meaning of the serial.
Written Strength State will then be forwarded to Bn HQ by 0900 hrs daily. Any variations from the figures telephoned at 1600 hrs will be notified by telephone by 0630 hrs the following morning. The variations will be preceded by the code word FIST e.g. "DANO speaking - FIST - Serial 3 add NIL and 2"
2. Nominal Rolls. One day prior to embarkation sub unit nominal rolls of each craft will be forwarded to Bn HQ for typing. These will be disposed of as follows:-
1 copy will be retained by Bn HQ
1 copy will be handed to senior military offr on craft
1 copy to Captain of ship
As soon as possible after landing copy retained by senior military officer will be forwarded to Bn HQ with any variations marked up to the time of embarkation. Variations must be notified immediately to Bn HQ.
3. Burial Returns. Each offr will carry at least 5 burial return forms. After burying a deceased soldier, the form will be completed, signed and forwarded to Bn HQ.
Every officer is personally responsible for ensuring that accurate information of the location, name and number, method of identification is forwarded to Bn HQ as early as possible.
4. Arms and Arm States. Arms and Arm returns completed on pro forma already issued will be forwarded to Bn HQ by 1400 hrs daily.
5. Medical Records. The names and particulars of every casualty treated by RAP or ADS will be carefully recorded. One clerk from Bn HQ will remain at RAP to ensure that complete details are kept.
6. Water proofing of Eqpt

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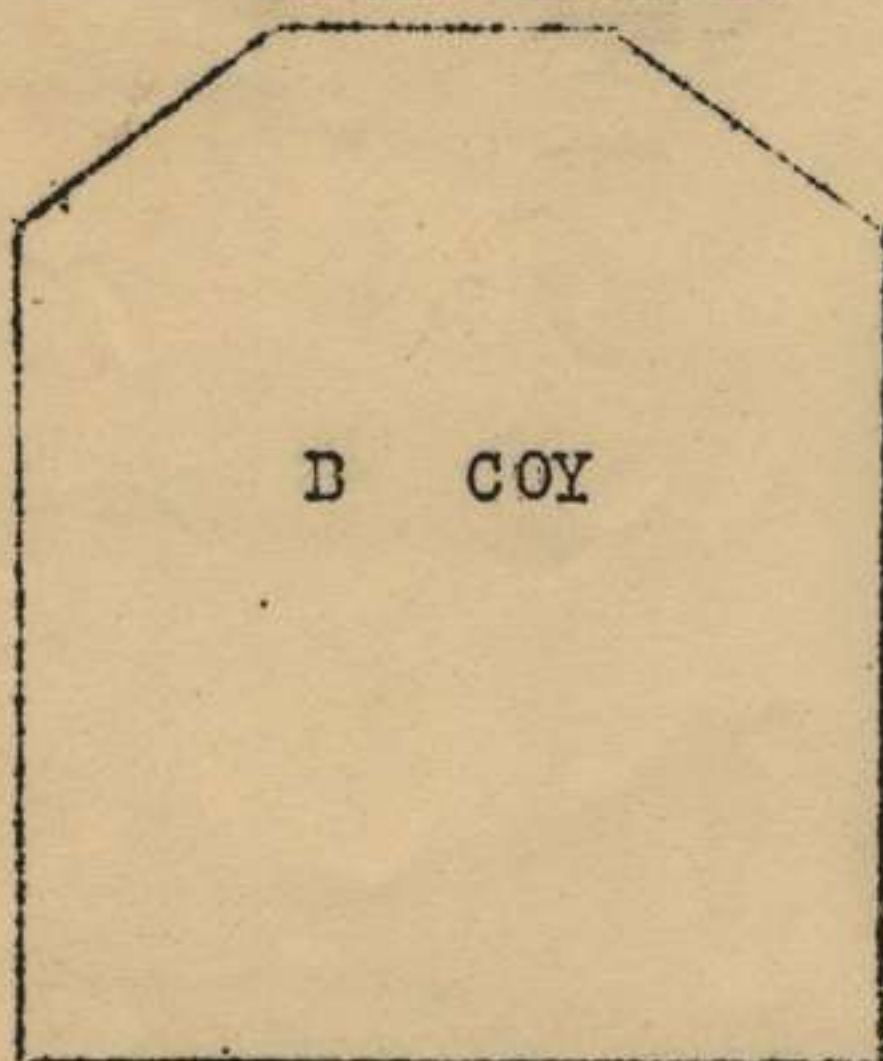
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CO	7
Adjt	8
RMO	9
2 1/c	10
I.O.	11
E Tp 2/12 Fd Regt	12
B Tp 10 Bty 2/4	
Lt AA	13
Lt ADS det 2/8	
Aust Fd Amb	14
1 Det 2/13 Aust	
Fd Coy RAE	15
Medical FOO Party	
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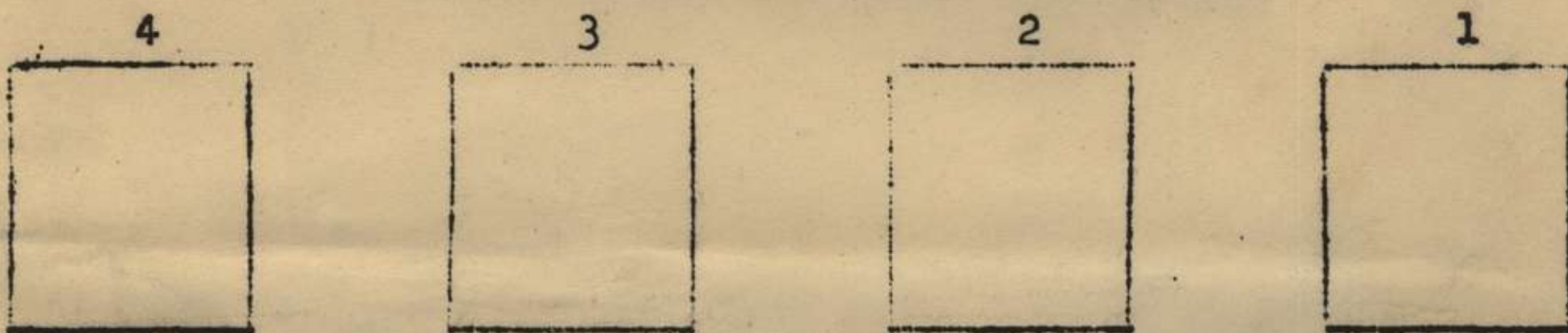
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PERSONNEL TO BE CARRIED

Coy Comd	1
Coy 2 i/c	1
Batmen	2
C.S.M.	1
Orderlies	3
Ord Boom Cpl	1
Clerk	1
Sigmn	4
SDs	4
'I' Sec	1
Storeman	1
3 platoons each	36
Recce Party	108
RAA - Fd Regt	4
RAA - A.A.	2
RAE - Fd Coy	4
ESB Recce Cpl	3
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>138</u>

SHIP TO SHORE OPERATIONS - 4 BARGES



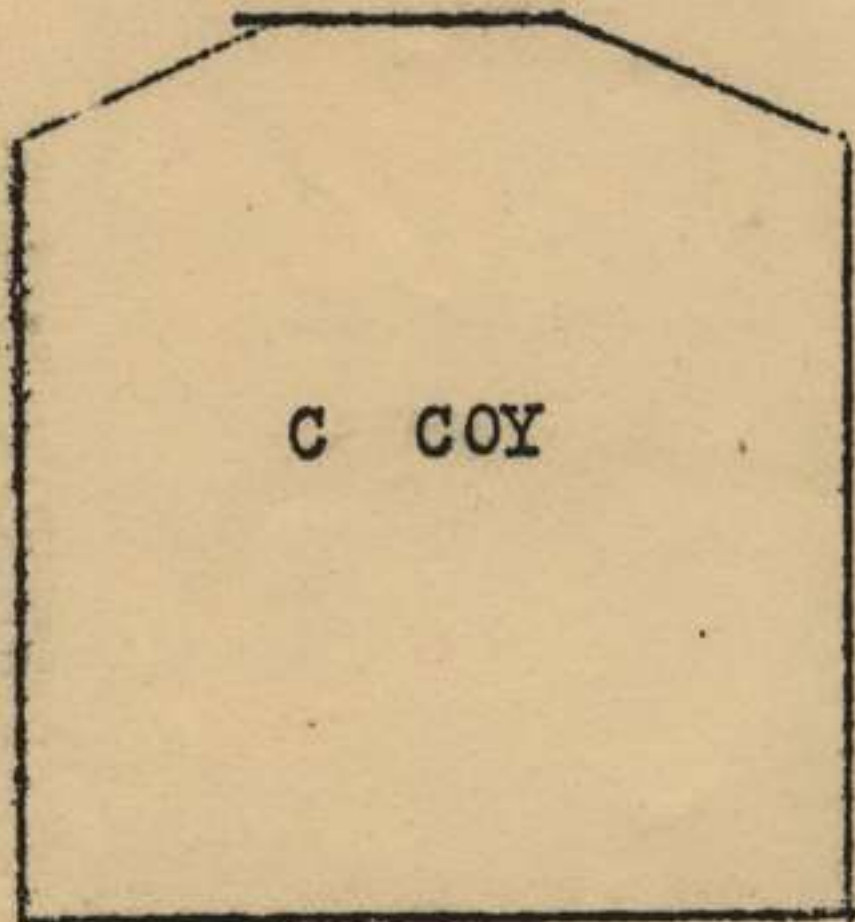
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Orderly	1	Batman	1	P1 Sjt	1	P1 Sjt	1
Batman	1	Orderlies	2	Orderly	1	Orderly	1
2" Mortarmen	2	Sigmn	2	Batman	1	Datman	1
2 secs 1-9	20	SDs	3	2" Mortarmen	2	2" Mortarmen	2
Coy 2 i/c	1	'I' Section	1	3 Secs 1-9	30	3 Secs 1-9	30
Batman	1	C.S.M.	1				
Orderly	1	P1 Sjt	1				
SDs	1	Storeman	1				
Ord Room Cpl	1	Clerk	1				
Sigmn	.2	1 sec 1-9	10				
	<u>32</u>		<u>24</u>				
Recce AA	2	Arty Recce	4				
		RAE	4				
		ESB Recce	3				
	<u>34</u>		<u>38</u>		<u>36</u>		<u>36</u>

STORES AND EQUIPMENT CARRIED

<u>No 4</u>		<u>No 3</u>	
108 Set	1	108 Set	1
Sig Cable	1	Sig Cable	1
yards	500	yards	500
D.Mk.V. phone	1	D.Mk.V. phone	1
Medical Stores	1	Medical Stores	1
in packs	1	in Packs	3
		Stretchers	1

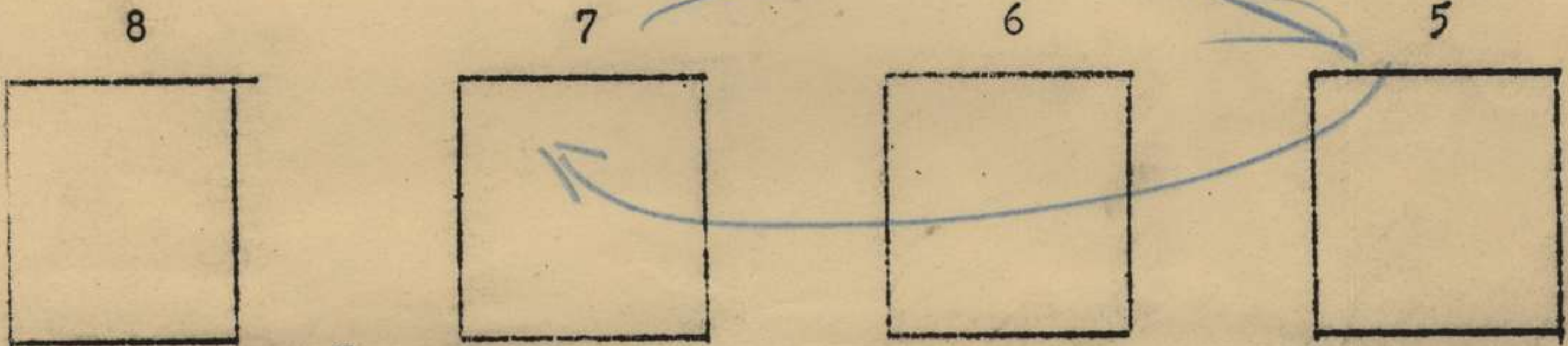
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A. P. D.



PERSONNEL TO BE CARRIED

Coy Comd	1
Coy 2 i/c	1
Batman	2
C.S.M.	1
Ord Room Cpl	1
Clerk	1
Storeman	1
Orderlies	3
'I' Sjt	1
'I' Sec	1
Signn	4
SBs	4
3 platoons	115
Sappers	2
ESB Recce	3
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>139</u> <i>101</i>



P1 Comd	1	P1 Comd	1	Coy Comd	1	P1 Comd	1
P1 Sjt	1	P1 Sjt	1	Batman	1	Batman	1
Orderly	1	Orderly	1	Orderlies	2	Orderly	1
Batman	1	Batman	1	Signn	3	2" Mortarmen	2
2" Mortarmen	2	3 Secs 1-9	30	'Sjt & 1	2	3" Sec 1-8	27
3 Secs 1-9	30	2" Mortarmen	2	C.S.M.	1	Coy 2 i/c	1
				Ord Room Cpl	1	Batman	1
				Clerk	1	Orderly	1
				Storeman	1	Signn	1
				P1 Sjt	1		
				1 Sec 1-9	10		
				SBs	4		
				Sappers	2		
				ESB	3		
Totals	<u>36</u>		<u>36</u>		<u>33</u>		<u>36</u>

STORES AND EQUIPMENT CARRIED

	<u>No. 6</u>		<u>No. 5</u>
108 Set	1	108 Set	1
Sig Cable yds 1000			
D Mk V phones	2		
Medical Stores	-		
in Packs	4		
Stretchers	1		

ASSIGNMENT TABLE - LCI - SHORE TO SHORE

MOST SECRET

LCI No 3

LCI No 2

LCI No 1

DUPLICATE BN HQ

GP 2
 Bn 2 i/c 1
 I.O. 1
 'I' Section 2
 Batmen 2
 Med. Orderlies 2
 Medical Sjt 1
 SBs 4
 RPs 3
 Clerk 1
 Ord Room Sjt 1
 Pnr Offr, Cpl & ll 13
 Sig Sjt & 4 Sigs 5
 2 Dets 3" Mors 8
 Bomb Carriers 2
 Bde Sigs 1
 Padre & Batman 2
 Sal. Army Rep 1
COOK CPL
 Naval FOO Party 9
 No. 16 Pl D Coy 36
No. 6 Pl (Adm)
 Q.M. 1
 Tech. Sjt 1
 Batman 1
 Orderly 1
 Clerk 1
 Storemen 2
 Hyg Sjt & 4 5
 Water Duties 2
 C.Q.M.S.HQ Coy 1
 No. 3 Pl HQ 7
 No. 2 Pl HQ 4
Under Comd Gp 1
 Arty 18
 A.A. 63
 RAE 26
 Fd Amb 18

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A. COY

Coy Comd 1
 Coy 2 i/c 1
 Batmen 2
 C.S.M. 1
 Orderlies 3
 Ord Room Cpl 1
 Clerk 1
 Storeman 1
 Signm 4
 SBs 4
 'I' Section 1
 2 Dets 3" Mortars 8
 Bomb Carriers 2
 3 Pls each 33 -
 (secs 1-8) 99
COOK CPL
Bn HQ - Gp 1
 Bn Comd 1
 Adjnt 1
 Batmen 2
 Clerk 1
 'I' Section 3
 R.S.M. 1
 Ord Room Sjt 1
 RP Sjt & 3 RPs 4
 IMG No. (Orderly) 1
 Sig Orderly 1
 R.M.O & Batman 2
 SB Sjt 1
 Sig Offr & 7 Sigs 8
 2-3" Mor Dets 8
 Bomb Carriers 2
 1 sec MMGs 14
 Pnr Sjt, Cpl & 4 6
 Bde Sigs 1
 Bde L.O. 1
 FOO Party - RAA 5

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D. COY

Coy Comd 1
 Coy 2 i/c 1
 Batmen 2
 C.S.M. 1
 Orderlies 3
 Clerk 1
 Ord Room Cpl 1
 Signm 4
 SBs 4
 Storeman 1
 'I' Section 1
 2-Dets 3" Mors 8
 Bomb Carriers 2
 1 Sec MMGs 14
 2 Pls each 33 -
 (secs 1-8) 66
COOK CPL
 Sappers 2
Under Comd Gp 2
 Arty 18
 A.A. 63
 RAE 26
 Fd Amb 17
No 4 Pl
 Pl HQ 5
 Gun Numbers 7
 FOO Party RAA 5

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MOST SECRET

STORES AND EQUIPMENT CARRIED

<u>L.C.I. No. 3</u>	<u>L.C.I. No. 2</u>	<u>L.C.I. No. 1</u>
<u>DUPLICATE BN HQ</u>	<u>BN HQ GP</u>	<u>COY GP</u>
108 Sets 1	10 Line UC 1	108 Sets 1
Sig Cable yds 1000	108 Sets 2	Sig Cable yds 1000
D Mk V Phones 2	208 Sets 1	D Mk V Phones 1
10 Line UC 1	Sig Cable yds 1500	
208 Sets 1	D Mk V Phones 2	<u>Mortar Personnel</u>
RP(3)9mm Amn each - rds 100	<u>Coy Gp</u>	3" Mortars 2
Mortars 2	108 Sets 1	Picks 2
Picks 2	Sig Cable yds 1000	Shovels 2
Shovels 2	D Mk V Phones 1	Axes Hand 2
Axes Hand 2	Mortar Bombs -	3" Mor Bombs 12
3" Mor Bombs 96	(3 to be carried	Extra Bombs -
D Mk V Phones 2	by 1 man per sec, --	(3 to be carried
Sig Cable yds 500	storeman & Clerk) 33	by 1 man per sec, 24
		Storeman & Clerk
<u>No 16 Pl</u>	<u>Mortar Personnel</u>	<u>MMG Pl</u>
3" Mor Bombs 9	Mortars 2	MMGs 2
	Picks 2	Picks 3
<u>Pioneers</u>	Shovels 2	Shovels 3
Axes Hand 2	Axes Hand 2	Machetes 3
Machetes 5	3" Mor Bombs 12	.303 MMG SAA-rds 3000 3000 ✓
Axes Felling 2		Rangefinder 1
Picks 4	<u>Medical Stores</u>	
Wire Cutters 2	Packs 2	<u>Medical Stores</u>
Shovels 4		Packs 4
Sandbags, per man 24	<u>Pioneers</u>	Stretchers 2
	Pliers 1	
<u>Medical Stores</u>	Cup Discharger 1	<u>Under Comd</u>
Packs 7	Axes Hand 2	ARTY - 6 packs
Stretchers 2	Machetes 4	each 3 MMG belts 4500 rds
	Axes Felling 1	
<u>No 6 Pl (Adm)</u>	Picks 2	<u>RAE-Lucas Lamps</u> 1
Sig Cable-miles 2	Shovels 3	
9mm Amn - 10 boxes (17 lbs each) 10	Wire Cutters 2	<u>A.A.s-9mm Amn Bxs</u> 3
	Sandbags 20	
<u>No 2 Pl HQ</u>	<u>Mortar Personnel</u>	
3 Bxs 9mm Amn (17 lbs ea) 3	(Reserve)	
	Mortars 2	
<u>Under Comd</u>	Picks 2	
ARTY- 3" Mor Bombs 18	Shovels 2	
2" " " 36	Axes Hand 2	
	3" Mor Bombs 12	
<u>RAE- Lucas Lamp</u> 1		
	<u>MMG Pl</u>	
	MMGs 2	
	Picks 2	
	Shovels 2	
	Machetes 2	
	.303 MMG SAA rds 3000	

18
250
1800
1700

S E C R E T

APPENDIX "E"

HOLD-LOADING PERSONNEL LCI. 1

No. 4 HOLD

- (a) OC Troops - Capt BD CRIBB
- (b) Hold Commanders to be appointed by OC Troops.
- (c) Unloading from one side of Ship - Holds 2,3,1,4.

A. A.	3
R.A.E.	26

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No. 3 HOLD

TK A	12
COY HQ-incl cook	21
17 PL	33

No. 2 HOLD

18 PL	33
Sappers	2
R.A.A.	18

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No 1 HOLD

2 Dets Mortars	10
MMGs	14
Fd Amb	17

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TOTAL 194

HOLD-LOADING PERSONNEL LCI 2HOLD 4

- (a) OC Troops-Lt-Col GE COLVIN
 (b) Hold Commanders to be appointed by OC Troops
 (c) Unloading from one side of Ship - Holds 2,1,3,4.

2 Dets Mors	10
1 Sec MMGs	14
Pnr Sjt, Cpl, 4	6
Sig Offr & 7	8
SB Sjt	1
Batman	1
RMO	1

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HOLD 3

FOOs Party RAA	5
Bde LO	1
Bde Sigs	1
OR Sjt	1
Sig Ord	1
LMG (Orderly)	1
RP Sjt & 3 RPs	4
RSM	1
'I' Sec	3
Clerk	1
Batmen	2
Adjt	1
Bn Comd	1
Bo & Pl	33

56

HOLD 2

No 7 Pl	33
Coy HQ	10
Duplicate Coy HQ (incl Cook)	11

54

HOLD 1

No 8 Pl	33
2 Dets Mortars	10

43

TOTAL 194

SECRET.

APPENDIX "G"

HOLD LOADING PERSONNEL LCI. 3
DUPLICATE BN HQ GP.

No 4 HOLD BUNKS 40

- (a) OC Troops-Maj JLA KELLY
- (b) Hold Commanders to be appointed by OC Tps
- (c) Unloading from one side of Ship - Holds ,2,3,4,1.

A.A.	3
R.A.A.	18
Naval FOO	9
No 2 Pl HQ	4

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HOLD 3. BUNKS 60

Fd Amb	6
Padre	1
Batman	1
SA Rep	1
SBs	4
Med Ords	2
Med Sjt	1
OR Sjt	1
Clerk	1
Adm Pl	11
'I' Sec	2
RPs	3
RAE	26
I.O.	1
Cook - Cpl	1

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HOLD 2 BUNKS 50

Pl D Coy	36
Pioneers	13

666

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HOLD 1 BUNKS 40

Bn 2 i/c	1
3 Pl HQ	7
Bomb Carriers	2
2 Dets Mortars	8
Hyg Personnel	4
Bde Sigs	1
Sigs	4
Sig Sjt	1
Batmen (IO,2i/c)	2
Fd Amb	12

42

TOTAL 187

ALTERNATE - Ship to Shore Landing from LCI

BARGE LOADS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY

Bar-ge No.	LCI 3	Pers.	Bar-ge No.	LCI 2	Pers.	Bar-ge No.	LCI 1	Pers.
1	Pl D Coy	36	1	No 9 Pl OC Coy 'I' Sec Orderly	33 1 1 1	1	18 Pl OC Coy 'I' Sec Orderly	33 1 1 1
2	Fd Amb Med Orderlies SBs Pioneers	18 2 2 13	2	No 7 Pl CSM 2 Sigs Cook Cpl	33 1 2 1	2	17 Pl Comd Orderly Batman Mortarmen 2 Sections Sappers FOOs Sigs	1 1 1 2 18 2 5 2
3	Bn 2 i/c 3 Pl HQ Bomb Carriers 2 Dets Mors Hyg Personnel Bde Sigs Sig Sjt Sigs Batmen(10,21/c) No 2 Pl HQ Bn I.O. Cook Cpl 1	1 7 2 8 4 1 1 4 2 4 1 1	3	No 8 Pl	33	3	Coy 2 i/c Batmen Orderlies Ord Rm Cpl Clerk Storeman Cook Cpl SBs Sigs One Section 17Pl CSM Pl Sjt-17 Pl 2 Dets Mors 2 Bomb Carriers	1 2 2 1 1 1 1 4 2 9 1 1 8 2
4	R.A.E. RPs 'I' Sec Clerk Ord Rm Sjt Med Sjt SBs	26 3 2 1 1 1 2	4	Coy 2 i/c Ord Rm Cpl Orderlies Batmen(OC,21/c) Sigs Coy Clerk Storeman SBs Bn Comd Adjnt Batmen 'I' Sec RSM RP Sjt & 3 RPs LMG(Orderly) Sig Orderly Sig Offr,7 Sigs	1 1 2 2 2 1 1 4 1 1 2 3 1 4 1 1 8	4	MMGs RAE	18 20
5	A.A. RAA Naval FOO	3 18 9	5	RMO Batman Bde Sig SB Sjt 2 Mor Dets) A Bomb Carriers) Coy. 1 Sec MMGs Pnr Sjt,Cpl,4	1 1 1 1 10 14 6	5	4 Pl HQ Gun Nos Fd Amb AA	5 7 17 3
6	Adn Pl Padre Batman SA Rep	11 1 1 1	6	Bde LO FOOs Party RAM BHQ Clerk 2 Mor Dets 2 Bomb Carriers) Reserve) Ord Rm Sjt	1 5 1 10 10 1	6	Engrs Arty	6 18
TOTALS		187			194			194

MOST SECRET.

APPENDIX "M"

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO BE CARRIED ON THE MAN

1. CONTENTS OF HAVERSACK

2. One days operational ration
3. Two tins emergency rations
4. Half Dixie containing tin of beef and pkt of biscuits.
5. Four small tins containing:-
 - Tea
 - Sugar
 - Salt
 - Powdered Milk
6. Crown Ring Cooker with tin containing heating compound
7. Holdall containing toilet requisites
8. Housewife
9. Large face rag or half towel
10. Spare Laces
11. String

CARRIED IN SHIRT

12. Gas Wallet containing:-
 - Envelopes
 - Writing paper
 - Pencil
 - Paybook
13. Sterilizing Outfit
14. Mosquito Repellent Lotion.

CARRIED IN TROUSERS POCKETS

15. One tin of emergency ration (hip pocket)
16. Tobacco and Matches
FD DRESSING
17. GROUND SHEET (rolled) containing:-
 - Sweater
 - Two pr socks
 - Two handkerchiefs
 - FELT HAT*) Strapped to belt.
18. GAS CAPE (rolled)) Carried over haversack.
19. SANDBAGS 2 per man rolled outside groundsheet.

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Appx - D

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2/13 AUST INF BN O.O. No. 5

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INFORMATION

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2. Sea Troops. 9 AUST DIV are located WAGGA WAGGA. A sea-borne attack, intended to link up with ground forces already in contact with the enemy at MILNE BAY, has been planned for some time. Comd 9 AUST DIV issued orders for the attack on 11 Aug 43. 20 AUST INF BDE will form spear-head of landing in two phases with 2/13 AUST INF BN forming a beach head on right beach, known as YELLOW BEACH.
3. Troops under Command.

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One Sec, A Tp, 10 Bty, 2/4 AUST LT AA REGT
Lt ADS Det, 2/3 AUST FD AMB
One Det 2/13 AUST FD COY RAE
Det 592 E Bt & Shore Regt
Shore Fire Control Party RAA

INTENTION

4. 2/13 AUST INF BN CP will land and capture YELLOW BEACH (435443-442453).

METHOD

5. D DAY - 17 Aug 43.
6. Organisation of Mission Prior to Assault.
 - (a) The Mission will embark at WAGGA WAGGA BEACH (for purpose of exercise STRINGER BEACH will be used) on D DAY and depart for far shore at 0915 hrs in three waves.

Wave 1	-	2 APDs
Wave 2	-	3 LCIs
Wave 3	-	2 LCTs
 - (b) Craft Available.

2 APDs
3 LCIs
2 LCTs
8 LCVs

METHOD (continued)

6. Organisation of Mission prior to assault (Contd)

- (c) Embarkation and loading of stores - to be ready in conjunction with Standing Orders for Amphibian Operations.
- i. Guides. Guides provided from 'I' Section will meet waves at WP (438452) and guide them to assembly area.
 - ii. Loading of LCT will commence at 0700 hrs on D DAY.
 - iii. Personnel for re-embarkation on APD will embark on LCV at 0830 hrs on D DAY.
Personnel for APD 1 (B Coy) will embark in LCV Numbers 1 to 4.
Personnel for APD 2 (C Coy) will embark in LCV numbers 5 to 8.
LCV will beach in order numbers 1 to 8 from right facing the near shore.
 - iv. Embarkation of personnel in LCI will commence at 0900 hrs on D DAY.
LCI will beach from right facing near shore numbered 1, 2 and 3.

7. Marking of embarkation and loading area, in accordance with Standing Orders for Amphibian Operations.
8. Line of Departure APD - 1 mile off far shore.
9. The Assault. The assault will be made on YELLOW BEACH between 435443 and 442452 and will be carried out in two phases:
- PHASE 1 - Initial landing and securing of beach
 - PHASE 2 - Capture of first objective

10. Bearing of Attack - 299 degrees (Mag)

11. Grouping for Assault.
Fwd Troops - B Coy, A Coy, C Coy. B Coy on right
A Coy, centre.
Reserve Coy - D Coy.

12. Tasks.

B Coy -

- (a) To land on right flank and secure initially right arc of beach head by penetrating to a depth of 350 yds on left flank and 50 yds on right flank - frontage 250 yds.

- (b) Immediately flank is secure fighting patrol of one pl strength will exploit to right flank and clear DUALA POINT (449455).

A Coy

- (a) To land on centre of beach and secure initially centre of beach head by penetrating to a depth of 350 yds on a frontage of 250 yds.

- (b) To exploit forward to a depth of 600 yds to STEPHEN'S VILLAGE (426455).

C Coy

- To land on left flank of beach and secure initially left arc of beach head by penetrating to a depth of 350 yds on right flank and 50 yds on left flank - frontage 250 yds.

METHOD (Contd)

12. Tasks (Contd).D Coy

- (a) To land on right flank of beach and move to a posn in rear of centre coy and be prepared to exploit through A Coy to a depth of 600 yds. Code Word for exploitation -- SKIP.
- (b) Exploit with strong patrol to STEPHEN'S VILLAGE (436455) -- Code Word SCOOT.
- (c) Counter Attack Role. Code Word to counter attack KNOCK BACK preceded by Coy being attacked -- e.g. "KNOCK BACK A". On receipt of the code word, D Coy will proceed immediately with the appropriate task. Success will be notified by the same code word.

PHASE 2. Exploitation of beach head to depth of 600 yds.

13. H Hour - 1100 hrs 17 Aug 45

14. Far Shore Landing Schedule.

Beach -	YELLOW	Time of Landing
WAVE	1	H Hour
WAVE	2	H plus 10
WAVE	3	H plus 30

WAVE 1 will land with 60 yds between barges.
WAVE 2 will land with 150 yds between LCI

LCT will land on beach flanks.

15. Naval Support.

(a) Naval bombardment by two ships will support the initial landing and bring down concentrations on zones as shown in Sketch and Fire Plan, then lifting forward in support of capture of first objective. Thence by selected targets indicated by Comd to Shore Fire Control Party.

(b) Fire Plan. To be read in conjunction with Sketch att.

Serial No	Tasks	Zone	Ship	Map Ref	Timing	Rate	Type of Fire
1	DUALI PT	1	Dest.	449455	H-15 to H+12	Slow	HE
2	STRINGER R	2	"	435441	H-15 " H+12	"	HE
3	BEACH	2&3	"	435443- 442452	H-15 " H-9	Normal	HE
4	STEPHEN'S VILLAGE	5	"	426455	H+3 " H+10	Normal	HE
5	STEPHEN'S SPUR	6	"	428458	H+3 " H+10	Normal	HE
6	DUALI Pt	1	LCI 1	449455	H " H+15	Normal	20 mm
7	STRINGER POINT	2	LCI 3	435441	H " H+15	Normal	20 mm
8	INDICATED	-	Dest.	Indic- ated		Indicated	Indicated

METHOD (Contd)

16. Arty
 Task - to engage opportunity targets as soon as possible by each gun as soon as it is ready to fire.
 FOOs will travel with Comds where allotted.
17. AA Defence.
 (a) AA guns will be sited, one on each flank of beach and will be prepared for action immediately against hostile aircraft and to engage enemy craft if a counter landing is attempted.
 (b) During voyage AA crews will man 20 mm guns on LCI.
18. Flk A. One gun will be sited initially on each flank of beach on dune line and be prepared to engage flanks and hostile sea attack with HE and AP.
19. Mortars 3". Two dets under command D Coy.
 Two Dets under Command A Coy
 Four Dets in reserve under Comd Mortar Offr --
 Task: to engage opportunity targets on flanks.
 Two Dets will come under comd C Coy on capture of first objective.
20. MMGs. One sec MMG under Comd D Coy
 One sec MMG under comd ~~MMG~~ Pl Comd --
 (task: to engage opportunity targets on right flank)
21. Air.
 (a) One sortie strafing of Zones 1,2,3, and 4 in sketch attached from H-6 to H-3.
 (b) Bombing of indicated targets.
22. Engrs.
 (a) Sapper Dets with coys will assist in clearing obstacles and repairing demolitions.
 (b) Assist support weapons to gun ~~sites~~ sites by towing with Bulldozers from LCI.
 (c) Prepare beach road-ways and beach ex it.
 (d) Construct bridges over water obstacles.
23. Pioneers
 Tasks: Protection of Bn HQ, preparation of Command Post, assist RAE in clearing obstacles and preparation of booby traps.
24. ESB Detachment. Beach markers will be provided and erected by ESB Det for Centre Range Pole and Beach Limit Markers in accordance with Appendix "A" attached.

ADMINISTRATION

25. Ammunition
 (a) First Line on the man as in Standing Orders for Amphibian Operations.
 (b) Two days WUR will be carried on LCT.
26. Rations
 (a) One day Fd Op - 3 days Emergency - 1 days hard on the man.
 (b) One days Fd Op in sandbags (each containing five) will be carried off LCI by personnel.
27. Water.
 (a) Water bottles will be filled prior to embarkation. Troops will land with water bottles full.
 (b) One days reserve will be carried in 2 gallon containers in LCT.
28. Tools. Scale to be carried - as laid down in Standing Orders for Amphibian Operations.
29. Stores.
 (a) One blanket per man will be carried in bulk in LCT. Mosquito nets will be carried in bulk.
 (b) Priority stores for immediate requirements will be carried in LCI
 (c) Remainder of stores will come forward with B Echelon on night D plus 1/D plus 2.
30. F.O.L. Full tanks plus reserve for 200 miles per vehicle
31. Water Proofing - Servicing of Vehs, Guns and Mechanical Equipment. As laid down in Standing Orders for Amphibian Operations.
32. Medical.
 (a) SES are allotted as per Appx "A", "B" "C" to Standing Orders for Amphibian Operations.
 (b) RAP will be located in area shown in diagram attached as Appx "C".
 (c) RMO will advise ADS of location of RAP as soon as it is established.
33. WWCP. Will be located at RAP
34. Nominal Rolls. As laid down in Standing Orders for Amphibian Operations.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

35. Location and Layout of Bn HQ. As shown on diagram attached as Appx "C".
36. Report Centre. Will be established by RF Sjt on edge of sand dune in rear of range pole.
37. Sig Plan. As per Appx "D" attached. Line com will be established as early as possible.
38. V/S to LCT. V/S on far shore by lamp to LCT will be arranged by ESB Detachment.

INTERCOMMUNICATION (Contd)

39. Wireless Channels
- (a) Will be used only for operational traffic in form of code words and SITREPS.
 - (b) Listening Watch will be maintained for first 5 minutes in each hour until H-20. Thereafter for first 5 minutes in each 20 minutes from H-20. After H Hour - continuous watch.
 - (c) Wireless Silence will be maintained until H-15 unless enemy action necessitates breaking of silence. Silence will only be broken by set attached to Command.
40. Orderlies. Location of sub unit HQ will be notified in accordance with Standing Orders for Amphibian Operations and orderlies as laid down.
41. Pass Word. Pass word for operation will be notified to all concerned by I.O. prior to operation.
42. Codes and Ciphers
- (a) The entire operation will be known as MAYFLOWER
 - (b) Bn Code names:-

Bn HQ	--	ROCK	1
A Coy	--	ALPH	1
B Coy	--	BETA	1
C COY	--	GAMA	1
D COY	--	DELA	1
 - (c) Craft Code Names:-

APD	--	CAMEL
LCI	--	CAT
LCT	--	DOG
LCV	--	MOUSE
 - (d) Appointments Code:-

Comd	--	CHESTERFIELD
Adjt	--	OLD GOLD
QM	--	DUN HILL
I.O.	--	LUCKY STRIKE
Sig Offr	--	PHIBIP MIRRIS
43. Synchronisation of Time. Time will be synchronised by Sig Offr from ABC Time Signal at 2000 hrs on D-1 and again at 0600 hrs on D DAY.

R. J. Somerville Capt.
Adjt 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(R.J. SOMERVILLE)


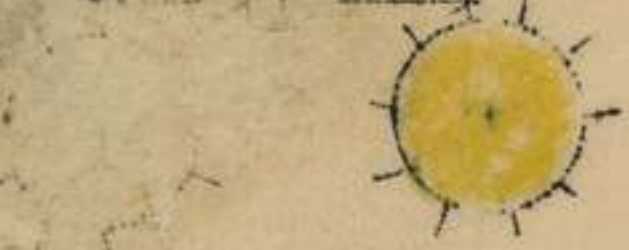

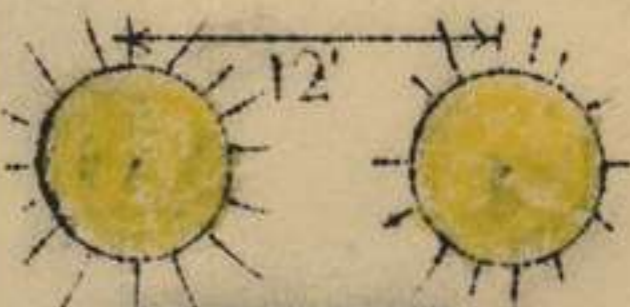

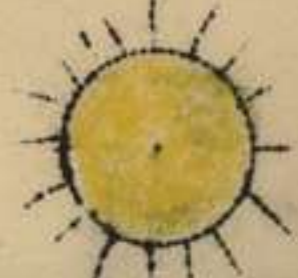
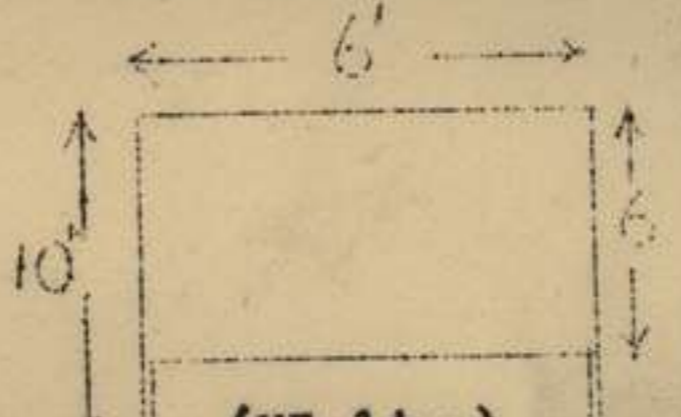
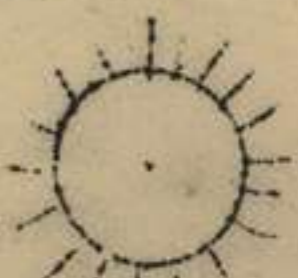
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TIME OF SIGNATURE 0930 hrs
ISSUED through Sigs - Conference.

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A Coy	1	E Tp, 62 Bty, 2/12 Aust	
B Coy	2	Fd Regt RAA	9
C Coy	3	A Tp, 2/4 Lt AA	10
D Coy	4	2/3 Aust Fd Coy RAE	11
HQ Coy	5	2/8 Aust Fd Arb	12
QM	6	Shore Fire Control Party	13
I.O.	7	Commander NORMAN-	14
Sig Offr	8	Comd	15
		2 i/c	16
		Adjt	17
		20 ABST INF BDE	18-19
		File	20
		War Diary	21
		Spare	22-24

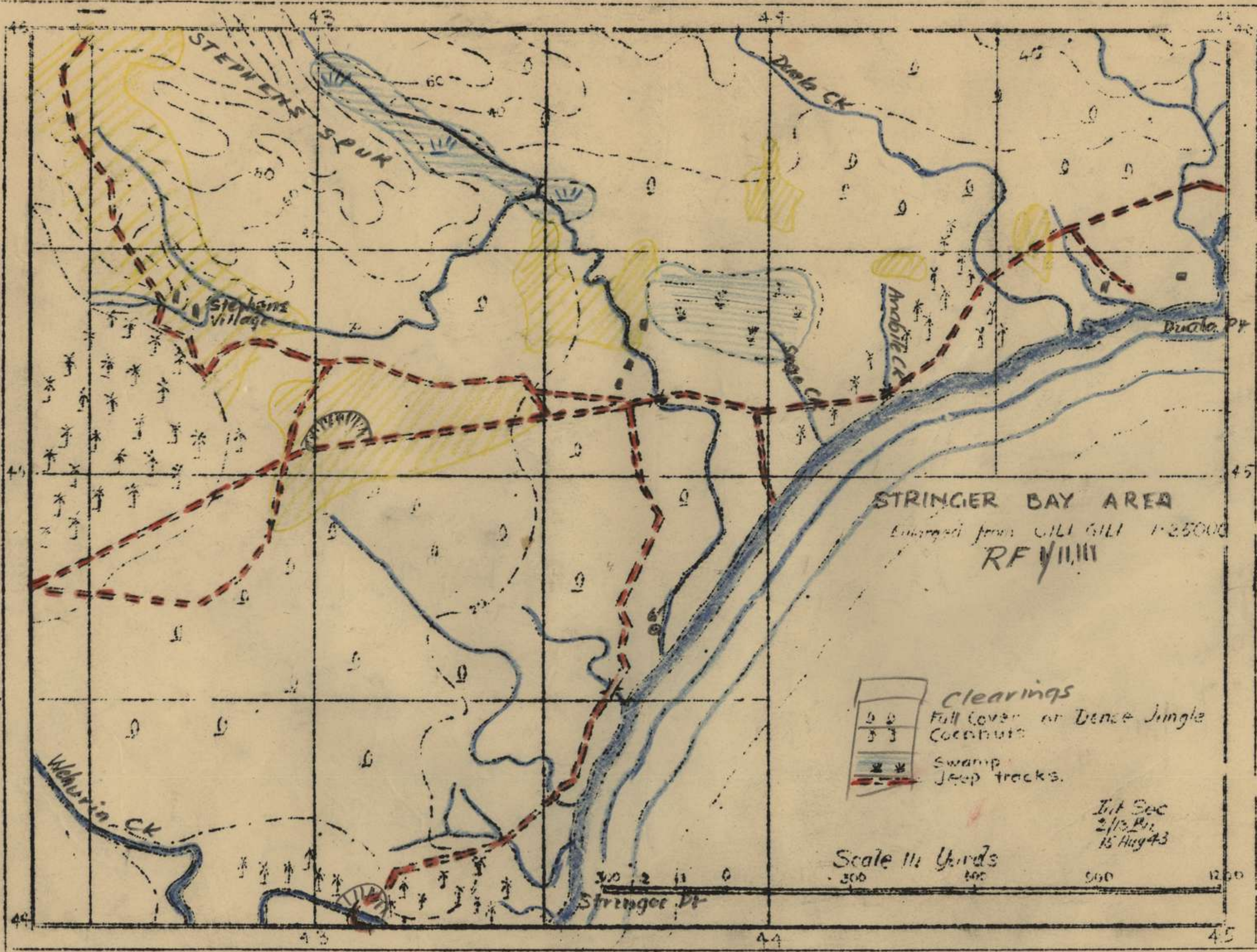
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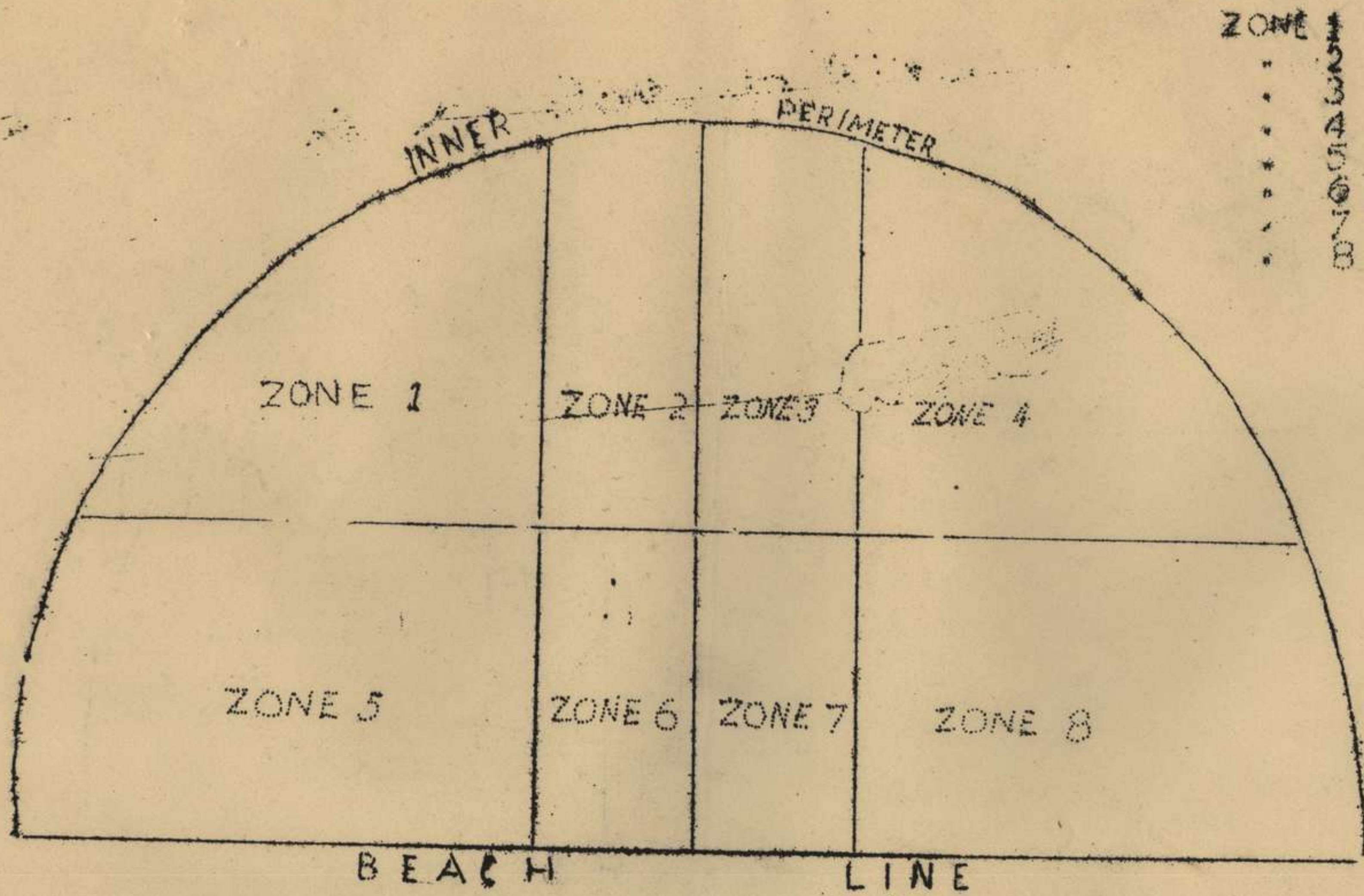
Serial	Designation	DAY	NIGHT
1	Left Limite (from seaward)		 (Lights)
2	Right Limit (from seaward)		 (Lights)
3	Centre		 (Light)
4	Roadway	 (White)	 (Blinking Light)

- NOTES;**
- (a) All markers and coloured lights indicating the beach will be the designated colour of the beach. Lights not shown as coloured are white
 - (b) If for navigational reasons a range is necessary, a duplicate landing point marker will be created behind serial 4 (Roadway), at least 50 ft to landward and 20 ft higher.

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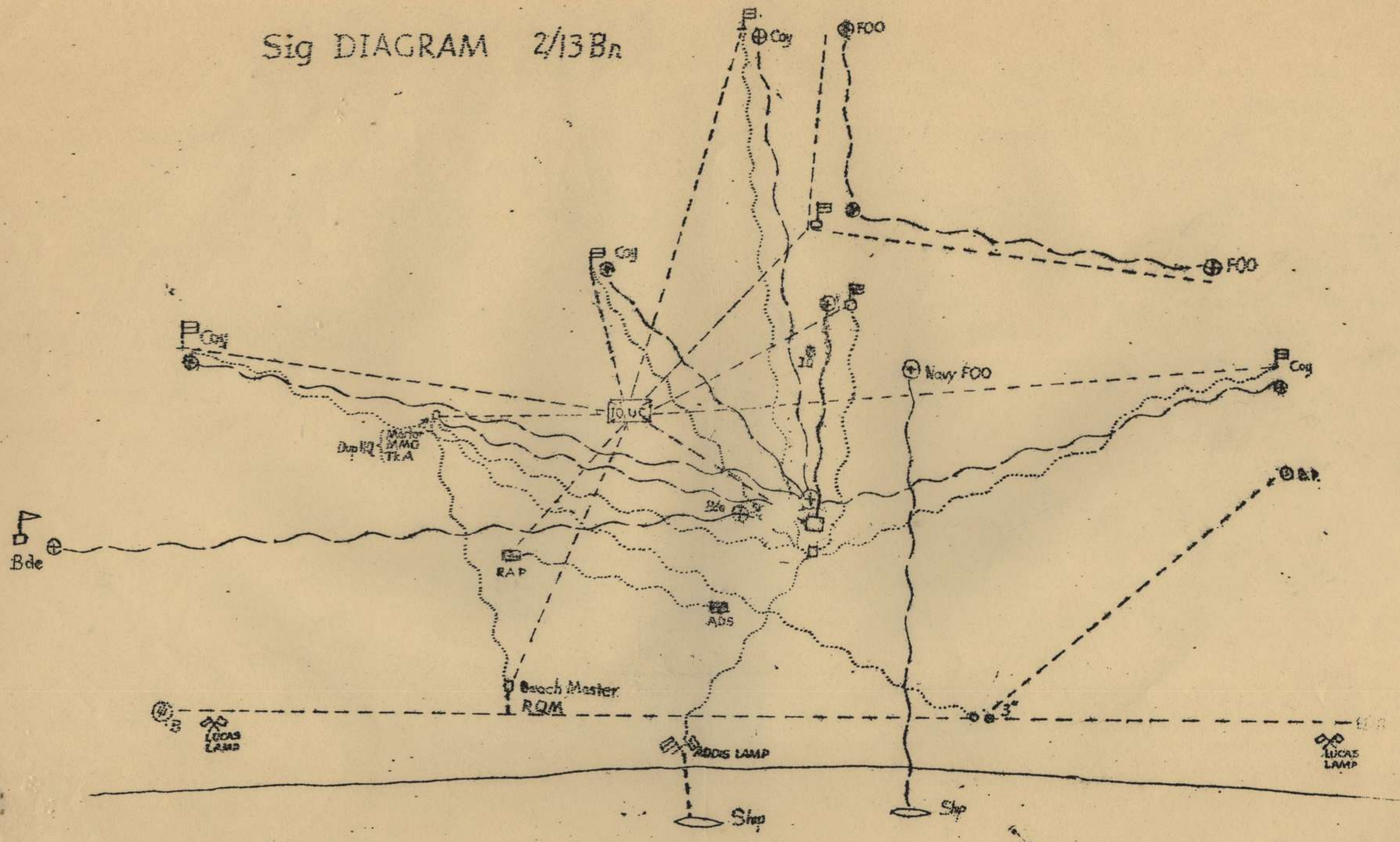
Appx C



- ZONE 1 Bn Hq. Gp 2
- " 2 " " 1
- " 3 Comd. Post
- " 4 Arty
- " 5 Dumps
- " 6 RAP
- " 7 ADS
- " 8 RAE

Appx D

Sig DIAGRAM 2/13 Bn



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One Sec, A Tp, 10 Bty, 2/4 AUST LT AA REGT
Lt ADS Det, 2/8 AUST FD AMB
One Det 2/13 AUST FD COY RAE
Det 592 E Bt & Shore Regt
Shore Fire Control Party RAA

INTENTION

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METHOD

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Wave 3	-	2 LCTs
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3 LCIs
2 LCTs
8 LCVs

METHOD (continued)

6. Organisation of Mission prior to assault (Contd)

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8. Line of Departure APD - 1 mile off far shore.

9. The Assault. The assault will be made on **YELLOW BEACH** between 435443 and 442452 and will be carried out in two phases:

PHASE 1 - Initial landing and securing of beach
PHASE 2 - Capture of first objective

10. Bearing of Attack - 299 degrees (Mag)

11. Grouping for Assault.

Fwd Troops - B Coy, A Coy, C Coy. B Coy on right
A Coy, centre.

Reserve Coy - D Coy.

PHASE 1

12. Tasks.

B Coy -

(a) To land on right flank and secure initially right arc of beach head by penetrating to a depth of 350 yds on left flank and 50 yds on right flank - frontage 250

(b) Immediately flank is secure fighting patrol of one pl strength will exploit to right flank and clear DUALA POINT (449455).

A Coy

(a) To land on centre of beach and secure initially centre of beach head by penetrating to a depth of 350 yds on a frontage of 250 yds.

(b) To exploit forward to a depth of 600 yds to STEPHEN'S VILLAGE (426455).

C Coy

To land on left flank of beach and secure initially left arc of beach head by penetrating to a depth of 350 yds on right flank and 50 yds on left flank - frontage 250 yds.

ADMINISTRATION

25. Ammunition
 (a) First Line on the man as in Standing Orders for Amphibian Operations.
 (b) Two days WUR will be carried on LCT.
26. Rations
 (a) One day Fd Op - 3 days Emergency - 1 days hard on the man.
 (b) One days Fd Op in sandbags (each containing five) will be carried off LCI by personnel.
27. Water.
 (a) Water bottles will be filled prior to embarkation. Troops will land with water bottles full.
 (b) One days reserve will be carried in 2 gallon containers in LCT.
28. Tools. Scale to be carried - as laid down in Standing Orders for Amphibian Operations.
29. Stores.
 (a) One blanket per man will be carried in bulk in LCT. Mosquito nets will be carried in bulk.
 (b) Priority stores for immediate requirements will be carried in LCI
 (c) Remainder of stores will come forward with B Echelon on night D plus 1/D plus 2.
30. P.O.L. Full tanks plus reserve for 200 miles per vehicle
31. Water Proofing - Servicing of Vehs, Guns and Mechanical Equipment. As laid down in Standing Orders for Amphibian Operations.
32. Medical.
 (a) SAs are allotted as per Appx "A", "B" "C" to Standing Orders for Amphibian Operations.
 (b) RAP will be located in area shown in diagram attached as Appx "C".
 (c) RMO will advise ADS of location of RAP as soon as it is established.
33. WWCP. Will be located at RAP
34. Nominal Rolls. As laid down in Standing Orders for Amphibian Operations.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

35. Location and Layout of Bn HQ. As shown on diagram attached as Appx "C".
36. Report Centre. Will be established by RP Sjt on edge of sand dune in rear of range pole.
37. Sig Plan. As per Appx "D" attached. Line comm will be established as early as possible.
38. V/S to LCT. V/S on far shore by lamp to LCT will be arranged by ESB Detachment.

METHOD (Contd)

16. Arty
 Task - to engage opportunity targets as soon as possible by each gun as soon as it is ready to fire.
 FOOs will travel with Comds where allotted.
17. AA Defence.
 (a) AA guns will be sited, one on each flank of beach and will be prepared for action immediately against hostile aircraft and to engage enemy craft if a counter landing is attempted.
 (b) During voyage AA crews will man 20 mm guns on LCI.
18. Tk A. One gun will be sited initially on each flank of beach on dune line and be prepared to engage flanks and hostile sea attack with HE and AP.
19. Mortars 3". Two dets under command D Coy.
 Two Dets under Command A Coy
 Four Dets in reserve under Comd Mortar Offr -
 Task: to engage opportunity targets on flanks.
 Two Dets will come under comd C Coy on capture of first objective.
20. MMGs. One sec MMG under Comd D Coy
 One sec MMG under comd ~~MMG~~ Pl Comd --
 (task: to engage opportunity targets on right flank)
21. Air.
 (a) One sortie strafing of Zones 1,2,3, and 4 in sketch attached from H-6 to H-3.
 (b) Bombing of indicated targets.
22. Engrs.
 (a) Sapper Dets with coys will assist in clearing obstacles and repairing demolitions.
 (b) Assist support weapons to gun ~~sites~~ sites by towing with Bulldozers from LCI.
 (c) Prepare beach road-ways and beach ex it.
 (d) Construct bridges over water obstacles.
23. Pioneers
 Tasks: Protection of Bn HQ, preparation of Command Post, assist RAE in clearing obstacles and preparation of booby traps.
24. ESB Detachment. Beach markers will be provided and erected by ESB Det for Centre Range Pole and Beach Limit Markers in accordance with Appendix "A" attached.

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INTERCOMMUNICATION (Contd)

39. Wireless Channels
- (a) Will be used only for operational traffic in form of code words and SITREPS.
- (b) Listening Watch will be maintained for first 5 minutes in each hour until H-20. Thereafter for first 5 minutes in each 20 minutes from H-20. After H Hour - continuous watch.
- (c) Wireless Silence will be maintained until H-15 unless enemy action necessitates breaking of silence. Silence will only be broken by set attached to Command.
40. Orderlies. Location of sub unit HQ will be notified in accordance with Standing Orders for Amphibian Operations and orderlies as laid down.
41. Pass Word. Pass word for operation will be notified to all concerned by I.O. prior to operation.
42. Codes and Ciphers
- (a) The entire operation will be known as MAYFLOWER
- (b) Bn Code names:-
- | | | | |
|-------|---|------|---|
| Bn HQ | - | ROCK | 1 |
| A Coy | - | ALPH | 1 |
| B Coy | - | BETA | 1 |
| C COY | - | GAMA | 1 |
| D COY | - | DELA | 1 |
- (c) Craft Code Names:-
- | | | |
|-----|---|-------|
| APD | - | CAMEL |
| LCI | - | CAT |
| LCT | - | DOG |
| LCV | - | MOUSE |
- (d) Appointments Code:-
- | | | |
|----------|---|---------------|
| Comd | - | CHESTERFIELD |
| Adjnt | - | OLD GOLD |
| QM | - | DUN HILL |
| I.O. | - | LUCKY STRIKE |
| Sig Offr | - | PHIBIP MIRRIS |
43. Synchronisation of Time. Time will be synchronised by Sig Offr from ABC Time Signal at 2000 hrs on D-1 and again at 0600 hrs on D DAY.

R. J. Somerville Capt,
Adjnt 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
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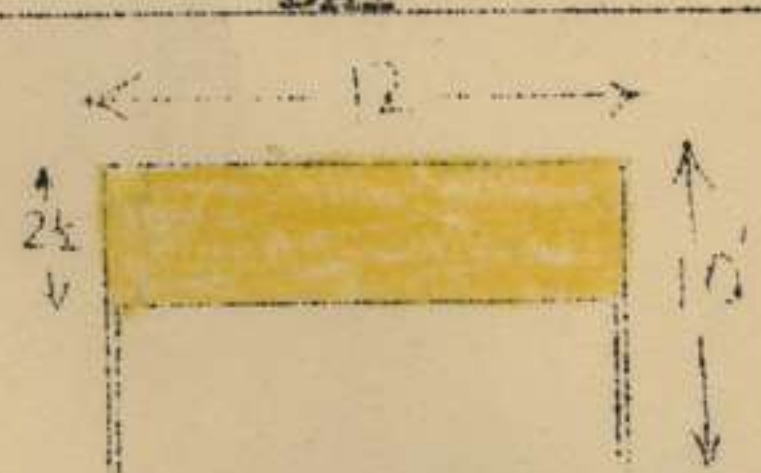
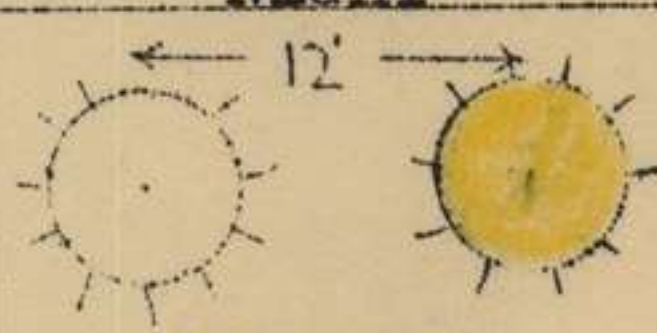

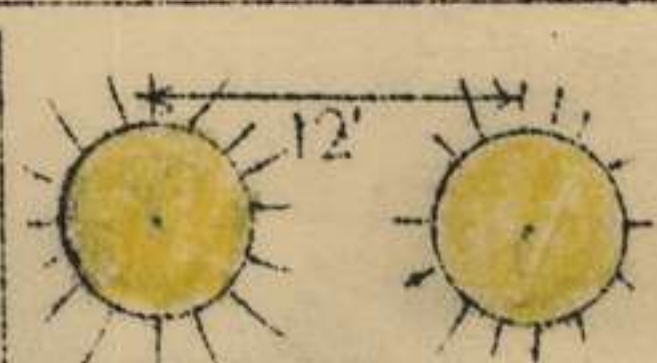
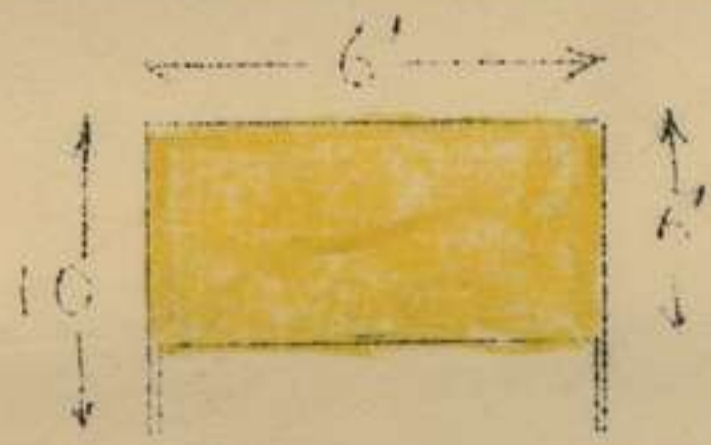
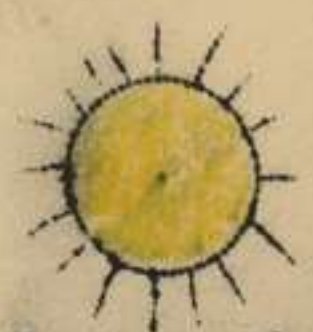
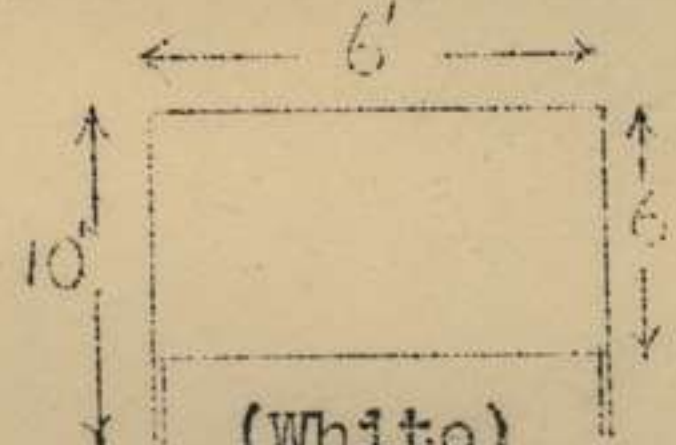
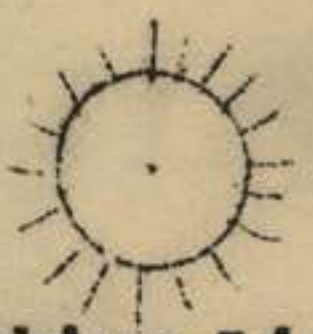
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B Coy	2	Fd Regt RAA	9
C Coy	3	A Tp, 2/4 Lt AA	10
D Coy	4	2/3 Aust Fd Coy RAE	11
HQ Coy	5	2/8 Aust Fd Arb	12
QM	6	Shore Fire Control Party	13
I.O.	7	Commander NORMAN-	14
Sig Offr	8	Comd	15
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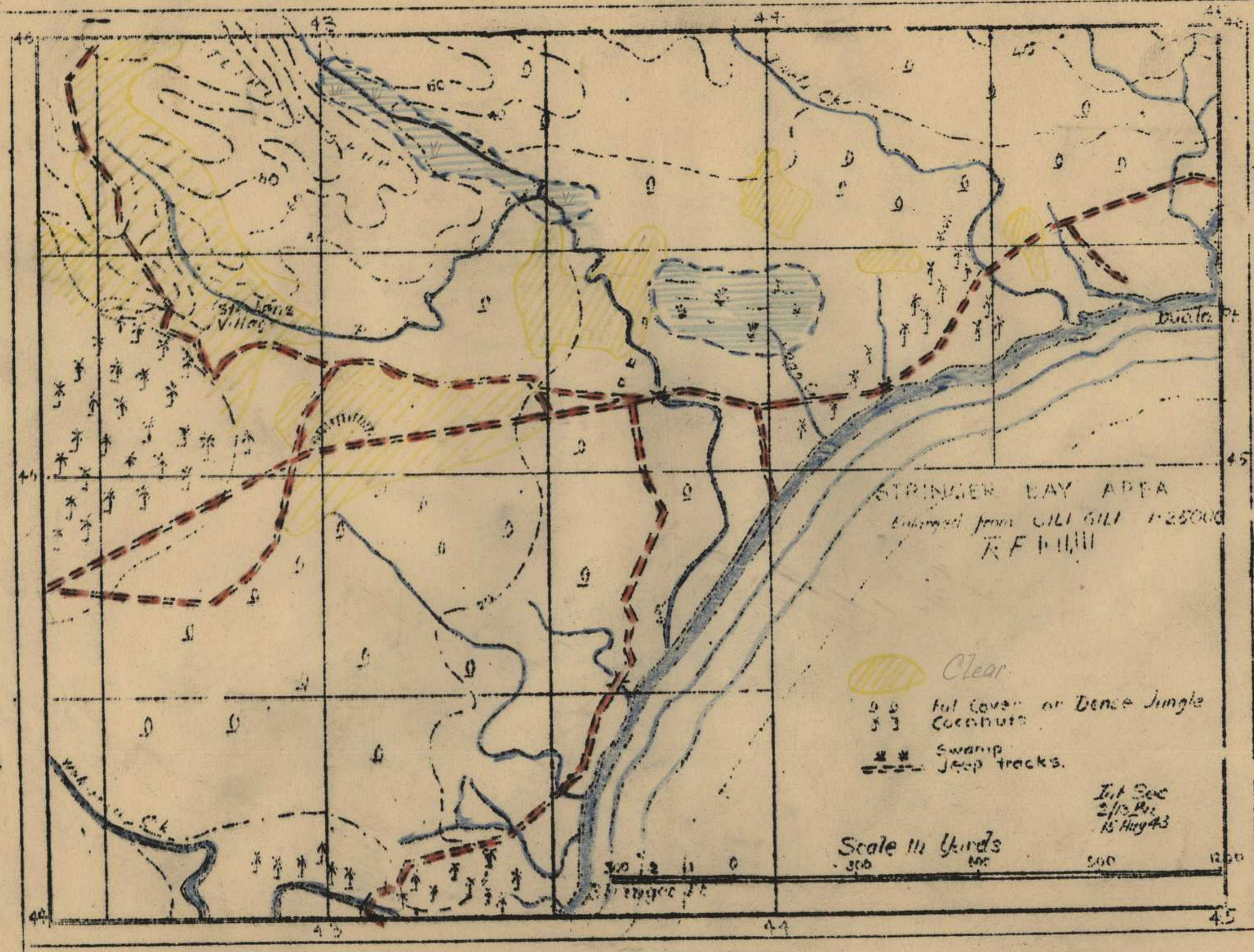
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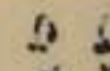


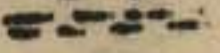
Serial	Designation	DAY	NIGHT
1	Left Limite (from seaward)		 (Lights)
2	Right Limit (from seaward)		 (Lights)
3	Centre		 (Light)
4	Roadway	 (White)	 (Blinking Light)

- NOTES;
- (a) All markers and coloured lights indicating the beach will be the designated colour of the beach. Lights not shown as coloured are white
 - (b) If for navigational reasons a range is necessary, a duplicate landing point marker will be created behind serial 4 (Roadway), at least 50 ft to landward and 20 ft higher.

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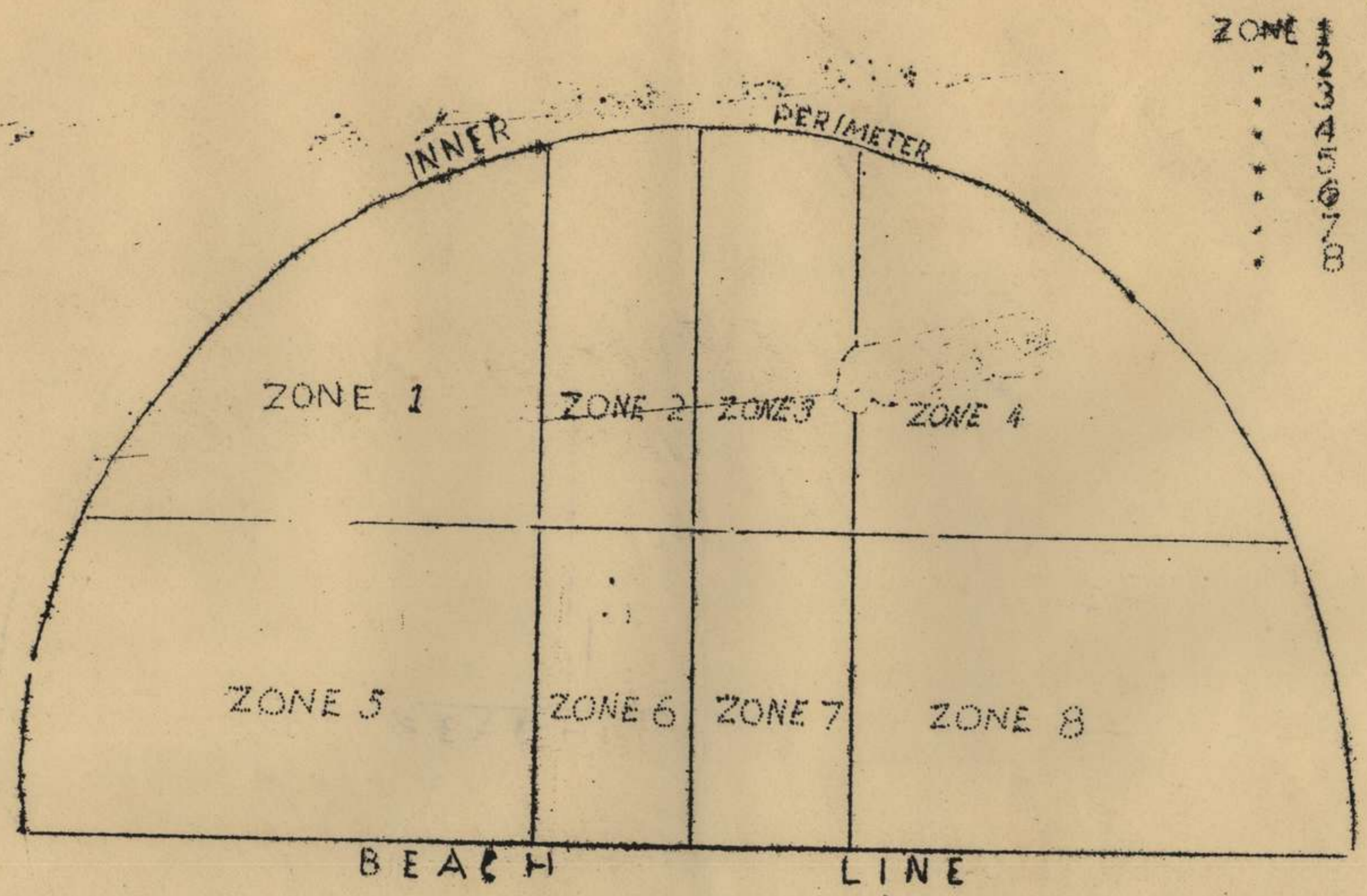
STRINGER BAY AREA
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-  Clear.
-  Full Cover or Dense Jungle
-  Coconuts
-  Swamp
-  Jeep tracks.

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Scale in Yards
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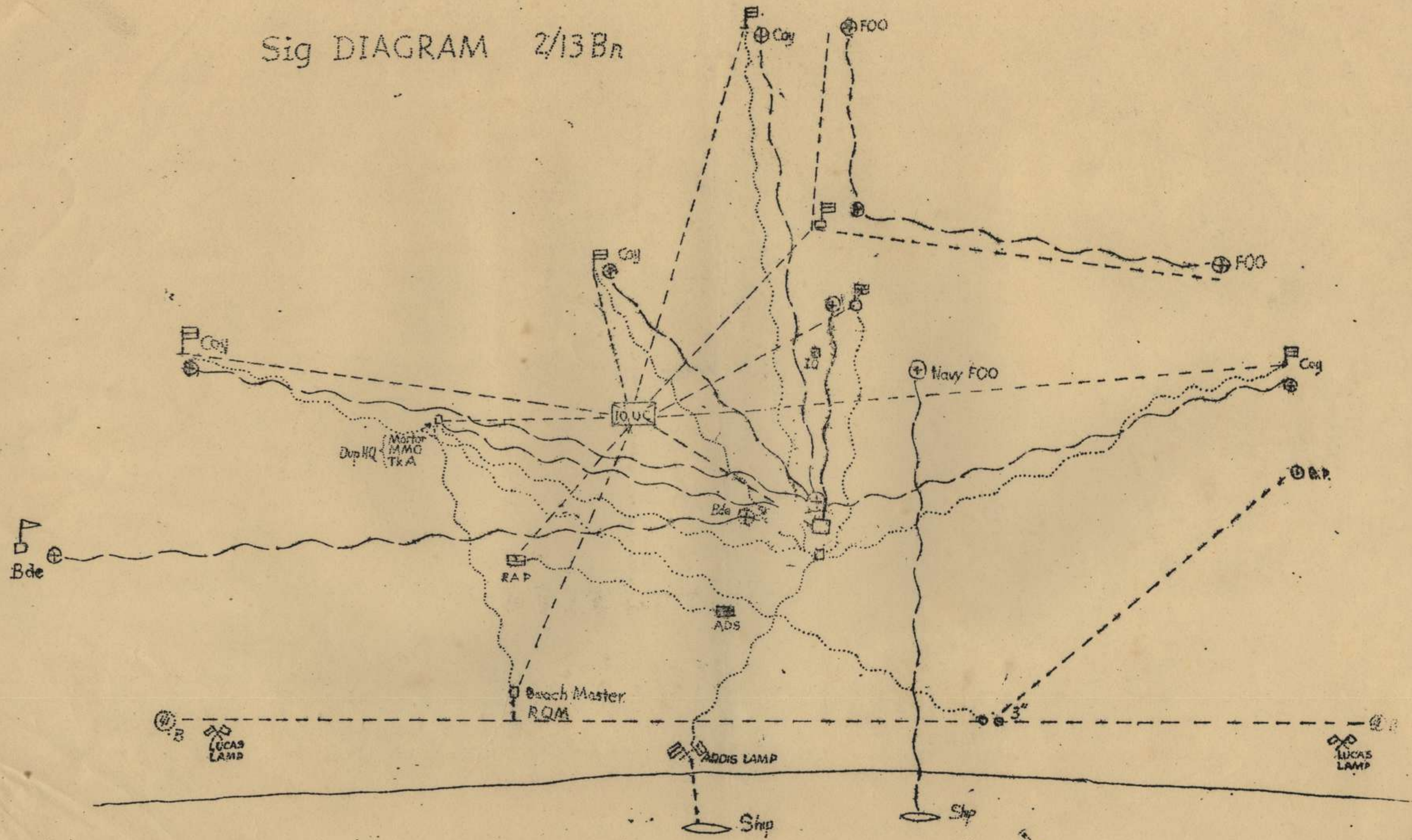
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- ZONE 1 Bn Bq. Gp 2
- " 2 " " 1
- " 3 Comd. Post
- " 4 Arty
- " 5 Dumps
- " 6 RAP
- " 7 ADS
- " 8 RAE

App D

Sig DIAGRAM 2/13 Bn



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MOST SECRET

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"P O S T E R N"

Ref Maps: BINOCULAR SERIES 1 : 25,000

INFORMATION

1. Enemy. As in 9 AUST DIV Special POSTERN Intelligence Summary No. 1.
2. Forecast of Enemy Action.
 - (a) Land. See 9 AUST DIV Special POSTERN Intelligence Summary No 1 para 2 and 3.
 - (b) Sea. It is expected that the enemy will re-act violently to our operations and that he may follow his custom of bring warships by night to bombard the beach area for a short time and then to make off before being intercepted.
 - (c) Air. Some enemy bombing and strafing may be expected, both by day and night, possibly in strength. A/C observation and detection and co-ordinated air defence of the beaches and maintenance area will be therefore of great importance.
 - (d) Amphibious. It is considered not likely that the enemy can put on an impromptu amphibious operation against us. The enemy is known to have some barges and it may be expected that he will use these craft to move small forces and supplies to tactical positions to interfere with our operations and possibly to attack our craft and the southern flanks of our advancing forces with MGs or 37mm guns.
3. Own Troops. 20 AUST INF BDE and attached troops are to seize and secure two beachheads (RED BEACH and YELLOW BEACH). RED BEACH, unless the tactical situation otherwise necessitates, is to be the beachhead for 9 AUST DIV/
2/13 AUST INF BN have been order^{ed} to seize and ~~secure~~ YELLOW BEACH.
4. Troops under Command.

E Tp, 62 Bty, 2/12 AUST FD REGT RAA
 1 Sec, A Tp, 10 Bty, 2/4 AUST LT AA REGT
 B.1 LT ADS, 2/8 AUST FD AMB
 No 2 Pl, 2/3 AUST FD COY, RAE.
 Det 592 E Bt & Sh REGT
 Shore FIRE CONTROL PARTY RAA

INFORMATION (Continued)

5. In Support.

1 L.C.S and Naval Vessels from
US Task Force 76

6. Topographical. See 9 AUST DIV Special POSTERN Intelligence Summary No.1 Part 2.

INTENTION

7. 2/13 AUST INF BN GP will land and capture YELLOW BEACH and form a beachhead.

METHOD

8. D Day. - To be advised later.9. Organisation and Movement of Mission to Far Shore.

(a) 2/13 AUST INF BN GP will embark at No. 1 and No. 2 beaches, BEMMIGEN, on 31 Aug and 2 Sep 43 in accordance with Appendix "A" attached.

During voyage to far shore the Mission will stage at CHIVALRY and probably at PORTICO from which places it will proceed to YELLOW BEACH.

(b) Guides, provided from 'I' Sec, will meet craft groups at WP 438452 (GILI GILI SHEET) and at the bottom of TURNBULL AIRSTRIP, from where they will guide them to their respective assembly areas.

(c) The Mission will proceed to the far shore in three waves:-

Wave 1	-	2 APDs
Wave 2	-	3 LCIs
Wave 3	-	2 LCTs

10. The Assault.- (to be read in conjunction with Photo-Maps)

STAGE 1. Phase 1. To seize YELLOW BEACH 980399-971398 and fringe of jungle on a frontage of 560 yds.

Phase 2. Capture of first objective (RED LINE)

Phase 3. Exploitation with one coy, through INGHAM, 978408, to BRUCE'S CROSS 978410. Mopping up patrols operate towards SUEZ to contact 2/15 AUST INF BN patrols.

Phase 4. Exploitation by one coy to HERB'S JUNG 987425 and main track east. Co-ordination and beachhead defence.

Grouping for Assault. B Coy, A Coy, C Coy fwd, B Coy on right, A Coy centre - D Coy reserve.

METHOD (Continued)

10. The Assault (Contd).

STAGE 2 . On completion of stage 1 be prepared to :-

- i. Capture and hold line of SNEEZE with a view to the subsequent capture of / ^{BOURKE} and exploitation further EAST.
- ii. Aid in capture of line / ^{of} "alternative" objective if Comd 9 AUST DIV decides to develop YELLOW BEACH as the main beachhead.

11. Tasks. (to be read in conjunction with Photo Maps)

B Coy - Phase 1. B Coy will capture, initially, fringe of the jungle on right flank of beach.

Phase 2. After rapid re-grouping, form right sector of beachhead by penetrating to and occupying first objective shown on RED LINE, facing EAST. Immediately after capture of first objective a fighting patrol of one pl strength will exploit to PAUL'S PT (984394) and secure area as a standing patrol with a task of preventing enemy interference from right flank.

A Coy - Phase 1. A Coy will land on centre of beach and after rapid re-organisation exploit fwd and capture first objective shown on RED LINE as centre sector of beachhead, facing NORTH.

Phase 4. A Coy will exploit due NORTH, through D Coy, along route 1, through HERB'S JUNC and will capture and secure TEL AVIV (988424).

A Coy will proceed with this task only on receipt of code word IMPSHI. Success will be reported by the same code word.

C Coy - Phase 1. C Coy will capture initially, the fringe of the jungle on left flank of beach.

Phase 2. After rapid re-grouping, form ^{LEFT} right sector of beach head by penetrating to and occupying first objective shown on RED LINE, facing WEST.

Immediately after capture of first objective, a strong composite fighting patrol will exploit and mop up towards TED'S POINT 968398 leaving a standing patrol in occupation.

Phase 3. After reporting occupation of TED'S PT main patrol will mop up along route 23 to junc 946395 river and coast, where contact will be made with A Coy patrol of 2/15 AUST INF BN. After contact has been established, patrol will return and mop up via route 3 and relieve patrol at TED'S PT.

D Coy - Phases 1 and 2. D Coy will land and take up reserve coy posn and be prepared to repel counter attacks where threatened on receipt of code word REPULSE followed by the code name of the coy on whose front the enemy are attacking. Success will be reported by same code word. While in reserve D Coy will be located at approx 400 yds from beach along centre line.

METHOD (Continued)

11. Tasks (Contd)

D Coy - Phase 3. D Coy will ~~exit~~ NORTH through INGHAM via route 1 and occupy a coy locality in area **BRUCE'S CROSS**. On reaching **BRUCE'S CROSS** a fighting patrol of one pl strength will mop up WESTWARD along route 5 and contact patrol from C Coy 2/15 AUST INF BN at 950417 (SUEZ). After contact is made patrol will return and mop up via route 4 to SOUTH edge of INGHAM. D Coy will proceed on this task only on receipt of code word JULIS. Success will be reported by same code word. D Coy will then be prepared to establish a standing patrol on route 5, astride track and river junc 963413 when ordered.

12. Flank Contact. Immediately first objectives are occupied, each coy will contact coys on their flanks by small patrols and report to Bn HQ when contact is completed.
13. H Hour. To be advised.
14. Far Shore Landing Schedule. To be read in conjunction with Appendix "B" attached.

BEACH - YELLOWTIME OF LANDING

WAVE 1	H Hour ¹⁰
WAVE 2	H plus 6 mins.
WAVE 3	H plus 30 mins.

Wave 1 will land with 80 yds between barge.
 Wave 2 will land with 150 yds between LCI
 Wave 3 will beach at Beach Exits where indicated by ESB detachment.

15. Co-Ordination of Local Defences. Major J.L.A. KELLY will be responsible for co-ordination of all local defences within beach perimeter. Sentries will be posted by all sub-units at all times. All units in vicinity of beach will provide sentries to watch for any hostile craft approaching beach. Immediate warning will be given to Beach Master or to Major JLA KELLY if craft of any nature is sighted. Maj KELLY will arrange signalling of challenges to craft.
16. Naval Support. Naval bombardment by two ships is to support the initial landing by bombarding the beach prior to H Hour. After H Hour ships are to fire on selected targets, indicated to SHORE FIRE CONTROL PARTY by Comd.
17. Air Support. 5 AF and 4 AC Sqn RAAF are undertaking:-
- Neutralising of enemy airfields
 - Detection and attack on enemy barge traffic and naval craft
 - Where practicable, close up in emergency.
 - Fighter protection of landing operation
 - The R over ~~THE~~ **BOURKE**

METHOD (Continued)

18. Arty. Arty tp will engage opportunity targets as soon as possible by each gun as soon as it is ready to fire.
FOOs will be allotted to coys by Comd.
19. A.A. Protection. Bofors guns will be sited on beach flanks. They will be prepared for action against enemy aircraft, but only when hostile acts are attempted.
Guns will be prepared to engage also enemy craft if a counter landing is attempted.
20. Tk A. One gun will be sited on each flank of beach in fringe of timber and will be prepared to engage targets on flank and hostile craft.
21. Mortars. Two dets under comd A Coy
Two dets under comd D Coy
Four dets initially in reserve under comd Mortar Offr with a task of firing on opportunity targets
Two dets will be prepared to come under comd C or B Coy when ordered.
22. MMGs. One sec under comd D Coy
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23. Engrs.
(a) Sapper dets with coys will assist in clearing obstacles and repairing demolitions.
(b) Priority of work: to assist heavy weapons to their posns; clearance of minor obstacles on beach area - preparation of beach exits; develop beach maintenance area in general; development of tracks leading into beachhead.
24. Pioneers. Tasks: protection of Bn HQ; assist RAE in clearing obstacles and preparation of booby-traps etc.
25. E.S.B. Det. Beach markers will be provided and erected by ESB Det for Centre Range Pole and Beach Limit Markers.
26. Hostile Air Attack, at Sea. In the event of hostile attack at sea, the naval comd on each craft is in command. The assault Mission will proceed with its task irrespective of enemy action.

ADMINISTRATION

As set out in 2/13 AUST INF BN ADM ORDER No 1 issued separately.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

27. Location and Lay-out of Bn HQ. As shown in Appx "C" att.
28. Report Centre. Will be established on edge of timber directly in rear of Bn HQ. All personnel, unless on some specific duty, will be directed away from Bn HQ by RP on duty.
Report centre will be marked with a large unit sign, and a flag.

INTERCOMMUNICATION (Contd)

29. Sig Plan. As shown in Appendix "D" attached.
30. V/S To LCT and Re-Supply Craft.
V/S on far shore will be arranged by ESB Det. If required by local defence officer, one unit signal and ALDIS lamp will be detached for ship to shore recognition duties.
31. Wireless Channels.
(a) Will be used only for operational traffic - Adm traffic will be passed by other means.
(b) Wireless silence will be maintained until H Hour unless an emergency demands that it be broken. Silence will only be broken by set attached to comd.
(c) 108 Set frequency - 6 megacycles.
32. Orderlies. Location of sub unit HQ will be notified in accordance with Standing Orders for Amphibious Ops. Orderlies will be sent to Bn HQ as soon as possible after landing.
33. Reports and Sitreps. In addition to special reports coys will pass SITREPS to Bn HQ at 15 mins past and 15 mins to each clock hour.
Reports from Bn HQ to Bde HQ will be passed every clock hour and half hour
34. Recognition Signals.
(a) Ground to Air: IO will arrange ground to air recognition signals in accordance with current code if called for A/C.
(b) Naval Bombardment: patrols from B and G Coys moving to flanks of beach will indicate their posn by YELLOW flags in such a way as to be clearly visible to ships at sea.
35. Password. Password for the operation will be notified to all concerned by I.O. prior to embarkation.
36. Codes and Ciphers.
(a) The entire operation will be known as "POSTERN"
(b) R/T Code No 2 will be used for all sitreps etc., to formation higher than bn.
(c) Bn Code Names.

Bn HQ	-	FUFA
A Coy	-	KAPO
B Coy	-	LELA
C Coy	-	FEMI
D Coy	-	KALI

(d) Craft Code Names.

APD	-	CAMEL
LCI	-	CAT
LCT	-	DOG
LCV	-	MOUSE

(e) Bn Appointments Code.

Comd	-	PACKARD
Adjt	-	CRYSLER
QM	-	FORD
IO	-	WILLYS
Sig Offr	-	AUSTIN

In references to appointments in messages to Bde HQ R/T Code No 2 will be used.

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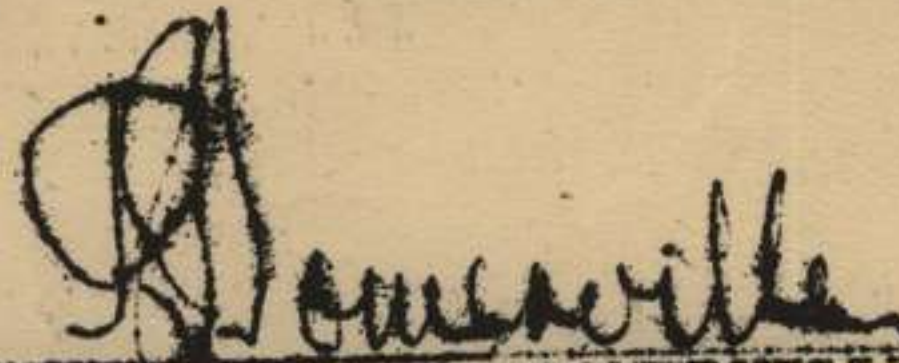
37. Synchronisation of Time. Time will be synchronised by Sig Offr prior to embarkation.

If a ship's chronometer is available on craft time will be synchronised with it at H minus 60 minutes.

Ship's clocks are not reliable.

After landing time will be synchronised daily at 0800 and 2000 hrs daily.

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 Adj 2/13 AUST. INF. BN

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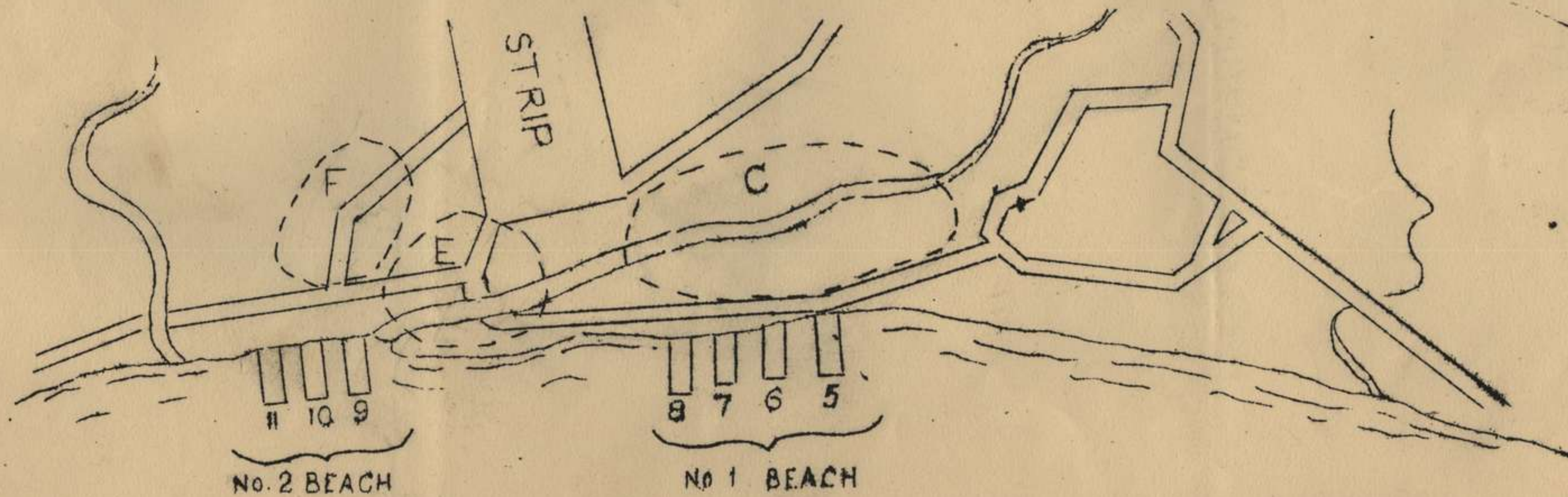
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A Tp, 2/4 Aust Lt AA Regt	11
2/3 Aust Fd Coy RAE	12
2/8 Aust Fd Amb	13
SHORE FIRE CONTROL PARTY	14
Naval Mission Commander	15
Comd	16
2 i/c	17
Adj	18
20 AUST INF BDE	19-20
File	21
War Diary	22
Spares	23-24

ASSEMBLY AND EMBARKATION TIME TABLE - PERSONNEL

SERIAL	CRAFT NO		TYPE OF CRAFT	DAY	Area	ASSEMBLY		EMBARKATION			REMARKS
	ARMY	NAVY				Assembled By	Boach No	Ramp No	Time Commence	Time Finish	
1	No 1		LCT	31 Aug. 43	E	0800	2	9	0830	0900	
2	No 2		LCT	"	F	0800	2	10	0830	0900	
3	No 1		LCI	2 Sep 43	C	0815	1	5	0900	0920	
4	No 2		LCI	2 Sep 43	C	0815	1	6	0900	0920	
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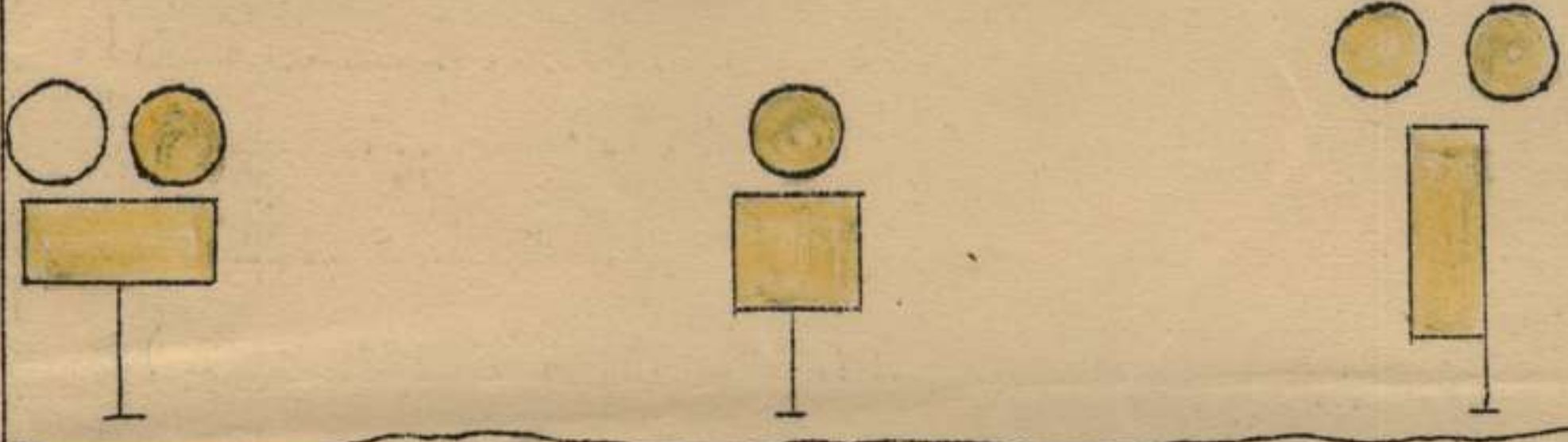
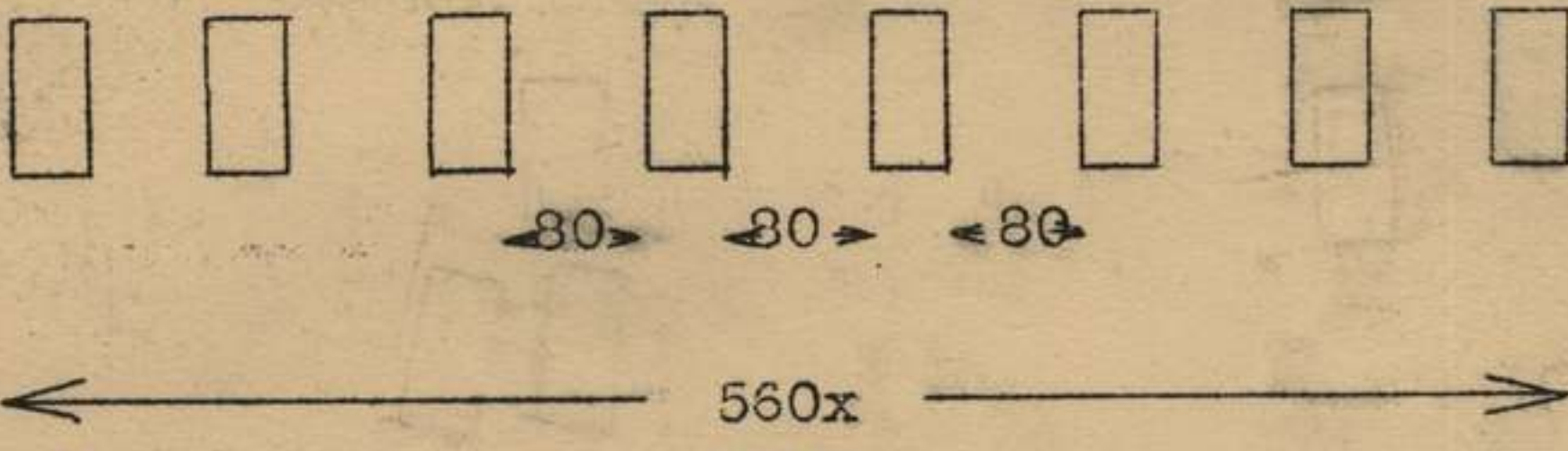
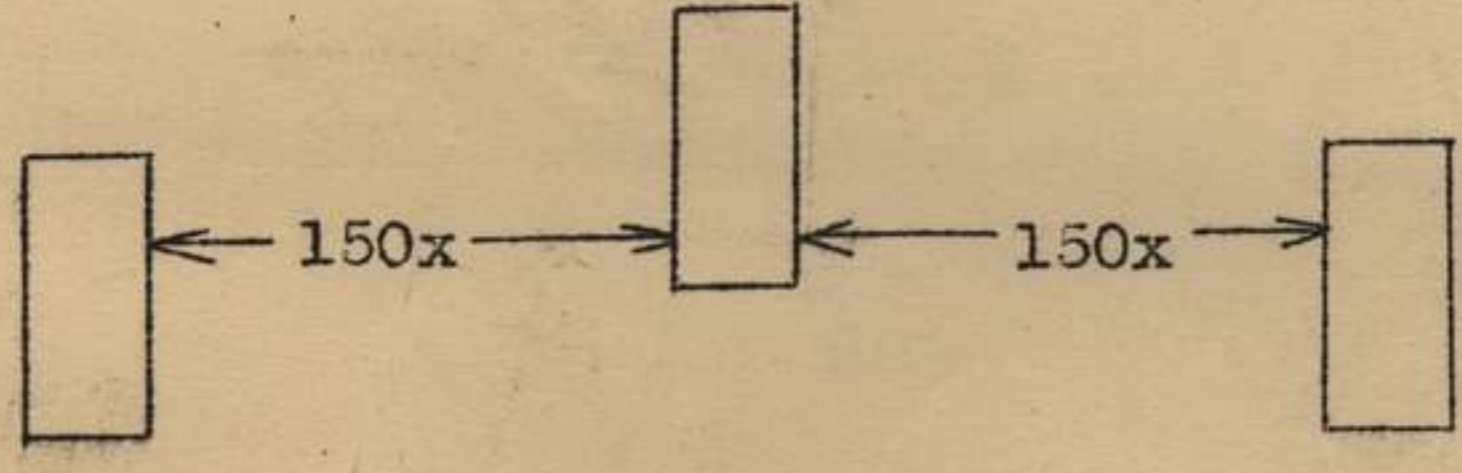



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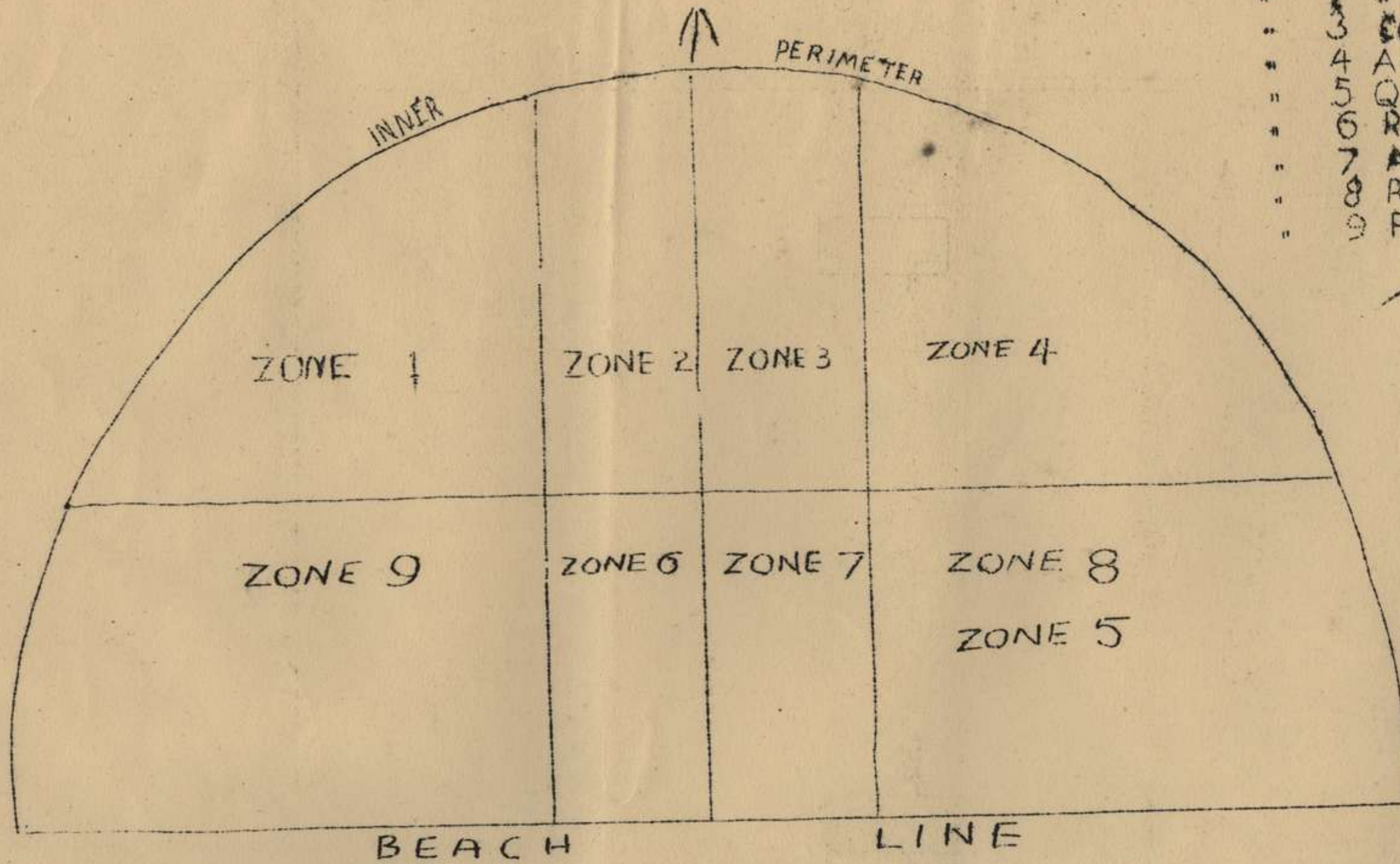
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LANDING PLAN

YELLOW BEACH			
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2	H plus 10 mins		3 LCI
3	H plus 30 mins		2 LCT

Approx. Areas

- ZONE 1 Bn Hq. Cp 2
- " 2 " " " 1
- " 3 Comd Post
- " 4 Arty
- " 5 QM Dumps Arm. Rations Water
- " 6 RAP
- " 7 ADS
- " 8 RAE stores & Dumps
- " 9 Possible "B" Ech



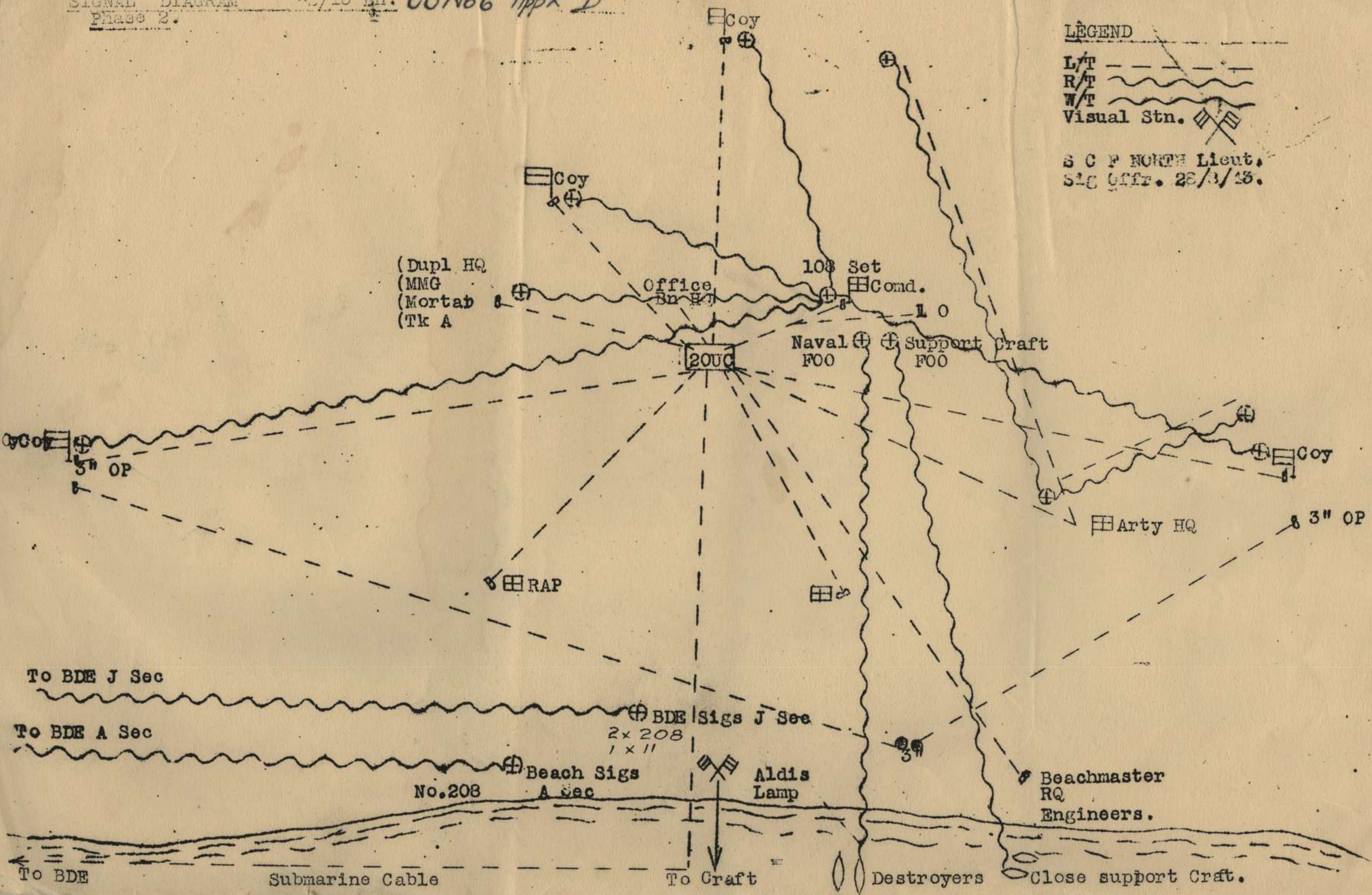
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LEGEND

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R/T ~~~~
W/T ~~~~
Visual Stn. [Symbol]

S C P NORTH Lieut.
SIG Offr. 28/1/43.



(Dupl HQ
(MMG
(Mortab
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Office
Bn HQ

108 Set
Comd.

Naval FOO
Support Craft FOO

20UC

Coy
3rd OP

Arty HQ

3rd OP

RAP

To BDE J Sec

To BDE A Sec

BDE Sigs J Sec

2x 208
1x 11

Beach Sigs
A Sec

No. 208

Aldis
Lamp

Beachmaster
RQ
Engineers.

To BDE

Submarine Cable

To Craft

Destroyers

Close support Craft.

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"P O S T E R N"

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INFORMATION (Continued)

5. In Support.

1 L.C.S and Naval Vessels from
US Task Force 76

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Wave 2	-	3 LCIs
Wave 3	-	2 LCTs

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STAGE 1. Phase 1. To seize YELLOW BEACH 980399-971398 and fringe of jungle on a frontage of 560 yds.

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Phase 4. Exploitation by one coy to HERB'S JUNG 987425 and main track east. Co-ordination and beachhead defence.

Grouping for Assault. B Coy, A Coy, C Coy fwd, B Coy on right, A Coy centre - D Coy reserve.

METHOD (Continued)

10. The Assault (Contd).

STAGE 2 . On completion of stage 1 be prepared to :-

- i. Capture and hold line of SNEEZE with a view to the subsequent capture of ^{BOURKE} and exploitation further EAST.
- ii. Aid in capture of line ^{of}/"alternative" objective if Comd 9 AUST DIV decides to develop YELLOW BEACH as the main beachhead.

11. Tasks. (to be read in conjunction with Photo Maps)

B Coy - Phase 1. B Coy will capture, initially, fringe of the jungle on right flank of beach.

Phase 2. After rapid re-grouping, form right sector of beachhead by penetrating to and occupying first objective shown on RED LINE, facing EAST. Immediately after capture of first objective a fighting patrol of one pl strength will exploit to PAUL'S PT (984394) and secure area as a standing patrol with a task of preventing enemy interference from right flank.

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Immediately after capture of first objective, a strong composite fighting patrol will exploit and mop up towards TED'S POINT 968398 leaving a standing patrol in occupation.

Phase 3. After reporting occupation of TED'S PT main patrol will mop up along route 3 to junc 946395 river and coast, where contact will be made with A Coy patrol of 2/15 AUST INF BN. After contact has been established, patrol will return and mop up via route 2 and relieve patrol at TED'S PT.

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METHOD (Continued)

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12. Flank Contact. Immediately first objectives are occupied, each coy will contact coys on their flanks by small patrols and report to Bn HQ when contact is completed.

13. H Hour. To be advised.

14. Far Shore Landing Schedule. To be read in conjunction with Appendix "B" attached.

BEACH - YELLOW

TIME OF LANDING

WAVE 1	H Hour
WAVE 2	H plus 10 mins.
WAVE 3	H plus 30 mins.

Wave 1 will land with 80 yds between barge.
Wave 2 will land with 150 yds between LCI
Wave 3 will beach at Beach Exits where indicated by ESB detachment.

15. Co-Ordination of Local Defences. Major J.L.A. KELLY will be responsible for co-ordination of all local defences within beach perimeter. Sentries will be posted by all sub-units at all times. All units in vicinity of beach will provide sentries to watch for any hostile craft approaching beach. Immediate warning will be given to Beach Master or to Major JLA KELLY if craft of any nature is sighted. Maj KELLY will arrange signalling of challenges to craft.

16. Naval Support. Naval bombardment by two ships is to support the initial landing by bombarding the beach prior to H Hour. After H Hour ships are to fire on selected targets, indicated to SHORE FIRE CONTROL PARTY by Comd.

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- (a) Neutralising of enemy airfields
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- (c) Where practicable, close up in emergency.
- (d) Fighter protection of landing operation
- (e) Tac R over ~~BRUCE'S CROSS~~ **BOURKE**

H-12+5
H-11
CSC- H+92

METHOD (Continued)

18. Arty. Arty tp will engage opportunity targets as soon as possible by each gun as soon as it is ready to fire.
FOOs will be allotted to coys by Comd.
19. A.A. Protection. Bofors guns will be sited on beach flanks. They will be prepared for action against enemy aircraft, but only when hostile acts are attempted.
Guns will be prepared to engage also enemy craft if a counter landing is attempted.
20. Tk A. One gun will be sited on each flank of beach in fringe of timber and will be prepared to engage targets on flank and hostile craft.
21. Mortars. Two dets under comd A Coy
Two dets under comd D Coy
Four dets initially in reserve under comd
Mortar Offr with a task of firing on opportunity targets
Two dets will be prepared to come under comd C or B Coy when ordered.
22. MMGs. One sec under comd D Coy
One sec under comd MMG Pl Comd until H plus 2 hrs, when it will come under comd A Coy.
23. Engrs.
(a) Sapper dets with coys will assist in clearing obstacles and repairing demolitions.
(b) Priority of work: to assist heavy weapons to their posns; clearance of minor obstacles on beach area - preparation of beach exits; develop beach maintenance area in general; development of tracks leading into beachhead.
24. Pioneers. Tasks: protection of Bn HQ; assist RAB in clearing obstacles and preparation of booby-traps etc.
25. E.S.B. Det. Beach markers will be provided and erected by ESB Det for Centre Range Pole and Beach Limit Markers.
26. Hostile Air Attack, at Sea. In the event of hostile attack at sea, the naval comd on each craft is in command. The assault Mission will proceed with its task irrespective of enemy action.

ADMINISTRATION

As set out in 2/13 AUST INF BN ADM ORDER No 1 issued separately.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

27. Location and Lay-out of Bn HQ. As shown in Appx "C" att.
28. Report Centre. Will be established on edge of timber directly in rear of Bn HQ. All personnel, unless on some specific duty, will be directed away from Bn HQ by RP on duty.
Report centre will be marked with a large unit sign, and a flag.

INTERCOMMUNICATION (Contd)

29. Sig Plan. As shown in Appendix "D" attached.
30. V/S To LCT and Re-Supply Craft.
V/S on far shore will be arranged by ESB Det. If required by local defence officer, one unit signum and ALDIS lamp will be detached for ship to shore recognition duties.
31. Wireless Channels.
(a) Will be used only for operational traffic - Adm traffic will be passed by other means.
(b) Wireless silence will be maintained until H Hour unless an emergency demands that it be broken. Silence will only be broken by set attached to comd.
(c) 108 Set frequency - 6 megacycles.
32. Orderlies. Location of sub unit HQ will be notified in accordance with Standing Orders for Amphibious Ops. Orderlies will be sent to Bn HQ as soon as possible after landing.
33. Reports and Sitreps. In addition to special reports coys will pass SITREPS to Bn HQ at 15 mins past and 15 mins to each clock hour.
Reports from Bn HQ to Bde HQ will be passed every clock hour and half hour
34. Recognition Signals.
(a) Ground to Air: IO will arrange ground to air recognition signals in accordance with current code if called for A/C.
(b) Naval Bombardment: patrols from B and G Coys moving to flanks of beach will indicate their position by YELLOW flags in such a way as to be clearly visible to ships at sea.
35. Password. Password for the operation will be notified to all concerned by I.O. prior to embarkation.
36. Codes and Ciphers.
(a) The entire operation will be known as "POSTERN"
(b) R/T Code No 2 will be used for all sitreps etc., to formation higher than bn.
(c) Bn Code Names.
Bn HQ - FUFA
A Coy - KAPO
B Coy - LELA
C Coy - FEMI
D Coy - KALI
(d) Craft Code Names.
APD - CAMEL
LCI - CAT
LCT - DOG
LCV - HOUSE
(e) Bn Appointments Code.
Comd - PACKARD
Adjt - CRYSLER
QM - FORD
IO - WILLYS
Sig Offr - AUSTIN

In references to appointments in messages to Bde HQ R/T Code No 2 will be used.

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Sig. Table*

INTERCOMMUNICATION (Contd)

37. Synchronisation of Time. Time will be synchronised by Sig Offr prior to embarkation.

If a ship's chronometer is available on craft time will be synchronised with it at H minus 60 minutes.

Ship's clocks are not reliable.

After landing time will be synchronised daily at 0800 and 2000 hrs daily.

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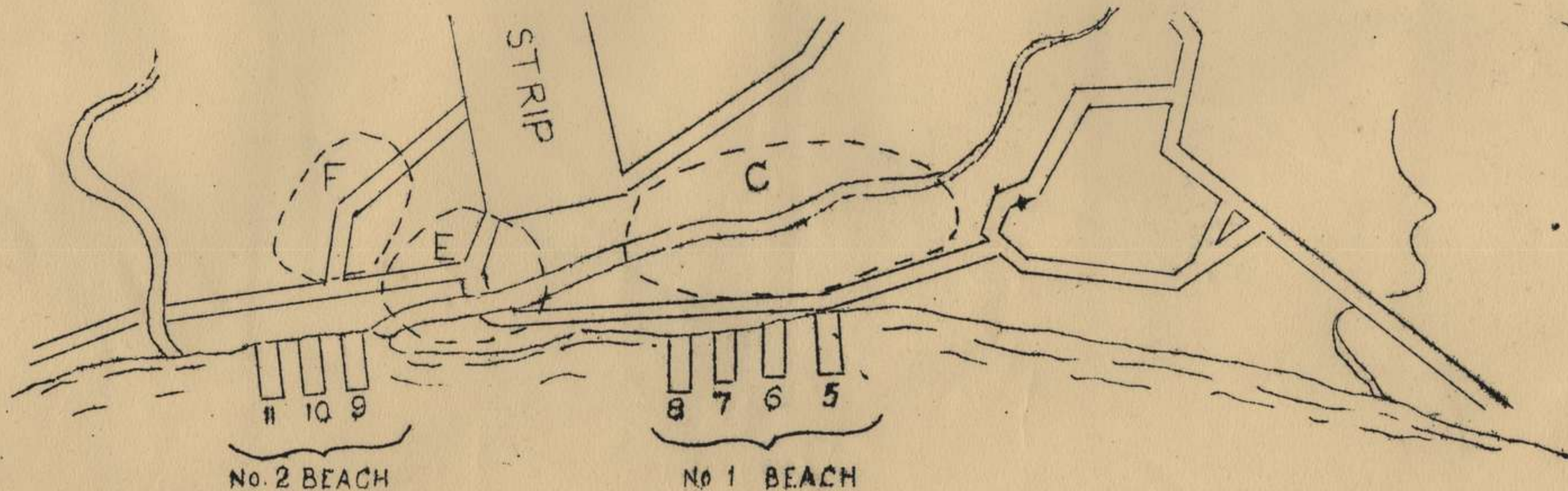
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ASSEMBLY AND EMBARKATION TIME TABLE - PERSONNEL

SERIAL	CRAFT NO		TYPE OF CRAFT	DAY	ASSEMBLY			EMBARKATION		REMARKS
	ARMY	NAVY			Area	Assembled By	Boach No	Ramp No	Time Commence	
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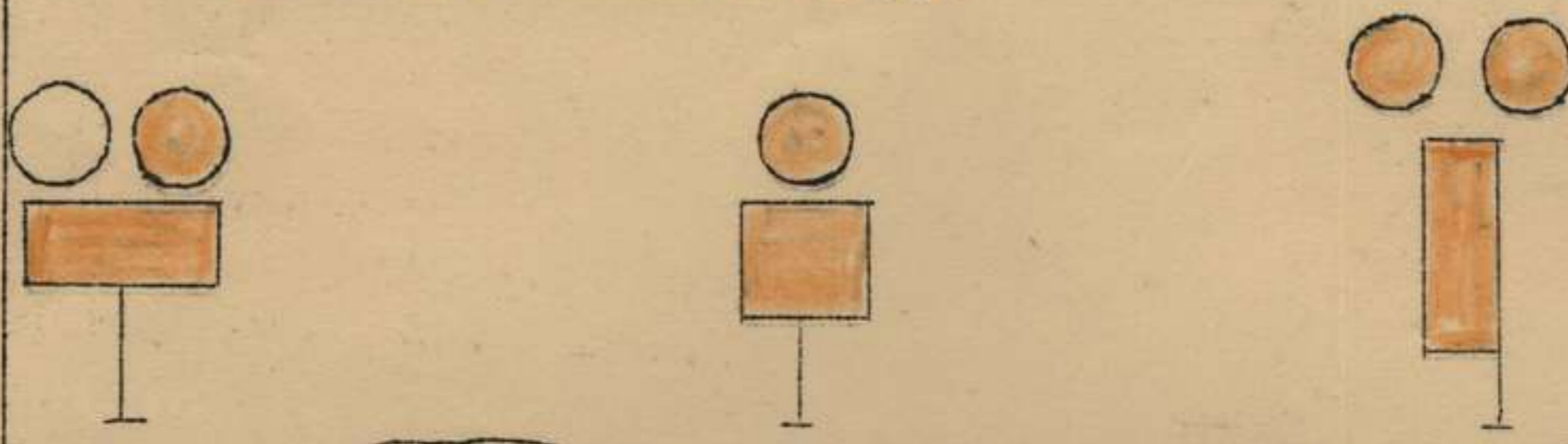
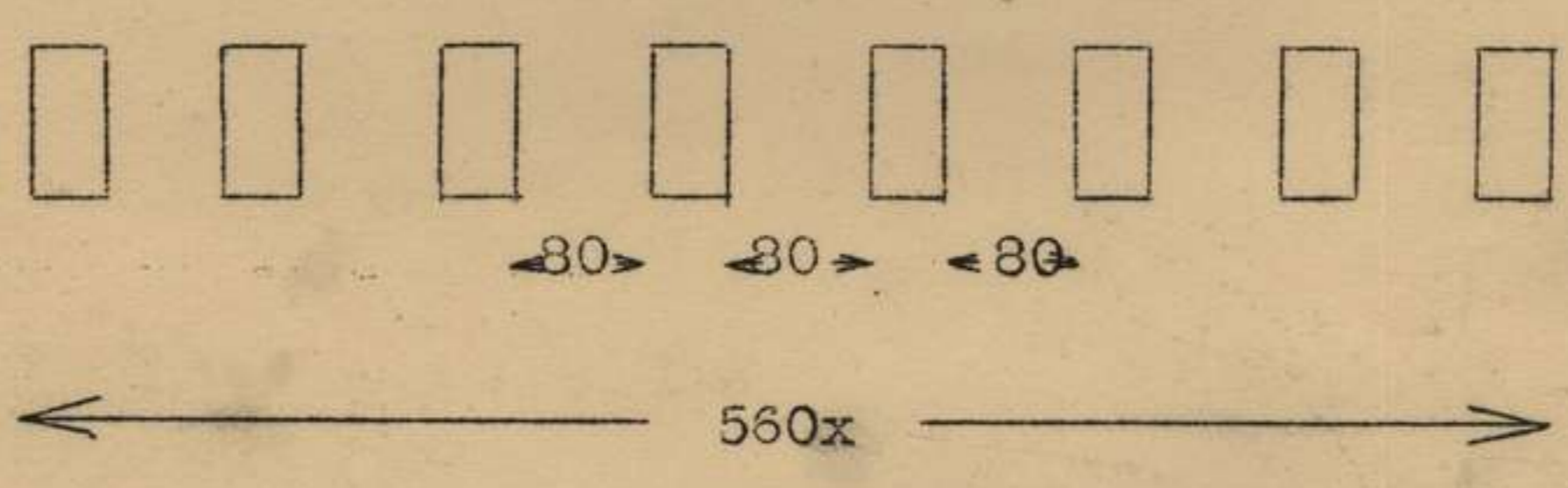
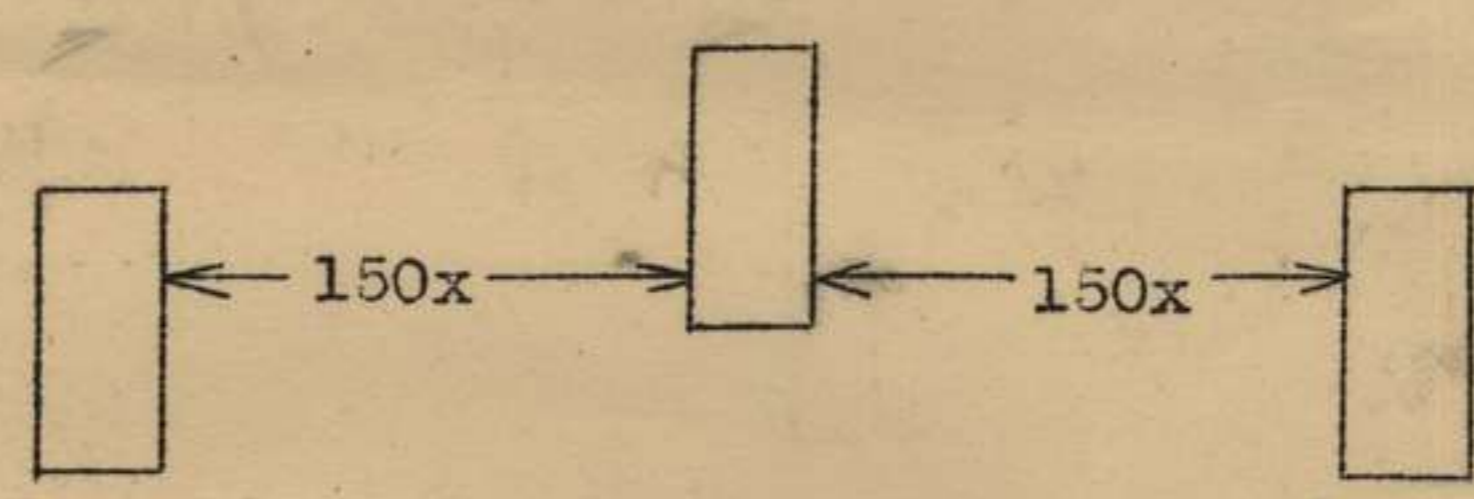

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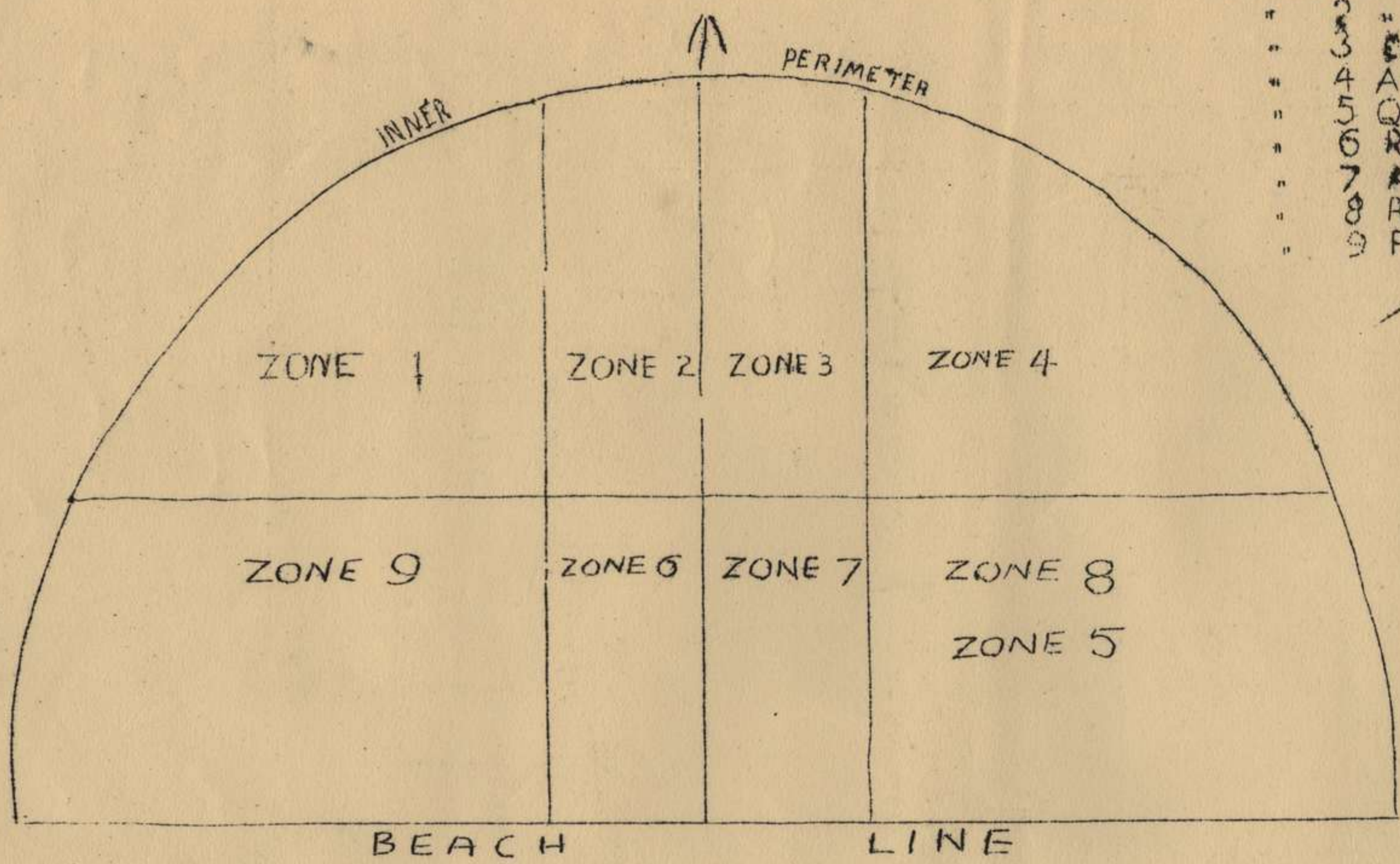
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INFORMATION (Continued)

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METHOD (Continued)

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METHOD (Continued)

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13. H Hour. To be advised.

14. Far Shore Landing Schedule. To be read in conjunction with Appendix "B" attached.

BEACH - YELLOW

TIME OF LANDING

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- (e) Tac R over **JOHN BOURKE**

METHOD (Continued)

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Two dets under cond D Coy
Four dets initially in reserve under cond Mortar Offr with a task of firing on opportunity targets
Two dets will be prepared to come under cond C or B Coy when ordered.
22. MMGs. One sec under cond D Coy
One sec under cond MMG Pl Cond until H plus 2 hrs, when it will come under cond A Coy.
23. Engrs.
(a) Sapper dets with coys will assist in clearing obstacles and repairing demolitions.
(b) Priority of work: to assist heavy weapons to their posns; clearance of minor obstacles on beach area - preparation of beach exits; develop beach maintenance area in general; development of tracks leading into beachhead.
24. Pioneers, Tasks: protection of Bn HQ; assist RAE in clearing obstacles and preparation of booby-traps etc.
25. E.S.B. Det. Beach markers will be provided and erected by ESB Det for Centre Range Pole and Beach Limit Markers.
26. Hostile Air Attack, at Sea. In the event of hostile attack at sea, the naval cond on each craft is in complete command. The assault Mission will proceed with its t irrespective of enemy action.

ADMINISTRATION

As set out in 2/13 AUST INF BN ADM ORDER No 1 issued separately.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

27. Location and Lay-out of Bn HQ. As shown in Appx "C" att.
28. Report Centre. Will be established on edge of timber directly in rear of Bn HQ. All personnel, unless on some specific duty, will be directed away from Bn HQ by RP on duty.
Report centre will be marked with a large unit sign, and a flag.

INTERCOMMUNICATION (Contd)

29. Sig Plan. As shown in Appendix "D" attached.

30. V/S To LCT and Re-Supply Craft.

V/S on far shore will be arranged by ESB Det. If required by local defence officer, one unit signum and ALDIS lamp will be detached for ship to shore recognition duties.

31. Wireless Channels.

(a) Will be used only for operational traffic - Adm traffic will be passed by other means.

(b) Wireless silence will be maintained until H Hour unless an emergency demands that it be broken. Silence will only be broken by set attached to cond.

(c) 108 Set frequency - 6 megacycles.

32. Orderlies. Location of sub unit HQ will be notified in accordance with Standing Orders for Amphibious Ops. Orderlies will be sent to Bn HQ as soon as possible after landing.

33. Reports and Sitreps. In addition to special reports coys will pass SITREPS to Bn HQ at 15 mins past and 15 mins to each clock hour.

Reports from Bn HQ to Bde HQ will be passed every clock hour and half hour

34. Recognition Signals.

(a) Ground to Air: IO will arrange ground to air recognition signals in accordance with current code if called for A/C.

(b) Naval Bombardment patrols from B and C Coys moving to flanks of beach will indicate their position by YELLOW flags in such a way as to be clearly visible to ships at sea.

35. Password. Password for the operation will be notified to all concerned by I.O. prior to embarkation.

36. Codes and Ciphers.

(a) The entire operation will be known as "POSTERN"

(b) R/T Code No 2 will be used for all sitreps etc., to formation higher than bn.

(c) Bn Code Names.

Bn HQ	-	FUFA
A Coy	-	KAPO
B Coy	-	LELA
C Coy	-	FEMI
D Coy	-	KALI

(d) Craft Code Names.

APD	-	CAMEL
LCI	-	GAT
LCT	-	DOG
LCV	-	MOUSE

(e) Bn Appointments Code.

Comm	-	PACKARD
Adjnt	-	CRYSLER
QM	-	FORD
IO	-	WILLYS
Sig Offr	-	AUSTIN

In references to appointments in messages to Bde HQ R/T Code No 2 will be used.

INTERCOMMUNICATION (Contd)

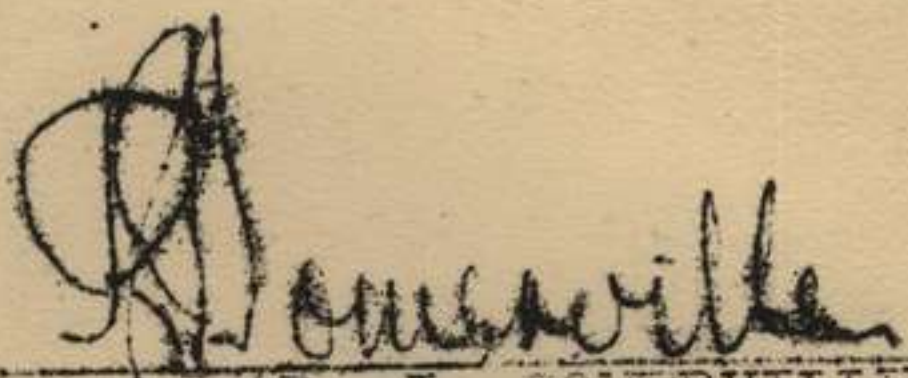
37. Synchronisation of Time. Time will be synchronised by Sig Offr prior to embarkation.

If a ship's chronometer is available on craft time will be synchronised with it at H minus 60 minutes.

Ship's clocks are not reliable.

After landing time will be synchronised daily at 0800 and 2000 hrs daily.

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 (R. J. SOMERVILLE) Capt.
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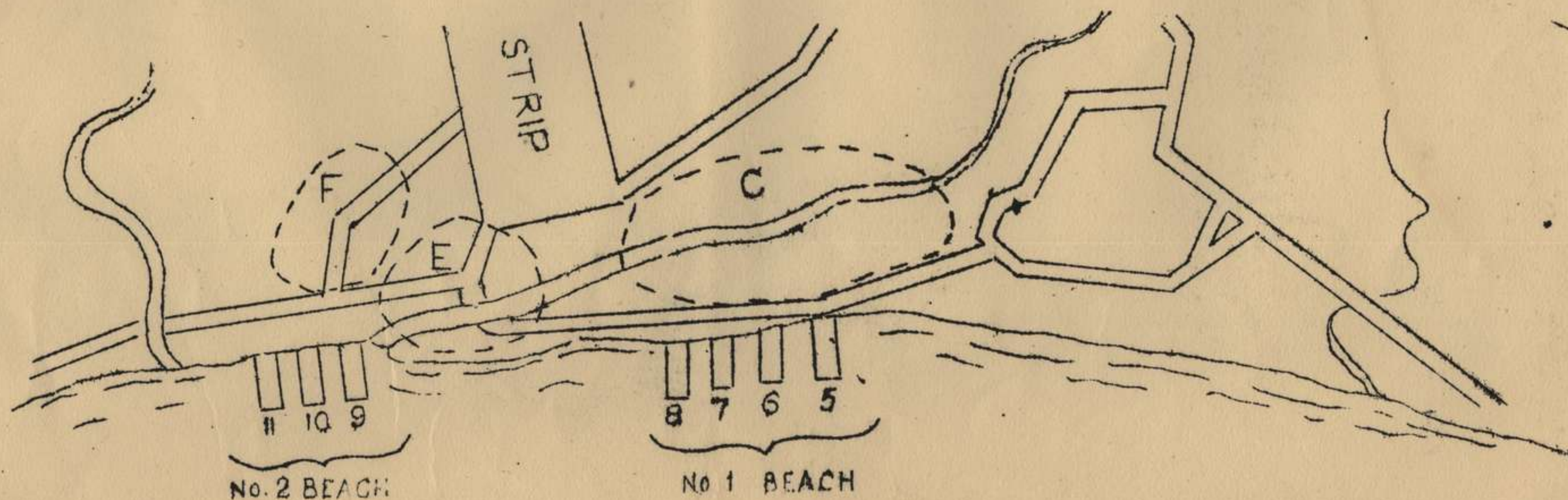
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Naval Mission Commander	15
Comd	16
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ASSEMBLY AND EMBARKATION TIME TABLE - PERSONNEL

SERIAL	CRAFT NO		TYPE OF CRAFT	DAY	ASSEMBLY			EMBARKATION			REMARKS
	ARMY	NAVY			Area	Assembled By	Beach No	Ramp No	Time Commence	Time Finish	
1	No 1		LCT	31 Aug. 43	E	0800	2	9	0830	0900	
2	No 2		LCT	"	F	0800	2	10	0830	0900	
3	No 1		LCI	2 Sep 43	C	0815	1	5	0900	0920	
4	No 2		LCI	2 Sep 43	C	0815	1	6	0900	0920	
5	No 3		LCI	2 Sep 43	C	0815	1	7	0900	0920	
6	No 1		APD	2 Sep 43	E	0830	2	9	0900	0915	
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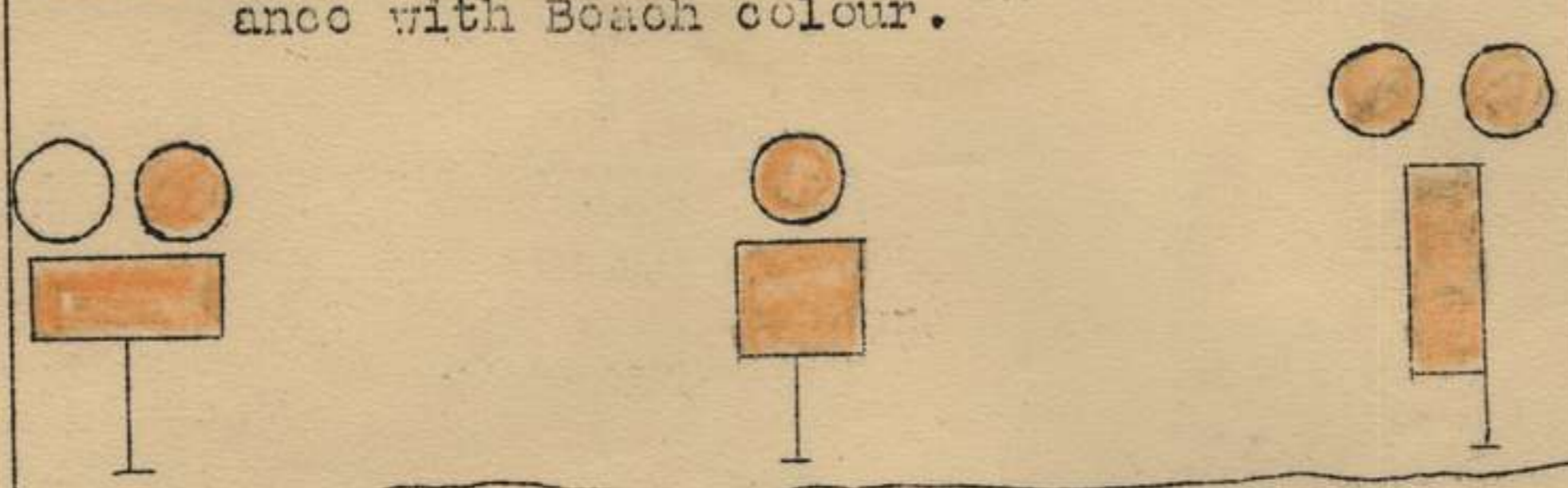
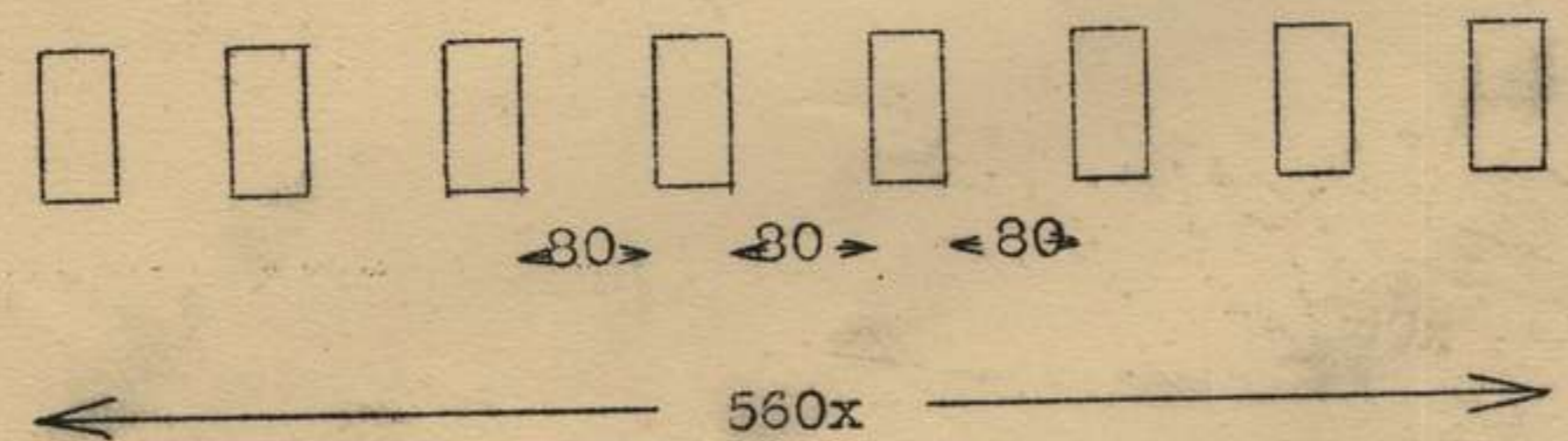
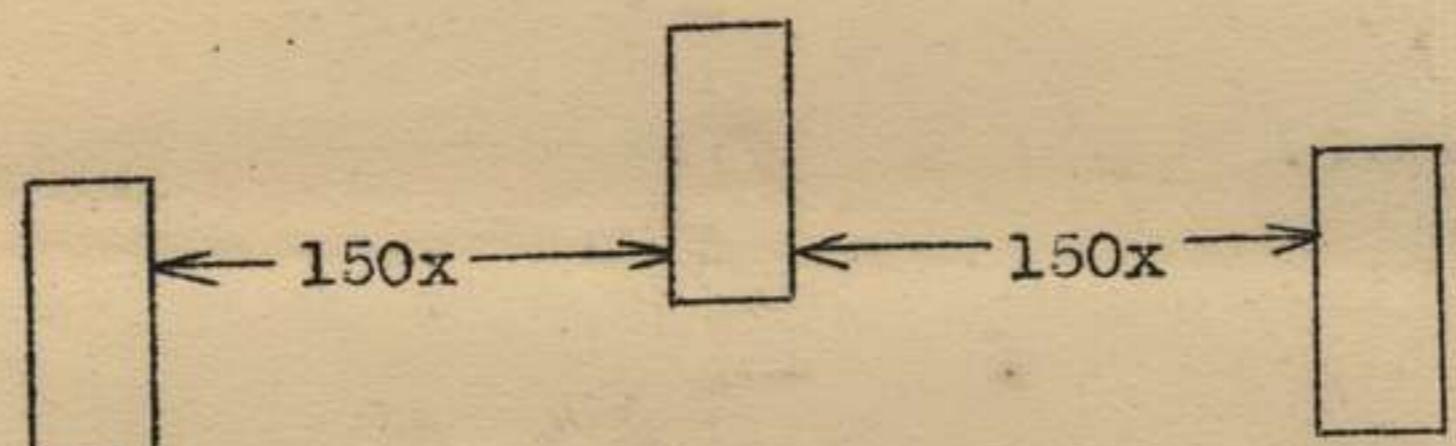



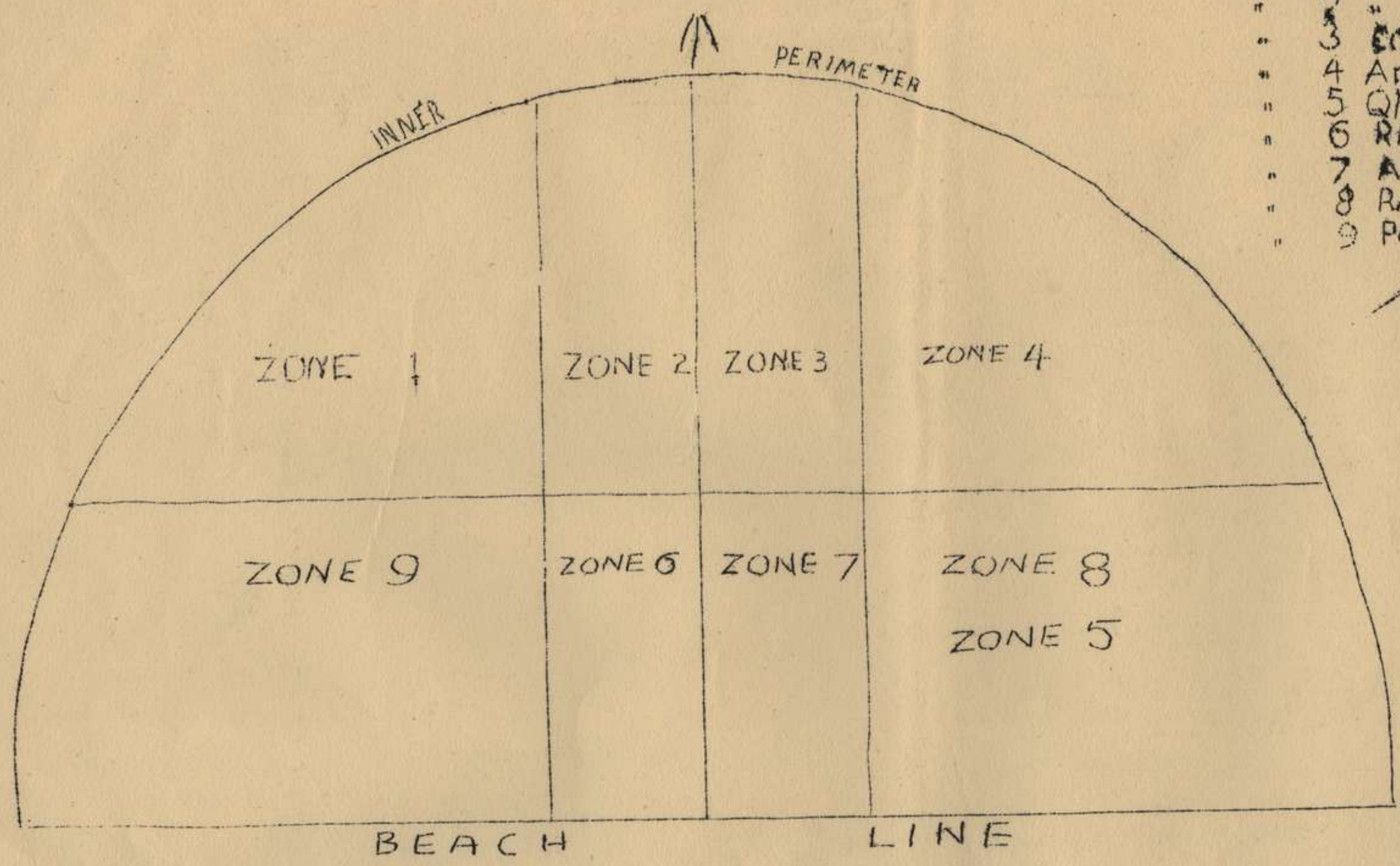
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LANDING PLAN

YELLOW BEACH			
Wave No.	Time	FORMATIONS	Craft
		NOTE: Beach signs shown are coloured in accordance with Beach colour. 	
1	H		8 LCV
2	H plus 10 mins		3 LCI
3	H plus 30 mins		2 LCT







- Approx. Areas
- ZONE 1 Bn Hq. Cp
 - " 2 " " "
 - " 3 Comd Post
 - " 4 Arty
 - " 5 QM Dumps Arm. Rations Water
 - " 6 RAP
 - " 7 ADS
 - " 8 RAE. stores & Dumps
 - " 9 Possible "B" Ecti

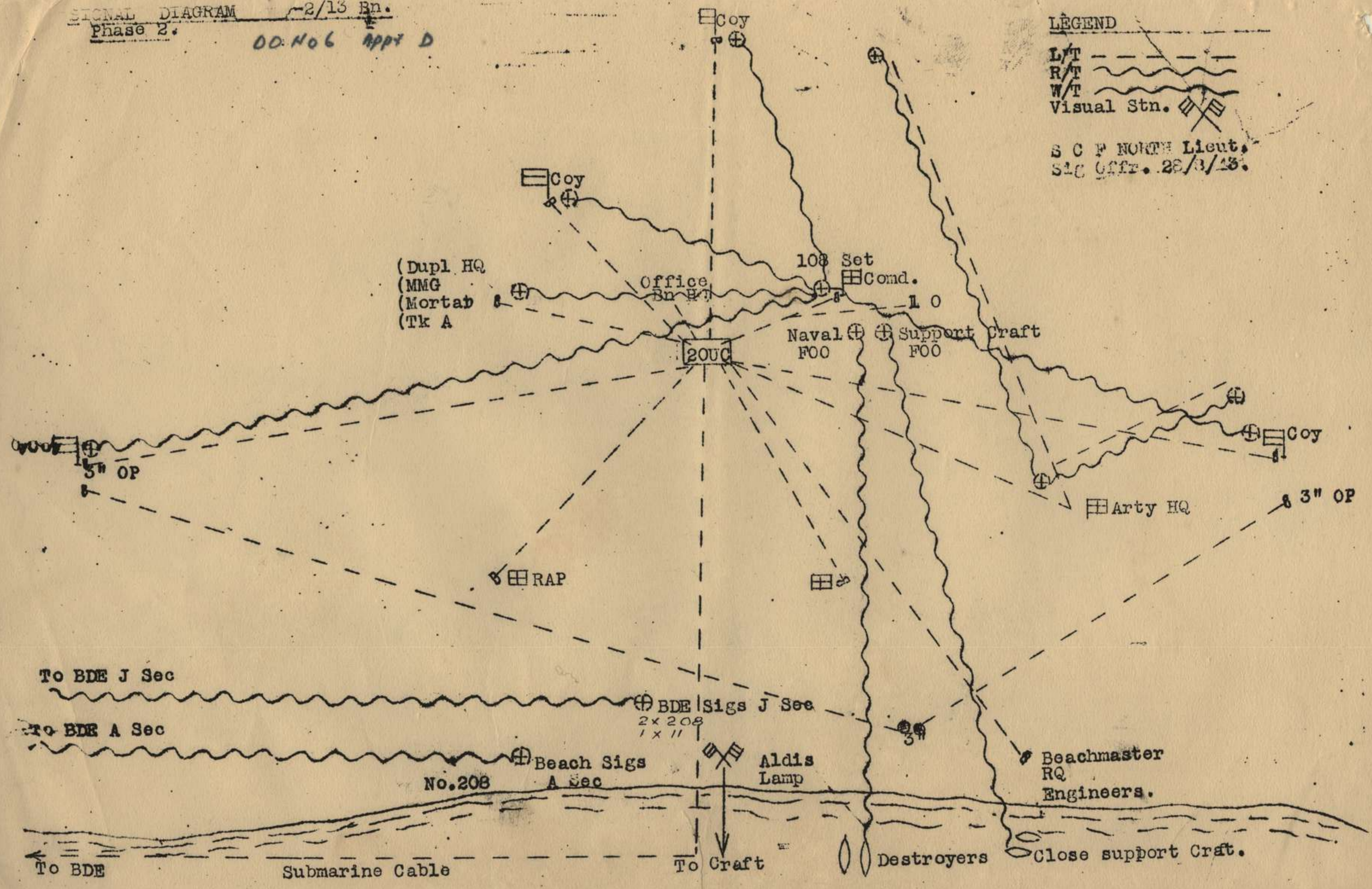
SIGNAL DIAGRAM
Phase 2.

2/13 Bn.
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LEGEND

- L/T 
- R/T 
- W/T 
- Visual Stn. 

S C P NORTH Lieut.
SIC Offr. 28/3/43.



2/13 AUST INF BN O.O. No. 6

"P O S T E R N"

Ref Maps: BINOCULAR SERIES 1 : 25,000

INFORMATION

1. Enemy. As in 9 AUST DIV Special POSTERN Intelligence Summary No. 1.
2. Forecast of Enemy Action.
 - (a) Land. See 9 AUST DIV Special POSTERN Intelligence Summary No 1 para 2 and 3.
 - (b) Sea. It is expected that the enemy will re-act violently to our operations and that he may follow his custom of bring warships by night to bombard the beach area for a short time and then to make off before being intercepted.
 - (c) Air. Some enemy bombing and strafing may be expected, both by day and night, possibly in strength. A/C observation and detection and co-ordinated air defence of the beaches and maintenance area will be therefore of great importance.
 - (d) Amphibious. It is considered not likely that the enemy can put on an impromptu amphibious operation against us. The enemy is known to have some barges and it may be expected that he will use these craft to move small forces and supplies to tactical positions to interfere with our operations and possibly to attack our craft and the southern flanks of our advancing forces with MGs or 37mm guns.
3. Own Troops. 20 AUST INF BDE and attached troops are to seize and secure two beachheads (RED BEACH and YELLOW BEACH). RED BEACH, unless the tactical situation otherwise necessitates, is to be the beachhead for 9 AUST DIV/
2/13 AUST INF BN have been order^{ed} to seize and secure YELLOW BEACH.
4. Troops under Command.

E Tp, 62 Bty, 2/12 AUST FD REGT RAA
1 Sec, A Tp, 10 Bty, 2/4 AUST LT AA REGT
B.1 LT ADS, 2/8 AUST FD AMB
No 2 Pl, 2/3 AUST FD COY, RAE.
Det 592 E Bt & Sh REGT
Shore FIRE CONTROL PARTY RAA

INFORMATION (Continued)

5. Tn Support.

1 L.C.S and Naval Vessels from
US Task Force 76

6. Topographical. See 9 AUST DIV Special POSTERN Intelligence Summary No.1 Part 2.

INTENTION

7. 2/13 AUST INF BN GP will land and capture YELLOW BEACH and form a beachhead.

METHOD

8. D Day. - To be advised later.

9. Organisation and Movement of Mission to Far Shore.

- (a) 2/13 AUST INF BN GP will embark at No. 1 and No. 2 beaches, BEMMIGEN, on 31 Aug and 2 Sep 43 in accordance with Appendix "A" attached.

During voyage to far shore the Mission will stage at CHIVALRY and probably at PORTICO from which places it will proceed to YELLOW BEACH.

- (b) Guides, provided from 'I' Sec, will meet craft groups at WP 438452 (GILI GILI SHEET) and at the bottom of TURNBULL AIRSTRIP, from where they will guide them to their respective assembly areas.

- (c) The Mission will proceed to the far shore in three waves:-

Wave 1	-	2 APDs
Wave 2	-	3 LCIs
Wave 3	-	2 LCTs

10. The Assault.- (to be read in conjunction with Photo-Maps)

STAGE 1. Phase 1. To seize YELLOW BEACH 980399-971398 and fringe of jungle on a frontage of 560 yds.

Phase 2. Capture of first objective (RED LINE)

Phase 3. Exploitation with one coy, through INGHAM, 978408, to BRUCE'S CROSS 978410. Mopping up patrols operate towards SUEZ to contact 2/15 AUST INF BN patrols.

Phase 4. Exploitation by one coy to HERB'S JUNG 987425 and main track east. Co-ordination and beachhead defence.

Grouping for Assault. B Coy, A Coy, C Coy fwd, B Coy on right, A Coy centre - D Coy reserve.

METHOD (Continued)

10. The Assault (Contd).

STAGE 2 . On completion of stage 1 be prepared to :-

- i. Capture and hold line of SNEEZE with a view to the subsequent capture of / ^{BOURKE} and exploitation further EAST.
- ii. Aid in capture of line / ^{of} "alternative" objective if Comd 9 AUST DIV decides to develop YELLOW BEACH as the main beachhead.

11. Tasks. (to be read in conjunction with Photo Maps)

B Coy - Phase 1. B Coy will capture, initially, fringe of the jungle on right flank of beach.

Phase 2. After rapid re-grouping, form right sector of beachhead by penetrating to and occupying first objective shown on RED LINE, facing EAST. Immediately after capture of first objective a fighting patrol of one pl strength will exploit to PAUL'S PT (984394) and secure area as a standing patrol with a task of preventing enemy interference from right flank.

A Coy - Phase 1. A Coy will land on centre of beach and after rapid re-organisation exploit fwd and capture first objective shown on RED LINE as centre sector of beachhead, facing NORTH.

Phase 4. A Coy will exploit due NORTH, through D Coy, along route 1, through HERB'S JUNG and will capture and secure TEL AVIV (988424).

A Coy will proceed with this task only on receipt of code word IMPSHI. Success will be reported by the same code word.

C Coy - Phase 1. C Coy will capture initially, the fringe of the jungle on left flank of beach.

Phase 2. After rapid re-grouping, form ~~right~~ left sector of beach head by penetrating to and occupying first objective shown on RED LINE, facing WEST.

Immediately after capture of first objective, a strong composite fighting patrol will exploit and mop up towards TED'S POINT 968398 leaving a standing patrol in occupation.

Phase 3. After reporting occupation of TED'S PT main patrol will mop up along route ~~5~~ 2 to junc 946395 river and coast, where contact will be made with A Coy patrol of 2/15 AUST INF BN. After contact has been established, patrol will return and mop up via route ~~2~~ 3 and relieve patrol at TED'S PT.

D Coy - Phases 1 and 2. D Coy will land and take up reserve coy posn and be prepared to repel counter attacks where threatened on receipt of code word REPULSE followed by the code name of the coy on whose front the enemy are attacking. Success will be reported by same code word. While in reserve D Coy will be located at approx 400 yds from beach along centre line.

METHOD (Continued)

11. Tasks (Contd)

D Coy - Phase 3. D Coy will ~~exit~~ NORTH through INGHAM via route 1 and occupy a coy locality in area **BRUCE'S CROSS**. On reaching **BRUCE'S CROSS** a fighting patrol of one pl strength will mop up WESTWARD along route 5 and contact patrol from C Coy 2/15 AUST INF BN at 950417 (SUEZ). After contact is made patrol will return and mop up via route 4 to SOUTH edge of INGHAM. D Coy will proceed on this task only on receipt of code word JULIS. Success will be reported by same code word. D Coy will then be prepared to establish a standing patrol on route 5, astride track and river junc 963413 when ordered.

12. Flank Contact. Immediately first objectives are occupied, each coy will contact coys on their flanks by small patrols and report to Bn HQ when contact is completed.

13. H Hour. To be advised.

14. Far Shore Landing Schedule. To be read in conjunction with Appendix "B" attached.

BEACH - YELLOWTIME OF LANDING

WAVE 1	H Hour
WAVE 2	H plus 6 mins.
WAVE 3	H plus 30 mins.

Wave 1 will land with 80 yds between barge.
Wave 2 will land with 150 yds between LCI
Wave 3 will beach at Beach Exits where indicated by ESB detachment.

15. Co-Ordination of Local Defences. Major J.L.A. KELLY will be responsible for co-ordination of all local defences within beach perimeter. Sentries will be posted by all sub-units at all times. All units in vicinity of beach will provide sentries to watch for any hostile craft approaching beach. Immediate warning will be given to Beach Master or to Major JLA KELLY if craft of any nature is sighted. Maj KELLY will arrange signalling of challenges to craft.

16. Naval Support. Naval bombardment by two ships is to support the initial landing by bombarding the beach prior to H Hour. After H Hour ships are to fire on selected targets, indicated to SHORE FIRE CONTROL PARTY by Comd.

17. Air Support. 5 AF and 4 AC Sqn RAAF are undertaking:-

- (a) Neutralising of enemy airfields
- (b) Location and attack on enemy barge traffic and naval craft
- (c) Where practicable, close up in emergency.
- (d) Fighter protection of landing operation
- (e) Tac R over ~~JAMES~~ BOURKE

METHOD (Continued)

18. Arty. Arty tp will engage opportunity targets as soon as possible by each gun as soon as it is ready to fire.
FOOs will be allotted to coys by Comd.
19. A.A. Protection. Bofors guns will be sited on beach flanks. They will be prepared for action against enemy aircraft, but only when hostile acts are attempted.
Guns will be prepared to engage also enemy craft if a counter landing is attempted.
20. Tk A. One gun will be sited on each flank of beach in fringe of timber and will be prepared to engage targets on flank and hostile craft.
21. Mortars. Two dets under comd A Coy
Two dets under comd D Coy
Four dets initially in reserve under comd
Mortar Offr with a task of firing on opportunity targets
Two dets will be prepared to come under comd C or B Coy when ordered.
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One sec under comd MMG Pl Comd until H plus 2 hrs, when it will come under comd A Coy.
23. Engrs.
(a) Sapper dets with coys will assist in clearing obstacles and repairing demolitions.
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ADMINISTRATION

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INTERCOMMUNICATION

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30. V/S To LCT and Re-Supply Craft.
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36. Codes and Ciphers.
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 (c) Bn Code Names.

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D Coy	-	KALI

 (d) Craft Code Names.

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LCI	-	CAT
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 (e) Bn Appointments Code.

Comd	-	PACKARD
Adjt	-	CRYSLER
QM	-	FORD
IO	-	WILLYS
Sig Offr	-	AUSTIN

In references to appointments in messages to Bde HQ R/T Code No 2 will be used.

INTERCOMMUNICATION (Contd)

37. Synchronisation of Time. Time will be synchronised by Sig Offr prior to embarkation.

If a ship's chronometer is available on craft time will be synchronised with it at H minus 60 minutes.

Ship's clocks are not reliable.

After landing time will be synchronised daily at 0800 and 2000 hrs daily.

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R. J. Somerville Capt.
(R. J. SOMERVILLE)
Majt 2/13 AUST. INF. BN

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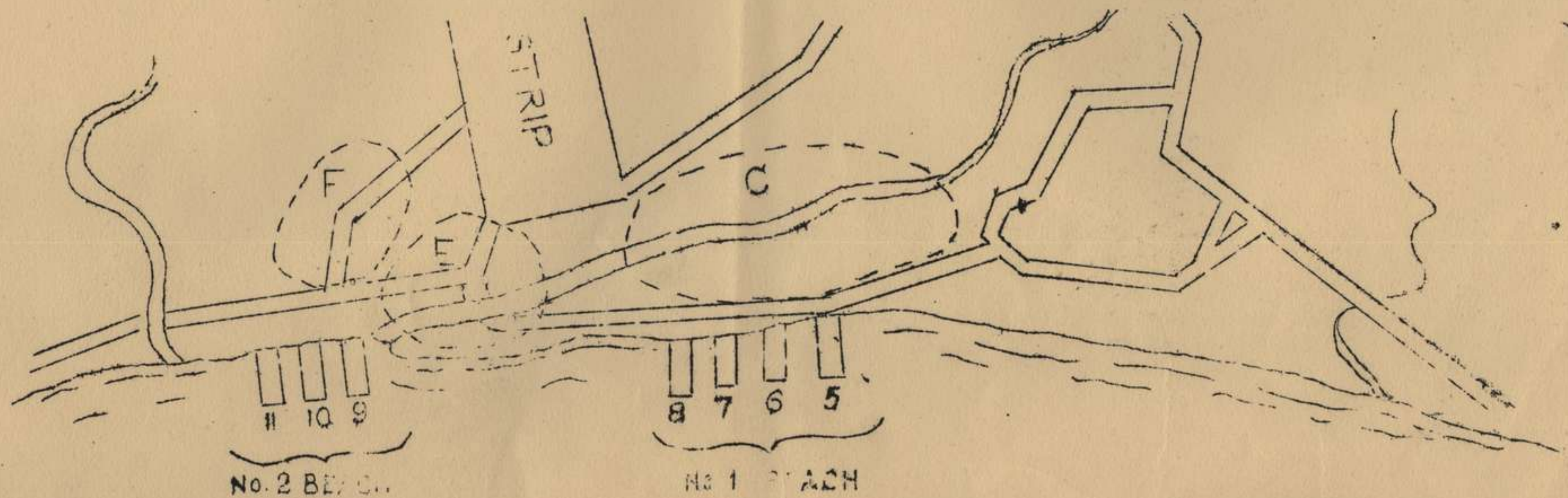
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ASSEMBLY AND EMBARKATION TIME TABLE - PERSONNEL

SERIAL	CRAFT NO		TYPE OF CRAFT	DAY	ASSEMBLY			EMBARKATION		REMARKS
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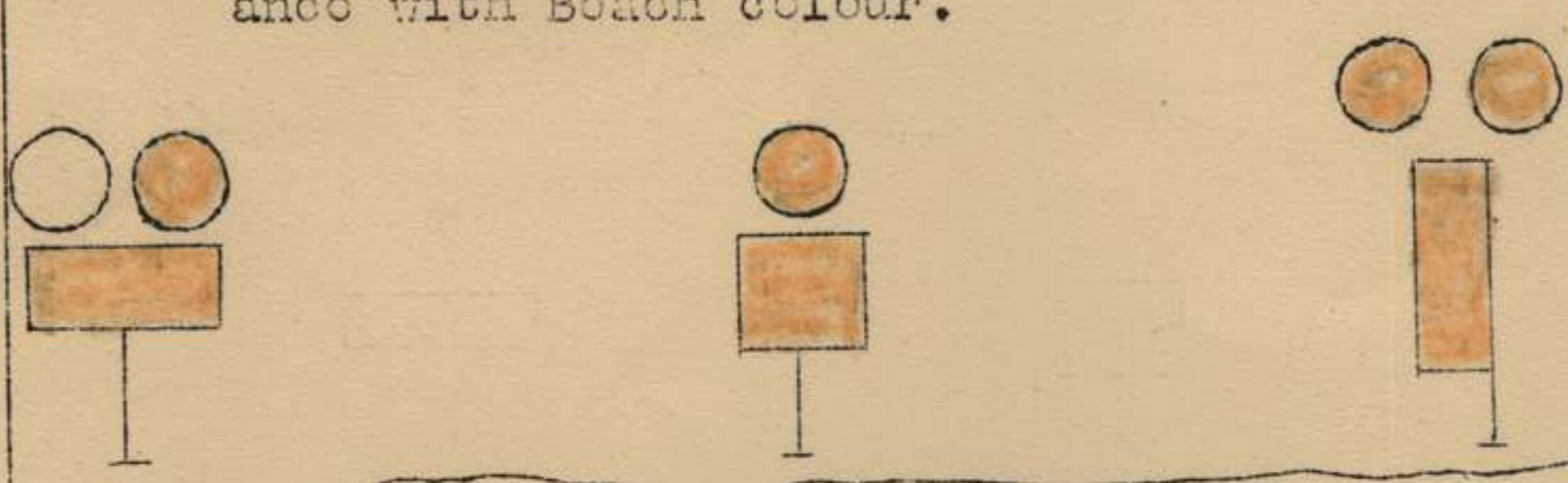
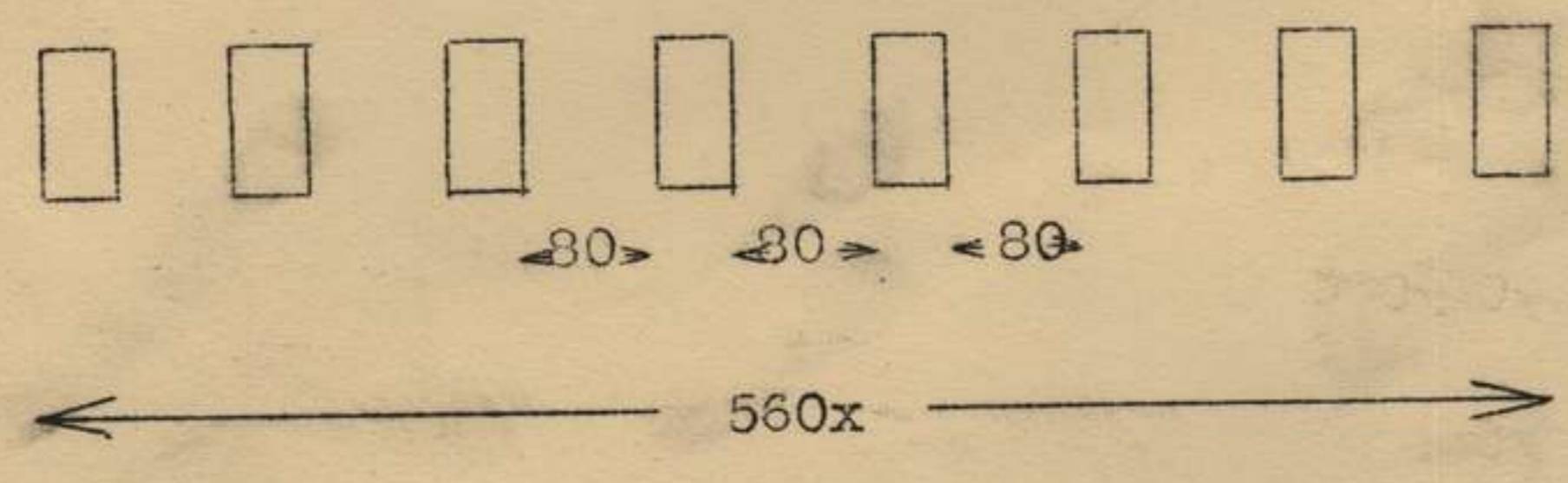
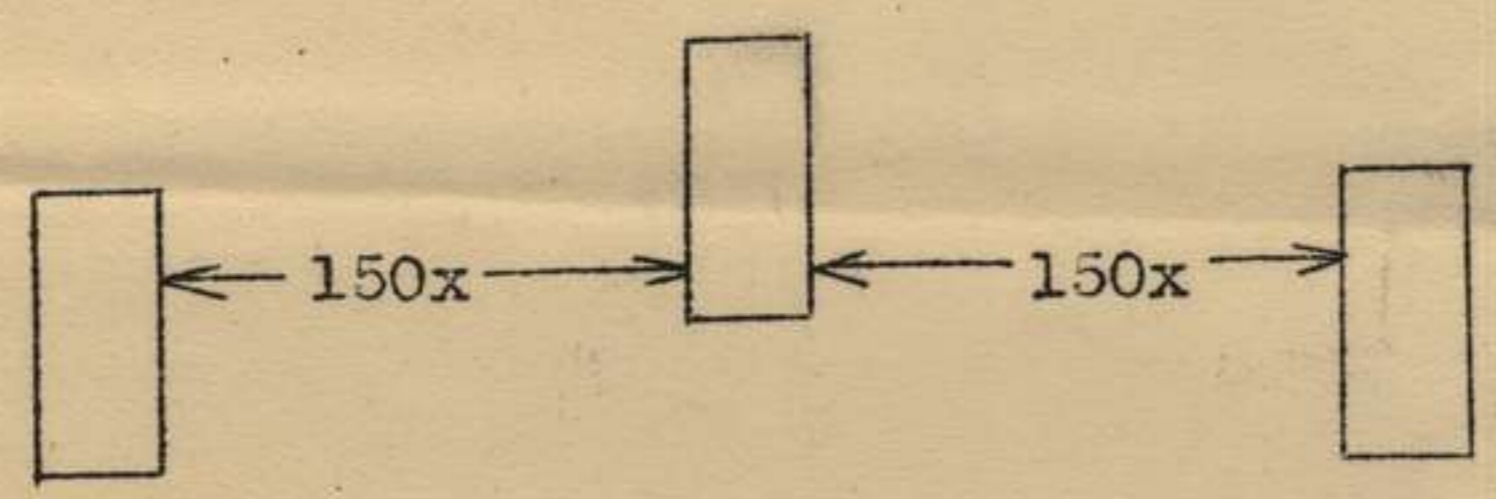

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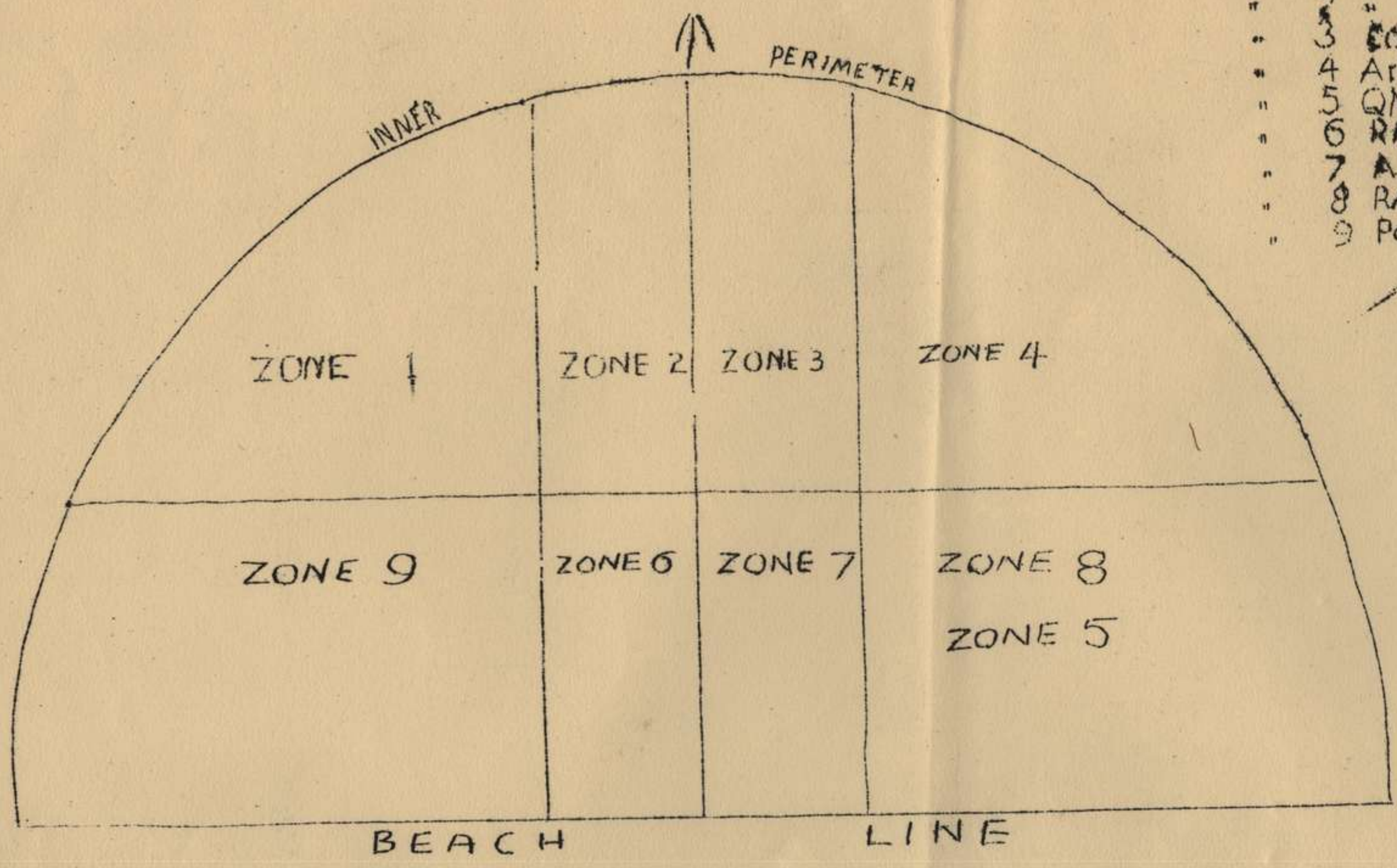
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LANDING PLAN

YELLOW BEACH

Wave No.	Time	FORMATIONS	Craft
		<p>NOTE: Beach signs shown are coloured in accordance with Beach colour.</p> 	
1	H		8 LCV
2	H plus 10 mins		3 LCI
3	H plus 30 mins		2 LCT



- Approx. Areas
- ZONE 1 Bn Hq. Cp 2
 - " 2 " " " 1
 - " 3 Comd Post
 - " 4 Arty
 - " 5 QM Dumps. Arm. Rations Writer
 - " 6 RAP
 - " 7 ADS
 - " 8 RAE. stores & Dumps
 - " 9 Possible "B" Ecti

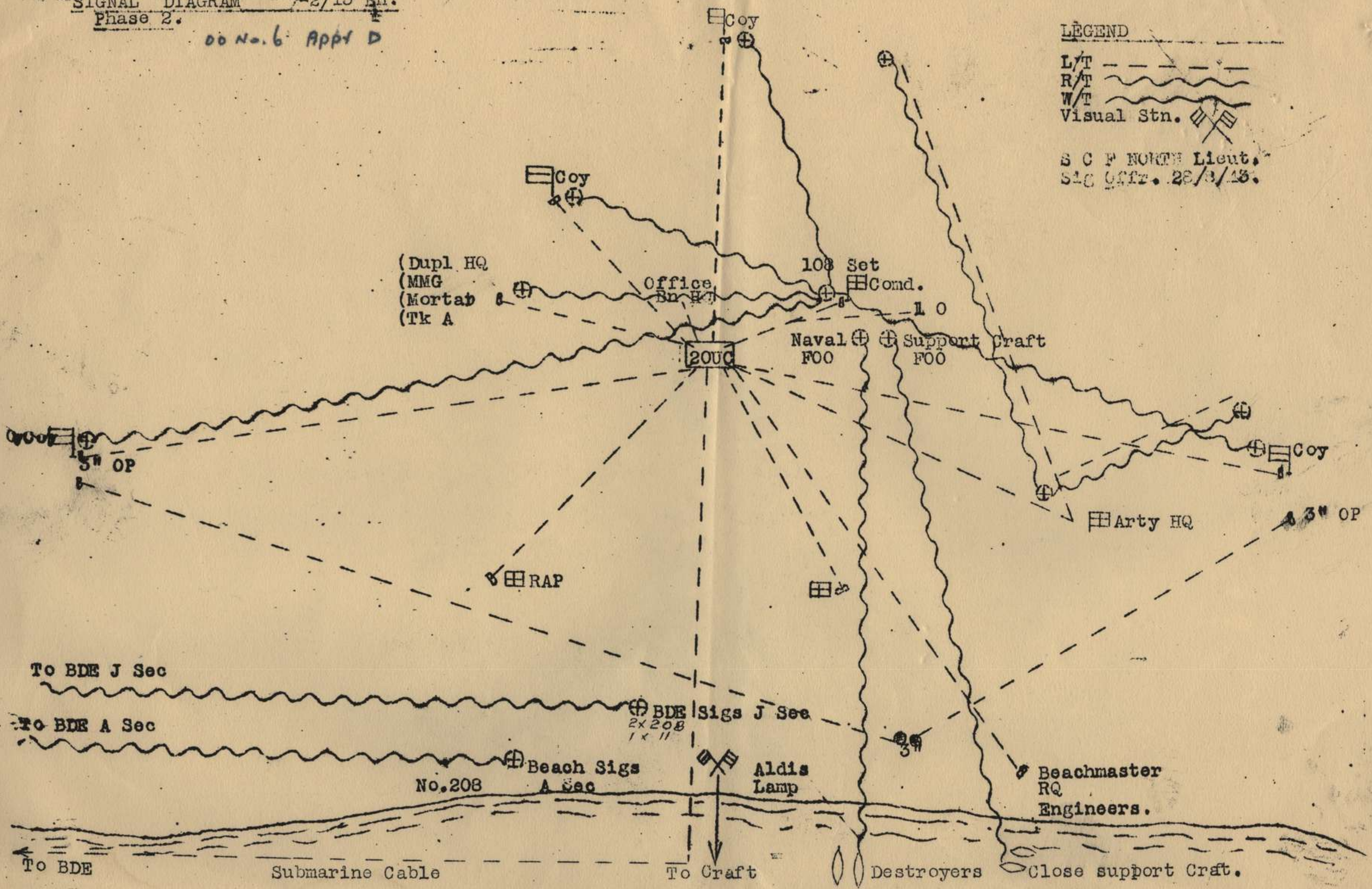
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Phase 2.

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LEGEND

L/T ---
R/T ~~~~
W/T ~~~~
Visual Stn. [Symbol]

S C F NORTH Lieut.
SIG OFFR. 28/3/43.



PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 21 / 8 / 1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	3	NR
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Rivettors			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	27	27		Tailors	2	3	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	12	8	NR	Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Tk/A G	22	27	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Batmen	35	41	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Hyg. Duties	4	5	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Rifle, LMG	409	332	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								MMG	25	25	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Mortars	62	62	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								Orderlies	32	32	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Pioneers	24	12	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators								Regtl Police	7	7	
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Battery Surveyors				Storemen	6	7	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Butchers	1	1		SBS	21	20	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks	11	15		Water Duty Gen	2	3	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Supply				Att. by WE:	15	14	NR
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	12		Clerks, Technical				Hyg. Insp.	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Coach Trimmers				Med. Ords.	2	2	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Concretors				Chiropodist	1	2	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Cooks				Payclerks	2	2	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Dental Clerk Orderlies				Shoemakers	1	1	
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Despatch Riders				Shoemakers	1	1	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Draughtsmen, Signals				Postal Duty	1	1	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Drivers, H.T.				Blacksmith	2		
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Mechanics		15		Fitters Gun	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Driver Tpin. Plant				Armourer	1	1	
Photowriter				Miners				Engine Hands, I.C.				Cooks	22	23	
Plumber				Moulders				Equipment Repairers	1	1		Caterer	1	1	
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Farriers				Fitters MV		1	
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Fitters' Mates							
CARRIED FORWARD	1			CARRIED FORWARD		21		Gun Layers		4					
												Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.		770.	

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21 August 1943
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Signature of Commander
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PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 14 / 8 / 1943.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitches			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters	4	3	IR
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths								Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stvedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical			
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers				Taffors	4	4	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters	27	27		Textile Refitters	2	3	
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Ety. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Boilermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters				Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners	12	8	IR	Wireman							
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners							
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics											
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)											
Fitters				Driver-Operator											
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers											
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians											
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)											
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.							
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors							
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers							
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	1	1					
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply	11	15					
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical							
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties				Coach Trimmers							
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners	10	12		Concretors							
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks							
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies							
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders							
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals							
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.							
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics							
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant	15						
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers							
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers	1	1					
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.9008

(Adapted) (Page 1)
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(Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday / / 194

(Unit)

W.E. OFFRS. O.R's. plus OFFRS. O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

PART A.—POSTED STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1 2 3 4				5	6 7 8 9 10									
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.									
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.	DETAIL.	Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.					
	1	0	23	Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	ASCO	1								
				DETAIL	A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
				A.	1									1
				E.[1]										
				E.[2]										

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E[1] & E[2].

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

** Personnel belonging to a category not provided for in the analysis will be shown in this Col. Particulars will be shown, e.g., 20 U.K. Forces; 10 N.Z. Forces

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit From.	Date.	CAUSE.
	Lieut			22/7/43	re-joined from temp.att.
	"			3/8/43	do. / personnel.
	"			do.	do.
	"			do.	do.
	"			do.	taken on strength from
	"			do.	/ temp.att. personnel.
	"			do.	do.

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
	Capt			3/8/43	truck off strength.
	"			do.	do.
	Lieut			do.	do.
	"			do.	do.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO (Unit) IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED / / 194

Army No.	Rank	Name and Initials	REMARKS [e.g. present whereabouts if known].

