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2/13 Infantry Battalion

August 1943, Exercise "Postern"

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

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INFORMATION

1. Enemy.
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Lt ADS Det, 2/8 AUST FD AMB
One Det 2/13 AUST FD COY RAE
Det 592 E Lt & Shore Regt
Shore Fire Control Party RAA

INTENTION

4. 2/13 AUST INF BN GP will land and capture YELLOW BEACH (435443..442452).

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 LCV will commence at 0700 hrs on D DAY.

iii. Personnel for re-embarkation on APD will embark on LCV at 0930 hrs on D DAY.
Personnel for APD 1 (B Coy) will embark in LCV Numbers 1 to 4.
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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
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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. PHASE 1
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).

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(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).

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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 - c.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 land to depth of 600 yds.

13. H Hour - 1100 hrs 17 Aug 43

14. Far Shore Landing Schedule.

Beach	WAVE	Time of Landing
- YELLOW	1	H Hour
	2	H plus 10
	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 shifting 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	Timings	Rate	Type of Fire
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2	STRINGER Pt	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
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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. Sk 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 dots under command D Coy.
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 Four Dots in reserve under Comd Mortar Offr -
 Task: to engage opportunity targets on flanks.
 Two Dots will come under comd C Coy on capture of first objective.
20. MMGs. One sec MMG under Comd D Coy
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 (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. 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.

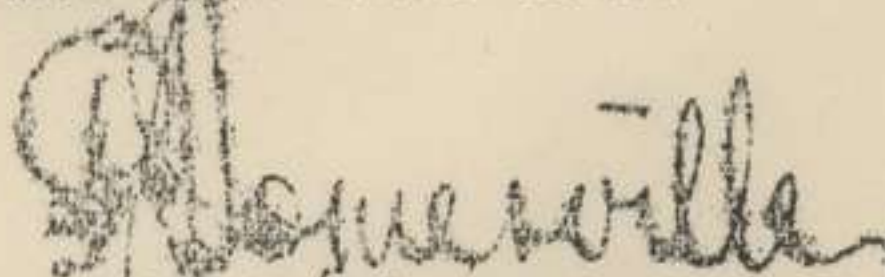
INTERCOMMUNICATION (Contd)

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- (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.
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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	-	CAF
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 0800 hrs on D DAY.


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 Adjnt 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
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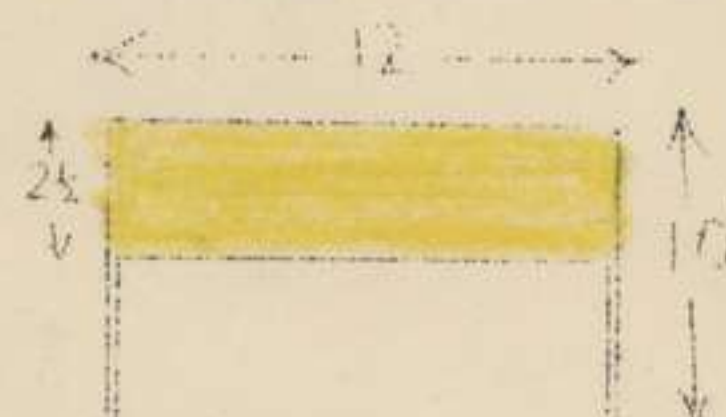
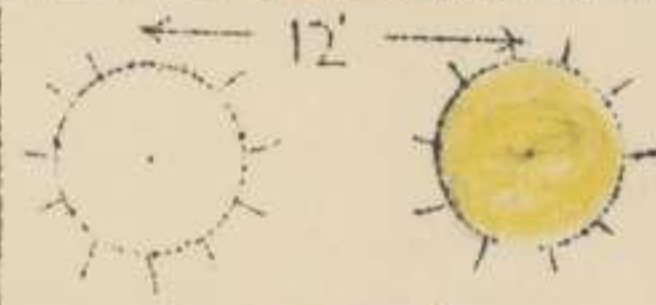
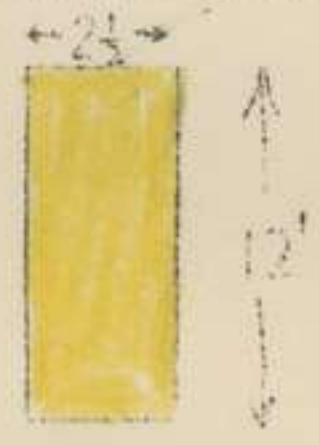
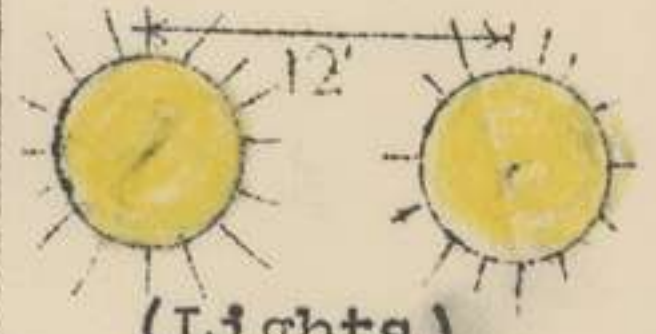
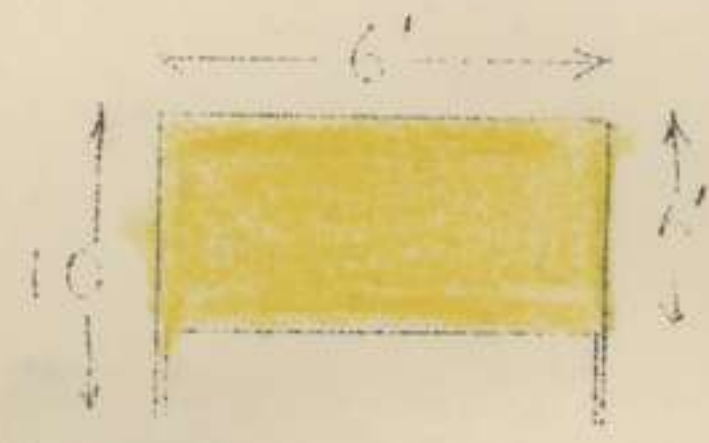
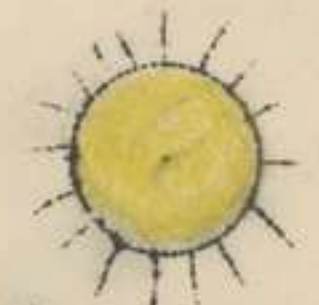
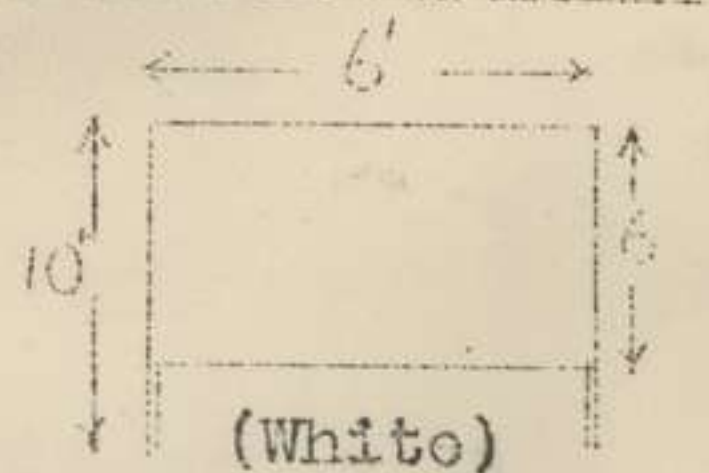
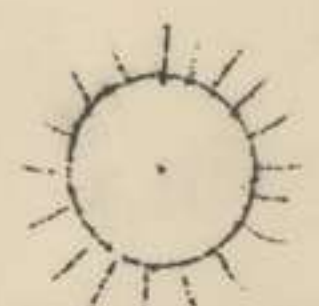
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B Coy	2	Fd Regt RAA	9
C Coy	3	A Tp, 2/4 Lt AA	10
D Coy	4	2/3 Aust Fd Coy RAE	11
HQ Coy	5	2/8 Aust Fd Amb	12
QM	6	Shore Fire Control Party	13
I.O.	7	Commander NORMAN-	14
Sig Offr	8	Comd	15
		2 i/c	16
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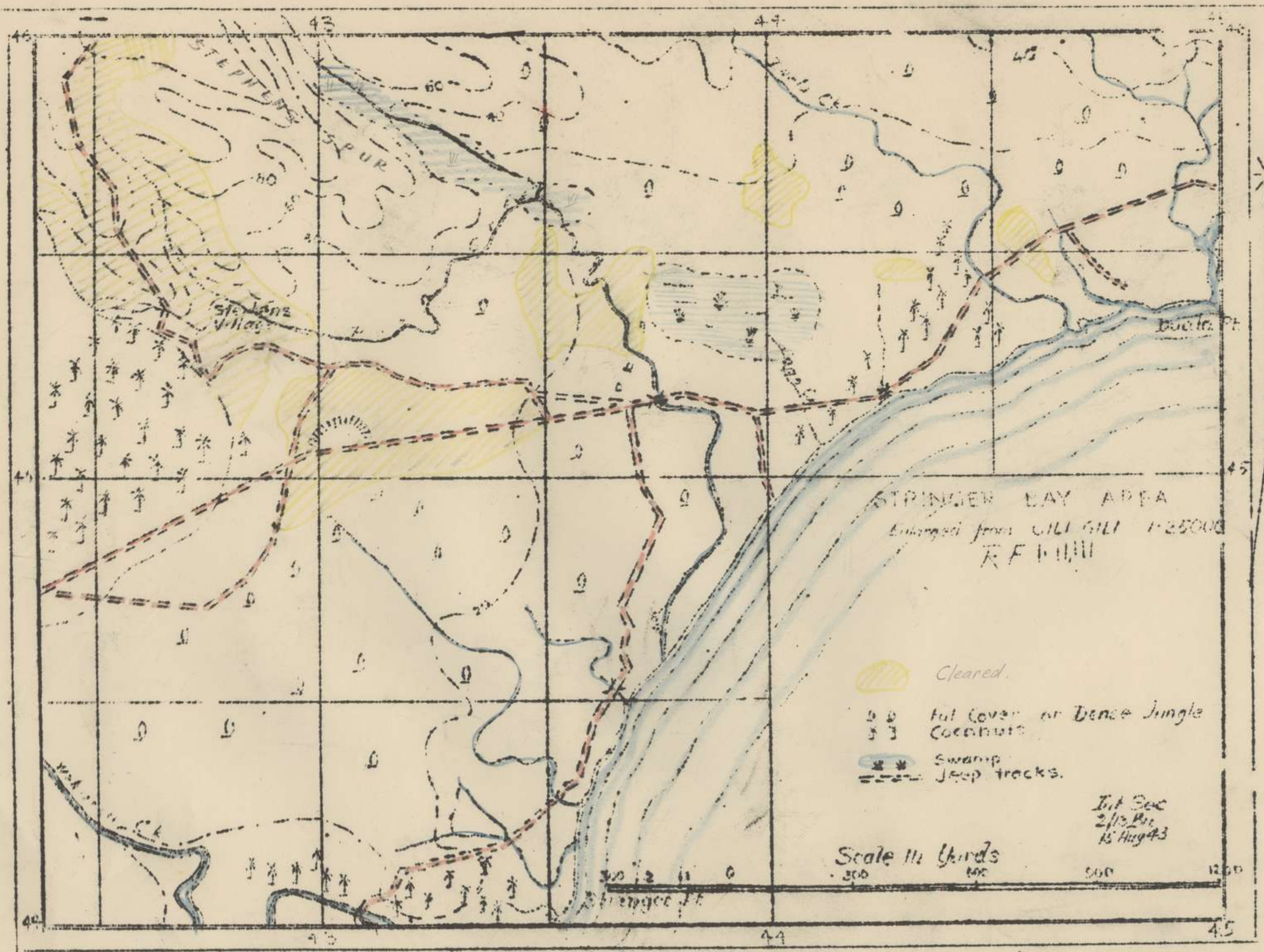
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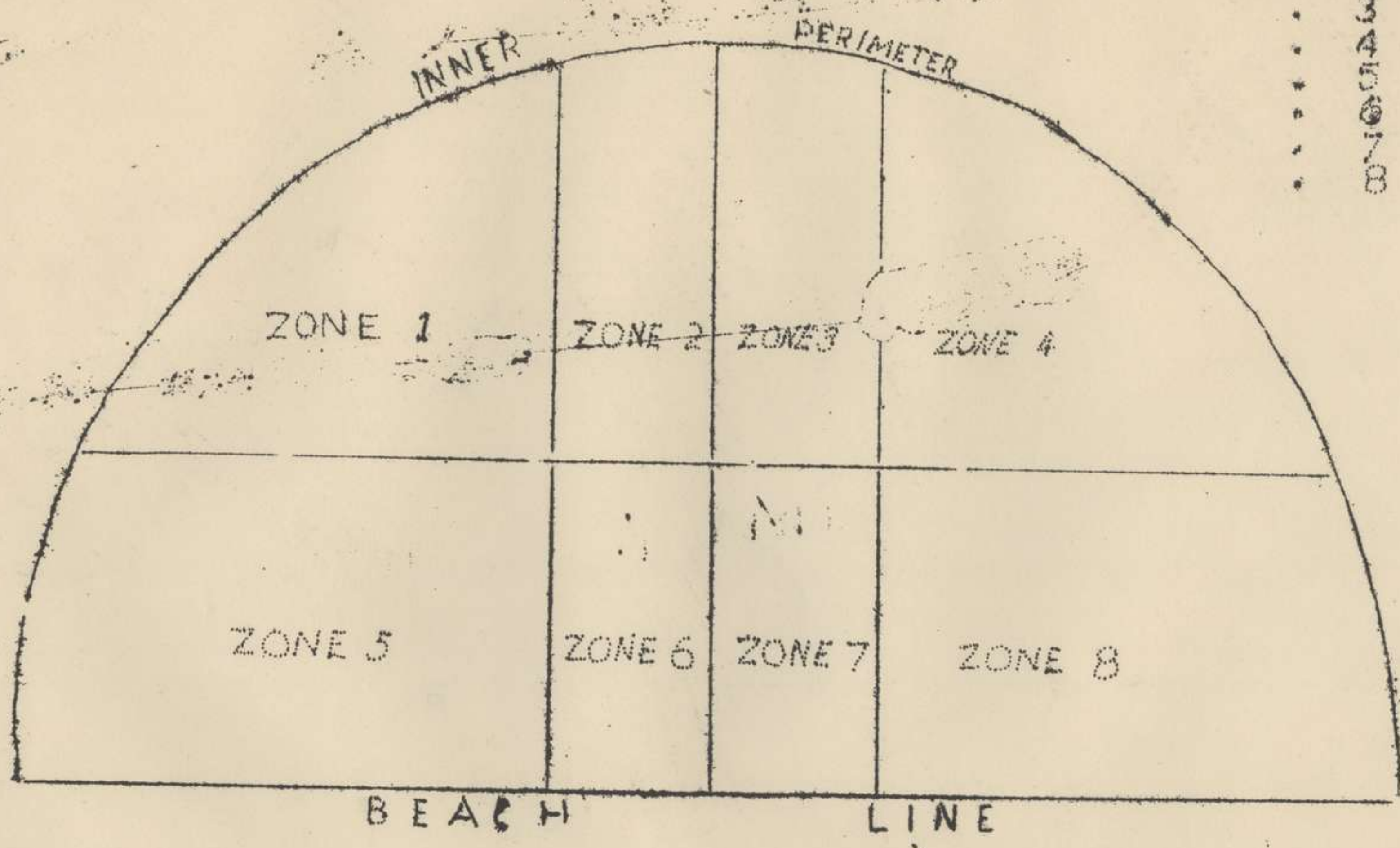
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1	Left Limite (from seaward)		 (Lights)
2	Right Limit (from seaward)		 (Lights)
3	Centre		 (Light)
4	Roadway	 (White)	 (Blinking Light)

- 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 erected behind serial 4 (Roadway), at least 50 ft to landward and 20 ft higher.

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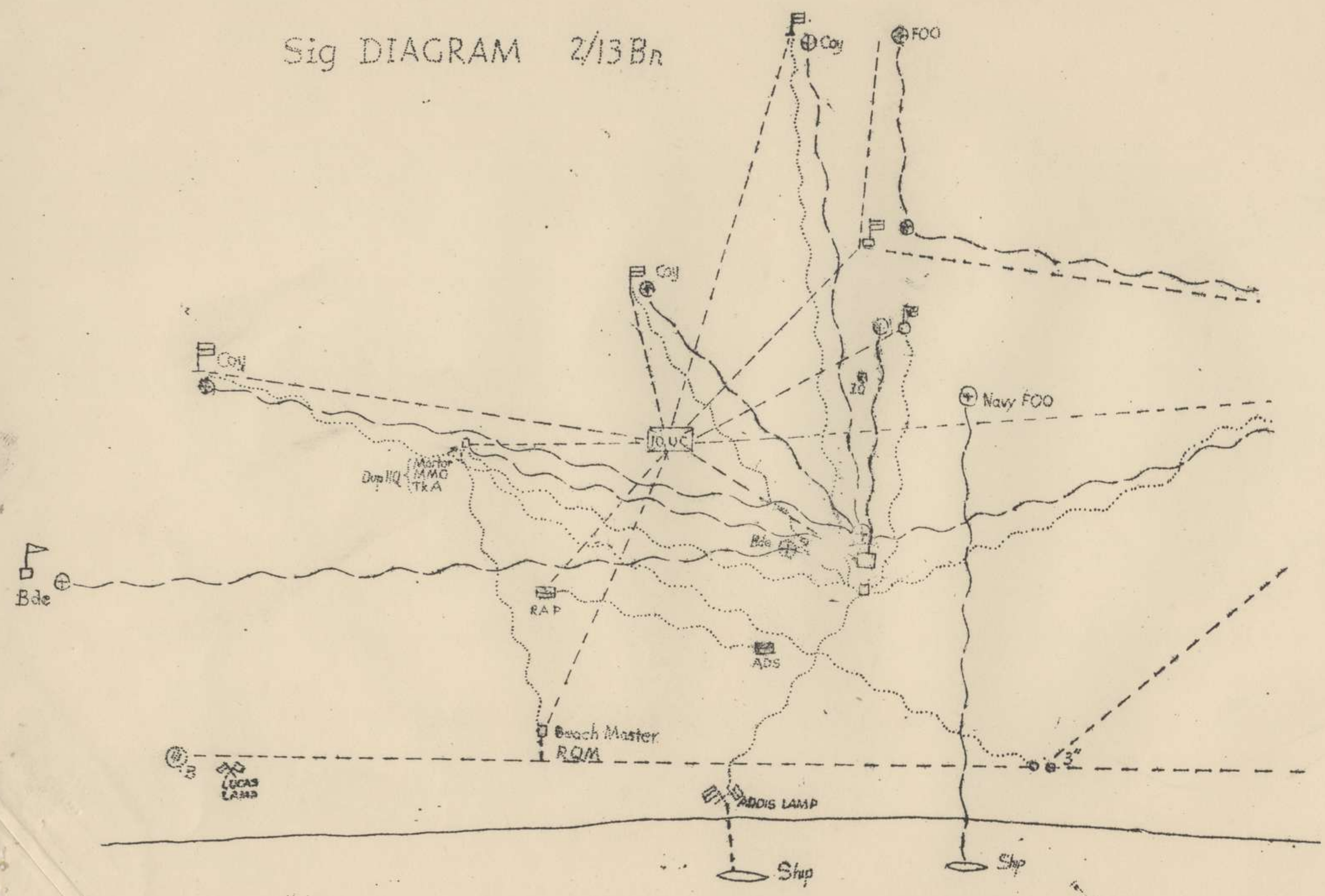
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ZONE	1	Bn Hq. Co 2
"	2	" " " 1
"	3	Comd. Post
"	4	Arty
"	5	Dumps
"	6	RAP
"	7	ADS
"	8	RAE

Appx D

Sig DIAGRAM 2/13 BR



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EXERCISE SECRET
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METHOD (continued)

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PHASE 1

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

13. H Hour - 1100 hrs 17 Aug 43

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42. Codes and Ciphers

(a) The entire operation will be known as MAYFLOWER

(b) Bn Code names:-

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A Coy	-	ALPH	1
B Coy	-	BETA	1
C COY	-	GAMA	1
D COY	-	DELA	1

(c) Craft Code Names:-

APD	-	CAMEL
LCI	-	CA
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
(R.J. SOMERVILLE)

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DISTR

TIME OF SIGNATURE 0930 hrs
ISSUED through Sigs - Conference.

DISTRIBUTION

- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy
- D Coy
- HQ Coy
- QM
- I.O.
- Sig Offr

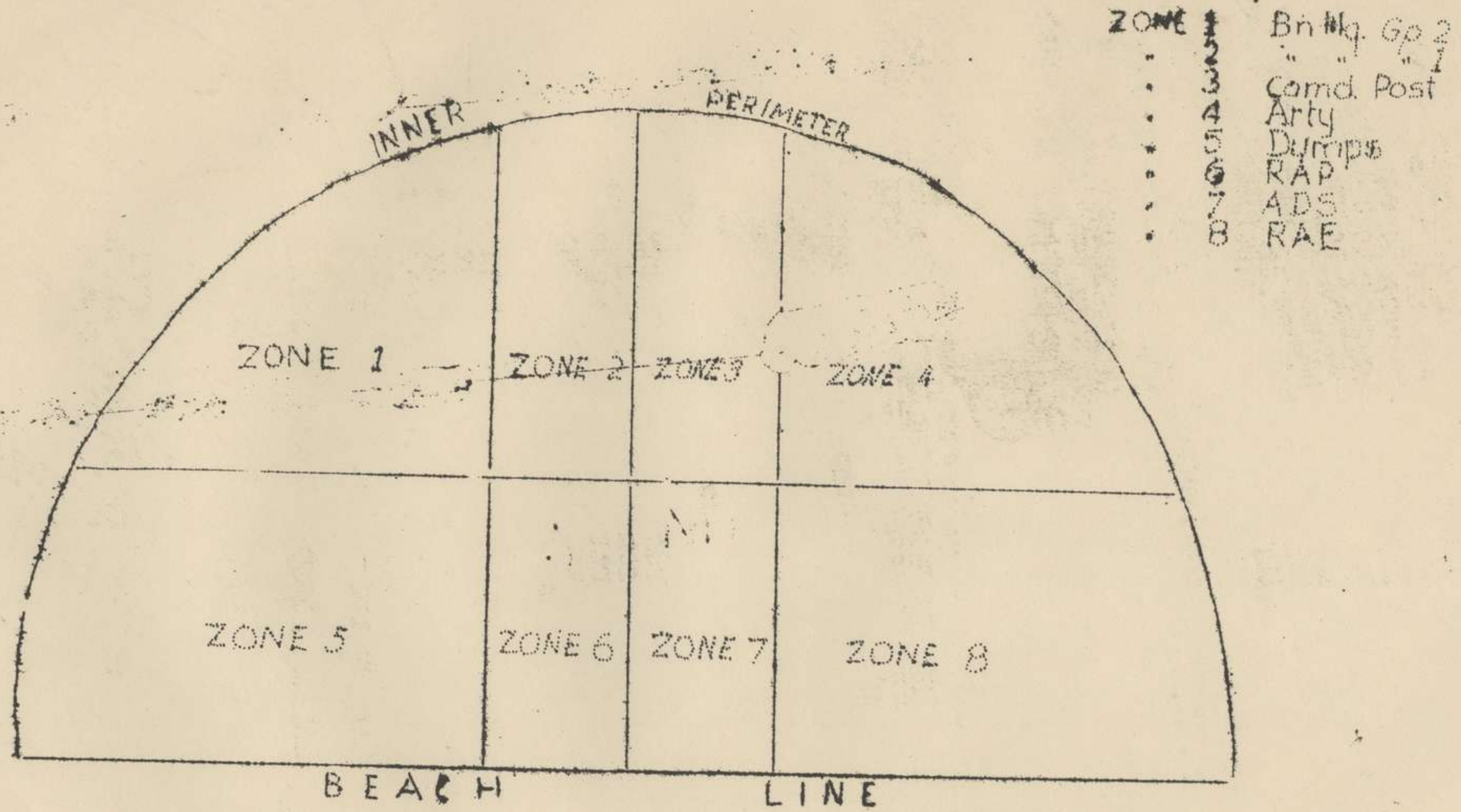
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2/13 AUST INF BN O.O. No. 6

"POSTERN"

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^{cd} 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, PEMMIGEN, 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 SHEEF) 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 occupy 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 ~~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 barges
 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.
 H-11 to H-5
17. Air Support. 5 AF and 4 AC Sqn RAAF are undertaking:-
- Neutralising of enemy airfields
 - Location and attack on enemy barge traffic and naval craft
 - Where practicable, close up in emergency.
 - Fighter protection of landing operation
 - Tac R over ~~JERRY~~ 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
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 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 complete 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 pass 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
G 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.

INTERCOMMUNICATION (Contd)

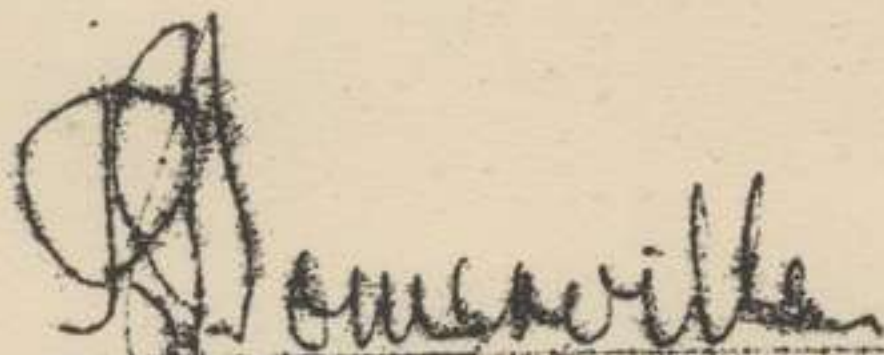
37. Synchronisation of Time. Time will be synchronised by Sig Offr prior to embarkation.

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

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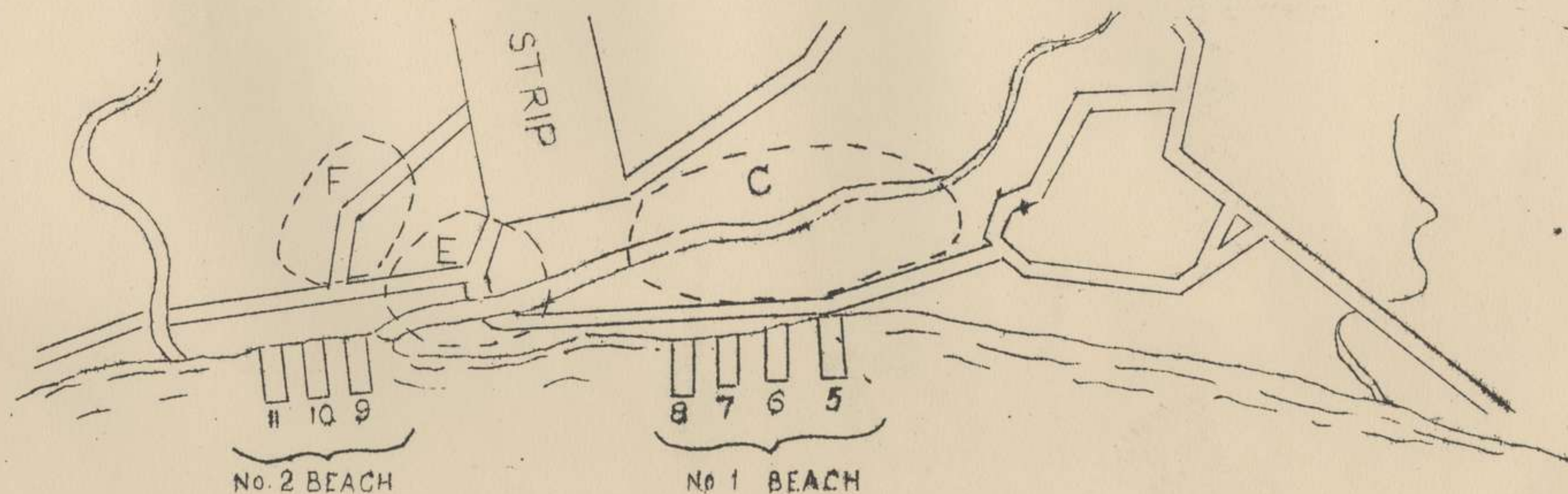
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APPENDIX "A" to 2/13 AUST INF BN CO No 6

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	
7	No 2		APD	2 Sep 43	F	0830	2	10	0900	0915	



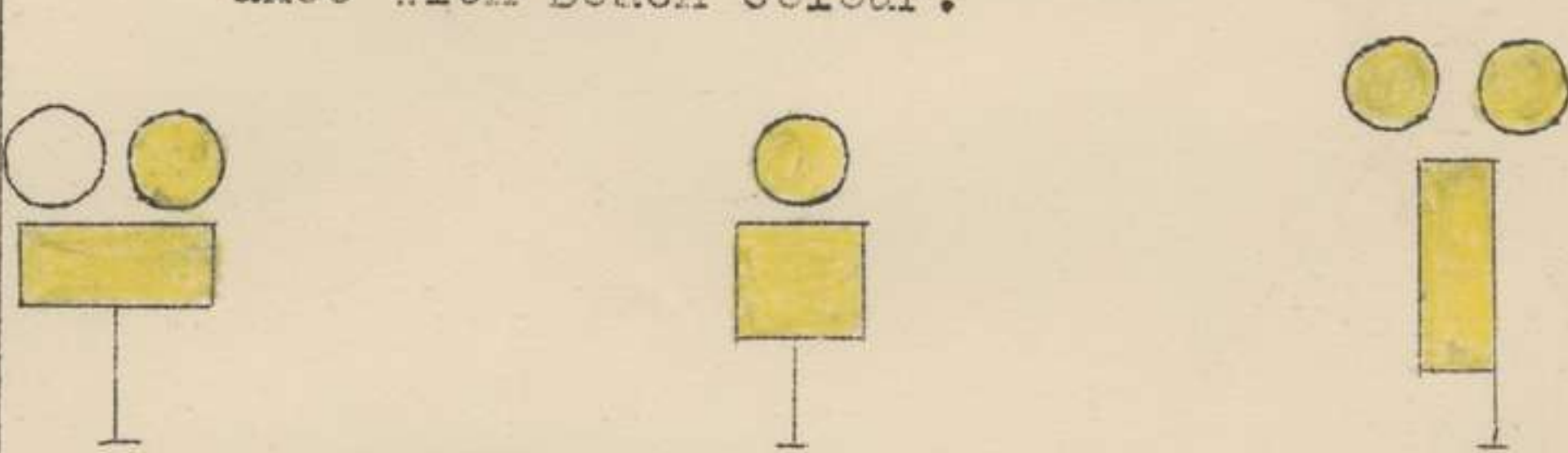
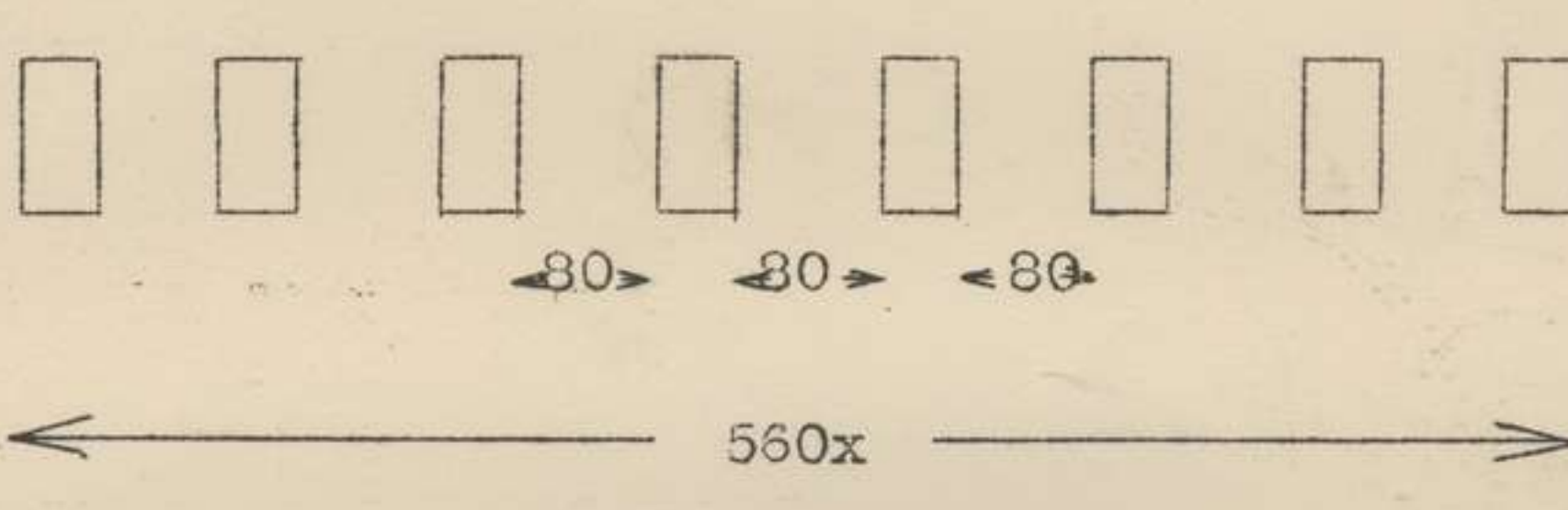
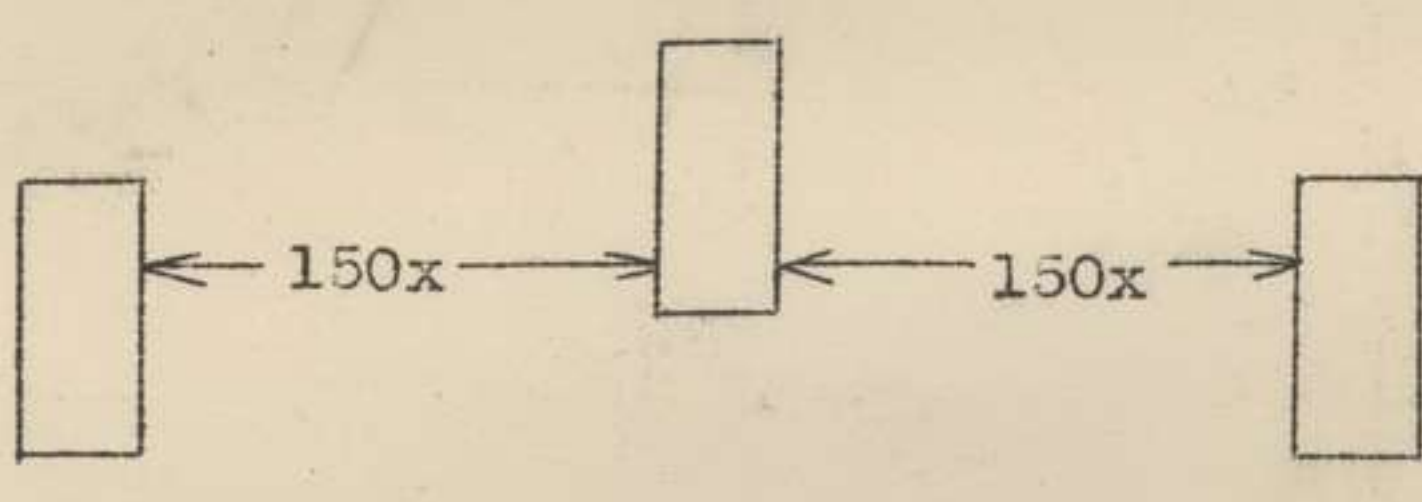

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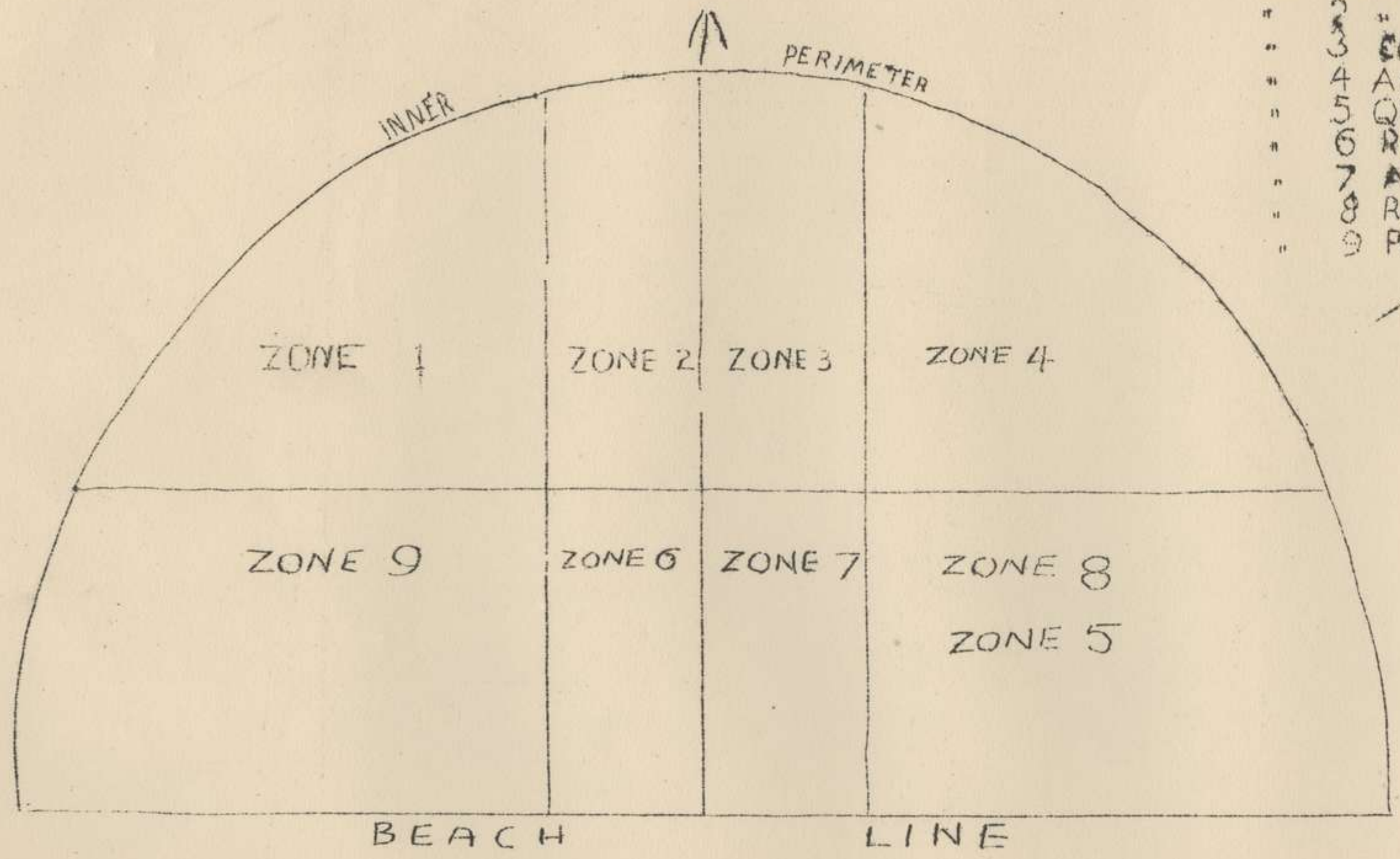
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LANDING PLAN

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

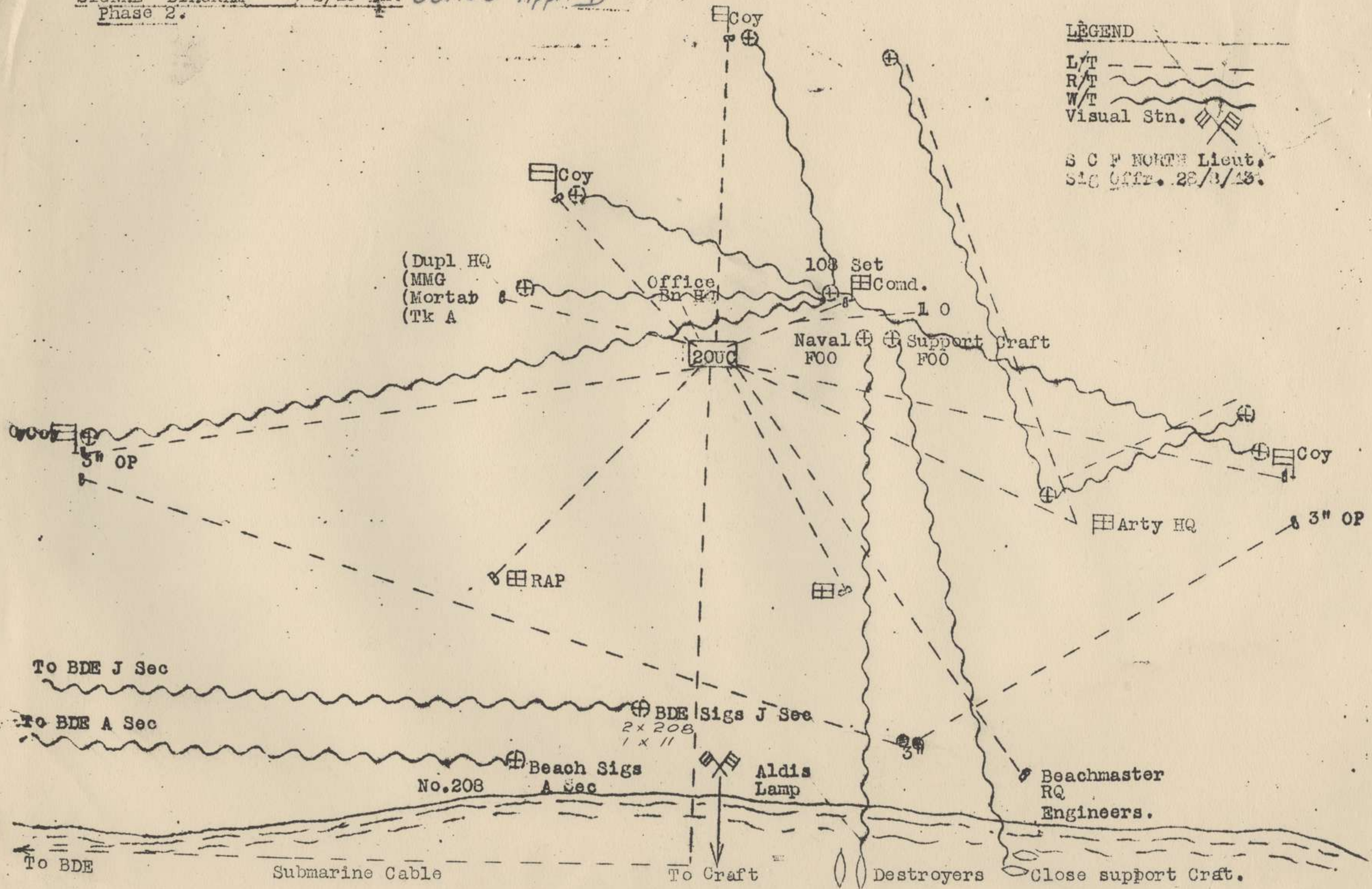
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- W/T 
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SIG Offr. 28/3/13.



MOST SECRET

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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 few 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.

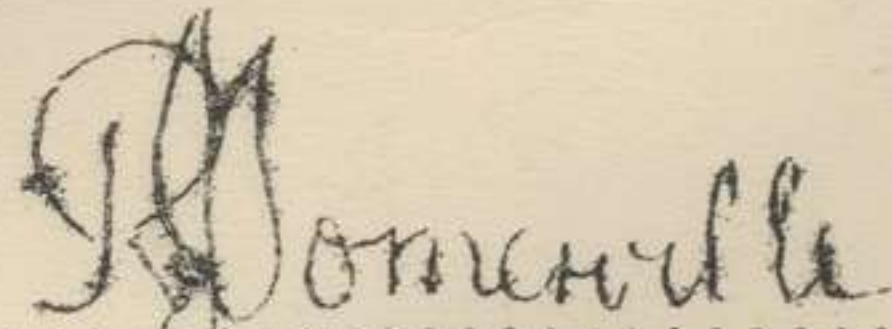
- (a) Assembly prior to movement to embarkation area. Groups to embark on LCI and ABB will assemble in dispersal bay area at bottom of road through 2/3 AUST FD COY Lines.

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.


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

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FROM

B. Coy

Originator's Number

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Date

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Beschamps Capt.

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FROM *HQ Coy*

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W. Hooper Capt.
D/C. A. Coy.

"A" Coy
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D. Coy

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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 arm 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 crew cooks will report to Beach Master for duty.

4. P.O.L. Vehicles have been loaded with full tanks and pumps 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 CO No 6.
- (b) ADS will be located in Zone 7 shown in Appendix "C" to 2/13 AUST INF BN CO 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 Effects

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.

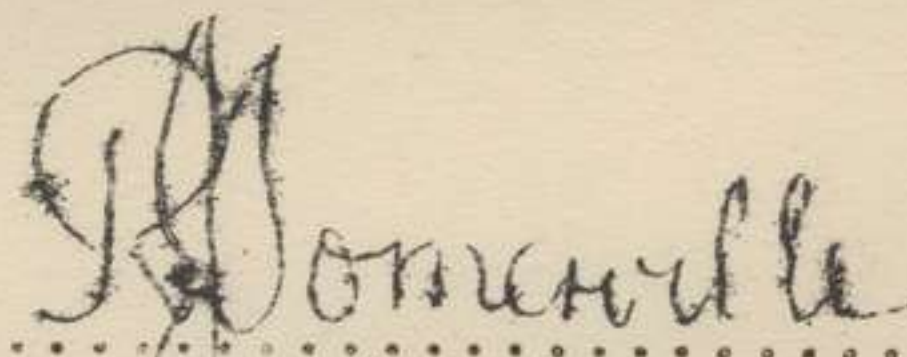
- (a) Assembly prior to movement to embarkation area. Groups to embark on LCI and ABB will assemble in dispersal bay area at bottom of road through 2/3 AUST FD COY Lines.

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.


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

DISTRIBUTION

As for 2/13 AUST INF BN OO No 6.

SECRET

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

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 DN HQ</u>	<u>DN 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>
RPs(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, --
		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 1500
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	<u>ARTY</u> - 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</u> -Lucas Lamps 1
Sig Cable-miles 2	Shovels 3	
9mm Amn - 10 box-	Wire Cutters 2	<u>A.A.</u> -9mm Amn Dxs 3
es (17 lbs each) 10	Sandbags 20	
<u>No 2 Pl HQ</u>	<u>Mortar Personnel</u>	
3 Dxs 9mm Amn	(Reserve)	
(17 lbs ea) 3	Mortars 2	
	Picks 2	
<u>Under Comd</u>	Shovels 2	
<u>ARTY</u> - 3" Mor Bombs 18	Axes Hand 2	
2" " " 36	3" Mor Bombs 12	
<u>RAE</u> - Lucas Lamp 1	<u>MMG Pl</u>	
	MMGs 2	
	Picks 2	
	Shovels 2	
	Machetes 2	
	.303 MMG SAA. rds 3000	

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

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HOLD 2

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

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HOLD 1

No 8 Pl	33
2 Dets Mortars	10

43

TOTAL 194

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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 Arb	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

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HOLD 1 BUNKS 40

Bn 2 1/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 (10,21/c)	2
Fd Arb	12

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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 C&S 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 Adjt 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	MMBs RAE	11 20
5	A.A. RAA Naval FOO	3 18 9	5	RMO Batman Bde Sig SB Sjt 2 Mor Dets) A Bomb Carriers) C 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 Pdr Batman SA Rep	11 1 1 1	6	Bde LO FOOs Party RAA 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