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Item number: 8/5/2

**2/2 Machine Gun Battalion**  
**March 1945, Exercise Sea Gull**



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SUBJECT : AMENDED SIG DIAGRAMS - EXERCISE SEAGULL

HQ 9 Aust Div  
G.19/28/1  
12 Mar 45.

1. Herewith following amended sig diagrams to appx 'L' 9 Aust Div  
OO 1 :-

- L3
- L4
- L5
- W6
- W7.

- 2. Diagrams numbered as above previously issued will be destroyed.
- 3. Diagrams 1, W5 and Legend to W7 remain as issued.

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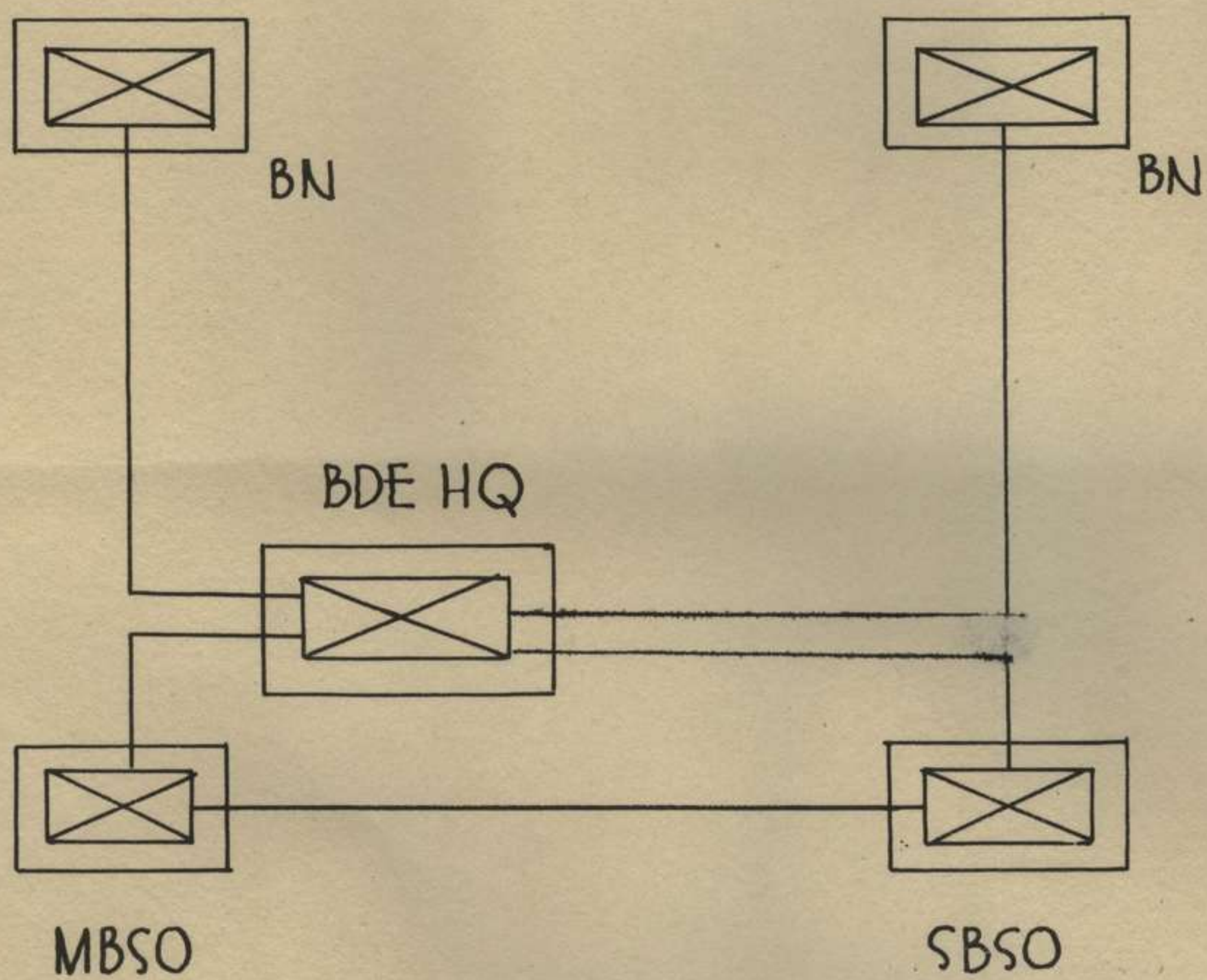
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APPX L3 to 9 AUST

DIV SIGNAL PLAN

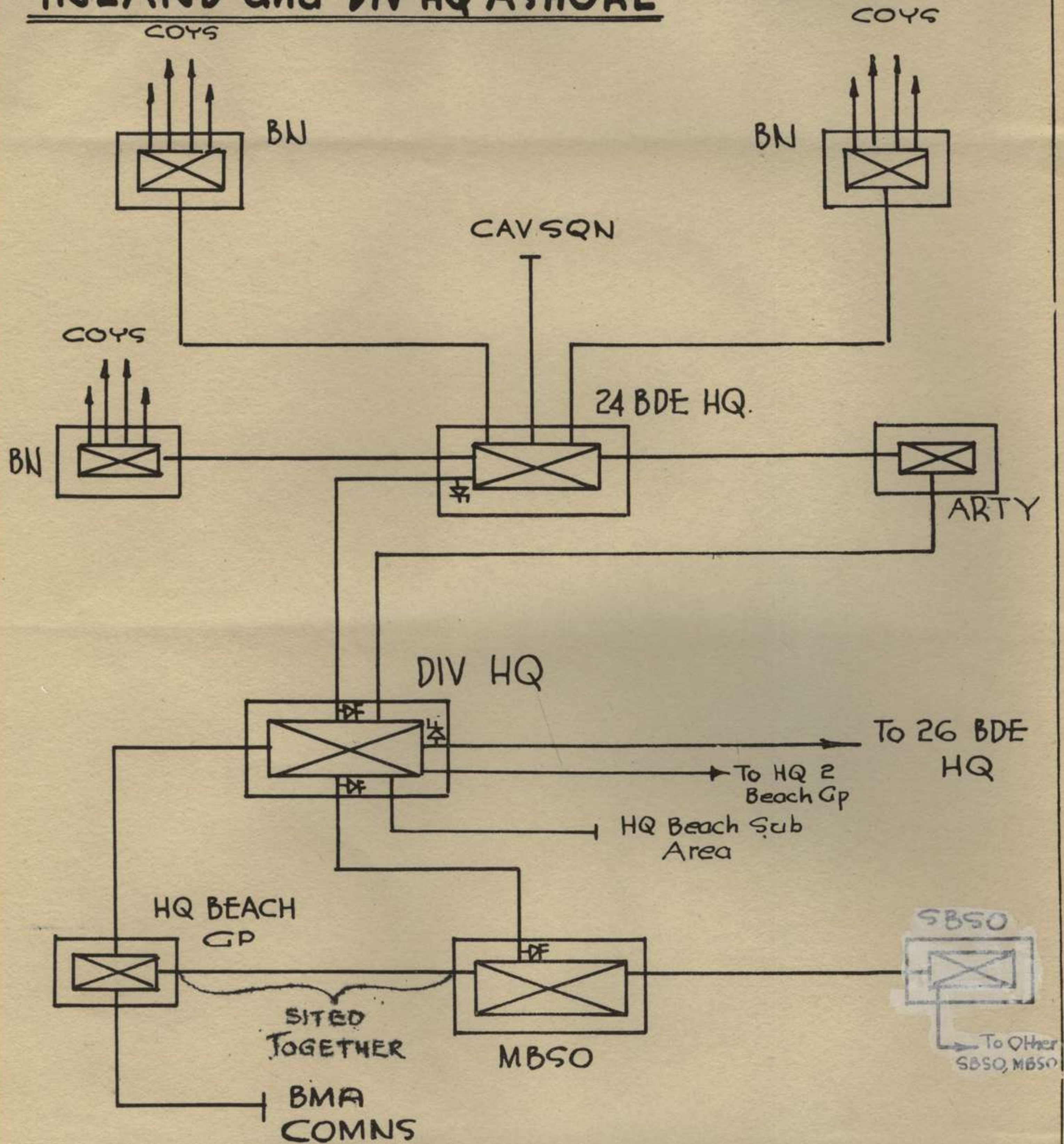
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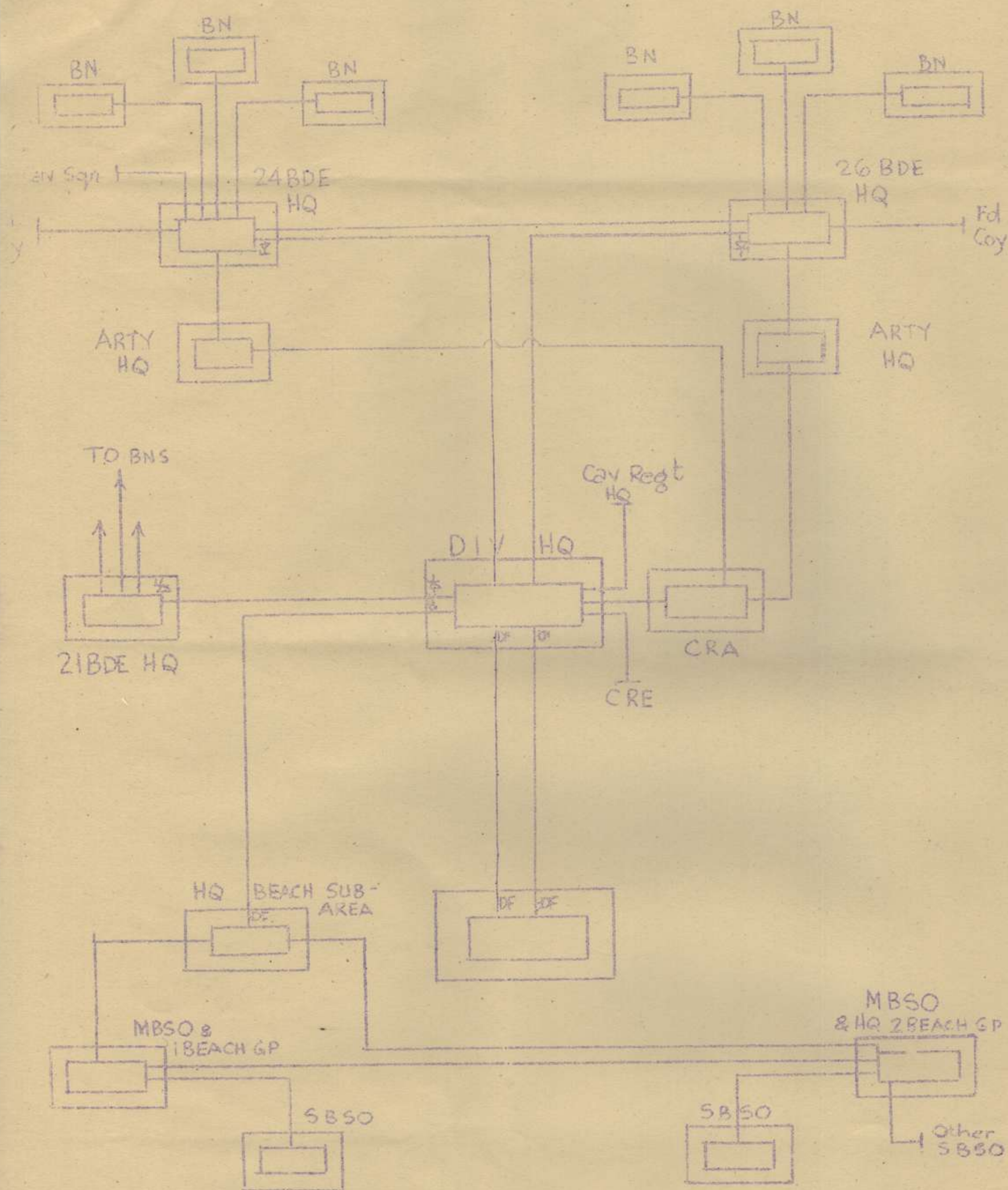


Note: 26 Bde layout identical with above except for an additional SBSO for subsidiary landing and less line to HQ Beach Sub Area.



# ADV CORPS HQ ASHORE

L5 to 9Aust Div Signal Plan



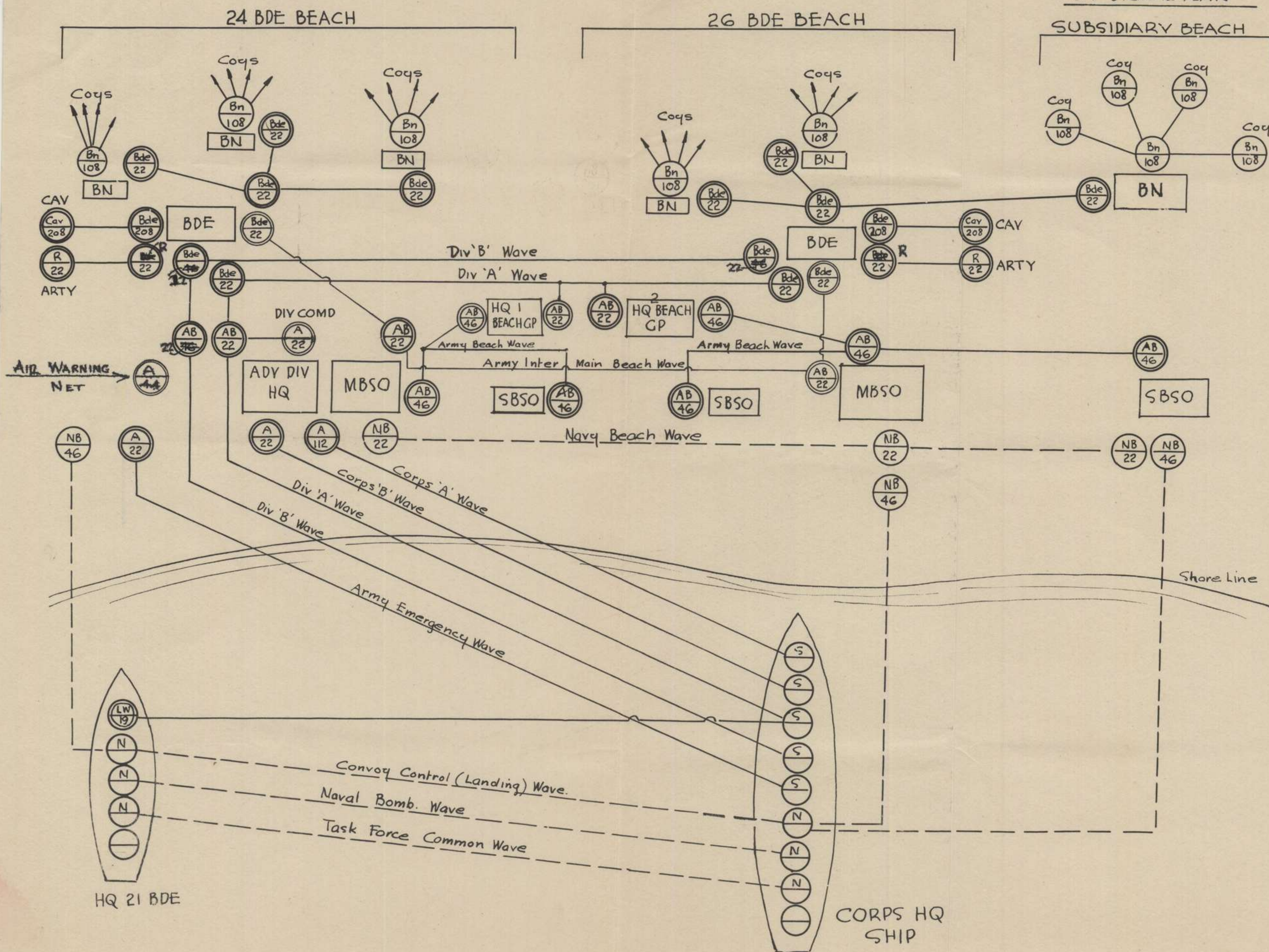
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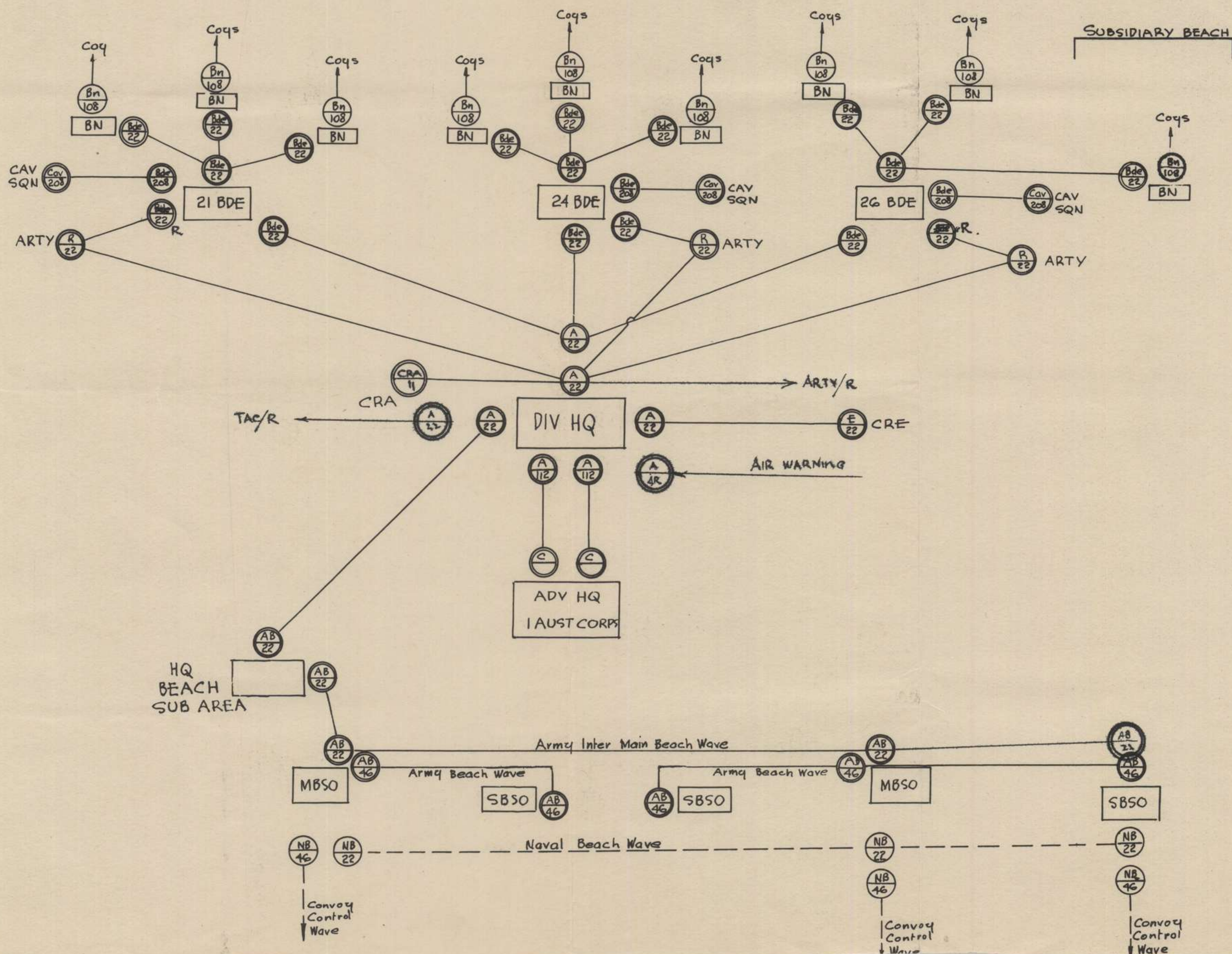
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# DIV HQ INLAND - ADV CORPS ASHORE (H+)

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W7 to 9 AUST  
DIV SIGNAL PLAN





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EXERCISE SEAGULL

9 AUST DIV CO 1

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Ref maps : MORONES : 4 miles to 1 in  
PORT TUBAN : 1 in to 1 mile  
TOMAKINE : 1 in to 1 mile

10 Mar 45,

INFM

1. Topography

As per 9 Aust Div Int Summaries 1 and 2.

2. Enemy

(a) Disposals and strs

As per 9 Aust Div Int Summaries 1 and 2.

(b) Forecast of possible action

(i) See paras 18 and 25 to 9 Aust Div Int Summary 1, Exercise SEAGULL.

(ii) In addition, it is considered that the enemy forces along the EAST and SOUTH coasts of MORONES are acting as grns to beachheads, and, with the possible exception of one bn at TUGAYA, are unlikely to be moved rapidly to repel a ldg until the enemy is certain of our main intentions, particularly in view of the Corps Deception Plan.

3. Own tps

(a) 1 Aust Corps is to capture the island of MORONES to permit its development as an adv base for the est of naval and air facilities on this island. The initial ldg is to be made by 9 Aust Div Gp. 7 Aust Div Gp is the follow up force and will land in the same area. 6 Aust Div is to remain as Corps res at WEWAL.

(b) Role of 7 Aust Div

(i) Land in the beachhead area captured by 9 Aust Div Gp.

(ii) Seize and hold TOMAKINE to permit its use as a port and probable development as a subsidiary base.

4. Additional tps under comd and tps leaving comd

See appx 'A' att.

5. Naval commitments incl sp by carrier based aircraft

Allied Naval Forces are supporting the op by :-

(a) Transporting and ldg the force and providing naval protection for the op.

(b) Providing naval bombardment in sp of the ldg.

(c) Arranging for fighter cover for convoys.

(d) Providing close air sp for the ldg until relieved of this responsibility by land based aircraft on D plus 8. See also para 6 (c).

(e) Denying enemy seaborne rfts and sups to MORONES ISLAND.



- (f) Establishing motor torpedo boat bases on MORONES ISLAND to permit of their op by D plus 2. After D plus 2, establishing naval facilities on MORONES ISLAND.

6. Air

(a) Prior to D Day

Allied aircraft operating from central PHILIPPINES are to :-

- (i) Mask our intention by large scale offensives on strategical targets.
- (ii) Neutralise enemy activities incl destruction of hostile shipping at APARRI and SAN FERNADO in northern LUZON and port installations within striking distance of the area of intended ops.
- (iii) Provide fighter cover for convoys in coop with Allied Naval Forces.
- (iv) Provide long range anti submarine and surface ship patrols for protection of convoys in coop with Allied Naval Forces.
- (v) Assist in Deception Plan - see para 7.

(b) D Day and thereafter

Allied aircraft operating from central PHILIPPINES are to :-

- (i) Continue neutralisation of enemy activities within striking distance of the area of intended ops as necessary.
- (ii) Assist Allied Naval Forces in denying enemy seaborne rfts and sups to MORONES ISLAND.
- (iii) Provide tpt airc aft on a limited scale.

(c) D Day to D plus 8 both incl.

- (i) Eight escort carriers with a total of 128 fighters and 96 bombers are to be responsible for CS of the op. Availability of aircraft approx 50% of total.
- (ii) 1 Aust Corps tps are to have constructed an airfd at 8339 to be called MONACO No.1 airfd.
- (iii) On D plus 8, responsibility for provision of CS is to be taken over by land based aircraft operating from MONACO No.1 airfd.

(d) From D plus 8 onwards

- (i) CS is to be provided by RAAF land based aircraft operating from MONACO No.1 airfd.
- (ii) On D plus 8, six fighter sqns and one tac R sqn are to be operating from MONACO No.1 airfd. In addition, it will be possible for med bombers from central PHILIPPINES to stage through.
- (iii) On D plus 10, the following are to be operating from MONACO No.1 airfd :-

six fighter sqns  
three med bomber sqns  
one tac R sqn  
one comm flt



16. Res

Res bdes will land in the following order :-

- (a) 21 Aust Inf Bde
- (b) 20 Aust Inf Bde

17. Tasks of res bdes

(a) 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp

- (i) Land and sp either of the aslt bdes as required.
- (ii) If NOT required for (i) above, land on beach CHARLIE RED and DOG GREEN and assemble in gen area rd junc 858378.
- (iii) Be prepared to act as div res until Covering Posn secured.
- (iv) Be prepared to move through 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp when the LEFT sector of the Covering Posn is secure and seize and hold TOMAKINE to permit its use as a port and probable development as a subsidiary base.
- (v) Ops for the capture of TOMAKINE will be pressed vigorously.

(b) 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp

Land within the Covering Posn and remain in div res in gen area rd junc 890320.

18. Air

(a) CS

The programme for CS of the op is set out in appx 'C' Part I, att.

(b) Requests for air sp from D to D plus 8

- (i) Requests for air sp will be passed through air liaison party and sp aircraft party channels to sp aircraft controller.
- (ii) Allotment of sp aircraft parties and air liaison parties :-

	<u>Sp aircraft party.</u>	<u>Air liaison parties.</u>
20 Aust Inf Bde	1 t	-
24 Aust Inf Bde	1	4
26 Aust Inf Bde	1	4
21 Aust Inf Bde	1	3
HQ 9 Aust Div	1	-
1 Aust Para Bn	-	1
+ (from 21 Aust Inf Bde)		
Sp aircraft party allotted 20 Aust Inf Bde reverts to comd 7 Aust Div subsequent to the ldg of HQ 7 Aust Div on D plus 4.		

- (iii) Any unit on the air sp net may initiate a request at any time, providing the net is clear.
- (iv) Requests for immediate air sp will NOT be coded. A "SHACKLE" code will be provided for msgs requiring some degree of security.



- (v) On D plus 8 after land based aircraft take over responsibility for CS, US air liaison and sp aircraft parties leave comd 9 Aust Div.
- (c) Requests for air sp from D plus 8 onwards  
Details later.
- (d) Army coop RAAF
- (i) Six Auster aircraft will be landed on D Day and remain under control 9 Aust Div until D plus 4.  
Priority of tasks - arty R, limited tac R, comds and engr recce.  
Requests will be passed to Hq 9 Aust Div
- (ii) One tac R sqn is to begin operating on D plus 5.  
Requests for tac R - normal.
- (iii) One comn flt is to begin operating on D plus 10.  
Details later.
- (e) Ground panels  
See para 53 below and appx 'C' Part III, already issued.
- (f) List of targets  
List of pre-arranged targets to be attacked by land based aircraft is set out in appx 'C' Part II, att.

#### 19. Armour

- (a) One sqn less one tp and sqn HQ tks of 2/9 Aust Armd Regt will land on D Day.
- (b) Allotment - under comd
- |                 |   |                    |
|-----------------|---|--------------------|
| 24 Aust Inf Bde | - | one tp             |
| 26 Aust Inf Bde | - | two tps            |
| Div res         | - | sqn less four tps. |
- (c) Remains of 2/9 Aust Armd Regt comes into div res on ldg.

#### 20. RAA

- (a) As soon as Hq 9 Aust Div, incl Hq RAA lands, comd of all fd arty, AA arty and naval bombardment tps will pass to CRA. When 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp passes through 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp, arty units in sp of 21 Aust Inf Bde will revert under comd of that bde.
- (b) Allotment of fd arty  
See appx 'B', att.
- (c) AA arty
- (i) RAA 9 Aust Div will be responsible for AA def of the Covering Posn until D plus 4, when 1 Aust Corps is to assume responsibility.
- (ii) 53 Aust Comp AA Regt will be used only within the Covering Posn.
- (d) Tasks of AA arty
- (i) Protection of beachhead
- (ii) Protection of gun areas.



(iii) Protection of Auster airstrip and constr work on airfids.

(iv) Guns sited near the coast will be given an alternative task of beach def.

(e) Air warning

i. See paras 6 (e) and 54

21. RAE

(a) As soon as HQ 9 Aust Div, incl HQ RAE lands, comd of all RAE units in 9 Aust Div Gp will pass to CRE. When 21 Aust Inf Bde gp passes through 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp, engr units in sp 21 Aust Inf Bde will revert under comd of that bde.

(b) Allotment of tps - see appx 'B', att.

(c) Tasks

(i) RAE is responsible for breaching the obstacle described in appx 'G' to 9 Aust Div Int Summary 1 Exercise SEAGULL, and all obstacles inshore from that obstacle.

(ii) To provide and mark at least two 30 ft gaps per aslt inf coy in the underwater obstacles for passage of aslt waves.

(iii) Manning, erection and maint of NL pontoons for LST causeways.

(iv) Clearance of underwater and land obstacles in the beach area to facilitate the beaching of craft and mov of vehs from the beach.

(v) Development of water sup.

(vi) Provision of engr servides for development of BMA.

(vii) Constr, improvement, maint and marking of comns incl hrs and sup. routes for vehs.

(viii) Engr sp of land ops.

(ix) Constr of airstrip (see para 33 below).

22. Beach Gps

(a) Tps

1 Aust Beach Gp with under comd -

2/1 Aust Pnr Bn

2 Aust Beach Gp with under comd -

2/3 Aust Pnr Bn

1 Aust BD Pl

2/187 Aust Sup Dep Pl.

(b) Allotment to beaches

2 Aust Beach Gp - CHARLIE GREEN and CHARLIE YELLOW

1 Aust Beach Gp - CHARLIE RED and DOG GREEN



(e) Comd

As soon as Hq 9 Aust Div and Hq Beach Sub Area land, 1 and 2 Aust Beach Gps comd under come Hq Beach Sub Area.

23. Pnrs

(a) Allotment of tps

2/1 Aust Pnr Bn under comd 1 Aust Beach Gp  
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn under comd 2 Aust Beach Gp

(b) Tasks

- (i) Provision of lab as required for unloading etc
- (ii) Def tasks as ordered.

24. Timetable of events prior to H hr

See appx 'D', att.

25. Naval bombardment

(a) The ldg will be supported by a preliminary naval bombardment.

(b) Naval units available for sp - see appx 'E' Part I, att.

(c) Allotment of SFCPs -

24 Aust Inf Bde - Four SFCPs A Aust Naval Bombardment Tp

26 Aust Inf Bde - Four SFCPs B Aust Naval Bombardment Tp

1 Aust Para Bn - One SFCP B Aust Naval Bombardment Tp

Unallotted - One SFCP A Aust Naval Bombardment Tp.

Two SFCPs A Aust Naval Bombardment Tp from 24 Aust Inf Bde will comd under comd 21 Aust Inf Bde when the latter passes through 24 Aust Inf Bde.

(d) Naval bombardment task table - see appx 'E' Part II, att.

(e) CS and smoke fire plan - see appx 'E' Part III, att.

(f) Diagrammatic layout of naval bombardment plan - see traces Q and R.

(g) Freqs, call signs and code names - see appx 'E' Part IV (to be issued later).

26. Subsequent tasks

(a) Following the capture of the Covering Posn, ops for the capture of NUSA and TOMAKINE will be pressed vigorously.

(b) 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp

(i) See para 17 above.

(ii) 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be reverted to comd 7 Aust Div after Hq 7 Aust Div has landed and is ready to assume comd.



(c) 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp

- (i) When the Covering Posn has been secured, 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will advise HQ 9 Aust Div as to the earliest time at which 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp may pass through their posns and arrangements made to facilitate their mov to TOLAKINE.
- (ii) When 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp has passed through, 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be prepared immediately to adv on orders from HQ 9 Aust Div and capture KENAPAI and clear DIDONG, moving up the rd running parallel to the WEST side of LAKE MURDI.
- (iii) Thereafter be prepared to take part in a coastwise op via MARAMAG with a view to capturing NUSA.

(d) 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp

- (i) Land within the Covering Posn and remain in div res in gen area rd junc 890320.
- (ii) When the Covering Posn is secure, be prepared immediately to adv on KENAPAI, moving up the rd running parallel to the WEST side of LAKE MURDI.
- (iii) Be prepared to take part in a coastwise op via MARAMAG to capture NUSA.

(e) 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp

- (i) On mov NORTH of 20 and 24 Aust Inf Bde Gps, and until northward mov of 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp, the latter will take over responsibility for the def of the whole Covering Posn incl seaward def, (see para 38 below) and remain in div res.
- (ii) Occupy a def posn at the southern end of the foot track running due SOUTH from NUSA, sufficiently strong to stop any enemy mov down the track.

27. Paratps

(a) Tps

1 Aust Para Bn with under comd -

Personnel

det 2/7 Aust Fd Regt	41
LO SFCE: B Tp 1 Aust Naval Bombardment Gp	10
det Sigs 9 Aust Div	3
one AL party	3
det Naval Beach Cdo	4
Partisian reps	2
LO 24 Aust Inf Bde	2
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(b) Task

Seize KENAPAI area with a view to -

- (i) denying to the enemy the approaches by land and sea to KENAPAI.
- (ii) controlling KENAPAI inlet to permit its subsequent use as a re-sup or rft beach.

(c) Day of dropping

The day of dropping will be decided by Comd 9 Aust Div after ops for the capture of KENAPAI have begun.



28. Distribution of force to ships by convoys

See appx 'F' already issued.

29. Distribution of force to ships on D Day

See appx 'M', to be issued later.

30. Ldg plan

See appx 'G' to be issued later.

31. Allotment of amphibians

(a) Breaching obstacle

RAE 9 Aust Div

Amphibian  
T Bn.  
LVT(A)4. LVT

25+

Amphibian  
Tractor Bn  
LVT

(b) Aslt

24 Aust Inf Bde

( 8  
( 10 + 6

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26 Aust Inf Bde

( 14  
( F5 + 6

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LVT(A)4 carrying RAE demolition parties sp the aslt and pass to comd aslt bdes by H plus 5 mins.

(c) LVTs from Amphibian Tractor Bn revert to comd HQ 9 Aust Div by ... (time to be notified later). 21 LVT4 from Amphibian Tractor Bn remain under comd 24 Aust Inf Bde for crossing VIGA RIVER.

32. Scales for ldg

(a) Aslt bde gps will embark on aslt scale and be increased to lt scale on D plus 1 and to normal scale by D plus 12.

(b) Res bde gps and div tps will embark on lt scale and be increased to normal scale by D plus 12.

33. Airfd constr

CRE 9 Aust Div will arrange for the constr of a strip for Auster aircraft in the vicinity of 9039 to be operative NOT later than D plus 1. If materials cannot be moved to this projected site in time, an alternative site will be selected.

34. D Day

28 Mar 45.

35. H hr

0730H.

36. Postponement of D Day

To be issued later.

37. Comd

(a) 9 Aust Div will comd all units in the objective area from D to D plus 3 both incl.



(b) On D plus 4, it is intended that HQ 1 Aust Corps assumes comd of :-

- (i) all units 1 Aust Corps and 1 Aust Base Sub Area NOT allotted to 9 Aust Div.
- (ii) HQ Beach Sub Area
- (iii) 1 Aust Beach Gp
- (iv) 2 Aust Beach Gp
- (v) US Amphibian Tk Bn, US Amphibian Tractor Bn and Boat Bn ESB.

(c) It is intended that HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area assumes comd of :-

- (i) On D plus 7 - all units of 1 Aust Base Sub Area  
HQ Beach Sub Area  
1 Aust Beach Gp  
2 Aust Beach Gp
- (ii) On D plus 11 - AA units allotted to def of BMA, port and airfids within the Covering Posn. This will probably incl 53 Aust Comp AA Regt.

38. Beach def

(a) Responsibility for seaward beach def will be as follows :-

- (i) Beaches EAST of CHARLIE GREEN within the Covering Posn -  
26 Aust Inf Bde Gp
- (ii) CHARLIE GREEN and CHARLIE YELLOW -  
2 Aust Beach Gp
- (iii) CHARLIE RED and DOG GREEN -  
1 Aust Beach Gp
- (iv) Beaches WEST of DOG GREEN within the Covering Posn -  
24 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

CRA 9 Aust Div will coord seaward and AA def and org a coastwatching system.

- (b) In the event of 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp moving out of the Covering Posn before 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp, the latter will take over the responsibility shown in sub-para (a) (iv) above.
- (c) After both 20 and 24 Aust Inf Bde Gps have moved out of the Covering Posn and until D plus 7, 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp will take over the responsibility shown in sub-para (a) (iv) in addition to that shown in sub-para (a) (i) and will coord def with HQ Beach Sub Area and 1 and 2 Aust Beach Gps. 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp will then coord seaward and AA def, and est a coastwatching system.
- (d) It is intended that 1 Aust Base Sub Area assumes responsibility for close seaward def of the area on D plus 7.



39. Def of the Covering Posn

On D plus 14, it is intended that 1 Aust Base Sub Area assume responsibility for the AA and local def of airfids and beach and port installations within the Covering Posn.

40. Rehearsals

- (a) Rehearsal for 9 Aust Div Gp incl 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be carried out under arrangements HQ 1 Aust Corps on 6 Mar 45.
- (b) The object of the rehearsal will be to land all personnel, vehs and stores of 9 Aust Div Gp and 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp ldg on D Day and to carry out necessary development of the beachhead and tactical moves inland.
- (c) Stores and vehs will be reloaded at the conclusion of the rehearsals.

41. CA

- (a) A Local Adm Unit has been att to 9 Aust Div for the op.
- (b) All local inhabitants will be treated with suspicion and their bona fides investigated by Local Adm Unit. If approved, they will be dealt with by Local Adm Unit; if NOT approved, they will be treated as PW and placed in a compound.
- (c) local inhabitants other than those employed under supervision will NOT be permitted in fwd areas.

42. Security

Security instrs for the op are contained in appx 'J'.

43. Embarkation

Embarkation instrs will be issued separately.

44. Anti-malaria and anti-mite precautions

Full anti-malaria and anti-mite precautions will be taken in accordance with existing instrs.

ADM

45. Issued separately.

INTERCOMN

46. Location of HQ afloat

- (a) Comd Gp HQ 9 Aust Div ) Stand-by HQ Ship  
Stand-by Comd Gp HQ 1 Aust Corps ) HMS "GLENEARN"
- (b) Comd Gp HQ 1 Aust Corps ) Force HQ Ship  
Stand-by Comd Gp HQ 9 Aust Div ) HMS "LOTHIAN".
- (c) Bde HQ - HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde HMS "GLENEARN"  
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde HMAS "KANILBLA"  
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde HMAS "MANOORA".

47. Location of HQ ashore

- (a) Adv HQ 9 Aust Div will open gen area squares 8738, 8838 on D Day.



(b) Comd Gp 1 Aust Corps opens SERASSO CREEK area 9035 on D plus 1

(c) Adv HQ 1 Aust Corps opens SERASSO CREEK area D plus 4.

48. Freq allotments

To be issued to all concerned through sig channels. Freqs will be changed only by means of freq code words.

49. Wireless silence

Wireless silence will be maintained by all arms wireless stas afloat until H minus 1 hr. Listening watch will be kept from 1800H on D minus 1. Emergency comms afloat will be passed over navy channels prior to H minus 1 hr. After H minus 1 hr, wireless silence will be imposed or broken only by means of the appropriate codewords.

50. Code signs and code names

To be issued to all concerned through sig channels

51. Code words

(a) Code words for locations, see appx 'K', att.

(b) Additional code words for locations will NOT be used by fmns or units without prior approval from HQ 9 Aust Div.

52. Comms for naval sp

(a) Allotment of freqs, call signs and code names, see appx 'E', Part IV, (to be issued later)

(b) Comn diagram - see appx 'E' Part V, (to be issued later)

53. Comn to air by ground panels

(a) UCBP 8 Combined Panel Code will be used.

(b) Allotment of blocks of identification panel display numbers - see appx 'C' Part III, already issued. Bdes etc will advise HQ 9 Aust Div details of sub-allotment of numbers.

(c) If required, local assignment meanings will be allotted by HQ 9 Aust Div.

54. Comms for air warning

(a) Whilst afloat, air warning will be passed over naval channels.

(b) On ldg, Sigs 9 Aust Div, 53 Aust Comp AA Regt and bty 2/4 Aust LAA Regt will each maintain one WS, listening in on the HF local air warning net.

(c) When Fighter Control Centre is established ashore, these WSs will listen in on the RT air warning transmission from Fighter Control Centre.

55. Time zone

Time zone suffix will be 'H'. To determine the time for this zone, 8 hrs will be added to GMT or 2 hrs subtracted from Aust Eastern Standard Time.



56. Synchronisation

- (a) While force is afloat, ship's time zone H will be used.
- (b) After ldg, watches will be synchronised on time sigs from BBC or ABC broadcasts.

57. Codes and ciphers

- (a) Combined Aslt Code CCBP 0130D for all encoding other than cipher msgs, in the initial phases up to 0700H on D plus 3.
- (b) "Trencode" - for all encoding by fd units subsequent to 0700H D plus 3.
- (c) RT map ref and appointmentscode
  - (i) Slidex will be used for all RT conversations using div and unit keys
  - (ii) Slidex map ref coord<sup>s</sup> will be used for all map refs passed by RT.
  - (iii) Current appointmentscode vide Sig Trg Pamphlet 5, will be used in referring to individuals, branches and appointments.
- (d) Ciphers
  - Div level - High grade
  - Bde level - Med grade
  - Unit level - Fd grade.
- (e) Complete distribution of documents and keys will be effected through sig channels.

58. Aircraft recognition codes

Extracts from SWPA SOIs will be issued later.

59. Pyrotechnic codes

Extracts from SWPA SOIs will be issued later.

60. Code-word for the op will be "SEAGULL".

61. Sig plan and diagrams

See appx 'L', already issued.

62. Distribution lists of all appxs and traces

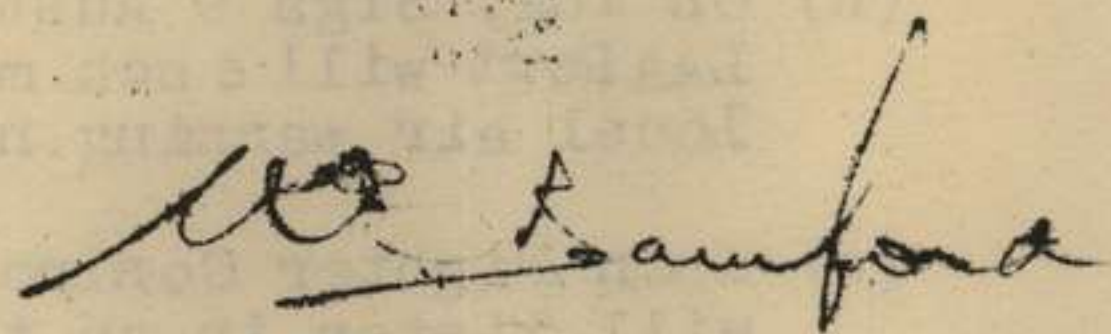
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DISTRIBUTION

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Sigs 9 Aust Div	7
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2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	9
AASC 9 Aust Div	10
2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp	11
+ 21 Aust Inf Bde	12
+ 1 Aust Beach Gp	13
2 Aust Beach Gp	14
2/9 Aust Armd Regt	15
1 Aust Para Bn	16
+ 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	17
+ Amphibian Tk Bn	18
+ Amphibian Tractor Bn	19
+ Boat Bn Engr Special Bde	20
+ Navy	21
+ Air Force	22
1 Aust Corps	23
+ 7 Aust Div	24
Comd	25
G	26 - 28
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+ Exercise only - NOT to be despatched.



ADDITIONAL TPS UNDER COMD AND TPS LEAVING COMD

(Issued with 9 Aust Div OO 1 of Mar 45)

ADDITIONAL TPS UNDER COMD 9 AUST DIVBeach gps under comd

- 1 Aust Beach Gp
- 2 Aust Beach Gp

7 Aust Div tps allotted under comd

- 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp
- 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn

C tps allotted under comd 9 Aust Div

- 2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp
- HQ Beach Sub Area
- det 2 AAPIU
- 34 Aust FS Sec (EE)
- 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
- A and B Tps 1 Aust Naval Bombardment Gp
- 53 Aust Comp AA Regt (LE)
- one bty 2/4 Aust LAA Regt
- 1 Aust BD Pl
- one tp 2/3 Aust Indep Fd Sqn
- det 5 Aust Fd Svy Coy
- 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp
- 53 Aust Comp AA Regt Sig Sec
- 2 Aust Line Sec
- 3 Aust Pigeon Sec
- det 2 Aust Wireless Sec (lt)
- 3 Aust WT Sec (lt)
- 7 Aust WT Sec (lt)
- 1 Aust Para Bn
- one tpt pl 4 Aust Armd Bde Coy AASC
- 2/21 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)
- 2/3 Aust Amphibious Veh Increment (TS)
- 2/13 Aust Fd Amb
- two Surgical Teams
- 103 Aust Mob Bact Lab
- 109 Aust Adv Dep Med Stores
- 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk
- 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp (Type B)
- 53 Aust Comp AA Regt Wksp
- det 2/4 Aust LAA Regt Wksp

C tps allotted under comd 21 Aust Inf Bde

- 3 Aust Line Sec
- one sqn 2/5 Aust Armd Regt
- one tp LAA Bty 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt
- det 2/5 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp
- det 2/5 Aust Armd Regt Wksp
- det 2/91 Aust LAD
- det 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt Wksp
- det 1 Aust Mil Ldg Gp
- det 35 Aust FS Sec (EE)
- one Surgical Team



1 Aust Base Sub Area Tps under comd

15 Aust Fd Baking Pl  
2/106 Aust GT Coy

US Forces under comd 9 Aust Div

Amphibian Tk Bn  
Amphibian Tractor Bn  
Boat Bn ESB  
eight reps Partisan Forces  
Naval Lisison Party  
det Local Adm Unit  
three Sp Aircraft Parties  
nine Air Lisison Parties

US Forces under cond 21 Aust Inf Bde

three Air Liaison Parties  
two Sp Aircraft Parties

TPS TEMPORARILY LEAVING COLD 9 AUST DIV

9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office  
115 Aust Mob Cinema  
116 Aust Mob Cinema  
2/8 Aust Dental Unit less three secs

These units will revert to comd 9 Aust Div on arrival at far shore approx D plus 23.



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EXERCISE SEAGULL  
APPX 'B' PART I  
COPY NO.

NOTES:- 1. Units marked \* are in Sp. All other units are under Comd  
2. After HQ 3 Aust Div HQ RAA & HQ RAE land, Arty & Engr units revert from under comd to in sp of 24 Aust Inf Bde  
3. LOS of subunits allotted to Bdes have been included with the unit HQ in Div Tps

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NOTES-- 1. Units marked \* are in sp. All other units are under cmd.  
2. After HQ @ Aust Div. HQ RAA & HQ RAE land, Arty & Engr units revert from under cmd to in sp of 26 Aust Inf Bde  
3. LDB of subunits allotted to Bdes have been included with the unit HQ in DN Tps

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APPX B PART III  
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**NOTES**

1. Units marked \* are in sp, all other units under comd.
2. After HQ 9 Aust Div, HQ RAA, and HQ RAE land, arty and engr units revert from under comd to in sp 20 Aust Inf Bde.
3. LOB for B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn is incl with parent unit in Div tps.



21 AUST INF BDE GP  
ORDER OF BATTLE SHOWING ARRIVAL OF UNITS BY DAYS  
Issued with 9 Aust Div 001 of 20 Feb 45

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		PERSONNEL												GUNS												HY VEHs												LT VEHs & TRAILERS												MECH EQPT												MISC TRAILERS												STORES OUT OF VEHs												REMARKS																			
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1 & 2 AUST BEACH GPS  
ORDER OF BATTLE SHOWING ARRIVAL OF UNITS BY DAYS  
(Issued with 9 Aust Div 001)

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Appx B Part VI  
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(iv) By D plus 30, 1 Aust Corps tps are to have constructed an airfd at map ref 9039 to be called MONACO No. 2.

(e) Air warning is being provided as follows :-

(i) Prior to est of Fighter Control Centre - on the HF local airwarning network.

(ii) When Fighter Control Centre is est - by line or RT from Fighter Control Centre.

#### 7. 1 Aust Corps Deception Plan

A deception plan has been arranged with the object of ensuring that :-

(a) the enemy does NOT strengthen his forces in the area GILLAMATONG - PORT TUBAN.

(b) the location of enemy ress, at present disposed to counter lgs at NUSA or SIRAWAI, is NOT altered.

#### INTENTION

8. 9 Aust Div Gp will seize and hold a Covering Posn in the area GILLAMATONG - PORT TUBAN as shown in trace 'P', with a view to :-

(a) protecting the ldg of the remainder of the force.

(b) controlling the ensuing ops of 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp against TOMAKINE until 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp reverts comd 7 Aust Div.

(c) covering the est of an Aust base area.

(d) permitting the est of lt naval and air facilities in this locality.

(e) capturing NUSA to secure harbour facilities for the Allied Forces.

#### METHOD

#### 9. Summary

9 Aust Div incl 20, 21, 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bde Gps and 1 and 2 Aust Beach Gps will land with two aslt bdes and two res bdes in the area of MONACO.

#### 10. Groupings

The composition of bde gps and div tps, showing units under comd and in sp and showing the arrival of units by days at the far shore, are shown in the att appxs :-

Appx 'B' Part I	-	24 Aust Inf Bde Gp
Appx 'B' Part II	-	26 Aust Inf Bde Gp
Appx 'B' Part III	-	20 Aust Inf Bde Gp
Appx 'B' Part IV	-	21 Aust Inf Bde Gp
Appx 'B' Part V	-	9 Aust Div tps
Appx 'B' Part VI	-	1 and 2 Aust Beach Gps.

#### 11. Aslt bdes

LEFT

RIGHT.

24 Aust Inf Bde Gp

26 Aust Inf Bde Gp



12. Beaches

(a) Subdiv from RIGHT to LEFT :-

See appxs 'A' and 'B' to 9 Aust Div Int Summary 1 Exercise SEAGULL -

(i) CHARLIE Sector

GREEN Beach	-	600 yds
YELLOW Beach	-	500 yds
RED Beach	-	500 yds

(ii) DOG Sector

GREEN Beach	-	500 yds.
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(b) Allotment for ldg

(i) 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp - CHARLIE GREEN and CHARLIE YELLOW

(ii) 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp - CHARLIE RED and DOG GREEN.

13. Inter-bde bdy

Incl 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp - gen line pt 500 yds EAST of MONACO 847327 - track bend 870352 - rd and track junc 872360 - rd bend 873377 - rd junc 876413 - excl 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp - rd from 885410 to 000536.

14. Objectives

Objectives are shown on trace 'P', (already issued)

15. Tasks of aslt bdes

(a) 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp

- (i) Land with two aslt bns and capture first objective, see trace 'P'.
- (ii) Take up def posn with one bn gp along rd 885410 - 000536 on outskirts of Covering Posn, to prevent enemy mov from NE.
- (iii) Take up def posn along track 928329 - 000344 with a view to preventing enemy mov from the EAST.
- (iv) Concurrently with above tasks, capture enemy gun posns at 913172, 911170, 895182 and 894187 as early as possible by effecting a subsidiary ldg on beach on PORT TUBAN PENINSULA.
- (v) Take up def posns on outskirts of Covering Posn on all tracks leading in from the EAST and clear up any enemy remaining in PORT TUBAN PENINSULA.

(b) 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp

- (i) Land with two aslt bns and capture first objective, see trace 'P'.
- (ii) Seize crossing places over VIGA RIVER.
- (iii) Eliminate enemy posns remaining within 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp sector of the Covering Posn.
- (iv) Take up def posns on the outskirts of the Covering Posn on TOMAKINE RD and rd and tracks leading in from the NORTH to prevent enemy mov from the WEST and NORTH.



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AIRCS PROGRAMME - D TO D PLUS 8 INCL

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Serial	Task	Number of aircraft	Time
	<u>D DAY</u>		
1.	Attack known AA guns around MONACO air- fd with the object of keeping AA crews at the guns until naval fire comes down on them. Altitude of attack to be NOT less than 5000 ft. Naval fire is to begin at H minus 112.	15 bombers 14 fighters carrier based	Attack to last from H minus 117 until H minus 100.
2.	Lay initial smoke curtain along beaches CHARLIE and DOG between bunkers and beach obstacles from 853317 to 835326.	2 bombers 4 fighters carrier based	Exactly at H minus 77
3.	Med level bombing of the four 120 mm dual purpose guns on the peninsula SOUTH of PORT TUBAN. Object as in serial 1.	12 bombers 6 fighters carrier based	From first lt until H minus 100
4.	Smoke aircraft on air alert on call from ground comds.	2 bombers carrier based	From first lt until H plus 120
5.	Airborne observer over beachhead area with specific task of making any necess- ary corrections to predicted naval fire on AA guns around MONACO airfd and main task of reporting on own and enemy activity to Comd 9 Aust Div, especially posn of unlocated guns in beachhead area.	1 bomber carrier based	From first lt until last lt
6.	Fighters and bombers on air alert on call from ground comds.	9 bombers 12 fighters carrier based	H hr to H plus 10 hrs
7.	Tac R TUGAYA - BINBINNIE - GALGUAN with the object of reporting mov of enemy res. Also to attack opportunity targets part- icularly mov along rds.	1 bomber 2 fighters carrier based	NOT before H plus 3 hrs NOT after H plus 3½ hrs
8.	Tac R rd MONACO - KENAPAI - MARAMAG - NUSA. Object as in serial 7	1 bomber 2 fighters carrier based	NOT before H plus 5 hrs NOT after H plus 6 hrs.
9.	Tac R repeating serial 7.	1 bomber 2 fighters carrier based	NOT before H plus 7 hrs NOT after H plus 7½ hrs.
10.	Tac R repeating serial 8.	1 bomber 2 fighters carrier based	NOT before H plus 8½ hrs NOT after H plus 9 hrs.



Serial	Task	Number of aircraft	Time
11	Res on call from carriers, available for two sorties per aircraft per day	16 bombers 8 fighters carrier based	H plus 60 until last lt.
12	Ph R. Vertical line overlaps as large a scale as possible of the rd DIDONG - KENAPAI - TAGANI - MARAMAG. Object to obtain infm of route and beaches for subsequent coastwise move.	Number unspecified carrier based.	AS soon as possible after first lt.
<u>D PLUS 1 TO D PLUS 8 INCL</u>			
13	Fighters and bombers on air alert on call as in serial 6.	9 bombers 12 fighters carrier based	From first lt until 1800 hrs.
14	Res aircraft on call from carriers available for two sorties per aircraft per day.	18 bombers 12 fighters carrier based.	First lt until last lt.
15	Airborne observer reporting to Comd 9 Aust Div on activity of own and enemy tps.	1 bomber carrier based.	First lt until last lt.
16	Ph aircraft at 2½ hrs call on carriers.	Unspecified number carrier based.	First lt until last lt.
17	Smoke aircraft on 4 hrs call on carriers.	4 bombers carrier based.	First lt until last lt.



ALLIED LAND BASED AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING PRE-ARRANGED AIR ATTACKS WHICH ARE BEYOND THE SCOPE OF CARRIER BASED AIRCRAFT.

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Serial	Task	Suggested number of aircraft	Time
1	Armed barge sweeps around the whole circumference of the island of MORONES with particular attention to NUSA and SIRAWAI. Object to locate barge staging pts and destroy barges.	One sqn of attack bombers.	On irregular days as late as possible in the evenings and as early as possible in the morning. NOT to prejudice deception plan but to commence well before D Day and continue until D plus 8.
2	Destroy brs at 081151 and across MASONGA RIVER at 140144 and at 039115. Object to aid deception and hamper mov of tps and sups from BINBINNIE to NUSA.	Force sufficient to ensure destruction	As late as possible but prior to D Day.
3	Destroy long steel br near TUGAYA map ref square 8895 with the object of considerably hampering mov of Jap res, especially arty.	Two sqns of attack bombers.	NOT before H plus 60. NOT after H plus 100.
4	Destroy br across TOMAKINE RIVER at 133067.	Sufficient force to ensure destruction.	NOT before H plus 30 NOT after H plus 90.
5	Attack HQ 2 Bn 95 Inf Regt in house at 348637 ref map TOMAKINE 1 in to 1 mile.	One sqn of attack bombers	NOT before H plus 30 NOT after H plus 90
6	Destroy four brs in order of priority, 192139, 205143, 194137 and 198143. Object to hamper mov of enemy res by MT from NUSA.	Sufficient force to ensure destruction of at least first two brs named.	NOT before H hr NOT after H plus 3 hrs.
7	Destroy br at 221103. Object to hamper southward mov of enemy tps.	Sufficient force to ensure destruction.	If possible on D Day, otherwise on D plus 1.



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TIMETABLE OF EVENTS PRIOR TO H HR

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MAIN LDG BEACH

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
0533 H minus 117 mins	RAE demolition parties debark LSTs in LVTA4.
0602 H minus 88 mins	Naval bombardment in sp RAE begins.
0612 H minus 78 mins	Naval bombardment in sp RAE ends.
0613 H minus 77 mins	Aircraft lay smoke screen across ldg beach.
0614 H minus 76 mins	6 LCI(R) and 2 LCI(G) begin firing smoke, HE and SAA.
0618 H minus 72 mins	RAE demolition parties reach obstacle, make 2 x 30 ft gaps. If time available RAE will continue making gaps until 0648H.
0648 H minus 42 mins	RAE demolition parties depart obstacle.
0652 H minus 38 mins	LCI(R) and LCI(G) cease firing.
0654 H minus 36 mins	All craft at safe distance from beach. Naval bombardment of ldg beach begins.
0724 H minus 7 mins	Naval bombardment of ldg beaches ends. LCI(R) and LCI(G) begin firing.
0728 H minus 2 mins	LCI(R) and LCI(G) cease firing on aslt beaches.
0730 H hr	First wave of aslt inf reach beach.

SUBSIDIARY LDG ON PORT TUBAN PENINSULA

0533 H minus 117 mins	RAE demolition parties debark LSTs in LVTA4.
0628 H minus 62 mins	Naval bombardment in sp RAE begins.
0638 H minus 52 mins	Naval bombardment in sp RAE ends. LCI(R) and LCI(G) begin firing smoke and HE.
0645 H minus 45 mins	RAE demolition parties reach obstacle
0715 H minus 15 mins	RAE demolition parties depart obstacle.
0722 H minus 8 mins	Craft at safe distance. Naval bombardment in sp of ldg begins.
0732 H plus 2 mins	Naval bombardment in sp RAE ends. LCI(G) begin firing.
0737 H plus 7 mins	LCI(G) cease firing.
0739 H plus 9 mins	Aslt inf reach beach.



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CODE WORDS

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PART I

CODE WORDS FOR REPORTING PHASES OF OP

(a) Breaching of obstacles :-

(i) Main ldg beach -

...gaps prepared through obstacles - MULES (e.g. 8 MULES)

(ii) Subsidiary ldg beach -

...gaps prepared through obstacles - DONKEYS (e.g. 4 DONKEYS)

(b) Ldg at correct beach :-

26 Aust Inf Bde ldg effected on correct beaches  
CHARLIE GREEN and CHARLIE YELLOW beaches

PARLOUR

26 Aust Inf Bde subsidiary ldg effected on  
correct beach

PORCH

24 Aust Inf Bde ldg effected on correct beaches  
CHARLIE RED and DOG GREEN beaches

KITCHEN

(c) Subsequent phases :-

26 Aust Inf Bde captured first objective

APRICOT

24 Aust Inf Bde captured first objective

APPLE

Crossing effected over VIGA RIVER

GODDESS

26 Aust Inf Bde secured Covering Posn

CABBAGE

24 Aust Inf Bde secured Covering Posn

PUMPKIN

21 Aust Inf Bde passed through 24 Aust Inf Bde

MELON

(d) Para bn

Jump effected as planned

SKYLARK

Jump effected NOT as planned but successful

SWALLOW

Jump NOT effected. Para bn returning to base

PENGUIN

PART II

CODE WORDS FOR LOCATIONS

(a) Place names alphabetically :-

<u>Place name</u>	<u>Code word</u>
ANTIWAN CREEK	LAPWING
BINBINNIE	CLIMAX
DIDONG	NYMPH
DOKIG	JUSTICE
GALGUAN	BELTANE
GILLALATONG	PREMIUM
GOLGAI RIVER	UMBRAGE
KEMALAI	MORASS
KADONA	FLIMSY
LAKE MURDI	SERMON
MANOG RIVER	TIGER
MANTAO RIVER	VALET



<u>Place name</u>	<u>Code word</u>
MARAMAG	KORAN
MASONGO RIVER	TACKLE
MONACO	QUORUM
MORONES	AWKWARD
MORONES PLATEAU	YOUTH
NAPOPO RIVER	VIRILE
NUDINAR RIVER	WELKIN
NUSA	INCENSE
NUSA RIVER	TESTIMONY
PIGALOO RIVER	WOLFRAM
PORT TUBAN	REDEEM
RAGUSA RIVER	ETCHING
SANLANGOE	OVERTURE
SERASSO CREEK	COLLEGE
SIRAWAI	DISCORD
SUGAWA RIVER	WISTFUL
TAGANI	LUXURY
TAMUK	GUITAR
TOMAKINE	HERALDRY
TOMAKINE RIVER	SILVER
TUBAN RIVER	YOK
TUGAYA	EPIGRAM
VIGA RIVER	DOORMAT

Ref maps PORT TUBAN and TOMAKINE 1 in to 1 mile -

Unnamed river with  
mouth at 674466. MONGREL

Unnamed river with  
mouth at 514563. VAMPIRE

Unnamed river with  
mouth at 469570. MOLAR

Ref map MORONES 4 miles to 1 in -

Rd and track  
junc 210064 SHUTTLE

DIDONG airfd FEATHER

Br (destroyed)  
at 229073 CURSE

Br over SUGAWA  
RIVER at 232074. WITCH

Beach on WEST  
shore of  
KENAPAI INLET RAGTIME.

(b) Code words, alphabetically :-

<u>Code word</u>	<u>Place name</u>
AWKWARD	MORONES
BELTANE	GALGUAN
CLIMAX	BINBINNIE
COLLEGE	SERASSO CREEK
CURSE	Br (destroyed) at 229073 (ref map MORONES 4 miles to 1 in)
DISCORD	SIRAWAI
DOORMAT	VIGA RIVER
EPIGRAM	TUGAYA
ETCHING	RAGUSA RIVER
FEATHER	DIDONG airfd



Code word	Place name
FLIMSY	KODONA
GUITAR	TAMUK
HERALDRY	TOMAKINE
INCENSE	NUSA
JUSTICE	DOKIG
KORAN	MARAMAG
LAPWING	AMTIWAN CREEK
LUXURY	TAGANI
MOLAR	Unnamed river with mouth at 469570 (ref map TOMAKINE 1 in to 1 mile)
MONGREL	Unnamed river with mouth at 674466 (ref map PORT TUBAN 1 in to 1 mile)
MORASS	KENAPAI
NYMPH	DIDONG
OVERTURE	SANLANGOE
PREMIUM	GILLAMATONG
QUORUM	MONACO
RAGTIME	Beach on WEST shore of KENAPAI INLET
REDEEM	PORT TUBAN
SERMON	LAKE MURDI
SHUTTLE	Rd and track junc 210064 (ref map MORONES 4 miles to 1 in)
SILVER	TOMAKINE RIVER
TACKLE	MASONGO RIVER
TESTIMONY	NUSA RIVER
TIGER	MANOG RIVER
UMBRAGE	GOLGAI RIVER
VALET	MANTAO RIVER
VAMPIRE	Unnamed river with mouth at 514563 (ref map TOMAKINE 1 in to 1 mile)
VIRILE	NAPOPO RIVER
WELKIN	NUDINAR RIVER
WISTFUL	SUGAWA RIVER
WITCH	Br over SUGAWA RIVER at 232074 (ref map MORONES 4 miles to 1 in)
WOLFRAM	PIGALOO RIVER
YOKE	TUBAN RIVER
YOUTH	MORONES PLATEAU



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26 Aust Inf Bde	3	3	3	3	3	3	3		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 1 - EXERCISE SEAGULL

(Based on infm received up to 1800 hrs 7 Feb 45)

HQ 9 Aust Div  
8 Feb 45  
G.6/28/1

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

- NOTES :
1. The number of maps available at present permits their issue on only a very limited scale. It should be noted that the grid squares on the maps referred to above have sides of 10,000 yds and 1,000 yds respectively.
  2. One set of vertical and oblique air phs covering beaches referred to in Appx "A" are available for examination at HQ 9 Aust Div. It is not expected that any air phs will be available for distribution.
  3. Where discrepancies occur between the text of this summary and maps or air phs, the text will be accepted as the more accurate infm.

PART I - TOPOGRAPHY

GEN

1. MORONES is an island of some 6,000 square miles, lying between longitudes 129° 11' and 126° 43' EAST and latitudes 14° 37' and 12° 54' NORTH. The island is approx 150 miles NE of SAMAR (PHILIPPINE ISLANDS). Air distances from NE to SE tips of the island and from SE to SW tips are 75 miles and 125 miles respectively. Native population totals about 450,000, the majority of whom are friendly towards us. The dry season, with a prevailing NE wind, is experienced from Dec to Mar.

TERRAIN

2. A central range of high mountains, covered with rain forest, runs EAST - WEST, from which numerous rivers run down to the coast. LAKE MURDI, 13 miles long and 5 miles wide, is situated in the SE of the island, well above sea level. The coastal plain is widest along the SOUTH coast; on the EAST coast numerous spurs approach the coast closely, forcing the rd in this area to keep within half a mile of the shore. Contoured maps are NOT available, but it is believed that the coastal plain rises to approx 50 ft above sea level at the base of the foothills. The area between the foothills and the sea is comparatively flat.

VEGETATION

3. The gen types of vegetation and their distribution are shown on map MORONES ISLAND 4 miles to 1 in.

COAST LINE AND OFFSHORE CONDITIONS

4. (a) Naval report on coast :- Reefs are present along the entire coastline. They lie from 4,000 to 20,000 yds offshore with large areas of clear and very deep water in the passages and between the reefs and the shore. As they show up very clearly, even on the darkest nights, they can be negotiated safely in darkness. Once through the reefs, ships drawing up to 30 ft of water can generally close to a distance of approx 2,500 yds from the beaches. Very little exists to guarantee real accuracy in final approach from seaward. There are, however, one



or two prominent features inland which will show up at first lt so that accuracy of the ships' posns can be checked within 30 mins of that time.

- (b) Beach reports : - Reports on beaches and their hinterlands in sectors CHARLIE and DOG (MCNACO area) appear as appx "A". A sketch showing the sub-div of these sectors into beaches appears as appx "B".

- (c) Harbourages for craft - PORT TUBAN - GILLALATONG area (ref 1 in map) :-

VIGA RIVER is reported navigable for craft of 10 ft draught at least to bend in square 8239 and possibly to br 850388.

TUBAN RIVER is reported navigable for craft of 5 ft draught as far as creek junc 885304.

PORT TUBAN also provides harbourage facilities.

- (d) Beaches and harbourages on EAST coast :- See appx "C".

- (e) Beaches and harbourages between VIGA RIVER and TOMAKINE : See appx "D".

#### PORTS

5. (a) PORT TUBAN : (Ref map PORT TUBAN 1 in). A reef covered by approx 4 ft of water at high water springs extends from 833281 to 900226. Entrance to the port is made possible by two 250 ft gaps in the reef at 884268 and 886233, and water between the reef and the shore averages 15 fathoms. Naval considerations relating to the approaches make PORT TUBAN unsuitable for aslt lgs. The port may, however, be used by shipping at a later date. The flow of AMTIWAN CREEK has scoured the southern shore providing 5 to 6 fathoms of water close inshore for a distance of 1200 yds. The beach backed by the coconut plantation in squares 9024, 9023 and 8923 should provide a dry ldg for all craft up to L3Ts, and is protected from surf by the offshore reef. The JAPS have reclaimed a portion of the swamp on the northern shore. This strip of reclaimed land is bound on the NORTH by a line 914268 - 903263 and on the SOUTH by the coast. A formed but unsurfaced rd runs the length of this strip and crossing the AMTIWAN CREEK by a small single lane wooden br joins up with the main rd to PORT TUBAN at 923264. The reclaimed land may be expected to carry 1t MT but further rd making would be necessary before its use by hy MT.

- (b) NUSA : A good harbour exists at NUSA where there is a concrete wharf 600 ft by 40 ft. Depth of water varies between 16 and 25 ft. There are several warehouses on the waterfront.

- (c) TOMAKINE : This is a well sheltered port particularly in the NE season. It can accommodate 4 Liberty ships. There is an excellent L shaped concrete wharf 350 ft by 30 ft which, according to guerilla reports, has been extended.

- (d) SIRAVAI is a developed port and TUGAYA, 3 miles from the mouth of TUGAYA RIVER, was formerly a port for steamers. However, in recent years a bar has developed at the mouth of the river, reducing the depth to 5 ft at low water and 9 ft at high water.

#### STREAMS

6. Streams on the EAST coast are normally fast flowing. Elsewhere, streams are not usually fast flowing until they flood, whereupon br washaways are common. For detailed infm about streams see appx "E".



## RDS AND TRACKS

(a) Main rds : (Ref map PORT TUBAN 1 in to 1 mile).

There are only two main rds on the island. One circles the island, and the other runs from SIRAWAI to join the former near BINBINNIE. The rd eastwards from BINBINNIE meets the SOUTH coast at TOMAKINE, thence turns NE into the foothills but returns to the coast further EAST and extends as far as PORT TUBAN. From 858378 (near MONACO) the rd to the EAST coast follows the EAST bank of the VIGA RIVER closely to 876413; it then runs SE to 884410 and thence NE to KENAPAI. (The rd 876413 to 884410 is not shown on map MORONES ISLAND 4 miles to 1 in) From KENAPAI the rd follows the EAST coast and the NORTH coast and then turns SOUTH to GALGUAN to BINBINNIE.

These rds are in gen classified :-

(i) In dry weather B 1

(ii) In wet weather C 1, but some secs may be reduced to C 2.

Their constr is as follows :-

(i) A foundation 9 ft wide of hand placed stone or sunbaked clay bricks

(ii) Shoulders consisting of soft earth

(iii) A surface 12 to 18 ft wide of crushed coral or gravel usually mixed with local soil or clay.

The rd SIRAWAI - BINBINNIE - GALGUAN - NUSA has been maintained by the enemy, and moderate MT traffic has been reported along this rd, carrying both tps and sups. The remaining secs of the main rd have not been maintained by the enemy, and air phs indicate that only the sec NUSA - MARAMAG has been used for vehicular traffic.

In dry weather the shoulders may be reckoned on to carry a limited amount of passing traffic, limited in both quantity and weight. However, in wet weather it will be necessary to limit the use of the rds to one way traffic. In an emergency the shoulders may carry occasional passing of lt vehs, but unless this is carefully controlled it will cause failure, firstly of the shoulders, then, as their sp is lost, of the central 9 ft all weather strip also. It is anticipated, that unless brs are destroyed or washed away, limited numbers of MT could move along the secs PORT TUBAN - TOMAKINE and PORT TUBAN - NUSA without prior work by engrs. However, work by engrs would be required shortly after first use of these rds.

With very few exceptions, brs are too narrow to permit passing.

(b) Detail of secs TOMAKINE - PORT TUBAN and PORT TUBAN - NUSA.

TOMAKINE - PORT TUBAN : The main rd here is reported 12 ft wide with soft shoulders. However, interpretation of air phs of this area shows the existing width to be 8 to 10 ft. In the immediate vicinity of MONACO airfd the rd shows signs of lt use by MT. Otherwise it appears to be neglected. Though the rd is reported partly overgrown, it is believed that a limited amount of MT could move along the rd without prior work by engrs.

VIGA RIVER - KENAPAI : The 12 ft gravel surface and soft shoulders have not been maintained. After leaving the coastal plain, the rd climbs steeply to some 2,700 ft 14 miles from GILLAMATONG. The rd runs along the WEST shore of LAKE MURDI with steep side cuts in cliffs on the WEST of the rd.



For the last 10 miles to KENAPAI the rd winds gently downwards over fairly open rolling country passable to tracked vehs. The br across the SUGAWA RIVER (which is never fordable) shown on maps as destroyed, has not been repaired. However, it would probably be possible without any considerable work to construct a detour to join the main rd again NORTH of KENAPAI and so avoid crossing the SUGAWA RIVER.

KENAPAI - NUSA : This sec was originally a well built rd for one lane all weather traffic, with occasional passing places for vehs. It has not been maintained by the enemy. Numerous spurs force the rd to hug the coast fairly closely. From DOKIG the rd turns inland and climbs steeply through a deep cutting to a plateau about 500 ft high, descending again by a winding side cut to the coast. From here to NUSA the coastal fringe is mainly swampy although the road-bed itself is drained. Along the rd there are several large brs and innumerable small wooden brs crossing mountain streams which are subject to rapid flood during rainstorms, but return to normal level within a few hrs. Many are now temporarily repaired with coconut logs. Banks are normally steep and beds are of soft mud. When the tide is low, vehs can usually ford many streams on the sandy bars at their mouths.

(c) Other rds and tracks. (Ref map MORONES ISLAND 4 miles to 1 in)

- (i) A neglected and not very well used foot track runs directly inland from MONACO to join the main rd PORT TUBAN - GILLAMATONG at 187036. This track is across flat ground some of which is swampy, and would probably require attention to make it jeepable.
- (ii) The track from the SOUTH coast rd at 170049 NE to DIDONG is formed but neglected and would require engr work to permit its use by MT.
- (iii) Near MONACO airfd a fairly well used foot track leaves the main rd at 185039 and runs inland to the NORTH. After crossing the PIGALOO RIVER the track forks and the two branches follow parallel ridges running generally NORTH - SOUTH, to join the inland track to DIDONG. Considerable engr work would be required to make these tracks jeepable after they enter the foothills.
- (iv) About two miles further EAST, a track leaves the main rd at 188041, and runs NORTH parallel to the tracks just mentioned. This track, though formed, is only capable of foot traffic.
- (v) The track which runs inland from PORT TUBAN eastwards to SANLANGOE is formed but neglected and would require engr work before it could be used by MT.
- (vi) The coastal track from PORT TUBAN to SANLANGOE is a foot track only.
- (vii) A small track leaves the main rd at 214069 (near DIDONG) and runs northwards to NUSA through hy rain forest. Some 10 miles SOUTH of NUSA a further foot track branches off to the WEST and threads its way through the central range of high mountains and rain forest to join the main highway about 3 miles SOUTH of GALGUAN. Both these tracks are unformed and can be negotiated only on foot or with pack tpt. They both cross numerous small rivers and streams. The state of repair of the native built brs is not known.
- (viii) Tracks not described above are purely unprepared foot tracks.



AIRFDS

8. (a) GILLAMATONG AIRFD : (Ref map PORT TUBAN 1 in to 1 mile)

This airfd will be known as MONACO 1. The direction of the runways as shown on maps is taken from old data and is incorrect. The longer strip runs NE - SW (from 845410 to 827395) and the other NW - SE (from 826414 to 836402). Their respective lengths are 7,500 and 5,000 ft and both strips are cleared to a width of 110 yds. The airfd was last extensively used by the enemy on 10 Sep 44 and the surface of the strips is covered with grass approx 18 ins high.

- (b) There are five other airfds on the island - at NUSA, DIDONG, SANLANGOE, TUGAYA and SIRAWAI.

MET INFM

9. (a) Seasons : The NE season prevails over MORONES from Dec to Mar. This is the dry season, with an average monthly rainfall varying from 2 to 11 ins. The SW season extends from Jun to Nov. It is not as boisterous as the NE but is usually accompanied by cloud and rain.
- (b) Winds : The strong NE wind is lightest in the early morning but causes a 6 to 12 ft surf in the afternoon on the NORTH and EAST coasts. Squalls are frequent and common to all seasons. It is believed they predominantly follow the direction of the prevailing wind, but may come from any direction. Typhoons are rare and have been experienced only in the months Oct to Jan.
- (c) Surf and swell : A slight ground swell on the SOUTH coast is probable. This may increase to a short surf during the afternoon.
- (d) Sea : During hy squalls a hy sea may run for up to two days causing substantial cas among small craft and hindering or preventing the unloading of tpts.
- (e) Currents : In the PORT TUBAN area the tidal streams run at a considerable rate setting EAST or WEST according to the tide. The EAST going stream is the stronger and with the rising tide, causes hy seas when there is any wind. The stream turns at high water and low water. The EAST going stream sweeps and follows the coastline in a SE direction giving a current up to 2 knots.
- (f) Tides : There are two tides per day. The range of tides is :- Springs 6 ft; Neaps 1.5 ft, but the average is about 4.8 ft.
- (g) Cloud : Averages 6/10th over the SOUTH coast during the NE season. Visibility is generally good in the morning until 0830 or 0900 hrs. During squalls, clouds usually build up to 9/10th cloud by 1400 hrs.
- (h) Fog and visibility : Fogs are rare along the coast. Visibility will be restricted temporarily during rainstorms, but is usually good in the early mornings.
- (i) Temperature and humidity : The mean maximum daily temperature lies between 85° F and 90° F, while the daily mean minimum temperature is usually about 75° F. Elevation reduces temperature approx 1° F in 400 ft. Relative humidity is high and is unlikely to fall below 85% in any month.

WATER SUP.

10. No detailed infm of the limit of tidal effect in streams is available, but with the possible exception of the VIGA RIVER, streams should be fresh to the mouth. SIRAWAI had filtration plants and water sup system, but other towns had nothing more than reservoirs or artesian wells.



In the coastal areas, sufficient water should be obtained from existing reservoirs, mountain streams or by well sinking to 30 ft. All water should be tested and treated before drinking.

#### NATIVE LAB

11. Though the great majority of natives prefer the Allies to the Jap invader, no skilled lab can be considered available. Experience in the LEYTE campaign indicated difficulty will be encountered in securing any quantity of unskilled lab.

#### CONSTR MATERIALS

12. Gravel is available throughout the island incl the hills NORTH of the MONACO airfd, while coral is available in quantity in the coastal areas. In some areas crushed rock may have to be substituted for gravel. Good constr timber is available in the hills and bamboo and some mangrove is to be found in the low areas.

#### MED PROBLEMS

13. (a) Malaria : There are four types of malaria mosquitoes present on the island, the most common being Anopheles minimus var. flavirostris which breeds only between 150 and 2,000 ft above sea level in the shady streams. Before the war malaria was absent from the coastal swamp and rice fds but relaxation of malaria control over the past two years has probably caused a spread of the disease.
- (b) Other diseases : Most common tropical diseases such as dysentery, dengue fever, tinea, ulcers and hookworm are encountered in the area, dysentery and dengue being the most important from a mil pt of view. Cases of cholera have been reported but there is apparently very little typhoid or blackwater fever.

#### ASTRONOMICAL DATA

14. Att as appx 'F'.

#### TABLE OF DISTANCES

15. Distances by rd and sea from important towns on the island to PORT TUBAN are shown in appx 'H'.

### PART II - GUERILLAS

16. The success of our Allies in the PHILIPPINES has inspired the guerillas on MORONES to maintain their activities and even increase them slightly. Guerillas total 17,340 and are located in hilly country throughout the island. Their strs in various areas are believed to be as follows :-

2,000 in area excl DIDONG - excl SANLANGOE - excl PORT TUBAN - incl feature 1057 in square 1606

600 in basin of GOLGAI RIVER (MARAMAG area)

1,000 between MANOG and NUSA RIVERS

300 in headwaters of unnamed river which flows into LAKE MURDI at 204059

500 in area of MASONGO RIVER (NORTH coast)

6,500 in area NORTH of GALGUAN, bounded on the EAST by 09 casting and extending to WEST coast

440 between BINBINNIE and SW tip of island

6,000 in area between both excl TUGAYA and feature 1057 in square 1606



Though guerillas are prepared to undertake tasks to assist our ops, the performance of the tasks cannot be relied upon. Means of comm exist between higher fmns and the guerillas, but such means are slow. It normally takes at least 13 days to obtain answers to requests for info.

### PART III - ENEMY

#### PRESENT ENEMY DISPOSALS

17. (a) Estimated strs in various areas are as follows :-

<u>Area</u>	<u>Inf</u>	<u>Arty</u>	<u>Engrs</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>Base and L of C</u>	<u>Total</u>
GILLAMATONG	700	250	90	90	100	1,230
PORT TUBAN	150					150
SANLANGOE	400					400
DIDONG	150					150
KENAPAI-TAGANI	215		100			315
LARAMAG	400	90	100		90	680
DOKIG	120		90			210
NUSA	1,800	215	120	320	5,400	7,855
KODONA	150		200			350
TOMAKINE	420					420
TAMUK	150					150
TUGAYA	950	90	110	30	1,000	2,180
BIMBINNIE	4,035	1,050	120		6,000	11,205
GALGUAN	1,300	1,050	900		870	4,120
SIRAWAI	1,950	1,100	815	400	3,950	8,215
TOTALS :	12,890	3,845	2,645	840	17,410	37,630

#### (b) Principal enemy fmns

All tps on the island are under comd HQ 32 Army (at NUSA) which in turn is under comd HQ 46 Area Army (in FORMOSA). The principal fmns on MORONES are 76 and 92 Divs.

#### (c) 76 Div

This div was first reported on the island in Jan 43 and consists of 93, 94 and 95 Inf Regts. It is organised on the island warfare scale, its WE totalling 13,630 personnel. It is not known which regt of the div is Type A; existing info is conflicting, but the weight of evidence suggests that 95 Inf Regt may be Type A. Present str of the div is not accurately known. The total of estimated strs of identified units and sub-units (incl 16 Sea Tpt Unit as the sea tpt unit of the div) is 8,400. It is believed that the div's tk unit was left in CHINA, but 95 Inf Regt Tk Coy (1t tks) has been identified at TUGAYA.



76 Div is apparently responsible for the def of the eastern part of the island. The inf of the div are believed to be disposed as follows (each bn has three rifle coys):-

93 Inf Regt less one coy at NUSA, with the det coy at KODONA

94 Inf Regt : Regt HQ and 1 Bn at MARAMAG, 2 Bn (estimated str 400) at SANLANGOE and 3 Bn has one coy in each of the following areas : DOKIG, KENAPAI - TAGANI and DIDONG.

95 Inf Regt : Regt HQ and 1 Bn at TUGAYA; HQ 2 Bn at TOMAKINE with one coy in each of the following areas : TAMUK, TOMAKINE and PORT TUBAN; 3 Bn in GILLAMATONG area.

93 and 94 Inf Regt Arty Bns (each 12 x 75 mm fd guns) have been identified at NUSA and GILLAMATONG respectively. Also, one inf arty coy (3 x 75 mm fd guns and 2 x 37 mm guns) has been identified at MARAMAG and another at TUGAYA.

(d) 92 Div

This div has been formed within the past six months and moved direct to MORONES ISLAND. It is also organised on the island warfare scale and consists of 103, 126 and 127 Inf Regts. It is not known definitely which regt is Type A, but the evidence suggests 103 Inf Regt is Type A. Present str of the div on the island is not accurately known, but the estimated str of identified units total 9045. The div is apparently responsible for the def of the western portion of the island, but the main body of the div is located as a central res in the GALGUAN - BINBINNIE area. The inf of the div are believed to be disposed as follows :-

103 Inf Regt in SIRAWAI area

126 Inf Regt less 2 Bn in GALGUAN area (2 Bn has not been definitely identified).

127 Inf Regt less 3 Bn in BINBINNIE area (3 Bn has not been definitely identified).

92 Div Tk Unit has been identified in BINBINNIE area, and is believed to be equipped with about 10 lt tks. The 126 Inf Regt Arty Bn (12 x 75 mm fd guns) has been identified in the GALGUAN area, and 127 Inf Regt Arty Bn in the BINBINNIE area. The three inf arty coys of 103 Inf Regt totalling 9 x 75 mm fd guns and 6 x 37 mm guns, have been identified in SIRAWAI area.

(e) Other fd fmns or units:-

One unidentified indep inf regt (2480 men) at BINBINNIE, with 12 x 70 mm inf guns.

1 Bn 32 Fd Arty Regt (12 x 75 mm fd guns) at BINBINNIE

One unidentified indep fd arty bn (12 x 75 mm fd guns) at GALGUAN

Fd  
One bn 59/Arty Bn (12 x 75 mm fd guns) at SIRAWAI

One unidentified hy arty bn (8 x 240 mm hows) at SIRAWAI

(f) HQ

The only HQ that has so far been pinpointed is HQ 2 Bn 95 Inf Regt, which is thought to be in one of the houses in TOMAKINE at approx 348637 (ref map TOMAKINE 1 in).

ENEMY ACTIVITIES AND INTENTIONS

18. (a) Slightly more energetic action by guerillas has forced the enemy to increase in number and str his patrols throughout the island, with a view to keeping the natives subdued and preventing sabotage, particularly of hrs.



- (b) Fearing American disapproval, many natives who were formerly working as carriers and labourers for the enemy have now deserted. The enemy is required more and more to use his own tps on work formerly carried out by natives.
- (c) Prior to the successful invasion of the PHILIPPINES by our Allies in Oct 44, it is believed the enemy expected an Allied ldg on MORONES and particularly expected an attempt to capture the airfids in the SIRAWAI area to provide sp by land-based aircraft for subsequent ops in the PHILIPPINES. The enemy's disposns were made largely to meet this threat. In view of the success of our Allies in the PHILIPPINES, the enemy feels far less sure of any imminent invasion of MORONES and, in the case of invasion, the direction from which the attack will come. He has shown a tendency to withdraw surplus tps to a more central posn in the cultivated area between BINBINNIE and GALGUAN incl.
- (d) It is appreciated by higher fm that the present gen disposns of the enemy fd tps will remain unaltered prior to L Day. There will be constant patrolling of the main highways, odd parties of Japs collecting food in the cultivated areas and occasional small punitive parties directed against active guerilla bands.

ARTY

19. (a) Fd arty and tka guns : Disposns of enemy fd arty and tk A guns on the island are believed to be as follows :-

	<u>75 mm fd gun</u>	<u>70 mm fd gun</u>	<u>37 mm tk A gun</u>
<u>Maximum ranges</u>	<u>9000 yds</u>	<u>3000 yds</u>	
GILLAMATONG	12		
MARALAG	3		2
NUSA	12		
TUGAYA	3		2
BINBINNIE	24	12	6
GALGUAN	24		
SIRAWAI	21		6
TOTALS	<u>99</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>16</u>

Guerillas have reported a total of 50 fd guns in the BINBINNIE - GALGUAN area. This figure agrees substantially with the above table, which is based on order of battle infm. In the opinion of the guerillas, these 50 guns were to have been used by the enemy to cover a possible withdrawal from SIRAWAI through GALGUAN to NUSA. Some of the fd guns in SIRAWAI, TUGAYA and GILLAMATONG areas are being used in a coast def role. No details are known of the disposns of guns within these areas.

(b) Med arty

Guerillas report 8 med guns SOUTH of the airfids area at SIRAWAI. These have not been noticed in air phs todate. However, order of battle infm suggests that there may be 8 x 240 mm hows in this area. The 240 mm how has a range of 11,400 yds and is normally used in a coast def role, with a fixed mounting.

(c) Dual purpose guns

There are four 120 mm dual purpose guns on the peninsula SOUTH of PORT TUBAN. These are located in the following posns - 894187, 895182, 911170 and 913172 and are sited for coast def. They have a range of 21,000 yds and can engage targets in the MONACO area. Order of battle infm indicates there may be also two 127 mm dual purpose guns at TOMAKINE, with a range of 15,000 yds.



(d) AA guns

There are four 75 mm AA guns and two LAA guns near MONACO airfd. The four 75 mm guns are sited at 833408, 839401, 837385 and 819392. They have a maximum horizontal range of 15,000 yds and the arcs of fire of all of them cover the coastline between 89 and 70 eastings. Past experience suggests that enemy horizontal fire from AA guns is inaccurate. The AA guns are unlikely to have direct observation over the coastline, owing to flatness of terrain and vegetation obscuring the view. The LAA guns near MONACO airfd are sited at 846393 and 814399, and may have a range of up to 5,000 yds. Only one of the guns can reach the coastline and then only NORTH of 35 northing. The following AA guns have been reported near other airfds on the island :-

NUSA	:	18 hy AA guns and 8 LAA guns
SIRAWAI	:	18 hy AA guns and 8 LAA guns
TUGAYA	:	6 LAA guns.

TKS

20. The latest infm available concerning enemy tks on MORONES is as follows. A small number of lt and med tks have been observed in the SIRAWAI and NUSA areas and lt tks at TUGAYA and BINBINNIE. It is thought that the total tk str on MORONES is 24 tks. No infm has been received of the specific type of these tks. It is believed that the thickest armour likely to be encountered on med tks is 25 mm and perhaps up to 30 mm.

MT

21. The Japs have impressed a number of vehs and have also brought some MT to the island. The total operative vehs at the moment are estimated to be 400. Moderate traffic has been reported between NUSA and SIRAWAI, carrying both tps and sups. It is thought that the only use of MT for local sup purposes occurs at NUSA, SIRAWAI and BINBINNIE. The high incidence of mov by foot over comparatively long distances leads to the assumption that some 200 vehs only are available for the immediate tpt of rfts to a threatened area. Of the total of 400 serviceable vehs, probably 150 are in the BINBINNIE area and 150 at NUSA, while some have been reported at SIRAWAI and in the vicinity of the airfds at GILLAMATONG and TUGAYA.

BARGES

22. The enemy is believed to have approx 100 barges, mostly Type A, in various ports throughout the island. There is no infm available regarding the normal distribution of Jap barges among the various ports and harbourages. Enemy garrisons on the EAST and SOUTH coasts are supplied by barge.

ENEMY SUP

23. There is no infm to suggest that the enemy is short of sups, amn or POL, and it is believed that the main sup bases, in order of importance, are :-

SIRAWAI	-	Amn, POL, sup
NUSA	-	Amn, POL, sup
BINBINNIE	-	Amn, sup
TUGAYA	-	Amn, sup.

his dump areas have not been pinpointed. Garrisons in coastal areas are normally supplied by barge. The enemy cannot (without extreme hazard) bring in further sup to MORONES except by submarine. Adequate resources of local foodstuffs are available on the island.



ENEMY DISPOSNS AND DEFS IN GILLAMATONG - PORT TUBAN AREA

24. (a) Units in the area and their strs are believed to be as follows :-

GILLAMATONG :	3 Bn 95 Inf Regt	700
	Arty Bn 94 Inf Regt	250
	(12 x 75-mm fd guns)	
	Part of a br building material coy	90
	31 Airfd Coy	100
	Unidentified indep AA coy	
	(4 x 75 mm AA guns and 2 LAA guns)	90
PORT TUBAN :	6 Coy 95 Inf Regt	150
	TOTAL	1,330

The detailed disposns of the inf are not known. However, the enemy has been constructing coconut log bunkers along the beaches, and guerilla reports have pinpointed bunkers at the following map refs - 865303, 863307, 860311, 858314, 856318, 853321, 852323, 851326, 848326, 843329, 842329, 839329, 836329, 832328, 829327, 826329, 824331, 820335.

The exact locations of the 12 x 75 mm fd guns are not known, but some are sited in a coast def role. Their range is 9,000 yds. Locations and ranges of AA guns and the four 120 mm dual purpose guns SOUTH of PORT TUBAN are given in paras 19 (c) and (d) above. There is no detailed infm regarding mortars in the area. However, if 95 Inf Regt is Type A Regt, 3 Bn may have up to 21 - 81 mm mortars and 6 Coy may have 2 such mortars. If the regt is Type I it would have no 81 mm mortars.

(b) Beach and underwater obstacles

Up to 14 Oct 44, air phs of area GILLAMATONG - PORT TUBAN did not disclose any beach def. There are however, numerous and consistent guerilla reports that the enemy has been erecting underwater and beach obstacles in this area since 25 Dec 44. Work on these obstacles is still incomplete. Obstacles of the type shown in appx 'G' have now been identified on all suitable ldg beaches between SANLANGOE and TOMAKINE. So far no other types of obstacle have been identified in this area. However, at SIRAWAI the enemy is known to have added concrete pyramids interspersed with mines and wire to his underwater obstacles, and to have heavily mined and wired the beaches. It is possible that the enemy intends to improve his def in the GILLAMATONG - PORT TUBAN area in a similar way. It is also possible that he may put a boom across the entrances to PORT TUBAN as he has done at SIRAWAI. There has been no suggestion from any source that the enemy is short of sup for the constr of underwater obstacles.

POSSIBLE ENEMY REACTION TO ALLIED LDG IN VICINITY OF GILLAMATONG - PORT TUBAN.

25. (a) Rfts from overseas

It is considered that mov of rfts from other Jap held islands to MORONES by any surface craft is unlikely and that submarines would be used merely to bring in urgent sup and to evacuate key personnel.

(b) Paratps and airborne tps.

Use by the enemy of paratps or airborne tps on MORONES is considered unlikely.



(c) Mov of tps within island

Appx 'H' sets out estimated str of inf in various areas and times required for their mov to PORT TUBAN area by land or sea. This appx states the assumptions upon which the estimates are made. The extent to which the enemy can move his res by MT will depend during daylight hrs upon the degree of interference from Allied carrier and land-based aircraft, and the action of guerillas. Further interference to mov by MT may be caused by the washing away of brs after hy rain. However, the dry season lasts until incl Mar.

(d) Mov of arty

As a working figure it is estimated that the mov of enemy guns to bring fire to bear in PORT TUBAN area will take twice the time required for MT mov of tps.

(e) Counter ldg parties

As far as is known the enemy has no special counter ldg units on MORONES. In view of the situation, however, the enemy has probably organised counter ldg parties from units at present on the island with the normal task of attacking our beachhead as soon as possible after our ldg. The enemy is believed to have approx 100 barges in various hide-outs on the island and these barges could be used by counter ldg parties.

(f) Probable employment of res

Once our force has landed it is quite possible that the enemy will appreciate that our probable intention is to capture first TOMAKINE and then NUSA and use them as bases for further ops; therefore he may move a considerable portion of his res in the BINBINNIE - GALGUAN area for the following purposes :-

- (i) To oppose our adv from the beachhead area
- (ii) To deny us the use of TOMAKINE as a port
- (iii) To protect NUSA against attack from the EAST.

(g) Enemy resistance

Being unable to evacuate the island, the enemy, or at least his fd tps, may be expected to fight almost to the last man. A substantial number of the base and L of C Tps can be expected to offer determined resistance.

ENEMY AIR

26. Enemy land-based air str in the SWPA is based on estimates as at 22 Jan 45. His main concs are :-

LUZON	-	170
VISAYAS	-	120
MINDANAO	-	80
MORONES	-	50
BORNEO	-	180
TOTAL		600

It is appreciated that up to half of the present enemy air str SOUTH of MORONES will have to be kept on existing operational tasks. It is possible for the enemy to send air rfts from JAPAN to southern areas via BORNEO, but it is considered that the enemy's air commitments in other theatres will deter him from sending in any large air rfts. Furthermore, it may be anticipated that a number of enemy airfds from which ops may be carried out in the MORONES area will receive raids of varying intensity from Allied aircraft prior to and after D Day.



It is considered therefore that only some 150 aircraft would be available to oppose our ldg. Suicide attacks by EA on shipping must be expected at all times.

Owing to recent naval losses, it is considered that the enemy is most unlikely to employ aircraft carriers in his def of MORONES. Taking into account distances involved, it is considered that at least two hrs will elapse from the time we lose surprise on or before D Day to the time when the first EA can be expected to oppose our ldg. It is considered unlikely that the enemy can sustain a continuous air offensive.

NAVAL INT

27. It is improbable that the Jap navy can seriously interfere with an Allied sea-borne op in this area. However, the enemy has had submarines operating in the waters involved and it is quite likely that the enemy will send additional submarines into the area from home waters. Some 30 enemy craft of the PT type have been reported by guerillas. These are mostly concentrated in the SIRAWAI area.

MORALE

28. Some native reports suggest that in recent months the morale of Jap tps on the island has deteriorated as a result of the continued run of Jap defeats.. It is reported that the last few batches of rfts to the island were very young men (some appearing as young as 14 years of age) who appeared depressed and untrained. All other indications sp the probability that the enemy reaction will be similar to that in the past, namely, his fd tps will fight hard and fearlessly, and many of his base and L of C tps will fight in the front line as the enemy situation deteriorates.. When things appear hopeless, and food becomes scarce, some enemy tps may move to the garden areas in the hills.

29. ACK.

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TOP SECRET

EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

Appx "A"

BEACHES IN SECTORS CHARLIE AND DOG (MONACO AREA)

(Issued with 9 Aust Div Int Summary 1 of 8 Feb 45)

Ref map : PORT TUBAN 1 in to 1 mile.

1. SECTORS

- (a) CHARLIE sector extends from RIGHT angled turn of LAGRANE LAGOON 853319 to excl MONACO 841327. Length is 1600 yds.
- (b) DOG sector extends from incl MONACO 841327 to incl pt. 824327. Length is 1800 yds.
- (c) Sub-div of these sectors into beaches is shown on sketch appx "B".

2. SEAWARD APPROACH (same for both sectors)

- (a) Obstacles : For artificial obstacles see para 24 (b) of Summary and appx "G". No natural obstacles.
- (b) Depths offshore : Remain the same at all states of the tide, owing to uniform gradient of approx 1 in 60 below high water mark. LSTs and craft will beach as follows at all states of tide:-

	<u>Water gap</u> <u>yds</u>	<u>Depth at ramp</u> <u>ft</u>
LST	85	4
LCM	65	3.25
LCV	50	2.5

3. NATURE OF BEACH (Same for both sectors)

	<u>Between high water</u> <u>and low water marks</u>	<u>Above high water</u> <u>mark</u>
(a) Length	1600 yds	1600 yds
(b) Width	100 yds	150 yds
(c) Gradient	1 in 60	Approx 1 in 25
(d) Nature	Fairly firm sand	Soft sand
(e) Natural obstacles	Nil	Nil

4. NAVAL COMMENTS (Same for both sectors)

Suitable for ldg ships and craft and amphibians.

5. ENEMY DEF

(See para 24 of Summary and appx "G")



## 6. HINTERLAND

- (a) CHARLIE Sector : Scattered timber and secondary growth directly behind beach except for a belt of thick timber approx 150 yds wide backing the WEST half of the sector. This timber, although giving good cover from the air, would impede veh traffic. The ground backing the beach is sandy loam varying in width from 4,000 to 6,000 yds, thence clay loam. NE of the beach the country excl LAGRANE SWAMP, opens out into scattered timber and plantations and appears suitable for est of maint area. The coconut plantations are overgrown, growth being 4 - 6 ft high. There are no ditches in the plantations.
- (b) DOG Sector : With the exception of 500 yds at the eastern end of the sector (i.e. DOG GREEN beach), the sector is backed by a mangrove swamp 200 - 300 yds wide which is an offshoot of the RAGUSA RIVER. The swamp is a definite obstacle to MT, and at its eastern end has an open waterway approx 20 ft wide. An off-shoot from the swamp branches from approx the centre of the sector and runs inland at almost right angles to the shore to meet the RAGUSA RIVER about 1,500 yds from its mouth. The soil in the swamp area is a clay loam and NORTH of the swamp this soil extends to approx 36 northing. EAST of the swamp the ground is a sandy loam. The vegetation NORTH of the swamp is sparse timber and secondary growth.

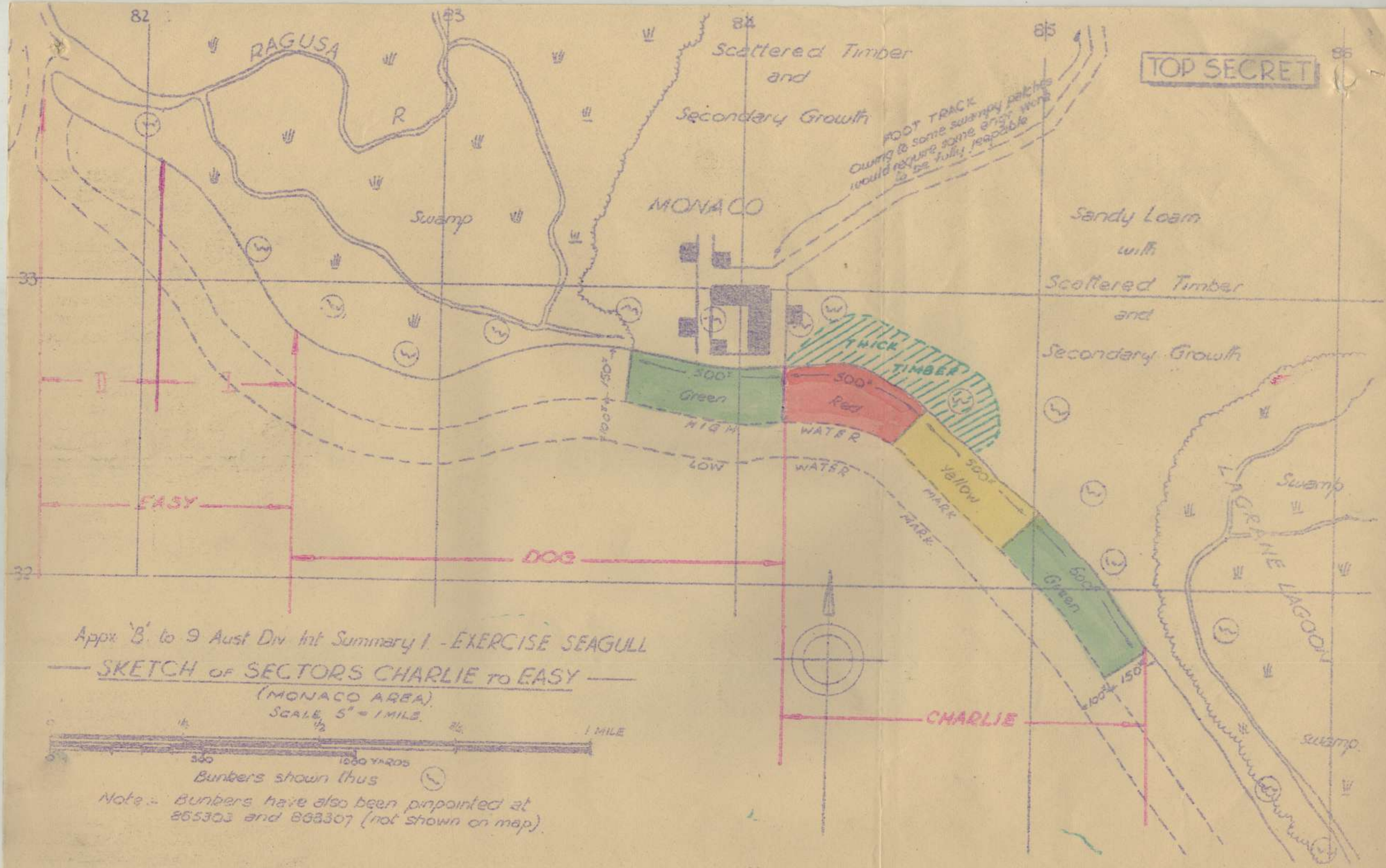
## 7. EXITS

Inf : No restrictions in CHARLIE sector or DOG GREEN beach. Elsewhere in DOG sector inf mov will be difficult owing to swamp.

Wh vehs : Only existing track is the foot track running NE from MONACO. Owing to some swampy patches, this track would require attention from engs before being fully jeepable. Eastern half of CHARLIE sector should be suitable for constr of dry weather jeep tracks leading inland.

Tracked vehs : There are no known natural obstacles preventing the exit of tracked vehs from the EAST half of CHARLIE sector and from DOG GREEN beach. The thick timber backing the WEST half of CHARLIE sector would not be passable to tracked vehs. The swamp WEST of DOG GREEN beach would also be impassable to tracked vehs.







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EXERCISE SEAGULL

Appx "C"

BEACHES AND HARBOURAGES ON EAST COAST OF MORONES ISLAND

(Issued with 9 Aust Div Int Summary 1 of 8 Feb 45)

Ref map : MORONES ISLAND 4 miles to 1 in.

GEN

1. Beaches on the EAST coast are small, infrequent, and may be reef bound. Conditions are aggravated by the fact that the coast is exposed to the NE season. Except where beaches are known to be well sheltered, hy surf is experienced on the EAST coast. In the afternoons a 6 to 12 ft surf is experienced in the NE season. Usually the surf is lightest between 0100 hrs to 1000 hrs when conditions may vary from a 2 ft to a 6 ft surf. Squalls, during which all but the very well sheltered beaches are untenable, are frequent. All roadsteads off the coast are open and ships cannot unload into small craft while the NE wind is at any str. These conditions may prevail throughout 24 hrs each day, but under favourable conditions some unloading into small craft should be possible between 0100 hrs and 0600 hrs. Detailed info on various sectors appears below.

SANLANGOE - KENAPAI

2. 200 yds of sheltered beach with firm sand exists on the NORTH shore of SANLANGOE BAY, SOUTH of the airstrip. Underwater gradient is estimated to be 1 in 10. Beach is reef bound, but a gap is known to exist, although details of width, depth and location are unknown. Lg craft should be able to beach with only a small water gap.

3. Coast between SANLANGOE BAY and KENAPAI INLET is unsuitable for ldg craft.

KENAPAI INLET

4. A sheltered beach of firm sand approx 175 yds long exists on the WEST shore. NORTH and SOUTH shores are steep sided, giving an average depth of water within the inlet of 3 to 4 fathoms. The beach on the WEST shore is steep to and ldg craft should beach with a small water gap. The entrance to the inlet is 200 yds wide but the navigable width of water for ships of 20 ft draught is believed to be approx 150 yds. It would be necessary for naval personnel to svy and mark the approaches before ships could enter. KENAPAI INLET is believed to be free of reefs. The hinterland is similar to that in the MONACO area. There is little if any swampy ground. The area is sparsely timbered, and there are overgrown plantation areas and scattered coconuts.

KENAPAI - MARAMAG

5. 2,000 yds of firm sandy beach exists to the NORTH of KENAPAI, the centre of the stretch being at 233073. The beach is believed to be reef free and approaches appear to be clear. The underwater gradient is estimated to be 1 in 30. The beach has a width of 10 to 40 yds at high water and 45 to 75 yds at low water. It is exposed to the NE season when conditions in para 1 above apply. The hinterland is similar to that of KENAPAI INLET.

6. The coast between this beach and MARAMAG is unsuitable for ldg craft.



MARAMAG BAY

7. 250 yds of firm sandy beach on the NORTH shore of MARAMAG BAY in the vicinity of 224106 appears suitable for use by ldg craft up to LCM size. Although the beach itself is well sheltered in the NE season, anchorage conditions in para 1 above apply. Beach appears to be reef free but flat with a gradient estimated at 1 in 40.

MARAMAG - DOKIG

8. The only suitable beach in this sector is 100 yds of firm sand on the NORTH shore of DOKIG INLET. It is sheltered in the NE season and is thought to be usable by ldg craft. A reef extends across the entrance to the inlet approximately 800 yds offshore. A gap in this reef about 150 ft wide is known to exist in the vicinity of DOKIG PT 222130.

DOKIG - NUSA

9. No suitable beaches for ldg craft exist except at NUSA.



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EXERCISE SEAGULL

Appx "D"

BEACHES AND HARBOURAGES FROM GILLAMATONG TO TOMAKINE

(Issued with 9 Aust Div Int Summary 1 of 8 Feb 45)

Ref maps : PORT TUBAN and TOMAKINE 1 in to 1 mile

GEN

1. The coastal characteristics are rocky reef bound pts with sand beaches in the inlets. Offshore conditions of beaches are drying mud flats from 200 to 500 yds wide with narrow channels cutting through them from the sea and turning to run parallel with the shore between the flats and the beach. The combination of mud flats and channels makes the ldg of any type of mech veh over the mud flats practically impossible. However, after careful svy these channels could be used by craft up to LCMs forldg of stores. The only feasible ldg beaches are set out hereunder.

POSSIBLE LDG BEACHES FOR SMALL CRAFT

BEACH 747412 - 738409

2. 1000 yds black sand with mud banks extending 300 to 400 yds offshore. These mud banks are covered by approx 3 ft of water at high tide. A channel approx 80 ft wide is present towards the western end of the beach which leads to an inshore channel approx 90 ft wide running parallel to the beach. With the exception of the hills on the eastern extremity of the beach the hinterland is flat and consists of overgrown plantation area and scattered timber.

BEACH 636515 - 632511.

3. 500 yds of black sand with offshore mud bank 250 to 300 yds wide and exposed at low tide. Channel entrance at NE end of beach and inshore channel are similar to beach in para 2 above. LCMs should be able to use the beach after careful svy. Hinterland is flat and consists of overgrown plantation area and scattered timber.

BEACH 582541 - 579545

4. 500 yds of black sand; mud banks are not visible but offshore reef covered by a maximum of 4 ft of water at high tide narrows the approach to the beach to 50 yds in the centre. Native craft used this gap and the beach to load coconuts. LCVs and LCMs may be able to use this beach. Hinterland is coconut plantation.

BEACH 544558 - 535560

5. 800 yds of black sand. Offshore mudbanks estimated 300 to 400 yds wide are cut by three channels connecting with the inshore channel. Channels are similar to those described in para 2 above. Hinterland is coconut plantation.

HARBOURAGE FOR SMALL CRAFT

6. No suitable harbourage is known to exist between GILLAMATONG and TOMAKINE.



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EXERCISE SEAGULL

Appx "E"

INFM REGARDING STREAMS AND BR SITES

(Issued with 9 Aust Div Int Summary 1 of 8 Feb 45)

- NOTES : 1. Rates of flow are designated by the following terms (in order of progression):- Sluggish (up to 1 knot); slow; steady; fast; swift (10 knots and over).
2. In table below, abbreviation "prob" stands for "probably."
3. Where colns below contain no entry, infm is not available.

Ref map : PORT TUBAN 1 in to 1 mile

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Map Ref	Name of River	Depth of water	Rate of flow	Details of Gap		Height of banks in ft	Nature of Bottom	Nature of Approaches	Remarks
				Estimated width at Water level (in ft)	Top of banks (in ft)				
979233	Unnamed	Prob shallow	Prob slow	15-20	40-50	4-6	Prob mud		NO br at present
947293	AMTIWAN CREEK	Shallow	Prob slow	30-40	50-60	4-5			Existing br
890322	SERASSO CREEK trib-utary	Shallow	Prob slow	10-15	20-25	4-6	Gravel and mud	Prob flat	Veh ford; no br
885337	SERASSO CREEK	Shallow	Prob slow	20-30	80-90	6-8	Prob mud	Prob flat	Existing br
883308	TUBAN R tributary	River navigable to 885304 for craft with 5 ft draught	Prob slow	20-30	35-40	2-4		Prob flat	No br at present
874420	VLGA R	Fordable by inf	Prob fast	200	300	10-15		Prob very restricted	Ford at present for foot tps only



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
850388	VIGA R	Unknown. Doubtful if fordable by inf	Prob fast	approx 290	310	4-6	Prob mud	Prob flat	Existing br 310 ft x 8 ft
783411	PIGALOO R	May be fordable	Prob slow	20	35	4-6	Prob mud	Prob flat	Existing br
716476	Unnamed	Prob fordable	Prob steady	15	20	2-3	Prob mud	Flat	Existing br
701487	Unnamed	Doubtful ford	Prob steady	285	300	4-6	Prob mud	Flat	Existing br
706507	Unnamed	May be fordable	Prob slow	60	90	8-9	Mud	Flat	Existing single lane wooden br unserviceable due to some decking missing
Ref map : MORONES ISLAND 4 miles to 1 in									
161071	Unnamed	Prob fordable	Prob fast	15-20	30	12-13	Prob soft	Narrow cutting	Existing br one way wooden br
152057	Unnamed	Doubtful ford for vehs; passable by inf	Prob fast	15-20	30	4-5	Prob sand and mud	Prob flat	Ford at present for inf only
147057	Unnamed	Doubtful ford for vehs; passable by inf	Prob slow	330	400	4-5	Prob sand and mud	Prob flat	Foot br with 90 ft gap in centre
133067	TOMAKINE R	Not fordable	Slow	390-400	450-460	5-10	Prob mud	Flat	Existing br
128069	Unnamed	Prob fordable	Swift	40-50	50-60	6-8	Mud	Flat	Existing br
124071	Unnamed	Fordable	Swift	30-40	40-50	4-6	Mud and gravel	Flat	Existing br
229022	Unnamed	May be fordable at mouth	Prob slow			Prob steep	Prob mud	Prob flat	No br at present
202029	Unnamed	Prob shallow	Prob steady	20-30	60-70	8-10			No br at present



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
198034	Unnamed	Fordable	Prob steady	15-20	40-50	8-10		Rugged	No br at present
212037	Unnamed	Fordable	Prob steady				Prob mud	Restricted	No br at present
213042	Unnamed	Fordable	Prob swift			steep		Prob restricted	No br at present
216046	Unnamed	Fordable	Prob swift			steep		Prob restricted	No br at present
204060	Unnamed	Prob deep	Prob fast					Prob restricted	No br at present
203666	Unnamed	Doubtful ford	Prob fast				Prob soft	Prob restricted	No br at present
218071	Unnamed	Doubtful ford	Prob swift				Prob soft		No br at present
223073	SUGAWA R	Never fordable	Very swift		80		Soft sand at bar with soft banks mud upstream?	Prob steep	Br destroyed. 4ft of water at bar at low water
234082	NUDINAR R	4 ft at bar at high water	Prob fast		80 (1000 yds up stream)		Prob soft sand	Steep banks	No br at present
232093	NAPOPO R	4-6 ft at high water 400 yds upstream	Swift			5-8 near mouth	Prob soft mud	Steep	Br destroyed
227100	MANTAO R	4-6 ft at mouth; prob shallows rapidly	Swift				Prob soft sand	Prob steep banks	No br at present
221104	GOLGAI R	may be ford at mouth	Swift		470		Prob soft sand		Existing br
226106	MANOG R	Some water at bar at low water	Swift				Prob mud		No br at present



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224117	Unnamed	Usually fordable at mouth	Prob slow		210		Prob thick mud		Existing br. Adjacent swamp impassable to MT but crossing by DUKW may be possible
223122	Unnamed	Usually fordable at mouth	Prob fast				Prob mud		No br at present
222127	Unnamed	Usually fordable at mouth	Prob fast				Prob mud		No br at present
219132	Unnamed	Doubtful ford at mouth	Prob swift		180		Prob sand	Prob flat	Existing br
216144	Unnamed	Doubtful ford at mouth	Prob sluggish		160		Prob mud	Prob flat	Existing br
205143	Unnamed	Prob not fordable	Prob sluggish		250		Prob thick mud	Prob flat	Existing br
198143	Unnamed	Prob not fordable	Prob sluggish				Prob thick mud		Existing br
194137	Unnamed		Prob fast		200		Prob mud		Existing br
193138	NUSA R	Navigable 2 miles for 3 ft draft. 9 ft of water at bar at low water. Too deep for fording at br.	Swift		700-800	10, but lower 100 yds below br	Prob sandy		Existing 4 span br
191136	Tributary of NUSA R	Prob not fordable	Prob swift			Prob steep		Prob restricted.	No br at present.



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Appx 'F'

## MORONES ISLAND ASTRONOMICAL DATA - 20 to 30 MAR 45

(Issued with 9 Aust Div Int Summary 1 of Feb 45)

1945	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER		FIRST LT	SUN		LAST LT	MOON	
	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT		RISE	SET		RISE	SET
Tue 20 Mar	0814 2046	5.3 4.3	0239 1436	-1.0 0.0	0536	0610	1811	1857	1116	2353
Wed 21 Mar	0842 2116	5.0 4.2	0314 1526	-0.8 0.2	0536	0610	1811	1857	1201	-
Thu 22 Mar	0915 2158	4.7 4.1	0354 1610	-0.1 0.5	0535	0610	1811	1857	1247	0046
Fri 23 Mar	0950 2246	4.0 3.9	0433 1648	0.3 0.7	0535	0609	1811	1857	1333	0139
Sat 24 Mar	1035 2355	3.6 3.2	0509 1728	0.8 1.0	0535	0608	1810	1857	1423	0231
Sun 25 Mar	1145 -	2.9 -	0543 1805	1.0 1.2	0534	0608	1810	1856	1510	0322
Mon 26 Mar	0124 1325	2.9 2.4	0616 1840	1.0 1.6	0534	0608	1810	1856	1601	0411
Tue 27 Mar	0241 1501	3.4 2.6	0648 1918	0.6 0.9	0534	0607	1809	1856	1650	0501
Wed 28 Mar	0322 1546	3.8 3.4	0731 2004	-0.2 0.6	0533	0606	1809	1856	1739	0553
Thu 29 Mar	0408 1634	4.7 4.1	0817 2046	-0.9 -0.1	0533	0605	1809	1856	1831	0639
Fri 30 Mar	0452 1709	5.0 4.8	0902 2133	-1.2 -0.5	0532	0605	1808	1856	1928	0729

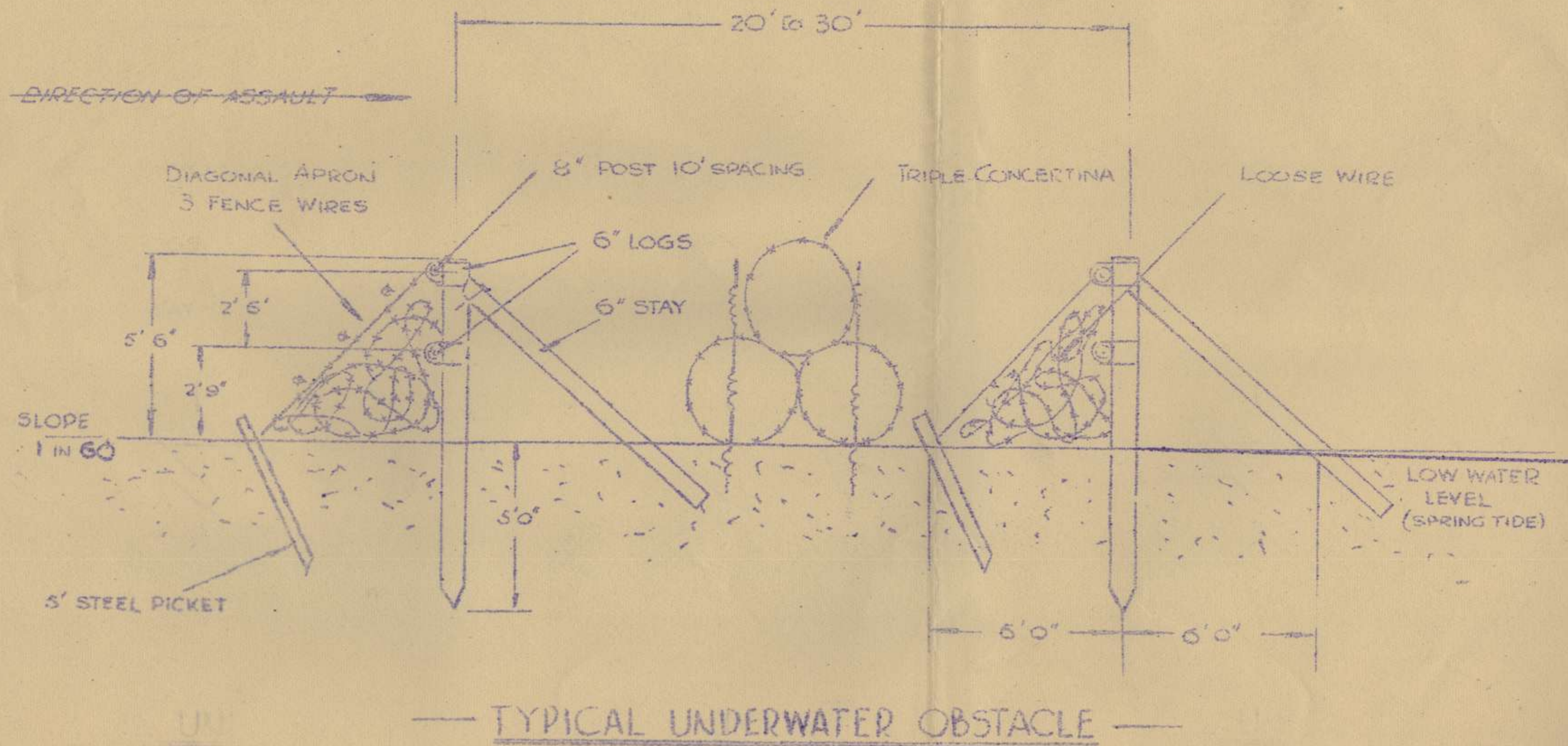
NOTES : 1 Tides :- Springs - Mon 19 Mar and Mon 1 Apr. Neaps - Mon 26 Mar.  
 2 Moons :- New - Sat 17 Mar. First quarter - Sat 24 Mar. Full - Sat 31 Mar.



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Appx 'H'

## ESTIMATED TIMES FOR MOV OF JAP INF ON MORONES ISLAND

( To be read with 9 Aust Div Int Summary 1, of 8 Feb 45, para 25 (c).)

- NOTES :
1. Distances are calculated from place named to PORT TUBAN
  2. Times for MT mov are calculated on basis of 13 mih for secs of rd reported as havinb been used by Jap MT, and on basis of 8 mih for other secs, i.e., all secs between MARAMAG and BINBINNIE.
  3. Times for barge mov are calculated on basis of speed of 6 mih and 1-2 hrs maint after 12 hrs running.
  4. Times assume good weather and no interference by Allies or guerillas.
  5. The br over SUGAWA RIVER near KENAPAI, shown on map as destroyed, has not been repaired by Japs. It may however be possible, without excessive engr work, to construct a detour, thus avoiding crossing SUGAWA RIVER. The table below makes no allowance for the fact that this br is destroyed.
  6. There may be barges at all coastal towns mentioned, since enemy garrisons on EAST and SOUTH coasts are supplied by barge.

Area	Estimated str of inf	Distance in miles in		Mov by MT in hrs	Mov on foot in days	Mov by barge in hrs	Remarks
		Land	Sea				
SANLANGOE (Distance to proposed Covering Posn is approx 7 miles less than land distance shown below)							
SANLANGOE	400	38	52	-	3	9	Foot tracks only; time might be reducible to 2 days by forced marching.
DIDONG - NUSA (Distances to proposed Covering Posn are approx 16 miles less than <sup>land</sup> distances shown below, equivalent to approx 1 days march on foot or 2 hrs travel by MT)							
DIDONG	150	36	-	4½	2	-	No MT reported at DIDONG; nearest reported MT at MONACO airfd (3½ hrs travel from DIDONG)
KENAPAI-TAGANI.	215	47	78	6	3	13	Nearest reported MT at MONACO airfd (4½ hrs travel); possibly some MT at MARAMAG (4 hrs travel).
MARAMAG	400	77	102	9½	5	19	Nearest reported MT at NUSA (4 hrs travel). There may possibly be some MT at MARAMAG.



Area	Estimated str of inf	Distance in miles		Mov by MT in hrs.	Mov on foot in days	Mov by barge in hrs	Remarks
		Land	Sea				
DOKIG	120	99	112	11	6	20-22	No MT reported at DOKIG
NUSA -	1,800	129	145	13	8-9	28-30	Estimated 150 MT in NUSA area Foot track only
(a) by coast rd (b) by inland track							
		85	-	-	7	-	
TOMAKINE - GALGUAN - SIRAWAI (Distances to VIGA RIVER are 11 miles less than land distances shown below, equivalent to 1½ hrs travel by MT)							
TOMAKINE	420	58	38	7	3	7	Nearest reported MT at MONAJO and TUGAYA airfds (each about 6 hrs travel)
TAMUK	150	74	56	9	4	9	Nearest reported MT at TUGAYA (4 hrs travel)
TUGAYA	950	106	72	13	6	12-14	Some MT have been reported near TUGAYA airfd.
BILBINNIE	4,035	121	-	15	7-9	-	Estimated 150 MT in BINBINNIE area
GALGUAN	1,300	145	-	17	12	-	
SIRAWAI	1,950	156	118	18	13	24-26	MT reported at SIRAWAI



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SUBJECT : AMENDMENT 2 to DRAFT 9 AUST DIV OO 1 - EXERCISE SEAGULL

HQ 9 Aust Div  
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26 Feb 45.

1. Para 15 (a) (i) -

After "Land" insert "with two aslt bns". ✓

2. Para 16 (a) (i) -

After "Land" insert "with two aslt bns". ✓

3. Insert after para 18 -

" 18A. Armour

(a) one sqn less two tps will land on D Day

(b) allotment -

24 Aust Inf Bde - one tp

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EXERCISE SEAGULL

2/2 Aust MG Bn  
Ref: 210 / I / 45  
27 Feb 45

9 AUST DIV

1. Reference 9 Aust Div security instr 20 Feb 45, exercise "SEAGULL" para 4 (b).
2. Following is a list of unit officers "in the know":

C.O. LT-COL E. MACARTHUR-ONSLOW  
2 i/c MAJOR G. A. McL. SEARLE  
Q.M. CAPT G. A. FERGUSON  
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EXERCISE SEAGULL

SUBJECT : SECRETLY INSTRS

HQ 9 Aust Div  
G.13/28/1  
25 Feb 45

Ref para 4(a) of appx J to 9 Aust Div OO 1 dated 20 Feb 45 the following is a list of those offrs of dif HQ who have been put in the know during planning.

G Branch

GSO I Lt Col A E BARNFORD  
GSO II Maj T G TRAINOR  
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EXERCISE SEAGULL

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19 Feb 45.

1 AUST CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY OPERATION SEAGULL  
CONFIRMATION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PART I - ENEMY

STRENGTH AND DISPOSITION OF ENEMY FORCES

1. (a) Information to hand indicates that a reduction of enemy strength on MORONES can be expected though the dispositions, with the exception of the GALGUAN area, remain substantially the same.
- (b) The overall strength can be anticipated to be between 30000 and 35000 and the number of troops in the GALGUAN area reduced to some 2000, of which approximately one third are fighting troops.
- (c) The grouping of the enemy forces is now aimed at the protection of the two main bases of NUSA and SIRAWAI. For this purpose troops have been withdrawn from the GALGUAN area but these are not considered to exceed 2000 for SIRAWAI and 3000 troops for NUSA. The remaining discrepancy of 4000 is accounted for by reassessment of strengths which as yet cannot be definitely allocated to areas. It is considered, however, that the main weight of this reduction would be felt at NUSA and SIRAWAI with minor reductions in strength, rather than units, in other areas. The strengths at NUSA and SIRAWAI are now estimated to be 9400 and 8700 respectively.
- (d) The central mobile reserve at BINBINNIE is maintained and the estimated strength of one regiment for movement to any threatened area remains unchanged.

ENEMY HEADQUARTERS

2. HQ of 2 Bn, 95 Inf Regt is thought to be in one of the houses in TOMAKINE at approximately 348637. Owing to scale of available maps other headquarters as indicated in Appendix 'A' to 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary Operation "SEAGULL" cannot be pin-pointed.

JAPANESE ARMY ORGANISATION

3. It is not known which regiments of enemy divisions are type A. Existing information is conflicting.

JAPANESE TANKS

4. The latest information available concerning enemy tanks on MORONES is as follows -

- (a) small number of light and medium tanks have been observed in the SIRAWAI and NUSA areas and light tanks at TUGAYA and BINBINNIE.
- (b) The armed force on the island is considered to be four indep tk coys with a total WE strength of 48 tanks. However, it is thought that the total tank strength in MORONES is unlikely to exceed 24 tanks.
- (c) No information has been received of the specific type of light or medium tank.



#### MOVEMENT OF ARTILLERY

5. As a working figure it is estimated that the movement of enemy guns to bring fire to bear on the landing areas will take twice the time required for MT movement of troops.

#### PORT TUBAN DEFENCES

6. The dual purpose 120 mm guns located on the point south of PORT TUBAN are sited for coast defence and can engage targets in C and D sectors.

#### LOCATION OF ENEMY DUMP AREAS

7. From the limited information available it is believed that supply areas in order of magnitude are situated at -

- (a) SIRAWAI - Amn, POL, Sups
- (b) NUSA - Amn, POL, Sups
- (c) BINBINNIE - Amn, Sups
- (d) TUGAYA - Amn, Sups

8. Apart from these dumps POL, bombs and ammunition for aircraft are dispersed in the airfield areas at NUSA, DIDONG, GILLAMATONG, TUGAYA and SIRAWAI.

#### ENEMY USE OF MT FOR SUPPLIES

9. <sup>tps</sup> Moderate traffic has been reported between NUSA and SIRAWAI carrying both ~~and~~ supplies. It is thought that the only use of MT for supply purposes is at NUSA, SIRAWAI and BINBINNIE. Supply for troops in coastal areas is by barge.

### PART II - TOPOGRAPHY

#### COVERING POSITION

10. Contoured maps are not available. The coastal plain rises to approximately 50 feet above sea level at the commencement of the foothills. The area between the foothills and the sea is comparatively flat.

11. No further information regarding swamps is available.

12. All available information regarding soil is included in Appendix 'F' to 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary.

13. No details of subterranean water levels are available.

14. Average monthly rainfall for the period is given in 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary para 13 (h). No further information is available.

15. No further information of vegetation is available.

16. No photographs of the VIGA RIVER are available.

#### LAKES

17. LAKE MURDI is suitable for the landing of seaplanes.

#### RIVERS

18. VIGA RIVER banks are 4' to 6' high from mouth to square 8638 - thereafter increasing to 15' to 30'. No information on tidal conditions is available.

19. Additional information on bridging of rivers is given as Appendix A.



#### MOVEMENT OFF ROADS

20. Movement of tracked vehicles on the coastal plain in the area PORT TUBAN - GILLAMATONG appears to be limited only by existing swamps and vegetation. Mountains backing the coastal plain are steep and covered by rain forest; movement is probably limited to roads.

21. Movement of wheeled vehicles is only possible under dry conditions and after scrub clearance.

#### HARBOUR AND ANCHORAGE FACILITIES - PORT TUBAN

22. Further information is now available on the potentialities of PORT TUBAN for development as a port.

(a) The coastline is protected by a reef covered by approximately 4 ft of water at high water springs. This reef lies 1500/2000 yds offshore for a distance NORTH and SOUTH from PORT TUBAN as shown on trace "P" attached. Water between the reef and the shore averages 15 fathoms. Entrance to the port is made possible by two 250 ft gaps in the reef at 884268 and 886233.

(b) The port has depth varying from 17 fathoms in the stream to 4 fathoms adjacent to the fringing reef on the northern shore. The flow of the AMTIWAN CREEK has scoured the southern shore providing 5 to 6 fathoms of water close inshore for a distance of 1200 yards.

(c) Guerrillas report that the JAPANESE once intended to develop PORT TUBAN and to this end reclaimed portion of the swamp on the northern shore. This reclaimed land represents a strip bounded on the NORTH by a line 914268 - 903263 and on the SOUTH by the coast. The filling is reported to be only 12" above high water level and is probably not yet completely consolidated. It may be expected to carry light MT but further rd making would be necessary before use by hy MT. A formed but unsurfaced road runs the length of this strip and crossing the AMTIWAN CREEK by a small single lane wooden bridge joins up with the main road to PORT TUBAN at 923264.

(d) The beach backed by the coconut plantation in squares 9024, 9023 and 8923 should provide a dry landing for all craft up to LSTs, and is protected from surf by the offshore reef.

#### HARBOURAGE FOR SMALL CRAFT - PORT TUBAN - GILLAMATONG

23. VICA RIVER - Reported navigable for craft of 10 ft draught at least to bend in square 8239 and possibly to bridge 850388.

24. TUBAN RIVER - Reported navigable for craft of 5 ft draught as far as creek junction 885304.

#### X BEACHES AND LANDING FACILITIES FROM GILLAMATONG TO TOMAKINE

##### 25. GENERAL

The coastal characteristics are rocky reef bound points with sand beaches in the inlets. Offshore conditions of beaches are drying mud flats from 200 to 500 yards wide with narrow channels cutting through them from the sea and turning to run parallel with the shore between the flats and the beach. The combination of mud flats and channels makes the landing of any type of mechanical vehicle over the mud flats practically impossible. However, after careful survey these channels could be used by craft up to LCMs for landing of stores. The only feasible landing beaches are set out hereunder.

##### 26. POSSIBLE LANDING BEACHES FOR SMALL CRAFT

###### (a) BEACH 747412- 738409

1000 yards black sand with mudbanks extending 300 to 400 yards offshore. These mud banks are covered by approximately 3ft of water  
x see page 3A.



3(A)

POSSIBLE LANDING POINTS SOUTH AND EAST OF PORT TUBAN:

(a) General:

The area considered is from 900225 to 000164.

(b) 900225 - 886191

Coastline consists of coral cliffs 20 to 30 ft high with fringing coral reef extending for 80 yds offshore and exposed at low tide. A gap in the reef gives access to a 50 yd stretch of narrow coral sand beach at 866191. A short watercourse through point, cuts the cliff giving a timbered re-entrant through which inf could easily reach the hinterland. This short stretch of beach appears suitable for use by small craft. Hinterland is lightly timbered with secondary growth and isolated patches of coconuts.

(c) 886191 - 920164

Coastline of coral reef and cliffs is similar to that described above. At 913155 coconuts were loaded over the reef from a jetty which has been destroyed. At 915160 there is a channel through the reef leading to 75 yds of coral sand suitable for use by small craft and it appears that supplies for the enemy tps manning the guns on the peninsula are landed at this point as there are signs of activity, and a path has been cut in the cliff. Hinterland is coconuts backed by timbered highground.

(d) 920164 - 000164

Discharge from river 9518 has caused banks of soft mud which extend for approximately 600 yds off shore over the entire sector and are covered by only 1 ft of water at high tide. Channels exist through the mud banks but they appear to be shallow. There is no beach, the mangroves extending to the water's edge, except for the two stretches of flat timbered country at either extremity of the sector. Except for these extremities the hinterland is dense mangrove swamp.



at high tide. A channel approximately 80 ft wide is present towards the western end of the beach which leads to an inshore channel approximately 90 ft wide running parallel to the beach. With the exception of the hills on the eastern extremity of the beach the hinterland is flat and consists of overgrown plantation area and scattered timber.

(b) BEACH 636515 - 632511

500 yards of black sand with offshore mud bank 250 to 300 yards wide and exposed at low tide. Channel entrance at NE end of beach and inshore channel are similar to beach in para 2 above. LCMs should be able to use the beach after careful survey. Hinterland is flat and consists of overgrown plantation area and scattered timber.

(c) BEACH 582541 - 579545

500 yards of black sand, mud banks are not visible but offshore reef covered by a maximum of 4 ft of water at high tide narrows the approach to the beach to 50 yards in the centre. Native craft used this gap and the beach to load coconuts. LCVs and LCMs may be able to use this beach. Hinterland is coconut plantation.

(d) BEACH 544558 - 535560

800 yards of black sand. Offshore mudbanks estimated 300 to 400 yards wide are cut by three channels connecting with the inshore channel. Channels are similar to those described in para 2 above. Hinterland is coconut plantation.

27. HARBOURAGE FOR SMALL CRAFT

No suitable harbourage is known to exist between GILLAMATONG and TOMAKINE.

BEACHES AND LANDING FACILITIES - EAST COAST OF MORONES

28. GENERAL

(a) Beaches on the east coast are small infrequent, and may be reef bound. Conditions are aggravated by the fact that the coast is exposed to the NE season.

(b) Except where beaches are known to be well sheltered, heavy surf is experienced on the east coast, vide paragraph 13(c) of 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary. Usually the surf is lightest between 0100 hrs to 1000 hrs when conditions may vary from a 2ft to a 6 ft surf. Squalls, during which all but the very well sheltered beaches are untenable, are frequent. All roadsteads off the coast are open and ships cannot unload into small craft while the NE wind is at any strength. These conditions may prevail throughout 24 hrs each day, but under favourable conditions some unloading into small craft should be possible between 0100 hrs and 0600 hrs.

29. SANLANGOE - KENAPAI

(a) SANLANGOE BAY. 200 yards of sheltered beach with firm sand exists on the north shore of the bay, south of the airstrip. Underwater gradient is estimated to be 1 in 10. Beach is reef bound, but a gap is known to exist, although details of width, depth and location are unknown. Landing craft should be able to beach with only a small water gap.

(b) Coast between SANLANGOE BAY and KENAPAI INLET is unsuitable for landing craft.

(c) KENAPAI INLET. A sheltered beach of firm sand approximately 175 yards long exists on the west shore. North and south shores are steep sided, giving an average depth of water within the inlet



of 3 to 4 fathoms. The beach on the west shore is steep too and landing craft should beach with a small water gap. The entrance to the inlet is 200 yards wide but the navigable width of water for ships of 20ft draught is believed to be approximately 150 yards. It would be necessary for naval personnel to survey and mark the approaches before ships could enter. KENAPAI INLET is believed to be free from reefs.

(d) The hinterland is similar to that found in the GILLAMATONG area, that is, scattered coconuts and sparsely timbered overgrown plantation areas. There is little if any swampy ground.

### 30. KENAPAI - MARAMAG

(a) 2000 yards of firm sandy beach exists to the north of KENAPAI, the centre of the stretch being at 233073. The beach is believed to be reef free and approaches appear to be clear. The underwater gradient is estimated to be 1 in 30. The beach has a width of 10 to 40 yards at high water and 45 to 75 yards at low water. It is exposed to the NE season when conditions in paragraph 4 above apply. The hinterland is similar to that of KENAPAI INLET.

(b) The coast between this beach and MARAMAG is unsuitable for landing craft.

(c) 250 yards of firm sandy beach on the north shore of MARAMAG BAY in the vicinity of 224106 appears suitable for use by landing craft up to LCM size. Although the beach itself is well sheltered in the NE season, anchorage conditions in paragraph 4 above apply. Beach appears to be reef free but flat with a gradient estimated at 1 in 40.

### 31. MARAMAG - DOKIG.

The only suitable beach in this sector is 100 yards of firm sand on the north shore of DOKIG INLET. It is sheltered in the NE season and is thought to be usable by landing craft. A reef extends across the entrance to the inlet approximately 800 yards offshore. A gap in this reef about 150 feet wide is known to exist in the vicinity of DOKIG POINT 222130.

### 32. DOKIG - NUSA

No suitable beaches for landing craft exist except at NUSA.

### WATER

33. No detailed information of the limit of tidal effect on fresh water of streams is available, but with the possible exception of the VIGA RIVER, streams should be similar to those in NEW GUINEA and be fresh to the mouth. Discharge rates of the VIGA RIVER indicate that this may also remain fresh to the mouth. Its discharge rates are

- (a) maximum 3650 cu ft per sec
- (b) mean 550 cu ft per sec
- (c) minimum 230 cu ft per sec

### MEDICAL

34. Cases of BILHAZIA and CHOLERA have been reported on MORONES ISLAND. Definite information as to the streams affected is not available, but in view of the heavy fouling of the area by native population all water must be treated when used for drinking, cooking, clothes washing or bathing.

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# DETAILED INFORMATION ON STREAM CROSSINGS

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Serial No.	Ref Map	Map Ref	Nature of Country	Nature of Gap Wet or Dry.	Depth of Water	Rate of flow	Details of Gap				Nature of Approaches	Suggested type Bridge	Remarks	
							Est W L	Width at Top of Bank.	Height of Bottom	Nature of Bottom				
1	PORT TUBAN 1:63360	18500388	Scattered timber bordering onto scrub.	Wet.	Unknown Doubtful if fordable by Inf	Probably fast flowing	Approx 290'	310'	4' to 6'	Probably mud	Probably flat	-	-	Bridge at present in existence 310' x 8'
2	do	17830411	Scattered timber bordering onto coconut ptn.	Wet	May be fordable.		20'	35'	4' to 6'	do	do	-	-	Bridge at present in existence.
3	do	17160476	Scattered timber with swamp a short distance to the SOUTH	Wet	probably fordable	Probably steady flow	15' to 20'	2' to 3'	do		Flat	-	-	Bridge at present in existence.
4	do	17010487	do	Wet	Doubtful ford	do	285	300'	4' to 6'	do	do	-	-	Bridge at present in existence
5	MORONES IS 1:253440	161071	Rain Forest	Wet	Fordable	Probably fast flowing	15/20'	30'	12' to 18'	Probably soft	Restricted narrow cutting as approach to one way wooden bridge			Bridge in existence
6	do	152057	Scattered timber bordering onto coconut ptn. Probably sandy loam	Wet	Doubtful ford for veh. Passable to Inf	do	15/20'	30'	4 to 5'	Probably sand and mud	Flat			Present ford for inf only.
7	do	147057	Belt rain forest approx 1000x W with scattered timber on both sides. Probably sandy loam.	Wet	do	Probably slow flowing	380'	400'	4' to 5'	do	do			Foot bridge with 90 ft gap in centre in existence
8	do	171051	Open country entering into rain forest	Wet	May be fordable	Probably slow	60'	90'	8' to 9'	Mud	do			Bridge at present in existence. Single lane wooden bridge at present appears unserviceable. Some decking missing.
26	PORT TUBAN 1:63360	18740420	Rain forest bordering onto ptn and scrub in open country	Wet	Fordable by Inf	Probably fast	200'	300'	10' to 15'	Clay and Gravel	Probably very restricted			Ford at present for foot troops only.
28	PORT TUBAN 1:63360	18850337	Ptn bordering onto scattered timber and grassland	Wet	Shallow	Probably slow flowing	20/30'	80/90'	6' to 8'	Probably mud	Probably flat			Bridge at present in existence
29	do	18900322	do	Wet	Shallow	do	10/15'	20/25'	4' to 6'	Gravel & mud	Probably flat			No bridge at present in existence. Vehicle ford.
30	do	18830308	Scattered timber	Wet	300x beyond 5' navigable limit.	do	20/30'	35/40'	2' to 4'	mud	Probably flat.			No bridge at present in existence. Crossing 2500x upstream.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Serial No.	Ref Map	Map Ref	Nature of Country	Nature of Gap Wet or Dry.	Depth of Water	Rate of flow	Details of Gap.			Nature of Bottom	Nature of Approaches	Suggested type Bridge	Remarks.	
							Est. W L	Width at Top of Bank	Height of Banks.					
31	PORT TUBAN 1:63360	19480293	Scattered timber	Wet	Shallow	Probably slow flowing	30' 40'	50' 60'	4' to 5'	Probably mud	Flat			Bridge at present in existence.
32	MORONES IS 1:253440	202029	Rain forest in broken country	Wet	Probably shallow	Probably Steady	20' 30'	60' 70'	8' to 10'	gravel	Steep and restricted			No bridge at present in existence.
33	PORT TUBAN 1:63360	19790233	Rain forest and grass land in undulating country.	Wet	Probably shallow	Probably slow	15' 20'	40' 50'	4' to 6'	Probably mud	Flat			No bridge at present in existence Crossing 6000x upstream.
35	MORONES IS 1:253440	199034	Rain forest in rugged country	Wet	Fordable	Probably steady	15' 20'	40' 50'	8' to 10'	Gravel & mud	Rugged			No bridge at present in existence.
40	do	133067	Rain forest and swamp	Wet	Not fordable.	slow	390' 400'	450' 460'	5' to 10'	Probably mud	Flat			Bridge at present in existence.
41	do	128069	Rain forest	Wet	Probably fordable	Swift	40' 50'	50' 60'	6 to 8'	Mud	do			do
42	do	124071	Open country	Wet	fordable	do	30/ 40'	40/ 50'	4 to 6'	Mud and Gravel	do			do
43	PORT TUBAN 1:63360	858419	Coconuts	Wet	do	do	20/ 30'	25/ 35'	4' to 6'	Mud	do			No bridge.
44	do	845457	Rain forest	Wet	fordable	do	15/ 20'	25/ 30'	3' to 5'	Gravel	Steep			do



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1. The following amendments to draft 9 Aust Div OO 1 Exercise SEAGULL are advised :-

(a) Para 10 - add :- ✓

"Appx B Part VI - 1 and 2 Aust Beach Gps"

(b) Para 24 - add sub-para :-

" (f) List of prearranged targets for naval bombardment - see appx 'E' Part V".

(c) Add new para 26A -

" 26A. Distribution of force to ships on D Day - see appx 'M' ".

(d) Add new para 56 -

" 56. Distribution lists of all appxs and traces - see appx 'N'.

2. Appx 'N' to 9 Aust Div OO 1 is att.

3. Until the firm 9 Aust Div OO 1 is produced, appxs and traces will only be distributed to fmns and units directly concerned with them.

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Ref Maps : MORONES : 4 miles to 1 in  
 PORT TUBAN : 1 in to 1 mile  
 TOMAKINE : 1 in to 1 mile

20 Feb 45.

INFM

1. Topography

As per 9 Aust Div Int Summary 1 Exercise SEAGULL and addenda.

2. Enemy

(a) Disposns and strs

As per 9 Aust Div Int Summary 1 Exercise SEAGULL and addenda.

(b) Forecast of possible action

- (i) See paras 18 and 25 to 9 Aust Div Int Summary 1 - Exercise SEAGULL.
- (ii) In addition, it is considered that the enemy forces along the EAST and SOUTH coasts of MORONES are acting as grns to beachheads, and, with the possible exception of one bn at TUGAYA, are unlikely to be moved rapidly to repel a ldg until the enemy is certain of our main intentions, particularly in view of the Corps Deception Plan.

3. Own tps

- (a) 1 Aust Corps is to capture the island of MORONES to permit its development as an adv base for the est of naval and air facilities on this island. The initial ldg is to be made by 9 Aust Div Gp. 7 Aust Div Gp is the follow up force and will land in the same area. 6 Aust Div is to remain as Corps res at WEWAK.

(b) Role of 7 Aust Div

- (i) Land in the beachhead area captured by 9 Aust Div Gp.
- (ii) Seize and hold TOMAKINE to permit its use as a port and probable development as a subsidiary base.

(c) Paratps

1 Aust Para Bn is available to 9 Aust Div from D Day onwards, with a probable role as follows :-

- (i) When ops for the capture of KENAPAI are under way, 1 Aust Para Bn will land in the area 227074 with a view to seizing br at 228073 and capturing KENAPAI.
- (ii) Hold KENAPAI to permit its development as a fwd base for further subsequent coastwise ops.

4. Additional tps under comd and tps leaving comd

See appx 'A'



5. Naval commitments incl sp by carrier based aircraft

Allied Naval Forces are supporting the op by :-

- (a) Transporting and ldg the force and providing naval protection for the op.
- (b) Providing naval bombardment in sp of the ldg.
- (c) Arranging for fighter cover for convoys.
- (d) Providing close air sp for the ldg until relieved of this responsibility by land based aircraft on D plus 8. See also para 6 (c).
- (e) Denying enemy seaborne rfts and sups to MORONES ISLAND.
- (f) Establishing motor torpedo boat bases on MORONES ISLAND to permit of their op by D plus 2. After D plus 2, establishing naval facilities on MORONES ISLAND.

6. Air

(a) Prior to D Day

Allied aircraft operating from central PHILIPPINES are to :-

- (i) Mask our intention by large scale offensives on strategical targets.
- (ii) Neutralise enemy activities incl destruction of hostile shipping at APARRI and SAN FERNANDO in northern LUZON and port installations within striking distance of the area of intended ops.
- (iii) Provide fighter cover for convoys in coop with Allied Naval Forces.
- (iv) Provide long range anti submarine and surface ship patrols for protection of convoys in coop with Allied Naval Forces.
- (v) Assist in Deception Plan - see para 7.

(b) D Day and thereafter

Allied aircraft operating from central PHILIPPINES are to :-

- (i) Continue neutralisation of enemy activities within striking distance of the area of intended ops as necessary.
- (ii) Assist Allied Naval Forces in denying enemy seaborne rfts and sups to MORONES ISLAND.
- (iii) Provide tpt aircraft on a limited scale.

(c) D Day to D plus 8 both incl

- (i) Eight escort carriers with a total of 128 fighters and 96 bombers are to be responsible for CS of the op. Availability of aircraft approx 50% of total.
- (ii) 1 Aust Corps tps are to have constructed an airfd at 8339 to be called MONACO No.1 airfd.
- (iii) On D plus 8, responsibility for provision of CS is to be taken over by land based aircraft operating from MONACO No.1 airfd.



(d) From D plus 8 onwards

- (i) CS is to be provided by RAAF land based aircraft operating from MONACO No.1 airfd.
- (ii) On D plus 8, six fighter sqns and one tac R sqn are to be operating from MONACO No.1 airfd. In addition, it will be possible for med bombers from central PHILIPPINES to stage through.
- (iii) On D plus 10, the following are to be operating from MONACO No.1 airfd :-

six fighter sqns  
three med bomber sqns  
one tac R sqn  
one comn flt

- (iv) By D plus 30, 1 Aust Corps tps are to have constructed an airfd at map ref 9039 to be called MONACO No.2.

(e) Air warning is being provided as follows :-

- (i) Prior to est of Fighter Control Centre - on the HF local airwarning network
- (ii) When Fighter Control Centre is est -- by line or RT from Fighter Control Centre.

7. 1 Aust Corps Deception Plan

Issued separately to bde comds and CRA only.

INTENTION

8. 9 Aust Div Gp will seize and hold a Covering Posn in the area GILLAMATONG - PORT TUBAN as shown in trace 'P' att with a view to :-

- (a) Protecting the ldg of the remainder of the force
- (b) Controlling the ensuing ops of 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp against TOMAKINE until 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp reverts comd 7 Aust Div.
- (c) Covering the est of an Aust base area.
- (d) Permitting the est of lt naval and air facilities in this locality
- (e) Capturing NUSA to secure harbour facilities for the Allied Forces.

METHOD

9. Summary

9 Aust Div incl 20, 21, 24 and 26 Aust Inf Bde Gps and 1 and 2 Aust Beach Gps will land with two aslt bdes and two res bdes in the area of MONACO.

10. Groupings

The composition of bde gps and div tps, showing units under comd and in sp and showing the arrival of units by days at the far shore are shown in the att appxs :-

Appx 'B' Part I	24 Aust Inf Bde Gp
Appx 'B' Part II	26 Aust Inf Bde Gp
Appx 'B' Part III	20 Aust Inf Bde Gp
Appx 'B' Part IV	21 Aust Inf Bde Gp
Appx 'B' Part V	9 Aust Div Tps
<i>Appx B Part IV 1 + 2 Aust Beach Gps</i>	



11. Aslt bdes

LEFT

RIGHT

24 Aust Inf Bde Gp

26 Aust Inf Bde Gp

12. Beaches

(a) Subdiv from RIGHT to LEFT :-

See Appxs 'A' and 'B' to 9 Aust Div Int Summary 1 Exercise SEAGULL -

(i) CHARLIE Sector

GREEN Beach	-	600 yds
YELLOW Beach	-	500 yds
RED Beach	-	500 yds

(ii) DOG Sector

GREEN Beach	-	500 yds
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(b) Allotment for ldg

(i) 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp - CHARLIE GREEN and CHARLIE YELLOW

(ii) 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp - CHARLIE RED and DOG GREEN

13. Inter-bde bdy

Incl 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp - gen line pt 500 yds EAST of MONACO 847327 - track bend 870352 - rd and track junc 872360 - rd bend 873377 - rd junc 876413 - excl 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp - rd from 885410 to 000536.

14. Objectives

Objectives are shown on trace 'P' att.

15. Tasks of aslt bdes

(a) 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp

with 2 aslt bns

(i) Land and capture first objective, see trace 'P' att.

(ii) Take up def posn with one bn gp along rd 885410 - 000536 on outskirts of Covering Posn, to prevent enemy mov from NE.

(iii) Seize and hold area rd juncs 950290 and 940273 and eliminate enemy in PORT TUBAN. Also take up def posn along track 928329 - 000344 with a view to preventing enemy mov from the EAST.

(iv) Take up def posns on all tracks leading in from the EAST and clear up any enemy remaining in PORT TUBAN PENINSULA.

(v) Concurrently with above tasks, capture enemy gun posns at 913172, 911170, 895182 and 894187 as early as possible by either effecting a subsidiary ldg on nearby beaches or by overland approach from MONACO.

(b) 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp

with 2 aslt bns

(i) Land and capture first objective, see trace 'P' att.



- (ii) Seize crossing places over VIGA RIVER
- (iii) Eliminate enemy posns remaining with 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp sector of the Covering Posn.
- (iv) Take up def posns on the outskirts of the Covering Posn on TOMAKINE RD and rd and tracks leading in from the NORTH to prevent enemy mov from the WEST and NORTH.

16. Res

Res bdes will land in the following order :-

- (a) 21 Aust Inf Bde
- (b) 20 Aust Inf Bde.

17. Tasks of res bdes

(a) 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp

- (i) Land within the Covering Posn and move to assembly area at 8537.
- (ii) Be prepared to move through 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp when the LEFT sector of the Covering Posn is secure and seize and hold TOMAKINE to permit its use as a port and probable development as a subsidiary base.
- (iii) Ops for the capture of TOMAKINE will be pressed vigorously.

(b) 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp

Land within the Covering Posn and remain in div res in gen area rd junc 890320.

18. Air

(a) CS

The programme for CS of the op is set out in appx 'C'.Part I

(b) Requests for air sp from D to D plus 8

- (i) Requests for air sp will be passed through air liaison party and sp aircraft party channels to sp aircraft controller.
- (ii) Allotment of sp aircraft parties and air liaison parties :-

Sp aircraft party. Air liaison parties

20 Aust Inf Bde	1	-
24 Aust Inf Bde	1	4
26 Aust Inf Bde	1	4
21 Aust Inf Bde	1	3
HQ 9 Aust Div	1	1

Sp aircraft party allotted 20 Aust Inf Bde reverts to comd 7 Aust Div subsequent to the ldg of HQ 7 Aust Div on D plus 4.

- (iii) Any unit on the air sp net may initiate a request at any time, providing the net is clear. See air sp net diagram att to appx 'C' Part IV.
- (iv) Requests for immediate air sp will NOT be coded. A "SHACKLE" code will be provided for msgs requiring some degree of security.



(v) On D plus 8 after land based aircraft take over responsibility for CS, US air liaison and sp aircraft parties leave comd 9 Aust Div.

(c) Requests for air sp from D plus 8 onwards.

Details later.

(d) Army coop RAAF

(i) Six Auster aircraft will be landed on D Day and remain under control 9 Aust Div until D plus 4.

Priority of tasks - Arty R, limited tac R, comds and engr recce.

Requests will be passed to HQ 9 Aust Div.

(ii) One tac R sqn is to begin operating on D plus 5. Requests for tac R - normal.

(iii) One comm flt is to begin operating on D plus 10. Details later.

(e) Ground panels

See para 50 below.

(f) List of targets

List of alternative and possible subsequent prearranged targets, is set out in appx 'C' Part II.

18A ARMOUR. (a) One sqn less two tps will land on D Day

19. RAA (b) Allotment 24 Aust Inf Bde - one tp  
26 Div Reserve - one tp  
Sqn less four tps

(a) As soon as HQ 9 Aust Div, incl HQ RAA, lands, comd of all fd arty AA arty and naval bombardment tps will pass to CRA. When 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp passes through 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp, arty units in sp of 21 Aust Inf Bde will revert under comd of that bde.

(b) Allotment of fd arty

See appx 'B'

(c) AA arty

will be

(i) RAA 9 Aust Div / responsible for AA def of the Covering Posn until D plus 4, when 1 Aust Corps is to assume responsibility.

(ii) 53 Aust Comp AA Regt will be used only within the Covering Posn.

(d) Tasks AA arty

(i) Protection of beachhead

(ii) Protection of gun areas

(iii) Protection of Auster airstrip and constr work on airfids

(iv) Guns sited near the coast will be given an alternative task of beach def.

(e) Air warning

See para 6 (e) above.



20. RAE

- (a) As soon as HQ 9 Aust Div, incl HQ RAE, lands, comd of all RAE units in 9 Aust Div Gp will pass to CRE. When 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp passes through 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp, engr units in sp 21 Aust Inf Bde will revert under comd of that bde.
- (b) Allotment of tps - see appx 'B'
- (c) Tasks
  - (i) RAE is responsible for breaching the obstacle described in appx 'G' to 9 Aust Div Int Summary 1 Exercise SEAGULL, and all obstacles inshore from that obstacle.
  - (ii) To provide and mark at least two 30 ft gaps per aslt inf coy in the underwater obstacles for passage of aslt waves.
  - (iii) Manning, erection and maint of NL pontoons for LST causeways.
  - (iv) Clearance of underwater and land obstacles in the beach area to facilitate the beaching of craft and mov of vehs from the beach.
  - (v) Development of water sup
  - (vi) Provision of engr services for development of BMA.
  - (vii) Constr, improvement, maint and marking of comns incl brs and sup routes for vehs.
  - (viii) Engr sp of land ops
  - (ix) Constr of airstrip (see para 31 below).

21. Beach Gps

(a) Tps

1 Aust Beach Gp with under comd :

2/1 Aust Pnr Bn

2 Aust Beach Gp with under comd :

2/3 Aust Pnr Bn

1 Aust BD Pl

2/187 Aust Sup Dep Pl

(b) Allotment to beaches

2 Aust Beach Gp - CHARLIE GREEN and CHARLIE YELLOW

1 Aust Beach Gp - CHARLIE RED and DOG GREEN

(c) Comd

HQ Beach Sub Area under comd 9 Aust Div will comd both 1 and 2 Aust Beach Gps.

22. Pnrs

(a) Allotment of tps

2/1 Aust Pnr Bn under comd 1 Aust Beach Gp

2/3 Aust Pnr Bn under comd 2 Aust Beach Gp



(b) Tasks

- (i) Provision of lab as required for unloading etc
- (ii) Def tasks as ordered

23. Timetable of events prior to H hr

See appx 'D'

24. Naval bombardment

- (a) The ldg will be supported by a preliminary naval bombardment.
- (b) Naval units available for sp - see appx 'E' Part I
- (c) Allotment of SFCEPs -
  - 24 Aust Inf Bde - Two SFCEPs A Aust Naval Bombardment Tp
  - Two SFCEPs B Aust Naval Bombardment Tp
  - 26 Aust Inf Bde - Three SFCEPs B Aust Naval Bombardment Tp
  - Unallotted - Three SFCEPs A Aust Naval Bombardment Tp

Two SFCEPs A Aust Naval Bombardment Tp from 24 Aust Inf Bde will come under cmd 21 Aust Inf Bde when the latter passes through 24 Aust Inf Bde.
- (d) Naval bombardment task table - see appx 'E' Part II
- (e) CS and smoke fire plan - see appx 'E' Part III.
- (f) Diagrammatic layout of naval bombardment plan - see traces Q and R.  
*list of prearranged targets for naval bombardment - appx 'E' Part V*
- (g) Freqs, call signs and code names - see appx 'E' Part IV.

25. Subsequent tasks

- (a) Following the capture of the Covering Posn, ops for the capture of NUSA and TOMAKINE will be pressed vigorously.
- (b) 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp
  - (i) See para 17 above
  - (ii) 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be reverted to cmd 7 Aust Div after HQ 7 Aust Div has landed and is ready to assume cmd.
- (c) 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp
  - (i) When the Covering Posn has been secured, 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will advise HQ 9 Aust Div as to the earliest time at which 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp may pass through their posns and arrangements made to facilitate their mov to TOMAKINE.
  - (ii) When 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp has passed through, 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be prepared immediately to adv on orders from HQ 9 Aust Div and capture KENAPAI and clear DIDONG, moving up the rd running parallel to the WEST side of LAKE MURDI.
  - (iii) Thereafter be prepared to take part in a coastwise op via MARAMAG with a view to capturing NUSA.
- (d) 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp
  - (i) Land within the Covering Posn and remain in div res in gen area rd junc 890320
  - (ii) When the Covering Posn is secure, be prepared immediately to adv on KENAPAI, moving up the rd running parallel to the WEST side of LAKE MURDI.



(iii) Be prepared to take part in a coastwise op via MARAMAG to capture NUSA.

(e) 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp

- (i) On mov NORTH of 20 and 24 Aust Inf Bde Gps, and until northward mov of 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp, the latter will take over responsibility for the def of the whole Covering Posn incl seaward def, (see para 35 below) and remain in div res.
- (ii) Occupy a def posn at the southern end of the foot track running due SOUTH from NUSA, sufficiently strong to stop any enemy mov down the track.

26. Distribution of force to ships

See appx 'F'

26A *Distribution of force to ships on D Day see appx 'm'*

27. Ldg plan

See appx 'G'

28. Ldg and wave diagram

See appx 'H'

29. Amphibians

(a) Allotment of tps

(b) Comd

30. Scales for ldg

(a) Aslt bde gps will embark on aslt scale and be increased to lt scale on D plus 1 and to normal scale on D plus 12.

(b) Res bde gps and div tps will embark on lt scale and be increased to normal scale by D plus 12.

31. Airfd constr

CRE 9 Aust Div will arrange for the constr of a strip for Auster aircraft in the vicinity of 9039 to be operative NOT later than D plus 1. If materials cannot be moved to this projected site in time, an alternative site will be selected.

32. D Day

28 Mar 45.

33. H hr

0730H.

34. Postponement of D Day

Issued later.



35. Comd

- (a) 9 Aust Div will comd all units in the objective area from D to D plus 3 both incl.
- (b) On D plus 4, it is intended that HQ 1 Aust Corps assumes comd of :-
  - (i) All units 1 Aust Corps and 1 Aust Base Sub Area NOT allotted to 9 Aust Div
  - (ii) HQ Beach Sub Area
  - (iii) 1 Aust Beach Gp
  - (iv) 2 Aust Beach Gp
  - (v) US Amphibian Tk Bn, US Amphibian Tractor Bn and Boat Bn ESB.
- (c) It is intended that HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area assumes comd of :-
  - (i) On D plus 7 - all units of 1 Aust Base Sub Area
    - HQ Beach Sub Area
    - 1 Aust Beach Gp
    - 2 Aust Beach Gp
  - (ii) On D plus 11 - AA units allotted to def of BMA, port and airfids within the Covering Posn. This will probably incl 53 Aust Comp AA Regt.

36. Beach def

- (a) Responsibility for seaward beach def will be as follows :-
  - (i) Beaches EAST of CHARLIE GREEN within the Covering Posn -
    - 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp
  - (ii) CHARLIE GREEN and CHARLIE YELLOW -
    - 2 Aust Beach Gp
  - (iii) CHARLIE RED and DOG GREEN -
    - 1 Aust Beach Gp
  - (iv) Beaches WEST of DOG GREEN within the Covering Posn -
    - 04 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

CRA 9 Aust Div will coord seaward and AA def and org a coastwatching system.
- (b) In the event of 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp moving out of the Covering Posn before 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp, the latter will take over the responsibility shown in sub-para (a) (iv) above.
- (c) After both 20 and 24 Aust Inf Bde Gps have moved out of the Covering Posn and until D plus 7, 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp will take over the responsibility shown in sub-para (a) (iv) in addition to that shown in sub-para (a) (i) and will coord def with HQ Beach Sub Area and 1 and 2 Aust Beach Gps. 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp will then coord seaward and AA def, and est a coastwatching system.
- (d) It is intended that 1 Aust Base Sub Area assumes responsibility for close seaward def of the area on D plus 7.







46. Wireless silence

Wireless silence will be maintained by all arms wireless stas afloat until H minus 1 hr. Listening watch will be kept from 1800H on D minus 1. Emergency comms afloat will be passed over navy channels prior to H minus 1 hr. Wireless silence will be imposed or broken only by means of the appropriate codewords.

47. Code signs and code names

To be issued to all concerned through sig channels.

48. Code words

- (a) Codewords for locations, see appx 'K'
- (b) Additional code words for locations will NOT be used by fmns or units without prior approval from HQ 9 Aust Div.

49. Comms for Naval Sp

- (a) Allotment of freqs, call signs and code names, see appx 'E' Part IV
- (b) Comn diagram - see appx 'E' Part V

50. Comn to air by ground panels

- (a) CCBP 8 Combined Panel Code will be used
- (b) Allotment of blocks of identification panel display numbers - see appx 'C' Part III. Bdes etc will advise HQ 9 Aust Div details of suballotment of numbers.
- (c) If required, local assignment meanings will be allotted by HQ 9 Aust Div.

51. Synchronisation

Watches will be synchronised on time sigs from BBC or ABC broadcasts.

52. Time zone

Time zone suffix will be 'H'. To determine the time from this zone, 8 hrs will be added to GMT or 2 hrs subtracted from Aust Eastern Standard Time.

53. Codes and Ciphers

- (a) Codes will be adopted as follows :-

- (i) Combined Aslt Code CCBP 0130D for all encoding other than cipher mags, in the initial phases up to 0700H on D plus 3.
- (ii) "Trencode" - for all encoding by fd units subsequent to 0700H D plus 3.
- (iii) "Slidex" - for RT code.

- (b) Ciphers

Div level - High grade G19/4  
Bde level - Med grade G33  
Unit level - Fd grade

- (c) Complete distribution of documents and keys with regard to security will be effected through sig channels.



54. Code word for the op will be "SEAGULL"

55. Sig plan and diagrams - see appx 'L'

56. *Distribution list of all appxs - see appx 'N'*

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RAE 9 Aust Div	6	6
Sigs 9 Aust Div	7	7
2/2 Aust MG Bn	8	8
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	9	9
AASC 9 Aust Div	10	10
2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp	11	11
* 21 Aust Inf Bde	12	12
* 1 Aust Beach Gp	13	13
2 Aust Beach Gp	14	14
2/9 Aust Armd Regt	15	15
* 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	16	16
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ADDITIONAL TPS UNDER COMD AND TPS LEAVING COMD

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ADDITIONAL TPS UNDER COMD 9 AUST DIV

Beach gps under comd

- 1 Aust Beach Gp
- 2 Aust Beach Gp

7 Aust Div tps allotted under comd

- 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp
- 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn

C tps allotted under comd 9 Aust Div

- 2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp
- HQ Beach Sub Area
- det 2 Aust AAPIU
- 34 Aust FS Sec (EE)
- 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
- A and B Tps 1 Aust Naval Bombardment Gp
- 53 Aust Comp AA Regt (LE)
- one bty 2/4 Aust LAA Regt
- 1 Aust BD Pl
- one tp 2/3 Aust Indep Fd Sqn
- det 5 Aust Fd Svy Coy
- 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp
- 53 Aust Comp AA Regt Sig Sec
- 2 Aust Line Sec
- 3 Aust Pigeon Sec
- det 2 Aust Wireless Sec (lt)
- 3 Aust WT Sec (lt)
- 7 Aust WT Sec (lt)
- one tpt pl 4 Aust Armd Bde Coy AASC
- 2/21 Aust Tpt Pl (TS)
- 2/3 Aust Amphibious Veh Increment (TS)
- 2/15 Aust Fd Amb
- two Surgical Teams
- 103 Aust Mob Bact Lab
- 109 Aust Adv Dep Med Stores
- 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk
- 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp (Type B)
- 53 Aust Comp AA Regt Wksp
- det 2/4 Aust LAA Regt Wksp

C tps allotted under comd 21 Aust Inf Bde

- 3 Aust Line Sec
- one sqn 2/5 Aust Armd Regt
- one tp LAA bty 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt
- det 2/5 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp
- det 2/5 Aust Armd Regt Wksp
- det 2/91 Aust LAD
- det 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt Wksp
- det 1 Aust Mil Ldg Gp
- det 35 Aust FS Sec (EE)
- one Surgical Team



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1 Aust Base Sub Area Tps under comd

15 Aust Fd Baking Pl  
2/106 Aust GT Coy

US Forces under comd 9 Aust Div

Amphibian Tk Bn  
Amphibian Tractor Bn  
Boat Bn ESE  
eight reps Partisan Forces  
Naval Lisison Party  
det Local Adm Unit  
three Sp Aircraft Parties  
nine Air Lisison Parties

US Forces under comd 21 Aust Inf Bde

three Air Liaison Parties  
two Sp Aircraft Parties

TPS TEMPORARILY LEAVING COMD 9 AUST DIV

9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office  
115 Aust Mob Cinema  
116 Aust Mob Cinema  
2/8 Aust Dental Unit less three secs

These units will revert to comd 9 Aust Div on arrival at far shore approx D plus 23.



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Appx 'C' Part I

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CS PROGRAMME - D to D PLUS 8 INCL

(Issued with 9 Aust Div 001 of 20 Feb 45)

Serial	Task	Number of Aircraft	Time
<u>D DAY</u>			
1	Attack known AA guns around MONACO airfd with the object of keeping AA crews at the guns until naval fire comes down on them. Altitude of attack to be NOT less than 5000 ft.	15 bombers 14 fighters carrier based	Attack to last from H minus 117 until H minus 100
2	Lay initial smoke curtain along beaches CHARLIE and DOG between bunkers and beach obstacle from 835317 to 835326	2 bombers 4 fighters carrier based	Exactly at H minus 77
3	Med level bombing of the four 120 mm dual purpose guns on the peninsula SOUTH of PORT TUBAIL. Object as in serial 1.	12 bombers 6 fighters carrier based	Attack to last from H minus 117 until H minus 100
4	Smoke aircraft on air alert, on call from ground comds. Requests will be made by units on air sp net and are subject to approval of next senior comd who is also on air sp net.	2 bombers carrier based	From first lt until H plus 120
5	Airborne observer over beachhead area with specific task of making any necessary corrections to predicted naval fire on AA guns around MONACO airfd and main task of reporting on own and enemy activity to Comd 9 Aust Div, especially posn of unlocated guns in beachhead area.	1 bomber carrier based	From first lt until last lt.
6	Fighters and bombers on air alert, on call from ground comds. Requests will be made by units on air sp net and are subject to approval of next senior comd who is also on air sp net.	9 bombers 12 fighters carrier based	H hr to H plus 10 hrs
7	Destroy long steel br near TUGAYA at map ref square 8895 with the object of considerably hampering mov of Jap res, especially arty.	Two sqns attack bombers land based.	NOT before H plus 60. NOT after H plus 100.
8	Tac R TUGAYA - BINBINNIE - GALGUAN with the object of reporting mov of enemy res. Also to attack opportunity targets particularly mov along rds.	1 bomber 2 fighters carrier based	NOT before H plus 3 hrs. NOT after H plus 3½ hrs.
9	Tac R rd MONACO - RENAPAI - MARALAG - NUSA. Object as in serial 8.	1 bomber 2 fighters carrier based	NOT before H plus 5 hrs. NOT after H plus 6 hrs.
10	Tac R repeating serial 8	1 bomber 2 fighters carrier based	NOT before H plus 7 hrs NOT after H plus 7½ hrs.



Serial	Task	Number of Aircraft	Time
11	Tac R repeating serial 9	1 bomber 2 fighters carrier based	NOT before H plus 8½ hrs NOT after H plus 9½ hrs.
12	Res on call from carriers, available for two sorties per aircraft per day.	16 bombers 8 fighters carrier based	H plus 60 until last lt.
13	Ph R. Vertical line overlaps, as large a scale as possible of the rd DIDONG - KENAPAI - TAGANI - MARAAG. Object to obtain infm of route and beaches for subsequent coastwise move.  D PLUS 1 TO D PLUS 8 INCL	Number unspecified, carrier based.	As soon as possible after first lt.
14	Fighters and bombers on air alert on call as in serial 6.	9 bombers 12 fighters carrier based	From first lt to 1800 hrs.
15	Armed barge sweep along EAST coast from SANLANGOE to NUSA. Object to locate barge staging pts and destroy barges.	One sqn of attack bombers land based.	Commence search at SANLANGOE as early as possible.
16	Armed barge sweep westward along coast from TOMAKINE and up WEST coast to 12 miles NORTH of SIRAWAI. Object as in serial 2.	One sqn of attack bombers land based.	Commence search at TOMAKINE as early as possible.
17	Armed barge sweep as in serial 15	One sqn of attack bombers land based.	Timed to arrive as late as possible.
18	Armed barge sweep as in serial 16	One sqn of attack bombers land based.	Timed to arrive NORTH of TOMAKINE as late as possible.
19	Res aircraft on call from carriers available for two sorties per aircraft per day.	18 bombers 12 fighters carrier based.	First lt until last lt.
20	Airborne observer reporting to Comd 9 Aust Div on activity of own and enemy tps.	1 bomber carrier based	First lt until last lt.
21	Ph aircraft at 2½ hrs call on carriers	Unspecified number carrier based	First lt until last lt.
22	Smoke aircraft on 4 hrs call on carriers	4 bombers carrier based	First lt until last lt.

NOTE : Naval aircraft capabilities are :-

Fighters - Normal range radius 150 miles. Maximum range 200 miles. Bombload 1 x 500 lb bomb.

Bombers - Range radius the same as fighters. Bombload 2000 lbs.



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LIST OF ALTERNATIVE AND POSSIBLE AIRFORCE TARGETS

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Targets listed below may be used either as alternative targets in the event of weather preventing strikes on primary targets, or as subsequent pre-arranged targets as operational requirements dictate :-

Target

- (a) Br 192139 at NUSA
- (b) Br 221104
- (c) Hq 2 Bn 95 Inf Regt house 348637  
ref map TOMAKINE 1 in to 1 mile.
- (d) Br 133067, 400 ft.
- (e) Grounded aircraft at NUSA and SIRAWAI.
- (f) Brs along NORTH coast. Pending further  
infrm, MASONGA RIVER br 140144.
- (g) Br 081151
- (h) Br over deep gorge 038115
- (j) Brs between MARAMAG and NUSA.
- (k) Area WEST of FORD at 875420
- (l) : Area WEST of br at 850388
- (m) Area approx 820360
- (n) GILLAMATONG.



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IDENTIFICATION OF HQ TO AIRCRAFT

ALLOTMENT OF UNIT IDENTIFICATION PANEL GPS.

(Issued with 9 Aust Div OO 1 of 20 Feb 45).

20 Aust Inf Bde	550 - 565 incl
24 Aust Inf Bde	566 - 581 incl
26 Aust Inf Bde	582 - 597 incl
2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	615 - 618 incl
RAA 9 Aust Div	598 - 614 incl
2/2 Aust MG Bn	619 - 623 incl
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	624 - 628 incl
2/9 Aust Armd Regt	629 - 633 incl
2 Aust Beach Gp	634 - 639 incl
Adv HQ 9 Aust Div	640
Main HQ 9 Aust Div	641

Eight spare gps will be held by HQ 9 Aust Div  
to be issued as required.



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TIMETABLE OF EVENTS PRIOR TO H HR WITH REF TO BREACHING  
OF OBSTACLE AND LDG OF ASSLT INF

(Issued with 9 Aust Div 00 1 of 20 Feb 45)

MAIN LDG BEACH

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
0533 H minus 117	RAE demolition parties debark LSTs in LMTA 4.
0602 H minus 38	Naval bombardment in sp RAE begins.
0612 H minus 73	Naval bombardment in sp RAE ends.
0613 H minus 77	Aircraft lay smoke screen across ldg beach.
0614 H minus 76	6 LCI(R) and 2 LCI(G) begin firing smoke, HE and SAA.
0618 H minus 72	RAE demolition parties reach obstacle, make 2 x 30 ft gaps. If time available RAE will continue making gaps until 0648H.
0648 H minus 42	RAE demolition parties depart obstacle.
0652 H minus 38	LCI(R) and LCI(G) cease firing.
0654 H minus 36	All craft at safe distance from beach. Naval bombardment of ldg beach begins.
0724 H minus 6	Naval bombardment of ldg beaches ends.
0730 H Hr	First wave of aslt inf reach beach.

SUBSIDIARY LDG ON PORT TUBAN PENINSULA

NOT yet decided



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9 AUST DIV SECURITY INSTR - EXERCISE SEAGULL

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1. At all levels, dissemination of infm or plans concerning the op will be restricted to the minimum staff and arms and services advisers commensurate with efficiency, and even then individuals will be told only sufficient of the infm or plans to enable them to perform their particular tasks.

2. Planning Time-table

The time-table for disclosure of the plan to subordinate comds or tps is as follows :-

- |  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| (a) Bde comds, CRA, CRE, CO Sigs, CASC, PMLO, Comd Beach Gp, ADMS, ADOS, CEME. | Already "in the know".           |
| (b) Bn comds or equivalent (NOT included above)                                | NOT before D minus 30.           |
| (c) Coy comds or equivalent  | NOT before sailing date minus 7. |
| (d) Pl comds or equivalent   | NOT before sailing date minus 4. |
| (e) Tps  | NOT before sailing date minus 2. |

Tps will NOT be infm of the date of D Day or actual place-names in the area of ops until after they have sailed on the last stage of their voyage.

3. Office security

- (a) As far as practicable, planning will be performed only in tents or buildings specially set aside for the purpose. These will be specially guarded against access by unauthorised persons.
- (b) The number of clerks, draughtsmen or other OR called upon to do work concerned with planning, will be kept to the absolute minimum and they will be impressed with the necessity for maintaining complete secrecy about this work.

4. "In the know" lists

- (a) HQ 9 Aust Div will fwd separately to recipients of 9 Aust Div OO 1, a list of those offrs who have been put "in the know" during planning at div level. The names of offrs subsequently put "in the know" by HQ 9 Aust Div will be similarly notified from time to time.
- (b) Recipients of 9 Aust Div OO 1 will fwd to HQ 9 Aust Div, a list of those offrs of their fm or unit or supporting arms or services who are put "in the know" and any additions made from time to time prior to coy comds being put "in the know". Copies of such lists and additions will also be supplied to subordinate HQ as their comds are put "in the know".



- (c) Offrs whose names appear on "in the know" lists held at fmh or unit HQ will familiarise themselves with these lists and will discuss infm and plans only with those offrs whose names appear on these lists. Care will be taken that discussions do NOT take place within the hearing of unauthorised persons.

5. Documents, maps, air phs and models

All infm, documents, air phs and maps (whether marked or NOT) connected with the op will be classified as TOP SECRET during planning and protected accordingly. Unless special circumstances require otherwise, titling showing location of area of ops will be cut off air phs used for planning. Except in special circumstances, models and air phs of area of ops will NOT be marked with actual place names or actual map grids or code words that will be used in the op.

6. Censorship

- (a) From sailing date minus 7, cable and telegram facilities will be withdrawn from all ranks, except that cables and telegrams may be lodged in special cases approved by the Unit Security Offr. All such cables and telegrams are to be recensored by the fd censorship coy before despatch.
- (b) Special care will be taken by unit franking offrs to ensure that presence of units in the staging areas is NOT disclosed, and that NO indications are given of the impending op.

7. Promulgation.

A copy of this Security Instr will be read and initialled by all persons who are put "in the know" by recipients of this instr. A copy will also be issued by fmns to unit COs as they become "in the know" and the COs will in turn be responsible that their copy is similarly initialled.

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# DISTRIBUTION OF APPXS AND TRACE

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26 Aust Inf Bde	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
2/2 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	4	4	4	4	-	-	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	-	-
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RAE 9 Aust Div	6	6	6	6	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5
Sigs 9 Aust Div	7	7	7	7	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	6
2/2 Aust MG Bn	8	8	8	8	-	-	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	-	-
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	9	9	9	9	-	-	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	-	-
AAJC 9 Aust Div	10	10	-	10	-	7	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	-	-
2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp	11	11	10	11	7	8	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	7	7
+ 21 Aust Inf Bde	12	12	11	12	8	9	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	8	8
+ 1 Aust Beach Gp	13	13	12	13	-	10	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	-	-
2 Aust Beach Gp	14	14	13	14	-	11	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	-	-
2/9 Aust Armd Regt	15	15	14	15	-	-	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	-	-
+ 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn	16	16	15	16	-	-	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	-	-



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+ Air Force	21	-	19	21	12	-	-	-	21	21	21	21	21	21	12	12
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+ 7 Aust Div	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	23	23	23	23	23	-	-
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AQ	28	22	25	25	18	21	26	26	28	28	28	28	28	28	18	18
+ Rear HQ 9 Aust Div	29	23	26	26	19	22	27	27	29	29	29	29	29	29	19	19
ADMS	30	24	-	27	-	23	28	28	30	30	30	30	30	30	-	-
ADOS	31	25	-	-	-	24	29	29	31	31	31	31	31	31	-	-
CEME	32	26	-	-	-	25	30	30	32	32	32	32	32	32	-	-
DAPM	33	27	-	-	-	26	31	31	33	33	33	33	33	33	-	-
+ Camp	34	28	-	-	-	27	32	32	34	34	34	34	34	34	-	-
File	35	29	27	28	20	28	33	33	35	35	35	35	35	35	20	20
War Diary	36-37	30-31	28-29	29-30	21-22	29-30	34-35	34-35	36-37	36-37	36-37	36-37	36-37	36-37	21-22	21-22

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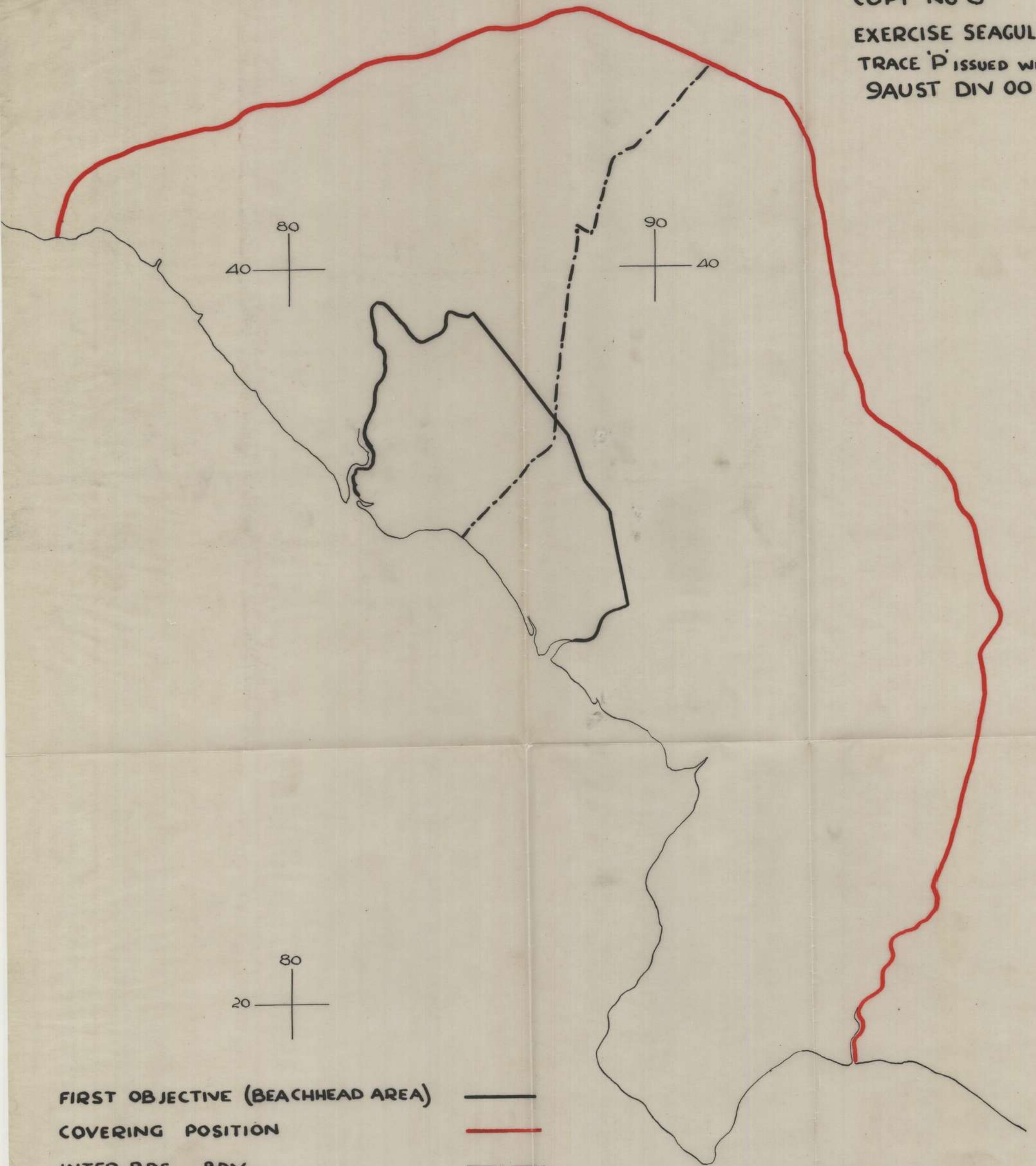


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EXERCISE SEAGULL

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FIRST OBJECTIVE (BEACHHEAD AREA)

COVERING POSITION

INTER-BDE BDY

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SUBJECT : EXERCISE SEAGULL - PLANNING ON BDE LEVEL

HQ 9 Aust Div  
G. 11/28/1  
21 Feb 45.

1. For the purposes of Exercise SEAGULL, 20 Aust Inf Bde will plan the op of 21 Aust Inf Bde.
2. Att as appx 'A' is a list of units of 9 Aust Div equivalent to those of 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp. These units will plan under 20 Aust Inf Bde.
3. The nomenclature of units in 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp will be used.
4. Where equivalent units or sub-units are NOT shown, relevant units arms services and HQ will be responsible for supplying all necessary infm.

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20 Aust Inf Bde  
24 Aust Inf Bde  
26 Aust Inf Bde  
2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt  
RAA 9 Aust Div  
RAE 9 Aust Div  
Sigs 9 Aust Div  
2/2 Aust MG Bn  
AASC 9 Aust Div  
2/9 Aust Armd Regt  
Comd  
G (2)  
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ADLS  
ADOS  
CEME  
DAPM  
PMLO



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EXERCISE SEAGULL

Appx 'A' to 9 Aust Div  
G. 11/28/1 of 21 Feb 45

UNITS OF 9 AUST DIV EQUIVALENT TO UNITS 21 AUST INF BDE GP

Ser ial	20 Aust Inf Bde Gp	21 Aust Inf Bde Gp
1	HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde
2	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	2/14 Aust Inf Bn
3	2/15 Aust Inf Bn	2/16 Aust Inf Bn
4	2/17 Aust Inf Bn	2/27 Aust Inf Bn
5	1 Pl A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	4 Pl B Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
6	B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn	A Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn
7	2/12 Aust Cdo Sqn	2/5 Aust Cdo Sqn
8	2/8 Aust Fd Regt	2/5 Aust Fd Regt
9	10 bty 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt	one bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt
10	one tp 8 Aust Svy Bty	one tp 2/7 Aust Svy Bty
11	met sec 8 Aust Svy Bty	met sec 2/7 Aust Svy Bty
12	2/3 Aust Fd Coy	2/5 Aust Fd Coy
13	20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
14	det B Sec Sigs 9 Aust Siv	det B Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div
15	det 2/43 Aust Cipher Sec	det 2/42 Aust Cipher Sec
16	det 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt Sig Tp	det 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt Sig Tp
17	2/8 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec	2/5 Aust Fd Regt Sig Sec
18	det 3 Aust Engr Sig Sec	det 2 Aust Engr Sig Sec
19	det 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt Sig Sec	det 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt Sig Sec
20	2/13 Aust Tpt Pl (lt)	2/8 Aust Tpt Pl (lt)
21	2/26 Aust Sup Dep Pl	2/7 Aust Sup Dep Pl
22	2/8 Aust Fd Amb	2/5 Aust Fd Amb
23		one Surgical Team
24	det 2/3 Aust MCU	det 2/2 Aust MCU
25	sec 2/8 Aust Dental Unit	sec 2/6 Aust Dental Unit
26	2/118 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	2/124 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
27	2/118 Aust Bde Wksp	2/124 Aust Bde Wksp
28	2/58 Aust LAD (Type J)	2/59 Aust LAD (Type J)
29	2/64 Aust LAD (Type D)	2/52 Aust LAD (Type D)
30	det 2/58 Aust LAD (Type G)	det 2/54 Aust LAD (Type G)
31	det B Aust FS Sec	det C Aust FS Sec
32	det 34 Aust FS Sec (EE)	det 35 Aust FS Sec (EE)
33	1 Sec 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	two secs 7 Aust Div Pro Coy
34		det ATIS

ALLOTMENT OF C TPS

35	A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
36	
37	det 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp
38	
39	det 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp
40	
41	
42	det 2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp
43	
44	

ALLOTMENT OF C TPS

one sqn 2/5 Aust Armd Regt
one tp LAA bty 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt
det 2/5 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp
3 Aust Line Sec
det 2/5 Aust Armd Regt Wksp
det 2/91 Aust LAD (att 2/5 Aust Armd Regt)
det 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt Wksp
det 1 Aust Mil Ldg Gp
three AL Parties
one Sp Aircraft Party.



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PROFORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM : 9 AUST DIV

VICT 210900K

TO : LIST 'A' less serials, 10-21, 30, 32-36.

GO2 . SECRET . SEAGULL . ref appx A to 9 aust div G.1/28/1 of  
 37 jan 45 gen instrs . in view delay amend date opposite serial  
 6 to read 24 feb

As written except WT

*ng/ra* Maj

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HQ 9 Aust Div  
G.1/28/1  
27 Jan 45

9 AUST DIV

EXERCISE "SEAGULL"

GEN INSTRS

GEN

1. 1 Aust Corps is conducting an amphibious planning exercise in present locations involving HQ 1 Aust Corps, C Tps, 7 and 9 Aust Divs and 1 Aust Base Sub Area.

OBJECT

2. To exercise HQ staffs in the planning of a "Long Sea Voyage" type of op involving an opposed ldg in coop with naval and air sp.

CONDUCT OF EXERCISE

3. Duration of exercise - 23 Jan 45 to 18 Mar 45.

4. Outline Planning Timetable is att a's appx 'A'.

5. Planning HQ 9 Aust Div

(a) Planning HQ 9 Aust Div will be situated at present location HQ 9 Aust Div.

(b) Tele extensions

For the period of the exercise, the following tele extensions have been provided from a Planning HQ switch which is connected to main Div HQ exchange :-

GSO I	
AA & QMG	
GSO II	)
GSO II (Combined Ops)	
PMLO	
GSO III ( Int )	)

6. Conferences

GOC's conferences will be held at Planning HQ.

GEN SITUATION

7. The gen situation for the exercise is att as appx 'B'.

INT

8. Maps and air phs

(a) Relevant maps on a very limited scale will be issued separately



- (b) It is not expected that any air phs will be available for issue. One set of verticals and obliques are available for examination at this HQ.
- (c) Int infm for the exercise will be issued in the form of int summaries.

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GS 9 Aust Div

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26 Aust Inf Bde	9 - 12
2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	13
RAA 9 Aust Div	14 - 18
RAE 9 Aust Div	19 - 24
Sigs 9 Aust Div	25
2/2 Aust MG Bn	26
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	27
2/9 Aust Armd Regt	28
2 Aust Mil Edg Gp	29
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Appx 'A'

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OUTLINE PLANNING TIME-TABLEEXERCISE "SEAGULL"

( Issued with 9 Aust Div G.1/28/1 of 27 Jan 45 )

Serial	Date	E V E N T		
		Div Level	Bde Level	Unit Level
1	22 Jan	Receive :- (a) 1 Aust Corps Outline Plan op "SEAGULL" (b) 1 Aust Corps Maint Project op "SEAGULL"  Begin preparation of Div Outline Plan		
2	28 Jan		Receive Gen Instrs and 1 Aust Corps Int Summary Exercise "SEAGULL"	
3	31 Jan	Div Outline Plan complete and referred to 1 Aust Corps		
4	8 Feb	1 Aust Corps approval of out- line plan received, detailed planning begins	Receive 9 Aust Div Int Summary Exercise "SEAGULL"	
5	16 Feb	Div Comd's confer- ence for bde comds and heads of arms and services	Receive div plan and begin preparation of bde outline plan	
6	22 Feb 24	Receive bde outline plans	Bde outline plan complete and referred to Div HQ	Receive bde gen instrs.
7	23 Feb			Receive 9 Aust Div Int Summary Exercise "SEAGULL"
8	26 Feb	Approve bde outline plans	Begin detailed planning	<del>Receive 9 Aust Div Int Summary Exercise "SEAGULL".</del>
9	1 Mar	Issue Div OO		
10	3 Mar		Issue bde plan to units	Receive bde plan and begin preparation of outline plan
11	5 Mar		Receive bn outline plans	Bn outline plans complete and referred to bde.



Serial	Date	E V E N T		
		Div Level	Bde Level	Unit Level
12	7 Mar		Approve bn outline plans	Begin detailed planning
13	15 Mar	Receive bde OO	Issue bde OO	
14	16 Mar		Receive bn OOs	Issue bn OO
15	18 Mar	1 Aust Corps conference for offrs down to bde level	Bde comd and bde HQ S s attend 1 Aust Corps conference	



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GEN SITUATION

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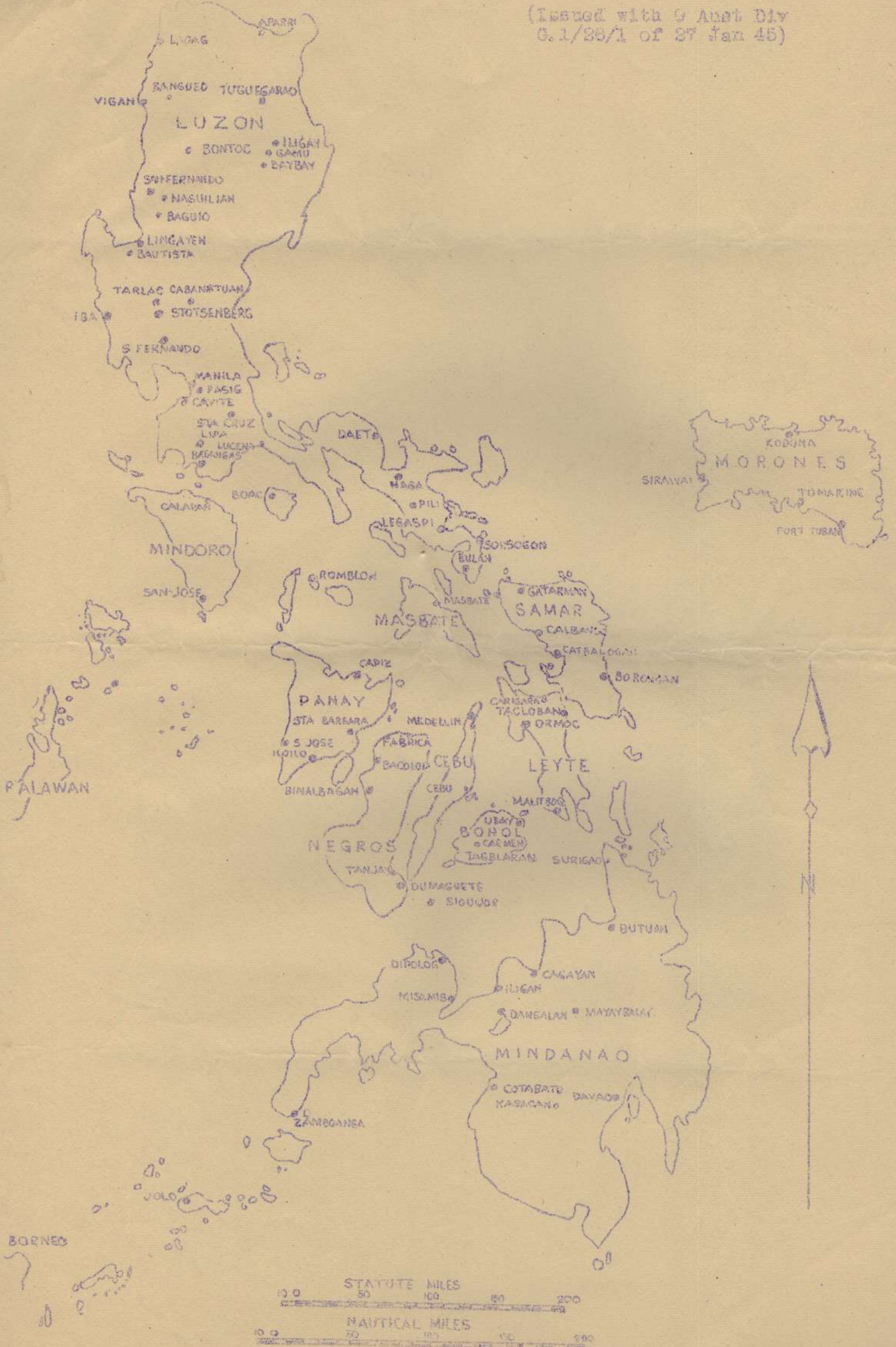
1. The gen situation is that which exists at the present time in the PACIFIC area.
2. MORONES is imaginary island located 150 miles NE of SAMAR (see sketch att). It is the intention of the Allies to capture MORONES in order to secure an advanced base for subsequent ops further to the NORTH.
3. The enemy has recently suffered a naval defeat and this, combined with the threat of our own naval striking forces renders it improbable that his navy can seriously interfere with any Allied sea-borne op in this area.
4. US Forces have gained control of LEYTE, and SAMAR, and the airfds thereon. Allies now have operational two bomber strips and four fighter strips in these areas, and an additional seven strips on MINDORO. It is considered that the enemy is unable to recapture any of these fds, but may carry out harassing raids. EA in LUZON have been steadily reduced and airfds damaged by extensive ops by carrier-borne aircraft. A 5000 ft all metal strip has just been completed at LINGAYEN.
5. It is considered that within 48 hrs of a ldg against MORONES, a total of approx 150 EA would be available to oppose the ldg. Allied air superiority is expected to be at least 5 : 1.



# PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

SARUTAN CHANNEL

(Issued with 9 Aust Div  
G.1/39/1 of 27 Jan 45)





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EXERCISE SEAGULL

Appx 'L'

SIG PLAN AND DIAGRAMS

(Issued with 9 Aust Div 001 of 20 Feb 45)

1. Gen

The comms provided from HQ 9 Aust Div afloat as planned are dependent on availability of WSS installed on HQ ship HMS GLENEARN. Provision of six transmitters and eight receivers is required. No additional WSS can be installed on HMS GLENEARN.

2. Beach Sig Secs

(a) Beach sig secs of the beach gps are allotted as follows:-

- (i) 1 Aust Beach Sig Sec, 2 Aust Beach Gp - 26 Aust Inf Bde beaches
- (ii) 2 Aust Beach Sig Sec, 1 Aust Beach Gp - 24 Aust Inf Bde beaches
- (iii) 3 Aust Beach Sig Sec, 1 Aust Beach Gp - in res
- (iv) det 4 Aust Beach Sig Sec, 2 Aust Beach Gp - 26 Aust Inf Bde subsidiary ldg
- (v) 4 Aust Beach Sig Sec less det - in res.

(b) ABSS will be est on each bn beach. The ABSS on beach selected as main beach will be built up to a MBSO to provide initial comms for each bde as it passes through the beach area.

3. Wireless

(a) Wireless comms will be available as shown in the att diagrams:-

W1 - Comms in initial approach to release posn.

W5 - Comms - bns inland, bde HQ ashore on main beach, div comd afloat.

W6 - Comms - bde HQ inland, adv div HQ ashore.

W7 - div HQ inland, adv corps HQ ashore.

(b) Netting

All gps will be netted under arrangements to be issued through sig channels.

(c) Wireless silence

See para 46 of 9 Aust Div 00 1.

(d) Authenticators

Tables GCBP - 0122 - D series method 1 for the current month will be used.

(e) Datum freq

6100 kcs - associated code word DONAT.

(f) Div - Corps - Army emergency wave afloat

Control Sigs 9 Aust Div - freq 3690 kcs.



4. Line comms

(a) Line comms will be available as shown on att diagrams

L3 - Line comms when bde HQ ashore

L4 - Line comms when bde HQ inland and div HQ ashore

L5 - Div HQ inland - adv corps HQ ashore.

(b) Laying of lines

(i) All cable will be laid on the left of and well clear of tracks and rds.

(ii) Fd cable routes will NOT be att to fd multi airline or permanent line poles or cross arms. Where possible all fd cables will be suspended 14 ft clear of the ground and rd crossings for all types of lines will be given a minimum clearance of 18 ft.

(c) NO cable will be reeled in or interfered with until it has been ascertained that it does NOT form part of a circuit or terminate in any unit or HQ.

5. DRLS

(a) Local DRLS will be est as soon as conditions permit.

(b) A Aust Corps Sigs are establishing a DRLS to 9 Aust Div, Corps HQ and Base units by 1800 hrs D plus 1. Prior to this time despatches will be carried by special DR.

6. Stores and eqpt

(a) All special sig eqpt issued for use during the aslt stages will be withdrawn immediately ops permit and held at Rear HQ 9 Aust Div.

(b) Captured enemy sig eqpt will be handled by FS Sec (EE). Location and description of any such eqpt dumps will be notified to next higher HQ.

7. Cipher

(a) Cipher documents on issue to beach sig secs will be carried by bde HQ cipher personnel and handed over when bde HQ passes through MBSO.

(b) Cipher eqpt will be split into sets and carried separately. Any compromise will be notified immediately to next higher HQ.



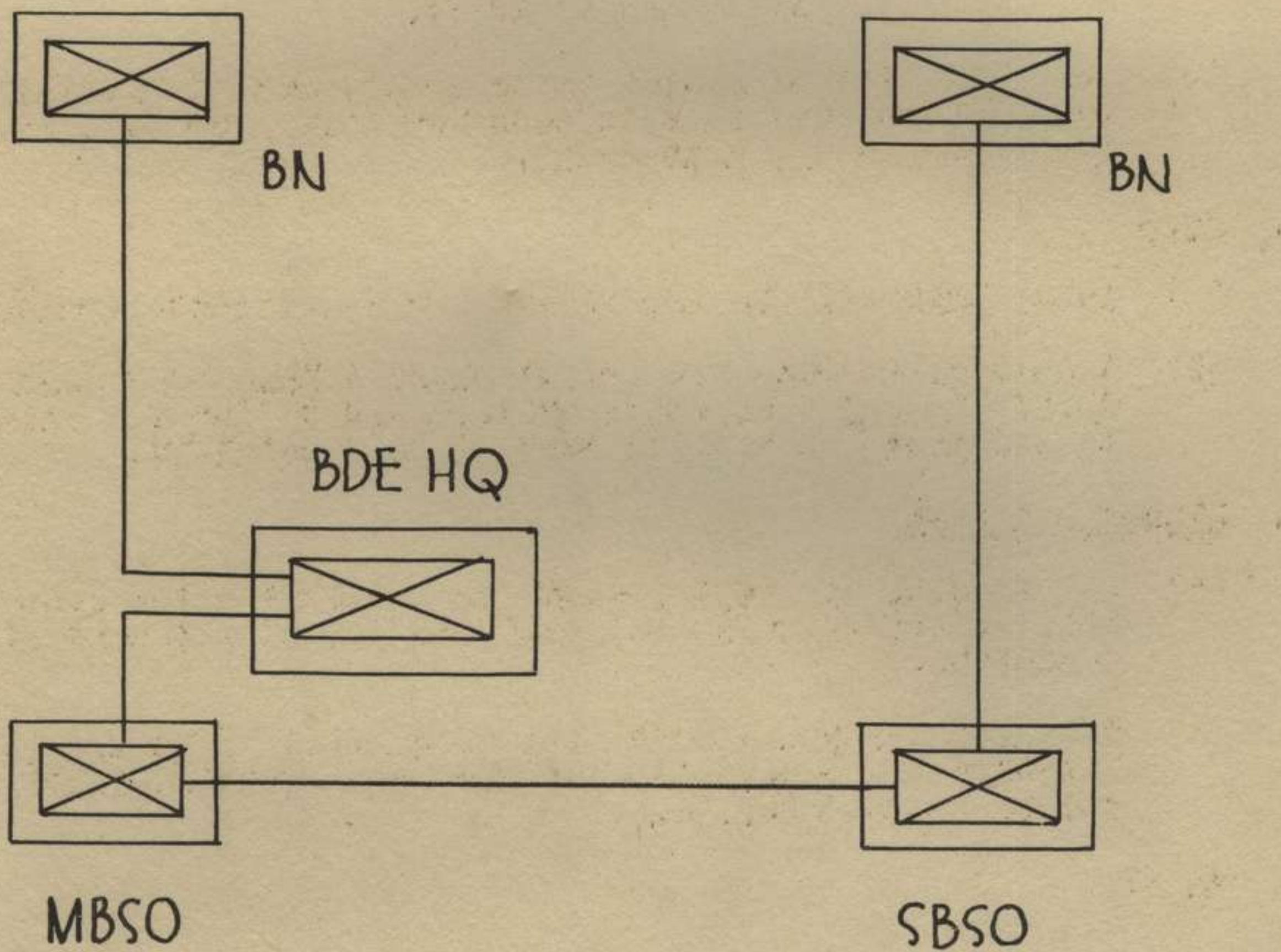
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DIV SIGNAL PLAN

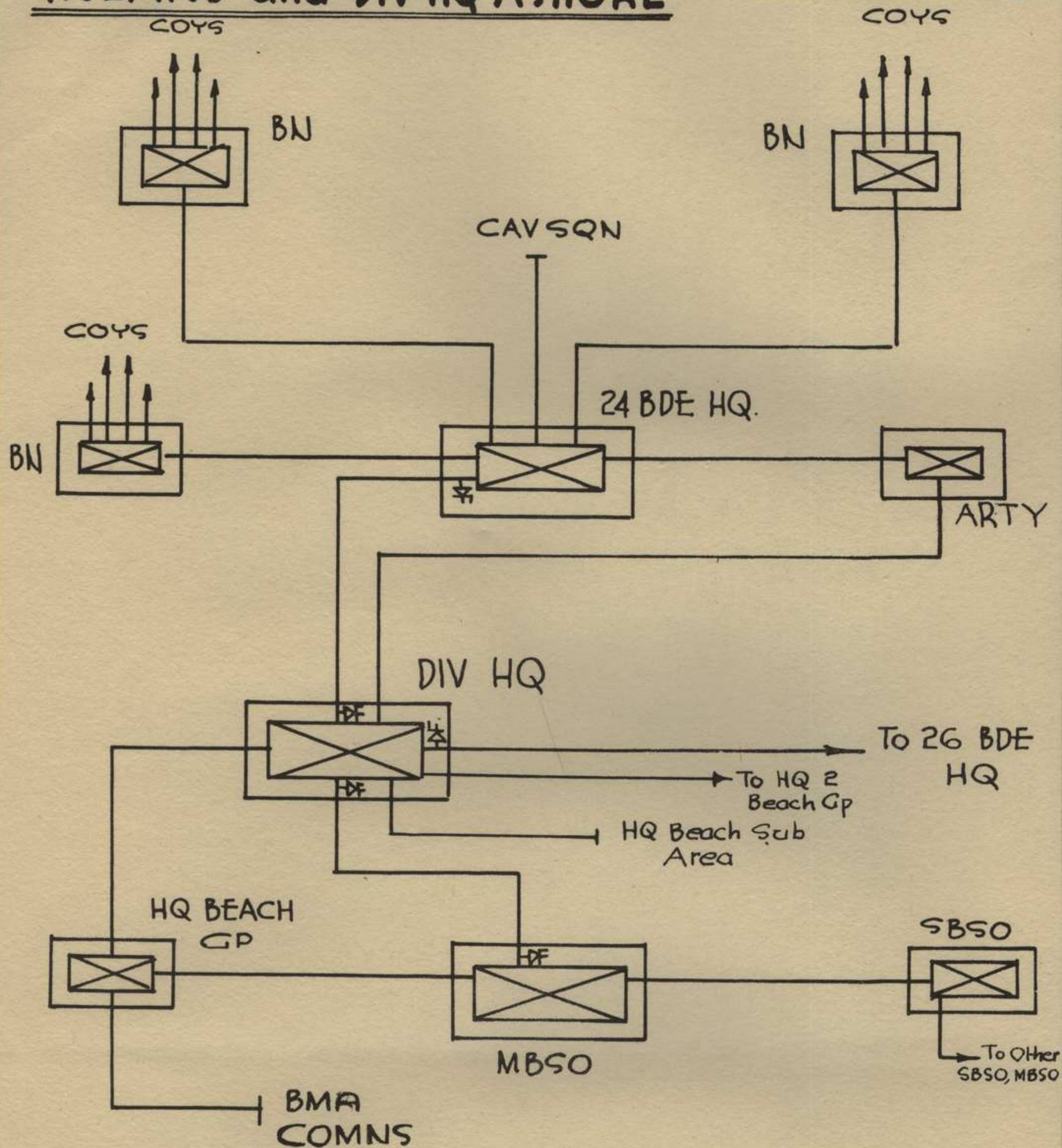
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BDE HQ ASHORE





# LINE COMMS when BDE HQ INLAND and DIV HQ ASHORE

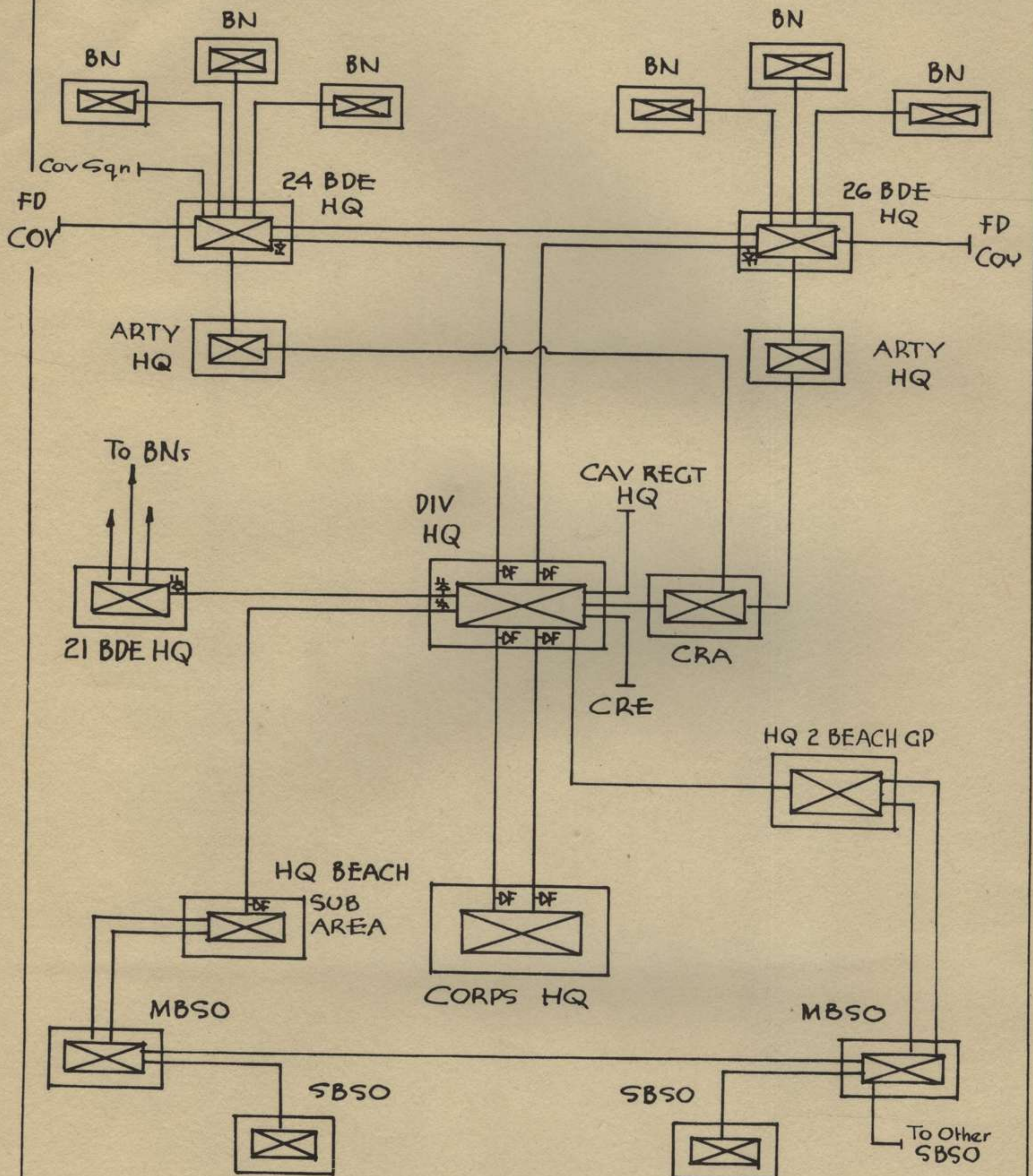
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DIV SIGNAL PLAN



Note: 26 Bde layout identical with above except for an additional SBSO for subsidiary landing and less line to HQ Beach Sub Area.



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DIV SIGNAL PLAN

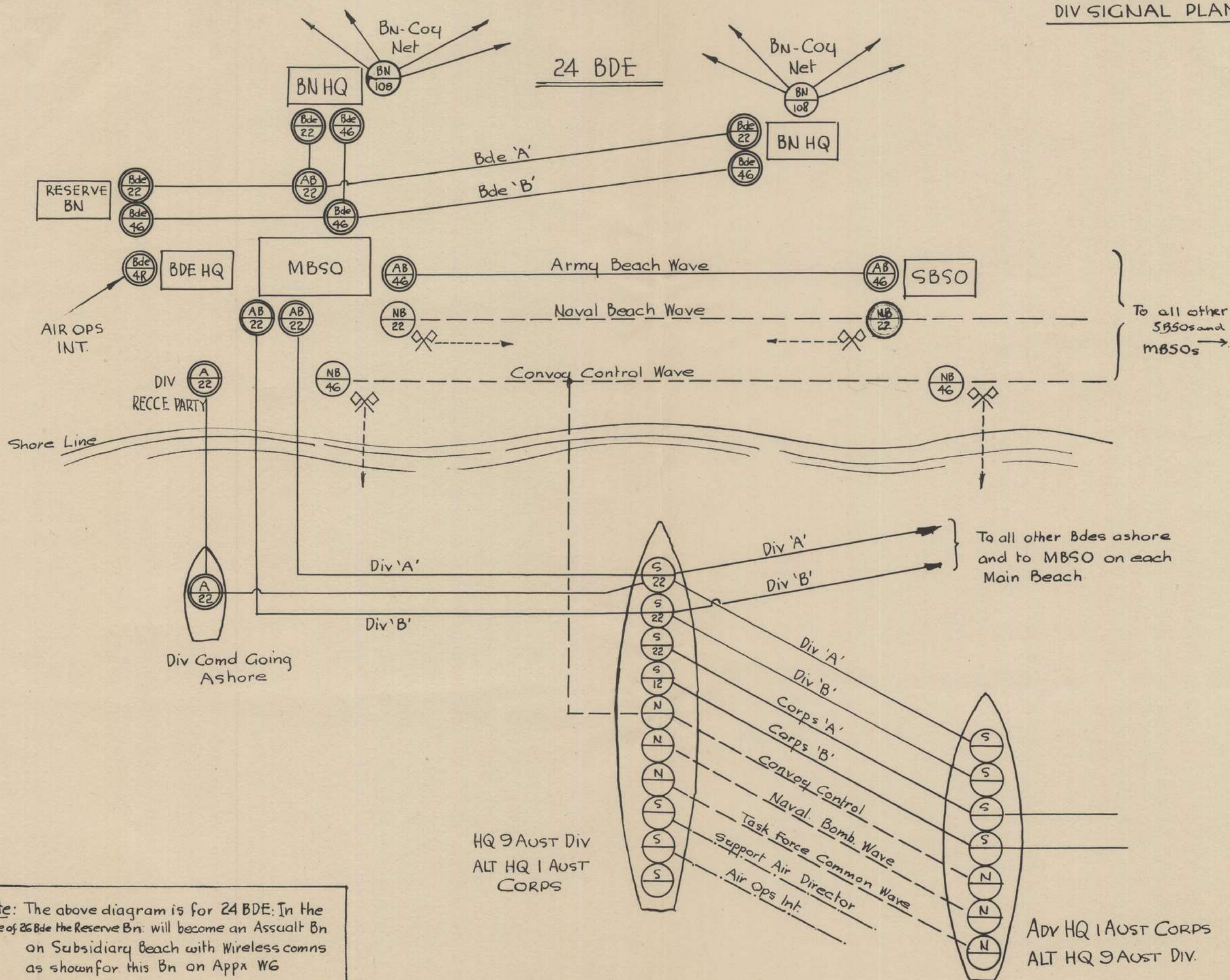


Note: SBSO for subsidiary ldg beach of 26 BDE not shown.



# BNS INLAND - BDE HQ ASHORE on MAIN BEACH - DIV COMD AFLOAT

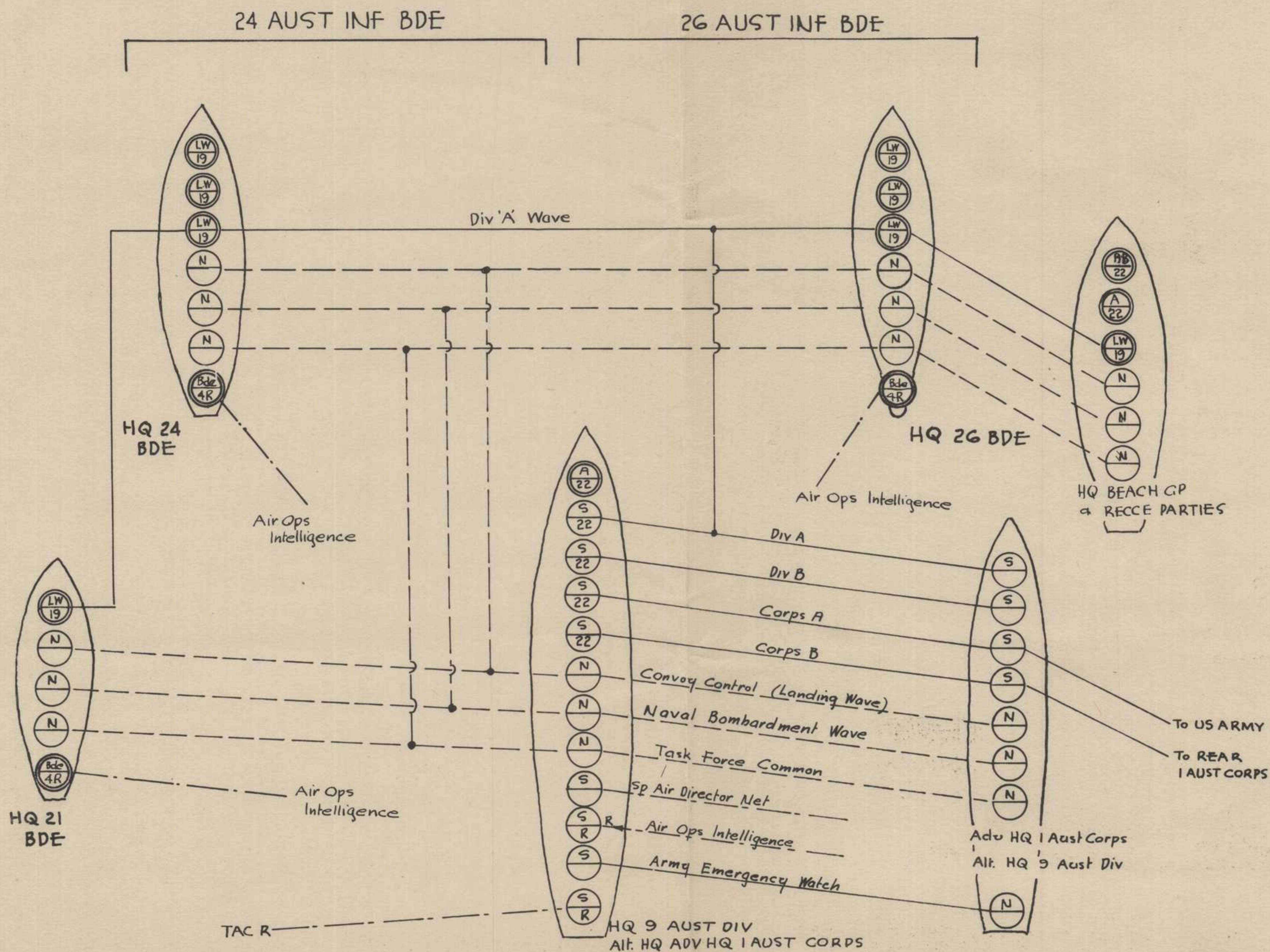
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# COMNS in the INITIAL APPROACH to RELEASE POSN at H-1 hr.

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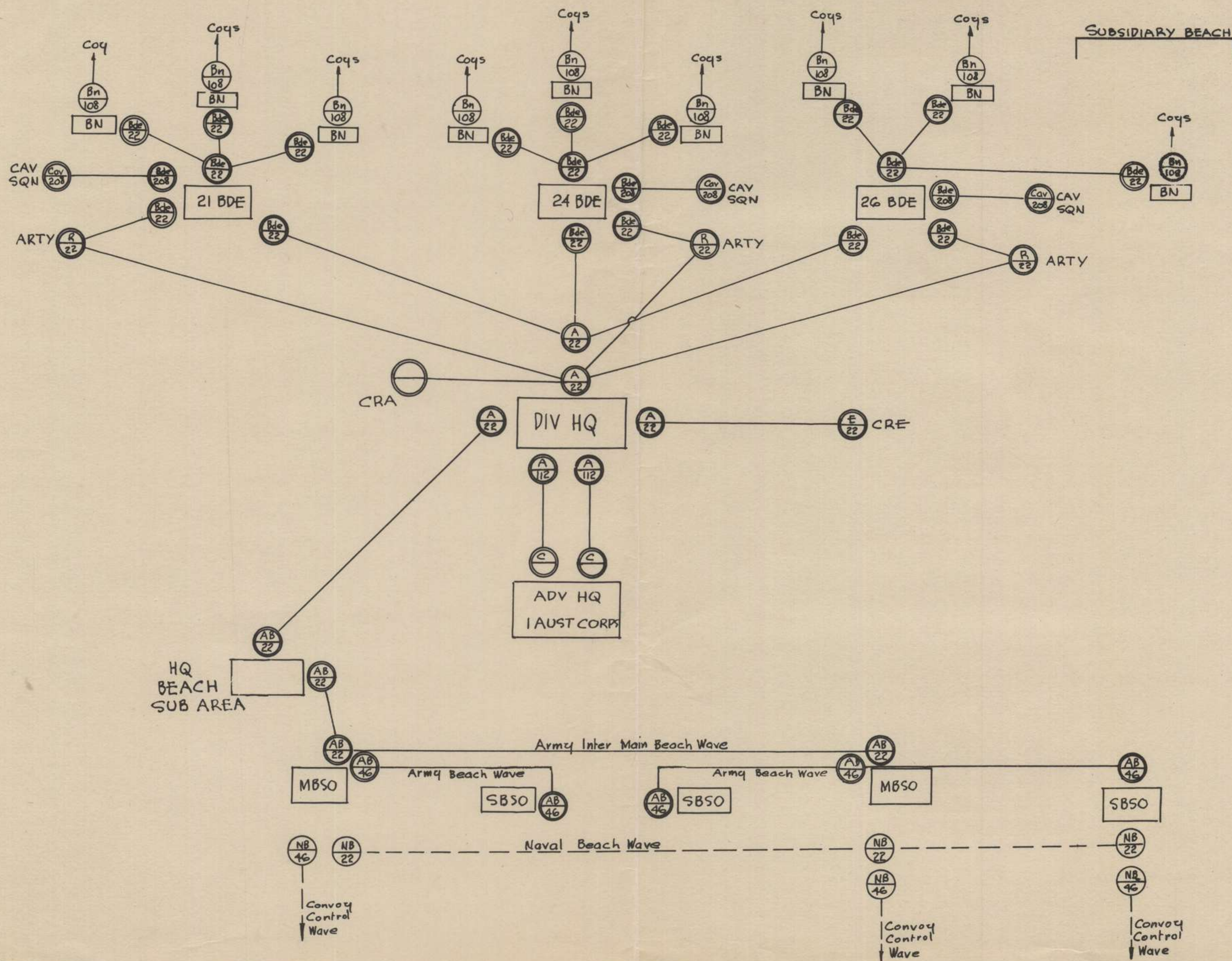






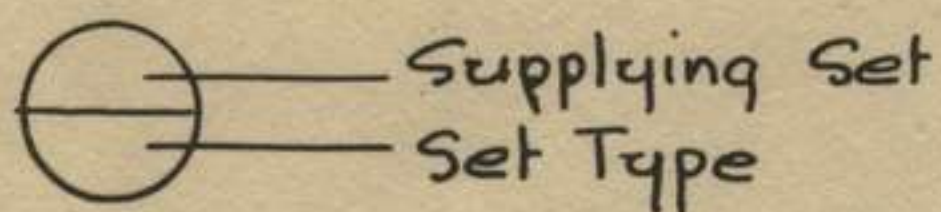
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DIV SIGNAL PLAN





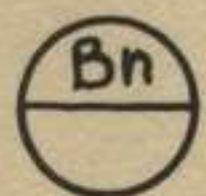
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## SEC ABBREVIATIONS



NAVY



BN SIG PL.



SHORE FIRE CONTROL PARTY



ARMY BEACH SIG SEC



NAVY BEACH SIG SEC



BDE SIG SEC



LIGHT WIRELESS (HQ SHIP) SEC



HQ SHIP SET



CAV REGT



ARTY REGT



'A' SEC DIV SIGS



CORPS SIGS



L of C SIGS



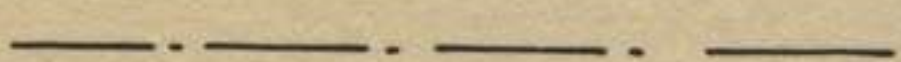
RECEPTION SET ONLY



ARMY WIRELESS LINK.



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