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BRUNEI BLUFF-MUARA ISLAND ATTACK UNITS**

## **REPORT OF AMPHIBIOUS ATTACK**

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Enclosures: (A) Commander LST Flotilla FIFTEEN (CTU 78.1.17 and  
78.1.18) Report of Amphibious Attack; BRUNEI BLUFF -  
MUARA ISLAND Attack Units. -p.3  
*missing* { (B) Individual Action Reports of ComTransDiv 103,  
ComLSTGrp 43, ComLSMGrp 20, LST's 574, 584, 751,  
922, APD's LLOYD(63), KEPHART(61), NEWMAN(59),  
LIDDLE(60), DIACHENKO(123), LCI's 636, 701, 702,  
703, LSM's 67, 68, 138, 203, 219, 225, 237.  
  
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LIST OF DIRECTIVES

1. CANF SWFA (Commander Allied Naval Forces, Southwest Pacific Area) Operation Plan No. 10-45.
2. ComSEVENTHPhibFor (Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force) Operation Plan No. 11-45.
3. ComPhibGrpSIX (Commander Amphibious Group SIX) Attack Order No. A606-45.
4. ComPhibGrpSIX (Commander Amphibious Group SIX) Movement and Approach Order No. A605-45.
5. ComLSTFlotFIFTEEN (Commander LST Flotilla FIFTEEN) Landing Attack Order No. 1-45.

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PART I

BRIEF SUMMARY

A. GENERAL NARRATIVE

1. The Commander SEVENTH Amphibious Force, Vice Admiral D. E. BARBEY, was designated as the Attack Force Commander. The BRUNEI Attack Group, commanded by Rear Admiral Forrest B. ROYAL, was designated as Task Group 78.1. The BRUNEI BLUFF and MUARA ISLAND Attack Units commanded by Captain L. J. MANEES were designated Task Units 78.1.17 and 78.1.18 respectively.
2. The assault echelon of the BRUNEI Attack Group, of which Task Units 78.1.17 and 78.1.18 were a part, departed MOROTAI, NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES on 4 June 1945. Elements of the 9th Division, 1st Australian Corps (less the 26th Brigade) were embarked in ships of TG 78.1 to be transported to and landed at the objective. Units of the 20th Australian Infantry Brigade were embarked in ships of TU 78.1.17 and 78.1.18 and designated to land simultaneously on the mainland of BORNEO and on MUARA ISLAND on GREEN and WHITE Beaches respectively. The 2/17 Infantry Battalion with the 2/8 Field Regiment landed in four waves in assault on GREEN Beach commencing at HOW Hour, and the 2/15 Infantry Battalion with the 727 Amphibious Tractor Battalion (U.S.A.) landed in three waves in assault on WHITE Beach commencing at JIG Hour. The 2/13 Infantry Battalion was designated Brigade reserve and was landed on GREEN Beach in three waves subsequent to HOW Hour. All times are Zone minus NINE (Item) time, and all dates are East Longitude dates.

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PART II

PRELIMINARIES

A. COMPOSITION OF BRUNEI BLUFF - MUARA ISLAND ATTACK UNITS (TASK UNITS 78.1.17 AND 78.1.18)

78.1.17 GREEN Assault Unit

Captain MANEES

SPENCER  
LST 574(FP)(#)  
KANTIMBLA  
LSM 237

1 CGC  
1 LST  
1 LSI  
1 LSM

78.1.18 WHITE Assault Unit

Captain MANEES

SPENCER  
LST 574(FP)(#)  
LST 751(GF), 667(H), 584, 922(B)  
LLOYD(F), NEWMAN, LIDDLE, KEPHART,  
DIACHEN  
LCI 636(GF), 701, 702, 703  
LSM 168(GF), 67, 68, 138, 209, 219, 225

1 CGC  
1 LST  
4 LST  
5 APD  
4 LCI  
7 LSM

(#) LST 574 at GREEN Beach for assault only.  
(H) Hospital Ship.  
(B) Pontoon Barges.

78.1.37 GREEN Support Unit

Captain ARISON

LCI(L) 778(FP)  
LCS(L) 42, 47  
LCI(G) 65, 68  
LCI(R) 74, 338  
LCI(S) 961

1 LCI(L)  
2 LCS(L)  
2 LCI(G)  
2 LCI(R)  
1 LCI(S)

78.1.38 WHITE Support Unit

Lt. Comdr. SARGENT

LCI(R) 71(GF), 72  
LCS(L) 45, 46  
LCI(S) 985  
LCI(G) 23, 64  
LCI(M) 431

2 LCI(R)  
2 LCS(L)  
1 LCI(S)  
2 LCI(G)  
1 LCI(M)

78.1.42 Control Unit GREEN

Captain ARISON

SC 741, 750

2 SC



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### 78.1.43 Control Unit WHITE

Captain MARTIN

PC 1122

1 PC

LCI(L) 546(F)(\*)

1 LCI(L)

(\*) LCI(L) 546 for assault only.

### 78.1.82 GREEN Beach Party

Sub.-Lieut.  
ATCHISON, RANR

Beach Party 3, N.B.C. "C", RAN

### 78.1.83 WHITE Beach Party

Sub.-Lieut.  
WILLSALLAN, RANR

Beach Party 4, N.B.C. "C", RAN

### 78.1.84 YELLOW Beach Party

Lieutenant  
RIGG, RANVR

Beach Party 5, N.B.C. "C", RAN

## B. PLANNING, REHEARSAL, MOVEMENT TO THE OBJECTIVE AND PRE-ASSAULT PHASE

1. On 27 May 1945, Commander LST Flotilla FIFTEEN was relieved as Com SEVENTHPhib Representative MOROTAI, (CTG 76.13), and reported at MOROTAI to Commander Amphibious Group SIX in compliance with CTF 78 secret despatch 150651 of May 1945, for duty in connection with the BRUNEI BAY Operation. Outline plans of operation for the BRUNEI attack had been prepared between 10 and 25 May. Final plans were drawn up on 28 May following conferences between the Commander LST Flotilla FIFTEEN and the Brigadier Commanding 20th Australian Brigade, and daily consultations between the staffs of Commander Amphibious Group SIX and Commander LST Flotilla FIFTEEN.
2. Commander LST Flotilla FIFTEEN shifted his flag from LST 574 to U.S.S. SPENCER (CGC 36) on 28 May 1945 as directed by Commander Task

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Group 78.1 for the period until the BRUNEI assault was completed. A rehearsal exercise involving the control teams, the assault waves and the supporting craft of the GREEN and WHITE Assault Units was held at selected beaches on MOROTAI and SOEMOE-SOEMOE ISLAND on 31 May. Certain defects were disclosed, and the exercise was repeated on the same day twice by the WHITE Assault Unit, and once by the GREEN Assault Unit, with much improvement being shown. Following the exercises conferences of all control and support craft personnel and wave guide officers were held in the Attack Units Flagship for the WHITE Assault Unit on the afternoon of 31 May and for the GREEN Assault Unit on the morning of 1 June. Errors were pointed out to those concerned. A critique for all forces involved was held by Commander Task Group 78.1 aboard the Attack Group Flagship at 0900, 2 June at which Naval and Army commanders presented their comments on the assault plans.

3. The Minesweeping, Hydrographic and Fire Support Group departed MOROTAI on 2 June in accordance with the Movement Plan, arrived at the objective on 7 June and commenced minesweeping and hydrographic survey. Minesweeping of all designated areas was carried out on schedule and buoys were planted at the selected points in BRUNEI BAY. Channel marking, beach reconnaissance, and marking of GREEN Beach limits was completed on 9 June 1945 without opposition.

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4. All ships of the assault units involved arrived in their respective areas off the designated beaches on time and proceeded with the landing as planned.
5. Preliminary naval bombardment was conducted by the Cruiser Covering Group on the immediate beaches and on selected targets in commanding positions.

C. MISSION

1. The mission of the BRUNEI BAY and MUARA ISLAND Attack Units of the BRUNEI Attack Group was to transport, protect, land and firmly establish on shore the 20th Australian Infantry Brigade on selected beaches on the mainland of BORNEO and on MUARA ISLAND; to establish control over the southern entrance to BRUNEI BAY, destroy hostile forces in the area and seize and occupy BRUNEI Town, denying to the enemy the oil and rubber resources in that region, with the ultimate object of establishing a fleet base in BRUNEI BAY.

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CHRONOLOGY

(All times are Minus NINE (Item) Zone)

(All dates are east longitude dates)

10 June 1945 - ZEBRA Day

Entered BRUNEI BAY at 0800. High cirrus clouds, overcast in early morning decreasing to broken at sunrise. Scattered cumulus. No wind. Sea smooth in open sea and inside bay. Visibility unrestricted.

0000 Fleet course 171°(T), axis 171°(T), speed 8 knots.  
0040 Hydrographic buoy No. 1 sighted to starboard, 2600 yards.  
(05° 36' N, 114° 45'-30" E).  
0053 Fleet course and axis changed to 128°(T).  
0117 Changed speed to 6 knots.  
0216 Closed interval to 500 yards.  
0248 Fleet course and axis changed to 125°(T).  
0259 Fleet course and axis changed to 120°(T).  
0317 Fleet course and axis changed to 090°(T).  
0404 Changed speed to 8 knots.  
0427 DEPLOY executed by CTG 78.1.  
0434 TU's 78.1.17 and 78.1.18 changed speed to 5 knots.  
0445 TU 78.1.17 executed Turn 9 to course 180°(T).  
0445 ComLSTGrp43 directed to take charge of TU 78.1.18 and proceed in accordance ComLSTFlotFIFTEEN Landing Attack Order No. 1-45.  
0456 TU 78.1.18 changed course to 135°(T).

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0505 TU 78.1.18 directed to assume Approach Formation No. 3.

0516 TU 78.1.17 executed Speed  $\emptyset$ .

0521 Ships of TU 78.1.17 directed to anchor and proceed at daylight to assigned anchorages in LST Area ONE.

0527 PC 1122 reported torpedo sighted crossing bow.

0535 APD's of TU 78.1.18 changed course to 115°(T).

0540 TU 78.1.18 (less APD's) changed course to 148°(T).

0605 TU 78.1.18 (less APD's) changed course to 178°(T).

0620 TU 78.1.18 directed to assume Approach Formation No. 4.

0633 APD's changed course to 184°(T).

0638 TU 78.1.18 (less APD's) changed course to 230°(T).

0641 APD's changed speed to 10 knots.

0643 APD's changed course to 232°(T).

0644 Ships of TU 78.1.18 directed to proceed independently to assigned anchorages.

0645 HMAS KANIMBLA underway to assigned berth in LST Area ONE.

0645 LST 574 launched LCVF for Tender duty at GREEN Beach Line of Departure.

0646 APD's changed speed to 6 knots.

0650 Enemy plane dropped one bomb near transport off LABUAN. No damage.

0652 Flash RED, Control GREEN.

0659 LST 574 underway from LST Area ONE to assigned anchorage in LST Area TWO.

0706 APD's executed Speed  $\emptyset$ .

0714 APD's changed speed to 6 knots.



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0722 Line of Departure GREEN Beach established.

0730 Support craft on station off GREEN Beach.

0736 CTU 78.1.42 confirmed ability to meet HOW Hour.

0738 Line of Departure WHITE Beach established.

0740 Flagship of CTU 78.1.17 underway toward LST Area ONE.

0746 CTU 78.1.43 confirmed ability to meet JIG Hour.

0749 APD's anchored in assigned berths in LST Area SIX.

0750 Order given to "Land the Landing Force" on GREEN Beach.

0800 Flagship of CTU's 78.1.17 and 78.1.18 underway from GREEN Beach area toward WHITE Beach area.

0804 Support craft commenced first approach on WHITE Beach.

0804 Order given to "Land the Landing Force" on WHITE Beach.

0813 Scheduled bombardment commenced on WHITE Beach area.

0815 Scheduled bombardment commenced on the GREEN Beach area.

0815 LCI(R)'s commenced bombardment of WHITE Beach.

0816 LCI(M) 431 commenced bombardment of WHITE Beach.

0817 All LVT's for WHITE Assault reported launched.

0826 Flash BLUE, Control GREEN.

0830 CTU 78.1.43 reported current toward WHITE Beach would hamper waves keeping position.

0830 LST 922 reported all pontoon barges launched and delivered to ATR 61.

0831 Flash WHITE, Control GREEN.

0837 LST 922 underway for Area ROGER to deliver propulsion units to U.S.S. CARTER HALL (LSD 3).

0840 LCI(M) 431 ceased firing; observed proceeding to station.

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- 0845 LCI(M) 431 observed on guide station for wave ONE of WHITE Beach assault.
- 0851 Six B-24's bombed WHITE Beach area.
- 0851 No. ONE flag two-blocked on WHITE Beach control vessels.
- 0856 First assault wave dispatched from Line of Departure toward WHITE Beach.
- 0856 Flagship CTU 78.1.18 anchored in WHITE Beach area.
- 0859 Second assault wave dispatched from Line of Departure for WHITE Beach.
- 0901 No. ONE flag two-blocked on GREEN Beach control vessels.
- 0902 Third assault wave dispatched from Line of Departure for WHITE Beach.
- 0905 First assault wave dispatched from Line of Departure for GREEN Beach.
- 0906 Support craft commenced second firing run on WHITE Beach.
- 0908 Second assault wave dispatched from Line of Departure for GREEN Beach.
- 0909 Red smoke signal fired by LCI(M) 431 indicating assault LVT waves for GREEN Beach were 800 yards from the beach.
- 0910 LST 922 moored to CARTER HALL to effect transfer of propulsion units.
- 0914 Third assault wave dispatched from Line of Departure for GREEN Beach.
- 0914 White flares dropped by plane in WHITE Beach area.
- 0917 First wave landed on GREEN Beach.
- 0917 First wave landed on WHITE Beach.
- 0918 White flares dropped by plane in GREEN Beach area.
- 0920 Naval bombardment ceased on WHITE Beach.

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0920 Fourth assault wave dispatched from Line of Departure for GREEN Beach.

0921 Second wave landed on WHITE Beach.

0922 Naval bombardment ceased on GREEN Beach.

0923 Third wave landed on WHITE Beach.

0925 Flash RED, Control GREEN.

0925 HMAS KANIMBLA underway to Transport Area ROGER.

0925.5 Third wave landed on GREEN Beach.

0930 Flash BLUE, Control GREEN.

0932 Fourth wave landed on GREEN Beach.

0935 LST 922 cast off all lines from CARTER HALL; underway to LST Area TWO.

0938 WHITE Beach reported captured unopposed.

0940 GREEN Beach reported captured unopposed.

0950 RED Beach declared open.

0951 LSM 237 underway to GREEN Beach as wave FIVE.

0953 Line of Departure for WHITE Beach dissolved.

0955 LST Beaching Officer reported established on RED Beach.

0955 HMAS KANIMBLA anchored in Berth No. 4, Transport Area ROGER.

1000 LSM 237 beached on GREEN Beach; beaching conditions reported excellent.

1006 CTU 78.1.43 reported aboard LCI(L) 546.

1008 LCI(L) 546 observed proceeding to station off RED Beach.

1010 LST 922 observed approaching assigned berth in LST Area TWO.

1014 LCM 168, 203 and LCI 701 directed to stand in from LST Area SIX and prepare to beach on RED Beach.

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- 1015 2 loaded LCM's from CARTER HALL reported to CTU 78.1.43 for orders to proceed to YELLOW Beach.
- 1016 LSM 237 100% unloaded; retracted from GREEN Beach and proceeded to HMAS KANIMBLA.
- 1031 YELLOW Beach reserves directed to land on GREEN Beach.
- 1034 APD's observed underway for GREEN Beach.
- 1034 LST 922 anchored in LST Area TWO.
- 1041-1120 LSM 168 made two unsuccessful attempts to beach at RED Beach between piers Nos. 3 and 4. Attempted to unload directly onto pier No. 3 with success.
- 1045 LST 574 reported unable to hoist bow anchor.
- 1048 LST 667 ordered to stand in to RED Beach.
- 1050 LCI 701 observed alongside No. 2 pier at RED Beach.
- 1103 LCI 701 100% unloaded and underway toward HMAS KANIMBLA.
- 1103 LSM 203 directed to beach at SAPO POINT.
- 1111 ATR 61 observed standing into LST Area THREE with 4 pontoon barges in tow
- 1113 LSM 203 beached at RED Beach.
- 1117 8 LCVP's from HMAS KANIMBLA reported to CTU 78.1.43 for orders to proceed to YELLOW Beach.
- 1128 LST 667 beached on RED Beach unsuccessfully.
- 1132 LST 584 underway from LST Area SIX to LST Area THREE.
- 1133 Flash WHITE, Control GREEN.
- 1134 LSM 68 completed 3 unsuccessful attempts to beach on WHITE Beach.
- 1139 ComTransDiv103 ordered "Landing Party" from AFD's to be landed on GREEN Beach.

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- 1158 First wave of reserves dispatched from GREEN Beach Line of Departure.
- 1159 LST 667 beached at SAPO POINT.
- 1159 LST Beaching Officer reports LSM 203 cannot be unloaded until debris is clear from beach.
- 1200 5 LCVP's from HMAS KANIMBLA reported to CTU 78.1.43 for orders to proceed to YELLOW Beach.
- 1201 Second wave of reserves dispatched from GREEN Beach Line of Departure.
- 1204 Third wave of reserves dispatched from GREEN Beach Line of Departure.
- 1208.5 First wave of reserves landed on GREEN Beach.
- 1211 Second wave of reserves landed on GREEN Beach.
- 1213 LST 584 anchored in LST Area THREE.
- 1213 Third wave of reserves landed on GREEN Beach.
- 1215 Flash WHITE, Control GREEN.
- 1225 Line of Departure GREEN Beach dissolved.
- 1230 LST 922 observed standing in from LST Area SIX toward RED Beach.
- 1230 YELLOW Beach reported open.
- 1230 LCS(L)'s 45 and 46 directed to escort first group of landing craft on YELLOW Beach and anchor on arrival.
- 1236 Flash BLUE, Control GREEN.
- 1242 First group of landing craft dispatched for YELLOW Beach escorted by LCS(L)'s 45 and 46.
- 1248 CTU 78.1.43 in LCI(L) 546 reported shifting anchorage to position off BOWONG POINT.
- 1255 LSM's 138, 67, 68, 219, 225 and LCI's 636, 702, 703 directed to stand in from LST Area SIX to be dispatched to YELLOW Beach.



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- 1302 LST 574 reported ready to beach, having buoyed and slipped her anchor.
- 1305 LSM 168 beached on SAPO POINT.
- 1315 LCI 701 reported completed loading at HMAS KANIMBLA and underway toward RED Beach.
- 1322 LST 667 completed unloading all vehicles and retracted; proceeded to anchorage in LST Area THREE.
- 1330 Brigadier WENDEYER departed CTU 78.1.18 Flagship for YELLOW Beach to assume command ashore.
- 1342 ATR 61 directed to deliver 3 x 12 pontoon barge to LST 667.
- 1345 LCI 749 reported in from BROWN Beach and stated that 2 LCM's which she had been directed to escort had proceeded independently.
- 1345 LCI 701 moored to LST 584 to disembark 57-man working party.
- 1351 LST 922 beached on RED Beach.
- 1358 ComTransDiv103 reported all reserves landed; all boats recovered.
- 1358 ComTransDiv103 released and directed to report to CTU 78.1.2 for orders.
- 1358 LST Beaching Officer on RED Beach reported estimated 4 hours before beach could be cleared to accommodate more than one LST.
- 1406 LCI 701 cast off all lines from LST 584 and proceeded to YELLOW Beach.
- 1410 LST 667 anchored in LST Area THREE; commenced unloading bulk cargo onto pontoon barge.
- 1415 LST 751 underway for LST Area THREE.
- 1415 ATR 61 directed to deliver 3 x 12 pontoon barge to LST 751.
- 1431 LST 584 commenced unloading bulk cargo into LCM's and LCVP's.
- 1433 LSM 68 directed to unload one vehicle onto LCM for delivery to YELLOW Beach.

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- 1433 21 Naval enlisted personnel transferred by LCVF from LST 584 to ComLCI(R)Grp20 in LCI(R) 71 for further assignment.
- 1450 LST 574 observed standing in toward RED Beach.
- 1450 LSM 68 underway toward RED Beach area to anchor and unload one vehicle onto LCM.
- 1453 LSM 203 100% unloaded, retracted from RED Beach and proceeded to HMAS KANIMBLA.
- 1511 LST 574 directed to beach after LST 922 had retracted to avoid danger from current.
- 1523 LCI 636 docked at YELLOW Beach.
- 1523 First LCM load left LST 584 for YELLOW Beach.
- 1533 LSM 225 beached at YELLOW Beach.
- 1534 LSM 203 moored to KANIMBLA to load.
- 1535 LSM 219 beached at YELLOW Beach.
- 1540 LST 922 completed unloading all vehicles, retracted and proceeded to anchorage in LST Area THREE.
- 1550 LCI 636 undocked from pier at YELLOW Beach, proceeding toward RED Beach.
- 1550 ATR 61 directed to deliver 3 x 7 pontoon barge to LST 922.
- 1550 LSM 237 reported loaded from KANIMBLA and underway toward YELLOW Beach.
- 1600 LCI 701 docked at YELLOW Beach.
- 1600 LCI 702 docked at YELLOW Beach.
- 1605 LST 922 anchored in LST Area THREE.
- 1609 LSM 168 reported 100% unloaded and reloaded with cargo for transfer from RED to YELLOW Beach. Unable to retract.
- 1614 LST 574 beached at RED Beach.

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- 1620 LCI 703 docked at YELLOW Beach.
- 1620 LST 922 commenced unloading bulk cargo onto pontoon barge.
- 1620 LCI 701 undocked from pier at YELLOW Beach.
- 1700 KANIMBLA reported no casualties embarked as of 1700.
- 1705 LCI 701 docked at RED Beach to load troops for transfer to YELLOW Beach.
- 1705 LCI 702 undocked from pier at YELLOW Beach.
- 1710 LSM 225 unsuccessfully attempted to retract from YELLOW Beach.
- 1725 LSM 67 beached at YELLOW Beach.
- 1742 LST 574 completed unloading vehicles and retracted from RED Beach; proceeded to LST Area THREE.
- 1753 KANIMBLA 100% unloaded.
- 1755 All empty LSM's directed to beach at RED Beach and load during the night for trip to YELLOW Beach at daybreak.
- 1756 All ships of TU 78.1.18 not on the beach or not unloading directed to proceed to Transport Area TARE at 1830.
- 1801 LCI 703 retracted from YELLOW Beach.
- 1805 LSM 203 reported loading with cargo from KANIMBLA. Directed to proceed to anchorage in Area TARE overnight.
- 1810 LCI 701 undocked from pier at RED Beach and proceeded to YELLOW Beach.
- 1823 LCVP standing out of MUARA HARBOR reported being fired upon from beach.
- 1825 LSM 219 retracted from YELLOW Beach.
- 1830 LSM 219 took LSM 225 in tow to assist in retracting from YELLOW Beach.
- 1830 LST 922 reported pontoon barge completely loaded.

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- 1830 Towing cable shackle parted in efforts to tow LSM 225 off YELLOW Beach. LSM 225 remained on YELLOW Beach overnight.
- 1845 LSM 67 retracted from YELLOW Beach and proceeded to RED Beach.
- 1856 LSM 138 beached at YELLOW Beach.
- 1906 FC 1122 directed to remain in present anchorage overnight.
- 1906 LST 667 reported barge completely loaded.
- 1927 LCI 701 beached at YELLOW Beach.
- 1938 LSM 237 beached at YELLOW Beach.
- 1950 LCI 701 retracted from YELLOW Beach and anchored overnight in YELLOW Beach area.
- 2000 LST 751 reported barge completely loaded.
- 2003 LSM 138 retracted from YELLOW Beach.
- 2005 LSM 219 beached at RED Beach to load during the night.
- 2007 LSM 67 beached at RED Beach to load during the night.
- 2010 LSM 138 anchored in YELLOW Beach area overnight.
- 2205 All ships in area directed to be prepared to make smoke if ordered between 0600-0800.
- 2314 LST 751 directed to beach at RED Beach as soon as space available after dawn.
- 2324 All unloaded LSM's at YELLOW Beach directed to proceed to RED Beach area at daylight.

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11 June 1945 - ZEBRA plus 1 Day

Anchored in BRUNEI BAY. High cirrus clouds, overcast in morning decreasing to broken about noon. Scattered cumulus. No wind. Sea smooth inside bay. Visibility 25 miles.

0605 LSM 219 retracted from RED Beach and proceeded to YELLOW Beach.  
0610 LSM 67 retracted from RED Beach and proceeded to YELLOW Beach.  
0615 LSM 168 retracted from RED Beach and proceeded to YELLOW Beach.  
0615 LSM 225 retracted from YELLOW Beach and proceeded to RED Beach.  
0700 LSM 138 underway from anchorage in YELLOW Beach area and proceeded to RED Beach.  
0720 LSM 225 beached at RED Beach.  
0738 LSM 219 beached at YELLOW Beach.  
0745 LSM 138 beached at RED Beach.  
0801 LSM 168 beached YELLOW Beach.  
0805-  
1225 LST 922 transferred fuel and water to LCI(G) 23.  
0819 LST 751 beached at RED Beach.  
0820 LST 584 beached at RED Beach.  
0840 LSM 219 retracted from YELLOW Beach and proceeded to RED Beach.  
0850 LSM 67 retracted from YELLOW Beach and proceeded to RED Beach.  
0855 LST 574 commenced unloading bulk cargo on to pontoon barge.  
0904 LSM 203 beached at YELLOW Beach.



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0912 LSM 225 retracted from RED Beach and proceeded to YELLOW Beach.  
0913 LSM 168 retracted from YELLOW Beach and proceeded to RED Beach.  
0914 LST 922 cast off pontoon barge, taken in tow to YELLOW Beach by LCI 701.  
0930 LST 751 retracted from RED Beach.  
0934 LSM 138 retracted from RED Beach and proceeded to YELLOW Beach.  
0935 LCI(L) 745 beached at YELLOW Beach.  
0945 LSM 219 beached at RED Beach.  
0945 LCI 701 underway from anchorage in YELLOW Beach area to RED Beach.  
1000 General MAC ARTHUR inspected GREEN and YELLOW Beach area.  
1000 LSM 67 beached at RED Beach.  
1000 LSM 68 anchored in RED Beach area.  
1003 LSM 225 beached at YELLOW Beach.  
1010 LSM 168 beached at RED Beach.  
1023 LSM 138 beached at YELLOW Beach.  
1030 LSM 67 retracted from RED Beach and proceeded to YELLOW Beach.  
1032 LST 584 retracted from RED Beach.  
1033 LSM 138 retracted from YELLOW Beach for rebeaching.  
1035 LCI 745 retracted from YELLOW Beach.  
1054 LST 584 anchored in LST Area THREE.  
1100 Six B-24's dropped bombs in vicinity of BROCKETON.  
1100 Pontoon barge from LST 667 taken in tow by LCI 703 for YELLOW Beach.  
1106 LSM 138 rebeached at YELLOW Beach.

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1115 LSM 219 retracted from RED Beach and proceeded to YELLOW Beach.  
1130 LSM 67 beached at YELLOW Beach.  
1157 LST 584 beached at RED Beach to begin unloading.  
1205 LSM 225 retracted from YELLOW Beach and proceeded to RED Beach.  
1205 LSM 168 retracted from RED Beach and proceeded to YELLOW Beach.  
1207 Flash RED, Control GREEN.  
1215 Flash BLUE, Control GREEN.  
1217 Flash WHITE, Control GREEN.  
1225 LSM 219 beached at YELLOW Beach.  
1230 Pontoon barge from LST 667 delivered to YELLOW Beach by LCI 703.  
1248 LCI 701 docked at RED Beach.  
1250 LSM 225 beached at RED Beach.  
1250 LCI 702 moored alongside LST 667 to load troops for RED and YELLOW Beaches.  
1253 LST 751 beached at RED Beach.  
1254 LSM 138 retracted from YELLOW Beach and proceeded to RED Beach.  
1259 LST 922 beached at RED Beach.  
1300 LSM 67 retracted from YELLOW Beach.  
1300 LCI 636 underway for YELLOW Beach with pontoon barge from LST 574 in tow.  
1355 LCI 702 docked at RED Beach to unload troops.  
1400 LCI 636 delivered pontoon barge from LST 574 to YELLOW Beach.  
1400 LSM 168 beached at YELLOW Beach.

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1402 LSM 225 retracted from RED Beach and proceeded to YELLOW Beach.

1405 LCI 702 undocked from RED Beach and proceeded to YELLOW Beach.

1415 LSM 138 anchored in RED Beach area.

1440 LCI 702 docked at YELLOW Beach.

1520 LSM 219 retracted from YELLOW Beach.

1520 LSM 67 underway for Transport Area TARE.

1530 LCI 702 undocked from pier at YELLOW Beach.

1530 LSM 168 retracted from YELLOW Beach.

1545 LSM 225 beached at YELLOW Beach.

1552 LSM 219 underway for Transport Area TARE.

1554 LSM 203 retracted from YELLOW Beach and proceeded to Transport Area TARE.

1600 LCI 703 took two empty pontoon barges in tow from YELLOW Beach to be delivered to LST's off RED Beach.

1600 LCI 702 moved alongside U.S.S. SPENCER. Captain MARTIN came aboard the U.S.S. SPENCER to report to Captain MANEES.

1610 LST 922 commenced loading LVT's.

1615 Captain MARTIN left U.S.S. SPENCER.

1617 ATR 61 standing by off RED Beach to assist LST's retracting.

1620 Echelon O-6-I cancelled.

1622 LCI 702 cast off all lines from U.S.S. SPENCER and proceeded to YELLOW Beach.

1630 LST 922 completed loading LVT's; unable to retract due to low tide.

1645 LST's 584 and 751 commenced loading LVT's.

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1710 ATR 61 underway for Transport Area TARE.  
1710 LST 574 and LST 667 received pontoon barge from LCI 703.  
1710 LST 584 completed loading LVT's.  
1715 LSM 68 underway for Transport Area TARE.  
1718 LCI 703 underway for Transport Area TARE.  
1725 LCI 702 and LSM 138 proceeding to Transport Area TARE.  
1725 LST 751 completed unloading LVT's.  
1725 LCI 701 undocked from pier at RED Beach and proceeded to YELLOW Beach.  
1730 LST 584 retracted from RED Beach and proceeded to Transport Area TARE.  
1915 LST 574 completed unloading bulk cargo on pontoon barge.  
1930 LSM 237 reported unloaded at YELLOW Beach, unable to retract.

12 June 1945 - ZEBRA plus 2 Day

Anchored in BRUNEI BAY, NORTHWEST BORNEO. High cirrus clouds, overcast in early morning decreasing to broken about sunrise,

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increasing to overcast about 1600. Scattered cumulus throughout day. No wind until 1800 when moderate wind from southwest. Sea smooth inside bay. Visibility 30 miles.

- 0615 LSM 225 retracted from YELLOW Beach and proceeded to RED Beach.
- 0625 LSM 237 retracted from YELLOW Beach and proceeded to RED Beach.
- 0710 LCI 636 docked at YELLOW Beach to embark Australian working party for RED Beach.
- 0730 LST 751 retracted from RED Beach and anchored in LST Area THREE.
- 0735 LCI 636 undocked from YELLOW Beach and proceeded to RED Beach.
- 0740 LSM 237 beached at RED Beach.
- 0752 LSM 203 anchored in RED Beach area.
- 0758 LSM 225 beached at RED Beach.
- 0805 LCI 636 docked at RED Beach and disembarked working party.
- 0839 LST 922 retracted from RED Beach and proceeded to Transport Area TARE.
- 0840 LCI 636 undocked RED Beach and anchored in RED Beach area.
- 0850 LSM 225 retracted from RED Beach and proceeded to YELLOW Beach.
- 0855 LCI 955 moored to pier 2 RED Beach disembarked CTG 78.1 inspecting party.
- 0905 LSM 203 directed to proceed to Transport Area TARE.
- 0930 Captain MARTIN reported to Captain MANEES on board U.S.S. SPENCER.
- 0950 LSM 225 docked at YELLOW Beach.
- 0955 LSM 237 beached at YELLOW Beach.



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- 1037 LST 751 underway for Transport Area TARE.
- 1040 LSM 237 retracted from YELLOW Beach and proceeded to Transport Area TARE.
- 1045 LSM 67 beached at YELLOW Beach.
- 1114 Commander LST Flotilla FIFTEEN shifted his flag from U.S.S. SPENCER to U.S.S. LST 574.
- 1131 LST 574 with Commander LST Flotilla FIFTEEN and Staff aboard underway from RED Beach area to Transport Area TARE.
- 1200 LCI 636 underway for Transport Area TARE.
- 1240 LSM 225 undocked from YELLOW Beach and proceeded to Area TARE.

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PART IV

ORDNANCE

A. PERFORMANCE OF OWN ORDNANCE

1. No ship of TU 78.1.17 or TU 78.1.18 opened fire during the BRUNEI BAY Operation.

B. PERFORMANCE OF ENEMY ORDNANCE

1. No enemy surface attack.
2. No enemy submarine attack.
3. Only one enemy aircraft appeared.
4. No enemy shore gun positions were found in the immediate areas of GREEN, WHITE, RED or YELLOW Beaches. Reports from the Thirteenth Air Force on 11 June 1945, however, stated that slight light inaccurate AA fire had been encountered at BRUNEI BLUFF by planes on bombing missions. Aerial photographs indicated that a number of small calibre gun emplacements were present in the target area, but no enemy opposition was encountered by the assault troops on the mainland from GREEN Beach to BROOKETON, or on MUARA ISLAND.

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PART V

DAMAGE

A. DAMAGE TO OWN UNITS

1. No damage was sustained by any vessel of TU 78.1.17 or TU 78.1.18 as a result of enemy action.

B. BATTLE DAMAGE TO ENEMY UNITS

1. Destruction of enemy shore service facilities at BROOKETON was accomplished by heavy air and naval bombardment.

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PART VI

SPECIAL COMMENTS AND INFORMATION

A. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT

1. The Naval gunfire support plan was carried out in accordance with ComPhibGrpSIX Attack Order No. A606-45. Assignment of fire support ships to the southern sector of the objective was as follows:

(a) TU 74.3.2 Fire Support Unit TWO (GREEN Beach)

1 CL (NASHVILLE)  
2 DD (CONNER, HMAS ARUNTA)

(b) TU 74.3.3 Fire Support Unit THREE (WHITE Beach)

3 DD (CHARRETTE, BELL, BURNS)

(c) TU 78.1.37 GREEN Support Unit

2 LCI(G)  
2 LCI(R)  
2 LCS(L)

(d) TU 78.1.38 WHITE Support Unit

2 LCI(G)  
2 LCI(R)  
1 LCI(M)  
2 LCS(L)

2. Pre-ZEBRA Day bombardment by Fire Support Group ONE (4 CL, 7 DD), commanded by Rear Admiral BERKEY, commenced ZEBRA minus THREE and covered known and suspected targets in the BRUNEI BAY area. On ZEBRA Day, Fire Support Units TWO and THREE conducted bombardment of GREEN and WHITE Beaches, respectively. This fire was scheduled on GREEN Beach from HOW Hour minus 60 minutes to HOW Hour plus 7 minutes.

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On WHITE Beach, naval gunfire was scheduled from JIG Hour minus 62 minutes to JIG Hour plus 5 minutes. Area coverage by the naval gunfire was complete and effective. Fire control was excellent, considering particularly the limited margin for ~~overs~~ in the WHITE Beach bombardment.

B. AIR SUPPORT

1. The Royal Australian Air Command, supported by units of the Thirteenth Air Force, USAF, and the First Tactical Air Force, RAAF, provided air support for the BRUNEI BAY Operation.
2. Commencing on ZEBRA minus TEN, the Thirteenth Air Force and the First Tactical Air Force, with planes operating from bases at PALLAWAN, ZAMBOANGA, TAWI-TAWI, MOROTAI, TARAkan and LEYTE conducted a series of strikes against northwestern and southern BORNEO, plus selected targets in the BRUNEI BAY area for the purpose of neutralizing enemy air fields, destroying planes, shipping, installations, and denying movement of the enemy attempting to reinforce or withdraw from the objective area. Aerial photographs of landing beaches and target areas were taken during this period for the purpose of obtaining reliable information on beach conditions and target damage assessment.
3. On ZEBRA Day air strikes against targets in the BRUNEI BLUFF, MUARA



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ISLAND, BROOKETON and BRUNEI TOWN areas were conducted effectively. WHITE Beach was bombed by 12 B-24's in two formations of six planes, at 0851 and 0855. Commencing at 0855 until 1100, 13 P-38's each dropped 165 gallons Napalm, fired 14 buildings in BRUNEI TOWN, causing smoke to rise to a height of 7000 feet. At 0908, 24 B-24's bombed BROOKETON from 8500 feet, dropping 480 120-lb. fragmentation bombs, obtaining 85% target coverage and starting two fires. In ground support in the area, from 0910 to 1400, 24 B-25's bombed at minimum altitude dropping a total of 288 100-lb. bombs, covering particularly gun positions on BRUNEI BLUFF.

C. AMPHIBIOUS ACTION

1. Troops and Cargo

(a) Loading

- (1) Assault shipping assigned to TU 78.1.17 and TU 78.1.18 for the BRUNEI Operation consisted of 1 LSI, 5 APD's, 5 LST's, 8 LSM's and 4 LCI's, all of which were loaded at MOROTAI, and embarked elements of the 20th Australian Infantry Brigade.
- (2) LST's were beached under favorable conditions on BLUE Beach and loaded initially only bulk cargo, consisting of ammunition, rations, petroleum products, water and engineering equipment. The LST's were rebeached on 29 and 30 May to load vehicles and troops.

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- (3) The LSI was loaded by LCM and LCVP while at anchor, and embarked 1299 personnel plus 320 tons of cargo. 5 APD's also loaded at anchor, using their own boats to carry troops and equipment to the ships. LSM's were loaded directly over Dock 1 jetty. LCI's were loaded at anchor by LCM's.
- (4) Loading of the 20th Australian Infantry Brigade began essentially on 28 May and ships completed their loading phases as follows:
  - (a) 29 May, LSI and APD's completed loading.
  - (b) 30 May, LST's completed loading.
  - (c) 1 June, LSM's completed loading (except LSM 68).
  - (d) 3 June, LCI's and LSM 68 completed loading.

(b) Troops and Cargo Loading Data

Enclosed table gives the consolidated loading information for ships of TU 78.1.17 and 78.1.18. A total of 5370 troops, 554 vehicles, 4 pontoon barges and 2846 tons of equipment and cargo were delivered to the objective in assault shipping of TU 78.1.17 and 78.1.18 on ZEBRA Day.

(c) Training Exercises

Training exercises for TU 78.1.17 and TU 78.1.18 were conducted at selected beaches in MOROTAI on 31 May. Three LST's carrying LVT's were loaded with their complete tank deck

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loads. The LSI and five APD's were loaded with troops.

All troops LVT's, LCM's and LCVP's made simulated landings in organized waves. Troops and vehicles were reembarked upon completion of the rehearsals.

(d) Aids for Unloading

Four pontoon barges (two 3 x 12, two 3 x 7) were lifted to the objective on an LST of TU 78.1.18. No propulsion units for these barges were to be installed during the assault phases. There was a total of 500 feet of roller conveyor among the LST's of TU 78.1.18, and a 50-man working party with each LST. These 250 men were Australian labor troops and remained aboard their respective ships until all cargo was unloaded.

(e) Unloading at the Objective

(1) All APD's, LCI's, LSM's and the LSI had completed unloading prior to 1800 on ZEBRA Day. Approximately 2053 tons of vehicles and cargo were discharged from assault shipping of TU's 78.1.17 and 78.1.18 on ZEBRA Day. This constituted nearly 73% of the total cargo lifted by TU's 78.1.17 and 78.1.18 for the assault operation.

(2) There were 812 troops landed on GREEN Beach, and 960 troops landed on WHITE Beach in the initial assault

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commencing at 0915 on ZEBRA Day. Approximately 4638 of the 5370 20th Australian Brigade troops embarked in ships of TU's 78.1.17 and 78.1.18, were on the beach by 1800 ZEBRA Day. Army personnel remaining aboard ships ZEBRA Day night were for the most part unloading crews.

2. Beach Organization and Operations

(a) Preparation for the Operation

- (1) The planning for the BRUNEI BAY Operation was completed in considerable detail, and alternative plans were given closest scrutiny as a result of a postponement of the original target date. Target area intelligence, which proved adequate, showed that the beaching areas were of a shallow gradient, with shoals limiting the beach area suitable for LST's to a small section of beach, 150 yards long at SAPO POINT. The only other area considered suitable for landings by large landing craft was situated at BROOKETON, where it was considered feasible to beach LSM's and LCI's, but not LST's. The Landing Plan for TU's 78.1.17 and 78.1.18 was intentionally drawn at length to cover each detail and service down to individual performance.
- (2) Several preliminary rehearsals were organized for the WHITE Beach control teams and support craft by the WHITE

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Beach Control Officer, CTU 78.1.43. Owing to the absence of the GREEN Beach Control Officer, only one preliminary rehearsal was conducted by his unit.

- (3) On 31 May a full scale rehearsal was run in MOROTAI STRAITS. All assault personnel of TU's 78.1.17 and 78.1.18 participated. The rehearsal was repeated for each unit with more satisfactory results particularly in the matter of timing. Communications which were awkwardly established and maintained during the first run, improved greatly for the second and third runs.

(b) Activities at the Objective

- (1) JIG Day. The landing was favored with excellent weather and sea conditions as well as unlimited visibility. Assault waves were formed, dispatched and landed in accordance with the schedule. The Fire Support LCI's at GREEN Beach performed creditably in carrying out their mission in the standard fashion. Close Fire Support ships on WHITE Beach had an additional complication in having to approach their target area from the south at right-angles to the boat lane which extended roughly from east to west. Destroyer fire from the north at the same time presented a precise problem in timing and fire control, which was carried out satisfactorily. The destroyer



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fire did result in a few overs, which threatened the piers on RED Beach, but never presented a hazard to the LCI Fire Support ships approaching from the south. Timing by the Fire Support LCI's was excellent.

- (2) On shore, WHITE Beach was found to be of shallow gradient and sufficiently passable to allow LVT's to proceed behind the fringe of trees and undergrowth to clear the beach for succeeding waves. GREEN Beach was discovered to be excellent for beaching LSM's. However, the lack of road facilities in that beach area made passage of vehicles landed by LSM difficult. In all, 21 LCVP's, 3 LCM's and 1 LSM beached on GREEN Beach in assault, followed about three hours later by 20 LCVP's which landed the Brigade Reserves from the AFD's.
- (3) On WHITE Beach, the LVT waves comprised the primary assaulting group. After the landing on WHITE Beach, and when RED Beach, which was immediately adjacent beyond SAFO POINT, had also been secured, 2 LSM's and 1 LCI attempted to unload onto or between the piers of RED Beach. This was unsuccessful. The LCI unloaded onto a pier without difficulty, but the LSM's were unsuccessful in their attempts to beach between the piers, or on WHITE Beach itself. The only solution was to beach everything

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within the narrow limits of the beach at SAPO POINT which extended a maximum of 150 yards overall. Beachings at SAPO POINT resulted in dry ramps consistently, which facilitated unloading. However the beach itself was littered with large pilings and debris which was impassable for vehicles until cleared. The clearing of the beach occupied a considerable part of ZEBRA Day. Roads were cut and laid with steel plate found on the beach. Craters were filled in and trees cleared. In spite of all this, a large percentage of vehicles had to be snaked individually to the parking areas. By 1800 ZEBRA Day 3 LST's and 2 LSM's had unloaded their mobile cargo onto RED Beach. The remaining 2 LST were beached and unloaded on ZEBRA plus 1 Day. The LST's of TU 78.1.18 were 100% unloaded by 1700 ZEBRA plus 1.

- (4) YELLOW Beach at BROOKETON was declared open at 1230 ZEBRA Day. Four LSM's and three LCI's were scheduled to beach and unload initially at YELLOW Beach. Beaching conditions again were not favorable. An average gradient of 3 feet per 100 feet was encountered. With the changing tides a current of at least 3 knots flowed past the beach, which increased the safe distance which had to be allowed between ships beached, and limited the number of

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ships that could be beached at one time. Due to the shallow gradient, ramps were consistently lowered into three or four feet of water, and an estimated 60% of all vehicles unloaded onto YELLOW Beach had to be towed ashore by tractor or truck winch, when inadequate water-proofing drowned out the motors. Greatest difficulty was encountered in unloading bulk cargo and ammunition. Trucks for unloading bulk were not available, and the majority of the bulk cargo was unloaded manually, being carried on an average through twenty-five feet of water, with the bottom littered with piling. Six piers were present at YELLOW Beach, of which three were unusable and one on fire, also to become unusable. One pier was repaired and used to unload troops and cargo from LCI's and LSM's. Another pier was repaired sufficiently to be of use in unloading cargo from pontoon barges. Altogether, unloading of all cargo carried by the 4 LSM's and 3 LCI's consigned to YELLOW Beach was completed by 1800 ZEBRA Day. In addition, approximately 15 LCVI's, plus 3 LCM's, 1 LCI and 1 LSM unloaded cargo from HMAS KANIMBLA onto YELLOW Beach, and cargo shuttle service from RED to YELLOW Beach was accomplished by 3 LCM's, 1 LCI and about 12 LCVI's also by 1800 ZEBRA Day. On ZEBRA plus 1 Day, 10 LSM's, 1 LCI, 4 pontoon barges,

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4 LCM's and approximately 8 LCVP's delivered cargo shuttled from RED to YELLOW Beach. ZEBRA plus 2 Day, 3 LSM's and 2 pontoon barges carried final cargo from RED Beach to YELLOW Beach prior noon. Two pontoon barge loads of bulk cargo remained on RED Beach to be transferred to YELLOW at noon on ZEBRA plus 2 when CTU 78.1.18 departed the area. However, arrangements were made prior departure to effect the transfer before dark on ZEBRA plus 2. A total of 2548 tons of vehicles and cargo was landed on YELLOW Beach in the 48 hours following the opening of the beach.

3. Handling of Casualties

(a) GREEN Beach

The landing of troops was accomplished without accident or opposition. An Australian Advance Dressing Station was set up on the beach for care of casualties. No casualties were evacuated from this beach during ZEBRA Day or thereafter.

(b) WHITE-RED Beaches

In the initial assault and before any first aid facilities were available ashore, two men were wounded, one of them seriously. These casualties were believed caused by own fire. They were evacuated to LST 667 where one died of wounds

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received. The body was later transferred to YELLOW Beach for burial. No further casualties were reported or evacuated from this area. Casualty handling facilities in the form of an Australian ADS were established immediately following the assault.

(c) YELLOW Beach

YELLOW Beach was secured in an overland operation from GREEN Beach. One U. S. Army casualty was evacuated from this area ZEBRA plus 1 Day. Prior to that an Australian Casualty Clearing Station had been established in the YELLOW Beach area on ZEBRA Day, but no casualties had been sustained.

(d) All casualties from the GREEN, WHITE, RED and YELLOW Beach areas were transferred to HMAS KANIMBLA for evacuation to MOROTAI on ZEBRA plus 1 Day. Total evacuated was four, all ambulatory.

(e) No casualties were reported among naval personnel in assault shipping of TU's 78.1.17 and 78.1.18.

(f) LST 667 remained in the objective area, as directed by CTG 78.1, for casualty handling.

D. SPECIAL COMMENT

1. Communications

(a) Communications at the objective was conducted in accordance



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with Annex EASY to ComPhibGrpSIX Attack Order No. A606-45.

This Communication Plan was complete in every detail and as a result communication difficulties were at a minimum. The radio frequency plan was necessarily complex due to the number of landing points, necessitating assault frequencies to cover each.

- (b) Discipline on voice radio circuits was above average. The number of units guarding any particular assault or control frequency at a given time was limited, which facilitated control of the circuits.
- (c) It is believed that orders from the Commander BRUNEI Attack Group for units to report in on assault unit frequencies at approximately minus 25 hours instead of minus 4 hours as planned resulted in a misinterpretation by several of the units to the effect that radio silence was relaxed and that general testing was permissible. This resulted in requests for radio tests on various frequencies which were not to be used until ZEBRA Day morning. A general violation of Paragraph 2120 of the Communication Plan resulted.

2. Performance of Personnel

Performance of the personnel attached to Task Units 78.1.17 and 78.1.18 was excellent throughout the operation. Although no enemy

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resistance was encountered, the intricate unloading problem undertaken at the objective reflected the utmost in coordination and cooperation on the part of all concerned; without which the successful prosecution of the operation would not have been possible.

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	TOTAL GUNS and VEHICLES	TOTAL DWT VEHICLES	AMMUNITION	POL	SUPPLIES	VOYAGE ONLY RATIONS	ENGR.	WATER	UNIT STORES	TOTAL DWT BULK
HMAS KANIMBLA	50	39.15	128	-	50	5	10	15	45	253
LST 584	50	244.36	15	40	12	-	20	9	23	119
LST 574	79	313.24	15	50	12	-	18	9	13	117
LST 751	49	114.31	15	60	12	-	20	9	4	120
LST 922	61	308.75	15	35	12	-	25	9	33	129
LST 667	62	247.02	15	60	12	-	20	9	3	119
LSM 67	27	64.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.5	11.5
LSM 68	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LSM 138	37	74.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
LSM 225	39	63.27	-	-	-	-	7	-	10.5	17.5
LSM 219	31	63.43	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.5	12.5
LSM 237	7	107.24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LSM 203	34	66.31	-	-	-	-	2	-	14	16
LSM 168	25	64.14	-	-	-	-	6	-	17	23
LCI 701	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LCI 702	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LCI 703	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LCI 636	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USS SPENCER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USS CARTER HALL	2	14.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USS NEWMAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
USS KEPHART	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
USS LLOYD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
USS LIDDLE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
USS DIACHENKO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
TOTAL	554	1891.77	203	245	110	5	128	60	203.5	954.5
TOTAL DWT CARRIED. . . 2,846.27										

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	OFFICERS	OR's	TOTAL	JEEPS	2 1/2 TON	3 TON	MISC. VEHs.	LVT's	MECH EQUIP.	TRIR. -JEEP	TRIR. -MISC	GUNS
HMAS KANIMBLA	84	1215	1299	23	-	-	-	-	-	21	-	6
LST 584	22	442	464	9	3	4	2	13	-	8	1	10
LST 574	33	417	450	27	6	6	5	-	7	27	1	-
LST 751	28	405	433	15	2	4	1	13	-	14	-	-
LST 922	22	417	439	13	17	7	1	-	6	11	6	-
LST 667	23	428	451	21	1	5	1	13	1	16	2	2
ISM 67	4	48	52	8	4	-	-	-	2	4	1	8
ISM 68	*	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ISM 138	5	47	52	15	2	-	4	-	-	15	1	-
ISM 225	5	46	51	18	-	-	-	-	3	16	-	2
ISM 219	2	48	50	13	4	1	-	-	-	8	1	4
ISM 237	1	28	29	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	2	-
ISM 203	3	43	46	14	1	2	-	-	3	13	1	-
ISM 168	4	48	52	9	2	-	-	-	4	5	1	4
ICI 701	10	164	174	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ICI 702	11	173	184	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ICI 703	13	168	181	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ICI 636	77	147	154	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USS SPENCER	15	30	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USS CARTER HALL	-	4	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USS NEWMAN	7	152	159	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USS KEPHART	10	145	155	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USS LLOYD	10	132	142	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USS LIDDLE	5	147	152	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USS DIACHENKO	5	147	152	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	329	5041	5370	185	45	29	14	39	31	158	17	36

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	Hq 20 Aust Bde C/P 56	2/8 Fd Regt	2/17 Aust Inf Bn	20 Bde Sig Sec	2/2 MG Bn	9 Div Pro Coy	A Sqn 2/9 Armd Regt	2/12 Fd Amb	9 Mtl Hist Team	HQ 20 Inf Bde	B FS Sec	2/3 Fd Coy	Pub Relations	2/13 Inf Bn LOB	2/15 Inf Bn LOB	det 435 CI Corps	2/8 Fd Amb	2/118 Bde Wksp	2/58 LAD	Observers	2/64 LAD
HMAS KANIMBYA	103	766	8	89	6	5	60	7	2	1	6	5	58	57	1	26	40	4	1	1	
IST 584	47					50					6	2								1	
IST 574	9		23								1	7	2			3	7	13	4	4	
IST 751	4		4								1	21				14	14	10	2	25	
IST 922						14					69						96				
IST 687	3										20						37				
ISM 67	50										2										
ISM 68																					
ISM 138																8					
ISM 225			2								6					2		1			3
ISM 219																					
ISM 237	39																				
ISM 203			3								6										
ISM 168	39										19										
LCI 701	113										4										
LCI 702	3		3								1	46		2	3		47	3	1		
LCI 703	100																24				
LCI 636	97	20									11										
USS SPENCER	45																				
USS CARTER HALL																					
USS MANTAN																					
USS KEFHART																					
USS LLOYD			6						15				2						1		
USS LIDDLE																					
USS DIACHENKO	3										6										
TOTAL	45	616	786	49	91	6	60	7	32	4	235	11	60	60	4	237	77	31	5	37	

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	1	26	3	6	9	8	1 Bch Gp	2/8 Fd Regt LOB	2/8 Fd Regt Sig Sec	2/13 Inf Bn	2/16 Fd Coy	B Coy 2/2 MG Bn	det 3&7 Wireless Sec	2/1 ME Coy	2/15 Inf Bn	2/9 Armd Regt Wksp	2/13 Tpt Pl (Lt)	2/16 Tpt Pl (Hvy)	727 Amp Trec Bn (USA)	2/118 Bde Ord Fd Pk	Comp AA Wksp
HMAS KANIMBLA	1	26	3	6	9	8															
IST 584	1		13			6	19		2				9		210	26		10	47	87	16
IST 574						4	14								236	24		36			
IST 751	1										2			6							
IST 922																					
IST 667							20								301	20			45	5	
ISM 67																					
ISM 68																					
ISM 138											6			18		20					
ISM 225											4			8							
ISM 219																					
ISM 237							2		6					2		2					
ISM 203														2	22						
ISM 168														4							
ICI 701							8														
ICI 702						4	3		95												
ICI 703							13		13												
ICI 636								13	13												
USS SPENCER																					
USS CARTER HALL																					
USS NEWMAN							2		157										4		
USS KEPLART							2		142												
USS LLOYD	1						3		67			28	11								
USS LIDDLE							3		123												
USS DIACENKO							3		140												
TOTAL	4	26	16	6	22	94	13	34	768	67	28	20	40	769	52	40	50	140	5	16	

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	HQ 2/6 Sup Dep Pl	2/5 Pd Svc Coy	2/26 Sup Dep Pl	1st AA Bty	det AA Sig Sec	8 Svy Bty	ALP	Met Sec Svy Bty	2/9 Armed Regt	Sqn Sub Pk 2/9	det B Sec Sigs	det Lt Wireless	Op det Pigeon Sec	2/18 Tpt Pl	2/13 Pd Amb	2 M1 Idg Cr	Ops Report Team	ATIS	2/17 Inf Bn IOB	2/43 Cipher Sec	det 3 Engr Sig Sect	1 Pl 2/1 Gd Regt	9 Div Pro Coy
HMAS KANIMBLA	13	23	12	82	4					10	6	5	2	4	60	4	3	2	50	2	3	41	21
LST 584																							
LST 574																							
LST 751			20																				
LST 922						33	3	3															
LST 667																							
LSM 67																							
LSM 68																							
LSM 138																							
LSM 225																							
LSM 219																							
LSM 237									17														
LSM 203																							
LSM 168																							
LCI 701																							
LCI 702																							
LCI 703																							
LCI 636																							
USS SPENCER																							
USS CARTER HALL																							
USS NEW AN																							
USS KEFHART																							
USS LLOYD																							
USS LIDDLE																							
USS DIACHENKO																							
TOTAL	13	23	32	82	4	33	3	3	17	10	6	5	2	4	60	41	3	2	50	2	3	41	21

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HMAS KLINIMBLA	Det 83 Army Co-op Wing	Hq 2/6 Sep Dep Coy	LO 9 Div	det SRD	det APTU	Flamethrower 2 Armd Pde	RECCE Sqd	323 Radar Sta	2/27 Sup Dep Pl	2/3 MCU	2/1 CCS	2/8 Dental Unit	9 Div Cash Office	9 Div Postal Unit	9 Div Sal Unit	9 Armd Bde Wksp	AACS	SFCP	2/9 Armed Regt Signal	det Hq Naval Bomb Cp	TOTAL
1ST 584	3	4	2	5	1													9	3	7	464
1ST 574																					450
1ST 751																					433
1ST 922						15	34	32	30	30	5	2	4	10	3	7					439
1ST 667																					451
LSM 67																					52
LSM 68																					1
LSM 138																					52
LSM 225																					51
LSM 219																					50
LSM 237																					29
LSM 203																					46
LSM 168																					52
LCI 701																					174
LCI 702																					184
LCI 703																					181
LCI 636																					154
USS SPENCER																					45
USS CARTER HALL																					4
USS NEWMAN																					159
USS KEPLART																					155
USS LLOYD																					142
USS LIDDLE																					152
USS DIACHENKO																					152
TOTAL	3	4	2	5	1	15	34	32	30	30	5	2	4	10	3	7	18	3	7		5370

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