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**June 1945, Operation orders,
Oboe Two**



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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN 7 AUST DIV
OPERATION ORDER - OBOE TWO of 9 JUN 45

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7 AUST DIV OPERATION ORDER - OBOE TWO

Ref Maps: BALIKPAPAN 1/50000 Sheets A,B,C
BALIKPAPAN 1/25000

INFORMATION

- 1 Topography) See Terrain Handbook BALIKPAPAN, 1 Aust
- 2 Enemy) Corps Intelligence Review No.4 and
- 3 Own Troops) 7 Aust Div Intelligence Review No.2.

(a) US Forces control PALAWAN and TAWI TAWI and fighter and bomber strips have been established on those islands.

(b) 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp are completing task of destroying enemy forces on TARAKAN and air facilities will shortly be established there. This Brigade Group upon completion of its task comes into Corps Reserve.

(c) 9 Aust Div less 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp is to seize and hold the area BRUNEI BAY - MIRI-LUTONG - SERIA of NORTH BORNEO. It is expected that by F Day for OBOE TWO air facilities will be established in the BRUNEI BAY area.

4 Naval Support

(a) Allied Naval Forces are:

(i) Transporting land forces to the BALIKPAPAN area and protecting such convoys.

(ii) Bombarding the beaches in support of landing.

(iii) Intercepting any enemy attempts to reinforce or supply BALIKPAPAN by sea.

(iv) Escorting and protecting our shipping on the lines of Communication to the BALIKPAPAN area.

(v) Initiating motor torpedo boat operations in the BALIKPAPAN area at the earliest practicable date.

(vi) Establishing naval forces in the BALIKPAPAN area as required and as arranged with 7 Aust Div.

(b) Naval support available is shown at Appendix 'C' attached.

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AIR SUPPORT

5 Composition

- (a) See Annexure 2 to Appendix 'D' attached.
- (b) Three AUSTER aircraft will be available as soon as landing strip has been constructed on F Day and a further three AUSTERS will be landed on F+1.

6 General

Allied air forces are:

- (a) Providing aerial reconnaissance and photography as required.
- (b) Providing air cover for the naval task forces and convoys.
- (c) Neutralizing hostile ground, naval and air forces and installations within supporting distance of the objective area and denying their movement thereto.
- (d) Prior to F Day destroying hostile ground defences in the area BALIKPAPAN-MANGGAR and destroying oil installations capable of being used as a burning oil defence against the landing and subsequent ground operations.
- (e) Providing direct support of the landing and subsequent ground operations as arranged with 7 Aust Div.
- (f) Establishing air forces in the area BALIKPAPAN-MANGGAR as soon as practicable.
- (g) Establishing and operating radar and air warning installations in Eastern BORNEO as arranged with 7 Aust Div.

INTENTION

- 7 7 Aust Div will, by overwater operations, capture and hold the BALIKPAPAN-MANGGAR area of Eastern BORNEO to enable the establishment of air and naval facilities and to conserve the petroleum producing and processing installations therein.

METHOD

8 Objectives

- (a) Secure beach-head.
- (b) Dominate BALIKPAPAN Harbour and destroy the enemy in BALIKPAPAN.
- (c) Secure SEPINGGAN airstrip.
- (d) Secure MANGGAR airstrip.

PART I - ASSAULT FORCE

ASSAULT TROOPS

- 9 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp and 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp will simultaneously assault ABLE Sector (see trace attached at Appendix 'A').

ORDER OF BATTLE

- 10 See Appendix 'B' attached.

PHASES

- 11 See Appendix 'A' attached.

(a) Phase I

- (1) 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp (Commander - Brig I N DOUGHERTY DSO)

Land at H Hour on ABLE GREEN Beach and capture the line from KLANDASAN BESAR river mouth at 606594 to house 603598 to road junction 595597 inclusive.

- (11) 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp (Commander - Brig F O CHILTON DSO)

Land at H Hour on ABLE YELLOW and ABLE RED Beaches and secure the line from track 595597 exclusive to road junction 580597 to coast at 577590.

(b) Phase II

- (1) 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp

Secure the line from beach 619593 to 616604 to G MALANG 602614 thence track to road junction 587616 inclusive.

- (11) 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp

Secure the line from exclusive road junction 587616 to 576605 then track to Hill 87 at 574599 to coast at 577590.

TASKS

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- (a) 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp

- (1) Complete Phase I and Phase II to secure an adequate area for the maintenance of the force and to enable 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp to concentrate on gaining the vital ground from 576605 to Hill 87 at 574599.

- (11) Patrol vigorously with 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt (less one Sqn) to the EAST and NE with a view to the early capture of SEPINGGAN air strip.

- (iii) Capture pump station at 612618.
 - (iv) Be prepared, on release by Divisional Headquarters, to advance to the EAST to capture SEPINGGAN airstrip.
- (b) 18 Aust Inf Bde Gp
- (i) Complete Phase I and Phase II.
 - (ii) It is essential that the feature from 576605 to Hill 87 at 574599 be captured at the earliest possible moment after H Hour to secure the beach-head and serve as a base for subsequent operations. A plan will be prepared to take maximum advantage of the effect of the heavy early bombardment to capture Hill 87 at 574599.
 - (iii) Subsequently dominate BALIKPAPAN.
 - (iv) Destroy the enemy in the town area.
 - (v) Free the harbour for use at an early stage.

INTER-BRIGADE BOUNDARY

- 13 All inclusive 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp - road junction 596593 to road junction 595597 to 592606 to road junction 588607 thence road to road junction 583629.

RESERVE

- 14 (a) 25 Aust Inf Bde
(b) One Sqn 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt
(c) One Coy MG Bn

available as floating reserve on F Day.

PART II - FOLLOW-UP TROOPS

25 AUST INF BDE GP

15 Order of Battle

See Appendix 'B' attached.

16 Role

Floating Divisional Reserve F Day.

17 Probable Locations Ashore

Hill 54 at 592602 to road junction 588607 to Reservoir 583600 to road bend 587597.

NAVAL

- 18 (a) Details of Naval Support prior to and on F Day are shown at Appendix 'C' attached.
- (b) Subsequent naval support will be through SFOPs.

AIR

- 19 Air plan for the operation is attached at Appendix 'D' Annexures 1 to 12.

ARMOUR

- 20 Five Troops 1 Aust Armd Regt will land F+2 and come into Divisional reserve.

ARTILLERY

21 Field Artillery

- (a) At approximately H+30 one Battery of each 2/4 Aust Fd Regt and 2/5 Aust Fd Regt will land in DUKWs on ABLE GREEN Beach.
Three Troops will support 18 Aust Inf Bde and one Troop 21 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) CO 2/4 Aust Fd Regt will command both batteries and ensure:-
- (1) Survey to be completed at earliest.
- (11) Both Batteries are able to cover both Brigade fronts.
- (c) The necessary "O" parties and preparation parties will land prior to the gun groups.
- (d) At approximately H+90, 2/4 Aust Fd Regt (less one Battery and Detachments) will land in LVTs on ABLE GREEN Beach and occupy a regimental gun area in the vicinity of track junction 595601.
2/4 Aust Fd Regt (less one Battery) will support 18 Aust Inf Bde.
One Battery 2/5 Aust Fd Regt will support 21 Aust Inf Bde.
- (e) 2/5 Aust Fd Regt (less one Battery) will land on 21 Aust Inf Bde Beach at approximately H+4 hours and not later than H+8 hours and occupy positions in regimental area in square 5960.
2/4 Aust Fd Regt plus one Battery 2/5 Aust Fd Regt will support 18 Aust Inf Bde.
2/5 Aust Fd Regt will support 21 Aust Inf Bde.

22 AA Artillery

- (a) One Troop of six 40mm Bcfors guns will land during F Day on ABLE GREEN Beach.

Roles and Priorities

- (i) One Section will deploy on the beach and protect the landing beaches against low flying aircraft.
- (ii) One Section will protect the Beach Maintenance Area.
- (b) The Sections will be co-ordinated as early as possible for anti-aircraft role.
- (c) The Section deployed on the beach will be available for beach defence. The Section Commander will contact Beach Group Headquarters for instructions.

23 Tank Attack and 4.2-inch Mortars

Troops and Detachments are placed under command of Brigades.

24 Command

Except as previously specified all RAA 7 Aust Div units come under command CRA when HQ RAA 7 Aust Div is established ashore. Time and place will be notified.

25 Meteorological Information

Meteorological information cannot be expected before H + 8.

ENGINEERS

- 26 (a) CRE will co-ordinate all engineer tasks.

(b) Tasks

- (i) Assist infantry.
- (ii) Construction of AUSTER strip.
- (iii) Water supply.
- (iv) Clearance of mines and booby traps.
- (v) Maintenance of road communications.
- (vi) Bridging
- (vii) Assist RAA 7 Aust Div in movement of guns from beach to gun positions.
- (viii) Provide engineer support for armour.
- (ix) Coverage Scale 'A' for CCS.
- (x) Demolition of pillboxes and tunnels.
- (xi) Construction of airstrips.
- (xii) Construction of base installations.

- (c) All underwater obstacles below high water mark are a Naval responsibility. All obstacles above high water mark are a RAE responsibility.

- (d) NL Pontoon Self-propelled Barges will have RAE personnel as crews with Naval coxswain allotted by Principal Beach Master (Army). They will be under command 2 Aust Beach Gp until required for port construction at approximately F+5.

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AA PROTECTION

- 27 (a) Offensive action will be taken against enemy aircraft at all times.
- (b) No land activity will cease merely because of the presence of enemy aircraft. Only in the locality of an area being directly attacked may shelter be taken.

DEFENCE OF BEACH AND MAINTENANCE AREA

- 28 (a) Beach Group Commander is responsible for the seaward and landward defence of Beach Maintenance Area.
- (b) GO 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn will co-ordinate seaward defences within and without Beach Maintenance Area.

SHIPPING

29 Distribution of Force to Convoys

- (a) Consolidated Divisional Distribution of Force to Convoys - see Appendix "E" attached.
- (b) Divisional Distribution of Force to Convoys - see Appendix "F" attached.
- (c) Divisional Distribution of Force to Ships - see Appendix "G" attached.
- (d) Landing Diagram - see Appendix "K" attached.

LANDING SCALES

- 30 (a) F Day - Assault Scales.
- (b) F + 2 - Build-up to Light Scale.
- (c) F + 6 to F + 11 - Build-up to Normal Scale.

TACTICAL LOADING

- 31 F and F + 2 convoys will be tactically loaded complete.

REHEARSAL

- 32 Rehearsal of assault elements will be carried out on S - 2 under instructions issued separately.

SAFEGUARDING INSTALLATIONS

- 33 All civil installations such as telephone exchanges, pumping plants, machinery, power stations and transformers, wharf and harbour installations and petroleum producing and processing installations will be kept intact as far as operations requirements permit.

Every care must be taken that there is no subsequent damage to any such installations.

SECURITY

- 34 Issued separately in 7 Aust Div Intelligence Instruction No. 3.

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COMMAND

35 During the amphibious movements and landing the Commander Naval Attack Force will command the operation until the landing force is established ashore. Command of the forces ashore then passed to the Commander 7 Aust Div. The exact time of transfer of command will be announced by all commanders by wireless. The controlling considerations for fixing the time when the landing force is established ashore will be mutually decided between the Commander Naval Attack Force and the Commander 7 Aust Div and will be announced by them to appropriate subordinates.

36 Amphibians

One company 727 Amphibious Tractor Bn US and Det HQ and one company 672 Amphibious Tractor Bn US will revert to Divisional command at 0800 hours F + 1.

E DAY

37 1 July 45.

H HOUR

38 0900I.

ADMINISTRATION

39 Maintenance Project

- (a) Maintenance Project is issued separately.
- (b) First Key Plan - see Appendix 'H' attached.
- (c) Administrative Build-up - see Appendix 'J' attached.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

40 Sigs 7 Aust Div Operation Order OBOE TWO contains full details of Navy, Army and Air Force communications.

41 Location of Headquarters Afloat

- (a) HQ 7 Aust Div - USS WASATCH.
- (b) Alternate HQ 7 Aust Div - HMAS WESTRALIA.

42 Location of Headquarters on Landing

RISING GROUND at 596596.

Estimated time of opening ashore - H+4 hours.

43 Air Courier Service

RAAF will be providing an Air Courier Service to the Objective area from F day onward. 2 Aust Beach Gp will be responsible for placing a buoy in the vicinity of HQ Ship by H+2 hours for mooring Catalina aircraft.

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44 Wireless Silence

(a) Wireless silence will be maintained by all Army wireless stations until H - 1 hour on F Day. In the event of any subsidiary landing or engineer task prior to F Day, wireless silence may be broken one hour before the commencement of such operation.

Listening watch will be kept from H - 2 hours on F Day by all Army Wireless stations afloat.

(b) Emergency communications afloat will be passed over Navy channels prior to H - 1 hour.

(c) After H - 1 hour, wireless silence may again be imposed and, if so, will be broken only by means of the appropriate codewords.

45 Time Zone

Time Zone Suffix will be "I". To determine time from this Zone, nine hours will be added to GMT or one hour subtracted from Australian Eastern Standard Time.

46 Synchronisation of Watches

(a) Afloat

Ship's time, Zone ITEM.

(b) Ashore

After landing, Zone Time will be calculated from station WTO (US Army) BRISBANE, or from ABC or BBC Time Signals.

47 Codeword for Operation

"OBOE TWO".

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Acknowledge.

Signed at.....090900 Jun 45
Issued by LO

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18 Aust Inf Bde	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2
21 Aust Inf Bde	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4
25 Aust Inf Bde	5-6	5-6	5-6	5-6	5-6	5-6	5-6	5-6	5-6	5-6	5-6	5-6	5-6	5-6
2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
RAA 7 Aust Div	8-9	8-9	8-9	8-9	8-9	7-8	8-9	7-8	7-8		7-8	8-9	8-9	8-9
RAE 7 Aust Div	10-15	10-15	10-15	10-15	10-15	9-14	10-15	9-14	9-14		9-13	10-15	10-15	10-15
Sigs 7 Aust Div	16-17	16-17	16-17	16-17	16-17	15-16	16-17	15-16	15-16	13-14	14-15	16-17	16-17	16-17
2/1 Aust MG Bn	18	18	18	18	18		18					18	18	18
2/1 Aust Pmr Bn	19	19	19	19	19		19					19	19	19
2 Aust Beach Gp	20-21	20-21	20-21	20-21	20-21	17-18	20-21	18-19	17-18	15-16	16-17	20-21	20-21	20-21
7 Aust Base Sub Area	22-23	22-23	22-23	22-23	22-23	19-20	22-23	20-21	19-20	17-18	18-19	22-23	22-23	22-23
1 Aust Mil Idg Gp	24	24	24	24	24	21	24	22	21	19	20	24	24	24
Adv HQ RAAF Comd AAF SWPA	25-30	25-30	25-30	25-30	25-30	22-27	25-30				21-26	25-30	25-30	25-30
1 Air Liaison Gp	31-32	31-32	31-32	31-32	31-32		31-32					31-32		
1 Task Force 78.2	33-38	33-38	33-38	33-38	33-38	28-33	33-38	23-28	22-27	20-25	27-28	33-38	31-36	31-36
US Navy Base MCR OTAI	39	39	39	39	39	34	39	29	28	26	29-34	39	37	37
One coy 727 Amph Tractor Bn US	40	40	40	40			40				35	40		
Det HQ & one coy 672 Amph Tractor Bn US	41	41	41	41			41					41		
One coy Boat Bn 593 EBSR	42	42	42	42			42	30				42		
NICA XII	43	43	43	43			43					43		
Coy NEI Bn	44	44	44	44	40		44					44		
1 Aust Corps	45-50	45-50	45-50	45-50	41-46	35-40	45-50	31-36	29-34	27-31	36-41	45-50	38-43	38-43
9 Aust Div	51-52	51-52	51-52	51-52	47-48	41-42	51-52	37-38	35-36	32-33	42-43	51-52	44-45	44-45
AIB	53	53	53	53	49		53					53		
Comd	54	54	54	54	50	43	54	39	37	34	44	54	46	46
G	55-56	55-56	55-56	55-56	51-52	44-45	55-56	40-41	38-39	35-36	45-46	55-56	47-48	47-48
A	57-58	57-58	57-58	57-58	53-54	46-47	57-58	42-43	40-41	37-38	47-48	57-58	49-50	49-50
e	59-60	59-60	59-60	59-60	55-56	48-49	59-60	44-45	42-43	39-40	49-50	59-60	51-52	51-52
ASC 7 Aust Div	61-62	61-62	61-62	61-62	57-58	50-51	61-62	46-47	44-45	41-42	51-52	61-62	53-54	53-54

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Ord		64	64	64	64	60	52	64	49	47	44	53	64	56	56
AEME		65	65	65	65	61		65	50	48	45	54	65	57	57
Pro		66	66	66	66	62		66					66	58	58
2 Aust Op Report Team		67	67	67	67	63	53	67	51	49	46	55	67	59	59
File	68-69	68-69	68-69	68-69	64-65	54-55	68-69	52-53	50-51	47-48	56-57	68-69	60-61	60-61	
War Diary	70-71	70-71	70-71	70-71	66-67	56-57	70-71	54-55	52-53	49-50	58-59	70-71	62-63	62-63	

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OVERLAY of BEACHES; INTER-BRIGADE BOUNDARIES and PHASES

Superimpose on BALIKPAPAN 1:25000.

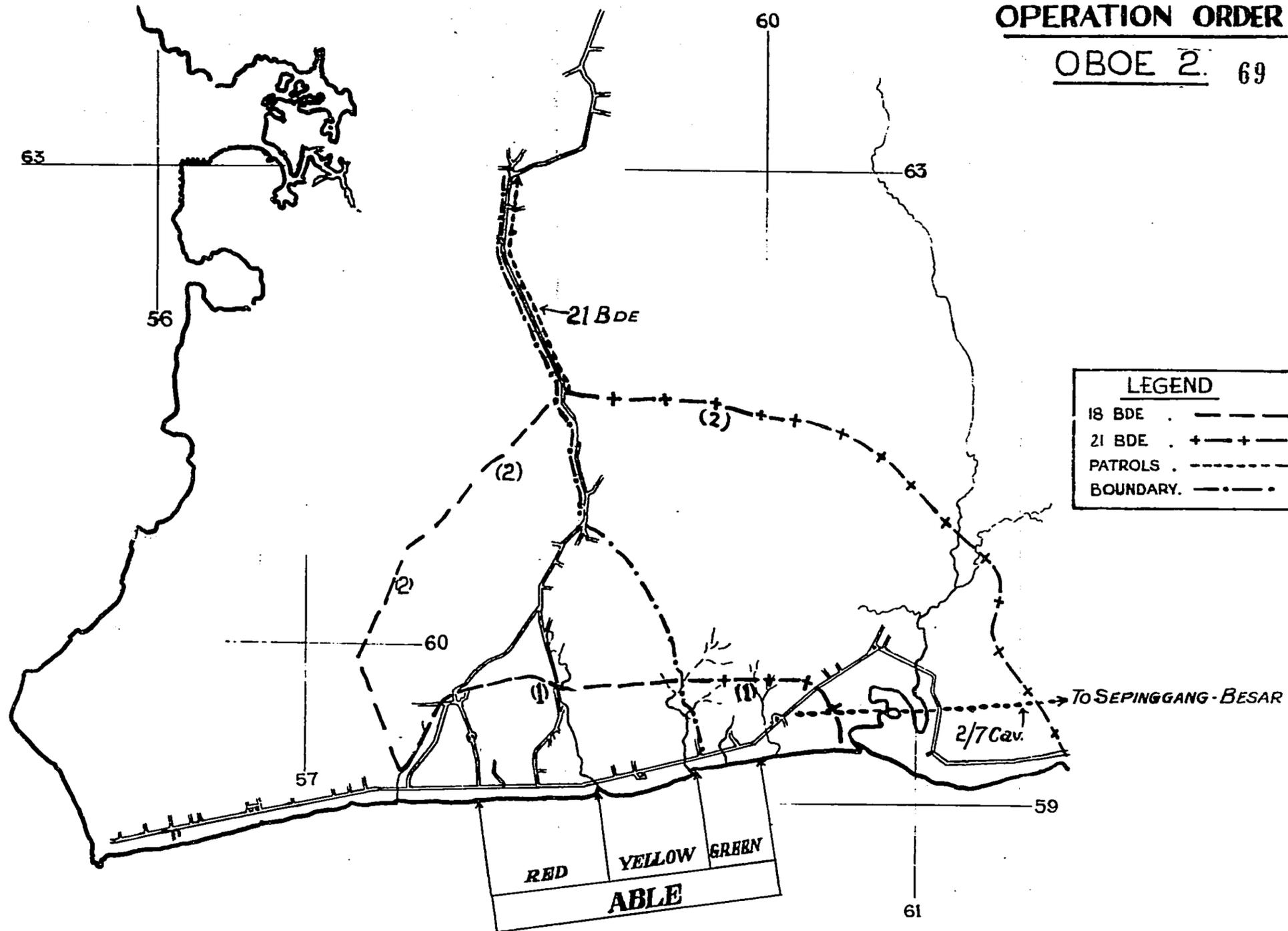
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To 7. Aust Div.

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APPENDIX 'B' to 7 Aust Div
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ORDER OF BATTLE - 7 AUST DIV TASK FORCE

Attached at Annexures 1 to 6 is Order of Battle
of 7 Aust Div Task Force as follows:-

Annexure 1	-	18 Aust Inf Bde Gp
Annexure 2		Det 2 Aust Beach Gp under command for landing only 18 Aust Inf Bde
Annexure 3		21 Aust Inf Bde Gp
Annexure 4		2 Aust Beach Gp less det under command for landing only 21 Aust Inf Bde
Annexure 5		25 Aust Inf Bde Gp
Annexure 6		7 Aust Base Sub Area Troops not allotted to Brigades

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ANNEXURE 1 to Appendix 'B' to
7 Aust Div Operation Order -
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ORDER OF BATTLE - 18 AUST INF BDE GP

HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde

with under command

18 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
det 2/42 Aust Cipher Sec
8 pl B Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
lt sec 2/47 Aust LAD (Type J)(attached 18 Aust Inf Bde)
det 0 Aust FS Sec
det 35 Aust FS Sec (EE)
det ATIS
det AAPIGp
2/9 Aust Inf Bn
2/10 Aust Inf Bn
2/12 Aust Inf Bn
det 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt (2x6-pr and 8x4.2 mor)
one coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn
2/8 Aust Tpt Pl less det
det 2/54 Aust LAD (Type G)(attached 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt)

with in support

det 2 Aust Op Report Team
det Directorate: Public Relations
det 1 Aust Mil Idg Gp
1 Sqn 1 Aust Armd Regt less two tps
det 2/1 Aust Armd Recce Sqn
det 'A' Tp 1 Aust Naval Bombardment Gp

2 SFCP
5 SFCP
6A SFCP

(Field artillery and attached troops - see artillery
paragraph of 7 Aust Div Operation Order OBOE TWO)

2/4 Aust Fd Coy
det one pl 2/9 Aust Fd Coy
det 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy
det 1 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp
det 2 Aust Engr Sig Sec
det 'B' Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div
det 8 Aust Pigeon Sec
det 12 Aust W/T Sec (lt)) NOT
det 40 Aust W/T Sec (lt)) LANDING
2/33 Aust Sup Dep Pl
2/5 Aust Fd Amb (including Surgical Team)
One Sec 2/6 Aust Dental Unit (attached 2/5 Aust Fd Amb)
det 2/125 Aust Bde Wksp
det 1 Aust Armd Regt Wksp
det 209 Aust LAD (Type H) attached 1 Aust Armd Regt
det 4 Aust Armd Bde Wksp
one sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy
det 7 Aust Field Team Mil History Sec LHQ
5 Air Sp Party
5 Air Liaison Party
6 Air Liaison Party
7 Air Liaison Party

US Units in support

det 672 and 727 Amphib Tractor Bn

NEI Forces in support

det NICA

Under command for landing only

det 2 Aust Beach Gp - Annexure 2
Other units as detailed at Appendix "F"
Annexures 1-4 of 7 Aust Div Operation
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ANNEXURE 2 to Appendix 'B' to
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DET 2 AUST BEACH GP UNDER COMMAND FOR LANDING ONLY

18 AUST INF BDE

Det 2 Aust Beach Gp

With under command

det 2/11 Aust Fd Coy
det 2 Aust Mech Eqpt Pl
1 Aust Beach Sig Sec less det
det 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn
det 2 AAMC Coy (Beach Gp)
det 2 Aust Beach Wksp
det 17 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Coy
det RAN Commando

Corps troops under command

det one BD pl less det
det 10 Aust Fd Amb

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ANNEXURE 3 to Appendix 'B' to
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ORDER OF BATTLE - 21 AUST INF BDE GP

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde

with under command

21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
det 2/42 Aust Cipher Sec
7 Pl B Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
lt sec 2/59 Aust LAD (Type J)
det 'C' Aust FS Sec
det 35 Aust FS Sec (EE)
det ATIS
det AAPIGp
2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt (less one sqn)
2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt Sig Tp (less det)
2/14 Aust Inf Bn
2/16 Aust Inf Bn
2/27 Aust Inf Bn
det 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt (2x6-pr and 4x4.2 mor)
one coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn
det 2/8 Aust Tpt Pl
det 2/54 Aust LAD (Type G) (attached 2/2 Aust
Tk A Regt)

with in support

det 2 Aust Op Report Team
det Directorate Public Relations
det 1 Aust Mil Idg Gp
one sqn less three tps 1 Aust Armd Regt
det 2/1 Aust Armd Recce Sqn
A Tp 1 Aust Naval Bombardment Gp

1 SFCP
3 SFCP
4 SFCP

(Field artillery and attached troops - see
artillery paragraph Operation Order OBOE TWO)

2/6 Aust Fd Coy (less one pl.)
det one pl 2/9 Aust Fd Coy
det 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy
det 1 Aust Armd Regt Sig Sec
det B Sec Sigs 7 Aust Div ----- 12 Aust W/T Sec (lt) NOT
det 2 Aust Engr Sig Sec ----- 40 Aust W/T Sec (lt) LANDING
det 8 Aust Pigeon Sec
2/34 Aust Sup Dep Pl
2/6 Aust Fd Amb (including surgical team)
one sec 2/6 Aust Dental Unit
det 1 Aust Armd Regt Wksp
det 209 Aust LAD (Type H)
det 4 Aust Armd Bde Wksp
det 2/3 Aust Inf Tps Wksp
one sec 7 Aust Div Pro Coy
det 7 Aust Fd Team Mil History Sec IHQ
6 Air Sp Party
8 Air Liaison Party
9 Air Liaison Party
10 Air Liaison Party

US units in support

det 672 and 727 Amphib Tractor Bn

NEI Forces in support

det NICA

Under command for landing only

2 Aust Beach Gp less det - Annexure 4

Other units as detailed at Appendix "F"
Annexures 1-4 to 7 Aust Div Operation
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ANNEXURE 4 to Appendix 'B' to
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2 AUST BEACH GP LESS DET UNDER COMMAND
FOR LANDING ONLY 21 AUST INF BDE

HQ 2 Aust Beach Gp less Det

with under command

2/11 Aust Fd Coy (less det)
2 Aust Mech Eqpt Pl (less det)
2 Aust Beach Stores Pl
4 Aust Beach Sig Sec
det 1 Aust Beach Sig Sec
2/2 Aust Pnr Bn (less det)
HQ 108 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
2/45 Aust Tpt Pl
2/46 Aust Tpt Pl
2/108 Aust Wksp Pl
235 Aust Sup Dep Pl
58 Aust BIPOD Pl
2 AAMC Coy (less det)
23 Aust MCU (type C)
1 Aust Ord Beach det
2 Aust Beach Wksp (less det)
17 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Coy (less det)
1 Aust Armd Bde Sal Unit
RAN Commando (less det)

7 Aust Div Troops under command 2 Aust Beach Gp

2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
One Pl 2/9 Aust Fd Coy
det 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy
det 2/11 Aust Tpt Pl (hy)
det 2/12 Aust Tpt Pl (hy)
det 2/117 Aust Bde Wksp

1 Aust Corps Troops under command 2 Aust Beach Gp

1 Aust BD Pl (less det)
11 Aust Sup Dep Pl
det 10 Aust Fd Amb

7 Aust Base Sub Area Troops under command 2 Aust Beach Gp

det HQ 7 Aust Base Sub Area
det @ Aust FS Sec
66 Aust BIPOD Pl
det 5 Aust Ord Port det (type B)
49 Aust Tpt Pl (DUKWS)
4 Aust Amphibious Vehicle Increment
2 Sec 2/3 Aust Pro Coy
det 17 Aust AOD
det 14 Aust AAD (type B)
det 'A' det 6 Aust Base Postal Unit

RAAF Troops under command

3 E2 Sec

NEI Forces under command

det NICA

1 Aust Corps Troops under command subsequent to F Day

2/3 Aust Dock Op Coy
det 7 Pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy
det AACCS
28 Aust Wks Coy

US Forces in support

1 Coy Boat En 593 EBSR

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ORDER OF BATTLE - 25 AUST INF BDE GP

HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde

with under command

25 Aust. Inf Bde Sig Sec
8 Pl B Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
det 315 Aust LAD (Type J) (attached HQ 25 Aust
Inf Bde)
det 'C' Aust FS Sec
det 35 Aust FS Sec (EE)
det ATIS
2/25 Aust Inf Bn
2/31 Aust Inf Bn
2/33 Aust Inf Bn

with in support

One sqn 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt
det 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt Sig Tp
One coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn
4 Air Sp. Party
11 Air Liaison Party
12 Air Liaison Party

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7 AUST BASE SUB AREA TROOPS NOT ALLOTTED TO BRIGADES

HQ 7 Aust Base Sub Area (less det)

with under command

12 Aust CRE (Wks)
57 Aust DCRE (Wks)
21 Aust Fd Coy
2/4 Aust Fd Sqn
9 Aust A Tps Coy
2/2 Aust Rly Constr Coy (Mech Eqpt)
5 Aust Mech Eqpt Spare Parts Sec
11 Aust Wks and Pk Coy
1 Aust Port Constr Coy
3 Aust Welding Pl
5 Aust Welding Pl

Det HQ 22 Aust L of C Sigs
13 Aust Line Sec
Det 9 Aust Tech Maint Sec
9 Aust Tele Op Sec
Det 3 Aust D/R Sec
Det 94 Aust Tele Swbd Op Sec
36 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K) (less det)
Det 4 Aust Sig Eqpt Sec
Det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy

Det 4 Aust Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy
HQ 3 Aust Sup Dep Coy
12 Aust Sup Dep Pl
20 Aust Fd Baking Pl
46 Aust Fd Baking Pl
2/4 Aust KAC Pl

2/12 Aust Gen Hosp (600 bed)
14 Aust MCU (Type B)
17 Aust MCU (Type B)
44 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B)
45 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B)
46 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B)

2/2 Aust Dental Unit

17 Aust AOD (less det)
14 Aust AAD (less det)
Det 4 Aust RSD
Det 10 Aust Ord Veh Pk (IE)
2/3 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk
Det 2/7 Aust Mob Laundry and Fwd Decn Unit
2 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop

ANNEXURE 6 (continued)

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2/3 Aust Inf Tps Wksp (less det)
5 Aust Mech Eqpt Wksp
336 Aust LAD (Type A)
228 Aust LAD (Type A)
305 Aust LAD (Type A)
6 Aust Mob Gas Gen Sec
B Det 10 Aust Veh Pk Wksp
one Mob Tyre Repair Unit

108 Aust Dep Cash Office (Type A)
det 11 Aust L of C Stationery Dep
17 Aust Cinema Unit
28 Aust Cinema Unit
108 Aust Fd Cash Office (Type A)
det 37 Aust L of C Sal Unit
det 10 Aust Kit Store
det 1 Aust Base Sub Area Details Dep
det 2 Aust Adv 2nd Ech
24 Aust War Graves Unit

Corps troops under command 7 Aust Base Sub Area

det 12 Aust MC Gp (Type E)
110 Aust Adv Dep Med Stores
2 Sec 1 Aust Base Dep Dental Stores

Corps troops in support 7 Aust Base Sub Area

120 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
120 Aust Bde Wksp
one pl 2/10 Aust Docks Op Coy
det 11 Aust Small Ships Coy

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NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT

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1 Allied Naval Forces are carrying out bombardments in the objective area from F - 15.

2 From F Day, Allied Naval Forces are supporting the landings with preliminary scheduled bombardment, and call fires controlled by Shore Fire Control Parties subsequent to landing.

3 Ships and close support craft allotted in support are :-

5 CLs

USS	MONTPELIER	}	each	
USS	DENVER			12 X 6"/47
USS	COLUMBIA			12 X 5"/38
USS	CLEVELAND			
HNMS	TROMP			6 X 5.9"
16 USN DD's each + or				5 X 5"/38
HMAS	ARUNTA			6 X 4.7"

	<u>Guns</u>	<u>Rockets</u>
10 LCS (L) each 1 X 3"/50	2 X 40MM twins 4 X 20MM	120
8 LCI (R) each 1 X 40MM	3 X 20MM Approximately	550
6 LCI (G) each 1 X 3"/50	2 X 40MM 2 X 20MM	

4 Ammunition allowances will be as follows:-

<u>CRUISERS</u>		<u>6" HC</u>	<u>6" AP</u>	<u>5" AAC</u>	<u>5" COM</u>	<u>5" WP</u>	<u>5" ILL</u>
MONTPELIER	Pre F day	900	As Req	980	-	40	50
	F day	600	-	600	-	20	--
	Call Fire	400	As Req	500	-	60	70
DENVER	Pre F day	900	As Req	830	-	60	50
	F day	600	-	750	-	--	--
	Call Fire	400	As Req	500	-	60	70
COLUMBIA	Pre F day	930	As Req	830	-	60	50
	F day	570	-	750	-	--	--
	Call Fire	400	As Req	500	-	60	70

	6" HC	6" AP	5" AAC	5" COM	5" WP	5" ILL
CLEVELAND Pre F day						
F day	500	-	500	-	-	-
Call Fire	1400	As Req	1580	-	120	120
HNMS TROMP Pre F day	-	-	-	-	-	-
F day	-	-	500 (5.9)	-	-	-
Call Fire	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>DESTROYERS</u>	<u>PRE 'F' DAY</u>	<u>'F' DAY</u>	<u>CALL FIRE</u>			
FLUSSER	-	600 AAC	-			
DRAYTON	.	600 AAC	-			
CONYNGHAM	-	500 AAC	-			
SMITH	-	400 AAC	-			
CONY	-	750 AAC	-			
CONWAY	100 AAC	200 AAC	450			
HMAS ARUNTA	-	600 (4.7" HE)	-			
Remaining 2100 Ton DDs	200 5" AAC 50 5" COM 25 5" ILL	NONE	550 5" AAC 50 5" COM 25 5" ILL 50 5" WP			
Remaining 1630 Ton DDs	-	-	600 5" AAC 80 5" COM 40 5" ILL 40 5" WP			

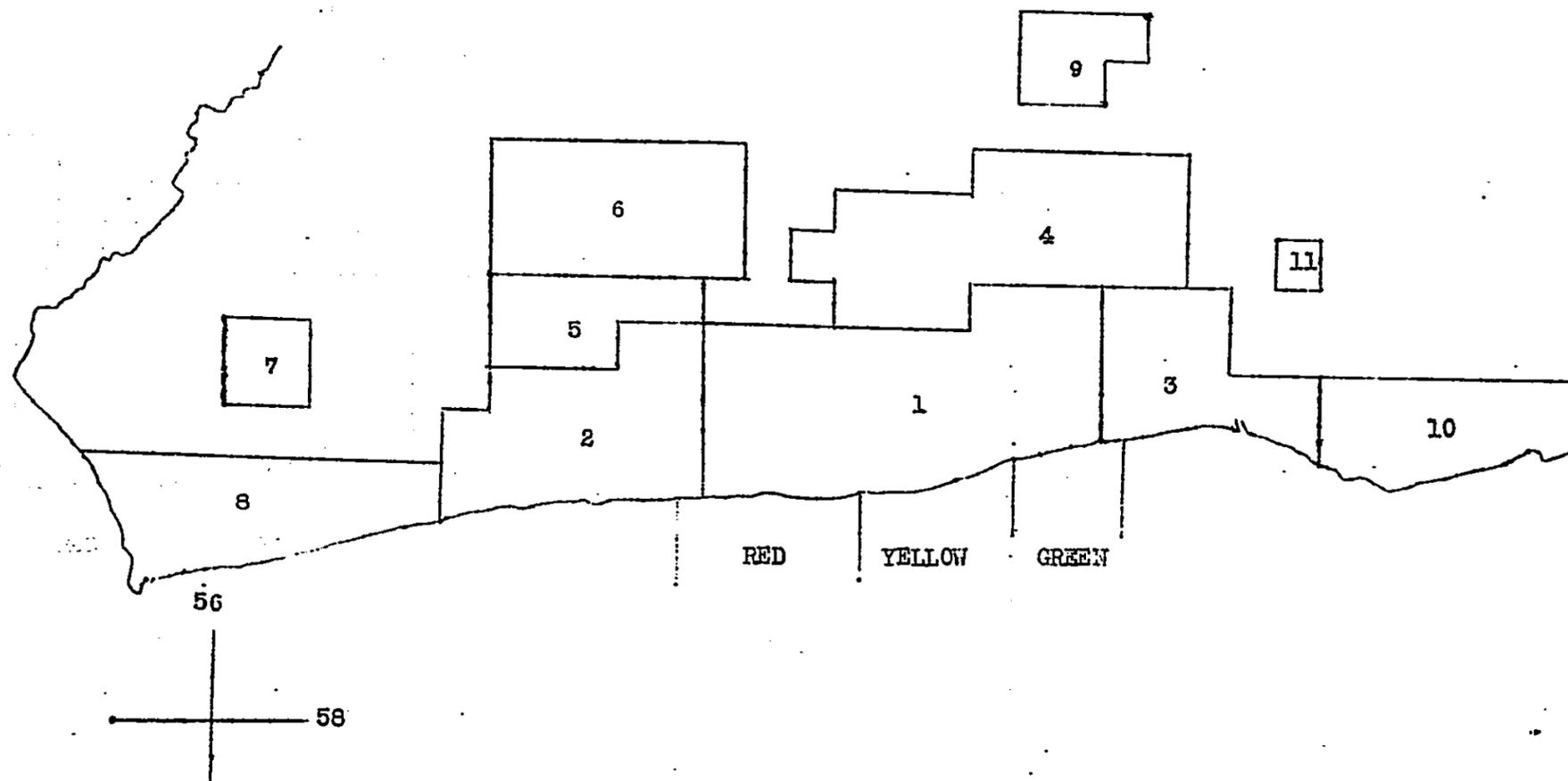
An ammunition ship is to be in the objective area from F Day, for replenishment of ships.

5 Details of Scheduled Naval Gunfire are shown in Annexure 1.

6 Allotment of Bombarding Ships and Shore Fire Control Parties:-

- USS MONTPELIER (CL) - SFCP 1 (in support 2/16 Aust Inf Bn)
- USS CLEVELAND (CL) - SFCP 2 (in support 2/10 Aust Inf Bn)
- USS COLUMBIA (CL) - SFCP 3 (in support 2/27 Aust Inf Bn)
- USS EATON (DD) - SFCP 4 (in support 2/14 Aust Inf Bn)
- USS CONWAY (DD) - SFCP 5 (in support 18 Aust Inf Bde)
- USS DENVER (CL) - SFCP 6 (in support 2/12 Aust Inf Bn)

NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT



TGT	TIME	SHIPS	AMN	TGT	TIME	SHIPS	AMN
1 2 3	H-120 to H-75	3 CL 2 DD	300 x 6" 1800 x 5"	9	H to H+10	1 CL 1 DD	50 x 6" 150 x 5"
1 2 3	H-60 to H-10	3 CL 2 DD	900 x 6" 2100 x 5"	10 11	H-60 to H+10	1 DD	400 x 5"
4	H-10 to H	1 CL	120 x 6" 250 x 5"	1 2 3	H-75 to H-70	Support Craft	4400 x 4.5" rockets
5	H-10 to H+5	1 CL	200 x 6" 150 x 5" 20 x 5"WP	1 2 3	H-70 to H-60	Air Strike	
6 7 8	H-10 to H+5 H-120 to H+15	1 CL	200 x 6" 250 x 5" 500 x 6" 500 x 5"	1 2 3	H-10 to H-3	Support Craft	4400 x 4.5" rockets

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Air Support Plan, Details of Enemy Aircraft
and Procedure to be Adopted are shown in Annexures 1 to 12
attached as follows:-

Annexure

- 1 Enemy Aircraft.
- 2 Support Aircraft available.
- 3 Air Support Plan prior to F Day.
- 4 Air Support Plan F Day.
- 5 Air Support Plan F plus 1 to F plus 4
inclusive.
- 6 Air Support Plan F plus 5 onwards.
- 7 Procedure to be adopted during assault
and as soon as Air Support Party is
operating ashore.
- 8 Procedure to be adopted when Control
goes ashore.
- 9 Procedure - General.
- 10 Communications Diagram - Assault.
- 11 Communications Diagram - when Air
Support Party is operating ashore.
- 12 Communications Diagram - when Control
goes ashore.

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ENEMY AIRCRAFT

1 Slight harassing raids on shipping and beachhead installations and isolated small scale suicide attacks against shipping represent the most likely form that the enemy air reaction will take.

2 Most likely types of enemy aircraft to be encountered are:-

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SUPPORT AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE

1 Types

			<u>Normal Bomb Load</u>
B24	--LIBERATOR	- Bomber	- 6000 lbs
B25	- MITCHELL	- Med Bomber	- 3000 lbs
-	BEAUFIGHTER	- Attack Bomber	-(1000 lbs OR 8 Rockets (4 x 20mm Cannon
-	MOSQUITO	- Attack Bomber	-(3000 lbs and 6 x 20mm (Cannon
P38	- LIGHTNING	- Fighter	-(4 x .50 Cal (1 x 20mm Cannon
P40	- KITTYHAWK	- Fighter	-(6 x .50 Cal. (Can carry 2 x 500-lb bombs)
PBY	- CATALINA	- Courier Service	
-	AUSTER	- Air Observation	

2 Armament and Bomb Loads

Bomb loads, within the capacity of the aircraft, will include 1000-lb, 500-lb and 100-lb AP, GP and SAP bombs and incendiary bombs. Aircraft will carry varying numbers of 20mm and/or .50 calibre Machine Guns firing AP and incendiary bullets. Rockets will be available.

3 Aircraft Available

Subsequent to H Hour and until an airfield is constructed in the objective area the number and types of aircraft available will be dependent upon the capacity of TARAKAN airstrip. It is anticipated that the following squadrons will be available for close support from TARAKAN and other bases:-

2 Sqns BEAUFIGHTERS
1 Sqn MOSQUITOES
5 Sqns KITTYHAWKS
and a force of LIBERATORS

One fighter and two attack bomber squadrons will also be available for close support, dependent on the progress of airfield construction in the objective area. As soon as the SEPINGGAN strip is ready, one flight Tac/R aircraft and a detachment of LASU will be available.

From H Hour F Day onwards a total of eight BEAUFIGHTER aircraft will be continuously on station awaiting call and will be "orbiting" in the vicinity of SEPINGGAN. The whole of this force may be used on any one target at the discretion of the Divisional Commander. Each flight of these aircraft will remain on station for a period of ninety (90) minutes and, if not required for close support within that time, orders will be given for an alternate target to be attacked prior to relief by the subsequent flight.

4 Smoke

White phosphorous (WP) smoke bombs will be available for smoke laying.

5 Courier Service

A flying boat courier service is to operate daily, commencing on F Day, between BALIKPAPAN and TARAKAN, connecting with other courier services at TARAKAN. The flying boat schedule is as follows: -

ETD	TARAKAN	1000I
ETA	BALIKPAPAN	1300I
ETD	BALIKPAPAN	1600I
ETA	TARAKAN	1900I

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ANNEXURE 3 to Appendix 'D' to
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AIR SUPPORT PLAN PRIOR TO F DAY

Allied air forces are to:-

1. Locate and destroy all anti-aircraft and coastal defence guns, oil installations capable of being used as burning oil defence against a landing, and all enemy defence positions, barracks and stores in the BALIKPAPAN-SEPINGGAN-MANGGAR area. These attacks to be intensified immediately prior to F Day.
2. Create at least two breaks in oil pipe line between MANGGAR and STALKOEDQ and keep pipe line unserviceable.
3. Ensure that SEPINGGAN and MANGGAR airstrips remain non-operational.
4. Provide nuisance raids continuously during hours of darkness on F-5, F-3, and F-1.
5. Provide protection for underwater demolition teams on F-4 and F-2 as requested by Navy.
6. Provide aerial photographic coverage of the objective area on F-5, F-3 and F-2 Days. Negatives to be dropped on Headquarters Ship en route.
7. Attacks on targets are to be executed so as to ensure that the following facilities and installations suffer the minimum amount of damage:-
 - (a) Highway and railway systems (unless attacks are specifically directed).
 - (b) Public utilities.
 - (c) Docks and port facilities.
 - (d) Oil installations (other than those designated for destruction).

Risk of damage to these facilities and installations is not to prejudice the effectiveness of any necessary attack.

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AIR SUPPORT PLAN - F DAY

Ref Map: BALIKPAPAN 1 : 25000

Serial (a)	Time		Target (d)	Role (e)	Remarks (f)
	From (b)	to (c)			
1	Report to CSA at H--85 Strike H-70	H-60	Area enclosed by: 580590 580589 600593 600592	Destroy beach mines along actual landing beach area from water level to first line of trees.	Priority No.1. Co-ordinated with Naval Bombardment Low level heavy attack by B25s carrying 100lb GP bombs instan- taneous fuze.
2	H-20	H-10	Area enclosed by: 571600 571595 580597 579601	Destruction and neutrali- zation of enemy defences.	Priority No.2. B24s with HE and phosphorous bombs. From above 6000 feet.
3	H-40	H-30	Area enclosed by: 611589 611592 615597 615591	Destruction and neutrali- zation of enemy defences.	Priority No.3. B24s from above 6000 feet.
4	Report to CSA at H-45 Strike H-20	H-10	Area enclosed by: 580594 580592 599594 599596	Neutralization of beach defences.	Priority No.4. B24s carrying anti-personnel bombs from above 6000 feet.
5	H-40	H-30	Area enclosed by: 557594 559591 564595 562598	Destruction and neutrali- zation of enemy defences.	Priority No.5. B24s from above 6000 feet.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
6	H-20	H-10	Area enclosed by: 583605 583597 588597 588605	Destruction and neutralization of enemy defences	Priority No.6. B24s from above 6000 feet with HE bombs.
7	H-40	H-30	Area enclosed by: 571600 571595 580597 579601	Destruction and neutralization of enemy defences.	Priority No.7. B24s carrying 500lb HE from above 6000 feet.
8	H-20	H-10	Area enclosed by: 551596 552593 557593 556597	Destruction and neutralization of enemy defences.	Priority No.8. B24s with HE from above 6000 feet.
9	-	-	Area enclosed by: 580620 585613 591616 587623	Secondary target area for	all strikes.
10	083 OI	163 OI	As directed	Close support	Eight (8) B24s or Mosquitoes "on alert" continuously on call for close support targets as required.
11	073 OI	1500I	-	Carry airborne observers for continuous observation and aerial reconnaissance of beachhead area.	One B24 aircraft
12	As soon as air-strip is constructed	Last Light	-	Artillery OP and limited reconnaissance.	AUSTER aircraft.

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AIR SUPPORT PLAN F+1 to F+4 INCLUSIVE

Serial (a)	Time and Day		Target (d)	Role (e)	Remarks (f)
	From (b)	To (c)			
1	Report to CSA 0830I Strike any time from 0830I to 0930I. F+1 only.		As Directed	close support - bomb targets as required	2 squadrons (12 aircraft) B24's with 500 lb HE bombs on F+1 only. Subsequent require- ments for B24 air- craft on minimum of 24 hours' call.
2	0730I F+1 to F+3 inclusive	1630I	As Directed	close support	Eight (8) Beau- fighters or Mos- quitos "on alert" continuously on call for close support targets as required.
3	0730I F+1 until no longer required	1600I		Carry airborne observers for con- tinuous observat- ion and aerial reconnaissance of beachhead area.	One B24 aircraft
4	First Light	Last Light		Artillery OP and limited reconn- aissance.	Auster aircraft

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AIR SUPPORT F+5 ONWARDS

- 1 Sixteen (16) Beaufighter or Mosquito aircraft based on TARAKAN will be held on ground alert to fulfil any requests for close support. A minimum of six (6) hours notice is required between the time of origin of request at Air Support Section and the time the strike is required. These aircraft will be armed for strafing, bombing and rocket attacks.
- 2 Heavy aircraft (B24's) will be available for direct support but a minimum of 24 hours notice is required between the time of receipt of request by Adv HQ RAAF Command (MOROTAI) and the time the strike is required.
- 3 When aircraft are established at SEPINGGAN, direct support missions are to be provided from that base.

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ANNEXURE 7 to Appendix 'D' to
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AIR PROCEDURE DURING ASSAULT PHASE AND AS SOON AS
AIR SUPPORT PARTY IS OPERATING ASHORE

- 1 All support aircraft are to be controlled by the Commander Support Aircraft (CSA) afloat in the Headquarters Ship. Requests for air support may be granted or disallowed at his discretion.
- 2 Requests for support may originate from assaulting Battalion or Brigade Headquarters. For this purpose Headquarters of each assaulting Battalion has an Air Liaison Party attached and each Brigade Headquarters has an Air Support Party attached.

Divisional Headquarters may originate a request and is in direct touch with the CSA afloat in the Headquarters Ship.
- 3 Until the Air Support Party with Brigade Headquarters is operating, requests originating at Battalions will be passed direct to the CSA afloat.
- 4 When Air Support Parties are established ashore requests originating at Battalions will then be passed to the Brigade Air Support Party who will pass the request to the CSA afloat.

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AIR PROCEDURE WHEN CONTROL GOES ASHORE

- 1 When the Control Group goes ashore and the Air Support Section is established, control of support aircraft is to pass from the CSA afloat to the Air Officer Commanding Advanced Headquarters 1 T.A.F. with the Joint Army - Air Force Headquarters ashore.

- 2 Requests for support originating from Battalions will be passed through their attached Air Liaison Party to the Brigade Air Support Party who will pass the request to the Air Officer Commanding through the AID Support Section attached to Divisional Headquarters.

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AIR PROCEDURE - GENERAL

1 Support

- (a) Approved requests are passed from the CSA afloat, or the Air Officer Commanding (AOC) ashore, to the Air Co-ordinator who is airborne over the area of operations. The Air Co-ordinator identifies the target and guides the supporting aircraft on to it.
- (b) Supplementary information concerning the target may be passed to the Air Co-ordinator and/or support aircraft by the Air Support Party, or the Air Support Section.
- (c) Army Air Liaison Officers, specially trained as airborne observers, will be flying in LIBERATOR (B24) aircraft over the objective area continuously from 0730 hours to 1600 hours commencing on F Day. These officers will report activities of own and enemy ground troops and conduct Naval Bombardment ranging and message dropping as required.
- (d) Three AUSTER aircraft will be landed on F Day and three on F+1. As soon as an airstrip is constructed, these aircraft will be available for artillery observation of fire, limited short range reconnaissance and emergency communication flights. Tasks given to these aircraft will be advised or requested through army communication channels to GS (Air) Divisional Headquarters.
- (e) Two (2) AUSTER aircraft will at all times be kept available to RAA. Further RAA and other demands will be made on Divisional Headquarters.
- (f) Information to be given when requesting air support will be in accordance with 7 Aust Div GS Instruction 20 of 29 Sep 44.
- (g) All stations on the SAR net will maintain listening watch, and higher Headquarters may veto any request by sub-ordinate stations.

2 Aerial Photographs

- (a) Requests for Air Photographs will be passed over the SAR net to the AOC Advanced T.A.F. RAAF Headquarters.
- (b) If the request is approved, it will be passed through Air Force communication channels to Headquarters 13 A.A.F.
- (c) Missions will be flown by land based photographic aircraft.

ANNEXURE 9 (Continued)

3 Ground Air Signals

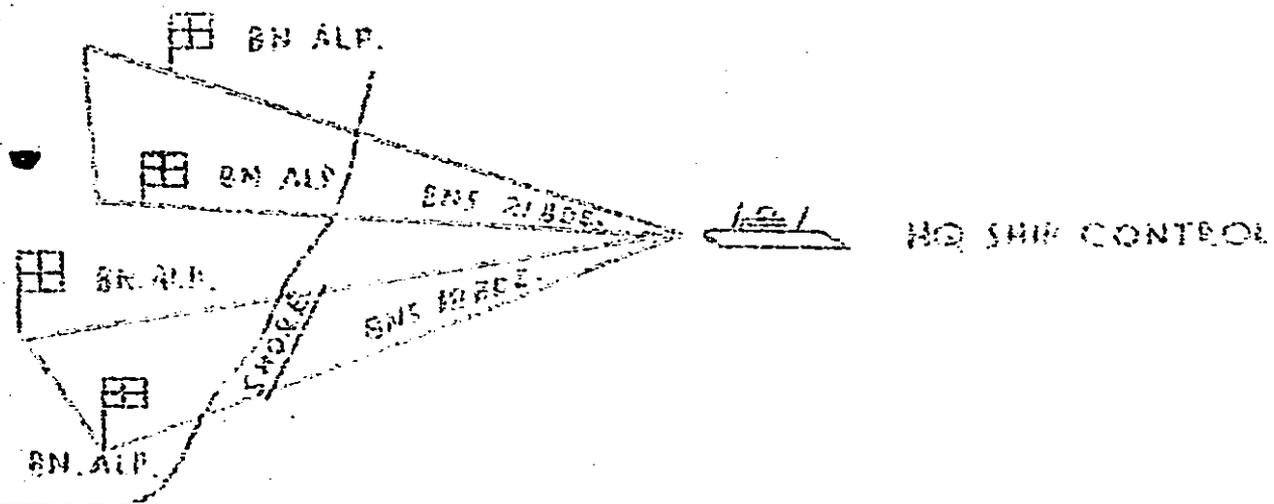
- (a) CCBPS will be the basis for ground panel displays but will NOT be used for the marking of forward troop positions.
- (b) Fluorescent panels will be used with coloured side uppermost for the marking of forward troops only and must not be confused with the white panels used with CCBPS.
- (c) For ground to air recognition and identification systems not enumerated in 3(a) and (b) and for identification panel numbers allotted to units, see Sigs 7 Aust Div Operation Order OBOE TWO.

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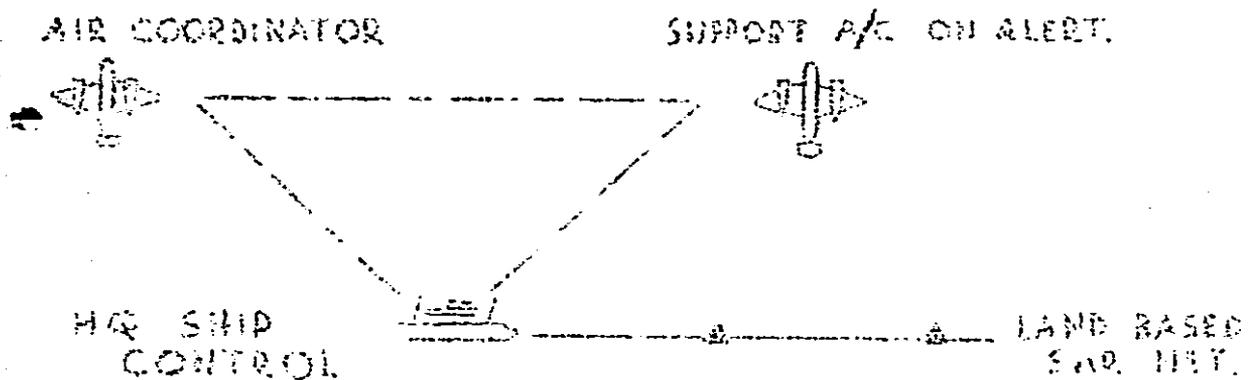
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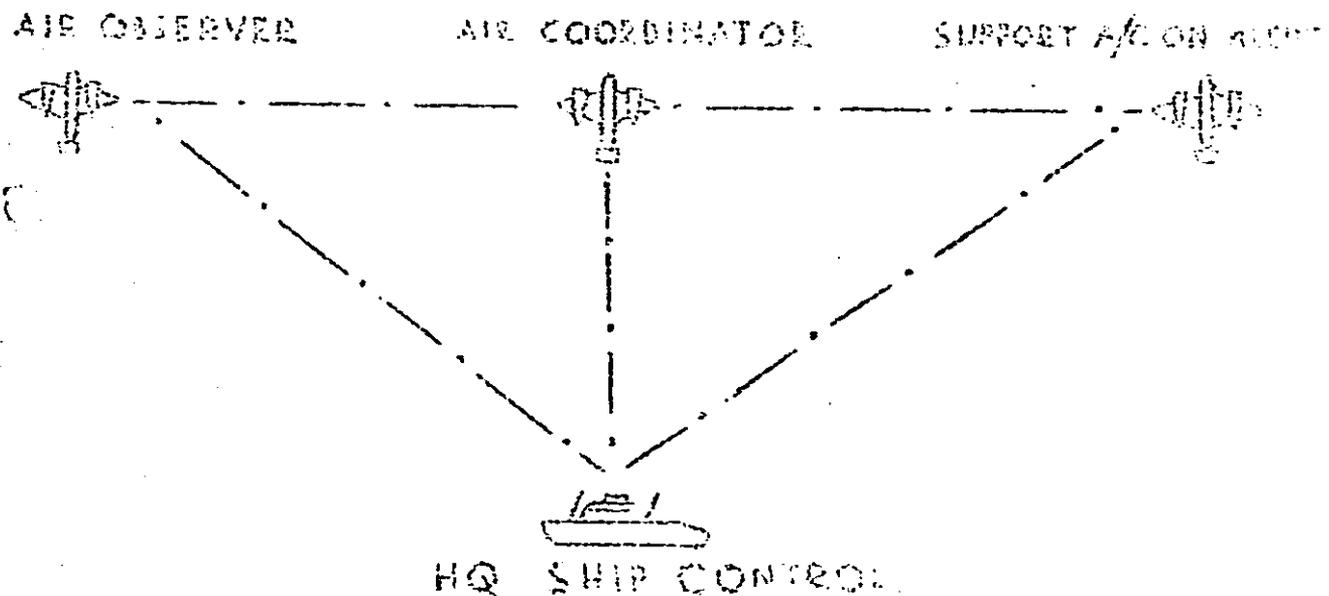
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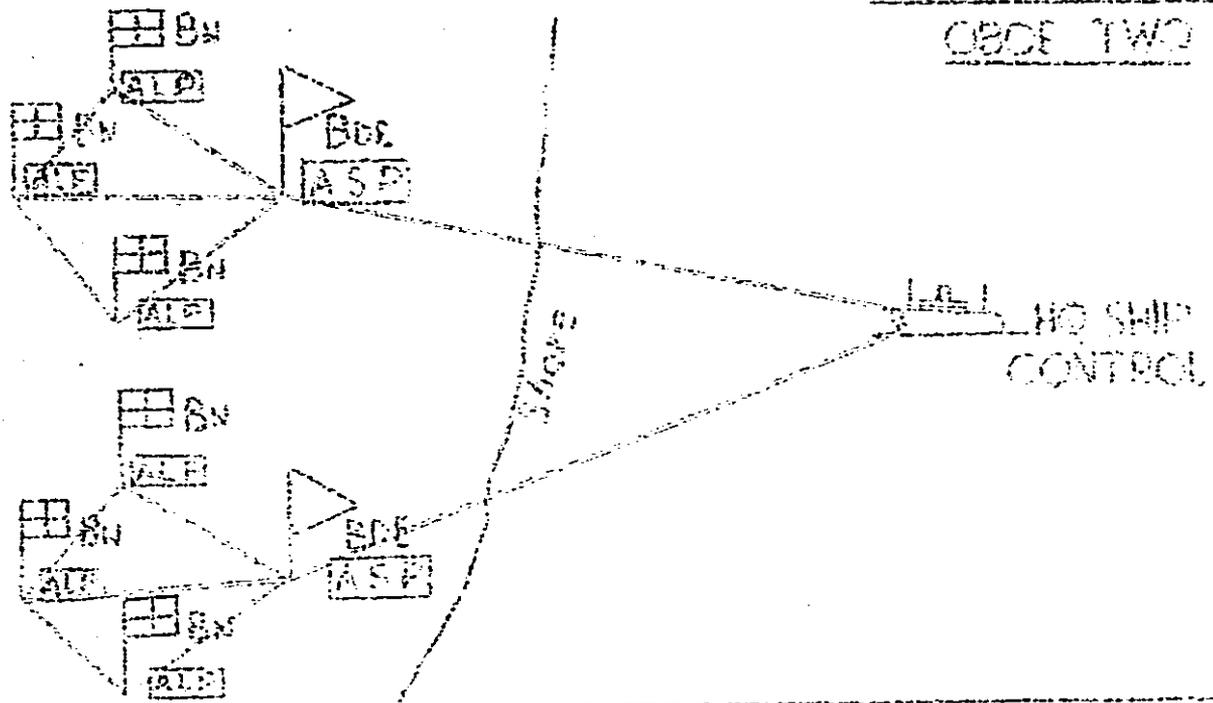
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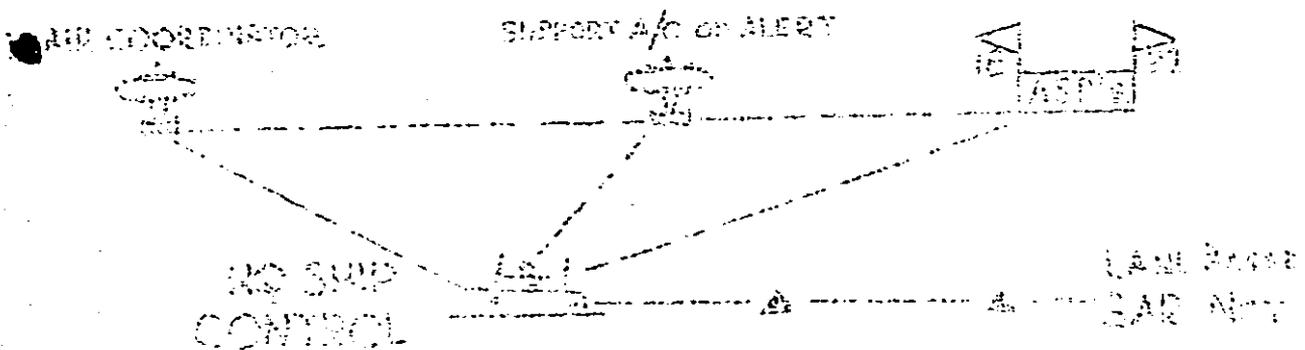
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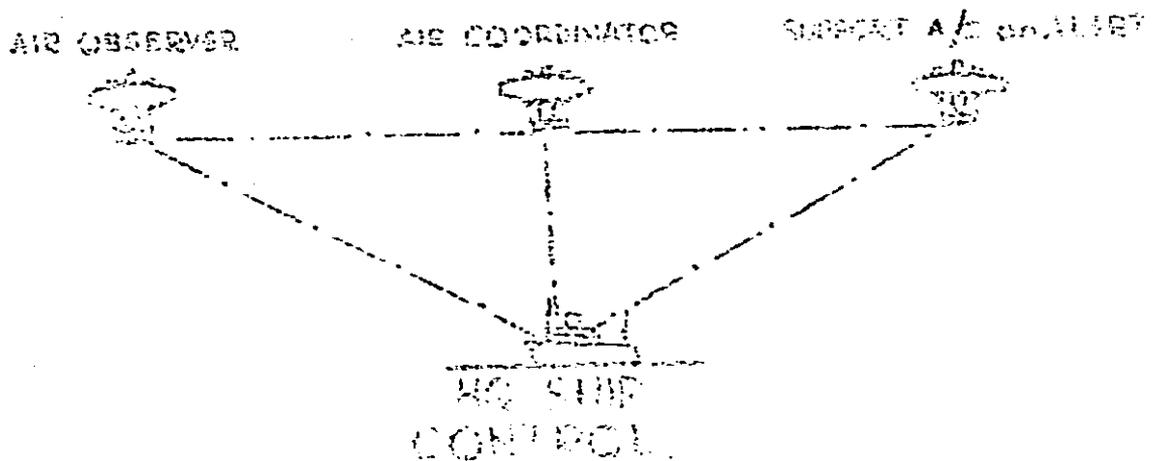
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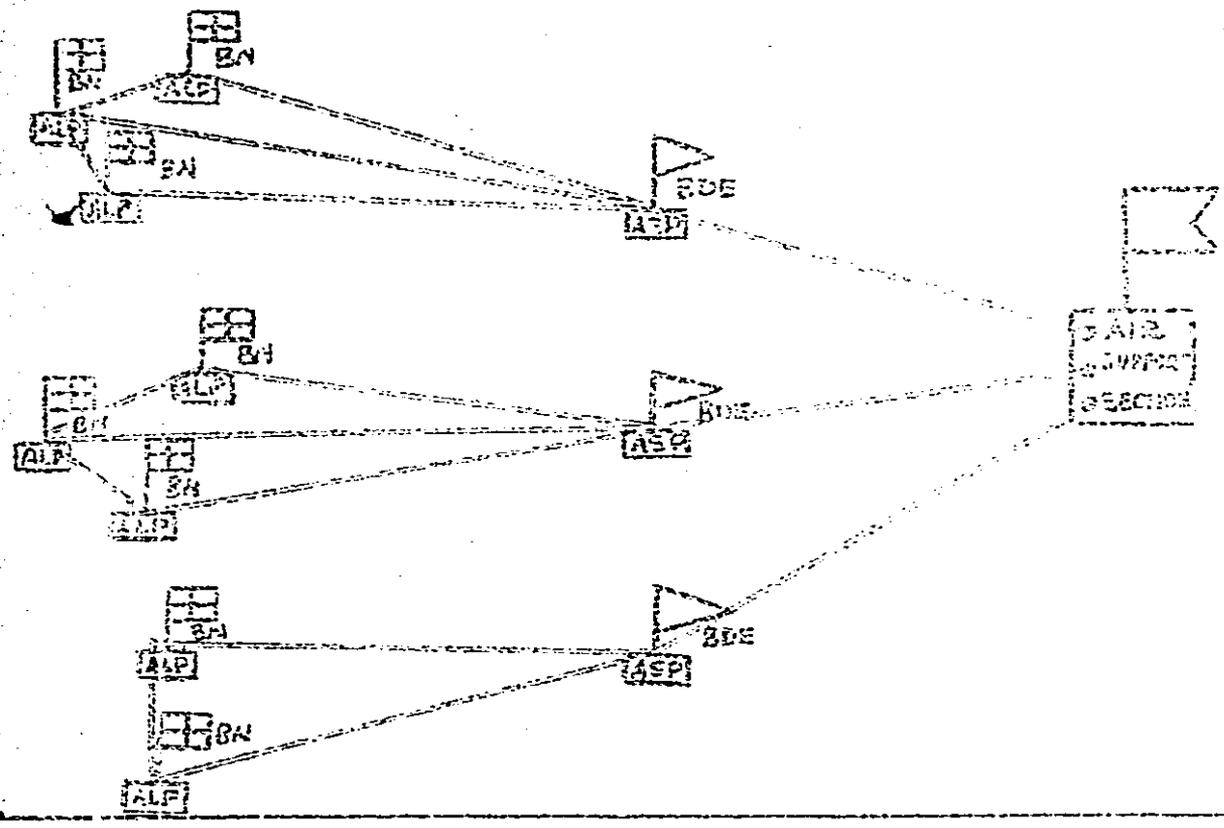
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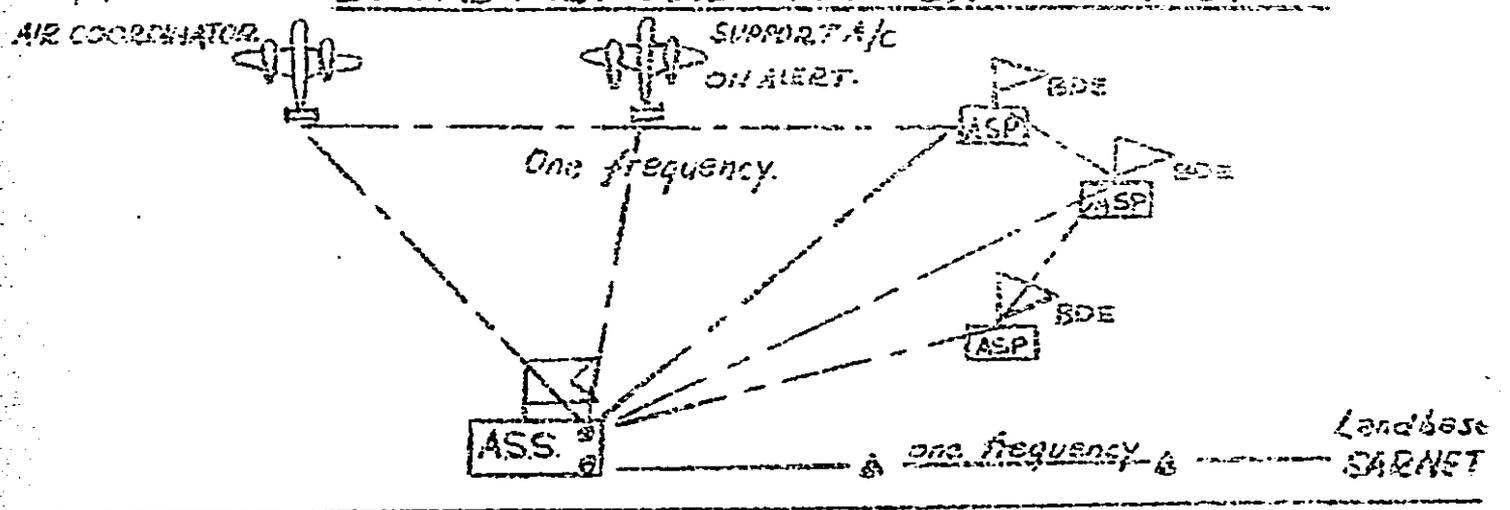
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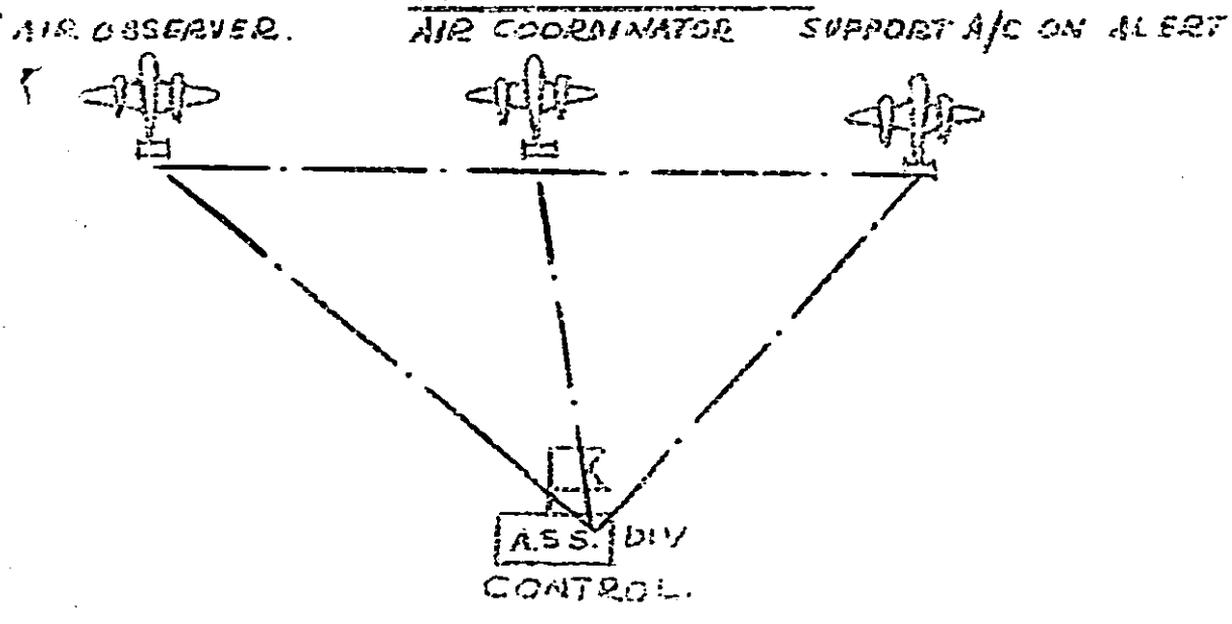
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2. SERIAL NUMBERS SHOWN BELOW LCMs, LCTS, & LSMs ARE BOW NUMBERS ONLY.

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		RED BEACH	YELLOW BEACH	GREEN BEACH	REMARKS	
LEGEND LST LSM LCT LCVP LCM DUKW LVT LCI	1	Hhr				
	2	H+3				
	3	H+8				
	4	H+13				
	5	H+18				
	6	H+23				
	7	H+28				
	8	H+33				
	9	H+38				
	10	H+43				
	11	H+48				64+ Loads from WESTALIA
	12	H+53				
	13	H+58				
	14	H+65				
	15	H+80				
	16	H+105				
	17	H+120				
	18					
	19					
	20	ON CALL				

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NOTE
 1. AMERICAN CREWS WILL CONFORM TO AUST. SERIAL NUMBERS SHOWN WITHIN CRAFT SYMBOLS.
 2. NUMBERS SHOWN BELOW EA & SA LCMs ARE CRAFT BOW NUMBERS ONLY.



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NOTE — ON 'F' DAY FORMATIONS, UNITS & DETS LAND WITH BDE GP — THEREAFTER UNDER DIV ARRANGEMENTS

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APPX 'F' TO 7 AUST DIVISION OP ORDER 'OBOE TWO' DATED 3 JUNE 58
APPX 'C' TO 7 AUST DIVISION ADM ORDER N°1 MAINTENANCE PROJECT COPY 14

SERIAL	UNIT	008 F DAY		18 AUST INF BDE GP		F DAY		21 AUST INF BDE GP		F DAY		25 AUST INF BDE GP		F+2		F+5		F+6		F+11		F+15		TOTAL		REMARKS
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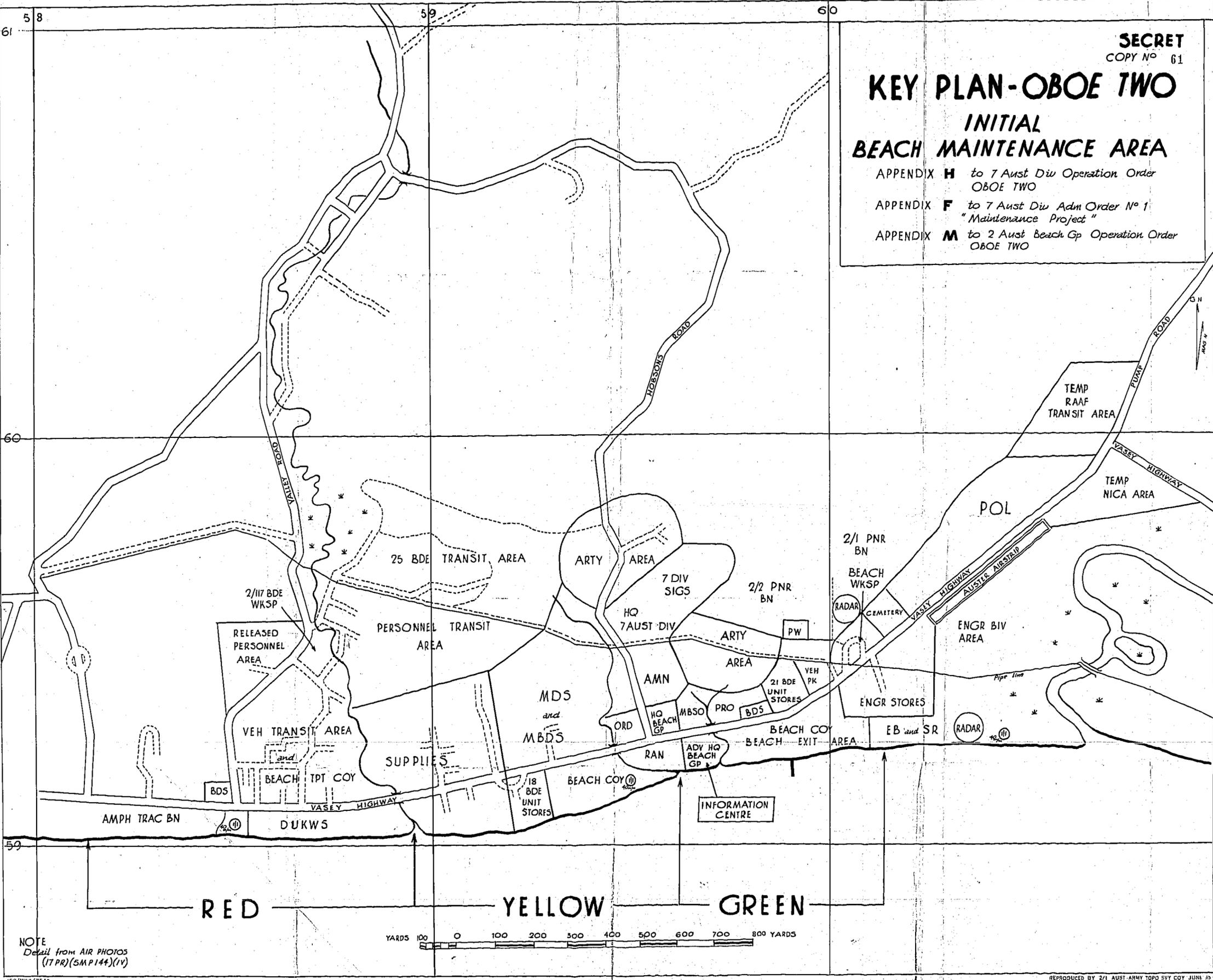
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ANNEX NO 4 TO APPX 'F' TO 7 AUST DIVISION OP ORDER 'OBOE TWO' DATED 9 JUNE 45
ANNEX NO 4 TO APPX 'C' TO 7 AUST DIVISION ADM ORDER NO 1 MAINTENANCE PROJECT COPY NO

SERIAL	UNIT	F DAY 18AUST INF BDE CP				F DAY 21 AUST INF BDE CP				F DAY 25 AUST INF BDE CP				F+2				F+5				F+6				F+15				TOTALS				REMARKS											
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1	H.Q. 1ST TAF A.A.S. DET	17	3																																										
2	ONE A.A. SUP SEC 4 3 A.S. PARTIES	36	6																																										
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13	113 A.S.S. FLIGHT DET																																												
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15	38 O.B.U.																																												
16	1 AIAL CONTROL UNIT DET																																												
17	5 REPLENISHING CENTRES DET																																												
18	7 AIRFIELD DEFENSE SQ																																												
19	331 RADAR STN																																												
20	4 TAC/R. SQN DET																																												
21	9 L.A.S. UNIT DET																																												
22	11 POSTAL UNIT DET																																												
23	9 R.S. UNIT DET																																												
24	83 WING H.Q.																																												
25	ONE TECH INT SEC																																												
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26	MCS COGN UNIT N°15																																												
27	PT ADV BASE N°7																																												
28	C8 DETACHMENT																																												
29	C3 RADIO STA OPER. BASE (SMALL)																																												
30	NARU N°12																																												
31	BAS POST DIRECTOR (O&D) N°12																																												
32	C1 RADIO STA OPER. BASE (LARGE) N°14																																												
33	C8 VISUAL STA N°147																																												
34	C9 RADIO STA N°76																																												
35	NAVY POST OFFICE (SMALL)																																												
36	C16 INT COIN SYSTEM (LARG)																																												
37	DET C17 TELETYPE/TELEX SYSTEM N°55																																												
38	DIO STORAGE & SUPPLY (SMALL)																																												
39	SMALL BOAT POOL																																												
40	NIA 250 MEN CAMP TENT N°939																																												
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45	89 SMALL CRAFT REPAIR N°52																																												
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47	FIRE FIGHTING EQPT.																																												
48	ADDITIONAL MATERIALS																																												
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KEY PLAN-OBOE TWO

INITIAL BEACH MAINTENANCE AREA

APPENDIX H to 7 Aust Div Operation Order OBOE TWO
 APPENDIX F to 7 Aust Div Adm Order No 1 "Maintenance Project"
 APPENDIX M to 2 Aust Beach Gp Operation Order OBOE TWO

NOTE
Detail from AIR PHOTOS
(17 PR)(SMP 144)(1V)

YARDS 0 100 200 300 400 500 600 700 800 YARDS

RED YELLOW GREEN

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ADM BUILD UP AT FAR SHORE F DAY TO F PLUS 15 DAY

OPERATION OBOE TWO — SECRET
 Appx E to 7 Aust Div Adm Order N°1 Maint Project of 9 Jun 45
 Appx J to 7 Aust Div Operation Order of 9 Jun 45.

PERSONNEL VEHICLES STORES	F DAY	F PLUS 1 DAY	F PLUS 2 DAY	F PLUS 3 DAY	F PLUS 4 DAY	F PLUS 5 DAY	F PLUS 6 DAY	F PLUS 7 DAY	F PLUS 8 DAY	F PLUS 9 DAY	F PLUS 10 DAY	F PLUS 11 DAY	F PLUS 12 DAY	F PLUS 13 DAY	F PLUS 14 DAY	F PLUS 15 DAY	REMARKS
	Landed <small>Days Maint. Req. For Force Landed</small>	Landed <small>Days Maint. Req. For Force Landed</small>	Issues <small>Days Maint. Req. For Force Landed</small>														
PERSONNEL VEHICLES ETC																	
1 A.M.F. UNCL. LTL CONSTRUCTION SUBSIST.	16054	16054	4977	2099	1099	1099	2580	2577	2577	2577	2577	4193	2710	2710	2710	2710	(a) US SUPPLIES - 3 DAYS SUPPLIES ARE CARRIED IN LANDING CRUIT.
2 D.A.A.F. (INCL. SQADRONS MOVING DIRECT FROM WEST 4 HAWAII) (BY)	443	443	28	471	471	471	591	1062	1062	1062	1062	1062	1062	1062	1062	1062	(b) IN ADDITION TO TONNAGE LANDING ON F DAY, 22 TONS SA. ALL CARRIED ON VEHICLES (VIDE APPX 'Y')
3 U.S. UNITS	891	891	54	945	945	945	518	1463	1463	1463	1463	1463	1463	1463	1463	1463	(c) IN ADDITION TO TONNAGE LANDING ON F DAY, 12 TONS SA. ALL CARRIED ON VEHICLES (VIDE APPX 'Y')
4 NICA	93	93	60	153	153	153	153	153	153	153	153	153	153	153	153	153	(d) IN ADDITION TO TONNAGE LANDING ON F DAY, 15 TONS ENCL. STORES ARE MOBILE LOADED (VIDE APPX 'Y')
5 H.E.I.			156	156	156	156	156	156	156	156	156	156	156	156	156	156	(e) IN ADDITION TO TONNAGE LANDING ON F DAY, 15 TONS ENCL. STORES ARE MOBILE LOADED (VIDE APPX 'Y')
6 TOTAL PERSONNEL	17481	17481	3235	22716	22716	22716	518	25334	25334	25334	25334	26442	4193	30975	30975	30975	
7 TRUCKS 1/2 TON 4x4	530	530	722	722	722	722	891	891	891	891	891	891	300	1191	1191	1191	(f) IN ADDITION TO TONNAGE LANDING ON F DAY, 112 TONS 2 1/2 & 4 1/2 WHEELED VEH. ARE LOADED ON VEHICLES (VIDE APPX 'Y')
8 " 2 1/2 " 6x6	204	204	34	258	258	258	19	277	277	277	277	277	152	509	509	509	
9 " 3 " 4x4	139	139	117	266	266	266	266	266	266	266	266	266	266	266	266	266	
10 MISC VEH'S	31	31	143	180	180	180	82	262	262	262	262	262	60	473	473	473	
11 MECH EQPT	93	93	96	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	191	
12 CRAFT & AMPHIBIANS	193	193	2	193	193	193	4	193	193	193	193	193	193	193	193	193	
MAINTENANCE AND UNIT STORES																	
13 SUPPLIES - AMF, RAAF, NELNCA	750	750	43	793	793	793	1007	1714	1714	1714	1714	1714	1714	1714	1714	1714	(g) IN ADDITION TO TONNAGE LANDING ON F DAY, 10 TONS WATER, ALL MOBILE LOADED (VIDE APPX 'Y')
14 " U.S. UNITS (a)	120	120	7	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	127	(h) IN ADDITION TO TONNAGE LANDING ON F DAY, 27 TONS OLD STORES, INCL MEDICAL LANDING RESERVE ARE MOBILE LOADED (VIDE APPX 'Y')
15 POL (EXCL. AVG'S & AVAIL)	602	602	512	6	1589	2101	90	2011	11	2011	11	2011	11	2011	11	2011	
16 SUB-TOTAL	1472	1472	239	1219	2996	3815	139	3676	218	3458	18	3476	218	3458	18	3476	
17 AMN - AMF (incl. 15 lb 6 1/2 mortar)	582	582	196	678	678	678	678	678	678	678	678	678	678	678	678	678	
18 AMN - 15 lb 4 1/2 mortar (c)	464	464	473	939	939	939	939	939	939	939	939	939	939	939	939	939	
19 " L.A.A.F.																	
20 " U.S. UNITS	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	
21 POL - AVG'S & AVAIL					390	990	390	990	390	990	390	990	390	990	390	990	
22 ENGINEER STORES (d)	780	780	4099	4839	4839	4839	4839	4839	4839	4839	4839	4839	4839	4839	4839	4839	
23 WATER (e)	92	92	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	
24 ORDNANCE STORES (f)	113	113	170	283	283	283	283	283	283	283	283	283	283	283	283	283	
25 CANTEN STORES			300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	
26 PHILANTHROPIC STORES					70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	
27 NICA	20	20	60	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	
28 UNIT STORES	451	451	844	1295	1295	1295	1295	1295	1295	1295	1295	1295	1295	1295	1295	1295	
29 TOTAL TONNAGE LANDED	3965	3965	8800				1115	2410	1729	4139	4139	4139	4139	4139	4139	4139	



LANDING DIAGRAM 7 AUST DIV

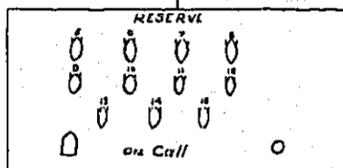
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APPX 'K' TO 7 AUST DIV OPERATION ORDER 'OBOE TWO' DATED 9 JUNE '55

	WAVE	TIME	RED BEACH	YELLOW BEACH	GREEN BEACH	REMARKS
	1	Hhr	LST 634 [Diagram: 10 LST icons]	LST 347 [Diagram: 10 LST icons]	LST 640 [Diagram: 10 LST icons]	
	2	H+4	LST 250 [Diagram: 10 LST icons, 2/10 Bn, Comd Vets, ABMs in flank craft]	LST 456 [Diagram: 10 LST icons, 2/12 Bn, Gpr, 2/22 Bn, Comd Vets, ABMs in flank craft]	LST 777 [Diagram: 10 LST icons, 2/27 Bn, Gpr, 4-2 Mor, C.O. RA Fu Reg, ABMs in flank craft]	
	3	H+6	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, 2/10 Bn, APP 1, APP 2]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, 2/12 Bn, APP 3, APP 4]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, 2/27 Bn, VESTRALIA, CARTER HALL, 3 Matilda Tanks, Beach Sigs & det AAM Coy]	
	4	H+10	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, 3 Matilda Tanks, 1 Bridgelayer Tank, Arm'd W/asp DB, CARTER HALL]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, 3 Matilda Tanks, CARTER HALL]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, 2/27 Bn, VESTRALIA]	
	5	H+14	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, 2/10 Bn, Titania, Personnel ex LST 140, Beach Cp dozers & mesh, RAN Cdo]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, Balance 2/12 Bn, Titania, Personnel ex LST 911, Beach Cp Recce, Dozers & Mesh, RAN Cdo]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, Arm'd W/asp DB, Beach Cp Dozers, CARTER HALL, VESTRALIA, RAN Cdo]	
	6	H+18	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, 6 Matildas, 3 Frogs, 2 Matilda Dozers, R/4th Coy Dozers]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, 3 Frogs, R/4th Coy Dozers]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, 3 Matildas, 3 Frogs, 1 Matilda Dozer, 1 Bridgelayer]	
	7	H+22	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, Towed, RAN-SALVAGE (Main)]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, Towed, RAN-SALVAGE (Main)]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, 2/16 Bn, MANDORA, Towed, RAN-SALVAGE (Main)]	
	8	H+26	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, 10 Fd Ambs, Beach Cp Dozer, TITANIA]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, Beach AAM Coy, Beach Cp Dozers, KANIMBLA, TITANIA]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, 2/16 Bn, Personnel ex MANDORA, Beach Cp HQ Recce, Sigs, AAMC & Pro, CARTER HALL]	
	9	H+34		[Diagram: 10 LST icons, LSM 40, Morbr, DUKW PL, Ann, Comd.]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, LSM 42, LSM 38, LSM 39]	
	10	FREE		[Diagram: 10 LST icons, KANIMBLA, Side Comd Party, MBRD.]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, MANDORA, Side Comd Party, MBR, Side HQ, LST, Personnel ex VESTRALIA]	
	11	H+37	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, Personnel ex KANIMBLA, 2/5 Fd Ambs]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, Personnel ex KANIMBLA, 2/5 Fd Ambs, RAE Recce Party]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, Beach Cp 2x2 6x6 Trucks]	
	12	H+45		[Diagram: 10 LST icons, 2/9 Bn]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, MANDORA, Coy Sqn.]	
	13	H+49	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, CARTER HALL, Beach Cp Dozer.]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, 2/9 Bn HQ, Beach Cp Dozer, KANIMBLA, CARTER HALL]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, 2/11 Bn, Personnel ex VESTRALIA, Mdr Cp Dozer, Headquarters Recce Party RAE (8)]	
	14	H+53		[Diagram: 10 LST icons, 2/9 Bn, Personnel ex KANIMBLA]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, 2/14 Bn]	
	15	H+60		[Diagram: 10 LST icons, Towed, 2/9 Bn, Vehs, Personnel of vehs ex KANIMBLA, Towed, Div HQ, Recce Party]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, 2/14 Bn, RAE Auster Sigs Party, Personnel ex LST 1016 and 1017]	
	16	FREE BOATS				
	17	H+75	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, Beach Cp Demap, Recce, FU Coy, KANIMBLA]			
	18	H+80			[Diagram: 10 LST icons, LST 457, Arty]	
	19	H+120		[Diagram: 10 LST icons, Div Sigs]		
	20	ON CALL		[Diagram: 10 LST icons, On Call]	[Diagram: 10 LST icons, Auster Art]	

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