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SECURITY INSTRUCTIONS

UPON RECEIPT OF THIS ORDER AND MAPS, INFORMATION ON OVERLAYS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO MAPS. ONLY THAT PORTION OF THE OVERLAY WHICH IS OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN WILL BE TRANSFERRED.

BEFORE DEBARKING, THE WRITTEN ORDER, ANNEXES AND OVERLAYS WILL BE DESTROYED BY BURNING. ONLY MAPS CONTAINING ESSENTIAL INFORMATION MAY BE TAKEN ASHORE. THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THE ABOVE IS THAT ONE COMPLETE WRITTEN ORDER MAY BE TAKEN ASHORE BY EACH BATTALION COMMANDER.

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(FIELD ORDER NO. 25, RCT 180, dated 1 Aug 44.)

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## FIELD ORDER:

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Maps: FRANCE 1/25,000

1. a. See Intelligence Annex this FO.

b. 45th Inf Div lands at H-Hour, D-Day with 2 Regiments abreast over beaches RED, GREEN (263A), YELLOW (263B), BLUE (263C), advances inland to capture FIRST PHASE LINE, shown on overlay, and immediately continues advance to capture SECOND PHASE LINE; destroys all enemy resistance in zone; prepares to continue attack to the NW employing armored reconnaissance detachments landed with leading elements to reconnoiter all roads in zone and gain contact with Paratroop Forces already in zone. Be prepared to continue attack to THIRD PHASE LINE and reconnoiter to INF RCN LINE.

157th Inf, on the left, lands on Beaches RED and GREEN, captures Phase Lines and objectives in zone.

509th Paratroop Bn will drop in Drop Zone "C" at 0430B, D-Day, captures Obj 4.

517th Paratroop Bn drops in DZ-A and captures Objs 2 and 3.

179th Inf lands over designated beaches on Div order, moves to assembly area in Division Reserve.

45th Rcn Tr - one platoon lands over Beach BLUE at H+70 with mission of reconnoitering routes forward and gaining contact with Paratroopers in 180 RCT zone; establishes and maintains contact with elements of the Div on the right.

2. 180th Inf (reinf) - Troops, see Annex No 4.

Lands H-Hour, D-Day over Beaches YELLOW and BLUE with 2 Bns abreast, clears landing beaches of all resistance; prepares at least 2 exits from each Beach; secures high ground NE of Beach BLUE; captures and secures FIRST PHASE LINE; immediately continues attack to the N and NW to capture SECOND PHASE LINE; assist 36th Inf Div in clearing Beach 264A; establish and maintain contact with 36th Inf Div on right after that element has landed; attacks from the SECOND PHASE LINE to capture objective shown on overlay on Div order. Advance from the SECOND PHASE LINE will be coordinated with 36th Inf Div on the right. Capture THIRD PHASE LINE and reconnoiter to INF RCN LINE on order.

Formation: 1st Bn, on right; 2nd Bn, on left; 3rd Bn, landing over 1st Bn Beach is initially in Regimental Reserve. As 3rd Bn is committed, Co L and Co C, 191st Tk Bn (-1st and 2nd Platoons) become Regtl Reserve. Upon attack of 3rd Bn from FIRST PHASE LINE, Co L reverts to Bn control.

Boundaries: See overlay.

H-Hour and D-Day: To be announced.



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3. a. 1st Bn - Troops, see Annex No 5.

(1st Phase) Lands H-Hour, D-Day over Beach BLUE with A Co on right, C Co on left, B Co in Reserve; breaches beach obstacles clears resistance from shore line East of beach and captures objective P; continues attack to capture VILLEPEY, clearing resistance from shore line as attack on VILLEPEY progresses. Assist Division on right in capture of Beach 264A. Protect right flank of Regiment with not to exceed one Company.

(2nd Phase) Continue to protect right flank of Regiment; make contact with Div on right by combat patrols to Contact Points (CP#) indicated on overlay; and be prepared to move as Regimental Reserve to area designated on overlay as Obj S, thence to area designated Obj W on order.

(3rd Phase) Continue protection of right flank of Regiment; be prepared to advance on Regimental Objective by attacking through either 2nd or 3rd Bns.

b. 2nd Bn - Troops, See Annex No 5.

(1st Phase) Lands H-Hour, D-Day over Beach YELLOW with F Co on left, G Co on right, E Co in Reserve; breach beach obstacles; clear shore line of all enemy resistance from left flank of YELLOW Beach to Regimental left boundary and shore line from right flank of YELLOW Beach to left flank of BLUE Beach, using not more than one platoon of assault companies reinforced with tanks on each mission; advance rapidly to capture high ground NW of YELLOW Beach (Obj T) thence to Obj U. Maintain contact with 157th Inf on left by elements of Reserve Company, at Contact Points (CP#) shown on overlay.

(2nd Phase) Continue attack on order to Obj V, thence to Obj X. Continue to maintain contact with 157th Inf on left. Establish road blocks along road as indicated. Reorganize on Obj X, and be prepared to continue attack to NW.

(3rd Phase) Attack from Obj X to Regtl Obj on order.

(4th Phase) Be prepared to continue attack from Regtl Obj to capture THIRD PHASE LINE and reconnoiter to INF RCN LINE on order (Annex 3).

c. 3rd Bn - Troops, See Annex No 5.

(1st Phase) Lands over Beach BLUE at H/100 with K Co on right, I Co on left, L Co in Reserve, and attacks in direction shown on overlay to capture Obj R; continue attack to capture Obj S. Left assault company maintain contact with 2nd Bn on left.

(2nd Phase) After capture of Obj S, continue attack on order and capture Objs W and Y. Maintain contact with 2nd Bn on left. After Obj Y has been captured, send combat patrols from leading elements to gain contact with Paratroop Forces in area shown (see overlay) Reorganize and be prepared to continue attack to NW.

(3rd Phase) Attack from Obj Y on order, seize and hold portion of Regimental Objective in zone as shown.

(4th Phase) Be prepared to continue attack from Regtl Obj to THIRD PHASE LINE and reconnoiter to INF RCN LINE on order (Annex 3).



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d. AT Co

1st Platoon - lands from DUKWS over Beach BLUE at H/60, immediately provides AT protection for 1st Bn in zone. Displace promptly as attack of Bn progresses. Protect right flank of the Battalion and Regiment.

2nd Platoon - lands from DUKWS over Beach YELLOW at H/60, immediately provides AT defense for 2nd Bn in zone, with special attention to left flank.

3rd Platoon - lands over Beach BLUE at H/140, provides AT defense for 3rd Bn in zone; be prepared to move N along shore road and protect right flank of Regt against enemy armor.

e. Cn Co

Initially attached to Bns for landing, lands over respective Bn beaches as soon as routes across beaches are cleared; moves rapidly, by platoons, to previously selected firing positions and give close supporting fires to Bns to which attached. Be prepared to revert to Company control on order to support advance of Regiment.

f. I & R Platoon

Squads attached initially to Bns for landing will assemble vic Regtl CP after Bns have reached FIRST PHASE LINE. Leaders will bring a complete detailed report to S-2 concerning the enemy situation up to the time of leaving the Bn. Leaders will also bring to S-3 an overlay showing exact disposition of all units within the Bn to which attached.

g. Co C, 120th Engrs

Platoons attached initially to Bns for landing be prepared to: (1) furnish close support to assault Bns; (2) revert to Company control on FIRST PHASE LINE. Priority of work for Engrs as concerns 180th Inf: (1) Mine sweeping; (2) Road and bridge repairs.

h. Co C, 120th Med Bn

Lands over respective Bn beaches as soon as routes across beaches are cleared. Establish advance collecting station as shown on overlay. Evacuation - SOP (amphibious operation).

i. Co C, 191st Tk Bn

1st Platoon - attached 1st Bn, lands at H-Hour, D-Day over BLUE Beach with DD tanks and attacks with leading elements 1st Bn to capture objectives.

2nd Platoon - attached 2nd Bn, lands H-Hour, D-Day over YELLOW Beach with DD tanks and attacks with leading elements 2nd Bn to clear flanks of beach of resistance and to capture objectives.

3rd Platoon - lands over Beach YELLOW, moves to Reserve position, vic 517260.

j. Co A, 645th TD Bn

1st Platoon - lands at H/15 over BLUE Beach and supports attack of 1st Platoon, Co C, 191st Tk Bn, and assists 1st Bn, 180th Inf.



in capture of objectives.

2nd Platoon - lands over Beach YELLOW at H/15 and assists Co C, 191st Tk Bn in reduction of beach defenses on both flanks of YELLOW Beach.

k. 171st FA Bn

Lands from DUKWS over Beach YELLOW at H/80 and is initially in direct support of 2nd Bn, 180th Inf. When 3rd Bn, 180th Inf, is committed, be prepared to support the attack of this Bn.

l. 59th AFA Bn

Begins landing at H/70 over Beach BLUE or as soon thereafter as routes over beaches are cleared of mines, and is initially in direct support of 1st Bn, 180th Inf. Upon commitment of the 3rd Bn, 180th Inf, be prepared to support the attack of this Bn.

m. 189th FA Bn

Begins landing over Beach 263B at H/100 or as soon thereafter as routes over beaches have been cleared, and reinforces the fires of the 171st FA Bn.

n. Naval Gun Fire Support Plan - See Annex No 9.

o. Co B, 83rd Cml Bn

1st Section - lands over Beach BLUE as soon as routes across beaches are cleared and move immediately to previously selected positions, go into firing position to support the attack of 1st Bn. After FIRST PHASE LINE has been captured, be prepared to join 3rd Bn, 180th Inf, to support the attack of this Bn.

2nd Section - lands over Beach YELLOW as routes become cleared and move rapidly to previously selected positions, go into firing position to support attack of 2nd Bn. Displace promptly and well forward as advance progresses.

Remainder of Co - assemble in vic Regtl CP. Report to S-3 when Co is in assembly area and be prepared to reinforce Battalion Sections.

p. 3rd Bn, 40th Engr Combat Regt.

(1) Co G lands over BLUE Beach with 1st Bn, 180th Inf, prepares at least 2 exits from BLUE Beach; supports the landing of 1st Bn, 180th Inf, 59th AFA Bn and 3rd Bn, 180th Inf.

(2) Co H lands over Beach YELLOW with 2nd Bn, 180th Inf, prepares at least 2 exits from YELLOW Beach and supports the landing of 2nd Bn, 180th Inf, 171st FA Bn and 189th FA Bn.

(3) Co I lands over BLUE Beach following 3rd Bn, 180th Inf; be prepared to perform road and bridge maintenance and to operate additional beaches in Div area.

(4) See Annex No 11.

q. Btry B, 106th AAA AW Bn

Landing over beaches YELLOW and BLUE, initially provide AA defense for these beaches. Upon relief of this mission, provide AA



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defense for 171st FA Bn.

r. Btry D, 106th AAA AW Bn

Landing over Beach YELLOW initially provide AA defense for YELLOW Beach. Upon relief of this mission, provide AA defense for 189th FA Bn.

x. (1) It is essential that all boat teams clear beaches rapidly and drive independently to FIRST PHASE LINE.

(2) Bns must habitually patrol well to the front and flanks during movement inland and during time Bns are halted for re-organization.

(3) Rapid flanking tactics will always be used when resistance is met.

(4) Whenever possible, all patrols will be furnished with radio communication.

(5) Bn salvage teams will be organized to pick up ammunition and equipment dropped on the beach and along routes of advance.

(6) Troops other than antiaircraft will not engage aircraft unless directly attacked.

(7) All troops will exercise passive AA defense measures by dispersion, concealment and camouflage tactics.

(8) Friendly troop carrier aircraft may be seen carrying black and white stripes painted on main plane and around the fuselage immediately in front of the fin; lack of these markings on other troop carrier aircraft does not mean they are hostile. Other friendly aircraft will carry no special distinctive markings.

(9) Due to the extremely dry condition of the woods and brush, troops will take all precautions possible to prevent loss of equipment and personnel by brush fires.

(10) Yellow smoke will be used to identify friendly troops to aircraft.

(11) Enemy armor or concentration of enemy troops located in the Regimental Zone of action or in any other zone will be reported immediately to Regtl S-2 by the fastest means of communication available.

(12) All troops are to be thoroughly briefed.

(13) All watches will be synchronized with ship time prior to disembarking.

(14) Every effort will be made to establish and maintain wire communication.

4. See Administrative Plan - Annex No 12.

5. a. See Signal Plan - Annex No 8.



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b. CP's.

Afloat - 180th Inf - USS Stanton

1st Bn, 180th Inf - USS Stanton

2nd Bn, 180th Inf - USS Lyon

3rd Bn, 180th Inf - USS Dickman

180th Inf (Emergency) - USS Barnett

Ashore - 180th Inf - 522256

1st Bn, 180th Inf - to be reported.

2nd Bn, 180th Inf - to be reported.

3rd Bn, 180th Inf - to be reported.

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Ammo Off	1
Hq Co	1
AT Co	1
Cn Co	1
Comm Off	1
CO, MP Plat	1
GRO	1
1st Bn, 180th Inf	6
2nd Bn, 180th Inf	6
3rd Bn, 180th Inf	6
171st FA Bn	1
CO, 59th AFA Bn (aboard LCT #421)	1
189th FA Bn	1
Co C, 120th Engr Bn	1
Co C, 120th Med Bn	1
3rd Bn, 40th Engrs	2
Co G, 40th ECR	1
Co H, 40th ECR	1
Co C, 191st Tk Bn	1
Co A, 645th TD Bn	1
Btry B, 106th AAA Bn	1
Btry D, 106th AAA Bn	1
LST #310	1
#311	1
#312	1
#313	1
#314	1
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#317	1
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TQMs, Billeting Officers &amp; CO of Troops on 180th RCT vessels:

Ship	CO of Troops	TQM	Billeting Officers
LST 310	Capt Spiers (C-157)	Lt Dunn (180)	Lt Waugh (157)
311	Capt Adams (F-157)	Lt Brinke (180)	Lt Toolen (157)
312	Lt Leffler (L-157)	Lt Brown (180)	Lt Campbell (157)
313	Lt Stonmons (B-157)	Lt Foster (189)	Lt Kemper (157)
314	Lt Sanders (H-157)	Lt Ellis (180)	Lt Jindrak (157)
315	Capt Shi (M-157)	Lt Henry (180)	Lt Sanborne (157)
316	Lt Teichmann (180)	Lt Teichmann (180)	Lt Claudius (180)
317	Lt Lines (180)	Lt Lines (180)	Lt Uehling (171)
318	Maj King (189)	Lt McCarthy (189)	Lt Oppert (189)
LCT 401	Lt Baker (45 Rcn)	Lt Baker (45 Rcn)	Lt Baker (45 Rcn)
402	Lt Kimalo (45 Rcn)	Lt Kimalo (45 Rcn)	Lt Kimalo (45 Rcn)
403	Capt Bozeman (59AFA)	Lt Burton (59AFA)	Lt Burton (59AFA)
404	Capt Johnson (59AFA)	Lt Hinkle (59AFA)	Lt Hinkle (59AFA)
419	Lt Vanderhoof (45 Rcn)	Lt Vanderhoof (45 Rcn)	Lt Vanderhoof (45 Rcn)
420	Capt Hopkins (59 AFA)	Lt Imbriglio (59AFA)	Lt Imbriglio (59AFA)
421	Capt Bates (59AFA)	Lt Wood (59AFA)	Lt Wood (59AFA)
422	Capt Hart (59AFA)	Lt Guy (59AFA)	Lt Guy (59AFA)
423	Lt Barronian (59AFA)	Lt Brennan (59AFA)	Lt Brennan (59AFA)
433	Lt Nial (40 E)	Lt Nial (40 E)	Lt Nial (40 E)
434	Lt Issaacoff (40 E)	Lt Issaacoff (40 E)	Lt Issaacoff (40E)
435	Lt Roy (40 E)	Lt Roy (40 E)	Lt Roy (40 E)
436	Lt Snyder (682 O)	Lt Snyder (682 O)	Lt Snyder (682 O)
437	Lt Ricks (191 Tk)	Lt Ricks (191 Tk)	Lt Ricks (191 Tk)
438	Lt Black (191st Tk)	Lt Black (191 Tk)	Lt Black (191 Tk)
439	Lt Hurdman (645 TD)	Lt Hurdman (645 TD)	Lt Hurdman (645 TD)
440	Lt Dian (645 TD)	Lt Dian (645 TD)	Lt Dian (645 TD)
AP 69	Lt Col Otto (180)	Lt Shepherd (179)	Lt Mashburn (180)
Stanton BL6K			
AP 71	Lt Col Cruikshank (180)	Lt Fay (179)	Lt Luger (180)
Lyon BL5K			
AP 13	Lt Col Akorn (180)	Lt Ceraldo (179)	Capt Smith (180)
Pickman BL4K			
AP 5	Lt Col Duval (180)	Lt Wilcox (179)	Lt Stapleton (180)
Barnett BL3K			
AK 2	Capt Morrison (179)	Capt Patterson (179)	Mr Nash (160 FA)
Procyon BL8K			

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FIELD ORDER NO. 25.Intelligence

## 1. Summary of Enemy Situation

a. See following Appendix of Intelligence Annex, Hq, 45th Inf Div, available on each ship.

- (1) G-2 Estimate.
- (2) Enemy Order of Battle
- (3) Terrain Study
- (4) Annotated Beach Sketch

## 2. Essential Elements of Information.

## a. Ground Forces.

- (1) Will enemy defend beaches from prepared positions or by local counterattacks?
- (2) Will enemy occupy a defensive position? Along what line?
- (3) Will enemy counterattack? When? Strength? Direction?
- (4) Will enemy delay in successive positions? If so, where are these positions?

## 3. Reconnaissance and Observation Missions.

All units will seek to contact Paratroops on our front. Knowledge of paratroop situation is vital and will be reported immediately.

## 4. Prisoners, Documents, Material.

- a. Only weapons will be removed from PWs.
- b. MP personnel attached to Bns are responsible for evacuation of PWs to Regtl Collecting Point vic Regtl CP.
- c. Civilian Prisoners. Refer to Sec II, Int Memo #3.  
  
Civilians claiming to belong to French Resistance Groups will be treated as suspicious persons. Those attempting to impersonate Allied Military Personnel will be arrested.
- d. Civilians who have returned from behind the lines will be handled as PWs.



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5. Maps

- a. All maps issued aboard ship will be taken ashore.
- b. Conservation of maps will be necessary.

6. Consorship of Mail.

- a. Upon departure for this operation, letters may be headed "Somewhere in Southern France."
- b. Do Not indicate in any way the number of ships, types of ships or any unit or attachment.
- c. Do not describe your geographical location.
- d. Correspondence with civilians in Italy is prohibited.

7. Security.

- a. All personnel going ashore will dispose of all personal documents revealing identity of unit.

- b. Parole and Countersign.

Personnel will be given the Parole and Countersign for the 1st Day when maps are opened aboard ship. Company Officers may be given the second day Countersign before debarking.

- c. Assault troops will destroy all non-essential documents, including marked maps, before debarking.
- d. Radio double talk is not permitted.


The numbering or naming of hills and other features for purpose of sending in clear is prohibited.

8. Reports.

- a. All enemy information will be reported by quickest available means.
- b. Brush fires not extinguishable by local troops are to be reported including location and area.

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Annex No 1, FO No 25.G-2 Estimate

## 1. Enemy Capabilities.

a. To defend beaches from prepared beach positions and by local counterattacks.

b. To occupy a defensive position generally along the line 540325, 540315, 530294, 480250, 463234, 465220, 505261.

c. To delay in successive positions.

d. To occupy a defensive position generally along the line 395414, 205380, 310365, 283316, 220245.

e. To interfere with landing operations by air, naval and artillery action.

## 2. Analysis of Enemy Capabilities.

a. Conclusion. Beach defense is lacking in depth. A rapid landing under strong supporting fire and prompt clearing of obstacles assures success.

b. A serious defensive position along the line indicated is weak on terrain, fields of fire and communication are inadequate. Retention of observation of the beaches make it desirable; the chances of success by the enemy, once the landing is under way and the beaches cleared, are very small.

c. This position, N and W of the ARGENS RIVER VALLEY may become a strong delaying position. Good observation to the front, and the available road net for maintaining the position offers definite advantages over other positions already discussed.

d. The terrain, fields of fire, communications, and observation are well suited to the establishing of a strong defensive line. Early seizure of the LEMUY area by the Prov. Para. Div, and gaining at least a foothold in the hills may prevent any attempts to organize this position.

e. Coast defense guns are located to bring considerable fire on beaches and beach approaches. A simultaneous landing on all beaches will reduce the number of guns firing on any one beach at least 75%. With our naval support, there is no doubt that the effect of enemy fire will be of minor importance.

## 3. Conclusion.

The enemy will defend at the beaches with the garrison now in position, delay our columns with demolitions, mines and small delaying forces and attempt to defend the high ground near VIDAUBAM and LELAC.

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Troop List RCT 180  
D-Day List

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>
180th Inf	3626	310
171st JA w/attachs	655	160
189th JA	424	72
59th AFJ	256	69
Co C, 120th Inf	225	25
Co C, 120th Med	111	17
SFC	10	12
Co B, 83rd Cml	105	12
45th Signal	7	4
Co C, 191st Tk	85	19
Co A, 645th TD	59	22
Btry D, 106th AA	135	25
CIC	3	1
40th Inf	1736	164
45th Div Hq	7	1
3ea Secs	102	9
NCDU	40	
93rd Wac	75	
10th Field	21	
11th Field	19	
VI Corps	100	
45th Recon Tr	158	37
Btry D, 106th AA	<u>151</u>	<u>25</u>
Totals	8090	984

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FIELD ORDER NO. 25Troop List by BCT of 180th RCT

<u>Unit</u>	<u>BCT #1</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>
1st Bn, 180th Inf		971	53
59th AFA Bn		286	69
1st Plat, Co C, 120 Eng		55	6
1st Plat, Co C, 120 Med		18	2
1st Sect, Co B, 83rd Cml Bn		21	6
1st Plat, Co C, 191st Tk Bn		20	4
1st Plat, Co A, 645th TD Bn		26	5
Co G, 40th Eng Regt		262	40
1st Plat, Cn Co, 180th Inf		33	4
1st Plat, AT Co, 180th Inf		31	4
1st Sqd, M/Clr Plat, 180th Inf		12	0
1st Sqd, I&R Plat, 180th Inf		8	0
Det, MP Plat, 180th Inf		7	0
1st Plat, 106 AAA, Btry B		43	8
Totals		1793	201
	<u>BCT #2</u>		
2nd Bn, 180th Inf		881	61
2nd Plat, Co C, 120 Eng		55	6
2nd Plat, Co C, 120 Med		18	2
2nd Sect, Co B, 83rd Cml Bn		21	6
2nd Plat, Co C, 191st Tk Bn		20	4
2nd Plat, Co A, 645th TD Bn		27	6
2nd Plat, Btry B, 106 AAA Bn		41	8
Co H, 40 Eng Regt		265	38
2nd Plat, Cn Co, 180th Inf		32	4
2nd Plat, AT Co, 180th Inf		30	4
2nd Sqd, M/Clr Plat, 180th Inf		12	0
2nd Sqd, I&R Plat, 180th Inf		8	0
171st FA Bn		515	80
Det, MP Plat, 180th Inf		7	0
Totals		1932	219
	<u>BCT #3</u>		
3rd Bn, 180th Inf		992	55
3rd Plat, Co C, 120 Eng		56	6
3rd Plat, Co C, 120 Med		18	2
3rd Plat, Btry B, 106 AAA Bn		43	9
PW Interrogators		2	1
CIC		3	2
Co I, 40th Eng Regt		264	42
3rd Sqd, M/Clr Plat, 180th Inf		12	0
3rd Plat, Cn Co, 180th Inf		31	4
3rd Plat, AT Co, 180th Inf		30	4
Det, MP Plat, 180th Inf		7	0
Totals		1458	125

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### Signal Plan

#### 1. Radio Communication

- a. Strict radio silence to be adhered to until H-Hour.
- b. All hand-carried radio sets employed in all Infantry and Artillery Teams will be opened upon landing.
- c. Beach Group Communications will be established in accordance with Standard Operation Procedure.
- d. RADIO NETS
  - (1) Division SCR-300 Net.
  - (2) Division SCR-193 Net.
  - (3) Regimental SCR-300 Net
  - (4) Regimental SCR-284 Net
  - (5) Battalion SCR-300 Net
  - (6) Regimental to Engineer Bn - SCR-284 Net.
  - (7) Artillery and SFC Nets as directed by Artillery Communications Officers. Radios will be operated by Naval Personnel aboard the Flag Ship for A M Channel until Regimental set opens on shore.
  - (8) Frequencies (see Current SOI)
  - (9) Link or Call Signs (see Current SOI)

#### 2. Wire Communications

- a. Battalion Communications Teams will hand carry at least 10 (ten) miles of Wire W-130 (combat wire). Upon landing, leave 1 (one) man with telephone on beach by Shore Engr Co and extend wire inland. When Engineer Personnel take over this telephone, this line-man will service wire forward. Signal Personnel of the Shore Engr Bn are responsible for lateral communication between Engr Cos. Regiment, upon landing, will tie into wires from the Shore Engr Cos to forward Bns to the Regimental Switchboard and lay wire to Engr Bn CP. Supporting units are responsible for installation and maintenance of wire communication to Regiment. (see Atchd Diagram of Wire Circuits)

#### 3. Message Center

Message Centers will be established on all Headquarters Ships upon loading. These Message Centers will operate continuously until all personnel have debarked. Message Centers will be established at all Command Posts, ashore.



4. Codes and Ciphers

- a. Assault Code CCBP - 0130 - B2
- b. AF Code No. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Hag Key List (SIGSOT No. 17) for Converter M-209-A
- d. Infantry and Artillery PMC

5. Attached Units

- a. Co A, 645th TD Bn. Liaison with Regt (Radio Communicatio
- b. Co C, 191st Tk Bn. Platoon Liaison with Bn to which  
atchd, or SCR-300 radio in Bn Net.
- c. Co C, 120th Engr Bn. Regt radio Net.
- d. Co B, 83rd Cml Bn. As directed by supported Bn.

6. a. A limited signal supply dump will be established at  
Regt CP.
- b. Signal repairs at Regt CP.

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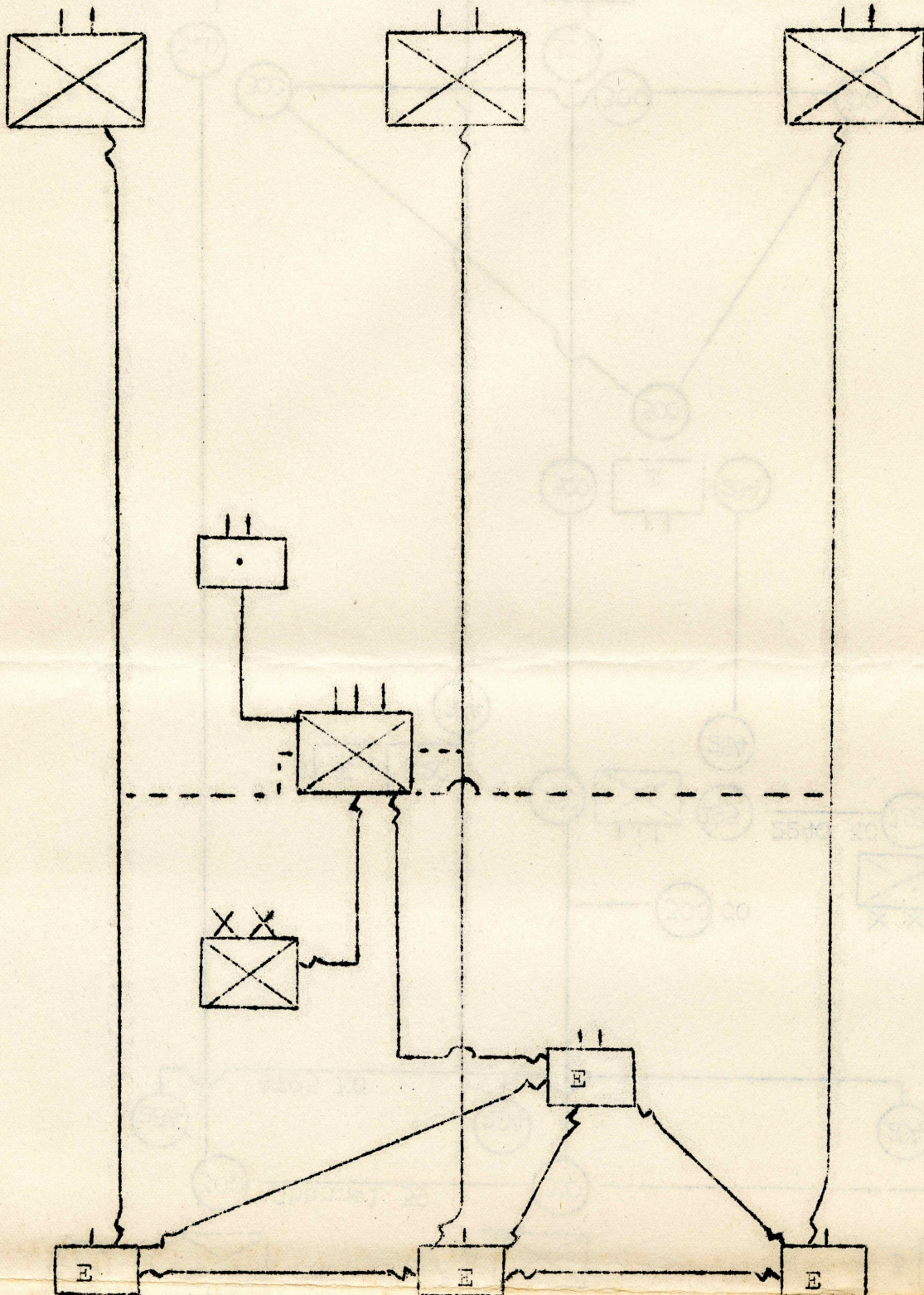
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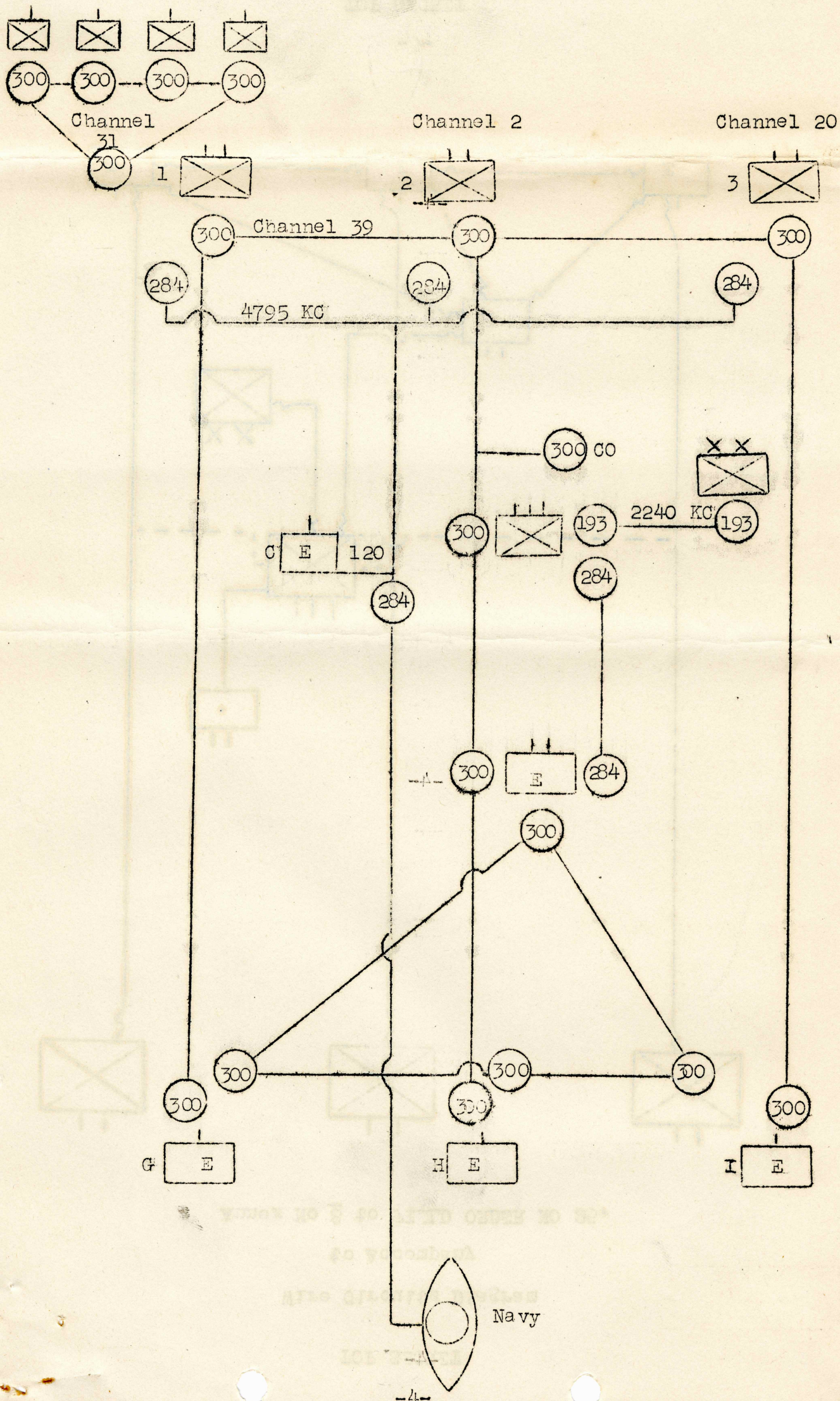
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FIELD ORDER NO. 25Artillery and Naval Gun Fire Support Plan

1. See FO 25, RCT 180.

2. 59th AFA Bn, 171st FA Bn and 189th FA Bn will support the advance of the 180th Inf.

3. a. 59th AFA Bn

(1) Direct support of the 1st Bn, 180th Inf.

(2) Positions as selected by CO, 59th AFA Bn off BLUE Beach.

(3) Center line CA 200 initially.

(4) Be prepared to fire on coast line from BLUE Beach to objective.

(5) Be prepared to assume direct support of 3rd Bn, 180th Inf after completion of the mission of the 1st Bn, 180th Inf.

(6) Be prepared to fire in the zone of 180th Inf on call.

(7) Reinforce fires of 171st FA Bn when direct support of 180th Inf is assumed by 171st FA Bn.

(8) (a) 59th AFA Bn will send Liaison Officers to 1st Bn, 180th Inf and 171st FA Bn.

(b) 59th AFA Bn will send two (2) Forward Observers to 1st Bn, 180th Inf and have one (1) forward observer prepared to join 3rd Bn, 180th Inf when it lands. After direct support of 180th Inf has been assumed by 171st FA Bn, the 59th AFA Bn will send one (1) Forward Observer to each Bn, 180th Inf.

b. 171st FA Bn

(1) Initially direct support of 2nd Bn, 180th Inf.

(2) Positions as selected by CO, 171st FA Bn off YELLOW Beach.

(3) Center line 6400.

(4) Be prepared to fire in support of 1st Bn, 180th Inf.

(5) Assume direct support of 3rd Bn, 180th Inf when it is committed.

(6) Assume direct support of 180th Inf as soon as possible.

(7) (a) 171st FA Bn will send Liaison Officers to 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns, 180th Inf, and to 158th FA Bn and 45th Cav Rcn Trp.

(b) Btrys A, B and C, 171st FA Bn will send two (2) Forward Observers each to 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns, 180th Inf respectively.



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c. 189th FA Bn

- (1) Reinforce fires of 171st FA Bn
- (2) Positions as selected by CO, 189th FA Bn.
- (3) Center line L5800 C200 R400.
- (4) Be prepared to fire in zone of 180th Inf.
- (5) (a) 189th FA Bn will send Liaison Officer to 171st

A Bn.

(b) 189th FA Bn will have one (1) Forward Observer operate in zone of each assault Bn, 180th Inf.

x. (1) Shore Fire Control

(a) Two (2) spotter parties will go with 1st Bn, 80th Inf and one (1) spotter party each with the 2nd and 3rd Bns, 180th Inf. One Arty FO party with assault company of 2nd and 3rd Bns, 180th Inf not having a spotter party will act as spotter for that company through Arty LO with Bn Comdr. Lt Holton will act as spotter offshore from LCS #16 until troops are on high ground which masks his observation after which he will return to his regular party.

(b) One (1) Naval Liaison Officer will go with each Bn, 180th Inf, accompanying the Bn Comdr. Naval Liaison Officer with 1st Bn, 180th Inf will report to CP, 59th AFA Bn on call. Naval Liaison Officers with 2nd and 3rd Bns, 180th Inf, will report to CP, 171st FA Bn on call.

(c) See Enclosure 1 for Naval Gun fire Support Plan.

(2) 171st FA Bn will coordinate minimum range line with 32nd FA Bn, 36th Div Arty, on the right.

(3) 132nd FA Bn, 36th Div Arty, will send Liaison Officer to 171st FA Bn.

4. See Admn Annex, FO 25, RCT 180.

5. a. Communication

(1) 59th AFA Bn with LO's and FO's by SCR 509 radio.

(2) 171st FA Bn with LO's and FO's by SCR 609 radio.

(3) Liaison Officers of 171st FA Bn will have on "B" channel, the common channel with the 59th AFA Bn, frequency 276. This frequency will also be on the FDC SCR 608 radios of 171st FA Bn and 9th AFA Bn.

(4) Shore Fire Control parties will operate with SCR 609 radios initially and with SCR 284 when available.

b. Wire will be installed as rapidly as possible and every effort will be made to maintain it.

c. CP's

- (1) Afloat: 59th AFA Bn - LCT 421  
171st FA Bn - USS Stanton  
189th FA Bn - LST 313

(2) Axis of communication is the axis of advance of the 80th Inf.

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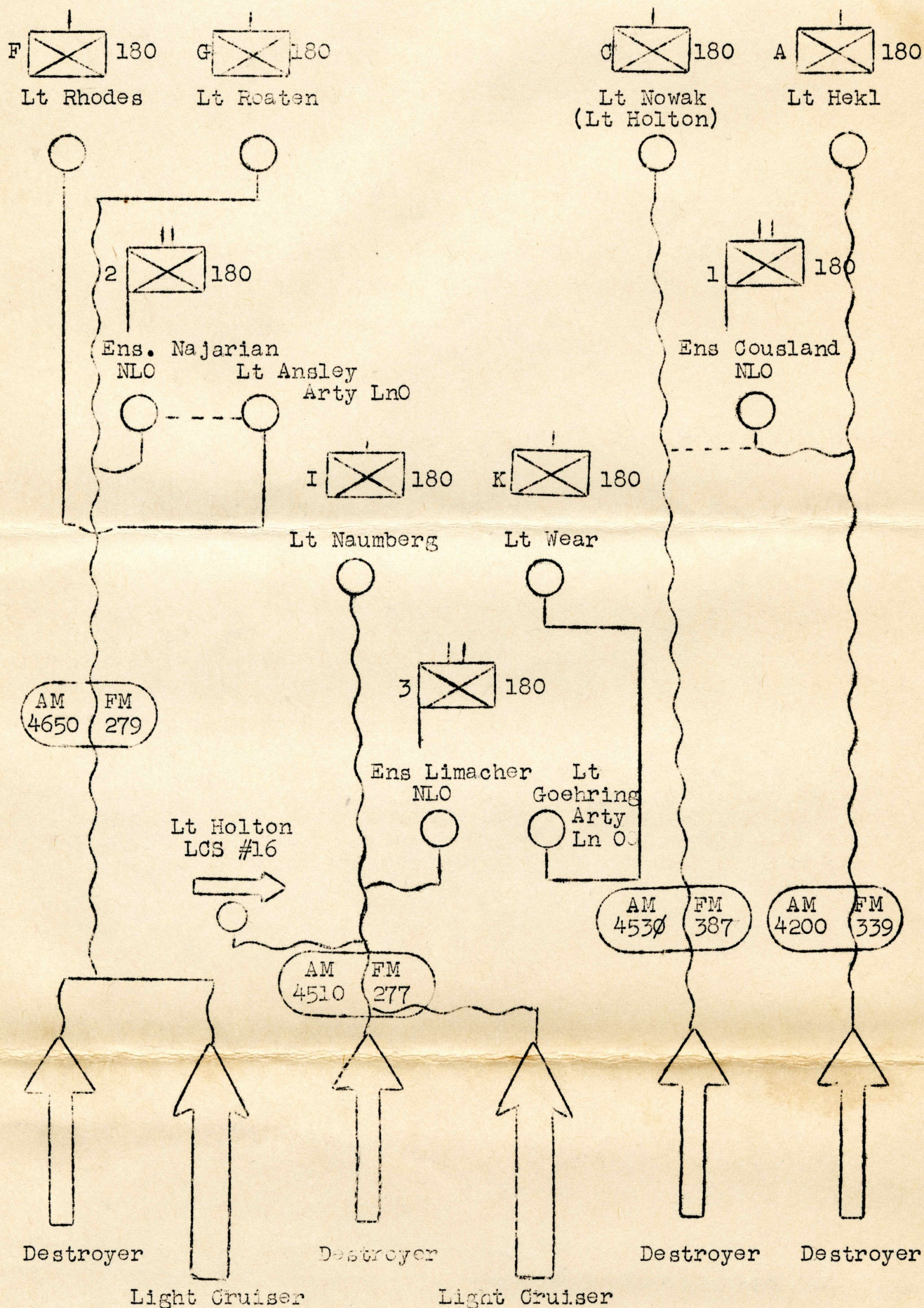


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NAVAL GUN FIRE SUPPORT PLAN

SCHEMATIC RADIO DIAGRAM





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Craft Allocation

<u>Army No</u>	<u>Navy No</u>	<u>Unit</u>
		<u>LSTs</u>
S-310	656	Regt
S-311	494	1st Bn, 180th Inf
S-312	561	2nd Bn, 180th Inf
S-313	655	189th FA Bn
S-314	288	3rd Bn, 180th Inf
S-315	691	3rd Bn, 180th Inf
S-316	995-P	1st Bn, 180th Inf
S-317	996-P	2nd Bn, 180th Inf
S-318	997-P	189th FA Bn
		<u>LCTs</u>
T-401	BR 357	45th Rcn Tr
T-402	BR 388	45th Rcn Tr
T-403	BR 330	59th AFA Bn
T-404	BR 356	59th AFA Bn
T-419	224	45th Rcn Tr
T-420	125	59th AFA Bn
T-421	17	59th AFA Bn
T-422	24	59th AFA Bn
T-423	268-S	59th AFA Bn
T-433	554	3rd Bn, 40th Engr
T-434	565	3rd Bn, 40th Engr
T-435	1047	3rd Bn, 40th Engr
T-436	948	3rd Bn, 40th Engr
T-437	604-DD	Co C, 191st Tk Bn
T-438	568-DD	Co C, 191st Tk Bn
T-439	566	Co A, 645th TD Bn
T-440	1142	Co A, 645th TD Bn
		<u>APs</u>
3-16X	Stanton Xap 69	180th Inf Regt
3-13X	Barnett APA 5	1st Bn, 180th Inf
3-14X	Dickman APA 13	Sv Trps, atchd to 180th Inf
3-15X	Lyon Xap 71	3rd Bn, 180th Inf
		2nd Bn, 180th Inf

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FIELD ORDER NO. 25

Shore Engineer Plan

Maps: 1/25,000 Special Beach Map Sheet 8.

1. Beach Operation.

a. Exit roads for YELLOW and BLUE beaches will include two or three DUKW roads, also for tracked vehicles. Include dukw unloading point. Wire road loop with two-way exit for wheeled vehicles and supply vehicles SOP. Mine clearance and beach marking SOP.

b. Vehicle assembly park and dewaterproofing area for YELLOW and BLUE Beaches, see attached overlay.

c. Each Beach establish own supply point to receive all classes SOP operation.

d. Flank security for Beaches is the responsibility of Shore Co concerned. Liaison left to right.

e. Traffic control within beach installations is the responsibility of each Shore Co concerned. When Hq, 3rd Bn Shore Group takes over, MPs will provide general traffic control in Bn area, on order.

2. Roads and Bridges.

a. Lateral highway repair and maintenance by Co G, 40th Engrs from ST PEIRE SUR MER to YELLOW Beach. By Co H, 40th Engrs from YELLOW to GREEN beach.

b. Bridge repair initial responsibility of the Shore Cos concerned, additional by Co I, 40th Engrs.

3. Water Supply.

Initially in five gallon cans. Each Shore Co is to be prepared to operate water point.

4. Engineer Supply

a. Initial supply road wire, explosives, sandbags, small amounts of lumber combat loaded.

b. Class II and IV later in dumps as landed.

5. Troops.

a. Co G, 40th Engrs with Signal and Naval atchd operate BLUE Beach.

b. Co H, 40th Engrs with Signal and Naval atchd operate YELLOW Beach.

c. Co I, 40th Engrs with Signal and Naval atchd in reserve, be prepared to perform road and bridge maintenance and to operate additional beaches in Division area.



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d. Co C, 4th Beach Bn perform boat control including hydrographic reconnaissance, salvage operations, communication with ships, medical evacuation.

e. Tm 3, 71st Signal Co provide radio and wire communication within individual beach installations, laterally between beaches and to Bn Shore Group Hq, forward to Infantry.

f. 831st Co, 147th QM Bn (with 9 Dukws, 829 Co) land arty, AT guns, initial ammo, engineer supplies as scheduled, by Dukw. On release of Dukws by using units, haul supplies.

g. CC #3, 58th Med Bn establish collecting and evacuation station SOP.

h. 3rd Platoon, 3487 Ord Co supervise dewaterproofing, perform Dukw maintenance.

i. 3rd Platoon, 682nd Ord Co be prepared to operate Class V supply points on YELLOW and BLUE Beaches and to reconnoiter Regtl DP Class V area.

j. Tm 3, 2nd Platoon, 450th Engr Co handle Class II and IV Engr supplies in supply points as landed.

k. 3rd Platoon, Co B, 759th MP Bn provide general traffic control within 3rd Bn Shore Group area.

l. 3253rd Co, 240th QM Bn provide labor pool for YELLOW and BLUE Beaches.

m. For general areas of operation and CP, 3rd Bn, 40th Engrs see atchd overlay.

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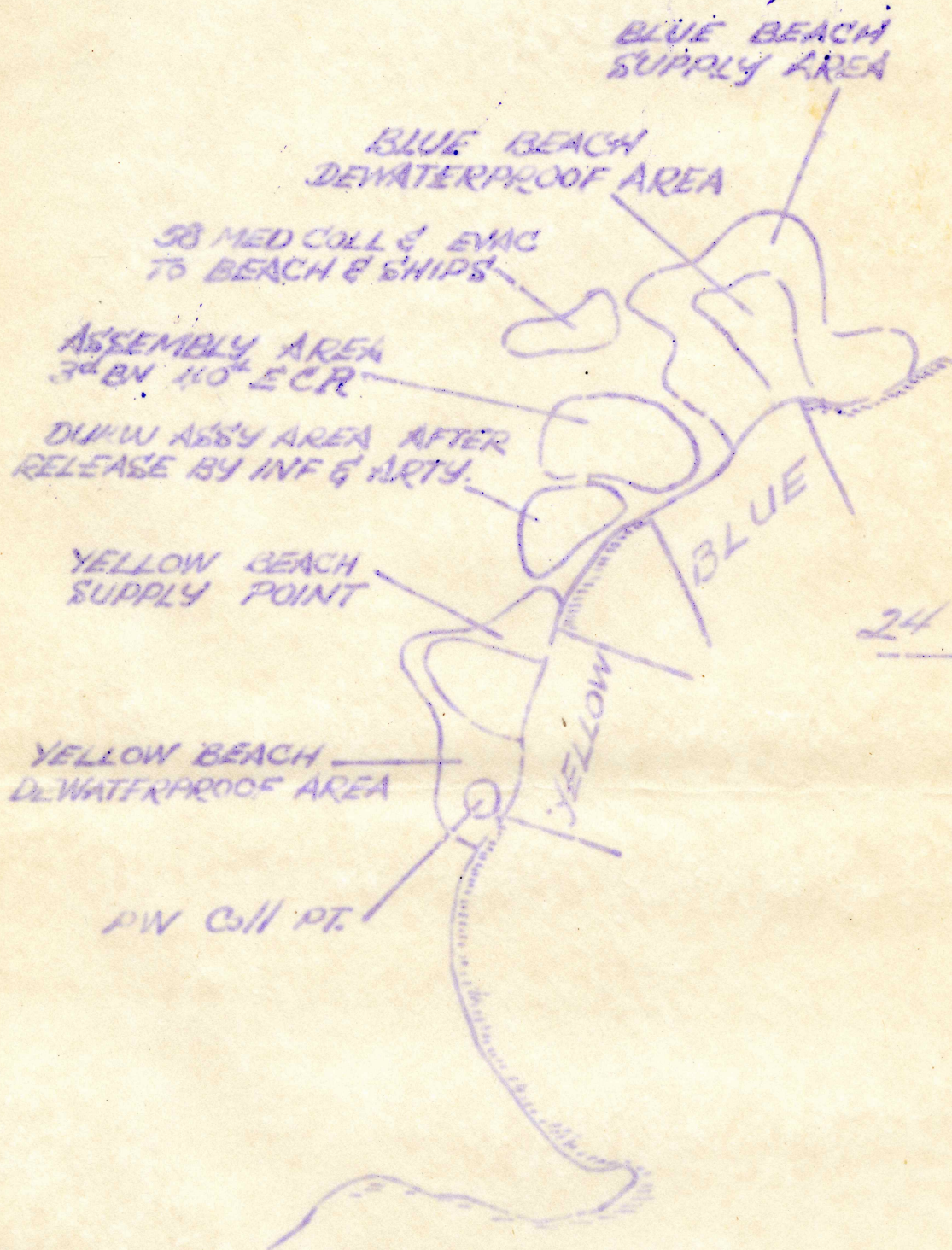
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Reference: Administrative Instr #1, Hq 180th Inf, 19 July 1944.

### Administrative Plan

1. Individual Clothing and Equipment - Full Field. Woolen uniform, arms and equipment, to include gas mask. One pair of shoes or combat boots and one pair of socks, in addition to those worn by individual, will be in the possession of troops. Individual ammunition loads.

a. Roll - will contain following.

- 1 - Blanket
- 1 - Tent, shelter half
- 5 - Pins, tent, shelter
- 1 - Pole, tent, shelter
- 1 - Can, meat w/knife, fork and spoon
- 1 - Raincoat
- 1 - Shoes, service or boots, combat (pr)
- 2 - Socks, wool, pr (in meat can pouch)
- 1 - Suit, underwear
- Toilet articles (in meat can pouch)

b. All individuals will carry the following items in addition to uniform and equipment specified above:

- 1 each Brassard, American, w/pin
- 1 each Bottle, insect repellent
- 1 each Can, insect powder
- 1 each Roll, toilet paper
- 1 each Tablet, fuel
- 1 each Bag, vomit
- 1 each Cover, protective for weapons to include cal 50 MG (to be placed on weapons prior to debarkation)

These are now in the hands of the organizations and will be issued to troops prior to leaving bivouac area.

- 1 each Salt tablets, bottle
- 7 days supply of Atabrine
- 1 each Prophylactic, mech (box of 3)
- 1 each Sulfadiazine, pkg
- 3 each Motion sickness preventive capsules
- 1 each Ration "K" type
- 1 each Ration "D" type
- 1 each Halazone tablets, btl
- 2 each Cigarettes, package

To be put aboard ships by PBS Embarkation Group and issued to troops by C.O. of troops prior to debarkation.

## 2. SUPPLY

### a. Class I - Rations

One (1) ration type "D" and one (1) ration type "K" will be issued to individual prior to debarkation. Two (2) rations type "K" and one (1) ration type "D" will be carried by organizations on organic transportation.

Note: Each battalion will be provided with one (1) two-and-a-half-ton truck for the transportation of their two (2) type "K"



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rations and one (1) type "D" ration mentioned above. Special Units will carry these rations on their own transportation.

b. Water

- (1) All individuals will debark with full canteens.
- (2) Vehicles will have radiators filled.
- (3) Each vehicle will carry one or more five (5) gallon cans filled.
- (4) All commanders will enforce strict water discipline during the operation.
- (5) Water point to open as soon as practicable, location to be announced.

c. Class II - Individual Clothing and Equipment

To be announced.

d. Class III - Gasoline and Oil

(1) Prior to embarkation all vehicle tanks will be 90% filled and all organic gasoline five (5) gallon cans will be full. Each vehicle including half tracks in the assault (D to D plus 4) will carry five (5) one quart cans of engine oil. Full track vehicles will carry one or more five (5) gallon cans of oil. All vehicle grease guns will be filled.

(2) Gasoline and oil DP to open as soon as practicable (Location - see Admn Overlay attached)

e. Class IV

To be announced.

f. Class V - Ammunition.

- (1) All personnel to go ashore with individual loads.
- (2) Organic transportation to go ashore with basic loads.
- (3) Regimental Ammunition DP to open as soon as practicable (see Admn Overlay).

g. Chemical Warfare Equipment.

(1) Gas mask, service, lightweight, will be carried by individuals and will contain, in addition to the mask, the following items:

- 4 - each eye shield, M1
- 1 - each tube ointment, protective
- 1 - each cover, protective
- 1 - each tube, eye ointment, BAL

(2) Apparatus, decontaminating, 1 1/2 quart, with bracket will be filled with fluid (Agent Decontaminating Non-Corrosive) and mounted in compliance with instructions previously issued.

(3) Dust respirators will be carried on each vehicle, basis two (2) per vehicle.



3. EVACUATION

a. Casualties, Personnel

(1) Collecting stations to be operated by Co C, 120th Med Bn as shown on Adm Overlay.

(2) Location of Clearing Station and Hospital to be announced.

b. Burials

(1) See Memorandum No 5, Hq 45th Inf Div, 17 July 44, Subject: "Burial and Graves Registration".

(2) See Unnumbered Memorandum, Hq 180th Inf, 31 July 44.

c. Salvage

(1) All individuals are responsible to collect, and report location of, all salvage equipment and clothing.

(2) Salvage will be collected by Battalion and Special Unit Supply Personnel and turned in to the Regimental Ration DP.

d. Captured Material

All captured material will be reported (thru Regtl S-2) to the Regimental S-4, collected by Battalion and Special Unit Supply Personnel and turned over to the Regimental S-4 at the Regimental Ration DP.

e. Prisoners of War

(1) Collecting Point - See Admn Overlay.

(2) Inclosure - See Adm Overlay.

(3) Five (5) Regimental MP's will be attached to each Battalion for evacuation of PWs to Regimental Inclosure.

(4) Battalions will initially establish PW Collecting Points within their respective boundaries.

(5) Organization CO's will be responsible for evacuation of PWs to Battalion PW Collecting Points.

(6) Soldier's pay books (Soldbuch), watches, jewelry, money, personal letters and photographs which do not contain military information will not be removed from PWs.

(7) Prisoners of War are entitled to safe conduct to the rear and to have their personal well being and honor unmolested.

f. Civilians

All civilians will be evacuated to rear of Battalion and Regimental CP's.

4. TRAFFIC

a. Circulation

(1) Main supply route (initially) see Admn Overlay.



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(2) All tactical and service units will adequately mark route leading to their immediate location.

b. Vehicle Lighting

- (1) Cats eyes only.
- (2) Total blackout during air alerts.

c. Control

- (1) Traffic control posts will be established by Regimental Military Police within Regimental boundaries.
- (2) Regimental Military Police will determine and disseminate information relative to location of all tactical and service installations within Regimental boundaries.

d. Construction and Maintenance of Routes

- (1) Beach Exits: To be prepared and maintained by 40th Engrs.
- (2) Main Routes: To be maintained by Division Engineers.
- (3) Battalion Pioneer Personnel will be prepared to construct and maintain routes within their Battalion boundaries until relieved by higher units.

5. SERVICE TRAINS AND KITCHENS

Location to be announced.

6. PERSONNEL

a. Stragglers

- (1) Checking of stragglers is the responsibility of all officers.
- (2) Regimental MP's will establish straggler line and patrols.
- (3) Reference: Unnumbered Memorandum, Hq 180th Inf, 31 July 1944.

b. Surplus Baggage

- (1) All barrack bags and military impedimenta not essential to the operation and not loaded on organic transportation will remain in present bivouac area to be moved on "follow-up" convoys
- (2) Individual rolls of assault troops will be stacked on deck, under guard, prior to debarkation and brought ashore under battalion control in small craft after all troops have debarked.

c. Mail

- (1) Regimental APO will go ashore on D-Day.
- (2) Collection and distribution to be announced.



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d. Strength Reports

To be submitted to Regimental S-1 by 2000 daily. (See Admn Order No 1, dated 24 July 1944)

e. Replacements

All replacements will be requisitioned on a consolidated form by the Regimental S-1. (See Admn Order No 1).

f. Civil Affairs

Strict discipline will be maintained while occupying towns. Post Offices and other municipal buildings should be inspected and provisions made to prevent destruction of records until AMG assumes control.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Rear Echelon of Headquarters

Initially to remain in present location.

b. De-waterproofing Vehicles

Vehicles upon landing will be routed to de-waterproofing area by 3rd Bn, 40th Engr (see Admn overlay). After completion, vehicles will report to parent organization.

c. Drivers will remain with vehicle at all times.

d. Local procurement of foodstuffs

Due to critical shortage of food in the area, NO local purchases of foodstuffs will be made by any member of this organization.

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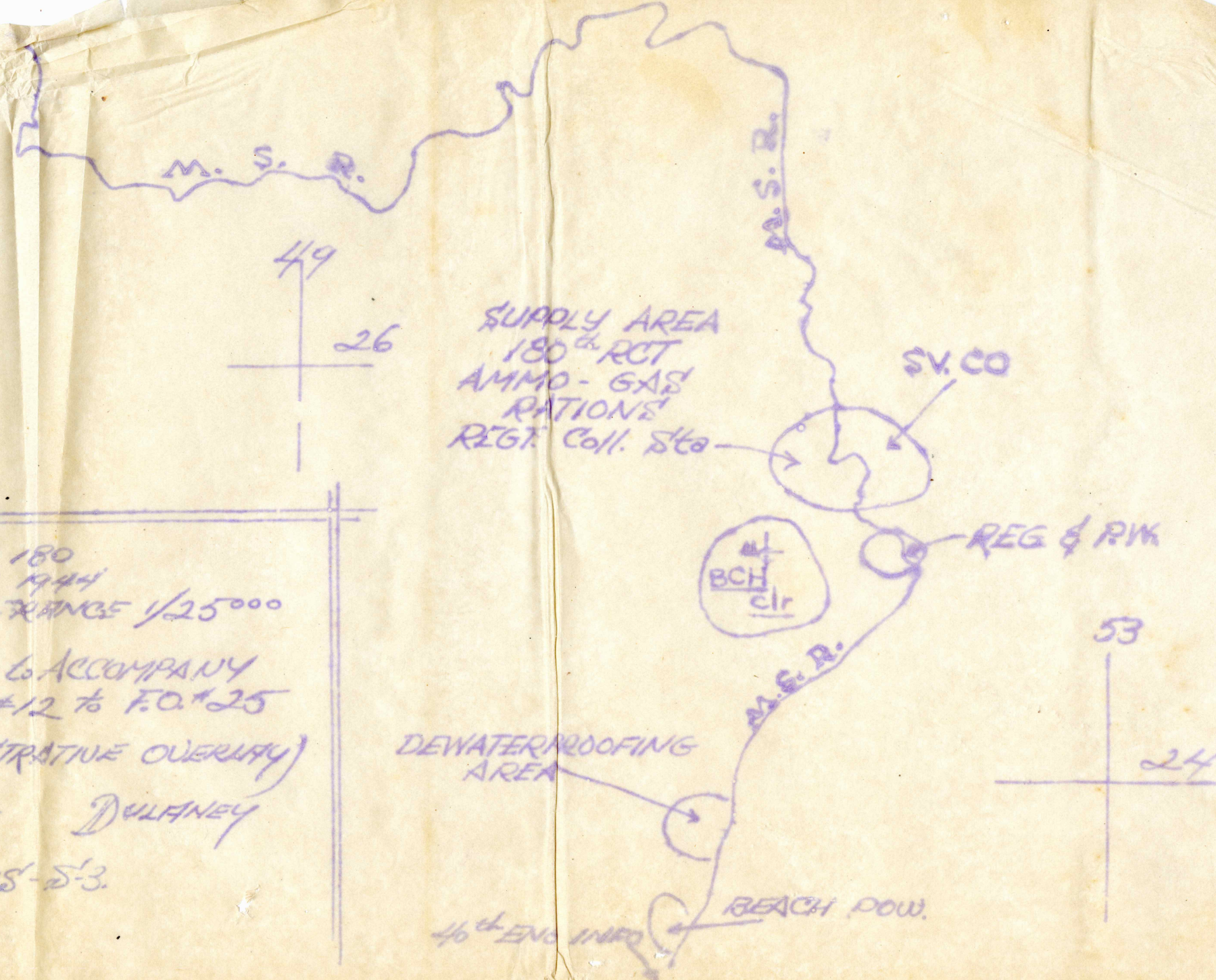
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