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From: Commanding Officer.  
To : Lieutenant Colonel Otto C. Doering, AUS.  
Subj: Special Maritime Group #1.

1. Information received by this Command indicates that Special Maritime Group #1 participated in Underwater Demolition work in connection with landings on Angaur Island, Palau, 12 September to 18 September 1944; Ulithi Islands, 22 September to 25 September 1944; Leyte Island, P.I., 18 October to 22 October 1944, with the resulting loss of two members of the group.

2. The two members of the group that were lost were:

BLACK, Robert A. Jr., QMlc, 811 44 04, USNR  
MACMAHON, John C., Sp(A)lc, 402 71 86, USNR.

3. It is expected that additional information will be received in the near future concerning this group. Upon receipt of this information it will be disseminated to your office and the Maritime Branch.

Alexander C. Liggett,  
Lt. Comdr., U.S.N.R.,  
By direction.

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4. In addition to the above, the following have been assigned to the various groups to acquaint themselves with the equipment and to prepare them to act as maintenance and repair men:

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| James L. Long, S 1/c        | Cairo     |
| James R. Butler, Y 3/c      | London    |
| Wm. F. Katsirubas, SP(X)2/c | New Delhi |
| Cleo C. Mouser, S 1/c       | Algiers   |

These men will accompany the groups and be considered a part thereof.

Dennis J. Roberts  
Lieut. USNR

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