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Via: (1) The Commander, Group ONE, Amphibious Forces,
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(2) The Commander, THIRD Fleet.
(3) The Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet
and Pacific Ocean Areas.
Subject: Action Report, ANGAUR ISLAND, PALAU GROUP.

Enclosure: (A) UDT#10 Secret Operation Order 1-44.
(B) UDT#10 Dispatch 140700, September 1944.
(C) UDT#10 Dispatch 161147, September 1944.
(D) UDT#10 Dispatch 160851, September 1944.

Part I.

1. This report covers the activities of Underwater Demolition Team 10 in connection with the attack, capture and occupation of Angaur Island, Palau, during the interval, 13 September to 19 September 1944, by Task Group 32.2. During this operation Underwater Demolition Team 10 was embarked in the U.S.S. RATHBURN (APD25).

2. Preliminaries:

(a) Underwater Demolition Team 10, embarked on the U.S.S. RATHBURN, departed from Pearl Harbor on 12 August 1944 and arrived at Purvis Bay, Solomons Islands on 24 August 1944. On 2 September and 3 September 1944, Underwater Demolition Team 10 took part in the rehearsal maneuvers on Guadalcanal Island and on 6 September 1944 departed from Purvis Bay in the U.S.S. RATHBURN as part of the Angaur Demolition Unit (consisting of Underwater Demolition Team 8, embarked in the U.S.S. GEORGE E. BADGER and Underwater Demolition Team 10 in the U.S.S. RATHBURN which unit was at-

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tached to and under the command of Angaur Fire Support Group (Rear Admiral Kingman). This Task Group (32.12) arrived in the vicinity of Angaur Island on the morning of 12 September 1944 and immediately commenced its pre-assault bombardment of the objective. During this bombardment on 12 September and 13 September 1944, the Demolition Teams remained aboard their respective ships, which were screening the Fire Support Ships.

(b) The mission of the Demolition Unit was to conduct beach reconnaissance, underwater demolition, and current observations in accordance with Demolition Plan, Annex G of Attack Order No. 264-44 of ComGroupONEPhibsPac. As soon as the beach head had been secured, the Demolition Unit was to report to and operate with Beach Master Units. In accordance with verbal instructions received from the Commanding Officer, Underwater Demolition Team 8, (The senior Underwater Demolition Team) Underwater Demolition Team 10 was to carry out a reconnaissance of Blue Beach on D minus One day and such necessary demolition work as was necessary to permit the landing of troops and equipment on the beach. (See Enclosure A for details of mission, plans, assumptions, enemy forces, own forces, dispositions etc.) Underwater Demolition Team 10 was also to reconnoitre an area approximately six hundred (600) yards long and four hundred (400) yards wide, lying some six hundred (600) to eight hundred (800) yards seawards of Red Beach, to search out and locate any underwater obstacles suspected of being

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in the area. This second mission was to be carried out in conjunction with Underwater Demolition Team 8's reconnaissance of Red Beach.

(c) Prior to the actual commencement of Underwater Demolition Team operations, the weather was clear and the sea ^{CALM} ~~clam~~ which made it possible to observe and become familiar with the general aspects and exact limits of the designated beach areas. However the screening duties of the APD's prevented them from approaching as close to the beaches as they could have otherwise, to enable Underwater Demolition Teams to make detailed inspection of their objectives from the ship.

Part II.

1. Chronological account of action (All times Item minus Nine (9)).

14 September 1944 (D minus 1 Day)

Underwater Demolition Team 10 left the U.S.S. RATHBURN approximately three thousand (3000) yards seawards of Blue Beach embarked in LCP(R)'s at Roger Hour (1000 Item) under cover of a naval bombardment from the Fire Support Ships. They proceeded into approximately three hundred (300) yards from shore at which point swimmers were put in the water to make a swimming reconnaissance. Swimmers were somewhat handicapped on southern end of beach by strong currents which caused some delay, but all swimmers were re-

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covered by the PR's at 1100 and the team was back aboard the U.S.S. RATHBURNE at approximately 1115. During reconnaissance, swimmers reconnoitred whole assigned area extending to the water's edge. Some scattered enemy sniping fire was encountered and several "shorts" from supporting fire fell among swimmers when they were near the water's edge. The supporting gun fire was considered adequate and effective. Upon completion of reconnaissance it was decided that no demolition work was needed and a report was sent by urgent dispatch to CTG 32.2 and 32.12 in accordance with Annex G of Attack Order No. 264-44 of ComGroupONEPhibsPac. (See Enclosure B). A delay of several hours in getting off this report was due to the inability of Commanding Officer of Underwater Demolition Team 10 to report to Commanding Officer of Underwater Demolition Team 8 aboard the U.S.S. GEORGE E. BADGER because of fact that the screening duties of both ships kept them a great distance apart.

15 September 1944 (Dog Day)

Underwater Demolition Team 10 left the U.S.S. RATHBURNE approximately three thousand (3000) yards seawards of Red Beach at Roger Hour (1030) embarked in four (4) LCP(R)'s and followed the boats of Underwater Demolition Team 8 in towards Red Beach. The swimmers were put in the water approximately one thousand (1000) yards fromshore and thoroughly covered assigned area (i.e. area from one thousand (1000) yards to six hundred (600) yards off shore

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and about six hundred (600) yards long parallel to the beach).
Swimmers were recovered by 1100 and boats returned to the U.S.S.
RATHBURNE by 1115. No signs of Underwater obstacles of any sort
were found in the area and a verbal report of the same was made to
the Commanding Officer of Underwater Demolition Team 8.

16 September 1944 (Dog plus One)

The commanding Officers of Underwater Demolition Team 8
and Underwater Demolition Team 10 reported to CTG 32.2 (Rear Admiral
Blandy) aboard the U.S.S. FREEMONT at approximately 0900. A further
verbal report of work done was made and charts and sketches of the
beaches and beach approaches submitted. At this time verbal instruct-
ions were received from CTG 32.2 to make further current observations
at lines of departure (i.e. approximately three thousand (3000) yards
off shore) on Blue and Red Beaches. During the afternoon, Under-
water Demolition Team 10 carried out current observations off Blue
Beach at distances of three thousand (3000) to two thousand (2000)
yards from shore and a report sent to CTG 32.2 upon completion
(See Enclosure C). During these operations activity was noted in
the vicinity of the beach and both the U.S.S. RATHBURNE and two (2)
LCP(R)'s were fired upon several times. Beach defenses (barbed
wire and jetted rails) appeared to have been augmented since original
reconnaissance and a report to this effect was sent to CTG 32.2
(See Enclosure D).

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17 September 1944 (Fox Day)

Two (2) platoons in LCP(R)'s equipped for demolition work reported to Beachmaster, Blue Beach, at approximately 0900. They were used to guide various boat waves into the beaches and for other work as directed by the Beachmaster and Boat Control Officer. About 1000 a mine was reported some three hundred (300) yards off the beach in the boat approach lane. One (1) platoon was sent to locate this mine and to keep other boats away from its vicinity. Shortly after that, other mines were reported north of Blue Beach and other elements of Underwater Demolition Team 10 were dispatched to locate them. In all, eight (8) mines were found, moored approximately three hundred (300) yards from shore at about the one hundred (100) fathom mark. These mines had four (4) horns, were about three (3) feet in diameter, and moored from five (5) to ten (10) feet under the surface. Four (4) of these mines were buoyed and the general area reported to the boat control officer. As these mines are considered ~~most~~ dangerous when still moored below the surface for a swimmer to work on, no attempt was made by Underwater Demolition Team 10 to demolish them. Underwater Demolition Team 10 has no gear for cutting mines loose. In the afternoon demolition work was carried out on the southern extremity of Blue Beach. Coral heads and limestone ledges were demolished and a clear channel for landing craft provided.

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18 September 1944.

Elements of Underwater Demolition Team 10 continued to work for Boat Control Officer and Beachmaster at Blue Beach. Further clearance of Beach obstacles was carried out and other areas searched for mines. Operations at one time were interfered with by the presence of large sharks in the vicinity. Activities were secured by the Beachmaster at approximately 1600.

19 September 1944.

One (1) platoon helped the Boat Control Officer to guide a LST to beach at about 1000. Orders were received to report back aboard U.S.S. RATHBURNE by 1200 which had orders to be ready to leave the area shortly thereafter. Underwater Demolition Team 8 was advised of Underwater Demolition Team 10's departure and was requested to give such further aid to beachmaster, Blue Beach as he might require. At 1500 U.S.S. RATHBURNE left the area.

Part III

(1). During these operations, each LCP(R) was equipped with two (2) .30 cal. machine guns forward and one (1) .50 cal. machine gun aft. These weapons all gave excellent performances and were most helpful for covering swimmers while they were in the water as counter-measures to enemy sniper and machine gun fire.

(2). Sporadic enemy sniper fire was encountered but marksmanship appeared to be bad.

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- (1). No damage to equipment nor injury to personnel was suffered during this operation.
- (2). Damage or injury to enemy equipment or personnel was unobserved.

Part V

(1). During operations communication was maintained on SCR 610 radio sets on frequencies of 37.2 and 33.2. Communication proved excellent throughout, both between Underwater Demolition Team boats and with fire support ships.

(2) Suggestions for Future Operations:

(a) That Mother Ships (i.e. APD's) should be relieved as much as possible from screening and other duties during period Underwater Demolition Teams are working, including a period for observation prior to actual reconnaissances, during reconnaissance and demolition operations, and while Underwater Demolition Teams are working for Beachmasters.

(b) That Underwater Demolition Teams be supplied with mine-cutting equipment suitable for operation on LCP(R) (Mark V has been suggested as a possibility).

(c) That Underwater Demolition Teams be provided with cameras and films if close up pictures of beaches are desired.

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(4) The mines found in area adjacent to Blue Beach were not disposed of by Underwater Demolition Team 10 on orders from the Commanding Officer, Underwater Demolition Team 8. This order was given because mines still moored below the surface may be detonated by the very smallest disturbance such as tilting or turning, acoustic noises, metallic contacts, or small pressures which may change buoyancy from positive to negative and thereby release detonating mechanisms. Even buoying of mines before they have been cut loose from their moorings is considered a dangerous task for swimmers.

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ENCLOSURE "A"

UNDERWATER DEMOLITION TEAM 10
ABOARD U.S.S. RATHBURN APD 25

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Operation Order No. 1-44

References: (a) Operation Plan A501-44 CTG 32.
(b) Operation Plan A262-44 CTG 32.2
(c) Attack Order A264-44 CTG 32.2
(d) Bombardment Plan 8-44 ComBatDiv 2
(e) Schedule A4-3 UDT8

I INFORMATION ON THE ENEMY FORCES: (See Annex D to ref. (a).)

Angaur is about 2 1/4 miles long and 1 1/2 miles wide. It is outside the main barrier reef which surrounds the remainder of the group. It is low lying, of limestone composition, and has a maximum two hundred (200) foot elevation in the Northwest. Thick growth occurs along the shore. There are abrupt limestone cliffs and ledges along the shores, alternating with several good beaches. Reef is generally narrow and steep except along southwest shore. A radio station is located at Saipan Town with two cage masts. Another station with one stick mast is situated on the east shore at Rocky Point. Ground Forces at Angaur have been estimated at between 2500 and 3500 military personnel, but these may have been greatly strengthened. Troops in the Palau Area have been estimated at some 40,000, and there are evidences that many barges are available to move these troops at night.

DEFENSE CONSTRUCTIONS There has been evidence that the enemy has been constructing defenses on the island at a greatly increased rate during the last few months. Due to heavy foliage and camouflage, it has been very difficult to determine the nature or extent of these fortifications. However, it is not anticipated that there are more than one large coast defense gun (that being

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located on the western shore near the lighthouse).

BLUE BEACH OBSTACLES: (See Intelligence Map and Beach Studies).

Due to the steepness of beaches, it is not anticipated that there are many natural obstacles to contend with as the ledge appears to fall away very fast. Man-made obstacles appear to be in the surf line. At rear of central portion of the beach is an anti-tank trenched backed by a wall or embankment at the tree line. At rear of southern quarter, from north to south, is a natural embankment between first and second jutting rocks. A rock wall four to six feet high is at the rear of area between "Rocky Point" and first jutting rock. There are also what appears to be pill boxes, machine gun nests, etc., along the beach and particularly on the points at each end of the beach (see map).

POSSIBLE ENEMY COURSES OF ACTION: To prevent reconnaissance and demolition work being carried out on Blue Beach the enemy may be expected to carry out one or all of the following counter measures.

1. Machine gun and mortar fire from positions on shore.
2. Use armed barges or other small craft to attack demolition personnel.
3. Motor Torpedo Boat attack.
4. Sniping (rifle) fire.
5. Controlled mines in water (this seems unlikely).
6. Air attack (Not likely).
7. Burning oil or gas on water.

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II INFORMATION ON OUR OWN FORCES:

A. Primary Forces: Underwater Demolition Team 10, consisting of sixty-four (64) men and fourteen (14) officers, equipped with four (4) LCP(R)'s, machine guns, small arms, explosives, rubber boats, etc., for both reconnaissance and demolition work.

B. Secondary Forces: Naval vessels constituting the Angaur fire-support group to provide preliminary and covering bombardment, for underwater demolition team operations. Also aircraft for bombing, and strafing beach on request. (Gun fire will provide smoke with W.P. Shells if so requested).

III THE MISSION:

The mission Underwater Demolition Team 10 in this operation is:

A. To hydrographically survey Blue Beach for the purpose of gathering all information possible from which the practicability of landing troops and equipment from various types of landing craft may be determined and,

B. In accordance with the findings of such survey, to provide safe and adequate approaches to the beach for landing craft by demolishing all obstacles and clearly marking safe channels and hazardous areas.

IV THE ORDER:

A. To carry out the mission as set forth in IIIA above, Underwater Demolition Team 10 will proceed as close as practicable to the beach and execute a reconnaissance of reefs and approaches to beaches, and obtain as practical the following information:

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1. Character of coral lip at edge of reef.
2. Condition of surf at edge of reef.
3. Effect of currents on beach approaches and beaches with reference to use of LVT's and boats.
4. Depth of water on beach approaches and over reef where reef exists.
5. Extent and types of obstacles on reef and in approaches to designated beaches.
6. Density and location of anti-boat mines found.
7. Extent and type of obstacles observed on beaches.
8. Estimate of ability of team to clear beaches and approaches thereto and time required.

B. To carry out the mission as set forth in IIIB above, Underwater Demolition Team 10 will mark the best approaches to the beaches and all hazardous areas with designated markers, and will improve said approaches as far as possible by demolishing underwater obstacles such as coral heads, reef lips, etc. and by removing all man-made obstacles including the following.

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| 1. Anti-boat Mines | 4. Jetted Rails. |
| 2. Horned Scullies | 5. Booms. |
| 3. Coral Cribs | 6. Other barriers |

NOTE: It is not considered necessary to remove wire entanglements unless they are attached to mines.

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V PLAN OF ACTION: Reconnaissance of Blue Beach will be carried out on the morning of D minus 1 day by Platoon #1, #2 and #3. Platoon #4 will stand by in their boat in a state of immediate readiness to reinforce or otherwise assist Platoons #1, #2, and #3. Platoons will take approximately one third of beach each, Platoon #1 being on the north and Platoon #3 on the south. (See chart for definite areas). Necessary clearance and buoying operations will be carried out in the same areas by the same platoons in the afternoon and during the night, if necessary, of the same day. Platoon #4 will be prepared to assist in demolition operations as required.

VI PROCEDURE:

A. Platoons #1, #2, #3 & #4 will depart from the U.S.S. RATHBURN, approximately 3000 yds. from shore, at Roger hour of D-1 day embarked in LCP(R)'s. Boat #2 will make a "dry run" approach and departure from the beach to test enemy fire. If situation appears favorable, Commanding Officer, UDT#10, will give the order "Carry Out Mission" and boats will proceed independently to assigned areas.

B. Swimmers will be disembarked as close as practical to the beach and will carry out reconnaissance in accordance with plan, (See Enclosure A).

C. During the reconnaissance, swimmers will be under the direction of the Platoon Officer, the Officer will preserve such contact with his men as he deems necessary and will always be in a position to prevent his men from taking risks that might jeopardize the completion of the mission. The platoon officer is responsible for the carrying out of the mission in his particular sector.

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D. After disembarking the swimmers, the LCP(R)'s will stand off the reef in such a position as to be able to observe clearly the activity of the swimmers on the reef as well as enemy activity on the shore. This position however, will not be such as to endanger unduly, the safety of the boat itself. The Officer-in-Charge of the boat will be responsible for reporting by radio to proper authority any enemy gun fire observed on shore giving as accurately as possible its type and location. He will also be responsible for observing and plotting on a chart all evident enemy installations on shore.

E. Upon completion of the reconnaissance, the swimmers will rendezvous at a pre-determined point off shore and will be picked up by their respective LCP(R). After swimmers have gotten into the boat, a muster of all hands will be held, and the boat will not leave the vicinity until everyone is accounted for.

F. All possible assistance will be given by all hands to any wounded or otherwise incapacitated persons, but such assistance will not interfere with the carrying out of the mission. There will be no attempt made to recover the body of any person definitely ascertained to be dead.

G. The three machine guns in each LCP(R) will be manned by three designated gunners. However, their use will be confined to a minimum and they will be fired only in cases of emergency and when a target that is well defined and distinctly clear of our own personnel is presented.

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H. When all personnel of any particular boat has been accounted for, it will proceed immediately seaward and be taken aboard APD 25 unless orders to the contrary are received.

I. If any boat is put out of action (either sunk or in a non-operative condition) the reserve boat will immediately go to its assistance and take aboard all personnel and will stand by to pick up swimmers if same haven't yet returned from beach.

J. 1. Swimming personnel will have the following and only the following gear.

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| (a) Fins | (f) Sounding Line |
| (b) Swimming Trunks | (g) Gloves |
| (c) Face Plate | (h) Helmet |
| (d) Knives | (i) Foul-Weather Parka |
| (e) Life Preserver | (j) Wire Clippers |

2. Boat personnel will have the following and only the following gear:

(a) Green Combat Uniform (b) Helmets (c) Life Jackets (d) Knives

3. Officers in addition to the above items, will have:

(a) .45 Cal. Pistol (b) Watch (c) Whistles

4. Boats will have the following equipment:

- (a) Rubber Boat (1)
- (b) 610 Radio (1)
- (c) Buoys with grapnels (6)
- (d) Binoculars (2)
- (e) Signaling Flags (2)
- (f) Ladders or pick-up lines.

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- (g) Charts and pencils
- (h) Drinking water
- (i) First Aid Kit
- (j) Machine Gun .30 Cal. (2)
- (k) Machine Gun .50 Cal. (1)
- (l) 2000 rounds of .30 cal. Ammunition
- (m) 1000 rounds of .50 cal. Ammunition
- (n) Blinker light
- (o) Very Pistol

K. Demolition work will be carried out by platoons in the same sectors as the reconnaissance. The required explosives will be carefully estimated during and after reconnaissance both as to quantity and form. These explosives will be placed in LCP(R)'s and taken into the vicinity of reef. In placing the charges, care will be taken that no greater amount than is necessary, be concentrated in one place, such as in a rubber boat. Charges will be tied together in convenient forms prior to departure from APD.

VII COMMAND: These operations will be under the command of the Commanding Officer, Underwater Demolition Team 10. His station will be in boat #2 and orders and directions will be given either by radio or by visual signal. Other boats will at all times be on the alert to receive orders and instructions. No changes will be made in the procedure as contained in this order without permission from the Commanding Officer. All boats will inform him immediately of any extraordinary circumstances in their various sectors and will report on the general situation from time to time.

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In the event that the Commanding Officer is incapacitated, the command will pass in the following order:

The UDT#10 Executive Officer in U.S.S. RATHBURN

The senior officer in Boat #2

The senior officer in Boat #3

The senior officer in Boat #1

The senior officer in Boat #4

VIII COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Equipment: Each boat will be equipped with one (1) 610 radio, a blinker light, a very pistol, and signalling flags. Boat No. 2 will have two (2) 610 radios.

B. Radio Communications: Radios will be operated by designated radio operators and by no other person except in the event of the incapacitation of the operator. He shall relay all messages directly to the Officer-in-Charge and shall transmit only messages received from such officer. (Messages will be written on paper whenever possible). Proper radio procedure will be followed at all times. Prior to Fox day, radios will be set up on Channel A (37.2). Channel B (33.2) will be used as an alternative frequency. On Fox day and subsequent days, when team is working with Beachmaster, Channel B will be used, and Channel A used only as an alternative.

The following call signals are designated:

APD#25	Figaro
CO. UDT#10	Danube 10
Platoon (Boat) #1	Celina
Platoon (Boat) #2	Prosper

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Platoon (Boat) #3	Troy
Platoon (Boat) #4	Mesquit
Platoons(ALL)	Dezdo
Com. Fire Support Group	Ramrod
Beachmaster (Blue Beach)	Blue Blitz

C. The following very pistol signals may be used:

1. Red and Green double star cluster will order the immediate withdrawal of all personnel from the beach area.

D. Blinker lights and signaling flags will be used as needed.

IX MEDICAL PLAN:

Each P.R. Boat will be equipped with a first aid box containing the usual first aid equipment and medications plus morphine syrettes, sulfathiazol powder, battle dressings, splints, and brandy. A side from this, each boat will have one (1) stretcher, two (2) units of blood plasma, one (1) blanket, and several ponchos. Boats #3 and #4 will carry in addition one (1) Thomas splint to be used in the event of a fractured leg. The latter along with the blood plasma will be applied or administred under the direct supervision of HUGHES, R.G., PhMlc, or Dr. Gibboney. The boat officers of the respective boats will be responsible for the care and administration of the medical supplies in the abnxence of Hughes or Dr. Gibboney.

Hughes will be aboard Boat #3 where he will be in charge of medical supplies and treatment. Hughes will also be responsible for treating serious casualties in any of the other three boats in the event that Dr. Gibboney is not available. Dr. Gibboney will be aboard Boat #4 and will have direct charge of the medical supplies.

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and its administration of Boat #4 as well as being available to treat casualties of any of the other three boats. The latter group of casualties may either be treated aboard their respective boats or be transferred to Boat #4 depending on the circumstances.

Should Hughes or Dr. Gibboney change from their respective boats to one of the other boats such information will be relayed to each boat officer by radio.

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UNCLE DOG TARE 10 RECONNAISSANCE OF BEACH BLUE 1000 TO 1100 X
ONE MOORED MINE FOUND 250 YARDS SEAWARDS ROCKY POINT ABOUT 3 FEET BE-
LOW SURFACE X CENTER 300 YARDS OF BEACH EXCELLENT FOR ALL TYPES OF
LANDING CRAFT INCLUDING LOVE SUGAR TARES X TWO COVES AT SOUTHERN
END OF BEACH USEABLE BUT ROCKS AND CORAL HEADS PROTRUDE SEAWARDS
FROM ROCKY POINTS X NORTHERN COVE ROCKY AND ROUGH BUT PASSABLE
FOR LOVE VICTOR TARES X THREE STRANDS OF BARBED WIRE STRUNG ON
SINGLE LINE OF IRON POSTS PARTLY DEMOLISHED X NOT CONSIDERED OB-
STACLE FOR LOVE VICTOR TARES OR TANKS AND CAN BE EASILY CUT X NO
ANTI-BOAT MINES FOUND ON BEACHX CURRENT AT SOUTHERN END OF BEACH
APPROXIMATELY 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ KNOTS NORTHERLY AND $\frac{1}{2}$ KNOT NORTHERLY ON REST
OF BEACH X SURF 2 TO 3 FEET X BEACH SMOOTH AND SANDY AND ABOUT 15
YARDS WIDE X STONE WALL ABOUT 3 TO 4 FEET IN HEIGHT RUNS ENTIRE
LENGTH OF BEACH AT TREE LINEX PARTLY DEMOLISHED BY GUNFIRE X SEV-
ERAL CAVES ALONG SEAWALL ON POINTS NORTH OF BEACH APPEAR TO HAVE
BEEN FORTIFIED BUT NO SIGNS OF ENEMY ACTIVITY NOTED DURING RECON-
NAISSANCE X ALSO LOG-BARRICADE IN FRONT OF CAVE IN ROCKY LEDGE TO
SOUTH X POSSIBLE OLD MACHINE GUN POSITION X CONCRETE PILL BOX PARTLY
DEMOLISHED IN SECOND COVE FROM SOUTHERN END OF BEACH X OTHER POSSIBLE
MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENTS ALONG BEACH BUT INACTIVE X APPROXIMATE WATER
DEPTHS ON APPROACH TO BEACH 25 FEET AT 50 YARDS, 15 FEET AT 30 YARDS,
10 FEET AT 20 YARDS, 3 FEET AT 10 YARDS X BEACH SLOPE APPROXIMATELY
15 DEGREES X HEAVY TIMBER BEHIND BEACH WITH THICK FOLIAGEX BULL
DOZER NECESSARY TO CLEAR WAY FOR VEHICLES X

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TO CT RPT CTG THIRTY TWO DOT TWO X CURRENT OBSERVATIONS TWENTY
FIVE HUNDRED YARDS FROM BEACH BLUE AT ONE SIX ONE FIVE ITEM SET
TWO FOUR TWO DRIFT ONE POINT ONE X ONE SIX ZERO ZERO YARDS FROM
BEACH SET TWO TWO FIVE DRIFT POINT SEVEN FIVE X WIND EAST FORCE
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DURING UDT CURRENT OBSERVATIONS 2000 YDS FROM BLUE BEACH
ACTIVITY NOTED IN VICINITY OF ROCKY POINTX PERSONNEL SEEN
WALKING AROUND X PROBABLE CAMOUFLAGED GUN POSITION APPROX-
IMATELY 500 YDS SOUTH OF ROCKY POINT X WIRE ON BLUE BEACH
APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN AUGMENTED AND STRENGTHENED X APD-25 AND LCPTS FIRED
UPON FROM VICINITY OF ROCKY POINT.

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(a) Basic report, Part V, paragraph 2 (a).

Ships in which Underwater Demolition Teams are embarked should be as free as possible to expedite the work of the teams and should accordingly be excused as practicable from extraneous duties.

(b) Part V, paragraph 2 (b).

The zealous attitude displayed with regard to removal of mines moored in deep water is appreciated but it is not the responsibility of the Underwater Demolition Team to perform the duties of mine-sweepers.

(c) Part V, paragraph 2 (c).

It is doubtful that Underwater Demolition Teams will be able to contribute much to the general fund of intelligence information by photography. It is believed that photographic coverage of beaches can be done best from aircraft.

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