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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX

Maps: RYUKYU RETTO, AIS 1891 - Scale: 1/25,000.  
RYUKYU RETTO, AIS 096 and Line Map "A" and "B" - Scale: 1/10,000.  
RYUKYU RETTO, Scale: 1/100,000.  
SOUTHERN JAPAN, AIS 1591 - Scale: 1/250,000.

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY INFORMATION.

a. Summary.

(1) The NANSEI SHOTO, or RYUKYU GROUP of which OKINAWA is the principal island is under the administration of the 32nd Army commanded by Lt Gen MATAYABE, Masao, with headquarters at NAHA. The major forces which garrison the island are: four infantry divisions, the 24th, 28th, 62nd and another unidentified division, five Independent Mixed Brigades, the 44th, 45th, 59th, 60th and 64th; two Independent Mixed Regiments, the 15th and 21st; other smaller units such as two Shipping Engineer Regiments, a mortar regiment, a tank regiment, and AA units. The total enemy strength in the RYUKYUS is at present estimated to be between 115,000 and 130,000.

(2) The major combat forces on OKINAWA GUNTO are: 24th Infantry Division, one unidentified infantry division, 44th IMB, 15th IMR (one battalion on IE SHIMA), 27th Tank Regiment, and 1st Artillery Mortar Regiment, totaling from 41,000 to 43,000. In addition are the following units of limited combat value: 32nd Army Headquarters, 26th Shipping Engineer Regiment, 25th Independent Engineer Regiment, air force ground personnel, naval base forces, and other miscellaneous units. These total about 15,000, making the aggregate total for OKINAWA between 56,000 and 58,000. The bulk of the enemy combat troops - probably four regiments - are believed to be disposed in strong positions along the twenty-odd miles of east coast bordering NAKAGUSUKU WAN. Another one to two regiments are believed to be defending the YONTAN-KADENA area. The beach area from SURABE to NAHA is probably defended at present by a regiment.

(3) The enemy has six airfields on OKINAWA GUNTO, one of which is on IE SHIMA. Three of these - YONTAN, NAHA and IE SHIMA - are multiple runway airdromes; the others - MACHINATO, KADENA and YONABARU - are single strip airfields. Another airfield is under construction at ITOHAN, just south of NAHA.

2. PRISONERS OF WAR, CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND MATERIEL.

a. Prisoners of War.

(1) Prisoners of War are probably the most valuable source of information regarding the enemy. Every effort must be made to capture prisoners at the earliest opportunity. All officers and men must be thoroughly instructed in the importance of taking prisoners. It is expressly forbidden to kill, BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADVISORY GENERAL BOARD OF PRISONERS OF WAR.

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injure or mistreat any person who endeavors to give himself up as a PW. All units must be thoroughly indoctrinated to this effect as information gained from PWs may mean the saving of many lives within the Division.

(2) Immediately following capture, military Prisoners of War will be disarmed, segregated by rank and searched. Division will furnish intelligence sections with PW tags and bags. All prisoners will be tagged by the capturing units. All tags must show time and place of capture, in addition to any information obtained by interrogation. Articles, papers and personal effects taken from prisoners will be placed in the bags or in a separate bundle, properly identified, and sent with the PW in the custody of a guard to regimental collecting point.

(3) Interrogation of PWs at regiment will be limited to seeking brief tactical information of importance to the regiment concerned. A summary of PW's statements as a result of interrogation will accompany the PWs when evacuated. They will then be sent under guard to the Division PW Collecting Point for interrogation and evacuation. PWs will not be evacuated to ships.

(4) Wounded prisoners will be evacuated through normal medical channels. Medical officers at the point of first treatment will notify the appropriate intelligence office of wounded PWs.

b. Captured Documents.

(1) Definition of types of documents.

(a) Type "A" Document: material having immediate tactical value. This includes Field Orders, situation and operations maps, tactical and technical manuals, war diaries, maps and aerial photographs, code and cipher books and any documents touching on projected operations or plans.

(b) Type "B" Document: Material having a general information value. These documents will include types listed under type "A" which contain information that cannot be immediately exploited but may assist in the development and keeping up to date enemy order of battle, etc. "B" documents may differ from "A" documents only because of previous duplication, elapsed time, or the conclusion of an operation which limits their immediate value.

(c) Type "C" Document: All classified and unclassified documents except "A" or "B" which may have tactical, technical or historical value, including most Field Manuals, textbooks, and miscellaneous reading matter.

(2) Documents will be processed in accordance with Intelligence Memorandum No. 1, Headquarters XXIV Corps, 4 February 1945.

c. Captured Material.

(1) Units capturing new or unusual enemy equipment will take the necessary measures to protect same and to either evacuate it or notify the nearest intelligence agency of its location. Crashed enemy aircraft will be protected by guard until examined and released by Air Corps intelligence personnel.

d. Souvenirs.

(1) All captured equipment, currency, supplies and documents are the property of the U.S. Government and will be protected and secured for further use. Prompt disciplinary action will be taken against any individual who fails to turn in captured documents or material at the earliest possible moment. Division G-2 or Intelligence personnel designated by G-2 will be authorized to inspect and release to the finders, as souvenirs, such documents, flags, knives,

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swords and non-military personal items as obviously have no intelligence or training value. All items returned to the individual for retention must be examined in the field by G-2 or authorized intelligence personnel.

(2) In addition to Division G-2, the Division Artillery S-2 and each regimental S-2 are authorized to clear souvenirs. No souvenir will be cleared until it has been examined and cleared by language personnel. Identification tags will not be considered as souvenirs.

(3) Individuals desiring to claim articles they have captured and which are not on the approval list may tag same with their name, rank and organization. There is no guarantee that these articles will be returned. Material in dumps will not be tagged.

(4) Before mailing articles which have been cleared by authorized intelligence officers, individuals will obtain signed statements in duplicate from their immediate organization commanders authorizing the possession of the articles.

### 3. MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

#### a. Map Security.

(1) Although not so marked, all maps of the target area will be classified and handled as TOP SECRET until down-grading of classification is authorized by Tenth Army.

### 4. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE.

a. Counterintelligence is a function of command. All commanders will take necessary steps to deny the enemy information of our plans, intentions and dispositions, or access to knowledge thereof.

b. Native civilians will at all times be considered hostile. Access to OPs, dumps and other military installations is prohibited unless under military guard. Civilians may not be employed as orderlies.

#### c. The following counterintelligence measures will be observed:

(1) Corps and higher headquarters operation orders, administrative orders and intelligence estimates will not be taken ashore by organizations lower than Division. Division operation orders, overlay, SOPs, SOIs and other compromising material will not be taken forward of regimental OPs. Exception: such portions of this material as are absolutely necessary for functioning of battalion OPs may be taken to such OPs.

(2) Troop commanders of all ships are responsible that all diaries, personal mail, memorandum receipts, club membership cards, etc., will be removed from individuals prior to debarkations.

(3) All personnel will be instructed not to discuss future plans of their units nor give any information other than name, rank and serial number in case of capture.

(4) Plans will be fully completed and means made immediately available, both afloat and ashore, for the destruction of classified documents.

(5) Radio silence will be maintained until such time as it is lifted by the Task Force Commander. Thereafter, all transmission will be held to a minimum.

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(6) All public buildings, radio stations, telephone exchanges, enemy CPs and QPs will be guarded after capture and only authorized persons will be allowed to enter.

(7) All unit commanders will make sure that CPs, QPs and all other installations are well protected from civilians and any other unauthorized persons. Civilians will not be permitted to pass through our lines to the enemy lines.

(8) All abandoned enemy ammunition, equipment and supply dumps will be safeguarded until turned over to proper authorities.

(9) Blackout will be enforced during air alerts and raids; also during periods when enemy infiltration parties are known to be in the immediate vicinity.

d. Censorship.

(1) For censorship regulations, see Memorandum #14, Hq XXIV Corps, dated 7 August 1944, and Circular #35, Hq XXIV Corps, dated 10 February 1945.

e. Countersigns.

(1) Countersign for first five days as indicated below. Subsequent countersigns will be distributed by Bn Hq.

All countersigns become effective at 1200 Item daily.

<u>EFFECTIVE</u>		<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>PASSWORD</u>	<u>REPLY</u>
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>			
L-day	H-hour	HALT	GLASS	HOUSES
L plus 1	1200 I	HALT	LONG	LANE
L plus 2	1200 I	HALT	FORTY	THIEVES
L plus 3	1200 I	HALT	CLEAR	WEATHER
L plus 4	1200 I	HALT	FLIMSY	SKIRT

5. PUBLIC RELATIONS.

a. The Public Relations objective of the coming operation will be the publicizing of the Division and its component elements with stress on the role of the combat soldier. Especial efforts will be made to portray the exploits of the individual soldier in the home town papers and to identify him with a winning organization.

b. The PRO will coordinate all relations of the Division with the press. All news and pictorial coverage of the operation will be cleared through G-2, XXIV Corps.

c. Accredited correspondents visiting the Division and Army public relations personnel will be given every consideration compatible with tactical conditions. They will be thoroughly briefed once daily and every effort will be made to meet their transportation needs. No censorship of correspondents' news or pictures will be made by units of this Division.

6. REPORTS.

a. Division G-2 periodic reports, estimates and summaries will be distributed to lower units as the situation may require.

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b. Flash reports will be made at once to Division G-2 by radio in the clear or fastest means available of:

- (1) Enemy armored vehicles or tanks.
- (2) Enemy airborne troops.
- (3) Enemy amphibious forces.
- (4) Enemy use or suspected use of toxic gases.

c. Combat reports will be submitted as often as significant changes occur in the enemy situation. Negative reports will be submitted every two hours. Reports will include:

- (1) Unreported or unusual enemy defenses or installations.
- (2) Crashed enemy planes, giving location, time of crash, type of aircraft, number and condition of occupants and reasons for crash if known, i.e., fire, etc.
- (3) Amount, caliber and direction of enemy artillery fire, naval or air bombardment.
- (4) Serious damage resulting from enemy artillery fire, naval or air bombardment.
- (5) Major damage inflicted upon the enemy.

d. Special reports will be submitted by most expeditious means available and will include:

- (1) Initial enemy ground contacts to include all pertinent data available, i.e., identifications, dispositions, numbers, etc.
- (2) Presence of enemy armored vehicles or tanks in strength, including location, number and type.
- (3) Presence of enemy airborne troops.
- (4) Assemblies of enemy nationals or sympathizers, overt acts of sabotage or terrorism, stating location, time, numbers involved, capabilities and damage incurred.
- (5) Enemy amphibious forces including location, number and type of boats.
- (6) Changes in the location of identified units previously reported stating when and where change was made.
- (7) Use or suspected use of toxic gases, bacteriological agents, incendiaries and flame throwers.
- (8) Loss or compromise of SECRET or TOP SECRET documents.
- (9) Capture of officer personnel.

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#### APPENDICES.

- Appendix #1 - Order of Battle.
- Appendix #2 - Enemy Capabilities.
- Appendix #3 - Beach Study.
- Appendix #4 - Beach Defense Installations (sketch)
- Appendix #5 - Photo Study of Beaches.

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