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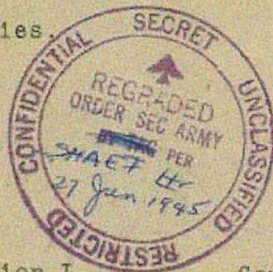
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The enclosed orders will be brought into force by signal when Flag Officer, British Assault Area, assumes command. They are to be referred to in signals and correspondence as "ONBA - ".

2. They will supersede previous orders for the British Assault Area, relevant extracts from which have been reprinted herein.

3. When necessary to correct these orders by signal, a general signal will be made in the "YO" (British Assault Area) Operational signal series.



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SECTION I - GENERAL1. LIMITS OF BRITISH ASSAULT AREA.NORTH Lat. $49^{\circ} 40' N$.

SOUTH)

EAST) North Coast of FRANCE.

WEST Line 025° (true) from the root of Western breakwater at PORT-EN-BESSIN ($49^{\circ} 21' N$, $00^{\circ} 45' W$. approx.) to longitude $00^{\circ} 40' W$, thence 000° (true). (U.S./BRITISH dividing line).

2. DIVISION OF BRITISH ASSAULT AREA (See Diag. No. 1).Reference Points.

POINTE DE VER LIGHT $49^{\circ} 20' N$, $00^{\circ} 31' W$. (approx.)
 ST. AUBIN LIGHT $49^{\circ} 20' N$, $00^{\circ} 24' W$. "
 MERVILLE REDOUBT $49^{\circ} 17' N$, $00^{\circ} 13' W$. "
 CAP D'ANTIFER LIGHT $49^{\circ} 41' N$, $00^{\circ} 10' E$. "

(1) Special British mined areas in the vicinity of HAVRE.

SCALLOPS The waters East of longitude $00^{\circ} 05' W$. between latitudes $49^{\circ} 32' N$. and $49^{\circ} 26' N$.

SCALLOPS PLUS The waters North of SCALLOPS and East of a line drawn from position $49^{\circ} 32' N$, $00^{\circ} 05' W$. in a direction 047° (true) to CAP D'ANTIFER LIGHT.

SCALLOPS MINUS The waters South of SCALLOPS and East of a line drawn from position $49^{\circ} 26' N$, $00^{\circ} 05' W$. in direction 145° (true) to the Coast.

(These areas are identical with those formerly established by N.C.B.T.F.'s BAADO. No. 1).

(2) BRITISH HARBOUR AREA - Waters within the following limits.

NORTH and A line drawn from position 318° POINTE DE VER Light 9.5 (on the U.S./British dividing line) in a direction 095° to position 000° ST. AUBIN Light 6'.5 thence 110° to position 000° MERVILLE REDOUBT 7'.0, thence 180° to MERVILLE REDOUBT.

/SOUTH

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SECTION I - GENERAL (Continued).

2. DIVISION OF BRITISH ASSAULT AREA (See Diag. No. 1) (Continued).

SOUTH The North Coast of FRANCE.

WEST The U.S./British dividing line.

(The limits of this area are identical with those containing the areas GOLD, JUNO and SWORD previously established by N.C.E.T.F.'s BAADO No. 1).

(3) Seaward Areas.

PIKE Boundaries:-

North 49° 40' N.

South Northern boundary of harbour area.

East Longitude of ST. AUBIN Light.

West U.S./British dividing lines.

TUNNY Boundaries:-

North 49° 40' N.

South Coast of FRANCE.

East SCALLOPS areas.

West PIKE and "Harbour" Areas.

TUNNY NORTH) dividing line Lat. 49° 32' N.
TUNNY SOUTH)

(These areas are identical with those formerly established by N.C.E.T.F.'s B.A.A.D.O. No. 1.)

3. SUB-DIVISION OF BRITISH "HARBOUR AREA" (See Diag. NO. 1)

(a) 3 Sub areas.

Dividing Line

GOLD (West) 000° (true) from POINTE DE VER LT.
JUNO (Centre) 000° (true) from ST. AUBIN LT.
SWORD (East)

(b) Inner and Outer Anchorages.

Further sub-dividing each Sub area. Inner anchorage will extend about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles off shore as laid down by signal to suit the circumstances found to obtain (See ONBA No. 5, para. 7).

/(c) GOLD

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3. SUB-DIVISION OF BRITISH "HARBOUR AREA" (See Diag.No.1) (continued).

- (c) GOLD Sub area inner anchorages will be further sub-divided as follows :-

PORT EN BESSIN
sub area inner anchorage

..... 000° (true) from Semaphore
Tower, position
(49°20.9'N. 00°42.8'W.)

MULBERRY "B"
sub area inner anchorage

..... 000° (true) from
49°20.6'N. 00°34.9'W.

GOLD AREA
sub area inner anchorage

/4. ESTABLISHED BERTHS ...

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4. ESTABLISHED BERTHS - SYSTEM OF INDICATING POSITIONS, LINES OR AREAS WITHIN THE "HARBOUR" AREA. (See Diag. No. 1).

- (1) Reference point:- ST. AUBIN Light House ($49^{\circ} 20' N.$, $00^{\circ} 24' W.$ approx.)

Lines:-

A -- Northern boundary of Harbour area.

B to - Lines parallel to A, 5 cables apart.

P as follows:-
(incl.)

Line B through position 000° (true) ST. AUBIN L.E. $6.0'$									
"	C	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	$5.5'$
"	D	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	$5.0'$
"	E	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	$4.5'$
"	F	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	$4.0'$
"	G	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	$3.5'$
"	H	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	$3.0'$
"	J	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	$2.5'$
"	K	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	$2.0'$
"	L	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	$1.5'$
"	M	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	$1.0'$
"	N	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	$0.5'$

" P through the chartered position of ST. AUBIN Lighthouse.

(2) Berths.

Are established 3 cables apart along each line and numbered consecutively from East to West with No. 1 on the Eastern boundary of the "Harbour area".

(3) Describing Berths or Positions.

Berth or position should be indicated by the letter of the line followed by the number of the berth in that line, e.g. C.24. Also E 44.5 (written) or E.44 FT 5 (hoisted) (indicating berth mid-way between E 44 and E 45).

More accurate positions may be given with reference to a berth, thus, $045^{\circ} 1.7$ cables from C 24.

(4) Small areas within the Harbour area should be indicated by the above system, e.g. Area F 41, F 43, G 43, J 40.