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PREFACE

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This volume, prepared as a work of reference and an aid to research, is concerned with the organization and disposition of United States Army ground forces that opposed the Japanese during World War II. The area covered includes Alaska, the islands of the central and South Pacific, Australia, New Guinea, New Zealand, the Philippines, Okinawa, China, Burma, and India.

The period covered is 7 December 1941, the date of the attack on Pearl Harbor, through 15 August 1945, the date of cessation of hostilities in the Pacific. Unless otherwise indicated, local time has been used.

With a few exceptions, only major units are included, that is, units commanded by a major general or officer of higher rank. Exceptions made were in the case of garrison forces, island commands, and similar units in order to provide a complete organizational picture in a given area.

Political, strategical, tactical, logistical, geographical, and personal factors which may have influenced a commander in organizing his headquarters or employing his troops in a particular way have been omitted as being outside the province of this book. Similarly, evaluation of the performance of any individual, command organization, or method will have to be sought in the appropriate volume in the series UNITED STATES ARMY IN WORLD WAR II.

Although much material was available, the researcher was often limited in his effort by the lack of some necessary data. Whenever documentation was lacking, assumptions based on experience and general documentation were made and noted as such.

The production of this volume has been a co-operative venture. Preliminary work on the record of events of the various commands was begun under Maj. Charles F. Byers, the first chief of the Order of Battle Branch. His successor, Maj. Felix Kampschroer, was responsible for the research and compilation of the volume in its original form. Capt. Jasper R. Johnson, Major Kampschroer's successor, was responsible for revising the manuscript and readying it for the editorial and publication processes. For whatever errors and omissions the volume may contain, these three officers share responsibility.

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## EXPLANATION TO THE USER

This volume provides information on the following subjects: activations; reorganizations; redesignations; location of units; location of command posts; missions; operations; designations, formation and dissolution of task forces; commanders; assignment of units; attachment of units; and intraservice command relationships.

Part One is devoted to administrative and logistical commands. Each chapter deals with the administrative and logistical commands within one geographical area. The highest administrative command within the area is usually treated first, followed by the subordinate administrative and logistical commands. Each command has a short introduction, followed by a record of events of the headquarters, a list of commanders, a list of the next higher commands to which the command in question was assigned or attached, a brief treatment of the subordinate commands, and a list of the types of documents used in the compilation of the record of events.

Part Two is devoted to armies, corps, and divisions. Commands of equal rank are arranged numerically within each chapter. There is a record of events for each command, followed by a list of commanders, a list of the next higher commands to which the command in question was assigned or attached, a list of organic units for each division, and a list of the types of documents used in the compilation of the record of events.

The reader will find that the organization of the record of events is basically the same for each command. However, in the case of some commands the mission, organization, or other factors required a slightly different treatment in order to produce a clear picture.

The record of events for each army or corps contains a list of units that were designated to participate in a particular operation under that army or corps. Certain units on the list were assigned to the army or corps after the designation date, and their date of actual assignment will be found in the record of events for divisions.

If the reader wishes to follow an operation listed under OPERATIONS IN THE PACIFIC (see Appendix C), he should turn to the record of events of the unit or units listed opposite the name of the operation. By following the cross reference, he can assemble



the entire operation. For example, the unit listed opposite RECKLESS Operation is ALAMO Force. The reader can turn to the record of events of ALAMO Force where he will find that I and XI Corps and the 24th, 32d, 41st, and 43d Divisions participated in the operation. After examining the record of events of these units, the reader will have a picture of the operation.

The list of commanders for some units is not complete; nor are the dates of departure and arrival of units always known. However, the reader's attention is called to these omissions.

The list of assignments and attachments of commands shows only the next higher headquarters to which the command was assigned or attached.

In compiling the data for this volume many problems were encountered for which a completely satisfactory solution was not found. For example, the terms "regiment" and "regimental combat team" were used interchangeably in source material, that is, a source might show a regimental combat team attached to a division or other unit and show the relief of the combat team as an infantry regiment. On many occasions, one source referring to the attachment of a regiment identified the unit as a regiment and another source identified the unit as a regimental combat team.

This volume gives the official effective date of activation as shown in the activation order. Sometimes the effective date and the actual date of the activation of a unit conflicted. There were instances when the physical organization of the unit actually began several days or weeks prior to the official effective date and others in which the organization began several days or weeks after the official effective date of activation.

Occasionally the orders which set up a provisional or overhead unit would err in using the terms "activate" or "constitute"; some orders used such terms as "formed," "established," or "organized." In each case the term and effective date is given as stated in the order.

In some instances locating units exactly was rendered most difficult by the failure of many sources to distinguish between the island group and the principal island of the group, both of which might bear the same name. For example, the principal island of the New Georgia group is New Georgia; that of the Palau group, Palau. Whenever the source was ambiguous, every effort was made

to determine on which island of the group a unit was located.

At times the researcher suspected that some of the sources consulted referred to islands near New Guinea as New Guinea. This suspicion could not always be confirmed; consequently, some units may be shown as having been on New Guinea when they were actually on one of the near islands.

While some general orders showed that an officer was assuming command temporarily in the absence of the permanent commander many general orders did not. Therefore, all lists of commanders include temporary and permanent commanders, with no distinction made between the two.

The terms "assignment" and "attachment" as shown in the source material presented a problem. Most attachments were for operational control; some attachments were for administration, supply, or other purposes. In this volume the term "attachment" is used to indicate operational control primarily. The term "assignment" indicates administrative and operational control, unless a unit was attached to another command while administrative control remained with the command to which the unit was assigned.

Often it was difficult to determine the exact date on which a mission was assigned to a unit. Many times a mission was given orally and later confirmed by a field order. The date the verbal order was given is not always known. Whenever possible the date that a verbal order or warning order was received is shown in the record of events. However, the entry in the record of events showing the mission of a unit was usually taken from a field order of the next higher command and the date of the entry is the date of the field order.

All major objectives taken by a division advancing in its zone of action have been included, and in many instances, though not all, minor objectives are also shown.

For the convenience of the reader, a List of Abbreviations, a List of Place Names, a List of Operations in the Pacific, and Tables of Organization are appended.

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**PART ONE**

**MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL COMMANDS**

CHAPTER I  
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

## UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST (USAFFE)

### UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES (USFIP)

When the Japanese struck the Philippines on 8 December 1941 (Manila time), American and Philippine units in the Philippines were in the process of mobilizing to meet the growing threat of war in the Pacific.

The old Army command in the area -- the Philippine Department -- in existence as such since 1913, was supplanted as top Army command in the Philippines on 27 July 1941 (Manila time) by the United States Army forces in the Far East (USAFFE). The Philippine Department was retained, and performed the function of a service command. At the same time an executive order of the President called into active service elements of the Philippine Army and Air Corps which had been organized and which were being trained in accordance with the defense plans adopted by the Philippine Government.

After the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the Far East, left the Philippines for Australia on 12 March 1942, a new command, United States Forces in the Philippines (USFIP), was set up on 21 March 1942. The Commanding General, USFIP, was technically subordinate to the Commanding General, USAFFE, but was ordered to communicate directly with the War Department on all matters relating to the Philippines. With the establishment on 18 April 1942 of the Southwest Pacific Area (SWPA), an Allied command, of which the Commanding General, USAFFE, became commander in chief, USAFFE lapsed as an active command and was not re-established until 26 February 1943.

The following record of events, therefore, encompasses both the early USAFFE in the Philippines (8 December 1941 - 21 March 1942) and its successor command USFIP (21 March - 6 May 1942).

## UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST

United States Army Forces in the Far East was constituted by the War Department 26 July 1941, and activated on the same date (27 July Manila time) with headquarters in Manila. USAFFE was given command of the Philippine Department, the forces of the Government of the Philippines called and ordered into the active service of the armed forces of the United States, and such other forces as might be assigned to it. USAFFE was given the mission of defense of the Philippines as defined in war plan ORANGE 3 and later as defined in war plan RAINBOW 5.

Upon the outbreak of war with Japan, the major components of USAFFE were the Philippine Department (operating as a service command), North

Luzon Force, South Luzon Force, Visayan-Mindanao Force, Philippine Coast Artillery Command, and the Far East Air Force. The North Luzon Force, South Luzon Force, Visayan-Mindanao Force, and Philippine Coast Artillery Command were tactical and training commands directly subordinate to USAFFE. Units not assigned to these forces were placed in USAFFE Reserve. (Individual records of events for these forces follow this record; see also command charts.)

8 Dec 41 - 10 Dec 41

Enemy bombed Clark Fld, Nichols Fld, Nielson Fld, Cp Murphy, and Cavite on Luzon. Captured Bataan Isl in Luzon Strait.

10 Dec 41 - 20 Dec 41

Enemy landed at Aparri, NE tip of Luzon, and at Pandan near Vigan on NW coast of Luzon 10 Dec. Enemy landed at Legaspi, on Bicol peninsula, 12 Dec, and at Davao, Mindanao, 20 Dec.

22 Dec 41

Task Force South Pacific, which was redesignated USFIA upon arrival in Australia, was placed under nominal control of USAFFE. (See R/E for USASOS-AFWESPAC.)

22 Dec 41 - 24 Dec 41

Enemy made landings in Lingayen Gulf area 22 Dec and in Lamon Bay area and on Jolo Isl 24.

23 Dec 41 Hq USAFFE placed war plan ORANGE 3 (WPO-3) in effect. This plan called for withdrawal of all forces on Luzon into Bataan and establishment of defense line there.

24 Dec 41

Bataan Defense Force established by USAFFE with mission to organize and defend Bataan peninsula. (See R/E for Bataan Defense Force.) 4th Regt, USMC, placed under operational control of USAFFE and attached by USAFFE to Philippine Coast Artillery Command (PCAC).

25 Dec 41

Hq FEAF dep Philippines for Darwin, Aus; remained nominally under USAFFE control.

Bataan Ech Hq USAFFE opened Signal Hill Road; Adv Hq USAFFE opened Corregidor.

26 Dec 41

Comdr 16th Naval Dist placed himself and all naval elms in Philippines under opnl contrl of USAFFE, in accordance with principle of unity of cmd.

1 Jan 42

Rear Ech Hq USAFFE dep Manila on freighter Don Isidro for Corregidor.

All units of SLF having withdrawn into Bataan, Hq SLF ceased to exist as a cmd. (See R/E for South Luzon Force.)

6 Jan 42

Upon withdrawal of NLF and SLF into Bataan, the two forces and BDF were formally discontinued. Concurrently, I and II Philippine Corps were act, with Hq NLF being redesign (in effect) Hq I Philippine Corps. CGs of NLF and BDF assumed cmd of I and II Philippine Corps, respectively. Corps were directed by Hq USAFFE to def Bataan peninsula, exclusive of Sv Comd Area, and prevent any hostile invasion S of gen line Mabatang - Mt Natib. Responsibility for def of S tip of Bataan was asgd by Hq USAFFE to Philippine Dept Sv Comd, its area being defined as that part of Bataan S of Mariveles Mts, the line Mamala River - Paysawan forming N boundary of area. (See R/Es for I and II Philippine Corps.)

15 Jan 42

A supreme Allied cmd established over Southwest Pacific Area. This cmd, first Allied cmd of the war, was known as ABDA (named for American, British, Dutch, and Australian forces involved). Mission was to hold Malay Barrier against advancing Japanese, re-establish communications through Netherlands Indies with Luzon, and support Philippine garrison. The cmd, which included the Philippines, Netherlands Indies, Malaya, and Burma, functioned through 25 Feb, but exercised no contrl over USAFFE opns in Philippines.

26 Jan 42

I and II Philippine Corps withdrew S to rear battle position along Bagac - Orion line. Responsibility for def of Sv Comd Area transferred by Hq USAFFE to corps, with def of W sector asgd to I Philippine Corps, and def of E sector to II Philippine Corps. Combat trps asgd to E and W sectors were reasgd to II and I Philippine Corps, respectively. Sv trps and supply instls continued to function under cmd CG Philippine Dept.

4 Feb 42

Trps on Panay and Mindoro were placed under direct cmd of Hq USAFFE and reld fr contrl of Visayan-Mindanao Force. (See R/E for Visayan-Mindanao Force.)

2 Mar 42 - 4 Mar 42

Enemy landed at Zamboanga, SW Mindanao, 2 Mar.

Hq USAFFE divided Visayan-Mindanao Force into Visayan Force and Mindanao Force 4 Mar.

11 Mar 42

CG USAFFE, in preparing to leave for Australia, established Luzon Force as an over-all cmd for def of Bataan and asgd it to Hq USAFFE. Principal comds asgd to Luzon were I Philippine Corps, II Philippine Corps, and Luzon Force Sv Cmd. Most of the units previously under contl of Philippine Dept were transferred to Luzon Sv Cmd. Luzon Force Sv Cmd in effect replaced Philippine Dept. Hq Philippine Dept was retained but had only a nominal existence. (See R/E for Luzon Force.)

12 Mar 42

CG USAFFE and selected members of USAFFE staff dep Corregidor by PT boats; arr Del Monte, Mindanao, 13 Mar. Gp left Del Monte airfield 17 Mar; arr Darwin, Aus, same day.

Upon dep fr Corregidor, CG USAFFE established Adv Ech USAFFE at Ft Mills (Corregidor) and desig ACofS, G - 4, USAFFE, as his DCofS for the Philippines. The comds in the Philippines (Luzon Force, etc.) were to be responsible through DCofS for Philippines to CG USAFFE in Australia. (For the subsequent history of USAFFE see R/E for USAFFE.)

18 Mar 42

War Dept radio dispatch to Gen Wainwright, then CG Luzon Force, directed him to assum cmd of all forces in Philippines upon dep of Gen MacArthur fr Philippines. (The War Department was uninformed at the time of command changes effected by CG USAFFE on 11 March.)

#### UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES

21 Mar 42 - 22 Mar 42

CG USAFFE informed War Dept of cmd structure he had established. War Dept informed CG USAFFE that Gen Wainwright, CG Luzon Force, was being placed in cmd of forces in Philippines (USFIP). CG USFIP was informed he was still technically subordinate to CG USAFFE (CINCSWPA), but that in view of mil situation CG USFIP was to communicate directly with War Dept on all matters relating to Philippines. CG USFIP announced his assumption of cmd 21 Mar 42.

9 Apr 42

CG Luzon Force surrendered the forces on Bataan to the Japanese Comd.

6 May 42

Gen Wainwright signed a surrender document covering all forces in the Philippines. Although forces on Corregidor were surrendered 6 May, actual surrender of all comds throughout the Philippines was not completed until 9 Jun.

COMMANDER

DATE

USAFTE

Lt Gen Douglas MacArthur

7 Dec 41

Gen Douglas MacArthur (promotion)

19 Dec 41

USFIP

Lt Gen Jonathan M Wainwright

21 Mar 42



ASSIGNED TO:

DATE

USAFTE

War Department

7 Dec 41

USFIP

War Department

21 Mar 42

ATTACHED TO:

DATE

USAFTE

ABDA Command

15 Jan 42 - 25 Feb 42

USFIP

GHQ SWPA

18 Apr 42 - 6 May 42<sup>\*</sup>

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\* While the date of the surrender (6 May 1942) has been used here as the termination date for the attachment of USFIP to GHQ SWPA, it is possible that General MacArthur regarded USFIP as still attached to GHQ SWPA after this date, since on 26 February 1943 when announcing the re-establishment of USAFFE as his administrative command he included USFIP as an element of USAFFE.

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Chart 1 — USAFFE

8 December 1941 - 21 March 1942

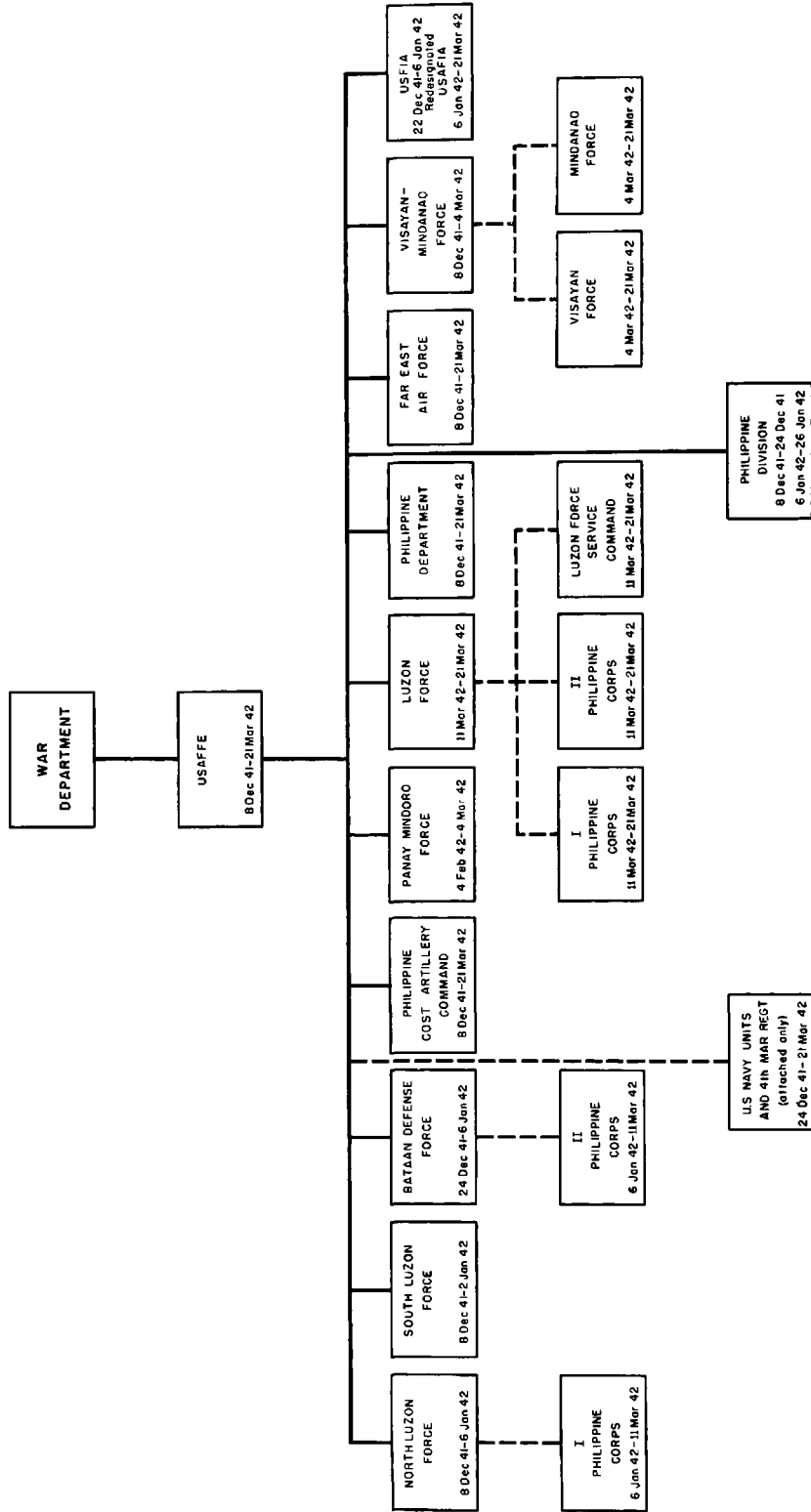
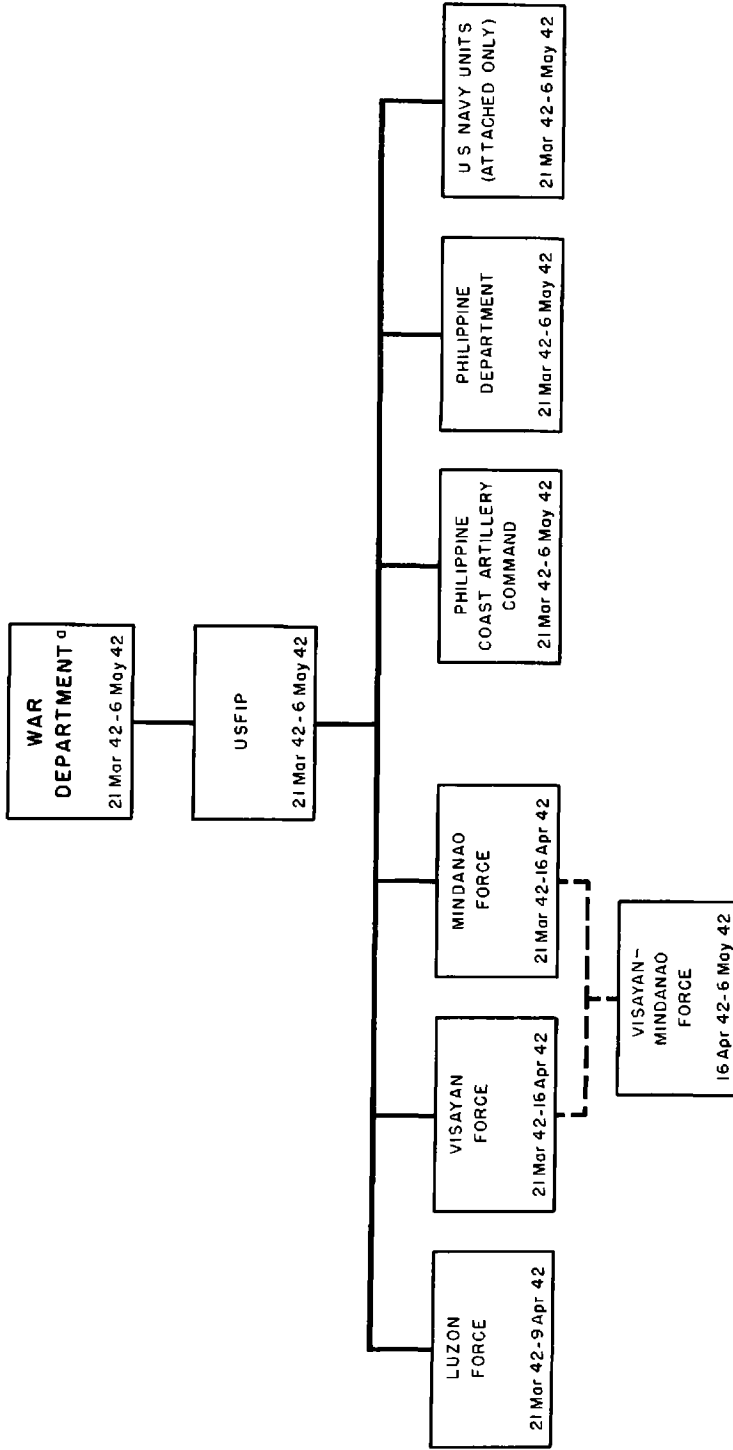


Chart 2 — USFIP

21 March 1942 — 6 May 1942



<sup>a</sup> See 21-22 March 1942 entry in R/E of USFIP.

## NORTH LUZON FORCE (NLF)

North Luzon Force was established 4 November 1941 as a training and tactical command directly subordinate to USAFFE. The mission of NLF was to defend the north Luzon area and to prevent hostile landings therein, with particular attention to the Lingayen Gulf area, the Zambales coast, Bataan peninsula, Cagayan Valley, and the Baler Bay and Dingalan Bay areas. If landings were made, NLF was to destroy the landing force and to protect airfields in the area to the extent possible consistent with the execution of other more important combat missions. Headquarters was located at Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon. Major elements available to NLF during all or part of its period of activity were the 11th, 21st, 31st, 71st (-), and 91st (-) Divisions, Philippine Army.

14 Dec 41

31st Div, Philippine Army, with atchd trps, reld fr asgmt to NLF; concurrently CG NLF reld of responsibility by Hq USAFFE for sector asgd div.

15 Dec 41

NLF CP closed Ft Stotsenburg; opened Bamnan.

16 Dec 41

USAFFE changed NLF mission fr def of all of N Luzon to that of holding enemy N of E - W line through San Fernando (La Union).

18 Dec 41

NLF CP closed Bamnan; opened Acala.

24 Dec 41 - 30 Dec 41

NLF elms fought delaying actions; withdrew to line Bamnan - Arangat.

25 Dec 41 CP moved to Bamnan.

29 Dec 41 CP moved to Bacalor.

31 Dec 41

USAFFE ordered NLF to cover withdrawal of South Luzon Force fr atk fr N until SLF had cleared Calumpit Bridge over Pampanga River.

2 Jan 42 - 6 Jan 42

NLF completed withdrawal to Guagua - Porac position prior to daylight 2 Jan. During period 3 - 6 Jan, Force withdrew from Guagua - Porac position to def position in W sector of Bataan. As NLF trps moved into Bataan they passed to contrl of Bataan Def Force. Hq NLF discontinued 6 Jan.

COMMANDER

DATE

Maj Gen Jonathan M Wainwright

7 Dec 41

## SOUTH LUZON FORCE (SLF)

South Luzon Force was formally established 4 November 1941 as a training and tactical command directly subordinate to USAFFE. The mission of SLF was to prevent landings in the SLF area, especially in the areas of Nasugbu, Balayan Bay, Batangas Bay, and Tayabas Bay. The command post was established at Fort William McKinley. Major elements available to SLF during all or part of its period of activity were the 1st (-), 41st, 51st, 71st (-), and 91st (-) Divisions, Philippine Army, and the 1st Brigade, Philippine Constabulary.

9 Dec 41

Flight of Philippine Army Air Corps recon planes atchd SLF for daily search for invasion forces.

14 Dec 41

CP closed Ft McKinley; opened Binan.

17 Dec 41

Det SLF made contact with enemy vic Ragay. Force comdr directed elms to move S into Bicol peninsula to delay enemy adv.

20 Dec 41

SLF established arty emplacements at Nasugbu, and at Balayan, Tayabas, and Batangas Bays.

23 Dec 41

CG SLF ordered trps in Bicol peninsula to withdraw N of line Padre Burgos - Altimonan.

24 Dec 41

Hq USAFFE ordered all Luzon units to withdraw into Bataan and CG SLF to proceed to Bataan to establish Bataan Def Force. SLF CP moved to Santo Tomas, Batangas.

25 Dec 41 - 2 Jan 42

Fighting delaying actions along routes of withdrawal, SLF moved to Bataan. As elms of SLF entered Bataan area, they passed to contrl of Bataan Def Force.

25 Dec 41 - 2 Jan 42 (Contd)

- 25 Dec 41 Fwd CP established at Sariaya.
- 26 Dec 41 Fwd CP moved to Candelaria.
- 27 Dec 41 Fwd CP at Candelaria closed; main CP opened Binan.
- 29 Dec 41 CP moved to Ft William McKinley.
- 31 Dec 41 Fwd CP established Plaridel.
- 1 Jan 42 Fwd CP closed Plaridel; opened W end of Calumpit Bridge. Following destruction of bridge a few hours later, all units of SLF having withdrawn into Bataan, Hq SLF ceased to exist. (SLF as a command was not formally discontinued until 6 January 1942.)

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen George M Parker	7 Dec 41
Maj Gen George M Parker (promotion)	19 Dec 41
Brig Gen Albert M Jones	24 Dec 41

## BATAAN DEFENSE FORCE (BDF)

Bataan Defense Force was established 24 December 1941 with the mission of organizing and defending the Bataan peninsula. The Bataan area had previously been the command responsibility of the Commanding General, Philippine Division, and this division now became subordinate to Headquarters, Bataan Defense Force. The command post of Bataan Defense Force was established at Abucay, Bataan

24 Dec 41 - 1 Jan 42

As elements of North and South Luzon Forces entered Bataan area, they passed to control of CG BDF and were assigned to E and W sectors to prepare defense positions, or sent into bivouac to reorganize. Major units available to BDF during all or part of its period of activity were 1st Regular, 11th, 21st, 31st, 41st, 51st, 71st (-), and 91st (-) Divs, Philippine Army, and 31st Inf, U.S.

6 Jan 42

Following withdrawal of forces from Luzon into Bataan peninsula, BDF was discontinued.

COMMANDER

DATE

MaJ Gen George M Parker

24 Dec 41



## I PHILIPPINE CORPS

The I Philippine Corps was constituted by Headquarters, USAFFE, on 6 January 1942. Concurrently, the North Luzon Force was discontinued. (See the record of events for NLF, SLF, and BDF.) The former commander of the North Luzon Force was designated commanding general of the I Philippine Corps. On the same date, a Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment of the corps was activated, and personnel formerly on duty with Headquarters, North Luzon Force, were transferred to it. The I Philippine Corps was assigned responsibility for the organization and defense of the east sector of Bataan, and directed to occupy at once the main battle position and to prevent any hostile landing within its sector. Major elements available to the corps during all or part of its period of activity included the 1st Regular, 11th, 31st, 71st (-), and 91st (-) Divisions, Philippine Army. The initial command post of the corps was located about 200 yards east of the West Bataan Road, just south of the Saysain River.

20 Jan 42 - 26 Jan 42

Following enemy infiltration of main line of resistance I Philippine Corps ordered by USAFFE to withdraw to rear battle position by 26 Jan. Def of W sector, Sv Comd Area (SW Bataan), asgd I Philippine Corps.

30 Jan 42 - 2 Feb 42

Enemy attempts to reinf landings on SW Bataan repulsed.

11 Mar 42

I Philippine Corps became a subordinate comd of Luzon Force.

8 Apr 42 - 9 Apr 42

Luzon Force ordered I and II Philippine Corps to withdraw to positions along Binauangan River. Luzon Force surrendered all trps on Bataan 9 Apr.

10 Apr 42

I Philippine Corps formally surrendered.

COMMANDER

DATE

Maj Gen Jonathan M Wainwright

6 Jan 42

Brig Gen Albert M Jones

11 Mar 42

Maj Gen Albert M Jones (promotion)

13 Mar 42

## II PHILIPPINE CORPS

The II Philippine Corps was constituted by Headquarters, USAFFE, on 6 January 1942. Concurrently, the Bataan Defense Force was discontinued. (See the record of events for BDF, NLF, and SLF.) The former commander of the Bataan Defense Force was designated commanding general of the II Philippine Corps. On the same date, a Headquarters and a Headquarters Detachment of the corps was activated, and personnel formerly on duty with Headquarters, Bataan Defense Force, were transferred to it. The II Philippine Corps was assigned responsibility for the organization and defense of the west sector of Bataan, and was directed to occupy at once the main battle position and to prevent any hostile landing within its sector. Major elements available to the corps during all or part of its period of activity included the 2d Regular (-), 11th, 21st, 31st, 41st, and 51st Divisions, Philippine Army, and the 31st Infantry, U.S. The initial command post of the corps was located at a point on the trail a little more than two miles west of Limay, Bataan.

9 Jan 42 - 26 Jan 42

Hq USAFFE ordered withdrawal of corps to rear battle position. Withdrawal completed 26 Jan. Corps asgd def responsibility for SE Bataan.

11 Mar 42

II Philippine Corps became subordinate comd of Luzon Force.

9 Apr 42

CG Luzon Force ordered II Philippine Corps to destroy all mil equipment. II Philippine Corps surrendered.

COMMANDER

Maj Gen George M Parker

DATE

6 Jan 42

## VISAYAN-MINDANAO FORCE (VMF)

The Visayan-Mindanao Force was formally established 4 November 1941 as a training and tactical command directly subordinate to USAFFE. It was charged with the defense of the area south of the general line Dongon Point, Mindoro - Bongabong, Mindoro - Tico Island - Maranjo Island - Capul Island (all inclusive) - San Bernardino Island (exclusive), less Palawan Island. Included in the VMF area were the islands of Panay, Negros, Cebu, Bohol, Leyte, Samar, and Mindanao. Major units available to the Visayan-Mindanao Force during all or part of its period of activity were the 61st, 81st, 101st, and 102d Divisions, Philippine Army; 5th Air Base Group; and 19th Bomber Group. (Although the 71st and 91st Divisions, Philippine Army, were inducted into USAFFE by Visayan-Mindanao Force, they were transferred to North Luzon Force. However, the third regiment of both divisions (73d and 93d Infantry), which were mobilized last and remained behind, were attached to the VMF and its successor commands.) The command post was established in Cebu City, Cebu.

13 Dec 41 - 24 Dec 41

Following bombing of Cebu 13 Dec and landing of enemy at Davao, Mindanao, 20 Dec, CG USAFFE on 24 Dec directed Hq VMF (in the event communications with USAFFE were severed) to continue resistance open to the end, by guerilla methods if necessary.

31 Dec 41

Hq USAFFE directed Hq VMF to strengthen Mindanao garrison with trps fr Visayas. Mvmt of trps began 1 Jan. VMF given mission of improvement, expansion, and def of air instls on Mindanao. Comd of Air Corps elms vested in Hq VMF.

1 Jan 42

Mindanao reorg into 5 def sectors and a communications zone. 600 Air Corps men arr Mindanao and atchd VMF as inf.

3 Jan 42

CP VMF opened Del Monte, Mindanao.

4 Feb 42

Forces on Panay and Mindoro Isls reld fr comd of Hq VMF and placed directly under Hq USAFFE.

2 Mar 42

Enemy landed Zamboanga.

4 Mar 42

Visayan-Mindanao Force divided by Hq USAFFE into two forces, Visayan Force and Mindanao Force, each directly responsible to Hq USAFFE. Hq discontinued.

16 Apr 42

Visayan-Mindanao Force re-established by USFIP. Visayan and Mindanao Forces terminated, and trps formerly asgd to them reasgd to Hq VMF. CP established Del Monte, Mindanao. Elms of VMF engaged in def opns against enemy at Iloilo, and Capiz on Panay, on Cebu, and at Zamboanga and Digos on Mindanao.

3 May 42

CP moved fr Del Monte to Daririg, Mindanao.

6 May 42

CG USFIP released VMF fr USFIP contrl to contrl of CINCSWPA.

7 May 42

CG USFIP requested CG VMF to surrender to enemy. GHQ SWPA directed CG VMF not to accept orders fr CG USFIP.

8 May 42

CP moved to Impasugong, Mindanao.

10 May 42

CG VMF pledged surrender of VMF trps after conference with representatives of CG USFIP and directed surrender of all VMF trps to enemy. CP at Malabalay, Mindanao.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col William F Sharp	7 Dec 41
Brig Gen William F Sharp (promotion)	19 Dec 41
Maj Gen William F Sharp (promotion)	4 Apr 42

## VISAYAN FORCE (VF)

The Visayan Force was established 4 March 1942 by USAFFE, which separated the Visayan-Mindanao Force into two forces. Headquarters was established on Panay. The command included the areas of and troops on the islands of Cebu, Samar, Leyte, Negros, Bohol, Panay, and Palawan, and the general mission of VF was the defense of these islands. The force was directly responsible to Headquarters, USAFFE. Major units available to VF during all or part of its period of activity were the 61st Division, Philippine Army (- 61st and 62d Infantry); the 74th and 75 Infantry (Provisional), and the 71st Division, Philippine Army; and the 82d and 83d Infantry, 81st Division, Philippine Army. About the middle of March the command post moved from Panay to Cebu.

21 Mar 42

Comd of VF passed fr USAFFE to USFIP.

16 Apr 42

USFIP terminated VF and atchd VF troops to reconstituted VMF.

COMMANDER

DATE

Brig Gen Bradford H Chynoweth

4 Mar 42

## MINDANAO FORCE (MF)

The Mindanao Force was established 4 March 1942 by USAFFE which separated the Visayan-Mindanao Force into two forces. The Command post was located at Del Monte, Mindanao. The command included the island of Mindanao and troops thereon. The general mission was the defense of Mindanao. MF was directly responsible to Headquarters, USAFFE. Major units available to MF during all or part of its period of activity were the 61st and 62d Infantry, 61st Division, Philippine Army; 73d Infantry, 71st Division, Philippine Army; 81st Division, (-)82d and 83d Infantry, Philippine Army; 93d Infantry, 91st Division, Philippine Army; 101st and 102d Division, Philippine Army; 5th Air Base Group; and 19th Bomber Group.

21 Mar 42

Comd of MF passed fr USAFFE to USFIP.

16 Apr 42

USFIP terminated MF and MF trps were atched to re-established VMF.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen William F Sharp	4 Mar 42
Maj Gen William F Sharp (promotion)	4 Apr 42

## LUZON FORCE (LF)

The Luzon Force was established 11 March 1942 by Commanding General, USAFFE, as an over-all command for the I and II Philippine Corps on Bataan. LF was assigned directly to Headquarters, USAFFE, and charged with the defense of the Bataan peninsula. The principal elms assigned to Luzon were I Philippine Corps, II Philippine Corps, and most of the units of the Philippine Department which were reorganized into the LF Service Command.

12 Mar 42

CP established S Bataan, near Little Baguio.

21 Mar 42

LF became subordinate comd of USFIP.

9 Apr 42

CG LF surrendered all forces on Bataan.

### COMMAND

### DATE

Maj Gen Jonathan M Wainwright

12 Mar 42

Maj Gen Edward P King

21 Mar 42



## PHILIPPINE DEPARTMENT

Before the establishment of Headquarters, USAFFE, 27 July 1941, Headquarters, Philippine Department, had been the highest Army Command in the Philippine area. Upon the outbreak of war with Japan it was given responsibility for the supply of all units of the Philippine Army as well as the U.S. Army units in the Philippines. Headquarters remained at Manila. Commanding General, USAFFE, was also Commanding General, Philippine Department.

25 Dec 41

Hq Philippine Department moved to Ft Mills, Corregidor, and directed evacuation of supplies to Bataan.

30 Dec 41

Hq Philippine Dept moved to Bataan.

6 Jan 42

With reorg of Bataan defs, Philippine Dept was given mission of def of Bataan S of line Mamala River - Paysawan River. Area divided into E and W sectors and combat units asgd were 2d Div (-), 71st Div (-), and Air Corps, Philippine Army; and 24th Pursuit Gp.

26 Jan 42

Responsibility for def of Philippine Dept area transferred to I and II Philippine Corps; combat trps transferred to contrl of I and II Philippine Corps. Philippine Dept continued mission of supply and admin under Hq USAFFE.

11 Mar 42

Luzon Force Sv Comd constituted as one of principal elms of Luzon Force (also established this date). All sv comd trps and organs on Luzon, including Hq Co Philippine Dept asgd to LF Sv Comd. Headquarters Philippine Dept was continued and consisted of Pers Div, AG Sec; JAG Sec; Finance Sec; Med Sec; and CW Sec. All other orgns asgd or atchd to Philippine Dept were transferred to LF Sv Comd. Hq Philippine Dept moved to Ft Mills, Corregidor. Hq LF Sv Comd remained on Bataan. LF Sv Comd in effect replaced Philippine Dept; Hq Philippine Dept retained only nominal existence.

6 May 42

Hq Philippine Dept surrendered.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Lt Gen Douglas MacArthur	7 Dec 41
Gen Douglas MacArthur (promotion)	19 Dec 41
Lt Gen Jonathan M Wainwright	21 Mar 42

## PHILIPPINE COAST ARTILLERY COMMAND (PCAC)

The Philippine Coast Artillery Command was established in August 1941 by USAFFE as a training and tactical command directly subordinate to USAFFE. The mission of PCAC was the coastal defense of Manila and Subic Bays, and antiaircraft defense of the Philippine archipelago. PCAC was also charged with the training of Philippine Army Coast Artillery troops. Headquarters, PCAC, was established at Manila. The principal component of PCAC was Harbor Defenses of Manila and Subic Bays. Major units available to PCAC during all or part of its period of activity were the 1st and 2d Coast Artillery Regiments, Philippine Army; 4th Marine Regiment, USMC; 59th and 60th Coast Artillery (AA) Regiment; 91st and 92d Coast Artillery Regiments, Philippine Scouts and 200th Coast Artillery (AA); and 515th Coast Artillery (AA) Regiment. Major tactical organizations of PCAC were Subic Bay Defenses, Seaward Defense Command, and the Antiaircraft Command. The following fortified islands comprised PCAC coastal defenses: Corregidor Island (Fort Mills), Caballo Island (Fort Hughes), El Fraile Island (Fort Drum), Carabao Island (Fort Frank) -- all in Manila Bay; and Grande Island (Fort Wint) in Subic Bay.

8 Dec 41

Elms PCAC moved to Manila to provide AA protection and to Bataan to establish beach def at Bagac.

24 Dec 41 -- 25 Dec 41

Ft Wint evacuated.

Hq PCAC moved fr Manila to Ft Mills, Corregidor, 24 Dec.

6 May 42

CG USFIP surrendered all trps on Corregidor.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen George F Moore	7 Dec 41
Maj Gen George F Moore (promotion)	19 Dec 41

## PHILIPPINE DIVISION

The Philippine Division, the principal U.S. Army ground unit in the Philippines (activated 8 June 1941 at Fort McKinley), at the outbreak of the war was in USAFFE reserve with the mission of preparing plans for the support of the North Luzon or South Luzon Force. Philippine Division regiments were the 45th Infantry, Philippine Scouts, and the U.S. 31st Infantry.

10 Dec 41

CG Philippine Div instructed by Hq USAFFE to prepare def positions at Bamban - Arayat and if necessary cover withdrawal of NLF.

11 Dec 41

Philippine Div given mission by USAFFE of organizing defs of Bataan. Div CP established Hermosa, Bataan; Rear Ech established Limay, Bataan.

14 Dec 41

Div Hq established CP at Abucay.

20 Dec 41

Div elms prepared to cover probable withdrawal of NLF into Bataan.

24 Dec 41

Philippine Div became subordinate cmd of BDF.

25 Dec 41

Div Hq moved to KP 137.5 on Pilar - Bagac Road.

30 Dec 41

Div elms prepared to cover withdrawal of SLF into Bataan.

31 Dec 41

Philippine Div given cmd of E sector of Bataan.

5 Jan 42

Div Hq (- Rear Ech) moved to Damalog Trail, 2 miles W of E Road.

6 Jan 42

CG Philippine Div reld of comd of E sector, Bataan. Div reverted to USAFFE Res.

15 Jan 42

Adv CP established near KP 144, Pilar - Bagac Road.

16 Jan 42

Adv CP moved to point on Maldica River about 2 kilometers N of Pilar - Bagac Road.

23 Jan 42

Philippine Div ordered to withdraw to Reserve Battle Line by 26 Jan.

26 Jan 42

Hq Philippine Div asgd to II Philippine Corps and placed in comd of Sub-Sector D of II Philippine Corps area.

Inf regts of Philippine Div det fr division during the time Hq Philippine Div was in comd of Sub-Sector D (26 Jan - 7 Apr).

Hq Philippine Div located at S end of Trail 44-A, SE Mt Samat.

7 Apr 42

Hq Philippine Div and Sub-Sector D elms asgd I Philippine Corps.

10 Apr 42

Hq Philippine Div surrendered.

COMMANDER

DATE

Brig Gen Maxon S Lough

7 Dec 41

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## UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE FAR EAST (USAFFE)

When General McArthur left the Philippines on 12 March 1942 he took the staff of USAFFE with him with the idea of continuing to exercise direct command over the U.S. forces in the Philippines from Australia through that headquarters. However, with the establishment of Headquarters, United States Forces in the Philippines, and General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area (GHQ SWPA), USAFFE ceased to be an active command.

In order to relieve GHQ, SWPA and the U.S. Army Services of Supply of administrative responsibilities, Headquarters, USAFFE, was re-established 26 February 1943.

Effective 10 June 1945, all units of USAFFE, except its headquarters, and all elements of the Philippine Army called into the service of the armed forces of the United States were assigned to United States Army Forces Pacific. Headquarters, USAFFE, was attached to General Headquarters, AFPAC. Components and subordinate commands of USAFFE were relieved from assignment to USAFFE and variously assigned to AFPAC or other high commands. With this action, Headquarters, USAFFE, became inactive and possessed only a nominal status, sufficient to permit it to validate certain legal commitments in the Philippines for which the Commanding General, USAFFE, was responsible.

26 Feb 43

USAFFE re-established with hq at Brisbane, Aus. All units of U.S. Army in SWPA and all elms of Philippine Army called into service of U.S. forces asgd to USAFFE. Comd included: (1) Hq USAFFE; (2) Special Trps, USAFFE; (3) Sixth Army; (4) Fifth Air Force; (5) U.S. Army Services of Supply, SWPA; and (6) U.S. Forces in the Philippines. \*/

Staff Hq consisted of gen and special secs, with addition of Purchasing Sec, functioning under a Gen Purchasing Agent.

The CofS, DCofS, AA Officer, Chief Engr, and Chief Sig Officer functioned in dual capacity.

All activities and functions pertaining to U.S. Army in SWPA were to be directed and controlled by Hq USAFFE with following exceptions:

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\* Surrendered to the Japanese 6 May 1942.

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GHQ SWPA would continue to direct and contrl combat employment of U.S. Army units. Assignment of such combat units, with requisite complement of sv units, to opnl contrl of Allied land, air, or naval forces, special task forces, or GHQ Res would not affect the administrative responsibility of Hq USAFFE for units so asgd except when, and to the extent, specified by GHQ SWPA.

GHQ SWPA would direct and contrl: mil intel (except counterintel activities specifically delegated to Hq USAFFE); policies governing relations with Allied forces, Allied governments, and governmental agencies; increases in forces and means (requests to the War Dept for additional major combat or major sv units as required for inter-Allied opns to originate with, or be submitted to, GHQ SWPA for approval); and gen establishment of priorities for strategical and tac opns with respect to shipment of supplies, troop units, and repls; asgmt of repls; and geographical distribution of supplies, and supply levels.

26 Apr 43

GHQ SWPA policy concerning tng as announced by USAFFE provided that GHQ SWPA would plan and issue directives for joint or combined tng, and for special tng mission for contemplated opns. Hq USAFFE would prepare and issue such special tng directives required for tech tng of units of arms and svcs, and for necessary tng of all units in certain tech matters. Hq USAFFE was not to issue gen directives covering tng.

27 Sep 43

Offices of Chief Cml Officer, Chief Engr, Chief Ord Officer, Chief QM, Chief Sig Officer, Chief Surgeon \*/ and Chief of Trans -- all USAFFE -- ceased to operate. Records were turned over to corresponding secs of Hq USASOS. Matters formerly handled by USAFFE special staff secs were thereafter referred to appropriate gen staff secs of USAFFE.

29 Sep 44

Adv Ech Hq USAFFE established Base G (Hollandia, N.G. ) and moved to Tacloban, Leyte, 29 Nov 44.

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\* Chief Surgeon USASOS was appointed Chief Surgeon USAFFE 17 January 1944; he served in dual capacity as Chief Surgeon USAFFE and USASOS until 10 June 1945, then served in dual capacity as Chief Surgeon AFPAC and AFWESPAC.

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25 Nov 44

Hq USAFFE closed Brisbane, Aus; opened. Rear Ech Hq USAFFE opened Brisbane.

15 Dec 44

Hq and Hq Co USAF NORSOLS and Hq and Hq Cos Sv Comds at Bougainville, Emirau, Green, and New Georgia Isls asgd to USAFFE. (For the history of these comds see USAFISPA R/E.)

4 Feb 45

Hq USAFFE closed Base G (Hollandia); opened Base K (Tacloban). Concurrently, Rear Exh Hq USAFFE opened in USAFFE area Base G (Hollandia).

7 Mar 45

Adv Hq USAFFE moved to Manila.

15 Mar 45

Office, Chief Provost Marshal, Hq USAFFE, discontinued. Concurrently MP Comd USAFFE established and asgd to USAFFE. Commander of MP Comd was also Provost Marshal General, USAFFE.

6 Apr 45

GHQ AFPAC established with sta at Manila. Comd consisted of those forces asgd USAFFE and those asgd USAFPOA. USAFPAC did not begin to function until 10 Jun 45.

21 Apr 45

Recovered Pers Sec, USAFFE, established special staff sec of USAFFE. Prior to this it functioned as a special subsec of G-1 USAFFE.

May 45

Hq USAFFE opened Manila, P.I.

10 Jun 45

USAFFE became inactive. All units of USAFFE (except Hq USAFFE) and all elms of Philippine Army called into sv of armed forces of U.S. asgd to AFPAC. Hq USAFFE atchd GHQ AFPAC. A staff for residual Hq USAFFE consisted of CofS, DCofS, and AG, all serving in dual capacity for AFPAC and USAFFE. The other staff secs of USAFFE were disbanded.

10 Jun 45 (Contd).

Major comds transferred fr USAFFE to AFPAC included AFWESPAC, Sixth and eighth Armies, and FEAF.

Major comds transfd fr USAFFE to AFWESPAC were 14th AA Comd; MP Comd USAFFE, and Repl Comd USAFFE.

COMMANDER

DATE

General Douglas MacArthur

26 Feb 43

General of the Army Douglas MacArthur (promotion)

18 Dec 44

ASSIGNED TO:

War Department

DATE

26 Feb 43

ATTACHED TO:

GHQ SWPA

GHQ AFPAC (Hq USAFFE only)

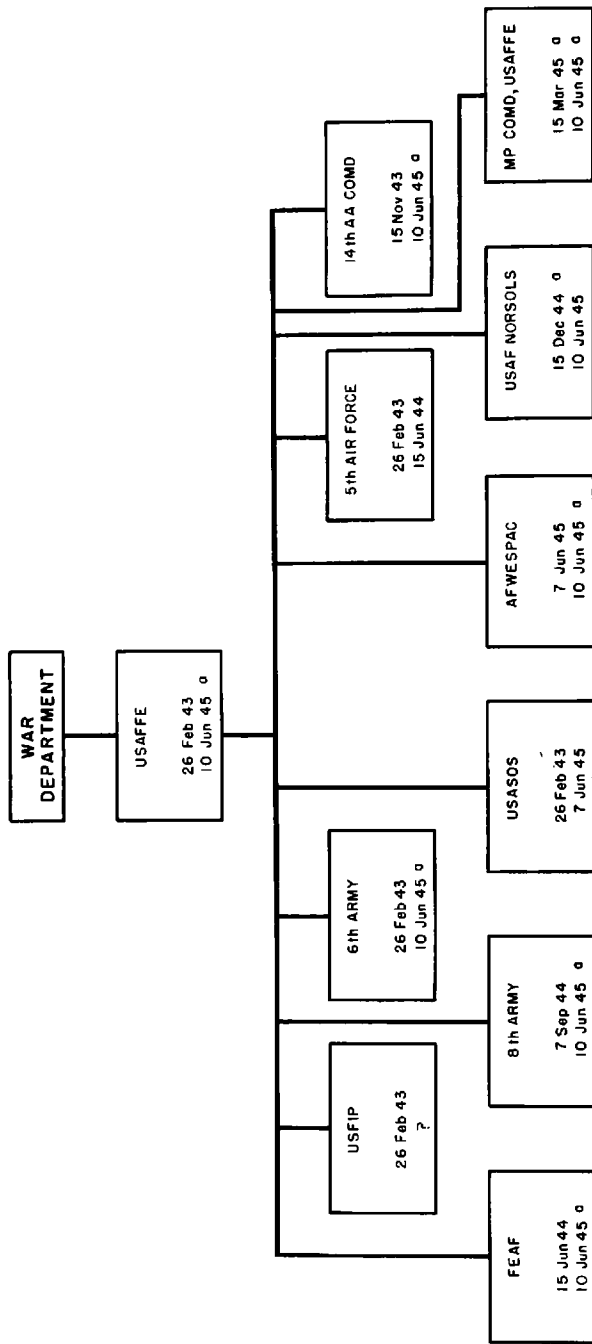
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Chart 3 — USAFFE

26 February 1943 — 10 June 1945

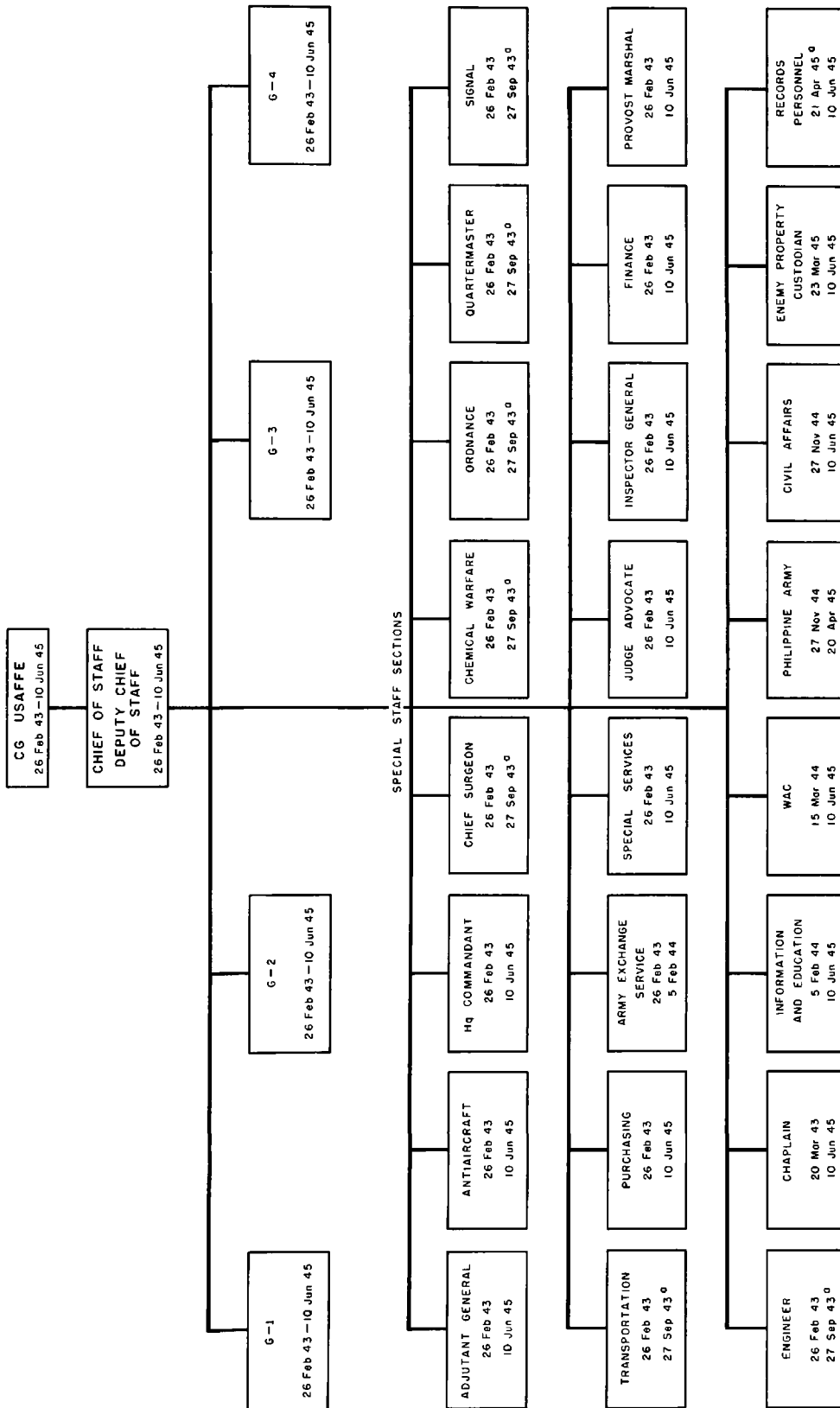


<sup>a</sup> See entry under this date in R/E.

Note: All units were assigned to USAFFE; operational control was retained by SWPA.

Chart I — USAFFE

26 February 1943 — 10 June 1945



<sup>a</sup> See entry under this date in R/E

## MILITARY POLICE COMMAND

The mission of the Military Police Command AFWESPAC, was to maintain law and order by enforcing military orders and regulations and civil laws; to control entrance to and egress from the Philippine Islands of all persons, forms of transportation, and imports and exports, except those belonging to military and naval forces, until the Government of the Philippines assumed control. \*/

15 Mar 45

MP Comd USAFFE established with sta at Manila and asgd USAFFE.

10 Jun 45

MP Comd USAFFE reld asgmt USAFFE; redesign MP Comd AFWESPAC; asgd AFWESPAC; placed under opnl contrl GHQ AFPAC.

1 Aug 45

MP Comd AFWESPAC reld fr opnl contrl GHQ AFPAC.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen William C Dunckel	15 Mar 45
Maj Gen James A Lester	2 May 45

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\* The Organization of the Military Police Command under the Provost Marshal consisted of the U.S. Army Section and the Philippine Army Section. The U.S. Army Section, operating under an American Deputy Provost Marshal General, acted in an advisory capacity to the Philippine Army Section, which functioned under the Filipino Deputy Provost Marshal General. The Provincial Provost Marshals, American and Filipino, were responsible for maintaining order in the forty-nine provinces of the Philippine Islands.

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14TH ANTI-AIRCRAFT COMMAND

The mission entrusted to 14th Antiaircraft Command made it responsible for training, technical supply, and availability of units. Antiaircraft requirements for specific operations were determined at GHQ. 14th Antiaircraft Command was charged with requisite supply of each type of unit. Responsibility for training and technical supply remained with the command even after units were committed to task forces.

15 Nov 43

14th AA Comd act with sta at Brisbane, Aus, and asgd USAFFE.

3 Jul 44

14th AA Comd closed Brisbane; opened Finschhafen, N.G.

Rear Ech 14th AA Comd remained Brisbane.

17 Mar 45

Intermediate Ech, 14th AA Comd, closed Milne Bay, N.G. (Date of opening at Milne Bay unknown.)

10 Jun 45

14th AA Comd reld asgmt USAFFE, asgd AFWESPAC.

26 Jun 45

14th AA Comd closed Finschhafen; opened Manila, Luzon, P.I. Rear Ech 14th AA Comd closed Brisbane; opened Finschhafen. 14th AA Comd on Luzon fr 27 Jun 45 to 15 Aug 45.

COMMANDER

DATE

Brig Gen William F Marquat

15 Nov 43

Maj Gen William F Marquat (promotion)

1 Nov 44

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UNITED STATES ARMY SERVICES OF SUPPLY, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC  
AREA (USASOS, SWPA), AND PREDECESSOR AND SUCCESSOR COMMANDS

Task Force South Pacific

United States Forces in Australia (USFIA)

United States Army Forces in Australia (USAFIA)

United States Army, Services of Supply, Southwest Pacific Area

United States Army Forces, Western Pacific (AFWESPAC)

American troops aboard a convoy destined for the Philippines were constituted a task force on 12 December 1941. The task force was known as Task Force South Pacific (TFSP) and Maj. Gen. Julian F. Barnes, the senior officer present, assumed command. On 13 December 1941, General Barnes was directed to proceed to Australia and upon debarkation to assume command of all American troops in Australia and to place his forces under the commanding general of USAFFE.

When the convoy docked at Brisbane, Australia, on 22 December 1941, TFSP became at that point U.S. Forces in Australia (USFIA) with the primary mission of preparing the convoy for movement to the Philippines and taking such steps as were necessary to aid the Philippines.

USFIA was redesignated U.S. Army Forces in Australia (USAFIA) on 5 January 1942. USAFIA was at first primarily an air service of supply for American air units operating in northwest Australia and in the Netherlands Indies. When GHQ SWPA was established on 18 April 1942, USAFIA was assigned to it and its mission became supply, evacuation, hospitalization, transportation, and construction for all of the U.S. troops in Australia. On 8 May 1942, USAFIA's mission was amended to include construction in New Guinea and the Netherlands Indies and responsibility for the provision of many administrative services for all U.S. troops in SWPA.

USAFIA was discontinued on 20 July 1942 and United States Army Services of Supply, Southwest Pacific Area (USASOS, SWPA), was created on the same date. Its mission was substantially the same as that of USAFIA. With the establishment of Headquarters, USAFFE, on 26 February 1943, USASOS became a major subordinate command of USAFFE and dropped its administrative role for all U.S. forces in SWPA, with the exception of the administration of its own personnel and units.

USASOS was discontinued on 7 June 1945 and U.S. Army Forces, Western Pacific (AFWESPAC), was established. The mission of AFWESPAC was to provide and operate the administrative and service facilities and establishments for the logistical support of designated forces in the western Pacific.

For variations in the general and special staffs in USASOS and its predecessor and successor commands during 12 December 1941 - 15 August 1945, see staff charts 1 - 6.

3 Jan 42

Adv Det Hq USEFIA opened at Melbourne, Aus.

5 Jan 42

USEFIA redesignated USAFIA. Base Secs 1, 2, 3, and 4 established. (See R/E for Base Secs 1, 2, 3, and 4.) Opns Base No 1 established Soerabaja, Netherlands Indies, and asgd USAFIA.

3 Mar 42

Base Secs 5 and 6 established. (See R/E Base for Secs 5 and 6.)

19 Apr 42

Base Sec 7 established. (See R/E for Base Sec 7.)

20 Jul 42

USAFIA discontinued and U.S. Army Services of Supply (USASOS) established. All pers and orgns of USAFIA transferred to USASOS.

11 Aug 42

U.S. Adv Base, N.G. established. (See R/E for U.S. Adv Base, N.G.)

1 Sep 42

Hq USASOS moved to Sydney, Aus.

5 Oct 42

Combined Operational Service Command (COSC) established and placed under opnl contrl of Comdr, New Guinea Force (See R/E for U.S. Adv Base, N.G.)

20 Nov 42

Milne Bay Sub-Base established. (See R/E for Base A.)

20 Dec 42

Oro Bay Sub-base established. (See R/E for Base B)

16 Feb 43

USASOS reld by Sixth Army of responsibility for admin contrl of ground combat forces.

26 Feb 43

Mission of USASOS reduced to supply only. Hq reorg. Gen Staff secs discontinued; Execs for Admin. and for Supply and Trans substituted for G - 1, G - 3 and G - 4. Intel handled by Intel Officer. Chiefs of svcs asgd to USASOS (Cml, Engr, Ord, QM, Sig, Med, and Trans) transferred to USAFFE. (Returned USASOS 27 Sep.) (Gen Staff secs re-established 3 Sep.)

21 Apr 43

U.S. Adv Sub-Base C established. (See R/E for Base.)

1 Jun 43

U.S. Adv Sub-Base D established. (See R/E for Base D.)

1 Jun 43

All USASOS activities in New Guinea except those in Port Moresby placed under contrl of Sixth Army and remained under Sixth Army contrl for approximately two months.

15 Jul 43

All SOS units, stationed in former Sub-Base C area, placed under comd of AMOEBA (Goodenough Isl) Force.

15 Aug 43

Adv Sec (ADSEC) USASOS established. (See R/E for ADSEC.)

29 Aug 43

Hq USASOS closed Sydney; opened Brisbane, Aus.

19 Oct 43

USASOS instructed all base secs to set up a Base Sv Comd, a Base Port Comd, and a Base Area Comd in each base sec hq. Each base sec was eventually org in this manner.

15 Nov 43

Intermediate Sec (INTERSEC), USASOS, established. (See R/E for INTERSEC.)

15 Nov 43

Base E established. (See R/E for Base E).

Base F established. (See R/E for Base F.)

27 Dec 43

Advance Services of Supply (ADSOS) established Port Moresby as fwd ech of USASOS.

1 Jan 44

Procurement Div, USASOS established. (See R/E for Procurement Div.)

11 Jan 44

USASOS Pioneer Task Force No. 1 established Base E, Lae. All USASOS pers units, and establishments under contrl of CG ADSEC, less those in Base F and those atchd to Fifth Air Force in Base E, asgd to this task force. Base E transferred, in name only, to Base F.

20 Jan 44

3d Engr Special Brig asgd to USASOS.

1 Feb 44

Distribution Div, USASOS, established. (See R/E for Distribution Div.)

13 Feb 44

USASOS Pioneer Task Force No. 1 terminated. All USASOS pers units, orgns, and instls under USASOS Pioneer Task Force transferred to Base E.

15 Mar 44

ADSOS at Port Moresby, N.G., closed.

28 Mar 44

USASOS Base G Comd established. (See R/E for Base G.)

1 Jun 44

Base Sec (Australia) established. (See R/E for Australian Base Sec.)

23 Jul 44

Army Service Command (ASCOM) established. (See R/E for ASCOM.)

20 Aug 44

Base H established. (See R/E for Base H.)

8 Sep 44

ADSOS opened Hollandia, N.G.

16 Sep 44

Base K established. (See R/E for Base K.)

5 Oct 44

Base M (Prov) established. (See R/E for Base M.)

8 Oct 44

USASOS Gen Depot (Prov) established. (See R/E USASOS for Gen Depot.)

Nov 44

Remainder of Hq USASOS moved to Hollandia, N.G.

Jan 45

ADSOS (II) established Tacloban, Leyte.

11 Jan 45

USASOS Boat Building Comd established. (See R/E for USASOS Boat Building Comd.)

(O/a) 29 Jan 45

Leyte Engr Comd established. (See R.E for Leyte Engr Dist.)

29 Jan 45

Luzon Engineer District (LUZED) established. (See R/E for LUZED.)

Base X established. (See R/E for Base X.)

13 Feb 45

Main body of Hq USASOS moved to Tacloban, Leyte. Rear Echelon USASOS (RESOS) remained behind.

Base R established. (See R/E for Base R.)

Mar 45

ABSOS (III) established Manila.

6 Mar 45

USASOS Engineer Construction Command (ENCOM) established. (See R/E for ENCOM.)

25 Mar 45

General Engineer District (GENED) established. (See R/E for GENED.)

26 Mar 45

Base S established. (See R/E for Base S.)

5 Apr 45

Base T established. (See R/E for Base T.)

8 Apr 45

RESOS joined ADSOS (III) in Manila. Hq USASOS officially opened 14 Apr 45.



11 Apr 45

Base Q established. (See R/E for Base Q.)

25 Apr 45

Construction Corps of the Philippines (CONCOR) established. (See R/E for CONCOR.)

7 Jun 45

USASOS discontinued. United States Army Forces, Western Pacific (AFWESPAC) established Manila, P.I. All units formerly asgd or atchd to USASOS transferred in the same status to AFWESPAC.

Army Service Command-O (ASCOM-O) established. (See R/E for ASCOM-O.)

10 Jun 45

Replacement Comd, 14th AA Comd, and Mil Police Comd, former USAFFE orgns, asgd AFWESPAC.

31 Jul 45

Army Service Command-I (ASCOM-I) established. (See R/E for ASCOM-I.)

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen Julian F Barnes	12 Dec 41
Brig Gen Henry B Clagett	24 Dec 41
Maj Gen George H Brett	1 Jan 42
Maj Gen Lewis H Brereton	17 Jan 42
Maj Gen Julian F Barnes	27 Jan 42
Lt Gen George H Brett	24 Feb 42
Maj Gen Julian F Barnes	18 Apr 42
Brig Gen Frank S Clark	18 Jul 42
Brig Gen Richard J Marshall	20 Jul 42
Brig Gen Thomas E Rilea	17 Jun 43
Maj Gen Richard J Marshall	13 Jul 43
Maj Gen James L. Frink	3 Sep 43
Lt Gen Wilhelm D Styer	30 May 45

ASSIGNED TO:

War Department

USAFCE

AFPAC

DATE

12 Dec 41

26 Feb 43

10 Jun 45

ATTACHED TO:

USAFCE

GHQ SWPA

DATE

22 Dec 41 - 18 Apr 42

18 Apr 42 - ?

Chart 4—MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS OF USASOS—AFWESPAC

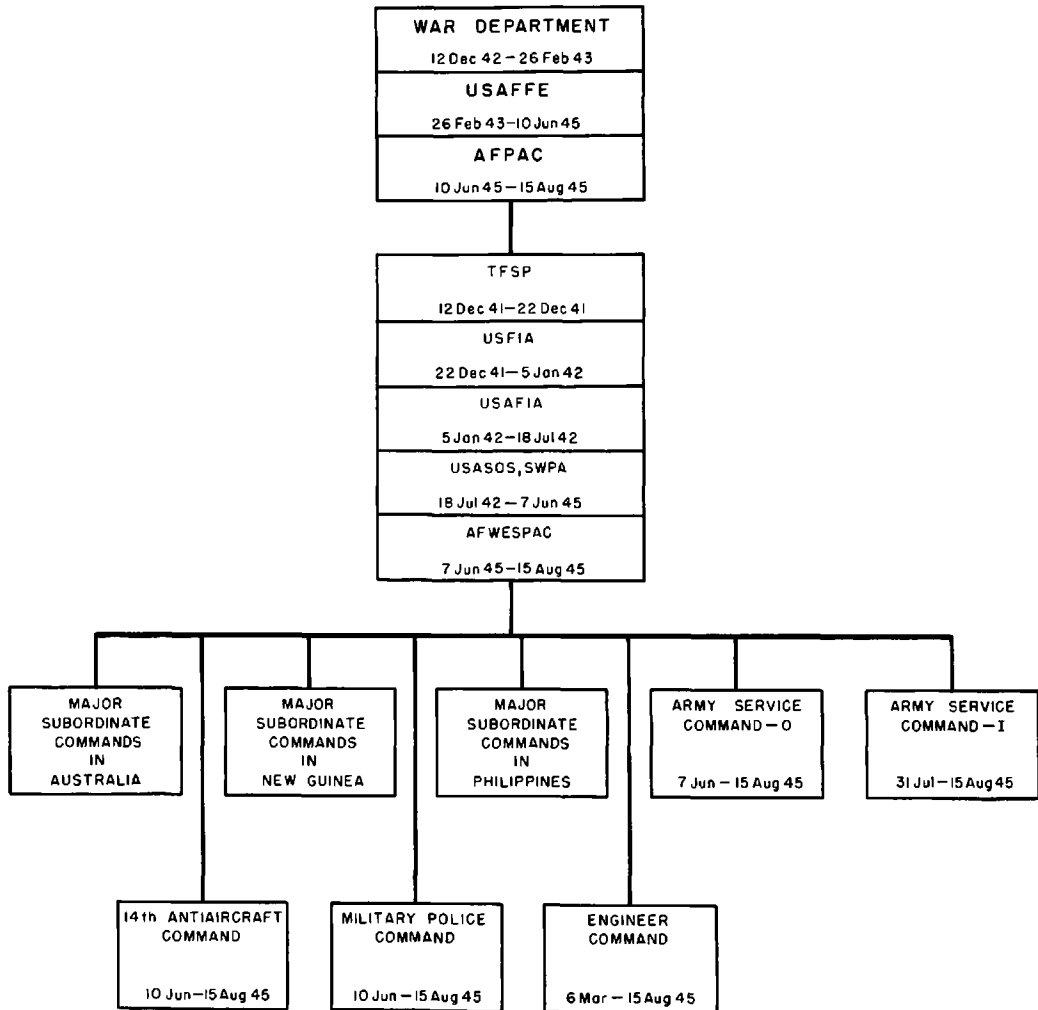
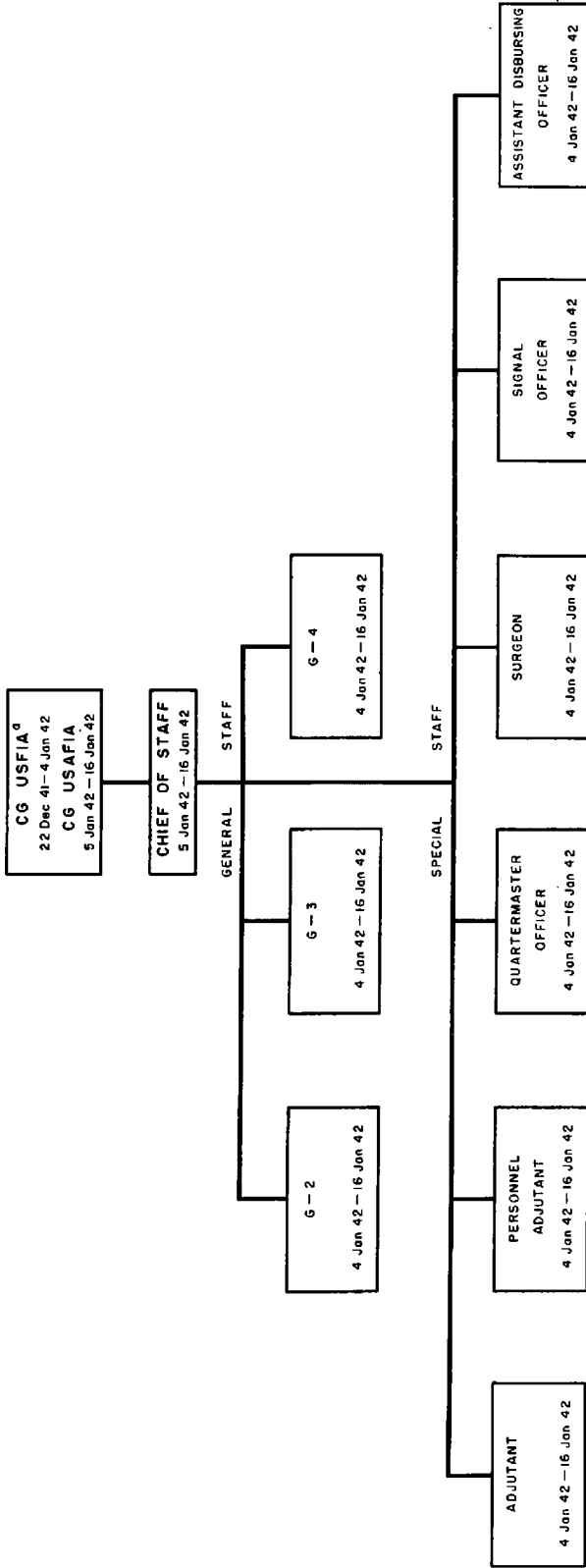


Chart II --- USFIA

4 January 1942 -- 16 January 1942



<sup>a</sup> There are no records available that indicate composition of staffs during period 22 December 1941 - 3 January 1942.

Chart III — USAFIA

16 January 1942 — 18 February 1942

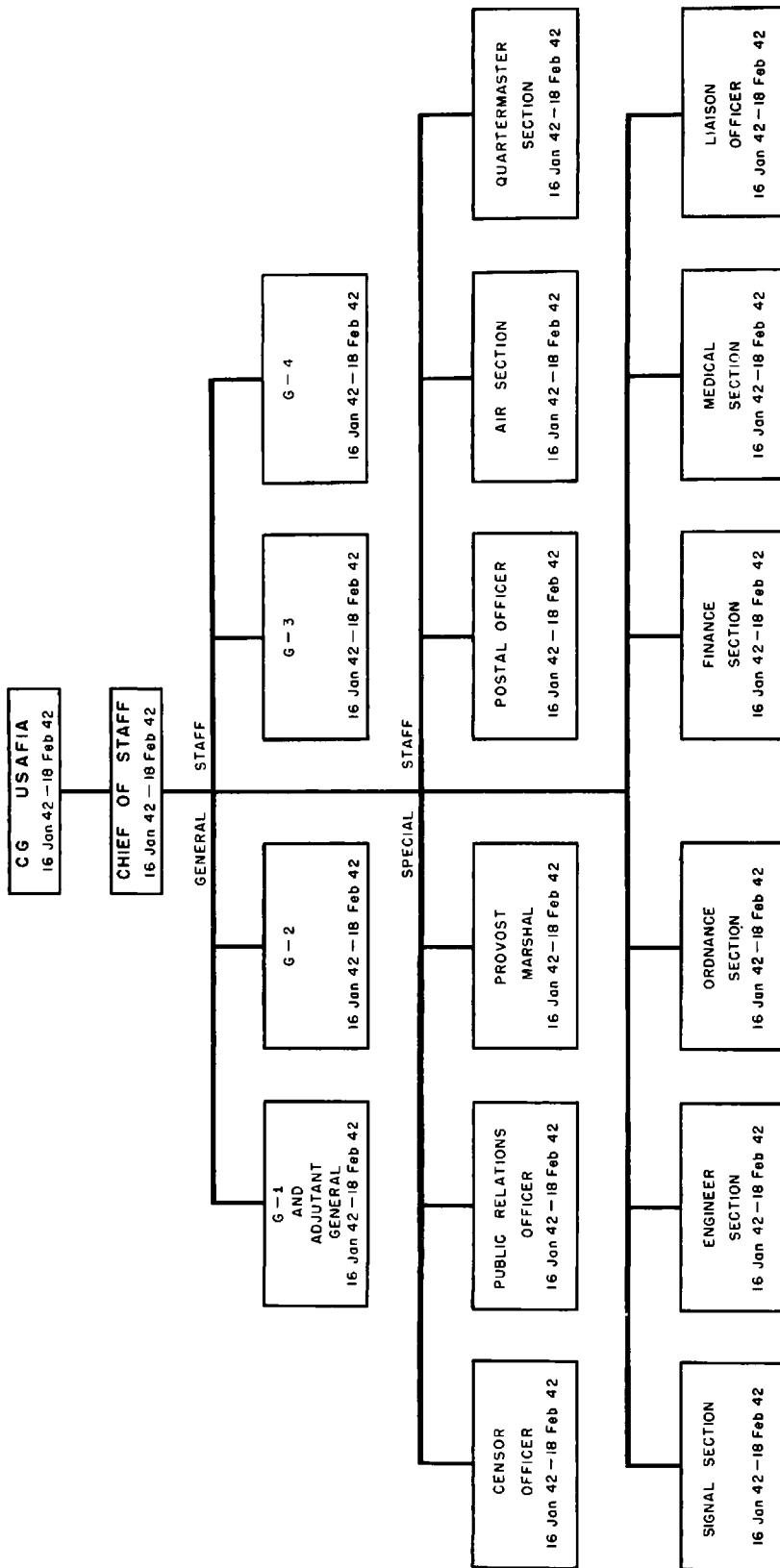


Chart IV — USAFIA — USASOS

18 February 1942 — 26 February 1943

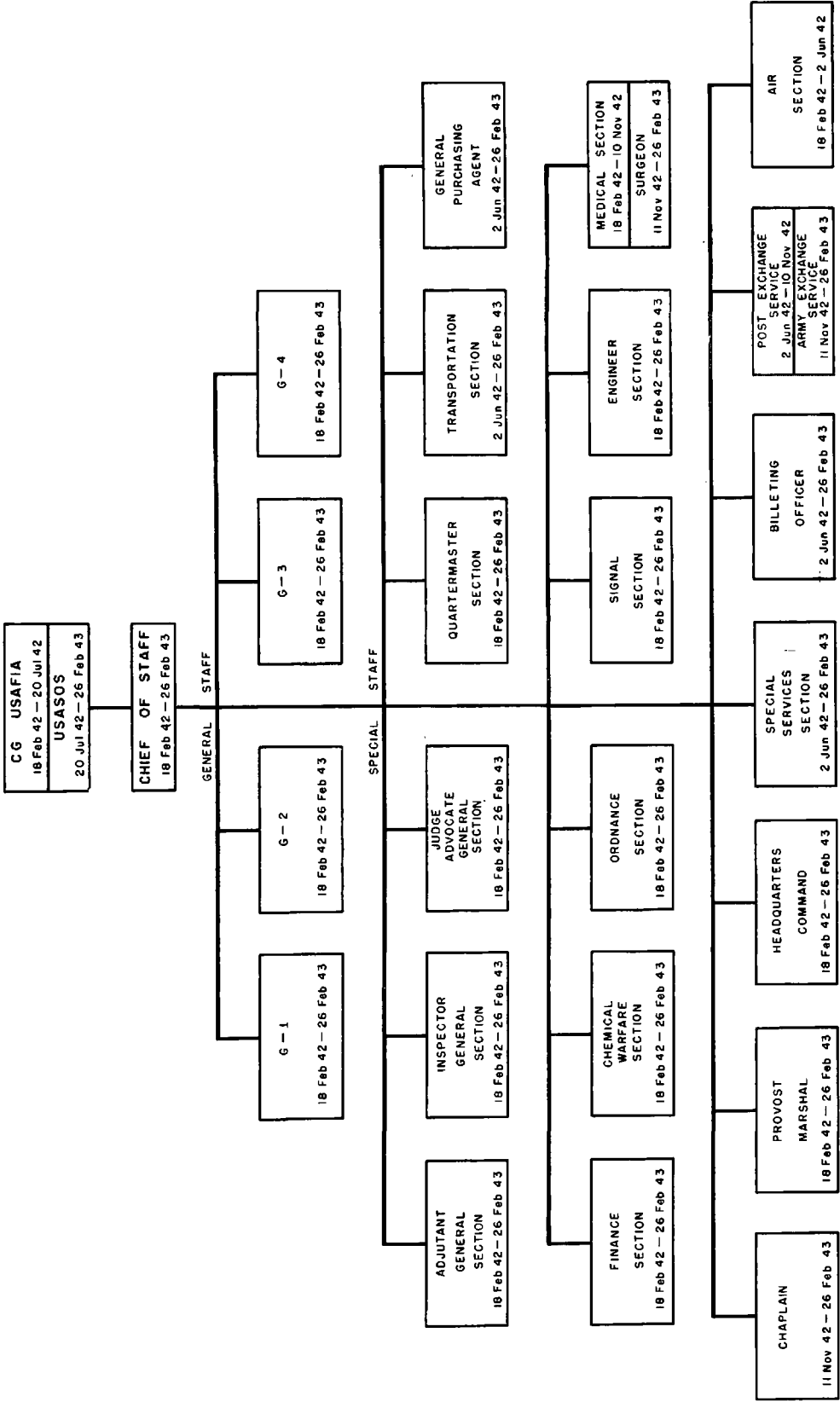
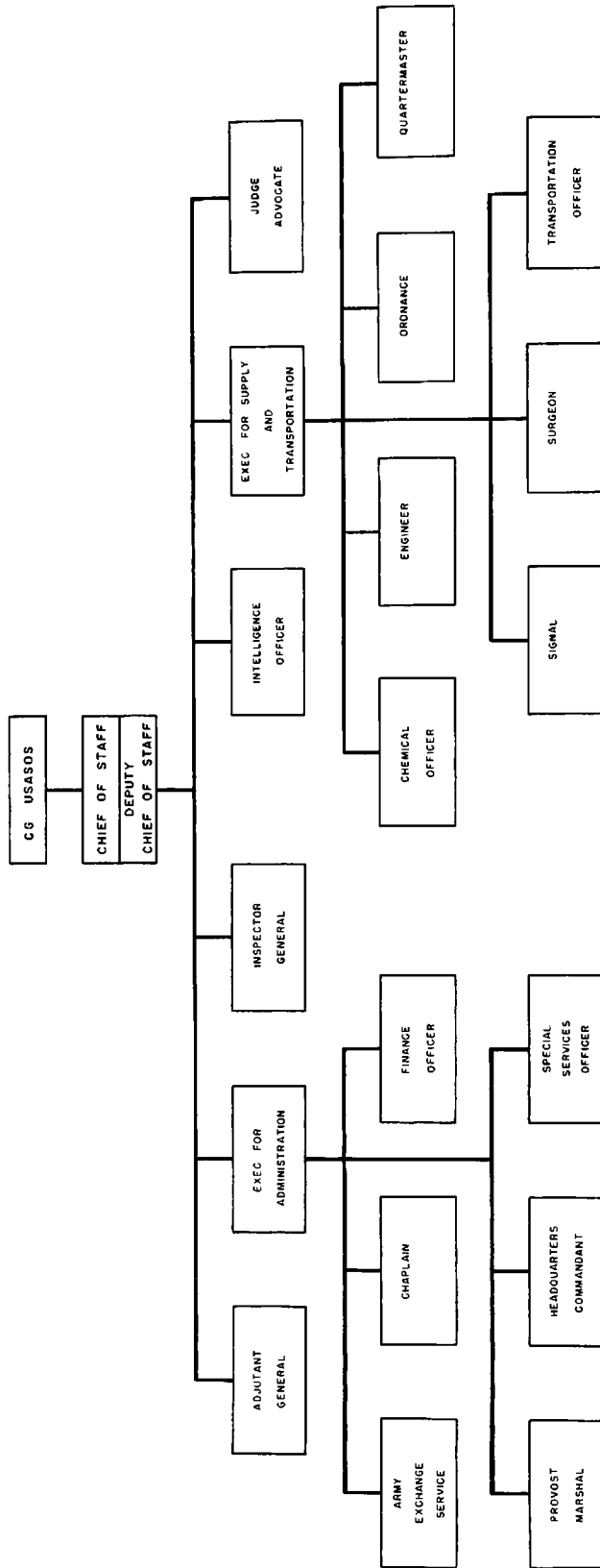


Chart Y — USASOS STAFF POSITIONS

26 February 1943 — 3 September 1943



Note: No changes were made in staff positions during period 26 February — 3 September 1943.



Chart VI — USASOS

3 September 1943 — 7 June 1945

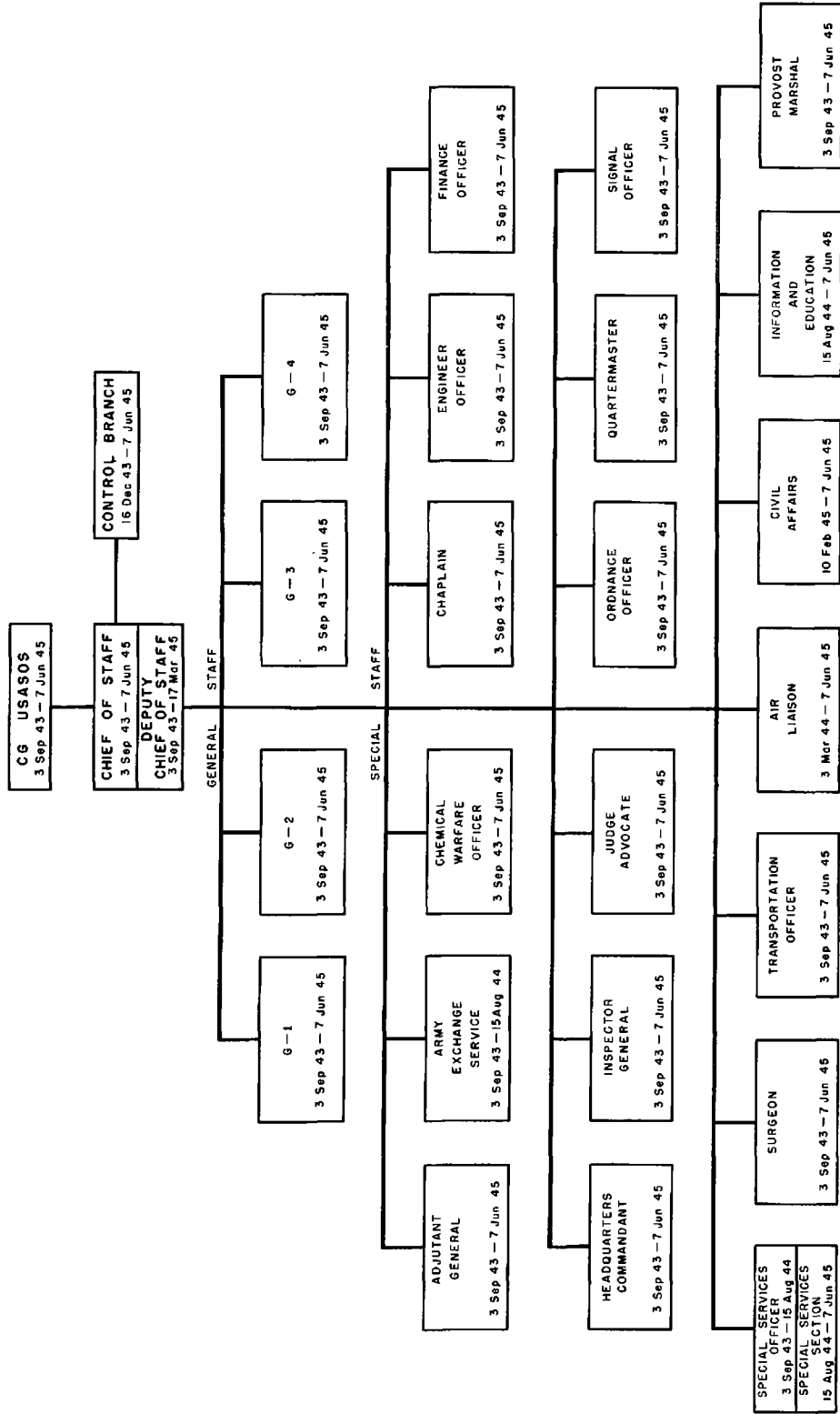
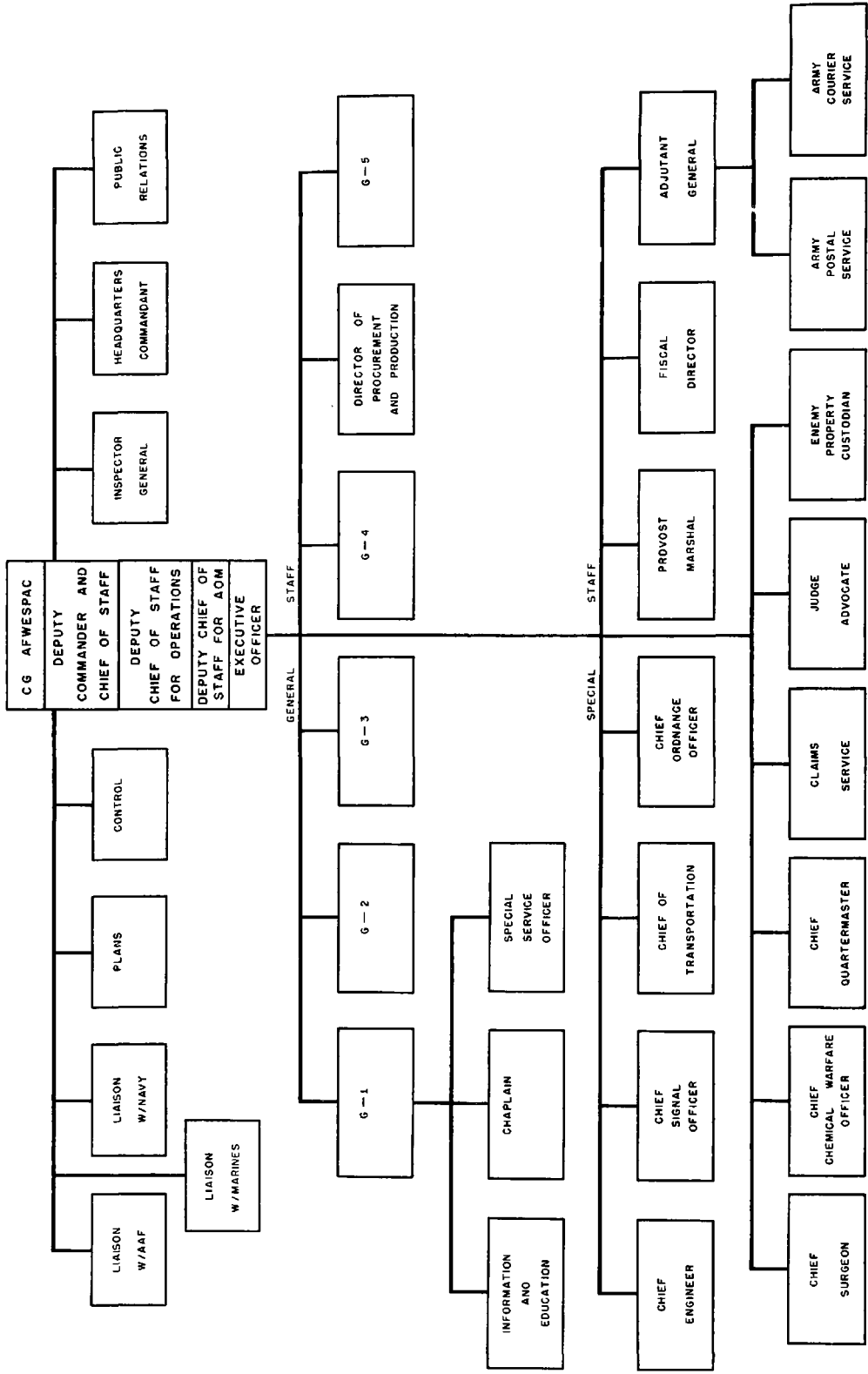


Chart VII — AFWESPAC STAFF POSITIONS

7 June 1945 — 15 August 1945



Note: No changes were made in staff sections or staff member positions during 7 July 1945 — 15 August 1945.

## MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS IN AUSTRALIA

As the year 1942 began, a series of organizations were established in Australia to handle the distribution of supplies over a large and unfamiliar territory. These organizations came into existence as numbered base sections.

The general mission of the base sections was to operate service commands, and to receive and assemble all U.S. troops and supplies arriving in Australia and forward them to areas designated by higher headquarters. For details on the base sections see listings following this introduction.

In a major reorganization on 1 June 1944, the existing numbered base sections were redesignated bases, and Base Section, USASOS, was established at Brisbane. The general mission of Base Section, USASOS, was to supervise the activities of designated bases in accordance with plans, policies, and procedures prescribed by USASOS, and to administer such functions as were assigned by the Commanding General, USASOS. One of its specific functions was to command all USASOS troops within the territorial boundaries of the command.

### Base Section (ABSEC), USASOS

1 Jun 44

Established Brisbane, Aus, and asgd USASOS.

15 Aug 44

Procurement Div, USASOS, became integral part of Base Sec.

12 Dec 44

Base 3 consolidated with Base Sec.

15 Feb 45

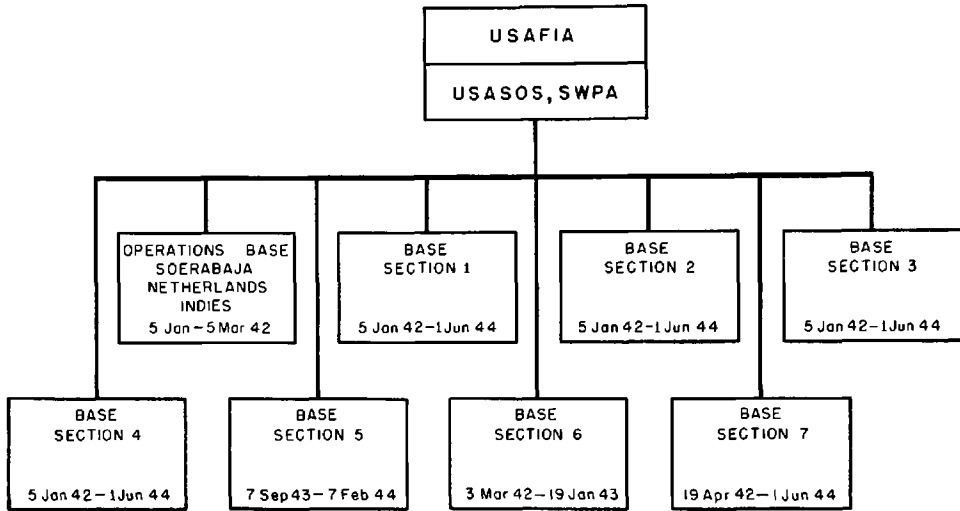
Base Sec USASOS redesign Australian Base Sec (ABSEC).

19 Jun 45

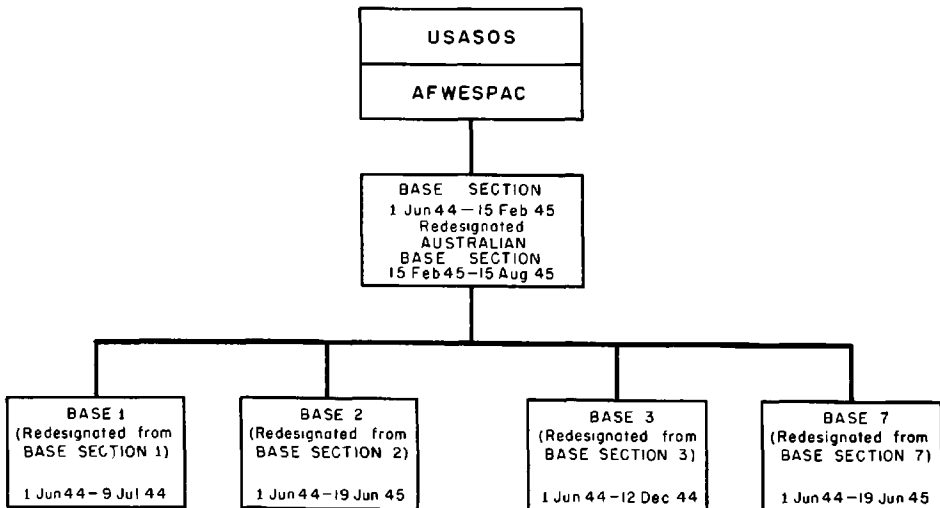
ABSEC closed Brisbane; opened Sydney 20 Jun. (Personnel remaining at Brisbane formed United States Army Representative, Brisbane.)

Chart 5 — USASOS MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS IN AUSTRALIA

5 January 1942 — 1 June 1944



1 June 1944 — 15 August 1945



<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen William H Donaldson	1 Jun 44
Brig Gen Homer C Brown	17 Sep 44
Brig Gen William H Donaldson	15 Mar 45

Base Section 1

5 Jan 42

Base Sec 1 established Darwin and asgd USAFIA.

0/a 6 Apr 42

Hq Base Sec 1 moved to Birdum.

May 42

Adv Hq Base Sec 1 established Darwin and a rear hq remained at Birdum.

31 Aug 42

Adv Hq Base Sec 1 discontinued at Darwin. Rear hq redesiɡ "Railhead" Base Sec.

1 Sep 42

Hq Base Sec 1 established Adelaide River.

6 Apr 44

Hq Base Sec 1 moved to Darwin.

1 Jun 44

Base Sec 1 redesiɡ Base 1 and asgd Base Sec (Australia).

9 Jul 44

Base 1 disbanded at Darwin.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col John A Robinson	5 Jan 42
Lt Col Martin W Jones	24 Jan 42
Lt Col Frank LaRue	26 Jan 42
Col Martin W Jones	17 Jun 42
Col Emer Yeager	20 Aug 42
Maj Robert J Craig	4 Oct 42
Col Emer Yeager	15 Oct 42
Maj Maj Robert J Craig	6 Nov 42
Capt Bolton S Pierce	11 Nov 42
Col Howard Brenizier	19 Nov 42
Lt Col Robert J Craig	13 May 43
Maj Paul A Reichel	7 Jun 43
Lt Col Robert J Craig	18 Jun 43
Col Henry F Meyer	23 Sep 43
Maj Paul A Reichel	9 Jan 44
Col Henry F Meyer	22 Jan 44
Col Edward S Bres	14 Mar 44
Col Graham K Hobbs	6 Jun 44
Col Eustis L Hubbard	24 Jun 44
Col Graham K Hobbs	1 Jul 44

Base Section 2

5 Jan 42

Base Sec 2 established Townsville and asgd USAFIA.

13 Jan 42

Base Sec 2 formally org Townsville.

1 Jun 44

Base Sec 2 redesig Base 2 and asgd Base Sec.

19 Jun 45

Base 2 discontinued.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen Henry B Clagett	13 Jan 42
Lt Col James C Patterson	27 Jan 42
Lt Col Geoffrey Galwey	3 Feb 42
Maj Francis I. Irwin	20 Apr 42
Col Albert G Mathews	28 May 42
Col John A Robinson	17 Aug 42
Col John A Considine	18 Dec 42
Col Homer C Brown	7 Jan 43
Col Ray H Lewis	30 Jan 43
Col Homer C Brown	11 Feb 43
Col Ray H Lewis	7 Mar 43
Col Homer C Brown	9 Mar 43
Col Ray H Lewis	19 Mar 44
Col Graham K Hobbs	29 May 44

<u>COMMANDER</u> (Cont)	<u>DATE</u>
Col Frank I Burns	31 May 44
Lt Col Harold A Morgan	14 Sep 44

Base Section 3

5 Jan 42

Base Sec 3 established Brisbane and asgd USAFIA.

13 Jan 42

Base Sec 3 formally org at Brisbane. Redesig from Hq U.S. Troops, Brisbane Area.

1 Jun 44

Base Sec 3 redesig Base 3 and asgd Base Sec (Australia).

12 Dec 44

Base 3 discontinued.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col A L P Johnson	13 Jan 42
Col A L Sneed	26 Feb 42
Brig Gen Willaim H Donaldson	12 May 42
Col James C Patterson	11 Jul 43
Brig Gen Emer Yeager	30 Jul 43
Brig Gen William H Donaldson	25 Mar 44
Col William C Lattimore	26 May 44
Brig Gen Homer C Brown	1 Jul 44
Col C J Mathews	17 Sep 44



Base Section 4

5 Jan 42

Base Sec 4 established Melbourne and asgd USAFIA.

15 Aug 42

Base Sec 4 redesisg 22d POE and Base Sec 4.

13 Nov 42

22d POE and Base Sec 4 redesisg 22d POE, TC and Base Sec 4.

7 May 43

22d POE, TC and Base Sec 4 redesisg Base Sec 4.

1 Jun 44

Base Sec 4 discontinued.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Bird S Dubois	5 Jan 42
Col Geoffrey Galwey	1 Aug 42
Col Frank Burns	22 Mar 43
Lt Col Forrest M Carhartt	28 May 44

Base Section 5

3 Mar 42

Base Sec 5 established Adelaide and asgd USAFIA.

11 Mar 42

Base Sec 5 formally org at Adelaide.

8 Jan 43

Base Sec 5 closed.

7 Sep 43

Base Sec 5 re-established at Cairns and asgd USASOS.

7 Feb 44

Base Sec 5 discontinued.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col John A Robinson	11 Mar 42
Maj Roland C Bower Jr	17 Aug 42
Lt Albert J. Bartz	12 Nov 42
Col Ray H Lewis	7 Sep 43

Base Section 6

3 Mar 42

Base Sec 6 established Perth and asgd USAFIA.

8 Mar 42

Base Sec 6 formally org at Perth.

19 Jan 43

Base Sec 6 discontinued.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Lt Col James C Mann	8 Mar 42
Capt Walter Gottschalk	10 Sep 42

Base Section 7

19 Apr 42

Base Sec 7 established Sydney and asgd USAFIA.

15 Aug 42

Base Sec 7 redesign Base Sec 7 and 23d POE.

17 Nov 42

Base Sec 7 and 23d POE redesign Base Sec 7 and 23d Port Hq.

28 Dec 42

Base Sec 7 and 23d Port Hq redesign Base Sec 7.

1 Jun 44

Base Sec 7 redesign Base 7 and asgd Base Sec (Australia).

19 Jun 45

Base 7 discontinued.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Fred L Hamilton	19 Apr 42
Col James C Patterson	6 Oct 42
Brig Gen Thomas E Rilea	3 Mar 43
Lt Col C A Fertig	11 Sep 44
Col Frank L Burns	17 Sep 44
Lt Col C A Fertig	24 Nov 44
Brig Gen Hugh B Hester	14 Dec 44
Col Fred W Marshall	26 Feb 45
Brig Gen Hugh B Hester	14 Mar 45

## MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS IN NEW GUINEA

U.S. Advance Base, New Guinea, was est at Port Moresby on 11 August 1942. Subsequently, Milne Bay Sub-Base (which later evolved as Base A), Oro Bay Sub-Base (which later evolved as Base B), and sub-bases of U.S. Advance Base, USASOS. On 14 August 1943, U.S. Advance Base, New Guinea, was disbanded and Advance Section (ADSEC), USASOS, was est at Milne Bay. All sub-bases were redesign advance bases and assigned to ADSEC.

Intermediate Section (INTERSEC) was est at Port Moresby 15 November 1943, and all est and activities formerly assigned ADSEC were assigned to INTERSEC. Bases E and F were then est and initially assigned to USASOS. When Base H was est it was assigned to INTERSEC. On 15 February 1945 INTERSEC was redesign New Guinea Base Section (NUGSEC). For details on each base see listings following this introduction.) The general mission of the bases was to support the New Guinea opns and future Philippine opns.

### U.S. Advance Base, New Guinea

11 Aug 42

U.S. Adv Base, N.G., est Port Moresby; asgd USASOS and placed under opnl cntl of general officer commanding New Guinea Force.

5 Oct 42

The commander of U.S. Adv Base, N.G., appointed comdr of Combined Opnl Service Comd (COSC). COSC included all elms (combat trps excluded) of Australian Line of Communications and all USASOS trps in N.G. Primary mission of COSC was to co-ordinate efforts of Australian Line of Communications and U.S. SOS trps.

Apr 43

COSC discontd. Assumed that opnl cntl of U.S. Adv Base reverted to USASOS during April 43.

1 June 43

Adv Ech U.S. Adv Base arr Milne Bay.

6 Jul 43

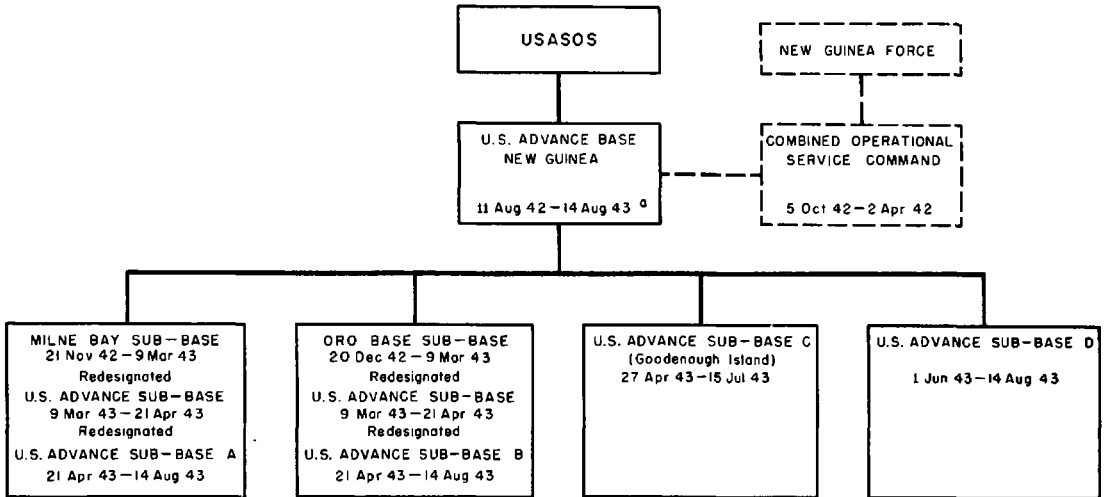
U.S. Adv Base moved to Milne Bay.

14 Aug 43

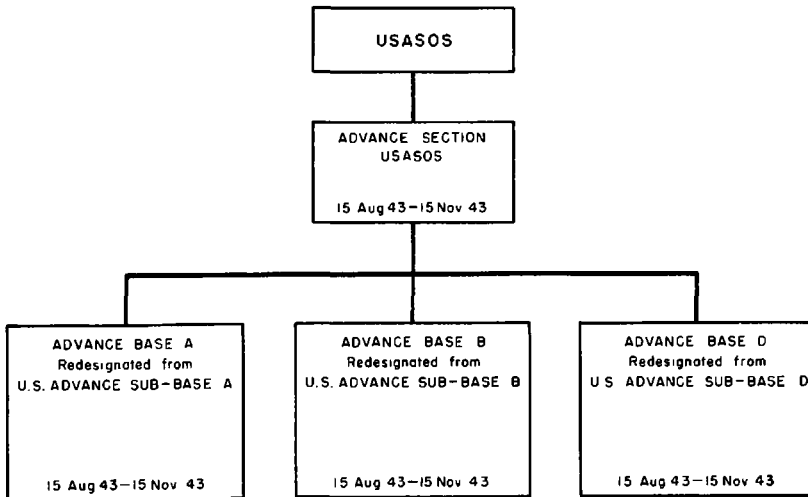
U.S. Adv Base disbanded at Milne Bay.

Chart 6 — USASOS MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS IN NEW GUINEA

11 August 1942 — 14 August 1943



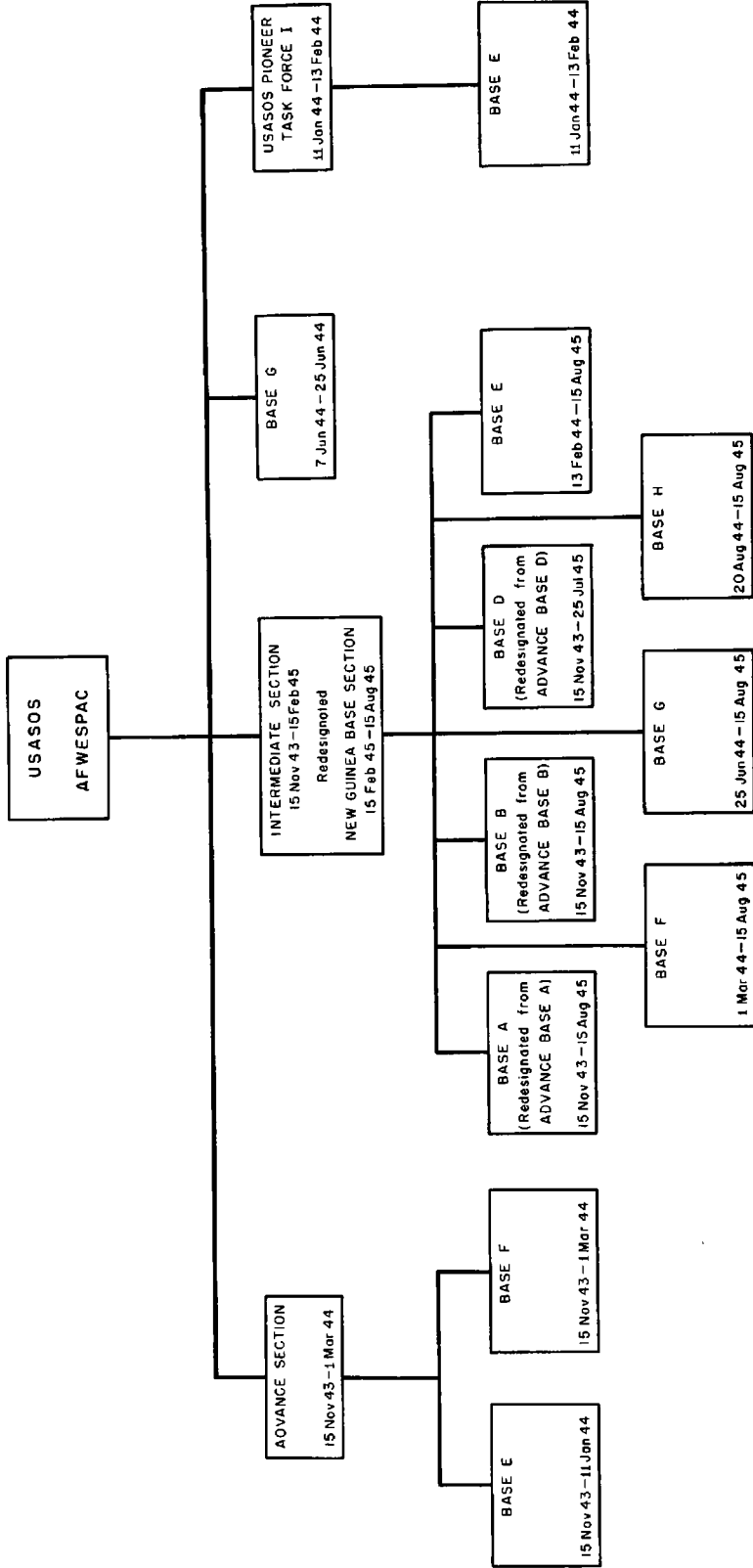
15 August 1943 — 15 November 1943



<sup>a</sup> See entry under this date in R/E for U.S. ADVANCE BASE.

Chart 7 — USASOS-AFWESPAC MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS IN NEW GUINEA

15 November 1943 — 15 August 1945



Advance Section (ADSEC), New Guinea

15 Aug 43

Adv Sec (ADSEC), USASOS, SWPA, established Milne Bay; asgd USASOS.

16 Sep 43

ADSEC moved to Port Moresby.

15 Nov 43

ADSEC moved to Lae. Establishments and activities formerly under contrl of ADSEC asgd to Intermediate Sec (INTERSEC). Bases E and F then asgd to ADSEC.

11 Jan 44

ADSEC transferred (in name only) fr Lae to Finschhafen. All units, orgns, and establishments under contrl of ADSEC, less those at Base F and those atchd to Fifth Air Force at Base E, passed to contrl of Pioneer Task Force No.1, USASOS.

1 Mar 44

ADSEC temporarily closed. (There is no evidence that it reopened.)

COMMANDER

DATE

Brig Gen William H Donaldson

15 Aug 43

(Subsequent commanders, if any, unknown.)

Intermediate Section (INTERSEC), New Guinea - New Guinea Base Section (NUGSEC)

15 Nov 43

INTERSEC established Port Moresby; asgd USASOS.

28 Dec 43

INTERSEC closed Port Moresby; opened Oro Bay.

15 Feb 45

INTERSEC redesign New Guinea Base Sec (NUGSEC), USASOS.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen William H Donaldson	15 Nov 43
Brig Gen Homer C Brown	1 Jun 44
Brig Gen Clarence L Sturdevant	Aug 44
Col Floyd S Fix	10 Jul 45

Base A, Milne Bay, New Guinea

21 Nov 42

Milne Bay Sub-Base established Milne Bay; asgd U.S. Adv Base.

9 Mar 43

Milne Bay Sub-Base redesign U.S. Adv Sub-Base, Milne Bay.

21 Apr 43

U.S. Adv Sub-Base redesign U.S. Adv Sub-Base A.

15 Aug 43

U.S. Adv Sub-Base A redesign Adv Base A; asgd ADSEC, USASOS.

15 Nov 43

Adv Base A redesign Base A; asgd INTERSEC.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Frank L Burns	21 Nov 42
Col H C Brenizier	15 Aug 43
Col Elmer F Wallender	Nov 43



COMMANDERS (Contd)

DATE

Col S N Karrick	12 May 44
Col Kilbourne Johnson	22 Jul 44
Col Fred L Hamilton	31 Jul 44
Col Ray H Lewis	Jan 45
Col J Prugh Herndon	Apr 45

Base B, Oro Bay, New Guinea

20 Dec 42

Oro Bay Sub-Base established Oro Bay; asgd U.S. Adv Base, USASOS. \*/

9 Mar 43

Oro Bay Sub-Base redesisg U.S. Adv Sub-Base on Oro Bay.

21 Apr 43

U.S. Adv Sub-Base redesisg U.S. Adv Sub-Base B.

15 Aug 43

U.S. Adv Sub-Base B redesisg Adv Base B and assumed asgd ADSEC.

15 Nov 43

Adv Base B redesisg Base B and asgd INTERSEC, USASOS.

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\* There is some indication that at Kanosia (Rogers Airdrome) a sub-base had been established on 21 November 1942. This may have been another name for the Oro Bay sub-base or it may have been a separate sub-base. On 9 March 1943 it, too, was redesignated U.S. Advance Sub-Base, Oro Bay.

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<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Collin S Myer	12 Dec 42
Col Emer Yeager	14 Mar 43
Maj Thomas M Sessions	8 Apr 43
Col Collin S Myer	19 Apr 43
Col Walter C Lattimore	13 Aug 43
Lt Col Chas R Dawley	27 Feb 44
Col Stanley G Backman	10 Mar 44
Col Albert L Lane	31 Oct 44
Col Stanley G Backman	4 Nov 44
Col Albert L Lane	12 Nov 44
Col Graham K Hobbs	6 Apr 45

Base C, Goodenough Island

21 Apr 43

U.S. Adv Sub-Base C established Goodenough Isl; asgd U.S. Adv Base.

(O/a) 15 Jul 43

U. S. Adv Sub-Base C disbanded and all SOS units placed under cmd of AMOEBA Force, which was formed on this date by Sixth Army.

2 Nov 43

AMOEBA Force terminated and all units permanently stationed at Goodenough Isl desig ALAMO Base Force and asgd ALAMO Force (Sixth Army).

28 Dec 43

ALAMO Base Force redesignated ALAMO Base 1. ALAMO Staging and Transshipping area at Cape Cretin, N.G., redesignated ALAMO Base 2 and asgd ALAMO Force. (This base was never under USASOS but it did receive supplies from USASOS bases for transshipment to ALAMO Force.)

1 Feb 44

ALAMO Bases 1 and 2 redesign ALAMO Supply Points 1 and 2, respectively.

1 Mar 44

ALAMO Supply Point 2 discontinued. Area and all supplies therein transferred USASOS.

24 Sep 44

ALAMO Supply Point 1 redesign U.S. Forces, APO 928, Unit 1 (Goodenough Isl); asgd USASOS.

25 Nov 44

Hq U.S. Forces, APO 928, Unit 1 closed.

COMMANDER

DATE

Commanders of Base C unknown.

Base D, Port Moresby, New Guinea

1 Jun 43

U.S. Adv Sub-Base D established Port Moresby; asgd Adv Base USASOS.

15 Aug 43

U.S. Adv Sub-Base D redesign U.S. Adv Base D; assumed asgd ADSEC.

15 Nov 43

Adv Base D redesign Base D; asgd INTERSEC.

25 Jul 45

Base D discontinued at Port Moresby.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Geoffrey Galwey	12 Jun 43
Lt Col Nels L Soderholm	1 Sep 43
Col John P Crehan	5 Sep 43
Col James C Patterson	10 Oct 43
Col Erle O Sandlin	14 Mar 44
Col Alfred T Wright	27 May 44
Col Ray H Lewis	29 May 44
Lt Col William Lehr	4 Nov 44
Col Alfred T Wright	?

(Subsequent commanders, if any, unknown.)

Base E, Lae, New Guinea

15 Nov 43

Base E established Lae, N.G; asgd ADSEC.

11 Jan 44

Base E asgd Pioneer TF No. 1, USASOS.

13 Feb 44

Base E asgd INTERSEC.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen C W Connell	5 Aug 43
Col E Jeff Bernette	11 Jan 44
Col Kenneth McCatty	?

COMMANDER (Contd)  
Col Robert J Craig  
Col Henry F Grimm

DATE  
Feb 45  
Apr 45

Base F, Finschhafen, New Guinea

15 Nov 43

Base F, established Finschhafen; asgd ADSEC.

1 Mar 44

Base F asgd INTERSEC.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Harry Cullins	15 Nov 43
Col Alfred T Wright	31 Jan 44
Col Walter C Lattimore	7 Mar 44
Maj Heeren S Krause	Apr 44
Col Elmer F Wallender	?
Brig Gen Frayne Baker	26 Jul 44
Col William V Rattan	Sep 44
Brig Gen Homer C Brown	Jan 45
Col Kenneth McCatty	Feb 45

Base G, Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea

28 Mar 44

USASOS Base G Comd established Goodenough Isl (temp); atchd to Sixth Army and further atchd to I Corps. (Subsequently, Base G moved to Hollandia. Date of movement is unknown.)

7 Jun 44

Base G Comd dissolved and Base G established Hollandia; asgd USASOS.

25 Jun 44

Base G asgd INTERSEC.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen Emer Yeager	7 Jun 44
Col Henry T Grimm	17 Oct 44
Brig Gen Emer Yeager	4 Dec 44
Col Henry T Grimm	17 Jan 45
Brig Gen Elmer F Wallender	25 Jan 45

Base H, Biak Island

20 Aug 44

Base H established Biak Isl asgd INTERSEC.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Henry F Hannis	20 Aug 44
Col S N Karrick	24 Aug 44
Col Henry F Hannis	13 Feb 45

## MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Army Service Command (ASCOM) was established on 23 July 1944 at Victoria Park, Brisbane, Australia. Its mission was to prepare and execute plans for the establishment and development of new bases in the Philippines, and to plan and execute immediate combat logistical support of Army task forces to which it might be attached, as directed by Commanding General, Sixth Army.

Bases K and M were established under ASCOM. Bases S, R, Q, T, and X were established under USASOS initially but later were assigned to the Philippine Base Section (PHIBSEC), the successor command of Luzon Base Section (LUBSEC), which was the successor command of ASCOM. (For details of these bases see listings following this introduction.)

### ASCOM

23 Jul 44

ASCOM established and asgd USASOS.

26 Jul 44

Hq ASCOM opened Victoria Park, Brisbane, Aus.

6 Sep 44

Hq ASCOM opened Hollekang, N.G., and asgd mission of preparing support plans for K-I and K-II opns.

15 Sep 44

ASCOM atchd to Sixth Army. K-I opn canceled.

15 Oct 44

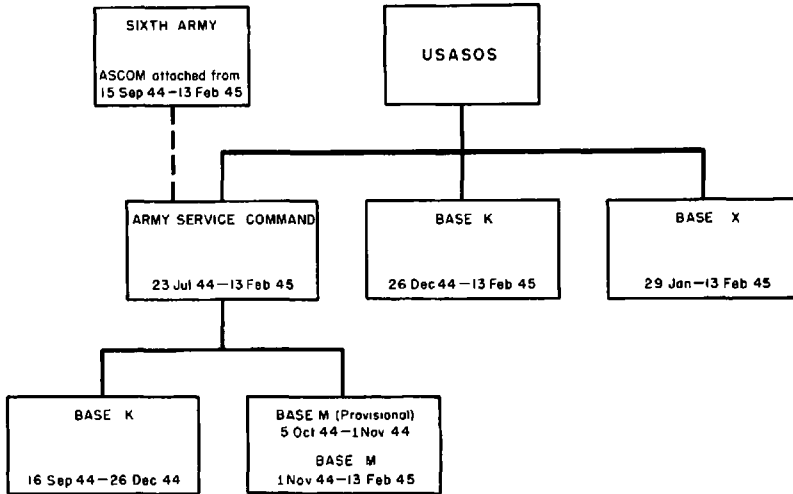
Adv Ech ASCOM embarked fr Hollandia for Leyte.

22 Oct 44

Adv Ech ASCOM landed on White Beach, Leyte, and established hq on outskirts of Tacloban.

Chart 8— USASOS MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS IN THE PHILIPPINES

23 July 1944—13 February 1945



13 February 1945—20 April 1945

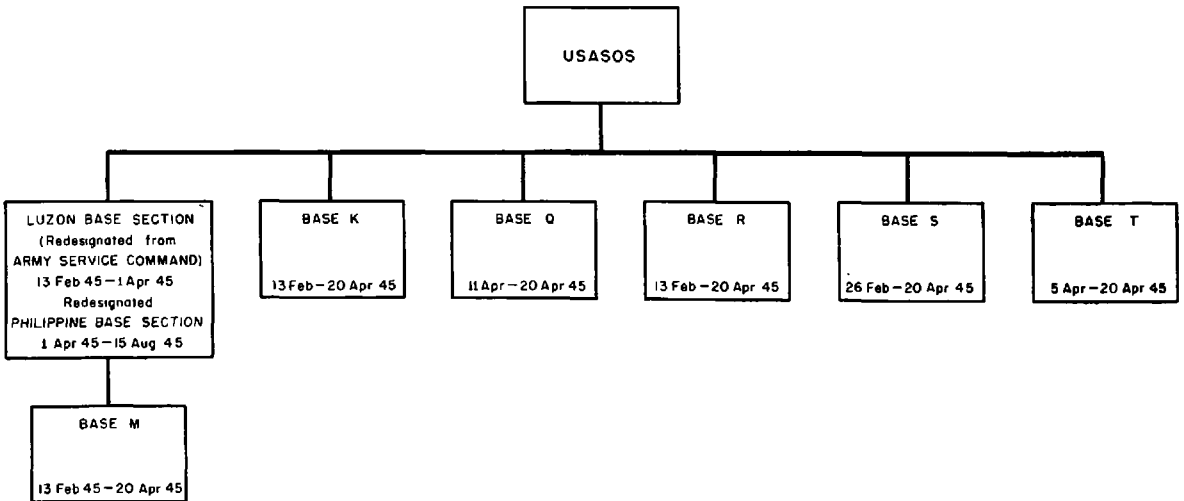
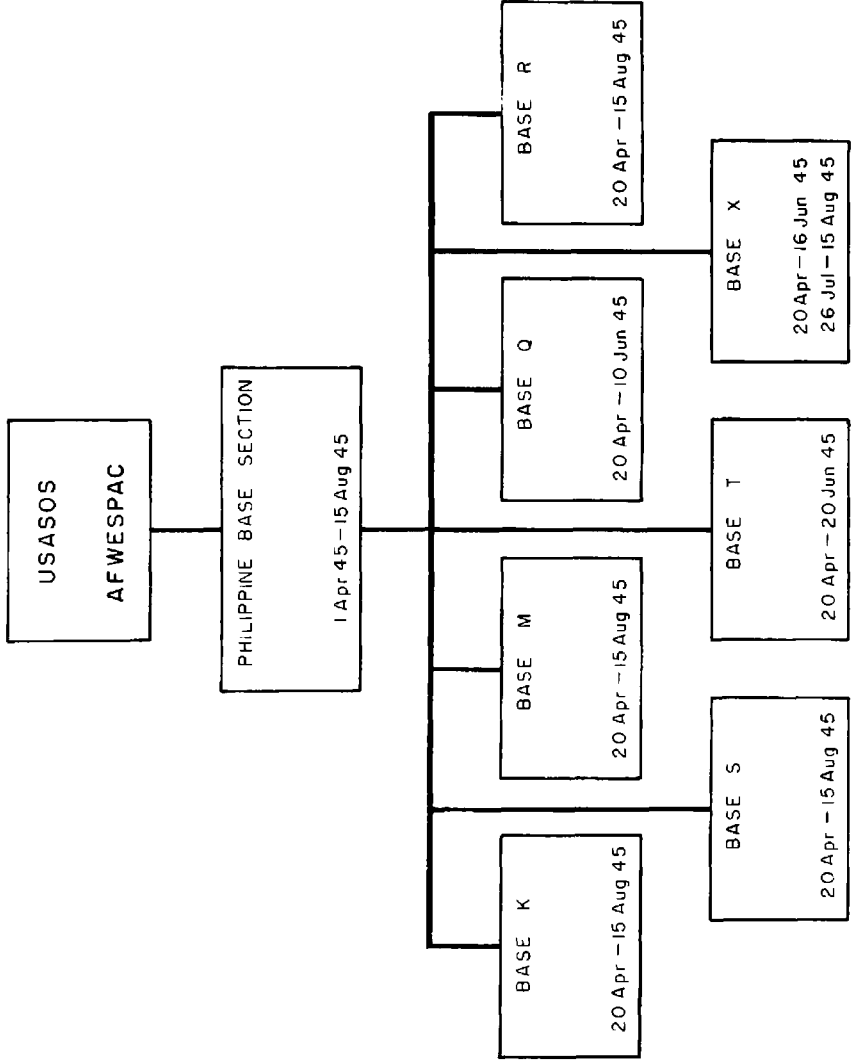




Chart 9 — USASOS — AFWESPAC MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS IN THE PHILIPPINES

20 April 1945 — 15 August 1945



2 Nov 44

Rear Ech ASCOM closed Hollandia.

13 Nov 44

Rear Ech ASCOM joined Adv Ech ASCOM at Leyte.

26 Dec 44

ASCOM reld of responsibility for logistical support and construction on Leyte by USASOS.

11 Jan 45

Hq ASCOM established Mangaldan, Luzon, P. I.

13 Feb 45

ASCOM redesiɡ Luzon Base Section (LUBSEC) and reverted to contl of USASOS.

14 Feb 45

An Adv Det of LUBSEC established a temp hq in Far Eastern University, Manila. Remainder of Hq LUBSEC arr by ech sometime during period 14 Feb - 23 Feb 45.

1 Apr 45

LUBSEC redesiɡ Philippine Base Section (PHIBSEC).

16 Jun 45

Base X consolidated with PHIBSEC; the new comd's designation remained PHIBSEC.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Hugh M Casey	23 Jul 44
Brig Gen Frayne Baker	15 Feb 45
Maj Gen Ewart C Plank	26 Jul 45

Base K

16 Sep 44

Base K established Hollandia and (assumed) asgd ASCOM

14 Oct 44

Adv Ech Base K dep Hollandia for Leyte.

25 Oct 44

Adv Ech Base K arr Tacloban, Leyte.

13 Nov 44

Rear Ech Base K dep Hollandia for Tacloban.

14 Nov 44

Sub-Base K No. 1 established Tacloban.

15 Nov 44

Rear Ech Base K arr Tacloban.

26 Dec 44

Base K reld asgmt ASCOM; reverted asgmt USASOS.

20 Apr 45

Base K asgd PHIBSEC.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen Elmer F Wallender	16 Sep 44
Brig Gen Frayne Baker	13 Dec 44
Col William V Rattan	29 Jan 45
Col E Jeff Bernette	24 Apr 45

Base M

5 Oct 44

Base M (prov) org Hollandia. Consisted of ASCOM Rear Ech per who were planning for logistical support of M-I (Luzon) opn.

1 Nov 44

Base M formally established Hollandia as operating field agency of ASCOM.

15 Nov 44

Hq Base M opened Tacloban.

16 Jan 45

Hq Base M opened San Fabian, Pangasinan, P.I. (1st Ech arr 13 Jan 45); a Rear Ech remained Tacloban.

26 Jan 45

Base M Sub-Bases Nos 1, 2, and 3 established White Beach (Lingayen Gulf), Dagupan, and Sual-Calmy, Luzon, respectively.

26 Apr 45

Hq Base M opened San Fernando, La Union, P.I.; Rear Ech Base M opened San Fabian. \*/

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col H D Vogel	1 Nov 44
Col Kilbourne Johnston	9 Mar 45
Brig Gen Homer C Brown	20 Mar 45
Brig Gen Fenton S Jacobs	8 Aug 45

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\* The date of closing of the Rear Echelon at San Fabian is unknown.

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Base Q

11 Apr 45

Base Q established Tacloban as a USASOS base.\*/

20 Apr 45

Base Q asgd PHIBSEC.

10 Jun 45

Base Q discontinued

COMMANDER

DATE

Unknown

Unknown

BASE R

13 Feb 45

Base R established Tacloban as a USASOS base.

20 Apr 45

Base R asgd PHIBSEC and opened Batangas.

COMMANDER

DATE

Lt Col Henry T Ortlip

20 Feb 45

Col Albert L Lane

7 Apr 45

Base S

26 Mar 45

Base S established Tacloban as a USASOS base.

\* Bases Q and T were set up for Palawan and Zamboango, respectively. However, it appears that the headquarters for Q and T were skeleton headquarters only and probably never operated as originally intended.

20 Apr 45

Base S asgd PHIBSEC.

3 May 45

Base S began mvmt to Cebu City and by 15 Jun 45 was established and operating.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Lt Col Clayton S Steele	1 Apr 45
Col Ray H Lewis	12 Apr 45
Col William V Rattan	24 Apr 45

Base T

5 Apr 45

Base T established as USASOS base at Tacloban. (See footnote for Base Q.)

20 Apr 45

Base T asgd PHIBSEC.

20 Jun 45

Base T discontinued.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Lt Col Henry T Ortlip	5 Apr 45
Col Ray H Lewis	Apr 45
Lt Col Charles H Hart, Jr	Jun 45

Base X \*/

29 Jan 45

Base X established Manila and asgd USASOS.

13 Feb 45 \*\*/

Base X discontinued.

20 Apr 45

Base X re-established Manila and asgd PHIBSEC.

16 Jun 45

Base X consolidated with PHIBSEC.

25 Jul 45

Base X re-established Manila and asgd PHIBSEC.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col S G Backman	20 Apr 45
Brig Gen Arthur G Trudeau	26 Jul 45

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\* It appears unlikely that Base X was established in Manila on 29 January 1945 since Manila was still in the hands of the Japanese on that date. Apparently GO 22, USASOS, 19 January 1945, which established Base X, anticipated that Manila would fall before 29 January 1945. Japanese resistance ended in Manila on 23 February 1945.

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\*\* Apparently Base X was discontinued before it was actually operating.

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ARMY SERVICE COMMAND-0 (ASCOM-0)

7 Jun 45

ASCOM-0 redesignated from SPBC with headquarters at Del Carmen, Pampanga, Luzon, and assigned to AFWESPAC. Mission was to provide direct logistical support for invasion of Kyushu, Japan.

6 Jul 45

Bases 1, 2, and 3 of ASCOM-0 organized at Del Carmen.

15 Aug 45

ASCOM-0 assigned to Sixth Army.

COMMAND

DATE

Maj Gen Frederick Gilbreath

7 Jun 45



ARMY SERVICE COMMAND-I (ASCOM-I)

Mission was admin and logistical support of all elms of Army including FEAF and U.S. Army Strategic Air Forces located in the Ryukyus, development of bases, and garrison and def of Okinawa and outlying isls comprising Okinawa Gunto as such areas were turned over to this cmd.

31 Jul 45 \*/

ASCOM-I redesiɡ fr isl comds on Okinawa and Ie Shima which merged on this date. (See AGF APO 331, USAFMIDPAC R/E.)

ASCOM-I asgd AFWESPAC.

COMMAND

DATE

Maj Gen Fred L Wallace

31 Jul 45

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\* It should be noted that the island commands of Okinawa and Ie Shima were joint Army-Navy commands and records indicate that they remained as joint commands at least until 31 July 1945. Although the order setting up ASCOM-I did direct the merger of the island commands on Okinawa and Ie Shima it seems apparent that what actually happened was that the Army elements of the two island commands were merged, leaving the two army commands (Army Garrison Force, Okinawa, and Army Garrison Force, Ie Shima) still in existence. This interpretation seems the only logical one since it was not possible for an army command to merge two joint commands in order to form an army command.

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ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION COMMAND

6 Mar 45

USASOS ENCOM established Manila and asgd USASOS. Mission was planning and supervision of all mil and civilian construction, rehabilitation and operation of critical industries and utilities, maintenance of airdromes and other facilities, and assembly of landing craft and barges.

28 May 45

USASOS ENCOM redesi~~g~~ ENCOM.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Leif J Sverdrup	6 Mar 45
Col Orville E Walsh	19 Jul 45
Col Samuel N Karrick	24 Jul 45

USASOS GENERAL DEPOT

8 Oct 44

USASOS General Depot (Prov) established Oro Bay, N.G., and asgd USASOS.

1 Nov 44

USASOS General Depot (Prov) dissolved and USASOS General Depot established Oro Bay.

9 Dec 44 <sup>\*</sup>/

Hq USASOS General Depot directed to open Hollandia.

20 Apr 45

USASOS General Depot discontinued.

COMMANDER

DATE

Col Stanley G. Backman

8 Oct 44

(Subsequent commanders, if any, are unknown.)

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\* Whether the USASOS General Depot actually opened at Hollandia on this date is questionable since GO 5, Hq USASOS General Depot, 31 March 1945 states that this headquarters closed at Oro Bay on 31 March 1945 and opened at Hollandia 1 Apr 1945.

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DISTRIBUTION DIVISION

1 Feb 44

Distribution Div established at Base Section 7 as agency of G - 4 USASOS.

23 Mar 44

Distribution Div placed directly under USASOS as operating field agency.

15 Aug 45

Distribution Div made integral part of Hq INTERSEC.

1 Feb 45

Distribution Div discontinued.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col W S Breesberg	1 Feb 44
Col Fred L Hamilton	19 Mar 44
Col Hugh B Hester	17 Jul 44

PROCUREMENT DIVISION

1 Jan 44

Procurement Div USASOS established at Base Sec 7, Sydney, and atchd Base Sec 7.

5 Feb 44

Procurement Div reld opnl contrl Base Sec 7 and placed under opnl contrl USASOS.

15 Aug 44

Procurement Div established as integral part of Base Sec, USASOS.

1 Feb 45

Procurement Div discontinued at Brisbane.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Hugh B Hester	13 Jan 44
Lt Col Roy B Arnold	19 Mar 44
Col Hugh B Hester	1 Apr 44

LEYTE ENGINEER DISTRICT

(O/a) 29 Jan 45

Leyte Engr Comd established Tacloban and asgd USASOS.

1 Feb 45

Leyte Engr Comd redesig Leyte Engr District (LED).

6 Mar 45

LED asgd ENCOM.

9 May 45

LED discontinued.

COMMANDER

Brig Gen Bernard L Robinson

DATE

1 Feb 45

LUZON ENGINEER DISTRICT

29 Jan 45

Luzon Engineer District (LUZED) established Luzon. Asgd USASOS and atchd LUBSEC for opnl contrl.

6 Mar 45

LUZED asgd ENCOM.

18 Jul 45

LUZED discontinued.

COMMANDER

Col Orville E Walsh

DATE

13 Feb 45

GENERAL ENGINEER DISTRICT

25 Mar 45

General Engr Dist established Manila as operating field agency of USASOS under immediate comd of ENCOM.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col R C Hunter	24 Mar 45
Col A N Neilson	18 Jul 45
Col Samuel N Karrick	26 Jul 45

CONSTRUCTION CORPS OF THE PHILIPPINES

25 Apr 45

Construction Corps of the Philippines established Manila and asgd ENCOM.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Samuel N Karrick	25 Apr 45



USASOS BOAT BUILDING COMMAND

Effective 24 Jun 44 a Boat Building Comd was constituted at and asgd to Base A, Milne Bay, N.G. Whether comd was ever activated or operated is unknown. However, on 1 Nov 44, the 5207th Engr Sv Group Hq at Base B, Oro Bay, was asgd to Boat Building Comd, USASOS, to operate as hq of Boat Building Comd at Milne Bay, N.G. On 2 Dec 44 Hq, 5207 Engr Sv Gp, moved from Base B to Base A, and 21 Dec 44 Boat Building Comd was asgd to Base A for admin and opnl contl.

On 11 Jan 45 USASOS Boat Building Comd established at Base A with 5207th Engr Sv Gp as hq of USASOS Boat Building Comd. This command was asgd to USASOS initially.

20 Apr 45

USASOS Boat Building Comd asgd USASOS ENCOM.

29 May 45

USASOS Boat Building Comd atchd to Bantangas Engr Area for opnl contl.

7 Jun 45

USASOS Boat Building Comd redesignated AFWESPAC Boat Building Comd.

COMMANDER

DATE

Col James A Bender

11 Jan 45

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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC (AFPAC)

The United States Army Forces, Pacific (AFPAC), was established 6 Apr 1945 \*/ and consisted of all U.S. Army resources in the Pacific theater (less the Southeast Pacific Area and resources under the command of the Commanding General, Alaskan Department). The Twentieth Air Force was to continue operations under the direct control of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. General Douglas MacArthur was designated Commander in Chief, U.S. Army Forces, Pacific, and was to be responsible for the provision of Army resources to meet the requirements for operations in the Pacific as directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

U.S. naval resources in the Pacific theatre (less the Southeast Pacific Area) were placed under the command of the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas, in his capacity as Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet (CINCPAC). CINCPAC was to be responsible for the provision of naval resources to meet the requirements for operations in the Pacific as directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Arrangements for the transfer of naval forces under CINCAFPAC and Army forces under CINCPAC began almost immediately. Representatives of CINCAFPAC and CINCPAC met at Guam early in April 1945 and agreed that existing Army and Navy responsibilities within the Pacific Ocean Areas for joint support of positions in the Marshalls, the Marianas, and the Ryukyus would continue in effect until modified by mutual agreement.\*\*/

General MacArthur, in the dual role of CINCAFPAC and CINCSWPA, was instructed to complete the occupation of Luzon and conduct such additional operations in the Philippines as would directly contribute to the defeat of Japan and the liberation of the Filipinos; to make plans for occupying North Borneo, using Australian combat and service troops; and to plan and prepare for the campaign against Japan proper, co-operating with CINCPAC in naval and amphibious phases of the invasion.

6 Apr 45

AFPAC established Manila, P.I.

17 Apr 45

CG POA reported his comd for purposes of admin to GHQ AFPAC. Excluded fr opnl contrl of CINCAFPAC were those units under opnl contrl of CINCPAC

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\* Although Headquarters, AFPAC, was created on 6 April 1945 it did not begin to function as a whole until 10 June 1945.

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\*\* For a detailed account of the complex problems involved in this reorganization of the Pacific, see Louis Morton. Strategy, Command, and Logistics, a volume in preparation for the series U.S. ARMY IN WORLD WAR II.

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involved in joint Army and Navy support of positions in the Marshalls, Carolines, Marianas, and Ryukyus, and those units under CG Twentieth Air Force.

25 May 45

JCS issued directive clarifying command organization for operations against main Isl of Japan, and designated 1 Nov 45 as target date for invasion of Kyushu. (On 29 Mar 45, JCS had issued a tentative schedule for invasion of Japan under cover name of DOWNFALL, with 1 Dec 45 as date for preliminary assault on southern isl of Kyushu (OLYMPIC), and 1 Mar 46 as date for subsequent landing of Honshu (CORONET). On 3 Apr 45, JCS instructed General MacArthur to complete necessary operations in Luzon and remainder of Philippines, prepare for occupation of North Borneo, and make plans and preparations for campaign in Japan.)

16 Jul 45

CINCAFPAC, in accordance with instructions received early in May, published first edition of plan (designated BLACKLIST) for possibly peaceful occupation of Japan. Four days later, plan was presented at Guam for comparison with current plan for occupation (designated CAMPUS) being formulated by Admiral Nimitz. Subsequently, copies were transmitted to Sixth, Eighth, and Tenth Armies and other participating commands for study and planning.

31 Jul 45

GHQ AFPAC assumed complete responsibility for all Army elms in the Ryukyus (except those asgd Strategic Air Forces). Date GHQ AFPAC assumed contrl of Army elms in Marshalls, Carolines, and Marianas is unknown.

8 Aug 45

CINCAFPAC published final edition of Plan BLACKLIST, covering projected occupation of Japan and Korea in three successive main phases. Under it, Korea would be occupied by Tenth Army; \*/ Hokkaido and North Honshu by Eighth Army, and West Honshu, Shikoku, and Kyushu by Sixth Army.

11 Aug 45

JCS issued formal directive for the occupation of Japan, Korea, and the China Coast. General MacArthur was directed to assume responsibility for forces entering Japan and Korea.

15 Aug 45

General MacArthur appointed Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (SCAP).

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\* A few days later Tenth Army was relieved fr this mission and XXIV Corps was given the assignment.

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COMMANDER

DATE

General of the Army Douglas MacArthur

6 Apr 45

ASSIGNED TO:

DATE

War Department

6 Apr 45

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CHAPTER II  
CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA

## HAWAIIAN DEPARTMENT AND SUCCESSOR COMMANDS

### Hawaiian Department

United States Army Forces, Central  
Pacific Area (USAFICPA)

United States Army Forces, Pacific  
Ocean Areas (USAFPOA)

United States Army Forces, Middle  
Pacific (USAFMIDPAC)

The Hawaiian Department, with responsibility for the garrisoning and defense of the Hawaiian Islands, was, before 7 December 1941, the highest Army command in the central Pacific Area. Ten days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Army units in the area, including the headquarters of the Hawaiian Department, were subordinated for operational purposes to the Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet (CINCPAC).

Major subordinate commands under the Hawaiian Department on 7 December 1941 included the Hawaiian Air Force; the 24th and 25th Infantry Divisions; the Hawaiian Coast Artillery Command; the Hawaiian Service Command; the Districts of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai, and the forces on Christmas and Canton Islands.

Under War Department Operations Plan RAINBOW 5, Hawaii had been assigned to Category D ("coastal frontiers that may be subject to major attack"). The Hawaiian Department was to be included in the Hawaiian Coastal Frontier, which embraced the island of Oahu and all of the land and sea areas required for its defense. To the Army and Navy was assigned the joint mission of defending Oahu as a main outlying naval base, and of controlling and protecting shipping in the coastal zone. The Hawaiian Department was responsible for holding Oahu against attack by enemy land, sea, and air forces; furnishing protection against sabotage and other internal strife; supporting naval forces in the protection of sea communications of Allied powers; and assisting in the destruction of Axis sea communications by offensive action against enemy forces or commerce located within tactical operating radius of occupied air bases. A standing Operating Procedure was drawn up providing three alerts for defensive purposes: Alert 1, defense against sabotage, espionage, and subversive activities, with no threat from without; Alert 2, defense against air, surface, and submarine attacks, in addition to the antisabotage measures of Alert 1; and, Alert 3, defense against all-out attack, with all units occupying field positions and prepared for the maximum defense of Oahu and Army installations on the outlying islands. Alert 1 was in effect at the commencement of the attack on Pearl Harbor.



At the direction of the War Department, the Hawaiian Department commander had begun construction of a chain of island air bases to reinforce the Philippine Islands. The initial route as announced by him was from Hawaii to Christmas Islands; to Canton Islands; the Fiji Islands; Townsville or Rockhampton in Australia; Darwin, Australia; and Fort Stotsenburg in the Philippines. A detachment of Engineers landed on Christmas and Canton Islands to initiate construction of airfields, and the garrisons on both islands were strengthened.

On 24 March 1942, pursuant to previous provisional agreements, the Combined Chiefs of Staff issued a directive designating the Pacific theater as an area of United States strategic responsibility. Six days later the Joint Chiefs of Staff divided the Pacific theater into three areas: the Southwest Pacific Area (SWPA); the Pacific Ocean Area (POA); and the Southeast Pacific Area (for which no command was established). The Pacific Ocean Area, in which the Hawaiian Islands lay, was further divided into the North, the Central, and the South Pacific Areas. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz was designated as Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean Area (CINCPOA), with operational control over all units, military or naval, in that area. Admiral Nimitz designated subordinate commanders for the North and the South Pacific Ocean Areas, but retained direct command over the Central Pacific Area (which contained the Hawaiian Department), as well as over the Pacific Fleet. The Hawaiian Department, therefore, came under his operational control.

On 14 August 1943, a new command, United States Army Forces, Central Pacific Area (USAFICPA), was established as a result of the expanding responsibilities of the Army in the central Pacific outside the jurisdiction of the Hawaiian Department. Headquarters, Hawaiian Department, remained formally on "paper," but was inactive. The Commanding General, Hawaiian Department, was designated as commanding general of the new command. Under his control, the responsibilities of the command for the training and administration of Army ground and air troops increased as the operations of American forces in the Pacific theater shifted from defensive to offensive in character.

By the summer of 1944, offensive operations had progressed far enough forward from the South Pacific Area to permit the transformation of that area into a supply zone. Accordingly, on 1 August of that year, the United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area (USAFISPA) was redesignated the South Pacific Base Command (SPBC), and placed under the control of the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, Central Pacific Area (Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr.) whose command was concurrently redesignated United States Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas (USAFPOA). The area under control of General Richardson now coincided with the area of control under Admiral Nimitz, except for the North Pacific Area. The Army commander had administrative control over all Army units in the Pacific Ocean Area, with the exception noted, but was subject to the naval commander for operational purposes.

On 6 April 1945, announcement was made of the formal establishment of

a new command designated as United States Army Forces, Pacific (USAFPAC), with General of the Army Douglas MacArthur as Commander in Chief CINAFPAC). All United States Army resources in the Pacific theater (less the Southeast Pacific Area and resources under the command of the Commanding General, Alaskan Department) were placed under command of CINAFPAC. (See the record of events for United States Army Forces, Pacific.) As a result of the Army's new command arrangement in the Pacific, Headquarters, United States Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas became a subordinate command of GHQ, USAFPAC. On 17 April 1945, Commanding General, United States Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, reported his command to CINAFPAC for purposes of administration.

On 1 July 1945, a new command, United States Army Forces, Middle Pacific (USAFMIDPAC) was established. Both the Headquarters, Hawaiian Department, and the Headquarters, United States Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, were retained as "paper" organizations. The missions and functions of USAFMIDPAC were the same as those of its immediate predecessor, USAFPOA.

7 Dec 41

Japan made surprise air attack at 0755 on Army and Navy instls on Oahu. Alert against all-out attack placed in effect; state of martial law proclaimed. \*/ Dept comdr assumed position of Military Governor of Hawaii; Office of Military Governor established.

17 Dec 41

Comdr in Chief, Pacific Fleet (CINCPAC), placed in opnl of all Army forces in Hwn Coastal Frontier, under principle of unity of cmd.

22 Dec 41

Hwn Seacoast Arty Comd constituted. (See R/E Hwn Arty Comd.)

2 Jan 42

Office, G-5 Gen Staff, Hq Hwn Dept (Civil Affairs Sec) abolished.

18 Jan 42

Hq Hwn Dept reorgn. Fwd Ech made responsible for supervision of planning opns and tng; Rear Ech asgd responsibility for admin and supply.

26 Jan 42

Dept asgd responsibility by War Dept for supply purposes of Christmas, Canton, Fiji, and Bora Bora Isls. San Francisco desig as the responsible PE.

\* The report of Lt Gen Walter D Short on the Battle of Oahu, dated 12 December 1941, states that martial law was declared on 8 December. However, most sources place the date as 7 December 1941.

26 Jan 42(Contd)

Official announcement made of establishment and functions of Office of Military Governor.

5 Feb 42

Hwn Air Force <sup>\*</sup>/ redesi<sup>g</sup> Seventh Air Force by War Dept. Mission of force remained def of Hwn Isls. CG's Hwn Dept and Seventh Air Force asgd responsibility for general tech tng, respectively. Opnl contrl of AA fire transferred fr Hq Hwn Dept to CG Seventh Air Force. Contrl of various types of aircraft remained unchanged.

12 Feb 42

Dept comdr approved two plans for tac def of Oahu, one of which emphasized shore-line def effective prior to hostile landings; the other, complete ground def if enemy landings successful. Ground def measures included division of isl in two sectors, north and south.

13 Feb 42

Army Task Force 914 (Canton Task Force) arr at Canton Isl fr U.S.; two days earlier similar task force fr U.S. landed on Christmas Isl. (See R/E, AGF, APO 914; AGF, APO 915.)

17 Feb 42

U.S. Army Forces on Bora Bora established under contrl Hq Hwn Dept.

12 Mar 42

Sv comds for Dists of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui established and asgd to respective dists. <sup>\*\*</sup>/

15 Mar 42

27th Inf Div began arr in Hwn area. (See R/E 27th Div.)

\* Prior to 7 December 1941, operational contrl of all aircraft was vested in the Commanding General, Hawaiian Department, through the Commanding General Hawaiian Air Force. Following the attack on Pear Harbor, a liaison officer was placed on the staff of CINCPAC and all bomber and observation missions were conducted under naval control. General training, before and after 7 December 1941, was the responsibility of the Commanding General, Hawaiian Department; technical training was conducted by the Air Force. The mission of the Hawaiian Department Air Force was the defense of the Hawaiian Islands.

\*\* Districts of Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui were constituted under the Hawaiian Department 5 May 41.

16 Mar 42

Hwn Antiaircraft Arty Comd act Ft Shafter. ( See R/E Hwn AAA Comd.)

23 Mar 42

Office, Officer in Charge of Civilian Components Affairs, disbanded; personnel and functions transferred to Adjutant General, Hwn Dept.

14 May 42

OG Hwn Dept desig as Task Force Comdr of Hwn Def Sector (formerly Hwn Coastal Frontier) by CINCPHA, under declaration by latter of state of "Fleet engaged invasion."

19 Jun 42

OG Hwn Dept reld of responsibility for Fiji and Bora Bora by Comdr, South Pacific Area, upon assumption of comd of that area by the latter.

21 Jun 42

OG Hwn Dept directed that Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai Sv Comds operate directly under contl Hq Hwn Dept, except for disciplinary contl, which remained with Co's of sv comds.

24 Jun 42

Sv comd for Dist of Hawaii abolished.

4 Jul 42

Logistical responsibilities of Hwn Dept beyond the limits of its comd restated by War Dept as Christmas, Canton, and Fanning Isls.

28 Jul 42

Hq Dept Res act. (See R/E Dept Res, Hawaii.)

1 Aug 42

Hawaii Sv Comd established to operate under direct contl of Hq Hwn Dept, except for disciplinary contl, which was responsibility of CO of comd.

15 Aug 42

40th Inf Div began arr in Hwn area. (See R/E 40th Div.)

20 Sep 42

Tng of Civilian Volunteer Def Forces, Hawaii, placed under Army supervision, with contl to be exercised by G-3, Hwn Dept.

6 Oct 42

Hwn SOS org. (See R/E Hwn SOS.)

11 Nov 42

Molokai - Lanai Dist established. Dist comprised isls of Molokai and Lanai (formerly asgd to Maui Dist) and all tac Army elms thereon. (See R/E Molokai - Lanai Dist.)

19 Nov 42

Hwn Dept Repl Depot established. (See R/E 13th Repl Depot.)

28 Nov 42

Hq Hwn Dept reorg, with hq supervising and co-ordinating functions of SOS, combat forces, and Office of Military Governor, and directly controlling all matters of planning and conduct of opns normally handled by a theater of opns. Office of Military Governor made responsible for admin of martial law in Territory of Hawaii and co-ordination of needs of civilian population with mil requirements of Hwn Dept.

15 Jul 43

33d Inf Div completed arr in Hawaii. (See R/E 33d Div.)

(O/a) 20 Jul 43

Hq began admin planning incidental to amph opns by CINCPHA to capture Gilbert Isls and Nauru about 15 Nov 43, to be followed by initial planning for similar opns to seize Marshall Isls on or about 1 Jan 44.

29 Jul 43

6th Div began arr in Hawaii. (See R/E 6th Div.)

10 Aug 43

Hwn Dept reorg. Hwn Dept Sv Forces abolished and Army Port and Sv Comd (AP and SC) established at Honolulu. (See R/E AP and SC.) AP and SC assumed many former functions of Hwn Dept Sv Forces, including admin of sta complements of Oahu. Hwn Arty Comd established and placed over Hwn AA Arty Comd and Hwn Seacoast Arty Comd. (See R/E Office, Chief of Hwn Arty.) CG Hwn Arty Comd made Dept Spec Staff Officer and as such empowered to exercise tec supervision over all arty in dept. Other changes involved omission of Antitank Spec Staff Officer (his duties to be performed by G-3), and dsig of Tank Officer on Spec Staff. Additional sections established included Civilian Components Officer (to admin affairs relative to civilian components of Army); War Bond and Insurance Officer; Dept Exchange Officer; and Bomb Disposal Officer.

11 Aug 43

Dept org task force to occupy Baker Isl and establish air field there.  
(See R/E ATF, APO 457.)

14 Aug 43

United States Army Forces, Central Pacific Area (USAFICPA) established, with boundaries corresponding to those of Central Pacific Area, excluding Philippine Isls and including Canton Isl, south of equator. Hq Hwn Dept retained as "paper" orgn within new Hq. CG Hwn Dept desig CG USAFICPA, with responsibility for admin and tng of all U.S. Army ground and air trps within Central Pacific Area, and subject to direction of CINCPQA in preparation and execution of plans for employment of Army forces within area.

War Plans Sec established in Office, Deputy Chief of Staff, Hwn Dept, to assume responsibility for opnl planning formerly performed by G-3.

17 Aug 43

Hq USAFICPA notified by CINCPQA that former would be responsible for providing seven defense battalions to garrison isls then contemplated for seizure in course of Pacific opns.

(O/a) 1 Sep 43

7th Inf Div completed arr in Hawaii. (See R/E 7th Div.)

30 Sep 43

CINCPQA published plan indicating trp requirements for opns planned for Central Pac through 1944, desig areas to be seized, and garrisons to be provided for. These included Makin, Tarawa, and Apamama Isls in Gilbert gp 15 Nov 43; Kwajalein, Wotje, and Maleolap Isls in Marshall gp 1 Jan 44; Eniwetok Isl in Marshall gp 15 Feb 44. In Caroline gp Kusaie Isl was to be seized 15 Feb 44; Ponape Isl, 1 Jun 44; Truk Isl 1 Sep 44; and Yap and Palau 31 Dec 44.

Task force org on Oahu to rel Marines on Palmyra Isl. (See R/E, ATF, APO 458.)

5 Oct 43

Category D in Hwn area modified by directive of JCS to reduce ground forces to no less than two divisions. Ground forces in transit or tng would be considered adequate.

7 Oct 43

7th Garrison Force act to establish air base on Makin Isl when captured.  
(See R/E 7th Garrison Force, Makin.)

11 Oct 43

Def Bns 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 constituted. (For 3d and 4th Def Bns, see R/E AGF Engebi Isl, and AGF, APO 241, Kwajalein.)

14 Oct 43

CG USAFICPA received CINCPAC JCS study for Marshall Isls opn. Wotje and Maleolap Isls scheduled to be seized 1 Jan 44 and Kwajalein following day.

16 Oct 43

CG USAFICPA directed by War Dept to train and stage 40th Inf Div for SPA; and 6th, 33d, and 38th Inf Divs for SWPA. Responsibility for mission ended with departure of 38th Div on 11 Jul 44.

1 Nov 43

13th Repl Depot act on Oahu; concurrently, Hwn Repl Dept and Repl Bn inact.  
(See R/E 13th Repl Depot.)

2 Nov 43

CG USAFICPA informed by War Dept that he would be responsible for basic amph tng of units until required for rehearsal or opnl tng for a particular opn, at which time they would pass to contrl of agency directed by CINCPAC.

17 Dec 43

CG USAFICPA charged by CINCPAC with responsibility for development of Kwajalein Isl following seizure.

13 Jan 44

CINCPAC published outline of opns in Pac Ocean areas during 1944 which superseded Serial of 30 Sep 43, to be used as basis for acquiring and preparing forces, and providing means for their logistic support. Opns and tentative target dates included capture of Marshall Isls 31 Jan 44; contrl of Eniwetok and Ujelang Atolls 1 May 44; capture of Mortlock Isls and Truk 1 Aug 44; capture of Marianas Isls 1 Nov 44; and, as alternate to Truk, capture and development of Palau Isls 1 Aug 44.

17 Jan 44

38th Inf Div (minus rear ech) completed arr in Hawaii. (See R/E 38th Div.)

26 Jan 44

Gilbert area, consisting of Gilbert Isls lying within Cen Pac Area, announced as geographical subdivision of USAFICPA. (See R/E, Gilbert Area.)

2 Feb 44

Office, Chief of Transportation, established on Spec Staff of Hq USAFICPA.

12 Feb 44

CG USAFICPA directed by CINCPQA to commence preparations for Mortlock Isls - Truk (Carolines) opn. Target date advanced to 15 Jun 44.

19 Feb 44

Marshall area, consisting of all isls of Marshall gp and including Eniwetk Atoll, announced as geographical subdivision of USAFICPA. (See R/E, Marshall Area)

22 Feb 44

Garrison forces formed for Tarawa and Apamama Isls. (See R/E Tarawa and Apamama Isls.)

13 Mar 44

CG USAFICPA received preliminary planning directives from CINCPQA for Marianas opn (substituted for Mortlock - Truk opn) followed by Warning Order on 21 Mar fr CINCPQA desig target date 15 Jun 44.

20 Mar 44

CG USAFICPA received fr CINCPQA joint Staff studies on Marianas and Palaus opns for planning purposes. Adv Det, 77th Inf Div, arr Hawaii. (See R/E, 77th Div.)

1 Apr 44

Adv Det, 98th Inf Div, arr Hawaii. (See R/E 98th Div.)

4 Apr 44

CG USAFICPA asgd responsibility for development of Saipan base in Marianas.

8 Apr 44

XXIV Corps act on Oahu. (See R/E XXIV Corps.)



11 Apr 44

Army Garrison Force, APO 244 (Saipan) constituted with Prov Force Hq. (See R/E AGF, APO 244.)

15 Apr 44

Office, War Bond and Insurance Officer, discontinued; duties and responsibilities delegated to Finance Officer, USAFICPA.

26 Apr 44

CG USAFICPA asgd responsibility for admin and base development of Babelthuap Isl (Palaus).

27 Apr 44

Office, Director of Morale Services, established in Hq USAFICPA with responsibility for all phases of Army orientation, information, and nonmilitary education.

5 May 44

CG USAFICPA made responsible by CINCPOA for all necessary support for Twentieth Air Force, except for such classes and items of supply specifically charged to other agencies.

15 May 44

CG USAFICPA approved plan providing for def of Oahu, Maui Dist, and Kauai Dist by one division.

26 May 44

Army Garrison Forces (Prov), APO 246 and 247, org for garrisoning of Guam and Tinian after capture. (See R/E's AGO, APO 246 and APO 247.)

17 Jun 44

Army Garrison Force (Prov), APO 248 org to occupy Babelthuap after its capture. (See R/E AGF, APO 248.)

18 Jun 44

CG USAFICPA charged with responsibility for base development and admin of Angaur Isl (Palaus) after capture.

1 Jul 44

Central Pacific Base Comd (CPBC) established. (See R/E CPBC.)  
Gen Sec G-5 org in Hq USAFICPA to implement war plans by CINCPAC and War  
Dept (formerly function of War Plans Sec ODC/S) and co-ordinate those  
plans between General and Special Staffs.

4 Jul 44

81st Inf Div began arr in Hawaii. (See R/E 81st Div.)

11 Jul 44

CG USAFICPA asgd responsibility for base development of Yap Isl.

21 Jul 44

CG USAFICPA issued public announcement of his relinquishment of title of  
Military Governor, and the establishment of Office of Internal Security,  
through which he would administer internal security program under martial  
law.

22 Jul 44

Army Garrison Force, APO 264 (Prov) (Anguar), constituted and placed under  
opnl contrl of CO Task Force 36. (See R/E AGF, APO 264, Anguar.)

24 Jul 44

Hq and Hq Det, Repl Tng Comd (Prov) act. (See R/E Repl Tng Comd.)

1 Aug 44

Hq USAFICPA redesign Hq United States Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas  
(USAFPOA). Comd included all U.S. Army Forces previously asgd to Central  
and South Pacific Areas. CG USAFICPA design CG USAFPOA (retaining, in ad-  
dition, his duties as CG Hwn Dept).

Hq United States Army Forces in South Pacific Area (USAFISPA) redesign Hq  
South Pacific Base Comd (SPBC). (See R/E USAFISPA.)

Hq Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas (AAFPOA) act and (assumed) asgd to  
USAFPOA. Comd assumed contrl air force units formerly responsibility of Hq  
Seventh Air Force. CG AAFPOA made responsible to CG USAFPOA for matters  
other than planning, tng, opns, and disposition of forces, and those relat-  
ing to his function as Deputy Comdr of Twentieth Air Force. Mission of  
AAFPOA as it related to USAFPOA was tng of Seventh Fighter Wing for combat  
in def of Hwn Isls, and providing of tow target and air support missions  
for tng of ground force units.

21 Aug 44

Adv Dets, Tenth Army, arr Hawaii; main body Army arr 2 Sep 44.

23 Aug 44

Category of def for Hwn area changed by Joint Chiefs of Staff to Category B (coastal frontiers that may be subject to minor atks), with following modifications: fighter air protection to be maintained continuously; long range rcn to be provided; ground def forces of isls in main Hwn gp to be not less than one div.

15 Sep 44

Marianas Area announced as geographical subdivision of Hq USAFPOA. (See R/E Marianas Area.)

6 Oct 44

CG USAFPOA recommended to CINCPAC that def of Hwn Isls be modified to extent that three inf regts would be sufficient in lieu of inf div than specified. Substitution authorized by CINCPAC 27 Oct 44.

9 Oct 44

CG USAFPOA asgd responsibility for base development and admin of Iwo Jima.

17 Oct 44

IX Corps completed arr in Hawaii. (See R/E IX Corps.)

24 Oct 44

Executive Order signed by President of U.S. 18 Oct 44, ending martial law in Hwn Isls, became effective. Secretary of War desig CG USAFPOA as Mil Comdr of Territory of Hawaii.

25 Oct 44

Representative of CG USAFPOA desig for Western Carolines Area. (See R/E Western Carolines Area.)

2 Dec 44

Army Garrison Force, APO 86 (Iwo Jima) org on Oahu. (See R/E AGF, APO 86.)

4 Dec 44

Category of def for Hwn area, established 23 Aug 44, further modified to place size and composition of ground def forces to be employed at discretion of CINCPAC.

13 Dec 44

Army Garrison Force, APO 331 (Okinawa), org on Oahu. (See R/E AGF, APO 331.)

19 Jan 45

CG USAFPOA directed by CINCPOA to prepare plans and initiate procurement preparations for contemplated assault against Chusan Archipelago and Ningpo Peninsula South of Shanghai on China coast (LONGTOM opn).

24 Jan 45

Army Garrison Force, APO 245 (Ie Shima) org on Oahu. (See R/E AGF, APO 245.)

5 Feb 45

Hq and Hq Det, Army Garrison Force, APO 241 (Kwajalein), org. (See R/E AGF, APO 241)

14 Mar 45

Army Garrison Forces, APO 457 (Miyako Jima), and APO 458 (Kikai Jima), Ryukyu gp, org on Oahu.

20 Mar 45

Public Relations Office announced as Spec Staff Sec of Hq USAFPOA.

6 Apr 45

Establishment of General Headquarters, United States Army Forces, Pacific (GHQ AFPAC) announced, with General of the Army Douglas MacArthur as Commander in Chief (CINCAFPAC). \*/ Pursuant to JCS directive of 4 Apr 45, all U.S. Army resources in the Pacific (less Southeast Pacific Area and those under comd of CG Alaskan Dept) were placed under contrl of CINCAFPAC. Contrl of all naval resources in the Pacific (except those in Southeast Pacific Area was asgd to CINCPOA. Representatives of CINCAFPAC and CINCPOA in a meeting at Guam early in this month agreed that existing Army and Navy responsibilities within Pacific Ocean Areas for joint support of positions in the Marshalls, the Carolines, the Marianas, and

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\* General MacArthur retained his assignment as Commander in Chief of the Southwest Pacific Area (CINCSWPA).

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6 Apr 45 (Contd)

the Ryukyus <sup>\*</sup>/ would continue in effect until modified by mutual agreement.

17 Apr 45

CG USAFPOA, in compliance with directive of CINCPAC (pursuant to JCS directive) reported his comd, with all Army Forces and resources under it, to CINCPAC for admin.

1 May 45

War Dept, in clarifying comd status in Pacific, confirmed fact that all Army forces and resources previously asgd to Pacific Ocean Areas assumed status on 17 Apr 45 of asgmt to CINCPAC, who from that date had administrative contl of all Army forces and resources in Pacific Ocean Areas. In exercising this authority, CINCPAC had comd authority over mvmt or use of these Army forces and resources except for elms under opnl contl of CINCPAC and CG Twentieth Air Force. All Army forces and resources to be moved to Pacific henceforward would be asgd to CINCPAC, exclusive of Twentieth Air Force Units and specified Ryukyus opn exceptions.

15 May 45

Marshall - Gilberts Army Area established. (See R/E Marshall - Gilberts Army Area.)

1 Jul 45

United States Army Forces, Middle Pacific (USAFMIDPAC) established. All U.S. Army forces and establishments asgd to or under contl of USAFPOA and Hwn Dept were transferred to the new comd. Hq USAFPOA and Hq Hwn Dept retained and amalgamated with Hq USAFMIDPAC .

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\* The actual release of Army units to CINCPAC did not occur simultaneously. Following the official transfer, a plan was evolved whereby area commanders transmitted to CG USAFPOA the designations and recommended dates of release of available units. CG USAFPOA, after considering current operational requirements, would forward his recommendations for each such unit to CINCPAC, who would authorize final release to CINCPAC. The specific dates of return of all Army troops under CG USAFPOA from Navy control to Army control are not known.

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16 Jul 45

Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, redesignated United States Army Strategic Air Forces (USASTAF), with mission of command of all bomber and fighter strategic operations in Pacific. Concurrently, Seventh Air Force transferred to Far Eastern Air Force (FEAF). Headquarters United States Army Air Forces, Middle Pacific (Provisional) (AIRMIDPAC) organized as major echelon of USAFMIDPAC, charged with air defense of Hawaiian Islands and control of all air units and air bases in middle Pacific except for those in Marianas and on Iwo Jima. Command AIRMIDPAC directly responsible to Command USAFMIDPAC except for matters pertaining to plans, operations, training, and disposition of forces.

31 Jul 45

Army forces in Ryukyus relieved from assignment to USAFMIDPAC and administrative control of Command AFMIDPAC.

15 Aug 45

Cessation of hostilities.

<u>COMMANDER</u> */	<u>DATE</u>
Lt Gen Walter D Short	7 Dec 41 - 16 Dec 41
Lt Gen Delos C Emmons	17 Dec 41 - 7 Sep 42
Maj Gen Henry T Burgin	8 Sep 42 - 9 Sep 42
Lt Gen Delos C Emmons	19 Sep 42 - 1 Dec 42
Maj Gen Henry T Burgin	4 Dec 42 - 16 Dec 42
Lt Gen Delos C Emmons	20 Dec 42 - 6 Mar 43
Maj Gen Henry T Burgin	8 Mar 43 - 12 Mar 43
Lt Gen Delos C Emmons	21 Mar 43 - 5 May 43
Maj Gen Henry T Burgin	7 May 43 - 7 May 43
Lt Gen Delos C Emmons	8 May 43 - 10 May 43
Maj Gen Henry T Burgin	13 May 43 - 13 May 43
Lt Gen Delos C Emmons	16 May 43 - 31 May 43
Lt Gen Robert C Richardson, Jr	1 Jun 43 - 23 Feb 44
Maj Gen Henry T Burgin	25 Feb 44 - 27 Feb 44
Lt Gen Robert C Richardson, Jr	28 Feb 44 - 28 Feb 44
Maj Gen Henry T Burgin	29 Feb 44 - 13 Mar 44
Lt Gen Robert C Richardson, Jr	15 Mar 44 - 25 Oct 44

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\* It has been impossible to compile with exactness a complete roster of commanders here, for two reasons: (1) the fact that some general orders are missing from the files; (2) the absence, in many cases, of general orders by which the officer assumed command, with the result that it has been necessary to rely on the "command line" of each individual order. Since general orders are not necessarily issued on each and every day, intervals may appear between consecutively numbered orders where it is not possible to determine on what date one commander relinquished, and another assumed command. This has occurred usually when an officer was serving temporarily in the absence of the regular commander.

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COMMANDER (contd)

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Lt Gen Millard F Harmon

26 Oct 44 - 10 Nov 44

Lt Gen Robert C Richardson, Jr

11 Nov 44 - 15 Aug 45

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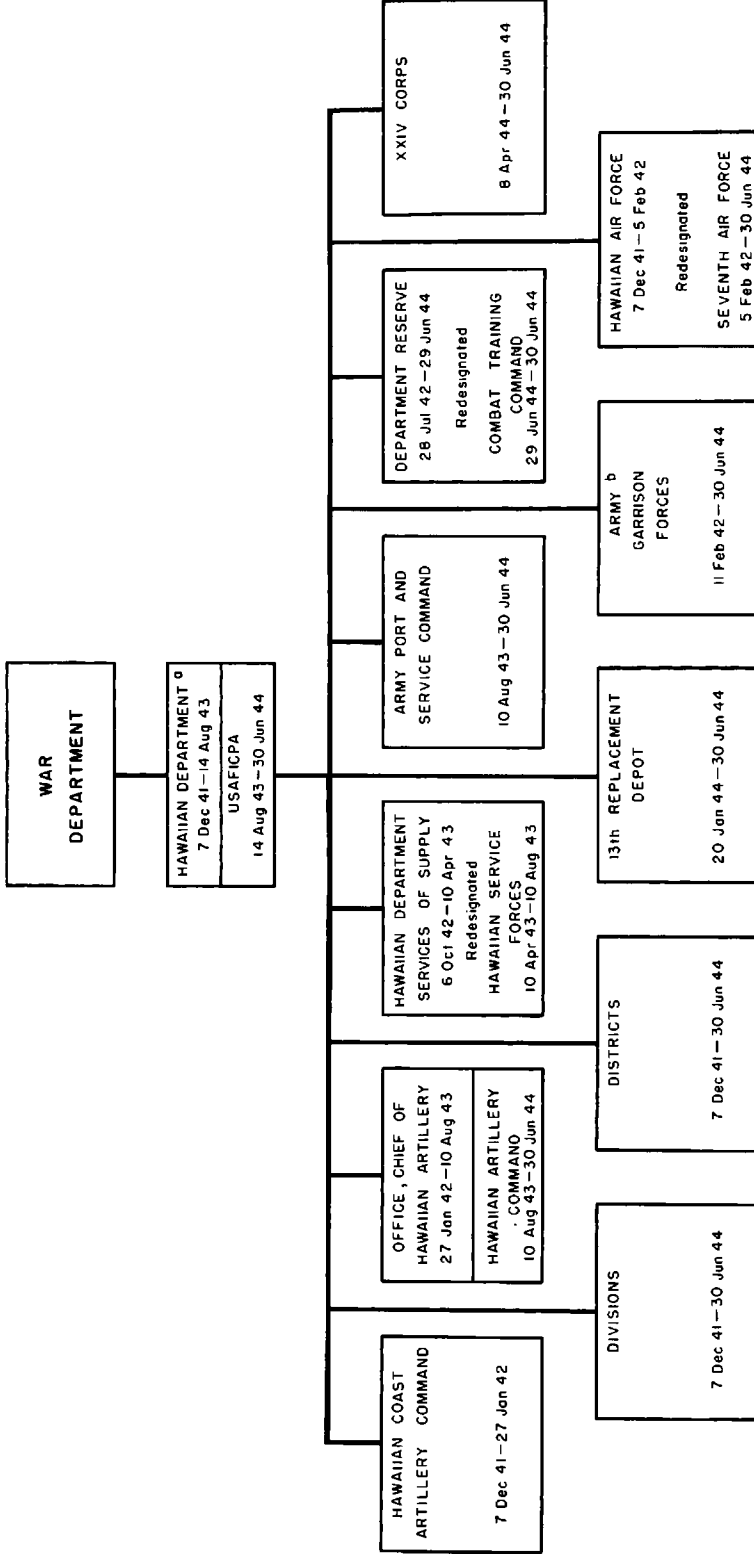
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Chart 10 — HAWAIIAN DEPARTMENT AND USAFICPA

7 December 1941-30 June 1944

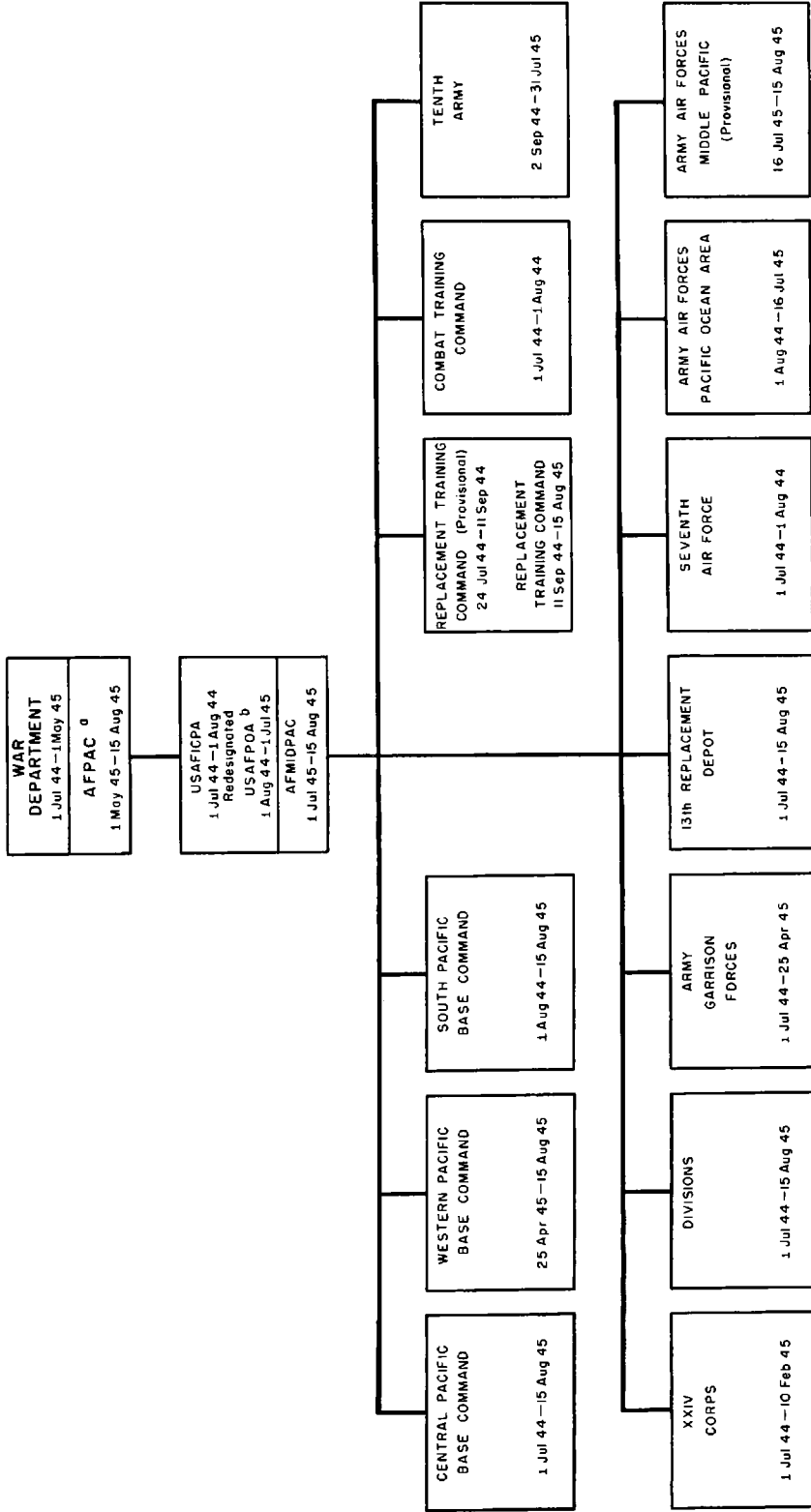


<sup>0</sup> Hawaiian Department was retained as a paper organization through 15 August 1945.

<sup>1</sup> Includes Army task forces.

Chart II — USAFICPA — USAFPOA — AFMIDPAC

1 July 1944 — 15 August 1945



<sup>a</sup> See R/E, Hawaiian Department, 1 May 1945.

<sup>b</sup> USAFPOA was retained as a paper organization through 15 August 1945.

## CENTRAL PACIFIC BASE COMMAND

1 Jul 44

Central Pacific Base Command (CPBC) established, with Hq at Ft Shafter.

Mission of comd was def of Hwn Isls, Canton, Christmas, and Fanning Isls, and others to be asgd; logistical support and planning for support of all Army forces in Cen Pac; tng and inspection of all trps and civilian volunteer def orgns asgd; and admin of pers functions for all orgns asgd. Major echs of comd included Army Port and Service Comd; dist forces in Hwn gp; garrison forces at Canton, Christmas, and Fanning Isls; Ground Defenses of Oahu \* (Infantry comd for tac def of Oahu); Hwn Seacoast Arty Comd; Hwn Antiaircraft Arty Comd, and Hwn Air Def Wing (under opnl contrl for def of Hwn Isls only). ACofS G-3 asgd responsibility for functions normally performed by Arty officer and AA officer. 7th, 27th, 77th, 81st, and 98th Inf Divs asgd to CPBC.

CO 390th RCT (98th Inf Div) charged with responsibility for ground def of Oahu. Reld of mission 5 Dec 44.

19 Jul 44

96th Inf Div asgd to CPBC upon arr in Hawaii.

1 Aug 44

Combat Tng Comd (CTC) asgd to CPBC.

3 Aug 44

Communications Sv CPBC established with Sig Officer as CO.

10 Aug 44

QM Sv CPBC Medical Sv CPBC Ord Sv CPBC and Construction Sv CPBC established as major echs of comd, with respective staff officers as CO's. CO Construction Service also exercised contrl over civilian pers of Dist Engr, U.S. Engr Office, Honolulu, in addition to contrl over trps asgd.

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\* Officially established as a major echelon of CPBC on 1 February 1945. The commanding officer of the tactical unit charged with the ground defense of Oahu was, for the tenure of such responsibility, Commanding Officer of Ground Defenses of Oahu. (See R/E Ground Defenses of Oahu.)

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15 Aug 44

Transportation Sv CPBC established as major ech of cmd.

19 Aug 44

Finance Office CPBC redesign Fiscal Office CPBC.

13 Sep 44

Morale Svcs Sec CPBC redesign Information - Education Sec CPBC.

29 Sep 44

Chemical Warfare Sv CPBC and Mil Police Comd CPBC established as major echs of CPBC.

17 Nov 44

Office of Civilian Affairs reorg. Office of Civilian Pers established to admin matters relating to civilian pers. Office of Civilian Affairs was concerned with co-ordination of Office of Civilian Def and with Res, National Guard, and Territorial Guard Affairs.

5 Dec 44

CG 389th Inf (98th Inf Div) charged with responsibility for ground def of Oahu. Reld of mission 18 Mar 45.

1 Feb 45

Ground Defs of Oahu established as major ech of CPBC. (See R/E Ground Defenses of Oahu.)

CPBC Exchange Sv established as major ech of cmd.

10 Feb 45

7th and 96th Inf Divs reld fr asgmt to CPBC and asgd to Tenth Army.

1 Mar 45

CPBC Exchange Sv discontinued.

9 Mar 45

CG CPBC directed by CG USAFPOA to establish and operate Pers Center for processing of pers under Readjustment Regulations.

18 Mar 45

CO 391st Inf (98th Inf Div) charged with responsibility for ground def of Oahu. Reld 31 May 45. \*/

11 Apr 45

Hq moved fr Ft Shafter to Ft Ruger.

8 May 45

372d Inf arr Oahu and asgd to Ground Defenses of Oahu. \*/

14 May 45

98th Inf Div reld fr asgmt to CPBC and asgd to IX Corps.

15 May 45

Marshall - Gilberts Army Area established as subordinate comd of CPBC. (See R/E Marshall - Gilberts Army Area.)

Office of Civilian affairs discontinued; AG CPBC desig Co-ordinator of Civilian Affairs.

1 Jun 45

Tarawa Atoll established as Army base; CG CPBC asgd responsibility for discharging duties of CG USAFPOA with respect to admin and logistical support for Tarawa.

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\* History of USAFMIDPAC and Predecessor Commands During World War II, 7 December 1941 to 2 Sep 1945, (Vol. II, Part 1, p. 177) states that for a period of three weeks in May 1944, the ground defense positions on Oahu were jointly occupied by the 391st and 372d Infantry Regiments. The same document states that the 391st Infantry was relieved for training purposes on 31 May 1945. It is not known whether the commanding officer of the 372d Infantry assumed command of the Ground Defenses of Oahu on 8 May, or 31 May 1945. The latter date has been used in this record of events.

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4 Jun 45

CG CPBC directed by CG USAFPOA to assume logistical responsibility for South Pacific Area as soon as possible.

AGF, APO 245 (Ie Shima) asgd to Tenth Army and atchd to CPBC until its dep fr Oahu.

15 Jun 45

CG CPBC assumed logistical responsibility for South Pacific Base Comd.

14 Aug 45

Hq and Hq Dets established for Chemical Warfare, Communications, Construction, Medical, Mil Police, QM, Trans, and Ord Sv CPBC.

COMMANDER

DATE

Maj Gen Henry T Burgin

1 Jul 44 - 15 Aug 45

## WESTERN PACIFIC BASE COMMAND

(WPBC)

Before the establishment of the Western Pacific Base Command, Army units in the western Pacific included garrison forces on Saipan, Guam, and Tinian in the Mariana Islands, Anguar in the Western Carolines, and Iwo Jima, as well as Army troops on Peleliu and Ulithi in the Western Carolines. The Commanding General, Army Garrison Force, APO 244, represented the Commanding General, USAFPOA, in the Marianas area and was Island Commander, Saipan, under naval operational control. The Commanding Officer, Army Garrison Force, APO 264, Anguar, performed similar functions as a representative of the Commanding General, USAFPOA, in the Western Carolines and as Island Commander, Anguar. The Western Pacific Base Command was created because long communication and supply lines from the Hawaiian Islands to the area made necessary a centralized headquarters for co-ordinating administrative, supply, and personnel requirements in the western Pacific.

25 Apr 45

Western Pacific Base Command (WPBC) established on Saipan.

Comd included all Army trps in Marianas, Iwo Jima, Peleliu, Anguar, and Ulithi with exception of: (1) units asgd or atchd to Army Air Forces, POA, and elms of Twentieth Air Force, except for contrl of such units as might be atchd to WPBC or its subordinate comds for performance of Army ground or service force missions; (2) units and instils not under comd of CG USAFPOA, such as Pacific Div, Air Transport Comd, and Army Airways Communications Regions, when not atchd to WPBC; (3) units asgd or atchd to field armies, army corps, and separate divs, and/or garrison forces not asgd or atchd to WPBC; (4) all elms of Repl Tng Comd; (5) Army Sig Intel activities.

Mission of the comd was to accomplish policies of COMGENPOA in regard to all Army trps within geographical limits of WPBC except those specifically exempted by him; to act as sole operating agent for COMGENPOA in all logistical and admin matters within WPBC except those specifically exempted by him; and to be responsible for only such tac and opnl functions as might be specifically asgd from time to time by CINCPAA.

Asgd to comd were: Army Garrison Forces, APO 244 (Saipan); APO 246, (Guam); APO 247 (Tinian); APO 264 (Anguar); APO 86 (Iwo Jima), and Army trps on Peleliu and Ulithi. Concurrently, Army Garrison Forces APO 244 (Saipan), discontinued.

6 May 45

61st General Depot asgd to WPBC and charged with responsibility for supplying local needs of trps, including Army, Marine Corps, and Navy ashore. Its mission included support of Ryukyus area; preparation for Kyushu opn and for occupation of Japan by maintenance of fwd area res of supplies and equipment.

23 May 45

1109th POA Prov Army Garrison Force established on Saipan. (See R/E. POA Prov AGF, Saipan (Marianas).)

17 June 45

WPBC informed CG USAFPOA that 25,000 combat trps in its area were no longer necessary for def against enemy atks; that in addition to 4,000 combat trps already nominated for redeployment, 15,000 combat trps could also be released and made available to higher hq for mvmt fwd or use in projected opns. These units included two Inf regts, five Coast Arty bns, and eight AA bns. Twelve hundred sv trps were also considered as available for other employment.

18 Jun 45

CG WPBC issued letters of instruction to CG's of all Army garrison forces within comd, clarifying comd relationships. WPBC would exercise comd over Army garrison forces administratively, and be responsible for such logistical support as CINCPOA and USAFPOA directed. Army garrison forces atchd operationally to an isl comd would be responsible to and commanded by such an isl comdr with reference to def opns and base development. Army Garrison Comdrs APO 86 and APO 247 would exercise admin authority similar to that of a separate corps comdr, unless restricted by directives of Hq WPBC, or higher Army authority. They would be responsible to comdr, Marianas (Naval), for def opns and base development. In cases where Army garrison forces were atchd to isl comds for opnl contl, Army garrison force comdrs were vested with admin authority of a post comdr unless restricted by directives of Hq WPBC, or higher Army authorities.

20 Jun 45

Hq 1111th POA Prov Army Garrison Force org at APO 265 (Peleliu). (See R/E 1111th POA Prov Army Garrison Force).

28 Jun 45

General tng directive for all ground units in WPBC published. Objective was attainment and maintenance of high state of preparedness for execution of current and future employment in combat or at adv bases, with preparation for offensive combat given emphasis.



29 Jun 45

WPBC Pers Center and Casual Depot org on Saipan to serve as clearing house for pers eligible for readjustment, temporary duty, rest and rehabilitation, emergency leaves, and furloughs. Program initiated to properly process for debarkation pers returning to U.S.

13 Jul 45

G-5 Sec org in Hq to handle trp mvmts and related activities.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen Edgar B Colladay	25 Apr 45 - 17 May 45
Maj Gen Sanderford Jarman	17 May 45 - 15 Aug 45

## HAWAIIAN COAST ARTILLERY COMMAND

On 7 December 1941, the Hawaiian Coast Artillery Command, which on 1 August 1941 had been redesignated from the Hawaiian Separate Coast Artillery Brigade, was the ranking artillery command of the Hawaiian department. Command headquarters was located at Fort DeRussy.

The artillery defense of Oahu involved **seacoast**, antiaircraft, and field artillery units (the latter consisting of organic artillery of two infantry divisions, plus additional armament manned by division artillery personnel).

Upon the establishment of the Office, Chief of Hawaiian Artillery, on 25 January 1942, the Hawaiian Coast Artillery Command became a sub-echelon of that command.

The Hawaiian Coast Artillery Command was disbanded on 16 March 1942.

### COMMANDER

Maj. Gen Henry T Burgin

### DATE

7 Dec 41 - 16 Mar 42

## OFFICE, CHIEF OF HAWAIIAN ARTILLERY

On 25 January 1942, the Commanding General, Hawaiian Coast Artillery Command, was appointed Chief of Hawaiian Artillery, with position and duties analogous to those of a chief of Army artillery. He occupied a dual role as commander and special staff officer. As commander, he exercised through subordinate commanders tactical control over the Antiaircraft Artillery Command, the Seacoast Artillery Command, and any other artillery units assigned to the Hawaiian Department and not assigned or attached to a subordinate unit (actually none in the last-named category, since all of the coast artillery units were assigned to subordinate commands, and nondivisional field artillery units were habitually attached to divisions).

In his capacity as Special Staff Officer, the Chief of Hawaiian Artillery was artillery adviser to the department commander. He supervised the training of all artillery units in the Hawaiian Department, inspected and test-fired artillery units to insure efficient performance of battle missions, organized an Artillery Information Service, established policies governing the expenditure of artillery ammunition, and supervised the execution of those policies. He also established procedure to insure maximum fire effectiveness through co-ordination of seacoast, antiaircraft, and field artillery, and these principles remained in effect until infantry divisions and field artillery battalions were relieved on the defense of Oahu.

On 10 August 1943, in a reorganization of the Hawaiian Department, the Hawaiian Artillery Command was established. It consisted of the Hawaiian Antiaircraft Artillery Command, the Hawaiian Seacoast Artillery Command, and such other artillery units as might be specifically assigned or attached. The Hawaiian Artillery Command and its sub-commands exercised command on the island of Oahu only. The Chief of the Hawaiian Artillery Command, as a Departmental Special Staff Officer, exercised technical supervision over all artillery within the Hawaiian Department. Headquarters, Hawaiian Artillery Command, was not an administrative headquarters.

The only significant changes created by this reorganization were the reduction of the Hawaiian Artillery Command to the island of Oahu and the supersession of the Office, Chief of Hawaiian Artillery, by the Hawaiian Artillery Command.

On 27 June 1944, the Area Artillery Office was established as a special staff section of Headquarters, United States Army Forces, Central Pacific Area. With the establishment of the Central Pacific Base Command (CPBC) on 1 July 1944, the Hawaiian Antiaircraft Artillery

Command and the Hawaiian Seacoast Artillery Command were transferred to CPBC. (It is assumed that the Hawaiian Artillery Command thereupon ceased to exist.) The area artillery officer was charged with responsibility for matters, other than administration, pertaining to antiaircraft, seacoast, and field artillery; the use by other arms or services of weapons provided primarily for antiaircraft, seacoast, or field artillery organization; the employment of units other than artillery organizations on artillery missions; and special subjects as directed.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
<u>Office, Chief of Hawaiian Artillery</u>	
Maj Gen Henry T Burgin	25 Jan 42 - 10 Aug 43
<u>Hawaiian Artillery Command</u>	
Maj Gen Henry T Burgin	10 Aug 43 - 1 Jul 44
<u>Area Artillery Officer</u>	
Brig Gen Henry B Holmes, Jr.	27 Jun 44 - ?

(Other commanders, if any, not known.)

HAWAIIAN SEACOAST ARTILLERY COMMAND

(HSAC)

22 Dec 41

HSAC constituted within Hwn Arty Comd; (assumed) asgd to Hwn Coast Arty Comd.

16 Mar 42

HSAC act Ft Ruger, T.H. CG HSAC empowered to exercise admin and tac contrl over seacoast arty units within Hwn Dept, as prescribed by Hq Hwn Dept.

10 Aug 43

HSAC asgd to Hwn Arty Comd.

1 Jul 44

HSAC asgd to CPBC without change of sta.

10 May 45

HSAC disbanded and reorg as 2274th Hwn Seacoast Arty Comd. Comd asgd to CPBC.

COMMANDER

DATE

Brig Gen Robert C Garrett

17 Mar 42 - 4 May 45

Lt Col C E Spann

4 May 45 - 20 Jun 45

Brig Gen Alden G Strong

20 Jun 45 - 15 Aug 45

(Other Commanders, if any, not known.)

HAWAIIAN ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY COMMAND

(HAAAC)

16 Mar 42

HAAAC act Ft Shafter, T.H.; asgd to Office, Chief of Hwn Arty. Pers obtained fr 53d Coast Arty Brig, which was reorg and made component of HAAAC. CG HAAAC empowered to exercise admin and tac contrl over AA units within Hwn Dept as prescribed by Hq Hwn Dept.

10 Aug 43

HAAAC asgd to Hwn Arty Comd.

12 Dec 43

HAAAC redesignated Antiaircraft Artillery Command (Hwn).<sup>\*/</sup>

1 Jul 44

AAA Comd (Hwn) asgd to CPBC, without change of sta. Mission of comd was to man, maintain, and operate the antiaircraft arty defenses of isl of Oahu, functioning under opnl contrl of Hwn Air Def Wing.

10 May 45

AAA Comd disbanded and reorg as 2273d AAA Comd (Hwn). Comd asgd to CPBC.

COMMANDER

DATE

Brig Gen Robert M Perkins

16 Mar 42 - ?

(Other commanders, if any, not known.)

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\* Although Hawaiian Antiaircraft Artillery Command was redesignated on this date, general orders of USAFICPA continued to refer to the command by its old designation.

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## SERVICES OF SUPPLY

For some time prior to 16 June 1941, a Hawaiian Department Service Command had been established to direct the military districts of Hawaii, Oahu, Maui, and Kauai. G-5, Hawaiian Department, provided General Staff co-ordination and supervision of the activities of the Hawaiian Department Service Command. On 16 June 1941, the service command was abolished and the island districts came directly under the department commander.

18 Jan 42

Dept Hq reorg into Forward and Rear Ech. Rear Ech, under direct supervision of Acting Deputy Chief of Staff for Service, asgd responsibility for all matters pertaining to admin and supply normally handled by communication Zone and Army sv area of a theater of opns.

12 Mar 42

Sv comds established in Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui Dists; each comd asgd to its respective dist. Responsibilities of CO's of comds involved general duties similar to those of corps comdr, Z/1, to include opn of base ports; general responsibility for supply of tac and sv troops in area; comd of nondivisional sv troops and instls; provision of housing, camp sites, utilities, and land required for tac opns, operating through local representative of Dept Engr.

21 Jun 42

CG Hq Hwn Dept directed Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai Sv Comds to operate directly under Dept Hq, except for disciplinary contl, which would be exercised by dist comdrs.

24 Jun 42

Sv comd for Dist of Hawaii abolished.

1 Aug 42

Sv comd for Dist of Hawaii established, to operate under direct contl of Hq Hwn Dept, except for disciplinary contl, which would be exercised by dist comdr.

6 Oct 42

Hwn Services of Supply org in Dept Hq. Comd, composed of existing Rear Ech, made separate comd subordinate to CG Hq Hwn Dept. Sv comds, formerly under direct contl of dept comdr, became echs of Hwn SOS. Comd, though separate, was staffed by members of Hq Hwn Dept.

11 Nov 42

Concurrently with establishment of Molokai - Lanai Dist, this date, Molokai - Lanai Sv Comd established to operate under direct contrl CG Hwn SOS, with duties and functions identical with those of other dist sv comds of Hwn Dept.

10 Apr 43

Hwn SOS reorg and redesiɡ Hwn Dept Sv Forces.

10 Aug 43

Concurrently with reorg Hq Hwn Dept and establishment of Army Port Sv Comd. certain functions of Hwn Dept Sv Forces asgd to AP and SC. Hwn Dept Sv Forces apparently abolished.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Walter C Phillips (Acting)	18 Jan 42
Col Walter C Phillips	9 May 42
(Col Phillips served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Service)	
Brig Gen Henry B Holmes, Jr	6 Oct 42
(Other commanders, if any, not known.)	



ARMY PORT AND SERVICE COMMAND

(AP&SC)

AP&SC (with Prov Hq Co) established 10 Aug 43 to operate Army port and subports of Hwn Dept, and asgd to Hq Hwn Dept. Port and sv comdr desig by name as Executive to Mil Governor Cargo and Passenger Contl. Comd also asgd certain functions formerly performed by Hwn Dept Sv Forces.

Mission included:

Contl of all Army port opns at Port of Honolulu and subports at territorial harbors;

Receipt and delivery of incoming waterborne cargo to chiefs of tec svcs;

Delivery at subports of incoming cargo and pers to dist comdrs;

Responsibility at Pacific isl bases for delivery or receipt aboard vessels of consigned cargo and pers;

Shipment of all outgoing Army waterborne cargo delivered by chiefs of tec svcs or comdrs concerned;

Receipt, mvmt (including providing of transportation), and staging of incoming and outgoing units and casual pers on Oahu; and preparation and execution of detailed embarkation and debarkation schedules and/or trp mvmt tables for units and casual pers between staging or billeting areas on Oahu and the port, in accordance with mvmt orders and directives of Hwn Dept;

Opn of Hwn Dept Repl Depot, including admin and classification, asgmt, reasgmt, equipment, and disposition of all casual pers;

Comd of all ports, camps, and stas, and staging and billeting areas on Oahu except those under comd of chiefs of spec staff secs;

Responsibility for internal security of Honolulu water-front area; maintenance, repair, and opn of Army buildings and utilities in ports, staging, and billeting areas, and in posts, camps, and stas on Oahu asgd to its comd;

Enforcement of quarantine restrictions on incoming and outgoing pers, and responsibility for medical sv aboard transports asgd to its contl;

Liaison with 14th Naval Dist, Pacific Fleet, and War Shipping Admin in all matters affecting joint use of shipping on which policy has been established by higher hq;

Co-ordination with local naval security officers of arrangements made in matters affecting internal security of water-front within territorial ports;

Contl of all rail transportation used by Army in Hwn Dept;

Opn of recreational facilities located on posts, camps, and stas under its comd except Hwn Dept recreational facilities.

Units and personnel asgd to comd included:

Army and civilian pers on duty with Cargo and Passenger Contl (OMG);

Port and Transportation Div;

197th Port Co, TC;

376th Port Bn, TC (- Cos A and C atchd to task forces);

Enlisted Pers of Transportation Corps Sec, Hq Co, Hwn Dept;

Sta Complements: Fts Armstrong, DeRussy, Hase, Kamehameha, Ruger, Shafter, Schofield Barracks, and Cp Malakole;

Hwn Dept Repl Depot;

Co A, 724th Mil Pol Bn (ZI), was atchd to comd.

1 Nov 43

Hwn Dept Repl Depot and Repl Bn inact.

13th Repl Depot act Oahu and (assumed) asgd to AP&SC. (See R/E 13th Repl Depot.)

20 Jan 44

13th Repl Depot (assumed) to be reld fr asgrmt to AP&SC upon being desig this date as major comd under direct contl Hq USAFICPA.

O/a 2 Feb 44

CG AP&SC appointed Chief of Transportation, USAFICPA, to act as adviser to CG USAFICPA on all matters of opn, supply, tng, and equipment pertaining to Transportation Corps within CPA.

13 Apr 44

Hq and Hq Co, 24th Port, TC, act and asgd to AP&SC.

14 Apr 44

CG AP&SC asgd responsibility for contl and admin of Sand Isl Mil Reservation, Kapalama Mil Reservation, and Quarantine Sta, including all land, buildings, and movable properties owned by U.S. Treasury Dept, temporarily requisitioned.

1 Jul 44

AP&SC asgd to CPBC with mission, in general, unchanged.

6 Oct 44

Casual Depot, CPBC, act and asgd to AP&SC.

18 Jul 45

CPBC Pers Center org and asgd to AP&SC.

COMMANDER

DATE

Col Roy E Blount

10 Aug 43 - 15 Jan 44

Brig Gen Roy E Blount (Promotion)

15 Jan 44 - 15 Aug 45

DEPARTMENT RESERVE (COMBAT TRAINING COMMAND)

28 Jul 42

Dept Res act, with hq at Schofield Barracks. Primary mission was preparation of trps for combat; later, mission enlarged to include handling of replacements passing through Hwn Isls.

19 Nov 42

Hwn Dept Repl Depot established at Schofield Barracks, with mission to equip, classify, and train incoming and outgoing casual pers. Dept Res CO desig to comd depot, in addition to his other duties.

22 May 43

Hq Det, Dept Res, actd at Schofield Barracks.

10 Aug 43

Dept Res made major ech of Hq Hwn Dept. Mission revised, with CG reld of responsibility for combat tng of sv trps, and charged with responsibility for comd and opn of all dept tng centers and schools on isl of Oahu not specifically charged to an arm, corps, or sv, or to a combat div or other major ech. Dept Res to consist of hq and all trps asgd or atchd thereto.

Hwn Dept Repl Depot asgd to AP&SC.

29 Jun 44

Dept Res redesign Combat Tng Comd, with primary mission of offensive tng; however, units asgd to it for tng were charged with additional mission of reinforcing north and south sector (of Oahu) trps whenever directed.

1 Aug 44

Combat Tng Comd asgd to CPBC for def employment, without change of sta. Fr 24 Jul 44 (date of act of Rpl Tng Comd as hq for handling replacements) until 26 May 45, Combat Tng Comd functioned as tng center and tac res. Fr 26 May 45 until end of war, Combat Tng Comd charged with ground def of Oahu by CG CPBC.

COMMANDER

DATE

Brig Gen Dennis E McCunniff

22 May 43 - 31 Jul 45

(Other commanders, if any, not known.)

## GROUND DEFENSES OF OAHU

The organization of the Ground Defenses of Oahu was based on a geographical division of the island for defense purposes into a north and south sector, each manned by its respective defense force, with a mobile reserve centrally located to support either sector in an emergency. The command was not a separate command in the formal sense; the commanding officer of the tactical unit charged with the ground defense of Oahu was, by virtue of the fact, commanding officer of the Ground Defenses of Oahu. (See note under Commanders.)

The Commanding Officer, Ground Defense of Oahu, with the means placed at his disposal, provided the Infantry defense of Oahu under normal conditions. He had the duty of maintaining surveillance over all water areas surrounding the island of Oahu; preventing the landing and embarkation of enemy agents; preventing shore-to-ship communication (excluding radio) by the enemy; repulsing raids by enemy commando groups; maintaining two command posts in readiness so that each might be occupied by a division headquarters; and of training personnel and units under his control in the performance of assigned missions.

Upon the establishment of the Central Pacific Base Command on 1 July 1944, Ground Defenses of Oahu was included as a major echelon of that command, and was defined by the latter as the infantry command -- reinforced by appropriate attachments -- charged with the tactical defense of the island of Oahu. It would be disposed in accordance with current orders of the Central Pacific Base Command, and its employment co-ordinated with that of the Seacoast Artillery Command, Antiaircraft Artillery Command, and the Hawaiian Air Defense Wing, the latter under control of the Central Pacific Base Command for defense of the Hawaiian Islands only.

On 1 February 1945, the Ground Defenses of Oahu was officially established as a major echelon of the Central Pacific Base Command.

From 1 July 1944 to 20 April 1945, the 390th RCT, and the 389th and 391st Infantry Regiments of the 98th Division were assigned in turn to the active defense of Oahu. On 20 April 1945, the 372d Infantry was assigned to Ground Defenses of Oahu, effective upon its arrival in Hawaii (on or about 8 May 1945). (See footnote for 18 March 1945 entry in CPBC R/E.)

On 26 May 1945, Ground Defenses of Oahu was transferred to the Combat Training Command.

## COMMANDER.

The names of the CO's of the RCT's and Inf Regts responsible for the ground defense of Oahu are not known. Neither is it known whether GDO ever had a separate commander whose duties were confined exclusively to that Command.

## REPLACEMENT TRAINING COMMAND (RTC)

On 4 May 1944, the War Department issued a directive on Uniform Replacement Principles that contained certain broad, salient features which were ordered to be made uniform in all theaters of operation. These included the establishment of a Theater Replacement Command and the assignment of a Theater Replacement Officer, whose sole responsibility was to operate the theater replacement system under War Department and theater policies. The theater replacement commander would control all unassigned personnel in the theater, except those in the hands of field commanders, and be responsible for the channeling of replacements.

In order to implement the War Department directive Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Replacement Training Command, was established as a provisional unit on 24 July 1944. Brig. Gen. Herbert D. Gibson was assigned as Commanding General, replacement Training Command. On 13 August 1944, General Gibson was appointed Replacement Officer, Pacific Ocean Areas, as an additional duty. The Replacement Training Command was formally activated on 11 September 1944.

24 Jul 44

Hq and Hq Det, Repl Tng Comd (Prov) org at Schofield Barracks and asgd to USAFICPA.

13 Aug 44

CG RTC appointed Repl Officer, Pacific Ocean Areas, in addition to his other duties.

South Pacific Repl and Tng Comd and 13th Repl Depot asgd to RTC.

1 Sep 44

RTC authorized to establish repl depot of five bns plus a separate Repl Bn on Saipan with capacity for 12,000 replacements.

11 Sep 44

Prov orgn abolished; RTC formally act. Asgd mission to supervise opn of 13th Repl Depot on Oahu and 6th Repl Depot on New Caledonia, and co-ordinate tng of all replacements in Central Pacific theater.

2 Nov 44

CG RTC directed to furnish Army pers for Iwo Jima opn.

15 Nov 44

CG RTC and CG CPBC directed to transfer whenever possible Army pers who were residents of Hqn Isls, or individuals in area who had not served outside Hwn gp for two years. Individuals who had completed forty months of overseas service, excepting residents of Hwn Isls, were exempt.

24 Nov 44

Tng Memo #8, bearing this date, issued. Memo furnished basis for all repl tng in RTC. Provided for theater and refresher tng for newly arrived pers; reconditioning tng for those released fr hospitals; special tng for illiterates; conversion tng; rehabilitation tng for prisoners; shipboard tng; nurse repl tng; and basic tng for inductees.

4 Jan 45

RTC authorized to construct facilities for 2,000 replacements on Saipan.

24 Jan 45

23d Repl Depot asgd to RTC with sta on Saipan.

2 Feb 45

135th Repl Bn (AAF) act and asgd to RTC.

10 Feb 45

RTC authorized to establish repl instl on Okinawa for 5,000 replacements.

21 Feb 45

135th Repl Bn (AAF) reld fr asgmt to RTC and asgd to AAFPOA.

26 Mar 45

74th Repl Bn asgd to RTC.

29 Mar 45

1st and 2d Prov Conversion Tng Bns org and asgd to RTC.

25th Repl Depot act Schofield Barracks and asgd to RTC. Primary mission to establish system of conversion tng and be prepared to move to forward area when a repl depot would be needed on Okinawa.

2 Apr 45

1st and 2d Prov Conversion Tng Bns further asgd to 25th Repl Depot.



10 Apr 45

121st, 122d, 123d, and 124th Repl Bns act and asgd to RTC.

14 Apr 45

121st, 122d, and 124th Repl Bns further asgd to 13th Repl Depot.

16 Apr 45

123d Repl Bn further asgd to 25th Repl Depot.

28 Apr 45

RTC authorized to construct additional facilities for 8,800 replacements on Saipan.

1 Jun 45

120th Repl Bn asgd to RTC.

10 Jun 45

CPBC reld RTC of duty of rehabilitating prisoners.

15 Jun 45

25th Repl Depot dep for Okinawa.

30 Jun 45

CG RTC under provisions of readjustment regulations, transferred for re-adjustment, whenever possible, all atchd, unasgd enlisted men with scores of 85 points.

COMMANDER

DATE

Brig Gen Herbert D Gibson

24 Jul 44 - 15 Aug 45

13th REPLACEMENT DEPOT

19 Nov 42

Hwn Dept Repl Depot established at Schofield Barracks, with mission of equipping, classifying, and tng incoming and outgoing personnel. CO Dept Res appointed CO Hwn Dept Repl Depot, in addition to his other duties.

6 Apr 43

Hwn Dept Repl Bn constituted and act with sta at Schofield Barracks.

Hwn Dept Repl Depot established at Schofield Barracks and atchd to that hq for admin.\*

10 Aug 43

Hwn Repl Depot asgd to AP&SC.

1 Nov 43

Hwn Dept Repl Depot and Repl Bn inact; concurrently 13th Repl Depot act.

73d, 74th, 75th, 76th, and 77th Repl Bns act and asgd to 13th Repl Depot.

20 Jan 44

13th Repl Depot made major comd of USAFICPA.

Co 13th Repl Depot made responsible for opn and admin of depot, including classification, asgmt, and distribution of casuals, and tng of inductees and other casuals asgd to depot.

15 Aug 44

13th Repl Depot asgd to Repl Tng Comd (Prov), POA.

20 Jan 45

118th and 119th Repl Bns act and asgd to 13th Repl Depot.

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\* GO 181, Headquarters, Hawaiian Department, 19 Nov 1942, which established Hawaiian Department Replacement Depot on that date, was rescinded on 6 April 1943, and the Hawaiian Department Replacement Depot was, in effect, re-established. Records indicate that the Commanding Officer Department Reserve remained as commanding officer of the new replacement depot.

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O/a 31 Jan 45

75th Repl Bn reld fr asgmt to 13th Repl Depot and asgd to 23d Repl Depot.

12 Feb 45

74th Repl Bn reld fr asgmt to 13th Repl Depot and asgd to 23d Repl Depot.

15 Mar 45

120th Repl Bn act and asgd to 13th Repl Depot.

25 Mar 45

118th Repl Bn reld fr asgmt to 13th Repl Depot and asgd to 23d Repl Depot.

1 Apr 45

117th Repl Bn reld fr asgmt to 13th Repl Depot and asgd to 23d Repl Depot.

14 Apr 45

76th Repl Bn reld fr asgmt to 13th Repl Depot and asgd to 25th Repl Depot.  
121st, 122d, and 124th Repl Bns asgd to 13th Repl Depot.

1 Jun 45

73d Repl Bn reld fr asgmt to 13th Repl Depot and asgd to 25th Repl Depot.

76th and 123d Repl Bns reld fr asgmt to 25th Repl Depot and asgd to 13th Depot.

120th Repl Bn reld fr asgmt to Repl Tng Comd.

COMMANDER

DATE

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19 Nov 42 - 22 May 43

Brig Gen Dennis E McCunniff

22 May 43 - 31 Jul 45

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31 Jul 45 - ?

(It is not possible, because of the absence of pertinent records, to identify the officers who commanded the Hawaiian Department Replacement Depot prior to 22 May 1943, and 13th Replacement Depot after 31 July 1945.)

## DISTRICT FORCES

District forces were organized for the defense of outlying islands in the Hawaiian group. Both Army and Marine Divisions trained in these islands, and the Army division commander became commanding general of the district force while his troops were undergoing training in the area. The district forces were later redesignated Army garrison forces.

### Hawaii District (AGF, APO 960)

7 Dec 41

Hawaii Dist established, 5 May 41, comprised the island of Hawaii and all elms of U.S. Army permanently stationed thereon, except Kilauea Mil Cp which in an emergency, for def purposes, would come under comd of CO, Hawaii Dist.

30 Jun 44

Redesign AGF, APO 960.

1 Jul 44

Asgd to Cen Pac Base Comd.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Lt Col Ralph S Burton	16 Jun 41 - 18 Mar 42
Maj Gen Ralph McT Pennell	18 Mar 42 - 31 Oct 42
Brig Gen Herbert D Gibson	31 Oct 42 - 8 Jan 44
Col Hollis LeR Muller	9 Jan 44 - ?

### Kauai District (AGF, APO 962)

7 Dec 41

Kauai Dist, established 5 May 41, comprised islands of Kauai and Niihau, and all elms of U.S. Army permanently stationed thereon.

30 Jun 44

Redesig AGF, APO 962.

Kauai District (AGF, APO 962) (Cont)

1 Jul 44

Asgd tp Cen Pac Base Comd.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Lt Col Eugene J Fitzgerald	18 Apr 41 - 5 Apr 42
Brig Gen Alexander E Anderson	5 Apr 42 - 0/a 30 Aug 42
Maj Gen Rapp Brush	0/a 30 Aug 42 - 15 Jul 43
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Maj Gen Percy W Clarkson	20 Oct 43 - 26 Apr 44
Maj Gen George W Griner, Jr	26 Apr 44 - 25 Jun 44
Brig Gen Josef R Sheetz	25 Jun 44 - 16 Jul 44
Maj Gen Ralph G Smith	16 Jul 44 - 27 Aug 44
Brig Gen Josef R Sheetz	27 Aug 44 - 16 Oct 44
Brig Gen Wayne C Zimmerman	16 Oct 44 - 23 Oct 44
Brig Gen Armistead R Harper	23 Oct 44 - 2 Nov 44
Maj A W Duvel	2 Nov 44 - 28 Nov 44
Lt Col W P Crum	28 Nov 44 - 13 Dec 44
Col N G Bush	13 Dec 44 - 31 Dec 44
Lt Col W P Crum	31 Dec 44 <sup>*</sup> / <sub>-</sub> 1 Mar 45
Maj Carl Westlund	1 Mar 45 - 31 Jul 45
Col James J Doyle	31 Jul 45 - ?

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\* Authority for this date is cited as General Order No. 18, District of Kauai, dated 31 December 1944. In a history of the Kauai District used here in compiling the list of commanders, two references were made to the Order, one of which designates the date of assumption of command as 31 December 1944, the second as 1 January 1945.

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Maui District (AGF, APO 961)

7 Dec 41

Maui Dist, established 5 May 41, comprised isls of Maui, Molokai, Lanai, Kahoolawe, and all elms of U.S. Army permanently stationed thereon.

11 Nov 42

District reorg to comprise islands of Maui and Kahoolawe only, and all tac elms of U.S. Army permanently sta thereon.

24 Mar 44

Dist reorg to comprise isls of Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and Kahoolawe, and all tac elms of U.S. Army permanently sta thereon.

30 Jun 44

Redesig AGF, APO 961.

1 Jul 44

Asgd to Cen Pac Base Comd.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Lt Col Archibald A Fall	5 May 41 - ?
Col Charles B Lyman	7 Dec 41 - 17 Apr 42
Brig Gen Redmond F Kernan, Jr	17 Apr 42 - 4 Sep 42
Brig Gen Richard E Mittelstaedt	4 Sep 42 - 16 Jul 43
Brig Gen Donald J Myers	16 Jul 43 - 20 Apr 44
Brig Gen George L Eberle	20 Apr 44 - 30 Jul 44
Col Wayne C Zimmerman	30 Jul 44 - 7 Sep 44
Brig Gen Wayne C Zimmerman	7 Sep 44 - 20 Nov 44
Col Osgood C McIntyre	20 Nov 44 - 21 Dec 44
Lt Col John D Hagon	21 Dec 44 - 21 Jan 45
Col Murray B Crandall	21 Jan 45 - 14 May 45

COMMANDER (Cont)

DATE

Lt Col Richard F Reidy

14 May 45 - 30 Jul 45

Lt Col Pennock H Wollaston

30 Jul 45 - 15 Aug 45

MOLOKAI - LANAI DISTRICT

11 Nov 42

Molokai - Lanai Dist established, comprising islands of Molokai and Lanai, and all tac elms of U.S. Army permanently stationed thereon.\*

24 Mar 44

Dist returned to former status as subdist of Maui Dist.

COMMANDER

Brig Gen Wilhelm A Anderson

11 Nov 42 - 27 Apr 43

Col Edward L Kellas

27 Apr 43 - 7 Feb 44

Lt Col Alexander H. Perwein

7 Feb 44 - 24 Mar 44

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\* At the outbreak of war on 7 December 1941, Company K 299th Infantry, was the only military unit occupying the island of Molokai. Its primary mission was the guarding of Homestead Field and Kaunakakai Wharf. No troops were stationed on Lanai prior to 7 December 1941. Molokai functioned as a subdistrict of Maui District and when troops were detailed for duty on Lanai this island likewise became part of the Maui - Molokai - Lanai District.

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## ARMY GARRISON FORCES

Except for district forces in the islands of the outlying Hawaiian group, Army garrison forces were organized on Oahu, and sent to their island posts, usually with the invasion forces capturing these islands. The garrison forces included technical units which were to build and maintain the planned installations on the island. They varied in size, and were commanded by officers who ranked from first lieutenants to major general.

Their chronology is presented here in alphabetical listing.

### Army Garrison Force, APO 264, Anguar Island (Palau Islands)

22 Aug 44

Constituted and (assumed) asgd to USAFICPA.

22 Aug 44

Org formally.

CG AGF, APO 264, was desig CO Anguar. Mission of Garrison forces was to occupy base after seizure by U.S. forces, and establish and def mil instls thereon. Comd channels for this area were as specified by CINCPOA. Other missions asgd by next superior in operational chain of comd. Initially, CO AGF APO 264, was directly responsible to the CG POA for matters of admin and supply for all Army forces, and for tng of Army ground forces at Anguar.

30 Sep 44

First elms of force arr on island.

25 Apr 45

Asgd to WPBC.

12 Jul 45

Hq and Hq Det AGF, APO 264, discontinued.



COMMANDER

DATE

Col Ray A Dunn

22 Aug 44 - 12 Jul 45

Army Garrison Force, Apamama (Abemama) Island

(Gilbert Islands)

22 Feb 44

Apamama Garrison Force org and (assumed) asgd to USAFICPA.

0/a 16 Mar 44

Force reld U.S. marines on Apamama. Primary mission of force was gen def of "Steve" Island by means of arty fire (main northern isl of the atoll) fr air and surface or amph atk. Secondary mission was to oppose every hostile ground action by all means available. Naval comdr of Apamama exercised operational cntl over employment of Army ground forces against hostile aircraft and surface craft.

10 Oct 44

First elms of force began dep fr Apamama; evacuation completed 18 Oct.

22 Dec 44

Force disbanded.

COMMANDER

DATE

Maj Alan Seff

1 Mar 44 - ?

Capt R A Hichborn

3 Jul 44 - 18 Oct 44

Army Task Force, APO 457, Baker Island

11 Aug 43

ATF, APO 457 (Baker Isl) established.

1 Sep 43

ATF landed Baker Isl.

20 Sep 43

Following construction of airstrip, ATF began gradual withdrawal fr isl; evacuation completed 26 Mar 44.

O/a 10 Apr 44

ATF, APO 457, disbanded. \*/

COMMANDER

DATE

Lt Col Philo O Rasmusen

11 Aug 43 - 1 Jan 44

Col Carlton F Bond

1 Jan 44 - 26 Mar 44

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\* FO 163, USAFICPA, 8 March 1944, provided for the disbandment of Army Task Force, APO 457, following its release from attachment to the force of its component units after their arrival at Oahu and their release from quarantine.

Army Garrison Force, APO 914, Canton Island

14 Nov 41

Following rcn of isl on 21 Oct, construction group, including det of 804th Engr Bn (Av) landed on Canton to commence development of airfield.

13 Feb 42

Def force arr Canton isl fr U.S. with mission to def Canton Isl fr atk by land, sea, or air, as prescribed by CG Hwn Dept.

15 Feb 42

Comd on Canton Isl officially desig Canton Task Force. \*/

30 Jun 44

Army Task Force, APO 914, redesig Army Garrison Force, APO 914.

1 Jul 44

Army Garrison Force, APO 914, asgd to Central Pacific Base Command.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Herbert D Gibson	13 Feb 42 - 10 Aug 42
Lt Col R A Ellsworth	10 Aug 42 - 27 Dec 42
Lt Col C W Tivy	27 Dec 42 - 2 Jan 43
Col William W Jenna	2 Jan 43 - 27 Apr 43
Col Lotha W Smith	28 Apr 43 - 23 Dec 43
Col James J. Doyle	23 Dec 43 - 0/a 10 Jun 44
Lt Col Royal O Nunamaker	0/a 10 Jun 44 - 0/a 19 Jun 44
Maj Walter A Wood	0/a 19 Jun 44 - 10 Sep 44
Lt Col Alexander H Perwein	10 Sep 44 - 24 Feb 45
Lt Col Provosty A Dayries	24 Feb 45

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\* Later generally referred to as Army Task Force, APO 914.

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Army Garrison Force, APO 915, Christmas Island

18 Nov 41

Following survey of isl on 20 Oct, construction gp, including det of 804th Engr Bn (Av) landed on Christmas to commence development of airfield and defs for isl.

11 Feb 42

Task force arr on isl fr U.S. with mission of def Christmas Isl fr atk by land, sea, and air, as prescribed by CG Hwn Dept.

15 Feb 42

Comd on Christmas officially desig Christmas Task Force.\*

30 Jun 44

Army Task Force, APO 915, redesig Army Garrison Force, APO 915.

1 Jul 44

Army Garrison Force, APO 915, asgd to Central Pacific Base Command.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Paul W Rutledge	11 Feb 42 - 10 Oct 42
Col H H Ristin	10 Oct 42 - Aug 43
Col Hamilton Merrill	Aug 43 - 5 Oct 43
Col James J Doyle	5 Oct 43 - 15 Dec 43
Col Chas S Ferrin	15 Dec 43 - 10 Mar 44
Lt Col Joseph L Jaggard	10 Mar 44 - 13 Mar 44
Col Edward L Kellas	13 Mar 44 - 31 May 44
Maj Arthur L Benson	31 May 44 - 20 Sep 44
Maj Sidney Stenson	20 Sep 44 - 4 Mar 45
Capt J W Darling	4 Mar 45 - 5 Jul 45
Maj Lester W Bryan	6 Jul 45 - 15 Aug 45

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\* Later generally referred to as Army Task Force, APO 915.

Army Garrison Force, APO 248  
(Eighth Army Area Command)

17 Jun 44

Hq and Hq Co, Army Garrison Force, APO 248 (Prov) org at Ft Kamehameha, T.H.

30 Jul 44

Force released by CG USAFICPA to opnl contrl of Comdr Task Force 36, for employment in Palau opn. Mission of force occupation and comd of Yap Isl; establish and def of bases thereon; admin and tng of AGF units in Western Carolines (Palau, Yap, and Ulithi); and representation of COMGENPOA in in Western Carolines. \*/

6 Aug 44

Hq and Hq Co AGF, APO 248 formally org.

\* Under a revised concept of the Palau operation, the XXIV Corps had been assigned the mission of capturing Yap Island in the second phase of the operation, designated as STALEMATE II, to be conducted by CINCPAC. On 15 September 1944, shortly after embarkation for the objective area, the corps was assigned a new mission in the Southwest Pacific Area, involving participation in the forthcoming Leyte - Samar operation (KING II), under the direction of CINC SWPA with the Sixth Army in command of the landing force. Under the altered plan, the destination of AGF APO 248 was changed from Yap to Leyte, in the Philippines. Although some AGF units were attached to the XXIV Corps for the Yap operation and these and possibly other AGF units were attached to the corps when the corps and AGF, APO 248 came under the control of the Sixth Army, there is no indication of any direct command relationship between the two units, with the exception of the initial phase of the Yap operation when the island commander was to be under corps command. Upon the conclusion of the assault phase of the operation AGF, APO 248 (provisional) would return to the operational control of Commander Task Force 36.

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18 Oct 44

AGF, APO 248, atchd to SWPA for all purposes except pers asgmt other than reasgmt of evacuated pers. \*/

19 Oct 44

AGF, APO 248 atchd to Sixth Army for employment in Leyte - Samar opn.

In order to expedite transfer of responsibility fr Sixth Army to Eighth Army, GHQ, SWPA directed that upon arr of AGF in SWPA, CG AGF, APO 248, be desig as Deputy Comdr, Eighth Army, and directed to report by radio to Eighth Army Comdr for instructions.

26 Dec 44

AGF, APO 248 passed to contl of Eighth Army upon passage of comd fr Sixth to Eighth Army of Leyte - Samar opn.\*\*/

8 Jan 45

Hq and Hq Co AGF, APO 248 redesi g Hq and Hq Co, Eighth Army Area Comd.

20 Jan 45

Eighth Army Area Comd directed by Eighth Army to carry out missions presently asgd Eighth Army in its area of responsibility (New Guinea - Morotai), and at Aitape, Madang, Lae, Finschhafen, Oro Bay, Cape Gloucester, and Milne Bay; and to assume contl of area and trps at Toem upon dep of 123d RCT therefrom. Certain units located at Biak, Finschhafen, Lae, Morotai, Oro Bay, and Toem excluded fr transfer of contl.

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\* A letter dated 29 January 1945, from the Commanding General, Eighth Army Area Command to the Commanding General, SWPA (through CG Eighth Army), regarding the assignment status of the command, states that on or about 6 October 1944 the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Army Garrison Force, APO 248, came under the control of the Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, pursuant to an agreement with the Commanding General, Pacific Ocean Areas. From information furnished this command at the time referred to, and in one subsequent communication, it was indicated that the organization was attached to the Southwest Pacific Area for operation and administration; except that the Commanding General, Pacific Ocean Area, retained jurisdiction over the assignment and reassignment of personnel.

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\*\* While the Eighth Army in general assumed control of all units previously under control of the Sixth Army for the Leyte - Samar operation on this date (26 December 1944), Letter Orders issued by USAFFE and by the Eighth Army in January 1945 designated 5 January 1945 as the date of the formal transfer of AGF, APO 248, to the Eighth Army.

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20 Feb 45

Eighth Army Area Comd asgd to SWPA and concurrently to Eighth Army. \*/

14 Feb 45

Eighth Army Area Comd directed by Eighth Army (in addition to continuing previously asgd missions in New Guinea - Morotai area) to assume contrl of Leyte - Samar opn 24 Feb 45 relieving X Corps of responsibility on Leyte, Samar, and Camotes Isls. Trps involved included Americal Div and 1st Filipino Inf Regt (US). and all Filipino forces on Leyte, Samar, and Camotes Isls.

9 Mar 45

Eighth Army Area Comd directed by Eighth Army to clear Masbate Isl of all org enemy resistance, employing elms of 108th RCT (40th Inf Div) upon their arr at Leyte o/a 18 Mar 45, and after clearance of objective area, withdraw U.S. trps and utilize guerrilla trps to garrison area.

10 Mar 45

Eighth Army Area Comd asgd additional mission by Eighth Army to assume contrl of all Filipino forces on Burias and Ticao Isls upon withdrawal of U.S. trps fr those isls, and continue missions presently asgd Filipino forces.

16 Mar 45

Eighth Army Area Comd directed by Eighth Army to effect rel of 31st Inf Div fr combat responsibility in Dutch New Guinea - Morotai area at earliest practicable date, and replace with 93d Inf Div, preparing the 31st Div up on rel for future opns as directed by Eighth Army Hq.

2 May 45

Eighth Army Area Comd directed by Eighth Army to assemble 108th RCT (40 Inf Div) reinf, in Ormoc area of Leyte, at earliest practicable date, in preparation for landing vic Bugo, Macajalar Bay, Mindanao.

13 Jun 45

Eight Army Area Comd directed by Eighth Army effective 1 Jul 45: (1) to assume contrl of specified trps on Cebu, Mindoro, Panay, and Negros, and responsibility for combat opns in Visayas area; (2) destroy remaining enemy forces and establish necessary garrisons on Cebu, Bohol, Negros, Panay, and Mindoro, employing U.S. trps within prescribed limits; (3) con-

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\* From information reported to have been given orally by Lt. Gen. Robert C Richardson, Jr (COMGENPOA), upon the occasion of a visit to the Southwest Pacific Area on 4 January 1945, to the effect that AGF, APO 248, was no longer an element of Pacific Ocean Area troops, but had been reassigned to the Southwest Pacific Area it is evident that for all practical purposes the Army Garrison Forces was considered as belonging to the Southwest Pacific theater at that time.

13 Jun 45 (Contd)

tinued previously asgd missions to destroy enemy and maintain necessary garrisons on Morotai, Dutch New Guinea, Leyte, Samar, Masbate, isls in San Bernardino Strait and Verde Isl Passage, and small isls adjacent to these areas; and (4) utilize 1st Filipino Inf Regt and 503d Prcht RCT to maximum extent for combat and garrison duties in Visayas area prior to requesting any additional U.S. trps. Area comdr further directed to assume contrl of all Philippine Army and guerrilla units in his areas and make maximum use of them to destroy enemy and maintain necessary garrisons.

Army Garrison Force, APO 248

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Roscoe B Woodruff	17 Jun 44 - 18 Nov 44
Maj Gen Frederick A Irving	18 Nov 44 - 8 Jan 45

Eighth Army Area Command \*/

Maj Gen Frederick A Irving	8 Jan 45 - 14 Apr 45
Lt Gen Robert L Eichelberger	20 Apr 45 - 20 Apr 45
Maj Gen Frederick A Irving	23 Apr 45 - 23 Apr 45
Lt Gen Robert L Eichelberger	2 May 45 - 21 Jun 45
Maj Gen Frederick A Irving	24 Jun 45 - 24 Jun 45
Lt Gen Robert L Eichelberger	26 Jun 45 - 26 Jun 45
Maj Gen Frederick A Irving	2 Jul 45 - 2 Jul 45
Lt Gen Robert L Eichelberger	3 Jul 45 - 3 Jul 45

\* The absence of continuity in dates of command is due to the inaccessibility of General Orders of the Eighth Army Area Command at the time this roster was being compiled. Available Letter Orders and Field orders were consulted, but since these furnish evidence of command for their particular dates only, the result has been a break between certain dates where command could not be determined.



Maj Gen Frederick A Irving

5 Jul 45 - 9 Aug 45

Lt Gen Robert L Eichelberger

10 Aug 45 - 15 Aug 45

Army Garrison Force, Engebi Island, Eniwetok

Atoll (Marshall Islands)

19 Feb 44

First elms of garrison force desig 3d Army Def Bn \*/ (formed at Kwajalein fr elms of 3d and 4th Army Def Bns upon their arr at Kwajalein) landed on Engebi. Mission of force was def of Engebi against all enemy attacks. Force comdr was under comd of Eniwetok Atoll comdr for all opnl matters. In purely admin matters, he was responsible to representative of CG Cen Pac Area in Marshall Army Area.

20 Sep 44

Army forces removed fr Engebi by this date and Army responsibilities and activities at base ceased, except for small det of weather and signal pers which remained.

O/a 25 Sep 44

3d Army Def Bn disbanded on Oahu upon completion of its staging and quarantine period there.

COMMANDER

DATE

Col Clifford R Jones

19 Jan 44 - 25 Sep 44

\* Designated in the field order organizing them as 3d and 4th Defense Battalions. In all probability, this was the 3d Army Defense Battalion which had landed on Kwajalein.

Army Garrison Force, APO 967, Fanning Island

7 Dec 41

Isl occupied by New Zealand trps.

26 Apr 42

American task force, org Oahu and consisting of Co G, 161st Inf, and atchd units, arr at isl to rel New Zealand trps.

10 Nov 42

Garrison at Fanning reorg as Lampoon Garrison Force, \*/ with pers and equipment of Co L, 21st Inf, forming a rifle co.

30 Jun 44

Army Task Force, APO 967, redesign Army Garrison Force, APO 967.

1 Jul 44

Army Garrison Force, APO 967 asgd to Cen Pac Base Comd.

7 Jul 45

AGF, APO 967, dep Fanning Isl.

12 Jul 45

AGF, APO 967, discontinued.

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\* Generally referred to as Army Task Force, APO 967.

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<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	
Capt Ray Haynes	15 Apr 42 - 2 Feb 43	<u>*/</u>
Maj Paul D Hollyfield	12 Feb 43 - 4 Jun 43	<u>*/</u>
Capt Isaac F Bonifay	4 Jun 43 - 28 Jun 44	
Capt Ralph J Ramsey	28 Jun 44 - 29 Jun 44	
1st Lt Neal T Moore	29 Jun 44 - 20 Jun 45	<u>**/</u>
Lt Col Robert J McBride	20 Jun 45 - 12 Jul 45	<u>**/</u>

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\* It is believed that a typographical error may have been responsible for the discrepancy between these two dates, and that both should have been either 2 February or 12 February 1945.

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\*\* Uncertainty exists as to the closing date of 1st Lt Neal T Moore's command of the garrison force and also as to whether Lt Col Robert J McBride actually served as its commander. Records available to OCMH state that he was placed on detached service to aid in the final arrangements for disbandment of AGF, APO 967.

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Army Garrison Force, APO 960, Hawaii

See Hawaii District.

Army Garrison Force, APO 246, Guam (Mariana Islands)

26 May 44

Prov Hq and Hq Co, Army Garrison Force, APO 246, org Oahu.

2 Aug 44

Landed on Guam and was atchd to Guam Isl Comd (Marine). CG AGF, APO 246, was responsible to CG AGF, APO 244 (Saipan), for Army admin, supplies, and tng, and operationally was under comd of Guam Isl Comd (Marine).

4 Aug 44

AGF, APO 246, formally act.

25 Apr 45

Asgd to the Western Pacific Base Comd.

COMMANDER

DATE

Col Gilbert T Collar

26 May 44 - ?

Brig Gen Raymond E O'Neill

24 May 45 - ?

Army Garrison Force, APO 962, Kauai

See Kauai District.

Army Garrison Force, APO 245, Ie Shima

24 Jan 45

Hq and Hq Co AGF, APO 245 org and asgd to Tenth Army, for purpose of defending Ie Shima after isl's seizure by U.S. forces. Initial sta of force was Schofield Barracks, T.H.

16 Apr 45

Force landed on Ie Shima with 77th Inf Div.

COMMANDER

DATE

Brig Gen Charles E Thomas, Jr

24 Jan 45 - ?

Army Garrison Force, APO 86, Iwo Jima

2 Dec 44

Army Garrison Force, APO 86, act with sta at Ft Kamehameha.

19 Feb 45

Elms of AGF, APO 86, landed on Iwo Jima with assault ech of U.S. marines.

Mission of CG AGF, APO 86, was to occupy Iwo Jima, with forces available to him, and to def mil instls thereon. Except for purely Army admin matters, force responsible to CINCPAC through opnl channels. In accordance with the policy of USAFPOA, the garrison force comdr responsible for tng of all Army ground force units asgd or atchd to his cmd.

25 Apr 45

AGF, APO 86, asgd to Western Pacific Base Comd.

COMMANDER

DATE

Maj Gen James E Chaney

2 Dec 44 - 31 Jul 45

(Subsequent commander, if any, unknown).

Army Garrison Force, APO 458, Kikai Jima

14 Mar 45

Hq and Hq Co, Army Garrison Force, APO 458, org and asgd to Tenth Army, with initial sta at Schofield Barracks, T.H. Force for planned invasion of Kikai Jima, which was not carried out because of changes in base development plans in Ryukyus.

26 Jul 45

AGF, APO 458 disbanded.

COMMANDER

DATE

Brig Gen Lawrence A Lawson

14 Mar 45 - 26 Jul 45

Army Garrison Force, APO 241, Kwajalein (Marshalls)

11 Oct 43

Army Def Bns #3 and #4 \*/ established to garrison Kwajalein Isl after its seizure by U.S. forces.

1 Feb 44

Garrison force atchd to 7th Inf Div during assault phase of landing on Kwajalein Isl by that div.

4 Feb 44

Garrison force comdr assumed comd of Kwajalein Isl and of south sector def force. His mission was to occupy base, and to establish and def airbase thereon. He had additional responsibility for admin, supply, and tng of all Army forces in Marshalls, and represented COMGECENPAC in area to the extent of latter's responsibilities for logistic support and opns.

5 Feb 45

Hq and Hq Det, Army Garrison Force, APO 241, org with sta at Kwajalein Isl. Concurrently, 4th Army Def Bn was disbanded, and units previously atchd to it were atchd to AGF, APO 241.

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\* Designated in the field order organizing them as 3d and 4th Defense Battalions.

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O/a 19 Feb 44

Elms of 3d Def Bn, including its hq, and elms of 4th Def Bn combined to form garrison force for Engebi Isl.

15 May 45

AGF, APO 241, with asgd units, asgd to Central Pacific Base Comd.

8 Aug 45

Hq and Hq Det, AGF, APO 241 discontinued.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen Herbert D Gibson	10 Jan 44 - 8 Mar 44
Col Clesen H Tenny	8 Mar 44 - 30 Aug 44
Brig Gen Ogden J Ross	30 Aug 44 - 30 Jun 45

(Subsequent commanders not known.)

7th Garrison Force, Makin Atoll (Gilberts)

7 Oct 43

7th Garrison Force constituted on Oahu, with Prov Force Hq.

21 Nov 43

First elms of force arr Makin; remainder arr 24 Nov.

24 Nov 43

Comd on Makin passed to CO 7th Garrison Force. Mission of force to establish, def, and operate adv air base to support further opns against enemy. More specific missions to be asgd by comdr, Central Pacific Force (Naval), to which 7th Garrison Force was atchd o/a this time.

23 Jan 45

Garrison force turned over all responsibility for Makin to the naval garrison force there. \*/

3 Feb 45

7th Garrison Force disbanded.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Clesen H Tenney	24 Nov 43 - 5 Mar 44
Col Clarence S Thorpe	5 Mar 44 - 19 Mar 44
Col Charles S Ferrin	19 Mar 44 - 1 Jul 44
Col Edward L Kellas	1 Jul 44 - 10 Sep 44
Lt Col Carl H Fernstrom	10 Sep 44 - 26 Dec 44
Lt Edward A Merski	26 Dec 44 - 5 Jan 45

Army Garrison Force, APO 961, Maui

See Maui District.

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\* The reduction of the 7th Garrison Force was gradual, beginning 18 April 1944 and continuing until 31 January 1945, when the last Army troops departed Makin. Upon arrival at Oahu, the force was released to the Central Pacific Base Command for disbandment, following the completion of the staging and quarantine period.

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Army Garrison Force, APO 457, Miyako Jima (Ryukyus)

14 Mar 45

Hq and Hq Co, Army Garrison Force, APO 457, org and asgd to Tenth Army, with initial sta at Schofield Barracks, T.H.

Force was org for planned invasion of Miyako Jima, which was not carried out because of changes in base development plans in Ryukyus.

15 Jul 45

AGF, APO 457 disbanded.

COMMANDER

DATE

Brig Gen Edwin B Lyon

14 Mar 45 - ?

Army Garrison Force, APO 331, Okinawa (Ryukyus)

13 Dec 44

Hq and Hq Co AGF, APO 331, org and asgd to Tenth Army, with initial sta at Schofield Barracks, T.H.

1 Apr 45

Elms of force landed with assault echs on Okinawa to provide logistic support for assault troops during and immediately after landings. 9 Apr, on order of CG Tenth Army, CG Isl Comd \*/ assumed responsibility for logistical support of opn. Isl Comd in effect functioned as an Army sv comd and an adv sec of communications zone. As such, it was in charge of base development program as well as of garrisoning and def of captured positions.

COMMANDER

DATE

Maj Gen Fred C Wallace

13 Dec 44 - 15 Aug 45

Army Task Force, APO 458, Palmyra

30 Sep 43

Task force org to rel Marine garrison on Palmyra not later than 15 Oct 43.

7 Oct 43

Task force occupied Palmyra. Mission of force comdr to operate under comd of naval isl comdr in def of Palmyra against land, sea, or air atk.

16 May 44

Task force disbanded after arr at Oahu.

COMMANDER

DATE

Lt Col Stuart C Allingham

30 Sep 44 - 14 Apr 44

Lt Frank H Reynolds

14 Apr 44 - 16 May 44

\* Army Garrison Force, APO 331, was sometimes referred to as Island Command, Okinawa. Maj. Gen. Fred C. Wallace, in his capacity as Island Commander, Okinawa, commanded not only Army Garrison Force, APO 331, but in addition the naval and air units which, with the Army Garrison Force, comprised the island command.

1111th POA Provisional Army Garrison Force, APO 265

Peleliu (Palaus)

20 Jun 45

Headquarters, 1111th POA Prov Army Garrison Force, APO 265 (Peleliu), org and (assumed) asgd to western Pacific Base Comd. Hq atchd to Isl Comd, APO 3252 (Naval) for opnl Contl.

COMMANDER

DATE

Col Russell G Ayers

20 Jun 45 - ?

Army Garrison Force, APO 244, Saipan (Marianas)

11 Apr 44

AGF, APO 244, constituted, with Prov Force Hq.

12 May 44

Hq and Hq Co AGF, APO 244, formally org to garrison Saipan after its seizure by U.S. forces. Garrison Comdr responsible for admin, supply, and tng of Army ground forces in Marianas area. He was the representative of CG USAFICPA (later USAFPOA) in the Marianas to the extent of the latter's responsibilities there in logistical and admin matters, and was responsible to CINCPAA, through opnl channels, for all opnl matters.

25 Apr 45

AGF, APO 244, asgd to Western Pacific Base Comd. Concurrently, Hq and Hq Co AGF, APO 244, discontinued.

15 May 45

Comd of isl of Saipan passed to contl of Navy. \*/ Change-over to Isl Comd, Saipan (Naval), was gradual and not completed until early Sep 45. Since the staff of naval comdr was incomplete upon his assumption of comd, staff members of WPBC (acting in dual capacity) served on naval comd.

\* Prior to the establishment of the Western Pacific Base Command, Maj. Gen. Sanderford Jarman had acted as COMGENPOA's representative in the Western Pacific; as Commanding General, Army Garrison Force, APO 244; and as Island Commander, Saipan. Until a separate Island Command Headquarters for Saipan was established on 15 May 1945, and the 1109th POA Provisional Army Garrison Force was activated on 23 May 1945, the Commanding General, Western Pacific Base Command, and his staff continued to function in three capacities.

23 May 45

1109th POA Provisional Army Garrison Force, Saipan, established. (See R/E 1109th POA Prov AGF, Saipan.)

20 Jul 45

Hq and Hq Co AGF, APO 244, org with sta at Saipan. (Assumed asgd to WPBC).

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Sanderford Jarman	12 May 44 - 24 Apr 45
Brig Gen Edgar B Colladay	20 Jul 45 - ?

1109th POA Provisional Army Garrison Force, Saipan

(Marianas)

23 May 45

Hq, 1109th POA Prov Army Garrison Force established and org, with sta at Saipan, and (assumed) asgd to Western Pacific Base Comd. Force furnished Army admin hq for Saipan; with mission of mopping up remnants of Japanese force on isl, and was responsible for logistical support in mounting of trps for Okinawa campaign (formerly responsibility of Isl Comd, Saipan).

1 Aug 45

Reled of mopping-up opns on Saipan.

15 Aug 45

1109th POA Prov Army Garrison Force Hq, APO 244 (Saipan) discontinued.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen Edgar B Colladay	23 May 45 - 15 Aug 45

Army Garrison Force, APO 240, Tarawa (Gilberts)

22 Feb 44

Tarawa Army Garrison Force constituted on Oahu.

15 Mar 44

Garrison Force reld marines on Tarawa. Mission of force (which was under opnl comd of Tarawa Atoll Naval Comdr) was to def Tarawa Atoll, including Mullinex and Hawkins airfields, against air, sea, and land atk.

22 Dec 44

Tarawa Army Garrison Force disbanded by CPBC, to which it had been released upon its return to Oahu following completion of staging and quarantine period.

COMMANDER

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DATE

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Army Garrison Force, APO 247, Tinian (Marianas)

26 May 44

Prov Hq and Hq Co AGF, APO 247, org Oahu.

4 Aug 44

Hq and Hq Det AGF, APO 247, formally org.

26 Sep 44

AGF, APO 247 released to Isl Comdr, Tinian (Naval), for opnl contrl.

17 Oct 44

AGF, APO 247, landed on Tinian. CG AGF, APO 247, responsible to CG APO 244. (Saipan) for Army admin, supplies and tng.

27 Dec 44

Hq and Hq Det AGF, APO 247, redesign Hq and Hq Co AGF, APO 247.

25 Apr 45

AGF, APO 247, asgd to Western Pacific Base Comd.

COMMANDER

DATE

Col William C Farnum

20 May 44 - 28 Nov 44

Brig Gen Frederick von H Kimble 17/

28 Nov 44 - 15 Aug 45

17 General Kimble also became Island Commander, Tinian, although relinquishment of command to the Army was not completed until 1 January 1945.

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## ARMY AREA COMMANDS

### Gilbert Area

26 Jan 44

Gilbert Area announced as geographical subdivision of Army comd in USAFICPA. Gilbert Area consisted of those isls of Gilbert gp lying within geographical limits of Central Pacific Area. Of these, major isls were Makin, Tarawa, and Apamama. Representative of CG USAFICPA in Gilbert Area was responsible for admin, supply, and tng of all Army forces in area, and for supervision of logistical support of trps and opns to extent of CG USAFICPA's responsibility therefor in area.

15 May 45

Gilbert Area absorbed by Marshall - Gilbert Area.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Clesen H Tenny	26 Jan 44 - 5 Mar 44
Col Charles S Ferrin	5 Mar 44 - 1 Jul 44
Col Edward L Kellas	1 Jul 44 - 10 Sep 44
Lt Col Carl H Fernstrom	10 Sep 44 - 26 Dec 44 <u>*/</u>

### Marshall Gilbert Area

15 May 45

Marshall - Gilbert Area established. Area comprised all Army elms and instls previously under separate Marshall and Gilbert Areas and included isls of Kwajalein, Engebi, Makin, Tarawa, and Apamama, and Eniwetok Atoll. Concurrently with its establishment, Marshall - Gilbert Area was placed under comd of CG Central Pacific Base Comd, who would be responsible for discharge of COMGENPOA's responsibilities with respect to admin and logistical support within the area.

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\* Subsequent commanders unknown.

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COMMANDER

DATE

Brig Gen Ogden J Ross

15 May 45 - ?

Marianas Area

15 Sep 44

Marianas Area announced as geographical subdivision of Army comd in USAFPOA. Included all isls in possession of U.S. forces (including Saipan, Guam, and Tinian) and any which might fall into their possession in future.

Representative of CG USAFPOA responsible to latter for Army admin and supply matters, and for tng of all Army ground forces in area. He had responsibility for supervision of logistical support of trps and opns to the extent of CG USAFPOA's responsibility therefore in area.

25 Apr 45

Marianas Area discontinued. (assumed)

COMMANDER

DATE

Maj Gen Sanderford Jarman

15 Sep 44 - 25 Apr 45

Marshall Area

19 Feb 44

Marshall Area announced as geographical subdivision of Army comd in USAFICPA. Consisted of all isls in Marshall gp, and included Eniwetok, Atoll, Kwajalein, and Engebi. Representative of CG USAFICPA in Marshall Area responsible for admin, supply, and tng of all Army forces in area, and for supervision of logistic support of trps and opns to the extent of CG USAFICPA's responsibility therefore in area.

15 May 45

Marshall Area absorbed by Marshall - Gilbert Area.



<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen Herbert D Gibson	19 Feb 44 - 8 Mar 44
Col Clesen H Tenney	8 Mar 44 - 30 Aug 44
Brig Gen Ogden J Ross	30 Aug 44 - 15 May 45

Western Carolines

While it would seem that the Western Carolines area was never formally established as a geographical subdivision of the Army command in the Pacific Ocean Areas, on 30 September 1944 Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, was designated as representative of Commanding General, Pacific Ocean Areas, for the Western Carolines area (which included the islands of Anguar, Peleliu, and Ulithi). Instructions were issued to him similar to those given to representatives for other Army area commands. He was responsible to Commanding General, Pacific Ocean Areas, for administrative and supply matters for all Army forces, and for the training of all Army ground forces in the Western Carolines area. For all operational matters he was responsible, through operational channels, to Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean Area (CINCPOA). With the impending departure of the 81st Infantry Division from the area, Commanding Officer, Army Garrison Force, APO 264 (Anguar), was designated COMGENPOA's representative.

It is assumed that command in the Western Carolines area continued to function in this manner until the establishment of the Western Pacific Base Command on 25 April 1945.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Paul J Mueller	30 Sep 44 - ?
Col Ray A Dunn	o/a 1 Jan 45 -

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WPBC  
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XXIV Corps

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CHAPTER III

SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC AREA (USAFISPA)  
AND SUCCESSOR COMMAND, SOUTH PACIFIC BASE COMMAND (SPBC)

A Joint Chiefs of Staff directive, approved by President Roosevelt 30 March 1942, divided the Pacific theater into three parts: The Pacific Ocean Area (POA), Southwest Pacific Area (SWPA), and the Southeast Pacific Area. General MacArthur was named Supreme Commander of SWPA and Admiral Nimitz was named Commander in Chief of POA.

POA was subdivided into three parts: The North Pacific Area (NPA), Central Pacific Area (CPA), and South Pacific Area (SPA). SPA included everything in POA south of the equator except the Phoenix Islands. Admiral Nimitz was given direct command of NPA and CPA but was directed to appoint a commander for SPA. Vice Adm. Robert L. Ghormley was appointed.

Upon the establishment of SPA and the arrival of Admiral Ghormley, it became apparent that an Army commander was needed to exercise control over all Army troops in the area.

In SPA, as in other theaters of joint operations, the commander, in accordance with the principles of unified commands, exercised control over Army and Navy forces through their respective commanders in each service. Unity of command did not authorize the commander exercising it to control the administration and discipline of the forces of the service to which he did not belong, nor did it authorize him to issue instructions to such forces beyond those necessary for effective co-operation. This principle also applied to island commands.

On 7 July 1942, Maj. Gen. Millard F. Harmon was designated Commanding General, USAFISPA, and was charged with the responsibility of administration, training and supply of all U.S. Army ground and air troops within the area, and of assisting the Commander, South Pacific Area (CSPA), in the preparation and execution of plans for the tactical employment of Army forces in SPA. General Harmon was not authorized to initiate or direct any plans. Tactically, he served primarily in an advisory capacity to CSPA. He offered suggestions as to the tactical use of various ground and air units. Some of these major units were XIV Corps, 43d Division, 37th Division, 25th Division, and 24th Infantry Regiment. (For further information see R/E for each of the above-mentioned divisions.)

U.S. troops had been rushed to the Pacific after the outbreak of World War II, and as a consequence there had been little time to perfect the details of their support and control. By 26 July 1942, Army garrisons had been established at Auckland, New Zealand, and at New Caledonia, Efate, Espiritu Santo, Fiji, Tongatabu, Bora Bora, Wallis, Upalo, and Tutuila. Each base was responsible directly to the War Department. Later most of these bases and some additional bases on various islands

had Island Commands (ISCOMS) established on them. (See ISCOMS.)

General Harmon notified these garrisons, on 26 July 1942, that he had assumed command of USAFISPA in all matters except administration and supply. Literally, this meant that all bases were to continue to operate logistically and administratively as they had in the past, since General Harmon's Provisional Headquarters, Forward Echelon, USAFISPA, could not carry out these functions for them. Actually he assumed command of tactical and defense matters within the scope of his authority and responsibility.

16 Jul 42

Fwd Ech USAFISPA dep Washington, D.C.

17 Jul 42

Fwd Ech USAFISPA arr Hamilton Fld, Calif.

21 Jul 42

Fwd Ech dep Hamilton Fld.

22 Jul 42

Fwd Ech arr Hickam Fld, Hawaii.

24 Jul 42

Fwd Ech dep Hickam Fld.

26 Jul 42

Fwd Ech arr Suva, Fiji.

29 Jul 42

Fwd Ech dep Fiji and arr Noumea, New Caledonia.

30 Jul 42

Rear Ech USAFISPA, desig Force 9465, org Ft Ord, Calif.

Hq and Hq Co Force 9465 act.

1 Aug 42

Guadalcanal - Tulagi area, originally within boundary of SWPA, placed under jurisdiction of CSPA.

25 Aug 42

Force 9465 (Rear Ech USAFISPA) dep Ft Ord, Calif, for Cp Stoneman, Calif.

1 Sep 42

Force 9465A \*/ dep Cp Stoneman for SFPE. Dep aboard the Noordam. (It is assumed that Force 9465B departed the same day.)

21 Sep 42

Force 9465 arr Noumea, New Caledonia.

23 Sep 42

Force 9465 dep Noumea.

27 Sep 42

Force 9465 arr Auckland, New Zealand.

28 Sep 42

Fwd Ech Hq USAFISPA established Noumea and Hq & Hq Co Rear Ech Auckland.

15 Oct 42 \*\* /

Force 9465 became an operating supply and admin hq. The Admin Hq remained in Auckland, New Zealand, and the Fwd Ech remained in Noumea, New Caledonia.

15 Nov 42

CG USAFISPA assumed supply responsibility of all Army forces in SPA. (This included New Zealand Army forces.)

24 Nov 42

Hq USAFISPA (Admin) dep Auckland aboard the Trojan.

27 Nov 42

Hq USAFISPA (Admin) arr Noumea.

\* Force 9465 was divided into two units: 9465A (less the Advance Echelon), and 9465B Headquarters Company.

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\*\* Effective on or about 15 October 1942 the designation of Force 9465 was dropped, or the Headquarters and Headquarters Company Force 9465 was redesignated Headquarters and Headquarters Company USAFISPA. Official records to verify this cannot be located. However, effective 15 October 1942 orders, letters, etc. indicate that Force 9465 was dropped.

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30 Nov 42

Functions of Fwd and Rear Echls combined at Noumea.

10 Feb 43

Hq USAFISPA moved to Cp Barnes, Noumea.

11 Dec 43

Fwd Ech USAFISPA established at Guadalcanal. \*/

1 Apr 44

Hq & Hq Co USAFISPA org fr bulk allotment concurrently with disbandment of officially constituted Hq & Hq Co.

1 Aug 44

USAFISPA embodied in USAFPOA.

1 Aug 44

Hq & Hq USAFISPA redesisg Hq & Hq Co South Pacific Base Comd (SPBC); asgd USAFPOA. \*\*/ All units asgd or atchd to USAFISPA were asgd or atchd to SPBC.

7 Jun 45

Hq & Hq Co SPBC redesisg Hq & Hq Co ASCOM-0 and transferred to Luzon. \*\*\*/

15 Jun 45

Hq & Hq Co SPBC redesisg fr Hq & Hq Co New Caledonia ISCOM.

\* The date it returned to Noumea is unknown.

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\*\* SPA as a separate area within Poa ceased to exist. USAFISPA was redesignated SPBC and concurrently assigned as a major echelon of USAFPOA.

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\*\*\* During the period 16 May 1945 - 7 June 1945, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, SPBC, was physically transferred to Luzon. On 7 June 1945 it was redesignated ASCOM-0 and presumably assigned to AFWES-PAC. On or after the date of departure of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, SPBC, Headquarters New Caledonia Island Command apparently assumed the additional duties of SPBC and was the top command. On 15 June 1945 it was redesignated Headquarters and Headquarters Company SPBC.

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<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Millard F Harmon (assumed tactical command only)	26 Jul 42
Maj Gen Millard F Harmon (assumed full command)	15 Oct 42
Maj Gen Rush B Lincoln (assumed command of USAFISPA (Administrative))	20 Oct 42
Maj Gen Charles F Thompson	6 Mar 43
Maj Gen Millard F Harmon	8 Apr 43
Maj Gen Maxwell Murray	8 Jul 44
Maj Gen Frederick Gilbreath (16 May 45 Gen Gilbreath relinquished command of SPBC with the exception of Hq & Hq Co SPBC and units assigned or attached to Hq Co.)	10 Aug 44
Maj Gen Maxwell Murray	16 May 45

## ISLAND COMMANDS

The land area of SPA consisted of many islands. Initially most of the more important islands were occupied by forces of varying sizes which had the missions of securing the line of communications between the United States and the Southwest Pacific Area and of supporting naval, air, and amphibious operations against the Japanese. The majority of these forces came directly from the United States, but some of the islands were occupied by troops from New Zealand and Australia. Until USAFISPA was organized the commanders of American-occupied islands reported directly to the War Department.

Island Commanders exercised command of all activities within their area of jurisdiction and were responsible for the defense of their island bases under the principle of unity of command. In their over-all responsibility, they reported directly to COMSOPAC. In all matters of Army responsibility they reported directly to COMGENSOPAC. If the Island Commander was a naval officer the senior Army officer or a designated Army officer commanded the Army forces on the island and reported to COMGENSOPAC on matters that were Army responsibility. The naval officer reported to COMSOPAC on all other matters.

Most Island Commands were formally designated as such; however, a few were not.

### Aitutaki

Force 8408, composed of service, air force, and supporting units, was activated at Fort Ord, California, 1 August 1942. On 14 November 1942 it arrived at Aitutaki, one of the New Zealand-owned Lower Cook Islands, having been preceded on 3 September 1942 by an Engineer detachment.

1 Apr 44

Hq & Hq Det Force 8408 disbanded. Hq & Hq Co USAF Aitutaki org at Aitutaki and asgd USAFISPA.

1 Sep 44

Hq & Hq Co USAF Aitutaki redesign Hq & Hq Det USAF Aitutaki. \*/

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col R H Garity	14 Nov 42
Col Norman B Wood	15 Nov 43
Lt Col G Warner Nicholas	? Jul 44

Bora Bora ✓

Force 5614, BOBCAT Force, 102d Infantry as a major unit, arrived at Bora Bora, Society Islands on 17 February 1942. (See R/E for Hawaiian Department 26 January 1942.)

1 Apr 44

Hq & Hq Det Force 5614 disbanded. Hq & Hq Co USAF Bora Bora org at Bora Bora and asgd USAFISPA.

9 Nov 44

Hq & Hq Co USAF Bora Bora transferred to New Caledonia.

30 Nov 44

Hq & Hq Co USAF Bora Bora disbanded at New Caledonia.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Charles D V Ostrum	17 Feb 42
Col Ernest E Novey	26 Mar 43
Col G A Pollin	1 Apr 44
Lt Col C B Wales	7 Jul 44

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\* It is assumed that Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, USAF, Aitutaki was disbanded after 1 August 1944 but before the end of 1944.

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Bougainville

15 Nov 44

Hq VI ISCOM redesign Hq & Hq Co USAF Northern Solomons and asgd XIV Corps.

15 Dec 44

Hq & Hq Co USAF NORSOLS asgd USAFFE.

10 Jun 45

Hq & Hq Co USAF NORSOLS asgd AFWESPAC.

10 Aug 45

Det USAF Bougainville\* established and asgd AFWESPAC; continued in existence through 15 Aug 45.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Robert S Beightler	15 Nov 44
Maj Gen O W Griswold	18 Nov 44
Maj Gen William H Arnold	15 Dec 44
Col John E Hatch	25 Jan 45
Col Malcolm R Dixon	5 Jul 45
Col John E Hatch	13 Jul 45

Efate

I and M Companies 182d Infantry, known as Force A, Task Force 6814, landed at Efate, New Hebrides, 18 March 1942. The 4th Marine Defense Battalion, part of Force 9156, arrived at Efate 29 March 1942 and the remainder of Force 9156, of which the 24th Infantry Regiment was the major component, arrived at Efate 4 May 1942. Force A, Task Force 6814 departed Efate for Espiritu Santo before 28 May 1942.

30 Mar 43

Hq & Hq Det Force 9156 redesign Hq & Hq Det III ISCOM and asgd USAFISPA.

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\* It is assumed that Headquarters and Headquarters Company USAF NORSOLS had departed or was in the process of departing from Bougainville 10 August 1945 for Leyte, Philippine Island.

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1 Apr 44

Hq & Hq Det III ISCOM disbanded. Hq III ISCOM org and asgd USAFISPA.

3 Aug 44

Hq III ISCOM redesisg Hq Sub-Base Espiritu Santo ISCOM and asgd Espiritu Santo ISCOM.

20 Aug 44

Hq Sub-Base Espiritu Santo ISCOM redesisg Hq & Hq Co Sub-Base Espiritu Santo ISCOM.

20 Dec 44

Hq & Hq Co Sub-Base Espiritu Santo ISCOM disbanded at New Caledonia. \*/

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen William I Rose	18 Mar 42
Brig Gen Harry D Chamberlin	29 Mar 42
Col Harold S Fassett (USMC)	9 Jun 42
Brig Gen William I Rose	17 Jun 42
Brig Gen Neal C Johnson	17 Oct 42
Capt Lewis Gorman	23 Feb 44
Col Morris M L'Abbe	23 Jun 44

Enirau

The over-all command of Enirau Island rested with the I Marine Amphibious Corps originally. On 24 May 1944 the command passed to the Commanding Officer, 147th Infantry Regiment. It appears that on or about 15 Jun 1944 a Headquarters, Provisional Island Command, was set up by XIV Corps. Whether this headquarters was officially constituted and activated is questionable; the records indicate that it was not. On this same date Brig. Gen. Leonard R. Boyd was placed in command of Headquarters, Provisional Island Command.

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\* Records indicate that the Headquarters and Headquarters Company departed Efate for New Caledonia subsequent to 2 November 1944. The time of arrival is unknown.

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1 Jan 45

Hq & Hq Co Sv Comd Emirau redesig Hq & Hq Det USAF Emirau and assumed asgd USAF NORSOLS.

25 Jun 45

Hq & Hq Det USAF Emirau disbanded.

COMMANDER

DATE

Maj Gen William H Arnold (concurrently  
commanded Green Islands and USAF NORSOLS)

1 Jan 45

Espiritu Santo /

Companies L and M (reinforced), 182d Infantry known as Force A, Task Force 6814, landed on Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides, 28 May 1942. A provisional Headquarters, Espiritu Base Command, was organized 2 October 1942, and Force A, Task Force 6814, departed Espiritu Santo 8 December 1942.

9 May 43

Hq & Hq Det IV ISCOM activated and asgd USAFISPA. Prov Hq Espiritu Santo Base Comd disbanded.

1 Apr 44

Hq & Hq Det IV ISCOM disbanded. Hq IV ISCOM org and asgd USAFISPA.

3 Aug 44

Hq IV ISCOM redesig Hq Espiritu Santo ISCOM.

20 Aug 44

Hq Espiritu Santo redesig Hq & Hq Co Espiritu Santo ISCOM and remained in existence through 15 Aug 45.

20 Nov 44

Hq USAF Espiritu Santo established and operated without formal constitution or activation through 15 Aug 45. \*/

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen William I Rose	28 May 42
Brig Gen Benjamin C Lockwood, Jr	16 Feb 43
Maj Gen Maxwell Murray	1 Jul 43
Brig Gen E S Williamson	29 Sep 43
Maj Gen Fred C Wallace	15 Oct 43
Capt McCleary (USN)	5 Nov 44

Fiji ✓

Force 4514, composed of service and air force units, landed at Suva, Fiji, 29 January 1942, and on 10 June 1942 the 37th Infantry Division (-) landed.

6 Nov 42

Prov Hq & Hq Co USAF FANTAN (Fiji) constituted and assumed asgd USAFISPA.

14 Mar 43

Prov Hq & Hq Co USAF FANTAN (Fiji) disbanded.

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\* It is assumed that on or about 5 November 1944 the command of Espiritu Santo ISCOM passed from Army control to naval control. This assumption is supported GO 18, Headquarters Espiritu Santo ISCOM 5 November 1944, published by order of Captain McCleary, USN. All earlier GO's had been published by an Army commander. Also on 5 November 1944, Colonel R. G. Howie in accordance Radiogram H-5476, 4 November 1944, assumed command of Headquarters USAF Espiritu Santo. Subsequently, Commanding General, South Pacific Base Command, clarified the status of Headquarters USAF Espiritu Santo by stating that the activation of a new headquarters on Espiritu Santo was not authorized. He further stated that the commanding officer of the Espiritu Santo ISCOM could publish an order to the effect that Colonel Howie was to command the U.S. Army Forces on Espiritu Santo. He also authorized Colonel Howie the use of Headquarters ISCOM personnel for administration.

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15 Mar 43

Hq & Hq Det II ISCOM activated and asgd USAFISPA.

1 Apr 44

Hq & Hq Det II ISCOM disbanded. Hq II ISCOM org and asgd USAFISPA.

3 Aug 44

Hq II ISCOM redesisg Hq Fiji ISCOM.

20 Aug 44

Hq Fiji ISCOM redesisg Hq & Hq Co Fiji ISCOM. —\*/

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col John H Sherman	1 Jun 42
Maj Gen Robert S Beightler	10 Jun 42
Maj Gen Charles F Thompson	24 Oct 42
Maj Gen Robert S Beightler	30 Dec 42
Maj Gen Charles F Thompson	2 Jan 43
Maj Gen Robert S Beightler	5 Mar 43
Brig Gen E B Sebree	2 Apr 43
<u>Maj Gen Charles F Thompson</u>	6 Apr 43

\* This ISCOM Headquarters and Headquarters Company was to be disbanded subsequent to its arrival at a new destination. However, it remained at Fiji and was disbanded on that island on or about 18 October 1944. On 20 October 1944 an entirely new headquarters was organized without utilizing the personnel and equipment of the previous headquarters. It is probable that the new headquarters was organized for the purpose of administering and commanding the Army forces remaining on the island as it appears that the over-all command of the island was the responsibility of New Zealand by this time.

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<u>COMMANDER</u> (Contd)	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen George Dittmer (NZSC) */	12 May 44
Maj Gen Maxwell Murray	22 Jun 44
?	8 Jul 44
Brig Gen George Dittmer (NZSC)	19 Jul 44

### Guadalcanal ✓

The Guadalcanal-Tulagi area was first occupied on 7 August 1942 by troops of the 1st U.S. Marine Division. The first Army troops, elements of the Americal Division landed on 13 October 1942. On 9 December 1942 the Army assumed responsibility for operations on Guadalcanal. Although fighting continued the island assumed the organizational status of any other island base.

Effective 1 October 1943, Headquarters Forward Area was organized at Guadalcanal, APO 709. The boundaries of the Forward Area in the Solomon Islands included all of the islands in the Solomon group lying wholly or in part south of 8° 50'S.

The Forward Area was divided into island commands designated by Commander, South Pacific Area. Each island command was composed of assigned, ground, naval, and air units under the over-all command of the island commander in accordance with the principles of unity of command. The island commands were directly under the Commanding General, Forward Area. Subordinate to him were a Commander, Naval Bases, Forward Area, and a Commander, Services of Supply, Forward Area. The latter assisted and advised the Commanding General, Forward Area, in matters pertaining to the activities of Services of Supply, South Pacific Area, and in addition co-ordinated the activities of the various service commands in the Forward Area.

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\* Although records cannot be found to fully support this assumption, it appears that during the period 12 May to 22 June, 1944 while General Dittmer commanded ISCOM Colonel Earl Landreth assumed command of U.S. Army Forces, Fiji, for a part or all of this period. On 19 July 1944 Colonel Andrew J. Evans assumed command of U.S. Army Forces, Fiji, and General Dittmer assumed command of ISCOM for the second time. Whether both continued to command their respective commands through 15 August 1945 is unknown.

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A service command located within the boundaries of an island command was commanded by a service commander, who, while under the island commander for defense and local administration, dealt directly with the Commander, Services of Supply, Forward Area, in technical matters pertaining to Services of Supply responsibilities.

Transient combat elements of all services present in the Forward Area, whose command and operational control was exercised by a task force or other tactical commander, were supported by the Commander General, Forward Area, but he did not exercise any control over these units except for local administration and co-ordination.

9 Feb 43

Prov ISCOM Guadalcanal org and asgd XIV Corps.

1 Oct 43

Hq Fwd Area established at Guadalcanal.

8 Oct 43

Hq Fwd Area redesign Hq & Hq Det Fwd Area and asgd USAFISPA.

Prov ISCOM Guadalcanal disbanded.

25 Oct 43

Hq & Hq Det Fwd Area redesign Forward Area and V ISCOM.

15 Jun 44

Fwd Area and V ISCOM redesign Hq V ISCOM.

3 Aug 44

Hq V ISCOM redesign Hq Guadalcanal ISCOM.

20 Aug 44

Hq Guadalcanal ISCOM redesign Hq & Hq Co Guadalcanal ISCOM. (Remained in existence through 15 Aug 45.)

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Maxwell Murray	1 Oct 43 */
Brig Gen J W Barnett	22 Jun 44
Maj Gen Maxwell Murray	13 Aug 44
Brig Gen J W Barnett	19 May 45

Green Islands

Through 29 May 1944 the command of the Green Islands was the responsibility of New Zealand. On 30 May 1944 Col. Bird S. DuBois, Commanding Officer, 13th Antiaircraft Group, assumed command and on 10 June 1944 Brig. Gen. William Spence assumed command. It appears that on or about 13 June 1944 an informal Provisional Island Command, Green Islands, was established by XIV Corps, as it was assigned to XIV Corps on that date. Whether this headquarters continued to function informally through 31 December 1944 is unknown.

1 Jan 45

Hq & Hq Co Sv Comd Green Isls redesignated Hq & Hq Det USAF Green Isls and assumed asg'd USAF NORSOLS.

10 Jun 45

Hq & Hq Det USAF Green Isls disbanded.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen William H Arnold (Concurrently commanded Emirau and USAF NORSOLS.)	1 Jan 45
Capt Guy S Lemon	27 Feb 45
Lt Col Albert J Youndt	19 Mar 45

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\* Maj. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, USMC, commanded all troops on the island from 7 August 1942 to 9 December 1942. From 9 December 1942 to 1 October 1943 Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch commanded all troops on the island either as Americal Division commander, Cactus Corps commander, or XIV Corps commander.

New Caledonia

Task Force 6814 <sup>\*</sup>/ landed at New Caledonia 12 March 1942 and, effective 22 March 1942, Headquarters Company, 51st Infantry Brigade, part of Task Force 6814, acted and functioned as Headquarters Company, United Forces in New Caledonia. On 18 November 1942 I Island Command (Provisional) was organized on New Caledonia from part of the units assigned or attached to the Americal Division.

15 Mar 43

Hq & Hq Det I ISCOM New Caledonia act and asgd USAFISPA.

1 Apr 44

Hq I ISCOM org and asgd USAFISPA. Hq & Hq Det I ISCOM disbanded.

3 Aug 44

Hq I ISCOM redesign Hq New Caledonia ISCOM.

20 Aug 44

Hq New Caledonia ISCOM redesign Hq & Hq Co New Caledonia ISCOM.

15 Jun 45

Hq & Hq Co New Caledonia ISCOM redesign Hq & Hq Co SPBC.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Rush B Lincoln	14 Dec 43
Brig Gen Ray L Owens	5 Feb 44
Col Frank V Schneider	28 Apr 44
Brig Gen Ray L Owens	2 May 44
Brig Gen William I Rose	16 Jun 44
Col Maylon E Scott	29 Dec 44
<u>Brig Gen J W Barnett</u>	1 Jan 45

\* For the history of Task Force 6814 see the record of events for the Americal Division.

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COMMANDER (Contd)

DATE

Col R Lee

19 May 45

Maj Gen Maxwell Murray

20 May 45

New Georgia

25 Oct 43

Hq & Hq Det VI ISCOM org and asgd to USAFISPA and atchd to Fwd Area. Fwd Ech established New Georgia.

26 Oct 43

Rear Ech Hq & Hq Det VI ISCOM established New Caledonia.

22 Nov 43

Fwd and Rear EchS amalgamated at New Georgia.

1 Apr 44

Hq & Hq Det VI ISCOM redesign Hq VI ISCOM.

15 Jun 44

Hq VI ISCOM reld; asgd USAFISPA and asgd XIV Corps.

15 Nov 44

Hq VI ISCOM redesign Hq & Hq Co USAF NORSOLS and transferred to Bougainville. \*/

\* Effective as of the date of departure of the commanding officer VI ISCOM, New Georgia (on or about 15 November 1944), Capt. James Potter Brown, USNR, was announced as commander of Base Command New Georgia and Col. William A. Weddell was announced as commander of Army Forces on New Georgia. It is probable that Captain Brown and Colonel Weddell assumed command of their respective commands. The duration of their tenure in command is unknown. It is also unknown whether the Base Command continued in existence through 15 August 1945 and whether it remained as the dominant command on the island even though a Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment U.S. Army Forces New Georgia was officially in existence from 1 January 1945 to 15 July 1945. A Headquarters Detachment U.S. Army Forces New Georgia was officially in existence from 10 August 1945 through 15 August 1945

1 Jan 45

Hq & Hq Co Sv Comd New Georgia redesign Hq & Hq Det USAF New Georgia and (assumed) asgd USAF NORSOLS.

15 Jul 45

Hq & Hq Det USAF New Georgia disbanded.

10 Aug 45

Det USAF New Georgia established and asgd AFWESPAC.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen C W Griswold	26 Oct 43
Brig Gen A F Haward, USMC	22 Nov 43
Col John E Hatch	12 Jun 44

### New Zealand /

The first U.S. troops in New Zealand landed on 30 May 1942 and consisted of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Port of Embarkation, and an advance detachment of the 37th Division. Subsequently, other U.S. troops arrived. The remainder of the 37th Division was scheduled for New Zealand but only the 145th Infantry arrived there. (See R/E 37th Div.)

The headquarters for U.S. forces in New Zealand was called U.S. Forces in New Zealand. \*

\* Although available records do not disclose the formal activation or establishment of a headquarters for U.S. forces in New Zealand, it is assumed that a headquarters was established and that it reported initially to the War Department. This assumption is based on a letter of instructions to the Commanding General, 37th Division, 25 April 1942, file OPD 370.5, New Zealand, which directed him to assume command of all U.S. forces in New Zealand upon his arrival there. It also directed him to turn over his forces to the operational control of the Chiefs of Staff of New Zealand and to report directly to the War Department on matters of administration, supply, and maintenance. The Commanding General, 37th Division, did not go to New Zealand but it is assumed the first commander of U.S. forces in New Zealand acted in accordance with these instructions.

20 Aug 44

Hq and Hq Co Sv Comd New Zealand redesign Hq and Hq Co USAF New Zealand and asgd SPBC.

31 Dec 44

Hq and Hq Co USAF New Zealand disbanded.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col James A Boyer	30 May 42
Brig Gen Ludwig S Conelly	13 Jun 42 - 31 Jul 42
Brig Gen Robert G Breene	27 Sep 42
Maj Gen Rush B Lincoln	20 Oct 42
Brig Gen Robert G Breene	11 Nov 42
Col Frank V Schneider	20 Nov 42
Col Andrew J Evans	14 Feb 43 - 15 Feb 43

Subsequent commanders unknown.

Nukufetau

7 Nov 44

Hq USAF Nukufetau org New Caledonia and asgd SPBC. \*/

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Capt Orrie W Kahn	7 Nov 44

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\* The date of transfer to Nukufetau is unknown. The unit continued in existence through 15 August 1945.

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Russells

On 25 June 1943 a Provisional Island Command, Russell Island, was established by XIV Corps, and Maj. Gen. John H. Hester, Commanding General, 43d Division, commanded it concurrently with the 43d Division. Apparently this provisional command was organized informally since an official command was not established until 1 April 1944. The provisional island command was assigned to XIV Corps from 25 June 1943 to 1 April 1944 and was attached to the Forward Area from 1 October 1943 to 1 April 1944.

1 Apr 44

Hq VII ISCOM org; asgd USAFISPA and atchd Forward Area.

15 Jun 44

Hq VII ISCOM redesisg Hq Sub-Base V ISCOM.

3 Aug 44

Hq Sub-Base V ISCOM redesisg Hq Sub-Base Guadalcanal ISCOM.

20 Aug 44

Hq Sub-Base Guadalcanal ISCOM redesisg Hq & Hq Co Sub-Base Guadalcanal ISCOM.

10 Jan 45

Hq & Hq Co Sub-Base Guadalcanal ISCOM disbanded.

COMMANDER

DATE

Brig Gen William I Rose	1 Apr 44
Brig Gen James F C Hyde	20 Apr 44
Brig Gen William I Rose	12 May 44
Brig Gen James F C Hyde	12 Jun 44
Col Earl Landreth	30 Jun 44
Brig Gen J W Barnett	16 Aug 44
Col James N Pease	1 Jan 45



## Samoa Islands

Tutuila, which remained exclusively a naval establishment, had as its administrative orbit the six islands known as the Samoan Defense Group. This group, although it served as an air staging area, always was under naval command and was for the most part garrisoned by Navy and Marine personnel. \*/

The Samoan Defense Group comprised: Wallis, occupied on 28 May 1942; Upolu, occupied on 1 July 1942; and the Ellice Group (Funafuti, Nukufetau \*\*/ and Nanomea), occupied in September 1943.

## Tongareva (Penrhyn)

On August 1942, Force 8529, composed of service, air force, and supporting units, was activated at Fort Ord, Calif. It arrived at Tongareva 8 November 1942, having been preceded on 26 August 1942 by an Engineer Detachment.

1 Apr 44

Hq & Hq Co USAF Tongareva activated and asgd USAFISPA. Force 8529 disbanded.

1 Sep 44

Hq & Hq Co USAF Tongareva redesignated Hq & Hq Det USAF Tongareva.

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\* The 147th Infantry Regiment arrived on Upolu 18 May 1943 and remained there until March 1944. During this period, Commanding officer 147th Infantry Regiment was Island Commander.

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\*\* See R/E Nukufetau.

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<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Hubert A McMorrow	1 Apr 44
Lt Col Leslie E McComb	Jul 44 */

Tongatabu ✓

Force 0051,\*\*/ known as Bleacher Force, was activated at Indiantown Gap, Pa., on 5 April 1942. On 9 May 1942 it arrived at Tongatabu and Force Headquarters, 0051, was disbanded.\*\*\*/

5 Apr 42

Force 0051, known as Bleacher Force, activated as Indiantown Gap, Pa.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen Benjamin C Lockwood, Jr	9 May 42
Col Archibald D Fisken	28 Jan 43
Brig F L Jung, (N.Z.)	2 Mar 43

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\* Exact date unknown. Total period of Col McComb's command and name of subsequent commanders, if any, also unknown.

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\*\* The 147th Infantry (-2d Battalion) was the major component of Force 0051.

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\*\*\* It is assumed that on or after 9 May 1942, Headquarters USAF, APO 930, was established on Tongatabu. Further information about this command is unknown.

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### Treasury Islands

On 15 November 1943, the Treasury Islands, in the Solomons group, were included in the Forward Area as a subcommand of Vella Lavella Command. Also on this same date command of the islands passed from the First Marine Amphibious Corps to 3d New Zealand Division. A Provisional Island Command was organized 8 January 1944 and command of the islands passed to Commanding General, 93d Division. On 10 March 1944 the Treasury Islands were included in VI ISCOM, and 9 June 1944 they were excluded from VI ISCOM and presumably reverted to assignment USAFISPA.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Raymond G Lehman	15 Jun 44 */
Col Harry W Orth	9 Nov 44
Lt Col Paul I Donnelly	25 Jan 45
Capt Jack P Hare	1 Apr 45

### Vella Lavella

On 26 October 1943 Vella Lavella Command was established and on 19 January 1944 it was included in VI ISCOM. Names of island commanders and date of disbandment unknown.

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\* Names of commanders prior to this date unknown.

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## SERVICES OF SUPPLY, SOUTH PACIFIC AREA (SOS SPA)

On 8 October 1942, with personnel from Force 9465, a provisional headquarters for the Service Command, South Pacific Area, was constituted with the mission of providing full logistical support for the Army forces in the South Pacific Area. Effective 10 November 1942 the Service Command, South Pacific Area, was discontinued and the Services of Supply, South Pacific Area (SOS SPA) was constituted and activated.

The Commanding General SOS SPA operated under the direct command of Commanding General USAFISPA in accordance with the following broad policies:

a. SOS was charged with general theater and base supply and certain administrative responsibilities, to the end that combat echelons would be relieved, as much as possible, of these responsibilities.

b. The SOS was charged with the centralization of supply control of the entire area with a view to insuring the best use of all available supplies, facilities, and local resources.

Specifically the SOS was charged with supply and salvage, air force supply, base and intermediate depots, air depots, engineer construction, maintenance, and camouflage (other than activities of combat engineer troops), water transportation, hospitalization and evacuation, motor transportation pertaining to SOS responsibilities, ports, post exchange services, chaplains' activities, and special services. To implement these functions SOS was ordered to set up Service Commands at New Caledonia, Fiji, and Auckland, N.Z. These service commands came directly under the command of the Commanding General SOS SPA.

The logistical responsibilities of the commanding generals of the Island Commands at Efate, Espiritu Santo, Bora Bora and Tongatabu and the commanding officers of the Island Commands at Tongareva and Aitutaki remained unchanged. However, the Commanding General SOS SPA was authorized to deal directly with these commanders and to issue instructions to them in controlling the activities listed above, inasmuch as the islands did not have service commands on them initially.

Later, service commands were established on Bougainville, Efate, Emirau, Espiritu Santo, Guadalcanal, Green Islands, New Georgia, and Russell Islands. Although all of these service commands came under the Commanding General SOS SPA at one time or another, a number of them were transferred to USAFFE 15 June 1944.

8 Oct 42

Prov Army Sv Comd SPA constituted and asgd USAFISPA.

10 Nov 42

SOS SPA constituted and activated at Auckland, N. Z., and asgd USAFISPA. Prov Army Sv Comd disbanded.

21 Nov 42

SOS SPA closed Auckland, N. Z., and opened Noumea, New Caledonia

1 Mar 43

Hq & Hq Co SOS SPA activated Noumea, New Caledonia.

1 Apr 44

Hq & Hq Co SOS SPA disbanded and Hq Co SOS SPA org.\*

5 Apr 44

Joint Purchasing Board, South Pacific (Army), asgd SOS SPA.

20 Aug 44

Hq & Hq Co SOS SPA disbanded. Personnel and functions transf to SPBC.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen Robert H Breene	8 Oct 42
Col Charles S Miller	12 Jul 44

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\* Changes in the volume of work of the different sections of Hq SOS SPA frequently required reshuffling of personnel between sections. The War Department T/O restricted this action and as a result the authorized Hq and Hq Co was disbanded and concurrently reorganized with the same designation and station. The reorganized Hq and Hq Co operated without being formally constituted or activated.

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ISLAND SERVICE COMMANDS

Provisional Service Command, Bougainville,

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, APO 706

Organized: 15 Dec 43, Bougainville  
Redesignated: Hq and Hq Co Sv Comd Bougainville, 1 Apr 44  
Disbanded: 1 Jan 45  
Assigned: SOS SPA, 15 Dec 43 - 15 Jun 44  
XIV Corps, 15 Jun 44 - 15 Dec 44  
USAFFE, 15 Dec 44 - 1 Jan 45  
Attached: XIV Corps, 15 Dec 43 - 15 Jun 44  
USAF NORSOLS, 15 Nov 44 - 1 Jan 45

Service Command Efate,

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, APO 932

Organized: 23 Mar 43, Efate  
Disbanded: 20 Aug 44  
Assigned: SOS SPA, 23 Mar 43 - 20 Aug 44

Service Command Emirau,

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, APO 198

Organized: 15 Mar 44, Guadalcanal (date transf to Emirau unknown)  
Redesignated: Hq and Hq Det USAF Emirau, 1 Jan 45  
Assigned: SOS SPA, 15 Mar 44 - 15 Jun 44  
XIV Corps, 15 Jun 44 - 15 Dec 44  
USAFFE, 15 Dec 44 - 1 Jan 45  
Attached: Prov ISCOM Emirau, 15 Jun 44 - 15 Nov 44  
USAF NORSOLS, 15 Nov 44 - 1 Jan 45

Service Command Espiritu Santo,

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, APO 708

Organized: 17 Feb 43, Espiritu Santo  
Disbanded: 20 Aug 44  
Assigned: SOS SPA, 17 Feb 43 - 20 Aug 44

Service Command Fiji Islands,

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, APO 913

Organized: 10 Nov 42, Fiji  
Disbanded: 20 Aug 44  
Assigned: SOS SPA, 10 Nov 42 - 20 Aug 44

Provisional Service Command Guadalcanal,

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, APO 709

Organized: 15 Feb 43, Guadalcanal  
Redesignated: Hq and Hq Co, Sv Comd, Guadalcanal, 10 Oct 43  
Disbanded: 20 Aug 44  
Assigned: XIV Corps, 15 Feb 43 - 6 Sep 43  
SOS SPA, 6 Sep 43 - 20 Aug 44  
Attached: Guadalcanal ISCOM, 11 Jul 43 - 8 Oct 43  
Forward Area, 8 Oct 43 - 25 Oct 43  
Forward Area and V ISCOM, 25 Oct 43 - 15 Jun 44  
V ISCOM, 15 Jun 44 - 3 Aug 44  
Guadalcanal ISCOM, 3 Aug 44 - 20 Aug 44

Service Command Green Islands,

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, APO 293

Organized: 5 Feb 44, Guadalcanal (date transf to Green Islands unknown)

Redesignated: Hq and Hq Co Sv Comd Green Islands, 1 Apr 44

Redesignated: Hq and Hq Det USAF Green Islands, 1 Jan 45

Assigned: SOS SPA, 5 Feb 44 - 15 Jun 44  
XIV Corps, 15 Jun 44 - 15 Dec 44  
USAFFE, 15 Dec 44 - 1 Jan 45

Attached: USAF NORSOLS, 15 Nov 44 - 1 Jan 45

Service Command New Caledonia,

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, APO 502

Organized: 10 Nov 42, New Caledonia

Disbanded: 20 Aug 44

Assigned: SOS SPA, 10 Nov 42 - 20 Aug 44

Provisional Service Command New Georgia Islands,

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, APO 717

Organized: 1 Sep 43, New Georgia

Redesignated: Hq and Hq Co Sv Comd New Georgia, 15 Jan 44

Redesignated: Hq and Hq Det USAF New Georgia, 1 Jan 45

Assigned: USAFISPA, 1 Sep 43 - 6 Sep 43  
SOS SPA, 6 Sep 43 - 15 Jun 44  
XIV Corps, 15 Jun 44 - 15 Dec 44  
USAFFE, 15 Dec 44 - 1 Jan 45

Attached: New Georgia Occupation Force, 1 Sep 43 - 6 Sep 43  
XIV Corps, 6 Sep 43 - 8 Jul 44  
VI ISCOM, 8 Jul 44 - 15 Nov 44  
USAF NORSOLS, 15 Nov 44 - 1 Jan 45



Service Command New Ireland,

Headquarters and Headquarters Company

Very little is known about this service command. It appears that it was disbanded before it began to operate.

Organized: 15 Mar 43, Guadalcanal

Disbanded: 31 Mar 43, Guadalcanal

Service Command New Zealand,

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, APO 715

Organized: 10 Nov 42

Redesignated: USAF New Zealand, 20 Aug 44

Assigned: SOS SPA, 10 Nov 42 - 20 Aug 44

Service Command Russell Islands,

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, APO 292

Organized: 15 Jan 44, Guadalcanal (date transf to Russell Islands unknown)

Disbanded: 20 Aug 44

Assigned: SOS SPA, 15 Jan 44 - 20 Aug 44

Attached: Forward Area and V ISCOM, 15 Jan 44 - 15 Jun 44  
V ISCOM, 15 Jun 44 - 3 Aug 44  
Guadalcanal ISCOM, 3 Aug 44 - 20 Aug 44

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USAFISPA  
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USAFISPA

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USAFISPA

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USAFISPA During World War II (30 Mar 42 - 1 Aug 44).

CHAPTER IV

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER

UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES, CHINA, BURMA AND INDIA

(USAF CBI)<sup>\*</sup>

On 7 December 1941 the United States was represented in China by the American Military Mission to China (AMMISCA). AMMISCA was established at Chungking, China, 4 October 1941 under Brig. Gen. John Magruder, whose mission was, in general, to assist and advise the Chinese Government in all phases of procurement, transport, and maintenance of material, equipment, and munitions requisite to the prosecution of China's military effort.

In accordance with an agreement between the governments of China and the United States, General Joseph W. Stilwell was designated by the War Department as Chief of Staff to the Supreme Commander of the China Theater (Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek). In addition to this position he was appointed as Commanding General of the United States Army Forces in the Chinese Theater of Operations, Burma and India.\*\*/ His mission was to increase the effectiveness of United States assistance to the Chinese Government for the prosecution of the war and to assist in improving the combat efficiency of the Chinese Army.

General Stilwell's force was designated as The United States Task Force in China and upon arriving in China the units and personnel of the task force and the personnel of AMMISCA were integrated to form Headquarters, American Army Forces, China, Burma and India (AAF CBI). This headquarters was established at Chungking, China, 4 March 1942.

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\* The friendly Order of Battle for the Pacific is designed to cover the activities of United States units that participated in that area. Therefore coverage of Allied commands and units is limited to such entries as are necessary to give a clear picture of their relationship to U.S. units and vice versa. Although General Stilwell held the positions of Chief of Staff to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Commanding General USAF CBI, Commanding General, Chinese Army in India, Deputy Supreme Commander, SEAC, and others, this record of events will cover, insofar as possible, only American units and installations in China, Burma, and India that came under his command.

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\*\* It is assumed that the appointment of a Commanding General, USAF, CTO and IB, referred to his commanding of United States personnel in China, India, and Burma, and not the establishment of a Headquarters of a USAF, CTO, IB.

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On 22 June 1942 all units and individuals under Stilwell's command were relieved from assignment to Army Group, Washington, D.C., and assigned to American Army Forces, India, China, and Burma. The radio from the War Department directing this action was regarded, it appears, as sufficient authority for the establishment of a theater of operation in China, Burma, and India. On 6 July 1942 the command structure of this theater was set up. Headquarters, American Army Forces, China, Burma and India, remained at Chungking, and Branch Office, Headquarters, American Army Forces, CBI,\* was established at New Delhi, India.

In order to eliminate the possibility of confusing the abbreviation AAF (American Army Forces) with the abbreviation of Army Air Forces (AAF), it became accepted practice to use United States Army Forces, China, Burma and India (USAF CBI).

On 24 October 1944 the China, Burma and India Theater was abolished and the China Theater (USF CT) and the India, Burma Theater (USF IBT) were established as separate and distinct theaters. Lt.Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer commanded the China Theater and also became Chief of Staff to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. The primary responsibility of the Commanding General, USF CT, was to conduct air operations against Japan from China.

4 Mar 42

Hq American Army Forces, China, Burma and India formally established at Chungking, China.

21 Mar 42

Rear Ech AAF CBI established at Lashio, Burma.

8 Apr 42

Fwd Ech AAF CBI established at Maymyo, Burma. Dets Hq AAF CBI established at Kunming, China, and Calcutta, India.

23 Apr 42

SOS CBI established at Karachi, India, as a subordinate command of AAF CBI (See R/E SOS CBI).

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\* An explanation of the change in sequence of place names in the new command title from AAF ICB to AAF CBI has not been found.

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25 Apr 42

Rear Ech CP at Lashio, Burma, dep for Pao-shan, China; arr 1 May.

16 May 42

Hq and Hq Sq Tenth Air Force arr New Delhi India, and asgd as subordinate command to Hq USAF CBI.

20 May 42

Fwd Ech USAF CBI reached Imphal, India.

30 Jun 42

Ramgarh Training Center established. (See R/E for RTC.)

2 Jul 42

Gen Stilwell desig comdr of Chinese Army in India. (See R/E for CAI.)

6 Jul 42

Hq USAF CBI org at Chungking, China. Branch Off Hq USAF CBI org at New Delhi, India.

18 Jul 42

CG USAF CBI established Branch Off of Hq USAF CBI at Kunming, China, desig as U.S. Kunming Area Comd.

5 Nov 42

USAF CBI assumed responsibility for construction of Ledo Road fr Ledo to Myitkyina.

24 Nov 42

Branch Off Hq USAF CBI at New Delhi redesig Rear Ech Hq USAF CBI (presumably hq at Chungking became Fwd Ech ).

21 Jan 43 \*/

Hq USAF CBI Theater was formally divided into Fwd Ech Hq USAF CBI at Chungking, and Rear Ech Hq USAF CBI at New Delhi, both hq being act this date.

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\* The 24 November 1942 entry indicates that the Branch Office at New Delhi had already been redesig Rear Echelon. The duplication may be due to the use of the terms "organization," "activation," etc; or it may indicate the change from Headquarters AAF CBI to Headquarters USAF CBI.

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21 Jan 43

Hq and Hq Det, Chinese Training and Combat Command (CT&CC), act Ramgarh, Bihar, India, under USAF CBI. (See R/E for CT&CC.)

18 Feb 43

Combat Trps, Ledo Sector (APO 689), act with hq at Ledo, as subordinate comd of USAF CBI, with mission of protecting construction of Ledo Road.

10 Mar 43

Fourteenth Air Force act with hq Kunming and placed under opnl contrl of CG USAF CBI.

29 Apr 43

Y-Force Opns Staff (Y-FOS) act Kunming, China. (See R/E for Y-FOS)

1 May 43

Fwd Ech Branch Off USAF CBI established Kunming. U.S. Kunming Area Comd discontinued.

5 Aug 43

Joint Army-Navy Intel Collection Agency, CBI (JICA CBI), established and atchd to Hq USAF CBI as special staff sec.

20 Aug 43

Hq Army Air Force, India-Burma Sector, CBI Theater, act New Delhi as subcommand of USAF CBI.

10 Oct 43

5307th Comp Regt (Prov) org. (See R/E for 5307th Comp Regt (Prov).)

1 Nov 43

5315th Inf Tng Cen (Prov) act Kweilin, China, to train trps of CAI in E China. Assumed to be subcomd of Hq USAF CBI. Disbanded 25 Jul 1944. (See R/E for 5315th Inf Tng Cen.)

16 Nov 43

CG USAF CBI desig as Deputy Supreme Allied Comdr, Southeast Asia (Dep SACSEA).

31 Dec 43

Branch Off Fwd Ech Hq USAF CBI at Kunming discontinued.

1 Jan 44

Z-Force Opns Staff (Z-FOS) act at Chungking as subcomd of Fwd Ech Hq USAF CBI. (See R/E for Z-FOS.)

1 Feb 44

Northern Combat Area Comd (NCAC) act. (See R/E for NCAC).

1 Feb 44

Combat Trps, Ledo Sector, discontinued.

1 Apr 44

Hq USAF CBI (main hq) established New Delhi. Fwd Ech continued at Chungking; Rear Ech at New Delhi discontinued.

16 Apr 44

Planning Sec, as an additional staff sec of Hq USAF CBI, act.

27 May 44

Mission of USAF CBI as restated by War Dept was conduct of such mil opns in China as would support main offensive in the Pacific.

17 Jul 44

CG USAF CBI became CG NCAC and retained comd of CAI as well.

24 Oct 44

USAF CBI Theater abolished. China Theater (USF CT) and India, Burma Theater (USF IBT) established in its place.



<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Lt Gen Joseph W Stilwell	4 Mar 42
Maj Gen Raymond A Wheeler	24 Apr 43
Lt Gen Joseph W Stilwell	8 Jun 43
Maj Gen Thomas G Hearn	19 Nov 43
Lt Gen Joseph W Stilwell	9 Dec 43
Gen Joseph W Stilwell <sup>*</sup> / <sub>-</sub> (promotion)	1 Aug 44
Lt Gen Daniel I Sultan	19 Oct 44

<u>ASSIGNED</u>	<u>DATE</u>
War Department	4 Mar 42

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\* General Stilwell was notified of his relief from responsibilities in Asia by Chief of Staff U.S. Army, 19 October 1944 and departed Chungking 21 October 1944. General Sultan was temporarily in comd as of 19 October 1944.

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SERVICES OF SUPPLY, CHINA, BURMA AND INDIA (SOS USAF CBI)

AND SUCCESSOR COMMAND,

SERVICES OF SUPPLY, INDIA, BURMA THEATER (SOS USF IBT)

The activation of Services of Supply in China, Burma and India (SOS CBI) was authorized by the War Department on 28 February 1942. The Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment (Provisional), SOS USAF CBI, was activated as a subordinate command of USAF CBI at Karachi, India, 23 April 1942, and on the same date the commanding general and his staff were announced.

The mission of the Commanding General, SOS CBI, as directed by the War Department, was to take necessary action required to push equipment and supplies through to General Stilwell; to assume all supply and administrative functions in India necessary to the successful functioning of his command; and to investigate and report upon special supply requirements, supplies locally procurable, special supply difficulties, and the availability of storage space.

SOS USAF CBI mission was set forth again on 17 April 1942 by General Stilwell when he directed the Commanding General, SOS, to operate the SOS from base ports in India forward, to include railheads, riverheads, and an airline terminal in Assam; supply all U.S. ground forces in this theater of operations and the U.S. Air Forces to the extent requested by the commanding general of American Air Forces in India; and to receive, warehouse, assemble and transport Chinese lend-lease and other government supplies.

Headquarters, SOS USAF CBI, moved from Karachi to New Delhi on 26 May 1942 and on 27 May 1942 it was divided geographically into Base Sections Nos. 1, 2, and 3 and Advance Sections Nos. 1 and 2. On 22 June 1942 it was reorganized geographically into Base Sections Nos 1 and 2 and Advance Sections Nos. 1, 2, and 3. Base Section No. 3 was organized on 10 December 1942, and Advance Section No. 4 was established 20 March 1943. (For the history of base sections and advance sections, see the listing at the end of this record of events.)

On 10 April 1943 SOS USAF CBI was redesignated Army Service Forces, China, Burma, India (ASF CBI) and on 4 June 1943 ASF CBI was redesignated SOS USAF CBI.

When the CBI Theater of Operations was abolished on 24 October 1944 and the China Theater (CT) and the India, Burma Theater (IBT) were established as separate commands, SOS consisted of two base sections, one intermediate section and two advance sections. SOS CBI was not redesignated at this time, and Advance Section No. 1 of SOS CBI continued to function virtually independent of SOS CBI as an SOS for CT.

SOS CBI was redesignated SOS IBT on 2 November 1944 and Advance Section No. 1 was redesignated CT on 10 November 1944. (See R/E for SOS CT.)

Effective 21 May 1945, SOS IBT was discontinued and all functions and responsibility of Commanding General, SOS IBT, were assumed by Commanding General USF IBT. On the same date, base, intermediate, and advance sections of SOS IBT, were redesignated base, intermediate, and advance sections of USF IBT and became subordinate commands of USF IBT.

28 Feb 42

SOS USAF CBI authorized by War Dept.

23 Apr 42

Hq SOS CBI act Karachi, India, as a subordinate comd of USAF CBI.

26 May 42

Hq SOS CBI moved fr Karachi, India, to New Delhi, India.

27 May 42

SOS CBI org geographically into Base Secs Nos. 1, 2, and 3 and Adv Secs Nos. 1 and 2. (See R/E for Base and Adv Secs.)

22 June 42

Adv Sec No. 3 org Kunming, China. (See R/E for Adv Sec No. 3.)

15 Aug 42

Hq SOS, Ramgarh Training Center, Cp Ramgarh, Bihar, India, placed under direct **cntl** of Hq SOS CBI.

1 Sep 42

Procurement Sec established as special staff sec of SOS CBI.

26 Nov 42

Eastern Sec, SOS CBI, established and asgd SOS CBI. (See R/E for Eastern Sec.)

20 Mar 43

Adv Sec No. 4 established Kweilin, China. (See R/E for Adv Sec No. 4.)

6 Apr 43

Trans Sec established as special staff sec of SOS CBI.

10 Apr 43

SOS CBI redesiɡ ASF CBI.

4 Jun 43

ASF CBI redesiɡ SOS CBI.

2 Nov 43

American Barge Lines, SOS CBI, constituted vic Calcutta, India, under supervision and direction of Chief of Trans, SOS CBI, and asgd SOS CBI. (Date of disbandment unknown.)

17 Dec 43

An Admin Sv established in Hq SOS CBI to direct, contl and co-ordinate activities of G-1 and G-2, JAG, AG, Finance Officer, Special Svs Officer, Chaplain, Provost Marshal, Hq Comdt, Army Exchange Service, and Public Relations Officer.

1 Jan 44

Trans Sv, SOS CBI, established New Delhi as a subordinate comd of SOS CBI.

15 Jan 44

Construction Sv, SOS CBI act as a subordinate comd of SOS CBI.

1 Feb 44

Gen staff secs of Hq CBI redesiɡ as Admin and Opns Secs. Functions of G-1 and G-2 assumed by Off of Chief of Admin and functions of G-3 and G-4 by Off of Chief of Opns.

1 Apr 44

China Lend-Lease Sec established as special staff sec of SOS CBI and responsible through Asst Chief of Opns and CofS for handling of lend-lease supplies.

1 May 44

China Lend-Lease Sec ceased to function as special staff sec and was incorporated into Procurement Sec.

13 Jun 44

Repl Sv, SOS CBI, established New Delhi as subordinate comd of SOS CBI to train and assign repls in CBI Theater.

15 Jun 44

Burma Road Engrs formed as sec of CT&CC with its own T/O and atchd to SOS CBI.

15 Jun 44

American Delhi Mil Area Comd (ADMAC) established as subordinate comd of SOS CBI. (See R/E for ADMAC.)

30 Jun 44

CO of Adv Sec No. 1 (Kunming) desig Deputy to CG SOS CBI in all matters pertaining to SOS functions in China. He was authorized to make decisions for CG SOS in supply matters in China and to report directly to Fwd Ech USAF CBI at Chungking.

11 Aug 44

Admin and Opns Secs of Hq SOS CBI reorg as follows: Asst Chief of Opns redesign Deputy CofS for Opns; Asst Chief of Admin redesign Asst CofS for Admin G-1; Asst Chief of Opns for Trps redesign Asst CofS for Trps, G-3; Asst Chief of Opns for Supply redesign Asst CofS for Supply, G-4.

22 Aug 44

Office of Chief Theater Surgeon (USAF CBI) and Off of Surgeon, SOS CBI, consolidated. Surgeon, SOS CBI, desig Deputy Theater Surgeon but continued to function as directed by CG SOS CBI.

Sep 44 SOS CBI directed by Hq USAF CBI to assume responsibility for the supply of Y and Z Forces (Chinese trps).

2 Sep 44

Trans Sv, SOS CBI, responsibility for trans in China vested in Adv Sec No. 1.

1 Nov 44

All gen and branch depots, and subdepots, formerly under secs, made directly responsible to Hq SOS CBI.

2 Nov 44

SOS CBI redesiɡ SOS IBT.

19 Nov 44

Chief of Fiscal Sec SOS appointed Theater Fiscal Director, and supervision of all fiscal and finance opns in theater charged to CG SOS IBT.

Dec 44 - Feb 45

Special staff secs of SOS IBT and the theater hq amalgamated. Theater-wide primary responsibility for staff activities had been divided between the two hq. For example, SOS IBT had theater-wide responsibility for engineering activities and theater hq had theater-wide responsibility for public relations activities. But in each case the opposite hq also had a corresponding staff sec to perform limited functions of that staff activity; theater hq had an Engineering Sec and SOS IBT had a Public Relations. Amalgamation ultimately eliminated the extra staff sec. Thus the Theater Public Relations Officer became in addition to his other duties the Public Relations Officer for SOS IBT while the SOS Engr acted in addition to his other duties as Engr for theater headquarters.

11 Jan 45 SOS Eng Construction Sv combined with Theater Engr Off.

Jan 45 SOS Provost Marshal became Theater Deputy Provost Marshall.

7 Feb 45 IBT Sig Officer appointed SOS Sig Officer.

26 Feb 45 Repl Sv reld fr SOS USF IBT and asgd as subordinate comd to Hq USF IBT.

14 Mar 45

China Lend-Lease Sec re-established in Hq SOS **IBT**.

23 Apr 45

Information and Education Sec IBT transferred to Hq SOS IBT.

21 May 45

Hq SOS IBT discontinued.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen Raymond A Wheeler	28 Feb 42
Maj Gen Raymond A Wheeler (Promotion)	11 Mar 42
Brig Gen William E R Covell	15 Nov 43
Maj Gen William E R Covell (Promotion)	29 Nov 43
Brig Gen John A Warden	18 Dec 44
Maj Gen William E R Covell	10 Feb 45

<u>ASSIGNED TO:</u>	<u>DATE</u>
USAF CBI	23 Apr 42
USF IBT	2 Nov 44

## BASE AND ADVANCE SECTIONS

Initially, base and advance section commanders were responsible for all engineer construction in their sections and for the handling of supplies for China, India, and Burma. They controlled transportation, depots, ports of debarkation, hospitals, supply, and maintenance, and operating units that were assigned to their sections. However, from time to time certain construction jobs, areas, depots, and other installations within the geographical limits of a section were exempted from the control of a section commander and placed directly under control of Headquarters, SOS.

Changes were made in the boundaries of these sections as well as in missions when construction or supply conditions demanded a simplification of administration.

### Base Section No. 1

27 May 42

Base Sec No. 1 org with hq Karachi, India, and asgd SOS USAF CBI.

18 Jul 42

Gen Depot No. 1 established Karachi under comd of CO Base Sec No. 1.

15 May 45

Base Sec No. 1 discontinued.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Paul F Yount	27 May 42
Col Lewis P Jordan	5 Oct 42
Col Fabius H Kohloss	6 Nov 42
Col L P Jordan	18 Nov 42
Col Robert E Coughlin	10 Jan 43
Col Thomas H Rees, Jr.	11 May 43
Brig Gen John A Warden	23 Jan 44



Base Section No. 2

27 May 42

Establishment of Base Sec No. 2 with hq Bangalore, Mysore, India, authorized. (No pers asgnd however, and it is assumed it did not actually function.)

22 Jun 42

Base Sec No. 2 established Calcutta, India.

21 Dec 42

Gen Depot No.2 established Calcutta under comd of CO Base Sec No.2.

15 May 45

Base Sec No. 2 redesign Base Sec SOS IBT.

21 May 45

Base Sec SOS IBT redesign Base Sec IBT.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Lt Col Edwin M Sutherland	22 Jun 42
Lt Col Thomas B Harper	2 Dec 42
Lt Col John P Johnson	30 Mar 43
Col Thomas G M Oliphant	8 May 43
Brig Gen John A Warden	17 May 43
Maj Gen Gilbert X Cheves	23 Jan 44
Col Robert R Neyland, Jr.	13 Nov 44

Base Section No. 3

27 May 42

Base Sec No. 3 org Calcutta, India. (Base Sec No. 3 did not actually function at Calcutta because of Japanese threats to the ports.)

22 Jun 42

Base Sec No. 3 discontinued and its area included in Base Sec No. 2.

10 Dec 42

Base Sec No. 3 established Ledo, Assam, and asgd SOS CBI.

23 Aug 44

Base Sec No. 3 redesign Adv Sec No. 3 (See R/E for Adv Sec No. 3.)

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Lt Col Edwin M Sutherland	27 May 42
Col John S Arrowsmith	10 Dec 42
Brig Gen John S Arrowsmith (Promotion)	25 Jun 43
Col Lewis A Pick	17 Oct 43

Advance Section No. 1

27 May 42

Adv Sec No. 1 org Agra, India, and asgd SOS CBI.

5 Mar 43

Hq Adv Sec No. 1 opened Gaya, India.

11 Mar 43

Intermediate Depot, Farah, org Farah, India, under contrl of Adv Sec 1.

15 Sep 43

Adv Gen Depot No. 1 act Gaya, India, and placed under contrl of Adv Sec No. 1.

26 Dec 43

Adv Sec No. 1 inact Gaya.

1 Feb 44

Adv Sec No. 1 established Kunming, China.

10 Nov 44

Adv Sec No. 1 redesi<sup>g</sup> Sv<sup>s</sup> of Supply, China Theater (SOS CT). (See R/E for SOS CT.)

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Henry C Wilcox	27 May 42
Maj James P Woodson	7 Jul 42
Maj William O Schrader	17 Aug 42
Col Thomas H Rees, Jr	1 Sep 42
Col Richard W Hocker	18 May 43
Capt Walter L Sheppard, Jr	24 Dec - 26 Dec 43
Col Lewis P Jordan	1 Feb 44
Col Robert R Neyland, Jr	28 Jun 44

Advance Section No. 2

27 May 42

Adv Sec No. 2 established Dibrugarh, India.

3 Jul 42

Adv Gen Depot No. 2 established under comd of Adv Sec No. 2.

17 Aug 42

Hq Adv Sec No. 2 moved to Chabua, Assam, India.

23 Aug 44

Adv Sec No. 2 redesign Intermediate Sec No. 2 (INTERSEC No. 2).

15 May 45

INTERSEC No. 2 redesign Intermediate Sec (INTERSEC) SOS IBT.

21 May 45

INTERSEC SOS IBT redesign INTERSEC IBT.

COMMANDER

DATE

Maj Henry A Byroade

27 May 42

Col Robert E Coughlin

8 May 43

Brig Gen Joseph A Cranston

31 Jan 44 - Oct 44

(Subsequent commanders unknown)

Advance Section No. 3

11 Jun 42

Hq Adv Sec No. 3 authorized.

22 Jun 42

Hq Adv Sec No. 3 org Kuming, China.

25 Jan 43

Adv Gen Depot No. 3 asgd Adv Sec No. 3.

31 Jan 44

Adv Sec No. 3 inact.

23 Aug 44

Adv Sec No. 3 redesign fr Base Sec No. 3.

15 May 45

Adv Sec No. 3 redesign Adv Sec SOS IBT.

21 May 45

Adv Sec SOS IBT redesign Adv Sec IBT.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Capt Charles F B Price, Jr	22 Jun 42
Col Lewis P Jordan	15 Mar 43
Maj Gen Lewis A Pick	?
Col Walter E Lorence	24 Apr 45
Brig Gen Paul F Yount	16 May 45

Advance Section No. 4

20 Mar 43

Adv Sec No. 4 established with hq Kweilin, China.

16 Jul 43

Adv Gen Depot No. 4 act Kweilin under comd of Adv Sec No. 4.

31 Jan 44

Adv Sec No. 4 inact.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Charles F B Price, Jr	20 Mar 43
Lt Col Henry A Byroade	1 Aug 43

Construction Service, SOS, CBI, and IBT

The service was est 15 January 1944 at New Delhi, India, and operated under command of the Chief of Engineers, SOS, CBI.

15 Jan 44

Engr Div No. 1 asgd Construction Sv.

Engr Dist No. 9 asgd Construction Sv.

1 Feb 44

Engr Div No. 2 asgd Construction Sv.

15 Jan 45

Engr Dist No. 12 asgd Construction Sv. Construction Sv, SOS IBT (hq of which had functioned as Engr Special Staff Sec) reorg. Effect of reorgn was transition of Construction Sv fr a comd to a sp staff sec called Engr Sec and Construction Sv.

COMMANDER

DATE

Col Thomas F Farrell (Later Brig Gen)

15 Jan 44

Eastern Section, SOS, CBI

Eastern Section, SOS was est 26 Nov 42 to receive, store, and issue stocks of Chinese Defense Supplies, Inc. (a Chinese purchasing and supply organization in the U.S.) that were scheduled for the Y-Force. The Eastern Section was without any territorial significance and usually operated fr a base at Kuming. It functioned somewhat like a G - 4 Sec and performed liaison between the American and Chinese SOS in supplying the Y-Force. Another function of the Eastern Section was planning for the rehabilitation of the Ledo Road.

23 Jun 43

Eastern Sec SOS CBI was transferred into G - 4 Sec of Y-FOS.

COMMANDER

DATE

Col Fabius H Kohloss

26 Nov 42

Services of Supply, Ramgarh Training Area (RTA) \*/

15 Aug 42

Headquarters, SOS, Ramgarh Training Area, Camp Ramgarh, Bihar, India, (formerly under Base Section No. 2), was placed under direct control of Headquarters, SOS CBI. Headquarters SOS, RTA, Camp Ramgarh, was responsible for making all administrative arrangements in connection with housing, supply, signal communications, sanitation, and operation of medical services for RTA in addition to supplying and equipping the Chinese forces at Ramgarh. It had no authority over training or tactical operation of the Chinese troops. The senior officer of SOS became the post commander, his functions similar to those of the commanding general of a corps area service command in the United States.

11 Mar 44

All SOS instls and units at RTA, Cp Ramgarh, Bihar, India, placed under direct contrl of Base Sec No. 2, SOS USAF CBI.

COMMANDER

DATE

Col W H Holcombe

15 Aug 42

Lt Col W A Fuller

22 Dec 42 - 11 May 44

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\* It is assumed that the terms center and area were used interchangeably.

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## Ramgarh Training Center (RTC)

Ramgarh Training Center, an American-staffed, American-operated organization, was established 30 June 1942 by the Commanding General, USAF, CBI, for the training of Chinese troops in India. (Supreme Commander, China Theater, had approved Ramgarh, Bihar Province, India, as the site for a training center to train, equip, and reinforce the Chinese troops that had retreated into India from Burma.)

26 Aug 42

RTC formally act.

1 Feb 43

Hq RTC and Hq Cp Ramgarh combined and CG RTC assumed comd. (These two orgns and Hq Chinese Army in India were the three original comd orgns at Ramgarh.) \*/

24 Oct 44

RTC came under contrl of USF IBT with dissolution of USAF CBI.

15 May 45

RTC discontinued.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Frederick McCabe	30 Jun 42
Brig Gen William E Bergin	30 Apr 44
Brig Gen Frederick McCabe	30 Jun 44
Col Donald A Young	31 Jan 45
Col Raymond R Tourtillott	1 May 45

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\* Headquarters Ramgarh Training Center was responsible for the training of Chinese Army in India, and Headquarters Chinese Army in India was responsible for the activation, organization, administration, and command of Chinese units.

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CHINESE TRAINING AND COMBAT COMMAND (CT&CC)

21 Jan 43

Hq and Hq Dect, CT&CC act Rangarh, Bihar, India, under USAF CBI as a pool for U.S. officers and enlisted men.

29 Apr 43

Y-Force Opns Staff (Y-FOS) act to train, org, and equip Chinese divs in Y-Force (see R/E for Y-FOS). Pers for Y-FOS was drawn fr CT&CC, but Y-FOS was directly subordinate to USAF CBI.

15 Jun 44

Burma Road Engrs Det formed as subsec of CT&CC and atchd SOS CBI.

24 Oct 44

When USAF CBI was abolished and USF CT est, a portion of CT&CC CBI was within the geographical limits of China Theater. Fr this orgn Y- and Z-FOS comds were allotted their pers.

17 Nov 44

Y- and Z-FOS disbanded. That portion of the CT&CC CBI within geographical limits of CT was redesign CT&CC CT with hq in Kunming. Pers of Y- and Z-FOS reverted to their original asgmt in the CT&CC.

2 Dec 44

Mission of CT&CC CT was to render staff assistance and battle liaison to Chinese armies south of Yangtze River; to assist in tng of Chinese Armies involved in plan for def of Kunming area; to increase the combat effectiveness of Chinese armies.

8 Jan 45

CT&CC CT was split into two separate and component parts: Chinese Combat Comd (Prov) and Chinese Tng Comd (Prov) (CCC (Prov) and CTC (Prov)). In effect, CT&CC CT became a paper orgn and the Cos of CCC (Prov) and CTC (Prov) reported directly to CG USF CT.

COMMANDER

Lt Gen Joseph W Stilwell

DATE

21 Jan 43<sup>\*/</sup>

Brig Gen Frank Dorn

17 Nov 44

\* The commander during the interim period is unknown.

CHINESE ARMY IN INDIA (CAI)

23 Oct 42

Hq Chinese Army in India (Chih Hui Pu) act under comd of Gen Stilwell. Function was to handle admin, discipline, and supply of Chinese trps in Ramgarh Training Center (see R/E for RTC), while the American staff of of RTC handled the equipping and tng of the Chinese trps.

Apr 43 - Apr 44

During this period most of CAI shifted fr Ramgarh to the North Burma front. When combat trps were moved to Assam, Fwd Ech Chih Hui Pu was est at 5 mile mark along Ledo Road. Ramgarh hq was desigd Rear Ech Chih Hui Pu.

30 Nov 44 Supreme Comdr CT formally placed all Chinese forces in India and Burma (including CAI forces) under over-all comd of SACSEA.

1 Feb 44 Comd of all combat units in Assam-North Burma territory (NCAC area) was under Gen Stilwell in his capacity as CG CAI. Thus there were two separate orgns, CAI and NCAC, with the same staff, and later the same CG (Stilwell), functioning under the over-all comd of SEAC in the same area. NCAC had a sv mission and CAI had a combat mission. In the summer of 1944 the two orgns became one for opns. In the fall of 1944 it became the practice to refer to combat forces in this area as NCAC forces; though technically the two orgns were separate.

o/a 5 Feb 44 5307th Comp Unit (Prov) was atchd to CAI.

12 Nov 44

Allied Land Forces, SEA (ALFSEA) was est as subcomd of SEAC and it was agreed to place CAI under opnl contrl of ALFSEA.

16 Dec 44

Rear Ech CAI moved to Ledo. A sub-Rear Ech remained at Ramgarh.

COMMANDER

Lt Gen Joseph W Stilwell

DATE  
23 Oct 42<sup>\*/</sup>

Lt Gen Daniel I Sultan

3 Nov 44

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\* The commander for the interim period following General Stilwell's departure is unknown.

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COMBAT TROOPS, LEDO SECTOR

18 Feb 43

Combat Trps, Ledo Sec (APO 689), act with hq at Ledo, as a subordinate comd of Hq USAF CBI, with mission of protecting const of Ledo Road.

1 Feb 44

Combat Trps, Ledo Sec, discontd and units transferred to NCAC.

COMMANDER

DATE

Brig Gen Raymond A Wheeler

18 Feb 43

Brig Gen Haydon L Boatner

6 Apr 43

Y-FORCE OPERATIONS STAFF (Y-FOS)

Y-FOS was est at Junming, China, 29 April 1943 by verbal orders of the theater comdr. The staff was to work in liaison with the staff of the Chinese Y-Force. (The Y-Force consisted of Chinese trps in Yunnan Prov that were to make 30 divs to be used for combat operations against the Japanese.) Y-FOS was charged with the mission of tng, org, and supplying the Chinese Y-Force; est priorities for the air mvmt of supplies and equipment for the Chinese; supervising the Inf Tng Ctr and the Fld Arty Tng Ctr at Kunming; and formulating plans for the opns and supply of the Chinese Y-Force.

18 Jun 43

Activation of Y-FOS confirmed by verbal orders.

23 Jun 43

Eastern Sec SOS became G - 4 Sec of Y-FOS. Y-FOS charged with responsibility for rehabilitation of Burma Road.

24 Oct 44

Y-FOS asgd to CT.

17 Nov 44

Y-FOS disbanded.

CHIEF OF STAFF

DATE

Col Frank Dorn<sup>\*/</sup>

29 Apr 43

Brig Gen Frank Dorn (Promotion)

8 Nov 43

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\* Designated Chief of Staff 29 April 1943 - 17 November 1944. General Stilwell commanded through General Dorn.

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Z-FORCE OPERATIONS STAFF (Z-FOS)

1 Jan 44

Z-FOS act Chungking as a subordinate Comd of Fwd Ech Hq USAF CBI to train and equip a second 30 Chinese divs (known as Z-Force) for opns in East China.

24 Oct 44

Z-FOS asgd USF CT.

17 Nov 44

Z-FOS disbanded.

<u>CHIEF OF STAFF</u> * /	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen Malcolm F Lindsey	1 Jan 44
Brig Gen Thomas F Timberman	4 Sep 44
Col Harwood C Bowman	21 Oct 44
Brig Gen Malcolm F Lindsey	24 Oct 44

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General Stilwell commanded through the Chief of Staff.

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## NORTHERN COMBAT AREA COMMAND (NCAC)

Effective 1 February 1944 NCAC was organized with headquarters at the Mile 5.5 on the Ledo Road. The Commanding General, NCAC, was responsible for the supervision and direction of all special and service units (Anglo-American) placed in the NCAC, with the exception of SOS units specifically engaged in road construction and the necessary auxiliary and service units. The command of all combat troops in NCAC remained with the Commanding General, CAI.

4 Oct 43

5303d Hq and Hq Co (Prov) Combat trps org.

29 Jan 44

5303d Hq and Hq Co (Prov) Combat Trps redesign 5303d Hq and Hq Co (Prov) Area Comd.

8 May 44

5307th Comp Unit (Prov) asgd NCAC. (See R/E for 5307th Comp Unit (Prov).)

16 Jun 44

NCAC passed to opnl (assumed) contrl of SEAC. (Date of release unknown.)

19 Jun 44

Hq and Hq Co NCAC (CT&CC) act. Pers allotment for NCAC was granted in order to provide American pers for Hq and Hq Co NCAC and to provide all liaison pers with units asgd to Chih Hui Pu (CAI), all American pers with units asgd to Seagrave Hospital Unit and 1st Tank Group, and American pers for such other activities as required them.

5303d Hq and Hq Co (Prov) Combat Trps disbanded.

17 Jul 44

CG USAF CBI assumed direct contrl of NCAC. All Allied units (except Chinese) atchd for opnl contrl to NCAC.

26 Jul 44

5332d Brig (Prov), known as MARS Task Force, act 26 Jul 44 and asgd NCAC. Mission of 5332d Brig (Prov) was to cmd long-range penetration units. 5332d Brig (Prov) participated in second battle for Burma.

10 Aug 44

475th Inf act Ledo and asgd NCAC.

24 Oct 44

NCAC asgd to IBT. CG USAF IBT assumed cmd of NCAC.

12 Nov 44

NCAC came under opnl contrl of AIFSEA.

10 Jan 45

NCAC Fld Repl Depot established Ledo and asgd NCAC; discontinued 12 Apr 45.  
CG IBT announced opening of Ledo Road.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen Haydon L Boatner	1 Feb 44
Lt Gen Joseph W Stilwell	17 Jul 44
Lt Gen Daniel I Sultan	27 Oct 44
Lt Gen Raymond A Wheeler	22 Jun 45

## 5307th COMPOSITE UNIT (PROVISIONAL)

The 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), which was given the code name GALAHAD Force and later nicknamed Merrill's Marauders by the press, was organized to carry out long-range penetration operations. The operations included expeditions to harass the enemy and disrupt his communication and supply line. In addition to these operations the Marauders engaged in normal infantry combat missions in Burma. The 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional) before redesignation was the 5307th Composite Regiment (Provisional).

10 Oct 43

5307th Comp Regt (Prov) org Deogarh, India.

1 Jan 44

5307th Comp Regt (Prov) formally act at Deolali, India, as subordinate cmd of Hq USAF CBI and redesisg 5307th Comp Unit (Prov) 2 Jan 44.

(O/a) 5 Feb 44

5307th Comp Unit (Prov) atchd to CAI and assumed further atchd to NCAC.

8 May 44

5307th Comp Unit (Prov) asgd NCAC.

10 Aug 44

5307th Comp Unit (Prov) disbanded.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen Frank D Merrill	6 Jan 44
Col Charles N Hunter	29 Mar 44
Brig Gen Frank D Merrill	26 Apr 44
Col John E McCarmon	20 May 44

5315th INFANTRY TRAINING CENTER (PROVISIONAL)

5315th Inf Tng Cen (Prov), an American orgn, act Kweilin as subordinate comd of Rear Ech Hq USAF CBI to train officers and enlisted men of Chinese Army in East China.

1 Jan 44

Z-Force Opns Staff (Z-FOS act and directed to supervise 5315th ITC (Prov) at Kweilin.

25 Jul 44

5315th Inf Tng Cen (Prov) disbanded.

COMMANDER

DATE

Brig Gen Thomas S Arms

1 Nov 43



AMERICAN DELHI MILITARY AREA COMMAND

15 Jun 44

American Delhi Mil Area Comd (ADMAC) established with hq at New Delhi, India, under responsibility [sic] of CG SOS CBI. The purpose of this orgn was to provide a post hq with jurisdiction over U.S. Army activities within Delhi Province.

21 May 45

ADMAC SOS USF IBT became ADMAC Hq USF IBT a subordinate comd of Hq USF IBT.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Lt Col Mason H Lucas (later Col)	15 Jun 44
Col D C Eberson	23 Nov 44
Col S C Hilton	19 Apr 45
Maj A T McHugh	11 Aug 45

UNITED STATES FORCES, INDIA, BURMA THEATER (USF IBT)

Headquarters, United States Forces, India, Burma Theater (USF IBT) was established 24 October 1944 at New Delhi, following the abolition of USAF CBI. USF CT was established at Chungking, China (see record of events for USF CT).

The Commanding General, USF IBT, became also Commanding General NCAC, and on 3 November 1944 he was given an additional appointment as Commander in Chief, CAI. The Commanding General USF IBT, was responsible to JCS for control of all U.S. troops in the theater and to SACSEA for their operations in Burma. Commanding General, NCAC, and Commander in Chief, CAI, were under operational control of SACSEA. India, Burma Theater included India, Burma, Ceylon, Thailand, the Malay Peninsula, and Sumatra.

Commanding General USF IBT, had two main missions: logistical support of China Theater and participation in and support of operations of SEAC. Headquarters, USF IBT, was to act as communications zone headquarters for the China Theater, establishing, maintaining, and operating the land (Burma and Ledo Roads) and air lines of communications.

Major Commands of Headquarters, USF IBT, were RTC, AAF IBS and SOS USAF CBI.

2 Dec 44

CG USF IBT and CG USF CT agreed to following division of responsibility: Hq USF IBT was to be responsible for construction and maintenance of Ledo Road up to Burma-China border vic Wanting; USF CT to be responsible for construction and maintenance within China. Hq USF IBT was also responsible for construction, maintenance, and opn of pipelines to Kunming and motor transport opn on Ledo Road as far as Kinming.

23 Jan 45

Under War Department directive on Chinese lend-lease policy and procedure, CG USF IBT was made responsible for determining type and quantity of supplies to be delivered to CAI; determining priorities and maintenance of records of transfer of supplies to Chinese within IBT; requisitioning or bidding for supplies for units; and receipt, storage, and transportation of supplies within IBT boundaries, unless otherwise agreed upon by theater comdrs.

8 Feb 45

Hq OSS IBT org at Kandy, Ceylon, as subordinate comd of Hq USF IBT.

26 Feb 45

Repl Sv reld fr SOS USF IBT and asgd as subordinate comd to Hq USF IBT.

6 Apr 45

Joint Army-Navy Intel Collection Agency, IBT (JICA IBT), established with hq New Delhi.

5 May 45

SACSEA announced end of org enemy resistance in Burma.

15 May 45

RCT discontinued by CG USF IBT.

21 May 45

CG USF IBT assumed functions of CG SOS USF IBT, which was discontinued. Base, intermediate, and adv secs of SOS USF IBT were redesign base, intermediate, and adv secs of USF IBT and became subordinate to comd of Hq USF IBT.

21 May 45

American Delhi Mil Area Comd (ADMAC), SOS USF IBT, became ADMAC, Hq USF IBT (assumed), subordinate comd of Hq USF IBT. (See R/E for ADMAC.) Trans Sv, SOS USF IBT, became Trans Sv, USF IBT, a subcomd of Hq USF IBT.

21 May 45

Following agreement of USF IBT and AIFSEA authorities, British Twelfth Army assumed responsibility for NCAC territory north of line Mong Mit - Molo - Namhkam; remainder of area taken over by British after withdrawal of Chinese troops.

14 Aug 45

Most of Hq USF IBT construction projects canceled by War Dept.

COMMANDER

DATE

Lt Gen Daniel I Sultan

24 Oct 44

Lt Gen Raymond A Wheeler

23 Jun 45

ASSIGNED TO:

DATE

War Department

24 Oct 44

ATTACHED TO:

DATE

Allied Land Forces, Southeast Asia (ALFSEA)

12 Nov 44 - 15 Aug 45

Supreme Allied Commander, Southeast Asia

24 Oct 44 (assumed)

(SACSEA)

UNITED STATES FORCES, CHINA THEATER (USF CT)

With the abolition of USAF CBI, 24 October 1944, two new theaters were substituted for it: United States Army Forces, China Theater and United States Forces, India, Burma Theater (USF IBT). (See record of events for USF IBT)

Headquarters, USF CT, was established at Chungking, China. The new headquarters functioned as a part of the Allied Command, China Theater, whose Supreme Allied Commander was Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. The JCS issued directives to Headquarters, USF CT, giving it missions within the China Theater. Primary responsibility of Headquarters, USF CT, was to conduct air operations from China. Boundaries of the China Theater included the mainland of China and Indo-China and the islands immediately adjacent thereto, such as Hongkong, but excluded Formosa and Hainan. The Commanding General, USF CT, commanded U.S. forces within the geographic boundaries of the China Theater with the exception of Headquarters, China Division, India-China Wing, ATC: XX Bomber Command; Naval Group, China, and other quasi-military organizations.

Subordinate commands of Headquarters, USF CT, were Y-FOS; Z-FOS; Fourteenth Air Force; and Advance Section No. 1, SOS USAF CBI.

10 Nov 44

Adv Sec No. 1, SOS CBI, at Kunming, China, redesign SOS USF CT. (It had remained in existence under Hq USF CT since 24 Oct 44 after the theater split.)

27 Nov 44

Hq USF CT drafted ALPHA Plan, a U.S. plan for Sino-American forces to defend Kunming and Chungking. Objectives of plan were to delay the Japanese advs into South and Southeast China and to block the Japanese drive.

17 Nov 44

Y-and Z-FOS disbanded. That portion of CT&CC CBI within CT redesign CT&CC CT with hq at Kunming.

1 Dec 44

CG CT restated the mission of USF CT to its subordinate comds and detailed new missions for them. USF CT was to def key instls, air and supply bases in southwestern China. In co-operation with CG USF IBT, USF CT was to develop and protect air and ground lines of communications between India, Burma, and China. USF CT was also to train an effective Sino-American ground team to wage, as early as possible, offensive warfare against the Japanese to secure air bases to support the Pacific offensive.

13 Dec 44

Rear Ech Hq USF CT established at Kunming. Hq at Chungking became Fwd Ech Hq USF CT.

8 Jan 45

Chinese Combat Comd (Prov) and Chinese Tng Comd (Prov) org as separate and component parts of CT&CC CT. In effect the latter became paper orgn and the COs of CCC (Prov) and CTC (Prov) reported directly to CG USF CT. (See R/Es for CCC and CTC.)

26 Jan 45

Burma Road officially opened. Opnl contrl of road was responsibility of Hq USF CT.

6 Feb 45

Status of OSS, operating in CT under JCS directive, clarified by Hq USF CT. OSS was considered separate comd under contrl of Hq USF CT. It functioned as a special staff sec.

6 Apr 45

U.S. Naval Gp, China, placed under comd and opnl contrl of CG USF CT by JCS, and on 13 May CG USF CT formally directed U.S. Naval Gp, China, to operate directly under its contrl.

20 Apr 45

1st War Area Liaison Team org at Kunming, and on 2 May constituted and placed under opnl contrl of Hq USF CT.

27 Apr 45

Joint Army-Navy Intel Collection Agency, China, established under comd and opnl contrl of USF CT and functioned as a staff sec of Hq USF CT.

5 May 45

Chungking Sta Comd established to administer sv functions in Chungking and environs. (See R/E for Chungking Sta Comd.)

1 Jul 45

Tac Hq, USF CT, established in Kunming as adv or fld hq with mission of co-ordinating tac plans and combat and admin opns of CTC (Prov), CCC (Prov), SOS, CT, and Fourteenth Air Force.

6 Jul 45

U.S. Army Air Forces, CT, org as subordinate comd of USF CT.

15 Jul 45

Rear Ech Hq USF CT discontinued at Kunming.

20 Jul 45

Fourteenth Air Force asgd to USAAF CT.

10 Aug 45

Hq USF CT given new mission to become effective when JCS notified it of surrender of Japanese Government, mission based on principle that U.S. would not support Central Government of China in internal war. Central Government was to have full responsibility for problems involved in surrender and repatriation of enemy trps except where the acceptance of surrender was temporarily delegated to U.S. commanders with the approval of Central Government and CG USF CT. CG USF CT directed to support with mil assistance opns of Central Government in occupying all areas of China held by Japanese.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Claire L Chennault	24 Oct 44
Maj Gen Albert C Wedemeyer	31 Oct 44
Lt Gen Albert C Wedemeyer (Promotion)	1 Jan 45
Maj Gen Claire L Chennault	20 Feb 45
Lt Gen Albert C Wedemeyer	9 Apr 45

<u>ASSIGNED TO:</u>	<u>DATE</u>
War Department	24 Oct 44



## SERVICES OF SUPPLY, CHINA THEATER (SOS CT)

SOS CT was redesignated from Advance Section No. 1, SOS IBT, on 10 November 1944 with headquarters at Kunming, China. Initially the SOS CT mission was generally the same as that of Advance Section No. 1: responsibility for supply of American personnel in the China Theater (except for supplies peculiar to the Air Forces), engineering projects, transportation, medical service, communications, and other SOS activities.

On 1 December 1944 the SOS CT mission was amplified by Headquarters, USF CT, when it directed SOS to be responsible for handling all types of supplies (except those peculiar to the Air Forces) for U.S. troops in China, for Chinese Training and Combat Command forces and Chinese Tactical Air Forces. It was further directed to receive and issue supplies and equipment to Chinese ministries and to maintain records and reports pertaining to lend-lease supplies. Subsequent changes in the mission of Headquarters, SOS, were made as the situation and territorial responsibility demanded.

In order to fulfill responsibilities and to promulgate functions of SOS CT, the Chanyi, Kweiyang, Chengtu, and Yunnanyi Area Commands were established on 12 December 1944 and the Paoshan Area Command on 26 December 1944. The Kunming Military Area Command was established on 24 November 1944.

On 15 April 1945 most of these area commands were redesignated base sections. (See record of events for Area Commands and Base Sections.) Some of the headquarters of the base sections were relocated from time to time.

10 Nov 44

SOS CT redesignated from Adv Sec No. 1, SOS CBI, with hq at Kunming, China.

10 Nov 44

Burma Road Engrs, assigned CT&CC, attached SOS CT.

24 Nov 44

American Kunming SOS Mil Area Command established. (See R/E for Kunming Mil Area Command.)

12 Dec 44

Chanyi, Kewiyang, Chengtu, and Yunnanyi Area Commands established. (See R/Es for these commands.)

26 Dec 44

Paoshan Area Comd established. (See R/E for Paoshan Area Comd.)

9 Feb 45

CG SOS CT appointed comdr of Chinese SOS (Chinese SOS, act by the Chinese at Kunming, was modeled after the SOS CT).

15 Apr 45

SOS CT area of responsibility, known as the Communications Zone, was divided into six base sections. (See introduction to Area Comds and Base Secs, SOS CT).

4 May 45

SOS CT received fr Hq USF CT a directive stating that SOS primary responsibility was to support U.S. forces in China and Chinese forces within 30 Div Plan (See R/Es for Y-FOS and Z-FOS). Its secondary mission was to support, advise, assist, and guide Chinese SOS.

4 Jun 45

Communications Zone (CZ) orgn established 15 Apr 45, was abolished and reorg into five base secs. (See introduction to Area Comds and Base Secs.)

8 Jul 45

CZ orgn of 4 Jun 45 abolished and reorg.

15 Jul 45

CT Repl Sv org Kunming and asgd to SOS CT.

COMMANDER

DATE

Maj Gen Gilbert X Cheves

12 Nov 44 \*/

Maj Gen Henry S. Aurand

25 May 45

ASSIGNED TO:

DATE

USF CT

10 Nov 44

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\* GO 3, USF CT, 10 November 1944, announced General Cheves as commander effective 10 November 1944; however, GO 1, SOS CT, 12 November 1944, shows that he assumed command 12 November 1944.

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## Area Commands and Base Sections

SOS CT area commands were established as subordinate commands of USF CT, 12 December 1944. Each area command comprised the territory within a ten-mile radius of the city in which the area command headquarters was established. The area commands were charged with the operation of installations and the enforcement of all directives issued by Headquarters, USF CT, with respect to the conduct and discipline within its area.

On 15 April 1945 the term area command was abolished and the CZ (SOS CT area of responsibility) was divided into Base Sections Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, with headquarters at Yunnanyi, Kunming, Chanyi, Kweiyang, and Chihchiang respectively, and Base Section No. 6, with headquarters as selected by 315th Service Group, AAF (Chengtu). The Yunnanyi Area Command (established 12 December 1944) was redesignated Base Section No. 1; Kunming Military Area Command (established 24 November 1944) was redesignated Base Section No. 2; Chanyi Area Command (established 12 December 1944) redesignated Base Section No. 3; Kweiyang Area Command (established 12 December 1944) redesignated Base Section No. 4; Chengtu Area Command redesignated Base Section No. 6; and the Paoshan Area Command was disbanded. On 4 June and 8 July 1945 the locations of several base section headquarters were changed again. (See individual base section REs.)

### American Kunming Military Area Command

(Kunming Area Command)

24 Nov 44

American Kunming Mil Area Comd established with hq at Kunming, China and asgd SOS CT.

16 Feb 45

Base Gen Depot No. 1 asgd Kunming Area Comd. Adv Gen Depot No. 3 asgd Kunming Area Comd.

15 Apr 45

Kunming Area Comd redesi g Base Sec No. 2.

4 Jun 45

Hq Base Sec No. 2 located at Chanyi, China.

8 Jul 45

Hq Base Sec No. 2 located at Nanning, China.

9 Jul 45

Base Gen Depot No. 2 (Nanning) act and asgd Base Sec No. 2.

COMMANDER

DATE

Col Ralph Owenby \*/

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Yunnanyi Area Command

(Base Section No. 1)

12 Dec 44

Yunnanyi Area Comd established with hq at Yunnanyi, China, and asgd SOS CT.

16 Feb 45

Intermediate Gen Depot No. 1 asgd Yunnanyi Area Comd.

15 Apr 45

Yunnanyi Area Comd redesig Base Sec No. 1.

4 Jun 45

Base Sec No. 1 located at Kunming. Base Sec No. 1 divided into Dists A, B, and C with hq at Kunming, Yunnanyi, and Kaiyuan, respectively. Each dist operated directly under Hq SOS CT. It is assumed that Hq Base Sec No. 1 was discontinued.

COMMANDER

DATE

Capt Jack B Reid

12 Dec 44

Maj Robert L Bullock \*\*/

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\* Prior or subsequent commanders, if any, are unknown.

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\*\* Prior or subsequent commanders, if any, are unknown.

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Chanyi Area Command

(Base Section No. 3)

12 Dec 44

Chanyi Area Comd established with hq at Chanyi, China, and asgd SOS CT.

16 Feb 45

Intermediate Gen Depot No. 2 asgd Chanyi Area Comd.

15 Apr 45

Chanyi Area Comd redesig Base Sec No. 3.

4 Jun 45

Hq Base Sec No. 3 located at Kweiyang, China.

COMMANDER

DATE

Maj Maurice C O'Herin

12 Dec 44

Lt Col Walter R Mungovan \*/

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Kweiyang Area Command

(Base Section No. 4)

12 Dec 44

Kweiyang Area Comd established with hq at Kweiyang, China, and asgd SOS CT.

16 Feb 45

Adv Gen Depot No. 2 asgd Kweiyang Area Comd.

15 Apr 45

Kweiyang Area Comd redesig Base Sec No. 4.

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\* Prior or subsequent commanders, if any, are unknown.

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4 Jun 45

Base Sec No. 4 located at Chihchiang, China.

COMMANDER

Maj John H. Sharp \*/

DATE

12 Dec 44

Base Section No. 5

15 Apr 45

Base Sec No. 5 established at Chihchiang, China, and asgd SOS CT.

7 May 45

Base Gen Depot No. 5 asgd Base Sec No. 5.

4 Jun 45

Hq Base Sec No. 5 located at Chengtu, China.

8 Jul 45

Hq Base Sec No. 5 located at Hsinching, China.

COMMANDER

Unknown

DATE

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Chengtu Area Command

(Base Section No. 6)

12 Dec 44

Chengtu Area Comd established with hq at Chengtu, China, and asgd SOS CT.

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\* Subsequent commanders, if any, unknown.

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15 Apr 45

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Chengtu Area Comd redesign Base Sec No. 6, and placed under opnl contrl of 315th Sv Gp, AAF.

4 Jun 45

Base Sec No. 6 disbanded.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Chester A Lee	12 Dec 44
Maj Fred Lasley <u>**/</u>	?

Paoshan Area Command

26 Dec 44

Paoshan Area Comd established with hq at Paoshan, China, and asgd SOS CT.

16 Feb 45

Adv Gen Depot No. 1 asgd Paoshan Area Comd.

16 Apr 45

Paoshan Area Comd deact.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Everett M Graves	?

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\* It is assumed that the Chengtu Area Command was redesignated Base Section No. 6. Although GO 31 left the location of Headquarter Base Section No. 6 to the discretion of 315th Service Group, AAF, a map showing the boundaries of Base Section and the location of their headquarters shows Headquarters Base Sec No. 6 at Chengtu. If Chengtu was the headquarter of Base Section No. 6, then under the provisions of GO 31, SOS CT, 15 April 1945, Headquarter Chengtu Area Command was automatically redesignated Base Section 6.

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\*\* Prior or subsequent commanders, if any, are unknown.

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CHINESE COMBAT COMMAND (PROVISIONAL)

8 Jan 45

CCC (Prov) org Kunming as a component part of CT&CC CT (which became a paper orgn). CO of CCC (Prov) reported directly to CG USF CT. Mission of CCC (Prov) was to advise and assist the staffs of the Chinese units to which its pers were atchd in planning for and execution of tac opns and tng.

Boundaries of command comprised all of unoccupied China west to China-Burma border, south to French Indochina border, and east to Japanese-occupied areas.

29 Jan 45

Following subareas of CCC (Prov) established: Eastern, Central, Kwangsi, Southern, Western, and Res Comds.

10 Jun 45

CCC (Prov) ordered to prepare detailed schedule of mvmt of Chinese forces into Nanning - Liuchow - Kweilin staging area.

27 Jul 45

Boundaries of CCC (Prov) defined as combat zone of China Theater, lying to south of a line defined by north and east boundary of 6th War Area to its junction with Yangtze River, then east along the Yangtze; the Yangtze River inclusive was within the CCC (Prov) boundaries.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Albert H Stackpole	9 Jan 45
Col Woods King	14 Jan 45
Maj Gen Robert B McClure	28 Jan 45

CHINESE TRAINING COMMAND (Provisional)

8 Jan 45

CTC (Prov) org Kuming as a component part of CT&CC CT (which became a paper orgn). CO of CTC (Prov) reported directly to CG USF CT. Mission of CTC (Prov) was to develop a systematized school program for Chinese trps, in order to increase their combat effectiveness.

26 Jan 45

CTC (Prov) act. It undertook contrl of Fld Arty Tng Cen, Comd and Gen Staff School, and Chinese Ordnance Training Cen, which were already in existence.

COMMANDER

DATE

Brig Gen John W Middleton

8 Jan 45

CHUNGKING STATION COMMAND

15 May 45

Chungking Sta Comd est with boundaries contguous with city of Chungking and its environs to administer sv functions in this area.

COMMANDER

DATE

Unknown

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CHAPTER V

ALASKA

## ALASKAN DEPARTMENT AND PREDECESSOR COMMANDS

Alaska Defense Force

Alaska Defense Command

### Alaskan Department

On 22 July 1940 Army units in Alaska were combined into an Alaska Defense Force with headquarters at Anchorage, Alaska, under the control of Ninth Corps Area. These units were designated Alaska Defense Command (ADC) on 4 February 1941. However, it was not until 1 March 1941 that Headquarters, ADC, was constituted with permanent station at Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska.

Initially ADC was assigned to the Fourth Army with the mission of preparing a peacetime defense project to include the defense of U.S. military and naval installations in Alaska, including Unalaska, against sea, land, and air attack, and against sabotage; to deny use by the enemy of sea and land bases in Alaska and the Aleutians; and to support the Navy. On 10 June 1941 Western Defense Command (WDC) was activated and combined with the Fourth Army to form Headquarters, WDC and Fourth Army. ADC was assigned to this new headquarters and did not obtain department status until 1 November 1943.

The basic plan for the defense of Alaska was that of occupying the strategic centers, thereby controlling the entire area. Although this plan was never officially published it was a guiding plan. The execution of this plan can be traced through the gradual expansion of posts both within the mainland of Alaska and westward into the Aleutians.

The major offensive operations in the islands to the west of Alaska -- those on Attu and Kiska -- were under the command of Commander, North Pacific Force. Although the commanding generals of WDC and Fourth Army and of ADC assisted in the preparations and the execution of the assault, and were responsible for the administration and supply of the Army forces, the over-all command was vested in the Navy. Once the amphibious assault phase was completed the command of the land forces was assumed by an Army commander. Until the islands were secured and the occupation forces took over he was under the operational control of the Commander, North Pacific Force, through CTF 51. Once the islands were secure and the occupation forces were in command, the chain of command was through the ADC to WDC and Fourth Army.

The assaulting land forces of the Attu (LANDCRAB) operation were composed primarily of 7th Division units. The assaulting land forces of the Kiska (COTTAGE) operation were composed of Amphibious Training Force 9 augmented by one RCT. (See 7th Division R/E.)

7 Dec 41

ADC placed wartime defense plan in effect.

11 Dec 41

ADC declared a theater of opns.

22 Aug 42

CG ADC instructed by CG WDC and Fourth Army to expand to W by steps; occupy Adak, Tanaga, and Atka by using trps already in Alaska.

30 Aug 42

An Army occupation force desig as a task force under naval contl made unopposed landing on Adak Isl, Aleutian Isls.

16 Sep 42

ADC ground forces made unopposed landing on Atka.

19 Sep 42

Army force of ADC occupied St Paul in Pribiloff Isls.

22 Oct 42

Hq ADC set up adv CP at Adak, Alaska.

12 Dec 42

CG ADC instructed to suspend Tanaga opn and to retain trps at Adak.

6 Jan 43

Hq & MP Co ADC redesig Hq Co ADC.

12 Jan 43

AMJLET Force ADC, unopposed, occupied Amchitka.

22 Mar 43

Adv CP of ADC org Adak.

1 Apr 43

ADC Casual Det act Ft Richardson, Alaska.

17 May 43

4th Inf Regt dep its permanent sta, Adak, for Massacre Bay as reinf's for Northern and Southern Forces of LANDCRAB opn, which was under cmd of ATF 5L, Landing Force.

29 Jun 43

CG WDC directed CG ADC to establish a series of harbor defs with posts at Dutch Harbor, Kodiak, Seward, and Sitka. Each of these posts was to be subdivided into subposts.

5 Aug 43

ADC Casual Det transferred to U.S. Troops, Whittier, Alaska.

15 Oct 43

Hq ADC at Anchorage, Alaska, established liaison office at Seattle, Wash, known as Base Ech, ADC.

1 Nov 43

ADC reld fr asgmt to WDC and came under direct contrl of War Dept. At the same time it was redesign Alaskan Dept and became a separate theater of opns.

8 Nov 43

Alaskan Res Depot (Prov) act at U.S. Troops, Adak, Alaska.

1 Dec 43

Det Base Ech, Alaskan Dept, established Prince Rupert, B.C.

22 Dec 43

Alaskan Dept Prov Tng Unit act Ft Richardson, Alaska.

29 Mar 44

Alaskan Dept Casual Bn org.

3 Apr 44

Alaskan Dept Prov Tng Unit disbanded Ft Richardson.

13 Apr 44

ADC Casual Det disbanded.

12 May 44

Alaskan Dept Casual Bn redesign Alaskan Dept Repl Bn.

24 May 44

Alaskan Dept Experimental Board (established 26 Nov 40) inact.

21 Jul 44

Alaskan Dept reorg to provide a tac grouping under a general and special staff with sta at Adv CP, Adak, and a sv comd orgn under Dept Comdr, Alaskan Dept, Ft Richardson, Alaska.

(o/a) 26 Jul 44

Adv CP Det, Hq Alaskan Dept, org Adak, Alaska. Base Ech Det, Hq Alaskan Dept, org Seattle, Wash. Adv CP Det, Hq Co, Alaskan Dept, org Adak, Alaska. Base Ech Det, Hq Co, Alaskan Dept, org Seattle, Wash.

15 Oct 44

Base Ech, Alaskan Dept, redesign Seattle-Prince Rupert Liaison Office, Alaskan Dept.

14 Nov 44

Seattle-Prince Rupert Liaison Office redesign Alaskan Dept Liaison Office.

15 Mar 45

Alaskan Dept Liaison Office redesign Seattle Liaison Office.

10 Aug 45

Hq Special Trps, Alaskan Dept, org and established Ft Richardson.



<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Simon B Buckner, Jr	7 Dec 41
Maj Gen Charles H Corlett	24 Mar 43
Maj Gen Simon B Buckner, Jr	2 Apr 43
Maj Gen Eugene M Landrum	10 Sep 43
Maj Gen Davenport Johnson	13 Sep 43
Lt Gen Simon B Buckner, Jr	19 Oct 43
Maj Gen Davenport Johnson	12 Mar 44
Lt Gen Simon B Buckner, Jr	26 Mar 44
Maj Gen Davenport Johnson	9 Jun 44
Lt Gen Delos C Emmons	21 Jun 44
Maj Gen Davenport Johnson	15 Aug 44
Lt Gen Delos C Emmons	25 Aug 44
Maj Gen Davenport Johnson	19 Nov 44
Brig Gen Richard E Middlestaedt	4 Dec 44
Lt Gen Delos C Emmons	13 Dec 44
Maj Gen Davenport Johnson	26 Feb 45
Lt Gen Delos C Emmons	14 Mar 45
Brig Gen Richard E Middlestaedt	8 May 45
Lt Gen Delos C Emmons	21 May 45

ASSIGNED TO:

DATE

WDC and Fourth Army

7 Dec 41

WDC

15 Sep 43

War Department

1 Nov 43

## THE ALASKAN SCOUTS

The Alaskan Scouts were designated the 1st Alaskan Combat Intelligence Platoon late in 1944. On or about 1 October 1941 a provisional platoon was organized for combat intelligence at Fort Richardson, Alaska. Four Regular Army men formed the nucleus for these scouts whose primary mission was special reconnaissance work. \*/

During World War II the platoon reached a maximum strength of sixty-six men and two officers. Included in this platoon were Eskimos, prospectors, Indians, and Aleutians. Among the many reconnaissances made by the scouts were the reconnaissances of Adak and Amchitka. They landed in the first wave of the assault on Attu and Kiska.

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\* The Washington Post, March 12, 1944, in a condensed version from Yank, the Army weekly, gives the date 19 November 1941 as the activation date of the Alaskan Scouts. It does not state whether the unit activated was the 1st Alaskan Combat Intelligence Platoon or the Provisional Platoon. Apparently the platoon referred to was the Provisional Platoon.

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## ALASKAN TERRITORIAL GUARD (ATG)

Establishment of the Alaskan Territorial Guard was approved 31 December 1942. The guard was organized solely as a territorial military organization and was not a Federal force. No company could be ordered for duty except in the defense of the community for which it was organized. The guard was not subject to call, order, or draft into the military service of the United States, nor subject to Federal regulation or control except under such regulations as to discipline and training as the Secretary of War might prescribe.

The administrative agency for the Territorial Guard was the National Guard Bureau. The Commanding General, ADC, assisted the territorial authority in the training and development of the guard. On 28 October 1942 the Commanding General, ADC, was delegated by the Secretary of War authority to equip, supply, and maintain the ATG.

The ATG's authorized strength of 6,000 was organized into three regiments, each consisting of a regimental Headquarters and Supply Company and three battalions. Each battalion consisted of a battalion Headquarters and Supply Company and four companies. Membership was through voluntary enlistment and without pay except for certain full-time administrative personnel.

The general mission of ATG was to co-operate with Federal forces in the defense of Alaskan communities. The ATG was employed as directed by the governor of the territory.

ALASKA NATIONAL GUARD

The Alaska National Guard was organized and Federal recognition completed by 1 October 1940. The unit was designated as the 297th Infantry with units initially located as follows:

1st Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, and Medical Detachment -- Juneau.

Company A -- Juneau

Company B -- Ketchikan

Company C -- Fairbanks

Company D -- Anchorage

15 Sep 41

1st Bn, 297th Inf, inducted into Federal Sv. Cos A and B sta initially at Chilkoot and remainder of bn at Ft Richardson.

26 Jan 44

1st Bn, 297th Inf, redesignated 208th Inf Bn, Sep.

18 Feb 45

208th Inf Bn, Sep, dep Alaska.

24 Feb 45

208th Inf Bn, Sep, arr Seattle PE.

27 Feb 45

208th Inf Bn, Sep, dep Seattle PE.

19 Apr 45

208th Inf Bn, Sep, arr Cp Gruber, Okla.

30 Apr 45

208th Inf Bn, Sep, dep Cp Gruber.

2 May 45

208th Inf Bn, Sep, arr Cp Shelby, Miss.

16 May 45

208th Inf Bn, Sep, inact Cp Shelby.

## INSTALLATIONS

### Adak, Alaska, U.S. Troops

Act 20 Aug 42. Post Hq and Hq Co act 31 Jan 43.

### Amchitka, Alaska, U.S. Troops

Act 12 Jan 43. Post Hq and Hq Det act 1 Dec 43.

### Annette Island (Post)

Act 2 Sep 40. Placed on caretaker status 1 May 44. Redesignated Annette Army Air Base 15 Aug 44.

### Atka, Alaska, U.S. Troops

Act 20 Sep 42. Placed on caretaker status 1 Apr 44.

### Attu, Attu Island, U.S. Troops (Camp Earle)

Act 11 May 43. Post Hq and Hq Co (Camp Earle) act 28 Aug 43.

### Bethel, Alaska, U.S. Troops

Act 26 Jun 42. Placed on caretaker status 15 Dec 43. Placed on inact status 10 Oct 44.

### Big Delta, Alaska, U.S. Troops

Act 24 Jun 42. Designated subpost of Iadd Fld 24 Jun 42. Designated subpost of ATC 1 Jun 43.

### Chilkoot Barracks, Haines, Alaska

Act 1 Jul 40. On 15 May 43 jurisdiction of Chilkoot Bks transferred to Northwest Sv Comd.

Cordova, Alaska, U.S. Troops

Act 15 Mar 42. Placed on caretaker status 15 Jan 44. Desig subpost of U.S. Troops, Whittier, 11 Feb 44. 10 Oct 44 inact and Post Hq and Hq Det disbanded.

Excursion Inlet, Icy Strait, Alaska (Post)

Act 6 Oct 42. Date of discontinuance unknown.

Fort Glenn, Umnak, Alaska

Act 17 Jan 42. Post Hq and Hq Det disbanded 31 Jan 45. On 1 Feb 45 placed on caretaker status except for Army Air Base located there.

Fort Greely, Kodiak, Alaska

Act 3 Apr 41. Placed on caretaker status 15 Dec 44.

Fort Mears, Dutch Harbor, Alaska

Act 8 May 41. Placed on caretaker status 15 Apr 45.

Fort Morrow, Port Heiden, Alaska

Act 17 Jun 42. Placed on caretaker status 1 Feb 44. On 15 Aug 44 redesign Ft Morrow Army Air Base.

Fort Randall, Sitka, Alaska

Act 29 Jan 42. Post Hq and Hq Det disbanded 1 Nov 44 and instl redesign Ft Randall Army Air Base.

Fort Ray, Sitka, Alaska

Act 21 Mar 41. Placed on caretaker status 5 Sep 44. Post Hq and Hq Det disbanded 1 Nov 44.

Fort Raymond, Seward, Alaska

Act 1 Jul 41. Placed on caretaker status 1 Sep 44. Post Hq and Hq Det disbanded 1 Nov 44. Placed on inactive status temporarily 1 Jul 45.

Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska

Act 27 Jun 40.

Galena, Alaska, U.S. Troops

Act 24 Jun 42. On 27 Aug 42 design subpost of Ladd Fld. 1 Jun 43 transferred to ATC.

Gulkana, Alaska, U.S. Troops

Act 9 Jul 42. Design subpost of Ft Richardson 11 Feb 44. Inactive 15 Sep 44.

Juneau, Alaska, U.S. Troops

Act 1 Mar 42. 15 Dec 43 placed on caretaker status. Inactive 25 Aug 44.

Kiska, Kiska Island, U.S. Troops

Act 15 Aug 43. Post Hq Co active 1 Oct 43. On 6 Nov 44 Post Hq Co disbanded and installed design subpost of U.S. Troops, Amchitka.

Ladd Field, Fairbanks, Alaska

Act 1 Jul 40. Transferred to CG AAF 25 Oct 42. Transferred to ATC 30 Sep 43.

McGrath, Alaska, U.S. Troops

Act 25 Jul 42. Placed on caretaker status 15 Jan 44. Placed on inactive status 10 Oct 44. Post Hq and Hq Det disbanded 10 Oct 44. Inactive 10 Oct 44.



Mile 26, Satellite, Alaska, U.S. Troops

Act Mar 44.

Moses Point (mouth of Kiviniuk River), Alaska

Act 17 Aug 42. Placed on caretaker status 20 May 43.

Naknek, Alaska, U.S. Troops

Act 22 May 42. Placed on inactive status 1 Dec 43. On 15 Aug 44 Naknek Post redesignated Naknek Army Air Base.

Nome, Alaska, U.S. Troops

Act 3 Sep 41.

Northway, Alaska, U.S. Troops

Act 1 Jun 42 as subpost of Ladd Fld. 1 Jun 43 transferred to AAF ATC.

St Paul, Pribilof Islands, U.S. Troops

Act 19 Sep 42. Placed on caretaker status 17 Sep 43. Post Hq Det org 22 Sep 43. Post Hq Det inactive 6 Jun 44.

Shemya, Shemya Islands, U.S. Troops

Act 29 May 43. On 22 Nov 44 placed under station supervision of Cp Earle (Attu).

Tanacross, Alaska, U.S. Troops

Act 7 Jul 42 as subpost of Ladd Fld. Transferred to ATC 1 Jan 43.

Valdez, Alaska, U.S. Troops

Act 29 Apr 42. Placed on caretaker status 15 Dec 43. Designated subpost of U.S. Troops, Whittier, 11 Feb 44. Post Hq and Hq Det disbanded and installed inactive 30 Jul 44.

Whittier (north end of Passage Canal, Prince William Sound), U.S. Troops

Act 3 Oct 42. Post Hq and Hq Co discontinued 15 Aug 45.

Yakutat, Alaska (Post)

Act 23 Oct 40. Placed on caretaker status 1 Apr 44. Redesignated Yakutat Army Air Base 31 Aug 44.

Subpost

Chernofski Harbor, Unalaska Island (Subpost of Fort Mears) \*/

Act 17 Jan 42.

Gustavas (47 miles west-northwest of Juneau)

Act 5 Jul 43.

Lazy Bay (Subpost of Fort Greely)

Act 19 Mar 42. Inact 15 Jan 43.

Nenana (40 miles southwest of Fairbanks)

Occupied by Co E, 138th Inf (believed to be first troops there). Never designated as an Army post. Mission was to handle cargoes destined for the Galena project.

Nikolski (Subpost of Fort Glenn)

Act 25 Mar 42. Inact 31 Oct 42.

Wislow (Subpost of Fort Mears)

Act 29 Mar 42. Inact 31 Jan 43.

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\* Later became part of Fort Glenn.

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## Harbor Defenses

### Harbor Defenses of Dutch Harbor

22 Mar 43 Harbor Defenses of Dutch Harbor announced. Hq post at Ft Schwatka, Ulaktahead, Alaska. Subposts at Ft Leonard, Eider Point, Alaska, and Ft Brumback, Summer Bay, Alaska. Placed on caretaker status on or before 11 Apr 45.

### Harbor Defenses of Kodiak

22 Mar 43 Harbor Defenses of Kodiak announced. Hq post at Ft Greely. Subposts at Ft Tidball, Long Isl, Alaska, Ft J. H. Smith, Chiniak, Alaska, and Ft Abercrombie, Miller Point, Alaska. Placed on caretaker status on or before 11 Apr 45.

### Harbor Defenses of Seward

22 Mar 43 Harbor Defenses of Seward announced. Hq post at Ft Bulkley, Rugged Isl, Alaska. Subpost at Ft McGilvray, Caines Head, Alaska. Placed on caretaker status o/a 11 Apr 45.

### Harbor Defenses of Sitka

22 Mar 43 Harbor Defenses of Sitka announced. Hq post at Ft Rosseau, Makhati Isl, Alaska. Subposts at Ft Pierce, Biroka, Alaska, and Ft Babcock, Shoals Point, Alaska. Placed on caretaker status o/a 11 Apr 45.

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PART TWO

MAJOR TACTICAL COMMANDS

CHAPTER VI

ARMIES

SIXTH ARMY

22 Jan 43

Hq Sixth Army constituted by WD at Ft Sam Houston, Tex, and asgd AGF.

25 Jan 43

Hq Sixth Army activated at Ft Sam Houston, Tex.

2 Feb 43

Adv Ech Sixth Army moved Hamilton Fld, Calif.

3 Feb 43

Adv Ech Sixth Army departed Hamilton Fld, Calif for Australia.

7 Feb 43

Adv Ech Sixth Army arr Brisbane, Aus.

16 Feb 43

Adv Ech Sixth Army established Hq at Cp Columbia, outside Brisbane.

6 Mar 43

Rear Ech Sixth Army arr Cp Stoneman, Calif.

29 Mar 43

Rear Ech Sixth Army departed SFPE.

17 Apr 43

Rear Ech Sixth Army arr Brisbane.

30 Apr 43

The comdr and staff of Sixth Army as an additional duty became the comdr and staff of ALAMO Force, and Allied TF which was under the direct opnl contrl of GHQ SWPA. Sixth Army became an admin unit and remained atchd to Allied Land Forces, a subordinate hq of GHQ SWPA. (See R/E of ALAMO Force for the CHRONICLE, DEXTERITY, BREWER, RECKLESS, STRAIGHTLINE, TABLETENNIS, GLOBETROTTER, and INTERLUDE opns.)

20 Jun 43

Hq Sixth Army remained at Cp Columbia when Hq ALAMO Force closed there and opened at Milne Bay, N.G.

2 Feb 44

Hq Sixth Army closed at Cp Columbia and opened at Cape Cretin, N.G., with Hq ALAMO Force.

16 Jun 44

Hq Sixth Army and Hq ALAMO Force opened at Hollekang in Hollandia area of New Guinea.

20 Jul - 6 Aug 44

Engaged in planning for Talaud, Mindanao, and Leyte opns.

15 Sep 44

Sixth Army notified by GHQ SWPA that Talaud and Mindanao opns were canceled.

21 Sep 44

GHQ SWPA directed Sixth Army, supported by Allied Naval and Air Forces, to seize and occupy by overwater opns the following: objectives in the Tacloban and Dulag areas as required to initiate and insure uninterrupted naval and air opns therefrom; objectives in the Homonhon and Dinagat Islands and such adjacent areas as would insure uninterrupted access to Leyte Gulf for amph shipping (to be seized and occupied before the main assault in Leyte); objectives in the Panaon Strait area that would permit passage of naval forces through the Panaon Strait (to be seized simultaneous with seizure of objectives in Tacloban-Dulag area); establish contl over San Juanico Strait; and in subsequent opns establish contl over the remainder of Leyte and occupy the western portion of southern Samar. The code name for this opn was KING II.



23 Sep 44

Leyte opn was divided into four phases: (1) Preliminary amph opn to secure entrance to Leyte Gulf; (2) major amph assault to atk and destroy hostile forces in the coastal strip Tacoloban - Dulag, inclusive, and to seize and secure airdromes and bases sites therein, advance through Leyte valley to seize and occupy the Capoocan-Carigara-Barugo area and open San Juanico and Panaon Straits; (3) destroy hostile forces remaining in Leyte, seize and occupy western portion of southern Samar, and open Surigao Strait. (4) as might be directed, occupy northern Samar and destroy or contain hostile garrisons in the Visayas.

Major units participating in opn initially included X Corps (1st Cav Div, 24th Div [-]); XXIV Corps (7th and 96th Divs); 21st Inf, 24th Div, 6th Ranger Bn; and the 32d and 77th Divs and 381st Inf, 96th Div, in Sixth Army res. D Day -- 20 Oct 44.

25 Sep 44

ALAMO Force dissolved and Sixth Army assumed such missions of ALAMO Force as had not been passed to other comds.

28 Sep - 12 Oct 44

Contl of Sixth Army units located at Sydney, Brisbane, and Townsville, Aus; Finschhafen, N.G.; Cape Gloucester and Arawe, New Britain; Kiriwina Isl; Milne and Oro Bays, Aitape and Hollandia, N.G.; Admiralty Isls; Toem, N.G.; Biak and Noemfoor Isls; and Morotai and Sansapor, N.G., passed to contl of Eighth Army. Major units that passed to contl of Eighth Army included Hq I Corps; Hq XI Corps; 6th, 31st, 33d(-), 38th, 40th, 41st, and 43d Divs; 112th, 123d (with 2d Bn 136th atchd), and 158th RCTs.

12 Oct 44

GHQ SWPA directed Sixth Army, supported by Allied Naval and Air Forces, to seize and occupy BEs in the Lingayen-Damortis-San Fernando (La Union) areas as required to initiate and insure uninterrupted naval and air opns in support of the continued offensive to seize the Central Plains-Manila area; seize the Central Plains-Manila area by overland opns southward; be prepared to conduct such opns as directed to complete destruction of hostile forces and occupation of Luzon. Original D Day 20 Dec 44, later changed to 9 Jan 45. Major units that participated in the opn initially were I Corps (6th and 43d Divs), XIV Corps (37th and 40th Divs), 25th Div (Sixth Army reserve), 158th RCT, 13th Armd Gp, and 6th Ranger Inf Bn. This opn was known as MIKE I (Luzon) opn.

-- Oct 44

Fwd Ech Sixth Army CP moved to Leyte, leaving Rear Ech at Kollokang to plan for Luzon opn.

13 Oct 44

GHQ SWPA directed Sixth Army to seize San Jose area in southwestern Mindoro and such adjacent areas as to insure uninterrupted naval and air opns from there. Original D Day was 5 Dec 44, later changed to 15 Dec 44. Major units that participated in the opn included 19th and 21st Inf Regts, 24th Div, and 503d Prcht Regt. These units were known as Western Visayan Task Force. This opn known as LOVE III.

17 Oct 44

Sixth Army landed elm of 6th Ranger Inf Bn on Dinagat and Suluan Isls and on 18 Oct 44 on Homonhon Isl. This action initiated the KING II opn.

20 Oct 44

Sixth Army landed assault elm of the X and XXIV Corps in the Tacloban-Dulag area, and the 21st Inf, 24th Div, on the southern tip of Leyte and on the northern tip of Panoan Island.

24 Oct 44

Sixth Army CP established at San Jose near Tacloban Airstrip.

1 Nov 44

CP closed San Jose; opened Tanauan, Leyte.

11 Nov 44

Rear Ech CP Sixth Army closed at Kollokang.

28 Nov 44

CP closed Tanauan; opened Tolosa.

26 Dec 44

Contl of Sixth Army units and opns on Leyte-Samar assumed by Eighth Army. Major units were X Corps (24th, 32d, and 1st Cav Divs and 112th RCT), XXIV Corps (7th, 77th, 96th, and 11th Abn Divs), Hq 20th Armd Gp, Hq 32d AAA Brig, and all Filipino forces on Leyte and Samar.

1 Jan 45

Contl of Sixth Army units and opns on Mindoro assumed by Eighth Army. Major units involved were the 19th and 21st Inf (24th Div) and the 503d Prcht Regt.

6 Jan 45

CP opened aboard USS Wasatch.

9 Jan 45

Sixth Army landed assault elms of I Corps and XIV Corps in the Lingayen-Damortis-San Fernando (La Union) areas of Luzon.

13 Jan 45

CP established at Bonuan Boquig (Pangasinan).

23 Jan 45

CP closed Bonuan Boquig and opened Calasiao.

3 Feb 45

Fwd Ech CP closed Calasiao and opened Gerona (Tarlac), Luzon.

12 Feb 45

Fwd Ech CP closed Gerona and opened San Fernando, Pampanga; Rear Ech closed Calasiao 5 Mar 45 and joined Fwd Ech on the same date.

1 Jul 45

Responsibility for conduct of remaining opns on Luzon passed fr Sixth Army to Eighth Army. Concurrently Sixth Army passed to Eighth Army hq contl of XIV Corps, 6th, 32d, 37th, and 38th Divs, USAFIP Northern Luzon, and elm of 1st Cav, 11th Abn, and 43d Divs, and 158th RCT.

2 Jul 45 - 15 Aug 45

Engaged in planning and preparation for invasion of Kyushu, Japan (OLYMPIC opn).

15 Aug 45

OLYMPIC opn suspended.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Lt Gen Walter Krueger	16 Feb 43
Gen Walter Krueger (promotion)	29 Mar 45

<u>ASSIGNED TO:</u>	<u>DATE</u>
AGF	22 Jan 43
USAFFE	26 Feb 43
AFPAC	10 Jun 45

<u>ATTACHMENTS</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Allied Land Forces	16 Feb 43 - 25 Sep 44
GHQ SWPA	25 Sep 44 - 15 Aug 45

## ALAMO FORCE

ALAMO Force, an Allied task force under the direct operational control of GHQ SWPA, was activated 1 June 1943 at Camp Columbia, Brisbane, Australia. In general, the ALAMO Force staff was formed by detailing officers of the Sixth Army staff to additional duties in corresponding positions on the ALAMO Force staff. For each operation in which ALAMO Force was to participate, GHQ SWPA issued a mission and a troop list to ALAMO Force. These units were then attached to ALAMO Force and ALAMO Force in turn organized an Allied task force built around the major unit participating in the operation. The code name for ALAMO Force was ESCALATOR.

On 20 June 1943, Headquarters, ALAMO Force, closed at Camp Columbia and opened at Milne Bay, New Guinea. Headquarters ALAMO Force closed at Milne Bay and opened at Goodenough Island on 21 October 1943. On 24 December 1943 Advance Echelon, ALAMO Force, opened at Cape Cretin, New Guinea, and was joined by the Rear Echelon on 2 February 1944. On the same date Sixth Army headquarters closed at Camp Columbia and opened with ALAMO Force. On 16 June headquarters of both ALAMO Force and Sixth Army opened at Hollekang in the Hollandia area.

On 25 September 1944 ALAMO Force was discontinued and Sixth Army assumed such missions of ALAMO Force as had not been passed to other commands.

### ALAMO Force Operations

#### CHRONICLE Operation

ALAMO Force was directed by GHQ SWPA to occupy Kiriwina and Woodlark Islands and establish Air Forces elements there. (For a detailed account of this operation, see John Miller, jr., CARTWHEEL: The Reduction of Rabaul, UNITED STATES ARMY IN WORLD WAR II.)

#### BYPRODUCT\* (Kiriwina) Task Force

1 Jun 43 BYPRODUCT TF was org to occupy by overwater opns and def Kiriwina Isl; construct airdrome, air-warning and radio navigational facilities; and construct port and base facilities. Major unit: 158th Inf (-2d Bn).  
D Day: 30 Jun 43.

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\* Code name BYPRODUCT was canceled and code name BIRTHDAY substituted in December 1943.

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23/24 Jun 43 Advance Party, BYPRODUCT TF arr Kiriwina  
midnight 23 Jun 43.

30 Jun 43 BYPRODUCT TF (-) arr Kiriwina.

4 Aug 43 Occupation of Kiriwina completed.

LEATHERBACK (Woodlark) Task Force

1 Jun 43

LEATHERBACK TF org to occupy by overwater opns and def Woodlark Isl;  
construct airdrome and air-warning facilities; and construct port and  
base facilities. Major unit: 112th Cav Regt. D Day: 30 Jun 43.

23 Jun 43

Advance Party, LEATHERBACK TF arr Woodlark.

30 Jun 43

LEATHERBACK TF (-) arr Woodlark.

4 Aug 43

Occupation of Woodlark completed.

4 Aug 43

CHRONICLE opn completed.

DEXTERITY Operation

ALAMO Force was directed by GHQ SWPA to seize the Cape Gloucester  
area, neutralize Gasmata by airborne and overwater operations, and  
establish control over such adjacent islands and portions of  
western New Britain as necessary to insure uninterrupted operation  
of our air forces from Cape Gloucester. Gasmata was eventually  
deleted from this operation and the seizure of Arawe peninsula  
substituted. (For details of this operation see Miller, CARTWHEEL.)

LAZARETTO (Gasmata) Task Force

25 Oct 43 LAZARETTO TF org to carry out Gasmata portion of DEXTERITY opn. Major unit: 126th RCT, 32d Div. (TF disbanded, opn deleted fr DEXTERITY and ARAWE peninsula substituted for Gasmata.)

BACKHANDER (Gloucester) Task Force

20 Oct 43 BACKHANDER TF org to carry out Cape Gloucester portion of DEXTERITY opn. Major unit: 1st Marine Div.\* D Day: 26 Dec 43.

26 Dec 43 Elm BACKHANDER TF landed at Cape Gloucester.

17 Apr 44 40th Div desig to rel 1st Marine Div in western New Britain o/a 24 Apr 44.

28 Apr 44 CG 40th Div assumed comd of BACKHANDER TF.

25 Sep 44 BACKHANDER TF dissolved.

DIRECTOR (Arawe) Task Force

25 Nov 43 DIRECTOR TF org to carry out Arawe portion of DEXTERITY opn. Major unit: 112th Cav Regt. D Day: 15 Dec 43.

15 Dec 43 DIRECTOR TF landed on Arawe peninsula in SW New Britain.

10 Feb 44 Elm of DIRECTOR TF and elm of BACKHANDER TF made contact, thereby establishing contrl over W tip of New Britain.

8 Jun 44 108th Inf, 40th Div, reld 112th Cav Regt. DIRECTOR TF discontinued.

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\* As originally planned the 503d Parachute Infantry Regiment was designated as part of BACKHANDER Task Force. It was subsequently deleted.

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MICHAELMAS (Saidor) Task Force

- 20 Dec 43 MICHAELMAS TF org to seize Saidor area on Rai coast of New Guinea on or after 2 Jan 44 as the final part of DEXTERITY opn. Major unit: 126th RCT, 32d Div. D Day: 2 Jan 44.
- 2 Jan 44 MICHAELMAS TF landed at Saidor.
- 16 Jan 44 128th RCT (- 2d Bn) began arr Saidor for atchmt to MICHAELMAS TF. Mvmt completed 19 Jan 44.
- 18 Feb 44 32d Div (-) atchd MICHAELMAS TF.
- 31 Mar 44 32d Div (-) reld atchd MICHAELMAS TF. \*

10 Feb 44

DEXTERITY opn completed.

BREWER Operation

ALAMO Force was directed by GHQ SWPA to seize Seeadler Harbor area of Manus Island (Admiralties); establish airdrome facilities in the vicinity of Lorengau and Momote airstrips, and initiate development of a major naval base in the Admiralty Islands. On 24 February 1944 GHQ SWPA directed ALAMO Force to prepare plans for reconnaissance in force of Los Negros (Admiralties) in vicinity of the Momote airstrips with the objective of remaining in occupancy in the event the enemy inadequately defended the objective. (For details of this operation see Miller, CARTWHEEL.)

BREWER (Admiralty Islands) Task Force

- 26 Feb 44 BREWER TF org for Admiralty Islands opn. Major unit: 1st Cav Div. D Day: 1 Apr 44.

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\* Date of disbandment of MICHAELMAS Task Force unknown. It is possible that it was disbanded at this time.

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- 27 Feb 44 ALAMO Force directed BREWER TF to conduct rcn in force of Los Negros using one sq of Cav as major unit. 29 Feb 44 designated as D Day.
- 29 Feb 44 The Rcn Force of BREWER TF (Major unit: 2 Sq 5th Cav Regt) landed in vic Jamandila Point, Los Negros.
- 2 Mar 44 Support Force of BREWER TF (Major unit: 5th Cav (-) landed at Hyane Harbor.
- Momote Airfield captured.
- 4 Mar 44 2 Sq 7th Cav landed.
- 5 Mar 44 Gen Swift, Div comdr, assumed comd ashore.
- 6 Mar 44 12th Cav RCT landed Hyane Harbor.
- 9 Mar 44 2d Cav Brig (-) landed Seeadler Harbor.
- 15 Mar 44 Elm BREWER TF landed Lorengau area of Manus Isl, secured BH, and advanced toward Lorengau airstrip
- 18 May 44 CG ALAMO Force terminated BREWER opn.
- 25 Sep 44 BREWER TF dissolved.

#### RECKLESS Operation

ALAMO Force directed by GHQ SWPA to seize, by simultaneous overwater operations, the Aitape-Humboldt Bay-Tanahmerah Bay area, and establish prompt control over the Aitape-Hollandia dromes and such adjacent areas as would insure uninterrupted operations therefrom. (For details of this operation see Robert R. Smith, Approach to the Philippines UNITED STATES ARMY IN WORLD WAR II (**Washington, 1953**).)

#### RECKLESS (Hollandia-Tanahmerah) Task Force

- 23 Mar 44 RECKLESS TF org with mission of seizing and occupying Hollandia area and the Japanese-held airfield on the Lake Sentani plains.

Major units: I Corps, 41st Div (- 163d RCT), and 24th Div. D Day: 22 Apr 44.

41st Div (-) desig LETTERPRESS Landing Force and directed to land at Humboldt Bay and establish contrl over Humboldt Bay area.

24th Div desig NOISELESS Landing Force and directed to land at Tanahmerah Bay and establish contrl over Tanahmerah Bay area. After securing BHs both LFs were to drive inland through successive phase lines to complete a pincer mvmt aimed at seizing airfields on Lake Sentani plains.

- 17 Apr 44 RECKLESS TF redesign BEWITCH TF.
- 22 Apr 44 LETTERPRESS LF landed at Humboldt Bay and NOISELESS LF landed at Tanahmerah Bay.
- 26 Apr 44 Hollandia, Cyclops, and Sentani dromes captured.
- 6 May 44 41st Div (-) reld from BEWITCH TF.
- 6 Jun 44 CG ALAMO Force officially closed Hollandia (BEWITCH) part of RECKLESS opn.
- 25 Sep 44 ALAMO Force dissolved BEWITCH TF.

#### PERSECUTION (Aitape-Tadji) Task Force

- 23 Mar 44 PERSECUTION TF org with mission of landing in Aitape-Tadji area and rapidly seizing and occupying the Tadji airdromes and such adjacent areas as necessary to prevent interference by enemy ground forces with construction activities and to permit uninterrupted opn of aircraft from these airdromes.
- Major unit (initially): 163d RCT, 41st Div. D Day: 22 Apr 44.
- 22 Apr 44 PERSECUTION TF landed at Wapil in the Aitape area and captured two of the airstrips in the Tadji airdrome area.
- 23 Apr 44 127th RCT (- 1st Bn) disembarked in the Aitape area and was atchd to PERSECUTION TF. Remainder of RCT arr 27 Apr 44.
- 4 May 44 32d Div (- 128th Inf) arr Aitape area and CG assumed comd of PERSECUTION TF.

- 4 May 44 163d RCT desig as major unit of TORNADO LF, a subordinate unit of HURRICANE TF. It is assumed that the 163d RCT was reld fr atchmt to PERSECUTION TF on 7 May 44.
- 27 Jun 44 CG XI Corps assumed comd of PERSECUTION TF (as of midnight 27/28 Jun) relieving CG 32d Div. The 32d Div remained atchd PERSECUTION TF.
- 27 Jun 44 112th Cav RCT arr Aitape and atchd to PERSECUTION TF.
- 2 Jul 44 124th Inf, 31st Div, began arr at Aitape by ech and atchd to PERSECUTION TF.
- 15 Jul 44 Elm 43d Div arr Aitape and atchd to PERSECUTION TF; most of the Div arr by 23 Jul.
- 25 Aug 44 CG ALAMO Force officially terminated Aitape part of RECKLESS opn.
- CG 32d Div assumed comd of PERSECUTION TF relieving CG XI Corps.

#### STRAIGHTLINE Operation

ALAMO Force directed by GHQ SWPA to successively seize, occupy and defend Wakde and Biak Island, and establish control over such areas as would insure uninterrupted air and naval operations therefrom. The TORNADO Task Force and the HURRICANE Task Force were organized to carry out this operation. (For details of this operation see Smith, Approach to the Philippines)

#### TORNADO (Arare-Wakde) Task Force

- 10 May 44 TORNADO TF org with mission to land in vic of Arare, Dutch New Guinea, establish BH and on D 1 capture Wakde Island by shore-to-shore opns. Major unit: 163d RCT, 41st Div. D Day: 17 May 44.
- 17 May 44 TORNADO TF made assault landings at Arare, secured settlement of Toem, established BH, and occupied Insoemanai Isl.
- 18 May 44 Assault landing made on Wakde Isl by 1st Bn 163d RCT.

19 May 44 Iiki and Niroemoar Isls occupied.

20 May 44 Seizure of Wakde Isl completed. 1st Bn 163d RCT returned to mainland of New Guinea.

21 May 44 158th RCT landed at Toem and atchd TORNADO TF.

25 May 44 CG 158th RCT assumed comd TORNADO TF.

30 May 44 163d Inf (- 2d Bn), 41st Div, departed Toem en route Biak.

5 Jun 44 1st Inf (reinf), 6th Div, landed at Toem and atchd to TORNADO TF.

11 Jun 44 Hq 6th Div and 20th RCT, 6th Div, arr Toem.

12 Jun 44 CG 6th Div assumed comd of TORNADO TF.

22 Jun 44 158th RCT reld of all combat responsibility in Wakde-Sarmi area.

14 Jul 44 31st Div (- 124th RCT) began arriving Toem to rel 6th Div.

18 Jul 44 CG 31st Div assumed comd TORNADO TF relieving CG 6th Div.

1 Sep 44 123d RCT, 33d Div, arr Toem and CO 123d RCT assumed comd of TORNADO TF.

2 Sep 44 Wakde phase of Wakde-Biak opn terminated by CG ALAMO Force

HURRICANE (Biak Island) Task Force

10 May 44 HURRICANE TF org with mission to land in vic Bosnek, Biak Isl, establish a BH, and rapidly seize and occupy Mokmer, Borokoe, and Sorido airdromes. Major unit: 41st Div (- 163d RCT). D Day: 27 May 44.

27 May 44 HURRICANE TF made assault landing in vic Bosnek.

31 May 44 163d (- 2d Bn) arr Biak and reverted to contrl of 41st Div.

11 Jun 44 2d Bn 163d Inf arr Biak and reverted to regtl contrl.

15 Jun 44 CG I Corps arrived Biak and assumed comd HURRICANE TF.

18 Jun 44 34th Inf, 24th Div, arr Biak and attchd to 41st Div.

29 Jun 44 CG I Corps departed Biak and CG 41st Div assumed comd of HURRICANE TF.

20 Aug 44 Biak portion of STRAIGHTLINE opn terminated.

25 Sep 44 HURRICANE TF dissolved.

#### TABLETENNIS Operation

ALAMO Force was directed by GHQ SWPA to seize by overwater operations, occupy, and defend Noemfoor Island and establish airdrome and minor naval facilities thereat. (For details of operation see Smith, Approach to the Philippines.)

#### CYCLONE (Noemfoor Island) Task Force

22 Jun 44 CYCLONE TF org with mission to land in vic Kamiri Drome, Noemfoor Island; seize and occupy Kamiri Drome area; and subsequently occupy and defend Noemfoor Island. Major unit: 158th RCT. D Day: 2 Jul 44.

2 Jul 44 CYCLONE TF made assault landing on Noemfoor Isl.

3 Jul 44 1st Bn 503d Prcht Inf dropped on Noemfoor to reinf CYCLONE TF.

4 Jul 44 3d Bn 503d Prcht Inf and Regtl Hq (-) dropped on Noemfoor to reinf CYCLONE TF.

11 Jul 44 2d Bn 503d Prcht Inf arr Noemfoor aboard LCIs.

31 Aug 44 CG ALAMO Force officially terminated TABLETENNIS opn.

25 Sep 44 CYCLONE TF dissolved.

## GLOBETROTTER Operation

ALAMO Force directed by GHQ SWPA to seize by overwater operations, occupy, and defend the Cape Sansapor-Cape Opmarai area and establish air and minor naval facilities thereat. (For details of operation see Smith, Approach to the Philippines.)

### TYPHOON (Cape Opmarai-Cape Sansapor) Task Force

- 10 Jul 44 TYPHOON TF org with mission to land in vic Cape Opmarai; seize a BH in the landing area; and rapidly seize and occupy such additional areas as necessary for construction of air facilities. Major unit: 6th Div (- 20th RCT). D Day: 30 Jul 44.
- 30 Jul 44 TYPHOON TF made assault landing in vic Mar in the Cape Opmarai-Cape Sansapor area; secured Middelburg and Amsterdam Isls.
- 31 Jul 44 Elm of TF landed at Cape Sansapor and secured the area.
- 31 Aug 44 CG ALAMO Force officially terminated GLOBETROTTER opn.
- 25 Sep 44 TYPHOON TF dissolved.

## INTERLUDE Operation

ALAMO Force was directed by GHQ SWPA to seize by overwater operations, occupy, and defend southern Morotai and establish air and minor naval facilities thereat. (For details of operation see Smith, Approach to the Philippines.)

TRADEWIND (Morotai) Task Force

20 Aug 44

TRADEWIND TF org with mission of effecting two concurrent landings south of Doroeba, southern Morotai, and of seizing and holding a defensive perimeter to permit the uninterrupted construction of air, light naval, and base facilities thereat. Major units: Hq XI Corps; 31st Div (- 124th RCT);\* 124th RCT, 31st Div; 126th RCT, 32d Div. D Day: 15 Sep 44.

25 Sep 44

TRADEWIND TF dissolved and XI Corps took over mission of TRADEWIND TF.

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\* 31st Div (- 124th RCT) was not officially attached to the task force until 3 September 1944.

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10 Jun 44

Hq and Hq Co and Spec Trps Eighth Army act with sta at Memphis, Tenn.

CG Eighth Army directed by WD to move Hq Eighth Army to SFPE and to Hamilton Fld, Calif, for shipment overseas by water and air transportation.

o/a 14 Jun 44 - 26 Jun 44

Adv Ech, Hq Eighth Army, began incremental departure fr Memphis by air for Hamilton Fld, Calif, o/a 14 Jun; commenced overseas mvmt by air fr Hamilton Fld for SWPA o/a 18 Jun. All shipments (except rear) completed arrival at Brisbane, Aus, o/a 25 Jun; moved to Hollekang, N.G., for atchmt to Hq Sixth Army 26 Jun 44. Rear increment arrived Hollekang following day.

6 Aug 44 - 7 Sep 44

Hq Eighth Army (- Adv) departed Memphis for staging area, Cp Stoneman, Calif, on 6 and 7 Aug. Moved by water fr staging area to SFPE; departed SFPE for SWPA 14 Aug on USS General John Pope. Arrived Hollandia Bay, N.G.; 4 Sep; disembarked 7 Sep.

24 Aug 44 Adv Hq established CP at Lake Sentani (vic Joka), N.G.

9 Sep 44

Army supported by Allied Naval and Air Forces, directed by GHQ SWPA to rel Sixth Army of missions in Dutch New Guinea, the Admiralty Isls, the Talaud Isls (New Britain afterwards substituted for the Talaud), and the Morotai area, as later directed by GHQ; and to assist the CG Sixth Army in tng, staging, and mounting units of latter in Eighth Army area, as arranged with Sixth Army comdr.

21 Sep 44

Army directed by GHQ SWPA to prepare to rel Sixth Army in Visayan area.

28 Sep 44 - 12 Oct 44

Army progressively assumed contrl of units of Sixth Army located at Sydney, Brisbane, and Townsville, Aus; Finschhafen, N.G.; Cape Gloucester and Arawe, N.B.; Kiriwina Isl; Milne and Oro Bays; Aitape and Hollandia, N.G.; Admiralty Isls; Toem, N.G.; Biak and Noemfoor Isls; and Morotai and Sansapor, N.G. Major tac comds included Hq I Corps; Hq XI Corps, 6th, 31st, 33d (-), 38th, 40th, 41st, and 43d Divs; 112th and 158th RCT's, and 123d RCT with 2d Bn, 136th Inf (33d Div), atchd.

13 Oct 44

Eighth Army began preparations for relief fr combat responsibility in Aitape and New Britain areas by First Australian Army, which had been directed by GHQ SWPA to assume the missions of Eighth Army forces in those areas by 15 Nov 44.

31 Oct 44

Army, supported by Allied Naval and Air Forces, directed by GHQ SWPA to seize by overwater opns Mapia and Asia Isls; assist Allied Naval and Air Forces to establish naval and air navigational aids and instls on isls; and to withdraw Eighth Army forces after destruction of Japanese forces on isls. Elms, reinf, of 31st Div, under XI Corps contrl, desig as Attack Force, and organ in two echs as Mapia Force and Asia Force, respectively. D Day desig as 10 Nov 44 for Mapia landing (later changed to 15 Nov) and 15 Nov 44 for Asia landing (later changed to 19 Nov).

15 Nov 44 - 26 Nov 44

First group of Adv Hq Eighth Army arrived Leyte fr Hollandia 15 Nov; CG arrived Leyte 21 Nov and opened Adv Ech Hq as of that date; mvmt of Fwd Ech completed 26 Nov.

Eighth Army forces made amph landings on Mapia and Asia Isls on 15 Nov and 19 Nov respectively. (See R/E's XI Corps and 31st Inf Div.) Eighth Army CP closed Lake Sentani, N.G.; opened Telegrafo, Leyte, o/a 20 Nov 44.

15 Dec 44

Army directed by GHQ SWPA to assume contrl of Sixth Army units in Leyte - Samar area, eff 26 Dec 44, with no change in units' asgd missions. Maj tac units to pass to Eighth Army contrl included Hq 20th Armored Gp; Hq 32d AAA Brig; XXIV Corps (7th, 77th, and 96th Divs and 11th A/B Div); and X Corps (24th and 32d Divs, 1st Cav Div, and 112th RCT). In addition, Army would concurrently assume contrl of all Filipino forces on Leyte and Samar.

17 Dec 44

Army directed by GHQ SWPA to assume contrl of Sixth Army units in Mindoro area, eff 1 Jan 45 and concurrently to rel Sixth Army of its duties and missions in that area and assume responsibility for their continuance (LOVE III opn). Maj tac unit to pass to Eighth Army contrl was Western Visayan Task Force (WVTF), nucleus of which included 19th and 21st Inf Regts (24th Div) and 503d Prcht Inf RCT.

19 Dec 44

Army supported by Allied Naval and Air Forces, directed by GHQ SWPA to mount reinforcing units for Luzon (MIKE I) Opn, contrl of such forces to pass to Sixth Army upon arr in Lingayen Gulf. Units desig included 1st Cav Div, reinf, with 112th Cav RCT atchd, and 32d, 33d, and 41st Divs, all reinf.

26 Dec 44

CG Eighth Army assumed responsibility for Leyte - Samar (KING II) Opn, and contrl of units formerly under Sixth Army comd in that area. (See R/E's of units named in entry of 15 Dec 44.)

1 Jan 45

Army assumed responsibility for Mindoro (LOVE III) Opn, and contrl of units formerly under Sixth Army comd in that area. (See R/E 24th Div.)

6 Jan 45

Last group, Rear Ech Eighth Army Hq arr Leyte; debarked 7 Jan 45.

14 Jan 45

Army, supported by Allied Naval and Air Forces, directed by GHQ SWPA to seize by overwater opns San Antonio - Castillejos - San Felipe area, S Zambales Province, Luzon; seize Olongapo and such adjacent areas as would open Subic Bay; seize line Hermosa - Dinalupihan to prevent hostile mvmt between Pampanga Plains and Bataan Peninsula; and be prepared to pass contrl of Eighth Army units and responsibility for missions in San Antonio - Subic Bay - Dinalupihan area to CG Sixth Army, as directed by GHQ SWPA (MIKE VII). Assault Force consisted of Hq XI Corps, reinf, 38th Div, reinf, and 34th RCT, reinf (24th Div). D Day desig as 29 Jan 45.

15 Jan 45

Army supported by Allied Naval and Air Forces, directed by GHQ SWPA to support Sixth Army offensive in central plains of Luzon by diversionary opns in Batangas - Tayabas area, in order to isolate hostile forces south of Manila Bay and Laguna De Bay (MIKE VI). Assault Force consisted of 11th A/B Div reinf, with 41st Div as GHQ Res. D Day desig as 31 Jan 45.

15 Jan 45 - 31 Jan 45

Army cleared Camotes Isls. (See R/E 7th Div.)

20 Jan 45

Army directed Eighth Army Area Command\* to assume contl of Eighth Army units and undertake execution of Eighth Army missions within its area of responsibility (New Guinea - Morotai) at Aitape, Madang, Lae, Finschhafen, Oro Bay, Cape Gloucester, and Milne Bay, and, further, to assume contl of area and trps at Toem upon departure of 123d RCT therefrom. Certain units located at Biak, Finschhafen, Lae, Morotai, Oro Bay, and Toem were excluded fr transfer of contl.

29 Jan 45 - 30 Jan 45

Eighth Army trps landed on Subic Bay beaches in San Antonio - Narciso area of Zambales Province, Luzon, 29 Jan 45 (MIKE VII). CG Eighth Army passed contl of Opn to CG Sixth Army 30 Jan. (See R/E's of XI Corps and 38th Div.)

31 Jan 45

Eighth Army trps made diversionary assault landing at Nasagbu, Batangas Province, Luzon (MIKE VI). (See R/E 11th A/B Div.)

Mindoro (LOVE III) and Marinduque (LOVE IV) Opns officially terminated.

1 Feb 45

Western Visayan Task Force dissolved.

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\* Eighth Army Area Command was formerly Army Garrison Force 248. It was attached to Eighth Army 5 January 1945 and redesignated Eighth Army Area Command three days later. (See R/E Hawaiian Department.)

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5 Feb 45

Army directed by GHQ SWPA to institute opns at earliest practicable date to clear northern coast of Samar and isls in Cape Verde Passage, with objective of securing southern exits to San Bernardino Strait and Verde Island Passage. On 10 Feb GHQ SWPA established boundaries of areas of responsibility and directed Eighth Army to secure isls in San Bernardino Strait; Ticao; Burias; Marinduque; \*Verde; Lubang, and adjacent isls. (Maricaban was included in zone of action of Sixth Army to the north.) Eighth Army further directed to seize isls along San Bernardino - Verde Isl steamer course to develop a short supply route through the Visayas. Troops desig for missions included X Corps, 24th Div, and Americal Div. Upon clearance of each objective area U.S. forces would be withdrawn and guerrilla troops employed to garrison areas.

6 Feb 45

Army supported by Allied Naval and Air Forces, directed by GHQ SWPA to seize by overwater opns the Puerto Princesa - Iwahig area on Palawan (VICTOR III), the Zamboanga area on Mindanao, and certain portions of Sulu Archipelago (VICTOR IV), and to destroy hostile forces therein and establish contl over such adjacent areas as would facilitate future opns. 41st Div desig as assault force; 28 Feb 45 set as D Day for landing on Palawan; 19 Mar 45 as D Day for attack on Zamboanga. 186th RCT, reinf (41st Div) desig as Army task force for Palawan opn; remainder of 41st Div reinf, committed to Zamboanga - Sulu Opn.

10 Feb 45

CG Eighth Army passed contl of Nasagbu (Luzon) (MIKE VI) Opn to CG Sixth Army.

19 Feb 45

Eighth Army trps landed on northwest coast of Samar (Visayan Passages).

25 Feb 45

Eighth Army trps landed on Verde Isl (Visayan Passages).

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\* Marinduque Island Operation had been concluded and at this date island was occupied by a small garrison force.

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26 Feb 45

Army supported by Allied Naval and Air Forces, directed by GHQ SWPA to seize by overwater opns Iloilo City on Panay and nearby Guimaras Isl and establish naval and logistic facilities for future opns; destroy hostile forces and establish contl over Panay; destroy hostile forces over Negros Occidental area in shore-to-shore opns when directed (VICTOR I). Trps for opn to be prepared, staged, and mounted by Sixth Army and to pass to contl of Eighth Army upon embarkation. 40th Div, reinf (less 108th RCT), desig as task force for opn, with 503d Prcht RCT as Army Res. D Day desig as 18 Mar 45.

28 Feb 45

Eighth Army trps landed on Palawan (VICTOR III).

1 Mar 45

Eighth Army trps landed on Lubang Isl (Visayan Passages).

3 Mar 45

Eighth Army trps landed on Ticao and Burias Isls (Visayan Passages). Army supported by Allied Naval and Air Forces, directed by GHQ SWPA, to seize by overwater opns Cebu City - Mactan Isl area, Cebu, and establish minor naval and logistic facilities for future opns; and by subsequent overland and shore-to-shore opns destroy remaining hostile forces in Cebu, Bohol, Negros Oriental, and adjacent small isls, and re-establish civil government in occupied areas (VICTOR II). Americal Div, reinf (less 164th RCT as Army Res), desig as task force for opn. D Day desig as 25 Mar (later changed to 26 Mar) 45.

5 Mar 45

Army directed the 24th Div employing reinf elms of 19th Inf to clear Sibuyan, Romblon and Tablas Isls and adjacent isls to the north, to secure southern exits to Sibuyan Sea (central Visayan area). Target date desig as 10 Mar 45.

9 Mar 45

Army directed the Eighth Army Area Comd, employing elms of 108th RCT (40th Div), to clear Masbate Isl at earliest practicable date, in order to secure Masbate Pass.

10 Mar 45

Eighth Army trps landed vic San Mateo, west of Zamboanga town, Mindanao (VICTOR IV).

11 Mar 45

Army supported by Allied Naval and Air Forces, directed by GHQ SWPA, to seize by amph opns, the Malabang - Parang - Cotabato area, Mindanao, and by subsequent overland and overwater opns, destroy hostile forces in Mindanao east of Zamboanga Peninsula and re-establish civil government therein; establish air and naval facilities and occupy and defend sites for radar and air warning facilities as arranged with Comdrs, Allied Naval and Air Forces; and arrange transportation for ground force units to staging areas from present locations (VICTOR V). Trps asgd for mission were X Corps, reinf, and 24th and 31st Div, both reinf. D Day desig as 17 Apr 45.

12 Mar 45

Eighth Army trps landed on Simara and Romblon Isls (Visayan Passages).

18 Mar 45

Eighth Army trps landed vic Tigbauan on southeast coast of Panay (VICTOR I).

24 Mar 45

Army supported by Allied Naval and Air Forces, directed by GHQ SWPA, to seize and occupy northern Negros Occidental, destroy hostile forces, and re-establish civil government therein. 503d Prcht RCT directed to be prepared to drop in desig area, on 24 hours' notice to assist 40th Div. 164th RCT (Americal Div) as Army Res, alerted for mvmt from Leyte to Negros Occidental o/a 5 Apr 45, or as directed by Army Hq (VICTOR I). D Day desig as 29 Mar 45.

26 Mar 45

Eighth Army trps landed vic Talisay on eastern coast of Cebu (VICTOR II).

29 Mar 45

Eighth Army trps landed vic Pulu Pandan on Negros (Occidental) Isl (VICTOR I).

2 Apr 45

Eighth Army trps landed on southwest coast of Sanga Sanga Isl in Tawi Tawi Group of Sulu Archipelago (VICTOR IV).



3 Apr 45

Eighth Army trps (reinforcing landing by guerrilla trps on 29 Mar 45) landed on Masbate Isl (Visayan Passages).

11 Apr 45

Eighth Army trps landed on Bohol (VICTOR II).

17 Apr 45

Eighth Army trps landed at Parang and in vic Baras, Mindanao (VICTOR V).

2 May 45

Army supported by Allied Naval and Air Forces, directed by GHQ SWPA, to seize and occupy Macajalar Bay area, Mindanao, and conduct opns to the south to effect junction with friendly forces; capture Davao City and environs; and complete destruction of enemy in Mindanao and open Davao Gulf to friendly shipping. Trps desig for opn included X Corps, reinf; 162d RCT, reinf (41st Div); 108th RCT, reinf (40th Div); with 164th RCT (Americal Div) as Eighth Army Res.

2 - 4 May 45

Eighth Army trps captured Davao City (VICTOR V).

10 May 45

Army landed 108th RCT, reinf (40th Div), northeast of Agusan, Macajalar Bay, Mindanao (VICTOR V).

26 Apr 45

Eighth Army trps landed on Negros Oriental (VICTOR II).

23 May 45

Army directed by GHQ SWPA to pass responsibility for antiaircraft artillery defenses in Leyte, Samar, and Mindoro areas to Comdr, Allied Air Forces, and to pass to opnl contrl of Comdr, Allied Air Forces, certain desig antiaircraft artillery units in those areas. Eff date of transfer of contrl desig as 24 May 45.

23 May 45

108th RCT (40th Div) made junction with elms of 31st Div on Sayre Hwy, Mindanao (VICTOR V).

31 May 45

Eighth Army directed by GHQ SWPA to assume contl on 1 Jul 45 of certain desig units of Sixth Army in Luzon and concurrently to rel Sixth Army of combat responsibility and other duties and missions in Luzon, except those which pertained directly to preparation of Sixth Army units for future opns; further, to assist in tng Sixth Army units for future opns by utilizing Sixth Army units in actual combat as requested by and arranged with CG Sixth Army; and release to Sixth Army at earliest practicable date consistent with tac and logistical situation in Luzon those units under Eighth Army contl desig to participate in future opns under Sixth Army, all such units to be released not later than 1 Sep 45.

1 Jun 45

Eighth Army directed to pass to contl of CG Sixth Army, on 1 Jul 45, 503d Prcht RCT and the Americal, 40th, 41st, and 81st Divs, for purpose of regrouping American forc es in the Philippines for future opns against Japanese mainland.

20 Jun 45

Panay - Negros Occidental (VICTOR I); Cebu - Bohol - Negros Oriental (VICTOR II); Palawan (VICTOR III); and Zamboanga - Sulu Archipelago (VICTOR IV) Opns officially terminated.

CG Eighth Army directed by GHQ AFPAC to continue missions in the SWPA asgd by GHQ SWPA; and assist the CG's of the Sixth Army and Far East Air Forces in staging, equipping, training, and mounting elms of thei. respective forces as later directed, or as arranged directly between the commanders concerned, for the projected invasion of southern Kyushu. Target date desig as 1 Nov 45.

30 Jun 45

Mindanao (VICTOR V) Opn officially terminated.

1 Jul 45

Eighth Army reld Sixth Army of all combat and other missions on Luzon except those pertaining to projected opns of Sixth Army and concurrently assumed contl of Hq XIV Corps and 6th, 32d, 37th, and 38th Divs, and of the cmd desig as United States Army Forces in the Philippines, Northern Luzon (USAFIP, NL), which included the 11th, 14th, 15th, 66th, and 121st Inf Regts. Elms of 1st Cav Div, 43d Div, 11th A/B Div, and 158th RCT atchd to Eighth Army for opnl contl only.\*

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\* These units were to be employed for purposes of administration, supply, and control of unorganized groups of Filipino guerrilla forces in Dingalan Bay area south of Manila.

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12 Jul 45

Eighth Army trps (Sarangani Task Force) landed at Dadjangos, Sarangani Bay, Mindanao. (See R/E 24th Div.)

15 Aug 45

Offensive action on Luzon ceased; activities limited to security and rcn missions.

Eighth Army directed to establish and secure airhead in Tokyo area, Japan; by progressive airborne and amph mvmts land trps in northern Honshu and Hokkaido; and by other minor air, land, and amph mvmts occupy vital sectors throughout Army area, as directed. Army further directed to assume contl of adv forces moving to Japan by air, including those of GHQ, United States Army Forces, Pacific (AFPAC); Far East Air Forces (FEAF); and 11th A/B Div. Supporting trps desig for mvmt to Japan included IX, X, and XIV Corps; 27th Div; 11th A/B Div; Fourth Marines; and USASCOM C.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Lt Gen Lloyd R Fredendall	10 Jun 44
Lt Gen Robert L Eichelberger	7 Sep 44

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Army Ground Forces	7 Jun 44
USAFTE	7 Sep 44
AFPAC	10 Jun 45

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TENTH ARMY

20 Jun 44

Hq Tenth Army act at Ft Sam Houston, Tex, with sta at Ft Sam Houston.

3 Aug - 2 Sep 44

Army in mvmt fr Ft Sam Houston to Hawaii.

3 Aug Adv Dets, Hq began mvmt by ech to POE's on W coast; arr completed 11 Aug. Mvmt to Hawaii completed 21 Aug.

18 Aug 44 Main body Hq departed Ft Sam Houston for Seattle POE; CP closed Ft Sam Houston.

23 Aug 44 Main body Hq arr Ft Lawton, Wash, Staging Area; CP opened Ft Lawton Staging Area.

27 Aug 44 Main body Hq departed Ft Lawton; arr Seattle POE; departed Seattle POE aboard USS Oswald H. Ernst; CP closed Ft Lawton; opened aboard USS Oswald H. Ernst.

2 Sep 44 Main body Hq arr Hawaii; sta Schofield Bks.

9 Oct 44

Adv information regarding projected opn in Nansei Shoto (Ryukyu) area received fr CINCPQA.

10 Oct 44

CG Tenth Army desig by CINCPQA to command Expeditionary Trps in Ryukyu opn.

11 Oct 44 - 5 Jan 45

Engaged in planning and preparation for Ryukyu opn.

19 Nov 44 Hq notified by CINCPQA of change in target date to 15 Mar 45.

7 Dec 44 Hq notified by CINCPQA of change in target date to 1 Apr 45.

6 Jan 45

CG Tenth Army published Opns Plan 1-45 for Ryukyu (ICEBERG) Opn, in which Tenth Army, as Expeditionary Trps, initially under comd of Comdr, Joint Expeditionary Force, asgd mission to assist in capture, occupation, defense, and development of Okinawa Isl, and establishment of contl of the sea and air in the Nansei Shoto (Ryukyu) area, with eventual aim of extending contl of the Nansei Shoto by capturing, defending, and developing additional positions. In executing missions, Tenth Army directed to capture on D minus 6 isls of Kerama Retto for use as adv naval anchorage and seaplane base; not later than D minus 1, capture Isl of Keise and emplace heavy arty for support of opns on Okinawa; and on D Day, land on western shore of Okinawa with corps abreast, XXIV Corps on the right, each corps, less one div in Tenth Army Res, to land with divs abreast. On D Day and D plus 1, one army res div would feint a landing on the southeastern shore of Okinawa.

Tenth Army further directed to seize Ie Shima and to occupy such portion of northern Okinawa as necessary to establish contl of entire isl and develop additional base facilities in favorable localities; and to exploit U.S. position in Nansei Shoto, seizing and developing additional isls of group.

Mission later enlarged by addition of asgmt to capture certain minor isl objectives, including the Tori, Theya, Aguni, and Kume Shimas.

Expeditionary Trps for opn, under comd CG Tenth Army, included: XXIV (Army) Corps (7th and 96th Divs, reinf); III Amph (Marine) Corps (1st and 6th Mar Divs, reinf); 27th and 77th Divs, reinf, and 2d Mar Div (under direct contl Tenth Army for special opns and as res); and 81st Div as Area Res (under contl CINCPAC). (See Div R/E's.) ISCOM, Okinawa; Tactical Air Force, Ryukyus; and Naval Forces, Ryukyus (a naval task group) were asgd to Tenth Army for defense and development of objectives. D Day tentatively set for 1 Apr 45.

11 Feb 45

Comd Gp, Det Hq Tenth Army (minus Det moving by air) departed Oahu on USS Yarmouth; arr Eniwetok 24 Feb; Leyte 2 Mar; Adv Comd Ech established Leyte.

11 Mar 45

CG Tenth Army notified all components of Expeditionary Trps that Opns Order 1-45 was in effect, and confirmed target date as 1 Apr 45.

12 Mar 45

Subordinate units of Tenth Army began mvmt to target area.

19 Mar 45

CG Tenth Army arr Leyte; CP opened aboard USS Eldorado.

20 Mar 45

Assault trps for opns in the Kerama Retto departed Leyte for target area. (See R/E 77th Div.)

26 Mar 45 - 31 Mar 45

77th Div assault trps landed on Kerama Isls 26 Mar; Kerama Retto declared secure 29 Mar. Following rcn by amph elm of Fleet Marine Force, elm landed on Keise Shima 31 Mar; isl declared secure same date. (See R/E 77th Div.)

1 Apr 45

Tenth Army, with XXIV Corps (7th and 96th Divs) and III Amph Corps (1st and 6th Mar Divs) abreast, landed on beaches south and north respectively of town of Hagushi on west coast of Okinawa. Simultaneous with landings, 2d Mar Div, under direct contl of Tenth Army, feinted landing off southeast coast of Okinawa, above Minatoga.

2 Apr 45

2d Mar Div again feinted landings off southeast coast of Okinawa.

10 Apr 45

3d Bn, 105th RCT (27th Div), landed on Tsugen Shima in Eastern Isls; Tsugen Shima secured following day. (See R/E 27th Div.)

16 Apr 45

77th Div trps landed on Ie Shima; isl secured 21 Apr 45. (See R/E 77th Div.)

18 Apr 45

Army CP closed aboard USS Eldorado; opened ashore vic Koza, on Okinawa.

24 Apr 45

Cp closed vic Koza; opened vic Gofuji.



12 May 45

Elm of 27th Div landed on Tori Shima and secured Isl.

17 May 45

CG Tenth Army asgd responsibility for def and development of captured positions in Ryukyu area. Comdr TF 51 placed under opnl comd of CG Tenth Army to aid in execution of mission. Comd of all forces ashore in Okinawa area passed to CG Tenth Army by order of Comdr Fifth Fleet.

3 Jun 45

8th Mar Regt, 2d Mar Div,\* landed on Theya Shima; isl declared secure following day.

9 Jun 45

Elm 8th Mar Regt, 2d Mar Div, landed on Aguni Shima and secured isl.

14 Jun 45

Rcn elm 6th Mar Div landed on Senaga Isl off southwest coast of Okinawa and secured isl.

26 Jun 45

Elm Amph Rcn Bn Fleet Marine Force and 1st Mar Div landed on Kume Shima; isl declared secured 29 Jun.

27 Jun 45

CG Tenth Army assumed comd of Ryukyus Force (a joint task force of ground, air, and naval garrison trps), under direct cntl of CINCPAC.

2 Jul 45

Ryukyus Campaign officially declared ended.

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\* In order not to divert troops committed to action on Okinawa, the 8th Marine Regiment, reinforcement, which had returned to Guam, was ordered to Okinawa to execute the Theya operation.

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29 Jul 45

CG Tenth Army directed by GHQ AFPAC to prepare and mount for invasion of Japanese mainland certain desig U.S. Army ground forces in Ryukyus belonging to Sixth Army or under its contrl, and to mount certain desig air forces in Ryukyus, as arranged with CG's of Sixth Army and Far East Air Forces and Comdr Amph Forces Pacific Fleet.

31 Jul 45

Tenth Army (inclgd all asgd and atchd air, ground, and sv units) reld fr asgmt to USAFMIDPAC. Tenth Army and all other U.S. Army forces in Ryukyus (except those asgd to U.S. Army Strategic Air Force) placed under contrl of CinC AFPAC.

CG Tenth Army directed to assume contrl of U.S.-held areas in Ryukyus and ground def thereof; to exercise over-all co-ordination of internal security in Ryukyus; to assume opnl contrl of ASCOM I (minus AAA units); and to release Tenth Army AAA units participating in def of Ryukyus to opnl contrl of CG FEAF.

3 Aug 45

CG Tenth Army directed by GHQ AFPAC to prepare and (later be prepared to mount) 7th Inf Div, as part of AFPAC Res, for opn against Japanese mainland, and to reinf AFPAC Res divs with certain med and other units.

15 Aug 45

CG Tenth Army directed to prepare certain desig units under its contrl for occupation of Japan and Korea, and assist CG's of Sixth and Eighth Armies, XXIV Corps, and FEAF, in staging and mounting elm of their respective forces, exercising over-all co-ordination of mounting of all U.S. ground and air force units in Ryukyus as arranged with comdrs concerned.

<u>COMMANDERS</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Col Stuart L Cowles	20 Jun 44
Col Richard Lee	29 Jun 44
Col Hugh M Cochran	20 Jul 44
Lt Gen Simon B Buckner, Jr	4 Sep 44
Maj Gen Roy S Geiger (USMC)	18 Jun 45
Gen Joseph W Stilwell	23 Jun 45

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CHAPTER VII

CORPS

I CORPS

7 Dec 41

I Army Corps, react 10 Oct 40 at Ft Jackson, S.C., with hq at Columbia, S.C., was engaged in tac and tng opns in Carolina Maneuver Area.

8 Dec 41 - 8 Aug 42

Corps continued tng and maneuvers.

9 Aug 42

Corps comdr directed by War Department to prepare Corps Hq for mvmt overseas.

10 Aug 42 - 17 Oct 42

Corps engaged in preparation for and mvmt to SWPA.

19 Aug 42 I Army Corps redesignated I Corps.

20 Aug 42 Adv Ech Corps Hq departed U.S. by air for SWPA; arr Australia 25 Aug.

8 Sep 42 Adv Ech Corps Hq established at Rockhampton, Australia. Corps mission was tng of trps.

15 Sep 42 Hq (- Adv Det) completed mvmt fr Columbia, S.C., to SFPE.

10 Aug 42 - 17 Oct 42

24 Sep 42 Hq (- Adv Ech) departed SFPE for SWPA; arr Sydney, Australia, o/a 11 Oct; disembarked and moved to Rockhampton; arr latter 17 Oct.

18 Oct 42 - 28 Nov 42

Continued tng of 41st Div trps and of elms of 32d Div.

29 Nov 42

Corps comdr directed by GHQ SWPA to move fr Rockhampton to Port Moresby, N.G., with small staff on combat mission; arr Port Moresby 30 Nov.

1 Dec 42

Following briefing, corps comdr and staff (Adv Ech) departed by air fr Port Moresby for Buna, N.G.; landed at Dobodura airstrip same date. CG I Corps assumed command of all Allied forces in New Guinea operating east of Girau River. Hq established at Henahamburi.

1 Dec 42 - 5 Jan 43

Corps engaged in campaign to reduce Buna.

7 Dec 42 Adv Ech Hq I Corps, and Hq 32d Div merged to form Hq Buna Force (U.S.), under comd of CG I Corps.\* Force Hq established vic Simemi village.

17 Dec 42 18th Australian Brigade became part of Buna Force.

13 Jan 43

Corps comdr placed in comd of Adv New Guinea Force (Allied) and opn to take Sanananda. CP Buna Hq joined CP of Adv New Guinea Force (Allied) at Samboga.

22 Jan 43

Sanananda opn completed; Papua Campaign ended. Units of U.S. Army participating in campaign included 32d Div (- Div Arty) and 163d Inf (41st Div).

24 Jan 43

CG and Adv Ech Hq I Corps moved by air to Port Moresby, N.G.

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\* There is a conflict regarding the date Buna Force Headquarters was established. Colonel John E. Grose, Inspector General of I Corps, who had been designated to command the 27th Infantry (32d Division) on or about this date (and later reassumed command of the Buna Force), announced the creation of the Buna Force Headquarters in his diary under the date of 9 December 1942. Most sources show 7 December 1942.

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25 Jan 43

Corps comdr reld of comd of Adv New Guinea Force; departed Port Moresby with Adv Ech Corps Hq for Rockhampton to rejoin corps.

26 Jan 43 - 1 Jan 44

Corps continued tng opns at Rockhampton.

O/a 1 Jan 44

Corps comdr alerted by GHQ SWPA for participation by corps in contemplated opn in Hansa Bay area of New Guinea. Corps engaged in planning and preparation for projected opn until early in March, when plan for seizure of Hansa Bay area was abandoned. Corps departed Australia 28 Feb for Goodenough Isl; arr latter 7 Mar. CP established Goodenough Isl.

11 Mar 44

Corps initiated planning for opn in Hollandia area of New Guinea under direct contl of ALAMO Force.

23 Mar 44

Corps, org as RECKLESS (Hollandia) TF, and supported by Allied Naval and Allied Air Forces and Fifth Fleet, directed by ALAMO Force to make simultaneous landings within Humboldt Bay and Tanahmerah Bay areas of New Guinea. Trps for Humboldt Bay landing consisted of 41st Div (- 163d RCT), reinf, org as LETTERPRESS LF; trps for Tanahmerah Bay landing consisted of 24th Div, reinf, org as NOISELESS LF. Following landings, LETTERPRESS LF directed to seize and occupy Hollandia area and Hollandia airdromes; NOISELESS LF to establish contl over Tanahmerah Bay area. RECKLESS TF further directed to prepare at earliest practicable date installations to accommodate three groups of fighters and one squadron of night fighters; assist Comdr, Allied Air Forces, in establishment of necessary air warning and radio navigational facilities; establish additional airdrome facilities in area as directed by ALAMO Force; establish naval, port, and base facilities in objective area as directed by ALAMO Force; and consolidate and defend occupied areas. D Day desig as 22 Apr 44.



O/a 15 Mar - 22 Apr 44

Corps continued planning and tng for Hollandia opn; units of RECKLESS TF engaged in rehearsals 8 - 10 Apr at Taupota Bay and near Lae, N.G. Final loading commenced 10 Apr; LCI's departed loading points 16 Apr to permit disembarkation at Admiralty Isls for rest and exercise; other vessels departed staging areas at Cape Cretin, N.G., and Goodenough Isl 17 and 18 Apr. Convoys rendezvoused northwest of Manus Isl in Admiralty Isls; arr at Tanahmerah Bay and at Humboldt Bay at 0500, 22 Apr.

17 Apr 44 RECKLESS (Hollandia) TF redesign BEWITCH (Hollandia) TF; code name RECKLESS retained to desig entire opn.\*

Hq BEWITCH TF closed Goodenough Isl; opened aboard USS Swanson.

22 Apr 44

Landing forces of BEWITCH Task Force landed on eastern beaches of Cape Pie and Cape Tjeweri in Humboldt Bay, and on beach at Tablasoefa and at Depapre, in Tanahmerah Bay.

22 Apr 44 - 6 Jun 44

Task Force engaged in campaign for Humboldt Bay - Tanahmerah Bay areas of New Guinea. (See R/E's of 41st and 24th Divs.)

25 Apr 44 TF comdr assumed cmd ashore; CP closed USS Swanson; opened Brinkman's Plantation, vic Pim.

5 May 44 LETTERPRESS LF dissolved; 41st Div reld from contl BEWITCH TF following day.

O/a 25 May 44 BEWITCH TF CP closed at Brinkman's Plantation; opened at Lake Sentani, vic Joka.

6 Jun 44 CG ALAMO Force officially terminated Hollandia phase of Hollandia - Aitape opn.

7 Jun 44 - 13 Jun 44

Task Force continued mopping-up and patrol opns in Hollandia - Tanahmerah - Humboldt Bays areas.

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\* The RECKLESS Operation consisted of two parts, the first involving landings at Tanahmerah and Humboldt Bays by landing forces under BEWITCH TF control, the second a landing at Aitape, N.G., by the PERSECUTION TF (163d RCT 41st Div) on 22 April 1944, under direct control of ALAMO Force. (See R/E 41st Div.)

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14 Jun 44

CG I Corps reld of comd of BEWITCH TF by CG ALAMO Force and directed to move by air to Biak, N.G., in preparation for assumption of comd of opn there.

15 Jun 44

Corps comdr and Adv Ech departed Lake Sentani by air for Biak; arr same date. CG I Corps assumed contl of HURRICANE TF, the initial mission of which had been to land on 27 May 44 in vic of Bosnek, on Biak Isl; establish and secure beachhead in area; seize and secure Mokmer, Borokoe, and Sorido airdromes; clear small isls south of Biak; and secure area against enemy ground forces to permit uninterrupted improvement of airdromes.

15 Jun 44 - 28 Jun 44

Corps, as HURRICANE TF, engaged in campaign for Biak.

16 Jun 44 Remainder Corps hq (except rear ech at Goodenough Isl) departed Lake Sentani by water; arr Biak 18 Jun. CP established vic Mandon 18 Jun.

29 Jun 44

CG I Corps reld of comd of HURRICANE TF; departed Biak for Hollandia; arr latter same date. Hq reoccupied CP at Lake Sentani, vic Joka. Asgd mission of supervision of defense of Hollandia area.

16 Jul 44 - 4 Oct 44

In addition to supervising defense of Hollandia area, I Corps, under direction of CG Sixth Army, engaged in planning for projected opn on Mindanao, P.I., with initial landing at Sarangani Bay (KING I).

23 Aug 44 CP closed vic Joka; opened at location north of Koejaboe, vic Lake Sentani.

25 Sep 44 BEWITCH TF dissolved.\*\*

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\* As of date of assumption of command by the Commanding General, I Corps, the HURRICANE Task Force consisted of 41st Division, reinforced. Three days later (18 Jun) it was reinforced by the 34th RCT (24th Division).

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\*\* Although BEWITCH TF continued in existence until 25 September 1944, it is not known whether the I Corps comdr formally reassumed command of it. Some records refer to activities during the period following the return of I Corps to the Hollandia area as being executed by the task force; others to their being performed by I Corps.

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4 Oct 44

Corps notified of cancellation of proposed assault on Mindanao and directed to initiate planning for opn on Luzon, P.I. (MIKE I), with tentative target date desig as 20 Dec 44. Tentative plans and trps list received from Sixth Army 8 Oct.

20 Nov 44

Corps reld of responsibility for defense of Hollandia area. Corps, reinf, directed by Sixth Army to land in the Dagupan - Mabilao area (Luzon) with divisions abreast; attack vigorously to destroy hostile forces encountered; and seize and secure Army beachhead within I Corps zone of action. Further ordered to seize and hold Dagupan bridge until reld by elms of XIV Corps; be prepared to seize and secure crossings of the Agno River within I Corps zone of action; establish and maintain contact with 158th RCT and with XIV Corps; and protect left (east) flank of Sixth Army. Major combat units under I Corps contl included 6th and 43d Divs, reinf. D Day desig as 20 Dec 44.

10 Dec 44

Corps informed D Day changed to 9 Jan 45.

26 Dec 44 - 4 Jan 45

Major portion of task force in water transit from initial staging points to assembly point northeast of Morotai.

26 Dec 44 Corps Hq departed Humboldt Bay for Aitape. CP closed Hollandia; opened aboard USS Blue Ridge.

28 Dec 44 Joined by 43d Div, reinf, at Morotai; departed latter for assembly point.

30 Dec 44 6th Div, reinf, departed Sansapor for assembly point; arr latter 3 Jan and made rendezvous with other units of task force.

4 Jan 45 Assembled task force departed rendezvous point for objective area.

4 Jan 45 - 9 Jan 45

Convoy en route to Lingayen Gulf, P.I.

9 Jan 45

I Corps assault trps landed in Mangaldan - San Fabian - Mabilao area of Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, with 43d Div, reinf, on left, and 6th Div (- 63d RCT afloat as I Corps Res), reinf, on right.

9 Jan 45 - 30 Jun 45

Corps engaged in campaign for Luzon. Units under Corps contrl for all or part of period included the 6th, 25th, 32d, 33d, 37th, and 43d Divs; 158th RCT (sep); 1st Bn, 511th Prcht Inf, reinf (11th A/B Div); Philippine Guerrilla Forces, Northern Luzon; and other Philippine guerrilla forces on Luzon, inclusive of Philippine Army units atchd to it for tactical opns.

- 11 Jan 45 CP closed aboard USS Blue Ridge; opened at Angio; Corps comdr assumed comd ashore.
- 12 Jan 45 63d RCT (- 3d Bn and FA elm), having disembarked 10 Jan further atchd to 43d Div.
- 0/a 21 Jan 45 63d RCT (- 1st Bn) reld from 43d Div; reverted to I Corps Res.
- 0/a 22 Jan 45 3d Bn, 63d RCT, atchd to STARK Force (103d and 169th RCT's [43d Div] and supporting units).
- 0/a 23 Jan 45 1st Bn, 63d RCT, reld from atchmt to 43d Div, reverted to regtl contrl.
- 0/a 24 Jan 45 63d RCT (- 3d Bn) desig as YON Force.
- 27 Jan 45 3d Bn, 63d RCT, reld from STARK Force; reverted to regtl contrl.
- 30 Jan 45 63d RCT reld from atchmt to 43d Div; reverted to I Corps contrl.
- 31 Jan 45 Corps CP closed at Angio; opened at Carmen.
- 1 Feb 45 63d RCT (- 1st Bn) reld from I Corps Res; reverted to 6th Div contrl.
- 6 Feb 45 1st Bn (-), 63d RCT, reverted to div contrl; remainder returned to bn contrl 13 Feb.
- 11 Feb 45 Corps CP closed at Carmen; opened at Tumana.

- 15 Feb 45 126th RCT (32d Div) reld from atchmt to Sixth Army; placed under I Corps contl; reld from atchmt to I Corps same day and reverted to div contl.
- O/a 21 Mar 45 1st Bn, 123d Inf (33d Div), passed to contl of I Corps as Corps Res.
- 27 Mar 45 1st Bn, 123d Inf (33d Div), reld from I Corps Res; reverted to regtl contl. 1st Bn, 130th Inf, passed to contl of I Corps as Corps Res.
- O/a 3 Apr 45 1st Bn (-), 130th Inf (33d Div), reld from I Corps Res; placed under opnl contl 32d Div.
- O/a 4 Apr 45 1st Bn, 130th Inf (33d Div), placed in I Corps Res.
- O/a 10 Apr 45 1st Bn, 130th Inf (33d Div), reld from I Corps Res; reverted to regtl contl.

30 Jun 45

Corps reld of responsibility for all combat missions currently asgd to it, and of certain units asgd or atchd to it, including 6th, 32d, and 37th Divs, and Philippine Guerrilla Forces, Northern Luzon. Major units remaining under corps contl were 25th and 33d Divs.

1 Jul 45 - 15 Aug 45

Engaged in rehabilitation, tng, and planning for projected invasion of Japan (OLYMPIC opn, later redesig MAJESTIC), and near end of period for occupation of Japan (BLACKLIST opn), under contl of Sixth Army. Major units under I Corps contl during period included 25th, 33d, and 43d Divs. \*

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\* The 162d RCT, the 3d Battalion, 163d RCT, and the 2d Battalion, 186th RCT (41st Division), were designated to pass to the control of I Corps upon closing in Zamboanga, Mindanao, on or about 15 July 1945.

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COMMANDERS

	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Charles F Thompson	7 Dec 41
Maj Gen Robert L Eichelberger	22 Jun 42
Lt Gen Robert L Eichelberger (Promotion)	15 Oct 42
Maj Gen Horace H Fuller	7 Oct 43
Lt Gen Robert L Eichelberger	28 Oct 43
Maj Gen Innis P Swift	20 Aug 44

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USAFIA	25 Aug 42
Sixth Army	16 Feb 43
Eighth Army	2 Oct 44
Sixth Army	20 Nov 44

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IX CORPS

7 Dec 41

IX Corps, act 24 Oct 40 at Ft Lewis, Wash, was engaged at Ft Lewis in tng units for combat. In accordance with previous plans, Northwestern Sector and Hq IX Army Corps were combined and charged with responsibility to protect States of Washington and Oregon against invasion and sabotage.

8 Dec 41 - 30 Apr 42

During this period Corps supervised tng of its units and carried out its mission of defense of Washington and Oregon.

16 Feb 42 Interior Security Guard Areas #1 and #2 were organized within Northwestern Section (N & S areas) with asgnd missions to serve as covering forces and provide surveillance of vital harbors and beaches; to provide def and antisabotage guard for airfields, airplane plants and radio stations: and to guard railroad bridges and ammo dumps.

1 Mar 42 Hq and Hq Co, Northwestern Sector, Pacific Coastal Frontier, activated as separate hq under control of corps. This new hq was to serve as a fifth General Staff sec under corps with mission to contl evacuation of enemy aliens and citizens of Japanese ancestry; contl public assemblies; co-ordinate with the Office of Civilian Defense; and control fishing off the coast and regulate the use of beaches by the public.

22 Mar 42 The Antisabotage Guard Command, Northwestern Sector and IX Army Corps, was constituted. It was composed of the 144th Inf (Sep) and the 114th Inf, 44th Div.

1 May 42

Corps was reld of responsibility for the Northwestern Sector.

2 May 42 - 11 Mar 43

Corps supervised the basic, intermediate, and advanced tng of AGF units of the corps.

1 Sep 42 Corps was redesi g IX Corps.

18 Sep 42 1st Hq and Hq Det, Special Troops, IX Corps, was act with hq at Cp White, Ore.

1 Dec 42 2d Hq and Hq Det, Special Troops, IX Corps, was act at Cp Adair, Ore.

19 Jan 43 3d Hq and Hq Det, Special Troops, IX Corps, was act with hq at Ft Lewis, Wash.

12 Mar 43 - 25 Jul 43

During this period corps moved from Ft Lewis, Wash, to Cp Young, Calif, where it operated the Desert Training Center. The center operated as a theater of operations. Corps conducted a tng laboratory under ACF supervision, where basic data and ideas were developed for subsequent use in actual theaters of operations. During latter part of period IX Corps was en route to Cp McCain, Miss.

26 Jul 43

Corps arr at Cp McCain, Miss.

27 Jul 43 - 20 Nov 43

Corps engaged in tng and testing ACF units.

21 Nov 43

Corps moved to Louisiana Maneuver Area. Corps CP opened at Merryville, La.

22 Nov 43 - 31 Dec 43

Corps engaged in tng activities with Third Army.

1 Jan 44 - 8 Jan 44

Corps prepared to move to permanent sta at Ft McPherson, Ga.

9 Jan 44

Corps departed Louisiana Maneuver Area for Ft McPherson, Ga.

10 Jan 44 - 11 Jan 44

Corps en route to Ft Mcpherson, Ga.

12 Jan 44

Corps arr Ft McPherson, Ga.

13 Jan 44 - 25 Sep 44

Corps engaged in supervising tng of its units.

26 Sep 44 - 1 Oct 44

Corps prepared for mvmt overseas.

2 Oct 44

CG IX Corps and Adv Det departed Atlanta, Ga, by air for Hamilton Fld, Calif, and further mvmt to Oahu, T.H.

Corps (- Adv Det) departed Ft McPherson for Seattle POE.

3 Oct 44 - 6 Oct 44

Corps en route to Seattle POE.

7 Oct 44

Corps arr Seattle POE.

8 Oct 44 - 9 Oct 44

Corps (- Adv Det) loaded for movement to Hawaii.

10 Oct 44 - 16 Oct 44

Corps Hq was aboard the USAT Frederick Lykes en route to Hawaii.

17 Oct 44

Corps arr Honolulu and proceeded to Schofield Bks, Oahu, T.H.

18 Oct 44 - 21 Jun 45

Corps engaged in amph and jungle tng and prepared units of Tenth Army for overseas mvmts.

22 Jun 45

Corps departed Hawaii aboard USS Burnett.

23 Jun 45 - 9 Jul 45

Corps was at sea en route to Leyte, P.I.

10 Jul 45

Corps debarked on the east coast of Leyte and established CP near Abuyog.

11 Jul 45 - 15 Aug 45

Corps prepared plans for its participation in the OLYMPIC opn. When OLYMPIC opn was canceled, corps prepared for the occupation of Japan.

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Maj Gen Kenyon A Joyce	7 Dec 41
Maj Gen Charles H White	10 Apr 42
Maj Gen Emil F Reinhardt	23 Mar 44
Maj Gen Charles W Ryder	2 Sep 44

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X CORPS

15 May 42

X Army Corps (constituted 1 May 42) act at Sherman, Tex. Corps mission was tng newly act units for combat.

16 May 42 - 28 Nov 42

Engaged in org, tng, and preparation for mvmt to Louisiana Maneuver Area.

19 Aug X Army Corps redesign X Corps.

29 Nov 42

Hq and Hq Co departed Sherman, Tex, for Louisiana Maneuver Area; arr following day. Corps CP established vic Hutton, La, 30 Nov.

30 Nov - 10 Dec 42

Hq and Hq Co participated in air-ground CP exercises under Third Army.

11 Dec 42

Hq and Hq Co departed bivouac area Louisiana; arr Sherman, Tex, following day.

13 Dec 42 - 31 May 43

Engaged in admin and supervision of tng of units under corps contrl.

1 Jun 43 - 18 Jun 43

Engaged in preparation for mvmt to Louisiana Maneuver Area.

19 Jun 43 - 27 Jun 43

Corps Hq began mvmt fr Sherman, Tex, to Louisiana Maneuver Area; arr Boyce, La, 20 Jun; moved into bivouac vic Flatwoods; Corps CP opened Shreveport. Initiated preparation for opening of maneuvers.

28 Jun 43 - 21 Aug 43

Corps, with atchd units, participated in Third Army maneuvers.

24 Aug 43

In mvmt fr Louisiana Maneuver Area to Sherman, Tex.

25 Aug - 14 Oct 43

Engaged in admin and tng of units under corps contrl.

15 Oct 43 - 26 Oct 43

Prepared for mvmt to Cp Maxey, Tex.

27 Oct 43

Corps moved fr Sherman, Tex, to Cp Maxey, Tex. Hq closed Sherman; opened Cp Maxey.

28 Oct 43 - 7 Jan 44

Engaged in admin and tng of units under corps contrl.

8 Jan 44 - 12 Jan 44

Prepared for mvmt fr Cp Maxey to California-Arizona Maneuver Area, Cp Young, Calif.

12 Jan 44

Hq closed Cp Maxey; opened Cp Young, Calif.

13 Jan 44 - 16 Jan 44

Main body hq in mvmt fr Cp Maxey to Cp Young.

17 Jan 44

Hq X Corps reld IV Corps in California-Arizona Maneuver Area.

18 Jan 44 - 30 Apr 44

Engaged in tng mission in California-Arizona Maneuver Area and in preparation for mvmt to Cp Beale, Calif.

1 May 44

Departed Cp Young, Calif; Hq closed Cp Young; opened Cp Beale.

2 May 44 - 30 Jun 44

Engaged in tng and preparation for overseas mvmt.

1 Jul 44 - 31 Jul 44

In mvmt fr Cp Beale, Calif, to SWPA.

- 1 Jul 44 Departed Cp Beale; arr Cp Stoneman Staging Area.
- 13 Jul 44 Departed Cp Stoneman Staging Area; arr SFPE.
- 14 Jul 44 Departed SFPE. Corps Hq opened aboard USAT Klipfontein.
- 31 Jul 44 Arr Oro Bay, N.G.

7 Aug 44

Corps moved fr Oro Bay to Finschhafen, N.G., in preparation for projected amph opn; debarked following day.

9 Aug 44 - 8 Oct 44

Engaged in planning and preparation for Leyte-Samar opn.

- 23 Sep 44 Corps directed by CG Sixth Army to land in Marasbaras area of Leyte; adv to N and capture Tacloban and Tacloban airfield; land in Palo - Pawing area and seize Palo; adv to NW, seize Capoccan - Carigara - Barugo area, and destroy hostile forces in Leyte Valley. Corps further directed to protect R (N) flank of Sixth Army; secure Palo - Tanauan Hwy within X Corps zone of advance; and establish and maintain contact with XXIV Corps along Binahaan River. Further, by overland and shore-to-shore opn, to adv N of Tacloban and establish contl over San Juanico Strait; and when directed, seize Wright and establish contl over W and S Samar to incl Wright - Taft Hwy; be prepared for such subsequent opn as might be directed; and defend occupied areas. Trps desig for mission included 1st Cav Div, reinf, and 24th Div, reinf (- 21st Inf). D Day desig as 20 Oct 44.

9 Oct 44 - 19 Oct 44

In mvmt fr New Guinea to Leyte; closed Finschhafen 9 Oct; departed Hollandia 13 Oct; Corps CP opened aboard USS Blue Ridge. Effected rendezvous with transports carrying 1st Cav Div 15 Oct.

20 Oct 44

Corps trps landed on E coast of Leyte.



21 Oct 44

Corps CP closed USS Blue Ridge; opened ashore.

21 Oct 44 - 24 Feb 45

Corps engaged in campaign for Leyte, Samar, Mindoro, and Camotes Isls. Major units atchd to X Corps for part or all of period included 1st Cav Div; 24th, 32d, and Americal Divs (see Div R/Es); 112th RCT; and 151st RCT (38th Div).

23 Oct 44 Corps CP moved to vic Pawing.

23 Oct 44 1st Cav Brig (5th Cav and 12th Cav), 1st Cav Div, placed under opnl contrl X Corps.

27 Oct 44 5th Cav Regt (1st Cav Brig) reld from contrl X Corps; reverted to div contrl.

28 Oct 44 1st Cav Brig (-) reld fr contrl of X Corps; reverted to div contrl.

28 Oct 44 12th Cav Regt (1st Cav Div) passed to contrl X Corps; reld and reverted to div contrl 3 Nov 44.

30 Oct 44 Corps CP closed vic Pawing; opened Alangalang.

4 Nov 44 Fwd and Rear Corps CP closed Alangalang; opened Carigara.

12 Nov 44 Fwd Ech Corps CP closed Carigara; opened Santa Rosa.

23 Nov 44 Fwd Ech Corps CP closed Santa Rosa; opened Carigara.

12 Dec 44 Adv Fwd Ech Corps CP opened Pinamopoan. (Assume Fwd and Rear Ech joined the Adv Fwd Ech sometime during the period 12 Dec - 31 Dec 44.)

31 Dec 44 Corps CP closed Pinamopoan; opened San Mateo.

8 Jan 45 Corps reld of tac missions on Leyte and directed by Eighth Army to conduct tng and staging of 1st Cav and 32d Divs, reinf, for mvmt to Luzon.

17 Jan 45 Corps directed by CG Eighth Army to rel XXIV Corps of missions on Leyte and Samar upon arrival of Americal Div, and to be prepared by 1 Feb to assume responsibility for Eighth Army opns on Leyte and Samar and contrl of Eighth Army trps on Mindoro.

- 24 Jan 45 Corps reld of responsibility for tng and equipping 1st Cav and 32d Divs, reinf.
- 28 Jan 45 Elm Americal Div, under direct contl of X Corps, reld XXIV Corps units at Catbalogan, Samar.
- 29 Jan 45 Corps assumed contl of Eighth Army forces on Mindoro.
- 10 Feb 45 Corps assumed tac responsibility for Leyte Isl.
- 18 Feb 45 Corps directed by CG Eighth Army to clear northern coast of Samar and adjacent isls in San Bernardino Strait.
- 24 Feb 45 Corps reld of responsibilities on Leyte, Samar, Mindoro, and Camotes Isls.

25 Feb 45 - 12 Apr 45

Engaged in planning and preparation for VICTOR V opn on Mindanao, P.I.

- 20 Mar 45 Corps, reinf, dir by CG Eighth Army to land on 17 Apr 45 by amph assault, the 24th Div in vic of Malabang, Mindanao; seize and secure Malabang - Parang - Cotabato area, and establish air and minor naval facilities in objective area: on 22 Apr to land the 31st Div in Malabang - Parang - Cotabato area; to continue by overland and overwater opns destruction of hostile forces in Mindanao E of Zamboanga peninsula, and re-establish civil govt therein; and to occupy and def sites for radar and air warning instls in objective areas. CG X Corps further directed to assume contl of and direct opns of Filipino forces in Mindanao E of Zamboanga peninsula; and to arrange directly with Comdrs, Allied Naval Forces and Allied Air Forces, for close naval and air support.

13 Apr 45

Corps Hq closed Leyte; opened aboard USS Wasatch.

17 Apr 45

Corps trps landed at Parang and in vic Baras, Mindanao.\*

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\* The main landing was made at Parang in accordance with an alternate plan formulated by Commanding General, X Corps (and concurred in by the commander of TG 78.2) upon receipt of information that Malabang town and Malabang airstrip had been captured by guerrilla units.

17 Apr 45 - 30 Jun 45

Corps engaged in campaign for Mindanao. Major units initially under its contrl included 24th and 31st Divs and Filipino (guerrilla) forces in Mindanao E of Zamboanga peninsula. Units subsequently under corps contrl included 162d RCT and 3d Bn, reinf, 163d RCT (41st Div), and 108th RCT (40th Div), with 3d Bn, 164th Inf (Americal Div), atchd.

- 18 Apr 45 Corps CP closed on USS Wasatch; opened at Parang. Corps comdr assumed comd ashore.
- 27 Apr 45 Corps Adv CP opened at Kabakan.
- 4 May 45 162d RCT (41st Div) atchd to X Corps.
- 7 May 45 3d Bn 162d RCT (41st Div), atchd to 24th Div. Unit reld from atchmt and reverted to regt under X Corps contrl 12 May 45.
- 14 May 45 Corps CP opened vic Kabakan.
- 15 May 45 3d Bn, reinf, 163d RCT (41st Div), assumed atchd to X Corps, and further atchd to 24th Div. Unit reld fr atchmt to 24th Div and reverted to contrl of X Corps 8 Jul 45.
- 19 May 2d Bn, 162d Inf (41st Div), atchd to 31st Div. Unit reld fr atchmt to 31st Div on 4 Jun 45 and reverted to regtl contrl under X Corps.
- 24 May 45 108th RCT (40th Div), with 3d Bn, 164th Inf (Americal Div), atchd, atchd to X Corps; 1st, 2d, and 3d Bns, 108th RCT, passed to contrl 31st Div 26 May.
- 29 May 45 Hq and Hq Co, 108th Inf, passed to contrl of 31st Div.
- 4 Jun 45 3d Bn, 162d RCT (41st Div), atchd to 24th Div.
- Central Task Force org. Asgd mission of securing instls and lines of communications and destroying hostile forces within its zone. Major Inf units atchd to TF were 167th RCT (31st Div) and 162d RCT (- 3d Bn) (41st Div), with 3d BCT, 164th Inf (Americal Div), atchd.
- 6 Jun 45 3d Bn, 164th Inf (Americal Div), reld fr X Corps and atchd to 162d RCT (41st Div).
- 7 Jun 45 3d Bn, 164th Inf (Americal Div), atchd to 31st Div.

- 8 Jun 45 Central TF presumed dissolved; mission and areas asgd to it assumed by 31st Div. All units of TF except 162d RCT reld fr atchmt to TF and atchd to 31st Div. 162d RCT (- 3d Bn) reld fr atchmt to TF; 2d Bn, 162d RCT, atchd to 31st Div; remainder of RCT atchd to 24th Div.
- 9 Jun 45 Corps Adv CP closed Kabakan; opened Valencia.
- 13 Jun 45 Corps directed by CG Eighth Army to continue combat opns on Mindanao. Further, to assume contrl of 368th RCT (93d Div) upon arrival of latter in asgd areas in Zamboanga, Jolo Isl, Sanga Sanga, and Palawan Isl, and to utilize that unit and Filipino forces under its contrl to destroy enemy and establish necessary garrisons on Palawan, Zamboanga, isls of Sulu Archipelago, and small isls adjacent thereto.
- Rear Ech Corps CP opened Del Monte.
- 16 Jun 45 3d Bn, 164th Inf (Americal Div), reld fr atchmt to 31st Div; reverted to corps contrl 17 Jun; reld fr corps contrl o/a same date; reverted to div contrl.
- 22 Jun 45 108th RCT (40th Div) reld fr atchmt to 31st Div; assumed reverted to corps contrl.
- 23 Jun 45 Corps Adv CP closed Valencia; opened Del Monte.
- 9 Jun 45 108th RCT (40th Div) reld fr atchmt to X Corps; reverted to div contrl.
- 30 Jun 45 Mindanao Campaign officially terminated.

1 Jul 45 - 14 Aug 45

Corps contd opns on Mindanao to destroy isolated enemy gps; clear Kibawe - Talomo trail; by overland and shore-to-shore opns clear Sarangani Bay area; and re-establish constituted government throughout Cotabato, Agusan, and Surigao Provinces.

- 1 Jul 45 368th Inf (- Co K) (93d Div) atchd to X Corps. Date of release unknown.
- 4 Jul 45 162d RCT (- 2d Bn) (41st Div) reld fr atchmt to 24th Div; reverted to corps contrl. 2d Bn, 162d RCT, reld fr atchmt to 31st Div; reverted to corps contrl.
- 6 Jul 45 162d RCT (41st Div) reld fr atchmt to X Corps; reverted to div contrl.

10 Jul 45 3d Bn, 163d RCT (41st Div), reld fr atchmt to X Corps;  
reverted to div contrl.

15 Aug 45 Corps directed by CG Eighth Army to cease offensive opns.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Courtney H Hodges	16 May 42
Maj Gen John E Sloan	16 Feb 43
Maj Gen Jonathan W Anderson	7 Mar 43
Maj Gen Charles C Haffner, Jr	11 Dec 43
Maj Gen Jonathan W Anderson	20 Dec 43
Brig Gen Thomas F Hickey	2 May 44
Maj Gen Jonathan W Anderson	7 May 44
Brig Gen Thomas F Hickey	1 Jul 44
Maj Gen Franklin C Sibert	25 Aug 44

<u>ASSIGNED TO:</u>	<u>DATE</u>
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California-Arizona Maneuver Area	16 Jan 44
Army Ground Forces	4 May 44
Sixth Army	31 Jul 44
Eighth Army	26 Dec 44
Sixth Army	15 Aug 45

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XI CORPS

15 Jun 42

XI Army Corps, constituted 1 May 42, act in Chicago, Ill, with hq at 124th FA Armory. Its initial mission was tng trps for combat.

16 Jun 42 - 13 Jan 44

In addition to its regularly asgd tng mission corps executed following special missions: planned, conducted, and supervised maneuvers in Tennessee Maneuver Area; planned, conducted, and supervised first "oversnow" maneuvers held in the U.S.; trained and tested one mountain div and two light divs for opns in mountainous terrain; and administered and trained four special Infantry bns.

19 Aug 42 XI Army Corps redesignated XI Corps.

4 Sep 42 Corps Hq moved to Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.

7 Nov 42 Second Army Tennessee Maneuvers terminated. Hq returned to 124th FA Army, Chicago, Ill.

28 Feb 43 Corps established CP at Land O' Lakes, Wis, in preparation for oversnow opns.

19 Jul 43 Corps Hq closed 124th FA Army and opened at Ft Riley, Kans.

10 Nov 43 Corps Hq arrived at Tennessee Maneuver Area. Hq opened at Lebanon, Tenn.

2 Jan 44 Det Corps Hq departed Ft Riley, Kans, and arr Cp Tyson, Tenn, 3 Jan 44.

14 Jan - 29 Feb 44

Corps (-Adv Ech) moved to Cp Tyson, Tenn, for temp change of sta for staging pending mvt overseas.

1 Mar 44

Corps Hq departed Cp Tyson for Cp Stoneman, Calif.

2 Mar - 4 Mar 44

Corps Hq en route to Cp Stoneman, Calif.

5 Mar - 15 Mar 44

Corps Hq arr Cp Stoneman, Calif, and prepared for mvmt overseas.

13 Mar 44 CG XI Corps with Adv Ech arrived Finschhafen, N.G.

16 Mar 44

Corps Hq (-Adv Ech) aboard USAT Tjisadane departed SFPE for Finschhafen, N.G.

17 Mar - 21 Apr 44

Corps Hq (-Adv Ech) en route to Finschhafen.

22 Apr 44

Corps Hq (-Adv Ech) arrived Finschhafen and established hq at Kasanga Pt.

23 Apr 44 - 26 Jun 44

Corps engaged in preparation for its first combat mission.

26 Jun 44 CG XI Corps with Adv Det moved from Finschhafen, N.G. to Aitape, N.G.

27 Jun 44 - 28 Jun 44

CG XI Corps assumed command of PERSECUTION Task Force, relieving CG 32d Div. Principal mission of PERSECUTION TF -- def of the Tadjik airstrips -- was unchanged. Corps was instructed to carry out its mission by breaking the impetus of an impending Japanese attack and, when the situation permitted, undertaking a vigorous counterattack.

28 Jun 44 - 25 Aug 44

Corps engaged in the defense of Tadjik airstrips. For comd structure of PERSECUTION TF. For period 28 Jun - 25 Aug 44, see PERSECUTION Task Force Charts 1 - 14.

15 Aug 44 CG XI Corps desig comdr TRADEWIND TF of INTERLUDE opn. Corps mission was to effect two concurrent landings south of Doroeba, southern Morotai, and to seize and hold a defensive perimeter to permit the uninterrupted construction of air, light naval, and base facilities therein. Major units participating in opn: XI Corps, 31st Div, and 126th RCT, 32d Div. D Day: 15 Sep 44.

20 Aug 44 TRADEWIND TF organized.



Chart 12 — PERSECUTION TASK FORCE

28 — 29 June 1944

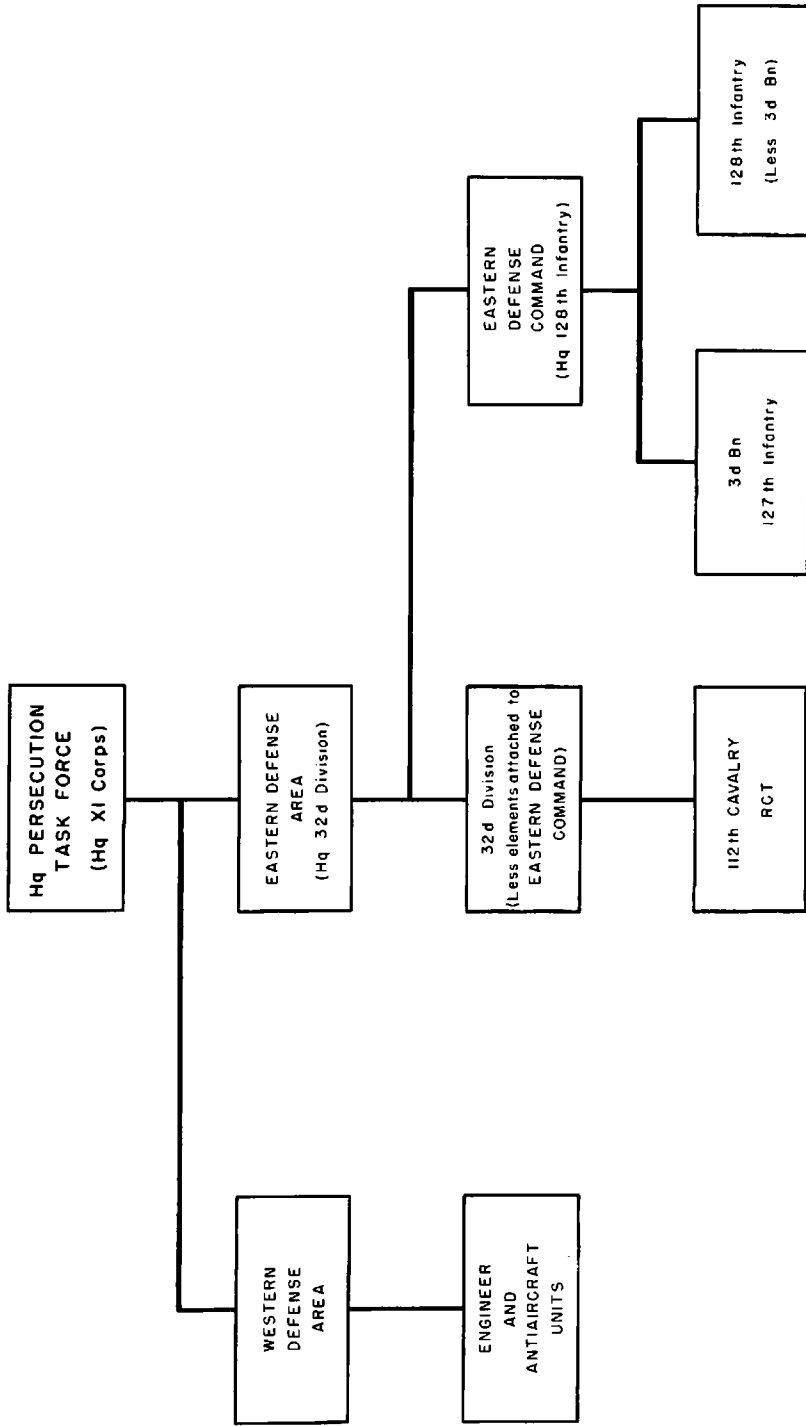


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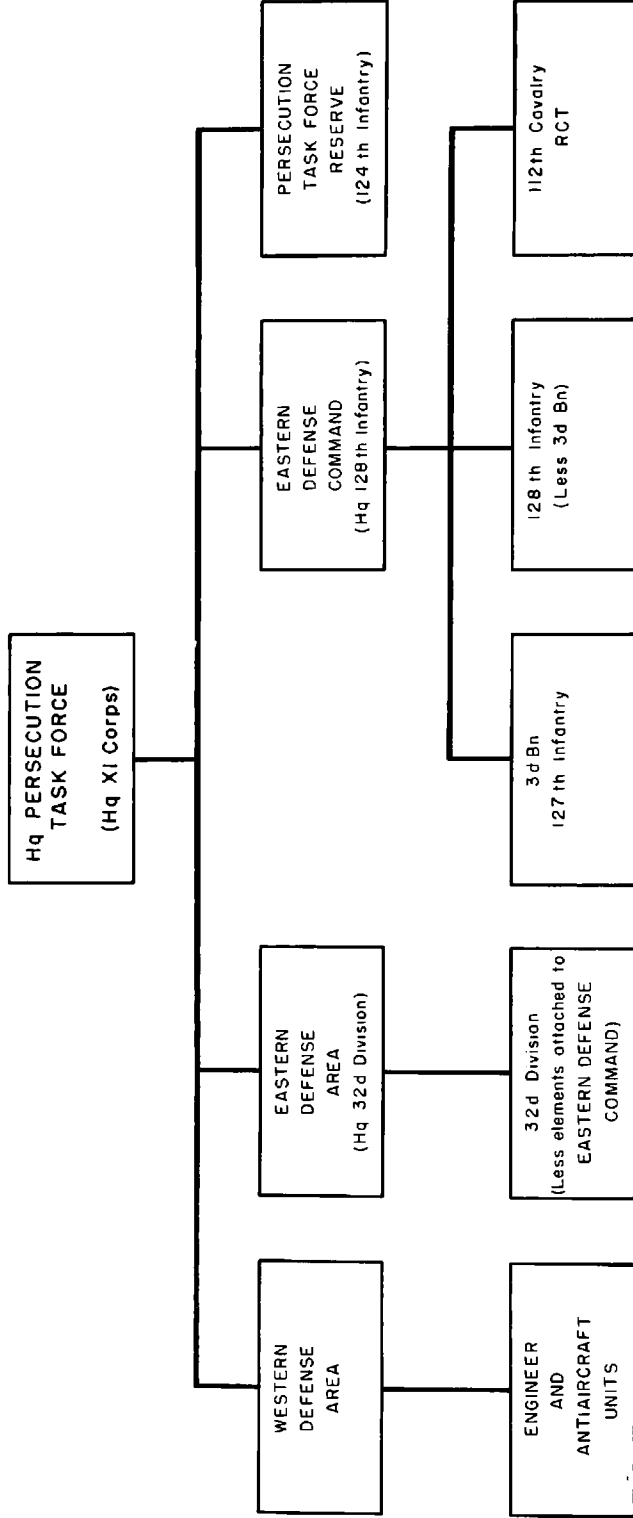


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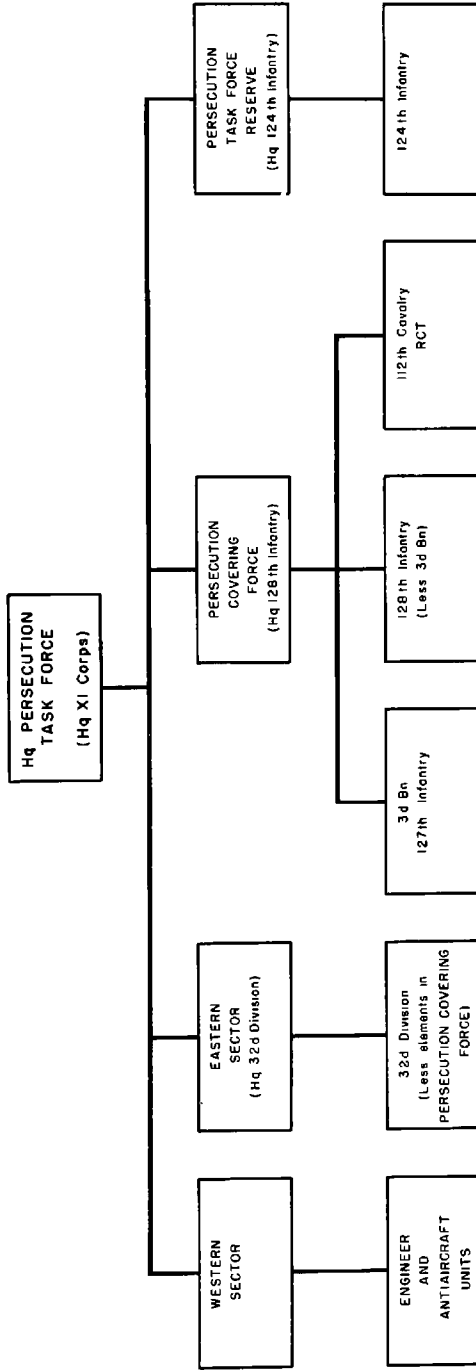


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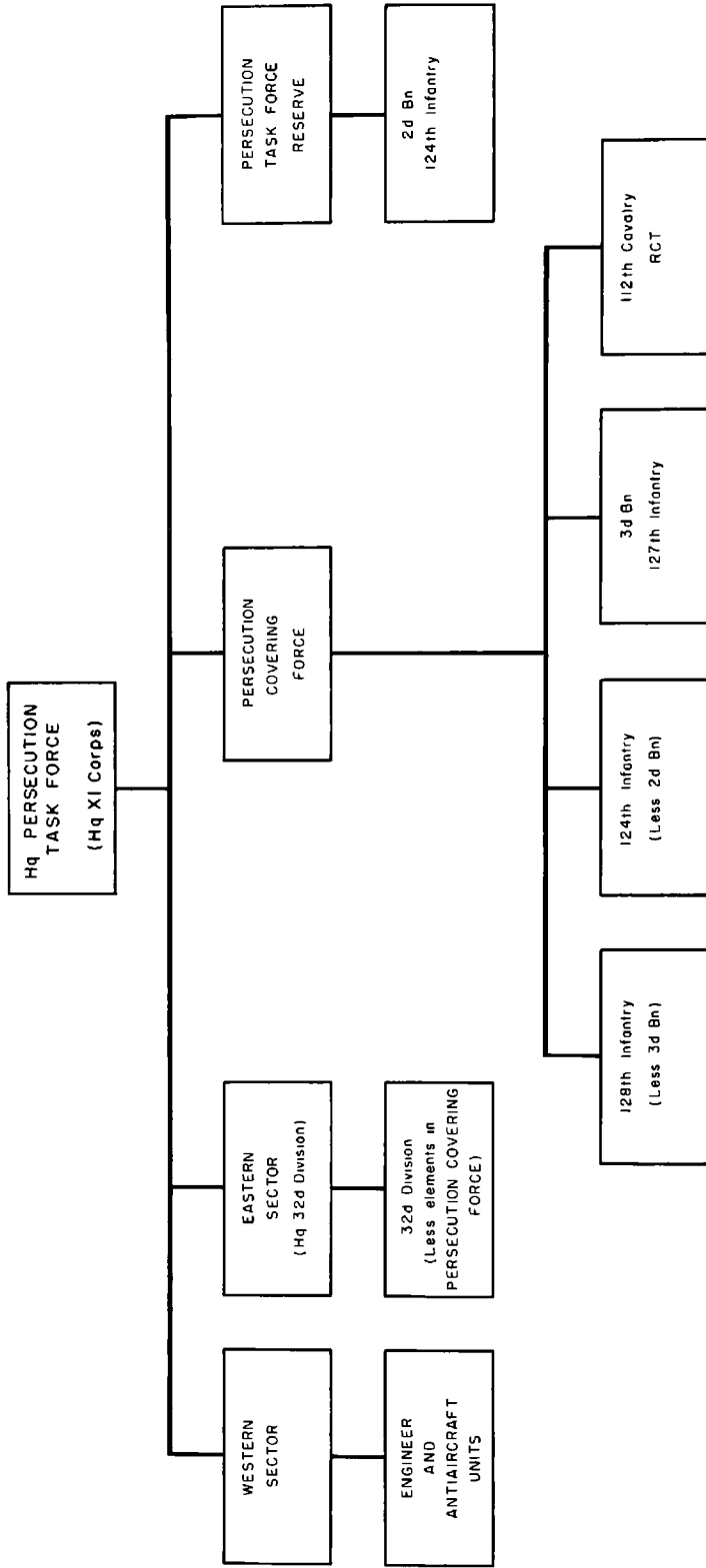


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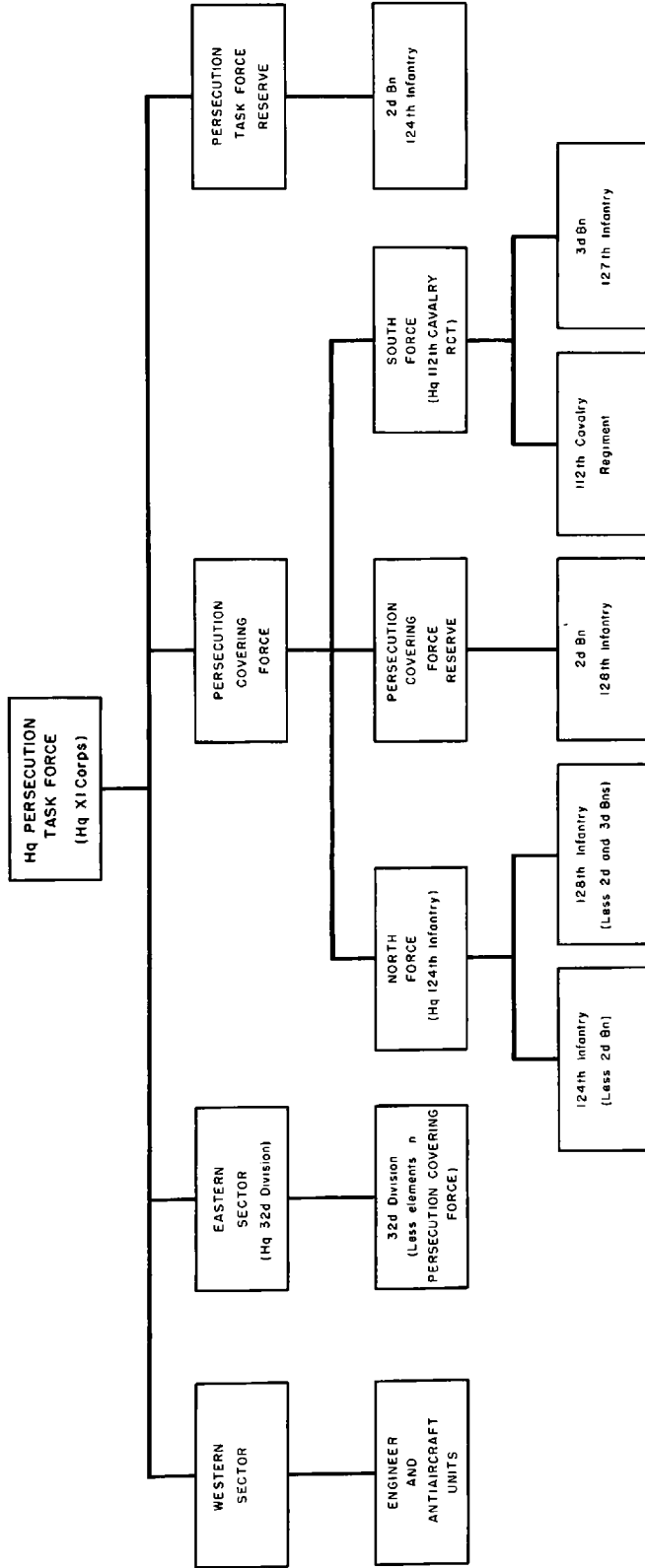


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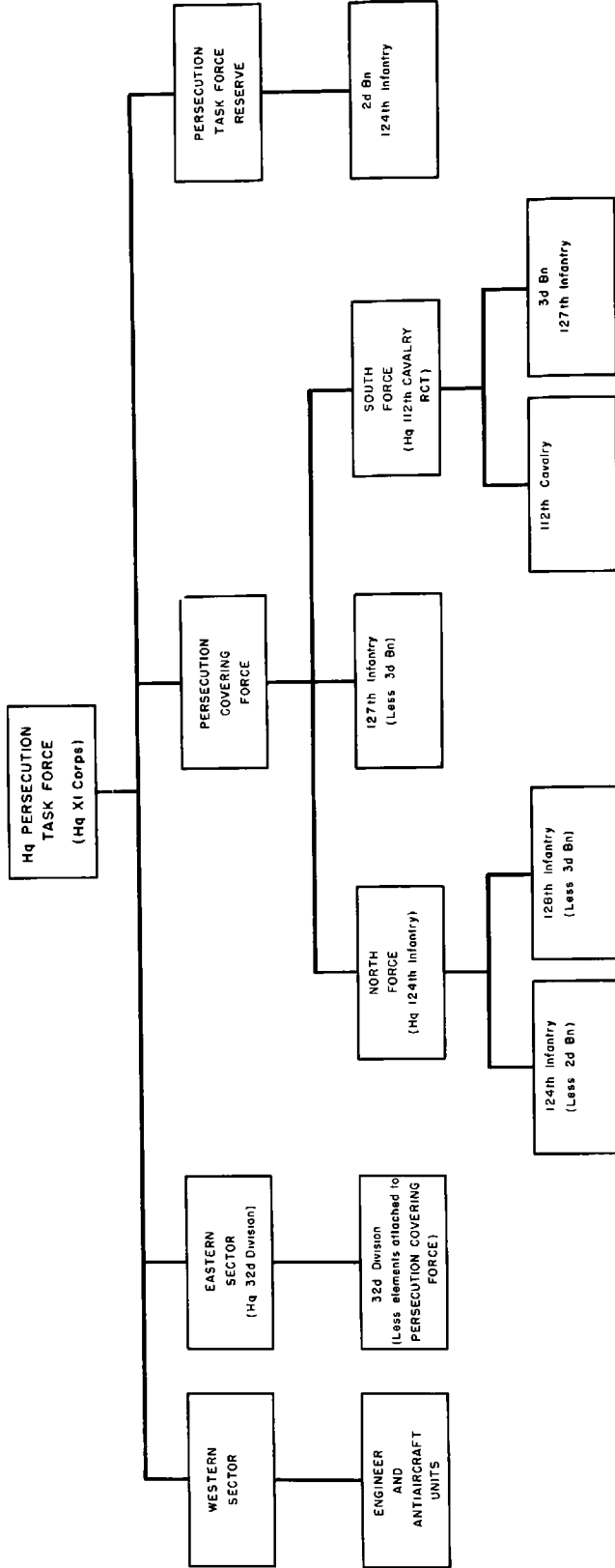
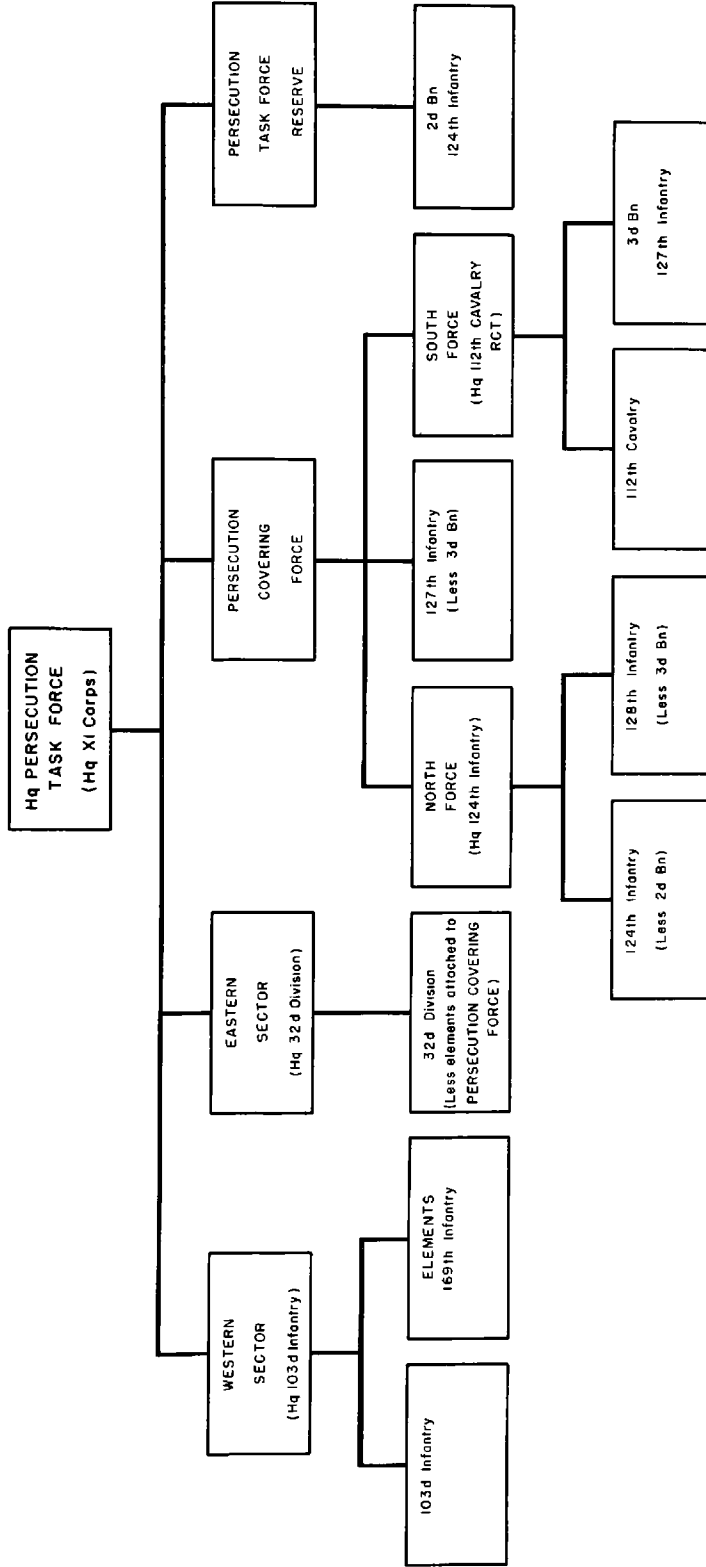


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17-21 July 1944



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22 - 25 July 1944

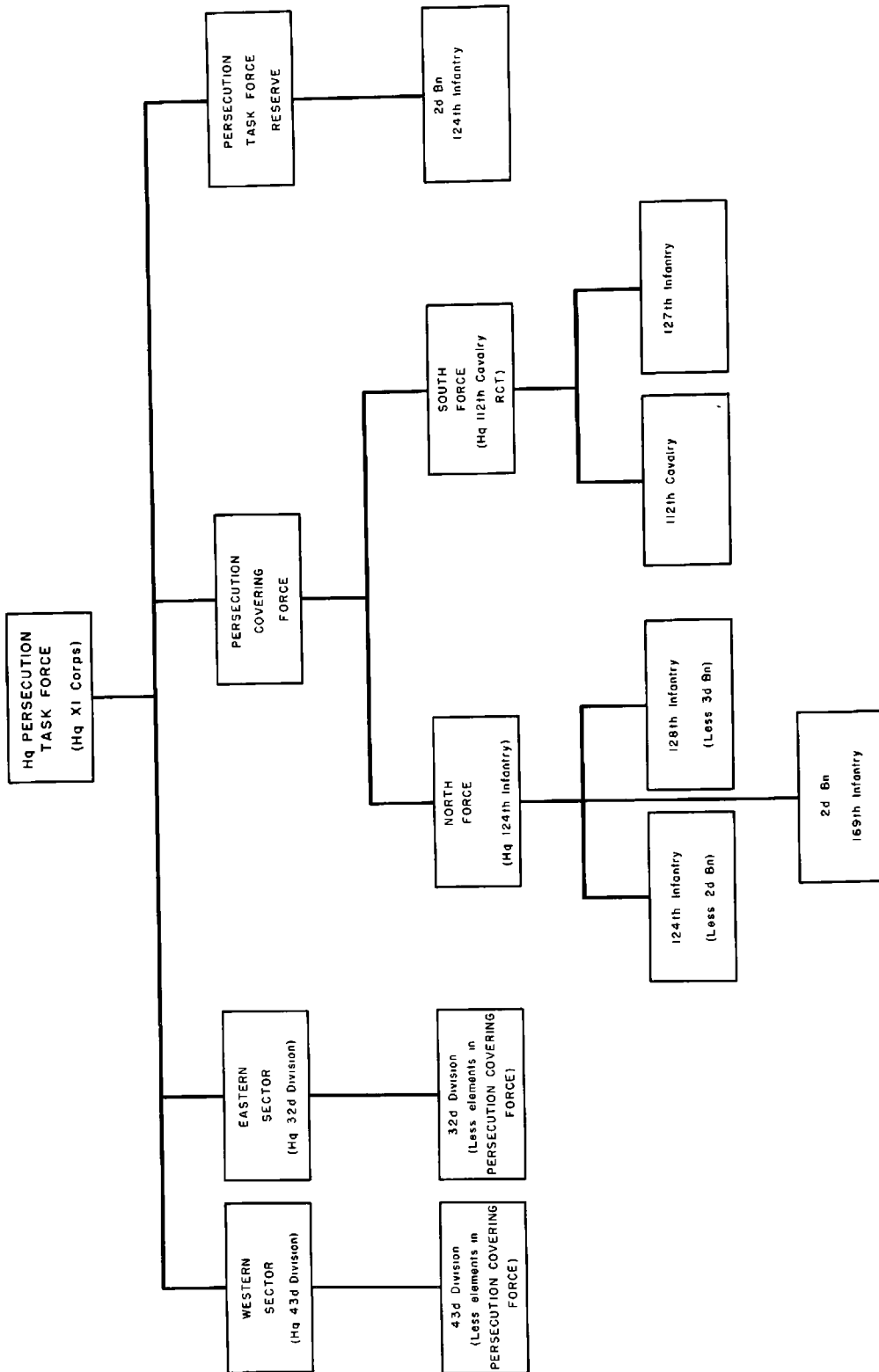




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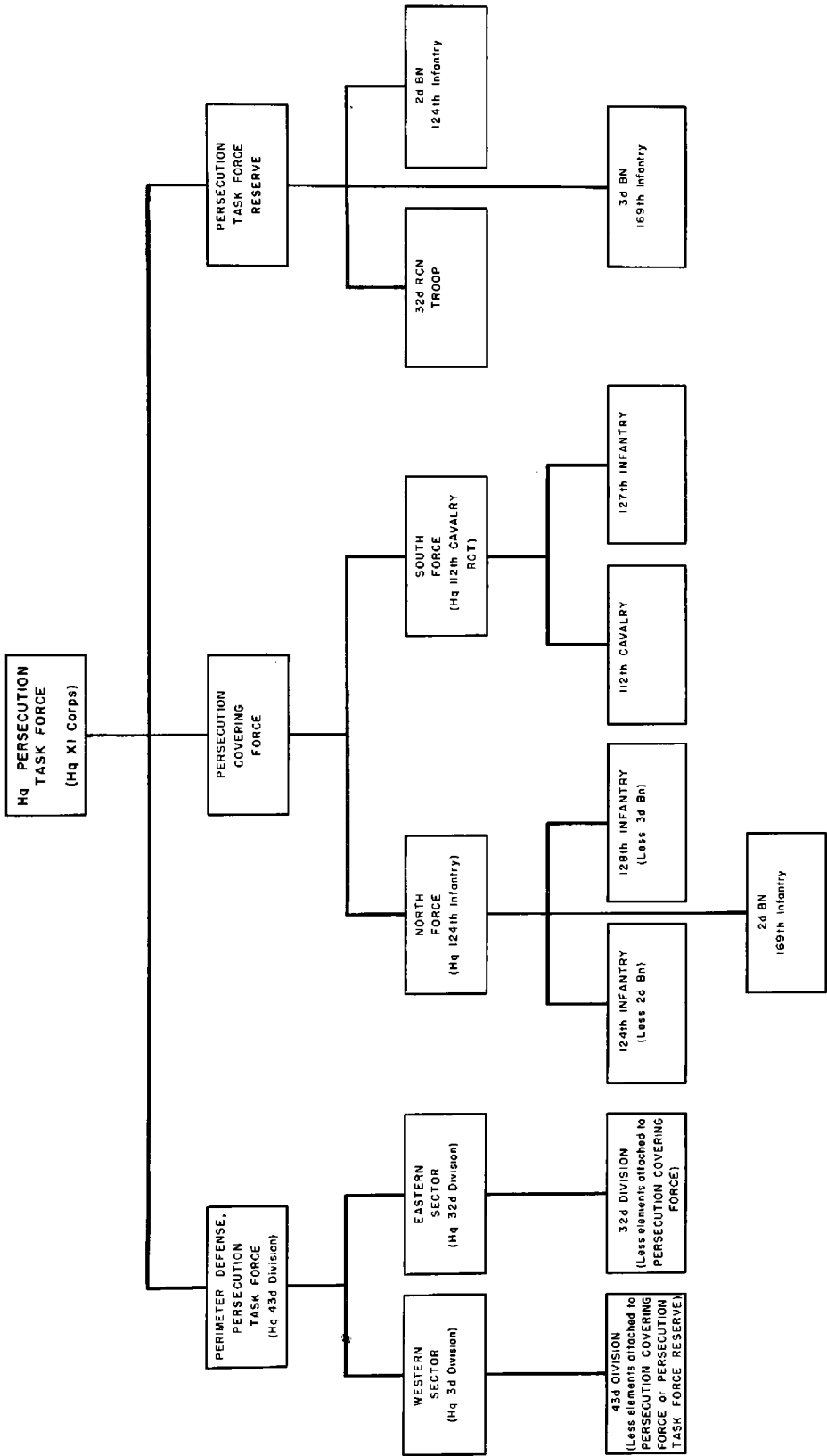


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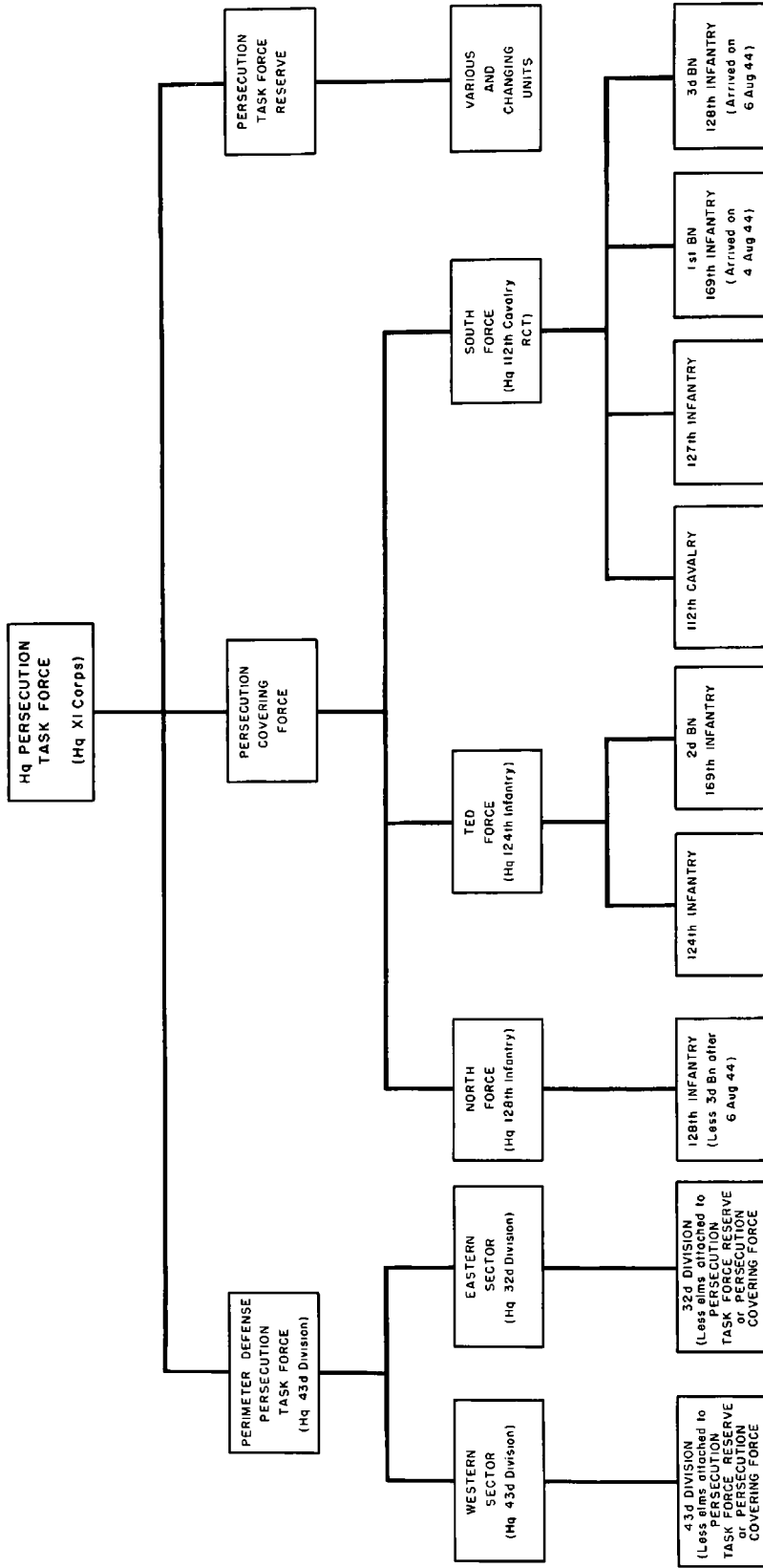


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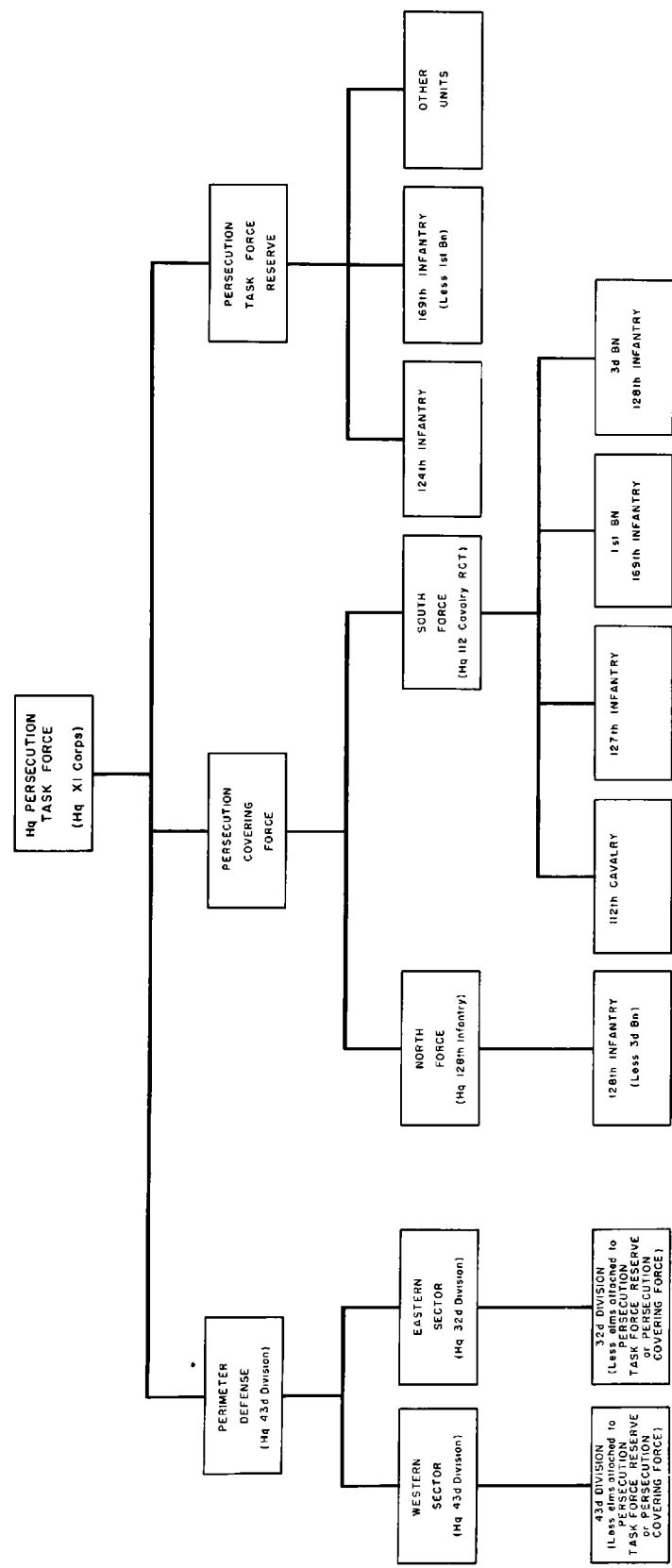


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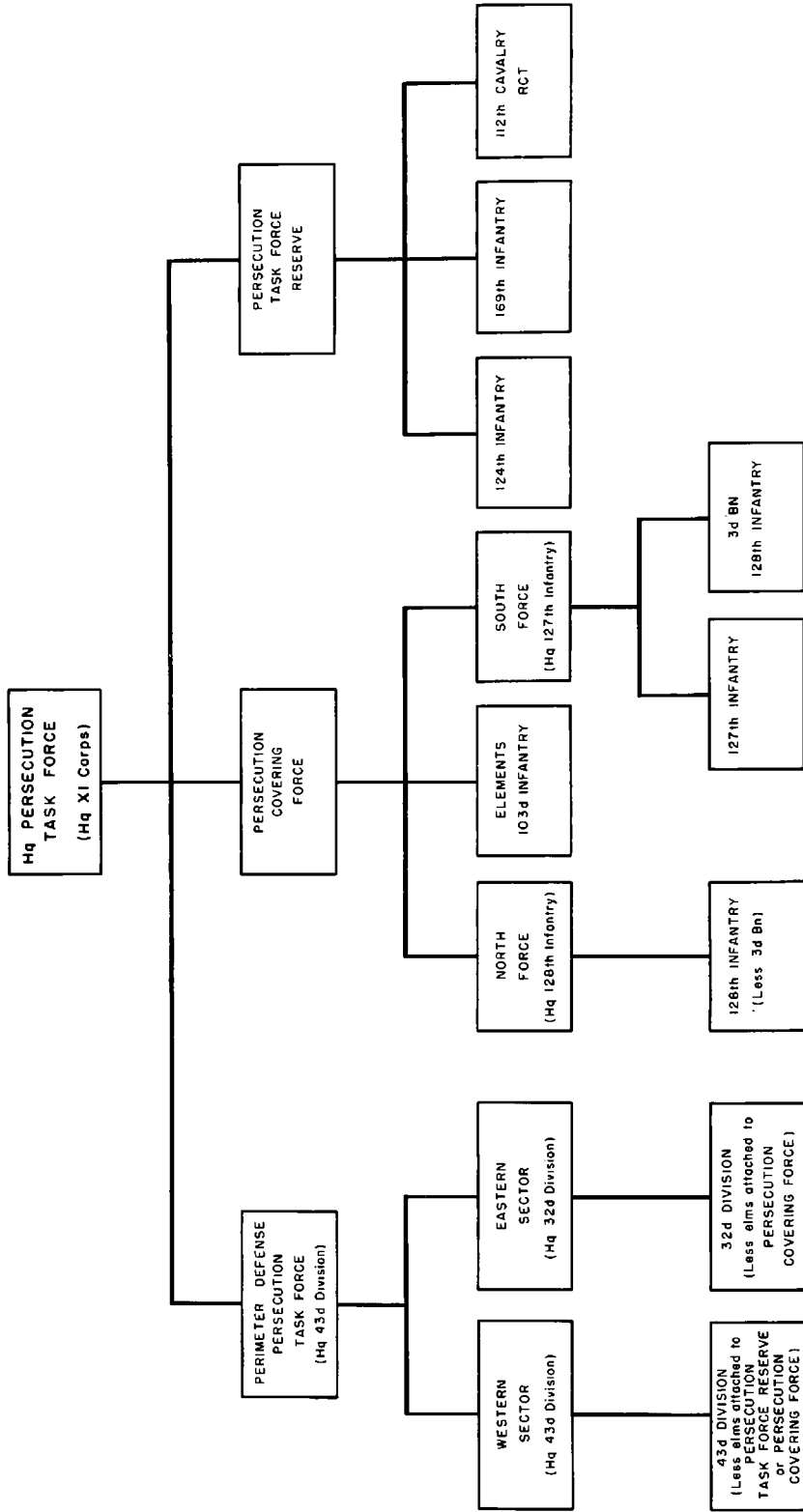


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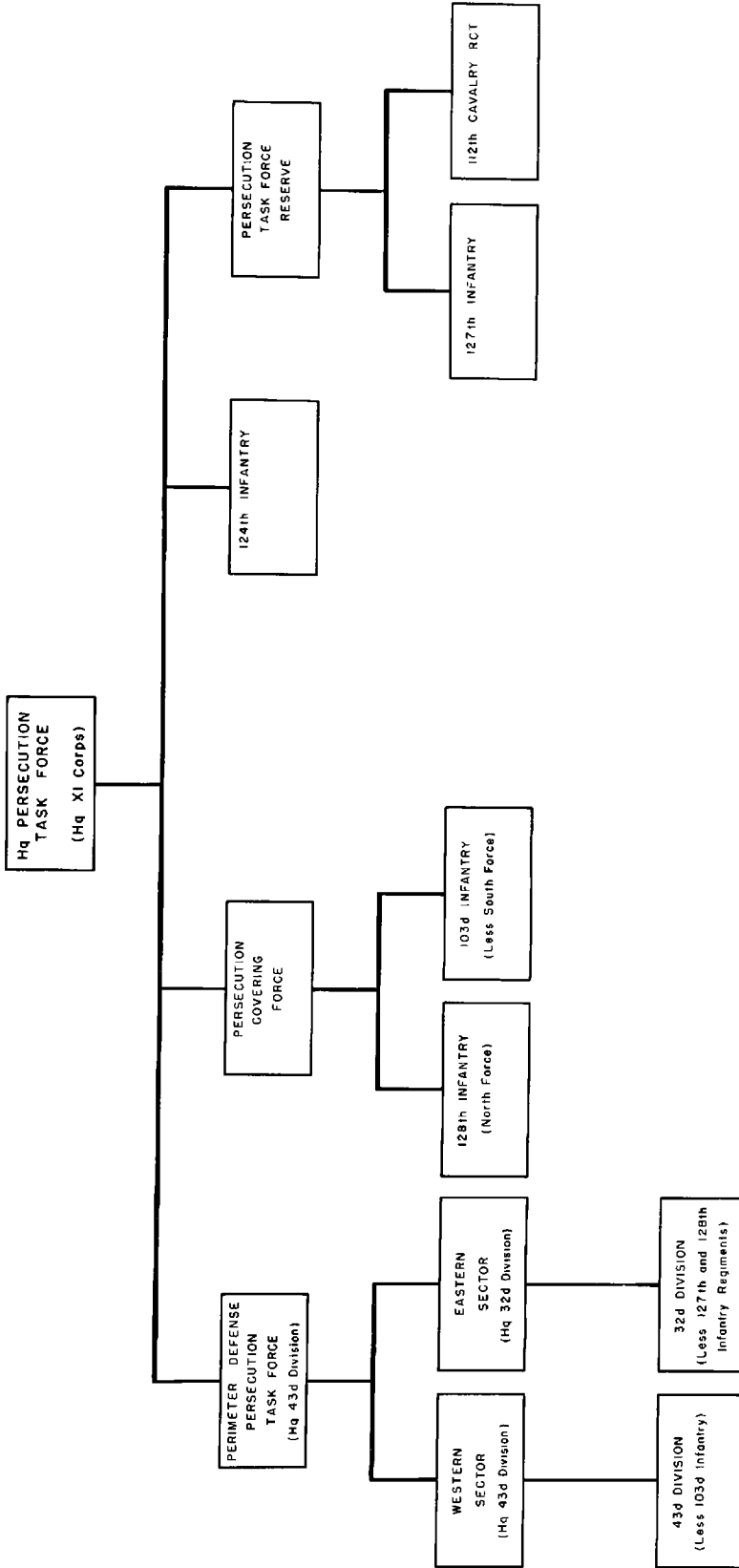
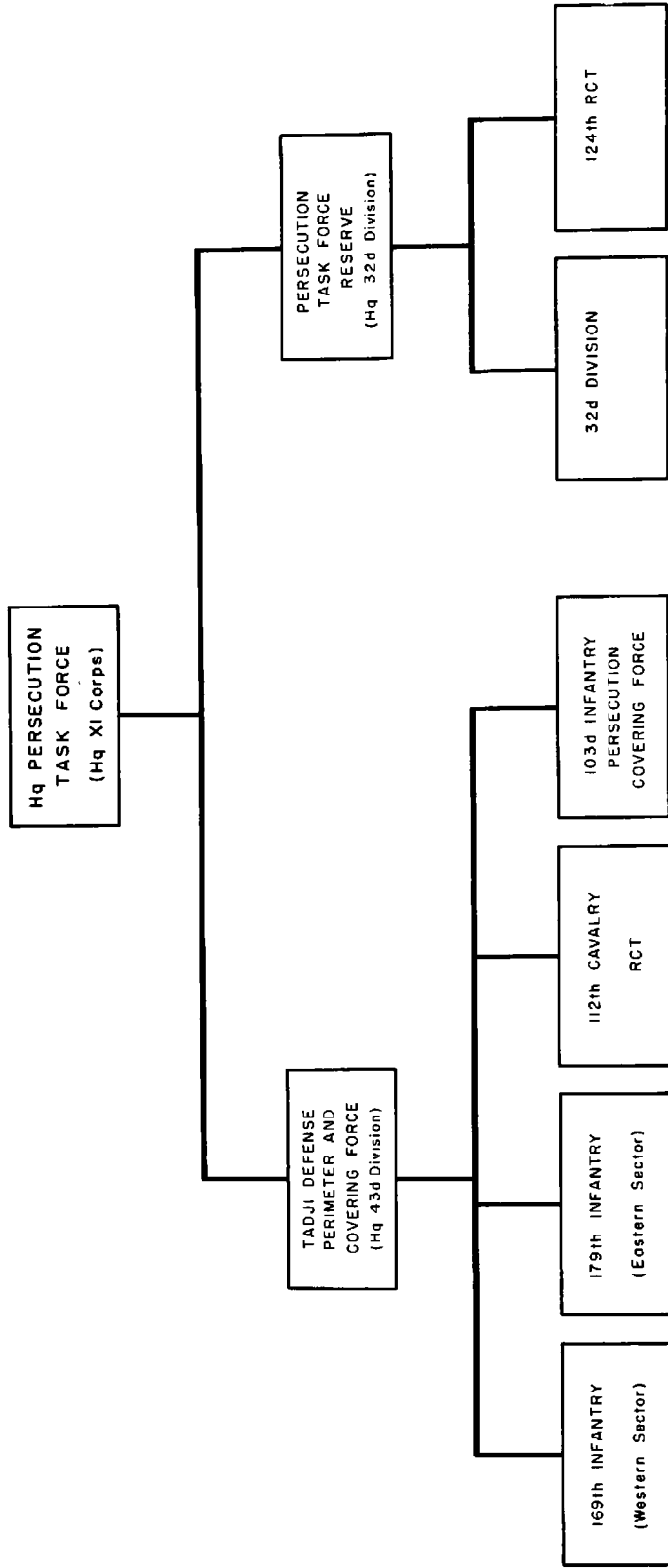


Chart 25 — PERSECUTION TASK FORCE

16 — 25 August 1944



25 Aug 44 CG XI Corps turned comd of PERSECUTION Task Force over to CG 32d Div. Aitape opn terminated.

26 Aug 44 - 8 Sep 44

Corps completed plans for assault of Morotai and conducted practice landings.

9 Sep 44 - 10 Sep 44

Corps Hq and corps troops (-) departed Aitape for Maffin Bay to rendezvous with corps trps loading at Maffin Bay. CP aboard HMS Kanimbla.

11 Sep 44

Convoy carrying Corps Hq and corps trps (-) arr Maffin Bay.

12 Sep 44

Convoy departed Maffin Bay for Morotai.

13 Sep 44 - 14 Sep 44

Convoy en route to Morotai.

15 Sep 44

Corps trps made assault landings at Red Beach in vic Doroeba and at White Beach on west side of Gila Peninsula.

16 Sep 44 - 4 Oct 44

During the period patrols were conducted, radar stations and observation posts were established on many offshore islands, and the original task force perimeter was expanded.

16 Sep 44 TRADEWIND TF CP established on northeast side of Gila Peninsula.

23 Sep 44 CP moved to Totodoke.

25 Sep 44 TRADEWIND TF dissolved; its missions, including airbase development, were continued by XI Corps.

4 Oct 44 INTERLUDE opn officially closed.

5 Oct 44 - 31 Oct 44

Following end of org resistance and conclusion of Morotai opn, corps supervised completion of new Pitoe airstrip and construction of base and port facilities.

1 Nov 44 - 9 Nov 44

Corps under direction of Eighth Army prepared plans for seizure of Asia and Mapia Islands, 400 miles E of Morotai.

3 Nov 44 Corps org Co F, 124th Inf, reinf, and 2d Bn, 167th Inf, reinf (31st Div), into Asia and Mapia Force to seize isls and assist Allied and naval forces in establishment of air and naval instls on isls. (See R/E 32d Div.)

10 Nov 44

With completion of mission on Morotai, Corps Hq closed on Morotai and departed for Leyte, P.I., aboard USS Clay and Monitor.

Corps maintained opnl contrl of Morotai area and trps there.

11 Nov 44 - 13 Nov 44

Corps en route to Leyte, P.I.

14 Nov 44

Corps arrived Leyte, P.I.

15 Nov 44 - 15 Jan 45

Corps stationed on Leyte engaged in tng and planning for MIKE I opn (invasion of Luzon).

14 Dec 45 Corps CG and cmd gp moved by air to Morotai for opns against threatened enemy atk to retake it.

4 Jan 45 Corps organized Hutchinson Force with mission of seeking out the enemy and destroying all encountered. The force was composed of 136th Inf (-), 33d Div, known as Smith and Kiver Forces; 1st Bn, 130th Inf, 33d Div, known as Ripper Force; and 3d Bn, 167th Inf, 31st Div known as Matthews Force. All these units were atchd to XI Corps.



8 Jan 45 Hutchinson Force dissolved. Units released from XI Corps contl and reverted to contl of parent units. Corps directed to be prepared to move fr Leyte to Lingayen Gulf area as reinforcement for MIKE I (Luzon) opn.

O/a 12 Jan 45 Corps CG and cmd gp returned to Leyte.

16 Jan 45

Corps directed by Eighth Army to land in San Antonio - San Felipe area of southern Zambales Province and to seize and secure an initial beachhead; seize and secure the airfield at San Marcelino; seize Olongapo and such adjacent areas as would open Subic Bay to shipping; seize the line Hermosa - Dinalupihan and deny hostile overland movement between the Pampanga Plains and Bataan Peninsula; establish air and naval facilities in San Antonio - San Felipe area and naval facilities in Subic Bay areas; and assume contl of and direct opns of Filipino forces in Bataan and Zambales Provinces. 38th Div and 34th RCT, 24th Div, were major units assigned to corps for opn. D Day: 29 Jan 45. Opn known as M-7.

Corps relieved of responsibility for and contl of M-1 reinforcements effective upon departure of corps fr Leyte.

19 Jan 45 34th RCT, 24th Div, atchd to corps.

26 Jan 45 - 28 Jan 45

Corps departed E coast of Leyte 26 Jan and was en route to W coast of Zambales Province, Luzon, during remainder of period.

29 Jan 45

Corps 38th Div landed on Beaches Yellow and Red, and 34th RCT landed on Beach Blue in San Felipe - San Antonio area.

29 Jan 45 2d Bn, 151st Inf, 38th Div, atchd to corps for landing on Grande Isl.

30 Jan - 29 Jun 45

Following amph assault landing in San Antonio area of Zambales Province on W coast of Luzon, corps seized and secured San Marcelino airstrip and advanced SE to seize Port Olongapo and open Subic Bay. Corps pushed E on Hwy 7 to Dinalupihan to isolate Bataan Peninsula, thus preventing enemy withdrawal in force. Combining a drive down E coast of Bataan with an amph assault in Marivales Bay, corps secured S tip of Bataan Peninsula and, in an airborne and amph assault, reduced fortress of Corregidor, thus opening up N Channel and making Manila Bay accessible. Following this with a series of shore-to-shore amph assault on remaining enemy-held islands in Manila Bay, corps completed opening of bay. After relieving XIV Corps E and NE of Manila and W and NW of Ft Stotsenburg, corps broke remaining org enemy resistance. With destruction of enemy forces E and NE of Manila, corps captured Ipo and Wawa Dams and reduced enemy forces W and NW of Ft Stotsenburg and in Zambales Mts.

- 31 Jan 45 Remainder of 151st Inf (38th Div) passed to contrl of XI Corps.
- 1 Feb 45 2d Bn, 151st Inf (38th Div), further atchd to 34th RCT (24th Div). 2d Bn, 151st Inf, released fr atchmt to 34th RCT and reverted to XI Corps contrl.
- 4 Feb 45 34th RCT (24th Div) further atchd to 38th Div; reverted to corps contrl 6 Feb 45.
- 6 Feb 45 3d Bn, 151st Inf (38th Div), released fr atchmt to XI Corps and reverted to div contrl. Remainder of 151st Inf (38th Div) released fr atchmt to XI Corps and reverted to div contrl 7 Feb 45.
- 7 Feb 45 Sixth Army corps, directed employing not more than one RCT reinf, to land in Mariveles Bay area of southern Bataan, seize and secure a beachhead and establish contrl over southern tip of Bataan; in conjunction with amph assault in Mariveles Bay area, launch an attack southward along east coast of Bataan; on D Day move one reinf Inf bn to Mariveles Bay area, prepare for a shore-to-shore opn against Corregidor on D + 1 in conjunction with an attack of the 503d Prcht Regt; on D + 1, employing the 503d Prcht Regt in airborne opns as arranged with CG Eighth Army and by shore-to-shore opns from the Mariveles Bay area, capture Corregidor.

For the opn corps org the East Force (1st RCT, 6th Div), Rock Force (503d Prcht Regt, reinf, and 3d Bn, 34th Inf), South Force (151st RCT, 38th Div [South force was to be under direct contrl of 38th Div]), and Corps Res (34th Inf [-3d Bn]). Mission of East Force was to attack south along Hwy 110 and secure Pilar - Balanga area. South Force assigned mission of landing at Mariveles, seizing and securing a beachhead, and establishing contrl over southern tip of Bataan. Rock Force was directed to seize and secure Corregidor.

10 Feb 45 Corps CP opened at Castillejos.

11 Feb 45 1st RCT (6th Div) placed under opnl contrl of XI Corps. East Force secured Pilar.

15 Feb 45 Corps CP moved fr Castillejos to Hermosa, Bataan. South Force landed at Mariveles.

16 Feb 45 Rock Force launched airborne atk on Corregidor.

503d Prcht Regt atchd XI Corps.

17 Feb 45 1st RCT (6th Div) reld fr XI Corps contrl; atchd to 38th Div. East and South forces dissolved.

19 Feb 45 Corps CP moved fr Hermosa, Bataan, to Del Carman, Pampanga.

28 Feb 45 34th RCT (-3d Bn) reld fr atchmt to corps.

5 Mar 45 3d Bn, 34th RCT (24th Div), assumed reld fr atchmt to XI Corps, and reverted to div contrl.

0/a 8 Mar 45 508th Prcht Regt reld fr atchmt to XI Corps.

15 Mar 45 Corps reld XIV Corps in its zone of action on the Shambu Line.

Corps CP moved from Del Carman, Pampanga, to Malalos, Bulacan.

3 Apr 45 Corps desig 112th Cav RCT, with 169th RCT (43d Div) atchd, as Baldy Force with mission of containing enemy in Ipo Dam area. 169th RCT reverted to contrl of 43d Div 3 May 45 (Baldy Force dissolved same date).

18 Apr 45 Corps CP closed at Malalos, Bulacan, and opened at Grace Park, Manila.

145th Inf (37th Div) passed fr contrl of Provost Marshal, USAFFE, to contrl of XI Corps and was further atchd to 6th Div.

5 Jun 45 Corps desig 112th RCT and 2d Cav Brig as Baldy Force; dissolved 30 Jun.

2d Cav Brigade (1st Cav Div) placed under opnl contrl of XI Corps. Brigade (-8th Cav Regt) reld from corps contrl and reverted to 1st Cav Div 25 Jun 45.

12 Jun 45 1st RCT (6th Div) placed under XI Corps contrl; began return to 6th Div contrl by ech 25 Jun; completed return 29 Jun.

15 Jun 45 Corps assumed contrl of combat missions assigned XIV Corps and most of units formerly under opnl contrl of XIV Corps. Major units passing to XI Corps from XIV Corps contrl were 1st Cav Div, 11th A/B Div, and 158th RCT.

1 Jul 45

Corps reld of responsibility for all combat missions Luzon.

2 Jul 45 - 15 Aug 45

Corps engaged in preparing plans and tng subordinate units for invasion of Japanese island of Kyushu (OLYMPIC opn). Invasion plans were canceled and plan for occupation of Japan (BLACKLIST opn) was substituted. Major units asgd to XI Corps for opn were: 1st Cav Div, Americal Div, 43d Div, 112th RCT, 68th AAA Brig, 4th Armd Brig, and 2d Engr Spec Brig.

<u>COMMANDERS</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Lloyd R Fredendall	15 Jun 42
Maj Gen Durward S Wilson	2 Oct 42
Maj Gen Charles P Hall	20 Oct 42
Maj Gen Harry J Malony	22 Mar 43
Maj Gen Charles P Hall	20 Apr 43
Maj Gen Harry J Malony	24 May 43
Maj Gen Charles P Hall	29 May 43
Maj Gen Harry J Malony	8 Nov 43
Maj Gen Charles P Hall	11 Nov 43
Brig Gen George V Keyser	14 Jan 44
Maj Gen Charles P Hall	19 Jan 44
Lt Gen Ralph W Hansen	20 Feb 44
Maj Gen Charles P Hall	22 Apr 44
Lt Gen Charles P Hall (promotion)	4 Jun 45

<u>ASSIGNED TO:</u>	<u>DATE</u>
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## XIV CORPS

19 Dec 42

Corps Hq and Hq Co, constituted as Org Res unit 1 Oct 33, ordered into active military service at Brownwood, Texas.\* Pers and equipment for unit transferred from Hq and Hq Co, VIII Corps. Atchd to III Army for admin and tng. Hq alerted for mvmt from home sta by 31 Dec 42.

2 Jan 43

Prov skeletal Corps Hq established on Guadalcanal pending arr of Hq and Hq Co, XIV Corps, from U.S. Major units atchd to corps included Americal and 25th Divs; 147th Inf (Sep); and 2d Marine Div and other Marine ground forces. Corps asgd to United States Army Forces, South Pacific Area (USAFISPA).

5 Jan 43

Corps comdr assumed responsibility for cmd of Guadalcanal - Tulagi area.

5 Jan 43 - 9 Feb 43

Corps engaged in campaign for Guadalcanal.

11 Jan 43 Hq and Hq Co departed Brownwood, Tex, for Cp Stoneman, Calif; arr latter 14 Jan; departed there 22 Jan; arr SFPE same date; departed latter on USAT Tiisdane 23 Jan; arr Noumea, New Caledonia, 12 Feb; debarked and move to Cp Dumbea 13 Feb; departed latter for Noumea 22 Feb; departed Noumea by ech aboard USS American Legion and USS Hunter Liggett for Guadalcanal 23 Feb; arr latter 28 Feb 43.

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\* XIV Corps Headquarters was activated to relieve pressure on Guadalcanal, where Headquarters, Americal Division, had been acting informally as a corps headquarters (known as Cactus Corps), functioning simultaneously as Island Headquarters, Americal Division Headquarters, and Headquarters for part of the 2d Marine Division. Pending arrival of personnel from the U.S., most of the Corps Headquarters staff positions were occupied by Americal Division staff officers. (See John Miller, jr., Guadalcanal: The First Offensive, UNITED STATES ARMY IN WORLD WAR II (Washington, 1949).

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1 Mar 43 - 10 Jun 43

Corps completed staff orgn; established defense sectors on Guadalcanal; forces under its contl engaged in security missions. Major tactical units asgd or atchd to corps for all or part of period included Americal and 37th Divs.

18 Apr 43 Corps comdr assumed command of Russell Isls from CG TF 31.

20 Apr 43 Corps comdr directed that antiaircraft units under contl of CG Guadalcanal be org into regional antiaircraft cmd, to be desig as Antiaircraft Command, Guadalcanal Region, with comdr of unit responsible for opns and tng thereof. Opnl contl of elms of the cmd would be exercised by a Regional Fighter Comdr desig by Comdr Air, Solomons (COMAIRSOL).

2 May 43 Corps comdr, under instructions of CG South Pacific (COMGENSOPAC) and Comdr, South Pacific (COMSOPAC), directed 147th Inf to move from Guadalcanal to Samoa; regt to move by ech o/a 4 May and o/a 11 May; upon departure from Guadalcanal contl of unit to pass to Comdr, Amph Force, South Pacific (COMAMPHORSOPAC), and upon debarkation to CG Samoa.

10 Jun 43 Corps comdr alerted by COMGENSOPAC to prepare for possibility of assumption of command of opns on New Georgia Isls.

10 Jul 43

Corps comdr directed by COMGENSOPAC to move, with six officers of his staff, by air to New Georgia, the remainder of corps staff to move by water on 12 Jul. Corps comdr and staff arr Rendova, New Georgia, 11 Jul. Remainder of staff began arr Rendova 15 Jul.

11 Jul 43

Rear Ech Hq and Hq Co atchd to ISCOM, Guadalcanal.

15 Jul 43

Corps comdr assumed cmd of New Georgia Occupation Force (NGOF), with initial mission to seize Munda and join forces with those of Northern Landing Group (NLG), composed at that time of 1st Marine Raider Regt (- 2d, 3d, and 4th Marine Raider Bns), with 3d Bn, 145th Inf, and 3d Bn, 148th Inf (37th Div), atchd. (4th Marine Raider Bn atchd to NLG 18 Jul 43.) NGOF CP at Laiana, Rendova.



15 Jul 43 - 15 Oct 43

Corps, as NGOF, engaged in campaign to complete capture of New Georgia Isls. Major tactical units under NGOF contl during all or part of period included 43d, 37th, and 25th Divs; 9th, 10th, and 11th Marine Defense Bns; 1st Marine Raider Regt (-); 3d New Zealand Div; 14th New Zealand Brig; and Fijian Inf units.

15 Oct 43

New Georgia Campaign officially terminated by Comdr, U.S. Third Fleet.

O/a 2 Nov 43

Corps comdr alerted by COMGENSOPAC to prepare for possibility of assumption of comd of opns on Bougainville.

O/a 18 Nov 43

Hq and Hq Co commenced mvmt by ech fr New Georgia Isls to Guadalcanal; CP to open at Guadalcanal upon arr of Hq and Hq Co there.

8 Dec 43

Hq and Hq Co commenced mvmt from Guadalcanal to Bougainville; arr latter 10 Dec 43. Corps comdr arr Empress Augusta Bay 12 Dec. CP opened on Bougainville.

15 Dec 43

Corps comdr reld I Marine Amph Corps (I MAC) of comd of all Allied air, surface, and ground forces based at Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville, and in the Treasury Isls, and assumed comd of opns there, with mission of continuing and consolidating def of beachhead; defending air and naval bases against enemy atk; and development of area as an air and naval base for further offensive opns. Principal combat elms holding perimeter def line on this date were 37th Div and 3d Marine Div, with 2d Marine Raider Regt (Prov) and 1st Marine Parachute Regt atchd. Also coming under corps contl were 3d Defense Bn (Marine); Comdr, Air, Northern Solomons (COMAIRNORSOLS); and Adv Naval Base at Cape Torokina.

15 Dec 43 - 21 Nov 44

Corps engaged in continuation of campaign for Bougainville. Major tactical units under corps contl during all or part of period included: 37th Div (-); 3d Marine Div, with 2d Marine Raider Regt (Prov) and 1st Marine Parachute Regt (- 2d Bn) atchd; Americal Div (-); 25th RCT, reinf (93d Div); 1st Bn, 24th Inf Regt (Sep); 3d Defense Bn (Marine); 1st Bn, Fiji Inf Regt; 3d Bn, Fiji Inf Regt; 2d Fiji Commando Guerrilla Co.

- 28 Mar 44 25th RCT (93d Div) atchd to corps and further atchd to Americal Div.
- 20 May 44 2d Bn, 25th RCT (93d Div), reld from atchmt to Americal Div; reverted to corps contrl.
- 12 Jun 44 25th RCT (- 2d Bn) reld from atchmt to Americal Div; reverted to corps contrl.
- 15 Jun 44 CG XIV Corps, under instructions GHQ SWPA, assumed cmd of all ground forces located west of 159° east longitude, in area extending from Emirau Isl, the Bismarck Archipelago, and southeast along the Northern Solomons through New Georgia.

0/a 4 Jul 44

Corps comdr alerted for corps' participation in projected opns (KING II) under Sixth Army contrl for invasion of Philippine Isls in Leyte Gulf, with target date desig as 20 Dec. Corps began plans and preparation for opn, but on 15 Sep XXIV Corps was desig by GHQ SWPA to replace XIV Corps; concurrently target date for opn changed to 20 Oct 44.

- 8 Jul 44 25th RCT (93d Div) (assumed) reld from atchmt to XIV Corps; atchd to Prov ISCOM, APO 293 (Green Isl).

3 Sep 44

Northern Landing Force (NLF), major combat units of which consisted of 35th RCT (25th Div) and 4th Def Bn (Marine), which had landed on Vella Lavella, N.G., 15 Aug 44, under naval contrl, passed to opnl contrl of CG NGOF. On 18 Sep 44, contrl of NLF passed to CG 3d New Zealand Div.

26 Oct 44

Corps comdr advised by CG Sixth Army to commence planning for opn involving invasion of Luzon, P.I., (MIKE I opn) fr north, with landings to be made on southern shores of Lingayen Gulf.

20 Nov 44

Corps, reinf, directed by Sixth Army to land on 20 Dec 44 in Lingayen area of Luzon, with divs abreast; destroy hostile forces encountered; seize and secure Army beachhead within XIV Corps zone of action; and be prepared to seize and secure crossings of Agno River within its zone of action south of Army beachhead. Corps further directed to establish and maintain contact with I Corps, and to protect right (west) flank of Sixth Army. Major combat units atchd to corps for opn included 37th and 40th Divs, reinf.

21 Nov 44

Corps, under instructions of GHQ SWPA, reld of combat responsibility by the 2 Australian Army Corps in area extending fr Emirau Isl through New Georgia Isls.

28 Nov 44 - 9 Jan 45

Corps trps (Lingayen Attack Force) engaged in loading, rehearsals, and water mvmt from Bougainville and Cape Gloucester, N.B. to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon.

30 Nov 44 D Day for invasion of Luzon changed to 9 Jan 45.

15 Dec 44 Corps comdr and certain staff members dep Bougainville on USS Mt Olympus; CP closed Bougainville; opened aboard USS Mt Olympus.

9 Jan 45

Corps assault trps landed in Lingayen - Bimmaley area, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, with two divs (-) abreast, the 40th Div (-), reinf, in the Lingayen area, and 37th Div (-), reinf, in the Bimmaley area. 108th RCT (- one bn), 40th Div, and 145th RCT (- one bn), 37th Div, remained afloat in Corps Res.

9 Jan 45 - 30 Jun 45

Corps engaged in campaign for Luzon. Major units under corps contrl during all or part of period included 6th, 37th, 40th, and 43d Divs; 1st Cav Div; 11th A/B Div; and 158th RCT.

10 Jan 45 Adv CP established between Binmaley and Lingayen.

11 Jan 45 Corps comdr assumed comd ashore. CP closed aboard USS Mt Olympus; opened ashore.

19 Jan 45 CP moved fr between Binmaley and Lingayen to San Carlos.

20 Jan 45 145th Inf (- 2d Bn), 37th Div, placed in Corps Res; reverted to div contrl 21 Jan.

21 Jan 45 129th Inf (- 3d Bn), 37th Div, placed in Corps Res; (assume) reverted to div contrl 24 Jan.

CP moved fr San Carlos to Camiling.

23 Jan 45 CP closed Camiling; opened San Miguel.

- 26 Jan 45 3d Bn, 129th Inf (37th Div), placed in Corps Res; (assume) reverted to div contl 27 Jan.
- 28 Jan 45 CP closed San Miguel; opened Concepcion.
- 1 Feb 45 CP closed Concepcion; opened Angeles.
- 2 Feb 45 CP closed Angeles; opened San Fernando.
- 4 Feb 45 CP closed San Fernando; opened Santa Isabel.
- 6 Feb 45 CP closed Santa Isabel; opened vic Grace Park, Manila.
- 10 Feb 45 2d and 3d Bns, 19th Inf (24th Div), which had passed to contl of Sixth Army 9 Feb, were atchd to corps, and further atchd to 11th A/B Div. (Assumed) reverted to corps contl 24 Feb.
- 24 Feb 45 2d Bn, 145th Inf (37th Div), placed under opnl contl of corps; (assumed) reld fr corps and reverted to regtl contl 2 Mar.
- 7 Mar 45 2d and 3d Bns, 19th Inf (24th Div), reld fr corps contl; (assumed) reverted to div contl.
- 8 Mar 45 103d RCT (43d Div) atchd to corps; further atchd to 1st Cav Div 10 Mar; reverted to div contl 12 Mar.
- 15 Mar 45 CP closed Grace Park, Manila; opened Canlubang.
- 3 Apr 45 Adv CP established Santo Tomas.
- 12 May 45 Adv CP closed Santo Tomas; rejoined CP at Canlubang.
- 13 Jun 45 Corps directed by CG Eighth Army, effective 1 Jul 45, to assume combat responsibility for Luzon Isl; conduct offensive opns in northern Luzon in direction of Balete Pass - Aparri and destroy hostile forces in and establish contl over Cagayan Valley; and, further, to complete destruction of enemy in central and southern Luzon and provide for security of these areas, utilizing Philippine forces augmented by minimum U.S. trps to be made available by Sixth Army to Hq Eighth Army. Concurrently, corps directed to assume contl of 6th, 32d, 37th, and 38th Divs, and numerous supporting units operating on Luzon.
- 15 Jun 45 Corps reld by Sixth Army of all missions currently asgd to it; hq and corps trps remaining under corps contl directed to displace to vic San Jose (Nueva Ecija). Concurrently, 1st Cav Div, 11th A/B Div, and 158th RCT passed from XIV Corps to contl of XI Corps.

22 Jun 45

CP closed Canlubang; opened San Jose

1 Jul 45 - 15 Aug 45

Corps engaged in completing campaign for Luzon. Major tac units under Corps contrl during all or part of period included 6th, 32d, 37th, and 38th Divs; U.S. Army Forces in the Philippines, Northern Luzon (USAFIP, NL); and elms of 1st Cav Div, 43d Div, 11th A/B Div, and 158th RCT.

1 Jul 45 103d Inf (- 1st Bn), 43d Div; 1st Bn, 188th Glider Inf (11th A/B Div); 1st Sq, 12th Cav (1st Cav Div); and 2d Bn, 158th RCT, atchd to Eighth Army and further atchd to XIV Corps.

1 Aug 45 103d Inf ([- 1st Bn] - 3d Bn) reld from corps contrl; reverted to div contrl.

15 Aug 45

All offensive action ceased in XIV Corps area.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Alexander M Patch	5 Jan 43
Maj Gen Oscar W Griswold	26 Apr 43
Maj Gen Robert B McClure	11 May 44
Maj Gen Oscar W Griswold	22 May 44
Maj Gen Robert S Beightler	3 Oct 44
Maj Gen Oscar W Griswold	6 Oct 44
Maj Gen Robert S Beightler	12 Nov 44
Maj Gen Oscar W Griswold	18 Nov 44
Maj Gen Joseph M Swing	21 May 45
Lt Gen Oscar W Griswold	4 Jun 45

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Eighth Army	1 Jul 45

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## XXIV CORPS

8 Apr 44

Hq XXIV Corps, constituted 30 Mar 44, act at Oahu, T.H., with sta at Schofield Bks. Primary mission of corps was preparation for combat of units asgd or atchd to it. Divs atchd to corps for varying periods during its stay in Hawaii included 7th, 27th, 77th, 81st, 38th, and 98th Divs.

9 Apr 44 - 6 Jul 44

Engaged in planning for assault landing on Babelthuap, as part of projected atk on Palau Isls (Western Carolines), desig as STALEMATE opn, to be conducted by CINCPAC.

7 Jul 44 - 10 Sep 44

Following changes in concept of Palau (STALEMATE) opn o/a 7 Jul, corps began revised planning for participation in second phase of Palau opn, desig as STALEMATE II, in which as Landing Force of Eastern Attack Force, Joint Expeditionary Force, corps was asgd mission by CINCPAC to land on Yap Isl and Gagil Tomil Isl in Yap Isl gp, to capture, occupy, and defend Yap Isl gp. Units desig for Landing Force included 7th and 96th Divs, reinf, and 77th Div, reinf, as Floating Res. Target date set tentatively as 5 Oct 44.

11 Sep 44 - 15 Sep 44

Completed planning and rehearsal at Maui; loaded into asgd shipping at Pearl Harbor, T.H. First elms dep 11 Sep; last elms 15 Sep. Corps CP closed Schofield Bks; opened aboard USS Mt Olympus. Coincident with departure on 15 Sep, objective of corps changed to Leyte, P.I. Corps comdr and key staff members disembarked and moved by air to General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, (GHQ SWPA) at Hollandia, N.G., to draw plans and orders for new opn for capture of Leyte (KING II opn).

23 Sep 44

Corps directed by CG Sixth Army to land in Dulag - Labiranan area of Leyte on 20 Oct, with 7th Div, reinf, and 96th Div (- 381st Inf, reinf) reinf, abreast; seize Dulag - Burauen - Dagami - Tanauan area; establish and maintain contact with X Corps along Binahaan River; protect left (S) flank of Sixth Army; and, when directed, seize Abuyog, adv westward to Baybay and destroy hostile forces along west coast of Leyte; continue overland and shore-to-shore opns to clear all hostile forces from southern and western Leyte and fr Dinagat Isl; and defend occupied areas.

25 Sep 44 - 13 Oct 44

Corps reassembled at Eniwetok 25 Sep; began mvmt to Admiralty Isls following day. Corps comdr and staff rejoined corps for planning and issuance of preliminary assault orders; returned to Hollandia for completion of detailed plans. Corps reassembled at Manus Isl, Admiralty Isls, 3 Oct; completed final plans; remained at Manus while remainder of Sixth Army units completed loading.

14 Oct 44 - 20 Oct 44

Convoy began dep fr Manus Isl 14 Oct; entered Leyte Gulf 20 Oct.

20 Oct 44

Corps landed on east coast of Leyte; Adv CP opened at road junction on Hwy 1 vic Dulag. Corps comdr assumed comd ashore following day.

21 Oct 44 - 9 Feb 45

Corps engaged in campaign for Leyte, Samar, and Camotes Isls. Major units atchd to corps during part or all of period included 7th, 77th, and 96th Divs, and 11th A/B Div.

23 Oct 44 Corps CP closed on USS Mt Olympus; opened Calbasag, Leyte. Adv CP closed vic Dulag (assumed).

7 Nov 44 Corps CP closed Calbasag; opened Rizal, Leyte.

27 Nov 44 1st Bn, 306th Inf (77th Div), placed in XXIV Corps Res; reverted to div control on or about 4 Dec 44.

5 Dec 44 Corps desig by CINCPAC as part of landing force for projected assault on Okinawa Shima (ICEBERG opn).

6 Dec 44 1st and 2d Bns, 149th Inf, and 1st Bn, 152d Inf (38th Div), released to contl of corps.

7 Dec 44 1st Bn, 149th Inf (38th Div), further atchd to 11th A/B Div; 2d Bn, 149th Inf, further atchd to 11th A/B Div 8 Dec 44.

6 Jan 45 Corps received Tenth Army Tentative Opn Plan 1-45, with instructions that upon notification by CG Tenth Army, plan would become Tenth Army Opn Order 1-45.

Corps directed by CG Tenth Army to mount out fr Leyte for assault on Ryukyus; and, in addition to mounting out 7th and 96th Divs, reinf, and corps trps for opns under corps contl in assault landing on Okinawa Shima, to mount out 77th Div, reinf, for landing opns against Kerama Retto independently of corps.

Corps further directed by CG Tenth Army to move as part of Tenth Army to Ryukyus and land on 1 Apr 45 on west coast of Okinawa Shiam; to seize initial beachhead concurrently with III Amph Corps on its left and adv rapidly eastward to cut island in two, securing enemy airfields in its zone, and protecting right (S) flank of army. Then, to change direction to south, adv and seize limited objective to expand initial beachhead, and be prepared to continue attack to south on army order.

17 Jan 45 Corps directed by Eighth Army to complete its mission within its area of responsibility on Leyte prior to 1 Feb 45.

28 Jan 45 Corps directed by Eighth Army to concentrate all units in staging areas by 15 Feb 45 and commence preparation for forthcoming POA opns.

10 Feb 45 - 23 Mar 45

Corps reld of all tac responsibility for Leyte on 10 Feb. Units of corps began progressive mvmt to staging areas on east coast of Leyte for planning and preparations for assault on Okinawa. Mvmt to staging areas completed by 18 Feb.

11 Mar 45 Corps notified by CG Tenth Army that Tenth Army Opn Order 1-45 was in effect, and day of main assault landing on Okinawa Shima confirmed as 1 Apr 45.

15 Mar 45 Corps and subordinate units began landing rehearsals at Leyte; concluded 19 Mar.

24 Mar 45 - 31 Mar 45

Corps convoy (except 77th Div, which moved separately) in mvmt fr Leyte to objective area.

27 Mar 45 Corps CP closed at Rizal, Leyte; opened aboard USS Teton.

1 Apr 45

Corps landed on Hagushi beaches on west coast of Okinawa.

2 Apr 45 - 1 Jul 45

Corps engaged in campaign for Okinawa. Major units atchd to corps during part or all of period included 7th, 27th, 77th, and 96th Divs, and 1st Marine Div.

4 Apr 45 Adv CP opened ashore vic Nozato, Okinawa.

5 Apr 45 CP closed on USS Teton; opened ashore at Nozato; corps comdr assumed cmd ashore.

O/a 5 Apr 45 382d Inf (96th Div) completed progressive rel fr Corps Res; reverted to div contl.

15 Apr 45 383d Inf (96th Div) placed in Corps Res.

18 Apr 45 3d Bn, 383d Inf (96th Div), reld fr corps; reverted to div contl.

21 Apr 45 2d Bn, 383d Inf (96th Div), reld fr corps; reverted to div contl.

22 Apr 45 1st Bn, 383d Inf (96th Div), (assumed) reld fr corps; reverted to div contl.

383d Inf (- 2d Bn) (96th Div) placed in Corps Res.

28 Apr 45 2d Bn, 382d Inf, reverted to regtl contl.

30 Apr 45 (Assumed) 382d Inf (96th Div) reld fr Corps Res; reverted to div contl.

1st Mar Div (III Amph Corps) placed under opnl contl XXIV Corps.

7 May 45 1st Marine Div reld fr contl XXIV Corps; reverted to contl III Amph Corps.

- 14 May 45 CP closed at Unjo; opened at Nakagusuku Castle, Okinawa.
- 11 Jun 45 305th Inf (77th Div) placed in Corps Res.
- 16 Jun 45 305th Inf (77th Div) reld fr Corps Res; atchd to 96th Div.
- 23 Jun 45 305th Inf (77th Div) rel fr 96th Div contl; reverted to div contl.
- 1 Jul 45 Corps completed all missions asgd to it by Tenth Army.
- 2 Jul 45 Ryukyus Campaign officially declared ended.

3 Jul 45 - 11 Aug 45

Corps engaged in planning for Kyushu opn; divisional units patrolled and mopped up in asgd zones.

- 5 Aug 45 Corps comdr desig by CG Tenth Army as Comdr, Ground Defense Ryukyus, with mission of establishing ground defense and internal security for all U.S.-held areas in Ryukyus.
- 9 Aug 45 Corps comdr assumed responsibility for defense and internal security of Okinawa Gunto.

15 Aug 45

CG XXIV Corps asgd mission of occupying Korea and establishing contl of Japanese Central Government and Army-Navy command of Korea for the Commander in Chief, United States Army Forces, Pacific.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Ma.j Gen John R Hodge	8 Apr 44
Ma.j Gen James L Bradley	14 Jan 45
Ma.j Gen John R Hodge	26 Jan 45
Lt Gen John R Hodge (promotion)	6 Jun 45

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CHAPTER VIII

DIVISIONS



1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (RA)

7 Dec 41

1st Cav Div, (act 12 Sep 21 Ft Bliss, Tex), with hq Ft Bliss, engaged in patrols and surveillance of Mexican border.

8 Dec 41 - 31 Jan 43

During period div, as component of Southern Land Frontier of Southern Base Comd, continued its mission of border surveillance and participated in maneuver exercises.

24 Jul 42 7th Cav Regt atchd to 56th Cav Brig; reld and reverted to div contl 25 Sep.

4 Aug 42 Div participated in Louisiana Maneuvers until 19 Sep.

24 Sep 42 Div returned to Ft Bliss and continued border patrol opn.

1 Feb 43 - 15 Jun 43

Div underwent transition fr mounted to a dismounted unit and prepared for overseas mvmt.

16 Jun 43 - 18 Jun 43

Moved fr Ft Bliss, Tex, to Cp Stoneman, Calif.

19 Jun 43 - 2 Jul 43

Staged Cp Stoneman pending mvmt overseas.

3 Jul 43

Dep SFPE for Australia.

4 Jul 43 - 25 Jul 43

En route to Australia.

26 Jul 43

Div arr Australia and closed Strathpine, Queensland, 15 miles north of Brisbane.

27 Jul 43 - 18 Dec 43

Div engaged in jungle and amphibious operations at Toorbul Point and Port Stephens, Australia.

4 Dec 43 Div reorg and redesign 1st Cav Div, Special.

19 Dec 43

Adv elements of div, consisting of 2d Cav Brig (-elements 7th Cav) and 1st Cav Special Arty, plus supporting units, departed Strathpine, for Adv Base B, Oro Bay, N.G.

20 Dec 43

Div Adv CP opened Oro Bay.

21 Dec 43 - 25 Feb 44

Remainder of div moved to Oro Bay area. Div continued operations and made plans for Admiralties Campaign.

4 Jan 44 Div CP closed Oro Bay; opened Cap Sudast, N.G.

26 Feb 44

BREWER Task Force organized (effective date of organization 25 Feb 44) by ALAMO Force with mission to land assault elements within Seeadler Harbor, on Manus Island, simultaneously in vicinity Lorengau and vicinity Salami Plantation; to rapidly seize and occupy Lorengau and Momote airdromes; and to establish control over and defend Admiralty Islands. Further directed to establish air and naval facilities. 1st Cav Div designated major unit of BREWER Task Force. D Day: 1 Apr 44.

27 Feb 44

BREWER Task Force mission changed. Task Force directed to land one Squadron (Cavalry) in vicinity Momote airdrome, Los Negros, Admiralty Islands, and make immediate recon in force was to remain in occupation and be reinforced by supporting units; repair Momote airdrome and defend Los Negros. If strong opposition was encountered, recon force was to be withdrawn. BREWER Recon Force organized with a detachment from Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Cav Brig, and 2d Squadron, 5th Cavalry, reinforced, as major units. BREWER Support Force organized with 5th Cavalry (- 2d Squadron), reinforced, as a major unit. D Day: 29 Feb 44.

28 Feb 44

2d Squadron, 5th Cavalry, reinforced, embarked from Oro Bay for Manus Island.

29 Feb 44

Rcn Force made assault landing at White Beach, near jetties in lee of Jamandilai Point, and adv to Momote airdrome.

1 Mar 44

CG ALAMO Force directed CG BREWER Task Force to reinf Rcn Force, exploit success of initial landing, seize Seeadler Harbor and extend contl over Admiralties.

2 Mar 44 - 18 Mar 44

Task force extended contl over Los Negros and made assault landing on Manus.

2 Mar 44 Momote airdrome on Los Negros secured.

Support Force, BREWER Task Force, arr Los Negros.

4 Mar 44 2d Sq, 7th Cav, landed Los Negros.

5 Mar 44 CG BREWER Task Force assumed comd ashore.

6 Mar 44 12th Cav, reinf, arr Los Negros.

Salami Plantation and Salami beach secured. Porlaka occupied.

8 Mar 44 Papitalai village, Papitalai Mission, and Lombrum Plantation seized.

9 Mar 44 2d Cav Brig, reinf, arr Los Negros.

11 Mar 44 Butjo Mokau Isl captured.

12 Mar 44 Hauwei Isl captured.

15 Mar 44 2d Cav Brig landed vic Lugos Mission Plantation, Manus Isl.

17 Mar 44 Lorengau airfield captured.

18 Mar 44 Lorengau captured.

19 Mar - 18 May 44

Task force mopped up on Manus and Los Negros, captured Tong Isl 25 Mar, Pityilu 30 Mar, Koruniat and Ndrilo 1 Apr. Admiralties secured.

18 May 44 BREWER opn officially terminated.

19 May 44 - 11 Oct 44

Div engaged in preparation for def of Admiralties, patrolling, rehabilitation, and tng.

18 Sep 44 Div alerted for Leyte (KING II) opn.

25 Sep 44 BREWER Task Force dissolved and remainder of its opn assumed by div.

2 Oct 44 For Leyte opn, div asgnd mission to operate as right flank div of X Corps; land at White Beach, seize Tacloban and Tacloban airdrome; destroy hostile forces in Tacloban Valley; establish contl over San Juanico Strait; be prepared on corps order, by shore-to-shore and overland opn to seize Wright, on Samar Isl, and establish contl over western and southern Samar to include Wright-Taft Hwy, and to establish and maintain contact with 24th Div and protect right flank of Sixth Army.

12 Oct 44

Div dep Admiralties for Leyte.

13 Oct 44 - 19 Oct 44

Div at sea and rendezvous en route to Leyte.

20 Oct 44

Div landed in Marasbaras area of San Pedro Bay on east coast of Leyte, captured San Jose, seized Tacloban airstrip, and secured Cataisan Peninsula.

21 Oct 44 - 25 Dec 44

Div secured Tacloban and San Juanico Strait; made amph landing on Samar, secured Carigara; captured Wright, Samar; secured Catbalogan, capital of Samar, and opened Wright-Taft Hwy.

22 Oct 44 Div CP closed San Ricardo; opened Tacloban.

23 Oct 44 1st Cav Brig placed under opnl contl of X Corps.

24 Oct 44 8th Cav landed La Paz, Samar, and secured San Juanico Strait.

27 Oct 44 5th Cav Regt (1st Cav Brig) reld fr opnl contl X Corps; reverted to div contl.

28 Oct 44 1st Cav Brig (-) reld fr opnl contl X Corps; reverted to div contl.

9 Nov 44 1st Bn, 19th Inf, 24th Div, atchd to 1st Cav Div; rel 15 Nov 44.

15 Nov 44 112th RCT atchd to div.

19 Dec 44 Div alerted for Luzon (MIKE - I) opn.

26 Dec 44 - 31 Dec 44

5th, 7th, and 12th Cav, and 112th RCT proceeded toward west coast of Leyte; 7th reached the Visayan Sea and initiated action against Villaba; 8th Cav conducted patrol on Samar.

1 Jan 45 - 7 Jan 45

7th Cav withdrew fr Villaba and assembled with Div (- 8th Cav) in staging area near Tunga. Div entered tng for reinf role in Luzon opn. 8th Cav continued patrols on Samar.

8 Jan 45

8th Cav reld of patrolling on Samar and returned to div on Leyte.

9 Jan 45 - 23 Jan 45

Div prepared for mvmt to Luzon.

24 Jan 45

Dep Leyte for Luzon.

25 Jan 45 - 26 Jan 45

In water transit bound for Luzon (assumed).

26 Jan 45 1st Cav Div, reinf, directed to land at White Beach (Lingayen Gulf) 27 Jan 45, assemble in Urdaneta area in Sixth Army Res, and be prepared to move to Guimba area.

27 Jan 45

Landed in Mabilao area of Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, and assembled vic of Urdaneta.

28 Jan 45 - 31 Jan 45

Moved and assembled vic Guimba. Div CP opened vic Guimba.

31 Jan 45 Div directed by XIV Corps to seize and secure that portion of the line Hagonoy - Malolos - Sibul Springs - Cabanatuan within its zone of action; protect east flank of corps; establish and maintain contact with 37th Div; locate crossings and fords over Angat River and prepare for further adv to capture Manila.

Div CP closed Guimba; opened San Felipe.

112th RCT reld fr atchmt to div.

1 Feb 45 - 12 Mar 45

Div drove south toward Manila. Secured crossings over Pampanga River; secured Cabanatuan; crossed Angat River; continued south into Manila; participated in capture of Manila north of Pasig River; drove southeast and then southwest through Manila; crossed Pasig River and made contact with 11th A/B Div which was driving north into Manila. Div turned east and moved against south flank of Shimba Line. (Shimba Line was that portion of Yamashita Line between Anitpolo and Mt Oro.) Secured Taytay and Antipolo.

- 2 Feb 45 CP opened Baliuag.
- 3 Feb 45 2d Sq, 5th Cav Regt and 2d Sq, 8th Cav Regt, org as flying column to rescue internees held in University of Santo Tomas and Malacanan Palace.
- Div entered Manila.
- 9 Feb 45 112th RCT atchd to div; reld 19 Feb.
- 12 Feb 45 Div reld by 43d Div.
- 16 Feb 45 1st Cav Brig CT (5th Cav Regt and 12th Cav Regt (- 2d Sq) atchd to 37th Div.
- 1 Mar 45 12th Cav Regt (- 2d Sq), 1st Cav Brig CT, reld fr atchmt 37th Div and reverted to div contl.
- 2 Mar 45 1st Cav Brig CT (-) reld fr atchmt 37th Div and reverted to div contl.
- 10 Mar 45 103d RCT (43d Div) atchd to div and reld fr atchmt on 12 Mar.

13 Mar 45 - 20 Mar 45

Engaged in rest and rehabilitation.

21 Mar 45 - 25 Jun 45

Div reld elms of 11th A/B Div; moved south on Luzon between Laguna de Bay and Lake Taal; captured Santo Tomas, Tanauan, Malvar, Payapa, Los Banos, and Talisay; seized and occupied Lipa; made contact with 11th A/B Div south of Lipa, opened Batangas - Lipa - Calamba supply road to Manila; moved east, took Alaminos; made contact with 43d Div and cut enemy north - south supply route; seized and moved through San Palbo, Bay, and Santa Cruz; captured Pagsanjan, Cavinti, and Luisiana; reached east coast of Luzon and occupied Mauban; participated in destruction of enemy in Bicol Peninsula; secured Infanta area northeast of Laguna de Bay. Div assumed responsibility for eastern sector of Luzon. Upon orgn of Saber Force (Filipino guerrillas) Div ordered to relinquish its combat missions. Div asgd bivouac areas in order to initiate 16-week tng program.

14 Mar 45 CP opened Muntinlupa.

0/a 4 Apr 45 CP moved to Anastacia.

5 Apr 45 Div CP closed Anastacia; opened San Pablo.

23 Apr 45 8th Cav RCT and 2d Sq, 7th Cav Regt, atchd to 11th A/B Div; reld fr 11th A/B Div, reverted to div contrl 3 May.

1 May 45 5th Cav RCT atchd to 158th RCT; reld fr 158th RCT and reverted to div contrl 6 Jun.

6 May 45 Div CP reported at Lucena.

5 Jun 45 2d Cav Brig (8th Cav Regt and 7th Cav Regt) placed under opnl contrl of XI Corps; reld (- 8th Cav) fr XI Corps 15 Jun.

26 Jun 45 - 15 Aug 45

Div engaged in tng vic Lucena for participation in projected opns against Japan.

26 Jun 45 1st Sq, 12th Cav, charged with responsibility for all combat missions in 1st Cav Div area and Infanta area.

29 Jun 45 8th Cav Regt reld fr opnl contrl XI Corps; reverted to contrl of 2d Cav Brig.

1 Jul 45 1st Sq, 12th Cav Regt, atchd to XIV Corps; remained atchd through 15 Aug.



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Brig Gen Karl S Bradford	7 Dec 41
Maj Gen Innis P Swift	Dec 41
Brig Gen Robert C Rogers	9 Feb 43
Maj Gen Innis P Swift	16 Feb 43
Brig Gen Verne D Mudge	22 Aug 44
Maj Gen Verne D Mudge (promotion)	26 Aug 44
Brig Gen Hugh F T Hoffman	28 Feb 45
Maj Gen William C Chase	31 Jul 45

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Southern Defense Command */	15 Feb 42 - 24 Jul 42
Southern Defense Command	Sep 42 - 25 Feb 43
BREWER Task Force	25 Feb 44 -

\* Commanding General Third Army was also Commanding General of Southern Defense Command. On 17 October 1941, the 1st Cavalry Division was assigned or attached (it is believed the division was attached and not assigned) to VIII Corps. At this time, Commanding General VIII Corps was in command of Southern Land Frontier, Southern Defense Command. On 4 February 1942, Commanding General VIII Corps was relieved of command of Southern Land Frontier and Commanding General 1st Cavalry Division was appointed Commanding General. However, 1st Cavalry Division was not relieved from attachment to VIII Corps until 15 February 1942. (From 17 October 1941 to 15 February 1942) It is not clear whether 1st Cavalry Division was assigned to Third Army or Southern Defense Command from 17 October 1941 to 15 February 1943. Since all orders pertaining to the 1st Cavalry Division were originated by Third Army, it is assumed that 1st Cavalry was assigned to Third Army and that on 15 February 1942 was attached to Southern Defense Command. On 24 July 1942, Commanding General 1st Cavalry Division was relieved of command of Southern Land Frontier by Commanding General 56th Cavalry Brigade. It is assumed that on this date 1st Cavalry Division was relieved from attachment to Southern Defense Command and remained assigned to Third Army. It is further assumed that upon return from maneuvers in September 1942 Commanding General 1st Cavalry Division reassumed command of southern Land Frontier and reattached to Southern Defense Command until February 1943 when 1st Cavalry Division was again relieved by 56th Cavalry Brigade.

1ST CAVALRY DIVISION

Organic Units

(As of 1 December 1943)

1st Cavalry Brigade

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop  
5th Cavalry Regiment  
12th Cavalry Regiment

Headquarters Troop  
Military Police Platoon \*/  
1st Signal Troop  
27th Ordnance MM Company  
1st Medical Squadron  
8th Engineer Squadron  
603d Medium Tank Company \*\*/  
302d Reconnaissance Troop, Mecz \*\*\*/

2d Cavalry Brigade

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop  
7th Cavalry Regiment  
8th Cavalry Regiment

Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

61st Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
82d Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
99th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
271st Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)

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\* Became organic 30 September 1944. Prior to this date it was attached to the Division and not assigned to it.

\*\* Redesignated from 603d Light Tank Company, which was activated 2 December 1943.

\*\*\* On 3 December 1943, the 7th Reconnaissance Squadron was inactivated and the 302d Reconnaissance Troop activated. Effective 30 October 1944, the 302d Reconnaissance Troop activated. Effective 30 October 1944, the 302d Reconnaissance Troop was redesignated the 302d Reconnaissance Troop, Mecz.

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6TH INFANTRY DIVISION (RA)

7 Dec 41

6th Div sta Ft Leonard Wood, Mo.

7 Dec 41 - 6 Sep 42

Engaged in tng Ft Leonard Wood.

23 Mar 42 Redesig 6th Mtz Div.

7 Sep 42 - 10 Sep 42

En route to Tennessee Maneuver Area.

11 Sep 42 - 7 Nov 42

Participated in Second Army maneuvers.

8 Nov 42 - 10 Nov 42

Returned to Ft Leonard Wood.

11 Nov 42 - 24 Nov 42

Prepared for mvmt to Cp Young, Calif.

25 Nov 42 - 29 Nov 42

En route to Cp Young.

30 Nov 42 - 20 Mar 43

Trained at Desert Training Center.

20 Mar 43 - 28 Mar 43

En route to Cp San Luis Obispo, Calif.

29 Mar 43 - 0/a 7 May 43

Engaged in tng at Cp San Luis Obispo.

1 May 43 Redesig 6th Inf Div and reorg.

0/a 7 May 43 Alerted for mvmt overseas.

8 May 43 - 14 Jul 43

Trained and prepared for mvmt overseas.

15 Jul 43 - 1 Oct 43

Div in mvmt by ech fr Cp San Luis Obispo to Hawaii.

15 Jul 43 Adv Det (Div Hq and 63d Inf) dep Cp San Luis Obispo for Cp Stoneman, Calif; moved fr cp Stoneman to SFPE 16 Jul; dep SFPE 21 Jul; arr Oahu, T.H., 29 Jul.

12 Aug 43 Div asgd mission of def of S Sector of Oahu.

O/a 15 Sep 43 Remainder of div dep Cp San Luis Obispo by ech for SFPE and SPE, respectively. Units moving via Seattle dep that PE 20 Sep; arr Hawaii 26 Sep. Units moving via San Francisco dep that PE 24 Sep; arr Hawaii 1 Oct.

1 Oct 43 - 17 Oct 43

Div continued mission of preparation for def of S Sector of Oahu.

17 Oct 43

Div asgd mission of def of N and S Sectors of Oahu.

17 Oct 43 - 21 Jan 44

Engaged in preparation for def of N and S Sectors of Oahu.

21 Jan 44 Div reld of responsibility for def of N and S Sectors of Oahu.

21 Jan 44 - 25 Jan 44

Engaged in preparation for mvmt fr Hawaii to New Guinea.

26 Jan 44 - 31 Jan 44

Dep Hawaii for New Guinea 26 Jan. Div CP opened aboard Sloterdijk. Arr Milne Bay, N.G., 31 Jan. CP closed aboard ship; opened ashore vic Milne Bay.

1 Feb 44 - 25 May 44

Engaged in tng Milne Bay area.

26 May 44

Div comdr alerted by CG ALAMO Force for mvmt of div fr Milne Bay to Wakde - Toem area of New Guinea; CG Sixth Div to assume comd of TORNADO TF \*/ (STRAIGHTLINE opn.)

26 May 44 - 1 Jun 44

Engaged in preparation for mvmt to base staging area.

1 Jun 44 - 10 Jun 44

Div (-) en route to Toem area.

1 Jun 44 1st Inf and 6th Engr Bn (C) dep Milne Bay.

5 Jun 44 1st Inf and 6th Engr Bn (C) arr Toem area; reld elms of TORNADO TF (158th RCT). Atchd to TORNADO TF.

10 Jun 44 Div comdr alerted by CG ALAMO Force for projected opns in Sorong - Waigeo Isl region of New Guinea. Plan canceled by GHQ SWPA on 30 Jun and landing in Sansapor - Mar area of Vogelkop Peninsula substituted.

11 Jun 44

Div Hq and 20th RCT arr Toem area.

12 Jun 44

Div comdr assumed comd of TORNADO TF. CP located Toem.

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\* The initial mission of TORNADO TF (of which the 163d TCT, 41st Division, had been the nucleus until reinforced by the arrival of the 158th RCT on 21 May) was the seizure of Wakde Island and the immediately adjacent mainland area. With the arrival of the 158th RCT, the mission was enlarged to include an overland drive to Sarmi, 16 miles west of the Tor River.

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12 Jun 44 - 18 Jul 44

Engaged in Wakda - Sarmi area. Secured Lone Tree Hill at southern edge of Maffin Bay; hill mass (Hills 225 and 265 and Mt Saksin) south and southwest of Lone Tree Hill; pushed rcn west to Sawar and Mt Hakko.

14 Jun 44 63d RCT and remainder of div arr Toem area.

10 Jul 44 Div (- 20th RCT) desig by CG ALAMO Force as major tac elm of TYPHOON (Sansapor) TF (GLOBETROTTER opn), with div comdr as TF comdr. 20th RCT desig as ALAMO Force Res. Mission of TF to land on 30 Jul vic Cape Oparai; establish beachhead, and seize and occupy additional areas; seize and occupy Cape Sansapor by shore-to-shore opn prior to D plus 2; establish contrl over such adjacent areas, including Middelburg and Amsterdam Isls, as to assure uninterrupted air and naval construction in occupied areas.

18 Jul 44 Div CG reld as CG TORNADO TF by CG 31st Div.

19 Jul 44 - 26 Jul 44

Engaged in preparation for mvmt to Sansapor; assault trps conducted rehearsal at Toem 25 Jul. Major units of TF staged at Toem - Maffin Bay area.

27 Jul 44

CP TYPHOON TF closed Toem; opened aboard USS Swanson. 20th RCT (ALAMO Force Res) remained at Toem.

27 Jul 44 - 29 Jul 44

TF en route to objective area.

30 Jul 44

TYPHOON TF landed southwest of Cape Oparai. TF comdr assumed comd ashore; CP closed aboard USS Swanson; opened ashore vic landing beach.

30 Jul 44 - 31 Aug 44

TF elms, in unopposed landings, secured Middelburg and Amsterdam Isls 30 Jul; occupied Cape Sansapor and Sansapor Village 31 Jul; and during following week extended beachhead perimeter and rcn area to south and west of Sansapor Village. In Cape Sansapor area elms occupied positions

at Cape Oparai and patrolled to east. TF carried out intensive patrolling along Kor River, west of Wesan River, and south of main beachhead. On 18 Aug elms made an unopposed landing at mouth of Mega River and patrolled area.

15 Aug 44 6th Div (- 1 RCT) desig as ALAMO Force Res for Morotai (INTERLUDE opn). (Div (-) did not participate in INTERLUDE opn.)

25 Aug 44 20th RCT reld fr ALAMO Force Res and returned to div contrl.

31 Aug 44 Sansapor opn officially terminated by CG ALAMO Force.

31 Aug 44 - 12 Oct 44

Div engaged in combat patrol and surveillance opns in Sansapor area.

25 Sep 44 TYPHOON TF dissolved.

O/a 12 Oct 44

Div comdr alerted by CG Eighth Army for participation of div in projected opn on Luzon, P.I. (MIKE I.)

12 Oct 44 - 29 Dec 44

Div continued patrol and surveillance activities in Sansapor area and concurrently engaged in rehabilitation, tng, and preparation for Luzon opn.

25 Nov 44 Div, reinf (- 63d RCT, I Corps Res), asgd mission by I Corps to land on right (W) flank of I Corps on 20 Dec 44 in Dagupan - San Fabian area of Luzon, on Elus Beaches 1 and 2. Move to S; establish initial beachhead along desig line; hold bridges on Losilacabla - Dagupan road; secure peninsula S of mouth of Bued River to cover landing of elms of 43d Div on White Beach 3. Seize and hold junctions at Mangaldan and block enemy mvmt fr S and E. Secure river crossing at Dagupan bridge in XIV Corps zone until reld by elms of XIV Corps. Attack to S within div zone of action; destroy all hostile forces therein and extend initial beachhead to limit of Army beachhead. Establish and maintain contact with XIV Corps on right (W) and with 43d Div on left (E).

30 Nov 44 D Day changed fr 20 Dec 44 to 9 Jan 45 by GHQ, SWPA.

23 Dec 44 Assault wave trps conducted ship-to-shore rehearsal. Loading began prior to this date and was completed 29 Dec.

30 Dec 44 - 9 Jan 45

In mvmt to objective area. Dep Sansapor 30 Dec; CP closed vic Cape Opararai; opened aboard USS Fremont. Convoy rendezvoused with other unites of task force southwest of Palau Isls 3 Jan; dep rendezvous point and arr Leyte Gulf 4 Jan; dep Leyte Gulf night of 4 - 5 Jan; arr Lingayen Gulf 9 Jan.

9 Jan 45

Div, reinf (- 63d RCT), landed on Blue Beaches 1 and 2, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon. Div comdr assumed comd ashore. Div CP closed USS Fremont; opened vic San Fabian.

9 Jan 45 - 14 Jan 45

Forded Binloc River; pushed through Bulog, Santa Barbara, and Mapandan. Drove enemy fr high ground W of Catablan and secured line Catablan - Malasiqui.

13 Jan 45 CP closed vic San Fabian; opened vic Santa Barbara.

14 Jan 45 - 29 Jan 45

Patrolled toward Agno River; occupied Urdaneta, Cabaruan, Unzad; secured Villasis. Forded Agno River, continued through Carmen and Rosales. Secured Cuyapo, Guimba, and San Antonio; pushed S and E and secured Licab and Santo Domingo.

18 Jan 45 CP closed vic Santa Barbara; opened vic Catablan.

20 Jan 45 CP closed vic Catablan; opened Villasis.

29 Jan 45 CP closed Villasis; opened Guimba.

30 Jan 45 - 7 Feb 45

Div elms occupied Talavera and San Pascual; captured Munoz. During period other div units by-passed Munoz, adv on Munoz - San Jose road to Agricultural School; cleared school area; seized and secured San Jose.

1 Feb 45 63d RCT (- 1st Bn) reverted to div contl.

2 Feb 45 CP closed Guimba; opened vic Buena Vista.

6 Feb 45 1st Bn (-), 63d Inf, reverted to div contl.

8 Feb 45 - 13 Feb 45

Div elms at San Jose reld by elms 25th Div 8 Feb. Other div elms occupied Rizal and Bongabon on that date. Patrols moved E to outpost and rcn Baler and Dingalan Bays areas on E coast of Luzon; reached Dingalan Bay 12 Feb, Baler Bay 13 Feb without enemy contact.

8 Feb 45 CP closed vic Buena Vista; opened vic Mabini.

0/a 10 Feb 45 1st Inf placed in Sixth Army Res; alerted following day for mvmt to assembly area vic Dinalupihan; completed mvmt to area 14 Feb; placed under contrl of XI Corps that date.

14 Feb 45 - 17 Feb 45

Div (- 1st RCT) engaged in mvmt to vic San Miguel for opns under XIV Corps. Plans completed for moving div to objective area vic Novaliches.

16 Feb 45 CP closed vic Mabini; opened vic San Miguel.

18 Feb 45 - 5 Mar 45

Div engaged in central sector of Shimbu Line in lower Sierra Madre Mountains. Elms crossed Mariguina River and occupied high ground to E; protected Novaliches Dam. Atkd Mt Mataba and Mt Pacawagan; seized Montalban, San Isidro; secured Hill 400. Patrolled Metropolitan Road and mountains S of Ipo. Seized position on NW slope of Mt Pacawagan. Other elms began adv E toward Wawa area. Probed for routes of approach to Mt Oro area.

0/a 18 Feb 45 112th RCT (Sep) placed under div contrl.

19 Feb 45 CP closed vic San Miguel; opened vic Novaliches.

21 Feb 45 2d Bn, 1st Inf, reld fr contrl 38th Div; reverted to div contrl.

23 Feb 45 Remainder 1st Inf reld fr contrl 38th Div; reverted to div contrl.

6 Mar 45 - 7 Mar 45

Forces regrouped in preparation for drive to E.

7 Mar 45 CP closed vic Novaliches; opened vic Culiat.

8 Mar 45 - 16 Mar 45

Units assembled in area E of Bayanbayanan, and atkd to E. Secured high ground along general line Hot Corner - San Jose - San Mateo, and contd security of Novaliches Dam, Pipeline, and Balara Filters. Maintained rcn along Angat River, Metropolitan Road, and toward Ipo.

17 Mar 45 - 24 Mar 45

Resumed atk to E; seized high ground NW of Mt Yabang; carried out extensive patrols along trail between Bosoboso and Mariquina River; cut last N-S trail and secured high ground S Mt Batangan overlooking Bosoboso River.

20 Mar 45 CP closed vic Culiat; opened vic Marikina airstrip.

25 Mar 45 - 27 Mar 45

Div engaged in planning and regrouping forces for co-ordinated atk to N to seize Mt Mataba and high ground overlooking Mariquina River, W of Mariquina - Bosoboso River junction.

28 Mar 45 - 20 Apr 45

Engaged in opns to seize Mt Mataba and high ground vic Bosoboso River - Mariquina River junction. Mt Mataba seized 14 - 17 Apr.

3 Apr 45 112th RCT reld fr atchmt to div; reverted to contl XI Corps.

18 Apr 45 20th Inf passed to contl of Provost Marshal General, USAFFE. 1st Bn reverted to div cont 21 May; remainder of regt 1 Jun.

115th Inf (37th Div) passed to contl 6th Div.

21 Apr 45 - 30 Apr 45

Engaged in opn to secure Mt Pacaqagan. Launched atk 21 Apr and by 29 Apr had seized all of N, W, and SW slopes and most of SE slopes of Mt Pacaqagan.

23 Apr 45 2d Bn, 1st Inf, assumed atchd to 38th Div.

25 Apr 45 152d Inf (- 3d Bn), 38th Div, assumed attachd to 6th Div; assumed reld fr atchmt to 6th Div 30 Apr.

28 Apr 45 1st Inf (-) passed to opnl contl of 38th Div.

29 Apr 45 151st Inf (- 1st Bn), 38th Div, assumed atchd to 6th Div; assumed reld fr atchmt 30 Apr 45.

30 Apr 45 Div CP closed vic Marikina airstrip; opened Del Carmen.

3d Bn, 152d Inf, 38th Div, atchd to div.

1st Bn, 151st Inf, 38th Div, atchd to div.

145th Inf, 37th Div, reld fr contrl of 6th Div; passed to contrl of 38th Div.

149th Inf, 38th Div, atchd to div.

1 May 45 - 12 Jun 45

Div (-20th Inf) engaged in searching out enemy remnants and protecting vital instls within its zone in W central portion of Luzon. Elms maintained positions in Orani - Pilar - Bagac area on Bataan Peninsula; in San Antonio - San Marcelino area and along W coast fr Palauig to Botolan in Zambales Province; secured Zigzag Pass; patrolled toward Mt Pinatubo fr S and W; protected San Marcelino airstrip and Clark Field instls. Other elms patrolled and mopped up on Carregidor and Caballo Isls; in Marivales, Cabcaben, and Mt Natib areas of Bataan; and protected bridges along railroad and Hwy 3 fr Manila to Tarlac. Div (1 1st Inf) directed on 28 May to move to N sector of Luzon for opns under I Corps. 1st Inf asgd mission to assume contrl of div zone and remain under contrl of XI Corps. Units began mvmt N 1 Jun; completed mvmt 12 Jun.

1 May 45 3d Bn, 149th Inf, 38th Div, assumed reld fr atchmt to 6th Div; reverted to 38th Div contrl.

1st Inf (-) returned to contrl of 6th Div.

3d Bn, 63d Inf, atchd to 38th Div.

2 May 45 3d Bn, 152d Inf, 38th Div, reld fr atchmt to 6th Div; reverted to regtl contrl.

1st Bn, 151st Inf, 38th Div assumed reld fr atchmt to 6th Div; reverted to regtl contrl.

3 May 45 Regtl Hq and 1st Bn, 149th Inf, 38th Div, assumed reld fr atchmt to 6th Div; reverted to 38th Div contrl.

4 May 45 3d Bn, 63d Inf, reverted to div contrl.

6 May 45 2d Bn, 149th Inf, 38th Div, assumed reld fr 6th Div; reverted to regtl contrl.

7 Jun 45 20th RCT placed under contrl of 37th Div; reverted to div contrl 12 Jun.

10 Jun 45 1st RCT placed under contrl XI Corps. Return to div contrl commenced 25 Jun; completed 29 Jun.

12 Jun 45 - 30 Jun 45

Div began opns in Cagayan Valley area; by 14 Jun had reld all elms of 37th Div W of Magat River. Secured Hwy 5 N to include Bayombong; pushed W along Bambang - Pingkian road, patrolled fr Pingkian NW to Kayapa and fr Salinas NW to Pinayag; pushed rcn N toward Kiangan and W fr Bambang. Captured Santa Rosa; occupied Pingkian and Kayapa. Other elms crossed Lamut River; conducted rcn up Hwy 4 to secure hwy fr Bagabag NW to Payawan and reconnoiter toward Bolog. Forces adv up Hwy 4 and seized high ground NW of Lamut River and Payawan 15 Jun. Seized road junction where Hwy 4 branched into old and new Hwys 4 SW of Bolog; captured Bolog and seized high ground SW of Hucab.

12 Jun 45 Div CP closed Del Carmen; opened Solano.

1 Jul 45 - 21 Aug 45

Div engaged in opns under XIV Corps in Mountain Province, N Luzon. Captured Kiangan, seized and secured bridgehead N of Ibulao River; adv N along Hwy 4 and seized Banaue. In Cagayan Valley div forces reld 37th Div elms along Hwy 5, between Magat River and Ilagan 1 - 5 Jul; secured Jones; reconnoitered to S up Dibuluan and Dabubu Rivers; secured San Mariano; crossed Pinacuan de Ilagan River; secured trail between Naguilian and San Mariano; secured Dibuluan. Between 20 Jul - 15 Aug div forces in Banaue sector adv E fr Banaue and made junction with Filipino forces near Mayoyao; secured Ducligan and Tulaid. Div elms in Kiangan - Mt Puloy sector atkd W and NW. Secured Pacdan 31 Jul; mopped up area and continued atk NW toward Mt Puloy. Forces in Palao - Antipolo area secured Palao, Duit, and Antipolo.

1 Jul 45 Div CP closed Solano; opened Bagabag.

15 Aug 45

Div ceased offensive opns.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Clarence S Ridley	7 Dec 41
Brig Gen Gustav H Franke	23 Dec 41
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Maj Gen Clarence S Ridley	2 Jun 42
Brig Gen Julius Ochs Adler	7 Sep 42
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Maj Gen Franklin C Sibert	8 Nov 42
Brig Gen Charles E Hurdis	24 Aug 44
Maj Gen Edwin D Patrick	7 Sep 44
Brig Gen Charles E Hurdis	14 Mar 45
Maj Gen Charles E Hurdis (promotion)	1 May 45



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6TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Organic Units

(as of 1 December 1943)

1st Infantry Regiment  
20th Infantry Regiment  
63d Infantry Regiment

6th Reconnaissance Troop (Mech)  
6th Engineer Combat Battalion  
6th Medical Battalion

Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

1st Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
51st Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
53d Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
80th Field Artillery Battalion (155-mm How)

Special Troops

Headquarters

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Military Police Platoon

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7TH INFANTRY DIVISION (RA)

7 Dec 41

Div (act Ft Ord, Calif, 1 Jul 40) engaged in tng Ft Ord.

8 Dec 41 - 30 Apr 42

Occupied def positions; engaged in outpost and patrol activities and tng.

2 Apr 42 Div redesign 7th Mtz Div.

1 May 42 - 23 Apr 43

Engaged in tng, maneuvers, reorgn, and preparation for mvmt overseas.

1 May 42 Moved fr Ft Ord to Cp San Luis Obispo, Calif. Engaged in tng until 12 Aug.

12 Aug 42 Moved to Desert Training Center for participation in maneuvers.

20 Oct 42 Returned to Cp San Luis Obispo; continued tng.

10 Jan 43 Div redesign 7th Inf Div.

11 Jan 43 Reorg and prepared for mvmt overseas.

15 Jan 43 Moved fr Cp San Luis Obispo to Ft Ord; engaged in amph tng until 21 Apr.

10 Apr 43 Div elms (Det Div Hq and 17th and 32d Inf Regts) org into LF 51.4 as component of Naval TF 51, at Ft Ord. Div comdr assumed comd of LF. Force moved fr Ft Ord to SFPE 22 - 23 Apr. Div (-) remained at Ft Ord.

24 Apr 43 - 11 May 43

LF 51.4 in mvmt to Aleutian Isls. Embarked SFPE 24 Apr; LF CP opened aboard USS Zeilin. Arr Cold Bay 30 Apr; remained afloat in area until 4 May. LF asgd mission to seize Attu and destroy enemy forces thereon; hold isl until reld; and facilitate occupation of Shemya Isl by prompt establishment of shor instls and staging area in E and W Arms, Holtz Bay, Attu. Landing date set for 7 May. Weather forced postponement of date fr 7 May to 8 May; to 9 May; and again to 11 May. LF dep Cold Bay for Attu 4 May.

5 May 43 All elms of div remaining at Ft Ord (except Div Hq (-) atchd to Amphibious Training Force (ATF) #9, which had been act Ft Ord 4 May, and asgd mission to reduce and occupy Kiska and Little Kiska in opn to eliminate remaining enemy forces in Aleutian Isls, and to establish base for further opns against enemy forces in N Pacific.

7 May 43 LF 51.4 arr Attu. Convoy sailed into Bering Sea to avoid detection.

11 May 43

Landing hour for Attu, set for 0740, twice postponed because of dense fog which caused collision of destroyers McDonough and Sicard and delayed debarkation into landing boats until 1530. Landings made on N side of Isl at 1520; other elms landed on Blue and Yellow Beaches at 1620. (Adv Scouting Parties had landed earlier on Red and Scarlet Beaches.)

11 May 43 - 30 Jun 43

LF 51.4 engaged in destruction of enemy forces on Attu mopping up opns, and reorgn.

12 May 43 LF CP closed USS Zeilin; opened vic Massacre Bay, Attu.

22 May 43 Div Hq (-) atchd to ATF #9 at Ft Ord, Calif.

28 Jun 43 159th Inf reld fr ATF #9; dep SFPE for Attu to rel 17th Inf as garrison force on isl.

1 Jul 43 - 14 Aug 43

LF engaged in consolidation of positions on Attu, and tng and maneuvers on Adak Isl in preparation for Kiska opn.

1 Jul 43 Div Hq (-) was reld for atchmt to ATF #9 and transferred fr Ft Ord to Attu. (This was a paper transfer (in name only) preceding actual movement of personnel and equipment.)

0/a 9 Jul 43 159th RCT arr Attu. Reld 17th Inf as garrison force on Attu. 17th Inf moved to Adak for tng for projected opn on Kiska; atchd to ATF #9.

0/a 10 Jul 43 Units desig to participate in assault on Kiska engaged in tng program on Adak to 14 Aug. ATF #9 desig as LF 16.8 for opn. Prior to dep fr assembly areas on Adak and Amchitka, ATF #9 org into three principal groups, desig as Northern Sector Force, Southern Sector Force, and Floating Res.

12 Jul 43 Adv Det Hq ATF #9 dep SFPE: arr Adak 19 Jul.

17 Jul 43 Personnel of Div Hq (-), which had remained behind when Div Hq (-) was transferred, arr Adak fr Ft Ord. (See 1 July 44 entry.)

21 Jul 43 Hq ATF #9 (-Adv Det) dep Ft Ord; arr SFPE.

Hq ATF #9 (- Adv Det and Rear Ech) dep SFPE 24 Jul;  
arr Adak 30 Jul.

29 Jul 43 Rear Ech Hq ATF #9 (- Adv Det) dep SFPE; arr Adak 4 Aug.

15 Aug 43 - 21 Aug 43

First assault waves of LF 16.8 landed on Kiska without enemy opposition. During following week LF trps conducted extensive patrolling throughout isl without enemy contact. Occupation of Kiska completed 17 Aug 43.

22 Aug 43 - 14 Sep 43

Div engaged in regrouping and reorgn, and in preparation for, and mvmt fr Aleutian Islas to Hawaii.

23 Aug 43 159th Inf reld fr asgmt to 7th Div. 184th Inf which had arrived at Attu 24 Jul and was atchd to ATF #9, reld fr atchmt to ATF #9 and asgd to 7th Div.

15 Sep 43 - 18 Jan 44

Major elms of div arr Hawaii by 15 Sep; began program of rehabilitation and tng. Div, reinf, atchd to V Amph Corps on 11 Dec for opn contl and amph tng for Marshall Islands (FLINTLOCK) opn. Tng continued until end of period.

6 Jan 44 Div, reinf, as Southern Landing Force (TG 56.1) directed to embark at Oahu and move under naval contl to transport areas desig by naval comdr; seize and def all isls S of Chester \*/ and BENNETT (Bigej) Isls, inclusive, in Kwajalein Atoll; to land on Carlson (Enubuj), Carlos (Ennylabegan), Carter (Gea), and CECIL (Ninni) Isls on D Day; to secure Carlson Isl for Div Arty, and Carlos, Carter, and Cecil Isls for protection of Gea Pass. Initial landings to be made by 17th RCT, with 32d and 184th RCT's in Res.

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\* Search has failed to disclose the geographical equivalent of the code designation.

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19 Jan 44 - 30 Jan 44

Div engaged in loading and mvmt fr Hawaii to objective area. First ech dep Pearl Harbor 20 Jan; remainder 22 Jan. CP opened aboard USS Rocky Mount.

31 Jan 44 - 6 Feb 44

Div engaged in destruction of enemy forces on Kwajalein Atoll \*/ As part of preliminary ops, elms seized and secured Carlson, Carlos, Cecil, and Carter Isls 31 Jan, and made initial landing on Chauncey (Gehh) Isl; secured latter 2 Feb. 1 Feb, Div made amph landing on Kwajalein Isl; cleared Isl of org enemy resistance 4 Feb; mopped up 5 Feb. Between 3 - 6 Feb, elms secured Burton (Ebeye), Elakenship (Loi), Berlin (North Gugagwe), and Bennett Isls, and cleared numerous isls north of Chauncey and Bennett Isls as far as Cohen (Enmugenliggerlap) Isl, which was occupied 6 Feb.

31 Jan 44 Adv CP opened on Carlson Isl.

8 Feb 44 - 15 Feb 44

Div in water transit fr Kwajalein Isl to Hawaii; arr Honolulu Harbor 15 Feb. O/a 16 Feb div reld fr atchmt to V Amph Corps.

16 Feb 44 - O/a 1 Aug 44

Div engaged in rehabilitation and tng.

O/a 1 Aug 44 - 15 Sep 44

Div, following alert, engaged in planning, preparation, tng, and loading for participation, under XXIV Corps, in capture of Yap Isl and Palau Isls (Western Carolines) in second phase of opn desig STALEMATE II.

15 Sep 44

Div, reinf, dep Pearl Harbor. Coincident with departure, XXIV Corps objective changed to Leyte.

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\* Code name for Kwajalein Atoll was CABBILON; that for Kwajalein Island was PORCELAIN.

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15 Sep 44 - 19 Oct 44

Div, reinf, in water transit to Leyte. Arr Eniwetok 25 Sep. Div received mission fr XXIV Corps to land on Yellow Beach 2, Violet Beach 1, and Violet Beach 2 on Leyte, between Calbasag and Daguitan Rivers; to adv rapidly inland along Dulag - Burauen road, seize hostile airdromes in its zone; secure Burauen - Dagami road; and protect XXIV Corps L (S) flank. Div reinf, Eniwetok 26 Sep and 28 Sep; arr Seeadler Harbor, Manus (Admiralty Isls), 3 Oct; completed initial transfer of assault trps fr APA's to LST's. D Day set for 20 Oct, at 1000. Dep Manus Isl 11 - 14 Oct; arr Leyte Gulf 20 Oct.

20 Oct 44

Div (- 17th Inf in XXIV Corps Res) began landing at 1000 on left of XXIV Corps on east coast of Leyte between Calbasag and Daguitan Rivers; established BH.

20 Oct 44 - 31 Oct 44

After establishing BH, div drove west from Dulag, capturing Dulag airfield and Burauen; secured San Pablo and Bayug airfield; turned north and adv toward Dagami; captured Buri airfield and Dagami and made contact with 96th Div.

21 Oct 44 Fwd Ech Div CP debarked fr USS Appalachian and established Fwd CP vic Violet Beach 1.

22 Oct 44 17th Inf released from XXIV Corps and reverted to div contl.

24 Oct 44 Rear Ech Div CP closed aboard USS Appalachian; Fwd CP closed Violet Beach 1 and Div CP opened vic San Pablo.

1 Nov 44 - 4 Dec 44

Div adv south; eliminated enemy groups S of Marabang River and secured Abuyog. Seized and repaired road to Baybay and captured Baybay. Elms of div made rcn in force northward up coast toward Ormoc to block any enemy adv south and establish def positions in contact with enemy. Div (-), after being rel'd of responsibility for Burauen area by 11th A/B Div; displaced to W coast of Leyte and assembled in Baybay - Caridad area.

22 Nov 44 17th Inf (- 2d Bn) atchd 11th A/B Div; reverted to div contl 27 Nov 44.

25 Nov 44 Div Adv CP moved fr vic San Pablo; opened at Baybay.

29 Nov 44 2d Bn, 305th Inf, 77th Div, placed under opnl contrl of div; reld fr div and reverted to regtl contrl 4 Dec 44.

1 Dec 44 Div Rear CP closed vic San Pablo; opened S of Yellow Beach 1. Closed S of Yellow Beach 1 and joined Div Adv CP at Baybay 3 Dec 44.

4 Dec 44 Div CP closed Baybay; opened Caridad.

5 Dec 44 - 14 Jan 45

Div launched atk N from Danulaan as part of corps pincer mvmt to seize Ormoc; secured Ipil and made contact with 77th Div. Div made responsible for W coast of Leyte S of line Palompon - Valencia; conducted combat patrols through W coastal plains and mountains; uncovered enemy concentrations E of Ormoc on Mts Maagonioc and Abunug.

21 Dec 44 Div CP closed Caridad; opened Ormoc.

0/a 24 Dec 44 Div alerted for participation in projected opns in Ryukyu Isl.

15 Jan 44 - 12 Feb 45

Elms of div landed, secured, and turned over to guerrilla forces, Ponson, Poro, and Pacijan Isls in the Camotes Isls. Adv elms of div moved to rehabilitation areas of E coast whicl div (-) continued def missions and patrol activities on W coast. On 10 Feb 45, div zone of responsibility turned over to Americal Div. Div reld of tac missions on Leyte 12 Feb 45; moved to vic of Tarragona for rehabilitation, planning, and staging for opns in Ryukyu Isls.

4 Feb 45 Div CP closed Ormoc; opened Tarragona.

8 Feb 45 Div received mission fr XXIV Corps to land on D Day on Purple and Orange Beaches, Okinawa, with two inf regts abreast, and destroy all enemy forces in its zone of action; adv rapidly inland, secure Kadena airfield, continue adv in its zone, pushing elms to E coast at earliest practicable moment; secure objective line D plus 10 at earliest practicable time; be prepared to continue atk to S along E coast of Okinawa on corps

order; co-ordinate its adv with elm of III Amph Corps along indicated boundary lines between corps ; and hold one inf regt in div res ashore for commitment only on authority of corps comdr.

12 Feb 45 - 27 Mar 45

Div engaged in planning, tng, and loading for dep fr Leyte.

11 Mar 45 Div informed that D Day was confirmed as 1 Apr 45.

27 Mar 45 - 1 Apr 45

Div, reinf, in mvmt fr Leyte to Okinawa. Conducted Div CP exercises and orientation of trps while en route.

27 Mar 45 Div CP closed Leyte; opened aboard USS Harris.

1 Apr 45

Div landed on Hagushi beaches on SW coast of Okinawa.

1 Apr 45 - 30 Jun 45

Div engaged in campaign for Ryukyus. Following landing, div drove inland, captured Kadena airfield and established BH. On 2 Apr drove to E coast thereby severing the isl; reached N end of Yonabaru airfield; secured high ground overlooking town of Ouki; engaged in patrols and rcn 11 - 17 Apr. Captured military crest of Skyline Ridge; Rocky Crag; Hill 178 and Horseshoe Ridge; secured towns of Onaga and Kochi. Elms captured Tare Hill 1 May; drove enemy fr Gaja Hill; repelled counterattacks along entire div front 4 - 5 May, including amph landing on E coast. Cleared enemy fr Tanabaru and secured ridge S of town 6 May. Captured town of Yonagusuku. Div reld by 96th Div 10 - 11 May. During period 12 - 21 May, engaged in rehabilitation, tng of replacements, and patrolling of rear areas.

22 May div atkd through town of Yonabaru S; seized Chestnut Hill and other contiguous high points. On 23 May elms on div right drove E, seized Bark, Elm, and Ash Hills; other elms secured Yellowtail, Pine, and Bamboo Hills. Atkd S, SW, and SE 24 May, forcing opening wedge into SE defenses of Shuri. On 30 May secured key points along entire div front and drove enemy fr James, Ella, and June Hills; seized Turkey, Duck, Susie, and Mabel Hills 31 May.

1 June div captured Hills 181 and 145, and additional key terrain. Div reached SE coast of Okinawa 3 Jun, cutting off enemy in Chinen-Mura Peninsula; consolidated positions for drive to SW. Completed capture of peninsula 4 Jun; drove SW to Minatoga - Mega road, secured Minatoga Inlet; mopped up peninsula. Secured portion of Tomui - Gushican road on approaches to Hill 95; continued destruction of enemy strong points on

Yaeju-Dake escarpment; captured Hill 95.

Seized and secured Hills 115 and 153. Adv reached S coast 18 - 20 Jun; established contact with 1st Marine Div; captured Hill 89.

During period 21 - 30 Jun, div mopped up rear areas of its zone of action.

2 Apr 45 Div CP closed USS Harris; opened vic Nugan.

3 Apr 45 Div CP closed vic Nugan; opened vic Nozato.

5 Apr 45 Div CP closed vic Nozato; opened vic Atsuta.

23 May 45 Div CP closed vic Atsuta; opened vic Minami-uebaru.

13 Jun 45 Div CP closed vic Minami-uebaru; opened Tamagusuku.

1 Jul 45 - 4 Aug 45

Engaged in rehabilitation and tng.

5 Aug 45

Div asgd responsibility for ground def and internal security of S Sector of Okinawa, and all isls immediately adjacent thereto.

15 Aug 45

Div desig as part of Occupation Force under XXIV Corps for Korea.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Charles H White	7 Dec 41
Brig Gen Albert E Brown	8 Apr 42
Maj Gen Albert E Brown (promotion)	30 May 42
Brig Gen Ellerbe W. Carter	8 Jun 42
Maj Gen Albert E Brown	18 Jun 42
Brig Gen Ellerbe W Carter	8 Jul 42
Maj Gen Albert E Brown	10 Jul 42
Brig Gen Joseph L Ready	11 Nov 42
Brig Gen Ellerbe W Carter	16 Nov 42
Maj Gen Albert E Brown	21 Nov 42
Brig Gen Ellerbe W Carter	13 Jan 43
Maj Gen Albert E Brown	17 Jan 43
Brig Gen Ellerbe W Carter	20 Jan 43
Maj Gen Albert E Brown	24 Jan 43
Brig Gen Archibald V Arnold	23 Feb 43
Maj Gen Albert E Brown	25 Feb 43
Brig Gen Archibald V Arnold	2 Mar 43
Maj Gen Albert E Brown	6 Mar 43
Brig Gen Eugene M Landrum	19 Mar 43
Maj Gen Albert E Brown	21 Mar 43

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen Archibald V Arnold	24 Mar 43
Maj Gen Albert E Brown	27 Mar 43
Brig Gen Joseph L Ready	3 Apr 43
Maj Gen Albert E Brown	5 Apr 43
Brig Gen Archibald V Arnold	19 Apr 43
Maj Gen Albert E Brown	21 Apr 43
Brig Gen Joseph L Ready	24 Apr 43
Maj Gen Charles H Corlett	5 Sep 43
Brig Gen Joseph L Ready	30 Nov 43
Maj Gen Charles H Corlett	5 Dec 43
Brig Gen Joseph L Ready	21 Feb 44
Brig Gen Archibald V Arnold	25 Feb 44
Brig Gen Joseph L Ready	19 May 44
Maj Gen Archibald V Arnold	29 May 44

ASSIGNED TO:

DATE

Western Defense Command  
and Fourth Army

7 Dec 41

Army Ground Forces

11 Mar 42

VII Corps

1 May 42

Army Ground Forces

20 Oct 42

Western Defence Command

15 Jan 43

USAFICPA

16 Sep 43

Central Pacific Base Command

1 Jul 44

Tenth Army

10 Feb 43

XXIV Corps

22 Feb 45

Tenth Army

31 Jul 45

XXIV Corps

15 Aug 45

ATTACHED TO:

V Amphibious Corps

11 Dec 43 - O/a 16 Feb 44

7TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Organic Units

(As of 1 December 1943)

17th Infantry Regiment  
32d Infantry Regiment  
184th Infantry Regiment

7th Reconnaissance Troop (Mecz)  
13th Engineer Combat Battalion  
7th Medical Battalion

Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

31st Field Artillery Battalion (155-mm How)  
48th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
49th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
57th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)

Special Troops

Headquarters

Headquarters Company  
Military Police Platoon

7th Quartermaster Company  
7th Signal Company

707th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company



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11TH AIRBORNE DIVISION (AUS)

25 Feb 43

11th A/B Div act at Cp Mackall, Hoffman, N.C.

26 Feb 43 - 1 Jan 44

Div tnd with Hq at Cp Mackall. During this period, various units of div tnd for short periods of time at other instls.

2 Jan 44 - 11 Jan 44

Div moved in echs fr Cp Mackall to Cp Polk, La.

12 Jan 44 - 19 Apr 44

Div underwent tng and orientation at Cp Polk.

20 Apr 44 - 28 Apr 44

Div moved in echs fr Cp Polk to Cp Stoneman, Calif.

29 Apr 44 - 4 May 44

Div underwent processing and orientation at Cp Stoneman.

5 May 44 - 25 May 44

Div in mvmt fr SFPE to New Guinea.

5 May 44 Adv Det dep SFPE and arr New Guinea O/a 25 May 44.

6 May 44 187th Glider Inf dep SFPE and arr New Guinea 29 May 44.

8 May 44 Div Hq and 511th Prcht Inf Regt dep SFPE and arr New Guinea O/a 29 May 44.

17 May 44 188th Glider Inf Regt dep SFPE and arr New Guinea 11 Jun 44.

26 May 44 - 10 Nov 44

Div tnd in airborne maneuvers; practiced amph landings, and engaged in jungle tng.

11 Nov 44

Div departed New Guinea for Leyte.

12 Nov 44 - 17 Nov 44

Div was in convoy en route to Leyte.

18 Nov 44

Div debarked on Bito Beach between Tarragona and Abuyog on Leyte Gulf.

19 Nov 44 - 20 Nov 44

Div established cp and supply dumps on Bito Beach, Leyte.

19 Nov 44 Div directed by XXIV Corps to rel all elms 7th Div in its asgnd zone of action; seize and secure all exits through mountains into Leyte Valley in asgnd zone of action; and adv through central mountain range in its zone of action; secure western exits fr mountains into west coastal corridor; maintain in vic of Tarragona one Glider Inf Regt; patrol, maintain and co-ordinate def and security of Corps Service Area; and, def occupied areas.

21 Nov 44 - 14 Jan 45

Div reld 7th Div along line Burauen - La Paz - Bugho; pushed west over mountains to Takin and Lubi; cleared enemy parachutists fr San Pablo, Bayug, and Buri airstrips; cleared areas fr Burauen heights to Anonang to Mahonag; pushed west fr Mahonag along Talisayan River to coastal plain of Ormoc Bay. During these opns, Rear Ech guarded rear instls vic Bito Beach. Major opns by div ended with destruction of enemy in Anonang area. Div units assembled Bito Beach.

22 Nov 44 Div CP opened at San Pablo, Leyte.

17th Inf (- 2d Bn) (7th Div) atchd to div, and reld fr atchmt 27 Nov 44.

28 Nov 44 306th Inf (- 1st Bn) (77th Div) atchd to div.

3 Dec 44 306th Inf (- 1st and 3d Bns), reld fr atchmt to div; reverted to 77th Div at Tarragona.

4 Dec 44 Div adv CP established on Mt Manarwat.

5 Dec 44 3d Bn, 306th Inf, reld fr atchmt to div; reverted to regt contl at Tarragona.

7 Dec 44 1st Bn, 149th Inf (38th Div) atchd to div. Date of release unknown.

8 Dec 44 2d Bn, 149th Inf (38th Div) atchd to div. Date of release unknown.

1st Bn, 382d Inf (96th Div) atchd to div.

12 Dec 44 Hq, 382d Inf, and 2d Bn, 382d Inf (96th Div) atchd to div; reld fr atchmt 14 Dec 44.

1st Bn, 382d Inf (96th Div) reld fr atchmt to div; reverted to regtl contrl.

15 Jan 45 - 26 Jan 45

Div engaged in rest and rehabilitation. During period received alert for participation in opns on Luzon, P.I.

22 Jan 45 Div (- 511th Prcht RCT) directed by CG Eighth Army to land, by amph mvmt fr bases in Leyte, one RCT in Nasugbu area to seize and def a BH; secure south flank of landing by blocking enemy approach fr Baylayan Bay - Santiago Peninsula area; land one RCT at Nasugbu as directed by CG Eighth Army; adv inland to effect junction with 511th RCT on Tagaytay Ridge; after assembling at Tagaytay Ridge, be prepared for further action to north and east as directed by CG Eighth Army; assume contrl of and direct opns of Filipino forces in Batangas Province south of 14° - 10' north latitude and west of line Antimonan - Agdangan.

511th Prcht RCT to be prepared to move by air fr Leyte and Mindoro bases; land by prcht, dropping on Tagaytay Ridge, seize approaches to the north, deny enemy passage into its objective area, and effect junction with forces of 11th A/B Div moving inland fr Nasugbu. Jump to be made on order of CG Eighth Army. \*/

27 Jan 45

Div (- 511th RCT) dep Leyte in ship convoy for Nasugbu; 511th RCT dep Leyte for Mindoro, P.I.

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\* Staging and mounting of 511th RCT was responsibility of Commanding General 11th Airborne Division. When airborne, contrl passed to Allied Air Forces; when dropped, control passed to Commanding General 11th Airborne Division.

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28 Jan 45 - 30 Jan 45

Div (- 511th RCT) in mvmt to Nasugbu; 511th RCT on Mindoro awaiting flying orders to join div on SW Luzon.

31 Jan 45

Div (- 511th RCT) made assault landing in Nasugbu area; seized Nasugbu and its airfield; advd east; seized Palico River bridge.

Div CP opened at Public School, Nasugbu, Luzon.

1 Feb 45 - 4 Feb 45

Div forces attacked into mountains east of Nasugbu; destroyed enemy positions on Mt Batulao; seized Mt Aiming; captured enemy supply dumps at Aga; captured Caylayway. 511th RCT dropped on Tagatay Ridge 3 Feb and in co-ordination with div forces captured Tagatay Ridge. 511th RCT led adv to Manila and seized Paranaque River bridge at south end of city on 5 Feb.

1 Feb 45 Div Adv CP moved from Nasugbu to Palico Barracks.

2 Feb 45 Div Rear CP closed Nasugbu and opened at Don Pedro, Sugar Central.

3 Feb 45 Div Adv CP closed Palico Barracks; opened in Manila Hotel Annex on Tagatay Ridge.

5 Feb 45 - 21 Feb 45

Div, reinf, attacked enemy's fortified Genko Line which ran about 3 miles south of Manila to Laguna de Bay; seized Polo Club area, Cavite Naval Base, and Nichols Field; cleared area of enemy pockets and pillboxes; took Mabato Point and Ft McKinley annex.

5 Feb 45 Div Adv CP closed Manila Hotel Annex and opened at Paranaque.

10 Feb 45 2d and 3d Bns, 19th Inf (24th Div), atchd to div.

22 Feb 45

Div units assembled to attack and liberate internee camp at Los Banos by a combined overland, shore-to-shore, and airborne opn.

23 Feb 45

Div paratroops overwhelmed enemy defenders of Los Banos internee camp and liberated 2,147 internees, who were evacuated in amphib tractors. Other div units held off enemy troops in Lecheria Hills while raid was in progress.

24 Feb 45 - 30 Jun 45

Div engaged in opns in southern Luzon; opened Manila Harbor on south with the Capture of Ternate; cleared Pico de Loro area; opened Manila - Santo Thomas - Lipa - Batangas Highway; captured Mt Bijiang; moved east fr Tagatay Ridge north of Lake Taal and took Mt Sungay; swung south and east, liberated An Jose; seized Tayabas and sealed off northern exits of Bicol Peninsula. Org enemy resistance on southern Luzon ended with capture of Mt Macolod and Mt Malepunyo.

- 24 Feb 45 2d and 3d Bns, 19th Inf (24th Div), reld fr atchmt to div and (assumed) reverted to XIV Corps.
- 3 Mar 45 Div Adv CP closed Paranaque; opened Manila Hotel Annex on Tagatay Ridge.  
158th RCT atchd to div.
- 22 Mar 45 Div Adv CP closed Nanila Hotel Annex; opened Alitagtag.
- 24 Mar 45 158th RCT reld fr atchmt to div.
- 2 Apr 45 Div Adv CP closed Alitagtag; opened at Rosario.
- 12 Apr 45 Div Rear CP closed Don Pedro, Sugar Central; joined Adv CP at Rosario.
- 22 Apr 45 Div CP closed Rosario; opened at Mataasnakahoy.
- 23 Apr 45 8th Cav RCT and 2d Sq, 7th Cav Regt (1st Cav Div), atchd to div; reld and reverted to 1st Cav Div 3 May 45.
- 1 Jun 45 187th Glider RCT, reinf, passed to contrl of Provost Marshal General, USAFFE, in Manila.
- 22 Jun 45 Div org GYPSY Force, comprised of 1st Bn, 511th Pchrt Inf, reinf, for airborne mission to Apparri, Cagayan, northern Luzon.

23 Jun 45 GYPSY Force dep by air fr Lipa; landed Camalaniugan airport vic Aparri; placed under contrl of I Corps and further atchd to Philippine Guerrilla Forces.

27 Jun 45 GYPSY Force reld fr atchmt to Philippine Guerrilla Forces; reverted to contrl I Corps and further atchd 37th Div.

1 Jul 45 - 10 Aug 45

Div tnd and staged at Lipa, Luzon, in preparation for invasion of Japan.

1 Jul 45 1st Bn, 188th Glider Inf, atchd to Eighth Army and further atchd to XIV Corps.

2 Jul 45 GYPSY Force reld fr contrl (assumed) I Corps and returned to div at Lipa.

21 Jul 45 187th Glider RCT reld fr contrl of Provost Marshal General, USAFFE, in Manila; reverted to div contrl.

11 Aug 45 - 15 Aug 45

Div (- Rear Ech) departed Lipa by air and assembled vic Naha airstrip on Okinawa. Div Rear Ech moved to Okinawa by water. Entire div had assembled vic Naha, Okinawa, by 15 Aug.

11 Aug 45 1st Bn, 188th Glider Inf, reld fr atchd Eighth Army; returned to regt contrl.



COMMANDERDATE

Maj Gen Joseph M Swing

25 Feb 43

Brig Gen Wyburn D Brown

10 Jun 43

Maj Gen Joseph M Swing

Aug 43

Brig Gen Albert Pierson

21 May 45

Maj Gen Joseph M Swing

3 Jun 45

ASSIGNED TO:DATE

Second Army	25 Feb 43
Third Army	11 Jan 44
Fourth Army	26 Jan 44
XVIII Corps	1 Feb 44
XXI Corps	15 Apr 44
Sixth Army	O/a 25 May 44
X Corps	24 Aug 44
Sixth Army	28 Sep 44
Eighth Army	26 Dec 44
Sixth Army	9 Feb 45
XIV Corps	10 Feb 45
Sixth Army	15 Jun 45
Eighth Army	15 Aug 45

ATTACHED TO:

Airborne Command	25 Feb 43 - 11 Jan 44
XXI Corps	18 Jan 44 - 26 Jan 44
XI Corps	25 Jun 44 - 20 Aug 44
XXIV Corps	18 Nov 44 - 10 Feb 45
XI Corps	15 Jun 45 - 1 Jul 45

11TH AIRBORNE DIVISION

Organic Units

(As of 1 December 1943)

187th Glider Infantry Regiment	127th Airborne Engineer Battalion
138th Glider Infantry Regiment	152d Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion
511th Parachute Infantry Regiment	221st Airborne Medical Company

Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

457th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion	(75-mm Pack How)
674th Glider Field Artillery Battalion	(75-mm Pack How)
675th Glider Field Artillery Battalion	(75-mm Pack How)

Special Troops

Headquarters

Headquarters Company	511th Airborne Signal Company
Band	711th Airborne Ordnance Maintenance Company
Military Police	11th Parachute Maintenance Company */

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\* Authorized by TO #71, 1 August 1944. 11th Parachute Maintenance Company organized subsequent to this date.

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24TH INFANTRY DIVISION (RA)

7 Dec 41

Div (-) sta at Schofield Bks, Oahu, T.H., with mission of def of N sector of Oahu Isl, exclusive of instls on garrisoned Army and Navy reservations. \*/ 299th Inf asgd to def of outer Hwn Isls (isls other than Oahu).

8 Dec 41 - 16 Jul 43

Engaged in def and tng missions and preparations for mvmt to forward area. During period, major units atchd to div for varying lengths of time included 298th Inf and 1st, 2d, and 3d Bns, 34th Inf.

19 Jun 42 Div CG asgd responsibility for ground def and security of Wheeler Fld.

21 Jul 42 299th Inf inact.

23 Jul 42 298th Inf asgd to div.\*\*/

18 May 43 Div alerted for mvmt to SWPA.

12 Jun 43 34th Inf asgd to div.

298th Inf reld fr asgmt to div; atchd to div.

16 Jul 43 Div reld of responsibility for def of N sector of Oahu. 298th Inf reld fr atchmt to div.

17 Jul 43 - 29 Jul 43

Div engaged in preparation for mvmt to SWPA.

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\* Headquarters, 24th Infantry Division, was redesignated from Headquarters Hawaiian Division (Square), 1 October 1941.

\*\* The 3d Battalion, 298th Infantry, was not activated until 28 August 1942.

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30 Jul 43 - 8 Sep 43

In mvmt by ech fr Hawaii to Australia.

30 Jul 43 Div Hq dep Hawaii; arr Australia 8 Aug.

0/a 8 Sep 43 Div completed mvmt to Australia.

8 Sep 43 - 0/a 30 Jan 44

Div sta Rockhampton, Australia; engaged in tng.

0/a 30 Jan 44 - 15 Mar 44

Div commenced mvmt at opening of period fr Rockhampton to Goodenough Isl, to plan, train, and stage for projected opns in Hansa Bay, (N.G.) area. Continued planning until 15 Mar, when, Hansa Bay opn was canceled and landings in Hollandia - Aitape area substituted. Div CG directed to assume comd of NOISELESS (Tanahmerah Bay) LF for assault landing at Tanahmerah Bay, N.G.

15 Mar 44 - 27 Mar 44

Engaged in preparations for Tanahmerah Bay portion of Hollandia - Aitape opn.

27 Mar 44

Div, reinf (- 34th RCT), as NOISELESS LF, under contl of RECKLESS (Hollandia) TF, \*/ directed by latter to land on 22 Apr in Tablascefa - Demengong Bay area of N.G.; establish contl over Deparpe area; neutralize enemy instls threatening Allied shipping entering Tanahmerah Bay; adv on orders fr comdr of Tanahmerah Bay LF and seized TF objective (Hollandia, Cyclops, and Sentani airdromes); make main effort along Depapre - Hollandia Drome road; consolidate and secure all occupied areas, and protect air, naval, and supply const and opns therein. 34th RCT desig RECKLESS TF Res.

27 Mar 45 - 15 Apr 45

Engaged in final preparations and tng. Trps moved to Taupota Bay S of Goodenough Isl for rehearsal 9 -10 Apr with naval ems, after which they returned to Goodenough Isl and remained afloat until dep for objective area.

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\* See record of events for ALAMO Force, RECKLESS Task Force.

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16 Apr 45 - 22 Apr 45

LF en route to Tanahmerah Bay. LF Fwd Ech dep Goodenough Isl 16 Apr for Admiralty Isls to permit trps a day for disembarkation for rest and exercise. CP closed Goodenough Isl; opened aboard USS Henry T. Allen. Remainder of LF dep Goodenough Isl 17 Apr. Convoy made rendezvous on 20 Apr with ships of RECKLESS TF at point NW of Manus Isl; arr Tanahmerah Bay 22 Apr.

22 Apr 44

LF trps landed in Tanahmerah Bay area S of Tablasoeffa and in Depapre Bay area, and secured beachheads. CP closed aboard USS Henry T. Allen; opened ashore behind W end of Red Beach 2, Tanahmerah Bay area.

23 Apr 44 - 26 Apr 44

CP moved to Red Beach 1, Depapre Bay. Trps conducted extensive land and amph rcn; secured Depapre, Mariboe, Kantome, Paipou, Jankena, Waibron-Baroe, Waibron-Bano, Dazai, Sabron, Julianadorp, and Ebeli Plantation. Captured Hollandia Drome 26 Apr; pushed on to Weversdorp.

27 Apr 44 - 6 Jun 44

LF engaged in mopping up of objective areas and in extensive patrolling, with small task forces operating over wide areas.

4 May 44 LF assumed responsibility for def of entire Tanahmerah Bay - Humboldt Bay area. \*/

8 May 44 CP closed Depapre; opened Weversdorp.

14 May 44 34th RCT (- 2d Bn) reld fr TF Res and reverted to div contl.

24 May 44 2d Bn, 34th Inf, reverted to div contl.

6 Jun 44 Hollandia - Tanahmerah opn officially terminated. \*\*/

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\* Previous to this date, LETTERPRESS Landing Force (41st Division (-)) and NOISELESS Landing Force were charged with the joint defense of this area.

\*\* Although the Hollandia - Tanahmerah operation was terminated 6 June 1944, records indicate that the NOISELESS Landing Force continued to operate as such until on or before 25 September 1944. (See record of events for ALAMO Force.)

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7 Jun 44 - 25 Jul 44

NOISELESS LF continued mopping-up and patrol opns in Hollandia - Tanahmerah Bay - Humboldt Bay area.

- 15 Jun 44 34th Inf, reinf, atchd to HURRICANE TF (I Corps) for opns on Biak Isl. (See R/E ALAMO Force, HURRICANE Task Force.)
- 18 Jun 44 34th Inf, reinf, further atchd to 41st Div (component of HURRICANE TF).
- 17 Jul 44 34th Inf, reinf, reld fr HURRICANE TF; reverted to div contl.

26 Jul 44 - 17 Sep 44

NOISELESS LF engaged in outpostting and security missions in Tanahmerah Bay - Humboldt Bay - Tami area, concurrently undergoing tng, rehabilitation, and re-equipment.

18 Sep 44 - 6 Oct 44

Div alerted 18 Sep for projected opn on Leyte; engaged in staff planning and trp preparations for Leyte landing.

- 23 Sep 44 21st Inf (- Cannon Co) directed by Sixth Army to land vic Panaon Strait, at southern tip of Leyte, on 20 Oct 44, under direct contl Sixth Army, and secure contl of that entrance to Sogod Bay; and, further, to be prepared, when reld by elms of XXIV Corps, to rejoin 24th Div in Capoocan - Carigara - Barugo area of Leyte. (It is assumed that 21st Inf was atchd to Sixth Army on or about this date.)
- 30 Sep 44 Div, reinf (- 21st Inf), directed by X Corps to land on 20 Oct 44, at 1000, in Palo - Pawing area of Leyte Isl; seize and occupy Capoocan - Carigara - Barugo area; secure Palo - Tanauan Hwy within X Corps zone of action, and establish and maintain contact with XXIV Corps and 1st Cav Div.

7 Oct 44 - 12 Oct 44

During period div trps began loading into asgd shipping at Humboldt Bay for mvmt to objective area. Assault elms of div participated in rehearsal E of Humboldt Bay.



12 Oct 44 Div CP closed Hollandia; opened aboard USS Blue Ridge.

13 Oct 44 - 20 Oct 44

Div in water transit fr Humboldt Bay to Leyte.

20 Oct 44

Div (- 21st Inf) landed on E coast of Leyte vic Pawing.

20 Oct 44 - 17 Nov 44

During period div forces captured Hill 522, Palo, and hills N and NW thereof; made contact with XXIV Corps; occupied Pastrana, Castilla, and Santa Fe; crossed Mainit River and destroyed enemy vic Cavite; turned S, captured Jaro; made contact with 1st Cav Div; atkd S toward Carigara; on 2 Nov, with 1st Cav Div, initiated co-ordinated atk toward Carigara, with Capoocan as primary objective of div. Captured Capoocan and Pinamopoan; pushed rcn S fr Pinamopoan and over Daro - Ormoc trail in preparation for adv on Ormoc; atkd S toward latter on 7 Nov and during remainder of period engaged in struggle to break hostile resistance on Breakneck Ridge.

21 Oct 44 Div CP closed aboard USS Blue Ridge; opened ashore Palo BH; div comdr assumed comd ashore.

25 Oct 44 Div CP closed Palo BH; opened N of Palo.

28 Oct 44 Div CP closed N of Palo; opened E of Santa Fe.

29 Oct 44 Div CP closed E of Santa Fe; opened W of Alangalang.

30 Oct 44 Div CP closed W of Alangalang; opened NE of Jaro.

2 Nov 44 21st Inf (- 2d Bn) returned to div contl.

3 Nov 44 Div CP closed NE of Jaro; opened NW of Tunga.

5 Nov 44 2d Bn, 21st Inf, returned to div contl.

8 Nov 44 Div CP closed NW of Tunga; opened Capoocan.

9 Nov 44 1st Bn, 19th Inf, atchd to 1st Cav Div; reverted to div contl 15 Nov.

17 Nov 44 Initial rel of div begun by 32d Div, which assumed mission of former to drive on Ormoc. 34th Inf atchd to 32d Div. Remainder of div began mvmt to Jaro and Cavite areas. Div CP closed Capoocan; opened NW of Jaro.

18 Nov 44 - 7 Dec 44

Engaged in new none of action along Jaro - Ormoc trail; conducted patrols in area and assumed responsibility for security of arty batteries shelling Ormoc fr vic Daro.

18 Nov 44 2d Bn, 19th Inf, atchd to 32d Div.

20 Nov 44 19th RCT (- 2d Bn) placed under Sixth Army contrl for opns on Mindoro as major unit of Western Visayan Task Force (WVTF).

23 Nov 44 2d Bn, 19th Inf, reld fr contrl 32d Div to join remainder of regt under Sixth Army contrl.

2 Dec 44 34th Inf (- 1st Bn) returned to div contrl. Regt initiated mvmt to Calubian and thence overwater to Pinamopao - Capococan area to def beaches and line of communications.

5 Dec 44 1st Bn, 34th Inf, returned to div contrl.

7 Dec 44 - 6 Jan 45

Div (-) engaged in clearing Leyte peninsula fr N tip S to Tabango Bay.

10 Dec 44 3d Bn, 21st Inf, placed under Sixth Army contrl for opns on Mindoro with Western Visayan Task Force, 19 Dec; remaining bns alerted for similar action.

16 Dec 44 151st RCT (- Dets), 38th Div, atchd to div.

27 Dec 44 Remainder 21st Inf placed under opnl contrl of Sixth Army as component of Western Visayan Task Force.

30 Dec 44 Div (- 19th and 21st Inf Regts) directed to assemble in staging areas by 4 Jan 45 and be prepared to release 34th Inf to contrl 38th Div.

151st RCT reld fr div contrl.

1 Jan 45 19th and 21st Inf Regts reld fr Sixth Army contrl and atchd to Eighth Army; contd mission on Mindoro.

6 Jan 45 - 28 Jan 45

Div (-), following alert, engaged in preparations for mvmt fr Leyte to Mindoro.

19 Jan 45 34th RCT (assumed) atchd to XI Corps. (See R/E for XI Corps.)

29 Jan 45

Adv Det Div Hq dep Leyte and arr Mindoro.

30 Jan 45 - 31 Jan 45

Remainder div (-) in preparation for mvmt to Mindoro.

1 Feb 45

Div CP closed Leyte; opened San Jose, Mindoro. Div comdr assumed comd of Eighth Army units on Mindoro. 21st and 19th Inf Regts reverted to div contl.

2 Feb 45 - 23 Feb 45

Div (-) engaged in mopping up, patrolling, and security missions on Mindoro and Marinduque; conducted rcn of Verde, Maricaban, and Lubang Isls.

2 Feb 45 Div comdr directed to prepare two bns of 19th Inf for mvmt to S Luzon as reinforcements for Eighth Army opn at Nasugbu and Tagaytay Ridge (MIKE VI).

4 Feb 45 2d and 3d Bns, 19th Inf, dep Mindoro for Luzon.

10 Feb 45 2d and 3d Bns, 19th Inf, reld fr contl Eighth Army; passed to contl Sixth Army. Bns atchd to XIV Corps and further atchd to 11th A/B Div effective this date.

22 Feb 45 Div Rear Ech arr Mindoro fr Leyte.

24 Feb 45

Div assumed former missions and responsibilities of X Corps on Mindoro under direct contl of Hq Eighth Army.

25 Feb 45 - 25 Mar 45

Div in amph landings, under Eighth Army contl, cleared isls in Verde Passage, including Verde Isl (25 Feb - 3 Mar); Lubang gp, including Lubang, Ambil, Cabra, and Golo Isls and Looc Bay (1 - 15 Mar). Following directive of Eighth Army of 5 Mar, made amph landings on Romblon and Simara Isls in Romblon Province (11 - 12 Mar). Simara Isl cleared by 21 Mar; Romblon Isl by 5 Apr. Isls turned over to guerrilla forces which had participated in opn.

- 28 Feb 45 34th RCT (- 3d Bn and other elms) returned to Mindoro fr Luzon and (assumed) reverted to div contl.
- 2 Mar 45 3d Bn and 2d Bn, 19th Inf, arr Mindoro fr Luzon on 2 Mar and 4 Mar, respectively; (assumed) remained under XIV Corps contl.
- 5 Mar 45 Div alerted for participation in projected opns on Mindanao under X Corps contl (VICTOR V).
- 3d Bn, 34th RCT, arr Mindoro to Luzon; (assumed) reverted to div contl.
- 7 Mar 45 2d and 3d Bns, 19th Inf, reld fr atchmt to XIV Corps; (assumed) reverted to div contl.
- 8 Mar 45 Elms 2d Bn, 21st Inf, reinf, landed at Dipolog, Mindanao, between 8 - 10 Mar, to def Dipolog airfield for preinvasion air support for Zamboanga - Sulu opn (VICTOR IV). Opn contl of units passed to 41st Inf Div on 10 Mar; on 13 Mar opn contl reverted to 24th Div. Units began return mvmt to Mindoro o/a 25 Mar. \*/

25 Mar 45

Div directed by X Corps to land two RCT's vic Malabang, Mindanao, on 17 Apr; seize and secure BH, to include Malabang and Malabang airdrome; advance S overland and by shore-to-shore mvmt seize and secure Polloc Harbor area; reconnoiter Bongo Isl prior to 18 Apr; hold one RCT in floating res, prepared to assist in seizure of Polloc Harbor area by amph assault against Parang; following securing of Parang area, seize junction of Hwys 1 and 5, and the Cotabato area; make rcn of Hwys 1 and 5 and up Mindanao River for suitable supply routes; concentrate div (less not to exceed one reinf bn in Malabang area) in Parang - Cotabato area, prepared for further offensive opns.

26 Mar 45 - 17 Apr 45

Div continued preparation for mvmt to Mindanao. Conducted rehearsal for assault elms at Mindoro 11 Apr. Dep Mindoro 14 Apr; CP closed San Jose; opened aboard USS Wasatch. Following confirmation of seizure of Malabang airstrip and capture of Malabang town by guerrilla forces, div CG, on 15 Apr, under direction of X Corps comdr, revised landing plan, under which trps would make main landing at Parang and seize BH bounded by Simuay River - Ambal River - Sugud town. Landing force at Malabang was reduced to one Bn. On 16 Apr div convoy made rendezvous with X Corps ships off Zamboanga and regrouped into assault formation for mvmt to objective areas.

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\* It is not known whether these units were under the control of Eighth Army or of 24th Infantry Division for the period 8 - 10 March 1945.

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17 Apr 45

Div landed 19th Inf at Parang, and elms of 21st Inf at Baras, Mindanao; secured BH in each area. 34th RCT remained in floating res. Div forces occupied Malabang, Malabang airdrome, and Parang. Conducted rcn by land and water. CP closed aboard USS Wasatch; opened ashore at Parang. Div CG assumed comd ashore.

18 Apr 45 - 23 Apr 45

In amph and overland opns, secured Ft Pikit - Kacaban area. During adv, forces occupied Cotabato, Lomopog, Tamontaca; captured Ft Pikit; secured junction of Hwys 1 and 3; captured Kacaban. 34th RCT began debarkation 19 Apr.

22 Apr 45 CP closed Parang; opened Sinawingan.

24 Apr 45 - 3 May 45

Drove overland to E; secured Digos - Padada airfield - Malalag Bay area. Reached Davao Gulf 28 Apr; secured Tobam, Santa Cruz. Captured Tolomo 30 Apr, Mintal and Libby Drome 30 Apr - 1 May. Following two-day assault, secured Davao City 2 - 3 May.

24 Apr 45 CP closed Sinawingan; opened Kacaban.

25 Apr 45 CP closed Kacaban; opened Lamitan.

106th (Filipino) Inf Div atchd to div.

0/a. 25 Apr 45 21st Inf passed to X Corps Res; reld fr corps contl 28 Apr; reverted to div contl.

26 Apr 45 CP closed Lamitan; opened Kisanto.

28 Apr 45 CP closed Kisanto; opened Upper Digos.

29 Apr 45 CP closed Upper Digos; opened Santa Cruz.

30 Apr 45 CP closed Santa Cruz; opened Tinacol.

1 May 45 CP closed Tinacol; opened Dumay.

3 May 45 Expeditionary Bn, 108th (Filipino) Inf Div atchd to div.

CP closed Dumay; opened Talomo.

4 May 45 - 30 May 45

During first two weeks of period, mopped up area N and NW of Davao City; cleared Guma area; drove up Talomo - Mintal road. Captured Hill 550 2 - 22 May; secured Samal Isl in Davao Gulf 15 - 20 May; captured Tugbok and secured area 18 - 22 May; cleared Matina Valley and hills NE of

Taloma River 29 May. Began clearing area SW of Mintal 30 May, and initiated drive to envelop Mandog area.

4 May 45 106th (Filipino) Inf Div (- 118th Inf) reld fr atchmt to div.

7 May 45 3d Bn, reinf, 162d RCT (41st Div), atchd to div; reld fr atchmt 12 May; reverted to regtl contrl.

15 May 45 3d Bn, reinf, 163d RCT (41st Div), atchd to div.

31 May 45 - 30 Jun 45

Div made landings at Luayon, Balut Isl, and Cape San Agustin to clear entrance to Davao Gulf. Concurrently, forces on Mindanao seized Ula 3 Jun, Wangan 9 Jun. Trps driving on Mandog seized town and continued clearing area until reld by Filipino elms 19 Jun. Other units captured Riverside and Calinan; drove N and secured Lascon Plantation area. In final drive to NW, div secured positions on Mt Monoy 20 Jun; captured Gumalong, Baguio, Ventura, and Villafuerte 21 Jun; Tamogan 24 Jun; Kibangay 26 Jun, and mopped up areas fr captured points N and E to Davao River.

30 Jun 45

End of org enemy resistance on Mindanao; opn declared officially closed.

Div CG directed by X Corps to secure Kibangay area and conduct rcn N and NW thereof. Further, employing Filipino forces and AA units in overland adv, and not to exceed one U.S. bn, reinf, in shore-to-shore opns, clear Sarangani Bay area, destroy enemy forces, and re-establish constituted govt throughout Cotabato Province, using Filipino forces to maximum as garrison units and for clearing small, scattered, enemy groups.

4 Jun 45 3d Bn, 162d RCT (41st Div), atchd to div.

8 Jun 45 162d RCT (- 2d Bn, reinf), atchd to div.

1 Jul 45 - 15 Aug 45

Div engaged in mopping up, patrolling, and security missions in its zone of responsibility. During first week of Jul completed plans for opns in Sarangani Bay area.

1 Jul 45 106th (Filipino) Inf Div (- 118th Inf) atchd to div.

4 Jul 45 162d RCT (- 2d Bn), 41st Div, reld fr atchmt to div.

8 Jul 45 3d Bn, reinf, 163d RCT (41st Div), reld fr atchmt to div.

12 Jul 45 Sarangani Bay TF \*/ landed at Dadjangos, Sarangani Bay, to clear that area.

20 Jul 45 Elms Sarangani Bay TF landed on Balut Isl in Sarangani Isls. On 25 Jul opn moved to Sarangani Isl. TF continued destruction of scattered groups until 11 Aug when opn officially closed and 1st Bn, 21st Inf, rejoined 24th Div at Talomo.

9 Aug 45 111th Expeditionary Bn, 109th (Filipino) Inf Div, atchd to div.

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\* The Sarangani Bay Task Force was composed of the 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry, reinforcement (24th Division), one provisional antiaircraft group, functioning as an infantry unit, and the Expeditionary Battalion of the 108th Division (Filipino).

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COMMANDERDATE

Brig Gen Durward S. Wilson	7 Oct 41
Col Clift Andrus	20 Jan 42
Brig Gen Durward S Wilson	6 Feb 42
Maj Gen Durward S Wilson (Promotion)	20 May 42
Brig Gen Frederick A Irving	6 Aug 42
Maj Gen Frederick A Irving (Promotion)	9 Aug 42
Maj Gen Roscoe B Woodruff	19 Nov 44



ASSIGNED TO:

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Hawaiian Department	7 Dec 44
I Corps	8 Aug 43
Sixth Army	15 Jun 44
I Corps	29 Jun 44
X Corps	26 Sep 44
Eighth Army	26 Dec 44
X Corps	15 Aug 45

ATTACHED TO:

RECKLESS Task Force (redesignated BEWITCH Task Force 17 Apr 44)	23 Mar 44 - 0/a 25 Sep 44 */
X Corps	26 Dec 44 **/ - 24 Feb 45
X Corps	5 Apr 45 - 15 Aug 45

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\* Closing date appears to have been on or about 25 September 1944. Records indicate that the division remained attached to the BEWITCH Task Force until that date, when all task forces then in existence were officially dissolved.

\*\* While the records searched covering this attachment do not make specific announcement of the action, they leave no doubt of its existence in fact.

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24TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Organic Units

(As of 1 December 1943)

19th Infantry Regiment  
21st Infantry Regiment  
34th Infantry Regiment

24th Reconnaissance Troop (Mecz)  
3d Engineer Combat Battalion  
24th Medical Battalion

Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

11th Field Artillery Battalion (155-mm How)  
13th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
52d Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
63d Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)

Special Troops

Headquarters

Headquarters Company  
Military Police Platoon

24th Quartermaster Company  
24th Signal Company

724th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company

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25TH INFANTRY DIVISION (AUS)

7 Dec 41

Div, (act 1 Oct 41, Oahu, T.H.) sta at Schofield Barracks.

7 Dec 41 - 2 Nov 42

Div occupied S Sector of Oahu with mission of def of asgd sector, including protection of vital instls (exclusive of those on Army and Navy reservations); co-ordination of all ground def activities in S Sector; and, co-ordination of def of naval instls with adjacent Army def orgns in collaboration with Comdt, 14th Naval Dist.

23 Jul 42 298th Inf reld fr asgmt to div; 161st Inf asgd to div.

2 Nov 42 Div reld of mission of def of S Sector of Oahu. Engaged in jungle warfare and amph tng.

25 Nov 42 - 4 Jan 43

Div in mvmt by ech fr Hawaii to Guadalcanal. Landed on beaches W of Tenaru River.

25 Nov 42 First ech, including 35th RCT, dep Hawaii; arr Guadalcanal 17 Dec. Upon arr, reld elms of 1st and 2d Marine Divs on perimeter around Henderson Field.

6 Dec 42 Second ech, including 27th RCT, dep Hawaii; arr Guadalcanal 1 Jan.

16 Dec 42 Third ech, including 161st RCT, dep Hawaii; arr Guadalcanal 4 Jan.

5 Jan 43

Div directed by CG XIV Corps, to rel 132d Inf (Americal Div) on Mt Austen without delay, and, upon completion of rel, atk fr that area and seize and hold line approximately 3,000 yards to W thereof. Div further directed to execute passage of lines through 3d Bn, 182d Inf (Americal Div), 1st Bn, 2d Marines (2d Marine Div), and Rcn Sq (Americal Div), these units to pass to contl 25th Div comdr upon his readiness to operate in area held by them, at which time 3d Bn, 182d Inf, and Rcn Sq, Americal Div, would revert to contl CG perimeter def, and 1st Bn, 2d Marines, to contl of CG 2d Marine Div when passing through 25th Div and reld by CG thereof. Div further asgd responsibility for security of its left (S) flank.

5 Jan 43 - 10 Jan 43

Div engaged in preparations for attack.

10 Jan 43 - 9 Feb 43

Div, with 3d Bn, 182d Inf, atchd, engaged in opn to complete capture of Mt Austen and seize XIV Corps objective to the W. Seized Hills 46, 47, 51, 52, 53, and 54; made contact with 2d Marine Div at "Water Hole." Occupied Hills 43 and 44; continued reduction of enemy between Hills 31 and 27. Div elms moved up to Matanikau River S of Hills 52 and 53. Encircled Mt Austen pocket; occupied Hills X, Y, Z, and E slope of Hill 87; adv W along Snake Ridge. Div seized Hills 87 and 88. Captured Hills 89, 90, 91, 97, and 98.

During period 23 - 25 Jan, div elms seized hill masses to W and SW of Kokumbona; reached Kokumbona; secured line W of Poha River as line of dep for Composite Army and Marine (CAM) Div; continued adv to Poha River. Other elms of div effected collapse of enemy resistance in Mt Austen pocket; wiped out last pockets of resistance in Matanikau River valley.

Div reld by 2d Marine Div 26 Jan; began five-day period of rest and reorgn. Engaged in beach def fr Kokumbona to Matanikau River. On 6 Feb div elms reld 147th Inf beyond Tassafaronga Point within half mile of Umasani River; atkd to W toward Cape Esperance 7 - 8 Feb, made junction with elms Americal Div at Tenaro, 5 miles E of Cape, marking end of orgd resistance on Guadalcanal.

9 Feb 43 - 21 Jul 43

Div engaged on Guadalcanal in def mission, participation in base development, and tng. Elms 27th Inf moved to Florida - Tulagi area and to Visale. Elms 35th Inf moved to Russell Isl. Div reld of responsibility for mission by 3d Marine Div 21 Jul.

20 Jul 43 Following alert on 14 Jul, 161st Inf, reinf, dep Guadalcanal for Rendova Isl, New Georgia. Regt placed under contl XIV Corps, and further atchd to 37th Div for atk on Munda airfield. Returned to div contl 6 Aug.

21 Jul 43 - 13 Oct 43

Div engaged in mvmt to and opns on isls of New Georgia gp. Div Hq Fwd Ech and 27th RCT (-8th FA Bn) moved to New Georgia Isl via Sasavele Isl 1 - 2 Aug. 27th RCT asgd mission of def of XIV Corps N flank and of maintaining contact with 2d Bn, 148th Inf (37th Div). Following capture of Munda airfield, div asgd mission of clearing New Georgia Isl N of airfield (involving capture of village of Zieta,

Piru Plantation, and Bairoko Harbor). On 4 Aug, 27th Inf atkd N on Bairoko and Zieta trails toward Zieta. 161st Inf returned to div contl 6 Aug and moved N to Mt Bao in rear of 27th Inf on Bairoko trail, atkd N fr Mt Bao to clear inlet between Sunday Inlet and Bairoko Harbor. Elms on Bairoko trail reached Bairoko River and established contact with Liversedge Force \*/ at Enogai. Main body of 27th Inf continued N on Zieta trail, with elms moving around W flank to block trail between Zieta and enemy-held Piru Plantation. Captured Zieta 15 Aug. Following capture of Zieta, 27th Inf atkd and secured Piru Plantation, 22 - 23 Aug. 161st Inf moved N fr Mt Tirokambia 24 Aug; occupied W bank of Bairoko Harbor; 1st Bn. 27th Inf (atchd Liversedge Force 10 Aug), with units of 145th Inf (37th Div) occupied E bank of Harbor; enemy resistance on New Georgia Isl ended 25 Aug.

10 Aug 43 3d Bn, 148th Inf (37th Div), atchd to div.

11 Aug 43 3d Bn, 145th Inf (37th Div), atchd to div.

35th Inf, reinf (on Guadalcanal), atchd to Northern Landing Force, under comdr TF 31 in opn to secure Vella Lavella Isl.

27 Aug 43 3d Bn, 148th Inf (37th Div), reld fr atchmt to div.

2 Sep 43 3d Bn, 145th Inf (37th Div), reld fr atchmt to div; reverted to contl 37th Div.

10 Sep 43 2d Bn 172d Inf (43d Div), atchd to div; reld fr atchmt 25 Sep 43

27th Inf (- 1st Bn) atchd to 43d Div for opn to clear enemy fr Arundel and Sagekarasa Isls. 1st Bn arr Arundel o/a 13 Sep; atchd to 43d Div 15 Sep. Following clearance of isls, 27th Inf reld fr 43d Div contl 24 Sep and reverted to div contl.

24 Sep 43 Div sector extended to include responsibility for Arundel and Wana Wana Isls.

6 Oct 43 Following neutralization of enemy positions on Kolombangara by div arty on 25 Sep, elms 27th Inf landed on isl and established perimeter def around Vila airfield, occupying last of isls in New Georgia Group. Reld of mission on Kolombangara by 1st Bn, Fiji Inf, 11 Oct.

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\* Liversedge Force consisted of the 1st and 4th Marine Raider Battalions and the 3d Battalions of the 145th and 148th Infantry Regiments (37th Division), respectively.

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13 Oct 43 Div directed by CG NGOF to prepare for mvmt to Guadalcanal.

15 Oct 43 - 25 Dec 43

Div in water transit by ech fr New Georgia area to Guadalcanal.

25 Oct 43 - 5 Dec 43

Div reassembled on Guadalcanal and prepared for overwater mvmt to New Zealand. Began mvmt by ech fr Guadalcanal to New Zealand o/a 1 Nov; main body of div arr New Zealand by middle of month; rear ech arr 5 Dec.

5 Dec 43 - 3 Feb 44

Div began period of reorgn, rehabilitation, and tng. Following alert by CG SPA, initiated preparations and tng for participation in projected opns vic of Kavieng, New Ireland, o/a 1 Jun.

3 Feb 44 - 27 Feb 44

Div in water mvmt by ech fr New Zealand to New Caledonia.

27 Feb 44 - 21 Nov 44

Div continued tng for opns at Kavieng; anticipated mission of div canceled o/a 1 Jun. Continued tng. Early in Sep div alerted for participation in Leyte-Samar (KING II) opn. Asgd mission of Sixth Army Reserve, with alternate mission of seizing and securing Samar Isl and San Juanico Strait. Div further directed to be prepared to seize and secure Panaon Isl and Panaon Strait. Div initiated planning for opn, but was reld fr participation therein, and asgd to Luzon (MIKE I) opn. During remainder of period div engaged in planning, tng, and loading for Luzon opn.

20 Nov 44 Div, reinf (as Sixth Army Res afloat), directed by Sixth Army to be prepared to reinf either I or XIV Corps in Lingayen Gulf area with one RCT on D Day plus 2; remainder of div by D plus 4. Further, to reinf 158th RCT in its initial objective area with one RCT, and to land in the Dagupan - Mabilao area, commencing on D Day plus 2, and move to assembly area in general Binalonan area

21 Nov 44 - 11 Jan 45

Div engaged in loading fr 21 Nov to 16 Dec. Convoy dep New Caledonia 17 Dec; arr Tetere Beach, Guadalcanal, 21 Dec; conducted practice assault landings. Ships reloaded 21 - 23 Dec, sailed to Purvis Bay, Florida Isl, for refueling and provisioning; dep for Manus Isl, Admiralties, 26 Dec; arr Manus 29 Dec. Dep Manus 2 Jan; arr Lingayen Gulf 11 Jan.



17 Dec 44 Div CP closed New Caledonia; opened aboard USS Appalachian.

11 Jan 45 - 16 Jan 45

Div landed in Mabilao area, Lingayen Gulf, 11 Jan. Div (-) concentrated vic Manaog. 35th Inf remained in Sixth Army Res; assembled vic San Jacinto.

16 Jan 45 Div (- 35th Inf) passed to contrl of I Corps.

16 Jan 45 - 9 Feb 45

Div engaged in opns on central plain, Luzon. Following initial mission asgd div by I Corps 16 Jan, to secure line Pozorrubio (exclusive) - Binalonan - Urdeneta (exclusive), div (- 35th Inf) began adv E, secured Binalonan; continued atk E toward San Manuel; en route seized San Felipe; secured Asigan. Elms attacking E captured Balungao; other units pushed S; occupied Cuyapo. Opened assault against San Manuel 24 Jan; secured town 28 Jan. Pushed SE toward Umingan; captured San Leon, La Paz, Gonzales; reached Pemienta. Secured Umingan; reached Lupao 3 Feb, captured S half of town 5 Feb. Other elms secured San Isidro. Established roadblocks on San Jose - Lupao road and destroyed remainder enemy garrison San Jose; completed capture Lupao 8 Feb.

16 Jan 45 Div CP opened two mi SW San Jacinto.

19 Jan 45 Div CP closed San Jacinto; opened vic Binalonan.

28 Jan 45 35th Inf reld fr Sixth Army contrl; passed to contrl of I Corps; reverted to div contrl.

30 Jan 45 Div CP closed vic Binalonan; opened Santa Maria.

1 Feb 45 Div CP closed Santa Maria; opened San Alfonso.

2 Feb 45 Div CP closed San Alfonso; opened La Paz.

9 Feb 45 - 21 Feb 45

Div engaged in redeployment and preparation for assault against enemy in lower reaches of San Jose - Balete corridor.

10 Feb 45 Div CP closed La Paz; opened Mapangpang.

21 Feb 45 - 13 May 45

Div engaged in opns in Caraballo Mountains. Drove up corridor, through which National Hwy 5 passes, fr San Jose to Balete Pass, and adv into Santa Fe at S entrance to Cagayen Valley.

Div adv northward 21 Mar in two-pronged drive, astride Hwy 5 and on Rizal - Pantabangan - Carranglan road. Forces in right prong astride Rizal - Pantabangan - Carranglan road occupied Pantabangan, secured Conversion, occupied Carranglan, secured road junction at Digidig. Div (-) in left prong secured high ground E and W of Lumboy, secured Puncan, and in conjunction with right prong encircled and secured Digidig.

Forces regrouped on 6 Mar 45, atkd north astride Hwy 5 and NW along Bonga River; seized Putlan and occupied Anabat. Cont atk N astride Hwy 5, secured Minuli, captured many terrain features, including Norton's Knob and Crump Hill; atkd up Myoko Mountain. Captured Kapintalan 19 Apr.

Div pushed three-pronged atk toward Balete Pass, with forces attacking E - NE fr Kapintalan, fr along W side of Hwy 5; and fr Kapintalan astride Hwy 5. During period captured Lone Tree Hill; reduced enemy on hill masses on Myoko Mountain, secured Kenbu Plateau, destroyed enemy entrenchments along Kapintalan Ridge; secured Putlan River Valley and military crest of Mt Haruna, and occupied dominating terrain features along Balete Ridge. Div forces converging fr E, W, and S secured Balete Pass 13 May, opening Hwy 5 to that point.

- 5 Mar 45 Div CP closed Mapangpang; opened Central Luzon Agricultural School.
- 11 Mar 45 Div CP closed Central Luzon Agricultural School; opened Puncan.
- 28 Mar 45 Div CP closed Puncan; opened Putlan.
- 30 Apr 45 148th RCT (37th Div) atchd to div.
- 3 May 45 Div CP closed Putlan; opened vic Anabat.

13 May 45 - 28 May 45

Following seizure of Balete Pass, all forces except elms preparing to atk enemy stronghold W of Mt Haruna, regrouped on Balete Ridge and in pass area. Div atkd toward Santa Fe 14 May; reduced enemy pockets along high ground E of Santa Fe and captured dominating terrain features along Bolong Ridge. Elms astride Hwy 5 reduced enemy pockets on both sides of Hwy 5. Elms on L established blocks along Santa Fe Ridge and in Santa Fe River valley. 148th Inf maintained pressure on enemy N of Myoko Mountain and patrolled N, NE, and E. Div reduced resistance pocketed along Hwy and seized various terrain features along ridge E of and paralling Hwy 5 N of Balete Pass. 27 May adv and seized Santa Fe, opening Hwy 5 to traffic fr San Jose to Santa Fe and completing div's mission to open this entrance to Cagayan Valley to N.

23 May 45 126th RCT (32d Div) atchd to div.

29 May 45 - 10 Jun 45

Following capture of Santa Fe, div elms mopped up along Skyline Ridge, on Myoko Mountain, in Putlan River - Kabuto Mountain area, and in Balete - Santa Fe - Dupax area; and maintained block along Old Spanish Trail. Div reld 37th Div elms on 10 Jun in latter's zone of action.

2 Jun 45 148th RCT reld fr atchmt to div; reverted to 37th Div contl.

11 Jun 45 - 29 Jun 45

Div engaged in securing Hwy 5 fr San Jose to Aritao, Villa Verde trail, and Dingalan Bay area, and in destruction of all enemy bypassed in div zone of action. Div asgd additional mission 16 Jun to adv to W and in co-ordination with 6th Div capture and secure Pingkian. Elms on Old Spanish Trail, having initiated mvmt on 13 Jun along trail SE of Aritao while other elms adv N along trail fr vic Carranglan, cleared Old Spanish and Cauco Trails, with destruction of organized enemy concentration at Suzuga Pass by 26 Jun.

30 Jun 45

Div reld by 32d Div and moved to CP Patrick, S of Tarlac.

30 Jun 45 126th Inf reld fr atchmt to div; reverted to 32d div contl.

1 Jul 45 - 15 Aug 45

Div engaged in planning, preparation, and tng for participation in projected invasion of Japan. Following Japanese surrender, div was designated as part of Occupation Force in Japan.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Maxwell Murray	7 Dec 41
Brig Gen Stanley E Reinhart	29 Apr 42
Brig Gen J Lawton Collins	8 May 42
Maj Gen J Lawton Collins (Promotion)	26 May 42
Brig Gen Charles L Mullins	18 Dec 43
Maj Gen Charles L Mullins (Promotion)	24 Feb 43
Brig Gen William B Bradford */	12 Jun 44 - ?
Maj Gen Charles L Mullins	?
Brig Gen William B Bradford	1 Sep 44 - ?
Maj Gen Charles L Mullins	?
Brig Gen William P Eledsoe	3 Sep 44 - ?
Maj Gen Charles L Mullins	?
Brig Gen William P Eledsoe	22 Oct 44 - ?
Maj Gen Charles L Mullins	?
Brig Gen William P Eledsoe	11 Nov 44 - ?
Maj Gen Charles L Mullins	?
Brig Gen Everett E Brown	30 Jun 45 - ?
Maj Gen Charles L Mullins	?

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\* During the period 12 June 1944 - 30 June 1945, Generals Bradford, Eledsoe, and Brown assumed temporary command of the Division. However, the duration of their temporary command cannot be determined, nor can the dates of resumption of command by General Mullins, because many general orders of the 25th Division are missing from available files.

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ASSIGNED TO:

DATE

Hawaiian Department

7 Dec 41

XIV Corps

2 Jan 43

Sixth Army

17 Dec 44

ATTACHED TO:

ISCOM, . Guadalcanal

11 Jul 43 - 0/a 16 Dec 44

I Corps

16 Jan 45 - 15 Aug 44

25TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Organic Units

(As of 1 December 1943)

27th Infantry Regiment  
35th Infantry Regiment  
161st Infantry Regiment

25th Reconnaissance Troop (Mecz)  
65th Engineer Combat Battalion  
25th Medical Battalion

Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

8th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
64th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
89th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
90th Field Artillery Battalion (155-mm How)

Special Troops

Headquarters

Headquarters Company  
Military Police Platoon

25th Quartermaster Company  
25th Signal Company

725th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company

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27TH INFANTRY DIVISION (NG)

7 Dec 41

Div (inducted into Federal service 15 Oct 40 at New York, N.Y.,) in tng at Ft McClellan, Ala.

8 Dec 41 - 13 Dec 41

Div prepared for mvmt fr Ft McClellan to Calif.

14 Dec 41

First units div dep Ft McClellan.

15 Dec 41 - 20 Dec 41

Div en route to Calif.

21 Dec 41 - 16 Jan 42

Div engaged in guard duty, patrolling, and tng. Div established hq at Onario, Calif, 22 Dec 41. During this period, units of div located as follows:

165th Inf Los Angeles Airport.

108th Inf Hq Los Angeles County Fair Grounds, Pomona, Calif.

54th Inf Brig Hq Los Angeles County Fair Grounds, Pomona, Calif.

53d Inf Brig Hq CP Haan, Calif.

105th Inf Hq CP Haan, Calif.

106th Inf Hq vic Corona, Calif.

17 Jan 42 - 24 Jan 42

Div in mvmt to Ft Ord, Calif.

22 Jan 42 Div Hq established Ft Ord.

22 Jan 42 - 26 Feb 42

Div engaged in preparation for mvmt overseas, staging, and loading. Formal alert orders received 1 Feb.



27 Feb 42 - 29 Mar 42

In mvmt to Hawaii. Upon arr, div asgd mission of def of outer Hwn Isls against enemy amph atk.

28 Feb 42 Adv elms dep SFPE; arr Hwn Isls o/a 10 Mar.

7 Mar 42 Second ech dep SFPE; arr Hwn Isls o/a 12 Mar.

10 Mar 42 Remainder of first half of div, including Div Hq, dep SFPE; arr Hwn Isls 15 Mar

Hq opened USS Lurline.

o/a 20 Mar 42 Div CP opened Kilauea Mil CP on Hwn Isls.

29 Mar 42 Major portion of second half of div (- Rear Ech and elms in quarantine at Fort Ord) dep SFPE; arr Hwn Isls 4 Apr. (Rear Ech and elms that had been in quarantine arr Hwn Isls during month of Apr 42.)

30 Mar 42 - 1 Nov 42

Div continued mission of def of outer Hwn Isls.

1 Sep 42 Div reorg fr square to triangular, losing 53d and 54th Inf Brigs; 52d FA Brig; and 108th and 165th Inf Regts. Regts remaining were 105th, 106th, and 160th. (160th Inf was newly asgd to div this date.)

30 Oct 42 165th Inf reasgd to div and 160th Inf reld fr asgmt to div on same day.

1 Nov 42 Div CP closed Kilauea; opened Aiea, Oahu.

2 Nov 42

Div reld fr mission of def of outer Hwn Isls. Directed to move to Oahu and rel 25th Div of responsibility for def of South Sector of Oahu.

2 Nov 42 - 12 Aug 43

Engaged in def of South Sector of Oahu and tng. Reld of responsibility for mission by 6th Div 12 Aug. CP closed Aiea; opened Schofield Bks.

27 Jul 43 Div CG informed by CG Hq Hwn Dept of participation of div (under naval contrl) in projected opns against Gilbert Isls (GALVANIC opn), with target date of 1 Nov 43. Mission of div to be assault and capture of Nauru Isl.

13 Aug 43 - 19 Mar 44

Div engaged in intensive tng program to prepare for combat. Fr time to time during period, div was minus certain components which were tng or in combat under naval contrl.

13 Sep 43 Div placed under contrl V Amph Corps (Marine) for tng.

28 Sep 43 Hq informed of substitution of Makin Atoll for Nauru as objective in Gilberts opn, with target date of 19 Nov 43 (later changed to 20 Nov). Units of div participating in opn limited to one RCT. Div CG desig 165th Inf, reinf by 3d Bn, 105th Inf, 105th FA Bn, and other supporting elms as 27th Div TF (Northern Landing Force).

O/a 3 Oct 43 106th Inf desig as Res for projected opns against Marshall Isls (FLINTLOCK opn) under naval contrl.

11 Oct 43 Div (-) atchd for opnl contrl to Central Pacific Force (Navy).

10 Nov 43 TF began mvmt fr Hawaii to Makin. Main body dep Pearl Harbor 10 Nov; Spec Landing Groups X, Y, and Z (which were to precede landings by 1st, 2d, and 3d Bn landing teams) dep 5 days earlier. Entire convoy arr off Makin 20 Nov.

20 Nov 43 Assault elms of Div TF landed on Red Beaches 1 and 2, and on Yellow Beach, on Butaritari Isl, Makin Atoll, and began adv inland. Div Adv CP opened ashore same date. Enemy eliminated and isl secured by 23 Nov. TF (except for 3d Bn, 165th Inf, and supporting elms which remained on Makin until late in Dec) dep Makin 24 Nov; arr Honolulu 2 Dec.

21 Nov 43 Div (- 27th Div TF) reld fr contrl of Central Pacific Force (Navy).

7 Dec 43 27th Div TF reld fr atchmt to Central Pacific Force (Navy). Div TF (assumed) dissolved.

14 Dec 43 106th Inf atchd for opnl contrl to V Amph Corps for tng.

1 Jan 44 3d Bn, 165th Inf, returned to Oahu fr Makin. (Assumed) reverted to regtl contrl.

5 Jan 44 2d Bn, 106th Inf, with Rcn Co, V Amph Corps, and 1st Marine Def Bn atchd (org as Majuro Landing Force), asgd mission by CG V Amph Corps to occupy Majuro Atoll in Marshall Isls. Bn det fr 106th Inf and given separate tng. D Day desig as 31 Jan 44. 106th Inf (- 2d Bn) as part of Res Landing Force Exp Trps for FLINTLOCK opn, co-ordinated much of their planning with that of V Amph Corps and 7th Inf Div.

23 Jan 44 106th Inf dep Hawaii for Marshall Isls.

31 Jan 44 CG Majuro Landing Force notified Isls of Majuro Atoll unoccupied and directed to defer landing until D plus 1. Trps landed 1 Feb. On 4 Feb, Comdr, Central Pacific Force, announced capture and occupation of Majuro completed. 2d Bn, 106th Inf, remained at Majuro until 5 Mar, on which date it re-embarked for Oahu.

2 Feb 44 106th Inf (- 2d Bn) arr Kwajalein Lagoon.

10 Feb 44 106th Inf (- 2d Bn) asgd mission by CG Expeditionary Trps to seize Eniwetok (following capture of Engebi Isl, and be prepared two hours later to seize Parry Isl. (As originally planned by CO 106th, 1st BLT would land on Eniwetok, and 3d BLT on Parry, but on 18 Feb both BLT's were directed to land on Eniwetok.

15 Feb 44 Eniwetok Force (106th Inf - 2d Bn) dep Kwajalein Lagoon; main convoy arr Eniwetok Lagoon 17 Feb.

19 Feb 44 106th Inf (-) landed on Eniwetok Isl. Isl secured 21 Feb. 3d BLT reloaded 22 Feb as Res for opns against Parry Isl. Following day landed on Parry and began mopping-up opns. 106th Inf (- 2d Bn) garrisoned Eniwetok Atoll until late in Mar; upon rel by 111th Inf, returned to Oahu; arr latter 13 Apr.

20 Mar 44

Div CG alerted for participation of div in projected assault against Mariana Isls (FORAGER opn), involving capture of Saipan, Tinian, and Guam. Div desig as Exp Trps Res. D Day tentatively desig as 15 Jun 44 for Saipan; 18 Jun for Guam.

21 Mar 44 - 24 May 44

Div engaged in formulation of plans and program of tng, including joint Army Navy landing rehearsals 20 - 24 May. On 15 Apr, div atchd to V

Amph Corps. \*/

25 May 44 - 16 Jun 44

Div, reinf, dep Oahu by ech, 25 May - 1 Jun. CP closed Oahu; opened aboard USS Fremont o/a 31 May. Convoy rendezvoused at Kwajalein where 106th Inf was atchd to STLF 15 Jun for opns on Guam.

16 Jun 44 - 17 Jun 44

Div, reinf (- 106th Inf), arr transport area off Saipan 16 Jun; div released fr Exp Trps Res to NTLF. Assault elms 165th Inf landed night of 16 - 17 Jun; regt atchd to 4th Marine Div. Div Arty (- elms afloat with 106th Inf) and 105th Inf (- Hq and sv elms) landed 17 Jun. 2d Bn, 105th Inf, moved to assembly area as NTLF Res. Div CG landed 17 Jun and assumed comd of div (-) ashore. Adv CP established on Yellow Beach 3.

17 Jun 44 - 18 Jun 44

165th RCT (with 1st Bn, 105th Inf atchd, and 3d Bn, 105th Inf in Res) captured Aslito airfield, and began adv eastward.

18 Jun 44 165th Inf reverted to div contl.

19 Jun 44 - 9 Jul 44

Div continued participation in fight to capture Saipan, involving opns to secure Nafutan Point; drove against Mt Tapotchou; action in "Death Valley," along "Purple Heart" Ridge, and on Tanapag Plain. Repulsed enemy counterattack 7 - 8 Jul. Isl of Saipan declared secure 9 Jul.

20 Jun 44 106th Inf landed on Saipan; reld fr STLF Res by CG Exp Trps and atchd to NTLF as Res. Concurrently, 2d Bn, 105th Inf, reld fr NTLF Res and passed to div contl.

1st Bn, 106th Inf, atchd 2d Marine Div; reld fr atchmt and reverted to div contl 23 Jun.

22 Jun 44 106th Inf (- 1st Bn) reverted to div contl.

2d Bn, 105th Inf, atchd to NTLF.

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\* Expeditionary Troops for the FORAGER operation consisted of Northern Troops and Landing Forces (for the capture of Saipan and Tinian Islands) and Southern Troops and Landing Forces (for the seizure of Guam). The 27th Division though attached to V Amphibious Corps, could, as Expeditionary Troops Reserve, be committed by the Expeditionary Troops Commander to either the northern or southern objective.

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24 Jun 44 2d Bn, 105th Inf, atchd AGF 244, Saipan.

26 Jun 44 165th RCT (- 2d Bn) with 1st Bn, 105th Inf atchd, atchd to 4th Marine Div.

1 Jul 44 1st Bn, 105th Inf, reld fr 4th Marine Div; reverted to div contl.

165th RCT (- 2d Bn) reld fr atchmt to 4th Marine Div; reverted to div contl.

2nd Bn, 165th RCT atchd to NTLF as Res.

0/a 2 Jul 44 2d Bn, 105th Inf, reld fr atchmt to AGF 244, Saipan; reverted to div contl.

4 Jul 44 2d Bn, 165th RCT, reld fr atchmt to NTLF Res; reverted to div contl.

7 Jul 44 3d Bn, 6th Marines, atchd to div.

8 Jul 44 165th RCT passed to contl 2d Marine Div.

9 Jul 44 - 30 Jul 44

Following rel fr line, div asgd area for coastal def. Engaged in mopping-up opns and rehabilitation.

11 Jul 44 165th RCT (- elms) reld fr contl 2d Marine Div; reverted to div contl.

15 Jul 44 105th Inf atchd to AGF 244, Saipan.

30 Jul 44 105th Inf reld fr atchmt to AGF 244, Saipan; reverted to div contl, Div atchd to AGF 244, Saipan.

31 Jul 44 - 6 Aug 44

Div engaged in opns to eliminate remaining enemy resistance on northern Saipan.

7 Aug 44 - 4 Oct 44

Div conducted patrols and tng. On 11 Aug began mvmt to Espiritu Santo, where Adv CP had been established. Last elms of div dep Saipan 4 Oct.

5 Oct 44 - 0/a 5 Mar 45

Div commenced program of rehabilitation and tng on Espiritu Santo. Following alert late in Oct of possible employment in projected opns in Ryukyus, instituted specialized tng and began preliminary planning. Div initially desig Area Res, later changed to Floating Res, Exp Trps. Final date for main assault landing on Okinawa Isl fixed at 1 Apr 45.

0/a 5 Mar 45 - 25 Mar 45

Div began loading during first week in Mar. Contd tng throughout period. Between 15 - 22 Mar conducted rehearsals. Last elms boarded ship 23 Mar. Transports remained in roadstead until early on 25 Mar.

25 Mar 45 - 9 Apr 45

Div dep Espiritu Santo 25 Mar. CP closed Espiritu Santo; opened on USS Cecil. Arr Ulithi 3 Apr, where div desig for capture of eastern isls off coast of Okinawa and directed to proceed to Keramo Retto. Dep Ulithi 4 Apr; en route to Keramo Retto div CG received orders on 8 Apr to land on Okinawa 9 Apr, and, further, to detach one RCT to proceed to Keramo Retto and fr there reload to capture Tsugen Shima (of eastern isls). During night of 8 - 9 Apr, 105th Inf detached fr div; remainder div proceeded to Okinawa.

9 Apr 45

Div (-) arr anchorage off Hagushi beaches, Okinawa. Div atchd XXIV Corp and directed to unload. Fwd CP established E of Kadena airfield at junction Routes 5 and 13.

10 Apr 45

3d Bn, 105th Inf, under contl Eastern Isls Attack and Fire Support Group, landed on Tsugen Shima and captured major part of isl; completed capture following day. Trps re-embarked and during night 11 - 12 Apr rejoined regt at Keramo Retto.

11 Apr 45

Div continued unloading. 106th Inf atchd to 96th Div. 165th Inf, reinf, reld 7th Div in def of corps sv area.

12 Apr 45 - 18 Apr 45

105th Inf landed on Okinawa 12 - 13 Apr. Div CP moved to area E of Isa. Elms 106th Inf reld 96th Div elms in western part of 96th Div zone. Div began plans for participation in co-ordinated atk by XXIV Corps 19 Apr. Assumed responsibility 15 Apr for right flank of corps zone fr coast near Uchitomari to eastern nose of Kakazu Ridge. On same date 165th Inf reld and reverted to div contl. 18 Apr div elms secured Machinato town; other elms crossed Machinato Inlet and established position on western end of Urasoe-Mura Escarpment preliminary to corps assault against Shuri defenses.

19 Apr 45 - 1 May 45

Participated in general attack leading to fall of First Shuri Ring. Div elms engaged in action in Kakazu - Urasoe-Mura Escarpment area. Captured Kakazu town and Kakazu Ridge 24 Apr; Machinato airfield and town of Yafusu 27 - 28 Apr; towns of Miyagusuku and Kuwan 29 Apr. Div reld by 1st Marine Div 30 Apr - 1 May; assembled in Res, preparatory to mvmt to northern Okinawa.

22 Apr 45 3d Bn, 17th Inf (7th Div), atchd to div; reld fr atchmt 25 Apr.

23 Apr 45 3d Bn, 381st Inf (96th Div), atchd to div; reld fr atchmt 25 Apr.

2 May 45 - 18 May 45

Div (- Div Arty) moved to Nago. During period 2 - 18 May, conducted security patrolling under contrl of ISCOM, APO 331, in ISCOM sector of responsibility.

2 May 45 Div CP opened at Nago

3 May 45 2d Bn, 106th Inf, atchd to ISCOM, APO 245, as garrison force, Ie Shima.

12 May 45 Div elms, as Special Landing Force (consisting of one rifle co, reinf) landed on Tori Shima and secured isl without opposition.

19 May 45 - 15 Aug 45

Div engaged in mopping-up opns covering northern Okinawa fr the line Ishikawa to Nakadomari, north to Motobu Peninsula. On 4 Aug reached northern tip of isl; on 8 Aug returned to Onna to resume garrison duty. During latter part of period div prepared for mvmt to Japan.

19 May 45 Adv CP opened at Mekaniku. (Rear remained at Nago.)

23 May 45 Adv CP closed at Mekaniku; opened at Onna.

11 Jun 45 Adv CP closed at Onna; returned to Nago.

8 Aug 45 CP closed at Nago; opened at Onna.

COMMANDER

DATE

Brig Gen Ralph McT Pennell

7 Dec 41

Maj Gen Ralph C Smith

20 Nov 42

Maj Gen Sanderford Jarman

24 Jun 44

Maj Gen George W Griner

28 Jun 44



ASSIGNED TO:

DATE

VII Corps	15 Oct 40
Western Defense Command	21 Dec 41
HD	10 Mar 42
USAFICPA	14 Aug 43
XXIV Corps	13 Apr 44
Central Pacific Base Command	1 Jul 44
South Pacific Base Command	7 Sep 44
Tenth Army	26 Nov 44
XXIV Corps	9 Apr 45
Army Garrison Force, APO 331	19 Jul 45
Tenth Army	30 Jul 45
Eighth Army	15 Aug 45

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V Amphibious Corps	13 Sep 43 - 10 Oct 43
Central Pacific Force (Navy)	11 Oct 43 - 21 Nov 43
V Amphibious Corps	15 Apr 44 - 22 Jun 44
AGF, APO 244 Saipan	30 Jul 44 - 22 Aug 44
ISCOM, APO 331 Okinawa	2 May 45 - 19 Jul 45
AGF, APO 331, Okinawa	30 Jul 45 - 15 Aug 45

27TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Organic Unit

(As of 1 December 1943)

105th Infantry Regiment  
106th Infantry Regiment  
165th Infantry Regiment

27th Reconnaissance Troop (Mech)  
102d Engineer Combat Battalion  
102d Medical Battalion

Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

104th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
105th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
106th Field Artillery Battalion (155-mm How)  
249th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)

Special Troops

Headquarters \*/

Headquarters Company  
Military Police Platoon

27th Quartermaster Company  
27th Signal Company

727th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company

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31ST INFANTRY DIVISION (NG)

7 Dec 41 - 16 Feb 42

31st Div (inducted into Federal service 25 Nov 40) stationed at CP Blanding, Fla; asgd mission of defending Atlantic seaboard fr Wilmington, N.C., to Key West, Fla.

15 Feb 42 124th Inf reld fr asgd 31st Div.

17 Feb 42

Div dep CP Blanding, Fla.

18 Feb 42 - 22 Feb 42

Div en route to CP Bowie, Tex.

23 Feb 42

Div arr CP Bowie, Tex.

24 Feb 42 - 26 Jul 42

Div engaged in tng at CP Bowie, Tex.

27 Feb 42 Div reorg fr square to triangular div, losing 61st and 62d Inf Brigs; 56th FA Brig. Regts remaining: 155th, 156th, and 167th Inf.

14 Jul 42 156th Inf reld fr asgmt to div.

27 Jul 42

Div (-) dep CP Bowie, Tex.

28 Jul 42

Div (-) arr Louisiana Maneuver Area.

29 Jul 42 - 20 Sep 42

Div (-) participated in Louisiana Maneuvers.

20 Sep 42 154th Inf act and asgd to 31st Div.

22 Sep 42

Div arr CP Shelby, Miss.

23 Sep 42 - 22 Jun 43

Div trained at CP Shelby, Miss.

23 Jun 43

De dep CP Shelby, Miss.

24 Jun 43 - 25 Jun 43

Div en route to Louisiana Maneuver Area.

26 Jun 43

Div arr Louisiana Maneuver Area.

27 Jun 43 - 23 Aug 43

Div, at APO 31, Shreveport, La, participated in Louisiana Maneuvers.

24 Aug 43

Div dep Louisiana Maneuver Area.

25 Aug 43 - 27 Aug 43

Div en route to Cp Pickett, Va.

28 Aug 43

Div arr Cp Pickett, Va.

29 Aug 43 - 4 Mar 44

Div at Cp Pickett, Va, engaged in amph tng, mountain tng, and tng in assault of fortified positions.

8 Jan 44 Div Adv Ech dep Cp Pickett, Va, for HRPE.

15 Jan 44 Div Adv Ech dep HRPE for Milne Bay, N.G.

20 Feb 44 Div Adv Ech arr Milne Bay; moved to Goodenough Isl,  
21 Feb.

5 Mar 44 - 11 Mar 44

Div (-) assembled Cp Patrick Henry, Va, for final preparation for overseas mvmt.

12 Mar 44

Div (-) dep Cp Patrick Henry via HRPE for New Guinea.

13 Mar 44 - 23 Apr 44

Div (-) en route to New Guinea.

17 Mar 44 Div Adv Ech arr Dobodura, vic Oro Bay, N.G. and began construction of div's first permanent overseas base.

5 Apr 44 154th Inf disbanded; 124th Inf act and asgd to div.

24 Apr 44

Div units assembled Dobodura, where hq was established and maintained.

25 Apr 44 - 12 Jul 44

Div engaged in amph and jungle tng in Dobodura area.

2 Jul 44 124th RCT began arr by ech in Aitape area fr Dobodura and was atchd to PERSECUTION TF: mvmt completed 6 Jul.

13 Jul 44

Div (- 124th Inf) directed by ALAMO Force to move to Toem, N.E., to rel 6th Div (- 20th RCT) TORNADO Task Force. Upon completion of rel of 6th Div, CG 31st Div assumed comd of TORNADO Task Force.

13 Jul 44 Div (-) began dep by ech for Toem.

14 Jul 44 - 18 Jul 44

Elms of div arrived Toem and began rel of 6th Div.

14 Jul 44 167th Inf arr Toem

18 Jul 44 CG 31st Div assumed comd of TORNADO Task Force.

19 Jul 44 - 11 Sep 44

Div provided protection for airport on Wakde Isl and supply base at Maffin Bay, N.G.; prepared for Morotai operation.

15 Aug 44 Div, reinf, desig as assault force for TRADEWIND Task Force (INTERLUDE opn).

22 Aug 44 Div desig by TRADEWIND Task Force (XI Corps) as TRADEWIND Assault Force with mission to land on Morotai on Red and White Beaches on 15 Sep 44, seize and secure a BH; atk fr initial BH and secure intermediate and TRADEWIND TF final objective.

1 Sep 44 123d RCT, 33d Div, reld 31st Div of opns of TORNADO TF.

9 Sep 44 124th RCT dep Aitape to join div (-) at Maffin Bay. Arr Maffin Bay 11 Sep 44.

12 Sep 44

Div dep Maffin Bay.

13 Sep 44 - 14 Sep 44

Div in convoy en route to Morotai Isl.

15 Sep 44

Div (as part of TRADEWIND TF /INTERLUDE opn7) made assault landing on Beaches Red and White on Morotai. Div CG assumed contrl of all forces ashore.

15 Sep 44 - 22 Nov 44

Occupied Pitoe drome, secured Gila Peninsula, expanded BH, established radio stations and observation post on Morotai and on many offshore isls, occupied isls off southwestern and western Morotai, patrolled interior of Morotai, and established and maintained a perimeter defense.

16 Sep 44 Div CG reld of comd ashore by CG XI Corps (CG of TRADEWIND TF).

25 Sep 44 TRADEWIND TF dissolved.

4 Oct 44 INTERLUDE opn (Morotai) officially closed.

30 Oct 44 2d Bn, 167th Inf, and Co F, 124th Inf, both reinf, desig as Mapia and Asia Forces, respectively, and directed to prepare for amph landings on Mapia and Asia Isl gps.

13 Nov 44 Mapia Force (2d Bn, 167th Inf, reinf) sailed fr Morotai, arr at Pegun Isl, seized and secured it 15 Nov; landed on Bras Isl 16 Nov 44, secured it 18 Nov; landed on and secured Fanildo Isl, 18 Nov.

15 Nov 44 167th Inf (- 2d Bn) moved to Sansapor, N.G., to assume responsibility for maintenance and opn of that base.

18 Nov 44 Asia Force (CO F, 124th Inf) sailed fr Morotai; landed on and secured Igi and Miarin Isls 19 Nov; landed on and secured Fani Isl 20 Nov.

20 Nov 44 Mapia Force sailed for Morotai via Asia Isls; reloaded Asia Force at Asia Isls 21 Nov 44. Both forces sailed fr Igi Isl 21 Nov and beached at Morotai 22 Nov 44. (It is assumed that with completion of mission and return of forces to Morotai forces were dissolved.)



23 Nov 44 - 24 Mar 45

Div contd def and patrol of Morotai and Sansapor; prepared for ensuing opn on Mindanao, P.I.

21 Dec 44 Div reld by 33d Div upon arr Morotai in 33d Div sector on Race Isl and in Wasaboela area.

4 Jan 45 3d Bn, 167th Inf, component of HUTCHINSON Force, atchd to XI Corps; HUTCHINSON Force dissolved and 3d Bn, 167th Inf, returned to base area and div contl, 8 Jan 45.

13 Jan 45 LEWIS Force (under div contl) org fr 2d Bn, 155th Inf (reinft), with mission to seek out and destroy hostile trps and supplies in Tafce - Bobo River area. (Date of dissolution unknown.)

6 Feb 45 Div made responsible for def and opn of all Eighth Army bases and instl at Morotai and Sansapor; contd Eighth Army missions at these bases.

5 Mar 45 Div alerted for Mindanao (Victor V) Operation

25 Mar 45

Division directed by X Corps to land on D day plus 5 in previously secured Parang area and prepare for offensive opns.

26 Mar 45 - 8 Apr 45

Div began intensive tng program in preparation f or Mindanao opn. Plans were made and orders issued for div to move to Mindanao fr Morotai and Sansapor in two echs.

9 Apr 45 - 14 Apr 45

Div began loading at Sansapor, and on 12 Apr at Morotai.

15 Apr 45 - 18 Apr 45

Div dep by ech fr Sansapor 15 Apr and on 18 Apr fr Morotai.

2d Bn, 167th Inf, remained behind at Morotai, awaiting transportation.

19 Apr 45 - 21 Apr 45

Div (-) in two echs en route to Mindanao rendezvoused off Morotai.

22 Apr 45 - 24 Apr 45

Div (-) landed in Parang area of Mindanao on previously secured BHS and effect relief of 24th Div in Malabang, Parang, and Cotabato areas.

25 Apr 45 - 22 May 45

Div elms adv up Sayre hwy fr Kabakan to Kibawe to Maramag, cleared Colgan woods, and secured Maramag airstrip No. 1; other elms captured Maramag airstrip No. 2, swept through Valencia, secured Valencia airstrip, Marlag, Malaybalay airstrip and town, and Sumpung; seized Kalasungay, and Dalwangan while other elms moved down Kibawe - Talomo trail.

Div (-) moved to Kabakan area under direction to initiate mvmt to N on Sayre hwy following adv to Kabakan, and concurrently with 24th Div drive toward Davao Gulf. Initial objective was seizure of junction of Kibawe - Talomo trail. BH was established across Milita River at Omonay and Kibawe, which blocked Kibawe - Talomo trail. Maramag airstrip secured and resistance completely broken. Div continued adv and secured Valencia, Valencia airstrip, Mailag, Malaybalay airstrip, Malaybalay town, and Sumpung. Div reached Dalwangan, continued adv and made junction with 108th RCT, 40th Div, at Bugo, thus bringing entire Sayre hwy under contrl.

26 Apr 45 Div CP at Parang.

30 Apr 45 118th Inf, 106th Filipino Div, rel fr atchmt to 24th Div and atchd to 31st Div; reld fr atchmt 31st Div 5 May 45.

3 May 45 2d Bn, 167th RCT, debarked at Parang; rejoined RCT at Kabakan.

9 May 45 Div Rear CP at Kabakan.

12 May 45 Div Adv CP opened vic Pinalay-Usa Lake.

16 May 45 Div Rear CP at Valencia airfield.

19 May 45 2d Bn, 162d RCT, 41st Div, atchd to 31st Div.

23 May 45 - 30 Jun 45

Div patrolled E and W of Sayre hwy to clear area of enemy; Silawe occupied; Lumbayo seized.

23 May 45 167th Inf drove SE on Kibawe trail. Sanipon and Pinamola captured.

26 May 45 Div Adv CP moved to Malaybalay.

108th Inf, 40th Div, atchd to div; reverted to X Corps contrl 22 Jun 45.

- 4 Jun 45 2d Bn, 162d RCT, 41st Div, reld fr atchmt to 31st Div, reverted to RCT contl.
- 5 Jun 45 Div Rear CP moved vic Malaybalay.
- 6 Jun 45 109th Div (Filipino) (-) atchd to div.
- 7 Jun 45 3d Bn, 164th Inf (Americal Div), atchd to div.
- 8 Jun 45 2d Bn, 162d RCT, 41st Div atchd to div.
- 16 Jun 45 3d Bn, 164th Inf Div (Americal Div), reld fr div contl; reverted to X Corps contl.
- 24 Jun 45 1st Bn, 155th Inf, embarked at Bugo and established base of opns at Sagunto in Agusan River valley 27 Jun 45. Waloe and Halapitan captured.
- 27 Jun 45 110th Div (Filipino) (-) atchd to div and reatchd to 155th Inf.

1 Jul 45 - 15 Aug 45

Div continued mopping-up opns in Agusan River sector, along Kibawe - Talamo trail, and vic Sayre hwy, fr Malaybalay to Valencia and E to Pulangi-Tigua River junction. Following capitulation of Japanese, div began to accept surrender of all remaining enemy forces on Mindanao.

- 1 Jul 45 108th Div (Filipino) (-) and 110th Inf (Filipino) atchd to div.
- 4 Jul 45 2d Bn, 162d RCT, 41st Div, reverted to X Corps contl.
- 10 Aug 45 63d Inf (PA) (-) atchd to div.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen John C Persons	23 Feb 43
Brig Gen Sumter L Lowry, Jr.	10 Mar 43
Maj Gen John C Persons	12 Mar 43
Brig Gen Sumter L Lowry	7 Apr 43
Maj Gen John C Persons	9 Apr 43
Brig Gen Sumter L Lowry	21 Jun 43
Maj Gen John C Persons	26 Jun 43
Brig Gen Sumter L Lowry	9 Dec 43
Maj Gen John C Persons	13 Dec 43
Brig Gen Sumter L Lowry	18 Aug 44
Maj Gen John C Persons	21 Aug 44
Brig Gen Clarence A Martin	25 Sep 44
Maj Gen Clarence A Martin (promotion)	10 Nov 44
Brig Gen Joseph C Hutchison	14 Mar 45
Maj Gen Clarence A Martin	18 Mar 45
Brig Gen Joseph C Hutchison	29 Mar 45
Maj Gen Clarence A Martin	30 Mar 45
Brig Gen Joseph C Hutchison	3 Aug 45

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Maj Gen John C Persons	7 Dec 41
Brig Gen L F Guerre	11 Jan 42
Maj Gen John C Persons	17 Jan 42
Brig Gen Joseph C Hutchison	27 Mar 42
Maj Gen John C Persons	29 Mar 42
Brig Gen Joseph C Hutchison	6 May 42
Brig Gen Sumter L Lowry, Jr	11 May 42
Maj Gen John C Persons	13 May 42
Brig Gen Joseph C Hutchison	8 Jun 42
Brig Gen Sumter L Lowry, Jr	17 Jun 42
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<u>ASSIGNED TO:</u>	<u>DATE</u>
IV Corps	7 Dec 41
VIII Corps	20 May 42
IV Corps	20 Sep 42
XV Corps	1 Mar 43
Third Army	15 Jul 43
XIII Corps	28 Aug 43
Sixth Army	21 Feb 44
I Corps	25 Feb 44
Sixth Army	23 Mar 44
XI Corps	24 Apr 44
Sixth Army	25 Jun 44
XI Corps	1 Sep 44
Eighth Army	12 Oct 44

ATTACHED TO:

XI Corps	12 Oct 44 - 20 Jan 45
Eighth Army Area Command	20 Jan 45 - 10 Apr 45
X Corps	10 Apr 45 - 15 Aug 45

31ST INFANTRY DIVISION

Organic Units

(As of 1 December 1943)

124th Infantry Regiment \*/  
155th Infantry Regiment  
167th Infantry Regiment

31st Reconnaissance Troop (Mecz)  
106th Engineer Combat Battalion  
106th Medical Battalion

Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

114th Field Artillery Battalion (155-mm How)  
116th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
117th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
119th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)

Special Troops

Headquarters

Headquarters Company  
Military Police Platoon

31st Quartermaster Company  
31st Signal Company

731st Ordnance Light Maintenance Company

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\* 5 April 1944 the 154th Infantry Regiment was disbanded and the 124th Infantry Regiment assigned to the division.

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32D INFANTRY DIVISION (NG)

7 Dec 41

32d Div inducted into Federal service 15 Oct 40 in tng at Cp Livingston La.

8 Dec 41 - 25 Feb 42

Div trained and prepared for mvmt to Ft Devens, Mass.

31 Jan 42 Div reorg fr square to triangular div, losing 63d and 64th Inf Brigs, 57th FA Brig, and 125th Inf Regt. Inf regts remaining: 126th, 127th and 128th.

26 Feb 42

Div dep Cp Livingston, La.

27 Feb 42 - 1 Mar 42

Div en route to Ft Devens, Mass.

2 Mar 42

Div arr Ft Devens.

3 Mar 42 - 8 Apr 42

Div oriented for mvmt overseas and prepared for dep for San Francisco, Calif.

9 Apr 42

Div dep for San Fransico.

10 Apr 42 - 12 Apr 42

Div en route to San Francisco.

13 Apr 42

Div arr San Francisco.

14 Apr 42 - 21 Apr 42

Div prepared for move to Australia.

22 Apr 42

Div dep for Australia.

23 Apr 42 - 13 May 42

Div en route to Australia.

14 May 42

Div arr at Cp Cable, 30 miles SE Brisbane, Australia.

15 May 42 - 0/a 15 Sep 42

During period div engaged in tng for jungle warfare under opnl contrl Allied Land Forces.

15 Sep 42 - 13 Oct 42

Div (-) en route to Port Moresby with Buna - Sanananda as objective area; mission of div was to atk to E by a secret, wide envelopment to cut off enemy fr retreat.

15 Sep 42 Elms 126th Inf dep (via air) Brisbane, Aus, for Port Moresby, N.G.

17 Sep 42 128th RCT began mvmt (via water and air) fr Brisbane and arr Port Moresby 23 Sep 42.

18 Sep 42 Remainder 126th Inf dep Brisbane and arr Port Moresby 28 Sep 42.

2 Oct 42 Adv Det Div Hq dep (via air) Brisbane for Port Moresby. On 4 Oct moved to Kalikodobu.

11 Oct 42 Adv Det Div Hq returned to Port Moresby.

12 Oct 42 2d Bn, 126th Inf, dep (via foot) Kalikodobu to cross Owen Stanley Mts.

14 Oct 42 - 18 Nov 42

Div (-) en route to Buna area by air and motor launches.

12 Oct 42 128th Inf dep Port Moresby (via air) en route Wanigela Mission, Collingwood Bay, for further mvmt (via motor launch) to Pongani.

13 Nov 42 Adv Det Div Hq dep (via air) Port Moresby for Pongani, then (via water) to Mendaropu (Emo Mission).

0/a 14 Nov 42 127th Inf began dep Brisbane for Port Moresby.

19 Nov 42 - 14 Dec 42

During this period div (-) launched an atk to take Buna. Urbana Force and Warren Force were org. Urbana Force consisted of 2d Bn, 128th Inf, 2d Bn, 126th Inf, and 3d Bn, 127th Inf (which became a part of Urbana Force 9 Dec 42. Warren Force consisted of 1st and 3d Bns, 128th Inf, and 1st Bn, 126th Inf. Fr 20 Nov - 25 Nov 32d Div (-) probed enemy lines, and during 26 Nov - 2 Dec atkd Duropa Plantation and adv west of Entrance Creek toward Coconut Grove in atk on Buna Village. From 3 Dec - 4 Dec Warren Force and Urbana Force reorg. On 5 Dec Warren Force atkd north across New Strip toward Japanese defense line in Duropa Plantation and bunker area at bridge over Simemi Creek. On same date Urbana Force pushed to the sea and cut off Buna Village fr Buna Mission. Buna Village captured 14 Dec.

19 Nov 42 126th Inf (-) atchd 7th Australian Inf Div.

20 Nov 42 2d Bn, 126th Inf, atchd 7th Australian Inf Div.

22 Nov 42 2d Bn, 126th Inf, reverted to contl 32d Div.

27 Nov 42 127th Inf reached Port Moresby.

15 Dec 42 - 3 Jan 43

During this period Warren Force atkd northward along coast, drove through enemy defense in Duropa Plantation to Cape Endaidere, captured bridge over Simemi Creek, adv northward up Old Strip to enemy position in Government Plantation southeast of Giropa Point and crushed this last strongpoint on 1 - 2 Jan.

Urbana Force captured Coconut Grove (16 Dec), established bridgehead on east bank of Entrance Creek, pushed a wedge to the sea between Buna Mission and Giropa Point, captured Buna Mission (2 Jan).

O/a 3 Dec 42 Hq 32d Div merged with elms of Hq, I Corps, to form Buna Force Hq.

17 Dec 42 18th Australian Inf Brig atchd to Warren Force. Its comdr assumed comd of Warren Force.

4 Jan 43 - 20 Jan 43

Div (-) participated in mopping up.

4 Jan 43 127th Inf participated in break-through of Japanese defenses to open up Cape Killerton trail N of junction of Soputa - Sanananda road and achieved envelopment of Sanananda. With mopping up and capture of Giruwa Village, struggle for Buna - Sanananda area ended 23 Jan 43.

9 Jan 43 126th Inf (-) assumed reverted to div contrl.

21 Jan 43 - 21 Feb 43

Div moved by ech out of combat zone and withdrew to Port Moresby; moved via water to Brisbane, and via motor to Cp Cable Brisbane.

22 Feb 43 - 14 Sep 43

Div trained and reorg at Cp Cable, Aus. In Jun, Jul, and Aug, 126th, 127th, and 128th RCT's, respectively, received amph tng at Port Stevens, New South Wales, Aus.

15 Sep 43 - 23 Oct 43

Div (-) moved fr Cp Cable by rail and water and closed at Goodenough Isl 23 Oct 43.

23 Oct 43 - 31 Mar 44

Div desig as one of major units of DEXTERITY opn, which involved seizure of Cape Gloucester area of New Britain, neutralization of Gasmata, N.G., and contrl of adjacent isls and portions of W New Britain.

25 Oct 43 126th RCT desig as major unit of LAZARETTO TF and atchd to it to carry out Gasmata portion of DEXTERITY opn. Div (- 126th /and 127th/ RCT's) at Goodenough Isl and 127th RCT at Milne Bay designated as ALAMO Force Res for DEXTERITY opn.

22 Nov 43 Seizure of Gasmata eliminated fr DEXTERITY opn.

27 Nov 43 126th RCT reverted to div contrl.

15 Dec 43 ALAMO Force Res augmented by 126th RCT at Milne Bay.

20 Dec 43 126th RCT, reinf, desig as major unit of MICHAELMAS TF, org for Saidor, N.G., part of DEXTERITY opn.

2 Jan 44 Div (- 126th Inf, reinf) desig as ALAMO Force Res.

MICHAELMAS TF made assault landing at Saidor and secured BH.

19 Jan 44 128th RCT (- 2d Bn) completed arr at Saidor and atchd MICHAELMAS TF.

10 Feb 44 MICHAELMAS TF trps made junction with Australian trps advancing along Rai coast of New Guinea. Mission of DEXTERITY opn complete.

18 Feb 44 Div (-) atchd MICHAELMAS TF. (It is assumed 126th and 128th RCT's returned to div contl this date.)

25 Feb 44 127th RCT desig as ALAMO Force Res for BREWER TF.

23 Mar 44 127th RCT desig as major unit of ALAMO Force Res for RECKLESS opn (-seizure of Aitape, Humboldt Bay, and Tanahmerah Bay areas).

31 Mar 44 Div reld atchd MICHAELMAS TF.

1 Apr 44 - 3 May 44

Div (-) in ALAMO Force Res.

23 Apr 44 127th RCT (- 1st Bn, which arr 3 days later) disembarked in Aitape area and atchd PERSECUTION TF 163d RCT (41st Div).

4 May 44 - 11 Jul 44

Div engaged in Aitape area.

4 May 44 Div (- 128th RCT) arr Aitape area and CG assumed comd PERSECUTION TF, which had landed on 22 Apr in Aitape - Tadji area and seized Tadji airdromes.

It is assumed 127th RCT reverted to div contl this date.

7 May 44 ELms 126th RCT began rel of 163d RCT, 41st Div; rel completed 8 May.

12 May 44 128th RCT named as ALAMO Force Res (with 158th RCT) for STRAIGHTLINE opn (seizure of Wakde and Biak Isls).

15 May 44 128th Inf (-), in ALAMO Force Res, arr Aitape area. Returned to div contl o/a 8 Jun 44.

27 Jun 44 CG 32d Div reld of comd PERSECUTION TF by CG XI Corps as 2400 hours, 21 Jun 44. Div remained part of task force.

28 Jun 44 112th Cav Regt atchd div and reld next day.

9 Jul 44 124th RCT, 31st Div, atchd div and reld next day.

12 Jul 44 - 15 Aug 44

Div (-) atchd to Eastern Sector, PERSECUTION Task Force. (For disposition of 32d Div units, see charts atchd to XI Corps R/E.)

15 Aug 44 - 25 Aug 44

Div CG reld comd PERSECUTION Covering Force and assumed comd Res. PERSECUTION TF on 15 Aug. CP closed Tiver; opened Tadji Plantation. Res PERSECUTION TF reorg; rested and trd until 25 Aug.

15 Aug 44 126th RCT desig as one of major units of TRADEWIND TF (XI Corps).

20 Aug 44 126th RCT atchd to XI Corps.

25 Aug 44 - 25 Sep 44

Div patrolled and mopped up Aitape area.

25 Aug 44 Div CG assumed comd PERSECUTION TF relieving CG XI Corps.

0/a 23 Sep 44 Div desig by GHQ SWPA as component of Sixth Army Res for Leyte (KING II) opn.

25 Sep 44 TRADEWIND TF dissolved. XI Corps assumed remainder of mission. 126th RCT remained under XI Corps contl until 2 Oct, when it was released to div contl.

PERSECUTION TF dissolved.

26 Sep 44 - 9 Nov 44

Div reassembled at Aitape 26 - 30 Sep. Began mvmt fr Aitape to vic Hollandia preparatory to staging for Leyte, P.I. Div CP opened near Lake Sentani 1 Oct. Mvmt completed late in Oct. Div (- 126th RCT at Morotai, which would move by separate shipping) completed loading 7 Nov; dep Humboldt Bay 9 Nov. CP (- rear at Hollandia) closed Lake Sentani; opened USS Crescent.

9 Nov 44 - 16 Nov 44

In mvmt to Leyte 9 - 14 Nov; joined in transit by vessels carrying 126th RCT. Arr off E coast of Leyte 14 Nov; disembarked CP closed on USS Crescent; opened N of Polo. Div CG received verbal alert to

prepare div to rel 24th Div in Pinamopoan area by 16 Nov. Relg forces moved into assembly position in 24th Div zone. 16 Nov div asgd mission to atk to S along Pinamopoan - Ormoc hwy; pass through elms 24th Div; destroy enemy forces encountered; and occupy high ground extending east fr point one mile southwest of Tolibaw to east of Hwy 2.

16 Nov 44 - 1 Jan 45

Div elms passed through 24th Div forces on Breakneck Ridge SSW of Pinamopoan 16 Nov and atkd S toward Limon on both sides of Hwy 2, compressing enemy into pocket east of Limon as adv continued. Captured Limon 22 Nov. In other areas, elms occupied Hill 1525 23 Nov during enemy atk in Culasian Point area; captured high ground between Leyte River and Hwy 2 N of Bonbongon to rel pressure on 34th Inf forces (atchd to div) on Kilay Ridge. Occupied Kilay Ridge 2 Dec. Div continued atk S and E of Limon; between 5 - 7 Dec seized high ground running NW/SE through Lonoy. 8 Dec launched co-ordinated atk along Hwy 2; by 12 Dec destroyed enemy opposition on both sides of hwy approx 1300 yards S SW of Bonbongon. Resumed atk to S along Hwy 2 and 22 Dec made contact with elms 1st Cav Div vic of Lonoy, completing clearing of hwy fr Pinamopoan to Ormoc. On 24 Dec began adv to W coast, atkg against Silad Bay and Tobango Bay areas. Arr W coast 31 Dec and staged for overwater mvmt to assembly areas on N coast of Leyte.

17 Nov 44 34th Inf, reinf (24th Div), atchd to div.

18 Nov 44 2d Bn, 19th Inf (24th Div), atchd to div; reld fr atchmt 23 Nov.

2 Dec 44 34th Inf, reinf (- 1st Bn), reld fr atchmt to div; 1st Bn reld fr atchmt 5 Dec.

19 Dec 44 Div desig by GHQ SWPA as reinforcement for Luzon (MIKE I) opn.

30 Dec 44 151st RCT (38th Div) atchd to div; reld fr atchmt 3 Jan 45; reverted to 38th Div contl.

2 Jan 45 - 14 Jan 45

Div concentrated in Carigara - Pinamopoan - Limon area preparatory to staging for mvmt to Luzon.

15 Jan 45 - 24 Jan 45

Loaded fr Catmon Hill Beach, Leyte, for mvmt to Lingayen Gulf 16 - 18 Jan; remained in harbor to 24 Jan. CP closed Leyte; opened on USS Monroe.



24 Jan 45 - 30 Jan 45

Div in mvmt to Luzon; arr Lingayen Gulf 27 Jan. Began debarkation White Beach vic San Fabian. Div CG directed by Sixth Army to assemble in San Manuel - Bantog - Binalonan area, preparatory to relieving 25th Div elms in I Corps zone 30 Jan, on which date div (- 126th RCT) would pass fr Sixth Army Res. CP closed on USS Monroe; opened ashore.

30 Jan 45 - 5 Feb 45

Div (- 126th RCT) reld 25th Div elms in San Manuel - Bantog - Binalonan area. Occupied Asingan and San Manuel 30 Jan; crossed Agno River, occupied Tayug, San Nicholas, 31 Jan; Natividad and San Quintin 1 Feb; San Maria 2 Feb. Patrols began probing enemy outposts Villa Verde trail.

5 Feb 45 - 3 Jun 45

Began drive along Villa Verde trail NE and E against system of major enemy def positions along ridges in great depth. Cleared trail fr Santa Maria to Imugan; latter captured 28 May. During period div forces probed N in Agno, Aboredo, and Ambayabang River valleys; occupied Sapinit 28 Feb; Santa Rosa 3 Mar; Lawican 5 Mar; captured Tebbo 11 Mar. On 31 May div began mvmt to Aringay - Bauang area for rest and tng.

15 Feb 45 126th RCT reld fr Sixth Army Res to I Corps; reverted to div contl same date.

0/a 3 Apr 45 1st Bn (-), 130th Inf (33d Div), atchd to div. Reld fr atchmt; reverted to 33d Div contl 5 Apr.

23 May 45 126th RCT atchd to 25th Div.

4 Jun 45 - 29 Jun 45

Div (-) engaged in rest and rehabilitation in Bauang - Naguilian - Caba - Aringay area; security forces blocked Villa Verde trail and patrolled north-south valleys in div zones. Div directed 23 Jun to effect rel of 33d Div in general Baguio area 30 Jun. On 27 Jun directed to dispose, effective 30 Jun, all its elms except one RCT in Digdig - Aritao - Bababag area to secure uninterrupted use of Hwy 5 throughout asgd zone.

30 Jun 45 - 8 Jul 45

Div elms moved into asgd positions; reld 25th Div units in Aritao - Pingkian - Imugan - Santa Fe area; 33d Division in Bokod area and on Mountain Trail (Hwy 11); 6th Div units along Hwy 5 north of Aritao. Began aggressive patrolling. 126th RCT reld fr atchmt to 25th Div 30 Jun and reverted to div contl. Div CP opened Anabat 3 Jul.

9 Jul 45 - 15 Aug 45

Div patrolled throughout foothills and mountains on east and west sides of Hwy 5 in Cagayan Valley; made numerous contacts with scattered enemy groups. In other areas, trps atkd astride Hwy 11 to secure Baguio area and open hwy as supply route. Div CP closed Anabat; opened Maginang 22 Jul. Hwy 11 secured when div forces made contact with elms of USAFIP, NL, vic of Gambang 29 Jul. On 25 Jul div directed to clear Agno River valley within desig zone. Elms began combing valley and mopping up scattered enemy groups; opns continued until 15 Aug, when all offensive action ceased.

COMMANDERSDATE

Maj Gen Irving A Fish	7 Dec 41
Brig Gen Edwin F Harding	9 Feb 42
Col J Tracy Hale, Jr	28 Feb 42
Maj Gen Edwin F Harding	4 Mar 42
Brig Gen Albert W Waldron	9 Mar 42
Brig Gen Frayne Baker	10 Mar 42
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Col John J Carew	27 Feb 43
Brig Gen Clarence A Martin	28 Feb 43
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Brig Gen Clarence A Martin	24 Sep 43
Maj Gen Willaim H Gill	1 Oct 43

ASSIGNED TO:DATE

V Corps	7 Dec 41
USAFIA	14 May 42
I Army Corps	8 Sep 42
Sixth Army	6 Nov 43
I Corps	4 May 44
XI Corps	27 Jun 44
Sixth Army	2 Oct 44
X Corps	14 Nov 44
Eighth Army	26 Dec 44
Sixth Army	27 Jan 45
I Corps	15 Feb 45
Eighth Army	1 Jul 45

ATTACHED TO:

Army Field Forces	12 Jan 42 - ?
Allied Land Forces	14 May 42 - ?
2d Australian Corps	9 Sep 42 - ?
MICHAELMAS TF ( ALAMO Force)	18 Feb 44 - 31 Mar 44
I Corps	30 Jan 45 - 15 Feb 45
XIV Corps	30 Jun 45 - 15 Aug 45

32D INFANTRY DIVISION

Organic Units

(As of 1 December 1943)

126th Infantry Regiment  
127th Infantry Regiment  
128th Infantry Regiment

32d Reconnaissance Troop (Mecz)  
114th Engineer Combat Battalion  
107th Medical Battalion

Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

120th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
121st Field Artillery Battalion (155-mm How)  
126th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
129th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)

Special Troops

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Headquarters Company  
Military Police Platoon

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33D INFANTRY DIVISION (NG)

7 Dec 41

Div (inducted into Federal service 5 Mar 41 at Chicago, Ill) engaged in tng at Cp Forrest, Tenn.

8 Dec 41 - 0/a 10 Jan 42

Engaged in def of industrial instls in Tenn and Ala.

11 Jan 42 - 8 Sep 42

Reassembled at Cp Forrest; engaged in orgn and tng.

12 Jan 42 132d Inf reld fr asgmt to div.

21 Feb 42 Div reorg fr square to triangular: lost 65th and 66th Inf Brigs, and 58th FA Brig. Regts remaining were 129th, 130th and 131st.

0/a 23 Mar 42 131st Inf reld fr asgmt to div.

1 Apr 42 136th Inf act and asgd to div.

0/a 28 Aug 42 129th Inf (- 1st Bn) reld fr asgmt to div. \*/

9 Sep 42 - 11 Mar 43

Div moved fr Cp Forrest to Ft Lewis, Wash. Div Hq opened Ft Lewis. Continued tng.

28 Sep 42 123d Inf act and asgd to div.

11 Mar 43 - 22 Jun 43

Div directed to move to Desert Tng Center in southern Calif; mvmt completed by end of first week of Apr. Hq opened vic Essex, Calif. Trps began program of desert tng. 11 May div CG alerted for mvmt of div overseas. Early in Jun div elms began mvmt to Cp Stoneman, Calif; last elms dep by 27 Jun.

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\* The 1st Battalion of the 29th Infantry remained with the 33d Division to furnish the cadre for another Infantry regiment.

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22 Jun 43 - 15 Jul 43

Div in mvmt by ech to Hawaii. Last elms arr Hawaii 15 Jul.

16 Jul 43 - 30 Apr 44

Div asgd responsibility for def of outer isls of Hwn Isls o/a 18 Jul. 130th Inf asgd to def of Hwn Dist (isls of Hawaii). Regt reld fr mission o/a 18 Dec and directed to move to Kauai Dist preparatory to mvmt to forward area. 123d Inf asgd to def of Kauai Dist, involving isls of Kauai and Niihau; 136th Inf asgd to def of Maui Dist, which included def of Molokai - Lanai Dist. Elms on Molokai and Lanai Isls were reld 24 Mar and rejoined regt on Maui. At end of Mar div CG alerted by CG USAFICPA for mvmt to SWPA. Div elms began mvmt to Honolulu 21 Apr for dep fr Hawaii. Rel of div in Hawaii completed 26 Apr. Last ech dep Honolulu 30 Apr.

30 Apr 44 - 11 May 44

Div in mvmt fr Hawaii to Finschhafen, N.G.

11 May 44 - 3 Dec 44

Following completion of unloading, div began camp construction about 15 miles fr Base F at Finschhafen, after which it engaged in program of jungle and amph tng and, in addition, assisted in opns of port clearance at Base F. During latter part of Aug, div CG directed by CG I Corps to furnish one RCT to replace 31st Div, operating as TORNADO TF at Maffin Bay. 123d Inf desig for mission.

25 Aug 44 123d RCT dep Finschhafen; arr Maffin Bay 1 Sep. CG 123d RCT assumed comd of TORNADO TF. Mission of TF to insure opn of Wakde airdrome and maintain its security; def perimeters against enemy counterattack; and provide security for areas used by ships loading and unloading cargo and trps at Maffin Bay port.

4 Sep 44 2d Bn, 136th Inf, desig as reinf for TORNADO TF, arr Maffin Bay and atchd to 123d RCT.

25 Sep 44 TORNADO TF dissolved; 123d RCT continued former TF mission.

22 Oct 44 2d Bn, 136th Inf, reld fr atchmt to 123d RCT in Toem sector, preparatory to mvmt to Hollandia.

4 Dec 44

Div (- 123d RCT and 2d Bn, 136th Inf) directed by Eighth Army to move fr Finschhafen to Morotai; 2d Bn, 136th Inf, directed to move fr Hollandia to Morotai. Upon arr at Morotai, div would be atchd to XI Corps.

5 Dec 44 - 21 Dec 44

Engaged in plans and preparations for mvmt to Morotai. Div Hq arr that isl 18 - 19 Dec; entire mvmt completed 21 Dec.

19 Dec 44 Div asgd mission by XI Corps to rel upon arr at Morotai, elms 31st Div in 33d Div zone of action; by overwater opns effect landings on the western coast of Morotai; attack to E; destroy all hostile trps and seize that portion of corps objective within div zone; rel elms 31st Div on Raco Isl and in Wajaboela area; and continue patrol opns to E and NE.

22 Dec 44 - 19 Jan 45

Div reld 31st Div forces garrisoning Raco Isl, Wajaboela, and western end of perimeter. 26 Dec commenced opns to locate and destroy enemy forces remaining on Morotai, which were concentrated in area of headwaters of Pilowo River.

8 Jan 45 Div (-) on Morotai and 123d RCT at Toem, N.G., directed by Eighth Army to move to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, as reinf for Luzon (MIKE I) opn.

12 Jan 45 Div CG assumed comd fr CG XI Corps of all Eighth Army units on Morotai.

16 Jan 45 Initial rel of div forces by 31st Div begun; rel completed 19 Jan. Div moved into Res to continue preparations for staging for mvmt to Luzon.

19 Jan 45 - 26 Jan 45

Div units on Morotai engaged in loading and staging; 123d RCT reld at Toem by elms 93d Div and prepared for mvmt from Maffin Bay.

26 Jan 45 - 9 Feb 45

Div in mvmt to Lingayen Gulf; ships carrying 123d RCT joined convoy en route.

9 Feb 45 - 15 Feb 45

Arr Lingayen Gulf 9 Feb; disembarked and assembled Manaoag - San Jacinto - San Fabian area. Div CP opened in bivouac area SE of San Jacinto 11 Feb; Adv CP vic Rabon Triangulation Sta 12 Feb. Completed rel of 158th RCT and 43d Div in Pozorrubio - Rosario - Damortis area 13 - 15 Feb. Div CG assumed cmd in zone of action. Rear Ech Div CP joined Adv CP; CP opened vic Rabon Triangulation Sta 15 Feb.

13 Feb 45 123d Inf and 1st Bn, 130th Inf, passed to contrl 43d Div.

14 Feb 45 2d and 3d Bns, 130th Inf, passed to contrl 43d Div.

15 Feb 45 136th Inf passed to contrl 43d Div for period of nine hours this date.

123d and 130th Inf Regts reverted to div contrl.

16 Feb 45 - 25 Mar 45

Captured key hill east of Cauringan 18 - 21 Feb; began drive astride Kennon road on southern approaches to Baguio; secured Cp One and Dongon 24 - 28 Feb. 1 - 7 Mar, sec Aringay Bridge and high ground to east; ridges northwest, north, and southeast of Pugo; and key ground northwest of Twin Peaks. Extended contrl to commanding terrain along line Aringay - Pugo (including Mt Magabang) - Twin Peaks - Buebue - Abileng 8 - 14 Mar. Occupied Cp Three.

28 Mar 45 66th Inf (Filipino) Regt atchd to div.

29 Mar 45 CP closed vic Rosario; opened vic Aringay.

o/a 3 Apr 45 1st Bn (-), 130th Inf, reld fr I Corps contrl and placed under contrl 32d Div. Reverted to div contrl 5 Apr.

o/a 6 Apr 45 1st Bn, 130th Inf, passed to I Corps Res; reld fr atchmt and reverted to regtl contrl o/a 10 Apr.

10 Apr 45 129th Inf (37th Div) reld fr atchmt to div.

3 May 45 - 9 Jun 45

Reid forces of 37th Div in asgd zones 3 - 4 May and assumed missions of 37th Div. Occupied Tebbo 9 May; eliminated enemy northwest and east of Tebbo 11 - 12 May; patrolled div zone and eliminated enemy pockets northeast and north of Acops Place 17 - 29 May; 30 May launched atk northeast along Hwy 11 to seize and secure Tabio area; 8 Jun adv southeast fr Hwy 11 toward Ambuclao. Div units in west coastal zone fr Bacnotan south reld by 32d Div forces. Main elms of div remained in Bauang - Aringay area for rest and tng.

30 May 45 1st Bn, 123d Inf, placed under opnl contrl Philippine Guerrilla Forces, Northern Luzon.

9 Jun 45 - 29 Jun 45

Forces advancing on Hwy 11 occupied Tabio and Ambuclao 13 Jun; sec Inticak 16 Jun; Bokod 17 Jun; completed mopping up Ambuclao - Bokod area. Secured Tabio - Ambuclao - Bokod area 19 Jun; seized Daklan 20 Jun; Daklan airstrip 22 Jun; mopped up Daklan area. Continued sec of div zone of responsibility.

29 Jun 45 1st Bn, 123d Inf, reld fr Philippine Guerrilla Forces, Northern Luzon, and reverted to div contrl.

30 Jun 45

Div reld in general Baguio area by 32d Div; commenced mvmt to rehabilitation area vic Bauang.

1 Jul 45 - 15 Aug 45

Div engaged in rehabilitation activities followed by program of amph tng in preparation for projected opns against Japan.

COMMANDERDATE

Maj Gen Samuel T Lawton	7 Dec 41
Brig Gen Diller S Myers	1 May 42
Brig Gen Frank C Mahin	2 May 42
Maj Gen Frank C Mahin (Promotion)	24 May 42
Brig Gen Charles C Haffner, Jr	20 Jun 42
Col William H Draper, Jr	24 Jul 42
Col Robert W Davis	26 Jul 42
Brig Gen Charles C Haffner, Jr	30 Jul 42
Maj Gen John Millikin	10 Aug 42
Brig Gen Alexander G Paxton	5 Oct 43
Maj Gen Percy W Clarkson	20 Oct 43
Brig Gen Donald J Myers	18 Mar 44
Maj Gen Percy W Clarkson	30 Mar 44
Brig Gen Alexander G Paxton	21 Jul 44
Maj Gen Percy W Clarkson	29 Jul 44

ASSIGNED TO:

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Second Army

7 Dec 41

III Army Corps

1 Jun 42

IX Corps

13 Sep 42

IV Corps

15 Mar 43

Desert Training Center

1 Apr 43

Hawaiian Department

12 Jul 43

XI Corps

11 May 44

Sixth Army

20 Aug 44

Eighth Army

28 Sep 44

Sixth Army

10 Feb 45

I Corps

12 Feb 45

ATTACHED TO:

VII Army Corps

7 Dec 41 - ?

XI Corps

21 Dec 44 - 12 Jan 45

33D INFANTRY DIVISION

Organic Units

(As of 1 December 1943)

123d Infantry Regiment  
130th Infantry Regiment  
136th Infantry Regiment

33d Reconnaissance Troop (Mecz)  
108th Engineer Combat Battalion  
108th Medical Battalion

Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

122d Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
123d Field Artillery Battalion (155-mm How)  
124th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
210th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)

Special Troops

Headquarters

Headquarters Company  
Military Police Platoon

33d Quartermaster Company  
33d Signal Company

733d Ordnance Light Maintenance Company

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37TH INFANTRY DIVISION (NG)

7 Dec 41

Div (inducted into Federal service 15 Oct 40 at Columbus, O) stationed at Cp Shelby, Miss.

8 Dec 41 - 5 Feb 42

Trained, reorg, and prepared for mvmt to Indiantown Gap, Pa.

1 Feb 42 Div reorg fr square to triangular; lost 73d and 74th Inf Brigs, 62d FA Brig, and 166th Inf Regt. Regts remaining were 145th, 147th, and 148th.

5 Feb 42 - O/a 14 Feb 42

Moved by train and motor convoy fr Cp Shelby to Indiantown Gap.

O/a 15 Feb 42 - 4 May 42

Trained at Indiantown Gap and prepared for mvmt to SFPE.

1 Apr 42 147th Inf (-2d Bn) det fr div; dep for NYPE to embark for Tonga Isl in Pacific. (Regt (-) did not return to div and date of its actual release is unknown.) 2d Bn remained with div temporarily.

10 Apr 42 Div Adv Det dep Indiantown Gap for SFPE; embarked SFPE for Australia 20 Apr.

5 May 42 - 24 May 42

Remainder of div began mvmt by ech fr Indiantown Gap to SFPE to stage for mvmt overseas. On 16 May, div CG informed of change in overseas destination fr New Zealand to Fiji Isls.

14 May 42 Div Adv Det arr Melbourne, Aus; dep Melbourne for New Zealand 21 May.

25 May 42 - 10 Jun 42

Div (- Adv) embarked SFPE for Fiji Isls. En route, 145th Inf separated fr convoy and proceeded to New Zealand; arr latter 12 Jun. Div (-) arr Suva Harbor, Viti Levu, Fiji Isls, 10 Jun.

29 May 42 Div Adv Det dep New Zealand for Fiji; arr Suva Harbor  
o/a 10 Jun.

11 Jun 42 - 29 Mar 43

Began debarkation. Div asgd mission of def of Fiji Isls against possible enemy attempts at invasion. During period of div occupancy, in addition to primary mission of def, trps engaged in comprehensive program of tng. Following alert for mvmt to Guadalcanal, div began concentrating in western part of Viti Levu early in Mar preparatory to dep fr Fiji Isls

12 Jun 42 CP opened Cp Samambula, Suva

15 Jul 42 145th Inf (- 3d Bn) arr Suva fr New Zealand; 3d Bn arr Suva 3 Aug.

6 Aug 42 CP closed Cp Samambula; opened Barren Hill, Suva.

19 Sep 42 129th Inf (- 1st Bn) arr Suva and asgd to div.

6 Nov 42 CP closed Barren Hill; opened Lautoka, Viti Levu.

16 Nov 42 CP closed Lautoka; opened Maboutini, Viti Levu.

1 Feb 43 1st Bn, 129th Inf, act and asgd to div.

o/a 2 Feb 43 2d Bn, 147th Inf, reld fr div; dep Fiji Isls for Guadalcanal; rejoined regt there 7 Feb.

11 Mar 43 129th Inf dep Suva for New Hebrides; atchd to IV Isl Ccmd, Espiritu Santo, upon arr there 13 Mar.

30 Mar 43 - 19 Apr 43

Div (- 148th RCT and other rear ech elms) loaded 30 Mar - 1 Apr. Dep Viti Levu 2 Apr; arr Lunga Beach Guadalcanal, 6 Apr. Div CG assumed cmd of left (west) sector, Guadalcanal, with mission of def beach fr East Lunga River to Kokumbona, maintaining beach patrols west to Visale, and holding high ground east and west of Kokumbona. CP established vic Kokumbona, maintaining beach patrols west to Visale, and holding high ground east and west of Kokumbona. CP established vic Kukum, west of Lunga Point.

14 Apr 43 Div rear ech, including 148th RCT, dep Fiji Isls; arr Guadalcanal 19 Apr.

15 Apr 43 172d RCT (43d Div) atchd to div.

20 Apr 43 - 22 Jul 43

Div (-) contd security opns on Guadalcanal. During latter part of period div (-) moved to New Georgia Isls.

31 May 43 148th RCT (- 3d Bn) dep by ech fr Guadalcanal for Banika Isl, Russell Isls; mvmt completed 7 Jun.

15 Apr 43 172d RCT (43d Div) atchd to div.

20 Apr 43 - 22 Jul 43

Div (-) continued security opns on Guadalcanal. During latter part of period div (-) moved to New Georgia Isls.

31 May 43 148th RCT (- 3d Bn) dep by ech fr Guadalcanal for Banika Isl, Russell Isls; mvmt completed 7 Jun.

17 Jun 43 172d RCT (43d Div) reld fr atchmt to div; reverted to 43d div contl.

4 Jul 43 3d Bn, 145th Inf, and 3d Bn, 148th Inf, passed to contl New Georgia Occupation Force and further atchd to 1st Marine Raider Regt.

7 Jul 43 2d Bn, 145th Inf, dep Guadalcanal; arr Russell Isl; dep Russell Isl; arr Rendover 8 Jul.

9 Jul 43 Hq, 145th Inf, dep Guadalcanal; arr Rendover 10 Jul.

12 Jul 43 1st Bn, 145th Inf, dep Guadalcanal; arr Rendova 13 Jul; dep Rendova 15 Jul; arr Laiana Beach, New Georgia, same date.

0/a 15 Jul 43 145th Inf (- 3d Bn) and 148th Inf(- 3d Bn) passed to contl 43d Div. \*/

16 Jul 43 148th RCT (- 3d Bn and Rear Ech) moved fr Banika Isl to Kokorana Isl, New Georgia; mvmt completed 17 Jul.

18 Jul 43 148th RCT (- 3d Bn and Rear Ech) moved fr Kokorana Isl to New Georgia Isl; atchd 43d Div same date.

19 Jul 43 Div Hq (-) began dep by ech for Kokorana Isl; arr Isl 21 Jul.

20 Jul 43 Hq and 2d Bn, 145th Inf, moved fr Rendova to Laiana Beach; New Georgia; atchd to 43d Div.

22 Jul 43 Div Hq moved to New Georgia Isl; CP established at Laiana Beach.

161st RCT (25th Div) atchd to div.

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\* Operations Memo #12, 37th Division, 3 July 1943 provided that the regiments should pass to the optional control of the 43d Division by echelon as they departed from Guadalcanal.

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23 Jul 43

Div (-) directed by CG New Georgia Occupation Force (XIV Corps) to atk, on 25 Jul, enemy to div's front and envelop enemy left (north) flank; seize Bibilo Hill and drive enemy into sea; protect right (north) flank and rear of corps.

0/a 23 Jul 43 148th Inf (3d Bn) and 145th Inf (- 3d Bn) reld fr atchmt to 43d Div; reverted to div contrl.

24 Jul 43

Div (-) reld elms 43d Div and prepared to carry out Occupation Force mission.

25 Jul 43 - 5 Aug 43

Div (-) launched atk in its zone of action; cleared area of all org resistance; captured Horseshoe Hill, and drove to the sea; conducted combat patrolling and mopped up

5 Aug 43 161st RCT reld fr atchmt to div; reverted to 25th Div contrl.

6 Aug 43 - 1 Sep 43

Div (-) engaged in mopped up, security patrolling, and road construction on New Georgia.

10 Aug 43 3d Bn, 148th Inf, atchd to 25th Div.

11 Aug 43 3d Bn, 145th Inf, atchd to 25th Div.

27 Aug 43 3d Bn, 148th Inf, reld fr atchmt to 25th Div; reverted to div contrl.

0/a 30 Aug 43 1st Bn, 145th Inf, passed to contrl CG Vella Lavella.

2 Sep 43 - 22 Sep 43

Div (-) moved in echs fr New Georgia to Guadalcanal for rehabilitation, recreation, tng, and unloading of ships.

2 Sep 43 3d Bn, 145th Inf, reld fr atchmt to 25th Div; reverted to div contrl.

4 Sep 43 145th Inf (-) began mvmt by ech to Guadalcanal by way of Sasavele Isl; completed mvmt o/a 9 Sep.

6 Sep 43 Div Hq and Hq Co dep by ech for Guadalcanal; mvmt completed o/a 10 Sep. CP opened vic Koli 10 Sep.

7 Sep 43 145th Inf (-) began mvmt by ech to Guadalcanal by way of Sasavele Isl; mvmt completed o/a 18 Sep.

22 Sep 43

Div atchd to Task Force 31 (Navy) for opns on Bougainville Isl.

22 Sep 43 2d Bn, 129th Inf, arr Guadalcanal fr Espiritu Santo and rejoined div. (Assumed reld fr IV Isl Comd on or before this date.)

23 Sep 43 - 4 Nov 43

Div continued tng and prepared for opns on Bougainville Isl.

25 Sep 43 1st Bn, 145th Inf, reld fr opnl contl CG Vella Lavella; rejoined regt on Guadalcanal.

1 Oct 43 Div further atchd to I Marine Amph Corps (IMAC).

13 Nov 43 Div CG assumed cond of all div units on Bougainville with exception of 148th RCT.

2d Bn, 3d Marine Regt, atchd to div.

14 Nov 43 148th RCT reld fr atchmt to 3d Marine Div; reverted to div contl.

15 Nov 43 3d Ech, including 136th FA and elms 117th Engr Bn, dep Guadalcanal for Bougainville; arr Torokina area 17 Nov.

17 Nov 43 4th Ech, including 145th Inf (- 2d Bn), dep Guadalcanal for Bougainville; arr Torokina area 19 Nov.

20 Nov 43 - 28 Feb 44

Div extended beachhead line several times; completed organization of def positions and conducted rcn and combat patrols.

20 Nov 43 2d Bn, 3d Marine Regt, reld fr atchmt to div.

24 Nov 43 1st Bn, 145th Inf, atchd to 3d Marine Div.

8 Oct 43 Div directed by CG IMAC to be prepared to embark for Bougainville on 5 days notice after D plus 10 days (subsequently changed to D Day).

4 Nov 43 Adv Det dep Guadalcanal for Bougainville; arr 6 Nov.

129th Inf (-) arr Guadalcanal fr Espiritu Santo and

rejoined div. (Assumed reld fr atchmt to IV Isl Comd on or before this date.)

5 Nov 43 - 12 Jan 44

Div (-) moved by ech fr Guadalcanal to Bougainville Isl; took over west sector of beachhead and began to extand beachhead line.

5 Nov 43 1st Ech, consisting of 148th RCT, Det, Div Hq, and other elms embarked at Luguna Beach, Guadalcanal, for Bougainville; arr Torokina area 8 Nov, at which time 148th RCT was atchd to 3d Marine Div. Temp Div CP opened vic Yellow Beach.

11 Nov 43 2d Ech, including 129th RCT, 2d Bn, 145th Inf, and other elms, dep Guadalcanal for Bougainville; arr Torokina area 13 Nov.

12 Jan 44 1st Bn, 145th Inf, reld fr atchmt to 3d Marine Div; reverted to div contl.

1 Mar 44 - 31 Mar 44

Div repulsed eight major enemy atks and continued patrolling.

11 Mar 44 1st Bn, 24th Inf (Sep), placed under opnl contl of div.

24 Mar 44 2d Bn, 164th Inf (Americal Div), placed under opnl contl of div; reld fr atchmt 28 Mar.

29 Mar 44 1st Bn, 24th Inf (Sep), reld fr opnl contl div.

1 Apr 44 - 30 Apr 44

Div mopped up enemy resistance to its front and maintained pressure on enemy forces attempting to withdraw.

2 Apr 44 2d Bn, 25th RCT (93d Div), atchd to div; reld fr atchmt 4 Apr.

1 May 44 - 14 Dec 44

Div engaged in security patrolling, construction, and amph tng. Following alert o/a 11 Oct for participation of div in Luzon (MIKE I) opn, began planning and preparing for that mission.

30 Nov 44 Div, reinf (- 145th Inf [- 3d Bn] in Corps Res, afloat), directed by XIV Corps to land 20 Dec 44 (later changed to 9 Jan 45) in Baybay - Lupis area; seize Calmay River crossing on Binmaley - San Carlos road; adv to south and east, capture Dagupan; continued adv to east and rel I Corps elms who were to seize Dagupan River crossing in XIV Corps zone of action; capture Calasiao; seize area south of Papagueyan and astride Binmaley - San Carlos road to block any enemy reinf fr south; seize that portion of corps beachhead line in div zone of action; protect corps east flank and establish and maintain contact with I Corps.

11 Dec 44 Div began loading for mvmt to Luzon; loading completed 14 Dec. CP closed ashore 12 Dec; opened on USS Bolivar.

15 Dec 44 - 20 Dec 44

Div began embarkation fr Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville, in two convoys for Huon Gulf, N.G. Landing Craft Gp de 15 Dec; Transport Gp 16 Dec. Arr Huon Gulf 18 Dec; engaged in rehearsal of amph landings. Dep Huon Gulf in two echs for Manus Isl; Transport Gp dep 19 Dec; Landing Craft Gp 20 Dec.

20 Dec 44 - 31 Dec 44

Div convoys began arr Manus Isl 21 Dec; completed mvmt 22 Dec. Engaged in practice unloading of ships; trps given recreation ashore. Dep Manus Isl for Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, in two convoys. Landing Craft dep 27 Dec. CP closed on USS Bolivar 28 Dec; opened on USS Mt McKinley. Transport Gp dep 31 Dec.

1 Jan 45 - 9 Jan 45

In mvmt fr Manus Isl to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon. Arr Lingayen Gulf 9 Jan.

9 Jan 45

Div, reinf (- 145th Inf [- 3d Bn] in Corps Res, afloat), landed on Crimson and Yellow Beaches, Lingayen Gulf. Established initial CP ashore at Lupis. By mid afternoon CP closed on USS Mt McKinley; opened Binmaley. Div CG assumed comd ashore. Elms in Crimson Beach zone secured D-Day objective of beach defenses to Dagupan River and Dagupan town; those in Yellow Beach zone secured objectives of beach defenses to Binmaley and Calmay River crossing of Binmaley - San Carlos road.

10 Jan 45 - 27 Jan 45

Adv south through central plain approx 70 miles inland; secured Calasiao, San Carlos, cleared Hermosa; captured Coliling, Malasiqui, Bautista, Paniqui, Tarlac, Concepcion, Santa Maria, San Felipe, Culayo, and Angeles.

- 10 Jan 45 145th RCT (- 3d Bn) landed Yellow Beach and reverted to div contl. 3d Bn, 145th RCT, placed in XIV Corps Res.
- 13 Jan 45 Adv CP opened vic San Carlos.
- 14 Jan 45 CP closed Binmaley; opened vic San Carlos.
- 18 Jan 45 3d Bn, 145th Inf, reld fr XIV Corps Res; reverted to regtl contl.
- 19 Jan 45 CP closed vic San Carlos; opened Paniqui.
- 20 Jan 45 145th Inf (- 2d Bn) placed in XIV Corps Res; reverted to div contl 21 Jan.
- 21 Jan 45 129th Inf (- 3d Bn) placed in XIV Corps Res; reverted to div contl 24 Jan.
- 24 Jan 45 CP closed Paniqui; opened Concepcion.
- 26 Jan 45 3d Bn, 129th Inf, placed in XIV Corps Res; (assumed) reverted to regtl contl 27 Jan.

28 Jan 45 - 3 Feb 45

Div forces captured Clark Field and Ft Stotsenburg; pushed south, secured bridgehead at San Fernando; occupied Calumpit; secured Plaridel; rebuilt bridges across Pampanga and Labangan Rivers, and secured San Juan.

- 29 Jan 45 CP closed Concepcion; opened San Isidro.
- 30 Jan 45 Adv CP opened at Ft Stotsenburg
- 1 Feb 45 CP closed San Isidro; opened San Fernando.  
129th Inf atchd to 40th Div; reverted to div contl following day.
- 3 Feb 45 Adv CP opened Calumpit.

4 Feb 45 - 4 Mar 45

Div pushed into city of Manila; liberated internees at Old Bilidad Prison; cleared area north of Pasig River, including Tondo Peninsula, North Manila; made amph assault across Pasig River in attack to secure



sector of Manila south of Pasig River in div zone of action; seized objectives in street fighting, liberated internees, assaulted, seized, and liberated the Intramuros (walled city of Manila) and Ft Santiago; captured Legislative, Agriculture, and Finance Buildings; maintained security of north section of Manila in div zone fr Pasig River north to Tulliahan River, and began preparations for assumption of responsibility for garrisoning Manila.

4 Feb 45 Adv CP opened Malolos.

6 Feb 45 CP closed Malolos; opened Marilao; Adv CP moved to Tinajeros (suburb of Manila).

7 Feb 45 CP closed Marilao; opened Manila.

16 Feb 45 1st Cav Brig Combat Team (- 2d Sq, 12th Cav Regt) (1st Cav Div) atchd to div.

24 Feb 45 2d Bn, 145th Inf, placed under contl XIV Corps.

1 Mar 45 12th Cav Regt (- 2d Sq), 1st Cav Brig Combat Team (1st Cav Div) reld fr atchmt to div.

2 Mar 45 1st Cav Brig Combat Team (-) reld fr opnl contl div  
145th RCT placed under opnl contl Provost Marshal  
General, USAFFE.

#### 5 Mar 45

Div CG, by order of Sixth Army of 28 Feb 45, reld CG XIV Corps of responsibility for garrisoning of Greater Manila.

#### 5 Mar 45 - 8 Apr 45

Div (-) engaged in garrisoning of Greater Manila: searched enemy hulks in harbor of Manila, and engaged in security opns in its zone by outpostting and patrolling. Reld of mission by XI Corps 8 Apr.

26 Mar 45 129th Inf dep Manila for Bauang; regt passed to contl of I Corps upon arr 27 Mar; further atchd to 33d Div same date.

#### 8 Apr 45

Div (-) directed by CG I Corps to atk, 12 Apr 45, to southeast along Naguilian - Baguio road and capture Baguio; co-ordinate atk with elms 33d Div along Galiano - Baguio route; secure that portion of Baguio area within 37th Div zone of action; block southward adv of hostile

forces and be prepared to continue atk north and northeast on corps order; secure San Fernando area for development as port and supply base.

8 Apr 45 - 10 Apr 45

Div (-) in mvmt by ech fr Manila to Bauang - Naguilian area.

10 Apr 45 CP closed Manila; opened Bauang. Adv CP established on Hwy 9, 15 miles fr Bauang.

129th Inf reld fr atchmt to 33d Div; reverted to div contl.

11 Apr 45 - 27 Apr 45

Div elms secured Bauang - San Fernando - Bacnotan coastal zone and patrolled area throughout period. Elms astride Hwy 9 west of Irian 18 - 21 Apr; seized and secured Mt Mirador 24 Apr; continued drive toward Baguio, seizing high ground in its zone of action. Patrols covered city of Baguio 27 Apr.

18 Apr 45 145th RCT passed fr contl of Provost Marshal General, USAFFE, to contl of XI Corps, and further atchd to 6th Div.

28 Apr 45 - 2 May 45

Div (-) regrouped vic of Baguio; on 29 Apr adv north astride Baguio - Trinidad road and northeast fr vic Irian. Secured key terrain along line Yapdue - Trinidad - Irian by 1 May.

30 Apr 45 145th RCT reld fr atchmt to 6th Div and atchd to 38th Div.

148th RCT atchd to 25th Div.

3 May 45 - 28 May 45

Div (-) reld by 33d Div 3 - 4 May. Began mvmt to San Jose area 5 May, where it rested and reorg until 29 May.

6 May 45 Div CP closed Bauang; opened San Isidro.

29 May 45 - 26 Jun 45

Div (-) moved to Balete Pass - Santa Fe area. Atkd north 31 May astride Hwy 5 to capture Aritao; captured town 5 Jun. Contd atk north; captured Bambang 6 Jun; established roadblocks on Old Spanish Trail;

captured Bayombong 7 Jun, Bagabag 9 Jun. Continued north astride Hwy 5 to secure uninterrupted use of hwy fr Bayombong to Echague; seized Cordon and Santiago 13 Jun; secured Echague 14 Jun. Elms began drive on Santiago - Cabatuan road 14 Jun; seized Cabatuan 16 Jun. Elms astride Hwy 5 secured Cauayan same date; captured Illagan 19 Jun, Tumauni 22 Jun; Tuguegarao and Penablanca 25 Jun; made contact with 11th A/B Div 26 Jun.

- 30 May 45 Adv CP closed San Isidro; opened vic Capinfalas.
- 31 May 45 148th RCT reld fr atachment to 25th Div; reverted to div contrl.
- 2 Jun 45 145th RCT reverted to div contrl.
- 5 Jun 45 Adv CP closed Capinfalas; opened Santa Fe. CP closed San Isidro; opened Santa Fe.
- 7 Jun 45 20th RCT (6th Div) atchd to div; reld fr atchmt 12 Jun.  
CP closed Santa Fe; opened Aritao.
- 8 Jun 45 CP closed Aritao; opened Bayombong.
- 13 Jun 45 CP closed Bayombong; opened Oriang Pass.
- 16 Jun 45 CP closed Oriang Pass; opened vic Santiago.
- 19 Jun 45 CP closed Santiago; opened Cagayan.
- 21 Jun 45 CP closed Cagayan; opened vic Ilagan.
- 24 Jun 45 CP closed Ilagan; opened vic Tumauni
- 26 Jun 45 1st Bn, 511th Para Inf Combat Team (11th A/B Div) atchd to div; reld fr atchmt o/a 30 Jun 45.  
27 Jun 45 - 30 Jun 45

Div assumed mission of Philippine Guerrilla Forces, Northern Luzon, of securing Aparri and Aparri area for early development as a port and supply base; patrolled and mopped up area.

- 27 Jun 45 CP closed Tumauni; opened vic Tuguegarao.  
Connally Force atchd to div. (Date of release unknown.)

1 Jul 45 - 15 Aug 45

After official termination of Luzon Campaign on 30 Jun 45, div secured its sector by patrolling, outposting, and mopping up.

COMMANDERDATE

Maj Gen Robert S Beightler	7 Dec 41
Brig Gen Ludwig S Conelly	9 Mar 42
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XIV Corps	1 Jul 45 - 15 Aug 45

37TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Organic Units

(As of 1 December 1943)

129th Infantry Regiment  
145th Infantry Regiment  
148th Infantry Regiment

37th Reconnaissance Troop (Mecz)  
117th Engineer Combat Battalion  
112th Medical Battalion

Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

6th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
135th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
136th Field Artillery Battalion (155-mm How)  
140th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)

Special Troops

Headquarters

Headquarters Company  
Military Police Platoon

37th Quartermaster Company  
37th Signal Company

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38TH INFANTRY DIVISION (NG)

7 Dec 41

Div (inducted into Federal service 17 Jan 41) sta at Cp Shelby, Miss.

8 Dec 41 - 14 Sep 42

Engaged in tng and preparation for mvmt to Louisiana Maneuver area for participation in Third Army maneuvers.

1 Mar 42 Div reorg fr square to triangular, losing 75th and 76th Inf Brigs, 63d FA Brig, and 150th Inf Regt. Regts remaining were 149th, 151st, and 152d Inf.

15 Sep 42 - 20 Sep 42

Began mvmt fr Cp Shelby to Louisiana Maneuver area on 15 Sep; mvmt completed last day of period.

17 Sep 42 Hq closed Cp Shelfby; opened Benson, La.

21 Sep 42 - 10 Nov 42

Participated in Third Army maneuvers at Louisiana Maneuver area.

11 Nov 42

Began mvmt fr Louisiana Maneuver area to Cp Carrabelle, Fla. Hq closed Louisiana Maneuver area; opened Cp Carrabelle. Mvmt completed 23 Nov.

12 Nov 42 - 14 Jan 43

Engaged in tng at Amph Tng Center, Cp Carrabelle.

15 Jan 43

Began mvmt fr Cp Carrabelle to Cp Livingston, La, for permanent change of sta. Mvmt completed 28 Jan 43.

16 Jan 43

Hq closed Cp Carrabelle; opened Cp Livingston.

16 Jan 43 - 27 Aug 43

Engaged in tng.



28 Aug 43

Div alerted for mvmt overseas.

29 Aug 43 - 17 Dec 43

Engaged in tng and preparation for mvmt to overseas sta.

5 Dec 43 Div Adv Det began mvmt fr Cp Livingston, La, to Cp Stoneman, Calif, for mvmt to Hawaii via SFPE. Arr Hawaii 21 Dec.

18 Dec 43 - 30 Dec 43

Div (- Adv) moved fr Cp Livingston to NOPE.

30 Dec 43 Div Hq closed Cp Livingston; opened aboard USS Monterey 31 Dec.

31 Dec 43 - 17 Jan 44

Main body div (- Rear Ech) in mvmt for NOPE to Hawaii. Div (-) began arr Hawaii 17 Jan 44; completed arr 21 Jan 44.

17 Jan 44 Div Hq closed USS Monterey; opened Aiea, Oahu, T.H.

17 Jan 44 - 21 Jan 44

Div (-) engaged in preparation to rel 6th Div of mission of ground def of Oahu.

21 Jan 44 - 1 Jun 44

Div assumed responsibility for ground def of Oahu on 21 Jan. During remainder of period, engaged in ground def of Oahu, and trained.

3 Feb 44 Rear Ech of div arr Hawaii.

2 Apr 44 Div alerted for mvmt to SWPA.

1 May 44 390th RCT (98th Div) atchd to 38th Div; reld fr atchmt 1 Jun 44.

1 Jun 44 - 14 Jun 44

Engaged in preparation for mvmt fr Hawaii.

14 Jun 44 - 2 Aug 44

Div engaged in mvmt by ech fr Hawaii to SWPA.

11 Jul 44 Div Hq dep Hawaii. CP opened aboard USS Monterey. Arr Oro Bay, N.G., 23 Jul. CP closed on USS Monterey; opened ashore.

3 Aug 44 - 29 Nov 44

Engaged in tng. During last part of period, prepared for mvmt to Leyte, P.I., to stage for future combat opns.

30 Nov 44 - 28 Dec 44

Div commenced mvmt fr Oro Bay to Leyte on first day of period. Major Inf units completed mvmt to Leyte by 16 Dec. Continued preparations for mvmt to Luzon.

6 Dec 44 GHQ, at request of CG Sixth Army, released to contl of latter for employment on Leyte 149th Inf and 1st Bn, 152d Inf. Det, Hq and Hq Co, and 1st and 2d Bns, 149th Inf, atchd to XXIV Corps. 3d Bn, 149th Inf, alerted for mvmt to Burauen area.

1st Bn, 152d Inf, prepared to move to SE Samar to rel XXIV Corps units.

7 Dec 44 1st Bn, 149th Inf, further atchd to 11th A/B Div for opn in San Pablo airfield area. 2d Bn, 149th Inf, atchd to 11th A/B Div 8 Dec for opn in same area. Det, Hq and Hq Co, 149th Inf, atchd to 11th A/B Div 9 Dec.

9 Dec 44 1st Bn, 152d Inf, under direct contl of Sixth Army, moved to vic Agojo Point, in SE Samar, to rel elm of XXIV (77th Div) of security mission.

16 Dec 44 151st Inf (- Dets) passed to contl of X Corps in Jaro area for security opns in Culasian Point - Barugo area. Regt (- Dets) further atchd to 24th Div.

28 Dec 44

Div directed by CG Eighth Army to land on Red and Blue Beaches in Vigan area, Ilocos Sur Province, Luzon, on 29 Jan; capture Vigan airfield, and establish contl over such adjacent areas as to insure uninterrupted naval and air opns therefrom. Further, to assume contl of Filipino forces in N Luzon area, N of line Santa Cruz - Mt Gauitan - Balbalah - Tuguegarao - Baguio Point, all inclusive. Contl of opn would pass fr CG Eighth Army to CG Sixth Army, as later directed by GHQ.

Concurrently, CG Eighth Army directed that units participating in Vigan (M-3) opn be assembled in 38th Div assembly area, vic Jaro, Leyte, 5 Jan, at which time div elms on detached service would revert to organic contrl. All other participating units, including 34th RCT (24th Div) would pass to contrl of 38th Div 5 Jan, except certain service units to be atchd to div 10 Jan.

28 Dec 44 - 19 Jan 45

Engaged in further planning and preparations, mvmt to staging area, and loading. \*/

30 Dec 44 151st RCT reld fr atchmt to 24th Div and atchd to 32d Div.

3 Jan 45 151st RCT reld fr atchmt to 32d Div; reverted to div contrl.

o/a 16 Jan 45 Vigan (M-3) opn canceled and landing in S Zambales Province, Luzon (MIKE VII), substituted.

19 Jan 45

Div, reinf, directed by XI Corps to land on 29 Jan 45 on Yellow and Red Beaches in San Antonio - San Felipe area in S Zambales Province, Luzon; secure corps beachhead; protect L (N) flank of beachhead in vic San Felipe; move one bn, reinf, to Blue Beach to protect landing beach that area, and secure R (S) flank of corps between Blue Beach and San Antonio, inclusive. Further, to move one RCT to airfield site E of San Marcelino, secure objective area, and be prepared to adv in direction of Castillejos Subic Bay on XI Corps order.

19 Jan 45 - 25 Jan 45

Engaged in loading and embarkation.

21 Jan 45 CP moved fr Jaro; opened vic Yellow Beach, Leyte.

24 Jan 45 CP closed Yellow Beach, Leyte; opened aboard USS Harris

29 Jan 45 - 29 Jan 45

Div, reinf, as part of task force convoy consisting of XI Corps, 34th RCT (24th Div), reinf, and supporting tactical and service trps in mvmt fr E coast of Leyte to objective area on W coast of Zambales Province, Luzon.

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\* It is assumed that all elements returned to division control by 5 January. However, the 34th RCT (24th Division) did not pass to the control of the division on that date as originally directed by Eighth Army on 28 December 1944.

29 Jan 45

Div landed, with regts abreast, on Red and Yellow Beaches, vic San Narciso, Luzon. Established corps beachhead; seized San Marcelino airstrip. CP closed aboard USS Harris; opened San Narciso; opened San Marcelino. 2d Bn, 151st Inf, atchd to XI Corps for special mission. \*/

30 Jan 45

2d Bn, 151st Inf, under XI Corps contl, made shore-to-shore landing on Grande Isl, Subic Bay, without opposition.

31 Jan 45 - 14 Feb 45

Div commenced enveloping opn to clear Hwy 7 (Olongapo - Dinalupihan road) and ZigZag Pass 31 Jan, with elms advg E astride Hwy 7 toward pass concurrently with elms moving E fr Santa Rita by parallel trail N of Hwy 7 toward Dinalupihan. Forces on trail reached Dinalupihan 5 Feb and made contact with elms XIV Corps. Following day elms reld XIV Corps units there; remaining trps began adv to W along Hwy 7 to co-ordinate atk on ZigZag Pass with forces atkg along Hwy 7 fr E. Org resistance ended 14 Feb and mopping up commenced.

- 31 Jan 45 Remainder of 151st Inf passed to contl XI Corps. CP closed vic Aningoay; opened vic Olongapo.
- 1 Feb 45 2d Bn, 151st Inf, atchd to 34th RCT (24th Div).
- 3 Feb 45 2d Bn, 151st Inf, reld fr contl 34th RCT; reverted to XI Corps contl.
- 4 Feb 45 34th RCT (24th Div) atchd to div.
- 6 Feb 45 34th RCT reld fr atchmt to div; reverted to contl XI Corps.
- 3d Bn, 151st Inf, reld fr atctmt to XI Corps; reverted to div contl.
- 7 Feb 45 Remainder 151st Inf reld fr atchmt to XI Corps; reverted to div contl.

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\* Although the troop list for this operation designated the 2d Battalion, 151st Infantry, as the nucleus of the task force, the battalion was minus Company E, which did not arrive on Luzon from Oro Bay until much later.

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10 Feb 45 Div asgd mission by XI Corps to land 151st RCT, reinf (SOUTH Force), at Mariveles, Bataan, 15 Feb 45, and establish contrl over S tip of Bataan; and amphibiously land elms (3d Bn, 34th Inf, reinf) of ROCK Force \*/ at Mariveles; reload elms of ROCK Force for shore-to-shore mvmt and land same on San Jose beach, Corregidor Isl, 16 Feb; trps to be atchd to 503d Parachute RCT upon landing.

14 Feb 45 Convoy (151st RCT and 3d Bn, 34th Inf, reinf) moved to beaches; embarked and departed for objective area at 1800. 3d Bn, 149 Inf, atchd to EAST Force (1st RCT, 6th Div).

15 Feb 45 - 17 Feb 45

SOUTH Force and amph elms of ROCK Force landed at Mariveles 15 Feb. Elms SOUTH Force began adv NE along Hwy 110 to establish contact with EAST Force moving S along E coast of Bataan; reduced strong enemy position desig "Little Baguio," NE of Mariveles.

16 Feb 45 3d Bn, 34th Inf, reinf, re-embarked at Mariveles and landed on San Jose beach, Corregidor.

17 Feb 45 Div asgd additional mission by XI Corps of securing Pilar - Bagac road and destroying all enemy forces on Bataan. Div CG assumed cond of all ground forces on Bataan. SOUTH and EAST Forces disbanded. 1st RCT (6th Div) atchd to div; 3d Bn, 149th Inf (assumed) returned to div contrl.

CP closed vic Santa Rita; opened Balanga, Bataan.

17 Feb 45 - 10 Mar 45

Div continued opns to secure Bataan. 1st RCT pushed W along Hwy 111 to Bagac and established contact 21 Feb with elms 151st Inf that had moved N along W coast of Bataan. Forces moving S fr Pilar and those moving N fr Mariveles along E coast made junction 23 Feb, resulting in contrl of all roads on Bataan. Subsequently, div patrols destroyed isolated enemy grps on peninsula.

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\* The ROCK Force consisted of the 503d Parachute RCT, reinforced, the 3d Battalion, 34th Infantry, reinforced, and supporting tactical and service troops. The 503d Parachute RCT, reinforced, which staged at Mindoro under the control of the Eighth Army, was directed to land by airdrop on Corregidor at 0830I, 16 February 1945, at which time it would pass to the control of XI Corps.

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- 21 Feb 45 2d Bn, 1st RCT (6th Div), reld fr contl 38th Div.
- 22 Feb 45 Regtl Hq and 3d Bn, 1st RCT (6th Div), reld fr contl 38th Div.
- 23 Feb 45 Remainder 1st RCT (6th Div) reld fr contl 38th Div.  
CP closed Balanga; opened vic Hermosa.
- 24 Feb 45 2d Bn, 151st Inf, moved fr Bataan to Corregidor for atchmt to ROCK Force. Bn reld 3d Bn, 34th Inf, of ROCK Force.
- 7 Mar 45 Div directed by XI Corps to rel 503d Parachute RCT on Corregidor on 8 Mar, and rel 43d Div in its zone of action W of Clark Field Ft Stotsenburg area by 10 Mar; div CG to assume comd of Ft Stotsenburg area in addition to continuing protection of W sector of XI Corps (Bataan and Zambales Provinces).
- 8 Mar 45 2d Bn, 151st Inf, asgd responsibility for Corregidor Isl, under div contl.

10 Mar 45 - 30 Apr 45

Div completed mvmt to Ft Stotsenburg area 10 Mar to rel 43d Div. 169th Inf (43d Div), with atchd trps, atchd to div in place. Div continued drive westward to destroy enemy entrenched in mountainous areas; concurrently, other elms of div had proceeded up W coast of Zambales Province to Botolan and adv E fr there along old O'Donnel Trail to destroy grps escaping westward. During period div operated between Ft Stotsenburg and Mt Pinatubo; N fr San Felipe to Palauig Bay; and E fr Botolan along Capas trail into O'Donnel - Moriones area. Continued opns in area until 30 Apr. \*/

- 16 Mar 45 CP closed vic Hermosa; opened Del Carmen.
- 23 Mar 45 Div directed by XI Corps to land on Caballo Isl, seize beachhead, and destroy all enemy forces on isl.
- 0/a 24 Mar 45 169th RCT (43d Div) reld fr atchmt to div.
- 27 Mar 45 2d Bn, 151st Inf, landed on Caballo Isl; secured isl 13 Apr.

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\* Some elements remained in the Fort Stotsenburg area to mop up until 3 May.

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- 31 Mar 45 Div Rear Ech arr Subic Bay fr Leyte.
- 3 Apr 45 Div directed by XI Corps to seize El Fraile Isl (Ft Drum) and Carabao Isl, and destroy all enemy forces on both isls.
- 13 Apr 45 Elms 2d Bn, 151st Inf, landed on El Fraile Isl; captured Ft Drum, and destroyed enemy on isl.
- 2d Bn, 151st Inf, reld fr responsibility for Corregidor Isl.
- 16 Apr 45 1st Bn, 151st Inf, reinf, landed on Carabao Isl and occupied isl.
- 20 Apr 45 Div (in XI Corps western sector) directed by XI Corps to rel 6th Div in place in WaWa sector on 24 Apr and assume current missions of latter.
- 23 Apr 45 2d Bn, 1st Inf (6th Div), (assumed) atchd to 38th Div.
- 25 Apr 45 Div commenced rel of 6th Div in Montalban area; rel completed 30 Apr, when passage of comd effected.
- 152d Inf (- 3d Bn) atchd to 6th Div; reld fr atchmt to 6th Div 30 Apr.
- 27 Apr 45 1st Inf (-) (6th Div), passed to opn contrl 38th Div; reld fr div contrl 1 May.
- 28 Apr 45 Div directed by XI Corps to initiate rel on 4 May of 43d Div elms in that portion of 43d Div zone of action passing to 38th Div.
- 29 Apr 45 151st Inf (- 1st Bn) atchd to 6th Div; reld fr atchmt 30 Apr.
- 30 Apr 45 3d Bn, 63d Inf (6th Div), atchd to div; reld fr atchmt 4 May.

30 Apr 45 - 23 Jun 45

Div (-) engaged in opns in mountains E of Manila until 30 Jun. During period drove enemy E of Mariquina River - Boso Boso River line, and destroyed or dispersed all effective enemy units in WaWa Dam sector. Div trps captured Mt Pacawagan, Woodpecker Ridge, WaWa Dam, Mt Lamita, Mt Purro, Mt Campananan, Mt Payacin, and Mt Caypipili.

30 Apr 45 CP closed Del Carmen; opened vic Marikina.

145th Inf (37th Div) passed to contrl of div.

149th Inf atchd to 6th Div.

3d Bn, 152d Inf, atchd to 6th Div.

1st Bn, 151st Inf, atchd to 6th Div.

1 May 45 3d Bn, 149th Inf, reld fr atcht to 6th Div; reverted to div contrl.

2 May 45 3d Bn, 152d Inf, reld fr atcht to 6th Div; reverted to regt contrl.

1st Bn, 151st Inf, reld fr atcht to 6th Div; reverted to regtl contrl.

3 May 45 Regtl Hq and 1st Bn, 149th Inf, reld fr atcht to 6th Div; reverted to div contrl.

6 May 45 2d Bn, 149th Inf, reld fr 6th Div; reverted to regtl contrl.

27 May 45 145th Inf (37th Div) reld fr atcht to div.

23 Jun 45 - 30 Jun 45

Div began mvmt to vic Bayanbayanan in preparation for taking over of new locations in southern section of Luzon. Confirming earlier verbal orders, div directed by XI Corps on 28 Jun to rel 1st Inf (6th Div) in its sector by 28 Jun; 43d Div and Baldy Force in their respective zones by 30 Jun; and elms of 1st Cav Div in Sinaloan area by 30 Jun. By last desig date, div had completed mvmt to new location and completed relief of units in asgd sectors.

1 Jul 45 - 15 Aug 45

Div under XIV Corps contrl, engaged in patrolling and security missions in central Luzon, Bataan, and on Corregidor Isl.



<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen Ellerbe W Carter	7 Dec 41
Maj Gen Daniel I Sultan	11 Dec 41
Brig Gen Harold C Vandev eer	23 Mar 42
Maj Gen Daniel I Sultan	28 Mar 42
Brig Gen Harold C Vandev eer	7 Apr 42
Brig Gen H L C Jones	9 Apr 42
Brig Gen Harold C Vandev eer	16 Apr 42
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Brig Gen Roy W Easley	30 May 43
Maj Gen H L C Jones	10 Jun 43
Brig Gen Roy W Easley	3 May 44
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Brig Gen Roy W Easley	6 Feb 45
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Maj Gen William C Chase (Promotion)	20 Mar 45
Brig Gen William Spence	1 Aug 45
Maj Gen Frederick A Irving	3 Aug 45

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38TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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151st Infantry Regiment  
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Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

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139th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
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Special Troops

Headquarters

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40TH INFANTRY DIVISION (NG)

7 Dec 41

Div (inducted into Federal service at Los Angeles, Calif., 3 Mar 41) engaged in maneuvers at Cp San Luis Obispo, Calif.

8 Dec 41

Div directed by III Army Corps to occupy def positions in southern Calif sector and Southern Land Frontier sector.

9 Dec 41

Moved fr Cp San Luis Obispo to Los Angeles.

10 Dec 41 - 28 Apr 42

Engaged in def of asgd sectors.

18 Feb 42 Div reorg fr square to triangular; lost 79th and 80th Inf Brigs, 65th FA Brig, and 159th Inf Regt; remaining regts were 160th, 184th, and 185th Inf.

29 Apr 42 - 1 May 42

Following rel fr def mission, moved fr Los Angeles to Ft Lewis, Wash.

2 May 42 - 25 Jul 42

Engaged in combat tng at Ft Lewis.

Jun 42 184th Inf reld fr asgmt to div.

25 Jul 42

Div ordered to move to Cp Stoneman, Calif, to stage for mvmt overseas.

26 Jul 42 - 1 Sep 42

Engaged in preparation for mvmt and in mvmt fr the U.S. to Hawaii.

3 Aug 42 Adv Det dep Ft Lewis for Cp Stoneman; arr same day  
Dep SFPE 7 Aug for mvmt to Hawaii.

11 Aug 42 Remainder of div dep Ft Lewis; arr Cp Stoneman 14 Aug.

15 Aug 42 Adv Det arr Hawaii; moved to outlying isls for def missions.

23 Aug 42 Div (- Adv Det) dep SFPE for Hawaii. Arr Hawaii o/a 1 Sep.

1 Sep 42 - 16 Jul 43

Div, with hq at Kalaheo, Kauai, engaged in mission of def of outer isls of Hawaiian gp, which included, in addition to isl of Hawaii, those of the Kauai, Maui, and Molokai-Lanai Districts. Div CG directed by Hq, Hwn Dept, on 26 Jun to move div to Oahu in preparation for rel of 24th Div in N sector of that isl.

0/a 1 Sep 42 108th and 165th Inf Regts (formerly of 27th Div) asgd to div. 160th Inf reld fr asgmt to div and asgd to 27th Div.

30 Oct 42 165th Inf reld fr asgmt to div. 160th Inf reld fr asgmt to 27th Div and asgd to div.

16 Jul 43 - 16 Oct 43

Div, reld by 33d Div of mission for def of outer isls of Hwn gp, assumed responsibility for def of N sector of Oahu. 298th Inf atchd to div.

10 Aug 43 298th Inf reld fr atchmt to div.

17 Oct 43

Div reld of responsibility for def of N sector of Oahu by 6th Div.

17 Oct 43 - 20 Dec 43

Engaged in amph and jungle tng. Upon receipt of orders in early Dec, div prepared for mvmt to Guadalcanal in South Pacific Area.

20 Dec 43 - 31 Dec 43

First elms of div began mvmt fr Hawaii to Guadalcanal 20 Dec. Additional elms departed 25 Dec and arr objective area 31 Dec. Hq closed Schofield Bks 25 Dec; opened aboard USS Watsonia; closed USS Watsonia 31 Dec; opened Guadalcanal.

1 Jan 44 - 12 Mar 44

Engaged in patrols and rcn; contd tng on N coast of Guadalcanal; during latter part of period, div engaged in preparations and rehearsals for participation in assault landing at Lossuk Bay, New Ireland, on 1 Apr 44, under I Marine Amph Corps (IMAC), in opn to capture Kavieng (FOREARM opn). (Opn canceled by JCS 12 Mar 44.)

21 Jan 44 108th Inf dep Hawaii 21 Jan; arr Guadalcanal 4 Feb.

12 Mar 44 - 20 Apr 44

Contd patrols, rcn, and tng. O/a 10 Apr div alerted by CG USAFISPA to prepare for mvmt fr Guadalcanal to New Britain, commencing o/a 24 Apr 44. Div directed by CG ALAMO Force on 17 Apr to rel 1st Marine Div occupying western New Britain. Div passed to contl of CG ALAMO Force upon arr there. Elms of div arriving at Cape Gloucester, N.B. would pass to contl of CG 40th Div upon completion of rel of 1st Marine Div.

20 Apr 44 - 28 Apr 44

Div began mvmt by ech to New Britain o/a first day of period. First ech, including Div Hq and 185th Inf, reinf, arr Cape Gloucester 23 Apr. Following day, 185th Inf, reinf, moved fr Borgen Bay to Talasea, N.B. to rel 5th Marine Regt (1st Marine Div) in Willaumez - San Remo Plantation area. CO 185th Inf desig CO APPEASE TF by CG 1st Marine Div. Second ech div, including 108th and 160th Inf Regts (latter minus 1st Bn), arr Cape Gloucester 28 Apr. Cmd of BACKHANDER TF passed fr CG 1st Marine Div to CG 40th Div same date. CP opened vic Cape Gloucester. TF mission at passage of cmd included establishment of airdrome, air warning, and radio navigational facilities, and extension of contl, and defense of W tip of New Britain, to include general line Itni River - Borgen Bay area.

28 Apr 44 - 30 Jun 44

Div engaged in opns in New Britain area. Mission enlarged 30 Apr to include seizure, occupation, and def of Cape Hoskins area, and occupation of Eleonora Bay area. Div third ech arr Cape Gloucester 4 May. TF CG on 28 May directed by CG ALAMO Force to rel 112th Cav RCT, DIRECTOR TF, at Arawe commencing 5 Jun 44. Upon completion of rel DIRECTOR TF to be dissolved and force at Arawe desig Arawe Force.

30 Jun 44 - 24 Sep 44

Conducted security patrols and mopping-up opns on New Britain.

25 Sep 44

BACKHANDER TF dissolved by CG ALAMO Force. Div assumed TF mission, which remained unchanged. Units atchd to TF were atchd to div.

26 Sep 44 - 28 Nov 44

Continued current opns; engaged in amph tng for future opns.

13 Oct 44 Div elms in Cape Hoskins area reld by elms Australian Fifth Div.

23 Oct 44 Div CG alerted for participation of div in projected assault landing on Luzon (MIKE I opn) on 20 Dec 44.



4 Nov 44 Following return to div units fr Arawe, Talasea, Cape Hoskins, and other areas of New Britain, div completed regmt at Cape Gloucester.

27 Nov 44 By direction CG Eighth Army, div CG reld of combat responsibility for mission in New Britain area by CG, Australian Fifth Div.

28 Nov 44 - 26 Dec 44

Div (assembled in Borgen Bay area, N.B.) engaged in loading for mvmt to Luzon; first ech dep Cape Gloucester 8 Dec; second ech 10 Dec. CP closed Cape Gloucester 9 Dec; opened aboard USS Rocky Mount. Comd ship dep Cape Gloucester 9 Dec. Convoy moved to Manus Isl, Admiralties, dep Manus 17 Dec for Huon Gulf, N.G., and conducted rehearsals there 18 and 19 Dec. Returned to Manus Isl; engaged in ship-to-shore unloading exercises 23 and 26 Dec.

30 Nov 44 Div, reinf, directed by CG XIV Corps to land on 20 Dec 44 in Baybay - Manibok area, Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, with two RCT's abreast; destroy all enemy forces in zone of action, and secure Lingayen airfield. Further, to seize and secure Agno River crossings on the Baay - Salasa and the Baay - Dulig roads; seize that portion of corps beachhead line within its zone of action; protect corps R (W) flank; est and maintain contact with 37th Div on its L; defend all occupied areas; and be prepared on corps order to cont offense to S and W to seize that portion of Army beachhead line within its zone of action. 108th RCT (- 1st Inf Bn) desig XIV Corps Res. D Day changed by GHQ SWPA fr 20 Dec 44 to 9 Jan 45.

27 Dec 44 - 9 Jan 45

In mvmt fr Manus Isl to Luzon; part of div convoy dep Manus Isl 27 Dec; remainder 31 Dec. Arr Lingayen Gulf 9, Jan.

9 Jan 45

Div, reinf (- 108th RCT (less 2d Bn) in XIV Corps Res) landed in Baybay - Lingayen area, Lingayen Gulf. CP closed USS Rocky Mount; opened ashore. Div CG assumed comd ashore. Div adv inland, seized Lingayen airfield; seized and secured Lingayen town and crossed Calmay River S of town. Elms advancing W along coast reached Samat; other elms reached point 3 miles W of Estanza and pushed rcn across Agno River at point S of Estanza.

10 Jan 45 - 23 Jan 45

Contd adv inland; secured Port Sual 13 Jan; occupied Nanatian on Cabalitian Bay 14 Jan. Secured div portion of line Camiling - Paniqui, after which secured div portion of line Tarlac - Victoria. Secured Tarlac 23 Jan; occupied Bamnan airfield and entered Bamnan town. During period patrolled in foothills of Zambales Mts fr Alaminos to Tarlac.

10 Jan 45 108th RCT (- 2d Bn) debarked and reverted to div contl with exception of 3d Bn which remained in XIV Corps Res at Lingayen. 3d Bn returned to div contl 12 Jan.

15 Jan 45 CP opened Bugallon.

21 Jan 45 CP closed Bugallon; opened Santa Ignacia.

22 Jan 45 CP closed Santa Ignacia; opened Tarlac.

23 Jan 45 CP closed Tarlac; opened Santo Domingo.

24 Jan 45 - 2 Mar 45

Engaged in foothills of Zambales Mts, N, W, and SW of Clark Field - Ft Stotsenburg area. Opened atk 24 Jan against enemy entrenched in Bamban Hills; cleared enemy fr Hill 5 and fr Thrall Hill 24 - 29 Jan; commenced mvmt up slopes of Top of the World hill mass; seized latter 1 Feb. During period 28 Jan - 27 Feb engaged in fight for Storm King Mountain, Scattered Trees Ridge, Snake Hill West, and Object Hill. Elms occupied Snake Hill North, Hill 1000 and Hill 1500. O/a 1 Feb elms moved to Guagua; patrolled area, and made contact with elms of XI Corps 5 Feb at Dinalupihan. Div completed relief of 37th Div for responsibility of Ft Stotsenburg area 2 Feb. Began battle for Seven Hills 9 Feb; later that month secured Hills 29, 1400, and 1700; opened atk to secure Sacobia Ridge 24 Feb; secured Sacobia Ridge and Williams Ridge by 27 Feb. Div CG reld of responsibility in Bamban - Ft Stotsenburg area by CG 43d Div 2 Mar.

1 Feb 45 129th Inf (37th Div) atchd to div; reld fr atchmt 2 Feb.

25 Feb 45 Div CG alerted by CG Sixth Army for participation by div in opns against the Visayas.

1 Mar 45 Div (- 1 RCT) directed by CG Eighth Army to seize and secure by amph assault beachhead in Oton - Tigbauan area of S Panay (VICTOR I opn); adv to E, seize and secure Iloilo town, airfields, and harbor instls; establish necessary naval and logistical facilities; and, at earliest practicable date after D Day, land not to exceed one reinf bn on Guimaras Isl and destroy hostile forces thereon. D Day desig as 18 Mar 45. Div further ordered to land, when directed, one RCT, reinf, in vic Hinigaran, Negros Occidental; adv to N and seize Bacalod town and airfield, after which, adv and seize Fabrica town and airdrome; and destroy all enemy elms in Negros Occidental.

2 Mar 45 - 15 Mar 45

Div, assembled in San Fabian - San Jacinto - Manaoag area, Lingayen Gulf, engaged in rest and rehabilitation, planning, staging, and mounting for Panay - Negros opn.

8 Mar 45 108th RCT dep Luzon for Leyte. Arr Leyte 13 Mar; atchd to Eighth Army Area Comd. During period of atchmt, engaged in destroying scattered enemy remnants on Leyte; conducted rcn of certain isls off NE coast of Samar; made landing on Masbate Isl and assisted in destroying enemy resistance there. O/a 8 May dep Leyte under Eighth Army cntl; landed at Macajalar Bay, Mindanao, and assisted in clearing of Sayre hwy. Passed to X Corps cntl 25 May; returned to div cntl 28 Jun 45.

15 Mar 45 - 18 Mar 45

Div (- 108th RCT), reinf, dep San Fabian area, Luzon, by ech 15 Mar. CP closed Luzon; opened aboard USS Ingham. Arr objective area, Panay, 18 Mar. Secured beachhead areas vic Tigbauan; adv along Hwy 1 to Oton, thence to Arevalo. Contacted small enemy force N of Tigbauan. Div CG assumed cmd ashore. CP closed USS Ingham; opened Oton.

19 Mar 45 - 29 Mar 45

Contd adv fr Arevalo toward Iloilo. Elms turned N at junction Hwy 1 and 3, secured Mandurriao airfield 19 Mar and contd toward Jaro. Elms driving E destroyed enemy position at Molo on W outskirts of Iloilo 19 - 20 Mar; secured city of Iloilo and Santa Barbara airfield 20 Mar. Trps adv N reached Aganan River on Hwy 3 and captured Pavia on far bank, while other elms overran Ungca to SE. Amph patrols landed on Guimaras Isl 22 Mar; Inampulugan Isl 23 Mar. During remainder of period div engaged in patrol activities.

22 Mar 45 CP closed Oton; opened Iloilo.

26 Mar 45 Div second ech, including 160th Inf (- 2d Bn and Cannon Co) arr Panay fr Luzon.

28 Mar 45 Div (-), less elms remaining on Panay to complete mopping-up opns, dep Panay for Negros Isl.

29 Mar 45

Div (-) landed on Negros Isl, vic Pulpandan, without opposition and began adv toward Bacalod. 160th Inf (- 2d Bn and Cannon Co) remained afloat in div Res.

30 Mar 45 - 8 Apr 45

Eliminated enemy at Magsungay River crossing; captured Lupit River bridge; secured town of Bacalod. 160th Inf (-) debarked; moved to vic Bacalod - Granada 31 Mar; secured Granada 1 Apr. Rcn elms secured Concepcion area same date. Secured Talisay town and airfield, and key bridge over Imbang River 2 Apr; seized Silay 3 Apr; secured Concepcion (reoccupied by enemy) and Guimbalaon 4 Apr. During period elms reconnoitered W and N coasts fr Pontevedra to Fabrica. Div regrouped forces 6 -8 Apr for atk to E against enemy main def line in Negritos - Patog area. Major elms 503d Prcht RCT (Eighth Army Res) arr Negros Isl by water.

30 Mar 45 CP opened Bacalod, Negros.

9 Apr 45 - 23 Jun 45

Div (-), with 503d Prcht RCT (-) atchd, launched co-ordinated atk 9 Apr against enemy main line of defense in Negritos - Patog - Lantawan area of N central Negros. Offensive moved to SE as enemy withdrew to mountainous areas. During period div forces cleared draws adjacent to Lantawan Plain; captured Hill 3155 (later renamed Dolan Hill); Virgne Ridge; Hills 4055, 4500, and 3355, and mopped up adjoining ravines and ridges. On 4 Jun 503d Prcht RCT, reinf by elms 7th Mil Dist, USAFIP, began rel of div elms. Rel completed 9 Jun when 503d Prcht RCT assumed responsibility for div zone. Div forces assembled vic Talisay and commenced return to Panay 13 Jun. Panay - Negros opn (VICTOR I) officially closed 20 Jun.

11 Apr 45 CP closed Bacalod; opened Silay.

23 Jun 45 CP closed Silay; opened Iloilo, Panay.

27 Jun 45 Div elms (2d Bn, 160th Inf) on outpost duty vic Leon, Panay, reld by forces of 6th Mil Dist, USAFIP.

24 Jun 45 - 15 Aug 45

Div in assembly in Oton - Santa Barbara - Tigbauan areas, Panay (108th RCT having rejoined div on Panay 29 Jun). During period, div engaged in rest, rehabilitation, tng, and re-equipment; supervised rel and return to Panay of service units on Negros; and made plans for participation by div in projected opns against Japan, in which div, under Sixth Army contl, would make preliminary landings on five isls off southern Kyushu several days in adv of main effort.

1 Jul 45 503d Precht RCT reld fr atchmt to div.

2d Bn, 160th Inf, passed to contrl of Eighth Army  
Area Comd.

6 Aug 45 3d Bn, 108th Inf, atchd to Eighth Army Area Comd;  
reld fr atchmt 15 Aug 45.

15 Aug 45

Following cessation of hostilities, div mission changed by GHQ AFPAC  
to that of occupation duty in Korea under XXIV Corps contrl.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen E J Dawley	7 Dec 41
Brig Gen Rapp Brush	12 Apr 42
Brig Gen Harcourt Hervey	6 Jun 42
Maj Gen Rapp Brush	18 Jun 42
Brig Gen Harcourt Hervey	17 Aug 43
Maj Gen Rapp Brush	29 Aug 43
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Brig Gen Harcourt Hervey	14 Jun 45
Brig Gen Robert O Shoe	7 Jul 45
Brig Gen Donald J Myers	22 Jul 45

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\* Records indicate that subsequent to 17 December 1943 Major General Brush re-assumed command of 40th Division and probably remained in command through 13 June 1945.

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ASSIGNED TO:

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III Army Corps	7 Dec 41
IX Army Corps	1 May 42
Hawaiian Department	1 Sep 42
USAFISPA	31 Dec 43
USAFFE	18 Apr 44
Sixth Army	23 Apr 44
Eighth Army	28 Sep 44
XIV Corps	20 Nov 44
Sixth Army	21 Feb 45
Eighth Army	15 Mar 45
Sixth Army	1 Jul 45
XXIV Corps	15 Aug 45

ATTACHED TO:

XI Corps

21 Feb 45 - 4 Mar 45

40TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Organic Units

(As of 1 December 1943)

108th Infantry Regiment  
160th Infantry Regiment  
185th Infantry Regiment

40th Reconnaissance Troop (Mecz)  
115th Engineer Combat Battalion  
115th Medical Battalion

Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

143d Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
164th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
213th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
222d Field Artillery Battalion (155-mm How)

Special Troops

Headquarters

Headquarters Company  
Military Police Platoon

40th Quartermaster Company  
40th Signal Company

740th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company



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41ST INFANTRY DIVISION (NG)

7 Dec 41

Div (inducted into Federal service 16 Sep 40 at Portland, Ore) sta at Ft Lewis, Wash.

8 Dec 41 - 15 Feb 42

Occupied def positions on coast of Washington; reld fr coastal def mission by 3d Inf Div 15 Feb 42, and alerted for mvmt overseas.

16 Feb 42 - O/a 25 Feb 42

Engaged in planning and preparations for mvmt overseas.

17 Feb 42 Div reorg fr square to triangular, losing 81st and 82d Inf Brigs, 66th FA Brig, and 161st Inf Regt. Inf regts remaining were 162d, 163d, and 186th.

O/a 25 Feb 42 - 13 May 42

Div in mvmt by ech fr U.S. to Australia. Upon arr, began program of cp construction and tng at Cp Seymour, Victoria.

O/a 25 Feb 42 First ech, including 162d Inf, moved fr Ft Lewis to east coast of U.S. Dep NYPE for Australia 4 Mar; arr Melbourne 9 Apr.

19 Mar 42 Second ech, including Div Hq and 163d Inf, dep SFPE; arr Australia 6 Apr. Hq opened at Site 22, Cp Seymour, Victoria.

25 Apr 42 Remainder of div, including 186th Inf and Div Arty, dep SFPE; arr Australia 13 May; moved to Cp Seymour and rejoined div following day.

14 May 42 - 27 Jul 42

Continued tng and construction activities. On or about 19 Jul moved to Rockhampton. Hq closed Cp Seymour; opened Rockhampton 27 Jul.

28 Jul 42 - 23 Jan 43

Div engaged in tng at Rockhampton.

21 Dec 42 163d RCT dep Australia for Port Moresby, N.G.; arr 27 Dec; atchd to 7th Australian Div for opns in Papua Campaign.

24 Jan 43 - 25 Jan 43

Div Hq closed Rockhampton; opened Dobodura, Papua, N.G., 25 Jan. Div (-) reld 7th Australian Div and assumed comd of all Allied forces in Oro Bay - Morobe Bay area, previously under comd of Adv New Guinea Force. Mission of div was def of Oro Bay - Gona area, inclusive; destruction of enemy forces in coastal area of Gona, inclusive of Morobe and Mangrove Isl.

25 Jan 43 163d RCT reld fr atchmt to 7th Australian Div; reverted to div contl.

0/a 25 Jan 43 186th Inf moved by air to New Guinea to rel elms 32d Div in Buna - Gona areas.

26 Jan 43 - 31 Oct 43

Div mopped up and patrolled captured areas in northeast Papua; engaged in campaign along northern coast of New Guinea, in course of which it secured Nassau Bay area; made junction with Australian forces on Bitoi Ridge in Mubo sector; drove enemy off ridges in Tambu Bay area, and occupied Salamaua. During opns, div org several task forces, including Hallmark, Taylor, MacKetchnie, and Coane for special missions, and certain elms of div operated under Australian contl for varying periods.

8 Feb 43 162d Inf began overwater mvmt fr Australia to New Guinea; Hq Co and 1st Bn landed at Port Moresby; remainder regt at Oro Bay.

9 Jul 43 Div began mvmt by ech fr New Guinea to Australia. First ech, including 163d Inf, dep Port Moresby 16 Jul; arr Australia 17 Jul. 186th Inf returned to Australia during month of Jul.

28 Jul 43 Div CP (- rear) closed Dobodura, Papua; opened Rockhampton, Aus 29 Jul. Rear CP remained Dobodura.

28 Sep 43 162d Inf began mvmt fr New Guinea to Australia; arr 3 Oct.

2 Oct 43 Rear CP closed Dobodura.

0/a 30 Oct 43 Div completed return to Australia.

1 Nov 43 - 24 Feb 44

Div engaged in rehabilitation, recreation, and tng at Rockhampton.

25 Feb 44 - 27 Mar 44

Div directed 25 Feb to move fr Rockhampton to vic Finschhafen, N.G. Began mvmt by ech early in Mar. 5 Mar desig by GHQ SWPA for participation in projected opns in Hollandia area under I Corps contl, with secondary landing by div elms at Aitape. Following confirmation of plans at I Corps Hq 18 Mar, began plans and preparation for opn. Closed in Finschhafen area o/a 23 Mar; began mvmt to Cape Cretin staging area.

20 Mar 44 CP closed Rockhampton; opened vic Finschhafen.

23 Mar 44 163d RCT desig as major unit of PERSECUTION (Aitape) TF. Directed by CG ALAMO Force to land in Aitape - Tadji area, seize and occupy Tadji airdromes; (PERSECUTION TF to operate under direct contl of CG ALAMO Force.)

27 Mar 44 Div (- 163d RCT) as LETTERPRESS (Humboldt Bay) LF (org 23 Mar 44) directed by CG RECKLESS \*/ (Hollandia) TF to land 22 Apr 44 on west side of Humboldt Bay and establish initial beachhead; assist NOISELESS (Tanahmerah Bay) LF in seizing Hollandia, Cyclops, and Sentani airdromes; neutralize enemy instls threatening Allied shipping entering Humboldt Bay area; and consolidate and secure all occupied areas.

27 Mar 44 - 17 Apr 44

Div in assembly at Cape Cretin. LF units moved to Lae 7 Apr and conducted rehearsals 8 Apr. LF's began initial loading 17 Apr; remainder embarked 18 Apr. (D plus 1 and D plus 2 pers embarked 19 and 20 Apr, respectively.)

18 Apr 44 - 22 Apr 44

LF convoy in mvmt to objective area; joined NOISELESS LF vic of Admiralty Isls. PERSECUTION TF (which had embarked fr Finschhafen area) separated fr convoy upon leaving rendezvous point and proceeded to its objective. LETTERPRESS LF arr Humboldt Bay 22 Apr.

22 Apr 44 - 29 Apr 44

LETTERPRESS LF landed on White Beaches 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Humboldt Bay area; established beachhead. CP closed aboard USS Reid; opened ashore vic Pancke Hill. During day LF captured Hamadi Isl offshore; occupied Pancake Hill, Cape Pie area; seized Cape Tjeweri; cut Hollandia - Pim road; captured Leimok Hill, village of Pim, Suikerbrood Hill, and Jerremoh Hill. 23 Apr, CP moved fr vic Pancake Hill to vic Leimok Hill; Adv CP opened

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\* RECKLESS Task Force was redesignated BEWITCH Task Force 17 April 1944. The code name RECKLESS was retained to designate the Hollandia - Aitape operation.

junction Pim - Hollandia airdrome roads. Hollandia town captured this date. 34th Inf (- 1 Bn) \*/ (24th Div) atchd to LETTERPRESS LF 24 Apr; (remained under atchmt to LF until 29 Apr, when regt (-) reverted to contl I Corps.) Captured Nefaar 25 Apr, Cyclops and Sentani airdromes 26 Apr; occupied Tami airdrome 28 Apr, Hill 1000, northeast of Cyclops drome, 29 Apr.

22 Apr 44 PERSECUTION TF landed vic Wapil in Aitape area, N.G.; occupied village of Relia; captured Tadji airdromes. 127th RCT (- 1st Bn) (32d Div) arr area 23 Apr and atchd to TF. Secured Tumbleo and Seleo Isls same date. TF elms moved west, crossed Raihu River; captured and secured Aitape 24 Apr; occupied positions vic Tadji Plantation and Nigia River. Fr 25 Apr to close of period LF elms conducted extensive rcn, patrolled, and consolidated positions. Repulsed enemy atk 27 Apr vic village of Kamti. 3 May, 32d Div (-) arr Aitape and began rel of 163d RCT elms. 32d Div CG assumed comd of PERSECUTION TF 4 May. (See R/E, ALAMO Force and 32d Div.) 163d RCT reld fr PERSECUTION TF 7 May; moved to staging area for further opns.

30 Apr 44 - 24 May 44

LETTERPRESS LF engaged in mopping up, patrolling, and improving Cyclops and Tami airdromes. LF comdr alerted 2 May for participation of div in other amph opns. 4 May, CG 24th Div reld 41st Div of responsibility for Humboldt Bay - Tami area. LETTERPRESS LF dissolved 5 May; 41st Div (-) reld fr contl BEWITCH TF 6 May. Div (- 163d RCT) moved to vic Hollekang for rest, re-equipment, and preparations for staging and loading for landing on Biak Isl.

12 May 44 Div (- 163d RCT), as HURRICANE (Biak) TF, directed by CG ALAMO Force to land 27 May 44 in vic of Bosnek (Biak Isl); seize beachhead in landing area; and seize and occupy Mokmer, Borokoe, and Sorido airdromes. Further, to prepare facilities in airdrome area for one fighter gp, and expand to accommodate additional air force units; seize and occupy such adjacent localities within objective area as to permit uninterrupted construction activities and opn of aircraft; establish minor naval facilities in objective area, and assist Allied Air Force in establishment of air warning and radio navigational facilities.

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\* 34th RCT (24th Division) constituted BEWITCH Task Force Reserve.

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163d RCT, as TORNADO (Toem) TF, directed by CG ALAMO Force to land 17 May 44 in vic of Toem, N.G.; secure beachhead in landing area; and by shore-to-shore opns capture Wakde Isl 18 May. Further, to prepare Wakde to accommodate additional fighters and other aircraft; and by shore-to-shore opns 19 May seize and occupy Like and Nicemoar Isls, and assist Allied Air Force in establishment of air warning facilities thereon.

15 May 44 Elms TORNADO TF loading at Aitape dep for Humboldt Bay where remainder of assault ech loaded. Convoy moved out by ech for objective area 16 - 17 May.

17 May 44 - 25 May 44

TORNADO TF landed at Arare on New Guinea coast 17 May; seized village of Toem; blocked crossings of Tementoe River; occupied Insomanai Isl. TF CP established at Toem. 18 May, force elms landed on south side of Wakde Isl and in three-day opn secured airstrip, eliminated enemy in caves and pillboxes, and mopped up isl. 19 May, made unopposed landings on Liki and Niroemoar Isls. 21 May, 158th RCT landed on Wakde and was atchd to TF. CG 158th RCT assumed comd TORNADO TF 25 May.

25 May 44 - 27 May 44

HURRICANE TF in mvmt fr Hollandia to Biak.

27 May 44

TF landed vic of Bosnek, Biak. Established beachhead; CP opened ashore.

27 May 44 - 20 Aug 44

Engaged in opns on Biak. Repulsed enemy counterattacks at Mokmer village 29 May; secured ridges north of Bosnek. Seized Owi and Woendi Isls 2 Jun; Mokmer Drome 7 Jun. Cleared Parai defile 3 - 12 Jun; captured Sorido and Borokoe airdromes and occupied Sorido village 20 Jun. Reduced West Caves 27 Jun; Mokmer Caves 4 Jul. Cleared Ibdi Pocket 22 Jul. During period 22 Jul - 20 Aug, combed eastern half Biak; amph patrols reached Korim on north coast 3 Aug; Wardo on southwest coast 17 Aug. Opn officially terminated by CG ALAMO Force 20 Aug.

29 May 44 163d RCT (- 2d Bn) reld fr atchmt to TORNADO TF; dep for Biak 30 May. Arr Biak 31 May; reverted to div contl. 2d Bn remained under TF contl.

12 Jun 44 2d Bn, 163d RCT (assumed reld fr TORNADO TF), arr Biak and rejoined regt.

15 Jun 44 CG I Corps assumed comd of HURRICANE TF.

18 Jun 44 34th Inf (24th Div) arr Biak; atchd to HURRICANE TF.

28 Jun 44 CG 41st Div assumed comd of HURRICANE TF.

17 Jul 44 34th Inf (24th Div) reld fr atchmt to HURRICANE TF.

20 Aug 44 - 27 Dec 44

TF continued mopping up opns on Biak and on Soepiori Isl. HURRICANE TF dissolved 25 Sep and its mission assumed by div. In addition to continuation of mopping-up and security activities, trps engaged in program of tng.

10 Oct 44 369th RCT (- 3d Bn) (93d Div) atchd to div.

28 Dec 44 - 16 Feb 45

Div, reinf, desig by Eighth Army 28 Dec as reinf for MIKE I opn (Luzon), and further directed 8 Jan to move fr Biak to Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, 2 Feb. Div, reinf, desig 26 Jan as GHQ Res for MIKE VI opn (landing at Nasagbu, Luzon), and directed by Eighth Army to be prepared to land in objective area upon orders of Eighth Army. Div completed loading 28 Jan; CP closed Biak; opened on USS Leonard Wood that date. Dep Biak by ech 29 Jan and 1 Feb. En route, div ordered 6 Feb at Leyte to proceed to San Jose, Mindoro, to stage for another opn. Convoy arr Mindoro 8 and 9 Feb and disembarked. CP opened vic Progresso. Following verbal alert 9 Feb, div began planning and preparations for opns on Palawan Isl, Zamboanga Peninsula, and Sulu Archipelago.

17 Feb 45

Div, reinf, directed by CG Eighth Army to land one RCT, reinf (186th RCT), \*/ on Palawan Isl; to seize Puerto Princesa - Iwahig aiea, Puerto Princesa town, and adjacent airfields; and to cont opns to establish contl of Palawan Isl and destroy hostile forces therein. Opn desig as VICTOR III. D Day desig as 28 Feb 45. Further, by amph assault landing of div, reinf (- 186th RCT), to seize beachhead in vic Zamboanga, Mindanao; seize and secure Zamboanga airstrips and port facilities, and by subsequent opns establish contl over Basilan Strait area; destroy remaining hostile forces on Zamboanga Peninsula and in Sulu Archipelago; establish emergency air landings and refueling

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\* On 14 February 1945, Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, organized Headquarters, Palawan Force for the purpose of relieving the 186th RCT of administrative details on the island.



facilities in Tawi Tawi, Sulu area; and occupy and def sites for radar and air warning instls in Palawan, Zamboanga, and Sulu area. Opn desig as VICTOR IV. D Day desig as 10 Mar 45.

28 Feb 45 - 20 Jun 45

During this period Palawan Task Force cleared Palawan Isl (28 Feb - 20 Jun), and Zamboanga - Sulu Force cleared Zamboanga Peninsula and Sulu Archipelago (10 Mar - 20 Jun). (See separate report of each opn following.) Both opns officially terminated 20 Jun 45 by CG Eighth Army.

### Palawan Opn (VICTOR III)

Palawan TF landed on beaches vic Bancaobancao Point at entrance to Puerto Princesa Harbor 28 Feb; captured airstrips; occupied Puerto Princesa; made shore-to-shore landing at mouth of Iwahig River; and secured Iwahig area. Between 1 Mar 22 Apr Palawan TF combed area along east coast of Palawan; cleared areas vic Irahuan and Tagburos and hills north of Iratog; occupied Hill 144<sup>E</sup> 8 Mar; eliminated enemy pockets in mountains northwest of Irahuan and Iratag. Reconnoitered Dumaran Isl 9 Mar. Guerrilla forces occupied Alphonso XIII on west coast; elms 186th Inf moved to west coast south of Bluff Point. TF elms landed at Coron, Busuanga Isl, 9 Apr; found Culion Isls unoccupied; seized Balabac Isl 16 Apr, and Pandanan Isl 22 Apr. Org enemy resistance ended 9 May; elms contd mopping up.

17 Mar 45 1st Bn, 186th Inf, dep Palawan to rejoin div at Zamboanga.

27 Mar 45 3d Bn, 186th Inf, and Regtl Hq dep Palawan to rejoin div at Zamboanga.

### Zamboanga - Sulu Force (VICTOR IV)

Task Force loaded 6 - 7 Mar; convoy dep Mindoro Strait 8 Mar; arr Zamboanga 10 Mar.

Landed on beaches vic San Mateo; CP established south of center of Wolfe airstrip. Div CG assumed cmd ashore. During day occupied Wolfe airstrip and village of San Roque. Crossed Baliwasan River, captured Zamboanga City 11 Mar; San Roque airfield 12 Mar. Between 13 - 17 Mar, seized Recodo, Caldera Point, and Mercedes; captured town of Pasananca and high ground north of San Roque and west of Pasananca. Made landing at Lamitan on Basilan Isl 16 Mar; secured isl same day. 18 Mar made unopposed landing on Malamaui Isl northwest of Basilan Isl. Landed on southwest coast of Sanga Sanga Isl in Tawi Tawi gp 2 Apr; established beachhead on Bongao Isl same day. 9 Apr

made unopposed landing on Jolo Isl; seized town of Jolo and Zettel airfield 10 Mar. Captured Mt Daho on Jolo Isl 16 - 22 Apr; contd mopping up enemy pockets in Mt Tumatangas and Mt Taran areas. Patrols probing west coast of Zamboanga reached Sibuka Bay 24 Apr. TF elms continued clearing of enemy pockets throughout interior and along coasts.

- 10 Mar 45 Elms 2d Bn, 21st Inf (24th Div), atchd to div; reverted to 24th Div contl 13 Mar.
- 3 May 45 Following directive 27 Apr fr Eighth Army to div CG to alert 162d RCT for mvmt to Mindanao, 162d RCT dep Zamboanga to participate in VICTOR V opn; arr Parang, Mindanao, 4 May; atchd to X Corps.
- 7 May 45 3d Bn, 162d RCT, atchd to 24th Div; reld fr atchmt 12 May and reverted to regtl contl.
- 12 May 45 3d Bn, 163d RCT, following Eighth Army alert 7 May, dep Jolo for Mindanao; (assumed) arr 13 May. Atchd to X Corps, and further atchd to 24th Div 15 May.
- 19 May 45 2d Bn, 162d RCT, atchd to 31st Div; reld fr atchmt 4 Jun and reverted to regtl contl.
- 4 Jun 45 3d Bn, 162d RCT, atchd to 24th Div.
- 6 Jun 45 162d RCT (- 3d Bn) atchd to Central TF.
- 8 Jun 45 162d RCT (- 3d Bn) reld fr atchmt to Central TF. RCT (- 2d and 3d Bns \*/) atchd to 24th Div. 2d Bn atchd to 31st Div.

21 Jun 45 - 10 Jul 45

Div engaged in mopping up; elms completed opns on Palawan, Jolo, Mindanao, and Zamboanga.

- 1 Jul 45 2d Bn, 163d RCT, reld on Jolo by 93d Div elms. Regt prepared to return to Zamboanga (exact date of return not known).
- 4 Jul 45 162d RCT (- 2d Bn) reld fr atchmt to 24th Div; 2d Bn reld fr atchmt to 31st Div; regt reverted to contl X Corps.

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\* The 3d Battalion, 162d RCT, was already under 24th Division control. (See entry of 4 June 1945.)

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6 Jul 45 162d RCT reld fr atchmt to X Corps; arr Zamboanga fr Mindanao and rejoined div.

8 Jul 45 3d Bn, 163d RCT, reld fr atchmt to 24th Div; reverted to contrl X Corps; reld fr atchmt to X Corps 10 Jul; returned to Zamboanga fr Mindanao and rejoined regt.

11 Jul 45 - 14 Aug 45

Div engaged in tng for projected assault landings in Japan under Sixth Army contrl.

15 Aug 45

Following Japanese surrender, div desig as part of Occupation Force for Japan.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Horace H Fuller	7 Dec 44
Brig Gen Jens A Doe	18 Jun 44
Maj Gen Jens A Doe (Promotion)	4 Aug 44
Brig Gen Harold Haney	5 May 45
Maj Gen Jens A Doe	29 Jun 45

ASSIGNED TO:

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IX Corps	7 Dec 41
USAFIA	6 Apr 42
I Corps	8 Sep 42
Sixth Army	24 Feb 44
I Corps	23 Mar 44
Sixth Army	6 May 44
I Corps	15 Jun 44
Sixth Army	29 Jun 44
Eighth Army	9 Oct 44
I Corps	1 Jul 45
X Corps	15 Aug 45

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RECKLESS Task Force	23 Mar 44 - 17 Apr 44
BEWITCH Task Force (Redes fr RECKLESS TF)	17 Apr 44 - 6 May 44
HURRICANE Task Force	10 May 44 - 25 Sep 44

41ST INFANTRY DIVISION

Organic Units

(As of 1 December 1943)

162d Infantry Regiment  
163d Infantry Regiment  
186th Infantry Regiment

41st Reconnaissance Troop (Mecz)  
116th Engineer Combat Battalion  
116th Medical Battalion

Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

146th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
167th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
205th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
218th Field Artillery Battalion (155-mm How)

Special Troops

Headquarters

Headquarters Company  
Military Police Platoon

41st Quartermaster Company  
41st Signal Company

741st Ordnance Light Maintenance Company

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43d INFANTRY DIVISION (ING)

7 Dec 41

Div (inducted into Federal service 24 Feb 41), sta at Cp Blanding, Fla.

8 Dec 41 - 11 Feb 42

Continued tng at Cp Blanding. Alerted for mvmt to Cp Shelby, Miss, for permanent change of sta 8 Feb.

0/a 12 Feb 42 102d Inf withdrawn from div for mvmt overseas. Regt (- 2 Cos) dep SFPE for occupation and def duty in Pacific theater.

12 Feb 41 - 19 Feb 41

Moved from Cp Blanding to Cp Shelby.

19 Feb 42 Div reorg fr square to triangular. Lost 85th and 86th Inf Brigs; 68th FA Brig; and 102d Inf Regt. Retained 103d, 169th, and 172d Inf Regts.

20 Feb 42 - 27 Aug 42

Continued tng. During latter part of Aug, div alerted for mvmt to west coast preparatory to dep for overseas destination.

28 Aug 42 - 10 Sep 42

Div moved fr Cp Shelby to Ft Ord, Calif.

11 Sep 42 - 22 Oct 42

Engaged in staging, loading, and mvmt overseas. Adv Det dep SFPE 24 Sep. Remainder of div (- 172d Inf, which was undergoing amph tng) moved from Ft Ord 29 Sep and dep SFPE 1 Oct. Convoy arr New Zealand 22 Oct.

5 Oct 42 172d Inf dep SFPE for New Hebrides Isls; arr Espiritu Santo 26 Oct.\* (Assumed) atchd to Espiritu Santo Base Comd.

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\* The 172d Infantry sailed on the USS President Coolidge. When entering the harbor at Espiritu Santo on the morning of 26 October, the vessel struck antisubmarine mines and sank. With the exception of one officer, who died in saving others, there was no loss of life.

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22 Oct 42 - 12 Feb 43

Div encamped in general area of Auckland; prepared for mvmt to New Caledonia. Adv Det dep 2 Nov; arr Noumea 6 Nov. Remainder of div (- 172d RCT) moved by ech; last group dep New Zealand 26 Dec; arr Noumea 30 Dec. Div asgd mission of def of central sector of New Caledonia. CP opened Bouloupari (50 miles north of Noumea). On or about middle of Feb div alerted for mvmt to Guadalcanal and began preparations for dep from New Caledonia.

13 Feb 43 - 28 Feb 43

Div moved fr New Caledonia to Guadalcanal. First ech, including 103d Inf, dep Noumea 13 Feb; arr Koli Point, Guadalcanal, 17 Feb. Second ech, including 169th Inf, dep Noumea 16 Feb; arr Koli Point 19 Feb. Remainder of div (- rear det) dep Noumea 24 Feb; arr Koli Point 28 Feb.

15 Feb 43 Div (- 172d RCT), as Russell Island Occupation Force (div CG commanding), atchd to Naval TF 31, with mission to seize and occupy Russell Isls (CLEANSULATE opn).

21 Feb 43 Following rcn of Russell Isls 16 - 19 Feb, assault elms of force made unopposed landings on Baniki and Pavuvu Isls.

1 Mar 43 - 15 Jun 43

Engaged in def of Russell Isls; construction of roads, airfields, and boat bases, and program of tng. Rel of mission in Russell Isls by elms 37th Div 2 Jun. Div CG alerted 4 Jun for participation of div in opns in New Georgia Isls (TOENAILS opn). Began plans and preparations.

21 Mar 43 172d RCT dep Espiritu Santo; arr Guadalcanal 23 Mar; (assumed) atchd to XIV Corps upon arrival.

15 Apr 43 172d RCT atchd to 37th Div for opnl contl.

16 Jun 43

Hq (Prov) New Georgia Occupation Force org.\* Major tac units of force included 43d Div and 1st Marine Raider Regt (-). Div directed by CG NGOF to capture and develop Rendova Isl, Viru Harbor area, Segi Point area, and Wickham Anchorage area as positions for further offensive opns; capture or destroy enemy garrisons; and by D plus 4 days be prepared to capture in succession Munda, Kolombangara, and other enemy positions in New Georgia gp. D Day desig as 30 Jun 43 for all landings.

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\* The 43d Div Commanding General served as Commander, NGOF, in addition to commanding the 43d Division. All supporting units for the operation were attached to NGOF.

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Major trps desig for landings were:

Rendova: 43d Div (- 103d CT (less 3d Bn)) and 169th RCT (less 3d Bn); Co O, 4th Marine Raider Bn; 9th Marine Def Bn; and 1st Co, 1st Fiji Inf.

Wickham Anchorage: 2d Bn CT, 103d CT; Cos N, Q, and Det Bn Hq, 4th Marine Raider Bn.

Segi Point: 103d CT (less 2d Bn CT, Co B, reinf, and 3d Bn).

Viru Harbor: Co B, reinf, 103d Inf; Co P, 4th Marine Raider Bn.

16 Jun 43 - 30 Jun 43

Div continued plans and preparations for opns in New Georgia area; units underwent tng. Due to threatened enemy occupation, Cos O and P, 4th Marine Raider Bn and Cos A and D, 103d Inf, moved to Segi 18 - 22 Jun and secured it. On 28 Jun Marine elms at Segi moved overland to Viru to co-ordinate their atk with amph landing of Co B, reinf, 103d Inf, 30 Jun. 172d RCT (asgd to land on Rendova) with Div Hq, Arty Hq, and other units (which had returned fr Russell Isls 28 - 29 Jun), dep Guadalcanal 29 Jun for Rendova. 103d RCT loaded from Russell Isls; 3d Bn CT loaded 30 Jun for mvmt to Poko Plantation, Rendova Isl, to secure div left (S) flank. 169th RCT (div Res) remained in preparedness for mvmt to Rendova upon completion of landing of first ech.

10 Jun 43 - 3 Jul 44

Following predawn landing by two rifle cos at Onaiavisi Entrance (one of three approaches to Rovianna Lagoon), NGOF elms landed on Rendova Isl 30 Jun; seized harbor; mopped up Rendova Plantation; established perimeter def. CP established Rendova Plantation. Rcn elms seized Banieta Point and Ugeli 1 Jul. Remainder of div (- 103d CT [- 3d Bn CT]) completed mvmt to Rendova by 4 Jul.

NGOF elms landed at Oleana Bay, Wickham Anchorage, 30 Jun; atkd enemy at Vura Village and Kaeruku Point. Reduced enemy resistance at Cheke Point 4 Jul. Began extensive patrolling. NGOF elms (less units previously landed 22 Jun) landed at Segi Point. Began extensive patrols which later included northern Vangunu and Isls of Marovo Lagoon.

NGOF elms, following unsuccessful attempt to land at Viru Harbor 30 Jun, landed at Choi River 1 Jul and began mvmt overland to east shore of Viru Harbor; arr 4 Jul. Began extensive patrolling to west along Mango, Tita, and Viru Rivers, as well as to east.

2 Jul 43 CG NGOF directed to proceed to next objective, capture of Munda, with initial landing on Zanana Beach via Onaiavisi Entrance. Forces for Munda - Bairoko opn divided into two landing groups, Northern (Bairoko), and Southern (Munda), both under contrl of comdr NGOF. Following initial landing on Zana Beach, Southern Force elms would move overland to line of departure, desig as Barike River, and adv from there on D plus 9 days (9 Jul).

3 Jul 43 - 9 Jul 43

Div (-) moved by ech to New Georgia Isl 3 - 6 Jul. Div CP established at Zanana. 5 Jul, Northern Landing Group (3d Bns, 145th and 148th Inf Regts) (37th Div), and 1st Marine Raider Bn (1st Mar Raider Regt)\* landed at Rice Anchorage, north of Munda. Div forces advanced by ech to Barike River 6 - 8 Jul, securing line of communications from Zanana Beach to Munda trail, and thence to Barike River.

9 Jul 43 - 5 Aug 43

Div forces crossed line of departure 9 Jul; began mvmt to west to capture Munda airfield. Elms turned south and by 13 Jul secured beachhead at Laiana; units pushing west captured Reincke Ridge 13 Jul; Kelley Hill 16 Jul. Seized Ilangana and Shimizu (Horseshoe) Hill 26 Jul; occupied Bibilo Hill mass 1 - 3 Aug. Captured Kokengolo Hill and secured Munda airfield 5 Aug.

14 Jul 43 3d Bn, 103d Inf, reinf (in Div Res), landed at Laiana, N.G.

0/a 15 Jul 43 145th Inf (- 3d Bn) and 148th Inf (- 3d Bn) (37th Div) placed under opnl contrl of div.

15 Jul 43 Div CG reld of comd of NGOF; CG XIV Corps assumed comd of NGOF.

18 Jul 43 Div CP closed Zanana; opened Laiana.

0/a 23 Jul 43 145th Inf (- 3d Bn) and 148th Inf (- 3d Bn) (37th Div) reld fr atchmt to div; reverted to 37th Div contrl.

28 Jul 43 Prov Hq NGOF dissolved.

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\* This force, known as the Liversedge Force, was under the command of Colonel Harry B. Livermore, USMC.

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6 Aug 43 - 24 Sep 43

Following XIV Corps directive to div to seize Arundel, elms landed on south tip of Nauro Peninsual, southeast Arundel, 27 Aug, and began adv north. Patrols desig Eastern and Western moved north along east and west coasts; Eastern patrol made enemy contact at Stima Lagoon 1 Sep. Reinforcing elms landed at Stima Lagoon 2 Sep; established beachhead; moved (except for elms left to contain enemy at Stima Lagoon) northwest on mainland. Other elms moved by water and established beachhead on northwest tip of Arundel at Bustling Point 4 Sep. Engaged enemy on high ground southeast of base of Bomboe Peninsula 5 Sep; occupied Bomboe village at tip of Bomboe Peninsula and Grant Isl 6 Sep. Western patrol made junction with Eastern patrol 6 Sep. 12 - 20 Sep cleared Bomboe Peninsual and Sagekarasa Isl. Remaining enemy forces on Arundel evacuated to Kolombangara 20 - 21 Sep. Div reld of mission on Arundel 23 Sep.

10 Sep 43 27th Inf (- 1st Bn) atchd to div. 1st Bn atchd to div 15 Sep. Regt reld fr div contl 24 Sep.

11 Sep 43 2d Bn, 172d Inf, atchd to 25th Div. Reld fr atchmt 25 Sep.

25 Sep 43 - 22 Jan 44

Div (including rear ech units on Russell Isls) reassembled on New Georgia mainland. Div asgd responsibility for security of Munda area, to which was later added security of Vila airdrome on Kolobangara Isl. During early part of 1944, div elms garrisoned Vella Lavella, Isl.

16 Oct 43 3d Bn, 103d Inf, atchd to Hq Forward Area, USAFISPA. (Date of rel fr atchmt unknown.)

23 Jan 44 - 26 Mar 44

Div moved by ech from New Georgia to New Zealand, with Guadalcanal as interim staging point. Adv Det arr by air at Auckland 7 Feb. Div Hq arr on or about 17 Feb. Hq opened Cp Oxford. Last ech arr 26 Mar.

27 Jan 44 172d Inf atchd to VI ISCOM, New Georgia, with mission of responsibility for def of New Georgia Isl, Kolombangara Isl, Wana Wana Isl, and Rendova Isl, eff 1 Feb. Rel of mission by 93d Div elms 15 Feb. (Assumed) reverted to div contl o/a this date.

27 Mar 44 - 10 Jun 44

Engaged in rehabilitation, reorgn, and tng. 10 Jun div directed by USAFISPA to move to New Guinea for participation in opns at Aitape under contl of PERSECUTION TF (Aitape portion of RECKLESS opn).

11 Jun 44 - 25 Aug 44

Div staged, loaded, and moved to New Guinea. Adv Det Hq moved by air to Aitape; arr 25 Jun. Remainder of div dep New Zealand 4 - 22 Jul; echs arr Aitape 15, 17, 20, 22 Jul, and 4 Aug. 103d Inf and 2d Bn, 169th Inf atchd to western sector PERSECUTION TF 18 Jul, and participated in def of MLR. Div Hq arr Aitape 22 Jul; Div CG assumed comd of western sector PERSECUTION TF that date. 21 Jul, 2d Bn, 169th Inf, reld fr western sector and atchd to PERSECUTION Covering Force for opns along Driniumor River. 25 Jul, div CG assumed comd of Perimeter Def PERSECUTION TF and continued def of MLR. (See charts in XI Corps R/E.) 16 Aug, Perimeter Def PERSECUTION TF and PERSECUTION Covering Force were combined to form Tadjji Def Perimeter and Covering Force, under comd of div CG. Mission of force was to def MLR; hold Driniumor River line; and outpost Palauru, Kamti, and Aiterap. Aitape Campaign officially closed 25 Aug.

26 Aug 44 - 10 Oct 44

Div continued patrolling in Aitape area. 10 Oct alerted for participation in projected opns on Luzon (MIKE I).

11 Oct 44 - 24 Nov 44

Engaged in planning, preparations, and tng for Luzon opn. Late in Oct rel of div in Aitape area initiated by Australian army units. 27 Nov div CG transferred comd of area to CG 6th Australian Div.

25 Nov 44

Div, reinf, directed by I Corps to land on White Beaches 1, 2, and 3, Lingayen Gulf, and establish initial beachhead; establish ferry service over Bued River at San Fabian; establish and maintain contact with 6th Div on right (west); atk to northeast, seize and hold high ground; push to north to block enemy adv from direction of Rabon until reld by 158th RCT; establish and maintain contact with 158th RCT on D plus 2; atk within div zone of action south and east, destroy hostile forces and extend initial beachhead to limit of Army beachhead; protect northeast and east flank of Sixth Army. D Day desig as 20 Dec 44 (later changed to 9 Jan 45).

11 Nov 44 - 27 Dec 44

Div staged and loaded 30 Nov - 25 Dec at Aitape; conducted landing rehearsal 27 Dec.

28 Dec 44 - 9 Jan 45

Convoy in mvmt from New Guinea to Luzon.

28 Dec 44 CP closed Aitape; opened aboard USS Blue Ridge.

9 Jan 45

Div assault elms landed in San Fabian - Alacan area, Lingayen Gulf. Pushed through San Fabian; secured Mabilao and Tit-Tat-Toe Ridge line. Adv CP established vic Mabilao. Div CG assumed comd ashore.

10 Jan 45 - 14 Feb 45

Continued drive inland. 10 Jan seized Manaoag, secured crossing over Agno River, and captured San Jacinto. Secured hill masses in zone of action; cut Damortis - Rosario road and captured Amlang 15 Jan. Secured Pozorrubio 17 Jan. By this date, div had secured area west of Route 3 fr Palacpalac south almost to Urdaneta and opened road to Binalonan. Captured Rosario 28 Jan; continued mopping up enemy pockets in mountains east of Sison - Pozorrubio road. Seized contl of road between Rosario and Udaio; protected I Corps north flank and conducted long range rcn patrolling.

12 Jan 45 63d Inf (- 3d Bn, which was atchd to div 21 Jan) (6th Div) atchd to div; reld fr atchmt 30 Jan and reverted to I Corps contl.

13 Jan 45 158th RCT atchd to div; reld fr atchmt 5 Mar.

13 Feb 45 1st Bn, 130th Inf, and 123d Inf (33d Div) atchd to div. 2d and 3d Bns, 130th Inf, atchd to div 14 Feb.

15 Feb 45 - 25 Feb 45

Div reld by 33d Div in Pozorrubio - Rosario - Damortis area 15 Feb; concentrated in Urdaneta - Mapandan - Santa Barbara - Guimba area for re-equipment and tng of replacements. Div (- 169th Inf) passed to Sixth Army Res 17 Feb.

15 Feb 45 123d and 130th Inf Regts (33d Div) reld fr atchmt to div; reverted to 33d Div contl. 136th Inf (33d Div) atchd to div; reverted to contl 33d Div same date.

16 Feb 45 CP opened Minien.

17 Feb 45 169th Inf placed under I Corps contl; reld fr atchmt 26 Feb.

26 Feb 45 - 3 Mar 45

Div began rel of 40th Div in Ft Stotsenburg area; completed rel 2 Mar. Reld fr Sixth Army Res and atchd to XI Corps 28 Feb. Asgd mission to search out and destroy enemy in hills west of Bamban - Ft Stotsenburg. Elms 103d Inf asgd security mission at Clark Fld.

2 Mar 45 CP closed Minien; opened Bamban.

4 Mar 45 - 13 Mar 45

Following two-day rcn, div began enveloping mvmt 4 Mar from O'Donnell River valley concurrently with frontal atk by forces in Hill 1750 - Sacobia Ridge sector. 6 Mar enveloping forces launched co-ordinated atk against enemy's left flank. During remainder of period, div elms destroyed enemy gps southeast of Tianng; captured Objective Hill and Twin Tip; overran bivouac areas west of Sugar Loaf Hill; established roadblocks west of High Peak; attacked Millen's Ridge, and captured Bald Hill. 10 Mar div reld fr opns in Stotsenburg area by 38th Div and began mvmt to vic Taytay, preparatory to relieving 1st Cav Div in Antipolo area.

8 Mar 45 103d RCT atchd to XIV Corps.

10 Mar 45 103d RCT atchd to 1st Cav Div; reld fr atchmt and reverted to div contl 12 Mar.

CP closed Bamban; opened Taytay.

26 Mar 45 - 3 Apr 45

Div elms atckd north from Hill BM 23 along Pantay trail; entered New Bosoboso 26 Mar. Other forces began assault to envelop Hill 1200 o/a 28 Mar; secured Hill and began mopping up 29 - 30 Mar. 30 Mar div (- 169th Inf) directed by XI Corps to drive east on Laguna De Bay and seize Santa Maria Valley. 31 Mar elms moved to forward areas to seize and secure road from Pililla to San Miguel; 13-3 Apr forces desig for opn assembled in Morong - Maybancal area and completed preparations for atk against Santa Maria - Siniloan area following day.

31 Mar 45 169th RCT passed to contl XI Corps.

2 Apr 45 CP closed Taytay; opened vic Maybancal.

3 Apr 45 169th RCT placed under contl 112th Cav RCT (BALDY Force) for opns in Wawa Dam sector. 7 Apr force comdr launched rcn in force toward Ipo; completed mission 10 Apr. 3 May BALDY Force dissolved; 169th RCT reverted to div contl.



13 Mar 45 - 25 Mar 45

Div (- 169th Inf) completed rel of 1st Cav Div 13 Feb; seized and secured Antipolo; seized positions on western slopes of Hill BM 7; occupied Maybancal. 14 Mar launched two-column attack to seize hill mass objectives north, east, and southeast of Antipolo. Following encirclement of enemy main line, mopped up enemy pockets, and seized Teresa, and Antipolo - Maybancal - Tanay road net 15 Mar; secured Hill BM 7 16 Mar. Rcn patrols on north shore Laguna De Bay forced evacuation of Baras and Tanay 17 Mar; seized Pantay and hill mass commanding Bosoboso River valley in central and southern sectors 18 Mar. 18 - 25 Mar seized Mt Tanauan and Mt Quitago; reduced main enemy defenses on Mt Camayunan; mopped up bypassed pockets in Sugar Loaf Hill area; seized and secured Mt Yabang, Mt Balidbiran, and Hill BM 21.

23 Mar 45 169th RCT reld fr atchmt to 38th Div; reverted to div contrl.

4 Apr 45 - 28 Apr 45

Div elms atkd south and east into Santa Maria Valley; seized Mabitac, Siniloan, Maylatang, Famy. 5 - 6 Apr mtzd elms drove south along east shore Laguna De Bay; seized Pangil, Pakil, Paete, Longos, San Juan, and Lumban; established contact with 1st Cav Div 6 Apr. During remainder of period, elms in Santa Maria Valley conducted mopping-up opns and long-range rcn; patrolled Sampalak area and along Famy - Infanta trail. Forces on northern flank continued mopping up in mountain and cave areas. 16 Apr atkd along trail northeast from New Bosoboso; reduced enemy pockets vic Hill 800 and Hill 1200. 1st Cav Div elms completed rel of div elms occupying positions in Santa Maria Valley 21 Apr. In northern sector elms occupied high ground overlooking Mt Maputad 24 Apr. Elms in central sector patrolled Pililla - Jala Jala Hwy and along San Miguel - Maylatang road; contacted 1st Cav Div at Macatunao. Northern forces occupied Mt Yabang 26 Apr; secured Hill 900 27 Apr.

22 Apr 45 CP closed Maybancal; opened vic Antipolo.

28 Apr 45 Div directed by XI Corps to seize and secure Ipo Dam and Reservoir, and, further, to effect mutual rel between div and 112th Cav RCT in their zones of action.

29 Apr 45 - 6 May 45

Continued aggressive patrols in northern sector and area east and north of Palilla. Div forces began regrouping 1 May and initiated mvmt to area west of Ipo Dam. Elms of 38th Div and of 112th RCT reld div elms 2 and 3 May. Div completed mvmt fr Antipolo to Muzon - Santa Maria area o/a 6 May.

3 May 45 CP closed vic Antipolo; opened vic San Vicente.

5 May 45 CP closed vic San Vicente; opened Santa Maria.

6 May 45

Div (with Marking's Filipino-American Yay Regt atchd) launched night atk to capture Ipo Dam and Osboy Ridge.

7 May 45 - 21 May 45

Between 8 - 11 May seized Hills 1400, 1410, and 1200; occupied San Mateo; captured strong positions on Hill 805 and Mt Tacbihan; maintained pressure on enemy's front in Bigti area. Guerrilla forces captured Mt Kavuyao. By 11 May encountered enemy MLR. 12 May seized Hill 815; crossed Ipo River, moved north and overran enemy bivouac; atkd Fork Hill. Guerrilla forces captured Four Corner Hill. 17 May div launched co-ordinated atk in southern zone; captured Bigti Palisades; seized Red Bank, dominating Metropolitan road; secured Hill 860; seized and secured Ipo Dam. Between 18 - 21 May captured Osboy Ridge and destroyed enemy resistance in bend of Angat River northwest of Ipo.

22 May 45 - 2 Jun 45

Engaged in mopping up in Ipo area and north and south of Angat River; conducted rcn north fr Marungko to San Ildefonso and Akle - Angat trail areas. O/a 1 Jun div directed by XI Corps to seize Mt Oro and Mt Ayaas and destroy remaining enemy on Mt Haponang Banoy.

3 Jun 45 - 30 Jun 45

Elms moved from Pandi to Montalban and reld elms 38th Div in Wawa Wawa - Novaliches Dam - Mt Haponang Banoy area 3 - 5 Jun. Seized Mt Ayaas and Mt Haponang Banoy 7 Jun; Mt Oro 8 Jun. In other areas, combat patrols operated east fr Sibul Springs, Papaya, and Laur, and along line Cabu - Dingalan Bay, severing mountain trails and destroying enemy attempting to escape north and east. In southern sector, patrols in Wawa Dam area pushed north to southern slopes of Mt Magalisian, Mt Malagia, and vic Marikina. 25 Jun elms moved north to Dingalan Bay and reld 25th Div elms in that area. Div reld by 38th Div 26 - 30 Jun and moved to Cp La Croix, vic Cabanatuan.

24 Jun 45 CP opened vic Kalikid airfield.

1 Jul 45 - 15 Aug 45

Div reld of all combat responsibility on Luzon 1 Jul. CP opened Cp LaCroix. Engaged in rest, rehabilitation, and planning for projected invasion of Japan.

1 Jul 45 103d Inf (- 1st Bn) atchd Eighth Army and further  
atchd to XIV Corps. Reld fr atchmt and reverted to  
div contl 31 Jul 45.

31 Jul 45 1st Bn, 172d Inf, atchd to XIV Corps; reld fr atchmt  
and reverted to regtl contl 15 Aug.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Brig Gen John H Hester	7 Dec 41
Maj Gen John H Hester (promotion)	13 Feb 42
Brig Gen Leonard F Wing	10 Jun 42
Brig Gen Harold R Barker	17 Jun 42
Maj Gen John H Hester	18 Jun 42
Col Spaulding Bishop	23 Sep 42
Maj Gen John H Hester	24 Sep 42
Maj Gen John R Hodge	29 Jul 43
Brig Gen Harold R Barker	11 Aug 43
Brig Gen Leonard F Wing	20 Aug 43
Maj Gen Leonard F Wing (promotion)	10 Oct 43
Brig Gen Harold R Barker	13 Dec 43
Maj Gen Leonard F Wing	15 Feb 44

<u>ATTACHED TO:</u>	<u>DATE</u>
IV Army Corps	18 Feb 42 - 20 May 42
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Task Force 31 (Naval)	O/a 15 Feb 43 - ?
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43D INFANTRY DIVISION

Organic Units

(As of 1 December 1943)

103d Infantry Regiment  
169th Infantry Regiment  
172d Infantry Regiment

43d Reconnaissance Troop (Mech)  
118th Engineer Combat Battalion  
118th Medical Battalion

Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

103d Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
152d Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
169th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
192d Field Artillery Battalion (155-mm How)

Special Troops

Headquarters

Headquarters Company  
Military Police Platoon

43d Quartermaster Company  
43d Signal Company

743d Ordnance Light Maintenance Company

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77TH INFANTRY DIVISION (OR)

25 Mar 42

Div inducted into active mil service at Ft Jackson, S.C.

26 Mar 42 - 17 Jan 43

Div org and trained Ft Jackson.

18 Jan 43 - 25 Jan 43

Div moved fr Ft Jackson, to Louisiana Maneuver Area.

26 Jan 43 - 28 Mar 43

Trained in Louisiana Maneuver Area.

29 Mar 43 - 19 Apr 43

Div moved fr Louisiana Maneuver Area to Desert Training Center, with hq Cp Hyder, Ariz.

20 Apr 43 - 24 Sep 43

Trained Desert Training Center.

25 Sep 43 - 9 Oct 43

Moved fr Desert Training Center to Cp Pickett, Va.

10 Oct 43 - 24 Feb 44

Div engaged in tng.

25 Feb 44 - 1 Mar 44

Moved fr Cp Pickett to Cp Stoneman, Calif, to stage for mvmt overseas.

2 Mar 44 - 23 Mar 44

Div prepared for mvmt overseas.



15 Mar 44 Adv Det of div dep SFPE for Hawaii; arr Oahu 20 Mar. \*/

24 Mar 44 - 30 Mar 44

Div (- Adv Det) in mvmt to Hawaii; arr Oahu 30 Mar.

1 Apr 44

Div moved to Ft Hase, Oahu.

2 Apr 44 - 9 Jul 44

Div engaged in amph and jungle tng, and preparation for mvmt to Marianas.

0/a 25 Jun 44 Div alerted for mvmt to Marianas to support opns on Saipan, Tinian, or Guam.

1 Jul 44 305th RCT and Adv CP, 77th Div, dep Hawaii for Eniwetok; arr 9 Jul. Remained afloat until arr of remainder of div.

9 Jul 44 - 17 Jul 44

Div (reinf) (-) dep Hawaii for Eniwetok; arr 17 Jul.

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\* On or about 20 March 1944 while the 77th Division was still in the United States it was designated as Area Reserve POA. On 20 March 1944 CINCPAC issued his preliminary order for the seizure of the southern Marianas (Guam, Tinian, and Saipan). The 77th Division was finally committed on Guam. It was not until the middle of July that the Commanding General, was apprised of this commitment. Initially the 77th Division (- 305th Infantry) was in III Amphibious Corps Reserve. (See Philip A. Crowl's, Campaign in the Marianas, a volume in preparation for UNITED STATES ARMY IN WORLD WAR II, for the command structure of the Marianas Campaign.)

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17 Jul 44 - 22 Jul 44

Div in mvmt by ech fr Eniwetok to Guam.

17 Jul 44 305th RCT dep Eniwetok for Guam; arr Guam 21 Jul.

18 Jul 44 Div (-) dep Eniwetok for Guam; arr Guam 22 Jul.

23 Jul 44 - 25 Jul 44

Div (reinf) (-) landed on Guam.

23 Jul 44 Div Adv CP opened ashore on Agat Bay, Guam; joined by Rear CP 24 Jul.

24 Jul 44 305th RCT reld fr atchmt 1st Prov Marine Brig and returned to div contl.

26 Jul 44 - 9 Aug 44

Div atkd north, captured Mt Tenjo, villages of Yona, Barrigada, and Yigo, and Mt Santa Rosa, and secured Lulog - Anao Point area.

28 Jul 44 3d Bn, 307th Inf, atchd 9th Marine Regt; \*/ reld o/a 1 Aug 44.

29 Jul 44 Div CP closed Agat Bay; opened east of Harmon road.

1 Aug 44 Div Adv CP moved vic Barrigada; joined by Rear CP 2 Aug.

7 Aug 44 Div CP closed vic Barrigada; opened vic Yigo.

10 Aug 44

Guam declared secure; div contd mopping-up opns.

11 Aug 44 - 2 Nov 44

Div established Cp McNair in hills east of Agat; engaged in active patrolling, mopping up, road construction, and rehabilitation.

3 Nov 44

Div dep Guam for New Caledonia via Eniwetok.

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\* The attachments of the various units of the division to Marine units are not complete in this record of events. It is believed that such attachments were few.

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4 Nov 44 - 14 Nov 44

En route to New Caledonia, div received orders for a change in destination; convoy changed course to Manus Isl in Admiralties.

15 Nov 44

Div arr Seeadler Harbor, Manus Isl.

16 Nov 44

Div made plans for mvmt to Leyte.

17 Nov 44 - 23 Nov 44

Div dep Manus; arr Leyte 23 Nov and landed vic Tarragona and Dulag.

23 Nov 44 Div CP opened rear of Tarragona Beach (Yellow).

24 Nov 44 - 5 Dec 44

Div directed to assemble vic Tarragona and La Paz in Corps Res; to conduct aggressive patrols in its asgd area and destroy all hostile infiltrators located; make complete rcn of all roads in asgd area; protect crossings of Marabang and Daguitan Rivers; co-ordinate patrol and security vic Rizal with 20th Armored Group.

- 27 Nov 44 1st Bn, 306th Inf, placed in XXIV Corps Res; o/a 4 Dec reverted to regtl contl.
- 28 Nov 44 306th Inf (- 1st Bn) placed under opnl contl 11th A/B Div.
- 29 Nov 44 2d Bn, 305th Inf, moved to Baybay on west coast of Leyte; atchd to 7th Div.
- 30 Nov 44 2d Bn, 307th Inf, under div contl, dep Dulag en route to protect Naval airfield on southwest tip of Samar.
- 3 Dec 44 306th Inf (- 1st and 3d Bns) reld fr 11th A/B Div and returned to div contl at Tarragona.
- 4 Dec 44 Div (-) directed to land on west coast of Leyte and est beachhead between Baod and Bagonbon Rivers, and to capture town of Ormoc.
- 2d Bn, 305th Inf, returned fr Baybay to its regt at Tarragona.
- 5 Dec 44 3d Bn, 306th Inf, reld fr 11th A/B Div and returned to its regt at Tarragona.
- 6 Dec 44 Div (-) loaded and departed for west coast of Leyte.

7 Dec 44

Div (-) made amph landing behind enemy lines vic Ipil.

7 Dec 44 Div CP opened initially rear of landing beach vic Ipil; moved to Deposito same day.

8 Dec 44 - 25 Dec 44

Div engaged in opns on west coast of Leyte; captured Ipil, Cp Downes, Ormoc, Valencia, Libungao road junction, and port of Palompon.

9 Dec 44 Div CP closed Deposito; opened vic Cp Downes.

0/a 10 Dec 44 Div CP moved vic Ormoc.

14 Dec 44 2d Bn, 307th Inf, returned fr Samar and rejoined its regt at Linao.

0/a 19 Dec 44 Adv CP moved to Valencia; joined by Rear CP 20 Dec.

26 Dec 44 - 4 Feb 45

Div engaged in mopping-up opns in north, northwest, and west portions of Leyte; cleared Palompon road; destroyed enemy forces vic Villaba and along west coast. Prepared for Kerama Retto opn.

0/a 26 Dec 44 Div CG notified to sent representatives to Hqs Tenth Army to plan for Kerama Retto opn. \*/

6 Jan 45 Div directed by Tenth Army to land under contrl of CTG 51.1 (Rear) Admr Ingolf N. Kiland, commander of Western Islands Attack Group), seize the Kerama Retto and Keise Shima (small isl gps in the Ryukyus, near Okinawa) and clear hostile forces therefrom; be prepared to clear hostile forces fr Tonaki Jima on order CTG 51.1; furnish trps for protection of naval underwater demolition teams, radar installations, air warning stations teams, weather dets, and Joint Expeditionary Forces Small Boat Pool to be established on Zamami Shima; land two 155-mm gun bns on Keise Shima and furnish garrison force for security thereof; on completion of clearing Kerama Retto and Keise Shima, re-embark and be prepared to execute the div portion of Tenth Army Res plan.

\* The actual date that the representatives arrived at Headquarters Tenth Army is in doubt. One source gives 5 January and another source 12 January 1945. However, the Tenth Army Tentative Operation Order 1-45 is dated 6 January 1945 and that date is used in the above record of events to show the date that the division received its mission.

5 Feb 45 - 9 Feb 45

Div, reld by Americal Div in northwest Leyte, moved to Tarragona for rehabilitation and tng.

10 Feb 45 - 12 Mar 45

Div trained and prepared at Tarragona for amph opns.

13 Mar 45

Div embarked fr Tarragona beaches to participate in rehearsals for landing in Kerama Retto.

14 Mar 45 - 15 Mar 45

Conducted invasion rehearsals Hinunagan Bay, Leyte Gulf.

16 Mar 45 - 25 Mar 45

Div prepared for mvmt and moved to Kerama Retto.

18 Mar 45 Assault trps loaded in LST's and LSM's dep San Pedro Bay, Leyte, for Kerama Retto.

19 Mar 45 Other div trps on transports dep for Kerama Retto.

24 Mar 45 Remainder of div dep for Kerama Retto.

26 Mar 45 - 1 Apr 45

Div (-) launched amph assaults and secured isls of Aka, Geruma, Hokaji, Zamami, Yakabi, Amuro, Tokashiki, and Kuba Shima in the Kerama Retto Isl garrison established on Zamami Shima and arty positions installed on Keise Shima.

26 Mar 45 307 Inf remained in Div Res (afloat).

Div CP aboard USS Mt McKinley; alternate Div CP aboard USS Chilton.

31 Mar 45 Landing on Keise Shima was last of fifteen amph opns in Kerama Retto; conquest of Kerama Retto completed.

1 Apr 45 2d Bn, 305th Inf, remained on Zamami Shima as garrison force under div contl.

2 Apr 45 - 10 Apr 45

At sea awaiting orders for next opn.

11 Apr 45

Div (-) directed to land and secure Ie Shima.

11 Apr 45 Div CP closed aboard USS Mt McKinley; opened aboard USS Natrona.

12 Apr 45 - 15 Apr 45

Div prepared for Ie Shima opn.

12 Apr 45 Div Adv CP closed aboard USS Natrona; opened aboard USS Panamint.

Div Rear Ech CP aboard USS Chilton.

16 Apr 45

305th (-) and 306th RCTs landed on west end of Ie Shima.

17 Apr 45 - 21 Apr 45

Div (-) completed capture of Ie Shima after taking Government House Hill, Mt Iegusugu Yama, and Ie Town.

17 Apr 45 307th RCT landed on Ie Shima.

20 Apr 45 Div adv party arr Okinawa.

22 Apr 45 - 26 Apr 45

Div (-) mopped up Ie Shima and loaded for move to Okinawa; 1st Bn, 305th Inf, remained on Ie Shima as garrison force under div contr. \*/

26 Apr 45 Mission of div on Okinawa to rel 96th Div in right sector of XXIV Corps zone and then to drive south in its asgd zone of action.

27 Apr 45 - 28 Apr 45

Div (-) landed on secured Hagushi beaches, Okinawa, and assembled vic Chibana.

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\* It is assumed that the 2d Battalion, 305th Infantry on Zamami Shima and the 1st Battalion, 305th Infantry, on Ie Shima remained under division control.

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29 Apr 45 - 23 Jun 45

Div (-) began rel of 96th Div; rel completed 30 Apr 45. During period div, initially in XXIV Corps zone of action, pushed south; cleared the Escarpment, a strong def point in that portion of Japanese Shuri def line lying in div's zone of action; secured Chocolate Drop Hill, Flat Top Hill, Three Sisters Hills, Tom Hill, Shark Head Hill, Dorothy Hill, Clair Hill, Joe Hill and the towns of Taira Machi, Ishimmi, and Shuri; engaged in patrolling and mopping up.

29 Apr 45 Div CP opened vic Ginowan.

383d Inf 96th Div, atchd to div; reld fr atchmt 30 Apr 45.

7 May 45 1st Bn, 305th Inf, arr Okinawa fr garrison duty on Ie Shima and rejoined its regt.

24 May 45 2d Bn, 305th Inf, arr Okinawa fr garrison duty on Zamami Shima and rejoined its regt.

16 Jun 45 305th Inf Regt atchd 96th Div; reverted div contl 23 Jun.

24 Jun 45 - 30 Jun 45

Div moved to bivouac areas north of Shuri; engaged in patrolling outposting, and preparation for mvmt to Cebu, P.I.

26 Jun 45 2d Bn, 307th Inf, dep Okinawa for Cebu.

27 Jun 45 307th Inf (-) dep Okinawa for Cebu.

30 Jun 45 - 10 Jul 45

Div (-) in mvmt fr Okinawa to Cebu.

11 Jul 45 - 15 Aug 45

Div engaged in cp construction, rehabilitation, and recreation vic Danao on east coast of Cebu.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Robert L Eichelberger	25 Mar 42
Brig Gen Roscoe B Woodruff	5 Jun 42
Brig Gen Harris M Melasky	14 Sep 42
Maj Gen Roscoe B Woodruff (Promotion)	24 Sep 42
Brig Gen John E McMahon, Jr	2 Nov 42
Maj Gen Roscoe B Woodruff	7 Nov 42
Brig Gen John E McMahon, Jr.	21 Apr 43
Maj Gen Roscoe B Woodruff	26 Apr 43
Brig Gen John E McMahon, Jr	23 May 43
Maj Gen Andrew D Bruce	27 May 43
Brig Gen Isaac Spalding	13 May 44
Maj Gen Andrew D Bruce	20 May 44
Brig Gen Edwin H Randle	13 Jun 45
Maj Gen Andrew D Bruce	7 Jul 45



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Third Army	18 Jan 43 - 0/a 19 Apr 43
Amphibious Training Command	30 Sep 43 - 0/a 14 Mar 43
XXIV Corps	18 Jun 44 - 22 Jun 44
V Amphibious Corps (Marine)	22 Jun 44 - 9 Jun 44
III Amphibious Corps (Marine)	9 Jul 44 - 10 Nov 44
SWPA	10 Nov 44 - 23 Nov 44

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XXIV Corps

23 Nov 44 - 22 Feb 45

TG 51.1

O/a 25 Mar 45 - O/a 11 Apr 45

TF 53

O/a 11 Apr 45 - O/a 26 Apr 45

IX Corps

15 Aug 45

77TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Organic Units

(As of 31 December 1943)

305th Infantry Regiment  
306th Infantry Regiment  
307th Infantry Regiment

77th Reconnaissance Troop (Mecz)  
302d Engineer Combat Battalion  
302d Medical Battalion

Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

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Military Police Platoon

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77th Signal Company

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81ST INFANTRY DIVISION (OR)

15 Jun 42

Div activated with sta at Cp Rucker, Ala.

16 Jun 42 - 28 Jun 44

During period div engaged in basic tng at Cp Rucker; participated in maneuvers at Conecuh Forest, Ala, and Tenn Maneuver Area; underwent further tng at Desert Tng Center, Calif, and Cp San Luis Obispo, Calif. At close of tng, moved to Cp Beale, Calif, to prepare for mvmt overseas, moved to staging area at Cp Stoneman, Calif, for dep fr SFPE.

18 Apr 43 Dep Cp Rucker; arr Tenn Maneuver Area 20 Apr.

23 Jun 43 Dep Tenn Maneuver Area; arr Desert Tng Center 17 Jul.

19 Nov 43 Dep Desert Tng Center; arr Cp San Luis Obispo 20 Nov.

18 Apr 44 Dep Cp San Luis Obispo; arr Cp Beale 19 Apr.

24 Jun 44 Dep Cp Beale; arr Cp Stoneman.

30 Jun 44 - 6 Jul 44

Div moved by ech to Hawaii; first ech arr 4 Jul; last ech arr 16 Jul. Div Hq opened Schofield Bks 6 Jul. Div began tng and preparation for combat in projected STALEMATE opn in western Carolines.

6 Jul 44 - 12 Aug 44

Div CG informed on 6 Jul of cancellation of STALEMATE I opn. \*/ Div, under contl of Prov Amph Corps (Marine), asgd mission to assault and capture Anguar Isl in southern Palau Isls as part of STALEMATE II opn. Div occupied with tng, planning, and loading during remainder of period.

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\* The operation designated STALEMATE I, the objective of which was the capture of the Palau Islands, was canceled and replaced by an operation designated STALEMATE II, which provided for the capture of Anguar, Peleliu, and Ngesebus in the southern Palaus. A second phase of STALEMATE II involved the seizure of Yap Island by the Army and Ulithi Atoll by the Navy (employing one combat team of the 81st Division for independent action against Ulithi under Navy control). On 1 August the division commanding general was directed to prepare detailed plans of the Army's part of the second phase of STALEMATE II, but three weeks later the division was relieved altogether of participation in the second phase. Subsequent to this notification the division (-) was designated the Anguar Landing Force and the 323d RCT the Ulithi Landing Force.

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12 Aug 44

Div (reinf) (- Rear Ech) dep Oahu for Guadalcanal. Div Hq closed Oahu; Opened aboard USS Fremont.

13 Aug 44 - 16 Sep 44

Div in mvmt to Guadalcanal; arr 24 Aug. Engaged in final preparations for assault and rehearsals through 6 Sep. Dep Guadalcanal for Palau Isls 7 Sep; arr off Anguar Isl 16 Sep.

15 Aug 44 III Amph Corps (Marine) replaced Prov Amph Corps in charge of opn.

17 Sep 44

Div (-), as Anguar LF, began landing on Anguar. 321st RCT landed Blue Beach east central coast; 322d RCT landed Red Beach northeast coast. 323 RCT remained afloat.

17 Sep 44 - 22 Oct 44

Force engaged in opn on Anguar; moved to west coast, cutting isl in half; moved south and destroyed enemy forces. Isl declared secure 20 Sep, and air base development begun. Responsibility for admin and development turned over to isl comdr Anguar by Anguar LF comdr. Force engaged in def and mopping up until complete defeat of enemy forces on Anguar, 22 Oct.

18 Sep 44 Div GP closed aboard USS Fremont; opened ashore vic Red Beach.

21 Sep 44 323d RCT desig Ulithi LF, dep Palau area under contrl Naval Task Gp, for rcn of Ulithi Atoll; occupied Ulithi 23 Sep.

22 Sep 44 321st RCT dep Anguar for Peleliu, arr 23 Sep; atchd 1st Marine Div. Adv along west coast of Peleliu, seized high ground in center of isl 23 - 29 Sep; reld 6th Marine Regt on Ngesebus and Kongauro Isls 29 - 30 Sep; seized Garakayo Isl 9 Oct. 14 - 15 Oct 321st Inf (reinf by 1st Bn, 323d Inf) began offensive action to destroy enemy forces in Umurbrogal Mt pocket in south central part of isl.

30 Sep 44 Div CG desig ComGenPOA representative in the western Carolines, with certain general admin functions.

16 Oct 44 ELMS of 323d RCT seized and secured Ngulu Atoll.

19 Oct 44 Div CP closed Anguar; opened Peleliu.

20 Oct 44 CG 81st Div assumed cmd of all combat trps on Peleliu and Anguar, reld Hq III Amph Corps and Hq 1st Marine Div. Div operated directly under cmd of comdr western Carolines subarea. 321st RCT reld fr atchmt to 1st Marine Div; reverted to div contrl.

23 Oct 44 - 2 Jan 45

Div, reinf continued ground def of Anguar and isls of southern Palau Gp; conducted opn to eliminate remainder of enemy forces on Peleliu.

11 Nov 44 81st Cav Rcn Trp, reinf, seized Gorokottan Isl 11 Nov; Ngerengong Isl 15 Nov; Kayangel Atoll 30 Nov - 1 Dec.

20 Nov 44 Pulo Anna secured.

22 Nov 44 Div alerted for mvmt fr Palau Isls to rehabilitation area at Guadalcanal. On 29 Nov destination changed to New Caledonia.

27 Nov 44 Div completed elimination of enemy forces on Peleliu.

6 Dec 44 322d RCT reld of responsibility for ground def of Anguar Isl. Began mvmt to New Caledonia; last elm dep Palaus 27 Dec.

1 Jan 45 Elm 321st RCT seized Fais Isl.

3 Jan 45 - 19 Feb 45

Remainder of div moved by ech fr Palaus to New Caledonia; mvmt completed 19 Feb 45.

6 Jan 45 Div desig as Area Reserve for projected Ryukyus Campaign (ICEBERG).

7 Jan 45 323d RCT began mvmt to New Caledonia; last elm dep 20 Jan.

13 Jan 45 Div CG reld of responsibility for ground def of southern Palau Isls. 321st RCT placed under opnl contrl of isl comdr Peleliu until reld of mission.

14 Jan 45 Div CP closed Peleliu; opened New Caledonia.



25 Jan 45 Div Rear Ech, which had remained on Oahu throughout Palau opn, rejoined div at New Caledonia.

6 Feb 45 321st RCT reld by 111th Inf on Peleliu; dep for New Caledonia 8 Feb.

20 Feb 45 - 3 May 45

Div moved into Oua Tom - Bouloupari area New Caledonia for rehabilitation recreation, and tng. Completed plans and preparation for Ryukyus opn (ICEBERG).

18 Apr 45 Div reld fr asgmt as Area Reserve for Ryukyus opn (ICEBERG) and directed to move to Leyte, P.I.

26 Apr 45 Adv party moved by air fr New Caledonia to Leyte 26 and 27 Apr; arr Leyte 28 Apr.

3 May 45 - 22 Jun 45

Div in mvmt by ech fr New Caledonia to Leyte.

3 May 45 Div (- Rear Ech) dep New Caledonia; arr Manus Isl 9 May; dep Manus 10 May; arr Leyte Gulf 16 May. Div CP closed New Caledonia; opened aboard USS Fremont.

14 May 45 Rear Ech (-) began mvmt fr New Caledonia by ech; arrival Leyte completed 12 Jun. Remaining div elms dep New Caledonia 2 Jun; arr Leyte 22 Jun.

23 Jun 45 - 14 Aug 45

Div, upon arr Leyte, established base cp along beach fr Rizal southward to Bito River. Div CP located vic Rizal. Between arr date and 1 Jul, trps engaged in tng and construction of cp facilities; rcn of area north of Abuyog - Baybay road and of Hinunangan Bay area on southeast coast of Leyte. Amph tng began 30 Jun; completed 23 Jul 45. Five-week field tng program conducted in Valencia area, where Adv Div Hq was established to supervise and co-ordinate tng, trp mvmts, logistics, and mopping up opn in northwest Leyte.

6 Jul 45 Div, following alert, began planning and preparations for participation in contemplated invasion of Kyushu, Japan (OLYMPIC opn).

21 Jul 45 3d Bn, 321st Inf, moved fr Ipil to Villaba; conducted patrols in asgd area; reld by 1st Bn, 321st Inf, 28 Jul and returned to bivouac area south of Valencia. 1st Bn, 321st Inf, reld by 2d Bn, 321st Inf, 4 Aug; returned to Ipil. 2d Bn, 321st Inf, reld 12 Aug and returned to Ormoc.

Between 27 Jul and 12 Aug, 81st Cav Rcn Trp conducted patrols throughout Tabayho - Tabigui - Jabian - San Isidro - Julita area. 4 Aug zone of action enlarged to include entire peninsula east of Naga River.

15 Aug 45

Div desig by GHQ AFPAC to participate in occupation of Japan.

<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Maj Gen Gustave H Franke	15 Jun 42
Brig Gen Paul J Mueller	18 Aug 42
Maj Gen Paul J Mueller (Promotion)	6 Sep 42
Brig Gen William R Schmidt	5 Oct 42
Maj Gen Paul J Mueller	12 Oct 42
Brig Gen William R Schmidt	20 Nov 42
Maj Gen Paul J Mueller	22 Nov 42
Brig Gen Rex W Beasley	20 Jan 43
Maj Gen Paul J Mueller */	25 Jan 43

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\* Temporary commanders after 25 January 1943, if any, are unknown.

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VII Corps	20 Nov 42
Desert Training Center	17 Jul 43
Fourth Army	22 Nov 43
III Corps	15 Jan 44
Central Pacific Base Command	1 Jul 44
Tenth Army	14 Jan 45
Eighth Army	3 May 45
Sixth Army	1 Jul 45
IX Corps	15 Jul 45
Eighth Army	15 Aug 45

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Amphibious Training Command, Pacific Fleet	1 Dec 43 -	?
XXIV Corps	O/a 4 Jul 44 -	19 Jul 44
III Amphibious Corps (Marine)	19 Jul 44 -	20 Oct 44
IX Corps	15 Aug 45 -	

81ST INFANTRY DIVISION

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306th Medical Battalion

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317th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
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93D INFANTRY DIVISION<sup>\*/</sup> (AUS)

10 Apr 42

Hq 93d Inf Div activated Ft Huachuca, Ariz.

11 Apr 42 - 14 May 42

Div Hq prepared for orgn, activation, and asgmt of units.

15 May 42

25th and 368th Inf Regts asgnd to div; 369th Inf Regt activated and asgnd to div.

16 May 42 - 30 Mar 43

Div engaged in tng at Ft Huachuca, furnished cadre and fillers for 92d Div; participated in desert maneuvers.

31 Mar 43 - 17 Jun 43

Div moved to Louisiana Maneuver Area; participated in maneuvers until end of this period.

18 Jun 43 - 7 Jul 43

Div moved in echs to Desert Training Center, Calif.

8 Jul 43 - 10 Jan 44

Div trained and engaged in desert maneuvers; during last part of this period, units of div moved to SFPE.

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\* During wartime operations in the Pacific, units of the 93d Infantry Division served on the following islands: Guadalcanal, Vella Lavella, Green Islands, Banika, Russell Islands, New Georgia, Bougainville, Emirau, Stirling Island, Dutch New Guinea, Los Negros, Palawan, Sanga Sanga and Jolo in the Sulu Archipelago, and Zamboanga Peninsula on Mindanao.

Since the units operated away from the division, a separate record of events has been prepared for each regiment.

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11 Jan 44 - 5 Mar 44

Div moved in echs fr SFPE to Guadalcanal. \*/

11 Jan 44 Div Adv Det dep SFPE; arr Guadalcanal 29 Jan.

23 Jan 44 25th and 368th Inf Regts began dep fr SFPE by echs; began arr Guadalcanal 6 Feb. 368th Inf contd in echs to Russell Isls. (See R/E 25th and 368th Inf Regts for chronology.)

29 Jan 44 369th Inf dep SFPE; arr Guadalcanal 11 Feb. (See R/E of 369th Inf for chronology.)

19 Feb 44 Div Hq Co and final echs dep SFPE; arr Guadalcanal 5 Mar.

6 Mar 44 - 4 Jun 44

Div Hq, Div Arty, and elms engaged in jungle tng and cargo loading opns on Guadalcanal.

5 Jun 44 - 7 Jun 44

Div Hq and elms of Special Trps moved fr Guadalcanal to Stirling Isl, Treasury gp.

8 Jun 44 - 29 Oct 44

Div Hq assumed cmd of all trps in Treasury gp with responsibility for def of isls. Div units (- regts) engaged in labor details and tng.

30 Oct 44

Div Hq and elms arr Hollandia, N.G.

31 Oct 44 - 1 Apr 45

Div responsible for loading and unloading supplies, security of base, and maintenance of outposts.

20 Nov 44 Div reld I Corps of responsibility for def of Hollandia area.

Div assumed contl of all Eighth Army units at Finschhafen.

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\* The 93d Division, under assignment to USAFTISPA, was ordered to assume a transient status upon arrival at Guadalcanal. The division operated primarily as a service organization although some division units did engage in combat operations.

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2 Apr 45

Div Hq and elms dep Hollandia; arr Morotai 5 Apr.

6 Apr 45 - 12 Apr 45

During period all units of div except a few dets arr Morotai.

13 Apr 45 - 15 Aug 45

Div took over port opns, established outposts and patrol units. (See R/E of 25th, 368th, and 369th Inf Regts for locations of regts during this period.)

25TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

5 Mar 44

25th Inf Regt completed arr Guadalcanal fr SFPE.

6 Mar 44 - 23 Mar 44 \*/

Engaged in labor details at docks and warehouses and in jungle tng.

24 Mar 44

Dep Guadalcanal for Bougainville.

28 Mar 44

Arr Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville; atchd XIV Corps and further atchd Americal Div.

29 Mar 44 - 7 Jul 44

Participated in XIV Corps missions of harrassing and denying to enemy his line of supply fr southern Bougainville area; conducted limited offensive opns against west (right) flank and rear of hostile forces.

- 2 Apr 44 2d Bn reld fr atchmt to Americal Div; placed under opnl contrl of 37th Div; reld atchmt 37th Div; reverted to contrl Americal Div 4 Apr.
- 29 Apr 44 25th RCT, reld fr atchmt to Americal Div this date, and dets of div units which had arr Bougainville 24 - 25 Apr desig Prov Brig and atchd to Americal Div.
- 20 May 44 2d Bn reld fr Prov Brig and Americal Div; reverted to contrl of XIV Corps.
- 25, May 44 2d Bn dep Bougainville; arr Nissan Atoll, Green Isls, 26 May.
- 8 Jun 44 Prov Brig dissolved; units passed to cmd of 25th RCT, which was atchd to Americal Div.

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\* Sometime during the period 6 - 23 March 1944, the 25th Infantry was organized as a regimental combat team and is so designated hereafter.

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12 Jun 44 25th RCT (- 2d Bn) reld fr Americal Div; reverted to XIV Corps.

3d Bn dep Bougainville; arr Nissan Atoll, Green Isls, 21 Jun.

8 Jul 44

25th RCT atchd to Prov Isl Comd, APO 293 (Green Isls).

9 Jul 44 - 11 Oct 44

25th RCT charged with def of instls on Green Isls. Constructed pillboxes and other fortifications; engaged in combat tng.

0/a 10 Oct 44 25th RCT (assumed) reld fr Prov Isl Comd, APO 293, Green Isls.

12 Oct 44 - 30 Mar 45

25th RCT moved fr Green Isls in echs to Finschhafen, N.G.; engaged in def of area and supplied labor details for port and dock opns.

12 Oct 44 3d Bn arr Finschhafen fr Green Isls.

20 Oct 44 2d Bn arr Finschhafen fr Green Isls.

30 Oct 44 1st Bn arr Finschhafen fr Green Isls.

10 Nov 44 Remainder of 25th RCT arr Finschhafen fr Green Isls.

31 Mar 45 - 12 Apr 45

Dep Finschhafen for Morotai; completed arr 12 Apr.

12 Apr 45 25 RCT dissolved; 25th Inf Regt reverted to 93d Div.

13 Apr 45 - 15 Aug 45

On Morotai, 25th Inf supplied stevedore crews for port duty, trained, and sent out ren patrols in amph opns; mopped up remnant enemy forces; conducted offensive opns in Bosoboso area on east coast of Morotai.

368TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

7 Feb 44

368th Inf completed arr at Bakina, Russell Isls, fr SFPE; org as RCT.

8 Feb 44 - 3 Jul 44

Engaged in furnishing fatigue details to SOS at docks, warehouses, dumps, and stores of VI Isl Comd.

24 Feb 44 2d Bn dep Bakina; arr Vella Lavella same day and (assumed) atchd VI Isl Comd.

14 May 44 3d Bn dep Bakina; arr Stirling Isl, Treasury gp, 19 May; passed to direct contrl VI Isl Comd.

0/a 14 Jun 44 Hq 368th RCT dep Bakina for New Georgia.

18 Jun 44 2d Bn closed Vella Lavella; (assumed) reld fr atchmt VI Isl Comd; rejoined elms of 369th RCT on New Georgia same day.

2 Jul 44 1st Bn (with Prov Bn) dep Bakina; arr Munda, New Georgia, 3 Jul.

4 Jul 44 - 31 Oct 44

Elms engaged in patrols, guarded radar and radio equipment; RCT (-) engaged in dock and port duties on New Georgia.

8 Jul 44 3d Bn (assumed) reld fr contrl of VI Isl Comd; atchd to Prov Isl Comd, Stirling Isl.

368th RCT (- 3d Bn) atchd to Vi Isl Comd (New Georgia); reld o/a 14 Oct.

14 Oct 44 Hq 368th RCT and atchd div units dep New Georgia for Hollandia via Finschhafen, N.G., arr Hollandia 30 Oct.

23 Oct 44 1st Bn (- Co C) dep New Georgia; arr Hollandia 30 Oct.

24 Oct 44 3d Bn (assumed reld fr Prov Isl Comd, Stirling Isl) dep Treasury gp; arr Hollandia 30 Oct.

1 Nov 44 - 1 Apr 45

At Hollandia primary mission of 368th RCT was to furnish necessary SOS trps and secondary mission was to protect and secure Hollandia fr enemy ground atks. Echls of 368th RCT contd to arr Hollandia fr New Georgia during period.

18 Nov 44 368th RCT dissolved; elms reverted to their parent units.

21 Nov 44 2d Bn dep New Georgia; arr Hollandia 30 Nov.

20 Jan 45 Co K, 3d Bn (reinf), arr Wakde where it remained though 15 Aug.

1st Bn dep Hollandia; occupied Toem in Maffin Bay area; returned to Hollandia 20 Mar.

2 Apr 45 - 11 Apr 45

368th Inf (- Co K, 3d Bn) moved fr Hollandia to Morotai.

2 Apr 45 1st Bn dep Hollandia; arr Morotai 6 Apr.

5 Apr 45 368th Inf (- 1st Bn and Co K, 3d Bn) dep Hollandia; arr Morotai 11 Apr.

A rear det of the regt, which had remained at Munda, New Georgia, dep Munda; arr Morotai 29 Apr.

12 Apr 45 - 28 Jun 45

Mission of the 368th Inf on Morotai was to defend the U.S. Army, Navy, and Air Corps insts on Morotai; kill or capture all enemy.

Regt conducted security patrols; engaged in clearing the area between Pilowo and Bobo rivers of enemy remnants.

29 Jun 45

368th Inf (- Co K, 3d Bn) (reinf) dep Morotai for Zamboanga.

30 Jun 45

368th Inf (- Co K, 3d Bn) (reinf) in water transit.

1 Jul 45

368th Inf (- 1st and 3d Bns [- Co K7] (reinf) arr Zamboanga; reld elms of 41st Div; opened CP at Ayala. 1st Bn (- Cos A and D) arr Puerto Princessa Palawan; reld elms of 41st Div. 3d Bn (- Co L) arr Jolo City; Jolo, while Co L arr at Sanga Sanga and reld elms of 41st Div.

1 Jul 45 368th Inf (- Co K, 3d Bn) (reinf) atchd to X Corps.

2 Jul 45 - 15 Aug 45

At Zamboanga, 368th Inf assumed responsibility for entire base, including tactical opns, patrols, and tng of 61st Inf Regt, Philippine Army. On Palawan, 1st Bn assumed responsibility for security of isl and opn of base. On Jolo, 3d Bn (- Co K) patrolled and mopped up remnant enemy forces.

369TH INFANTRY REGIMENT<sup>\*/</sup>

11 Feb 44

369th Inf arr Guadalcanal.

12 Feb 44 - 12 Mar 44

369th Inf prepared for mvmt and moved to New Georgia. \*\*/

29 Feb 44 Regt Hq, 2d and 3d Bns, arr New Georgia fr Guadalcanal.

12 Mar 44 1st Bn and final elms arr New Georgia.

13 Mar 44 - 17 Jun 44

369th RCT engaged in mission to def New Georgia against enemy sea, airborne, or land atk, and def of Munda airfield. During period, 369th RCT atchd to VI Isl Comd; date of atchmt and date of rel unknown.

18 Jun 44

369th RCT reld by 368th RCT in New Georgia.

19 Jun 44 - 27 Jun 44

369th RCT trained and prepared for next mvmt.

26 Jun 44 369th RCT dep New Georgia; arr Emirau, St Matthias gp, 28 Jun.

28 Jun 44 - 31 Oct 44

During period 369th RCT disposed tactically throughout isl; forifications improved and defenses maintained.

8 Jul 44 369th RCT atchd to Pro Isl Comd, APO 198 (Emirau). (Whether 369th RCT remained atchd to VI Isl Comd New Georgia up to 8 Jul or was atchd to another cmd is unknown. It appears doubtful that 369th RCT reverted to div contl between 28 Jun and 8 Jul.)

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\* Records of the 369th Infantry were not available for operations in the Pacific through 15 August 1945. Its movements, asigments, attachments, and operations have been traced from records of higher commands.

\*\* Sometime during the period 12 February - 12 March 1944 the 369th Infantry was organized into a regiment combat team and it is so designated from this time on.

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27 Sep 44 3d Bn dep Emirau; arr Los Negros 29 Sep. (Contl of 3d Bn on Los Negros unknown.)

1 Oct 44 2d Bn dep Emirau for Biak, where it remained through 15 Aug.

10 Oct 44 369th RCT (- 3d Bn) assumed reld fr Prov Isl Ccmd APO 198; placed under opnl contl of 41st Div.

14 Oct 44 369th RCT (- 2d and 3d Bns) dep Emirau for Biak.

31 Oct 44 Final elms 369th RCT (- 3d Bn) arr Biak fr Emirau.

1 Nov 44 - 31 Mar 45

369th (-) RCT supplied labor details for base on Biak; tactical patrols made scattered contacts and mopped up remnant enemy groups.

28 Jan 45 369th RCT (- 3d Bn) reld fr atch 41st Div; placed under opnl contl of 3d Engr Spec Brig.

1 Apr 45

369th RCT dissolved.

1 Apr 45 Regt Hq and 1st Bn departed Biak; arr Morotai 4 Apr.

2 Apr 45 - 10 Apr 45

Units of 369th Inf (- 2d Bn) moved to Morotai and adjacent Isls.

5 Apr 45 Cos A, B, and G, 369th Inf, occupied Sansapor area of New Guinea and Middelburg Isl; Cos A and B remained in Sansapor area until 10 Jul. Co G remained on Middelburg through 15 Aug.

0/a 10 Apr 45 3d Bn arr Morotai fr Los Megros.

11 Apr 45 - 15 Aug 45

369th Inf (- 2d Bn) engaged in mopping up and establishing outposts on western Morotai.

15 Apr 45 3d Bn, 369th Inf, established outposts on Race Isl wher it remained until 30 Apr.



29 Jun 45 Co C, and Det Co D, 369th Inf, dep Morotai with 368th RCT; arr Jolo 1 Jul. These elms remained on Jolo through 15 Aug.

15 Jul 45 369th Inf (-) reld fr 3d Engr Spec Brig. 2d Bn assumed responsibility for def of Biak.

COMMANDERDATE

Maj Gen Charles P Hall	10 Apr 42
Brig Gen William Spence	10 Jun 42
Maj Gen Charles P Hall	15 Jun 42
Brig Gen William Spence	24 Sep 42
Maj Gen Charles P Hall	26 Sep 42
Brig Gen William Spence	20 Oct 42
Brig Gen Fred W Miller	5 Nov 42
Brig Gen Walter E Lauer	8 Feb 43
Brig Gen William Spence	11 Feb 43
Maj Gen Fred W Miller	18 Feb 43
Brig Gen William Spence	11 May 43
Brig Gen Raymond G Lehman	3 Jun 43
Brig Gen William Spence	19 Sep 43
Maj Gen Raymond G Lehman	21 Sep 43
Brig Gen William Spence	0/a 1 Jan 44
Maj Gen Raymond G Lehman	18 Feb 44
Brig Gen William Spence	28 Jul 44
Maj Gen Harry H Johnson	26 Aug 44
Brig Gen Leonard R Boyd	9 May 45
Maj Gen Harry H Johnson	20 May 45

ASSIGNED TO:

DATE

Third Army	15 May 42
Desert Training Center	8 Jul 43
USAFISPA	0/a 11 Feb 44
XIV Corps	15 Jun 44
Eighth Army	4 Nov 44

ATTACHED TO:

XV Corps	8 Jul 43 - Nov 43
IV Corps	Nov 43 - Jan 44
Provisional Island Command, APO 706-1	8 Jul 44 - 12 Sep 44
XI Corps	5 Jan 45 - 20 Jan 45
Eighth Army Area Command	20 Jan 45 - 15 Aug 45

93D INFANTRY DIVISION

Organic Units

(As of 31 December 1943)

25th Infantry Regiment  
368th Infantry Regiment  
369th Infantry Regiment

93d Reconnaissance Troop (Mech)  
318th Engineer Combat Battalion  
318th Medical Battalion

Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

593d Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
594th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
595th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
596th Field Artillery Battalion (155-mm How)

Special Troops

Headquarters

Headquarters Company  
Military Police Platoon

93d Quartermaster Company  
93d Signal Company

793d Ordnance Light Maintenance Company

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96TH INFANTRY DIVISION (OR)

15 Aug 42

96th Div activated Cp Adair, Ore.

15 Aug 42 - 22 Jul 44

Div trained Cp Adair, Ore; tng activities carried it through Ft Lewis, Wash; Oregon Maneuver Area; Cp White, Ore; Cp San Luis Obispo, Calif; Cp Beale, Calif; and, finally, Cp Stoneman, Calif, for staging prior to moving to SFPE.

- 10 May 43 Div dep Cp Adair, Ore; arr Ft Lewis, Wash.
- 11 Jul 43 Dep Ft Lewis, Wash, arr Oregon Maneuver Area 12 Jul.
- 6 Aug 43 Dep Oregon Maneuver Area; arr Cp Adair, Ore.
- 5 Sep 43 Dep Cp Adair; arr Oregon Maneuver Area.
- 1 Nov 43 Dep Oregon Maneuver Area; arr Cp White, Ore.
- 19 Apr 44 Dep Cp White; arr Cp San Luis Obispo, Calif, 22 Apr.
- 1 Jul 44 Dep Cp San Luis Obispo; arr Cp Beale, Calif, 2 Jul.
- 3 Jul 44 Div Adv Det dep SFPE for Hawaii; arr Hawaii 8 Jul.
- 15 Jul 44 Div (-) dep Cp Beale; arr Cp Stoneman, Calif, for staging.

23 Jul 44 - 31 Jul 44

Div (-) dep SFPE for Hawaii; completed arr Oahu, Hawaii by 31 Jul.

1 Aug 44 - 11 Sep 44

Div trained on Oahu; prepared for Yap opn (phase of STALEMATE II); engaged in practice landings on beaches of Maui Isl; rehearsed under conditions approximating those in objective area.

- 12 Aug 44 Div directed by XXIV Corps to land on eastern beaches of Gamil - Tomil Isl at H Hour W Day, to seize high ground on eastern portion of isl and airfield No. 2; to continue atk and capture remainder of Gagil - Tomil Isl, and on corps order to atk and capture Map Isl and Rumung Isl.

11 Sep 44 - 25 Sep 44

Div moved to Eniwetok Isl; LST convoy dep 11 Sep; transport convoy dep 15 Sep. Div CP closed ashore; opened aboard USS Rocky Mount. On 15 Sep div notified that its participation in Yap opn canceled; alerted for Leyte (KING II) opn.

15 Sep 44 Div dep Oahu; CP aboard USS Rocky Mount.

96th Div Base Ech activated.

26 Sep 44 - 19 Oct 44

Arr Eniwetok Anchorage; remained afloat until 26 Sep when LST flotilla dep. 28 Sep transport gp dep for Manus Isl.

26 Sep 44 Div (- 381st Inf in Sixth Army Floating Res) directed by CG XXIV Corps to land on 20 Oct on beaches Blue and Orange between the Labiranan and Calbasag Rivers; defeat and destroy all enemy forces encountered in its zone of action; secure coastal road (Route 1) between San Roque and Calbasag Rivers; neutralize and capture Catmon hill and adjacent high ground; seize airfield at Amibung; secure remainder of Route 1 between San Roque and Binahaan River; seize Dagami - Tanauan area within its zone of action; protect corps right (north) flank; establish and maintain contact with X Corps on Binahaan River; and be prepared to furnish corp on order not to exceed one RCT to clear all hostile forces from Dinagat Isl and to relieve elements of 6th Ranger Bn thereon.

3 Oct 44 Div arr at Manus Isl; remained afloat until 14 Oct when it dep for Leyte.

20 Oct 44

Div (- 381st RCT) landed on Blue and Orange Beaches between Labiranan and Calabasag Rivers; secured beaches and both sides of Libaranan River; captured San Jose and Hill 120. Div CP closed USS Rocky Mount; opened ashore.

21 Oct 44 - 25 Dec 44

Contd atk inland; secured Libaranan Head 21 Oct, adv through Amibung; secured San Roque 22 Oct; passed through Hindang 24 Oct; Secured Aslom; captured Tanauan 27 Oct; captured Tabontabon 28 Oct; Labir Hill, Catmon Hill captured 29 Oct; secured Kiling 29 Oct and San Vicente Hill 30 Oct. O/a 4 Nov completed rel of 7th Div in Tanauan - Dagami - Burauen - Dulag area and assumed responsibility for its def. Div patrolled and mopped up; secured west Dagami heights and Alto Peak area by 25 Dec.

- 22 Oct 44 381st RCT (in Sixth Army Floating Res) moved ashore and was released to div contrl 27 Oct.
- 27 Oct 44 1st Bn, 383d Inf, became Sixth Army Res; reld and reverted to div contrl 12 Nov.
- 2 Nov 44 CP established vic San Pablo
- 12 Nov 44 381st RCT became Sixth Army Res.  
CP established Luwan.
- 13 Nov 44 CP moved to 1½ miles south of Dagami.
- 19 Nov 44 381st RCT (- 2d Bn) reverted to div contrl.
- 21 Nov 44 CP established vic Guinarona until 17 Dec.
- 23 Nov 44 1st Bn, 382d Inf, reld 2d Bn, 381st, as Sixth Army Res.
- 8 Dec 44 1st Bn, 382d Inf, atchd to 11th A/B Div for opnl contrl.
- 12 Dec 44 Hq and 2d Bn, 382d Inf, atchd to 11th A/B for opnl contrl; reverted to div contrl 14 Dec.
- 25 Dec 44 Leyte declared secure.

26 Dec 44 - 7 Feb 45

Div patrolled and mopped up enemy elms in its zone of action; protected rear area instls, including airfield; reld 11th A/B Div and assumed contrl of its zone; assumed responsibility for security of Samar Isl; protected airstrip and naval base at Samar. During period div alerted for participation in ICEBERG (Okinawa) opn.

26 Jan 45 Div Base Ech arr Leyte.

8 Feb 45

Div (- 382d Inf in Corps Res) directed by XXIV Corps to land 1 Apr on White and Brown Beaches (near Sunabe, Okinawa); defeat and destroy all enemy in zone of action; adv rapidly inland, capture hills along line Sunabe - Sukugawa - Hill 102; seize west and north crests of hill mass south of line Sunabe - Fuenzan - Koza in its zone of action; secure objective line in zone of action and be prepared to cont atk south on corps order; seize river crossings immediately north and south of Chatan; protect corps right (south) flank; establish and maintain contact with 7th Div on left (north) flank, co-ordinating with 7th Div along progress lines.



9 Feb 45 - 10 Feb 45

Div patrolled; mopped up; planned for Okinawa invasion; reld of all tactical responsibility on Leyte 10 Feb.

11 Feb 45 - 31 Mar 45

Div completed plans and loaded supplies and equipment. Trps embarked by 14 Mar; conducted landing rehearsals 17 and 19 Mar near Vincay. LST convoy dep for Okinawa 25 Mar; transport gp dep 27 Mar. Div Adv CP opened aboard USS Neshoba; Fwd CP aboard USS Mendocino; Rear CP aboard USS Olmstead.

1 Apr 45 - 16 Apr 45

Div landed 1 Apr on Brown and White Beaches near Sunabe, drove inland; seized towns of Kue and Sukiran; by end of day had secured landing beaches. Contd to drive east and then south through Kishaba and Yaji; seized Isa, Chiyunna, and Futema 3 Apr; contd south and elms captured Kamiyama, passed through Oyama and Mashiki 4 Apr; seized Uchitomari 8 Apr; made repeated atks against Kakazu Ridge.

1 Apr 45 382d Regt in Corps Res; 3d Bn reld and reverted to div contl. Regt (-) reverted to div contl 2 Apr.

Div Adv CP opened ashore.

2 Apr 45 Div CP opened ashore.

5 Apr 45 Div CP moved to Futema.

16 Apr 45 383d Inf placed in Corps Res.

17 Apr 45 - 23 Apr 45

Div zone of action changed; prepared for atk on Tanabaru - Nishabaru defenses. Seized Kaniku 19 Apr; completed seizure of Tombstone Ridge 20 Apr; by 23 Apr div had secured Tanabaru - Nisabaru Ridge.

24 Apr 45 - 30 Apr 45

Div atkd in Maeda escarpment area; seized Hills 143, 165, and Tanabaru Hill 24 Apr; reld in its zone of action by 77th Div 29 - 30 Apr.

29 Apr 45 383d Inf (assumed) reld fr Corps Res; atchd to 77th Div; (assumed) reverted to div 30 Apr.

1 May 45 - 8 May 45

Div reorg, re-equipped; received and trained replacements.

9 May 45 - 10 May 45

Div reld 7th Div; directed by XXIV Corps to seize high ground east of Shuri in its zone of action, atk fr northwest and west to capture Conical Hill.

11 May 45 - 31 May 45

Div atkd; secured Fox and Charlie Hills 11 May; seized Yonagusuku; 13 May; Mary Hill 14 May; Conical and Kick Hill 15 May; Sugar Hill 21 May; Lone Hill, Queen and Little Queen Hills, and secured Roger Hill, Cutaway Hill, town of Miyagusuku, 30 May. ELms secured Roger - Sparrow hill mass, Tom Hill, Joe Hill, Claire Hill, and Louise Hill 31 May.

1 Jun 45 - 9 Jun 45

Div directed to pursue enemy and uncover final enemy def position; seized and secured many enemy-held hills; captured towns of Tera, Kamizato, Iwa, and Chan; uncovered Japanese final defense line along the Yuza - Yaeju escarpment.

10 Jun 45 - 17 Jun 45

Div atchd and gained contrl of Yuza - Dake - Yaeju - Dake hill mass in its zone of action.

16 Jun 45 305th Inf (77th Div) atchd to 96th Div; reverted to 77th Div 23 Jun.

18 Jun 45 - 22 Jun 45

Mopped up enemy and wiped out enemy strongpoints in its zone of action; cleared out remaining Japanese forces in Makabe - Aragachi - Medsara area.

22 Jun 45 Okinawa declared secure.

23 Jun 45 - 20 Jun 45

Div conducted mopping-up opns north toward Yonabaru.

1 Jul 45 - 21 Jul 45

Div (-) moved into assembly area vic Kamizato, Okinawa, for rehabilitation preparatory to moving to Mindoro, P.I., for rest and tng.

2 Jul 45 Ryukyus Campaign declared officially ended.

22 Jul 45 - 31 Jul 45

Div dep Okinawa for Mindoro, P.I.

1 Aug 45 - 15 Aug 45

Div trained, was re-equipped, and rested.

COMMANDERDATE

Maj Gen James L Bradley

15 Aug 42

Brig Gen Claudius M Easley

9 Jan 45 \*/

Maj Gen James L Bradley

27 Jan 45

Brig Gen Robert G Bard

19 Jul 45

Maj Gen James L Bradley

31 Jul 45

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\* Temporary commanders prior to 9 January 1945, if any, are unknown.

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ASSIGNED TO:DATE

IX Corps	15 Aug 42
IV Corps	15 Mar 43
4th Army	6 Nov 43
III Corps	1 Jan 44
CPBC	19 Jul 44
Tenth Army	10 Feb 45
XXIV Corps	22 Feb 45
Eighth Army	31 Jul 45
XXIV Corps	15 Aug 45

ATTACHED TO:

XXIV Corps	28 Jul 44 - 22 Feb 45
SWPA	18 Oct 44 - 19 Oct 44
Sixth Army	19 Oct 44 - 26 Dec 44
Eighth Army	26 Dec 44 - ?
Eighth Army Area Command	31 Jul 45 - 15 Aug 45

96TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Organic Units

(As of 31 December 1943)

381st Infantry Regiment  
382d Infantry Regiment  
383d Infantry Regiment

96th Reconnaissance Troop (Mech)  
321st Engineer Combat Battalion  
321st Medical Battalion

Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

361st Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
362d Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
363d Field Artillery Battalion (155-mm How)  
921st Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)

Special Troops

Headquarters

Headquarters Company  
Military Police Platoon

96th Quartermaster Company  
96th Signal Company

796th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company

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98TH INFANTRY DIVISION (OR)

15 Sep 42

Div activated Cp Breckinridge, Ky, with sta at Cp Breckinridge.

16 Sep 42 - 30 Aug 43

Engaged in orgn, tng, and preparation for mvmt to Tenn Maneuver Area.

30 Aug 43

Div began dep by ech fr Cp Breckinridge for Tenn Maneuver Area.

31 Aug 43 - 12 Sep 43

Completed mvmt to Tenn Maneuver Area and prepared for participation in maneuvers.

6 Sep 43 CP opened Tenn Maneuver Area; (assumed) closed Cp Breckinridge.

13 Sep 43 - 2 Nov 43

Participated in Second Army maneuvers.

3 Nov 43 - 5 Nov 43

In bivouac at Manchester, Tenn, in preparation for mvmt to Cp Rucker, Ala.

6 Nov 43 - 15 Nov 43

Div dep by ech fr Tenn Maneuver Area for Cp Rucker.

15 Nov 43 CP closed Tenn Maneuver Area; opened Cp Rucker.

16 Nov 43 - 13 Mar 44

Engaged in tng Cp Rucker and preparation for mvmt overseas.

13 Mar 44 - 26 Apr 44

In mvmt fr Cp Rucker to Hawaii.

14 Mar 44 Adv Det dep Cp Rucker; arr Cp Stoneman, Calif, staging area 19 Mar; dep SFPE 24 Mar; arr Hawaii 1 Apr.



- 31 Mar 44 Main body of div began mvmt by ech fr Cp Rucker to SPE.
- 9 Apr 44 Div Hq closed Cp Rucker.
- 13 Apr 44 Div Hq closed SPE; opened aboard USS Willard A. Holbrook. Div Hq and 389th RCT began mvmt for SPE to Hawaii; arr 19 Apr.
- 20 Apr 44 389th RCT moved to Kauai for def of isl and tng. Atchd to Kauai Dist upon arr there.
- 21 Apr 44 391st RCT began mvmt fr SPE to Hawaii; arr 28 Apr.
- 26 Apr 44 Div cmd assumed cmd of Kauai Dist. Div CP opened Kalaheo.

26 Apr 44 - 2 Nov 44

Div (-) asgd mission of responsibility for ground def of Kauai and Maui Dists.

- 28 Apr 44 390th RCT began mvmt fr SPE to Hawaii; arr Hawaii 4 May.
- 0/a 30 Apr 44 391st RCT asgd mission of ground def of Maui Dist. Regt atchd to Maui Dist upon arr there.
- 5 May 44 390th Inf moved to Kauai; atchd to Kauai Div upon arr there.
- 25 May 44 390th RCT dep Kauai for Oahu to rel 38th Inf Div of responsibility for ground def of Oahu; atchd to 38th Div upon arr 26 May.
- 1 Jun 44 390th RCT assumed contl of ground def of Oahu; concurrently, was reld fr atchmt to 38th Div and atchd to USAFICPA.
- 1 Jul 44 390th RCT atchd to CPBC and contd mission of responsibility for ground def of Oahu.

2 Nov 44 - 15 Aug 45

Div, at beginning of period, reld of responsibility for ground def of Kauai and Maui Dists. Div elms assembled on Oahu for intensive tng for future combat. O/a 2 Nov, 391st Inf was reld fr atchmt to Maui Dist. Regts of div contd to be successively responsible for ground def of Oahu under contl of CPBC until 31 May.

- 12 Nov 44 390th RCT (- 390th Inf) reld fr contrl of CPBC to 98th Div.
- 5 Dec 44 389th RCT reld 390th RCT of responsibility for ground def of Oahu; 389th Inf atchd to CPBC. 390th Inf reld fr atchmt to CPBC.
- 1 Feb 45 389th Inf further atchd to Ground Defenses of Oahu.
- 18 Mar 45 391st RCT reld 389th RCT of responsibility for ground def of Oahu under contrl of CPBC. 391st Inf atchd to Ground Defenses of Oahu. 389th Inf reld fr atchmt to Ground Defenses of Oahu and (assumed) reverted to div contrl.
- 31 Mar 45 391st RCT reld of responsibility for ground def of Oahu for tng purposes and (assumed) reverted to div contrl.
- 28 Jul 45 Div alerted for participation in projected atk upon Japanese mainland.
- 15 Aug 45 Div alerted for participation in occupation of Japan.

COMMANDERDATE

Maj Gen Paul L Ransom	15 Sep 42
Maj Gen George W Griner, Jr	18 Nov 43 */
Brig Gen George L Eberle	20 Dec 43
Maj Gen George W Griner, Jr	25 Dec 43
Brig Gen George L Eberle	28 Feb 44
Maj Gen George W Griner, Jr	1 Mar 44
Brig Gen Josef R Sheetz	24 Jun 44
Maj Gen Ralph C Smith	16 Jul 44
Brig Gen Josef R Sheetz	27 Aug 44
Brig Gen Wayne C Zimmerman	16 Oct 44
Brig Gen Arthur M Harper	23 Oct 44
Maj Gen Arthur M Harper (Promotion)	6 Feb 45

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\* Between 15 November 1942 and 18 November 1943, Brig. Gen. George L. Eberle commanded the division on two separate occasions. The exact dates covering these periods are not known. Evidence supporting this statement is drawn from the fact that GO 10, 24 August 1943 was issued under the authority of General Eberle, although orders immediately preceding and following 10 (GO 9, 13 August 1943 and GO 11, 2 October 1943) were published by direction of Maj. Gen. Paul L. Ransom. An identical situation occurs again on 16 November 1943, when GO 18 (rescinded), 16 November 1943, and GO 19, bearing the same date, carried the command line of General Eberle, while GO 17, 29 October 1943, immediately preceding GO 18, was published by command of General Ransom, and GO 20, 19 November 1943, immediately following GO 19, covered the assumption of command of the division by Maj. Gen. George W. Griner, Jr.

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<u>ASSIGNED TO:</u>	<u>DATE</u>
III Corps	15 Sep 42
IV Armored Corps */	16 Jul 43
XX Corps */	9 Oct 43
III Corps	15 Nov 43
IX Corps	14 Jan 44
USAFICPA	19 Apr 44
CPBC	1 Jul 44
IX Corps	14 May 45
USAFPOA	22 Jun 45
USAFMIDPAC	1 Jul 45

\* IV Armored Corps redesignated XX Corps 9 October 1943.

98TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Organic Units

(As of 1 December 1943)

389th Infantry Regiment  
390th Infantry Regiment  
391st Infantry Regiment

98th Reconnaissance Troop (Mecz)  
323d Engineer Combat Battalion  
323d Medical Battalion

Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

367th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
368th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
369th Field Artillery Battalion (155-mm How)  
923d Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)

Special Troops

Headquarters

Headquarters Company  
Military Police Platoon

98th Quartermaster Company  
98th Signal Company

798th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company

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History 98th Division.

AMERICAL DIVISION (AUS)

14 Jan 42

TF 6814, composed of elms fr various parts of U.S., org at Hq NYPE, Brooklyn, N.Y. Force included hq and det, two inf regts, and additional miscellaneous units. Mission of force was occupation and def of New Caledonia, in Southwest Pacific.

23 Jan 42

Force dep NYPE; hq opened USS Argentina.

24 Jan 42 - 25 Feb 42

Convoy en route to Australia.

26 Feb 42

Convoy arr Australia.

27 Feb 42 - 5 Mar 42

Force debarked; trps dispersed in five major areas. Force staff engaged in orientation and planning for occupation of New Caledonia. Convoy reloaded.

6 Mar 42

Convoy dep Australia.

7 Mar 42 - 11 Mar 42

En route to New Caledonia.

12 Mar 42

Convoy arr New Caledonia. TF hq closed USS Argentina; opened Noumea.

13 Mar 42 - 23 May 42

Engaged in organizing and planning for def of New Caledonia and key isls in vic, including New Hebrides.

9 Apr 42 TF Fwd CP establish La Foa.

19 Apr 42 164th Inf arr New Caledonia.

1 May 42 TF Fwd CP closed La Foa; opened Paita.

23 May 42 TF Hq closed Noumea; opened Paita.

24 May 42

Americal Div constituted and org as nontriangular div in New Caledonia fr units asgd to TF 6814. Div assumed responsibility for mission originally asgd TF 6814.

25 May 42 - 16 Oct 42

Div engaged in orgn and planning for def of New Caledonia, and tng.

19 Sep 42 Div reorg into Mobile, Base, and Air Force Comds. Mobile Comd included all combat trps except Army Air Forces, 70th CA Regt (AA), Signal Corps units, and Fighting French forces. Base Comd included all sv units except Signal units and sv units asgd to Army Air Forces. Air Force Comd included all Army Air Forces units and units of other svcs asgd to Army Air Forces. Trps remaining under direct contrl CG Americal Div included Div Hq Det; Hq Co, 51st Inf Brig; 39th MP Co; 70th CA Regt (AA); Signal Corps units and instls (less Signal Supply and Signal units asgd to Army Air Forces); and Fighting French forces.

7 Oct 42 164th Inf alerted for mvmt to Guadalcanal.

9 Oct 42 164th Inf dep New Caledonia for Guadalcanal.

13 Oct 42 164th Inf arr Guadalcanal; atchd to 1st Marine Div; reld Marine units in Sector Two of Lunga perimeter and assumed comd of sector. Regt participated in def of enemy atk on Henderson Fld, and elms took part in first offensive to west across Matanikau River toward Kokumbona, and in battle of Koli Point. Regt in def position in Div Res 12 - 18 Nov.

16 Oct 42 CG Americal Div directed by COMGENSOPAC to alert div (-) for possible mvmt to Guadalcanal.

17 Oct 42 - 8 Dec 42

Div (-) engaged in tng, preparation, and mvmt to Guadalcanal.

10 Nov 42 Base Comd Americal Div on New Caledonia redesig Sv Comd, to operate under direct contrl of CG SOS, South Pacific Area.



12 Nov 42 182d Inf (- 3d Bn) arr Guadalcanal. Regt asgd position west sector of Lunga perimeter; engaged in orgn and preparation for combat to 17 Nov. Regt (- 3d Bn), with 164th Inf and 8th Marines, under tac contrl of CG west sector (Asst Div Comdr, Americal Div), participated in renewed offensive toward Kokumbona and Poha River fr 18 to 23 Nov. 164th and 182d (-) Regts occupied def positions fr 24 Nov to 8 Dec.

18 Nov 42\* The I ISCOM org on New Caledonia fr units asgd or atchd to Americal Div not desig for mvmt to Guadalcanal.

8 Dec 42 Americal Div Hq and 132d Inf (- 1st Bn) arr Guadalcanal.

9 Dec 42

CG Americal Div assumed comd of Guadalcanal-Tulagi area; reld CG 1st Marine Div of contrl of combat opn on Guadalcanal. Comd included Guadalcanal airfields, seaplane base at Tulagi, naval bases, and trps of all svcs. Americal Div units under contrl 1st Marine Div reverted to contrl Americal Div.

10 Dec 42 - 15 Jan 43

Div (-) occupied def positions.

16 Dec 42 132d Inf (- 2d Bn) placed under opnl contrl CO Matanikau sector; on 17 Dec initiated atk to occupy Mt Austen. 2d Bn released to regtl contrl 31 Dec; regt seized Hill 27 on 2 Jan; directed to dig in and consolidate its position; held line until reld 10 Jan.

5 Jan 43 CG Americal Div reld of responsibility for comd Guadalcanal-Tulagi area by CG XIV Corps.

16 Jan 43 - 9 Feb 43

Div (-) occupied def positions on perimeter.

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Records indicate the existence of the Command before 18 November and point to the probability of its reestablishment on or about 10 November.

16 Jan 43 182d Inf (-3d Bn) atchd to 2d Marine Div (on 21 Jan temporarily desig Composite Army and Marine (CAM) Div.\* Regt (-) participated in adv of CAM Div up coast with Kokumbona as objective, and final push to Poha River. Regt (-) released fr contl CAM Div 30 Jan.

10 Feb 43 - 21 Feb 43

Div (-) occupied def position.

22 Feb 43

Div alerted for mvmt fr Guadalcanal to Fiji Isls.

23 - 28 Feb 43

Engaged in preparation for mvmt to Fiji Isls.

1 Mar 43 - 10 Apr 43

Div in mvmt to Fiji Isls.

1 Mar 43 First ech, including 164th Inf, dep Guadalcanal.

5 Mar 43 First ech arr Fiji.

23 Mar 43 Second ech, including Div Hq and 182d Inf, dep Guadalcanal.

29 Mar 43 Second ech arr Fiji. Div CP opened Vunayasa, Viti Levu. Div asgd mission of def of W sector of Fiji, and tng.

6 Apr 43 Third ech, including 132d Inf, dep Guadalcanal.

10 Apr 43 Third ech arr Fiji.

11 Apr 43 - 31 Oct 43

Engaged in def of W sector of Fiji and tng.

1 May 43 Div reorg. Hq and Hq Co 51st Inf Brig redesig Hq and Hq Co Americal Div; Hq and Hq Det TF 6814 disbanded, and pers and equipment transferred to Hq and Hq Co Americal Div.

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The Composite Army and Marine Division consisted of Headquarters' 2d Marine Division, and the 6th Marines, with the 182d Infantry (-3d Battalion) and 147th Infantry attached and the 2d Marine and Americal Division artillery units.

1 Oct 43 Div reorg. Hq Special Trps act at Fiji and asgd to Div.

1 Nov 43

Div placed in area res for Bougainville opn and reld fr duty with II (Fiji) ISCOM except def emergency.

2 Nov 43 - 17 Dec 43

Engaged in preparation for mvmt to Bougainville.

17 Dec 43 - 12 Jan 44

Div in mvmt to Bougainville.

17 Dec 43 First ech, including Det Div Hq and 164th Inf, began embarkation at Fiji.

20 Dec 43 Second ech, including 182d Inf, began embarkation at Fiji.

25 Dec 43 First ech arr Bougainville. Div elm began rel of Marine units, which continued progressively as elm arr to 10 Jan.

28 Dec 43 Second ech arr Bougainville. CG Americal Div assumed comd of E sector def area (Empress Augusta Bay), relieving CG 3d Marine Div. Div mission was perimeter def of bomber and fighter strips, Empress Augusta Bay area. Div CP established near Marine Drive, vic Empress Augusta Bay.

1 Jan 44 Third ech, including 132d Inf, began embarkation at Fiji.

4 Jan 44 Fourth ech, including remainder Div Hq, began embarkation at Fiji.

9 Jan 44 Third ech arr Bougainville.

12 Jan 44 Fourth ech arr Bougainville.

13 Jan 44 - 10 Dec 44

Div engaged in active def and extension of perimeter. In Jan elms destroyed enemy pillbox concentration E of mouth of Torokina River and extended perimeter 300 yards to E; in Mar repulsed enemy attempt to seize key Hill 260; in Apr pushed enemy E of Mavavia River and secured Hill Masses 165, 155, 500, and 501 and Hills 65 and 280, extending outpost line beyond Torokina River. During latter part of period all elms engaged in aggressive patrolling in Torokina, Numa Numa, and Laruma areas, and in tng. Div reld by 3d Australian Div 10 Dec.

- 24 Mar 44 2d Bn, 164th Inf, placed under opnl contrl of 37th Inf Div. Bn reld fr atchmt and reverted to div contrl 28 Mar.
- 28 Mar 44 25th RCT (93d Div) atchd to Americal Div.
- 29 Mar 44 1st Bn, 24th Inf (Sep), reld fr opnl contrl of 37th Inf Div; placed under contrl of Americal Div.
- 2 Apr 44 2d Bn, 25th Inf (93d Div), reld fr atchmt to Americal Div; atchd to 37th Div.
- 4 Apr 44 2d Bn, 25th Inf (93d Div), reld fr atchmt to 37th Div; reverted atchmt to Americal Div.
- 20 May 44 2d Bn, 25th Inf (93d Div), reld fr atchmt to Americal Div; reverted to contrl of XIV Corps.
- 12 Jun 44 25th RCT (93d Div) reld fr atchmt to Americal Div; reverted to XIV Corps contrl.

11 Dec 44 - 17 Dec 44

Div elms engaged in amph tng.

18 Dec 44

Div elms alerted for mvmt fr Bougainville to Leyte, P.I.

19 Dec 44 - 7 Jan 45

Engaged in preparation for mvmt to Leyte.

8 Jan 45 - 28 Jan 45

Div (-) in mvmt to Leyte.

- 8 Jan 45 First ech, including 164th Inf, dep Bougainville for Leyte.
- 9 Jan 45 Adv Ech moved by air fr Bougainville to Leyte; arr 14 Jan.
- 21 Jan 45 First ech arr Leyte.
- 25 Jan 45 Div CP established Capocan.

26 Jan 45 Div directed by X Corps to garrison Catbalogan and Samar, and rel XXIV Corps elms in that area by 1 Feb; rel XXIV Corps units of tac mission on Leyte NW of line Jaro - Valencia - Palompon, inclusive, effective 5 Feb; and, as trps arr, rel remaining units of XXIV Corps on Leyte except for guard detail asgd to Filipino units on E coast of Leyte. 132d Inf arr Leyte.

28 Jan 45 182d Inf arr Leyte. 1st Bn, 182d Inf, under X Corps contl reld elms of XXIV Corps at Catbalogan on Samar.

29 Jan 45 - 10 Mar 45

Div completed rel of XXIV Corps units on Leyte and engaged in opn to clear enemy fr Leyte, Samar, and San Bernardino Strait. Div elms drove to W coast of Leyte and pushed bulk of enemy forces into concentrated areas vic Villaba - Sulpa - Hibulang - Jinagnatan in opn to destroy remaining enemy strongholds on isl.

2 Feb 45 Div Adv CP moved to Valencia.

19 Feb 45 1st Bn, 182d Inf, as part of Samar TF, \* made simultaneous landings at Allen on NW coast of Samar and on Capul Isl on 19 Feb; on 20 Feb landed on Macarite and Biri Isls. Opn cleared S side of San Bernardino Strait fr Bugko Point on N coast of Samar through Balicutros Isls and westward to Capul and Naranjo Isls. 1st Bn, 182d Inf, returned to Leyte on 7 Mar and reverted to regtl contl.

3 Mar 45 1st Bn, 132d Inf landed on Burias and Ticao Isls and by 10 Mar eliminated enemy concentration on Burias Isl.

7 Mar 45 Div (- 164th Inf in Eighth Army Res) desig by CG Eighth Army as task force for Cebu opn (VICTOR II), with primary mission of liberation of Cebu. Opn included seizure and occupation of Negros Oriental and Bohol Isl.

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The 1st Battalion, 182d Infantry, reinforced, was on Samar when the command designated as Headquarters (Provisional) USAF Samar (commanded by Brig. Gen. LeCount H. Slocum) arrived there. The Battalion was attached to, and served as the major U.S. infantry component of, the task force throughout its operations in northern Samar and San Bernardino Strait.

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10 Mar 45 Div (- 164th Inf) reld of responsibility for mission on Leyte.

164th Inf placed under contrl Eighth Army Area Comd to continue primary mission in W Leyte and secondary mission in Ormoc - Valencia sector.

11 Mar 45

1st Bn, 132d Inf, returned to Leyte.

12 Mar 45 - 21 Mar 45

Div (-) engaged in preparation for mvmt fr Leyte.

21 Mar 45 Div CP opened aboard USS Spencer.

22 Mar 45

Div (-) in mvmt to rehearsal area.

23 Mar 45

Div (-) conducted rehearsal Leyte Gulf.

164th Inf reld of mission on Leyte.

24 Mar 45 - 26 Mar 45

Div (-) in mvmt to Cebu.

26 Mar 45

Div (-) landed on E coast of Cebu vic Talisay. Div comdr assumed comd ashore; Div CP transferred fr USS Spencer.

26 Mar 45 - 20 Jun 45

Div engaged in destruction of enemy on Cebu and Bohol, and liberation of Negros Oriental. Elms on Cebu captured Cebu City; occupied Opon airfield on Mactan Isl; cleared hills N and NW of Cebu City; captured Babag Ridge. After securing Cebu City area, div, by series of assaults on E and W coast, cleared N Cebu.

5 Apr 45 164th Inf returned to div contrl.

10 Apr 45 Elms 164th Inf arr Cebu.

- 11 Apr 45 3d Bn, 164th Inf, landed at Tagbilaran on Bohol Isl; 15 - 25 Apr destroyed enemy forces between Ginopolan and Sierra Bullones. Remaining elms of 164th Inf arr Cebu.
- 26 Apr 45 164th Inf (- 3d Bn) landed vic Looc on Negros Oriental; atkd generally W toward enemy defs in Ticala area. Atk shifted to S in mountainous terrain 17 - 28 May; org resistance destroyed by defeat of enemy in Balasbalas area 7 - 12 Jun.
- 14 May 45 3d Bn, 164th Inf, atchd to 108th RCT (40th Div) under Eighth Army contl for opn on Mindanao, P.I. (108th RCT, with 3d Bn, 164th Inf, atchd, was atchd to X Corps 25 May 45).
- 7 Jun 45 3d Bn 164th Inf atchd to 31st Div.
- 16 Jun 45 3d Bn, 164th Inf, reld fr 31st Div contl; reverted to X Corps contl.
- 17 Jun 45 3d Bn, 164th Inf, returned to div contl.

20 Jun 45

Cebu - Bohol - Negros Oriental opn officially terminated.

21 Jun 45 - 15 Aug 45

Div engaged in tng for invasion of Japan.

- 1 Jul 45 164th RCT (- 1 bn) atchd Eighth Army Area Comd.
- 13 Jul 45 164th RCT (- 1 bn) reld fr atchmt Eighth Army Area Comd. 132d RCT (- 1 bn) atchd Eighth Army Area Comd
- 12 Aug 45 164th RCT (- 1 bn) atchd Eighth Army Area Comd. 132d RCT (- 1 bn) reld fr atchmt to Eighth Army Area Comd.

COMMANDERDATETF 6814

Brig Gen Alexander M Patch, Jr	23 Jan 42
Maj Gen Alexander M Patch, Jr (Promotion)	10 Mar 42

Americal Division

Maj Gen Alexander M Patch, Jr	24 May 42
Brig Gen Edmund B Sebree	1 Jan 43
Maj Gen John R Hodge	29 May 43
Brig Gen William R Woodward	27 Jul 43
Brig Gen Edmund B Sebree	3 Aug 43
Maj Gen John R Hodge	16 Aug 43
Brig Gen William R Woodward	22 Sep 43
Maj Gen John R Hodge	4 Oct 43
Brig Gen William R Woodward	24 Oct 43
Maj Gen John R Hodge	3 Nov 43
Brig Gen William A McCulloch	30 Nov 43
Maj Gen John R Hodge	8 Dec 43
Maj Gen Robert B McClure	1 Apr 44
Brig Gen LeCount H Slocum	4 Jun 44
Maj Gen Robert B McClure	18 Jun 44
Brig Gen LeCount H Slocum	27 Aug 44
Maj Gen Robert B McClure	2 Sep 44
Brig Gen William H Arnold	4 Nov 44



COMMANDER continued

DATE

Maj Gen William H Arnold (Promotion)

13 Nov 44 \*/

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\* During the period June - August 1945, when the division was on Cebu, General Arnold was absent for some time on a temporary tour of duty in the United States. In his absence the division was under the command of Brig. Gen. LeCount H. Slocum, except for approximately ten days when the latter was on temporary duty on Luzon. During General Slocum's absence, the Americal Division was commanded by Brig. Gen. Eugene W. Ridings. The exact dates covering each officer's command during this three months' period are not known.

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ASSIGNED TO:DATETask Force 6814

War Department

14 Jan 42

Americal Division

War Department

24 May 42

USAFISPA

26 Jul 42

XIV Corps

2 Jan 43

USAFISPA

29 Mar 43

XIV Corps

15 Jun 44

Eighth Army

22 Jan 45

XI Corps

1 Jul 45

Eighth Army

15 Aug 45

ATTACHED TO:

II ISCOM

29 Mar 43 - 14 Dec 43

XIV Corps

15 Dec 43 - 14 Jun 44

USAF NORSOLS

15 Nov 44 - 31 Jan 45

X Corps

1 Feb 45 - 24 Feb 45

Eighth Army Area Command

24 Feb 45 - 10 Mar 45

XI Corps

15 Aug 45

AMERICAL DIVISION

Organic Units

(As of 31 December 1943)

132d Infantry Regiment  
164th Infantry Regiment  
182d Infantry Regiment

21st Reconnaissance Troop (Mecz)  
57th Engineer Combat Battalion  
121st Medical Battalion

Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

221st Field Artillery Battalion (155-mm How)  
245th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
246th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)  
247th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm How)

Special Troops

Headquarters

Headquarters Company  
Military Police Platoon

125th Quartermaster Company  
26th Signal Company

721st Ordnance Light Maintenance Company

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AGF	Army Ground Forces; Army Garrison Forces (in connection with an APO Number or a place name)
ALFSEA	Allied Land Forces, Southeast Asia
Amph	Amphibious, amphibian
AP	Transport
APO	Army Post Office
AP&SC	Army Post and Service Command
Arr	Arrival
Arty	Artillery
ASCOM	Army Service Command
ASCOM-C	Army Service Command-C
ASCOM-I	Army Service Command-I
ASCOM-O	Army Service Command-O
ASF	Army Service Forces
Asgd	Assigned
Asgat	Assignment
AT	Antitank
ATC	Air Transport Command
Atchd	Attached
Atchmt	Attachment
ATF	Army Task Force
ATG	Alaskan Territorial Guard
Atk	Attack
Aus	Australia
Avn	Aviation
AW	Automatic weapons (in connection with CA and AAA units only); Aircraft Warning (in connection with Signal units only)

BCT	Battalion Combat Team
BDF	Bataan Defense Force
BH	Beachhead
Bks	Barracks
BLT	Battalion landing team
Bn	Battalion
Br	Branch
Brig	Brigade, brigadier
Btry	Battery
CA	Coast Artillery
CAI	Chinese Army in India
CAM	Composite Army and Marine (Division)
Cav	Cavalry
CBI	China-Burma-India Theater
CCC	Chinese Combat Command
Cen	Center, central
CG	Commanding general
CIC	Counter Intelligence Corps
CINCAFPAC	Commander in Chief, U.S. Army Forces, Pacific
CINCPAC	Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet
CINCSWPA	Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area
Civ	Civilian
Cml	Chemical
CO	Commanding officer
Co	Company
CofS	Chief of Staff

COMAIRNORSOLS	Commander, Air, Northern Solomons
COMAIRSOL	Commander, Air, Solomons
COMAMPHORSOPAC	Commander Amphibous Force, South Pacific
Comd	Command
Comdr	Commander
Comdt	Commandant
COMGENPAC	Commanding General, Pacific
COMGENPOA	Commanding General, Pacific Ocean Areas
Comp	Composite
CONCOR	Construction Corps
Const	Construction
Cont	Continue
Contl	Control
COSC	Combined Operational Service Command
CP	Camp
CPA	Central Pacific Area
CPBC	Central Pacific Base Command
CPE	Charleston Port of Embarkation
CT	China Theater; combat team
CTC	Combat Training Command
CT&CC	Chinese Training and Combat Command
CW	Chemical Warfare
CWO	Chemical Warfare Officer
CZ	Communication Zone
DCofS	Deputy Chief of Staff
Def	Defense, defensive, defend



Dep	Departed, departure
Dept	Department
Desig	Designated
Det	Detach, detachment
Dist	District
Div	Division
Ech	Echelon
Eff	Effective
Elm	Element
ENCOM	Engineer Construction Command
Engr	Engineer
Est	Established
Exec	Executive
FA	Field artillery
FEAF	Far East Air Force
Fld	Field
Fr	From
Ft	Fort
Fwd	Forward
GDO	Ground Defenses of Oahu
Gen	General
GENED	General Engineer District
GHQ	General headquarters
GO	General order
Gp	Group

HAAAC	Hawaiian Antiaircraft Artillery Command
HCAC	Hawaiian Coast Artillery Command
HD	Harbor Defense; Hawaiian Department
Hq	Headquarters
HRPE	Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation
HSAC	Hawaiian Seacoast Artillery Command
Hwn	Hawaiian
Hwy	Highway
IBT	India, Burma Theater
I&E	Information and Education
IG	Inspector General
Inact	Inactivated; inactivation
Inf	Infantry
Instl	Installation
Intel	Intelligence
INTERSEC	Intermediate Section
ISCOM	Island command
Isl	Island
ITC	Infantry Training Center
JA	Judge Advocate
JAG	Judge Advocate General
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff
LAPE	Los Angeles Port of Embarkation
LED	Leyte Engineer District
LF	Landing Force; Luzon Force

LUBSEC	Luzon Base Section
LUZED	Luzon Engineer District
Mecz	Mechanized
MF	Mindanao Force
MLL	Military
MM	Medium Maintenance
MP	Military Police
Mt	Mountain
Mtz	Motorize
Mvmt	Movement
NB	New Britain
NCAC	Northern Combat Area Command
NG	National Guard
N.G.	New Guinea
NGOF	New Georgia Occupation Force
NL	Northern Luzon
NLF	North Luzon Force; Northern Landing Force
NLLF	Northern Luzon Landing Force
NOPE	New Orleans Port of Embarkation
NORSOL	Northern Solomons
NPA	North Pacific Area
NPLF	Northern Troops and Landing Force
NUGSEC	New Guinea Base Section
NYPE	New York Port of Embarkation
NZSC	New Zealand Service Command
O/a	On or about

OCS	Officer Candidate School
Off	Office; officer
Opn	Operation
Opnl	Operational
OR	Organized Reserve
Ord	Ordnance
Org	Organize
Orgn	Organization; organizational
OSS	Office of Strategic Services
Pac	Pacific
PCAC	Philippine Coast Artillery Command
Pers	Personnel
PHIBSEC	Philippine Base Section
P.I.	Philippine Islands
Plat	Platoon
PM	Provost Marshall
POA	Pacific Ocean Areas
POE	Port of Embarkation
PPE	Portland Port of Embarkation
Precht	Parachute
Prov	Provisional
PS	Philippine Scouts
PW	Prisoner of war
QM	Quartermaster
R	Rivers

RA	Regular Army
RAAF	Royal Australian Air Force
Rcn	Reconnaissance
RCT	Regimental Combat Team
R/E	Record of Events
Redesig	Redesignate
Regt	Regiment
Regtl	Regimental
Reinf	Reinforced
Rel(d)	Relief; relieved
Relg	Relieving
Reorg	Reorganize
Repl	Replace, replacement
Res	Reserve
ROTC	Reserve Officer Training Corps
Rpt	Report
RTA	Ramgarh Training Area
RTC	Replacement Training Command; Ramgarh Training Center
SACSEA	Supreme Allied Commander, Southeast Asia
SCAP	Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers
SEAC	Southeast Asia Command
Sec	Section
Sect	Sector
Sep	Separate

SPFE	San Francisco Port of Embarkation
Sig	Signal
SISAC	Southern Island Area Command
SL	South Luzon
SIF	South Luzon Force; Southern Landing Force
SOPAC	South Pacific
SOS	Services of Supply
Sp	Special
SPA	South Pacific Area
SPBC	South Pacific Base Command
Sq	Squadron
SSO	Special Services Officer
Sta	Station
STLF	Southern Troops and Landing Force
Sv	Service
SvC	Service Command
SWPA	Southwest Pacific Area
Tac	Tactical
TC	Transportation Corps
Tec	Technical
TF	Task Force
TFSP	Task Force South Pacific
T.H.	Territory of Hawaii
Tk	Tank
Tng	Training

Trans	Transport, transportation
Trf	Transfer, transferred
Trps	Troops
TU	Task Unit
USAF	U.S. Army Forces
USAFFE	U.S. Army Forces in the Far East
USAFIA	U.S. Army Forces in Australia
USAFICPA	U.S. Army Forces in the Central Pacific Area
USAFIP	U.S. Army Forces in the Philippines
USAFISPA	U.S. Army Forces in the South Pacific Area
USAFMIDPAC	U.S. Army Forces in the Middle Pacific
USAFPOA	U.S. Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas
USASOS	U.S. Army Services of Supply, Southwest Pacific Area
USFIP	U.S. Forces in the Philippines
VF	Visayan Force
Vic	Vicinity
VMF	Visayan-Mindanao Force
WD	War Department
WDC	Western Defense Command
WPBC	Western Pacific Base Command
Wpn	Weapon
Y-FOS	Y-Force Operations Staff
Z-FOS	Z-Force Operations Staff
ZI	Zone of Interior

## APPENDIX B

### LIST OF PLACE NAMES

Adak	Isl, cen Andreanof Isls, Aleutian Isls, SW Alaska
Admiralties	Isl Gp, Bismarck Arch, W Pacific Ocean, N of New Guinea
Agra	Dist and city, United Provs, N India; city in Dist on R bank of Jumna River, SE of Delhi
Ahioma	Village, SE Papua, New Guinea on N shore Milne Bay
Aiea	Town, S Oahu, Hawaii, on E shore Pearl Harbor
Aitape	Dist and town, NW North-east New Guinea; town NW of Wewak
Aitutaki	Isl, NW Cook Isls, W of Society Isls
Alabang	Town, Rizal Prov, Luzon, P.I., on W shore Laguna de Bay
Albay	Prov, SE Luzon, P.I.
Aleutians	Chain of Isls, W of Alaska Penin, separating Bering Sea from N Pacific Ocean, SW Alaska
Allahabad	Dist and city, United Provs, N India; city SE of Agra
Amchitka	Isl, E end Rat Isls Gp, Aleutian Isls, SE of Kiska Isl
Amsterdam	Isl, W Pacific Ocean, N of Vogelkop Penin, Neth New Guinea
Anchorage	Dist and city, S cen Alaska; city NW of Seward
Anguar	Isl, S end Palau Isls, SSW of Peleliu
Angeles	Municipality, NW cen Pampanga Prov, P.I., S of Tarlac



Annette	Isl, SE Alaska, S of Ketchikan
Apamama (or Abemama)	Isl (atoll) cen Gilbert Isls, S of Makin Isl
Arara	Village, N coast Neth New Guinea, NW of Hollandia
Arawe	Village, SW coast New Britain Isl, NE of Finschhafen
Arundel	Isl, off NW tip New Georgia Isl, N of Rendova
Asia	Gp of Isls, Neth Indies, NW of Vogelkop Penin, NW New Guinea
Assam	Prov, NE India, NE of Bengal
Atka	Isl, Andreanof Isls, cen Aleutian Isls, SW of Unalaska Isl
Attu	Isl, Near Isls Gp, most westerly of Aleutian Isls
Auckland	Dist and seaport city, N New Zealand; City N of Wellington
Bacalod	City, NW coast Negros Occidental, Negros, P.I.
Baker	Isl (atoll) cen Pacific Ocean, E of Gilbert
Balikpapan	Town, SE Borneo, Neth Indies, Malay Arch
Ballarat	City, S cen Victoria, SE Australia, W of Melbourne
Banika	Isl, Russell Isls, cen Solomon Isls, NW of Guadalcanal
Barrackpore	Town, W Bengal, India, N of Calcutta
Bataan	Prov, W Luzon, P.I., forming penin on W side Manila Bay
Batangas	Prov and municipality, S Luzon, P.I.; city on NE coast Batangas Bay, S of Manila
Beaudesert	Town, SE Queensland, Australia S of Brisbane
Bendigo	City, cen Victoria, Australia NW of Melbourne
Bengal	Former Prov, NE Brit India, bounded on S by Bay of Bengal

Bethel	Village, near mouth of Kuskokwim River, SW Alaska, W of Anchorage
Bhemo	Dist and town, NE Burma; town S of Myitkyina
Biak	Isl, Schouten Isls, off N coast of Neth New Guinea
Big Delta	Village, E cen Alaska, SE of Fairbanks
Bohol	Isl, Visayan Isls, S cen P.I., N of Mindanao
Bombay	Prov and city, W cen coast of India; city on Bombay Isl
Bora Bora	Isl, Leeward Isls, NW Society Isls, NE of Cook Isls
Borneo	Isl, Malay Arch, SW of P.I.
Bougainville	Isl, N Solomon Isls, ESE of New Britain Isl
Bourail	Town, W cen coast New Caledonia Isl, NW of Noumea
Bras	Isl, NE Mapia Isls, off N coast Neth New Guinea
Brisbane	City, SE Queensland, Australia
Bulacan	Prov and municipality, cen Luzon, P.I.; town SW part of Prov, N of Manila Bay
Buna	Village, N coast E Papua, New Guinea, NE of Port Moresby
Bungana	Isl, S cen Solomon Isls, N of Guadalcanal Isl
Burias	Isl, N cen P.I., SE of Luzon, P.I.
Cabanatuan	Municipality, Nueva Ecija Prov, Luzon, P.I.; N of Manila
Cairns	Seaport, NE Queensland, Australia, NW of Brisbane
Calamba	Municipality, S shore Laguna de Bay, W Laguna Prov, Luzon
Calasiao	Municipality, cen Pangasinan Prov, Luzon; P.I., E of Lingayen
Calcutta	City, SW Bengal, NE India

Caloocan	Municipality, NW Rizal Prov, Luzon, P.I., N of Manila
Camp Deolali	Military Installation, Bombay, India
Camp Earle	Military Installation, Attu Isl, Aleutian Isls
Canton	Isl (atoll) N Phoenix Isls, ESE of Gilbert Isls
Cape Cretin	Cape, NE coast of North-east New Guinea, S of Finschhafen
Cape Gloucester	Cape, NW tip of New Britain Isl
Carigara	Municipality, on Carigara Bay, N Leyte Isl, P.I.
Carolines	Group of Isl (arch) W Pacific Ocean, E of S P.I.
Cebu	Isl, Visayan Isls, E cen P.I., E of Negros Isl
Celebes	Isl, Malay Arch, Neth Indies, S of P.I.
Ceylon	Isl, Indian Ocean, off SE tip of India
Chabua	Village, NE Assam, NE India, NE of Calcutta
Chengtu	City, Szechwan Prov, S cen China, NW of Chungking
Chihkiang	City, W Yunnan Prov, SE cen China, WSW of Changsha
Chilkoot	Pass, N Rocky Mts, Yukon Terr, Canada
Christmas	Isl, Line Isls, cen Pacific Ocean, S of Hawaii
Chungking	City, capital of China, S Szechwan Prov, S cen China
Cold Bay	Bay, SW end Alaska Penin, SW Alaska
Colombo	Seaport and city. SW coast Ceylon, SE S tip of India
Cook Isls	Group of Isls, S Pacific Ocean, SW of Society Isls
Cordova	Town, SE corner Prince William Sound, SE Alaska, NW of Yakutat

Corregidor	Isl Gp and Isl in entrance to Manila Bay, P.I.; main Isl of Gp off S point of Bataan
Cotabato	Prov and municipality, SW Mindanao, P.I.; municipality on SW cen coast
Dagupan	Municipality, S shore Lingayen Gulf, N Pangasinan Prov, Luzon, P.I.
Darwin	Seaport city, on Port Darwin, Northern Terr, Australia
Davao	Prov and city, SE Mindanao, PI; city on NW shore Davao Gulf
Del Monte	Town, N Bukidnon Prov, N Mindanao, P.I., SE of Cagayan
Dhubri	Town, NW Assam, NE India, NNE of Calcutta
Dinagat	Isl, Surigao Prov, N of NE point of Mindanao, P.I.
Dobodura	Settlement, NE Papua, New Guinea, S of Buna
Dreger Harbor	Harbor, NE North-east New Guinea, vic Cape Cretin
Dulag	Municipality, E coast Leyte, P.I., S of Tanauan
Dutch Harbor	Port and village, E Amaknak Isl, on N side of end of Unalaska Isl, Aleutian Isls
Efate	Isl, cen New Hebrides Isls, SW Pacific Ocean, S of Espiritu Santo Isl
Emirau	Isl, St Matthias Gp, Bismarck Arch, NE of Admiralty Isls
Empress Augusta Bay	Inlet, Solomon Sea on W coast Bougainville Isl, NW Solomon Isls
Engebi	Islet, Eniwetok Atoll, NW Marshall Isls
Eniwetok	Atoll, NW Marshall Isls, NE of Truk Isls
Espiritu Santo	Isl, NW New Hebrides, NE of New Caledonia
Ewa	Dist and town, S Oahu, Hawaii; town in Dist at W end of Pearl Harbor

Excursion Inlet	Inlet and village, Icy Strait, SE Alaska, W of Juneau
Fairbanks	Town, cen Alaska, NE of Anchorage
Fais	Isl, Western Carolines Isls, SE of Ulithi Atoll
Fani	Isl, N Asia Isls, NW of NW New Guinea
Fanildo	Isl, NW Mapia Isls, off N coast Neth New Guinea
Farah	Prov and town, SW Afghanistan, W Asia; town in Prov, S of Herat
Fiji	Isl Gp, SW Pacific Ocean, E of New Hebrides
Finschhafen	Settlement, SE coast North-east New Guinea, at extremity of Huon Penin, ENE of Lae
Florida	Isl, SE Solomon Isls, N of cen Guadalcanal
Floridablanca	Municipality, W Pampanga Prov, Luzon, P.I.
Fort Armstrong	Military Installation, Oahu, Hawaii
Fort De Russy	Military Installation, Oahu, Hawaii
Fort Glenn	Military Installation, Unak Isl, Aleutian Isls
Fort Greely	Military Installation, Kodiak, S Alaska
Fort Hase	Military Installation, Oahu, Hawaii
Fort Kamehameha	Military Installation, Oahu, Hawaii
Fort Mears	Military Installation, Dutch Harbor, NE Unalaska Aleutian Isls
Fort Mills	Military Installation, Corregidor Isl, P.I.
Fort Morrow	Military Installation, Port Heiden, N cen Alaska Penin, SW Alaska
Fort Randall	Military Installation, SW Alaska Penin, SW Alaska
Fort Ray	Military Installation, Sitka, SE Alaska, SW of Juneau

Fort Raymond	Military Installation, Seward, Kenai Penin, S Alaska
Fort Richardson	Military Installation, Anchorage, S cen Alaska
Fort Ruger	Military Installation, Oahu, Hawaii
Fort Shafter	Military Installation, Oahu, Hawaii
Fort Stotsenburg	Military Installation, Pampanga Prov, Luzon, P.I., S of Tarlac
Freemantle	Municipality, SW Australia, suburb of city of Perth
Gauhati	Town, SW Assam, India, NE of Calcutta
Gaya	City, cen Bihar Prov, NE India, NW of Calcutta
Gilberts	Isl Gp, W Pacific Ocean, SSE of Marshall Isls
Gladstone	Town, E Queensland, Australia, NNW of Brisbane
Goodenough	Isl, W D'Entrecasteaux Isls, W Pacific Ocean, off E coast of Papua, New Guinea
Gorokottan	Isl, S Palau Isls, NE of Peleliu, SW Pacific Ocean
Green	Group of Isls, N Solomon Isls, W Pacific Ocean, NE of New Britain
Guadalcanal	Isl, SE Solomon Isls, W Pacific Ocean, SE of New Georgia Isl
Guam	Isl, S Mariana Isls, W Pacific Ocean, E of P.I.
Guinan	Town, SE tip of Samar, P.I.
Gulkana	Village, SE Alaska, NE of Anchorage
Halmahera	Isl, Molucca Isls, Neth Indies, SE of Mindanao
Hanalei	Dist and bay, N Kauai Isl, Hawaii
Hanapepe	Village, S coast of Kauai Isl, Hawaii, on Hanapepe Bay
Havannah	Village, N coast Efate Isl, New Hebrides, NE of New Caledonia
Hawaii (or Hawaiian Islands)	Chain of Isls in N cen Pacific Ocean, WSW of San Francisco

Hawaii Isl	Isl, southernmost large Isl of Hwn Isls
Hickman Field	Military Installation, Oahu, Hawaii
Hilo	Dist, city, and bay, E coast Hawaii Isl, Hawaii
Hobart	City, SE Tasmania, Australia, S of Melbourne
Hollandia	Settlement, Humboldt Bay, NE coast of Neth New Guinea
Hollekang	Village, Humboldt Bay, NE coast of Neth New Guinea
Honolulu	Dist and seaport city, capital of Terr of Hawaii, SE Oahu, Hawaii
Horn Isl	Isl, N of Cape York Penin, Queensland, Australia
Humboldt Bay	Bay, NE coast Neth New Guinea, near boundary of North-east New Guinea
Ie (or Ie Shima)	Isl, Ryukyu Isls, off W coast of cen Okinawa Isl
Iheya (or Iheya Shima)	Isl, Ryukyu Isls, NE of Ie Shima
Igi	Isl, Asia Isls, N of NW New Guinea, SW of Fani Isl
Ilagan	Municipality, Isabels Prov, N Luzon, P.I., S of Aparri
Iloilo	Prov and city, SE Panay, P.I.; city on SE coast Panay, opp Guimaras Isl
Insoemanai	Isl, Wakde Gp, off NE coast Neth New Guinea, SW of Wakde Isl
Iwo Jima	Isl, Volcano Isls, W Pacific Ocean, SE of Okinawa Isl
Java	Isl, Malay Arch, bet Java Sea and Indian Ocean, S of Borneo
Jolo	Isl, Sulu Arch, Sulu Prov, P.I., SW of Basilan Isl
Juneau	Seaport city, capital of Alaska, on mainland Gastineau Channel, SE Alaska, NE of Sitka
Kaneohe	Village, on Kaneohe Bay, E coast Oahu, Hawaii

Karachi	City, SW Sind, W Pakistan, NW of Bombay, India
Kauai	Isl, NW Hawaii, WNW of Oahu
Kayangel	Islets (atoll), northernmost part Palau Isls Gp, E of Mindanao
Kerama Retto	Group of Isls, Ryukyu Isls, off SW coast of Okinawa Isl
Ketchikan	Seaport and town, SE Alaska, SE of Juneau
Kharagpur	City, W Bengal, NE India, W of Calcutta
Kikai Jima	Isl, NE Amami Isls, N Ryukyu Isls, NE of Okinawa Isl
Kilauea	Crater, E side of Launa Loa, S cen Hawaii Isl
Kiriwina	Isl, cen Trobriand Isls, W Solomon Sea, SE of New Britain Isl
Kiska	Isl, Rat Isls Gp, W Aleutian Isls, NW of Amchitka Isl
Kodiak	Isl, Gulf of Alaska, SE of Alaska Penin
Kolombangara	Isl, cen Solomon Isls, off W end New Georgia Isl
Kume	Isl, Okinawa Gp, S Ryukyu Isls, W of Naha
Kunming	City, Yunnan Prov, S China, SW of Chungking
Kwajalein	Isl (atoll), cen part of Ralik Chain, W Marshall Isls, SE of Eniwetok
Kweilin	City, NE Kwangsi Prov, SE China, SE of Chungking
Kweiyang	City, Kweichow Prov, S China, S of Chungking
Labuan	Isl, N side Brunei Bay, off NW coast of Borneo
Ladd Field	Military Installation, Fairbanks, Alaska
Lae	Town, SE coast of North-east New Guinea, on Huon Gulf, SW of Finschhafen
La Foa	Settlement, SE cen New Caledonia, NW of Noumea
Laguna	Prov, S cen Luzon, P.I., S and SE of Laguna de Bay



Laguna de Bay	Lake, cen Luzon, P.I., SE of Manila
Lanai	Isl, cen Hawaiian Isls, W of Maui
La Union	Prov, NW Luzon, P.I. along coast South China Sea; N and E of Lingayen Gulf
Lazy Bay	Military Installation, Kodiak, SW of Anchorage
Ledo	Town, E Assam Prov, India; NE of Calcutta
Legaspi	Municipality, Albay Prov, SE Luzon, P.I. at head of Albay Gulf
Leyte	Isl, Visayan Isls, E P.I., SW of Samar
Liki	Isl, Kumamba Isls, off N coast Neth New Guinea, NNW of Hollandia
Limay	Municipality, E coast of Bataan, P.I., W of Manila
Lingayen	Municipality, N Pangasinan Prov, Luzon, P.I., on S shore Lingayen Gulf, W of Dagupan
Lingayen Gulf	Inlet, S China Sea on NW coast of Luzon, P.I.
Liuchow	City, cen Kwangsi Prov, SE China, S of Kweilin
Loengee Loengee (Pulau Lungulungun)	Isl, N Molucca Isls, off W coast of Morotai, Neth Indies
Los Negros	Group of Isls off E coast Manus Isl, Admiralty Isls, Bismarck Arch, W Pacific Ocean
Lungling	Town, W Yunnan Prov, S China, SE of Myitkyina, Burma
Luzon	Chief Isl, P.I., in northern part; S of Formosa
Madang	Dist and seaport town, North-east New Guinea; town on Astrolabe Bay
Maffin Bay	Bay, N coast Neth New Guinea, E of Sarmi
Majuro	Isl (atoll) S part of Ratak Chain, SE Marshall Isls, SE of Kwajalein
Makin	Isl (atoll) N Gilbert Isls, N of Tarawa

Malabang	Town, Lanao Prov, NE coast Illana Bay, NW Mindanao, P.I.
Malaybalay	Municipality, Bukidnon Prov, N cen Mindanao, SE of Macajalar Bay
Mangaldan	Municipality, N cen Pangasinan Prov, Luzon, P.I., E of Lingayen
Manila	Capital and chief port of P.I., on E shore Manila Bay
Manila Bay	Inlet of S China Sea in W Luzon, P.I.
Manus	Isl, Admiralty Isls, N of North-east New Guinea
Mapia	Isl Gp, off N coast of Neth New Guinea, N of Noemfoor Isl
Margherita	Settlement, NE Assam, India, NE of Calcutta
Mariquina	Settlement, Rizal Prov, Luzon, P.I., E of Manila
Marshalls	Group of Atolls, W Pacific Ocean, NNW of Gilbert Isls
Masbate	Isl, Prov, and town, Visayan Isls, cen P.I., S of SE Luzon; town on E coast Masbate Isl
Massacre Bay	Inlet, SE coast of Attu, Aleutian Isls
Maui	Isl, cen Hawaii, N of Hawaii Isl
McGrath	Village, SW cen Alaska, NW of Anchorage
Melbourne	City, S Victoria, SE Australia
Merauke	Seaport and town, S coast of Neth New Guinea
Miarin	Isl, S Asia Isls, S of Igi Isl
Middelburg	Isl, N of Vogelkop Penin, NW Neth New Guinea
Milne Bay	Bay, SE extremity of Papua, New Guinea
Mindanao	Isl, S P.I., NE of Borneo
Mindoro	Isl, cen P.I., S of Luzon
Molokai	Isl, cen Hawaii, SE of Oahu

Moluccas	Group of Isls, Neth Indies, Malay Arch, bet isls of Celebes and New Guinea
Mongyu	Town, SW Yunnan Prov, S China, S of Myitkyina, Burma
Morobe	Dist and seaport town, SE North-east New Guinea; (town on SE coast Huon Gulf near Papuan border)
Morotai	Isl, N Moluccas, Neth Indies, Malay Arch, N of Halmahera
Munda	Settlement, S side of NW end of New Georgia Isl, cen Solomon Isls
Myitkyina	Dist and town, N Sagaing Div, Upper Burma; town on Upper Irrawaddy R, near China border, NE of Mandalay
Nadzab	Village, SE North-east New Guinea, NE of Lae
Naha	Seaport, W coast S Okinawa, Ryukyu Isls
Naknek	Settlement, NW coast Alaska Penin, SW Alaska
Nasagbu	Municipality, N Batangas Prov, Luzon, P.I., SW of Manila
Ndrilo	Isl, Admiralty Isls, NW of Los Negros Isl
Negros	Isl, Visayan Isls, cen P.I.; W of Cebu
Negros Occidental	Prov, N and W Negros Isl, cen P.I.; NW of Mindanao
Negros Oriental	Prov, E and SE Negros Isl, cen P.I.; NW of Mindanao
New Britain	Isl, Bismarck Arch, W Pacific Ocean; NE of New Guinea
New Caledonia	Isl, SW Pacific Ocean, E of NE Australia
New Delhi	City, Delhi Prov, N India, S of Old Delhi
New Georgia	Gp of Isls and Isl, cen Solomons, E of New Guinea
New Guinea	Isl, E Malay Arch, SW Pacific Ocean, N of Australia
New Hebrides	Gp of Isls, SW Pacific Ocean, NE of New Caledonia
New Ireland	Isl, Bismarck Arch, W Pacific Ocean, NE of New Britain

New Zealand	British self-governing Dominion in S Pacific Ocean, comprising two large isls and several smaller ones, SE of Australia
Ngeregong	Isl, S Palau Isls, NE of Peleliu
Ngesebus	Isl, S Palau Isls, N of Peleliu
Niroemoar	Isl, Kumamba Isls, off N coast of Neth New Guinea; NNW of Hollandia
Nissan	Isl, Green Isls Gp, N Solomon Isls; E and SE of New Ireland
Noemfoor	Isl, W Schouten Isls, Geelvink Bay, N Neth New Guinea; W of Biak
Nome	City, on S coast of Seward Penin, W Alaska
Northern Territory	Territory, N cen Australia, W of Queensland
Noumea	Town, SW coast of New Caledonia
Oahu	Isl, cen Hawaiian Isls, NW of Molokai
Okinawa	Isl Gp, including Okinawa Isl, cen Ryukyu Isls; NE of Formosa
Ondonga	Isl, cen New Georgia Isls, near Rendova Isl
Oro Bay	Inlet of Dyke Acland Bay, NE coast of Papua, New Guinea, S of Buna
Owi	Isl, E Schouten Isls, SE of Biak Isl
Paita	Village, S New Caledonia, NW of Noumea
Palau	Gp of Isls, generally considered part of Caroline Isls, (Western Carolines); E of Mindanao
Palawan	Isl, SW P.I., NE of Borneo
Palmyra	Isl, N end of Line Isls., cen Pacific Ocean, S of Oahu
Palo	Municipality, E coast of Leyte, P.I.; S of Tacloban
Pampanga	Prov, cen Luzon, N of Manila Bay
Panay	Isl, Visayan Isls, cen P.I., NW of Negros

Pangasinan	Prov, N cen Luzon, P.I.; S of Lingayen Gulf
Paoshan	Town, W Yunnan Prov, S China, on Burma Road, W of Kunming
Papua	Territory, SE section of New Guinea Isl
Parang	Village, Cotabato Prov, SW Mindanao, P.I., on Illana Bay, NE of Cotabato. Town, SW coast of Jolo Isl, Sulu Prov, P.I., SW of Jolo
Parbatipur	Village, N Bengal, India, N of Calcutta
Parry (Mauike)	Isl, E Cook Isls, NE of Rarotonga Isl
Pasay	Municipality, SW Rizal Prov, Luzon, P.I., on E shore of Manila Bay
Pavuvu	Isl, Russell Isls, NW of Guadalcanal
Pearl Harbor	Inlet, S coast of Oahu, Hawaii, W of Honolulu
Pegun	Isl, S Mapia Isls, S of Palau Isls
Peleliu	Isl, S end of Palau Isls, NE of Angaur
Perth	City, SW coast of Western Australia
Phoenix	Gp of atolls, and Isl., Cen Pacific Ocean, ESE of of Gilbert Isls
Pityilu	Isl, N Admiralty Isls, N of Manus Isl
Port Moresby	Seaport S coast of Papua, SE coast Gulf of Papua, New Guinea; capital of Papua
Pribilof	Group of Isls in NE Bering Sea, Alaska, N of Unalaska
Puerto Princessa	Municipality, cen part of E coast of Palawan, P.I.; SW of Mindoro
Queensland	State, NE Australia
Quezon City	City, W Rizal Prov, Luzon, P.I.; adjoins Manila on NE
Quisling Cove	Inlet, NW Kiska Isl, Aleutian Isls, SW Alaska
Ramgarh	Town, Central Provs, India, SE of Jubbelpore

Rarotonga	Isl, SW Cook Isls, S Pacific Ocean, S of Aitutaki Isl
Rendova	Isl, off SW cen coast of New Georgia Isl, cen Solomon Isls
Resurrection Bay	Inlet, Gulf of Alaska, SE Kenai Penin, S Alaska
Rockhampton	City, E Queensland Australia, NNW of Brisbane
Roviana	Lagoon, W coast New Georgia Isl, E of Munda Isl
Russells	Gp of Isls, SE cen Solomon Isls, NW of Guadalcanal
Ryukyus	Isl chain SW of Kyushu, Japan, separating E China Sea from Pacific Ocean; NE of Formosa
Saidor	Town, NE coast of North-east New Guinea, ESE of Madang
St. Paul	Isls most northerly of Pribilof Isls, in Bering Sea, Alaska
Saipan	Isl, S cen Mariana Isls, E of Philippines
Salamaua	Town, on Huon Gulf, E coast of North-east New Guinea
Samar	Isl, Visayan Isls, E P.I., NE of Leyte
Samoa	Gp of Isls, SW cen Pacific Ocean, NE of Fiji Isls
Sand	Isl, one of two Isls of Midway, cen Pacific Ocean, WNW of Honolulu
San Pablo	City, S Laguna Prov, cen Luzon, P.I., SE of Manila
Sansapor	Village, NW coast Vogelkop Penin, NW Meth New Guinea, opp Waigeo Isl
Sarmi	Village, N coast of Meth New Guinea, NW of Hollandia
Schofield Barracks	Military Installation, Wahiawa Dist, cen Oahu, Hawaii
Schouten Islands	Isl Gp, across entrance to Geelvink Bay, off N coast Meth New Guinea, E of Vogelkop Penin
Segi Point	Settlement, S New Georgia Isl, E of Rendova Isl

Seward	Town, head of Resurrection Bay, SE shore Kenai Penin, S Alaska
Seymour	Town, cen Victoria, Australia, N of Melbourne
Shemya	Isl, near W end of Aleutian Isls, SW Alaska, E of Attu
Shillong	Town, W cen Assam, India, NE of Calcutta
Shuri	City, S end of Okinawa Isl, Ryukyu Isls, ENE of Naha
Siliguri	Town, Darjeeling Dist, W Bengal, India, SSE of Darjeeling
Sitka	Town, W coast of Baranof Isl, SE Alaska, SW of Juneau
Skagway	Dist and city, SE Alaska, bordering Brit Columbia; city in Dist on Lynn Canal, N of Juneau
Society Isls	Isl Gp, W part of French Oceania, S Pacific Ocean, NE of Cook Isls
Solano	Municipality, NW Nueva Vizcaya Prov, Luzon, P.I., NE of Baguio
Solomons	Gp of Isls, W Pacific Ocean, E of New Guinea
Stirling	Isl, Treasury Gp, off S end of Bougainville, Solomon Isls
Subic Bay	Inlet, S Zambales Prov, Luzon, P.I.
Suva	Seaport town, SE coast of Viti Levu Isl, Fiji Isls, SW Pacific Ocean
Sydney	City, New South Wales, SE coast of Australia
Tacloban	Municipality, NE coast Leyte Isl, P.I.
Talaud Isls	Isl Gp, Pacific Ocean, NE of Celebes Isl and SE of Mindanao, P.I.
Talasea	Settlement, E shore of Willaumez Penin, N coast of New Britain
Tali	City, W cen Yunnan Prov, S China, on W shore Tali Lake, W of Kuming; town, E Shensi Prov, NE cen China, ENE of Sian

Tanaga	Isl, Andreanof Isls, Aleutian Isls, SW Alaska, W of Adak
Tanahmerah Bay	Inlet, NE coast of Neth New Guinea, W of Hollandia
Tanauan	Municipality, E coast of Leyte, P.I., S of Tacloban; municipality, NE Batangas Prov, Luzon, P.I.
Tarakan	Isl in E Celebes Sea, off NE coast of Dutch residency of S and E Borneo, Malay Arch
Tarawa	Isl (atoll) N cen Gilbert Isls, S of Makin
Tarlac	Prov and city, N cen Luzon, P.I., SW of Manila
Tasmania	Isl, S Pacific Ocean, S of Australia
Tezpur	Town, N Assam, NE India, NE of Shillong
Thursday	Isl, in Torres Strait, N Queensland, Australia, NW of Cape York
Ticao	Isl, Masbate Prov, cen P.I., off NE coast of Masbate Isl
Tinian	Isl, S Mariana Isls, W Pacific Ocean, SSW of Saipan
Toem	Settlement, N coast Neth New Guinea, SE of Sarmi
Tonga	Gp of Isls (arch), SW cen Pacific Ocean, E of Fiji Isls
Tongareva	Isl (atoll), Manihiki Isls, cen Pacific Ocean, N of Cook Isls
Tongatabu	Isl Gp and Isl, in S Tonga Isls, SW cen Pacific Ocean, SE of Fiji Isls
Townsville	City, E Queensland, Australia, NW of Rockhampton
Treasury Islands	Gp of Isls off S end of Bougainville Isl, SSW of Shortland Isls, NW Solomon Isls
Trobriand Islands	Gp of Isls in Solomon Sea, N of E end of New Guinea
Truk Islands	Isl Gp in cen Caroline Isls, W Pacific Ocean, E of Yap Isl
Tsuyung	Town, cen Yunnan Prov, S China, on Burma Road, W of Kunming



Tulagi	Isl in S cen Solomon Isls, off S coast of Florida Isl and N of Guadalcanal
Ulithi	Isls (atoll group) W Caroline Isls, W Pacific Ocean, ENE of Yap Isl
Unalaska	Isl, Fox Isls Group, Aleutian Isls, S of Fribilof Isls; Village, on Unalaska Bay, E end of Isl opposite Dutch Harbor
Urdaneta	Municipality, E cen Pangasinan Prov, Luzon, P.I., E of Lingayen
Valdez	Town and port on NE shore of Prince William Sound, S Alaska, E of Anchorage
Vella Lavella	Isl, New Georgia Isls, cen Solomon Isls, NW of Kolombangara Isl
Victoria	State, SE Australia
Viti Levu	Isl, Fiji Isls SW Pacific Ocean, E of New Hebrides Isls
Wahiawa	Dist and city, cen Oahu, Hawaii
Waialua	Dist, town (Waialua Mill), and Bay, N Oahu, Hawaii; town in Dist near N coast of Oahu
Waianae	Dist and village, W Oahu, Hawaii; village in Dist on W coast of Oaha
Wailuku	Dist and city, W cen Maui, Hawaii; city in Dist on N coast of Maui
Waimanalo	Village, SE Oahu, Hawaii
Waimea	Dist, village, and bay, SW Kauai; Village, NW Hawaii Isl; Bay and village, N coast Oahu, Hawaii
Waipahu	City, S Oahu, on NW shore Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
Wakde	Gp of Isls, off NE coast Neth New Guinea, opposite Toem
Warwick	Town, SE Queensland, Australia, WSW of Brisbane
Wewak	Town, NW coast North-east New Guinea, SE of Aitape

Whittier	Seaport, village, on W shore of Prince William Sound, S Alaska, SE of Anchorage
Woodlark	Group of Isls and Isl, in Solomon Sea, NE of SE end of New Guinea, (sometimes considered part of Trobriand Isls)
Wotje	Isl (atoll) in cen part of Ratak chain, E Marshall Isls W Pacific Ocean
Yakutat	Village at Ocean Cape, on S shore Yakutat Bay, SE Alaska, W of Skagway
Yangpi	Town, W cen Yunnan Prov, S China, on E bank Yangpi River where crossed by Burma Road; WSW of Tali
Yap	Isl Gp and Isl, W Caroline Isls, W Pacific Ocean, NE of Palau Isls
Yunnan	Town, W Yunnan Prov, S China, NE of Paoshan
Zambales	Prov, W Luzon, P.I.
Zamboanga	Prov and city (City of Zamboanga), W Mindanao, P.I., N of Basilan Isl; city at S tip of W Penin on Basilan Strait

## APPENDIX C

### CODE NAMES OF OPERATIONS IN THE PACIFIC

This list includes most of the Pacific operations in which the United States ground forces participated. More specific information on each operation will be found in the record of events for the unit or units listed opposite the code name.

<u>CODE NAME</u>	<u>GENERAL LOCATION</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
	<u>Admiralty Islands</u>	
BREWER		ALAMO Force
	<u>Aleutian Islands</u>	
AMATEUR		7th Division
COTTAGE		Alaska Defense Command
LANDCRAB		Alaska Defense Command
	<u>Mariana Islands</u>	
FORAGER		27th Division
	<u>Morotai Island</u>	
INTERLUDE		ALAMO Force
	<u>New Britain Island</u>	
DEXTERITY		ALAMO Force

CODE NAME

GENERAL LOCATION

UNIT

New Georgia Island

TOENAILS

43d Division

New Guinea and Adjacent Islands

CHRONICLE  
GLOBETROTTER  
RECKLESS  
STRAIGHTLINE  
TABLETENNIS

ALAMO Force  
ALAMO Force  
ALAMO Force  
ALAMO Force  
ALAMO Force

Palau Islands

STALEMATE II

XXIV Corps, 81st Division

Philippine Islands

KING II  
LOVE III  
LOVE IV  
MIKE I  
MIKE VI  
MIKE VII  
VICTOR I  
VICTOR II  
VICTOR III  
VICTOR IV  
VICTOR V

Sixth and Eighth Armies  
Sixth and Eighth Armies  
Sixth and Eighth Armies  
Sixth and Eighth Armies  
Sixth and Eighth Armies  
XI Corps  
Eighth Army  
Eighth Army  
Eighth Army  
Eighth Army  
Eighth Army

Russell Islands

CLEANSLATE

XIV Corps

Ryukyu Islands

ICEBERG

Tenth Army, XXIV Corps

APPENDIX D

TABLES OF ORGANIZATION

Airborne Division

Y/O 71 15 October 1942

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	16	16	17	19	19
Unit	Headquarters, airborne division (Y/O 71-1)	Headquarters company airborne division (Y/O 71-2)	Military police platoon (Y/O 19-97)	Division artillery (Y/O 6-200)	Infantry parachute regiment (Y/O 7-31)	2 glider infantry regiments (each) (Y/O 7-51)	Engineer battalion (Y/O 5-225)	Quartermaster company (Y/O 10-327)	Signal company (Y/O 11-557)	Medical company (Y/O 8-37)	Airborne antiaircraft battalion (Y/O 7-275)	Ordnance company (Y/O 9-87)	Total	Attached medical	Attached chaplain	Aggregate	Enlisted cadre	Remarks	
2	Major general	1		1	1	1							1			1			
3	Brigadier general	1		1	1	1							2			2			
4	Colonel	1		1	1	1							5			5			
5	Lieutenant colonel	11		4	4	4							30			30			
6	Major	6	1	1	7	5	4	1	1	1	1		31	3		34			
7	Captain	10	1	1	23	21	15	6	1	1	6	8	109	16	6	131			
8	First lieutenant	6	2	1	30	62	27	9	2	1	13	8	189	16	1	205			
9	Second lieutenant	1	1	13	36	14	14	6		1		9	97			97			
10	Total commissioned	36	5	79	129	64	25	4	4	4	20	27	484	35	7	506			
11	Warrant officer	6		6	6	5	2					1	29			29			
12	Master sergeant	9		6	5	4	1	2				1	33			33			
13	First sergeant		1	13	14	10	4	1	1	1	1	6	61			61			
14	Technical sergeant	4		17	6	1	4		2			4	42			45			
15	Staff sergeant	5	6	59	67	69	16	4	4	2	9	14	299	12		311			
16	Sergeant	10	3	61	144	71	25	1	6	2	22	22	423	3		431			
17	Corporal	1	3	162	154	131	27	7	2	2	8	66	696	11		707			
18	Technician, grade 5	7											10			10			
19	Technician, grade 4	24	7	80	76	34	17	3	11	11	6	13	320	17		337			
20	Technician, grade 3	14	10	96	136	49	58	8	12	19	20	20	486	46		531			
21	Private, first class	4	19	376	607	526	109	26	19	62	133	10	2,427	74		2,501			
22	Private, including basic		26	13	469	625	142	33	26	79	173	15	2,908	94		3,003			
23	Basic		(7)	(117)	(36)	(135)	(35)	(8)	(7)	(17)	(44)	(6)	(560)	(21)		(571)			
24	Total enlisted	78	75	1,357	1,824	1,638	401	88	81	195	452	69	7,710	260		7,970			994
25	Aggregate	120	80	1,424	1,968	1,605	426	90	85	215	480	77	8,203	295	7	8,505			994

Airborne Division

T/O&E 7/1 August 1944

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Unit	Division headquarters (T/O & E 71-1)	Headquarters company (T/O & E 71-2)	Division artillery (T/O & E 6-200)	Infantry regiment parachute (T/O & E 7-31)	2 Infantry regiments glider (each) (T/O & E 7-51)	Airborne antiaircraft battalion (T/O & E 4-275)	Engineer battalion (T/O & E 5-225)	Medical company (T/O & E 8-37)	Ordnance company (T/O & E 9-87)	Parachute maintenance company (T/O & E 71-27)	Quartermaster company (T/O & E 10-327)	Signal company (T/O & E 11-557)	Military police platoon (T/O & E 19-97)	Total division	Attached medical	Attached chaplain	Attached band (T/O & E 20-107)	Aggregate	Other than attached medical	Enlisted cadre
2 Major general	1													1				1		
3 Brigadier general	1													2				2		
4 Colonel	1													5				5		
5 Lieutenant colonel	11													30				30		
6 Major	9													44				47		
7 Major or captain	1													1				1		
8 Captain	8													112				112		
9 Captain or first lieutenant														16				42		
10 First lieutenant	6													210				219		
11 First or second lieutenant	2													24				24		
12 Second lieutenant	1													36				36		
13 Total commissioned	39	4	95	102	73	29	21	21	7	3	5	7	2	481	33	5		519		
14 Warrant officer	6		10	7	7	2	2		1	1		1		44			2	46		
15 Master sergeant	9		5	4	4	1	1		1	1	1	1		32				32	23	
16 First sergeant			12	14	10	7	4	1	1	1	1	1		63				63	63	
17 Technical sergeant	4		16	39	27	5	4		3	5	3	4		137	3		2	142	131	3
18 Staff sergeant	6		57	146	113	24	14	10	9	5	2	8	1	454	12		2	527	311	12
19 Sergeant	2		68	127	97	14	22	7	1	4	2	1	4	454	3			457	141	
20 Corporal	1		148	49	48	67	25	7	1	1	8	7	3	431	11			425	68	3
21 Technician, grade 3	4		4					5	7					28	21			49	11	12
22 Technician, grade 4	32		90	50	37	12	21	14	15	27	3	18		363	26		14	403	205	15
23 Technician, grade 5	18		164	89	68	28	39	25	17	28	9	32	3	594	58		16	668	159	7
24 Private, first class	2		312	956	745	138	114	53	4	25	25	20	11	3,161	71		22	3,254	6	
25 Private, including	2		367	392	325	162	130	61	8	31	28	26	12	1,881	90			1,971		
26 Basic			(62)	(136)	(107)	(27)	(20)	(9)	(4)	(7)	(4)	(6)	(2)	(494)	(25)			(519)		
27 Total enlisted	87	54	1,243	1,859	1,474	458	374	183	67	128	82	123	34	7,640	295		56	7,991	1,118	52
28 Aggregate	132	58	1,348	1,968	1,554	489	397	204	75	132	87	131	36	8,165	328	5	58	8,556	1,118	52

Cavalry Division  
T/O 2.1 August 1942

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Unit	Division headquarters (T/O 2-1)	Headquarters troops (T/O 2-2)	Reconnaissance squadron (T/O 2-25)	2 Cavalry brigades (each) (T/O 2-10)	Division artillery (T/O 6-110)	Signal troop (T/O 11-47)	Ordnance company (T/O 9-7)	Engineer squadron (T/O 5-115)	Medical squadron (T/O 8-85)	Quartermaster squadron (T/O 10-115)	Total	Attached medical	Attached military police platoon (T/O 19-37)	Attached chaplain	Aggregate	Enlisted cadre a	Remarks
2	1			1	1						1				1		
3				3	3						2				2		
4	11		1	9	4	1	1	1	1	1	8				8		
5	10		2	10	8			1	1	1	39				39		
6	4		7	33	30	1	1	7	4	7	43				48		
7	9		1	51	33	3	4	8	4	7	133	4	1		165		
8	4		15	51	33	1	4	8	4	7	196	20	1		218		
9			10	34	15	3	1	2		5	106		1		107		
10	36	5	35	142	91	8	7	19	24	21	528	51	3	6	588		
11	10		2	11	7	1	1	2		3	48				48		
12	9		2	12	7	2	2	2	1	3	52				52	40	
13			5	19	16	1	1	3	4	4	73				73	70	
14	5		5	9	13	8	4	5	4	4	66				73	51	
15	8		25	124	68	8	8	13	13	23	419	18			438	386	
16	8		47	164	92	6	3	34	27	21	570	16	1		592	181	
17	1		65	254	192	9	4	22	17	35	860	13	4		877	98	
18	11					3	8			6	28				28	4	
19	31		61	139	110	31	28	23	19	25	615	5	2		622	242	
20	16		137	181	153	52	41	85	46	78	981	54	2		1,037	190	
21	33		191	1,029	547	53	23	136	89	131	3,263	98	16		3,377		
22	2		263	1,279	702	76	36	181	117	176	4,155	132	20		4,307		
23			(72)	(278)	(171)	(24)	(14)	(47)	(27)	(47)	(971)	(32)	(4)		(1,007)		
24	88	120	801	3,210	1,900	249	158	504	336	509	11,085	340	51		11,476	1,265	
25	134	125	838	3,362	1,998	258	166	525	360	533	11,661	391	54	6	12,112	1,265	

Cavalry Division

T/O&E 2-30 September 1944

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Unit	Division headquarters (T/O & E 2-1)	Headquarters troop (T/O & E 2-2)	Cavalry reconnaissance squadron mechanized (T/O & E 2-25)	2 cavalry brigades, horse (each) (T/O & E 2-10)	Division artillery (T/O & E 6-110)	Signal troop (T/O & E 11-47)	Ordnance medium maintenance company (T/O & E 9-7)	Engineer squadron (T/O & E 5-115)	Medical squadron (T/O & E 8-85)	Quartermaster squadron (T/O & E 10-115)	Military police platoon (T/O & E 19-87)	Total	Attached band (T/O & E 20-107)	Attached medical	Attached chaplain	Aggregate	Other than attached medical	Enlisted cadre
2 Major general	1											1				1		
3 Brigadier general												2				2		
4 Colonel	1			1	1							8				8		
5 Lieutenant colonel	11		1	7	4	1	1	1	1	1		35				35		
6 Major	10	1	2	11	10	1	1	2	1	1	1	51		5		56		
7 Major or captain	1											1				1		
8 Captain or first lieutenant	5	1	10	37	31	1	2	6	4	6		144		4		148		
9 First lieutenant	3	1	12	40	39	3	3	8	7	7	1	9		22	7	38		
10 Second lieutenant		1	11	35	13	3	2	2	2	5	1	110		15		197		
11 Total commissioned	37	4	36	143	98	8	9	19	23	20	3	543		46	7	596		
12																		
13 Warrant officer	8		3	9	7	1	1	2		2		42	2			44		
14 Master sergeant	9		2	12	6	2	2	2	1	2		50				50	40	
15 First sergeant		1	6	19	16	1	1	3	4	4		74				74	74	
16 Technical sergeant	5	1	10	8	14	0	7	6	3	7		78		5		85	66	
17 Staff sergeant	9	5	38	144	85	9	9	17	16	21	1	494	2	18		514	456	
18 Sergeant	9	3	48	157	55	4	6	22	22	17	5	505		15		520	420	
19 Corporal	10	5	43	233	167	9	2	22	20	36	7	775		15		790	600	
20 Technician, grade 3	1				4	11	19		5			49		17		66	18	
21 Technician, grade 4	22	11	89	134	120	30	33	35	25	21	1	674	14	26		711	376	
22 Technician, grade 5	22	24	184	199	107	71	68	85	99	103	1	1,212	16	70		1,208	224	
23 Private, first class	2	19	119	984	436	29	6	99	68	79	16	2,841	22	61		2,921		
24 Private, including Basic		24	151	1,200	512	40	13	120	81	96	19	3,456		85		3,541		
25		(5)	(37)	(238)	(81)	(11)	(8)	(21)	(15)	(10)	(3)	(676)		(26)		(702)		
26 Total enlisted	95	93	690	3,060	1,612	224	166	411	304	386	47	10,208	56	312		10,576	1,477	59
27 Aggregate	140	97	720	3,242	1,717	233	176	432	327	408	50	10,793	58	358	7	11,216	1,477	59



Infantry Division

T/O&E 7.15 July 1943

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Special troops (T/O & E 7-3)			9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
								Headquarters	Headquarters company (T/O & E 7-2)	Military police platoon (T/O & E 19-17)												
1	Division headquarters (T/O & E 7-1)																					
2	Major general	1																				
3	Brigadier general	1																				
4	Colonel	1																				
5	Lieutenant colonel	11	1																			
6	Major	8																				
7	Captain	11	1																			
8	Captain or first lieutenant		2																			
9	First lieutenant	4	1																			
10	Second lieutenant	1	1																			
11	Total commissioned	38	4	3	9	10	7	139	130	6	27	34	687	37	13							
12	Warrant officer	8			1		4	5	9				42									
13	Master sergeant	10			1	1	3	5	10				44									
14	First sergeant		1		1	1	1	19	21	1	4	1	91									
15	Technical sergeant	6	1	1	4	2	8	2	18	1	6	4	57									
16	Staff sergeant	4	1	1	8	7	10	120	101	6	25	21	549									
17	Sergeant	7	5	1	6	11	7	226	89	9	41	23	883									
18	Corporal	2	4	6	2	18	2	252	232	11	32	13	1,079									
19	Technician, grade 3	10			6		14		5			9	44									
20	Technician, grade 4	34			23		26	78	138	15	40	32	557									
21	Technician, grade 5	26	2	18	44	39	58	171	255	36	108	62	1,071									
22	Private, first class	3	29	24	15	40	33	938	482	29	150	113	3,733									
23	Private, including		39	30	27	57	53	1,193	669	41	208	147	4,851									
24	Basic		(10)	(6)	(13)	(17)	(20)	(270)	(191)	(13)	(58)	(39)	(1,176)									
25	Total enlisted	103	7	106	137	183	215	2,974	2,021	149	617	429	12,959	457								
26	Aggregate	149	9	110	147	193	226	3,118	2,160	155	647	465	13,688	494	13	58	14,253	1,501				

a Does not include attached units. Division can be transported by motor by the attachment of 6 quartermaster truck companies.

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