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T.G. 90.8, X Corps and
SEVENTH Infantry Division Group
and ComPhibGru-3.
Eldorado (AGC-11), Flagship
Iwon, Korea.
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Task Organization

90.8 X Corps and SEVENTH Infantry Division Group, Rear Admiral L.A. Thackrey
(ComPhibGru-3)

Elements of X Corps
7th Infantry Division (Reinforced) Major General D.G. Barr
(CG, 7th InfDiv)

Detachments of 2nd ESB

Following vessels upon reporting:

Thuban (AKA-19)
General Weigle (TAP-119)
St. Augustine Victory
Eltinge
Robin Trent
Luxembourg Victory
Ocala Victory
Beaver Victory
Empire Marshall

1 AKA
1 TAP

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
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Other vessels of TG 90.8 now at Pusan upon being ordered to report.

a. 90.80 Flagship Element, Captain Stefanac
(CO, Eldorado)

Eldorado (AGC-11) 1 AGC
Borie (DD-704) 1 DD
Hoquiam (PF-5) 1 PF
Partridge (AMS-31) 1 AMS
LST 1138 1 LST

b. 90.8.1 Naval Beach Party Unit, LCDR Welch
(PhibGru-3 Beachmaster)

Beach Party Detachment 1 BPT
2 Off - 10 men NavBchGru-1
Augmented by PhibGru-3 and
Eldorado (AGC-11) personnel
UDT Detachment 1 UDT Det
1 Off - 10 men of UDT-3

c. 90.8.2 Control Unit, LCDR Stimpert
(PhibGru-3 Control Officer)

Embarked in Eldorado (AGC-11)

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- d. 90.8.3 Salvage and Repair Unit, CDR T.J. Greene
(Upon reporting) (CO, Colonial)
- Colonial (LSD-18) with 1 LSD
LSU 608, 637, 638 3 LSU
- e. 90.83 Movement Element Three, LCDR Smith
(Upon reporting 29 Oct) (CO, Lipan)
- 90.83.1 Lipan Unit, LCDR Smith
(CO, Lipan)
- Lipan (ATF-85) 1 ATF
- 90.83.2 SCAJAP LST Unit, LT Ellis
- LST Q009, Q019, Q058, Q073
Q074, Q094, Q099 7 LST

1. GENERAL SITUATION

Elements of the X Corps, which include the 1st Marine Division and the 7th Infantry Division, are being landed in the WONSAN Area in support of United Nations Forces in North Korea. Beach approaches to the IWON Area have been swept for mines and a survey of the beaches has been made by Underwater Demolition Team Units for the purpose of establishing a new landing site over which to expedite the landing of elements of the 7th Infantry Division. Elements of the 17 RCT of the 7th Infantry Division will be the initial units to be landed over the IWON beaches. This order is based on ComPhibGru-1 OpOrder No. 16-50, modified, and supplements ComPhibGru-3 OpOrder No. 2-50.

2. This force will

Execute the ship-to-shore movement of all troops, supplies and equipment ordered to IWON for off-loading

in order to

assist in expediting the landing of elements of the X Corps in North Korea in support of the United Nations forces now operating there.

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3. a. Flagship Element

- (1) Operate as directed by CTG 90.8.
- (2) Hoaquiam (PF-5) carry out duties as Harbor Entrance Control Vessel as directed by CTG 90.8.
- (3) Partridge (AMS-31) conduct minesweeping operations in the IWON Area as directed by CTG 90.8.

b. Naval Beach Party Unit

Carry out Naval Beach Group functions within capabilities in accordance with Naval Beach Group Plan, Annex A, to this order.

c. Control Unit

Control the movement of all Landing Ships and Landing Craft in accordance with the Control Plan, Annex B, to this order.

d. Salvage and Repair Unit

- (1) Provide LSUs to Control Officer for lighterage operations.
- (2) Conduct salvage and repair operations for Landing Ships and Landing Craft within capabilities.

e. Movement Element Three

- (1) Lipan (ATF-85) be prepared to conduct towing, salvage and other operations as directed by CTG 90.8.
- (2) SCAJAP LST Unit unload as directed by CTG 90.8. Upon completion of initial unloading conduct shuttle trips between transports and the beaches as directed by the Commander Control Unit.

- x. (1) This order is effective at 1200I, 28 October 1950. Destroy by burning without report upon completion of operations at IWON or when no longer required.
- (2) A Harbor Entrance Control Vessel, initially the Hoaquiam (PF-5), will be stationed in the vicinity of Buoy No. 1 and will furnish anchorage assignments and will deliver

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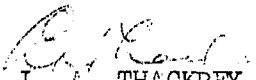
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Swept Channel Instructions, Lion Anchorage Overlay and H.O. 5667 Extension which are issued separately.

- (3) In the event of heavy weather, small craft operations will cease, all boats will be hoisted aboard, ISUs will be reembarked in LSD and all units will prepare to get underway. Units will get underway and proceed to sea as directed by CTG 90.8.
 - (4) All personnel are cautioned against unnecessary movement on the beaches which have not been searched for land mines.
 - (5) Make unloading reports in accordance with paragraph (6) of Control Plan, Annex B, to this order.
 - (6) Medical operations in accordance with Medical Plan, Annex C, to this order.
 - (7) Administration in accordance with Administrative Plan, Annex K to ComPhibGru-3 OpOrder No. 2-50.
4. Logistics - Only emergency logistics will be obtained in the IWON Area, requests for which will be addressed to CTG 90.8. Be prepared to furnish fuel, provisions and potable water to smaller ships, if so directed.
5. a. Communications in accordance with Annex N to ComPhibGru-1 OpOrder No. 16-50 and as modified by ComPhibGru-3 OpOrder No. 2-50.
- b. Use Zone minus Nine (ITEM) Time.
- c. Commander X Corps and 7th Infantry Division Group, CTG 90.8 in Eldorado (AGC-11). CG 7th Infantry Division in Eldorado (AGC-11).


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Annex A. Naval Beach Group Plan.

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COM7thFLT	5	CO, SEMINOLE (AKA-104)	2
CG, FMAF	2	CO, WASHBURN (AKA-108)	2
CG, Xth CORPS	5	CO, TITANIA (AKA-13)	2
CG, 1stMARDIV	2	CO, CONSOLATION (AH-15)	2
CG, 7thINFDIV	35	CO, LIPAN (ATF-85)	2
COMPHIBPAC	2	CO, ARIKARI (ATF-98)	2
COMPHIBLANT	2	CO, CREE (ATF-84)	2
COMPHIBGRU-ONE	5	CO, CONSERVER (ARS-39)	2
COMPHIBGRU-TWO	1	COMFAIRJAP	2
COMDTMARCORPS	2	CTG 96.2 (PATROL AND RECON GRU)	2
COMDTMARCORSCOL	2	COMDESIV 91	2
COMPHIBTRAPAC	1	COMDESIV 92	2
COMDCOMPHIBPAC, NAVFE	5	COMDESIV 72	2
GTF-95	2	COMDESIV 51	2
COMCRUDIV-3	2	COMMINRON THREE & ATTACHED UNITS	16
COMCRUDIV-5	2	CO, DOYLE (DMS-34)	2
COMCRUDIV-1	2	CO, ENDICOTT (DMS-35)	2
CG, 1st MAW	2	COMTRANSRON ONE	5
CG, MCG-33	2	COMTRANSDIV 11	3
COMSERVRON-3	2	COMTRANSDIV 14	3
CO, MT. MCKINLEY (AGC-7)	2	COMTRANSDIV 111	3
CO, GEORGE CLYMER (APA-27)	2	COMTRACTRON 3	5
CO, CAVALIER (APA-37)	2	COMNAVDELCHGRU 1	5
CO, ELDORADO (AGC-11)	2	COMTACRON 1	3
CO, PICKAWAY (APA-222)	2	COMTACRON 3	3
CO, HENRICO (APA-45)	2	COMUDT ONE	2
CO, NOBLE (APA-218)	2	COMLSRDIV 11	2
CO, BEXAR (APA-237)	2	CO, LSMR 401	2
CO, BAYFIELD (APA-33)	2	CO, LSMR 403	2
CO, THOMAS JEFFERSON (APA-30)	2	CO, LSMR 404	2
CO, OKANOGAN (APA-230)	2	CO, GUNSTON HALL (LSD-5)	2
CO, THUBAN (AKA-19)	2	CO, COMSTOCK (LSD-19)	2
CO, ALGOL (AKA-54)	2	CO, FORT MARION (LSD-22)	2
CO, WINSTON (AKA-94)	2	CO, CATAMOUNT (LSD-17)	2
CO, MONTAGUE (AKA-98)	2	CO, COLONIAL (LSD-18)	2
CO, UNION (AKA-106)	2	CO, H.A. BASS (APD-124)	2
CO, ALSHAIN (AKA-55)	2	CO, DIACHENKO (APD-123)	2
CO, ACHERNAR (AKA-53)	2	CO, WANTUCK (APD-125)	2
CO, OGLETHORPE (AKA-100)	2	CO, CURTISS (AVP-4)	2

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CO, USS PARTRIDGE (AMS-31)	2
CO, LSM 419	2
CO, PCEC 896	3
CO, LST 1048	2
CO, LST 742	2
CO, LST 802	2
CO, LST 883	2
CO, LST 898	2
CO, LST 975	2
CO, LST 715	2
CO, LST 799	2
CO, LST 914	2
CO, LST 973	2
CO, LST 845	2
CO, LST 1123	2
CO, LST 1138	2
COMFLTACT, YOKOSUKA	2
COMFLTACT, SASEBO	2
COMFLTACT, PUSAN	2
COMFLTACT, INCH'ON	2
MSTS REPRESENTATIVE, PUSAN	1
MSTS REPRESENTATIVE, WONSAN	1
MRO, TOKYO	1 (Basic Order Only)
MRO, GUAM	1 (Basic Order Only)

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NAVAL BEACH GROUP PLAN

1. MISSION

Naval Beach Party Unit will support the landing of the 7th Infantry Division, landing in column of Regts., Green beach, Iwon, Korea in accordance with doctrine as prescribed in USF 66, Chapter 12.

2. ORGANIZATION

Commander Naval Beach Party Unit, LCDR Welch.

- a. Headquarters Unit consisting of 4 officers, 3 switchboard operators, 6 radiomen, 2 ET, 2 yeomen, 1 officer and 10 enlisted UDT, and 2 messengers.
- b. 2 Naval Beach Party Unit detachments consisting each of 2 officers, 1 quartermaster recorder, 1 enlisted assistant recorder, 1 chief salvage, 6 enlisted assistnat salvage, 5 enlisted beach guides.

3. UDT

Commander Naval Beach Unit direct Commanding Officer UDT Detachment to:

- a. Conduct hydrographic survey of adjoining beaches for possible landing and unloading slots.
- b. Remove any underwater obstructions and obstacles.
- c. Plant and maintain buoys marking the approaches to the beach.

4. SERVICES REQUIRED

- a. Medical equipment with necessary personnel and other service will be required as follows:
 - (1) 1 Doctor and 2 Corpsmen with necessary first aid equipment from Eldorado (AGC-11). Casualty evacuation from the beach will be conducted by this Medical Detachment utilizing small boats or DUKWS as appropriate.
 - (2) 2 Bull Dozers (provided by Shore Party).

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- (3) PAB 1. Portable announcing system (provided by Detachment Naval Beach Group One)
 - (4) 2 PAE. 2 portable announcing systems (provided by Eldorado)
 - (5) Night range lights (provided by Detachment Naval Beach Group One).
 - (6) Necessary communications equipment to maintain continuous watch as directed. (Furnished by Staff ComPhibGru-3).
 - (7) Beach markers (provided by Eldorado).
 - (8) Personnel to augment Naval Beach Party Unit ashore will be furnished by Staff ComPhibGru-3 and Eldorado, to report to Commander Naval Beach Party Unit ashore, as follows:
 - (a) 2 Quartermasters - beach Recorders (Staff ComPhibGru-3).
 - (b) 6 Officers to assist beachmaster in beach operations (Staff ComPhibGru-3 and TacRon-3).
 - (c) 20 enlisted men initially, and more if required to assist Naval Beach Party Unit ashore. (Furnished by Eldorado).
- b. Upon arrival of main body of 2nd Engineer Special Brigade in the Objective Area they will augment their advance element and carry out the duties and functions of the Shore Party.

5. REPORTS

- a. Medical Detachment will report number of casualties evacuated at 0800 and 2000 daily to CTG 90.8.
- b. Commander Naval Beach Party Unit will report at 4 hour intervals 0800, 1200, 1600, 2000, 2400 and 0400 to CTG 90.8 the status of unloading. This report to include personnel, vehicles, and cargo unloaded during this period.

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Annex B

CONTROL PLAN

1. GENERAL

a. The control organization for this landing is organized as follows:

- (1) Central Control Officer, embarked in Eldorado (AGC-11).
- (2) Designated Boat Group and Assistant Boat Group Commanders, embarked in LCPL or LCPR.

b. Initially the Boat Group and Assistant Boat Group Commanders from the Thuban (AKA-19) and the Boat Group Commander from the Eldorado (AGC-11) will function on a watch in three basis, operating in a area approximately 500 yards off the center of Green beach. As other U.S. Naval ships arrive in the landing area other Boat Group and Assistant Boat Group Commanders will be designated to augment this group or will relieve this group as appropriate.

2. DUTIES OF CONTROL OFFICER

a. Control of LSTs and LSUs.

- (1) The Central Control Officer will direct the movements of all LSTs and LSUs except for those movements which must be directed by the Beachmaster for beaching and retracting.
- (2) As each LST or LSU retracts from the beach it will report to the Control Officer for loading instructions. The Control Officer will then designate the ship to which the landing ships are to proceed for their next load.
- (3) When loaded, landing ships will again report to the Control Officer, for beaching instructions. The Control Officer will despatch them to the beach to a location as directed by the Beachmaster. LST Beaching Slots will be marked by wooden panels 36" x 36" in size numbered 1 through 7, these markers will be placed on the beach starting with number 1 marker on the left of the beach and following through consecutively to the right. .

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b. Control of Small Craft

- (1) Boats will be controlled by the Central Control Officer through the Boat Group Commander/s, on station in the immediate beach area, all boats will report to the Boat Group Commander for beaching and loading instructions.
- (2) The Central Control Officer will keep the Boat Group Commander/s informed, by despatch, as to the boat requirements of each ship unloading. The Boat Group Commander/s will then dispatch empty boats to the ships, in accordance with the priority established by the Central Control Officer.
- (3) Boat Group and assistant Boat Group Commanders designated in paragraph 1.b., will stand an eight hour watch, watch in three, commencing at 0700I on 29 October. The Eldorado Boat Group Commander will take the first watch.

3. DISTINGUISHING FLAGS

- a. Officers performing duties of Boat Group Commanders will fly the ZERO Flag on boat in which embarked.
- b. Thuban (AKA-19) LCM when on station as salvage boat will fly SUGAR Flag.

4. SALVAGE INSTRUCTIONS

a. Landing Ship Salvage

All LSTs and LSUs will be prepared to assist other ships of the same type in retraction from the beach.

b. Small Boat Salvage

Thuban (AKA-19) will equip one LCM for salvage in accordance with paragraph 1270 b. USF 66. When equipped, this boat will report to the Beachmaster on Green beach as salvage boat. If surf conditions are such that the services of the salvage boat are not required, the beachmaster will recommend to CTG 90.8

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that the salvage boat be released to assist in unloading operations. If CTG 90.8 concurs the beachmaster will direct the boat to report to the Boat Group Commander off the beach, to be used for unloading the ships. This boat however, if released by the Beachmaster, will retain its salvage equipment on board and if the need for a salvage boat subsequently becomes apparent and is requested by the Beachmaster the boat will be released from unloading operations and will report for salvage duties.

5. UNLOADING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Initially it is expected that 7 LSTs 3 LSUs and approximately 10 LCMs from the Thuban (AKA-19) will be available for shuttle trips from the large ships to the beach. It can be expected however that additional Landing Ships and/or Craft will be made available as the operation progresses.
- b. Due to the shortage of lighterage and the large amount of personnel, vehicles and equipment to be unloaded, large ships must expedite unloading, when Landing Ships and/or Craft are alongside.
- c. Unloading will be conducted on an around-the-clock basis.
- d. In previous operations it was noted that some vehicles were loaded on the decks of LSTs facing aft, this required considerable maneuvering by the vehicles to turn around, thereby delaying the unloading operations at the beach, vehicles and trailers loaded in Landing Ships and Craft must be loaded so that they face the ramp.

6. UNLOADING REPORTS

Individual ships submit unloading reports at two (2) hour intervals commencing on even numbered hours. Submit reports as follows, direct to CTG 90.8 in Eldorado (AGC-11):


- P - Percent Personnel unloaded.
- V - Percent Vehicles unloaded.
- C - Percent Cargo unloaded.
- T - Estimated time unloading will be completed.

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MEDICAL PLAN

1. EVACUATION PLAN

- a. Major casualties occurring on the beach will initially be evacuated to ships present via the Beach Medical Officer. The Beach Medical Officer will check on sorting, tagging and classification of casualties and assist in first aid administration. He shall maintain a summary of casualties with reference to number, seriousness, and ships to which evacuated. It is his responsibility (in conjunction with CTG 90.8 Medical Officer) to insure that casualties are equitably distributed among casualty receiving ships. This responsibility will be assumed by the Casualty Evacuation Officer upon release of Beach Medical Officer.
- b. Casualties occurring aboard USN or USNS ships which can not be treated aboard parent ship will be transferred to other ships as directed by Casualty Evacuation Control Officer in Eldorado (AGC-11). Such casualties when occurring will be reported to the Casualty Evacuation Control Officer immediately.
- c. Casualties occurring aboard Merchant ships which require medical facilities not available on parent ship, will be reported to the Casualty Evacuation Control Officer immediately who will direct transfer of patient to appropriate USN or USNS Ship.

2. CASUALTY REPORTS

- a. Commanding Officer of each USN or USNS ship report daily at 0800 to CTG 90.8 number of admissions in previous 24 hours broken down by; (1) service (2) officer, enlisted (or civilian) (3) stretcher or ambulatory (4) total cases remaining as of 2400I.
- b. Each Merchant ship make report of any casualties occurring immediately to CTG 90.8 in Eldorado (AGC-11), giving full name, identification, tentative diagnosis.
- c. Reports of casualties evacuated from the Objective Area will be made in accordance with paragraph 1771 USF 66. CTG 90.8, CG 7th Infantry Division will be made info adees.

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