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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: The Commanding General, Fifth Amphibious Corps.
Subj: Bomb Disposal Teams.
Ref: (a) Secr ltr Bomb Disposal Officer, H&S
CO, 20th Marines, 4thMarDiv, to
CMC, dtd 17Mar44, w/ends.
(b) Restr. ltr CMC, Ser MC-224244, dtd
1 Apr 44

Encl: (A) Tentative T/O, Corps Bomb Disposal Company

1. The action taken by the Commanding General, Fifth Amphibious Corps, as reported by reference (a), is approved.
2. Reference (b) is revoked.
3. As soon as practicable, considering the tactical situation, the Commanding General, Fifth Amphibious Corps, is authorized to form new organizations to be known as Corps Bomb Disposal Companies using enclosure (A) as a guide.
4. One (1) Bomb Disposal Company will be assigned to each Corps, and will contain the same number of platoons as the Corps has Divisions. This company will take the place of all the bomb disposal personnel now distributed as in reference (b), except those in Antiaircraft Battalions and Defense Battalions.
5. It is requested that the Commanding General, Fifth Amphibious Corps, forward to the Commandant of the Marine Corps recommendations for changes to enclosure (A).
6. Tentative TBA for Corps Bomb Disposal Companies will be forwarded at an early date.
7. Graduate officers of the Naval Bomb Disposal School who have been designated Engineer Officers will have that designation revoked and will be placed under the cognizance of the Ordnance Service. Enlisted graduates of this school will be issued Ordnance Personnel warrants in lieu of present warrants.

/s/ A.A. VANDEGRIFT