

II. The following concerns the U. S. Marine Corps Bomb Disposal Units and is transcribed verbatim:

TO BE ADDED TO:
"U.S. NAVY BOMB DISPOSAL
DIRECTIVES".

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HEADQUARTERS, III AMPHIBIOUS CORPS
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco

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BOMB DISPOSAL S.O.P.)

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References: (a) CMC ltr MC-224244, of 1 Apr 44, to CG 1 MAC
(copy to addressees hereof).
(b) CG III PhibCorps ltr serial 00260-1, of 23
Apr 44 to CG 3dMarDiv.
(c) CG III PhibCorps ltr serial 00261-1, of 25
Apr 44 to CG 1st Prov Marine Brigade.
(d) Corps General order No. 8-43.

1. Bomb Disposal personnel have been assigned to units of this Corps in accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c). Those officers and non-commissioned officers who report to tactical units for temporary duty will revert to their permanent assignment upon Corps order.

2. Tactical units to which Bomb Disposal squads have been assigned, will complete composition of the squad by assigning personnel with capabilities commensurate with the duties to be performed. Transportation authorized by references (b) and (c) and required for transportation of Bomb Disposal squad tools and gear, will be furnished, as required, by the tactical unit to which the squad is attached.

3. The use of lifting equipment for heavy shells and bombs may be necessary. The assignment by Commanding Officer, Service Group, of DUKW's with 'A' frames, wrecking trucks, and cranes when available, and as required for this purpose, is directed. Bomb trucks when landed by Air units will be made available for this use, until such time as they are required to service airplanes. Additional transportation required for hauling out for disposal will be assigned by Commanding Officer, Service Group. Water transportation for deep water dumping will be assigned by Shore Party Commander.

4. Tactical units will be responsible for bomb disposal within their bivouac, and tactical areas except as modified by paragraph 5.

5. The Corps Bomb Disposal Officer will coordinate the work of all bomb disposal squads within the Corps. He is authorized to reassign the squads, as may be necessary. Tactical units

requiring the services of additional bomb disposal squads will make request to the Corps Bomb Disposal Officer. All Bomb Disposal squads will keep the Corps Bomb Disposal Officer advised daily of their whereabouts and activities. They will submit a weekly periodic report of bomb disposal activities to him, with copies to the tactical unit to which assigned. Tactical units will not be deprived of the services of bomb disposal squads assigned to them, except in furtherance of the above plan.

6. On completion of an operation the Corps Bomb Disposal Officer will submit a report to the Commanding General, III Amphibious Corps, on the bomb disposal activities during the operation.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL GEIGER:

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