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HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAL DIVISION  
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10 December 1943

MOVEMENT ORDER)  
NO,.....1)

1. In compliance with instructions from higher headquarters, the Americal Division will proceed by GWT to CHERRYBLOSSOM.

a. First echelon begin embarkation 17 December 1943:

	<u>UNIT</u>	Approximate	
		<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>
(1)	Det, Div Hq, Americal Div	21	48
(2)	Det, Sp Tr to include:		
	(a) Det, Hq Sp Tr	1	2
	(b) Det, Hq Co, Americal Div	2	70
	(c) Det, 26th Sig Co	4	80
	(d) Det, 125th QM Co	2	65
	(e) Det, 721st Ord Co	2	10
	(f) Det, MP Plat, Americal Div	2	45
(3)	164th Inf	141	3159
(4)	Co C, 57th Engr Combat Bn	5	170
(5)	Co A, 121st Med Bn	5	97
(6)	1st Plat, Co D, 121st Med Bn	6	50
(7)	Det, Americal Div Arty to include:		
	(a) Det, Hq & Hq Btry, Americal Div Arty	7	70
	(b) Det, 245th FA Bn	12	17
(8)	Det, Hq & Hq & Sv Co, 57th Engr Combat Bn	2	50
(9)	Det, Hq, 121st Med Bn	3	3
(10)	Det, 182d Inf	8	12
	TOTAL	223	3948

CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO:  
**CANCELLED**  
BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
*William D. Top* 12th AGO  
SWINGS BOARD COMMITTEE 18 June 46

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b. Second echelon begin embarkation 20 December 1943:

<u>UNIT</u>	Approximate	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>
(1) 182d Inf	123	3076
(2) 245th FA Bn	17	474
(3) Co B, 57th Engr Combat Bn	5	170
(4) Co B, 121st Med Bn	5	97
(5) Det, Americal Div Arty to include:		
(a) Hq & Hq Btry, Americal Div Arty (less Det)	7	38
(b) Det, 246th FA Bn	9	17
(c) Det, 247th FA Bn	8	17
(d) Det, 221st FA Bn	2	6
(6) Det, Sp Tr to include:		
(a) 721st Ord Co (less Dets)	4	65
(b) 125th QM Co (less Dets)	3	85
(c) 26th Sig Co (less Det)	2	55
(7) Det, 132d Inf	8	12
TOTAL	193	4112

c. Third echelon begin embarkation 1 January 1944:

<u>UNIT</u>	Approximate	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>
(1) 132d Inf	127	2951
(2) 246th FA Bn	15	513
(3) Co A, 57th Engr Combat Bn	5	170
(4) Hq & Sv Co, 57th Engr Combat Bn (less Det)	13	55
(5) Co C, 121st Med Bn	4	97
(6) Det, 221st FA Bn	7	11
(7) Det, 21st Rcn Tr, Mecz	2	10
TOTAL	173	3807

d. Fourth echelon begin embarkation 4 January 1944:

<u>UNIT</u>	Approximate	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>EM</u>
(1) Det, Div Hq, Americal Div	24	94
(2) Det, Sp Tr to include:		
(a) Hq, Sp Tr (less Det)	1	9
(b) Div Hq Co, Americal Div (less Det)	2	71
(c) Med Sec, Sp Tr	2	10
(d) Americal Div Band	2	57
(e) MP Plat (less Det)	2	48



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PERSONNEL LOADING TABLE

2ND ECHELON

ADAMS: Load at SUVA		<u>OFF.</u>	<u>EM</u>
	Btry. A, 245th FA.....	6	98
	Ser Btry. 245th FA.....	1	25
	246th FA.....	3	6
Available to	182nd Infantry.....	48	1141
	164th Infantry.....	5	
	Hq & Hq Btry. 245th FA.....	11	
		<u>74</u>	<u>1270</u>

JACKSON: Load at SUVA		<u>OFF.</u>	<u>EM</u>
	Btry. B, 245th FA.....	5	94
	Ser Btry. 245th FA.....	1	25
	246th FA.....	3	6
Available to	182nd Infantry.....	52	1094
	26th Signal Co.....	2	55
	Hq & Hq Btry. Div Art.....	7	38
		<u>70</u>	<u>1312</u>

HAYES: Load at SUVA		<u>OFF.</u>	<u>EM</u>
	Btry C, 245th FA.....	5	100
	Ser Btry. 245th FA.....	2	24
	246th FA.....	3	5
	182nd Infantry.....	54	1127
	721st Ordnance Co.....	1	30
	125th QM Co.....	2	
	247th FA.....	2	
	132nd Infantry.....	7	8
		<u>76</u>	<u>1294</u>

TITANIA: Load at LAUTOKA		<u>OFF.</u>	<u>EM</u>
	Hq Btry. 245th FA.....	3	125
	125th QM Co.....	1	85
	721st Ordnance Co.....	1	35
	182nd Infantry.....		25
	247th FA.....	4	9
	221st FA.....	2	6
	132nd Infantry.....	1	4
		<u>12</u>	<u>289</u>

ALHENA: Load at LAUTOKA		<u>OFF.</u>	<u>EM</u>
	Co. B, 57th Engr. Bn.....	5	170
	Co. B, 121st Med Bn.....	5	97
	247th FA.....	2	8
		<u>12</u>	<u>275</u>

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MEMO TO: Bn Comdrs  
CO, Hq Btry

1. In connection with our movement following are notes and reminders:
2. See Memo No. 62 Hq Amer Div. Study carefully and comply. I understand Div is arranging to have psgr lists made up by sections rather than by rank and alphabetical order to permit quartering by sections etc. Check with AG.
3. Provisions must be made for men to be given ample water and salt during the strenuous work of loading and unloading. Likewise salt must be given during the hot boat trip. Consult Medico.
4. It is imperative that men be full covered during any attack made on a vessel. Clothing will prevent many serious burns from explosions. It is suggested that gloves or a substitute and a towel or rag be in each man's possession to cover hands and part of the face during an attack.
5. Mosquito bars must be available to the man the first night ashore.
6. Provide cleaning and preserving equip for maint of weapons while aboard. Grease arty weapons and, if possible, remove excess grease day before debarking.
7. Btrys, <sup>(complete)</sup> will probably be on different ships.
8. Just prior to departure shake down the outfits for diaries and other items not allowed in combat zones.
9. Have 610's and slip stick codes available for ship to shore communication.
10. Without knowing the loading and unloading scheme, plans can not be definite; however when known the utmost attention must be given to all details to insure proper loading and rapid, quiet and efficient unloading. My major concern is safe arrival on the beach, consequently every detail must be worked out that will allow us to get ashore quickly and in good condition.  
Since Bn may be split up on ships, Btry Comdrs responsibility will increase. Even tho the ship troop commander may not do a good job each orgn comdr can do much to get his outfit ashore efficiently.
11. This Div has been out of combat for a long time and the old timers may be a bit rusty. Certainly the replacements haven't the slightest idea of what is ahead. I suggest that thought be given to preparing all personnel mentally for the coming action. Impress them with the idea of the great amount of hard work connected with combat, the absolute necessity of taking cover, maintaining their health and above all the importance of each man doing his job. There is much more you know they need. Lets bring them into the picture and prevent that period of indcision and lack of assurance we are sure to experience if the men are not prepared for it.
12. Outward indications of discipline such as saluting etc. are dropped in combat. However, it will be made clear to all officers and men that those disciplinary matters pertaining to obedience and performance and attention to duty will be more exacting and severe than ever before.

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