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# BRITISH ASSAULT AREA



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## NAVAL OPERATION ORDERS

(Short Title: ONBA)

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Office of Flag Officer,  
British Assault Area.

The enclosed orders will be brought into force by signal when Flag Officer, British Assault Area, assumes command. They are to be referred to in signals and correspondence as "ONBA - ".

2. They will supersede previous orders for the British Assault Area, relevant extracts from which have been reprinted herein.

3. When necessary to correct these orders by signal, a general signal will be made in the "YO" (British Assault Area) Operational signal series.



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# DIAGRAM NO 1.

TO ACCOMPANY ONBA. Nos 1. TO 4.

LONG. 00° 40' W

LAT. 49° 40' N

00° 00'

49° 40'



U.S.  
NAVAL AREA

BRITISH

SEAWARD

AREA

AREA  
'PIKE'

AREA  
'TUNNY'

BRITISH  
sub area  
GOLD

BRITISH  
sub area  
JUNO

sub area  
SWORD

SCALLOPS

SCALLOPS  
PLUS

SCALLOPS  
MINUS

LE HAVRE

River Seine

CAP D'ANTIFER

MULBERRY 'B' AND  
GOOSEBERIES 3, 4 & 5  
shown in red

1st. U.S. ARMY  
2nd. ARMY  
PORT EN GESSIN  
H  
I  
J  
K  
L  
M  
N  
O  
P  
Q  
R  
N.O.I.C. "G"  
N.O.I.C. "I"  
N.O.I.C. "S"  
R  
MERRVILLE  
REDOUBT

104 sub area. 102 sub area. 101 sub area.

APPROX. SCALE: SEA MILES.



50'

40'

30'

20'

10'

0'

10'

20'

30'

40'

50'

60'

70'

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SECTION I - GENERAL

1. LIMITS OF BRITISH ASSAULT AREA.

NORTH ..... Lat.  $49^{\circ} 40'$  N.

SOUTH )  
EAST ) ..... North Coast of FRANCE.

WEST ..... Line  $025^{\circ}$  (true) from the root of Western breakwater at PORT-EN-BESSIN ( $49^{\circ} 21'$  N.,  $00^{\circ} 45'$  W. approx.) to longitude  $00^{\circ} 40'$  W., thence  $000^{\circ}$  (true). (U.S./BRITISH dividing line).

2. DIVISION OF BRITISH ASSAULT AREA (See Diag. No. 1).

Reference Points.

POINTE DE VER LIGHT	.....	$49^{\circ} 20'$ N.	$00^{\circ} 31'$ W.	(approx.)
ST. AUBIN LIGHT	.....	$49^{\circ} 20'$ N.	$00^{\circ} 24'$ W.	"
MERVILLE REDOUBT	.....	$49^{\circ} 17'$ N.	$00^{\circ} 13'$ W.	"
CAP D'ANTIFER LIGHT	.....	$49^{\circ} 41'$ N.	$00^{\circ} 10'$ E.	"

(1) Special British mined areas in the vicinity of HAVRE.

SCALLOPS ..... The waters East of longitude  $00^{\circ} 05'$  W. between latitudes  $49^{\circ} 32'$  N. and  $49^{\circ} 26'$  N.

SCALLOPS PLUS ..... The waters North of SCALLOPS and East of a line drawn from position  $49^{\circ} 32'$  N.  $00^{\circ} 05'$  W. in a direction  $047^{\circ}$  (true) to CAP D'ANTIFER LIGHT.

SCALLOPS MINUS ..... The waters South of SCALLOPS and East of a line drawn from position  $49^{\circ} 26'$  N.  $00^{\circ} 05'$  W. in direction  $145^{\circ}$  (true) to the Coast.

(These areas are identical with those formerly established by N.C.E.T.F.'s BAADO. No. 1).

(2) BRITISH HARBOUR AREA - Waters within the following limits.

NORTH and EAST ..... A line drawn from position  $318^{\circ}$  POINTE DE VER Light 9.5 (on the U.S./British dividing line) in a direction  $095^{\circ}$  to position  $000^{\circ}$  ST. AUBIN Light 6'.5 thence  $110^{\circ}$  to position  $000^{\circ}$  MERVILLE REDOUBT 7'.0, thence  $180^{\circ}$  to MERVILLE REDOUBT.

/SOUTH .....



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SECTION I - GENERAL (Continued)

2. DIVISION OF BRITISH ASSAULT AREA (See Diag. No. 1) (Continued).

SOUTH ..... The North Coast of FRANCE.

WEST ..... The U.S./British dividing line.

(The limits of this area are identical with those containing the areas GOLD, JUNO and SWORD previously established by N.C.E.T.F.'s BAADO No. 1).

(3) Seaward Areas.

PIKE ..... Boundaries:-

- North ..... 49° 40' N.
- South ..... Northern boundary of harbour area.
- East ..... Longitude of ST. AUBIN Light.
- West ..... U.S./British dividing lines.

TUNNY ..... Boundaries:-

- North ..... 49° 40' N.
- South ..... Coast of FRANCE.
- East ..... SCALLOPS areas.
- West ..... PIKE and "Harbour" Areas.

TUNNY NORTH) dividing line Lat. 49° 32' N.  
TUNNY SOUTH)

(These areas are identical with those formerly established by N.C.E.T.F.'s B.A.A.D.O. No. 1.)

3. SUB-DIVISION OF BRITISH "HARBOUR AREA" (See Diag. NO. 1)

(a) 3 Sub areas.

Dividing Line

- GOLD (West) .....000° (true) from POINTE DE VER LT.
- JUNO (Centre) .....000° (true) from ST. AUBIN LT.
- SWORD (East)

(b) Inner and Outer Anchorages.

Further sub-dividing each Sub area. Inner anchorage will extend about 2½ miles off shore as laid down by signal to suit the circumstances found to obtain (See ONBA No. 5, para. 7).

/(c) GOLD .....

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SECTION I - GENERAL (continued)

3. SUB-DIVISION OF BRITISH "HARBOUR AREA" (See Diag.No.1) (continued).

(c) GOLD Sub area inner anchorages will be further sub-  
divided as follows :-

PORT EN BESSIN  
sub area inner anchorage

..... 000° (true) from Semaphore  
Tower, position  
(49°20.9'N. 00°42.8'W.)

MULBERRY "B"  
sub area inner anchorage

..... 000° (true) from  
49°20.6'N. 00°34.9'W.

GOLD AREA  
sub area inner anchorage

/4. ESTABLISHED BERTHS ...



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SECTION I - GENERAL (Continued)

4. ESTABLISHED BERTHS - SYSTEM OF INDICATING POSITIONS, LINES OR AREAS WITHIN THE "HARBOUR" AREA. (See Diag. No. 1).

(1) Reference point:- ST. AUBIN Light House (49° 20' N., 00° 24' W. approx.)

Lines:-

A -- Northern boundary of Harbour area.

B to - Lines parallel to A, 5 cables apart.

P as follows:-  
(incl.)

Line	B	through position	000° (true)	ST. AUBIN LT.	6.0'
"	C	"	"	"	" 5.5'
"	D	"	"	"	" 5.0'
"	E	"	"	"	" 4.5'
"	F	"	"	"	" 4.0'
"	G	"	"	"	" 3.5'
"	H	"	"	"	" 3.0'
"	J	"	"	"	" 2.5'
"	K	"	"	"	" 2.0'
"	L	"	"	"	" 1.5'
"	M	"	"	"	" 1.0'
"	N	"	"	"	" 0.5'
"	P	through the chartered position of ST. AUBIN Lighthouse.			

(2) Berths.

Are established 3 cables apart along each line and numbered consecutively from East to West with No. 1 on the Eastern boundary of the "Harbour area".

(3) Describing Berths or Positions.

Berth or position should be indicated by the letter of the line followed by the number of the berth in that line, e.g. C.24. Also E 44.5 (written) or E.44 FI 5 (hoisted) (indicating berth mid-way between E 44 and E 45).

More accurate positions may be given with reference to a berth, thus, 045° 1.7 cables from C 24.

(4) Small areas within the Harbour area should be indicated by the above system, e.g. Area F 41, F 43, G 43, J 40.