

SECRET:

PHASE "A", PREPARATION OF FORCES

OPERATION ORDER
No. ZA-32

TASK ORGANIZATION

BLUE FORCE, TRAIN,
ARGONNE, Flagship,
San Pedro, California.
23 January, 1932.

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- (a) TRAIN
HENDERSON
RELIEF
MEDUSA
NECHES
ARGONNE
CUYAMA
KINGFISHER
PARTRIDGE
BRANT
SONOMA
TERN
ST. MIHIEL

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DECLASSIFICATION OF WWII RECORDS

32 Constructive Transports and Auxiliary Ships.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
1	CITY OF HONOLULU	Troop Transport.
2	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	do
3	H.F. ALEXANDER	do
4	MATSONIA	do
5	MAUI	do
6	MINNEKAHDA	do
7	PRESIDENT ADAMS	do
8	PRESIDENT FILLMORE	do
9	PRESIDENT GARFIELD	do
10	PRESIDENT GRANT	do
11	PRESIDENT HARRISON	do
12	PRESIDENT HAYES	do
13	PRESIDENT JACKSON	do
14	PRESIDENT JEFFERSON	do
15	PRESIDENT JOHNSON	do
16	PRESIDENT MONROE	do
17	PRESIDENT POLK	do
18	PRESIDENT VAN BUREN	do
19	DOROTHY LUCKENBACH	Animal Transport.
20	EDWARD LUCKENBACH	do
21	W.A. LUCKENBACH	do
22	HARRY LUCKENBACH	do
23	J.L. LUCKENBACH	do
24	JULIA LUCKENBACH	do
25	LILLIAN LUCKENBACH	do
26	AXTELL J. BAYLESS	Distilling Ship.
27	COMET	do
28	G. HARRISON SMITH	do
29	ABANGAREZ	Ammunition Ship.
30	ANTENAS	do
31	HEREDIA	do
32	METAPAN	do

1. Reference (a), Estimates, Plans, and Orders of Grand Joint Exercise No. 4, issued on 21 December, 1931, by Commander Blue Force. The War and Navy Departments have directed the concentration of the Blue Naval Forces and Army Expeditionary Force in San Pedro - San Diego Area. Phase "A" consists of preparation of forces for departure from bases on one February, 1932, including embarkation of the Expeditionary Force in proper order.
2. This Force, operating in accordance with reference (a), make all necessary preparations and be in all respects ready to sail from San Pedro-San Diego Area on 1 February, 1932, (MEDUSA sails prior to one February) in order to proceed to the Hawaiian Area and carry out tasks assigned in reference (a).

3. TRAIN

HENDERSON embark Marine Troops and equipment at SAN DIEGO in accordance with embarkation schedule of Commanding General, Marine Base, prior to 1 February and be prepared to sail in accordance with Commander Blue Force Operation Order No. 1-B, phase "B".

ARGONNE and RELIEF at SAN PEDRO be prepared to sail in accordance with Commander Blue Force Operation Order No. 1-B.

MEDUSA at SAN PEDRO proceed at such time to arrive HILC not later than sixteen hundred (1600) five February. Operate thereafter in accordance with Commander Blue Force Operation Order No. 1-B, shifting Base to LAHAINA on ten February to augment Train.

NECHES and CUYAMA at SAN PEDRO, loaded with fuel oil, report to Commander Expeditionary Force Convoy prior to 1 February, 1932.

KINGFISHER and PARTRIDGE at SAN DIEGO on 30 January report to Commander LAHAINA ATTACK FORCE.

BRANT and TERN at SAN PEDRO proceed on thirty January to SAN DIEGO and report to Commander LAHAINA ATTACK FORCE.

SONOMA at SAN DIEGO proceed on thirty January to SAN PEDRO and report to Commander TRAIN.

ST. MIHIEL embark ARMY TROOPS and animals at SAN FRANCISCO in accordance with embarkation schedule of Commanding General, U.S. Army, Presidio, prior to 30 January, and be prepared to rendezvous with Expeditionary Force Convoy at such time and place as designated by Commander Expeditionary Force Convoy, phase "B".

CONSTRUCTIVE TRANSPORTS No. 1 to 25 INCLUSIVE, will be fueled and provisioned to capacity and berthed at docks in SAN PEDRO HARBOR by twelve hundred (1200) 29 January, as shown in special chart of SAN PEDRO water front (Annex I of this order). Loading of troops will be completed by sixteen thirty 31 January, and in accordance with Blue Army Expeditionary Force Annex No. 3 to Field Order No. 1, of 22 December, 1931. Report to Commander Expeditionary Convoy upon completion of embarkation.

CONSTRUCTIVE DISTILLING SHIPS No. 26, 27, 28, anchor in berths to be assigned in CAST line, SAN PEDRO Outer Harbor, on twenty-six January and report to Commander HILO Base Force.

CONSTRUCTIVE AMMUNITION SHIPS NO. 29 to 32, loaded to capacity with ammunition, anchor in berths to be assigned in San Diego Harbor on thirty January and report to Commanding Officer HOLLAND.

(x) Use zone time.

- 4. All ships fuel to capacity before departure from SAN PEDRO.
- 5. Communications in accordance with Blue Communication Plan reference (a). Commander TRAIN in ARGONNE at SAN PEDRO.

HENRY H. HOUGH,
Rear Admiral, U.S.N.,
COMMANDER TRAIN.

ANNEX I:- SPECIAL CHART OF SAN PEDRO HARBOR.

DISTRIBUTION:-

By Guard Mail:- *ARGONNE CINCUS (5)
 *RELIEF COMBATFOR (20)
 *MEDUSA COMBATSHIPS (20)
 *BRANT *TERN
 *SONOMA

By Seaplane Mail:- Comdesbatfor (5) *NECHES
 *KINGFISHER *CUYAMA
 *PARTRIDGE *HOLLAND

By U.S. Mail:- *C.O. HENDERSON
 *C.O. ST. MIHIEL
 COMBATDIV THREE (5) Army Expeditionary Force. (10)
 COMCRUDIV THREE (5) Marine Expeditionary Force. (5)
 COMAIRBATFOR (5) Navy War College, Newport (5)
 COMSUBDIV TWELVE (5) Combatdiv ONE. (5)

COMDT 11th - Comdt 12th - OpNav.

*Acknowledge receipt by dispatch.

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T.F. Dardon, Jr.,
Secretary.

T. F. Dardon, Jr.

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BLUE FORCE, Train
USS ARGONNE, Flagship.
San Pedro, Calif.
23 January, 1932.

MOVEMENT OVERSEAS

PHASE "B"

OPERATION ORDER

No. 2-B-32.

TASK ORGANIZATION.

(a) SAN PEDRO DETACHMENT

ARGONNE
RELIEF
SONOMA.

(b) TRAIN ESCORT - REAR ADMIRAL SELLERS

NEW YORK
OKLAHOMA
DORSEY
LEA

(c) SAN DIEGO DETACHMENT - CAPTAIN COLLINS.

ALTAIR
HOLLAND (representing one actual submarine tender and
four constructive ammunition ships).
ORTOLAN

1. Reference (a) Estimates, Plans, and Orders of Grand Joint Exercise No. 4 issued on 21 December, 1931, by Commander Blue Force. Phase "B" covers the safe conduct overseas of the Expeditionary Force to positions for beginning the landings and attacks, and specifically for the TRAIN, the movement overseas and arrival of TRAIN at LAHAINA early morning eleven February. There is no further news of the enemy.
2. This force sortie by detachments from bases on one February at such times to rendezvous at position "X" at zero four three zero hours (0430), two February, and proceed to LAHAINA.
3. (a) SAN PEDRO DETACHMENT on signal at about six hundred (0600), sortie from SAN PEDRO and proceed to position "X". On signal, on arrival position "X", take positions in cruising disposition VICE (Annex I to this order).

(b) TRAIN ESCORT sortie from bases one February at such time to arrive position "X" at zero four three zero hours (0430), two February, at which position join and guard TRAIN. When directed NEW YORK and OKLAHOMA proceed in accordance with orders for PLAN CAST.

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(c) SAN DIEGO DETACHMENT sortie from SAN DIEGO at such time to arrive at rendezvous position "X" at zero four three zero hours (0430), two February. On signal, on arrival position "X", take positions in cruising disposition VICE (Annex I to this order).

- (x) 1. Composition and order of divisions is shown in Cruising Disposition VICE (Annex I to this order).
2. Standard speed 9.5 knots.
3. Position "X" Latitude 31°10' N. Longitude 121°05' W.
4. Use zone time until arrival within the circle of five hundred miles radius from PEARL HARBOR, then Zone plus ten and one-half time.
5. Communications in accordance with BLUE communication plan, reference (a). COMMANDER TRAIN IN ARGONNE.

HENRY H. HOUGH.
Rear Admiral, USN,
Commander, TRAIN.

ANNEX I Cruising Disposition VICE.

DISTRIBUTION:	*ARGONNE	CINCUS (5)	COMBATSHIPS (20)
By Guard Mail	*RELIEF	COMBATFOR (20)	*COMBATDIV ONE (5)
	*SONOMA	NEW YORK	COMBATDIV THREE (5)
		OKLAHOMA	COMCRUDIV THREE (5)
By Seaplane Mail:	COMAIRBATFOR (5)	*ALTAIR	*ORTOLAN
	COMDESBATFOR (5)	DORSEY	*HOLLAND
	HENDERSON	COMDESRON TWO (2)	
	LEA	COMSUBDIV 12 (5)	
		COMDESDIV FIVE (2).	

By U.S. Mail: CpNav.
Comdr. Army, Expeditionary Force (10)
Comdr. Marine Expeditionary Force (5)
Navy War College, Newport R.I. (5)
Comdt. 11ND, 12th. ND.

J. F. Darden
T.F. Darden, Jr.
Secretary.

* ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT BY DISPATCH.

CRUISING DISPOSITION VICE

SIGNAL:- FORM VICE

DIVISION TWO



RELIEF



SONOMA

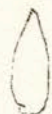


ORTOLAN

DIVISION ONE



ARGONNE



ALTAIR

DIVISION THREE



HOLLAND



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- - CONSTRUCTIVE
AMMUNITION
SHIPS.



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STANDARD DISTANCE 500 YARDS.

STANDARD INTERVAL 1000 YARDS.

ANNEX I to Commander TRAIN Operation
Order No. 2-B-32.

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BLUE FORCE, TRAIN
ARGONNE, Flagship,
San Pedro, California,
23 January, 1932.

PHASE "C", THE LANDING AND ATTACK

OPERATION ORDER

No. 2-C-32.

TASK ORGANIZATION

(a) LAHAINA BASE FORCE

ARGONNE

ALTAIR

RELIEF

MEDUSA (representing one actual repair ship and three constructive distilling ships)

HOLLAND (representing one submarine tender and four constructive ammunition ships)

(b) BASE PATROL - Lieutenant Commander Zacharias.

DORSEY

LEE

SONOMA

GANNET

PELICAN

ORTOLAN

1. Reference (a) Estimates, Plans, and Orders of Grand Joint Exercise No. 4 issued on 21 December, 1931, by Commander Blue Force. Phase "C" prescribes the same mission for the TRAIN in connection with Preferred Plan (Plan 1), First Alternate Plan (Plan 2) and Second Alternate Plan (Plan 3) of reference (a).
2. This force will maintain base at Lahaina Roads, established by Lahaina Attack Force and Advance Security Force on ten February, and will be augmented by shift of HILO Base Force, less Fleet Air Base Aircraft, from HILO to LAHAINA on ten February.
3. (a) LAHAINA BASE FORCE
Anchor off Lahaina in anchorages assigned in accordance with anchorage plan (Annex 1 to this order). Be prepared to render train service characteristic to individual vessels.

RELIEF establish base hospital ashore.

(b) BASE FORCE PATROL maintain patrols in Luau Channel, Kealaikohiki Channel, and Alalakeiki Channel day and night. Detail tug or "bird class" minesweeper to anchor in vicinity of Train Flagship prepared to render tug service. Be prepared to render assistance to damaged Blue submarines and aircraft. Destroyers join task group for Phase "D" when directed.

- (x) 1. All ships maintain sharp lookout night and day for enemy air, surface, and submarine craft. Report and engage such craft when sighted.
2. Ships at anchor at night maintain patrol around own ships by ships boats properly manned and armed for picket duty.
3. Establish base defenses as facilities permit.
4. - - - - -
5. Communications in accordance with Blue Communication Plan, reference (a). Commander TRAIN in ARGONNE with Lehain Base Force.

HENRY H. HOUGH.

ANNEX I:- Lehain anchorage plan.

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*SONOM COMBATDIV ONE(5)
*MEDUSA COMBATDIV THREE(5)
COMBATSHIPS(20) COMBATFOR(5)
COMSUBDIV 12 (5)

By Seaplane Mail: COMDESBATFOR(5) *ALTAIR
COMDESRON TWO *DORSEY
COMDESDIV FIVE *LEL
COMCRUDIV THREE *ORTOLAN
*HOLLAND *GANNET

By U.S.Mail: OPNAV
Comdg. Gen. U. S. Army, Presidio,
San Francisco, Calif.
Navy War College, Newport, R.I.(5)
PELICAN

T. F. Darden, Jr.
T. F. Darden, Jr.
Secretary.

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LAHAINA ANCHORAGE PLAN.
ANNEX I TO COMMANDER TRAIN OPERATION PLAN
NO. 2-C. See Anchorage Chart "A E"
Lahaina Roads.

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>ANCHORAGE</u>
HOLLAND - - - - -	Borth 34
ALTAIR - - - - -	" 35
ARGONNE - - - - -	" 36
RELIEF - - - - -	" 37
MEDUSA - - - - -	" 38

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PHASE "D", SUBSEQUENT OPERATIONS.

BLUE FORCE, BASE FORCE,
ARGONNE, Flagship.
San Pedro, California,
23 January 1932.

Operation Order

No. 2D-32.

TASK ORGANIZATION

(a) LAHAINA BASE DETACHMENT

RELIEF
MEDUSA (representing 3 distilling ships)
NECHES
ARGONNE
CUYAMA
DESTROYER DIVISION TEN less TREVER
KINGFISHER
PARTRIDGE
BRANT
TERN
GANNET and VP-1.

(b) WAIALUA-WAIMEA BASE DETACHMENT - Captain MAULDIN.

HENDERSON (representing 12 troop ships)
HOLLAND (representing 4 ammunition ships)
ST MIHIEL (representing 13 troop and animal ships)
DESTROYER DIVISION ELEVEN less PREBLE
SONOMA
PELICAN, VP-4, VP-6.

(c) SECONDARY BASE DETACHMENT - Captain COLLINS.

ALTAIR
MELVILLE
DESTROYER DIVISION SIXTEEN less BROOME plus DECATUR
ORTOLAN.

1. Reference (a) Estimates, Plans, and Orders of Grand Joint Exercise No. 4 issued on 21 December 1931, by Commander Blue Force. The object of this plan is to maintain base at LAHAINA and as soon as situation warrants establish secondary base at WAIALUA-WAIMEA, and at other points on OAHU as required by Expeditionary Force.
2. This force will maintain base at LAHAINA, establish a secondary base at WAIALUA-WAIMEA and at other points on OAHU as directed, render assistance to damaged vessels, transport and care for wounded personnel, convoy troop ships and supply ships through Fleet Zone, and render miscellaneous train service.
3. (a) LAHAINA BASE DETACHMENT maintain Base at LAHAINA.
(b) WAIALUA-WAIMEA BASE DETACHMENT on completion of debarkation of troops and equipment on beaches, rendezvous with LAHAINA BASE DETACHMENT at LAHAINA. On signal from Commander Base Force proceed to WAIALUA-

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WAIMEA AREA and establish a base as directed at the time by Commander BASE FORCE. Maintain base at WAIALUA-WAIMEA.

(c) SECONDARY BASE DETACHMENT on completion of PHASE "C" rendezvous with LAHAINA BASE DETACHMENT at LAHAINA. Be prepared to proceed on signal to assist WAIALUA-WAIMEA Detachment establish a base in WAIALUA-WAIMEA area, or to proceed to such other points on OAHU as may be directed by Commander Base Force to establish additional bases on that Island.

(x) 1. Units of any Task Force may be transferred to other Task Forces during this Phase.

2. Transfer of all non-combatants vessels in Fleet Transportation Zone will be made under escort of destroyers and aircraft assigned to respective Base Detachments.

3. While at LAHAINA each Detachment will act independently as to taking proper security steps against enemy air and water craft.

4. Detachments while at LAHAINA will have the following anchorage and operating areas :-

Lahaina Base Detachment, off Lahaina between latitudes 20° 52' and 20° 54';

Waialua-Waimca Base Detachment, off Launiupoke between latitudes 20° 50' and 20° 52';

Secondary Base Detachment, off Olowalu between latitudes 20° 48' and 20° 50'.

5. Use zone plus ten and one-half time.

4. - - - - -

5. Communications in accordance with Blue Communication Plan, reference (a). Commander BASE FORCE in ARGONNE at LAHAINA.

HENRY H. HOUGH,
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy,
Commander Base Force.

DISTRIBUTION -

By Guard Mail :

*RELIEF Cincus (5)
*MEDUSA Combatfor (20)
*NECHES Combatships (20)
*ARGONNE Combatdiv ONE (5)
*BRANT Combatdiv THREE (5)
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By Seaplane Mail:

*ALTAIR Comairbatfor (5)
*MELVILLE Comdesbatfor (5)
*CUYAMA *Comdesron FOUR (10)
*KINGFISHER *Comdesdiv TEN (10)
*PARTRIDGE *Comdesdiv ELEVEN (10)

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DISTRIBUTION - (Continued)

By Seaplane Mail :

*SONOMA *Comdesdiv SIXTEEN (10)

*GANNET

*ORTOLAN

By U. S. Mail :

*HENDERSON Opnav

*ST MIHIEL Comdg Gen. U.S. Army Presidio (10)

*PELICAN Naval War College, Newport (5)

*CO VP-1

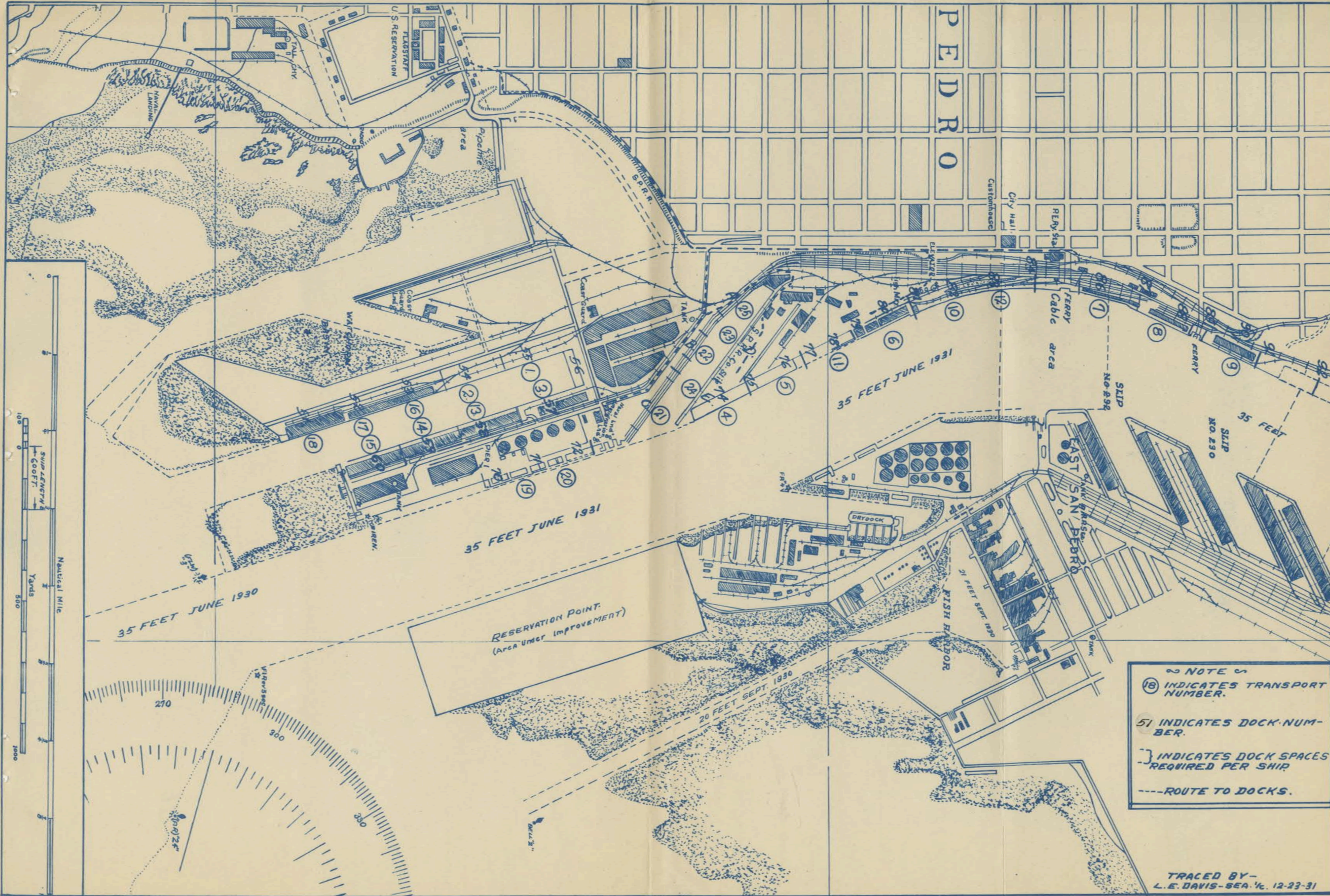
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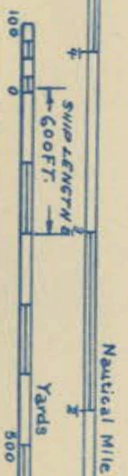
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SECRETARY.



SAN PEDRO



NOTE
 (18) INDICATES TRANSPORT NUMBER.
 51 INDICATES DOCK NUMBER.
 } INDICATES DOCK SPACES REQUIRED PER SHIP
 --- ROUTE TO DOCKS.

TRACED BY -
 L. E. DAVIS-SEA. 1/2. 12-23-31

RESERVATION POINT
 (Area Under Improvement)

35 FEET JUNE 1931

35 FEET JUNE 1931

35 FEET JUNE 1930

20 FEET SEPT. 1930

35 FEET

FISH HARBOR

EAST SAN PEDRO

SLIP NO. 230

SLIP NO. 292

FERRY CABLE AREA

CUSTOMHOUSE

CITY HALL

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U.S. RESERVATION

PIPELINE AREA

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