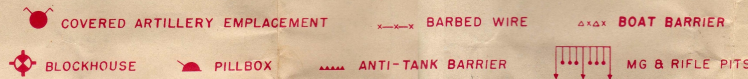
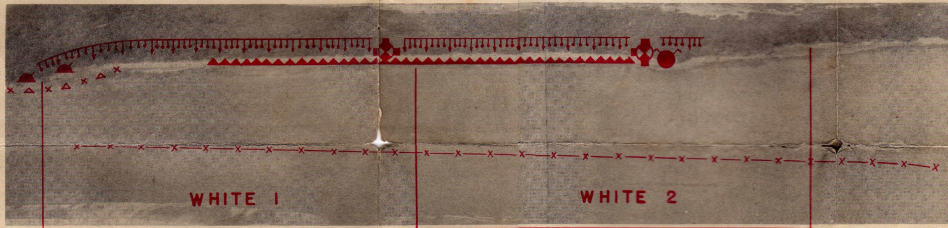
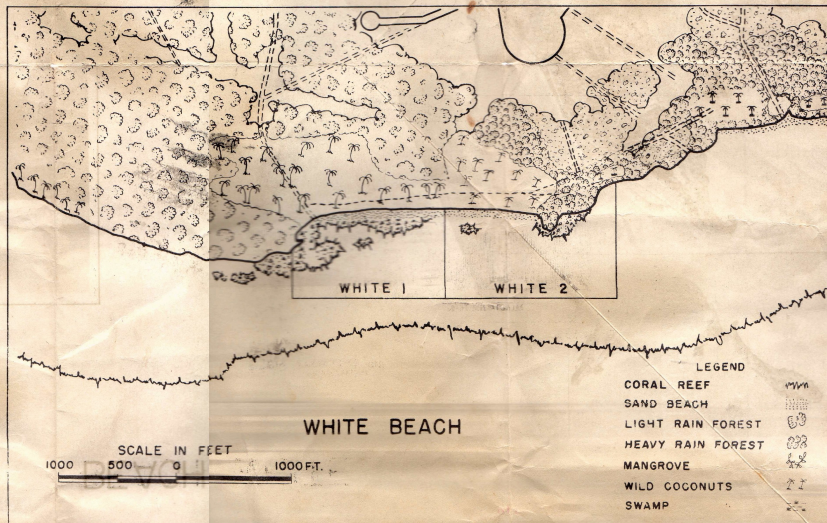
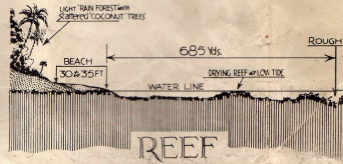


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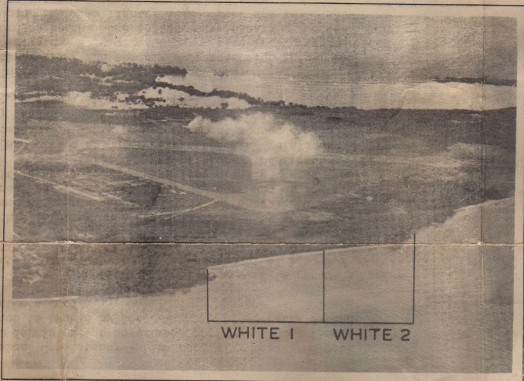
**WHITE BEACH**

- I. A. Location - Southwest coast of PELELIU ISLAND, north of and adjoining Orange Beach lying approximately 425 yds. northwest of the northwest turning circle.
- B. Dimensions - 875 yds. long, 35 to 40 ft. wide at low tide.
- C. Gradient - Moderately steep slope (approximately 10%).
- D. Physical Consistency - Firm sand with scattered rock and coral debris except on extreme north and south flanks where beach is broken by low, thickly-wooded banks extending to water's edge.
- II. Surf and Current - From June to November surf is generally light. Current sets west and southwest at 1 to 1.7 knots.
- III. Hydrographic Information - Beach is fringed by shallow reef extending approximately 550 yds. offshore. Outer edge of reef is strewn with coral boulders and at low tide much of it is exposed. A broken line of niggerheads flanks the beach approximately 400 yds. offshore. Reef bottom is rough and pitted at outer margin becoming relatively smooth inshore. A Captured Jap document states that reef is easily passable on foot and landing is possible. Reef margin drops steeply to 85 fathoms.
- IV. Terrain Inland - Terrain lying between beach and airstrip is slightly rolling and thickly overgrown with rain forest and scrub growth. Wild coconut patch with scattered undergrowth borders beach. Due to intensive clearing for defenses, undergrowth is light. A good road and trail network offers a ready approach to airfield area.
- V. Beach Defenses.
  - A. Offshore Obstacles - A semi-circular row of log "H" barriers extends from north end of beach around the point north of beach. Barbed wire just inshore from reef margin.
  - B. Shore Defenses -
    1. Single row of log and coral barricades above high water mark.
    2. Entire beach covered with MG and small arm installations.
    3. One (1) covered artillery emplacement.
    4. Two (2) pillboxes.
    5. Two (2) blockhouses.



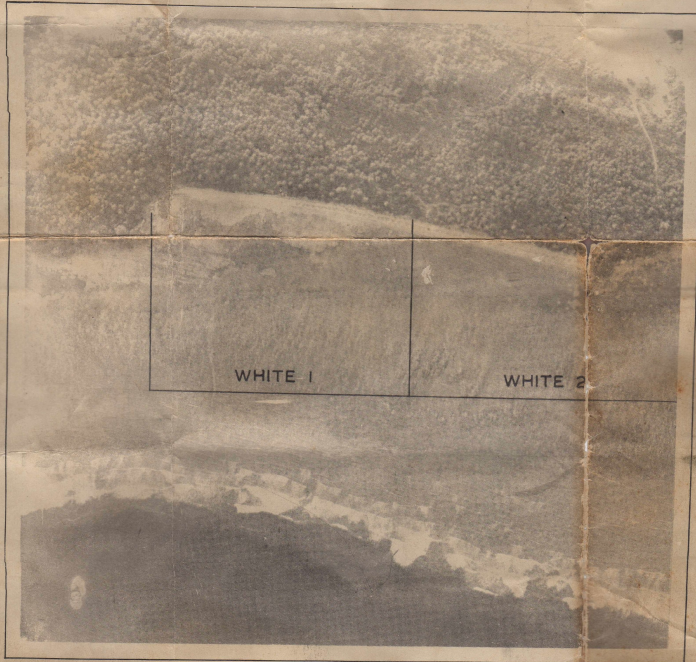


BEACH WHITE



WHITE 1  
WHITE 2

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**TOP SECRET**  
( CHANGE TO RESTRICTED IN COMBAT AREA )