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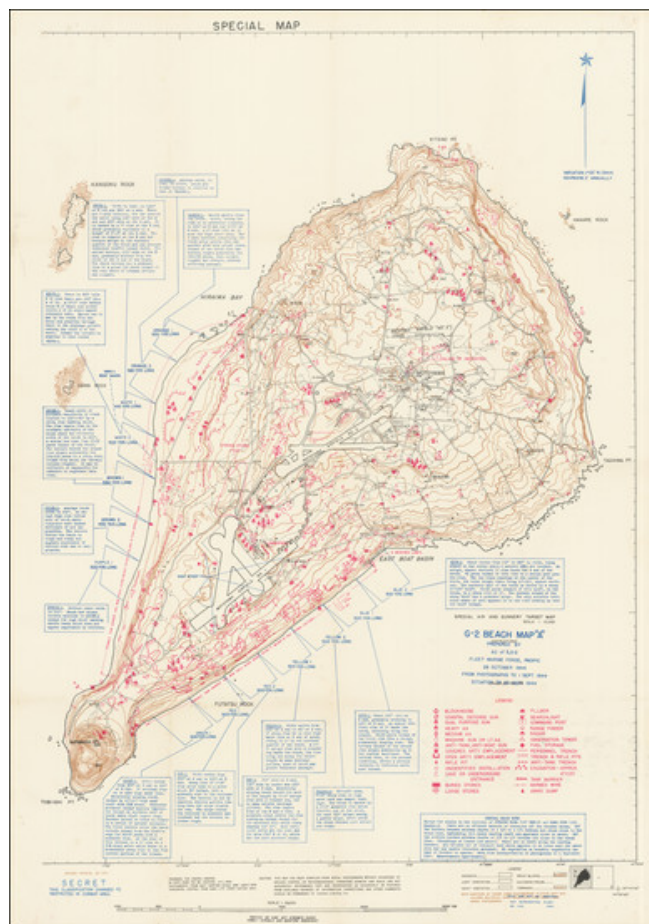
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## (Second World War - Iwo Jima) SECRET G-2 Beach Map "A" Prepared By AC of S,G-2 Fleet Marine Force, Pacific 28 October 1944 From Photographs to 1 Sept. 1944 Situation to 25 Sept 1944

**Stock#:** 77838  
**Map Maker:** 64th Engineer Base Topographic Battalion  
**Date:** 1944  
**Place:**  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:**  
**Size:**  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Large scale, detailed strategic map of Iwo Jima, prepared in the Fall of 1944 leadup to the U.S. assault on the island.

The map was prepared for CINCPAC-CINCPMA by the 64th Engineer Topographic Battalion in October of 1944. The map was based on aerial photography but warns that it was not corrected ground control or reconnaissance and therefore was in need of updating.

One of the unusual and valuable aspects of this map is that it records long notes on the beach quality thought to be encountered at the coded landing zones. For instance, at Blue-2 the note reads:



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*Beach varies from 150' to 280' in width, being widest at the center where 2 wrecked LSMs are beached. An abrupt, almost vertical 5' rise backs the S end of the beach. 40 yards inland of this rise is a second more gentle rise. The two rises converge at the center of the beach, the total height there being 12'-15', almost vertical. The northern half of the beach is backed by a steep 15'-20' bluff. 50-60 yards seaward of this bluff, on the beach, is a sharp rise of 3'. The terrain inland of the steep bluff has a moderate slope. The only suitable vehicular means of exit appears to be the road leading up over the bluff inland.*

The early reports of the beach quality on Iwo Jima became infamous when the attacking Marines realized that the soft volcanic ash-sand impeded the movement of troops and vehicles enormously.

The legend denotes the following strategic emplacements:

*Blockhouse  
Coastal Defense Gun  
Dual Purpose Gun  
Heavy AA  
Medium AA  
Machine Gun or Lt. AA  
Anti-Tank, Anti-Boat Gun  
Covered Arty. Emplacement  
Open Arty. Emplacement  
Rifle Pit  
Unidentified Installation  
Cave or Underground Entrance  
Buried Stores  
Loose Stores  
Pillbox  
Searchlight  
Command Post  
Range Finder  
Radar  
Observation Tower  
Fuel Storage  
Personnel Trench*



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*Trench & Rifle Pits  
Anti-Tank Trench  
Excavation - Approx. 10'x20'  
Tank Barrier  
Barbed Wire  
Ammo Dump*

**Detailed Condition:**