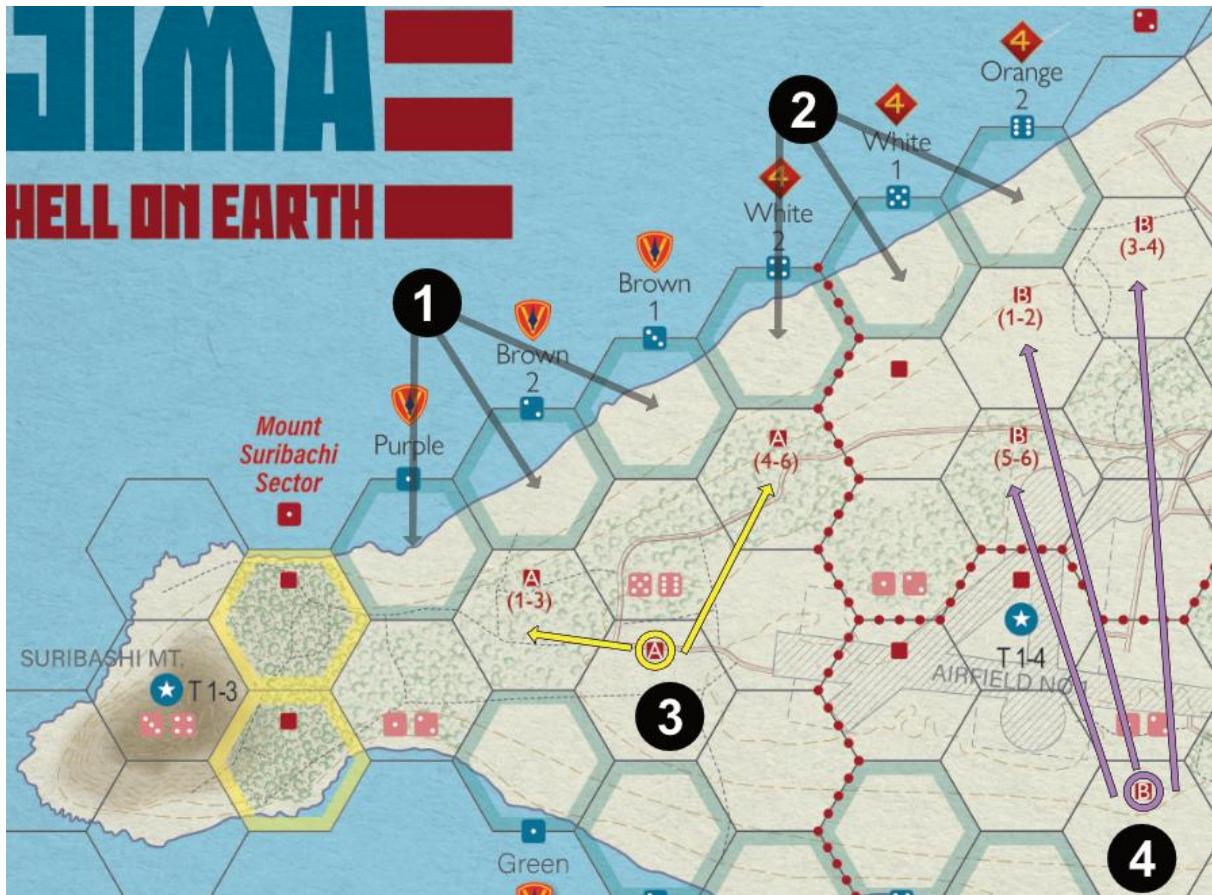


During the planning of Operation Detachment, Admiral Richmond Kelly Turner's staff carefully evaluated two potential landing areas. While the southeastern coast (Green, Red, Yellow, and Blue beaches) was ultimately selected, the Western Beaches remained the official contingency plan.

Had the prevailing winds and surf conditions shifted on February 19, 1945, the V Amphibious Corps would have been diverted to the leeward side of the island. A landing here would have forced the Marines to advance through even steeper volcanic terraces, directly under the observation of Japanese batteries nested in the high ridges of the north, fundamentally altering the opening hours of the campaign.

SET-UP MODIFICATIONS:



1. Place the 5th Division Regiments wherever you choose on Purple, Brown 2, and Brown 1.
2. Place the 4th Division Regiments wherever you choose on White 2, White 1 and Orange 2.
3. The relocation of the Hidden Japanese Unit A is determined by a dice roll. Relocate the unit according to the result of the roll.
4. The relocation of the Hidden Japanese Unit B is determined by a dice roll. Relocate the unit according to the result of the roll.