

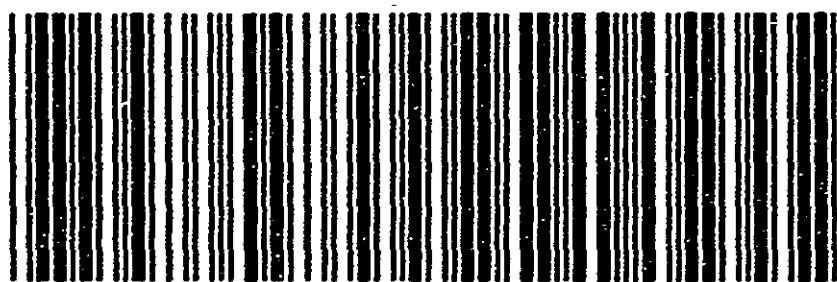
AWM52

Australian Military Forces, Army headquarters,
formation and unit diaries, 1939-1945

1/4/1 CORPS

1 Australian Corps
General Branch (1 Aust
Corps 'G' Branch)

May 1945, part 1



1/4/1-0621

WAR DIARY of INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit SS Branch HQ 1 Aust Corps Date and Time.—From 1 May 1945 To 31 May 1945

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
MOROTAI	May 1945		CTB: a very brief outline only will be given of current operations at TAPAHAN in the body of this report. More detailed descriptions of operations are given in: (a) Daily Operational Report letters to GHQ (b) Daily Operational Signals to GHQ (c) ALCs Bulletins (d) 9 Aust Div Daily Operational Report Signals (e) Intercepts from 98 Aust Inf Bde (f) Intercepts from naval sources Ref map for operation OROE ONE - TAPAHAN SOUTH and TAPAHAN NORTH : 1: 25000 (Not attached, as copies not available)	Appendix "a" Appendix "b" Appendix "c" Appendix "d" Appendix "e" Appendix "f"
	May 1		GHQ advised that elements of BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET will not be allocated for operation OROE SIX. Command Allied Air Forces will be responsible for entire air support. Signal received from CTB 7741 to 9 Aust Div, information to Corps, requesting all small craft for OROE SIX not to be carried on shipping, to be moved forward to TAPAHAN by F plus 11 for further move under own power. Convoy ships cannot tow to OROE SIX (Movement of these small craft were made under naval arrangements).	LOAN LOAN AA

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C-2118.
(Amg 21)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit GS, HQ 1 Aust Corps Date and Time.—From 1 May 1945 To 31 May 1945.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
<u>MOROTAI</u>	<u>1945</u> <u>May 1</u>		<u>OPERATIONS OFFICER.</u> After an uneventful voyage, assault convoy arrived off TARAFAN early hours morning 1 May (P Day). Unopposed landings were effected according to plan and beach covering position occupied by CCCCC. On right flank 2/25 BN overcame resistance near vicinity SIBENKON and by nightfall were established along the general line of the second objective, with enemy pockets still remain in . On the left flank 2/48 BN moved forward against little opposition and by nightfall had occupied their section of the covering position. Unloading proceeded fairly slowly, being delayed by conditions of beach during receding tide. LHN	
	<u>2</u>		Amendment to 1 Aust Corps Op Instruction No 3 issued Report forwarded to LHQ on proposed range/strip for 3 inch mortar (Proposal occurred in). Appendix "I" LHN 9 Aust Div requested that variations to airfield require- ments for CBOZ SIX be made to permit construction of airfield facilities for Tac/R aircraft at earliest possible date, com- currently with other facilities required (This was agreed to) Appendix "J" LHN 9 Aust Div advised that loading for assault convoy of CBOZ SIX cannot be completed until a considerable time after the date scheduled, owing to late arrival of troops and vehicles of 9 Aust Div at MOROTAI. Estimated that on 1 May there were LHN	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

Unit *GS, HQ 1 Aust Corps* Date and Time - From *1.1.6. 1945* To *31.12.1945*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<i>MOROTAI</i>	1945 May 2		still 2220 troops and 1200 vehicles in SAIRIS-PA-LELA area. Until further information is available of sailing dates, it was not possible to say when the operation could be mounted.	<i>RAW</i>
			<u>Operations CROC ONE.</u> During the day 2/38 Bn moved forward to a general line of their third objective overcoming all resistance except three small pockets which were by-passed.	
			2/48 Bn in the centre moved forward to line of third objective.	
			On the left flank 2/34 Bn passed northwards through 2/18 Bn and captured features at 414001 and 415001 with minor air support. Continuing in a north-west direction the feature 412072 (first objective) was captured with tank support.	<i>RAW</i>
	3		Authority was granted by GHQ to destroy by air, railway bridges between PATAI RIVER and a point 10 miles SW of PATAI to destroy locomotives and rolling stock north of the PATAI RIVER at a distance of 10 miles.	<i>RAW</i>
			Order of Battle of 1 Aust Div 3, per CROC SIX received from 2 Aust Div.	<i>RAW</i>
			The increasing lag in the actual arrival at MOROTAI of resources carrying elements of 1 Aust Div behind the scheduled dates of arrival, had been causing increasing concern about the availability for the operation of units allocated to CROC SIX, particularly of vehicles containing unit equipment. Finally, on 3 May, a signal in the following terms was sent to GHQ:-	<i>RAW</i>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required)

Unit SS, HQ 1 Aust Corps

Date and Time — From 1 May 1945 To 31 May 1945.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>MOROTAI</u>	<u>1945</u> <u>May 3</u>		"Latest shipping schedules show that the personnel of four major army units and many minor units required for assault lift for CBCE SIX are due to complete arrival at MOROTAI by 15 May; their vehicles and essential stores are due to arrive at various dates up to 25 May. ETA for 2/4-835 complete is also 25 May. From the time the last ship of this group arrives a period of seven days is necessary to disembark and sort out stores and vehicles, waterproof vehicles and complete assault loading. Allowing seven days sailing time to CBCE SIX the minimum period required between the arrival of the last vital ship and Z Day is, therefore, 14 days. The above figures make no allowance for possible naval rehearsal for which it is anticipated a minimum of two days will be required".	<u>ALN</u>
			Operations CBCE ONE. One Coy 2/45 Bn attacked TARAKAN main feature 447655 but were unable to dislodge the enemy. Another Coy moved to BOGHTERRIN; patrols reported Districts IV and VI clear. An unsuccessful attempt to dislodge enemy at 431647 was made by a further coy.	
			2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn moved from SADAY ISLAND to a position near road junction 458646.	
			Patrols from 2/48 Bn were active and encountered opposition from 433652, 444556 and 426556.	
			2/24 Bn continued their advance on airfield against opposition. By nightfall one coy had penetrated to north-western edge and reported south and clear of enemy. Another company attacked strongly held enemy position at 402676 but heavy opposition including MG and 75 mm fire prevented the attack from being successful, and the company occupied a position astride the airfield at 404675.	<u>ALN</u>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit GS, 8th 1st Corps

Date and Time - From 1 May 1945 To 11 May 1945

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NOBOTA	1945. May 4		300 visited TARAMAN, departing 0800 returning 2100.	<i>LDW</i>
			Various Corps units for CPOE SIX placed under 10th 1st Div.	<i>LDW</i>
			A.V. HQ was advised that Corps orders with respect to retransmission of Para Night 300.	<i>LDW</i>
			Chief Regulation Officer HQ advised that 13th carrying out of 7th 1st Div will arrive NOBOTA between 10 and 11 June.	<i>LDW</i>
			Operations CPOE ONE.	
			By 1700 hours all enemy pockets of resistance in 3/4 on a slope had been mopped up, and this Bn was then relieved by 2/4 Bn, concentrated at 404017 and moved north towards 2/4 Bn sector. 2/4 Bn was in contact at 407014.	
			Following an air strike, 2/4 Cde Sq. successfully attacked TARAMAN. Forward.	
			Elements of 2/4 Bn moved towards Hill at 407000 and a mark opposition.	
			Patrols of 2/4 Bn probed Hill 403017 and found enemy holding the position in considerable strength.	
			Patrolling being continued.	<i>LDW</i>
	5		Reply received from HQ, ref target date for CPOE SIX. "Final target date for CPOE SIX not to be delayed".	<i>LDW</i>
			Representatives of Corps, empowered to take action were requested at HQ with following information - exact status of all units necessary to CPOE SIX assault covering personnel, vehicles, equipment and essential stores and any other alternative plan which will allow target date to be met.	<i>LDW</i>

Army Form 1114
April 1964

These findings are not unusual.

Unit IS HQ 1 ARSB Corps Date and Time - From 1 Jul 1964 To 31 Aug 1964

[illegible]

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C 2115.
(1 Aug 47)

Branch
35th 1st Aust Corps
Unit

(Erase heading not required)

Date and Time: From 1 May 1948 To 1 May 1948

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, Ac.
MOROTAI	1948 May 5		7 and 8 Aust Divs were requested to take up, based on all, desired for increased holdings if required. (The final decision in this matter is still provisional and may remain at 30, but that an additional 30 per division is to be added to Corps pool - this was received at 1147. Corps Commander's instructions times for 211000Z referred until HQ decision is obtained on proposals to be submitted for mounting of 3000 300 (Finally 1111 1147). 8 Aust Div was advised that some of 30 Aust Inf are by and elements of 1 Aust Div left at MOROTAI will pass to direct command of 1 Aust Corps when HQ 1 Aust Div sails from MOROTAI. <u>Operations CBOE CBE.</u> Remaining enemy pockets on TAVANAI feature cleared out by 1/41 Aust-8th Sqn, using flame throwers and demolition charges. Standing patrol established by 3/8 Bn on ANAI trail at 467855. One coy 3/48 Bn captured high ground 467800. During the night 4/5 May, 3/8 Bn with light air assistance, cleared mines from the airfield. At 1000 hours elements of the Bn, with air support occupied the hill 468670 and by 1710 hours, work on the airfield had commenced. Pill boxes were destroyed in the FENI-KHI-DALOG area with support of tanks. 3/8 Bn arrived at assembly area 467800 by 1110 hours and by 1800 hours reached feature 468670. Beach condition now extremely difficult at LINDHAS.	1147 1147 1147 1147

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form 0-2115,
(1 May 45)

Branch
Unit CSA HQ 1st Asst Corps Date and Time: From 1 May 1945 To 31 May 1945
(Erase heading not required)

Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
MOROTAI	1945 May 6		Chief of Air Support Plan for C-130 SIX received from A-17 RAAP Unit. Forces engaged in operation:- 1 RAAP Heavy Bomber Sqdn 1 RAAP Fighter (P40) Wing 1 RAAP Attack (Beechcraft) Wing 1 RAAP Heavy Bomber Sqdn 1 Heavy Bomber Group 1 Heavy Bomber Group 1 Medium Bomber Group (B-25) 1 Fighter (P40) Group 1 Marine Air Wing (Corsairs) From H-05 until H-01 hrs - operational areas as per. From H until H plus 6, following planes on station:- 4 Fighters 0100 - 1130 hrs. 2 Light Fighters 1300-0100 and 1 001-0001 3 B-25s direct sp on southern sector 0100-1100 - relieved every two hrs 2 Beechcrafts direct sp on northern sector 0100-1100 - relieved every 1 1/2 hrs. On completion of demobilization, following will be available in the objective area - 1 RAAP Fighter Wing - 3 P40 and 1 Spitfire Sqdn. 1 RAAP Attack Wing - 1 Mosquito 1 Beechcraft Sqdn. 1 Army Co-op Wing - 1 T-6A Sqdn, 1 Local Air Supply Unit, 1 Asst CP Flt. 1 Air Sea Rescue Flt 1st.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C 2115.
(1-1-43)

Branch 33rd HQ 1 Aust Corps
Unit 33rd HQ 1 Aust Corps Date and Time: -From 1 May 1946 To 31 May 1946
(Leave heading not required)

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
MOROTAI	1946 May 1		1st Div advised the position, from the divisional point of view, of target date for 21st SIG. Considered possible to mount the operation by target date, if:- (a) 20 Bde at TAPAHAN is ready to move and to provide a minimum of flight arty. (b) certain LT can be made available from local resources outside the division. (c) acceptance of delay in completion of certain engineering works - directly related, such as installation of gas. It was considered desirable to adhere to limitations on operations on MARUAN and MARUA ISLANDS in order to achieve surprise and have available naval contingent etc. Exploitation would not be possible until arrival follow-up convoy containing further units and part of the division. It was considered that exploitation to BONGKAY-ABSTIA-PA FORT area was still necessary and that 24 Bde should be used for this purpose instead of assembling 28 Bde. Following arrangements would be necessary - (a) Substituting two 24 Bde for two 28 Bde, to sail from TAPAHAN by 10 May. (b) Withdrawing two 24 Bde from TAPAHAN. (c) Utilising full resources of 4th TMA Regt and 2/2 Inf Tps Wasp. All possible improvisations would be made within the division.	(LCH) (LCH) (LCH)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form 2115,
(1 May 45)

Branch
Unit SS HQ 1 Aust Corps Date and Time From 1 May 1945 To 31 May 1945

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diagrams, etc.
<u>MOROTAI</u>	<u>1945</u> <u>May 6</u>		<u>Operations CBOB C-2.</u> 31 Coy moving towards PX INKI reached 483000 without opposition. 3/45 Bn continued clearing enemy pockets in their area at 483000, and along trail to 483000 from east in west. 2/45 BN was responsible for defense of strip 1. 3/45 BN continued to advance north from the airstrip, and by 1900 hours had occupied Mt API with patrols to 48 800 and to 587000. Suspected enemy Hq at 481000 heavily armed. ALSTAR aircraft took off from strip at 1900 hours.	
			Arrangements 2 to 1 Aust Corps of Instruction No 6 issued (Details with minor changes of COB, and interpreted use of NO CR/T Code in lieu of SLIDEY Code). A further letter was received from 1 Aust Div giving results of further examination of status of units for CBOB SIX, in the light of the proposed recommendation to CHQ for an assault by one brigade of 1st LARVAN and the other 1st of 1st LARVA (the proposal to use two battalions of 2d Bde at TAPAPAN was not been agreed to by the Corps Comd, as it appeared that this would leave the force on TAPAPAN dangerously weak). The following arrangements would be required - (a) Two 1st Btys to be withdrawn from TAPAPAN. (b) Additional engr ext required. (c) One 1st Bty of 53 Comp AA Regt be added. (d) Additional tons required.	Appendix "X"

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form 10119,
(copy)

Branch
Unit 38th Artillery Date and Time - From 1 May 1945 To 31 May 1945

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diagrams, etc.
<u>MOROTAI</u>	<u>1945</u> <u>May 7</u>		SIS, CB, Lt Col <u>WILLIAM</u> and Lt Col <u>WILLIAM</u> (A) and Lt Col <u>WILLIAM</u> (B), Air for SA III, to at and conference at 7, in special in 0800-3PM. At 1 is into the situation position was :- (a) 24 Bde will be complete in personnel, partly in arms. 20 Bde will not be complete in any respect. (b) Both 24 regts will be without guns - AA Arty no guns or stores will be available. (c) Sigs - bulk of personnel will arrive in time, but some will be short. (d) Engrs - personnel nearly complete, including the civil eng for air engineering, but construction of this air installation will not be available. (e) Medical - whether of the 2nd CTSB will be available. The following proposals of the Corps command were submitted by the SIS at the conf.:- (a) 24 Bde - can be completed from local resources 20 Bde - not available for assault lift - no combat air units available. (b) Mixed regt of 1st and 2nd Bde to be sent with - (i) one sq of one tp 4 X to sea cows, one tp 4 X 4.2" mortar (ii) one sq of one tp 4 X to sea cows (to be flown from A STRADIA) (iii) one sq of one tp 4 X to sea cows with track from 24 Bde. (c) IAA - by less one tp with track from 24 Bde. (d) Extra sigs vans and engt will be required. (e) Temporary medical units to be organized from local resources. Navy to be asked to have Hospital Ship with assault convey. By these means, the following forces could be assembled:	WCH WCH

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form 7-2115,
(May 57.)

Branch (Erase heading not required)
Unit 33, HQ 1 Asst Corps Date and Time. From 1 May 1948 To 31 May 1948

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
MICROTAL	1948 May 7		(a) For assault convoy, 7 forces planned land the 1st and follow up units. (b) 5th, 1st follow up convoy - one unit with follow up units. The intended plan would then be - (a) 2 day - capture LAOTAI and establish air. Establish airstrip and establish air facilities at LAOTAI. Establish port and base area. When LAOTAI has been captured, assault land on the mainland and secure BRUNAI BAY area from attack from the Japanese area. (c) On arrival follow up convoy - about 1, 1st day - Capture LAOTAI and BRUNAI. Exploit to SW and capture SUMBA and other islands. BNQ would be required to assist in the full stage:- (1) Provision of water, food and stores to the 1st day of operations. (2) Movement of 6-12 pr 1 units from LAOTAI. (3) Assistance with unloading - details not yet considered - would require 2 additional units in follow up convoy, and the 3 units allotted to carry LVTs will be released later than planned, owing to constraints ops to SW being later. The first conference was held at BNQ at 2000 hrs 7 May. (a) GDS outlined present situation at force and put forward alternatives proposed. (b) Gen CHAMBERLIN then stated that operation being carried out on 24th date was not desirable.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form 0-2118,
12 May 44

Branch

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit 35th & 45th Corps

Date and Time. From 1 May 44 To 1 May 44

Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
MOROTAI	1 May Day		(1) Conference called to discuss the shipping situation. 305 Signal Co. sent status report of shipping situation. Allocation to operations of units under command of 305 Signal Co. Operations CPIC ONE. Activity during the day was of three kinds: activity of shipping. Patrols from 4/5 PM on, 4/4 PM on and 4/3 PM on respectively. Patrols from 4/3 PM on and 4/2 PM on respectively without opposition. Conference at 0800 hours. (1) Shipping position examined. (2) Additional ships were six ships ETA MOROTAI 4-5 PM. (3) See also of shipping up shipping and port working area and- (4) QMS estimated by two men and two critical ships. (5) Gen. CHAMBERS LIX to see another Gen. LACROIX with Signal Prime Minister for authority to use army troops in loading of ships. (6) Special escorts to be provided to bring ships on from BIAH as they arrive. (7) Additional LOTS being provided at MOROTAI. (8) 305 Signal Co. to be up its in port working at MOROTAI. (9) No decision reached about using LOTS at MOROTAI. (10) The following aspects of Naval Shipping were noted in detail:- (11) Use of LOTS allocated to ships six up to 10 gun.	1000 1000 1000

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form 114
1-1-59

Branch _____ (How heading not required)
Unit 1st AFHq Date and Time: From 10:00 To 11:00

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and References to Appendixes, Diagrams, etc.
MOROTAI	May 1948		(ii) Time by which cruiser cover CBCE SIX would be available for CBCE TWO. This factor was critical due to limited period of 16 days being required for mineweeping for CBCE TWO and cruisers being required to cover it. Since, however, cruiser cover from CBCE SIX would not be available for CBCE TWO before 2 Jan. 1948, their force, on 15 Jan., target date for CBCE TWO would be in fact. (d) Gen. S. ABEYARATNE accepted 10 Jan. as P Day but also had to consider target date from US Gun at present. (e) 7 Div less one co were due to arrive at MOROTAI by 10 Jan. (f) Decision - 2 Day - 10 Jan. BUS signals. This decision to Gen. S. ABEYARATNE. <u>Operations, CBCE ONE.</u> Two days B/C F/R engaged by enemy near AREA 4100N. Difficult terrain prevented an attack from the sea. Elements of L/4 One Jap overcame opposition at 4100N on track towards BUENATA cliffside, but was driven off by heavy positions at 4040N. One Coy L/40 BN moved past town in A/P and encountered heavy opposition from area 4100N. This Coy moved to high ground 4100N on left flank. A second Coy moved to 4100N without contact. One Coy L/40 BN moving along main road near 4100N without opposition. A patrol contacted enemy at 4100N. During the night 7/8 May, some Japanese infiltrated to areas 4100N and 4100N inflicting casualties.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118

4152

(Erase heading not required.)

French
 33, 34 1 Aust - 1000

Date and Time - From

1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2595, 2596, 2597, 2598, 2599, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614, 2615, 2616, 2617, 2618, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2626, 2627, 2628, 2629, 2630, 2631, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637, 2638, 2639, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, 2657, 2658, 2659, 2660, 2661, 2662, 2663, 2664, 2665, 2666, 2667, 2668, 2669, 2670, 2671, 2672, 2673, 2674, 2675, 2676, 2677, 2678, 26

7

1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2595, 2596, 2597, 2598, 2599, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614, 2615, 2616, 2617, 2618, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2626, 2627, 2628, 2629, 2630, 2631, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637, 2638, 2639, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, 2657, 2658, 2659, 2660, 2661, 2662, 2663, 2664, 2665, 2666, 2667, 2668, 2669, 2670, 2671, 2672, 2673, 2674, 2675, 2676, 2677, 2678, 2679, 26

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendix Pages A-
MOROTAI	1945 May 8		CE, CSC, A and I requested to examine tentative plan. Plans for BCE TNC and submit comments to J (initials) as were received by 11 May)	(LAW)
			CSC and ADV Div were asked to examine plan and if it fits of T Div and with T-103 program TNC in addition to current holdings. These guns to comprise part of 1 Corp's pool. (This was done) (LAW)	
			Earliest drop arranged for 1-3 on HMAAT-743 ELTON area in order to focus Jap attention on this area. FEIC area to be left to Air Force for the dropping. Initials to be dropped under LAHAN on Z-C.	(LAW)
			<u>Operations ONCE ONE.</u>	
			Coy MEI Inf moving along trail to KANSAI BAY road at night.	
			Elements of S/I Par Bn encountered enemy positions at night.	
			Patrols S/I Bn contacted enemy at night and fought. Heavy opposition met up in a series of elements of S/I Bn position 413604.	
			Coy S/I Bn penetrated BOGATA village and dug all over the tunnels on outskirts of village.	(LAW)
	10		Aust Div advised that second follow up convoys SIA TAKAMAI 10 May can lift 2 Beach L, for put on to LAHAN, where it understood Aust Corps (It is assumed to have been taken).	(LAW)
			JNA advised that full facilities of US US Div at MOROTAI will be provided for assisting in unloading shipping at MOROTAI, continuing the excellent co-operation so far provided.	(LAW)
			Various minor amendments were being made to plan for CUB DIV, which was a result of representations made by the service.	(LAW)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Corp 02119.
12119

(If no heading not required)

Branch
Unit 33, HQ 1st Air Corps

Date and Time. From _____ To _____

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
MOROTAI	1945 May 10		1st Div was instructed to arrange for the transport and firing of a mortar battery for JAPANESE at 1000 hours. CRS-31X Operations CRCS 2. Coy H2I was ordered to move to 1000 hours at 1000 hours. Elements 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041, 1042, 1043, 1044, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1048, 1049, 1050, 1051, 1052, 1053, 1054, 1055, 1056, 1057, 1058, 1059, 1060, 1061, 1062, 1063, 1064, 1065, 1066, 1067, 1068, 1069, 1070, 1071, 1072, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1076, 1077, 1078, 1079, 1080, 1081, 1082, 1083, 1084, 1085, 1086, 1087, 1088, 1089, 1090, 1091, 1092, 1093, 1094, 1095, 1096, 1097, 1098, 1099, 1100, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109, 1110, 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1125, 1126, 1127, 1128, 1129, 1130, 1131, 1132, 1133, 1134, 1135, 1136, 1137, 1138, 1139, 1140, 1141, 1142, 1143, 1144, 1145, 1146, 1147, 1148, 1149, 1150, 1151, 1152, 1153, 1154, 1155, 1156, 1157, 1158, 1159, 1160, 1161, 1162, 1163, 1164, 1165, 1166, 1167, 1168, 1169, 1170, 1171, 1172, 1173, 1174, 1175, 1176, 1177, 1178, 1179, 1180, 1181, 1182, 1183, 1184, 1185, 1186, 1187, 1188, 1189, 1190, 1191, 1192, 1193, 1194, 1195, 1196, 1197, 1198, 1199, 1200, 1201, 1202, 1203, 1204, 1205, 1206, 1207, 1208, 1209, 1210, 1211, 1212, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1217, 1218, 1219, 1220, 1221, 1222, 1223, 1224, 1225, 1226, 1227, 1228, 1229, 1230, 1231, 1232, 1233, 1234, 1235, 1236, 1237, 1238, 1239, 1240, 1241, 1242, 1243, 1244, 1245, 1246, 1247, 1248, 1249, 1250, 1251, 1252, 1253, 1254, 1255, 1256, 1257, 1258, 1259, 1260, 1261, 1262, 1263, 1264, 1265, 1266, 1267, 1268, 1269, 1270, 1271, 1272, 1273, 1274, 1275, 1276, 1277, 1278, 1279, 1280, 1281, 1282, 1283, 1284, 1285, 1286, 1287, 1288, 1289, 1290, 1291, 1292, 1293, 1294, 1295, 1296, 1297, 1298, 1299, 1300, 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1310, 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1317, 1318, 1319, 1320, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1324, 1325, 1326, 1327, 1328, 1329, 1330, 1331, 1332, 1333, 1334, 1335, 1336, 1337, 1338, 1339, 1340, 1341, 1342, 1343, 1344, 1345, 1346, 1347, 1348, 1349, 1350, 1351, 1352, 1353, 1354, 1355, 1356, 1357, 1358, 1359, 1360, 1361, 1362, 1363, 1364, 1365, 1366, 1367, 1368, 1369, 1370, 1371, 1372, 1373, 1374, 1375, 1376, 1377, 1378, 1379, 1380, 1381, 1382, 1383, 1384, 1385, 1386, 1387, 1388, 1389, 1390, 1391, 1392, 1393, 1394, 1395, 1396, 1397, 1398, 1399, 1400, 1401, 1402, 1403, 1404, 1405, 1406, 1407, 1408, 1409, 1410, 1411, 1412, 1413, 1414, 1415, 1416, 1417, 1418, 1419, 1420, 1421, 1422, 1423, 1424, 1425, 1426, 1427, 1428, 1429, 1430, 1431, 1432, 1433, 1434, 1435, 1436, 1437, 1438, 1439, 1440, 1441, 1442, 1443, 1444, 1445, 1446, 1447, 1448, 1449, 1450, 1451, 1452, 1453, 1454, 1455, 1456, 1457, 1458, 1459, 1460, 1461, 1462, 1463, 1464, 1465, 1466, 1467, 1468, 1469, 1470, 1471, 1472, 1473, 1474, 1475, 1476, 1477, 1478, 1479, 1480, 1481, 1482, 1483, 1484, 1485, 1486, 1487, 1488, 1489, 1490, 1491, 1492, 1493, 1494, 1495, 1496, 1497, 1498, 1499, 1500, 1501, 1502, 1503, 1504, 1505, 1506, 1507, 1508, 1509, 1510, 1511, 1512, 1513, 1514, 1515, 1516, 1517, 1518, 1519, 1520, 1521, 1522, 1523, 1524, 1525, 1526, 1527, 1528, 1529, 1530, 1531, 1532, 1533, 1534, 1535, 1536, 1537, 1538, 1539, 1540, 1541, 1542, 1543, 1544, 1545, 1546, 1547, 1548, 1549, 1550, 1551, 1552, 1553, 1554, 1555, 1556, 1557, 1558, 1559, 1560, 1561, 1562, 1563, 1564, 1565, 1566, 1567, 1568, 1569, 1570, 1571, 1572, 1573, 1574, 1575, 1576, 1577, 1578, 1579, 1580, 1581, 1582, 1583, 1584, 1585, 1586, 1587, 1588, 1589, 1590, 1591, 1592, 1593, 1594, 1595, 1596, 1597, 1598, 1599, 1600, 1601, 1602, 1603, 1604, 1605, 1606, 1607, 1608, 1609, 1610, 1611, 1612, 1613, 1614, 1615, 1616, 1617, 1618, 1619, 1620, 1621, 1622, 1623, 1624, 1625, 1626, 1627, 1628, 1629, 1630, 1631, 1632, 1633, 1634, 1635, 1636, 1637, 1638, 1639, 1640, 1641, 1642, 1643, 1644, 1645, 1646, 1647, 1648, 1649, 1650, 1651, 1652, 1653, 1654, 1655, 1656, 1657, 1658, 1659, 1660, 1661, 1662, 1663, 1664, 1665, 1666, 1667, 1668, 1669, 1670, 1671, 1672, 1673, 1674, 1675, 1676, 1677, 1678, 1679, 1680, 1681, 1682, 1683, 1684, 1685, 1686, 1687, 1688, 1689, 1690, 1691, 1692, 1693, 1694, 1695, 1696, 1697, 1698, 1699, 1700, 1701, 1702, 1703, 1704, 1705, 1706, 1707, 1708, 1709, 1710, 1711, 1712, 1713, 1714, 1715, 1716, 1717, 1718, 1719, 1720, 1721, 1722, 1723, 1724, 1725, 1726, 1727, 1728, 1729, 1730, 1731, 1732, 1733, 1734, 1735, 1736, 1737, 1738, 1739, 1740, 1741, 1742, 1743, 1744, 1745, 1746, 1747, 1748, 1749, 1750, 1751, 1752, 1753, 1754, 1755, 1756, 1757, 1758, 1759, 1760, 1761, 1762, 1763, 1764, 1765, 1766, 1767, 1768, 1769, 1770, 1771, 1772, 1773, 1774, 1775, 1776, 1777, 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781, 1782, 1783, 1784, 1785, 1786, 1787, 1788, 1789, 1790, 1791, 1792, 1793, 1794, 1795, 1796, 1797, 1798, 1799, 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1810, 1811, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815, 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1845, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 22	

(Knee loading not required)

Unit 1st AFHQ Date and Time: From 10:00 To 11:00

[illegible]

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form 0-2115,
(May 5)

Branch 1st Army Corps
Unit 1st Army Corps Date and Time - From 1945 May 13 To 1945 May 15
(Draw heading not required)

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
MORDAI	1945 May 13		For CE 3 SIX on 11 May and all communications for CE 3 TFC on a basis of plus 12 days on present target area. The chief plan for CE 3 SIX was submission on 12 May, but the target date for CE 3 TFC was subsequently fixed as 1 July, 1st Army Corps of the Pacific. CE 3 TFC, however, operations since 12 May.	loc Appendix "C" loc
			2 Coy 281 Inf landed on the area of 12 May 1945 and patrolled area without contact.	
			Following naval, field army and air bombardment of enemy positions at 47000 and 47001, 2 Coy 281 Inf landed on 12 May 1945. Enemy still not able to get top of feature 47001.	
			One to 2/4 312 S. covering 12 May 1945. 2 Coy 281 Inf counter-attacked and captured 12 May 1945. 2 Coy 281 Inf. Active patrolling other sectors.	loc
	14		Amendment 3 to 1st Army Corps of 1st Army Corps of 12 May 1945 (Alterations in tactical units).	Appendix "P" loc
			Operations since 12 May.	
			Further naval, field army, and air bombardment of enemy positions 47001.	
			2, 24 En cleared the ground east from 47001 to 47004.	
			Active patrolling other sectors.	loc
	15		Instructions for Air Raid Alarm Corps HQ 12 May.	Appendix "A". loc

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form 2119,
(May 54)

(Erase heading not required.)

Branch
Unit 35, HQ 1 Asst Corps Date and Time: From 1 May 1945 To 31 May 1945.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
MOROTAI	1945 May 15		PAIR BR. HQ WAS ADVISED THAT HQ IN "RESTRICTED AIR ATTACHED" ON OLD INSTALLATIONS, BARRACKS FACILITIES, RAIL AND ROAD. STATIONS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES AND GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS. RAIL BY BRIDGE AND ROLLING STOCK NORTH OF PAIR BR. HQ. NO RESTRICTIONS WERE PLACED ON LOADING OF CARGOES WITHIN 1000 YDS OF BRIDGE. NAVY HQ WAS ADVISED THAT HQ ADVISED THAT ON PRESENT SCHEDULE LIFTING CRANE TWO LIFTS FROM A STRANJA, SHIPS WILL BE COMPLETELY DISCHARGED AT MOROTAI BY 15 JUNE. CONFERENCE IS BEING ARRANGED WITH NAVAL AUTHORITIES WITH THE OBJECT OF POSTING TARGET DATE 20 JUNE OR TO LATE JULY TO NOT LATER THAN 1 JULY. GHQ WAS REQUESTED TO NOTIFY ANY CHANGES IN TARGET DATE CRANE TWO AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AS THIS AFFECTS CALLING FORWARD OF PLANNING STAFF. LOADING CRANE FOR ARRIVAL AT AIRCRAFT SIX. OPERATIONS 1902 HRS. 2/3 PWR BR COMPLETED POSITIONS 47100 AND 47300 AFTER HEAVY BOMBING STRIKE AND FORCES WENT TO WITHDRAW. CRANE CONTINUED EASTWARD ALONG TRACK TO 47700. HEAVY BOMBING ON LINE 47400 FAILED TO DESTROY IT BY. COY 3/24 BR COMPLETED KNOLL 41510 AGAINST OPPOSITION. PATROLLING ON OTHER LOCATIONS.	(LH) (LH) (LH)
	16		1 Asst Corps Int Review No 3 (CRANE SIX) 1100 HRS Corps Comm's co-ordinating conference CRANE SIX 1100 HRS	Appendix "2". (LH) Appendix "3". (LH)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form 1015,
(1957)

(Erase heading not required.)
 Branch 35th 1st Asst Corps Date and Time: From 1 May 1948 To 31 May 1948
 Unit 35th 1st Asst Corps

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
<u>MOROTAI</u>	1948			
	May 16		3 Asst Div was requested to provide at least 100 staff officers and observers from Army and Air Corps units in aircraft shipping.	<i>LDW</i>
			3 Asst Div was advised of the need for air support, maps and photographs allocated for CIB SIX operation - Summary:- (a) Public relations 0 (b) War Correspondents 10 (c) Photographers 21	<i>LDW</i>
			Operations CIBS ONE.	
			One pl 3/3 Par Bn remains eastern coast of AREA A at 18.00H. No enemy contacted but signs of recent withdrawal noted. One Coy 2/24 Bn attacked double but failed to dislodge the enemy. After an air strike on Area further attempts to dislodge enemy still failed. Patrols active on other sectors. 2/24 Bn was relieved by 2/28 Bn.	<i>LDW</i>
	17		1 Asst Corps Location Statement issued. Operational Order of Battle of 1 Asst Corps as at 18 May	Appendix "1". <i>LDW</i> Appendix "2". <i>LDW</i>
			7 Asst Div observers for CIBS SIX instructed to report HQ 3 Asst Div between 20 and 30 May (Reports. 30 May).	<i>LDW</i>
			Asst HQ was advised that all pro personnel still in the area 2/3 1 of 3 Pro Coy under Joint MOROTAI Staging Area, are at present	<i>LDW</i>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form 02115.
(12-5)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit ^{Branch} TS, HQ 1 Aust Corps Date and Time. From 1 May 1945 To 31 May 1945.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
<u>MOROTAI</u>	1945 May 17		under comd 5 Aust Div undergoing training for beach landing. It was not desired to interrupt this training but personnel could continue to be available to Army HQ as required.	(100)
			Army HQ was requested to place 41 Warbler 300 mm. mortar Command 1 Aust Corps to operate corps terminal of lines to CHS ONE and SIX. No other personnel or equipment available (this was agreed to).	(100)
			Army HQ was requested to place all units of 1st and 2nd Divs to present under comd MOROTAI Sta. Ing. Arty. to assist 300 mm 1 Aust Corps, personnel to continue carrying out communications at MOROTAI under technical arrangements (this was agreed to).	(100)
			Army HQAF Comd was advised that HQ had ordered the bombing of warehouses and personnel type of buildings in and around BRUNEL, SEAFORT, and JAPAN River railway bridge. It was again stressed that every effort was to be made to avoid damage to oil and rubber installations, public utilities and similar facilities.	(100)
			CHS ONE was advised of the list of officers for whom communication was required on USS ROCKY MOUNT for operation CHS SIX.	(100)
			CHS advised that target for CHS TWO is 1 only.	(100)
			<u>Operations CHS ONE.</u>	
			NSI Coy cleared area south of 40 grid line since 1000 hours.	
			Patrols active all sectors.	(100)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C 2113.

(Army)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit ^{Branch} 33rd 1 Aust Corps

Date and Time.—From 1 May 1945 To 31 May 1945.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
MOROTAI	1945 May 18		1 Aust Div Op Order No 3 (CIBS SIX) received	ACW
			Operations CIBS SIX.	
			Following heavy air strike by bombs and napalm, on day 2/24 th 3rd captured feature 401859. A further attempt to dislodge enemy from positions at 424855 was unsuccessful.	
			Patrols active all sectors.	
			2 Aust Beach Group left TARKAN to return to MOROTAI.	ACW
		19	7 Aust Div was advised that aircraft for movement of planning STA LARESSA 31 May STA MOROTAI 31 May.	ACW
			13 Fighter Lord was requested to advise suitable landing beaches in allied held territory on HALABAK ISLAND in order to refuel LCM and LCT moving TARKAN to CIBS SIX (This matter was fixed up through Naval channel).	ACW
			Training Policy 1 Aust Corps. Minute sent to branches, Arms and Services requesting comments on proposed policy	Appendix "T". ACW
			Additional targets at CIBS SIX area advised by 1 Aust Div to Adv RAAP-Comm (Corps informed).	ACW
			2nd Gen LHQ advised that target date for CIBS TWO - 1 July - is based on all tps, vehicles and stores being available at MOROTAI not later than 19 June. Shipping programme indicates that last ship should arrive MOROTAI 19 June. Only allowance made was extension of time for loading ships in AUSTRALIA.	ACW

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C-2115.
(1-57)

(Draw heading not required)

Branch 55th AF 1st AF 3d Corps Date and Time: From 1 May 1945 To 31 May 1945

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
<u>MOROTAI</u>	<u>1945</u> <u>May 18</u>		Plt Col LHQ advised that AAF have requested a diversion from CHQ re low efficiency oblique of BAHILPAPAN, as it would require action by a group of missiles on AA positions, and some damage to public utilities and oil installations could be probable. Corps asked to comment. (A reply was sent 20 May advising that Corps considered that the requirements of photographs (justification necessary to enable AAF to secure these photographs. LHQ accordingly authorized AAF to proceed). Seventh Fleet were requested to see planning team for C-2 TWO available at MOROTAI by 20 May in view of possibility of target date (Joint Hines TSN, arrived in the air from to sentence) LHQ was requested to make an initial Amph Tractor available for C-2 TWO, as there will be insufficient time for TSN Amphibian Tractor BN to be properly briefed and prepared after C-2 SIX (one extra day only was subsequently available and one day only would be released from C-2 SIX for subsequent employment in C-2 TWO) CHQ was also asked if an auxiliary ship could be made available for C-2 TWO as there will be insufficient time after employment on C-2 SIX of the ship allocated. (CHQ advised on 27 May that an auxiliary ship is not available and suggested using JAL ESPOCK, reported to be at MOROTAI - this matter will be dealt with by 2). AFV RAAF Com was requested to fly required oblique photographic mission at area of C-2 TWO simultaneously in order to take advantage of the one compartment if considered necessary. Every effort to be made to avoid destruction of	WCH WCH WCH WCH WCH WCH WCH WCH

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form 0-2113.
(July 54)

Unit 35th HQ 1 Aust Corps Date and Time: From 1 May 1945 To 31 May 1945

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
MOROTAI	1945 May 19		<u>Operations CUCU ONE.</u> After an airstrike with TANKAN, day 1/1 on air and landing 101st but heavy opposition prevented the landing. Going 11310101. On day 1/24 also successfully landed on 11310101 enemy from 101 feature 100000.	
	20		GHQ advised that air facilities TANKAN will not be completed in time to support CUCU SIX operation. Air facilities in TANKAN were to be prepared for the aircraft to operate from 1 June 45 Wing was to move there from TANKAN. Airfield construction Sqn was to move from MOROTAI to TANKAN. Earliest, this unit to be returned to MOROTAI in time for mounting CUCU TWO. 77 Wing is to be returned to TANKAN in time for supporting CUCU TWO.	
			(Adv RAAF Comd recommendation in the following way that 3 Airfield Construction Sqn be moved in lieu of 2 - this was carried out and the unit embarked on the same day.	
			Part of 77 Wing departed from TANKAN 18 May and further personnel and vehicles departed 31 May).	
			A beach G2 goes under CUCU 1 Aust Corps from 0600 hours 31 May	Appendix "1" <i>AKN</i>
			brief of co-ordinated plan CUCU SIX forwarded to Fd Bn 2HQ for delivery to GHQ	Appendix "2" <i>AKN</i>
			CUCU SIX advised that readiness for CUCU SIX is achieved on 31 May and 1 June, in view of minesweeping sailing, CUCU TWO.	<i>AKN</i>

Army Post Office
1952

Unit 35th Inf 1 Aust Corps Date and Time.—From 10/1/40 To 10/1/40

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
MOROTAI	1945 May 30		<u>Operation ORCHARD 3.</u> The features at 4211 were covered by a platoon of mortar units that only were still in completion. One Coy of 1st Battalion was carefully to 4211 from the eastern end of Feature 4211. Sixteen of the same battalion contacted enemy at 42001 and 42002. In the JOGATA area, 42001 from 42001 and 42002 to 42001 without contact.	
	31		Amendment 3 to 1 Coy's Op Instruction No 1 (Amendment to RAAF (1945 - 1902 ONE) 1st RAAF (1945) advised that element of 1st RAAF (1945) Wing were to move from TAINAL to SA SA SA SA SA SA SA SA to carry out extensive attacks against targets in the SIX area including 6 Coy, and subsequent direct support of operations. 6 West Div requested that 4 additional 107 be made available at objective area ORCHARD SIX for operational purposes not later than 1 plus 20, and that 107s arriving in objective area on 1 plus 1 would subsequently be made available for operational or any other purpose as required by 6 West Div and not solely for lightage within the harbour. (6 107s were allotted for this purpose from those available).	Amendment 11 prepared 1945 1000

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form 10-5115.
(Rev. 5-54)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit ^{Branch} 75 ANQ 1 Asst Corps

Date and Time. From 1 May 1948 To 31 May 1948

Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc.
MOROTAI	1948 May 31		Operations 1948 TWC. Patrols of 2/5 Pz Bn and 1st Coy were active. Following a heavy air strike on 100 to 1000 hours of 2/5 Bn have some slight advance. Patrols of 2/5 Bn found enemy still in contact with 100 after it had been strafed from the air. One coy 2/5 Bn moved from 100 feet to 1000 feet support disclosed the enemy from 1000 feet. Patrols in DUGATA field - at 1000 hours 1000 feet. <i>WEN</i>	
	22		1st Bn HILFORD and Air component 7 Div Planning Team arrived MOROTAI - accompanied by 1st Bn. 3 Asst Bn arrived at 1000 hours at 1000 hours. Operations 1948 TWC. The feature 1000 was again taken by one coy 2/5 Bn of last night had cleared the enemy from 1000 feet. Elements of 1000 Bn at 1000 hours were forced to withdraw in the face of a strong enemy attack from the east. One coy 2/5 Bn captured 100 enemy position at 1000 hours. <i>WEN</i>	<i>WEN</i> <i>WEN</i>
	23		Amended Appendix "A" to 1 Coy's C. Instruction No. 1000 (Planning Time Table) for 1000 hours.	Appendix "A" <i>WEN</i>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C-2118.

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit 6888th C.A. 1st Cent. Sigs Date and Time.—From 1 May 1946 To 31 May 1946

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to App-ndices, Diaries, &c
<u>MOGOTAI</u>	1946 May 26		Details of Air Courier Service to be operated for 1 st E. SIX was advised to 1 st Cent. Sigs and 1 st Div 70.1	<u>(LAW)</u>
			In response to a request from 1 st Cent. Sigs, 1 st Div 70.1 that responsibility for operating Air Courier Service to TARAKA, with pass to 1 st Corps as provided way.	<u>(LAW)</u>
			Operations CH 2 E.	
			The enemy counter-attacked a company of 1 st Div 70.1. Water this day withdrew to allow an air strike on the enemy, the later found the air still occupying the area.	
			Patrol 2/4 Cde Sigs found the enemy had vacated 423674.	
			Unsuccessful attempts were made to dislodge the enemy from features 423695 and 423696.	<u>(LAW)</u>
	24		1 st Cent. Sigs advised further targets desired to be attacked by air force in CH 2 E area.	<u>(LAW)</u>
			1 st Cent. Sigs requested ASV RAAF 1 st Div to intensify target sweeps particularly in areas between 423674 and 423696.	<u>(LAW)</u>
			Pvt Eon LH1 was advised of the transport requirements of units of 1 st Cent. Sigs for in the event of operations being carried out in partially developed areas. In response to a request, 1 st Cent. Sigs was informed of various details of operations at TARAKA.	<u>(LAW)</u>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.2113.
(12-5)

Branch
Unit GS, HQ 1 Aust Corps Date and Time.—From 1 May 1945 To 31 May 1945.
(Erase heading not required.)

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
<u>MOROTAI</u>	<u>1945</u> <u>May 24</u>		GHQ advised that an additional Amph Tractor Coy together with 1st of a Bn HQ was moving to MOROTAI for use in operation. CBCE TWC. No other amphib units could be made available.	(LAW)
			If fall-in required for CBCE TWC, the possibility of relaxing commitment for CBCE SIX was to be considered. If this was not possible, it was suggested that investigations be made with Navy for use of a LSD to transport them from CBCE SIX to MOROTAI. Amph Tractor Units were required for operations after the CBCE series and were to be returned to the PHILIPPINES as early as possible.	(LAW)
			GHQ advised that Target Date of 1 July remains in force for CBCE TWC.	(LAW)
			<u>Operations CBCE ONE.</u>	
			Patrol 2/4 Cdo Sqn reached 363700.	
			Patrols active other sectors.	(LAW)
	<u>25</u>		7 and 9 Aust Divs were instructed to submit returns giving information required to make up War Usage Rat s.	(LAW)
			Adv LHQ was advised that Corps agrees with a proposal to establish a signal school at MOROTAI. It was pointed out that the school should be under command Adv LHQ and not Corps. It was anticipated that it would be required about the end of August.	(LAW)

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.2115.
(11-29-41)

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit 83rd HQ 1 Asst Corps *Branch* 83rd HQ 1 Asst Corps Date and Time.—From 1 May 1945 To 31 May 1945

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
<u>NOKOTAI</u>	1945 May 25		83rd Sig asked 9 Asst Div (copy to Corps) that one aircraft be made available for close support at NOKOTAI. (It is estimated that only one sqn 224 aircraft will be available in future for normal air support at NOKOTAI, owing to increasing weight of strikes in CB02 TWO area.) Summarised list of targets reported for air attack CB02 SIX received from 9 Asst Div. 7 and 9 Asst Divs were advised that 83rd HQ had made available for CB02 SIX and CB02 TWO one additional Coy of LVTs together with Det HQ 872 Amph Tractor Bn. LVTs were now allocated as follows:- 9 Asst Div - 12th Amph Tractor Bn. 7 Asst Div - Det HQ 812 " " One Coy 872 " " One Coy 872 " " (on release from 9 Div) <u>Operations CB02 ONE.</u> One Pl 2/24 Bn unsuccessfully attempted to dislodge enemy from 419705, although abandoned positions at 419705 were later occupied. One enemy aircraft dropped six bombs in the swamp near mouth of PANCESIAN River at 20.51. Total of six enemy aircraft were over area. After an airstrike on feature 431801 one Coy 2/12 Bn attacked and occupied the feature while another Coy occupied feature 431879, but unopposed. Elements of 2/25 Bn moving eastward were held by enemy MB fire from 424835	UNCL UNCL UNCL

Date and Time.—From 1 May 1945 To 31 May 1945.

4438 11-43 414526 A. H. Fertman. Acting Gov. Fertman.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.2118,
(12-59)

(Erase heading not required.)

Branch SS, HQ 1 Aust Corps Date and Time.—From 1 May 1945 To 31 May 1945

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.															
NOROTAI	1945 May 27		In view availability of 8 pr atm, 1 Aust Div requested authority for inclusion of 3 TA/A Regt in CCB for CCB SIX. (300 tonnes 1 pr atm were made available for 1 Aust Div for this purpose).	OK															
			1. NOROTAI 1 Aust Div requested for inclusion of the bridge layer tank in CCB for CCB SIX (This was approved).	OK															
			Authority was granted to 1 Aust Div to retain 3 AFD in CCB SIX until such time as will permit their arrival NOROTAI by 20 June to prepare for start of operation.	OK															
			1 Aust Corps Int Review No 4 (1st 2 TWC issued)	Appendix "21" OK															
			Corps Commander's conference on operation CCB TWC	Appendix "22" OK															
			Allocation of 2/1 Ar L Bde Recon Sqdn WFL as follows:-																
			<table><tr><td></td><td>1 Aust Div</td><td>2 Aust Div</td></tr><tr><td>HQ</td><td>-</td><td>Det</td></tr><tr><td>Flamethrower Bns</td><td>one tp</td><td>three tps</td></tr><tr><td>Truck Bns</td><td>one tp</td><td>one tp</td></tr><tr><td>Bridge Layers</td><td>one tk</td><td>two tks</td></tr></table>		1 Aust Div	2 Aust Div	HQ	-	Det	Flamethrower Bns	one tp	three tps	Truck Bns	one tp	one tp	Bridge Layers	one tk	two tks	
	1 Aust Div	2 Aust Div																	
HQ	-	Det																	
Flamethrower Bns	one tp	three tps																	
Truck Bns	one tp	one tp																	
Bridge Layers	one tk	two tks																	
			1 Aust Div was advised of the availability of LOTS for CCB SIX 5 LOTS only are available and must suffice for both operational and lightering requirements.	OK															
			GHQ was requested to approve of the destruction of two railway bridges and railway engines in the PAPAR River - BAN PORT - TENCH area, in order to deny the enemy use of this section (approved by GHQ)	OK															
			Final target area for CCB SIX forwarded to Army RAAF Comd.	OK															

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.2118.

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit ^{Sand} 33, 74 1 Aust Corps

Date and Time.—From 1 May 1948 To 31 May 1948.

Place.	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
UPSETAI	1 May 1948		Consolidated list of targets in E SIX as a result of report was sent to Adv HQ 30.	(LH)
			In reply to a request, Adv HQ was advised that the estimate of completion of aircraft at TARRAMA by first objective is 1: before 1:30.	(LH)
			8 Aust Div req. Adv HQ 30 to advise details of 1st Lt. (LH)	
			<u>Operations 25th and 26th</u>	
			Patrol from 1/48 30 received 400000 signal of position.	
			Elements of 1/48 30 received and completed mission after a heavy air strike. Enemy later retreated to 10000.	(LH)
			Other patrols were active.	
	28		D13 and C2 visited TARRAMA (returned to 30's HQ 30 May).	(LH)
			Adv HQ was advised that coloured smoke was urgently required for operations. As delivery from AUSTRALIA of 30 pound 2 in mortar coloured smoke was uncertain, it was requested that Adv HQ make available coloured smoke for 24 hours.	(LH)
			Adv HQ was advised that it was considered that gun holdings at contact rates for two divisions for four months will provide sufficient holdings in this area.	(LH)
			Adv HQ was requested to authorize 7 Aust Div to have direct access to units on COB for COB 1st Div now under command A 5th Div (partial).	(LH)
			8 Aust Div was advised that other commitments prevent any 1st Div being made available (a special allotment of 200 rounds was, however, made available).	(LH)

(Erase heading not required)

Date and Time.—From 2 July 1944 To 31 July 1944.

44162 11 67 91 6100 A H PETERSON, Active - 1967 - 1970

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C-2113,
(12-27-47)

(Erase heading not required)

Unit Br 1st 1st Corps Date and Time.—From 1 May 1948 To 31 May 1948

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c
<u>DOCHATA</u>	<u>1948</u> <u>May 29</u>		(On 30 May INTERCOM received from Allied Air Forces HQ Air RAAF Command to destroy certain specified targets in this area - strikes to be fully co-ordinated with Corps).	<u>(LCH)</u>
			Amendment No 2 to 1 Corps Op. Instr No 3 issued Inclusion of one CMA up, in 3rd Sec. 1, Air Int Party RAAF in (CB)	Appt. in "AA" <u>Edw</u>
			Amendment No 2 to 1 Corps Op. Instr No 4 issued	Appt. in "AP" <u>Edw</u>
			<u>Operations CBCE 1E.</u> Elements 2, 30 pm attempted attack on 4040.0 and 4040.5 after air strikes. Patrols other sectors. AA successfully engaged one enemy aircraft at 1010.	<u>Edw</u>
	<u>30</u>		30 1st Inf Bde passed to 3rd 1st 1st Corps. CTF TB.2 advised that complete list of targets recommended for destruction at CBCE TNC area were being delivered to RAAF after co-ordination with 303 1st 1st Div.	<u>Edw</u> <u>LCH</u>
			<u>Operations CBCE 2E.</u> The feature 4040.00 was occupied without opposition and small party of enemy later engaged at 041000. Patrols active other sectors. Track from DOCHATA airfield through 410710 and 410700 to 411000 now clear.	<u>Edw</u>

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Army Form C.2118.
(Am) 04

(Erase heading not required.)

Unit ^{Bract} 33rd H. 1st Aust Corps Date and Time. — From 1 May 1941 To 31 May 1941.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, etc
MOROTAI	1941 May 31		Air RAAF Base was informed that Corps agreed to six A STERS being employed at CMB SIX and that the remaining six operate at CMB TWO providing operations at TAPARAN permit this situation in time. It was agreed not to withdraw all A STERS from TAPARAN at present, but they will be released as soon as operations permit. (7 res A STERS were left on TAPARAN) GHQ was advised that steps had already been taken to ensure that needs of air support in CMB SIX will be met fully by early landing of required equipment. An exercise had been conducted in which necessary equipment was landed and set up. All concerned had been fully informed of organisation and frequencies to be used for support air direction. HQ was advised that 2500 rounds each red and yellow coloured smoke were required urgently for operations. Delivery at MOROTAI of maximum available production was requested 15 Jun. Operations CMB 123. Following on airstrike on feature 424000, one Coy 2/25 Bn attacked east and SE and after fighting, all the afternoon the feature was captured. Our own and enemy patrols were active.	OK OK OK OK

27 June 45

APPENDIX "A".

GS BRANCH HQ 1 AUST CORPS

WAR DIARY

1 MAY 1945 - 31 MAY 1945.

LIST OF APPENDICES

<u>APPENDIX</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>REFERENCE NO</u>
"A"	LIST OF APPENDICES	
"B"	GOC's DIARY	
"C"	DAILY OPERATIONAL LETTERS TO GHQ	
"D"	DAILY OPERATIONAL SIGNALS TO GHQ	
"E"	AIGs BULLETINS	
"F"	9 AUST DIV DAILY OPER TI VAL REPORT SIGNALS	
"G"	INTERCEPTS FROM 26 AUST INF BDS	
"H"	INTERCE TS FROM NAVAL SOURCES	
"I"	AMENDMENT NO 1 AUST CORPS CP INSTRUCTION NO 3 ISSUED	
"J"	REPORT ON PROPOSED RANGE STRIP FOR 3 INCH MORTAR	G7139/SD of 2 May
"K"	AMENDMENT 2 TO 1 AUST CORPS CP INSTRUCTION NO 3	
"L"	AMENDMENT 3 TO 1 AUST CORPS CP INSTRUCTION NO 3	
"M"	COMMAND OF FORMATIONS AND UNITS OF 1 AUST CORPS	G/7172 SD of 11 May
"N"	COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE - GEN. CELLED ON SUNDAYS	
"O"	AMENDMENT 4 TO 1 AUST CORPS CP INSTRUCTION NO 3	
"O17"	1 AUST CORPS CP INSTRUCTION NO 4 (CBCE TWO)	
"P"	AMENDMENT 5 TO 1 AUST CORPS CP INSTRUCTION NO 3	
"Q"	INSTRUCTIONS FOR AIR RAID ALERTS CORPS HQ	G/40/Ons of 15 May
"R"	1 AUST CORPS INT REVIEW NO 3 (CBCE SIX)	
"S"	CORPS COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE (CBCE SIX)	
"T"	1 AUST CORPS LOCATION STATEMENT	

"U" OPERATIONAL ORDER OF BATTLE G/7179 'SD of 17 May
1 AUST CORPS

"V" TRAINING POLICY 1 AUST CORPS

"W" 2 BEACH GP UNDER COMD 1 CORPS SD1151 of 201400I

"X" BRIEF OF CO-ORDINATED PLAN
CBCE SIX

"Y" AMENDMENT NO 3 TO 1 AUST CORPS
OP INSTRUCTION NO 1

"Z" AMENDMENT NO 1 TO 1 AUST CORPS
OP INSTRUCTION NO 4

"Z1" 1 AUST CORPS INT REVIEW (CBCE TWO)

"Z2" CORPS COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
ON OPERATION CBCE TWO

"AA" AMENDMENT NO 6 TO 1 AUST CORPS OP
INSTRUCTION NO 3

"AB" AMENDMENT NO 2 TO 1 AUST CORPS OP
INSTRUCTION NO 4

-----ccccc-----

WAR DIARY. 1 May 1945 - 31 May 1945.

APPENDIX "B".

PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS.
MOROTAI	1	1430 2000	GOC saw Commander CCWIE, Comd UST 'GENERAL MACRAE' GOC called on C-in-C at Adv LHQ
	2	1445 1800	GOC called at HQ 9 Aust Div, met Brig WINDEYER and with him visited HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde, Brig PORTER at HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde and Lt-Col JOHNSON, 2/13 Pd Amb. Returned to HQ 1 Aust Corps.
	3	0001 0700 0715 0900 1500 2100	GOC accompanied by Major KAISER left in Catalina for TARAKAN. Arrived TARAKAN GOC was met by Col HODGSON, 2 Aust Beach Gp and moved to HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde where he met Brig WHITEHEAD GOC accompanied by Brig WHITEHEAD visited 2/23, 2/24 and 2/48 Bns, 2/7 Pd Regt and 2/11 Pd Amb. Also inspected Beachhead and Dock Areas in general GOC departed TARAKAN. Arrived MOROTAI
	4	1500 1940	GOC called on Maj-Gen WOOTTEH at HQ 9 Aust Div. Air Vice Marshal BOSTOCK called on GOC.
	6	1600 1900	Admiral ROYAL called on GOC. Maj-Gen WOOTTEH and Lt-Cols DENWISTON and MORGAN were guests of GOC at dinner.
	7	1000 2000	GOC saw Major ACOTT, ADPR. GOC saw Col AUCHINCLOSS, Asst SO-in-C, GHQ.
	8	1030 1245 1515	GOC accompanied by Brig PURNELL visited 2/5 AGH, inspected battle casualties from TARAKAN and other patients. Returned HQ 1 Aust Corps. Admiral ROYAL called on GOC.
	9	1900	GOC dined with C-in-C and Lt-Gen GAIRDNER, LO to General MACARTHUR at 1000
	10	1030	GOC saw Brig BARKER

11	1200	GOC saw Air Vice Marshal BOSTOCK.
12	1145	Air Vice Marshal BOSTOCK and Air Commodore SCHERGER called on GOC.
13	0930	GOC attended combined Church Service at HQ 1 Aust Corps
14	1430 1545	GOC saw Col De ROY, NICA. GOC called on Maj-Gen WOOTTEN at HQ 9 Aust Div
15	1530	GOC inspected NRI troops and with Col De ROY visited Dutch refugee camps and later dined at HQ NICA.
	2100	Returned to HQ 1 Aust Corps.
16	1100	GOC attended Corps Planning Conference OBOE SIX
17	0630 1315 1630 2345	GOC accompanied by Air Vice Marshal BOSTOCK and Air Commodore SCHERGER departed in Catalina for TARAkan GOC and party arrived TARAkan and were met by Brig WHITEHEAD. GOC visited Air Strip, DJERATA Oilfield area, 2/24 and 2/48 Bns, 2/11 Pd Amb 110 CCS where he spoke to patients, HQ 26 Bde where he met COs of 2/23 Bn, 2/7 Pd Regt and 2/2 Pnr Bn. GOC departed TARAkan Arrived MOROTAI.
18	1100 1130 1200	GOC saw Admiral ROYAL GOC saw Air Vice Marshal BOSTOCK. GOC saw Lt-Gen BERRYMAN
19	0630 1700	GOC accompanied by Col De ROY and Major van ASSENDERP, NICA, Maj-Gen WOOTTEN, Brigs PORTER, and WINDEYER visited native refugee camp at RAO Island, MOROTAI Returned HQ 1 Aust Corps.
21	1000 1015 1100	GOC saw Lt-Col MACARTHUR-ONSLOW. GOC saw Brig WRIGLEY GOC saw Admiral ROYAL
22	0930 0945	GOC saw Col McLEAN, DDST 1 Aust Corps GOC saw Air Vice Marshal BOSTOCK.
23	1030 1900	GOC saw Maj-Gen MILFORD Maj-Gen MILFORD, Brig O'BRIEN, Lt-Cols LANEY and WILMOTH were guests of GOC at dinner.
24	1900	GOC dined with Maj-Gen WOOTTEN at HQ 9 Aust Div

25	1500	GOC saw Commander HUGHES, Planning Officer Task Group 78.2 and Lt Col MURDOCH
	1600	General van OYEN, NEI called on GOC.
26	1030	Admiral ROYAL called on GOC.
	1600	GOC saw Group Captain GRANT, RAAP.
27	1000	GOC saw Lt-Col OLDHAM, HQ Branch.
	1100	GOC attended 7 Aust Div Conference at HQ 1 Aust Corps
28	1400	GOC accompanied by Maj-Gen WOOTTEN visited Bns of 20 and 24 Bdes, 2/8 and 2/12 Pd Regts.
	1900	Admiral ROYAL, Brig WRIGLEY and Col LATIMORE were guests of GOC at dinner.
29	0930	Rear Admiral NOBLE, Commander Task Group 78.2 and Capt SCLOWEN, C of S called on GOC.
	1030	GOC visited LST loading area, met Lt-Col MACARTHUR, FMLO and watched loading of stores and equipment into LSTs.
	1530	Maj-Gen MILFORD called on GOC
	1630	Brig FARHAM called on GOC
30	1000	GOC called on Col LATIMORE and with him inspected Docks and Jetty area.
	1800	GOC dined with Rear Admiral NOBLE on USS 'WASATCH'.
31	0800	GOC accompanied by Maj-Gen WOOTTEN and MILFORD went aboard US Patrol Craft with Admiral ROYAL and watched rehearsal of amphibious landing by 20 Bde Gp
	1100	Returned HQ 1 Aust Corps

SECRET

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO. 24

HQ 1 Aust Corps
2 May 45.
G/23/Ops.

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Forward Echelon LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAF Command
Comd Naval Task Force 75.1

No 24 - Period 0001I 30 Apr to 2400I 1 May 45.

Ref Map - TARAKAN ISLAND SOUTH : 1/25000.

1. Location of Troops

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde 427527, 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
in reserve 423633.

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAKAN - Morning 1 May

RAAF Comd reported 5/10 cloud. Visibility away
from targets excellent.

3. Operations for Period

Operations on P minus 1 - 30 Apr

- (a) 2/4 Sqn 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt and 57 Aust
Fd Bty made an unopposed landing on SIDA
ISLAND at 300800I. The island was cleared
without enemy interference by 0947I hrs.
The field guns of the battery were firing
by 1100 hrs in support of the engineer
demolition parties at LINGKAS Beach.
- (b) 9 Aust Div engineer demolition parties
carried out operations for the breaching
of beach obstacles on the beaches on
RED TWO, YELLOW and GREEN beaches. Two
attempts were made, one at 1100 hrs and the
second at 1500 hrs. The first attempt
was covered by naval bombardment, air
bombardment and screened by smoke laid
by aircraft over the period of approximately
two hours. On completion of the second
attempt four gaps had been blown in each
RED TWO and GREEN beach defences and three
gaps had been made in the defences opposite

YELLOW beach. Enemy opposition to this operation was confined to scattered mortar and sniper fire until it was silenced by naval support craft. No casualties to our own forces were incurred.

Operations on P Day - 1 May

- (a) The assault landing on LINGKAS BEACH was made at 0815I 1 May by the 2/48 Aust Inf Bn Gp and 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Gp. During the approach and the assault landing our forces were unopposed and by 0900 hrs, our troops had secured a beach covering position 300 to 400 yards inland and extending from the pier at 418634 to 433621. The beach covering position was secured without opposition. By 1100 hrs the 2/24 Aust Inf Bn (in reserve for the assault landing), the 2/3 Aust Pioneer Bn and supporting troops were ashore. At 1300 hrs the 2/23 Aust Inf Bn (right) was receiving opposition from bunkers at SIBENGKOK 427637 and was attacking in the vicinity of the road junction 434635 while the 2/48 Aust Inf Bn had reached the spur 424646. Infantry and tanks were moving towards the high ground in the vicinity of 423651. At 1500I enemy offering stubborn resistance 437627, one troop of tanks moved north along road west of SIBENGKOK to assist 2/23 Aust Inf Bn. Results not yet reported. Forward patrols of 2/48 Aust Inf Bn were operating towards 415660 and 419663. No air opposition reported.
- (b) NL pontoon causeways were beached by 1350 hrs and unloading had commenced. At 011740I the state of unloading was WESTRALIA three quarters unloaded MANOORA half unloaded, LST 1027 will be completed in two hours, LST 993 all vehicles by 1800 hrs LST 584 proceeding slowly, LST 582 590 711 743 will be unloaded by 2000 hrs. Receding tide and difficulty of filling anti tank ditches blocking egress to RED and YELLOW beaches is increasing the difficulty of unloading.

Harbour Facilities

The piers at 418634 and 429623 were captured intact and the oil jetty 424626 consists of piling only.

Command

The Commander 26 Aust Inf Bde assumed command of forces ashore at 1204 hrs 1 May.

4. Results of Operations

Own casualties approximately 5 wounded. Enemy casualties 11 killed counted and 2 PW.

5. Miscellaneous

(a) Additional troops have embarked AUSTRALIA as follows -

VAN HEUTZ ex BRISBANE 28 Apr 45	1156
CHARLES LUMIS ex CAIRNS 29 Apr 45	928
Vehicle escorts(not previously notified)	<u>58</u>
TOTAL	2142

Details of units will be advised.

(b) Total figures are now as follows -

Warned for movement (exclusive of 7 Aust Div Force)	41967
Embarked	37674
Arrived at MOROTAI	29969
Warned. Not yet embarked	4293
At Sea	7705

H. Wells Brig.

201 Lieutenant-General.
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by G (Ops) 2 May 45

PA to GOC
BGS
DA&QMG
G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)
G (Int) (2)
G (Air)

G (Op Report)
CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO

A (3)
Q (5)
War Diary (2)

SECRET

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO 26

HQ 1 Aust Corps
3 May 45.
G/26/Ops.

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Forward Echelon LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAP Command
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1

No 25 - Period 0001I 2 May to 2400I 2 May 45.

Ref Map - TARAkan ISLAND SOUTH - 1/25,000

1. Location of Troops

(a) TARAkan - HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde 427627

13 Aust Fd Bty 430628

14 Aust Fd Bty 422635

(b) Reference Appendix 'A' to 1 Aust Corps
Daily Operational Report No 2, the
following units have arrived at MOROTAI.

Serials - B4 B5 B6 B12 B15 B19

B25 B29 B32 B33(part only)

B35(less part) B36 B44

B45 B52 B53 B54 B55(less det)

B57 B60 B62 (less A sec) B73

2. Weather and Visibility - TARAkan

No rain fell but the weather was hot and oppressive.
Humidity varied from 70% to 90%. The ground was very muddy
and the going heavy. Steep slopes and thick undergrowth
hampered later operations.

3. Operations for Period

Operation on 2 May 45

TARAkan ISLAND

(a) At 0900 hours one company 2/23 Aust Inf
Bn was advancing towards enemy defence

positions at 438628. At 1100 hours elements of the battalion had occupied the high ground at 432638 but the enemy continued to offer resistance from 429635. By 1300 hours the enemy defence positions at 438628 were captured and the ridge 435626 - 437687 occupied. In addition with the exception of three small pockets which were by passed the enemy was cleared from the battalion's covering position including 437627 - 436638 and the road junction 437646 - barracks 432649. By 1700 hours the battalion had occupied a covering position from approximately 434634 to 433647 with one company forward in the area road junction 437646 and standing patrols at 441644 and 438645.

- (b) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn further consolidated positions held at last light 1 May. One company exploited to feature 427658 and occupied the position unopposed. Patrols then moved to the water point at 426662. The motors and equipment at this point were found to be unserviceable and the water in the creek fouled by oil.
- (c) During the night 2/24 Aust Inf Bn, which was in reserve, passed through 2/48 Aust Inf Bn and an attack, supported by naval bombardment and direct air support, was made on the enemy hold high ground at 418663 and 414661. Both these objectives were captured by 0900 hours. The advance was continued and by 1100 hours the feature at 415666 was captured. Later an attack was made by one company, supported by one troop of tanks, on the hill 412672. The company was on its objective by 1500 hours. The battalion then took up position in the area 414661 - 415666 - 412672.
- (d) 2/7 Aust Pd Regt supported all actions throughout the day. 57 Aust Pd Bty fired from positions on SADAU ISLAND occupied on 30 Apr.

(e) General

Hostile shelling occurred against RED beach at 0030 hours, 10 rounds of suspected 75 mm being fired. One 75 mm gun was captured at 412665.

Many reports were received of mines and booby traps, the majority of which were inferior or not completely laid. In the attack on feature 411672 heavy casualties were incurred by an electrically fired land mine. Sea mines were reported on the road 415652 - AIRSTRIP.

Coast defence guns were reported to be active firing from CAPE DJORATA.

Enemy strength is estimated to be 1,000 most of whom have withdrawn to G API. Naval troops have been identified. A report states that a high ranking officer commands the force from G API.

(f) Air Support

The following strikes were carried out. Each strike was made by three MITCHELLS -

At 0800 hours - enemy defence holding approximately 100 at 414662.

At 1050 hours - enemy supply area. Exact location NOT known.

At 1230 hours - enemy positions and machine gun posts at 401679, 405685, 399687.

All strikes were well on the target area.

(g) Naval Support

NO details are available of naval support.

4. Results of Operations

(a) Progressive totals of casualties suffered by 26 Aust Inf Bde to 0600 hours 2 May 45 are -

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other ranks</u>
Killed in action	-	7
Wounded in action	3	27
Missing	-	-
TOTAL	3	34

(b) 50 enemy dead have been counted. The reported capture of 2 PW included in Daily Operational Report No 24 is not correct.

5. Miscellaneous

TARAKAN

(a) 200 natives are under control of MICA.

(b) Two LSIs completed unloading by 0700I.

MOROTAI

- (c) GENERAL MACRAE arrived MOROTAI with 2763 troops consisting of units listed in paragraph 1 (b) above.
- (d) An additional 735 troops embarked BOTH ex CAIRNS on 1 May. Details of units now at sea are as follows -

Reference Appendix 'A' to 1
Aust Corps Daily Operational
Report No 2.

Serials B7 B29(balance) B30
B35(balance) B55a
B174 B175

- (e) Total figures are now as follows -

Warned for movement (excluding 7 Aust Div Force)	41967
Embarked	38409
Arrived at MOROTAI	32732
Warned but not embarked	3558
At Sea	5677

Lieutenant-General.
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 3 May 45-

PA to GOC
BGS
DAA:MG
G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)
G (Int) (2)
G (Air)
G (Op Report)
CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
War Diary (2)

Da Henry
SECRET

Subject : DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT No 71

HQ 1 Aust Corps
4 May 45
G/27/Cps

CHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
IHQ
Forward Echelon LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAF Command
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1

No 26 - Period 0001 3 May to 2400 3 May 45

Ref Map - TARAAN ISLAND SOUTH - 1/25,000.

1. Locations of Troops

- (a) TARAAN
- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde | - 427627 |
| 2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn | - vicinity road junction 441645. |
| 2/23 Aust Inf Bn | - squares 4264, 4364 with one coy BOORTERRIN |
| 2/48 Aust Inf Bn | - Squares 4265, 4266 |
| 2/24 Aust Inf Bn | - Square 4057 |
- (b) MOROTAI No change

2. Weather and visibility TARAAN

Not known

3. Operations for the period

Operations 3 May 45 - TARAAN

- (a) Patrols from 2/23 Aust Inf Bn moved towards the main TARAAN ground feature 447653; this was followed by an unsuccessful attack up the southern slopes of the feature by one coy at 13001. Strong opposition was encountered and the coy returned to its original position at 436647. Meanwhile another coy moved to BOORTERRIN 458648 against light opposition southeast of District IV. By 19001 patrols had reported Districts IV and VI clear of enemy. Unsuccessful attempts were made by one coy supported by one tank to dislodge an isolated enemy strong point near 431647.
- (b) 2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn moved from SADAN ISLAND to a position near road junction at 438646.
- (c) A patrol from 2/48 Aust Inf Bn from waterpoint 426662 met some opposition from enemy at 433652, and strong opposition at feature 434655. Another patrol encountered opposition and withdrew after suffering casualties from enemy at 433658. A patrol to the spur at 426666 were ambushed but suffered no casualties.
- (d) 2/24 Aust Inf Bn continued their advance on the airfield.

Patrols encountered opposition and by 1100I the advance had been held up by enemy posts at 405673 and 403669. During this advance the enemy set alight to oil in ditch on road 405668 - airstrip. Strong opposition was encountered south of the airfield but by nightfall elements of the battalion had penetrated to the northwest edge of the airfield and had reported the southwest end of the airfield including dispersal bays clear of enemy. An attack was launched by one coy at 1900I on enemy position at 402678 containing MG and 75 mm gun but was unsuccessful and the company occupied a position on the airfield at 404675. One coy of this battalion occupying the ridge 419663 repulsed a counterattack by the enemy at 1900I from the direction of the feature 415666.

(e) General

Defence of beachhead area has been taken over by 2 Aust Beach Gp.

(f) No details are available of naval or air support. No air opposition has been reported.

4. Results of operations

(a) Casualties suffered by 26 Aust Inf Bde for 24 hours ending 0600I 3 May are:-

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	-	8
Wounded in action	1	24
Missing	-	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>32</u>

(b) Progressive totals are:-

Killed in action	-	15
Wounded in action	4	51
Missing	-	-
	<u>4</u>	<u>66</u>

(c) No further counts of enemy casualties received.

5. Miscellaneous

Nothing to report.

J. J. Chapman
Lieutenant-General,
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

DISTRIBUTED BY G (Ops) 3 May 45

PA to GOC

EGS

DA&MG

G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)

G (Int) (2)

G(Air)

G (Op Report)

C&RA

CE

Svy

CSO

A (3)

Q (5)

War Diary (2)

SECRET

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO 27.

HQ 1 Aust Corps
5 May 45.
G/29/Ops.

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Forward Echelon LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAF Command
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1

No 27 - Period 0001I 4 May to 2400I 4 May 45.

Ref Map - TARAkan ISLAND SOUTH 1/25,000

1. Location of Troops

(a) TARAkan - HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde - 422630
2/4 Aust Cav Sqn - 445653
2/23 Aust Inf Bn - 434637
2/48 Aust Inf Bn - 426653
2/24 Aust Inf Bn - 405673

(b) MOROTAI - Reference Appendix 'A' to 1 Aust
Corps Daily Operational Report
No 2, the following units have
arrived at MOROTAI:

Serials B10 B14 B21 B24 B27
B29 (less part) B33(balance)
B42 B50 B58 B62(balance)
B64 B66 B67 B68

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAkan - slight showers during the morning,
hot and humid from 1700 hrs.
Visibility good.

3. Operations for the period

Operations 4 May 45 - TARAkan

(a) One company from 2/23 Aust Inf Bn moved from east
and mopped up HOSPITAL RIDGE 432645 from which
enemy had apparently withdrawn overnight 3/4 May;
many JAP dead were found on top of this ridge.
Another company in district I were fired on by

enemy from 466656. By 041700I all enemy pockets of resistance in 2/23 Aust Inf Bn covering position had been mopped up, but one company in district VI was mortared from vicinity 477654 sustaining casualties. NEI company was in contact with enemy vicinity 467644. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn was then relieved by 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn and concentrated at 434647. At 042355I the 2/23 Aust Inf Bn was moving north to 2/48 Aust Inf Bn Sector.

- (b) Following a successful air strike on TARAKAN RIDGE at 040815I, 2/4 Aust Cavalry Sqn, supported by naval gunfire, followed in to attack the feature 446654. In spite of considerable fire from pillboxes and snipers the squadron reached the feature but some enemy are still on the feature.
- (c) Elements of the 2/48 Aust Inf Bn moved towards the hill at 437656 where it encountered opposition from the southern slope.
- (d) During the morning 4 May, patrols probed the hill 403678, and found the enemy holding that position in considerable strength. A troop of tanks reached 405673, but was unable to move forward until the airfield, which was heavily mined, had been cleared. Mineclearing is proceeding. Patrolling is being continued to find approaches and the flanks of the enemy north of the airfield, preparatory to further attacks.

(.) General

CTG 78.1 reported at 031647I that our naval fire on CAPE DJOCATA on north west TARAKAN ISLAND scored a direct hit on one coastal gun, and damaged two others. Also a direct hit was scored on one AA position and another damaged. Wharves and barracks were also covered in this area.

Seven LSTs which beached on P Day are still on the LINGKAS beaches, having been unable to retract since that time. The LSTs are unloaded, and it is anticipated that they will not be refloated until between 11 May 45 and 14 May on the next spring tide. Six other LST have been discharged by small craft.

- (f) No air opposition has been reported.

4.

Results of Operations

- (a) Casualties suffered by 26 Aust Inf Bde for 24 hrs ending 0600I 4 May are -

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in Action	-	12
Wounded in Action	3	60
Missing	1	4

(b) Progressive Totals are -

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in Action	-	27
Wounded in Action	7	111
Missing	1	4

(c) 140 enemy dead have been counted to date.

5. Miscellaneous

FREDERICK LYKES arrived MOROTAI 3 May 45 with 2800 troops of 9 Aust Div consisting of units listed in para 1(b) above.

H. K. B. B.

for

Lieutenant-General.
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 5 May 45.

PA to GOC
EGS
DA&MG
G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)
G (Int) (2)
G (Air)
G (Op Report)
CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
War Diary (2) ✓

1/20/45

S E C R E T

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO 28

HQ 1 Aust Corps,
6 May 45.
G/31/Ops.

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Forward Echelon LEQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAF Command
Comd Naval Task Force 75.1

No 28 - Period 2400I 4 May to 2400I 5 May 45.

Ref Map - TARAKAN ISLAND SOUTH : 1/25000.

1.

Location of Troops

(a) TARA KAN - HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	- 422630
HQ 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn	- 445649
HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn	- 413653
HQ 2/24 Aust Inf Bn	- 404672
HQ 2/48 Aust Inf Bn	- 425653
HQ 2/3 Aust Pioneer Bn	- 433637

(b) MOROTAI - No change

2.

Weather and Visibility

TARA KAN - 1100 hrs 5 May. Low cloud ceiling
visibility fair.

3.

Operations for Period

Operations 5 May 45 - TARA KAN

- (a) One company NEI Battalion patrolled DISTRICT IV to the hill at 467643 which was clear of the enemy.
- (b) During the night 4/5 May, the 2/4 Aust Cavalry Squadron, which reached the TARA KAN TOWN feature 447653 on the afternoon of 4 May, repulsed several counterattacks, inflicting some casualties on the enemy. During the day, 5 May, enemy pockets remaining on the hill were cleared by the use of flamethrowers and demolition charges against pillboxes and tunnel systems. By 1500 hours the enemy on TARA KAN feature had been eliminated. Subsequently, some enemy positions to the north of the TARA KAN TOWN feature were cleared.

- (c) 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn, which relieved 2/23 Aust Inf Bn in the eastern sector, moved a patrol north towards the cross roads at 442656. The patrol returned after being engaged by enemy located at 441654. One company of the 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn advanced without opposition to 458649 and established a standing patrol on the TARAKAN - AMAL track at 467655.
- (d) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn moved one company supported by tanks to the feature 438656 and this force then turned NORTH and by 1700 hours had captured the high ground at 437665. Some enemy artillery and machine gun fire was encountered. Subsequently progress was made in the direction of the feature 433666.
- (e) During the night 4/5 May the 2/24 Aust Inf Bn with engineer assistance was engaged in clearing mines on the airfield and in dispersal bays. They also cut tracks through the jungle east of the airfield in order to obtain approaches to the hill 402678. At 1630 hours elements of the battalion with air support occupied the hill 402678 and by 1715 hours work on the reconstruction of the airfield had commenced. In the PENINGKI - BAROE area 409684, during the morning 5 May, one company of the 2/24 Aust Inf Bn with tanks in support destroyed eight pillboxes, some of which had been firing on the airfield road.
- (f) The 2/23 Aust Inf Bn arrived at its assembly area, 407663 by 1100 hours, and by 1500 hours had reached the feature at 412672. One company continued NORTH and by 1700 hours had reached 410675.

General

- (g) 3.7 inch anti aircraft guns engaged an enemy 75 mm gun position at 488654, rounds falling in the target area.
- (h) The beach conditions at LINGKAS are extremely difficult and approximate what was considered during the planning to be the worst conditions that would be met.

4. Results of Operations

Casualties suffered by 26 Aust Inf Bde for 24 hours ending 0600 5 May are :-

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	1	15
Wounded in action	4	77

Progressive casualties are :-

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	2	42
Wounded in action	11	188
Missing	-	4

Enemy casualties to date are

Killed	206
FW	3

5. Miscellaneous

(a) Additional troops have embarked AUSTRALIA as follows :-

HMAS KANIMBLA ex BRISBANE on 2 May	-	967
GORGON ex SYDNEY on 3 May	-	459
TOTAL		1426

(b) Total figures of personnel movement to MOROTAI are now as follows :-

Warned for movement	
(excluding 7 Aust Div Force)	43268
Embarked	39835
Arrived at MOROTAI	35532
Warned, but not embarked	3433
At sea	4303

[Signature]
Lieutenant-General,
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by G (Ops) 6 May 45

PA to GOC
DA & QMG
G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)
G (Int) (2)
G (Air)
G (Op Report)
CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
War Diary (2)

SECRET

Ha Ha

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO 29

HQ 1 Aust Corps
7 May 45.
G/35/Ops.

GHQ
SMPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Forward Echelon LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAF Command
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1

No 29 - Period 2400I 5 May to 2400I 6 May 45.

Ref Map - TARA KAN ISLAND SOUTH ; 1/25000

1. Location of Troops

TARA KAN - HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde - unchanged
HQ 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn - unchanged
HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn - 405677
HQ 2/24 Aust Inf Bn - 403673
HQ 2/48 Aust Inf Bn - 427651
HQ 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn - unchanged

2. Weather and Visibility

TARA KAN - No report.

3. Operations for period

Operations 5 May TARA KAN

- (a) The NEI Coy moving towards PEMINGHI reached 462636 without encountering opposition.
- (b) No changes were made in the dispositions of 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn. A number of serviceable enemy vehicles were captured in the TARA KAN ridge area 447653.
- (c) Two coys of the 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn are now at 458649.
- (d) One coy 2/48 Aust Inf Bn cleared the area 433667 against some opposition suffering some casualties. Another coy cleared the track 437666 to 433667 and made contact with the coy at 433667. A causeway forming portion of the track at 433665 had been demolished by the enemy. Patrols along the ridge

south east from 433667 found some enemy in that area.

- (e) The 2/24 Aust Inf Bn is responsible for the defence of the airfield.
- (f) The 2/23 Aust Inf Bn continued the advance north from the airfield sending one Coy attacking an enemy post at 406683 and one Coy along the ridge north from 403678 to 405684. One 75 mm gun was captured at 405686. By 1900 hours two Coys had occupied G AFI area without opposition with patrols to 408688, some Japanese occupy the ridge 407683 to 419683. A patrol to the high ground 397684 found no enemy.

General

- (g) The area 421689 believed to be the enemy headquarters area was bombed, six tons of bombs, 250 para - fragmentation bombs and napalm being dropped in the target area.
- (h) Portion of the airfield was being used by AUSTER aircraft at 1700 hrs.
- (j) Information was received on P Day that the pier at 429623 had been captured intact. This report was incorrect, the enemy had burnt some sections of the pier, the gaps made totalling 250 feet. Repairs to the pier have since been effected.
- (k) Ground conditions in the area south of the airstrip and astride the main road were found to be difficult. The approach was made over steep features and in many places waist deep swamp. Mining of the road and heavy trapping of the general area retarded the progress of ground troops.

4. Results of operations

- (a) Own casualties for 24 hours ending 2400H 5 May were -

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in Action	2	4
Wounded in Action	2	12
Missing	-	1

Progressive totals are -

Killed in Action	4	46
Wounded in Action	13	200
Missing	-	5

- (b) Enemy Casualties - total enemy counted dead to date 223
total PW to date 3

5. Miscellaneous

Movement of troops from AUSTRALIA - no change.

[Signature]
Lieutenant-General.
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by G3 7 May 45.

PA to GOC : BGS : DACC : G(Ops) - Battle Room (3) : G(Int) (2) :
G (Air) : G(Op Report) : CCRA : CE : SVY : CSO : A(3) : Q(5) :
War Diary (2)

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO.30.

HQ 1 Aust Corps
8 May 45
G/36/Ops

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Forward Echelon LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAP Comd
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1

No.30 - period 2400I 6 May to 2400I 7 May

Ref Map - TARAKAN ISLAND NORTH : 1/25000
TARAKAN ISLAND SOUTH : 1/25000

1. Location of Troops

TARAKAN - unchanged

2. Weather and Visibility

No report

3. Operations for period

Operations 7 May - TARAKAN

- (a) Elements of the 2/1 Aust Inf Bn advancing EAST along the track 404684 - AMAL made contact with an enemy defensive position covering the track at 419684. The position contained 3 light machine guns and some mortars.
- (b) At 1500 hours, a patrol from 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn had moved NW from 440665 and had reached 435673 without opposition.
- (c) A patrol from the 2/48 Aust Inf Bn met some opposition at 419680. An ambush party was established at that point.
- (d) Elements of the 2/23 Aust Inf Bn moving towards 419684 from G. API contacted some enemy.
- (e) A patrol of the 2/24 Aust Inf Bn moving NORTH from G API reached 404699 without opposition but found the road heavily mined with craters at 100 yard intervals.

General

- (f) It is expected that fighters will not be able to use the airfield before 12 May 45.

4. Results of Operations

- (a) Own casualties for 24 hours ending 2400I 6 May -

Killed in action	8
Wounded in action	40
Missing	-

Progressive totals to 2400I 6 May -

Killed in action	58
Wounded in action	253
Missing	5

(b) Enemy casualties - total enemy counted dead to date	286
Total PW to date	3

5. Miscellaneous

Movement of troops from AUSTRALIA - no change.

[Signature]
Lieutenant-General.
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 8 May 45

PA to GOC: BGS : DA & QMG : G(Ops) - Battle Room (3) : G(Int) (2):
G(Air) : G(Op Report) : CCRA : CE : SVY : CSC : A(3) : Q(5):
War Diary (2)

SECRET

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO 31

HQ 1 Aust Corps
9 May 45.
G/41/Ops.

GHQ
SMPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
IHQ
Forward Echelon IHQ
Adv IHQ
Adv RAAF Command
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1

No 31 - Period 2400I 7 May to 2400I 8 May 45.

Ref Map - TARAKAN ISLAND NORTH - 1/25000
TARAKAN ISLAND SOUTH - 1/25000

1. Location of Troops

TARAKAN - HQ 2/48 Aust Inf Bn	438656
EQ 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	465655
HQ 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn	436673
Remainder	Unchanged

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAKAN - no report.

3. Operations for Period

Operations 8 May - TARAKAN

- (a) Two companies of the 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn moving along the track towards AMAL were engaged by enemy in well sited bunker positions at 471652. Attempts to outflank the enemy were not completed by last light owing to the difficult terrain, and a position astride the track at 470654 was occupied.
- (b) The 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn moving north west with tank support overcame opposition at 441671. From this point the track was too narrow for the movement of tanks. Further advance was made to 436673 where the squadron was held-up by enemy positions at 434673.
- (c) At 0530I one company of 2/48 Aust Inf Bn was counter attacked at 443657. The attack was repulsed. Patrolling to 447669 and to the area 428669 - 426666 made no contact with the enemy.

- (d) One company 2/23 Aust Inf Bn with some tanks in support moved east from G API towards hill 421689. Enemy were contacted in the area 413683. The company moved to the left flank and occupied the high ground 413683. Another company moved from 412672 to 416683 without contacting the enemy.
- (e) One company 2/24 Aust Inf Bn moving north reached 406715 without opposition. A patrol of this battalion moved north east from 412672 to 415684 where it made contact with the enemy and withdrew.
- (f) During the night 7/8 May parties of JAPANESE infiltrated to road junction 422652 and to vicinity 433646 inflicting slight casualties on our troops.

4. Results of Operations

(a) Own Casualties

Our casualties for 24 hours ending 2400 hrs 7 May -

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	-	11
Wounded in action	3	11
Missing	-	-
Progressive totals to 2400 hrs 7 May		
Killed in action	5	64
Wounded in action	18	249
Missing	-	5

(b) Enemy Casualties

Total enemy casualties to date - 311

Estimated enemy dead - 61

PW - 3

5. Miscellaneous

(a) Additional troops have embarked AUSTRALIA as follows -

SEA CAT ex BRISBANE on 5 May - 1912

(b) Total figures of personnel movement to MOROTAI are now as follows -

Warned for movement (excluding 7 Aust Div Force) - 43268

Embarked - 41805

Arrived at MOROTAI (including veh escorts not previously advised) - 35590

Warned not yet embarked - 1463

AT SEA - 6215

For *Hodgman* *lieut*
Lieutenant-General
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 9 May 45.

PA to GOC : BGS : D2201G : G(Ops) - Battle Room (3) - G(Int)(2)
G(Air) : G(Op Report) : CCRA : CE: SVY : CSO : A(3) : Q(5) :
War Diary (2)

Has many

SECRET

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO 32

HQ 1 Aust Corps,
10 May 45.
G/42/Ops.

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Forward Echelon LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAF Command
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1

No 32 - Period 24001 8 May to 24001 9 May 45.

Ref Map - TARAkan ISLAND NORTH - 1/25000
TARAkan ISLAND SOUTH - 1/25000

1. Location of Troops

TARAkan - HQ 2/48 Aust Inf Bn 427681
HQ 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn 473654
HQ 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn 441663
Remainder No change.

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAkan - no report.

3. Operations for Period

Operations 9 May - TARAkan

- (a) A company of the NEI Inf Bn advancing along the track DISTRICT IV - KAROENGAN reached 453612 against slight opposition.
- (b) The two companies of the 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn moving towards AMAL captured an enemy position at 472653 and made contact with other enemy defended areas at 474655.
- (c) 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn attacked an enemy position at 434674. Artillery support was given to the attack, which was not successful. An enemy supply dump located at 436666 accounts for the stubborn defence made by the Jap in this area.
- (d) Patrols of the 2/48 Aust Inf Bn and the 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn moved Northwest from DISTRICT I 4466 towards 438681. Enemy were contacted at 438681 and 439680. No further details received.
- (e) Elements of the 2/23 Aust Inf Bn in the area 413684 attacked an enemy position in that vicinity. In spite of our tank support the enemy was not dislodged.

- (f) One company of 2/24 Aust Inf Bn penetrated the DJOEATA oilfield and the enemy withdrew to tunnel positions on the outskirts of the village.

4. Results of Operations

(a) Own casualties:

Own casualties for 24 hours ending 2400 hours 8 May:-

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	1	3
Wounded in action	2	15
Missing	-	-

Progressive totals to 2400 hours 8 May:-

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	6	67
Wounded in action	20	264
Missing	-	5

(b) Enemy casualties:

Total enemy counted dead to date	333
Estimated enemy dead	65
PW	4

5. Miscellaneous

Approximately 1950 additional troops have embarked AUSTRALIA on DAVID SHANKS ex TOWNSVILLE 6 May 45.

H. H. H. H. H.
for Lieutenant-General,
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 10 May 45

PA to GOC
BGS
DA & CMG
G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)
G (Int) (2)
G (Air)
G (Op Report)
CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
War Diary (2)

SECRET

W/D-(2)

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO 33.

HQ 1 Aust Corps
11 May 45.
G/44/Ops.

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Forward Echelon LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAF Command
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1

No 33 - Period 2400I 9 May to 2400I 10 May 45.

Ref Map - TARAKAN ISLAND NORTH - 1/25000
TARAKAN ISLAND SOUTH - 1/25000

1. Location of Troops

- (a) TARAKAN - Headquarters - unchanged
- (b) MOROTAI - Reference Appendix 'A' to 1 Aust Corps Daily Operational Report No 2.

Following units have arrived MOROTAI -

B7 B29(balance) B30(part)

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAKAN - Steady rain began falling at 0500I hours 10 May.

3. Operations for the Period

Operations 10 May - TARAKAN

- (a) The company of the NEI Infantry Battalion moving SOUTH towards KAROENGAN occupied the high ground 454602 and the jetty 451601. No enemy were seen in the area.
- (b) 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn attacked and captured an enemy position on the spur 472666. Some enemy hold a position at 475654 in strength.
- (c) Elements of the 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn cleared the remaining enemy positions at 438681 and then moved SW to cut the track at 431677 outflanking some enemy at 433675 who were holding up other elements of the squadron.

- (d) A fighting patrol of the 2/48 Aust Inf Bn cleared enemy positions on the feature at 433667 and then moved NW to destroy enemy located at 432670. Another patrol reconnoitred to track at 453670 and thence to 446683 without contacting the enemy.
- (e) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn, having been relieved by the 2/24 Aust Inf Bn, are now located in the airfield area. The battalion carried out local patrols without contact.
- (f) One company 2/24 Aust Inf Bn patrolled 600 yards EAST from 415689 without contacting the enemy. Another company made contact with an enemy post at 414686. Elements of the battalion moved to track junction 405736, thence to a sawmill at 406740 where an enemy party was dispersed after suffering some casualties. A patrol SE to 413716 met opposition.
- (g) The road - AIRFIELD - 405736 is now open to traffic.

4. Results of Operations

(a) Own casualties -

Own casualties for 24 hours ending 2400I hours
9 May -

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other ranks</u>
Killed in action	-	4
Wounded in action	2	26
Progressive totals are -		
Killed in action	5	71
Wounded in action	22	290
Missing	-	5

NOTE: The progressive totals of officers killed in action has been amended by the deletion of one US army officer previously included in AMP figures.

(e) Enemy casualties -

Total enemy counted dead to date - 359
Estimated enemy dead - 65
PW - 4

5. Miscellaneous

CHARLES LEMIS arrived MOROTAI with 928 troops consisting of units listed in paragraph 1(b) above.

Concentration of force for OBOR SIX

En route	6265
Warned - not embarked	1364

It is expected that the personnel not yet embarked will be carried on vessels arriving MOROTAI not later than 22 May. Present information available indicates that all except 170 vehicles will arrive MOROTAI not later than 22 May. Details of shipping arrangements for the remainder are not yet available, and their expected time of arrival MOROTAI will be notified as soon as it is received.

H. Wells Bng.
/s/ Lieutenant-General.
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 11 May 45.

PA to GOC
BGS
DA&MG
G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)
G (Int) (2)
G (Air)
G (Op Report)
CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
War Diary (2)

S E C R E T

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO 34

HQ 1 Aust Corps,
12 May 45.
C/48/Ops.

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Forward Echelon LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAF Command
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1

No 34 - Period 2400I 10 May to 2400I 11 May 45.

Ref Map - TARAkan ISLAND NORTH - 1/25000
TARAkan ISLAND SOUTH - 1/25000

1. Location of Troops

(a) TARAkan - HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde - 427654
Remainder - Unchanged.

(b) AUSTRALIA - MOROTAI

The following units are now en route to MOROTAI:-

Reference Appendix 'A' to 1 Aust Corps Daily
Operational Report No 2:-

Serials	B9	B31	B38	B63	B65	B78
	B79	B108	B137	B159	B183	(Part)
	D4	D26	D28.			

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAkan - Fine and clear, visibility good.

3. Operations for the Period

Operations 11 May - TARAkan

(a) One company of the 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn moved NORTH to attack an enemy position at 472658. The attack was not successful. The enemy had apparently reinforced the position since the 10 May. Enemy were found to be occupying the area 472658 to the track at 476654.

(b) One troop of the 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn remains in contact with the enemy at 433675. A reconnaissance patrol from 439681 to 424675 reported no contact.

- (c) A company of the 2/24 Aust Inf Bn patrolled from 413684 to 421689 without seeing any enemy. Patrols of this battalion cut the track 410684 - 423683 in three places but found no enemy; however, another company moving EAST was held up by enemy positions at 414684.
- (d) A company of the 2/23 Aust Inf Bn patrolled to 406740 thence to 398736 and returned to DJOEATA via the track. The only contact made was some enemy firing from the area 411725.

4. Results of Operations

- (a) Own casualties for 24 hours ending 2400 hours 10 May -

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	2	6
Wounded in action	1	5
Missing	-	6

Progressive totals to 2400 hours 10 May -

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	7	77
Wounded in action	23	295
Missing	-	11

- (b) Enemy casualties

Total enemy counted dead to date	373
Estimated enemy dead	66
PW	5

5. Miscellaneous

- (a) HMAS KANIMBIA arrived MOROTAI 11 May with 967 personnel. These personnel are corps reinforcements.
- (b) An additional 570 personnel embarked on CHARLES MATSON ex CAIRNS 9 May. Personnel include the 7 Aust Div Planning Team.

J. J. J. J. J.
Lieutenant-General.
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 12 May 45.

PA to GOC	CCRA
BGS	CE
DA & CMG	SVY
G(Ops) - Battle Room (3)	CSO
G(Int) (2)	A (3)
G(Air)	Q (5)
G(Op Report)	War Diary (2)

war diary

SECRET

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO 35

HQ 1 Aust Corps,
13 May 45.
G/52/Ops.

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Forward Echelon LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAF Command
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1

No 35 - Period 2400I 11 May to 2400I 12 May 45.

Ref Map - TARAKAN ISLAND NORTH - 1/25000
TARAKAN ISLAND SOUTH - 1/25000

1. Location of Troops

TARAKAN - Headquarters - unchanged.

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAKAN - Steady rain fell from 0600 to approximately 0900 hours and remained cloudy during the day.

3. Operations for Period

Operations 12 May - TARAKAN

(a) One company NEI Inf Bn patrolled the area east of the PENINGKI - KAROENGAN road to the 47 grid line and south of the 62 grid line without making contact with the enemy. It is reported that the jetty at 463588 is badly damaged. Another jetty at 452602 is in good condition except for some decking which requires replacement. The jetty is 950 feet long and 4 feet wide and has approximately 10 feet of water at the head at high tide. The saw mill at 462589 was found to be completely destroyed by the Japanese. Elements of the NEI Coy patrolled from 465630 to trig 90 at 475624 without encountering any enemy.

(b) A patrol of the 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn moved to a track at 462675 without contacting the enemy, but found many indications that Japanese had withdrawn along this track in a north westerly direction. Another patrol moved to 463669 without finding any enemy. A company attack on contour 60 at 473658 was held up by automatic weapons when our troops were within 80 yards of the ridge. Enemy holding forward positions were destroyed and our company then withdrew to allow our heavy weapons to engage the enemy.

- (c) Elements of the 2/48 Aust Inf Bn patrolled from 433667 to 426666 where several enemy were found. The patrol inflicted some casualties.
- (d) Patrols of the 2/24 Aust Inf Bn cleared enemy from positions on the spurs at 412685 and 413682, flame throwers were used to assist in the reduction of these positions. A patrol moving north on the road AIRFIELD - DJOEATA oil field were fired on at 410722. A subsequent search disclosed that the enemy had withdrawn from that position.
- (e) Three of the seven LST which have been beached since P Day were successfully retracted during the morning 11 May. Operations to retract the remainder are continuing.
- (f) Mine clearing throughout the whole area is continuing, 140 mines being cleared on 11 May 45.

4. Results of Operations

(a) Own casualties for 24 hours ending 2400 hours 11 May -

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	-	5
Wounded in action	-	6
Missing	-	4

Progressive totals to 2400 hours 11 May are -

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	7	85
Wounded in action	24	298
Missing	-	15

NOTE: 3 other ranks previously included as wounded in action now killed in action. Totals adjusted accordingly.

(b) Enemy casualties to 2400 hours 12 May -

Total enemy dead counted to date	393
Estimated additional dead	68
<u>PW</u>	5

Lieutenant-General,
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 13 May 45

PA to GOC	CCRA
BGS	CE
DA & CMG	Svy
G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)	CSO
G (Int) (2)	A (3)
G (Air)	Q (5)
G (Op Report)	War Diary (2)

W. H. H. H.

SECRET.

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO 36.

HQ 1 Aust Corps
14 May 45
G/53/Ops.

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Forward Echelon LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAF Command
Cmd Naval Task Force 78.1

No 36 - Period 2400I 12 May to 2400I 13 May 45.

Ref Maps - TARAKAN Island North 1/25000
TARAKAN Island South 1/25000

1. Location of troops.

- (a) TARAKAN - HQ unchanged
- (b) MOROTAI - Refer to Appendix "A" to 1 Aust Corps Daily Operational Report No 2.

The following units have arrived MOROTAI:-

B30 (Balance) - B35 (Balance) - B38
B55A - B108 - B137 - B159 - B174 - B175 -
B183 (Part) - D1 - D26 - D28

2. Weather and Visibility.

TARAKAN - no report.

3. Operations for Period.

Operations 13 May - TARAKAN.

- (a) The company of the NZI Inf Bn were landed in the area of the jetty at 467579. Although signs of recent enemy occupation were seen, no enemy were contacted in the area. Four demolished searchlights and a quantity of 6 inch and 75mm shells were found. Two heavy Dutch RDF sets were found at Cape BATOK 496592.
- (b) HQ and two companies of the 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn withdrew to 466656 to allow preliminary naval, field artillery and air bombardment of enemy positions at 472658 and 475658. In the attack following this preliminary bombardment one company reached 473657. The enemy withdrew to the top of the feature 472658 and continued to resist strongly using light machine guns

and grenades. Our troops are now consolidated in close contact with the enemy. Prior to this assault a company of the 2/3 Pnr Bn moved to ambush positions at 472664 to cover the probable enemy line of withdrawal.

- (c) Elements of the 2/48 Aust Inf Bn moved from 464674 to 468669 and thence to 461667, no contact being made except for some firing from enemy at 468667. Strong positions are being established on the track at 463675 to deny use of this track to enemy withdrawing to the north west from the WVAL area.
- (d) A troop of the 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn at 435678 moved south to attack an enemy position. The enemy re-acted strongly by firing thirty mortar bombs at our troops followed by a counter attack by about forty Japanese. No further details have been received.
- (e) Patrols of the 2/24 Aust Inf Bn moved to 417684 without contacting any enemy and to 420684 where some Japanese occupying pill boxes were located.
- (f) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn continued active patrolling in the air field area.
- (g) Advice has been received that the remaining four LST which had been beached since the assault landing have now been retracted.

4. Results of Operations.

- (a) Own casualties for 24 hours ending 2400 hours 12 May 45

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	-	5
Wounded in action	1	23
Missing	-	5

Progressive totals to 2400 hours 12 May are :-

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	7	90
Wounded in action	25	321
Missing	-	9

Eleven other ranks previously reported missing have recovered and are included in the above casualty figures.

- (b) Enemy casualties to 2400 hours 12 May 45:-

Enemy dead counted to date	409
Estimated enemy dead	84
PW	5

5. Miscellaneous.

- (a) 3856 additional troops consisting of units listed in paragraph 1(b) above have arrived MOROTAI on the following vessels:-

BOTH	735
VAN HEUTZ	1156
SEA CAT	1965
Total	<u>3856</u>

- (b) The following additional troops have embarked in AUSTRALIA :-

2200 on SEA BARB ex TOWNSVILLE 10 May
681 on SEA RAY ex BRISBANE 11 May.

H. H. H. H. H.
Lieutenant-General.
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by G (Ops) 14 May 45.

PA to GOC	G (Op Report)	A (3)
EGS	CCRA	Q (5)
DALONG	CE	War Diary (2)
G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)	Svy	
G (Int) (2)	CSO	
G (Air)		

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT No 87

HQ 1 Aust Corps
15 May 45.
G/SS/Ops.

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Forward Echelon LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAP Command
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1

No 37 - Period 2400I 13 May to 2400I 14 May 45.

Ref Map - TARAkan ISLAND SOUTH 1/25,000

1. Location of Troops

(a) TARAkan - HQ 2/24 Aust Inf Bn - 405683

Remainder headquarters - unchanged

(b) MOROTAI - unchanged

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAkan - no report.

3. Operations for Period

Operations 14 May - TARAkan

(a) The elements of the 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn which were consolidated at 473657 in close contact with enemy at 472658 have again withdrawn at 466056 to allow further field artillery, naval and air bombardment of the enemy positions.

(b) The 2/48 Aust Inf Bn have established ambush positions at 463676 to cover probable enemy withdrawal routes from the AMAL area towards the NORTH of the island. Another patrol of this battalion is established at 473658.

(c) The 2/24 Aust Inf Bn fired on several enemy parties from ambush positions at 415684. Subsequently, the track from 400683 to 405684 was cleared and some enemy dead, approximately twenty vehicles, one hundred tons of pumping equipment and a considerable quantity of supplies were found in the area.

(d) The 2/23 Aust Inf Bn continued patrolling in the airfield area.

4. Results of Operations

(a) Own casualties for 24 hours ending 2400 hours 13 May

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	-	3
Wounded in action	1	16
Missing	1	4
Progressive totals to 2400 hours 13 May		
Killed in action	7	93
Wounded in action	25	337
Missing	1	13

(b) Enemy casualties to 2400 hours 14 May

Counted dead	430
Estimated dead	84
POW	5

5. Miscellaneous

Report on serviceability of TARAKAN Airfield

- (a) TARAKAN airstrip is situated on ground which consists of a sand-free clay flat. When it becomes waterlogged it is almost fluid with no bearing pressure.
- (b) The condition of the existing runway from the NORTH EAST end for a distance of 1000 feet was found to be good and with very little work was made suitable for AUSTER aircraft.
- (c) The SOUTH WEST half of the airfield consists of three to four feet of filling and even with that amount of building up is only one foot to two feet six inches above high tide level. The main drains, destroyed by bombing, had not been repaired by the JAPANESE. Consequently the centre of the strip is waterlogged and the numerous craters water filled. These cannot be successfully dewatered until the drains are restored and a tide gate built. Restoration of drains is, of necessity, being done by manual labour, because the ground will not support mechanical equipment.
- (d) A great deal of filling material is required and until 10 May a suitable source of supply had not been found; however some useful deposits have now been located in the hills south of DATARA oilfields.
- (e) As the period required for the re-building of the airfield is dependent on the amount of rainfall during the period of reconstruction, no estimate of the date on which the task will be completed can be given at this juncture.

[Signature]
Lieutenant-General,
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distribution by GS 15 May 45.

PA to GOC; DGS; DA&QMG; 3(Cps);- Battle Room (3); G (Int) (2); G(Air); G'Op Report; CCRA; CE; SVY; CSO; A(1), Q(5); War Diary (2)

SECRET

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO 38

HQ 1 Aust Corps,
16 May 45.
3/57/Ops.

GEQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Forward Echelon LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAF Command
Comd Naval Task Force 70.1

No 38 - Period 2400I 14 May to 2400I 15 May 45.

Ref Maps - TARAKAN ISLAND NORTH 1/25000
TARAKAN ISLAND SOUTH 1/25000

1. Location of Troops

- (a) TARAKAN - HQ unchanged.
- (b) MOROTAI - No change.

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAKAN - no report.

3. Operations for Period

Operations 15 May - TARAKAN

- (a) After a heavy bombing strike on the enemy positions at 471658 and 475650 on 15 May, elements of 2/3 Aust Par Bn found these areas vacated by the enemy. They are now occupied by elements of this battalion. The enemy were reported to be withdrawing towards 474667. One company of 2/3 Aust Par Bn moved EAST along the track towards ANAL and found some well prepared enemy defences at 477654. These defences showed signs of having been hastily vacated.
- (b) A patrol of the 2/48 Aust Inf Bn found the feature 474667 occupied by the enemy, presumably having withdrawn from the area of the 2/3 Aust Par Bn. The patrol withdrew to 464673 to allow an air strike on the enemy at 474667. From 1055 to 1120 hours eleven B-24s and seven B-25s bombed the area using 24 tons of bombs. The patrol visited the area after the bombing and reported it still occupied with the enemy digging in.

(c) A platoon of the 2/24 Aust Inf Bn at 423679 engaged some enemy with small arms fire. At 1330 hours elements of this battalion at 419684 were engaged with 75mm artillery fire. The enemy artillery was located in the vicinity of 424684 and was engaged by our guns and mortars. Patrols report that the enemy hold the area 421689 to 420683 in some strength. Another company of the 2/24 Aust Inf Bn occupied the knoll at 413716 against some opposition. During the night 14/15 May the Japanese laid mines on the road at 401713 and cut signal lines communications to the company at 413718.

4. Results of Operations

(a) Own casualties for 24 hours ending 2400 hours 14 May:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	-	-
Wounded in action	-	11
Missing	-	-

Progressive totals to 2400 hrs 14 May:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	7	93
Wounded in action	26	348
Missing	1	13

(b) Enemy casualties - No report.

William G. ...
 Lieutenant-General,
 Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 16 May 45

PA to GOC
 BGS
 DA & QMG
 G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)
 G (Int) (2)
 G (Air)
 G (Op Report)
 CCRA
 CE
 Svy
 CSO
 A (3)
 Q (5)
 War Diary (2)✓

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO 39

HQ 1 Aust Corps,
17 May 45,
G/64/Ops.

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Forward Echelon LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAF Command
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1

No 39 - Period 2400I 15 May to 2400I 16 May.

Ref Map - TARAkan ISLAND SOUTH 1/25000

1. Location of Troops

(a) TARAkan - HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn 494677
HQ 2/24 Aust Inf Bn 404684
HQ 2/48 Aust Inf Bn 443659
HQ 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn 470654
HQ 2/4 Aust Cav Bn 443664

(b) MOROTAI - Reference appendix 'A' to 1 Aust
Corps Daily Operational Report No 2.

The following units have arrived MOROTAI :-

B9, B31, B63, B65, B76, B78, B79, D30.

Assault echelons of the following units have
arrived MOROTAI :-

B227 (Det), B229, B230.

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAkan - No report

3. Operations for period

Operations 16 May - TARAkan

(a) One platoon of 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn reach the EASTERN
coast of TARAkan at 498654. The barracks area at
488656 was found unoccupied and the defence
positions on the coast appeared not to have been
recently occupied. Numerous small tracks from
this area showed indications of recent enemy
withdrawal to the NORTH. Some enemy ammunition
dumps were found on the AMAL track. Patrols of
this battalion moved NORTH from 475658 and occupied
the feature at 474657 without opposition.
Evidence was seen of the enemy's rapid departure
from that area following the air attacks of the
previous day.

- (b) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn patrolled from 468669 to the feature 474667 where it joined the patrols of the 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn.
- (c) Patrols of the 2/4 Aust Cav Bn located enemy at 431688, 442685 and 441688.
- (d) One company 2/24 Aust Inf Bn moved to 421689 where it met some opposition. After an air strike on that area between 1030 and 1100 hours, the company returned to 421689 to find the feature still occupied and stubbornly defended. Another company of the 2/24 Aust Inf Bn occupied the spur 424685 and moving to 423683 found remnants of a 75 mm gun.
- (e) Our troops are still in contact with the enemy at 412718.
- (f) The 2/23 Aust Inf Bn which was defending the airfield and patrolling in that area has relieved the 2/24 Aust Inf Bn in the northern sector.

4. Results of Operations

- (a) Own casualties for 24 hours ending 2400 hours 15 May 45:-

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	-	4
Wounded in action	-	11
Missing	-	-

Progressive totals to 2400 hours 15 May :-

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	7	99
Wounded in action	26	358
Missing	1	12

- (b) Enemy casualties to 2400 hours 16 May :-

Counted dead	479
Estimated additional dead	93
PW	10

5. Miscellaneous

- (a) Additional troops consisting of units listed in paragraph 1 (b) above have arrived MOROTAI on the following vessels -

GORGON	459
DAVID SHANES	1950
TOTAL	2409

(b) Assault echelons of RAAF construction units have arrived MOROTAI from BIAK. Units are listed in paragraph 1 (b) above.

Hodman 1100
Lieutenant-General,
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 17 May 45

PA to GOC
BGS
DA & QMG
G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)
G (Int) (2)
G (Air)
G (Op Report)
CCRA
OE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
War Diary (2)

S E C R E T

Subject : DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT No 40

HQ 1 Aust Corps
18 May 45.
G/70/Ops

GHQ
SWPA

Copy To

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Forward Echelon LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAF Command
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1

No 40 - Period 2400H 16 May to 2400H 17 May 45.

Ref Map - TARAUM ISLAND SOUTH 1/25000.

1. Location of Troops

(a) TARAUM - HQ 1 Aust Inf Bn 407683
HQ 2/24 Aust Inf Bn 400718
HQ 2/3 Aust Par Bn 443648
HQ 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn 442684
remainder headquarters unchanged.

(b) MOROTAI - No change.

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAUM - Light rain commenced falling 170045H May and continued throughout morning.

3. Operations for Period

Operations 16 May 45 - TARAUM

- (a) The 431 Inf Company cleared the area SOUTH of the 62 grid line without making contact with any enemy. Two partly destroyed RDF stations were found at CAPZ PASIR 4658.
- (b) 2/3 Aust Par Bn patrolling in the area 482656 to 475658 found many abandoned defensive positions.
- (c) A platoon patrol of the 2/48 Aust Inf Bn engaged an enemy position at 430674 killing five Japanese.
- (d) A patrol of the 2/23 Aust Inf Bn moving towards 423685 encountered wire obstacles and were engaged with heavy and light machine guns. The patrol withdrew to be ambushed at 422685. Cut troops were finally extricated without casualties.
- (e) During the naval bombardment of feature 421685, a large explosion, probably an ammunition dump, was seen.
- (f) A company of the 2/24 Aust Inf Bn reported a sawmill in good working order complete with diesel engine saws and benches at DJOZATA VILLAGE 589721.

4. Results of Operations

(a) Own casualties for 24 hours ending 2400 hours 16 May

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other ranks</u>
Killed in action	..	2
Wounded in action	1	7
Missing	..	..

Progressive totals to 2400 hours 16 May

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other ranks</u>
Killed in action	8	101
Wounded in action	27	365
Missing	-	12

(b) Enemy casualties:-

Progressive totals to 2400 hours 17 May

Counted dead	494
Estimated additional dead	94
PM	10

J. Hillier

J. Hillier Lieutenant-General,
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 18 May 45

PA to GOC
BGS
DA & JMG
G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)
G (Int) (2)
G (Air)
G (Op Report)
CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
War Diary (2) ✓

SECRET

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO 41

HQ 1 Aust Corps
19 May 45.
G/73/Ops.

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Forward Echelon LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAF Command
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1

No 41 - Period 2400I 17 May to 2400I 18 May 45.

Ref Map - TARAOKAN ISLAND SOUTH 1/25,000
TARAOKAN ISLAND NORTH 1/25,000

1. Location of Troops:

- (a) TARAOKAN - HQ unchanged
- (b) MOROTAI - No change

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAOKAN - Fine, with high cloud and light winds.

3. Operations for the Period

Operations 18 May 45 - TARAOKAN

- (a) Following a heavy air strike of bombs and NAPALM on 105 feature 421689, a company of 2/24 Aust Inf Bn captured the enemy position on that feature. Many unoccupied enemy positions were found. An attack on enemy positions at 424685 was met by heavy fire from the ridge to the NORTH of the feature and shelling by an enemy 75 mm gun. About 30 JAPANESE were sock on the forward slopes of the feature at 419685.
- (b) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn patrols reported considerable enemy activity on track in the vicinity of 430677.
- (c) A patrol from the 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn located a small party of enemy at 433682. A further patrol from 438681 found the feature at 431688 unoccupied, but enemy were in occupation at 435692. Enemy positions were also located at 439686.

(d) Elements of the 2/24 Aust Inf Bn made contact with a small enemy party at 415724 and suffered light casualties. Two enemy were killed at this point.

(e) Later reports on the condition of the sawmill at DJORATA village 389721 indicate that some essential parts of the machinery are missing.

4. Results of Operations

(a) Own casualties for 24 hours ending 2400I 17 May 45

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	-	1
Wounded in action	-	3
Missing	-	-
Total casualties to 2400 hours 17 May -		
Killed in action	0	102
Wounded in action	27	368
Missing	-	12

(b) Enemy casualties

Total enemy casualties to 2400I 18 May -

Counted dead 502
 Additional estimated dead 96
 PW 12

W. H. H. H. H. H.
 Lieutenant-General.
 Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 19 May 45.

PA to GOC
 BGS
 DA&MG
 G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)
 G (Int) (2)
 G (Air)
 G (Op Report)
 CCRA
 CE
 Svy
 CSO
 A(3)
 Q (5)
 War Diary (2)✓

SECRET

Subject : DAILY OPERATION REPORT No 42

HQ 1 Aust Corps
20 May 45
G/74/Ops

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LEQ
Forward Echelon LEQ
Adv LEQ
Adv RAAP Command
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1

No 42 - Period 2400I 18 May to 2400I 19 May 45.

Ref map :- TARAKAN ISLAND SOUTH 1:25,000
TARAKAN ISLAND NORTH 1:25,000

1. Location of troops

- (a) TARAKAN - Headquarters unchanged
- (b) MOROTAI - No changes.

2. Weather and visibility.

TARAKAN - 18 May. Fine throughout the day with well broken clouds.

3. Operations for the period

Operations 19 May - TARAKAN

- (a) An airstrike with NAPALM on feature 431681 resulted in 75 per cent bombs on the target area. A Company of 2/48 Aust Infantry Battalion later attacked this feature, but the attack was unsuccessful due to difficulty of approach. Enemy was contacted in strength at 431688 which had been reported clear of the enemy the previous day.
- (b) A patrol from a company of the 2/48 Aust Infantry Battalion in general area of 102 feature 446691 found enemy in strength 150 yards WEST along a track running WEST from 102 feature.
- (c) Considerable enemy movement was observed on track 431675-421681. A patrol found the enemy in occupation of the feature at 424685 and was fired at from 428679. One company of 2/23 Aust Infantry Battalion at 420683 was shelled by an enemy 75 mm gun from approximately 421684.
- (d) One company of the 2/24 Aust Infantry Battalion moved forward to the eastern knoll of 105 feature 422689 and was heavily engaged by enemy using light machine guns and grenades. This company is now occupying the western knoll of the 105 feature in close contact with the enemy.

- (e) Another company of the 2/24 Aust Infantry Battalion captured the feature 421697 and is now astride a NORTH SOUTH track at 421698. Patrols from this company report trig 90 431729 and trig 76 429711 clear of the enemy.
- (f) Elements of the 2/24 Aust Infantry Battalion patrolling to MOUNT TANGKOL from DJOEATA OILFIELD reported no enemy seen but natives in the area reported seeing enemy at 405736 and 396736 during the previous night. The road to MOUNT TANGKOL is jeepable to 393742.
- (g) Engineer reports state that the road from 404684 to elbow at 420685 is now jeepable.

4. Results of Operations

- (a) Own casualties for 24 hours ending 2400I 18 May :-

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other ranks</u>
Killed in action	-	-
Wounded in action	2	1
Missing	-	-

Progressive totals to 2400I 18 May :-

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other ranks</u>
Killed in action	8	102
Wounded in action	29	369
Missing	-	12

- (b) Enemy casualties for 24 hours ending 2400I 19 May:-

13 killed, 3 probably killed.

Progressive totals to 2400I 19 May :-

Counted dead	515
Additional estimated dead	99
PW	12

Lieutenant-General,
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by 'GS' 20 May 45

PA to GOC
BGS
DA&QMG
G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)
G (Int) (2)
G (Op Report)
CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
War Diary (2)

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO 43

HQ 1 Aust Corps
21 May 45.
G/76/Ops.

GHQ
SWA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
IHQ
Forward Echelon IHQ
Adv IHQ
Adv RAAF Command
Cmd Naval Task Force 73.1

No 43 - Period 2400I 19 May to 2400I 20 May 45.

Ref Map - TARAKAN ISLAND SOUTH 1/25,000
TARAKAN ISLAND NORTH 1/25,000

1. Location of Troops

- (a) TARAKAN - HQ unchanged
- (b) MOROTAI - no change

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAKAN - Fine with scattered cloud.

3. Operations for the Period

Operations 20 May 45 - TARAKAN

- (a) The company of the NBI Infantry Battalion moved from the feature 455630 to 478638, from where a patrol moved via 481635 to 488654 without contact.
- (b) A patrol of the 2/48 Aust Infantry Battalion at 438581 located the enemy in strength in the area 431681 - 431683. At 1100I sixteen P38 aircraft dropped seven tons of NAPALM bombs on the feature 431681. All bombs fell in the target area. Another patrol of the 2/48 Aust Infantry Battalion found an enemy 75 mm ammunition dump at 420665.
- (c) Elements of a company of the 2/24 Aust Infantry Battalion at 421697 engaged enemy positions at 423701 and at 422693. The results of these engagements are not yet reported. The company of the 2/24 Aust Infantry Battalion on the western knoll of the feature 421689 unsuccessfully attacked an enemy position at 422689. Our troops continue to occupy 421689.

- (d) In the DJORATA GILFINKLA area, patrols from 409717 to the feature 416709, and from 391743 to 382745 and thence to 378747 saw no enemy. A good track runs from 391743 - 382745 - 378747.

4. Results of Operations

(a) Own casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 19 May 45.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	-	4
Wounded in action	-	5
Missing	-	-

Progressive totals to 2400I 19 May -

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	8	106
Wounded in action	29	374
Missing	-	12

(b) Enemy casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 20 May 45 -

Counted dead 29
Additional estimated dead 4

Progressive totals to 2400I 20 May 45 -

Counted dead 544
Additional estimated dead 103
PW 12

M. J. J. J. J.
Lieutenant-General.
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 21 May 45.

PA to GOC A(5)
EGS Q(5)
DA&QMG HME
G I (Ops) War Diary (2) ✓
3 2 (Ops)
G (I t) (2)
G (Air)
G (Op Report)
CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO

SECRET

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO.44

HQ 1 Aust Corps
22 May 45
G/78/Ops

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Forward Echelon LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAF Comd
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1

No.44 period 2400I 20 May to 2400I 21 May 45

Ref Map: TARAKAN SOUTH 1/25000
TARAKAN NORTH 1/25000

1. Location of troops

- (a) TARAKAN Headquarters unchanged
- (b) MOROTAI No change

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAKAN 21 May - Fine, with scattered to broken cloud.
Light variable SE winds.

3. Operations for period

Operations 21 May 45 - TARAKAN

- (a) The company of the MEI Infantry Battalion patrolled extensively in the area EAST of grid 48 and between grids 63 and 64 without contacting the enemy. Patrolling is continuing NORTH of grid 64.
- (b) Elements of the 2/3 Aust Pioneer Battalion which patrolled from DISTRICT I to 451677 thence to 459673 and returned to DISTRICT I, found the area clear.
- (c) An air strike by six B24 aircraft dropped 13 tons of bombs on enemy positions in the general area of the 102 feature 446691. Following this airstrike a company of the 2/48 Aust Infantry Battalion advanced WEST along the ridge towards 446691, and occupied a position at 451691, 100 yards forward of the position which it had previously held. Another company successfully ambushed an enemy party at 431676 and killed 5 enemy.
- (d) Following air strafing of the feature 425680 patrols of the 2/23 Aust Infantry Battalion found the enemy still in occupation of the feature.
- (e) One company of the 2/24 Aust Infantry Battalion occupied a knoll at 423697. The company of the 2/24 Aust Infantry Battalion at 421689, exploiting the "softening up" by air strikes, artillery and mortar fire, and

supported by artillery, mortar and tank fire advanced along the ridge from the 105 feature towards 424685. The enemy resistance was broken and at last night our troops had almost completely surrounded the last remaining enemy post on the ridge at 424685. Some disorganised small parties of the enemy remain in this area.

- (f) At 1430 hours the enemy shelled the airfield area; no casualties were suffered by our troops.
- (g) Patrols in the DJOZATA OILFIELD - MT TANGKOL area during the day made only minor contacts with the enemy.

4.

Results of Operations

(a) Own Casualties.

For 24 hours ending 2400I 20 May 45

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
Killed in action	-	4
Wounded in action	1	11
Missing	-	-

Progressive totals to 2400I 20 May 45

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
Killed in action	8	110
Wounded in action	30	385
Missing	-	12

(b) Enemy Casualties.

for 24 hours ending 2400I 21 May 45

Counted dead	14
Estimated additional dead	4

Progressive totals to 2400I 21 May 45

Counted dead	558
Additional estimated dead	107
PW	12

L. J. MORSHEAD

Lieutenant-General.
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 22 May 45.

PA to GOC	G30
BGS	A(3)
DA & QMG	Q(5)
G(Ops) - Battle Room (3)	War Diary (2)
G(Int) (2)	
G(Air)	
G(Op Report)	
CCRA	
CE	
Svy	

SECRET

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO 45

HQ 1 Aust Corps,
23 May 45.
G/81/Ops.

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Pw8 Ech LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAF Comd
Comd Naval Task Force 781

No 45 - Period 2400I 21 May to 2400I 22 May 45.

1. Location of Troops

(a) TARAUM - HQ unchanged

(b) Reference para 5 (a) below, the following units are now at MOROTAI :-

Det 6 Aust B3D
183 Aust Sup Dep Pl
Det 10 Aust Ord Veh Pk Wksp
Det 13 Aust Adv Wksp
Det HQ 1 Aust Base Sub Area
Det 6 Aust Base Postal Unit
Det 4 Aust B3D
134 Aust Bde Wksp

(c) Reference para 5(b) below, the following units are now at sea en route to MOROTAI :-

Part 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt
Part 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt Wksp
4 Aust Mob Entomological Sec
HQ Comd AASC 1 Aust Corps Tps
2/1 Aust Dental Unit
2/3 Aust Mob Sact Lab
Adv HQ 7 Aust Div
Part 8 Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt
Part 7 Aust Div Pro Coy
Part Sigs 7 Aust Div
2/42 Aust Cipher Sec less dots
5 Aust Pigeon Sec

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAUM - 22 May: Fine during the morning, thick overcast cloud with some rain during the afternoon.

3. Operations for the Period

Operations 22 May 45 - TARAKAN

- (a) At 1100I 17 B24 aircraft and 15 F38 aircraft bombed the feature 431681 with high explosive and NAFALM bombs. Following this air attack one company of the 2/48 Aust Infantry Battalion was engaged all afternoon against the enemy on four knolls on the feature. By last light two of these knolls had been captured and the company had consolidated for the night.
- (b) Elements of the 2/48 Aust Infantry Battalion at 432678 were forced to withdraw by heavy enemy mortar and 75mm artillery fire from knoll 432681. The enemy attacked WEST along the track and attempted an encircling movement during this action.
- (c) One company of the 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalion, which had previously encircled an enemy post on the road EAST of 425680, and had been applying continuous pressure on both flanks of the position for 48 hours, succeeded in forcing the enemy to yield the position and captured the feature 425680. The company consolidated on this position and exploited along the spur to the NORTH EAST.
- (d) During the night of 21/22 May, the enemy employed the ruse of throwing small balls of clay into our positions at 422683 in an attempt to draw our fire.

4. Results of Operations

(a) Own casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 21 May 45.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in Action	-	-
Wounded in Action	-	4
Missing	-	-

Progressive totals to 2400I 21 May

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	8	110
Wounded in action	30	389
Missing	-	12

(b) Enemy casualties

For 24 hours ending 22 May 45.

Counted dead	12
Estimated additional dead	15

Progressive totals to 2400I 22 May 45

Counted dead	570
Estimated additional dead	122
PW	12

5. Miscellaneous

- (a) SEA RAY arrived MOROTAI with 681 troops consisting of units listed in para 1 (b) above.
- (b) An additional 906 troops embarked TOWNSVILLE on HEBER M CRZEL 20 May. Details of units are shown in para 1 (c) above.

- 3 -

(c) Command group 7 Aust Div arrived MOROTAI 22 May.

(d) Hq 2 Aust Beach Gp arrived MOROTAI from TARAKAN 22 May.

L.J. MORSEHEAD.

Lieutenant-General,
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 23 May 45

Comd
BGS
DA & RMG
G1 Ops
G2 Ops
G Int (2)
G Air
G Op Report
CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
BMB
War Diary (2)

SECRET

Subject : DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT No 46

HQ 1 Aust Corps
24 May 45
G/82/Ops

GEQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LEQ
Pw'd Ech LEQ
Adv LEQ
Adv RAAF Comd
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1
Adv Planning Team 7 Aust Div

No 46 - Period 2400I 22 May to 2400I 23 May 45.

1. Location of Troops

- (a) TARAKAN - HQ unchanged.
- (b) Reference paragraph 5 below, the following units are now at sea en route to MOROTAI:-

Planning Team 18 Aust Inf Bde
Planning Team 21 Aust Inf Bde
Part 2/1 Aust AA Regt (Comp)
10 Aust P'd Amb
2/29 Aust Tpt Pl
2/105 Aust Wksp Pl
2/3 Aust Inf Tps Ord P'd Pk

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAKAN 23 May 45 - Cloudy to overcast, with showers throughout the day.

3. Operations for the Period

Operations 23 May 45 - TARAKAN

- (a) During the morning the enemy counter attacked the company of the 2/48 Aust Infantry Battalion at 431681 but were repulsed. Later this company together with a troop of the 2/4 Aust Cavalry Squadron withdrew from 431681 to the feature 438681, to allow an air strike on the whole of feature 431681. Eighteen P38 aircraft bombed the target with KAPALM bombs and scored hits in the target area. Patrols to 431681 later found the enemy in the positions occupied by the Japanese prior to the airstrike.
- (b) A small party of enemy armed with 75mm shells, grenades, rifles and spears, attacked the 2/4 Aust Cavalry Squadron HQ at 443664. The enemy was driven off with no casualties to the squadron.
- (c) A patrol from the 2/4 Aust Cavalry Squadron to 433674 found the enemy had vacated the position.

- (d) Enemy positions at 423695 were unsuccessfully attacked by a company of the 2/24 Aust Infantry Battalion. Tracks in the area were found to be mined with 75 mm shells. Another attack on an enemy position on the spur 421696 was also unsuccessful. Mines detonated by the enemy wounded all personnel of the leading section engaged in the attack.

4. Results of Operations

(a) Own casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 22 May 45 -

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	-	2
Wounded in action	-	19
Missing	-	-

Progressive totals to 2400I 22 May 45 -

Killed in action	8	112
Wounded in action	30	408
Missing	-	12

(b) Enemy casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 23 May -

Killed 28

Progressive totals to 2400I 23 May 45 -

Counted dead	598
Estimated additional dead	122
FW	12

5. Miscellaneous

834 additional troops comprising units listed in para 1 (b) above, embarked on SWARTENHOUT ex TOWNSVILLE 22 May.

L.J. Worshead
 L.J. WORSHEAD
 Lieutenant-General,
 Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 24 May 45

PA to GOC	CCRA
BGS	CE
DA & QMG	Svy
G1 Ops	CSG
G2 Ops	A (3)
G Int (2)	Q (5)
G Air	BMB
G Op Report	War Diary (2)

SECRET

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO.47

HQ 1 Aust Corps
25 May 45
G/84/Ops.

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Fwd Ech LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAF Comd
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1
Adv Planning HQ 7 Aust Div

No.47 - period 2400I 23 May to 2400I 24 May 45.

1. Location of Troops

- (a) TARAKAN - HQ unchanged
- (b) MCROTAI - 2 Aust Beach Gp arrived MCROTAI 24 May 45.

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAKAN - 24 May 45:- Showery, with low cloud and poor visibility.

3. Operations for the period

Operations 24 May 45

- (a) Patrols of the 2/3 Aust Pioneer Battalion moved from District I to District VI thence NE to 474667, without contact with the enemy. The company of the NZI Infantry Battalion also patrolled extensively in the southern sector without locating any enemy.
- (b) The company of the 2/48 Aust Infantry Battalion at 438681 was attacked by the enemy at 0520I. The attack was repulsed with some casualties to the enemy. During this attack the enemy again made use of fuzeed 75 mm shells.
- (c) Patrols from 2/48 Aust Infantry Battalion found the enemy still in occupation of portion of the feature at 431681. An air strike on this feature which had been arranged was cancelled, due to bad visibility.
- (d) A captured enemy 75 mm gun at 420685 was used to shell enemy positions at 424685.
- (e) A patrol from the 2/4 Aust Cavalry Squadron moving towards CAPE DJOEATA reached 383783. No details of this patrol have yet been received.

4. Results of Operations

(a) Own Casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 23 May 45

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
Killed in action	-	4
Wounded in action	2	20
Missing	-	-

Progressive totals to 2400I 23 May 45

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	8	116
Wounded in action	32	428
Missing	-	12

(b) Enemy Casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 24 May 45

Counted dead	30
Additional estimated dead	20
PM	4

Progressive totals to 2400I 24 May 45

Counted dead	616
Additional estimated dead	142
PM	17

[Signature]
 Lieutenant-General.
 Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 25 May 45

AA to GOC
 BGS
 DA & QMG
 G1 Ops
 G2 Ops
 G Int (2)
 G Air
 G Op Report
 CCRA
 CE
 Svy
 CSO
 A (3)
 Q (5)
 BMB
 War Diary (2)

SECRET

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO.48

HQ 1 Aust Corps
26 May 45
G/88/Ops

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
IHQ
Fwd Ech LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAF Comd
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1
Adv Planning HQ 7 Aust Div

No.48 - period 2400I 24 May to 2400I 25 May 45.

1. Location of Troops

- (a) TARAKAN - HQ unchanged
- (b) MOROTAI - No change

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAKAN - 25 May:- Overcast with low and middle cloud. Light showers and poor visibility from 1200 hours onwards.

3. Operations for the period

Operations 25 May - TARAKAN

- (a) Strong enemy opposition was encountered by a platoon of the 2/24 Aust Infantry Battalion in an early morning attack on 419702. The attack was unsuccessful. Other elements later occupied abandoned enemy positions at 419706.
- (b) At 0900I six B-24 aircraft followed by sixteen P-38 aircraft effectively bombed the feature 431681 with HE and NAPALM bombs. Following this air strike one company of the 2/48 Aust Infantry Battalion attacked and occupied the whole of the feature 431681 without opposition. Another company simultaneously attacked to the high ground 431679 and occupied the position unopposed.
- (c) Supported by heavy artillery and mortar concentrations elements of the 2/23 Aust Infantry Battalion moved along the track 423684 - 420685 towards the feature 424685. The advance was held up by enemy machine gun fire from 424685. Later other elements of this battalion reached 421685 and found the enemy still holding 424685.
- (d) No enemy opposition was encountered by the patrol of the 2/4 Aust Cavalry Squadron which reached 383783 in the CAPE DJOENTA area on 24 May.

4. Results of Operations

(a) Own Casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 24 May 45:

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
Killed in action	-	3
Wounded in action	-	9
Missing	-	-

Progressive totals to 2400I 24 May 45:

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
Killed in action	8	119
Wounded in action	32	437
Missing	-	12

(b) Enemy Casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 25 May 45:

Counted dead	34
--------------	----

Progressive totals to 2400I 25 May 45:

Counted dead	652
Estimated additional dead	142
PW	17

H. Wells Bag
 Per Lieutenant-General.
 Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 26 May 45.

Comd
 BGS
 DA & CMG
 GI(Ops)
 GII(Ops)
 G(Int) (2)
 G(Air)
 G(Op Report)
 CCRA
 CE
 Svy
 CSO
 A (3)
 Q (5)
 BMB
 War Diary (2) ✓

Wm. Gray (2)

SECRET

Subject : DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT No 49

HQ 1 Aust Corps
27 May 45.
G/96/Ops

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LEQ
Fwd Ech LEQ
Adv LEQ
Adv RAAP Comd
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1
Adv Planning HQ 7 Aust Div

No 49 Period 2400I 25 May to 2400I 26 May 45.

1. Location of Troops

- (a) TARAKAN - HQ unchanged
- (b) The following units are now at MOROTAI - see paragraph 5(a) below

ex "CLARENCE MATSON"

7 Aust Div Planning Team
1 Aust Mil Idg Gp
HQ 2/105 Aust GT Coy
2/25 Aust Tpt Pl
2/27 Aust Tpt Pl
2/28 Aust Tpt Pl
HQ 3 Aust Sup Dep Coy
11 Aust Sup Dep Pl
12 Aust Sup Dep Pl
13 Aust Sup Dep Pl
1 Aust Armd Div Pro Coy less two seos

ex "SEA BARB"

Det 9 Aust A Tps Coy
11 Aust Wksp and Pk Coy
Det 22 Aust L of C Sigs
13 Aust Line Sec
Det 25 Aust WT Sec
2/34 Aust Tpt Pl
2/35 Aust Tpt Pl
Det 17 Aust AOD
Det 14 Aust AOD
Det 4 Aust RSD
2/7 Aust Mob Laundry and Fwd Deen Unit
Part 13 Aust Adv Wksp
2/3 Aust Inf Tps Wksp
6 Aust Mob Gas Gen Sec
Det 6 Aust Base Postal Unit
Balance 1 Aust Corps det AICS

- (c) The following units are now at sea en route to MOROTAI -
See paragraph 5(b) below

"WANGANELLA"

2/4 Aust Gen Hosp (females)
2/9 Aust Gen Hosp (females)
Det 2/9 Aust Gen Hosp (males)
2/1 Aust CCS (females)
2/3 Aust CCS (females)
5 Aust Pacio Maxillary Plastic Unit

ISTS NUMBERS 714, 721, 935, 777, 639

Part 2/4 Aust Fd Coy
Part 2/5 Aust Fd Coy
Part 2/6 Aust Fd Coy
Part 2/9 Aust Fd Coy
Part 2/25 Aust Fd Pk Coy
2 Aust Engr Sig Sec
Adv Hq 18 Aust Inf Bde
Hq 2/153 Aust GT Coy
E Sec 2/6 Aust Dental Unit
Part 2/55 Aust LAD

"LOUIS PASTEUR"

Part 1 Aust ARD
7 Aust Mob Cinema
Reinforcements 1 Aust Corps
X List personnel

2. Weather and visibility

TARAFAN - 26 May 45 - Generally fine, with scattered cloud and light SOUTH EAST winds.

3. Operations for the period

Operations 26 May 45 - TARAFAN

- (a) Following an air strike by six squadrons of B24 aircraft on the feature 416715, elements of the 2/24 Aust Infantry Battalion attacked and captured the feature.
- (b) A patrol from the 2/48 Aust Infantry Battalion found the feature 443691 occupied by the enemy in strength, and observed considerable movement on the track running EAST and WEST and thought to link the 102 feature 445691, the feature 443694 and the feature 435692. While in an ambush position the patrol was fired on from 445691.
- (c) The patrol of the 2/4 Aust Cavalry Squadron to CAPE DJOZATA reported that the BARRACKS at DJOZATA, square 3678 had not been occupied for approximately one week. Considerable food was found in the area.
- (d) At 2054I approximately six enemy aircraft (probably JAKES) dropped six bombs in the swamp near the mouth of the PAMOESIAN River. One aircraft approached from the EAST at a height of 4000 feet, and the remainder from the SOUTH at a height of 12000 feet.

4. Results of Operations

(a) Own casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 25 May 45:-

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other ranks</u>
Killed in action	-	1
Wounded in action	1	12
Missing	-	-

- 3 -

Progressive totals to 2400I 25 May 45:-

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other ranks</u>
Killed in action	8	120
Wounded in action	33	449
Missing	-	12

(b) Enemy casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 26 May 45

Counted dead	10
Additional estimated dead	4

Progressive totals to 2400I 26 May 45

Counted dead	662
Additional estimated dead	146
PW	17

5. Miscellaneous

- (a) The following ships arrived MOROTAI on 26 May 45 carrying units as shown in paragraph 1(b) above:-

"CLARENCE MATSON"	- 587 personnel
"SEA BARR"	- 1512 personnel

- (b) Total numbers of troops, comprising the units listed in paragraph 1(c) above, at present on vessels en route to MOROTAI are as follows:-

"WANGANELLA"	- 344 personnel
(departed BRISBANE 24 May 45)	

LSTs, numbers 714, 721, 935, 777, 639 - 1409 personnel
(departed CAIRNS 26 May 45)

"LOUIS PASTEUR"	- 953 personnel
(departed BRISBANE 24 May 45)	

Stodman
for Lieutenant-General,
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by 'GS' 27 May 45

Comd
BGS
DA & QMG
G1 (Ops)
G11 (Ops)
G Int (2)
G Air
G (Op Report)
CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
BMS
War Diary (2) ✓

SECRET

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO 50.

HQ 1 Aust Corps
28 May 45.
G/99/Ops.

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Forward Echelon LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAP Command
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1
Adv Planning HQ 7 Aust Div

No 5J - Period 2400I 26 May to 2400I 27 May 45.

1. Location of Troops

(a) TARAkan - HQ unchanged.

(b) The following units are now at MCROTAI -
see paragraph 5(a) below -

Rear HQ 9 Aust Div
Det 2/9 Aust Arm Regt
Det 2/1 Aust Comp AA Regt
2/11 Aust A Tps Coy
7 Mech Eqp Spare Parts Sec
Det HQ 'A' Aust Corps Sigs
Det Sigs 9 Aust Div
24 Aust Wireless Sec
3 Aust Pigeon Sec
HQ 2/6 Aust Sup Dep Coy
2/27 Aust Sup Dep Pl
2/1 Aust CCS
2/3 Aust CCS
21 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit
22 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit
Det 9 Aust Div Postal Unit
Det 9 Aust Div Cash Office
1 Aust Press Unit

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAkan - 27 May 45 - Fine with well broken cloud.

3. Operations for the period

Operations - TARAkan 27 May 45.

(a) A patrol from the 2/48 Aust Infantry Battalion
reached 450697 without contacting the enemy.

- 2 -

- (b) Other patrols made contact and participated in minor engagements with the enemy at 421711, 432682 and 424689.
- (c) An airstrike by eighteen B24 aircraft and sixteen P38 aircraft supported the advance of one company of the 2/24 Aust Infantry Battalion on the feature 419702. NAPADM and high explosive bombs were dropped and the feature was occupied by the company without loss - later the enemy was contacted at 421705.
- (d) The 2/4 Aust Cavalry Squadron patrol at CAFZ DJOEATA found two serviceable 75 mm guns at 375797 and 374796. Some enemy were seen at 380793 armed with rifles and one light machine gun.

4. Results of Operations

(a) Own Casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 26 May 45 -

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	-	1
Wounded in action	1	3
Missing	-	2

Progressive totals to 2400I 26 May 45 -

Killed in action	8	121
Wounded in action	34	452
Missing	-	14

(b) Enemy Casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 27 May 45 -

Counted dead 12
Estimated additional dead 3

Progressive totals to 2400I 27 May 45 -

Counted dead 674
Total estimated dead 149
PM 17

5. Miscellaneous

In addition to 1512 personnel which were advised in report No 49 as having arrived MOROTAI ex 'SEA BARB', a further 1256 personnel comprising the units listed in paragraph 1(b) above were disembarked.

[Signature]
for Lieutenant-General.
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 28 May 45.

Comd	G 2 (Ops)	CCRA	A (3)
BGS	G (Int) (2)	CE	Q (5)
DA&MG	G (Air)	Svy	EMB
G I (Ops)	G (Op Report)	CSO	War Diary (2)

SECRET

W/D

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO 51

HQ 1 Aust Corps,
29 May 45.
G/104/Ops.

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Pw'd Ech LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAF Comd
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1
Adv Planning HQ 7 Aust Div

No 51 - Period 2400I 27 May to 2400I 28 May 45.

Ref Map - TARAKAN ISLAND SOUTH 1/25,000.
TARAKAN ISLAND NORTH 1/25,000.

1. Location of Troops

- (a) TARAKAN - no major changes.
- (b) The following units are now at sea en route to MOROTAI - see paragraph 5 below -

I.N. VAN NUYS

Det 2/1 Aust Armd Bde Recce Sqn.

MAUI

2/1 Aust Fd Coy
2/4 Aust Fd Sqn
9 Aust A Tps Coy
one pl 21 Aust Mech Bqpt Pk Coy
det 5 Aust Mech Bqpt Spare Parts Sec
det 5 Aust Mech Bqpt Wksp
1 Aust Port Constr Coy
det 11 Aust Small Ships Coy
2/2 Aust Rly Constr Coy
9 Aust Tg Op Sec
det 10 Aust Tele Swbd Op Sec
36 Aust Cipher Sec
13 Aust Line Sec
66 Aust BIPCO Pl
46 Aust Fd Baking Pl
4 Aust Armd Bde Ord Fd Pk
det 4 Aust Armd Bde Wksp

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAKAN 28 May 45 - Fine, with some cloud.

3. Operations for the period

Operations - TARAKAN - 28 May 45

- (a) A patrol from the 2/23 Aust Infantry Battalion found and engaged a small number of the enemy at 425683. During the afternoon enemy machine gun posts at 423685 were engaged and silenced by supporting arms and fire from a captured 75 mm gun.

- (b) Elements of the 2/48 Aust Infantry Battalion found enemy in positions at 443697, but were unable to estimate the enemy strength.
- (c) Patrols from the company of the 2/24 Aust Infantry Battalion at 419702 contacted the enemy at 423701 and 422702. Both these areas were engaged with mortars and some casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Other patrols contacted the enemy at 410703, 419706 and 422708.
- (d) The patrol of the 2/4 Aust Cavalry Squadron at CAPE DJOZATA reported finding a railway line and engine in good condition. Details are not yet known.
- (e) Five enemy aircraft were reported over TARAKAN during the evening. Four bombs were dropped at 449669 causing one casualty, slightly wounded. The aircraft approached from the NORTH WEST at a height of 16000 feet and dropped TINSSEL. Our searchlights and anti-aircraft engaged the aircraft damaging one.
- (f) Three additional PWs have been captured. Two of these PW were captured in a prau by natives.

4. Results of Operations

(a) Own casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 27 May 45 -

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	-	1
Wounded in action	-	3
Missing	-	-

Progressive totals to 2400I 27 May 45 -

Killed in action	8	122
Wounded in action	34	455
Missing	-	14

(b) Enemy casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 28 May 45 -

Counted dead	9
--------------	---

Progressive totals to 2400I

Counted dead	683
Estimated additional dead	149
PW	20

5. Miscellaneous

Troops comprising the units listed in paragraph 1(b) above are now on route MOROTAI in vessels as follows -

I.N. VAN NUYS

Sailed ex BRISBANE 25 May 45 - 33 personnel

MAUI

Sailed ex BRISBANE 26 May 45 - 1604 personnel

[Signature]
Lieutenant-General,
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 29 May '45

Comd
BGS
DA & QMG
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops)
G Int (2)
G Air
G (Op Report)
CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
BMB
War Diary (2)

SECRET

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO 52

HQ 1 Aust Corps
30 May 45.
G/106/Ops.

GEQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Forward Echelon LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAF Command
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1
Adv Planning HQ 7 Aust Div

No 52 - Period 2400I 28 May to 2400I 29 May 45.

Ref Maps - TARAKAN ISLAND SOUTH 1/25,000
TARAKAN ISLAND NORTH 1/25,000

1. Location of Troops

(a) TARAKAN - no major change

(b) MOROTAI - no change

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAKAN 29 May 45 - light showers during early morning,
later fine with broken cloud.

3. Operations for the period

Operations - TARAKAN 29 May 45

- (a) During the night 28/29 May some enemy were seen in the vicinity of the pump house at 443665. The enemy has infiltrated into this area periodically by night, but has always been dispersed without having done any damage.
- (b) Elements of the 2/23 Aust Infantry Battalion, supported by an airstrike by eleven B25 aircraft attacked enemy positions on the feature 424685. Strong opposition was met, and our force suffered casualties and was forced to withdraw.
- (c) At 1715I our anti aircraft guns unsuccessfully engaged one enemy aircraft (HELEN) flying at 14500 feet - no bombs were dropped by the aircraft.

4.

4. Results of Operations

(a) Own casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 28 May 45 -

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed in action	-	1
Wounded in action	-	5
Missing	-	-

Progressive totals to 2400I 28 May

Killed in action	8	123
Wounded in action	34	460
Missing	-	14

(b) Enemy casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 29 May -

Counted dead	10
Additional estimated dead	2

Progressive totals to 2400I 29 May 45 -

Counted dead	693
Additional estimated dead	151
FW	20

Hedman
 For Lieutenant-General.
 Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 30 May 45.

PA to GOC
 BGS
 DAAQMB
 G 1 (Ops)
 G 2 (Ops)
 G (Int) (2)
 G (Air)
 G (Op Report)
 CCRA
 CE
 SVY
 CSO
 A (3)
 Q (5)
 BMB
 War Diary (2)✓

SECRET

ND

Subject: DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT NO 53

HQ 1 Aust Corps
31 May 45.
G/112/Ops.

GHQ
SWPA

Copy to:

CG Eighth US Army
LHQ
Forward Echelon LHQ
Adv LHQ
Adv RAAF Command
Comd Naval Task Force 78.1
Adv Planning HQ 7 Aust Div

NA 53 - Period 2400I 29 May to 2400I 30 May 45.

1. Location of Troops

- (a) TARAKAN - no major changes
- (b) The units listed in paragraph 1(c) of Report No 45 have arrived at MOROTAI - see paragraph 5(a) below.
- (c) Reference paragraph 5(b) below, the following units are now at sea en route to MOROTAI -

LST 740

det 2/2 Tk A Regt
2/2 CCS
part HQ 18 Inf Bde
det 18 Inf Bde Sig Sec
6 Pl B Coy 2/1 Gd Regt
20 Hosp Laundry Unit

LST 1016

2/6 Cdo Sqn
2/5 Sup Dep Pl
7 Div Reception Camp
2/101 MBU

LST 1017

det 2/7 Svy Bty
2/5 Cdo Sqn

LST 911

det 2/1 Camp AA Regt
8/185 Bde Wksp
det 2/7 Tpt Pl
2/9 Tpt Pl
2/6 Wksp Pl

LST 471

part 2/9 Inf Bn
det 'C' P3 Sec
'D' Sec 2/6 Dental Unit
det 2/125 Bde Ord Pd Fk
det 2/47 LAD
sec 7 Div Pro Coy

PONTUS ROSS

2/12 Inf Bn
part 2/1 MG Bn

MILLEN GRIFFITHS

part 1 Armd Regt
det 12 CRE Wks
det 51 CRE Wks
det 4 Armd Regt Sig Tp
1 Pd Censorship Unit
50 Tpt Pl
2/4 MAC Pl
5 Amphibious Veh Increment
det 4 Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy
14 MCU
80 Dental Unit
det 14 AAD

MILLEN GRIFFITHS (Contd)

1 Armd Regt Ord Pd Pk
 Det 1 Armd Regt Wksp
 " 1 Veh Pk Wksp
 " 2 Mob Amn Repair Shop
 " 209 LAD
 " 336 LAD
 37 L of C Sal Sec
 Det 11 L of C Stationery Depot

2. Weather and Visibility

TARAKAN - 30 May 45 - Scattered cloud in the morning developed into thick low cloud with some showers. Visibility poor.

3. Operations for the Period

Operations TARAKAN - 30 May 45

- (a) During the evening of 29 May a small party of the enemy engaged our troops at 427680 with light machine gun fire. The enemy was forced to withdraw by the use of grenades.
- (b) A patrol from the 2/23 Infantry Battalion encountered light machine gun fire at 432683. The enemy were engaged, but the terrain was too thick to observe results. Another patrol to 432688 encountered enemy fire.
- (c) The feature 420709 was occupied by elements of the 2/24 Infantry Battalion without opposition. Later a small party of enemy at 422706 were engaged by our troops.
- (d) The track from DJOEATA Oilfield through 416715 and 419702 to 421697 is now clear.

4. Results of Operations

(a) Own casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 29 May 45

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other ranks</u>
Killed in action	-	2
Wounded in action	1	9
Missing	-	2

Progressive totals to 2400I 29 May 45

Killed in action	8	125
Wounded in action	35	469
Missing	-	16

(b) Enemy casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 30 May 45

Counted dead 6

Progressive totals to 2400I 30 May 45

Counted dead 699
 Additional estimated dead 151
 PW 20

5. Miscellaneous

- (a) 906 troops as listed in paragraph 1(c) of Report No 45 disembarked MOROTAI from HEBBER M CREEL on 30 May 45.
- (b) Total numbers of troops comprising the units listed in paragraph 1(c) above, at present on vessels en route to MOROTAI are as follows:-

IST 740	-	334	personnel
IST 1016	-	365	"
IST 1017	-	354	"
IST 911	-	335	"
IST 471	-	306	"
PONTUS ROSS	-	955	"
WILLEN GRIFFITHS - 996 personnel			

For *Johnston* *Lee*
Lieutenant-General,
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by 'CS' 31 May 45

Comd
BGS
DA & QMG
G1 (Ops)
G11 (Ops)
G Int (2)
G Air
G (Op Report)
CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
EMB
War Diary (2)

10

FROM: 1 AUST CORPS Date-Time of Origin 01.11.45.2.1.1.

FOR ACTION: (1) GHQ SWPA

FOR INFO: (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND
(5) LANDOPS (6) ADV RAAF CMD (7) CMD NAVAL
TASK FORCE 78.1

ops report no 24 (.)
G087 (.) SECRET (.) P - 1 day (.) unopposed landing on SADAU
ISLAND effected (.) island clear (.) beachhead established
300947I (.) arty fire from SADAU ISLAND provided in
support 9 aust div engineers breaching beach obstacles 301100I
(.) during beaching operation scattered enemy mortar and sniper
fire met and dealt with (.) CTG 74.3 reports that breaching
obstacles NOT completed first attempt but some gaps made
second attempt 301500I (.) P DAY (.) CTG 78.1 reports operation
on time (.) no appreciable opposition up till 10 mins before
H hour (.) RAAF cmd report 5/10 cloud (.) visibility away
from target excellent (.) meagre AA fire (.) no air opposition
met on first by bomber mission 1 may (.) report 500 C10905I
states assault has reached first objective C900I no opposition

If liable to be intercepted
or fall into enemy hands
this message must be sent
IN CIPHER

Originators Instructions
Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE

to

(1) (3)

Signed *J. H. ...*

Distributed by GS 1 May 45

PA to GOC
EGS
DA&MG
G (Ops) Battle Room (3)
G (Int) (2)
G (Air)
G (Op Report)

CCRA
CB
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)

War Diary (2)
File (2)

FROM: 1 AUST CORPS

Date-Time of Origin .012320I

FOR ACTION: (1) GHQ SWPA

FOR INFO: (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND
(5) LANDOPS (6) ADV RAAF COMD (7) COMD NAVAL
TASK FORCE 78.1

G088 (.) SECRET (.) interim operational report period 010900I
to 011300I (.) one (.) assault landing on LINGKAS BEACH TARRAKAN
ISLAND made at 0815I1 may by 2/48 aust inf bn gp and 2/24 aust
inf bn gp (.) approach and assault landings unopposed (.) by
0900I beach covering position 300 to 400 yds inland extending
from pier 418634 to 433621 secured without opposition (.) at
1300 hrs 2/23 aust inf bn (right) receiving opposition from
bunkers at SIBENKOK 427637 and was attacking in vicinity rd
junction 434635 (.) 2/48 aust inf bn had reached spur 424646 (.)
inf and tks moving towards high ground 423651 (.) some casualties
incurred by our tps enemy casualties 11 JAPS killed 2 PW (.)
two (.) comd 26 aust inf bde assumed comd forces ashore at
1200I (.) three (.) piers 418634 and 429623 captured intact
(.) oil jetty 424626 piling only (.) four (.) by 1350I W1
pontoon causeway was beached and unloading had commenced (.)
five (.) reference our G087 of 011105I last sentence for quote
first objective unquote read quote beach covering position
unquote

If liable to be intercepted
or fall into enemy hand, this
message must be sent IN CIPHER

Originators Instructions
Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE

Signed *Adrian Lee*

TO

(1) (2)

Distributed by GS 1 MAY 45

PA to GOC

BGS

DA&CIG

G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)

G (Int) (2)

G (Air)

G (Op Report)

CCRA

CE

Svy

CSO

A (3)

Q (5)

War Diary (2)✓

FROM :: 1 AUST CORPS

Date - Time of Origin 0216/01

FOR ACTION :: (1) GHQ SWPA

FOR INFO :: (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND
(5) LANDOPS (6) ADV RAAF COMD (7) COMD NAVAL
TASK FORCE 78.1

G009 (.) SECRET (.) op report no 24 for period ending 012400I (.)
for ops 30 apr see our G007 of 011105I (.) for ops from 010900I
to 011300I see interim op report our G008 of 012320I (.)
first (.) at 011500I one troop of tanks moved north along road
west of SIBENKON to assist 2/23 aust inf bn results NOT yet reported (.)
enemy offering stubborn resistance 437627 (.)
(.) forward patrols of 2/48 aust inf bn operating at 415660 and 419663 (.)
second (.) at 011740I state of unloading (.) WESTRALIA three quarter
will be unloaded
unloaded MAHOURA one half unloaded LST 1027/in 2 hours LST 923 all
vehicles by 1800 hrs LST 584 proceeding slowly LST 582 590 711
743 unloaded by 2000 hrs (.) receding tide and difficulty filling
anti tank ditch blocking egress red and yellow beaches adding to
difficulty of unloading (.) third (.) no air position reported (.)
fourth (.) following additional personnel embarked AUST (.) 1156
troops VAN HEUTE ex BRISBANE 26 apr 928 troops CHARLES WILIS ex
CAIRO 29 apr

If liable to be intercepted
or fall into enemy hands, this
message must be sent IN CIPHER

Originators Instructions
Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE
TO
(1) (2)

Signed.....

Distributed by GS 2 May 45

PA to GOC
BGS
DA & QMG
G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)
G (Int) (2)
G (Air)
G (Op Report)

CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
War Diary (2) ✓

MESSAGE OUT

FROM : 1 AUST CORPS

Date - T00 021630 I

To : (1) GHQ SWPA

INFO : (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND
(5) LANDOPS (6) ADV RELF CMD (7) COMD NAVAL TASK
FORCE 78.1

GO 90 (.) SECRET (.) first part of daily op report no 25 (.)
interim report for period 012400I to 021100I (.) TIRAKAN ISLAND (.)
at 0900I one coy 2/23 bn was advancing on enemy defence posns at
438628 (.) at 1100I elements 2/23 bn had occupied the high ground
432638 but the enemy pocket at 429635 was still resisting (.)
by 0900I 2/24 bn had passed through the 2/48 bn and captured the
high ground at 418663 and at 414661 (.) by 1100I the 2/24 bn
advancing toward the hill at 411672 had occupied the high ground
at 415666 (.) the 2/48 bn occupied the feature 427658 (.) a
75 mm gun was captured at 412665 (.) a coast defence gun at
CAPE DJOZATA 375798 was reported active (.) some hostile shelling
at RED BEACH at 020030I caused damage to one LST (.) extent of
damage and casualties unknown (.) air support and naval bombardment
was used to assist progress on the northern and north eastern sectors

If liable to be intercepted or
fall into enemy hands, this
message must be sent IN CIPHER

Originators Instructions
Degree of Priority

signed *H. Wells* *Inf.*

IMMEDIATE
TO
(1) (2)

Distributed by GS 2 May 45

PA to GOC
EGS
DL & CMG
G(OPS) - Battle room (3)
G(INT) (2)
G(AIR)
G(Op Report)

CCRL
CE
SVY
CSO
L (3)
Q (5)
War Diary (2)✓

FROM :: 1 AUST CORPS Date Time of Origin 022255I

FOR ACTION :: (1) GHQ SWPA

FOR INFO :: (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND
(5) LANDOPS (6) ADV RAFT COMD (7) COMD NAVAL
TASK FORCE 78.1

GO91 (.) SECRET (.) second part of daily operation report
no 25 (.) interim report for period 021100I to 021700I (.)
TARAKAN ISLAND (.) by 1300I elements 2/23 bn had occupied the
enemy defence position at 437628 (.) at 1500I elements of the 7/23
bn were holding the area rd junc 437646 to the barracks at
432649 (.) by 1700I standing patrols were established at 441644
and 438645 (.) 2/48 bn no change (.) by 1500I one coy 2/24 bn
reached the hill 412672 (.) electrically fired land mines caused
heavy casualties to this coy during the approach to this attack

If liable to be intercepted or
to fall into enemy hands this
message must be sent IN CIPHER

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE

TO

(1) (2)

William J. May
.....
K. G. 3

Distributed by 332 May 45

PA to GOC
BGS
DA & QMG
G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)
G (Int) (2)
G (Air)
G (Op Report)
CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
War Diary (2) ,

FROM : 1 AUST CORPS

Date-Time of Origin 03 0645I

FOR ACTION : (1) GHQ SWPA

FOR INFO : (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND
(5) LANDOPS (6) ADV RAAF COMD (7) COMD NAVAL
TASK FORCE 78.1

G092 (.) SECRET (.) daily operation report no 25 012400I to 022400I
may (.) for operations 012400I to 021700I see first and second parts
of daily operation report no 25 (.)

FIRST (.) covering posns are now held as follows (.) 2/3 pnr bn
to approx 434634 (.) 2/23 bn to 433647 with one coy forward
in area 437646 (.) 2/48 bn to 415651 with one coy forward
in area 427658 (.) 2/24 bn area 412672 - 415666 - 414661
(.) 3 small enemy pockets remain in 2/23 bn area (.)
progressive casualties to 020600I (.) own 7 ORs KILLED
in action 3 offrs 27 ORs wounded in action (.) enemy
50 counted dead (.) reference daily operational report
no 24 (.) 2 PW NOT captured (.)

SECOND (.) additional 735 troops embarked BOTH ex CAIRNS on 1 may

If liable to be intercepted or to
fall into enemy hands this
message must be sent IN CIPHER.

Originators Instructions
Degree of Priority.

IMMEDIATE

(1)^{TO} (2)

*1. Will
May*
.....
BCS

Distributed by G(Ops) 3 May 45

PA to GOC
BGS
DA & CNG
G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)
G (Int) (2)
G (Air)
G (Op Report)
CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
War Diary (2)

FROM :: 1 AUST CORPS Date-Time of Origin 032355 I

FOR ACTION :: (1) GHQ SWPA

FOR INFO :: (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND
(5) LANDOPS (6) ADV RAAP COMD (7) COMD NAVAL
TASK FORCE 78.1

G096 (.) SECRET (.) first part of daily operation report no 26 (.)
interim report for period 022400I to 031500I (.) at 1300 hrs 2/23
bn made an unsuccessful company attack on the hill in TARAKAN TOWN
446653 (.) the company returned to 436646 (.) at same time one
company advanced toward BOORTERREIN 458648 and by 1500 hrs reached
that locality (.) during morning 3 may 2/48 bn engaged in patrolling
activities toward 433667 meeting some opposition at 433662 and at
1500 hrs a patrol had reached 434666 where it met strong opposition
(.) another patrol cleared feature at 433658 and advanced towards
hill 438656 (.) at 1100I the 2/24 bn advance toward the airfield
was held up by enemy posts at 405673 and 403669 and at 1500I was
still receiving strong opposition from that area (.) no further
progress made to that time

If liable to be intercepted or
to fall into enemy hands this
message must be sent IN CIPHER

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

IM 3014Z
TO
(1) (2)

Handwritten signature
.....for BCS..

Distributed by GS 3 May 45

PA to GOC
EGS
DA & QMG
G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)
G (Int) (2)
G (Air)
G (Op Report)
CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
War Diary (2) ✓

FROM :: 1 ARMY CORPS

Date-Time of Origin 040700Z

FOR ACTION :: (1) GHA SWPA

FOR INFO :: (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND
(5) LANDOPS (6) ADV RAAF COMD (7) COMD NAVAL
TASK FORCE 78.1

G097 (.) SECRET (.) daily operation report no 26 022400I to
032400I (.) for operations 022400I to 031500I see first part
of daily operation report no 26 (.) 2/23 bn reports PAVOESIAN
district 4 and 6 clear (.) a patrol from 2/48 bn reported enemy
in strength 433666 (.) patrol to 426666 ambushed no casualties
2 enemy killed (.) 2/4 commando sqn withdrawn from SADAU IS and
now occupies area 441645 (.) VEI coy at 437643 (.) 2/24 secured
southern edge airstrip incl dispersal bars and reported western end
airstrip clear but is under MG fire from 402678 (.) at 1900
one coy unsuccessfully attacked 402678 enemy using 75mm gun (.) one
coy astride airstrip at 405676 (.) own casualties 8 ORs killed
in action 1 offr 24 ORs wounded in action (.) progressive totals
(.) 15 ORs killed in action 4 offr 51 ORs wounded in action

If liable to be intercepted or to
fall into enemy hands this
message must be sent IN CIPHER

Originators Instructions
Degree of Priority
IMMEDIATE
TO
(1) (2)

John Young HCC
.....

PA to GOC
BGS
DA & GYG
G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)
G (Int) (2)
G (Air)
G (Op Report)
CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
E (5)
War Diary (2)

FROM :: 1 AUST CORPS

Date-Time of Origin 050115I

FOR ACTION :: (1) GHQ SMPA

FOR INFO :: (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND
(5) LANDOPS (6) ADV RAAF COMD (7) COMD NAVAL
TASK FORCE 78.1

G099 (.) SECRET (.) daily operation report no 27 032400I to
042400I (.) all pockets resistance 2/23 bn sector covering position
reported mopped up (.) NEI coy in contact enemy at 467644 (.)
2/4 commando sqn reached crest of feature 446654 against fire from
pill boxes and snipers (.) feature NOT cleared (.) 2/48 bn meeting
opposition south slope ridge 438656 (.) 2/24 bn patrol before 041100I
north of strip to 402678 (.) approx 041500I patrol south of strip
thence NE to 402678 located enemy posts south end strip (.) tracks cut
through heavy jungle north end of strip to locate routes to rear of
402678 (.) tanks held up at 404673 due airstrip heavily mined (.)
engineers lifting (.) 2/24 bn attempt unsuccessful (.) 2/23 bn relieved
by 2/3 par bn and moved via 2/24 bn tracks north of strip to outflank
position 402678 (.) own casualties 7 killed in action 47 wounded in
action 2 missing (.) progressive totals 22 killed in action 102
wounded in action 2 missing 140 enemy dead counted (.) CTG 78.1
reports direct hits naval fire on one coast gun and one AA position
CAPE DJORATA (.) other guns damaged (.) 7 unloaded LSTs remain on
beach and NOT yet been retracted (.) remaining 8 LSTs unloading
offshore (.) FREDERICK LYKES arrived MCROTAI 3 May with 2800
personnel of 9 aust div units

If liable to be intercepted or
to fall into enemy hands this
message must be sent IN CIPHER

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE

TO
(1) (2)

Distributed by GS 5 May

PA to GOC

BGS

DA & QMG

G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)

G (Int) (2)

G(Air)

G(Op Report)

CCRA

CE

Svy

CSO

A (3)

Q (5)

War Diary (2)

MESSAGE OUT

FROM: 1 AUST CORPS Date-Time of Origin 052110Z I.

FOR ACTION: (1) GEC SWPA

FOR INFO: (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND
(5) LANDOPS (6) ADV RAAF CMD (7) CMD NAVAL
TASK FORCE 78.1

GC103 (.) SECRET (.) first part of daily op report no 28 (.)
for
interim report/period 042400Z to 051800Z (.) during night 4/5
may 2/4 cav sqn on hill 447653 repulsed several minor counter
attacks some casualties inflicted on enemy (.) at 1300 hrs
mopping up was continuing using flame throwers and engineers
to reduce pillboxes and blow up tunnel positions (.) by 1500 hrs
the enemy force was eliminated (.) by 1100 hrs 2/48 aust inf bn
with tanks in support/and elements were moved towards 438655
had occupied the feature 433667 (.)
at 1500 hrs these elements had reached 437653 after being
retarded by MG and arty fire (.) during night 4/5 may 2/24 aust
inf bn engaged in clearing mines from airfield and dispersal bays
and in cutting tracks in thick jungle east of strip (.) by 1100
hrs 2/23 aust inf bn had reached assembly area 407663 and by 1500
hrs had reached the hill at 412672 (.) during the morning 5 may
elements 2/24 aust inf bn engaged mopping up eight pillboxes in
PENINGKI - BARCE area 409664 (.) a late report states that the
airfield is captured and work on its reconstruction commenced
at 1715 hrs 5 may (.) no details yet received

US Info to be intercepted
or fall into enemy hands this
message must be sent IN CIPHER

Originators Instructions
Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE

Signed

to

(1) (2)

Distributed by GS 5 May 45.

PA to GOC : BGS : DA&MG : G(Ops) - Battle Room (3) : G(Int) (2) :
G(Air) : G (Op Report) : CCRA : CZ : SVY : CSC : A(3) : Q(5),
War Diary (2)

MESSAGE OUT

FROM :: 1 AUST CORPS Date-Time of Origin 060602I
FOR ACTION :: (1) GFC SWPA
FOR INFO :: (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND
(5) LANDOPS (6) ADV RAAP COMD (7) COMD NAVAL TASK
FORCE 78.1

G0105 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 28 042400I to
052400I (.) for period 042400I to 051800I see our G0103 first
part of operational report no 28 (.) 2/3 pnr bn established
standing patrol at 457655 (.) NEI coy reports feature 467643 clear
of enemy (.) one coy 2/48 bn captured high ground 437665 and moved
towards 433665 (.) supported by air attack elements 2/24 bn
occupied hill 402678 at 1630 hrs and by 1715 hrs work on
reconstruction of the airfield had commenced (.) total enemy
dead counted to date 206 (.) own casualties for 24 hours ending
050600I 1 officer 15 other ranks killed in action 4 officers 77
other ranks wounded in action (.) 967 additional troops embarked
HMAS KANIMBLA ex BRISBANE 2 May and 459 on GORGON ex SYDNEY 3 May
(.) these personnel mainly corps reinforcements

If liable to be intercepted or
to fall into enemy hands this
message must be sent IN CIPHER

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE
TO
(1) (2)

H. C. ...
.....
for 8116

Distributed by GS 6 May 45

PA to GOC
BGS
DA & QMG
G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)
G (Int) (2)
G (Air)
G (Op Report)
CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
War Diary (2) ✓

K/D.

MESSAGE OUT.

FROM : I CORPS Date-Time of Origin 070000 I
FOR ACTION : (1) GEQ SWPA
FOR INFO : (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND
(5) LANDOPS (6) ADV RA-5F COMD (7) COMD NAVAL TASK
FORCE 78.1

00108 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 29 052400I to
062400I (.) one comd 2nd inf bn moved SE towards PENANGA
and by 1100 hrs had reached 462636 without opposition (.)
2/4 cav sqn dispositions unchanged (.)
2/3 rnr bn dispositions at 1900 hrs (.) bn HQ 433637 (.) A coy
433648 (.) B and C coys 458649 (.) D coy 427656 (.)
2/48 inf bn (.) by 1100 hrs one coy 2/48 inf bn reached area
433667 MG fire was received in that area (.) by 1500 hrs the coy
had cleared the area suffering some casualties (.) by 1900 hrs
2/48 inf bn had cleared track 437656 to 433667 and linked with own
tps advancing from WEST (.) bn HQ 427651 (.) A coy 438665
(.) D coy 427658 (.) patrol to 434665 found demolished causeway (.)
one coy patrolling ridge southeast from feature 437665 report enemy
in area (.) 2/24 inf bn defending area (.) patrol ^{along} ridge of
airfield to 412682 saw no enemy (.) tracks swampy impassable to
tanks (.) dispositions at 1900 hrs (.) bn HQ 403673 (.) A coy
414667 (.) B coy 403678 (.) C coy 402676 (.) D coy 403671 (.)
at 0900 hrs one coy 2/23 inf bn was attacking enemy post 406683
and one coy was advancing NORTH along ridge 405684 approaching
SOUTHEAST slope G API (.) at 1100 hrs the coy at 406683 was still
in contact (.) by 1500 hrs two coys occupied the G API area
405687 and astride track 403687 (.) no opposition (.) a patrol
moved to feature 408688 (.) 75 mm gun captured 405686 (.) by
1900 hrs 2/23 inf bn were in occupation G API feature (.)
enemy on ridge from 407683 to SESANIF oilfield 419684 (.) patrol
to SPUR 397684 saw no enemy (.) dispositions at 1700 hrs (.)
bn HQ 405677 (.) A coy 404686 to 405684 (.) B coy 412672 (.)

C coy 407687 to 406684 (.) D coy 405683 to 405680 (.)

GENERAL (.) aircraft dropped 6 tons bombs
250 parafrags and NAPALM bombs on area 421689 believed to be
enemy headquarters (.) all bombs on target (.) MUSTERS airborne
from part of airfield at 1700 hrs (.)
own casualties for 24 hrs ending 060600I (.) 2 offrs 4 ORs killed
in action (.) 2 offrs 12 ORs wounded (.) 1 OR missing (.) total
enemy dead counted to 062100I 223

If liable to be intercepted or
to fall into enemy hands this
message must be sent IN CODE

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE
to
(1) (2)

J. H. Connolly
.....

Distributed by 63 7 Mar 45

PA to GOC
EGS
DAACMG
G(Ops) - Battle Room (3)
G(Int) (2)
G(Air)
G(Op Report)
ECRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
War Diary (2)✓

MESSAGE OUT

FROM : I FIRST CORPS Date-Time of Origin 080600Z

FOR ACTION : (1) GPO 3WPA

FOR INFO : (2) CG SEVENTH US ARMY (3) IAW FORCES (4) FORLAW
(5) LAPOPS (6) ADV RA P COMD (7) COMD NAVAL
TASK FORCE 78.1

G0111 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 30 062400I to
072400I (.) at 1300 hrs elements of 2/3 pnr bn moving along
track T-RAK-H town - AMAL contacted enemy position consisting
of some light machine guns and mortars at 473654 (.) a patrol
from 2/4 cav commando sqn advancing along track NORTHWEST from
443665 reached 435673 by 1500 hrs unopposed (.) at 1700 hrs a
patrol from 2/48 inf bn advancing NORTH in heavy going met some
opposition at 433669 and withdrew leaving an ambush (.) elements
of 2/23 inf bn moving along road G API - 419684 contacted enemy
(.) a patrol of 2/24 inf bn moving NORTHWEST reached 404690
at 1300 hrs without opposition but road heavily mined (.)
GENERAL (.) airfield is reported as being available to fighters
FOT before P plus 11 (.) own casualties for 24 hrs ending 070600I
8 killed 40 wounded (.) total enemy dead counted to 072100I 286

If liable to be intercepted or
to fall into enemy hands this
message must be sent in CIPHER

Originator's Instructions
Be rec of Priority

URGENT
to
(1) (2)

.....*A. L. Williams*.....

Distributed by 'CS' 8 Mar 45

PA to GOC
JGS
DAAGIG
G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)
G (Int) (2)
G (Air)
G (Op Report)
CCRA
CB
SVY
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
War Diary (2)

WDCV

MESSAGE OUT

FROM : I AUST COMPS Date - Time of Origin 09 07-1
 FOR ACTION : (1) 770 S PA
 FOR INFO : (2) C LIGHT US R Y (3) LANTFORCES (4) TORLANT
 (5) LIT053 (6) V RA COM (7) COM NAVL
 TASK ORCE 78.1

08114 (.) SECRET (.) daily secret anal report no 31 072400I
 to 082400I (.) AIAL area (.) two covs 2/3 pnr bn advancing EAST
 along AIAL track were fired on from well placed bunkers at 471652 (.)
 two platoons engaged enemy positions from right flank (.) heavy
 going (.) cov occupied defensive positions astride track 470654
 last light (.) CENTER SECTOR (.) b- 081100I forward section of 2/4
 cav cdo sqn with one tank patrolling NORTH along road 442665 to
 428681 met opposition at 441671 and killed five japs (.) from
 this point onwards track too narrow for tanks (.) at 081145I
 2/4 cav cdo sqn reached 435673 meeting light opposition (.) advance
 continued NW along track (.) unable by first light to out flank enemy
 position at 434674 (.) our forward troops occupied defensive position
 435673 (.) 2/48 inf bn patrol from feature 437656 contacted 2/4 cav
 cdo sqn at 441571 (.) at 0530I one cov 2/48 inf bn at feature 433657
 were counter attacked (.) attack repulsed (.) 2/48 inf bn to 081500I
 patrolling to high ground 447668 EAST of track and NW from 433657
 to 428659 to spur 426666 (.) one cov 2/23 inf bn supported by tanks
 advancing EAST along ridge from 401710 API towards TRIG 105 met
 enemy opposition at 412683 412685 414684 414682 (.) cov moved
 left flank and occupied high ground vicinity 413688 (.) one cov 2/23
 inf bn moved along ridge NE from feature 412672 reached 416683 (.)
 no mov seen (.) NJCRAFT AREA (.) C- cov 2/24 inf bn controlled NORTH
 to 401710 thence to 406715 (.) no mov seen (.) further patrol 2/24
 inf bn NE from 412672 to 415684 made contact and withdrew (.) enemy
 casualties 2400 hrs ended 082100I counted dead 25 estimated additional
 dead 5 (.) progressive total 311 counted dead 61 estimated dead (.)

END

-2-

own casualties for 2405 hrs ended 080606I killed 11 wounded 14

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands this message must
be sent in CIPHER

Originator's instructions
Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE
to
(1) (2)

Distributed by 23 8 Mar 45

PA to GOC

PCS

DA-2G

G (Ops) - Battle Room (3)

G (Int) (2)

G (Air)

G (Op Report)

SCPA

CE

Svy

CSO

A (3)

Q (5)

Way Diary (2)

MESSAGE OUT

FROM : I AUST CORPS Date-Time of Origin 100633 T
 TO : (1) GFC SVPA
 INFO : (2) CC EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND
 (5) LANDOPS (6) ADV RA/F COMD (7) COME NAVAL TASK
 FORCE 78.1

00116 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 32 082400T to
 092400I (.) AMAL area (.) coy 2/3 pnr bn captured ene v position
 472653 at 1030I (.) further contact enemy 474655 (.) 2 com VET inf
 advanced along KAROE/GAN track to 453612 against slight opposition (.)
 CENTRE SECTOR (.) our positions 433667 harassed by unstated type enemy
 fire during night 8/9 may but attack NOT launched (.) later enemy
 supply dump located 436686 (.) patrols 2/4 cav cdo and 2/48 inf bn
 moving NW towards 438680 linked up 441678 and advance continued (.)
 opposition NOT reported (.) enemy still holding position on track
 434674 (.) direct assault by elements cav sqn with arty support
 failed to dislodge (.) pressure continued on enemy right flank (.)
 API sector (.) pl 2/23 inf bn moving EAST towards SE66NEP oilfield
 fired on by enemy vicinity 413684 (.) attempts to dislodge enemy by
 inf and tks NOT successful (.) DJOE/TA SECTOR (.) -1 2/24 inf bn pen-
 etrated DJOE/TA oilfield killed one jap remainder withdrew to extensive
 tunnels outskirts of village (.) relief of 2/23 inf bn by 2/24 inf bn
 commenced (.) enemy casualties for 24 hrs ending 092100I killed 24
 estimated additional killed 2 PW 1 progressive totals 335 55 and 4
 (.) own casualties 24 hrs to 090600I killed 4 wounded 17 progressive
 totals killed 73 wounded 284 missing 5

If liable to be intercepted or fall
 into enemy hands this message must
 be sent in CIPHER.

Originator's Instructions
 Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE
 to
 (1) (2)

Distributed by GS 10 May 45

FA to GCC	CCRA
BGS	CE
DAAQMG	SVY
G1(Ops)	CSO
G11(Ops)	A (3)
G(Int) (2)	Q (5)
G(Air)	EMB
G(Op Report)	War Diary (2)✓

MESSAGE OUT.

FROM : I AUST CORPS Date - Time of Origin
 TO : (1) GHQ SWPA 11 0717 I
 INFO : (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND
 (5) LANDOPS (6) ADV RAAF CMD (7) CMD NAVAL TASK
 FORCE 78.1

G0119 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 33 092400I to
 102400I (.) one coy NEI bn advanced along road towards KAROENGAN
 occupied hill 453602 and jetty 451601 (.) no enemy seen (.) 2/3
 pnr bn attacked and captured position on spur 472656 (.) this
 position and track junction 472654 occupied by our troops (.) enemy
 still in strength 475654 (.) one tp 2/4 ^{COO} ~~2/4~~ sqn cleared hill 438681
 and moving SW cut the track at 431677 and outflanked the enemy
 position at 433675 which was holding up elements of the sqn (.)
 elements 2/48 inf bn cleared remaining enemy positions vicinity
 433667 and are moving NORTH to destroy enemy position 432670 (.)
 one coy 2/24 inf bn patrolled 600 yds EAST from 415689 saw no enemy
 (.) another patrol moved SOUTH and located enemy post approximately
 414686 (.) coy with tank then advanced SOUTH along track to 414666
 and found track mined (.) patrol 2/24 inf bn moved to track junction
 405736 thence to sawmill 406740 where enemy party contacted (.)
 enemy withdrew after suffering some casualties (.) recce patrol SE
 to 413716 met opposition (.) road airfield NORTH now open to traffic
 to 405736 (.) casualties for 24 hrs ending 102400I (.) own no details
 received (.) enemy counted dead 24 (.) progressive total now 359
 counted dead plus 63 additional estimated dead

If liable to be intercepted or fall
 into enemy hands this message must
 be sent in CIPHER

Originator's Instructions
 Degree of priority

IMMEDIATE
 to
 (1) (2)

.....
 Distributed by 'G0111 May 45
 PA to GOC CCRA
 BGS CE
 DA & QG Svy
 G (Ops) - Battle Room 3 CSO
 G (Int) (2) A (3)
 G (Air) Q (5)
 G (Op Report) War Diary (2)

MESSAGE CUT

FROM : I AUST CORPS Date - Time of Origin
TO : (1) GEN SWPA 12 0640 I
INFO : (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND
(5) LANDOPS (6) ADV RAFF COND (7) COND NAVAL TASK
FORCE 78.1

G0121 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 34 102400I to
112400I (.) TARAFAK weather fine and clear visibility good (.)
HQ 26 aust inf bde now located 427654 (.) one coy of 2/3 par bn
unsuccessfully attacked enemy located at 472658 (.) strong enemy
positions found from 475659 to 476654 (.) one tp 2/4 cav cdo sqn
remains in contact at 436673 (.) one coy 2/24 inf bn moved from
413684 to 421681 without contact (.) extensive patrolling in area
astride track 410684 to 423685 failed to find enemy except at
dug in position 414684 (.) one coy 2/24 inf bn patrolled to
406740 thence to 398736 without contact (.) on return patrol was
fired on from 411725 (.) area searched but enemy had withdrawn (.)
own casualties for 24 hrs ending 102400I (.) killed in action 2
officers 6 other ranks wounded in action 1 officer 5 other ranks
missing 6 other ranks (.) /^{enemy} counted dead now 373 and 66 probably dead
5 PW (.) additional 967 personnel consisting of corps reinforcements
arrived MOROTAI 11 May on KANIBLA

If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands this message must be sent in CIPHER.

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE
to
(1) (2)

Distributed by GQ 12 May 45

PA to GOC
EGS
DALONG
G1 (Cps)
G11 (Ops)
G (Int) - 2
G (Air)
G (Op Report)

C RA
CE
SVY
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
E'B
War Diary

MESSAGE CUT

FROM : I AUST CORPS Date - Time of Origin 130640 I
 TO : (1) G2 SWPA
 INFO : (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLANT
 (5) LANDOPS (6) ADV NAIF COMD (7) COMD NAVAL TASK
 FORCE 78.1

G0123 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 35 112400I to
 122400I (.) TARAFA steady rain fell 0600 hrs to 0900 hrs fine but
 cloudy during day (.) elements one coy NEI inf bn patrolled area
 EAST of PENINGKI - KARONGAN road to the 47 grid line and SOUTH
 of the 62 grid line without contact (.) jetty 463598 badly damaged
 (.) jetty 452602 950 feet long in good condition (.) KARONGAN
 samill 462589 completely destroyed by jap (.) other elements moved
 from 465630 to feature 475624 without encountering enemy (.) patrol
 2/3 par bn moved to track at 462675 without contact but indications
 jap withdrawn along track in NW direction (.) second patrol to
 463669 also no contact (.) one coy attacked enemy posn 473658 (.)
 destroyed enemy in forward posns but automatic weapons held up
 further advance (.) the coy withdrew to allow our ht weapons to
 neutralize the area (.) patrol 2/48 inf bn moved from 433657 to
 426666 (.) found several japs in area inflicted some casualties (.)
 patrol then proceeded to 427668 contacted some enemy (.) elements
 2/24 inf bn cleared enemy from spur 412685 and occupied that area (.)
 other elements this bn cleared enemy from spur 413682 (.) patrol moved
 on main road to DJOEATA oilfields and were fired on at 417722 (.)
 subsequent search revealed enemy withdrawn (.) own casualties for
 24 hrs ending 112400I killed 5 wounded 7 (.) enemy counted dead now
 393 estimated additional dead 68 PW 5

If liable to be intercepted or fall
 into enemy hands this message must
 be sent in CIPHER

Originator's Instructions
 Degree of Priority
 IMMEDIATE
 to
 (1) (2)

.....Capt
 for Brig.

Distributed by GS 13 - ar 45

PA to GOC	CRA
EG3	CE
DAZ-G	Svt
GL (Ops)	CSO
G11 (Ops)	A (3)
G (Int) (2)	C (5)
G (Air)	EB
G (Op Report)	War Diary (2) ✓

MESSAGE OUT

FROM: 1 AUST CORPS

Date-time of origin 140615Z I

TO: (1) GHO SWFA

INFO: (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) L'N FORCES (4) FORLAND
(5) LANDOPS (6) ADV RAAP COMD (7) COMD NAVAL TASK FORCE 78.1

GO127 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 36 122400I to 132400I
(.) 2/3 pnr bn successfully attacked enemy positions at 473658 (.)
artillery naval bombardment and air support used in the attack (.) the
coy is now consolidated in the area (.) prior to the attack another
coy moved to ambush positions on enemy line of withdrawal (.) no results
reported (.) patrol 2/48 bn moved from 463673 to 464674 to 468669 and
thence to 468667 (.) engaged enemy last position and moved to 461667
(.) elements 2/4 cav sqn attacked by enemy party 131678 (.) some enemy
killed (.) own casualties for 24 hours ending 122400I 5 killed 23
wounded 5 missing (.) enemy counted dead 409 estimated additional dead 84 (.)
pprox 3856 additional troops arrived MOROTAI 13 May on VAN HEUTEZ BOEH and
SEACAT

If liable to be intercepted or fall
into enemy hands this message must be
sent IN CIPHER

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE to (1) (2)

J. W. P. Capt,
FOR ERIC.

Distributed by GS 14 May 45

FA to GOC	CCRA
BGS	CE
DA & CNG	Svy
G1 (Ops)	CSO
GII (Ops)	A (3)
G(Int) (2)	C (5)
G(Air)	EMB
G(Op Report)	War Diary (2)

MESSAGE OUT

FROM: 1 AUST CORPS

Date-time of origin 15 0610 I

TO: (1) GHQ SWPA

INFO: (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND
(5) LANDOPS (6) ADV RAAF CMD (7) CMD NAVAL TASK FORCE 78.1

60130 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 37 132400I to
142400I (.) on 13 may one coy NEI bn landed near Jetty 467579 (.) no
enemy contacted but some gun and eqpt found this area and at CAPE SATJE
496592 (.) further details 2/3 pnr bn attack on 13 may are as follows
(.) attack made on posns at 472659 and 475658 (.) coy reached 473657
and enemy withdrew to top feature 472659 defending with MG and
grenades (.) our troops consolidated posns at 473357 (.) during morning
14 may our tps again withdrew to allow arty naval and air bombardment
of enemy posns to be carried out (.) elements 2/48 bn established
standing patrols at 463675 to cover possible enemy withdrawal from the
ANAL area (.) another patrol was established at 475666 (.) 2/24 bn
has cleared track 420685 to 405684 (.) many enemy dead and approximately
20 vehs and considerable supplies were found on track (.) coy ambush
positions at 415684 fired on several enemy parties (.) our casualties
for 24 hrs ending 132400I 3 killed 17 wounded 5 missing (.) no report
of enemy casualties for period

If liable to be intercepted or fall into
enemy hands this message must be sent
IN CIPHER

Originators Instructions
Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE to (1) (2)

 Capt
For Brig.

Distributed by GS 15 May 45
PA to GOC CCHA
BGS CE
DA & QMG Svy
GI(Ops) CSO
GII(Ops) A(3)
G(Int) (2) Q(5)
G(Air) EMB
G(Op Report) War Diary (2)✓

MESSAGE OUT

FROM: 1 AUST CORPS

Date-time of origin 160600 I

TO: (1) GHQ SWPA

INFO: (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND (5) LANDOPS
(6) ADV RAAF COMD (7) COMD NAVAL TASK FORCE 78.1

G0135 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 38 142400I to
152400I (.) AXAL TRACK (.) features 471658 and 475658 found
unoccupied 1100I and occupied by elements 2/3 pnr bn (.) enemy
withdrawing towards 474667 (.) other elements 2/3 pnr bn moved east
along track towards AXAL occupied recently vacated enemy position
477654 (.) 2/48 bn (.) patrol found feature 474667 occupied by enemy
(.) patrol withdrew to 464673 to allow air strike on 474667 (.) B24s
and B25s bombed feature with 24 tons bombs (.) patrol later reported
474667 still occupied and enemy digging in (.) 2/34 bn (.) pl at
423579 engaged enemy with small arms fire (.) our troops at 413684
engaged by 75 mm guns from 404684 (.) our artillery engaged enemy
guns (.) patrols report enemy in strength area TRIG 105 401689 to
road bend 420683 (.) DJOGATA (.) coy 2/34 bn made contact and
captured knoll 413718 (.) during night 14/15 may enemy laid mines
on road at 401713 and cut signal lines to coy at 413718 (.) own
casualties for 24 hrs ending 142400I (.) killed nil wounded 11 (.)
enemy casualties no report

If liable to be intercepted or fall into
enemy hands this message must be sent
IN CIPHER

Originators Instructions
Degree of priority

IMMEDIATE to (1) (2)

W.B. Simmons Lt
For Bfig.

Distributed by G3 16 May 45

PA to GOC	CCRA
EGS	CE
DA & QMG	Svy
G1(Ops)	CSO
GII(Ops)	A(3)
G(Int) (2)	Q(5)
G(Air)	BMB
G(Op Report)	War Diary (2)

MESSAGE OUT

FROM: 1 AVST CORPS

Date-time of origin 170630 I

TO: (1) GHQ SWPA

INFO: (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND (5) LANDOPS
(6) ADV RAAF CMD (7) CCMD NAVAL TASK FORCE 78.1

G0139 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 39 152400I to
162400I (.) AMAL area (.) elements 2/3 pnr bn reached east coast
497654 no contact (.) defence posns on coast not occupied recently
(.) air strike on 474667 using WAPAK (.) later patrol 2/48 bn
occupied 474667 without opposition (.) elements 2/3 pnr bn moved
north from 475658 and also occupied 474667 (.) 2/4 cav sqn patrols
towards 431688 and 441688 report enemy both areas (.) 2/48 bn
(.) pl at 427678 found enemy in position with DMC strength unknown (.)
coy 2/24 bn advanced along feature 408798 - 417689 met opposition
from 105 feature 421689 (.) after air strike on 421689 between 1030I
and 1100I hrs one coy 2/24 bn moved towards 421689 but heavy
opposition still met (.) elements 2/24 bn occupied 423683 and found
remnants 75 mm gun (.) our troops still in contact with enemy at
422718 (.) 2/23 bn which was in airfield area now relieving 2/24 bn
in north sector (.) enemy casualties counted dead 479 estimated
additional dead 93 PW 5 (.) own casualties for 24 hours ending
152400I (.) killed 4 wounded 11 (.) following additional troops
arrived MOROTAI 16 may (.) DAVID C SHAWKS 1950 GORGON 459

If liable to be intercepted or fall into
enemy hands, this message must be sent
IN CIPHER

Originators Instructions
Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE to (1) (2)

R. J. J. J. Lt
For Brig,

Distributed by GS 17 May 45

PA to GOC	CCRA
BOS	CE
DA & QMH	Svy
G1(Ops)	CSO
GII(Ops)	A(3)
G(Int) (2)	Q(5)
G(Air)	EW
G(Op Report)	WAF (2) ✓

MESSAGE OUT

FROM: 1 AUST CORPS

Date-time of origin 18

0639

I

TO: (1) GHQ SWPA

INFO: (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND (5) LAND OPS
(6) ADV RAAF CMD (7) CMD NAVAL TASK FORCE 78.1

G0143 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 40 162400I to 172400I
(.) weather TARAkan (.) light rain commenced falling 0045I and continued
throughout morning (.) 2 coy 1 bn NEI inf bn cleared area south of east
west grid line 62 (.) no enemy sighted (.) coy HQ located 465630 (.)
two partly destroyed RDF located CAPE PASIR 4658 (.) 2/3 pnr bn patrols
discovered many abandoned defensive posns in area 482656 to 475658
(.) 2/48 bn patrol contacted enemy at 430674 killing 5 (.) 2/23 bn cov
attack on 427679 repulsed by enemy with HMG and LMG fire (.) large
explosion on feature probably amn dump during naval bombardment (.) a
patrol from 2/23 bn withdrew after striking wire obstacles and coming
under fire at 423685 (.) DJOEATA (.) coy 2/24 bn report complete saw mill
in good working order DJOEATA village 389721 (.) total enemy casualties
now 494 dead estimated 94 additional dead 5 PW (.) own casualties for
24 hours ending 162400I killed 2 wounded 8

If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent
IN CIPHER

Originators instructions
Degree of priority

IMMEDIATE to (1) (2)

Suppressed Cell.
for Brig,

Distributed by GS 18 May 45

PA to GOC
BGS
DA & QMG
G1(Ops)
GII(Ops)
G(Int) (2)
G(Air)
G(Op Report)

CCRA
CE
SVT
CSO
A(3)
G(5)
E&B
War Diary (2)✓

MESSAGE OUT

FROM: 1 AUST CORPS

Date-time of origin 19 6605 I

TO: G2, SWPA

INFO: (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND (5) LANDOPS
(6) ADV RAAF CMD (7) COMD NAVAL TASK FORCE 78.1

G0147 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 41 172400I to
182400I (.) TARAKAN (.) following heavy air strike bombs and NAFALM
coy 2/24 bn attacked and captured enemy position on 105 feature
421689 (.) many unoccupied positions found (.) 2/48 bn (.) patrols
reported considerable enemy activity on track vicinity 430577 (.)
other patrols no contact (.) 2/4 cav sqn (.) small party enemy
located at 433682 (.) patrol from 438681 found feature 431688
unoccupied but enemy in occupation 435692 (.) enemy positions located
at 439686 (.) DJOEATA (.) elements of 2/24 bn contacted enemy at
415724 and suffered light casualties (.) later reports on condition
of saw mill at DJOEATA village 389721 indicate some essential parts
of machinery missing (.) enemy casualties for 24 hrs ending 182400I
counted dead 8 (.) progressive totals 502 counted dead 96 estimated
dead FW 12 (.) own casualties for 24 hours ending 172400I (.) killed
one wounded 3

If liable to be intercepted or fall into
enemy hands, this message must be sent
IN CIPHER

Originators Instructions
Degree of Priority

IF IMMEDIATE to (1) (2)

Oliver Newman

Brig,
GS.

Distributed by GS 19 May 45

PA to GOC	CCRA
EGS	CE
DA & QMG	SVY
G1(Ops)	CSO
GII(Ops)	A(3)
G(Int) (2)	Q(5)
G(Air)	EMS
G(Op Report)	War Diary (2) ✓

MESSAGE OF:

FROM: 1 ARIST CORPS

Date-time of origin 20 06 00 I

TO: SAC, SWPA

INFO: (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND (5) LANDOPS
(6) ADV RAIF COMD (7) COMD NAVAL TASK FORCE 78.1

G0151 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 42 182400I to 182400I
(.) TARAkan (.) air strike with NAFALM on feature 431681 75 percent
bombs on target area (.) A coy 2/48 bn attacked feature (.) result not
yet known (.) B coy area 102 feature contacted enemy in strength on
track 150 yds west (.) considerable enemy movement observed on track (.)
coy 2/23 bn at 420683 shelled by enemy 75 mm gun from approximately
421684 (.) patrols reached 428680 without opposition (.) another coy
2/23 bn on 105 feature 421689 meeting heavy opposition from knoll east
of feature (.) 2/4 cav sqn (.) B tp relieved coy 2/48 bn hill feature
433667 (.) DJORATA (.) 2/24 bn patrol to MOUNT TANGKOL no enemy seen but
natives met en route report seeing enemy at 405736 and 396736 previous
night (.) road to MOUNT TANGKOL is jeepable to 393742 (.) enemy
casualties 5 killed (.) own casualties for 24 hrs ending 182400I (.)
2 offrs 1 other rank rounded

If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER *11110*

Originators Instructions
Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE to (1) (2)

Brig,
GS.

Distributed by GS 20 May 45

PA to GOC
BGS
DA & CMG
GI(Ops)
GIT(Ops)
G(Int) (2)
G(Air)
G(Op Report)

CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A(3)
Q(5)
EMB
Wer Diary (2) ✓

MESSAGE OUT

FROM :: 1 AUST CORPS

Date-Time of Origin 210641Z I

TO :: (1) GHQ SWPA

INFO :: (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND (5) LANDOL
(6) ADV RAAF COMD (7) COMD NAVAL TASK FORCE 78.1

G0158 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 43 192400I to 202400I (.
TARAKAN (.) AMAL area (.) coy NEI inf bn moved from feature 465630 to
479638 thence reconnaissance patrol via 485635 to 488654 without contact
(.) coy 2/48 bn moving from 438681 located enemy in strength in area
431681 - 431683 (.) Coy 2/24bn 421697 engaged enemy at 425701 (.) patrol
from 422695 moved south to engage enemy at 422695 (.) coy 2/24 bn at
419689 attacked knoll at 422689 (.) engaged by IMG and 75mm fire (.)
coy in position on 105 feature 421689 (.) no details these engagements (.
another patrol from 409717 to feature 415700 saw no enemy (.) DJOBATA
area (.) 2/24 bn patrol from 391743 to 382745 then 378747 found good
track no enemy seen (.) sixteen F-38s dropped seven tons NAPALM on
feature 431681 at 1100I all bombs in target area (.) enemy casualties
to 201900I (.) 544 killed 103 estimated killed 12 PW (.) own casualties
for 24 hours ending 192400I (.) 4 killed 5 wounded

If liable to be intercepted or to
fall into enemy hands this message
must be sent IN CIPHER.

Originators Instructions
Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE

TO
(1) (2)

.....Brig.
GS.

Distributed by GS 21 May 45

PA to GOC
BGS
DA & Q'G
GL (Ops)
G2 (Ops)
G (Int) (2)
G (Air)
G (Op Report)
CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
EMB
War Diary (2)

MESSAGE OUT

FROM :: 1 AVST CORPS

Date-Time of Origin 220650I

TO :: (1) GHQ SWPA

INFO :: (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND
(5) LANDOPS (6) ADV RAAF CMD (7) COMD NAVAL TASK FORCE 78.1

G0164 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 44 202400I to
212400I (.) TARAKAN (.) ^{coy}NEI inf bn (.) further patrolling east of grid
48 and north of grid 64 without finding enemy (.) 2/3 pnr bn (.)
patrols 2/3 pnr bn from DISTRICT I to 461677 thence 459673 and return
DISTRICT I found area clear (.) 2/48 inf bn (.) patrol of 2/48 bn to
431681 found feature still occupied in strength (.) air strike by six
B24 aircraft dropped 13 tons bombs on 446691 (.) coy 2/48 bn adv 100
yards along ridge towards 446691 (.) another coy successfully
ambushed jap party at 431676 (.) 2/23 inf bn (.) following air strafing
of 425680 patrols of 2/23 bn found enemy still in occupation of
positions (.) 2/24 inf bn (.) coy 2/24 bn occupied knoll at 423697 (.)
patrols in DJORATA OILFIELD - MT TANGKOL area made minor contacts
only (.) some enemy shelling airfield area at 1430 hrs (.) enemy
casualties to 212400I 558 killed 107 estimated 12 PW (.) own casualties
for 24 hrs ending 202400I 4 killed 12 wounded

If liable to be intercepted or to
fall into enemy hands this
message must be sent IN CIPHER

Originators Instructions
Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE TO
(1) (2)

..... 4 hrs
..... Brig.
..... GS.

Distributed by GS 22 May 45

PA to GOC
BGS
DA & QMG
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops)
G (Int) (2)
G (Air)
G (Op Report)
CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
EVB
War Diary (2)

MESSAGE OUT

FROM :: 1 AUST CORPS Date Time of Origin 0100 01/

TO :: (1) GHQ SWPA

INFO :: (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND
(5) LANDOIS (6) ADV RAAF CO'D (7) CO'D NAVAL TASK
FORCE 78.1

G0169 (.) : CRET (.) daily operational report no 45 212400I to
222400I (.) TARAKAN (.) 17 B24 aircraft and 15 P38 aircraft bombed
feature 431681 with HE and NAPALM at 1100I (.) following this
air attack coy 2/48 bn was engaged all afternoon 21 may against
enemy on four knolls on feature (.) two knolls captured by last
light and coy consolidated (.) platoon 2/48 bn was attacked and
forced to withdraw from 432678 (.) coy 2/23 bn capture enemy
position 425680 consolidated and exploited spur to NE (.) enemy
casualties to 222400I 570 killed 122 estimated additional dead 12 PW (.)
own casualties for 24 hours ending 212400I (.) 4 wounded (.)
HQ 2 Aust Beach Group arrived MOROTAI from TARAKAN (.)
Comd Group 7 aust div arrived MOROTAI 22 may

If liable to be intercepted or
to fall into enemy hands this
message MUST be sent IN CIPHER

Originators Instructions
Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE TO
(1) (2)

41161 4.11.
K. Brig.
S.

Distributed by GS 23 May 45

PA to GCC
EGS
DA & QMG
G1 (Ops)
G2 (Ops)
G (Int) (2)
G (Air)
G (Op Report)
CCRA
CE
Svy
CSO
A (3)
Q (5)
EWB
War Diary (2)

MESSAGE OUT

FROM :: 1 AUST CORPS Date-Time of Origin 250030 I
TO :: (1) GHQ SWPA
INFO :: (2) CG EIGHTH US ARMY (3) LANDFORCES (4) FORLAND (5) LANDOPS
(6) ADV RAAF COMD (7) COMD NAVAL TASK FORCE 78.1

G0176 (.)

SECRET (.) daily operational report no 46 222400I to 232400I (.)

TARAKAN (.) during morning enemy counter attacked coy of 2/48 bn at
431681 (.) position held (.) later coy and tp cav sqn withdrew from
feature 438681 to allow airstrike on whole 431681 feature (.)
eighteen F38 aircraft bombed target with NAPADM scored hits (.)
patrols later found enemy still in occupation (.) small party enemy
armed with 75mm shells grenades rifles and spears attacked 2/4 cav
sqn HQ 443684 (.) enemy driven off with no casualties to sqn (.)
2/4 cav sqn patrol to 433674 found enemy had vacated position (.)
patrol 2/23 bn engaged enemy at 423686 with mortar fire (.) coy 2/24
bn unsuccessfully attacked enemy position at 423695 (.) track in
area mined with 75mm shells (.) another attack on spur 421696 also
repulsed (.) mines detonated by enemy wounded all personnel of
leading section (.) platoon to 425706 observed enemy at 422708 and
heavy machine gun firing from SE of 425706 (.) enemy casualties
(.) no report (.) own casualties for 24 hours ending 222400I (.)
2 killed 19 wounded

If liable to be intercepted or
to fall into enemy hands this
message must be sent in CIPHER.

Originators Instructions
Degree of Priority
IMMEDIATE TO
(1) (2)

W. H. B. Capt
..... Brig.
GS

Distributed by GS 24 May

PA to GOC	CCRA
BGS	CE
DA & QMG	Svy
G1 Ops	CSO
G2 Ops	A (3)
G Int (2)	B (5)
G Air	B'B
G Op Report	War Diary (2) ✓