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No.67 Period 2400I 12 Jun to 2400I 13 Jun 45

Reference maps:-	TARAKAN ISLAND TARAKAN ISLAND BORNEO Series	SOUTH NORTH	1/25000 1/25000 1/25000
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Location of Troops

The following units were transferred to " CLARENCE MATSON" ex " MILLEN GRIFFITHS" (ashore at FINSCHHAFEN) and are nor, at sea en route to MOROTAI:-

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HQ 1 Aust Corps 14 Jun 45

Operations for the period

TARAKAN - 13 Jun 45

(a) Location of Headquarters - No change

(b) Weather and Visibility - Steady rain until 08001, clearing to overcast skies - moderate visibility.

(c) <u>Operations</u>

Patrol activity during the day resulted in minor contacts with the enemy at 429724, 423696, 441688, 434708.

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At 13151 elements of the 2/24 Aust Infantry Battalion attacked and captured an enemy position at 426697.

Our artillery engaged enemy positions at 425689.

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(a) <u>Casualtics</u>

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For 24 hours ending 24001 12 Jun 45:3

Killed in action	Officefs:	Other Ranks
Wounded in action	-	1

Progressive totals to 2400J 12 Jun 45:-

	UITICOTS.	Other Ranks.
Killcā in action	9	147
Wounded in action	38	567

Enemy Cesualties

No report received for 13 Jun 45.

BRUNEI BAY 13 Jun 45

(a) Location of Headquarters

- HQ 24 Aust Infantry Brigade 817867
- HQ 2/13 Aust Infantry Battalion Not reported HQ 2/15 Aust Infantry Battalion YELLOW BEACH HQ 2/17 Aust Infantry Battalion 476404 HQ 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalion 784882
- Remainder unchanged.

(b) Weather and Visibility - Fine conditions throughout the area, with scattered low cloud during the daylight hours. Good visibility.

(c) Operations BROOKETON- BRUNET

After clearing the enomy from positions in the vicinity of 469432, 470424 and 477417 with artillery and naval support, 2/17 Aust, Infantry Battalion continued advancing against enery resistance on the high ground north east of BRUNEI and by 14251 BRUNEI Town was captured.

One company of the 2/15 Aust Infantry Battalion patrolled from 534412 to 525417 to 500390 without contact.

(d) Operations LABUAN ISLAND

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The 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalion moved north west along HAMILTON Road and after clearing enemy from 775885, occupied TIMBALAI airfield during the late afternoon. During this advance, patrols to 780877 and 783892 had found these features unoccupied.

Further patrols to track junction 804864 from 792873 made

In the area west of LABUAN airstrip, elecents of the 2/28 Aust Infantry Battalion supported by tanks, attacked and cleared strong enemy positions at 807853 and 810854. An enemy position in the vicinity of the track junction 812854 was also engaged by one company.

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	Wounded in action	-	17
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east and occupied positions at 434706 and 437706, near the route of withdrawal. One troop moved east to 425724.

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The enemy positions 441688 were captured by 2/48 Aust Infantry Battalion during the morning. A company of this battalion moving north-east to area 456712 reached 461711 and 458713. Other patrols were active in the area with minor enemy contacts.

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A patrol from the NEI company killed 5 Japanese on 452712 and discovered new diggings and tunnels.

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(d) <u>Casualties</u>

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moved A patrol of 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalion/NORTHWARDS from the TINBALALAIAIrstrip to TG LAYANG LAYANGAN 7690 without enemy contact.

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One company of 2/28 Aust Infantry Battalion cleared some enemy pockets in the area 811854.

By evening all organised enomy resistance on the island except romaining pockets of resistance in the vicinity of 811854 had been overcome.

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One encay aircraft dropped one bomb in aroa LABUAN town at 21001 - no casualties. At 22501 an enemy aircraft was engaged by anti-aircraft artillery and dropped one bomb - location not known.

(f) <u>Casualties</u>

<u>Own casualties</u>

For 24 hours ending 0600I 14 Jun

÷.	Officers	<u>Other ranks</u>
Killed in action		3
Wounded in action	-	7
Missing	-	1
Progressive totals to 0600I 14 Jun		
Killed in action	2	25

Killed in action	2	25
Wounded in action	1	61
Missing		F

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Total casualties to 2400I 14 Jun

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Location of Troops.

Units listed in sub paragraph 1(c) of Daily Operational Report No 62 of 9 Jun 45, arrived MOROTAI on 15 Jun 45.

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Operations for the Period.

TARAKAN - 15 Jun 45.

- (a) Location of Headquarters No change.
- (b) <u>Weather and Visibility</u> steady rain and overcast skies - Visibility only fair.

(c) <u>Operations</u>.

Continued advances with artillery support during the day resulted in further important gains.

Enemy positions at 435692 427692 and 437699, were captured by two companies of the 2/23 Australian Infantry Cattalion, cutting the main defended area into two separated sectors to the EAST and WEST. A third company commenced clearing the eastern sector in square 4369 - the area known as FUKUKAKU.

The enemy position at 436706 was captured by one company of the 2/24 Australian Infantry Battalion which then moved EAST toward the main enemy route of withdrawal. Another company of this battalion encountered heavy enemy fire on the ridge at 440706, and withdraw to allow shelling of the enemy positions.

Elements of the 2/48 Australian Infantry Battalion advancing northward on the ridge 444700 came under heavy enemy fire ; the enemy positions on the ridge were later heavily shelled.

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The 2/4 Australian Cavalry Squadron occupied the feature 419725 from which patrols captured enomy positions at 429723 Other elements further SCUTH:

moving eastward contacted the enomy at 438716.

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·(d) Casualties.

Own casualties.

For 24 hours onding 2400I 14 Jun 45:-

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Killed in Action	-	3
Wounded in Action	-	3

Frogressive totals to 24001 14 Jun 45;-

Officers Other Ranks.

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Killed in Action Wounded in Action		9 38	15 1 577	
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Enemy casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 15 Jun 45:-

Countod de	bad	33
Estimated	additional dead	4

Progressive totals to 24001 15 Jun 45:-

Counted dead		956
Estimated additional	doad	197
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BRUNEI BAY 15 Jun 45.

Location of Headquarters. (a)

••	HQ HQ	2/15 2/17	Aust Aust	Infantry Infantry	Battalion Battalion	485394 BRUNEI	TOWN
	HQ	2/28	Aust	Infantry	Battalion Battalion	804889 758867	1041

(b) Weather and Visibility. Well broken low cloud, broken to overcast middle layor, slight haze - no rain - Visibility fair.

Operations BRUNEI Area. (c)

Activity during the day was limited to patrolling and re-grouping of our forces. A small number of Japanese were killed at 494430 and a further 20/25 Japanese were observed to move to the north east from 493413. No contact was made with this party. A second company of 2/15 Australian Infantry Battalion moved from YEILOW Boach to a concontration area at 485395.

Oporations LABUAN ISLAND. (d)

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Extonsive patrolling to BT TIMBAIAI, the area squares 7582 7683 and the area LUBOK TEMIANG to the northern tip of LABUAN ISLAND revealed no sign of the enomy.

Electorts of the 2/11 Australian Cavalry Squadron en-countered heavy enemy fire from 805855, until patrols from the FRST and the NCTTH forced the enemy to withdraw. Indications are that the remaining enemy position now extends from 811854 to 807853.

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(e) Casualties.

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Own casualties.

For 24 hours ending 0600I 15 Jun 45 :-

	Officers	Other Ranks.
Killed in Action	~	-
Wounded in Action	-	1

Progressive totals to 06001 15 Jun 45:-

	Officers	Other Ranks.
Killed in Action	2	25
Wounded in Action	1	62
Missing	-	1

Enemy casualties.

For 24 hours ending 24001 15 Jun 45:-

Counted Dead	PW	
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Progressive totals	to 2400I 13 Jun	45 :-
Counted Dead	Estimated Additional	PW

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Miscellaneous. 3.

1702 troops comprising units listed in sub paragraph 1(c) of Daily Operational Report No 62 of 9 Jun 45 arrived MOROTAI 15 Jun 45 on "CAPE MENDICINO".

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1. Location of Troops

The units listed in paragraph 1 of Daily Operational Report No.67 of 14 Jun 45 are now at MOROTAL.

Operations for the Period

TARAKAN - 16 Jun 45

(a) Location of Headquarters - No change.

(b) Weather and Visibility - Overcast with light intermittent drizzle during the morning - visibility fair.

(c) Operations

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Clearing of the FUKUKAKU area square 4369 was continued by the 2/23 Aust Infantry Battalion and patrols advanced **MB** towards 452712, reaching 449709. The FUKUKAKU area was found to be heavily booby trapped with depth charges and stick mines, which were neutralized by our troops.

During the day 46 dead Japanese wore counted in this area. Two main tunnels in the Japanese headquarters area were opened, and it was found that the enemy had removed all documents.

One company of the 2/24 Aust Infantry Battalion captured the feature at 441706 and exploited to the northeast. One Lewis machine gun, a quantity of 70 mm gun ammunition and some signal equipment were captured on this feature.

Attempts by the 2/4 Aust Cavalry Squadron to drive the enemy from positions at 429735 were repulsed by heavy small arms

A patrol from the company of the MEI Infantry Battalion contacted approximately 20 enemy at 459713 and killed 3 without loss.

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1 $\mathbf{\nabla}$ -2-(d) The following were the dispositions of forward troops at the close of the days operations :-2/23 Aust Infantry Battalion A company moving towards 448709. C company 427689, D company 433699, i 2/24 Aust Infantry Battalion A company DJOEATA VILLAGE. B company TRIG 76, C company 439716, 12 10 D company DJCEATA VILLAGE, 2/48 Aust Infantry Battalion B company 461711. ÷ 2/3 Aust Pioneer Battalion A company 451698, 2/4 Aust Cavalry Squadron A troop 424734 B treop, 437722 and 419725. 2 Company, NEI Infantry Battalion . **. .** . Headquarters 469721. (e) <u>Cast Lties</u> 1 1 1 2 -----<u>†1</u>1 – E Own Casualties For 24 hours ending 24001 15 Jun 45 Officers. Other Ranks. •e^~ Killed in action 3 Wounded in action 6 Missing -. -Progressive totals to 24001 15 Jun 45 Officers. Other Ranks. Killed in action 9 154 Wounded in action 38 583 Missing **i**. .: Encmy Casualties For 24 hours ending 24001 15 Jun 45 -Counted dead 72 Estimated additional dead 4 1 . Progressive totals to 2400I 15 Jun 45 -Counted dead 1028 Estimated additional dead 201 РЯ 37 . 1

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BRUNEI BAY - 16 Jun 45

(a) Location of Headquarters

HQ 2/17 Aust Infantry Battalion 476406 Remainder unchanged

(b) Weather and Visibility - Fine and clear, visibility good.

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(c) Operations ERUNEI Area

Two companies of the 2/17 Aust Infantry Battalion advanced along the TUTONG Road by metor transport with forward scouts in sand-bagged jeeps. Little opposition was met to 383404, and from that point the advance was unopposed. Loading clements of the battalion reached and occupied TUTONG at 1850I. A patrol to the coast at 146308 saw no onemy.

A patrol from the 2/15 Aust Infantry Battalion moving SOUTH along 3 IMANG were ambushed by the enemy at 474370. The enemy withdrew and were engaged by artillery.

It was reported that the LIMBANG road from 447293 enwards was in bad condition and unusable.

A further patrol from the 2/15 Aust Infantry Battalion supported by two ESB gunboats proceeded down the PANDARUAN River towards LINBANG. No report from this patrol has yet been received.

BRUNEI airfield and the area WEST of BERAKAS Road were extensively patrolled. No enemy were seen in these areas.

(d) Operations LABUAN ISLAND

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One company of the 2/28 Aust Infantry Battalion supported by one troop of tanks attacked the enemy pocket in the area 811854. In spite of heavy fire ridge NORTH of the position was captured. One tank was damaged by a mine during this engagement. The main enemy position consists of numerous bunkers with heavy and light machine guns, and is estimated to be large enough to accommodate two companies. This position dominates the ridge captured by our troops, and the surrounding country,

Patrois which moved to the TIMEATAI area by land and sca on 15 Jun, linked up at 755832 from which a patrol to the coast at 736832 and thence SOUTH to 726809 found the area clear of enemy.

(e) General

The road CLIFFORD BRIDGE - TUTONG is reported to be trafficable for tanks but it is considered that it will break up under heavy use. Our tanks are being held at CLIFFORD BRIDGE until further examination of the road is made by engineers.

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Reference Maps: BORNEO SERIES 1/25,000.

Location of troops

(a) AUSTRALIA - No change

MOROTAI - No change ('n)

Operations for the Period

2. : TARAFAN - 17 Jun 45.

> Location of headquarters (a)

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Tactical HQ 2/46 Aust Infantry Battalion 495680. Otherwise no change.

(b) Weather and visibility

Overcast skies with continuous light rain during morning - later fine but overcast. Visibility

(c) Operations

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An enemy escape route to the coast was located on The route leads EAST from 458709 towards the BINALATOENG. River and shows signs of recent enemy, movement.

One company of the 2/48 Aust Infantry Battalion moved to AMAL during the night 16/17 Jun and then moved NORTH along the EAST coast. The forward elements of this company have crossed the BINALATOENG River without contacting the enemy.

Another company of the 2/48 Aust Infantry Battalion moved by barge to the EAST coast and is now at AMAL. A third company of this battalion moved down the NORTH bank of the BINALATOENG River and found a recently

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used Japanese bivouac area at 468708. The company established a base at 468701 from where a patrol tol- + lowed a track along the foothills to the SOUTH-EAS1. Signs of recent onemy activity were seen.

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A patrol from the 2/23 Aust Infantry Battalion encountered light machine gun and rifle fire from 447690 and forced the enemy to withdraw to 452712. Other elements of the 2/23 Aust Infantry Battalion at 459710 were engaged by light machine gun fire.

One company of the 2/24 Aust Infantry Battalion contacted the enemy at 434723. Patrols from the 2/4 Aust Cavalry Squadron located other enemy positions in this area at 433723 and 423733. Twenty enemy ware seen at 424745 and fled to the NORTH-EAST on the approach of our troops.

The company of the NEI Infantry Battalion observed thirty enemy at 455715 and a patrol to 461717 made contact with a party of approximately ten Japanese killing. one.

(d) <u>Casualties</u>

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Own casualties

For 24 hours ending 24001 16 Jun 45:-

	Officers	Other ranks
Killod in action Wounded in action	-	5

Progressive totals to 24001 16 Jun 45:-

	Officers	Othor ranks
Killed in action	9	154
Wounded in action	38	588

Enemy casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 17 Jun 45:-

Counted doad Estimated additional PW	dead	23 8 1
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Progressive totals to 2400I 17 Jun 45:-

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3. BRUNEI BAY - 17 Jun 45

(a) Location of headquarters

HQ 2/13 Aust Infantry Battalion - concentrating BROOKETON. HQ 2/32 Aust Infantry Battalion 224738. Romainder unshanged.

(b) Weather and visibility

Fine - visibility good.

(c) Operations BRUNEI Area -

A native report which was considered reliable stated that approximately 200 Japanese moved during the night

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16/17 Jun from 509396 across the River BRUNEI to approximately 505374. Our artillery and medium machine guns engaged this area and a patrol from the 2/17 Aust Infantry Battalion subsequently proceeded to investigate the area. A patrol from BRUNEI towards LIMBANG reached 460353 and saw no enemy.

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The water borne patrol which proceeded down the PANDARUAN River anchored for the night 16/17 Jun at 582266 and on the morning of 17 Jun continued to advance and landed unopposed at 580262.

A patrol from the companies of the 2/17 Aust Infantry Battalion at TUTONG moved along the coast to investigate the ferry crossing at 102269. No enemy movement was seen.

(d) Operations LABUAN ISLAND

The enemy pocket of resistance at 807855 is being contained by one company of the 2/28 Aust Infantry Battalion. The enemy positions were engaged during the day by artillery and mortar concentrations and at 14001 six B-25 aircraft accurately bombed the area.

A patrol which moved EAST along HAMILTON Road to 782883 thence SOUTH to 779876 saw no enomy movement.

(e) Operations WESTON Area

At 09151 the 2/32 Aust Infantry Battalion with artillery, medium machine guns and tanks made an unopposed landing at WESTON, and moved inland towards 219733 without opposition. Patrols to 212730 and 215719 made no contact while a further patrol to 225738 discovered signs of recent enemy occupation. A further patrol moved to LINKUNGAN 236735 and reported no natives or enemy at the village.

(f) General

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The TUTONG area is reported to be badly damaged by recent bombing.

(g) <u>Own casualties</u>

No report

Enemy casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 17 Jun 45:

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Enemy Casualties.

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For 24 hours ending 24001 18 Jun 45:-

Counted dead 34 Estimated additional dead 1

Progressive totals to 2400I 18 Jun 45:-

Counted dead	1070
Estimated additional dead	203
PW	30

BRUNEI BAY 18 Jun 45

(a) Location of Headquarters

HQ 2/15 Aust Infantry Battalion 483385 HQ 2/17 Aust Infantry Battalion 105270 Tactical HQ 2/28 Aust Infantry Battalion 806860 Main HQ 2/28 Aust Infantry Battalion 813883 Remainder unchanged.

(b) Weather and Visibility.

Fine with light cloud - visibility good.

(c) Operations BRUNEI area

A patrol from the 2/15 Aust Infantry Battalion along the BRUNEI LIMBANG Road reached the village at 447292. Two dead Japanese were found during the patrol, and the village was found to be unoccupied although evidence existed of recent enemy activity.

The waterborne patrol on the PANDARUAN River reached 580262. No encmy movement was seen. Natives report that 400 Japanese are at MENGATAI 4425 and a further 300 in/village at 463270.

Elements of the 2/17 Aust Infantry Battalion at TUTONG reported no enemy activity, but saw five large fires in the direction of SERIA and MIRI.

Natives lod one of our patrols up the TUTONG River to ABANG, square 1818. No enemy were seen.

(d) Operations LABUAN ISLAND

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The enemy positions at 807855 were again subjected to artillery and air attack. At 1100I six B25 aircraft accurately bombed the area.

During the night 17/18 Jun several small parties of the enemy attempted to infiltrate our positions in the area 813854. Three of five Japanese who attacked our positions were killed and were found to be carrying a 3.0 lb aerial bomb strapped on the back.

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(e) Operations WESTON Area

Extensive patrolling in this area failed to make contact with the enemy, except at LINGKUNGAN 237735, where enemy, estimated strength one platoon with heavy machine guns, were engaged. In a successful attack our troops captured LINGKUNGAN village.

Results of a patrol to MARABA 254762 and a river patrol along the BUKAU River to BUKAU are not yot known.

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(f) <u>Casualties</u>

Own Casualties

Corrected progressive totals to 24001 17 Jun 45;-Officers, Othor Ranks.

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Killed in action Wounded in action Missing	2 6 1	34 89

Enemy Casualties

For 24 hours ending 24001 18 Jun:45:-

Counted dead

Progressive totals to 24001 18 Jun 45:-

Counted dead 28 Estimated additional dead 4 FW T
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(g) <u>General</u>

The TUTONG River is reported to be navigable to the jetty at 166304, and TUTONG Harbour suitable for ICMs.

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- (a) 2773 troops comprising the units listed in Appendix ¹B' of Daily Operational Report No.66 of 13 Jun 45 arrived MOROTAI 18 Jun 45 in " HOWELL LYKES ".
- (b) 2134 troops comprising reinforcements and RAAF personnel sailed ex ERISBANE for MOROTAI 15 Jun 45 on " SEA RAY ".

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- 1. Location of Troops
 - (a) AUSTRALIA - No change
 - (b) MOROTAI - No change
- 2. Operations for the period

TARAKAN 19 Jun 45.

(a) Location of headquarters

No change.

(b) Weather and visibility

Rain during morning. Remainder of the day overcast, with moderate to thick haze. Light southerly winds. Visibility reduced to one mile on occasions.

(c) Operations

Aggressive patrolling throughout the day real ted in-17 of the enemy being killed.

(d) Casualties



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Own casualties

For 24 hours ending 24001 18 Jun 45:-

	Officers	Other ranks
Killed in action	-	l
Wounded in action	-	1

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Progressive totals to 2400I 18 Jun 45:-

	Officers	Other ranks
Killed in action	9	155
Wounded in action	38	592

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Enemy casurlties.

For 24 hours ending 24001 19 Jun 45:-

Counted dead

Progressive totals to 2400I 19 Jun 45;-

Counted dead	1087
Estimated additional dead	203
PW	46

3. BRUNEI BAY 19 Jun 45.

(a) Location of headquarters

HQ 2/15 Au HQ 2/32 HQ 2/43	Aust	Infantry	ttalion Battalion Battalion	-	LII(BAN) 224738 934839
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Remainder unchanged.

(b) Weather and visibility

Light showers during the night 18/19 June. Fine and clear throughout the day. Visibil ty good.

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Operations BRUNEI Area (c)

> The water borne patrol on the PANDARUAN River moved overland from 580262 and occupied LIMBANG securing the wharf. No enemy movement was seen in this area.

One company of the 2/17 Aust Infantry Battalion reached 010193 on the coast. A party of 20 Japanese were seen at 056229 but withdrew in a south-westerly direction before contact could be rade. No other enemy movement was seen in this area.

(a) Operations LABUAN ISLAND

One company of the 2/28. Aust Infantry Battclion moved by ICMs from BROWN BEACH and landed at HAMILTON POINT 804805 at first light. The company established a base at 803812 and patrolled NORTH to 800838 locating only one Japanese.

Patrols from the 2/28 Aust Infantry Battalion probed the enemy position on the ridge in the area 807855, and killed 10 Japanese in the vicinity of a house at 812854 🦲 🗧

The enemy position at 807855 was also engaged by en accurate naval bombardment.

(e) **Operations MEMPAKUL**

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. . . Following an artillery bombardment of MEMPAKUL from LABUAN ISLAND, the 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalion group

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moved from LABUAN and landed at MEMPAKUL 933838 at The landing was unopposed. 11001. By 1430I a line from MENUMBOK to 957857 to 935850 was sccure, and no enemy movement had been seen.

A patrol later made contact with enemy, estimated strength of one platoon, at 960865.

Natives reported that two enemy officers and 30 other ranks were in the area prior to the landing, and: that a further 50 Japanese were at KINANAP 957872.

(f) **Operations WESTON Area**

> A patrol from LINGKUNGAN made contact with a small enemy defensive position at 239737.

(g) Casualties

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Own casualties

No report.

Enemy casualties

	For 24 hours ending 24001 19 Jun 45	Progressive totals to 24001 19 Jun 45 *
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MEMPAKUL WESTON		
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Includes revised counts not previously notified. ¥

(h) General

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The coastal track south-west from TUTONG is jeepable as far as 035213. From this point onwards the track is overgrown, necessitating clearing by our advancing patrols.

Tests made at MENPLKUL of the submarine cable to LABUAN indicate a break in the cable. Further investigation will be made at low tide.

H Wells Big J., Lieutonant-General, Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

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1.	Location of Troops		
•	(a) AUSTRALIA - no change		
	(b) MOROTAI - no change		
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	(c) <u>Operations</u>		
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Progressive	totals	to	2400I	19	Jun	45:-	
0						Officers.	Other

Killed in action	9	155
Wounded in action	38	593

Enemy Casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 20 Jun 45:-

Counted dead	15
Estimated additional dead	4
FW	2

Progressive totals to 2400I 20 Jun 45:-

Counted dead	1102
Estimated additional dead	207
PW	48

BRUNEI BAY

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(a) Location of Headquarters

HQ 2/13 Aust Infantry Battalion 441938 HQ 2/32 Aust Infantry Battalion 243739 HQ 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalion 934840

- (b) Weather and Visibility:- Fine and clear with light cloud - good visibility.
- (c) Operations WESTON MEMPAKUL area

The river patrol to BUKAU reached 251800 and found no enemy in the area.

At 2100I 19 Jun a small enemy party attempted to infiltrate our position at 960958, but was repulsed.

During the night 19/20 Jun the enemy withdrew from 960865 and the position was occupied by the 2/11 Aust Cavalry Squadron. A patrol moved to the vicinity of 965858 and another patrol moved to KINANAP and by 1500 hours had secured a line from 956880 to 967884.

No enemy were found in this area.

Elements of the 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalion together with a detachment of the 2/11 Aust Cavalry Squadron moved by barge along the KLIAS River to 981883 and occupied the spur 977885. Fatrols to 974903 and 974896 made no contact.

A small force moved by ICM(G) NORTH along the KLIAS River to establish a patrol base at MELIKAI.

(d) Operations LABUAN ISLAND

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Artillery bombardment of the enemy positions square 8085 was continued. Six MITCHELL aircraft also bombed the area.

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A patrol of the 2/28 Aust Infantry Battalion killed seven Japanese at 794827.

(e) Operations BRUNEI area

A patrol from the 2/15 Aust Infantry Battalion from 446295 to 452284 made no contact.

It is reported that a native patrol moved from 452284 to MENGATAI, and that 16 Japanese were killed by DYAKS, in the LIMBANG area.

Forward troops of the 2/17 Aust Infantry Battelion reached 932149 on the coast without contact, and continued to advance in a southwesterly direction along the coast.

Native reports state that fifty Japanese and many civilians left SERIA on 12 Jun.

(f) Operations LUTONG

At 0930I following a naval bombardment, the 2/13 Aust Infantry Battalion group landed unopposed on LUTONG beach 434910 to 435919.

At 1500 hours the battalion was disposed with battalion headquarters 436936 and companies at 436936, 451931, 436920 and 434893. The only enemy seen was a party of 8 Japanese at burnt-out bridge at 449932.

Six B25 aircraft bombed and strafed the area 449865 and the cross roads at 456876.

Ten Indian FW were released at LUTONG, and acting on information received from natives a patrol moved to 434948, where a prison cage was located and a further ninety Indian FW were released.

(g) Casualties

Own Casualties

No report received.

Enery Casualties

·	For 24 hours ending 24001 20 Jun 45.	Progressive totals to 24001 20 Jun
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No 75 - Period 24001 20 Jun to 24001 21 Jun 45.

Reference Map - BORNEO Series 1/25000.

1. Location of Troops

Det of 1 Aust Nayal Bombardment Gp arrived MCRCTAI on 21 Jun 45 from AUSTRALIA.

Operations for the period

2. TARAKAN

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(a) Location of headquarters

No change.

(b) <u>Weather and visibility</u> of

of Forty points/rain during night 20/21 Jun - fine during the day with well broken low cloud,

(c) Operations

With the capture of enemy positions at 432748, all positions are now cleared and organised <u>fericture</u> on TARAKAN has ceased.

(d) Casualties

Own casualties

For 24 hours ending 2400I 20 Jun 45:-

	Officers	Other ranks
Killed in action		
Wounded in action	-	1

Progressive totals to 24001 20 Jun 45:-

	Dfficers	Other ranks
Killed in action	9	155
Mounded in action	38	594

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Enemy Casualties

For 24 hours ending 24001 21 Jun 45:-

Counted dead	9
Estimated additional dead	-
PW	3

Progressive totals to 2400I 21 Jun 45:

Counted dead	1113
Estimated additional dead	207
PW	52

ERUNEI - SARAWAK 21 Jun 45

(a) Location of headquarters

HQ 2/17 Aust Infantry Battalion 831108 HQ 2/32 Aust Infantry Battalion 226737 Remainder unchanged.

(b) Weather and visibility

Fine and clear - light clouds. Visibility good.

(c) Operations WESTON and MEMPAKUL areas.

One company of the 2/32 Aust Infantry Battalion moved by craft along the PADAS River towards GADONG 2090, and reached BAINKING without seeing any enemy.

The 2/11 Aust Cavelry Squadron less one troop advanced NORTH from FELIKAI and by 1500I had reached 018954 without contact.

The river patrol on the KLIAS River reached SINGKORAP 190005 and KOTA KLIAS 2500. Fifteen Japanese were killed in the KOTA KLIAS area.

One company of the 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalion and one troop of the 2/11 Aust Cavalry Squadron moved by water to 038947.

A naval beach commando patrol moved by sea from REMPAKUL and reached SABANG. The water at 107068 is reported to be deep enough to take LCMs.

(d) Operations LABUAN

At 0400I 21 Jun, approximately one hundred Japanese from area 8085 attacked the beach maintenance area in the vicinity of VICTORIA HARBOUR, killing fourteen and wounding twentyfour of our own troops. The attack was repulsed and forty-nine Japanese were killed.

Later in the day, two companies of the 2/28 Aust Infentry Battalion, supported by flame throwing and other tanks, attacked and cleared the remaining enemy positions in the area 8085.

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(e) Operations LILBANG area

Battalion headquarters and two companies of the 2/15 Aust Infantry Battalion are now at LIMBING.

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A patrol to 532216 contacted a party of DYAKS who had in their possession six Japanese heads. Another prirel to BT MAS 5523 made no contact.

Reports have been received of the presence of Australian prisoners of war at UKONG. A patrol from the 2/15 Lust . Infantry attalion is moving along the LINBANG River towards UKONG to investigate these reports.

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(f) Operations TTONG-SERIA

Air reconnaissance on 20 Jun reported large fires burning in SERIA.

Leading elements of the 2/17 Aust Infantry Battalion reached the mouth of the BIRA River at 2000I 20 Jun, and by 1300I 21 Jun were disposed with battalion headquarters and one company at 828107 and one company at 812102. Twenty-four Japanese wore killed in this area.

(g) Operations LUTONG area

Following navel bombardment of the area, one company of the 2/13 Aust Infantry Battalion occupied the PUJUT cross roads at 456878. No energy were soon.

Patrols to 443965 and 456878 made no contact.

(h) Casualties

Own Crsualties

	For 24 hc	urs ending	For 24 hours ending	
	24001 19	Jun 45.	24001 20 Jun 45.	
·	Officers.	Other Ranks.	Officers.	Other Ranks.
Killed in action	1	2	-	4
Wounded in action	1	10		7

Casualty figures for 17 and 18 Jun have not yet been received.

• • •	Enemy Casualties	For 24 hours ending 2400I 21 Jun 45.	Progressive totals to 24001 21 Jun 45.
	MEMPAKUL - WESTON		
· ·	Counted dead Estimated additionel	13	30
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· •	Counted dead Estimated additional	139	397
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	(a)	Location of Headquarters	
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•		HQ 2/48 Aust Infantry Battalion 443661 Remainder unchanged.	
	(b)	Weather and Visibility.	
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	•	Forty points of rain between 0300I and 0800I. From 0800I onwards, fine with good visibility.	
	(c)	Operations.	
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		Active patrols continued to search out scattered Japanese; eleven Japanese were killed during the day.	
•	(a)	Casualties.	
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		For 24 hours ending 2400I 21 Jun 45:	
		Officers Other Ranks	
		Killed in Action Wounded in Action - 6	

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Progressive totals to 2400I 21 Jun 45:

	Officers	Other ranks
Milled in Action	9	155
Wounded in Action	38	600

Enemy casualties.

For 24 hours ending 24001 22 Jun 45:

	For 2	4 hours	Progressive
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Counted dead	dead	11	1124
Estimated additional		2	209
FW		3	54

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(a) Location of Headquarters.

MENPAKUL HQ 24 Aust Infantry Brigade Remainder unchanged.

(b) Weather and Visibility

Fine and clear, overcast in the later afternoon. Visibility good.

(c) Operations IABUAN ISIAND.

Attempted infiltration by a small party of Japanese into the 2/28 Aust Infantry Battalion area resulted in six Japanese being killed. Mopping up continues in the south-eastern portion of the Island.

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(d) Operations LEMPAKUL area.

HQ 24 Aust Infantry Brigade closed IABUAN ISLAND at 1400I and re-opened at ME PAKUL at the same time.

Nine enemy were killed and eleven wounded in the MELIKAT area.

The 2/11 Aust Cavalry Squadron moved from MELIKAI towards KARUKAN.

Two companies of the 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalion moved by craft along the KLIAS River to KOTA KLIAS.

(e) Operations WESTON Area.

Patrols from the 2/32 Aust Infantry Battalion to squares 2573 2673 and 2670 saw no enemy. Other elements of the 2/32 Aust Infantry Eattalion made contact with a small enemy defensive position at 247747.

(f) Operations LIMBANG Area.

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Patrolling was: continued in the LIMBANG area, without contact being made with the enemy. The water borne patrol from the 2/15 Aust Infantry Battalion returned from UKONG and oved by craft along the PANDARUAN River towards BANGAR. No movement was seen on the PANDARUAN River. •

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(g) Operations SERIA.

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SERIA town was occupied by elements of the 2/17 Aust Infantry Battalion during the night 21/22 Jun. Twenty one oil fires were burning in the town which is badly damaged. The power house and the water supply at SERIA had been destroyed by the enemy. Local patrols are being continued in the SERIA area, and a patrol moved WEST along the coast towards KG KUAIA BELAIT.

(h) Operations LUTONG.

Patrols from the 2/13 Aust Infantry Battalion patrolled the area SOUTH of PUJUT and NORTH along the EAST bank of the LUTONG River to 422990. No enemy were seen. A patrol from PUJUT SW along the FUJUT-MIRI Road reached 426895 without contact.

(i) Casualties.

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Own casualties.

	For 24 hours ending 24001 21 Jun 45		Progressive # totals to 2400I 21 Jun 45.	
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Killed in Action	1	4	4	53
Wounded in Action			12	157
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Includes figures for 17 and 18 Jun.

Enery casualties.

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(d) <u>Casualties</u>

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(a) Location of headquarters

Tactical headquarters 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalion 268995 . HQ 2/17 Aust Infantry Battalion 788095. Remainder unchanged.

(b) Weather and visibility

Generally fine - some light showers. Overcast skies in the later afternoon. Moderate visibility.

(c) Operations WESTON Area

A river borne patrol from the 2/32 Alst Infantry Battalion reached 221913 and patrolled to NAFARAM 2093 without contact.

Five Japanose were killed and a further two estimated killed in the area 248748.

(d) Operations MAMPAKUL Area

One company of the 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalion moved by sea from MEMFAKUL to SABANG 0905. A patrol from SABANG contacted the 2/11 Aust Cavalry Squadron moving NORTH from KALAGUS at KARUKAN 131035.

A scaborne patrol from SABANG landed at 177153 and patrolled to KUALA PENYU 2014, and along the track to 188165 without contact.

(e) Operations LABUAN ISLAND

Patrolling was continued by the 2/28 Aust Infantry Battalion with the object of clearing the island of enemy stragglers. Seven Japanese were killed, during the day.

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(f) Operations ERUNEI - LIMBANG Area

Two companies of the 2/15 Aust Infantry Battalion moved from BROOKETON to BRUNEI. Local patrols in the LIMBANG area report no sign of the enemy.

(g) Operations SERIA - MIRI area

Local patrols in the SERIA area reported no enemy seen. Some small oil fires were extinguished, but the larger fires are still burning.

Forward elements of the 2/13 Aust Infantry Battalion entered MIRI town at 1430I without opposition.

It is reported that the jetties and Customs House are in good order.

A patrol moving NORTH from LUTONG to BARAM PT 4007 reached 421992 without contact. Other patrols in the LUTONG area saw signs of recent Japanese activity, including bodies of Javanese who had been bayonetted.

(h) <u>Casualties</u>

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Own casualties

No report yet received for 24 hours ending 24001 22 Jun 45.

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- 1. Location of Troops
 - (a) MOROTAI No change

(b) AUSTRAL IA - No change

Operations for the period

TARAKAN - 24 Jun 45

(a) Location of headquarters

No changes.

(b) Weather and visibility

Fine, with good visibility.

(c) Operations

Patrol activity continued throughout the day and several small parties of disorganised Japanese were killed. Signs of considerable enery movement were seen in the area NORTH of TRIG 80 424750.

Indications are that small parties of the enemy have been making their escape by sea from the NORTH part of the island. This is borne out by the finding of four rafts in the mouth of the SELATANG River at 445797, and the capture by PT boats during the night 23/24 Jun, of four Japanese on a raft EAST of TARAKAN.

(d) Casualties

Own Casualties Progressive For 24 hours endtotals to ing 2400I 23 Jun 2400I 23 Jun 45 -45 Offrs Other Ranks Offrs Other Ranks 156 9 1 Killed in Action 600 38 Wounded in Action 1 Enemy casualties

	For 24 hours ending 2400F 24 Jun 45	Progressive Totals to 2400I 24 Jun 45
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BRUNEI BAY

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(a) Location of headquarters

HQ 2/17 Aust Infantry Battalion 764087 HQ 2/32 Aust Infantry Battalion 271916 HQ 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalion 320924 Remainder unchanged.

(b) Weather and tisibility

Fine, with good visibility.

(c) Operations WESTON area

The river borne patrol on the PADAS River reached 270910, and was joined by Tactical HQ and one company of the 2/32 Aust Infentry Battalion in the area 271900.

(d) Operations MEMPAKUL area

Elements of the 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalion from KOTA KLIAS moved to the area 320924, where the battalion less one company is concentrating. One company is at present in the SABANG area.

Patrols from the 2/11 Aust Cavalry Squadron continued to advance NORTH and have reached BATU LUANG 1510 and SABANG. No enemy were seen.

(e) Operations LABUAN ISLAND

Two companies of the 2/28 Aust Infantry Battalion moved from LABUAN ISLAND to the WESTON area.

Patrolling was continued throughout the day, and ten Japanese were killed.

(f) Operations BRUNEI - LINBLNG area

The river patrol to BANCA: reached 585172 on the PANDARUAN River and is proceeding overland to BANGAR.

A patrol killed two Japanese in the BERIMBANG area 538389.

(g) Operations SERIA - MIRI

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One company of the 2/17 Aust Infantry Battalion moved from BRUNEI and joined the other elements of the battalion already at SERIA.

The 2/13 Aust Infantry Battalion patrol which moved NORTH along the coast from LUTONG reached CAPE BARAM without contact, and then returned to LUTONG.

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No contact was made by local patrols in the area of FIRI -TOWN and to the NCRTH-EAST of the town.

(h) <u>Casualties</u>

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Estimated additional dead	1	213 69
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(a) Location of Headquarters

HQ 24 Aust Infantry Brigade .. HQ 2/17 Aust Infantry Battalion HQ 2/32 Aust Infantry Battalion

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Remainder unchanged

(b) Weather and Visibility

Fine and clear - good visibility.

(c) BEAUFORT - WESTON area

HQ 24 Aust Infantry Brigade moved from LABUAN to the KARANG area 291915.

The 2/32 Aust Infantry Battalion less one company concentrated in the area square 2891, leaving one company at WESTON. A patrol from 2891 moved to cut the railway line in the area 3387.

The 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalion less one company is now concentrated in the area 320925. A patrol moved to the PADAS river at 334907 and thence to LIMAT 3097 without contact.

> TAMU KAYUI 1706 and TEMPURONG 1511 were occupied by the 2/11 Aust Cavalry Squadron without opposition.

(d) LABUAN ISLAND

During the night 23/24 Jun, two Japanese were killed whilst attempting to infiltrate the area 840836, in the vicinity of HQ 9 Aust Division.

Patrols during the day made no further contact with the enemy.

(e) BRUNEI LIMBANG

Seven Japanese were captured by patrols of 2/15 Aust Infantry Battalion operating in the vicinity of LIMBANG.

The patrol to BANGAR returned - no enemy movement was • • . seene

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(f) <u>SERIA - MIRI area</u>

One company of the 2/17 Aust Infantry Battalion occupied KUALA BELAIT without opposition.

2/13 Aust Infantry Battalion patrols from PUJUT to 476892, and from P T SE along the light railway to the LIKU p sing station at 490825 i ade ; o contect.

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	Estimated additional dead		39
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(d) <u>Casualties</u>

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	For 24 ending 25 Jur	+ hours 5 24001 1 45.	Progress to 2400]	ive totals 25 Jun 45
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03	or 24 hours nding 2400I 26 Jun 45	Progressive totals to 2400I 26 Jun 45
 Counted dead	7	1174
Estimated additional dead	1 <u>-</u>	213
PW	5	74

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(a) Location of headquarters

HQ 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalion BINGKUL square 3390

(b) Weather and visibility

Fine with light cloud - visibility good.

(c) BEAUFOR T - WESTON Area

Two companies of the 2/28 Aust Infantry Battalion continued active patrolling in the FESTON area without making contact. The remaining two companies moved from LABUAN via FESTON to the craft head on the PADAU River at 333914.

The 2/32 Aust Infantry Battalion is now concentrated in square 2991.

The 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalion carried out extensive patrols to the NORTH, EAST and SOUTH but no enemy were encountered. The battalion is now concentrated in area BINGKUL square 3390.

The 2/11 just Cavalry Squadron patrolled to KUALA PENYU in square 2113 without making contact. This track is not

(d) LABUAN ISLAND

Patrol from the 2/12 Aust Cavalry Squadron in the area 793914 killed fourteen enemy.

(e) BRUNEI LIMGANG

4 river patrol from the 2/15 Aust Infantry Battalion 1oft LIMBANG for UKONG on 25 Jun.

(f) SERIA - MIRI Area

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A patrol from the 2/17 Aust Infantry Battalion which crossed the BELLIT RIVER at 642060 found the ferry sunk and reported

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that heavy equipment would be required to raise it.

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Two railway engines were calvaged at BADAS 900036 and returned to SERIA.

A company patrol from the 2/13 Lust Infantry Battalion contacted 20 Japanese at 422833 four of whom were probably killed. Our observation post observed six enemy vehicles moving EAST along RIAM Road in proximity of square 8042.

One company moving NORTH to link with a patrol of the 2/17 Aust Infantry Battalion at BARAM PT reached 406036.

(g) <u>Casualties</u>

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LABUAN				
Counted dead Estimated additional PW	le dead -	;	469 39 22	
BRUNEI - SERIA				
Counted dead Estimated additional FW	dead -		116 21 49	
MIRI - LUTONS				
Counted dead Estimated additional	l dead 4		6 4	

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Counted dead A	21	1195	
Estimated additional of	lead 2	215	
PW	7	81	

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BRUNEI BAY - 26/27 Jun 45

(a) Location of Headquarters

Advanced HQ 20 Aust Infantry Brigade KUALA BELAIT Rear HQ 20 Aust Infantry Brigade 493383 HQ 2/32 Aust Infantry Battalion 327898 HQ 2/43 Aust Infentry Battalion 323918 Remainder unchanged.

(b) Weather and Visibility - Fine with light cloud -Good visibility. and an arrest • 🗄 1945 🖏

(c) BEAUFORT

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On 26 Jun an enemy position which was located at ... 354908 was occupied by one company of the 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalion following artillery concentrations on the area.

Patrols from 354908 made contact with every positions at 361906 and 361905; the latter position was occupied by approximately thirty Japanese.

Late reports received state that BEAUFORT was captured by our troops on 27 Jun and is now firmly held. No further details are available.

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(d) LABUAN (b)

Patrolling was continued. 7____

(e). LIMBANG. WY nover π_{22}

Two pletoons of the 2/15 Aust Infnatry Battalion departed from LIMBANG by LCM for TRUSAN. A further platoon left LIMBANG to proceed to the LAWAS RIVER. Frank I.

(f) <u>SERIA - MIRI</u>

BELAIT on 26-Jun with the rear HQ remaining at 493383. The patrol from the 2/13 Aust Infantry Battalion which (terrista) moved NORTH-along the coast towards the mouth of the $\sim 1 +$ BARAM River, linked up at BARAM POINT 4007 with a patrol from the 2/17 Aust Infantry Battalion at 1800I 26 Jun. 187 A patrol to the DALAM pumping station encountered three $C_{i,j}$ Japanese at 426813. 3

Suspected enemy positions at 415813 and 437793 were engriged by navel borbardment. A further suspected enemy position at 426818 was shelled by our artillery.

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Killed in action Wounded in action Missing	-	1	5 8 -	49 128 1
Enemy	For 24 ending 27 Jun	2400I		
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<u>LABUAN</u>			4	(Formosan)
Counted dead Estimated additional PW	l dead	6 1	475 21	(Japanese)
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MIRI - LUTONG				
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No 82 - Period 2400I 27 Jun to 2400I 28 Jun 45.

Reference maps - BORNEO Series 1/25,000.

- 1. Location of Troops
 - (a) AUSTRALIA No change
 - (b) MOROTAI No change
 - Operationsfor the Period
- 2. TARAKAN 28 Jun 45
 - (a) Location of Headquarters No change
 - (b) Weather and Visibility Intermittent rain with light SW winds, visibility fair.
 - (c) Operations

During the day patrols engaged several small parties of enemy stragglers making their way to the north coast. enemy Fight/were willed and fifteen centured whilst attempting

Eight/were killed and fifteen captured whilst attempting to escape from the island by rafts.

(d) Casualties

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	For 24 hours ending 24001 27 Jun 45		Progressive totals to 2400I 27 Jun 45	
	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other</u> Ranks	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other</u> Ranks
Killed in action Wounded in action	-	-	9 38	157 609

Enemy

		Progressive totals to 2400I 28 Jun 45
Counted dead	29	1224
Ertimated additional dead	2	217
PW	15	96

BRUNEI BAY

(a) <u>location of Headquarters</u>

HQ 2/32 Aust Infantry Battalion 348902 HQ 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalion 359904 Remainder unchanged.

- (b) Weather and Visibility Fine in the morning overcast in the afternoon with light showers - visibility good.
- (c) BEAUFORT WESTON

The 2/32 and 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalions consolidated in BEAUFORT area. Elements of these battalions also commenced patrolling along the railway from BEAUFORT to WESTON and to the NORTH of BEAUFORT.

(d) <u>SERIA - MIRI</u>

A patrol from the 2/13 Aust Infantry Battalion encountered enemy at 414810 and were fired on by heavy and light machine guns and a light mortar. The patrol engaged the enemy inflicting some casualties.

(e) <u>OTHER SECTORS</u>

Active patrolling was continued in all other sectors.

(f) Casualties

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No report received for 26 Jun 45.

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MIRI - LUTONG

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No 83 - Period 2400I 28 Jun 45 to 2400I 29 Jun 45.

Reference maps - BORNEO Series 1/25,000.

1. Location of troops

> The units listed in appendix 'A' of Daily Operational Report No 79 of 26 Jun 45 arrived MOROTAI on 29 Jun 45.

Operations for the period

2. TARAKAN 29 Jun 45

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Location of headquarters (a)

No chango.

(b) Weather and visibility

Overcast with low broken cloud and light rain during the night, visibility fair.

(c) <u>Operations</u>

During the day our patrols were actively engaged in scarching for enemy stragglers. Several parties were contacted and two rafts destroyed. Twantytwo Japanose ware killed and five captured.

(d) <u>Casualties</u>

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Killed in action Wounded in action	ī	ī	9 39	157 6 10



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Location of hoadquarters

HQ	2/28	Aust	Infantry	Battalion	355923
				Battalion	347992
				Battalion	360906

(b) Weather and visibility

Fine, visibility good.

(c) BEAUFORT - WESTON

The 2/28 Aust Infantry Battalion less two companies moved NORTH to 368944 and 355923 to provide laft flank protection for the 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalion. A patrol reached 373963 without seeing any energy. A further patrol of this battalion reached 262792 near BUKAU without making contact, and reported the railway line trafficable from WESTON to this point.

The 2/32 Aust Infantry Battalion less one company is continuing the advance to the EAST against some opposition. Enony positions on the spur 375900 were overcome by a company of the 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalion. Another company is in contact in the house area at 363898. Mopping up of the few isolated pockets remaining in the BEAUFORT area is being continued by this battalion.

Ono troop of our tanks is now at 360906.

(d) BRUNEI - SERIA - MIRI

The patrol from the 2/15 Aust Infantry Battalion moving up the LIMBANG River reached UKONG 28 Jun without making contact.

A river patrol from the 2/17 Aust Infantry Battalion moving up the BELAIT River reached BALAI 7890 27 Jun and pro-cooded on to SEMBURUL 8889. No energy were sighted.

A patrol from the 2/13 Aust Infantry Battalion occupied positions at 413803 from which the energy had recently withdrawn.

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3508 troops comprising the units listed in appendix 'A' of Daily Operational Report No 79 of 26 Jun 45 arrived MOROTAI 29 Jun 45 in "EVANGELINE" and "SEA BARB".

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1 AUST CORPS ALC'S BUT, TIN TO. 52

(From information received to 0100001)

PART I

1. TARAKAN

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(a) <u>2/23 Sust Inf Bn</u>

Enemy fire was encountered from 432683 and 432688. Following an airstrike on feature 424685 troops attacked EAST and SE along ridme to 424685. The enemy positions at 422685 were cleared and a further two positions are being engaged.

(b) <u>2/24 ...ust Inf En</u>

The feature #20709 was occupied by elements of the bn without opposition. Later a small party of enemy at 422706 were engaged by our troops.

(c) <u>NZI</u>

A patrol of NEI Infantry coy moved NORT from AVAL River along foothills to BINALATOENG River 4971 and returned via coast. 4 Japs were killed at 499688.

(d) 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn

Patrol from 408724 to 222749 found no enemy.

- (c) <u>Casualties</u> :
- <u>Own</u> 24 hours ending 3024001 4 killed 8 wounded. Enemy - to 3124001 counted dead 712, estimated dead 161 PT 25.
- (f) Air Strikes 31 Tay 45

Feature 424685 was attacked by 17 Liberators 16 Witchells and 15 Lightnings. A total of 67 tons of bombs were dropped, and 16 x 165 gal Mapalm containers. The pilot of the Auster aircraft spotting the strike reported the area completely covered by fire. Five Auster sorties were flown during the day- three spotting of air strikes, one arty rocce, and one leaflet dropping.

2. BOIGAINVILLE

- (a) <u>SOUTH</u>: 3 Div area hostile shelling 57/60 bn area bn HQ 995446 15 bn and 24 bn patrolling.
- (b) <u>CENTRAL & NORTH</u> : 23 Ede and 11 Ede areas minor patrol clashes.
- (c) <u>Casualties</u>: 24 hours to 3009007 mamy 12 killed 1 wounded 1 PT 3 found dead, own 2 killed 2 wounded.

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- 3. <u>NE" GUINEA</u>
 - (a) 33 AS : 6 Div. Coast 19 Hds. Snony attacked coy posn 328028 DP brought down snony 75 mm sun dastroyed 337020 enemy located N3 HANDI 4201. Casualties enemy 28 killed 10 found dead - own 2 killed 3 wounded 1 missing.
 - (b) <u>INL-ND</u>: 17 Bds troops occupied position 743980 snamy located 738990. Casualties anomy 1 killed.

3. (c) <u>Sida</u> Insmy camps 250244 to 260241 and 238251 strafed NO return fire. 4. CHINGE OF COLLAID 25 Just Inf Ede came under command 1 Just Corps .: 06001830 Tay 45. • • 5. <u>INCLOSUTES</u> **.**.: . . . 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary To 31: en en anter en artalizzation de la companya de la c Mullan, May fil Brig C 1 (ust Corps • _ Distribution: (as for Bullatin Mo 46) • المىشىدىلەر بىلەر يەرىيىنىڭ يېرىدىتىن. ئىشىدىلەر بىلەر يەرىيىنىڭ يېرىيىنىڭ يېرىيىنىڭ يېرى n a manage a second a transfer a second a s . •••• and the second and the second states of the second second -----. . · • • ----

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1 SUST CORPS .LO'S BULTETIN NO 53

(from information received to 020°00I)

PART I.

1. TARAKAN

(a) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

Troops completely cleared feature 424685. Enemy still hold positions from 420085 SE to 427683 with LTG and rifles covering approaches from TORTH and SOUTH.

(b) <u>2/48 Aust Inf Bn</u>

Following an air strike on enemy positions feature 464691 a coy attacked from the EAST and by 1800 I had captured the feature and exploited "EST to 443691.

(c) 2/4 ust Cav Sqn

A 27 11 party of the enemy attempted to infiltrate on night 30/51 May into a troop area at 376795. Three enemy were killed and one wounded by booby traps. Other elements of the sqn patrolled from 408724 to 422749 without seeing any enemy.

(d) Air Strikes I Jun.

In accurate attack by 18 B24s and 24 P38s carrying Napalm was made on feature 446691. On capturing the feature ground troops report that the area was completely devastated by the air attack.

- 2. BOUGAINVILLE
 - (a) SOUTH : 3 Div- Patrol clashes throughout area.
 - (b) <u>CINTERS</u> 25 Bis inomy peen SP6158 attacked following air strike.
 - (c) <u>NOETH</u> : Il Eds. Patrol contacts only
 - (d) <u>Casualties</u> <u>Inemy-15</u> killed 4 found dead 1 Pr. <u>Orn - 4</u> killed 16 wounded 1 missing.

3. <u>NET BRIT.IN</u>

5 aust Div. Four barges sighted 130766 moving HTT.

4. NET GUINEL

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- (a) <u>COAST</u>: 6 Div , 19 bds. Hostils shalling 300067. Wight 29/30 Tay anony Successfully attacked 2/7 bn parimeter 379042 no casualties. 2/7 cay sqn moved BRANDI 4002 reverted to comd 2/6 cay cdo regt. 2/3 bn less three cors moved BORAN now under comd 19 bds.
- (b) <u>INL.HD</u>: 17 Eds. Energy in occupation ridge 745976 to 746971. Unsuccessful pl attack 746971 precoded by air strike. Erea 743984 737990 cleared and occupied. Eslief 2/7 bn by 2/5 bn by air commenced.
- (c) <u>Casualties</u> : <u>inemy</u> 5 killed

0mn - 2 killed 2 rounded.

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(d) Sea : IL patrol strafed areas WSCHW ISLAND.

PART II.

5. "DOMINATOR" B32 AIRCRAFT.

The following particulars have been received of the B32 aircraft operating in the PHILIPPINES :

WEIGHT	Gross Empty	100,000 1bs 60,000 1bs
SPEEDS	Landing Cruising max S & L	118 mph 200 mph 302 mph at 5,000' 382 mph 30,000'
RANGE AT 10,000	2,900 miles	at 200 mph, with 5,460 gals of gas and 20,000 lbs bombs. Time $14\frac{1}{2}$ hrs
	3,500 miles	187 mph, with 5,460 gals of gas and 8,000 lbs bombs .Time 182 hrs.
ENGINES	WRIGHTS	2,200 hp at 30,000"
DIMENSIONS	Span Length Height Wing Area	135' 0" 82' 11" 33' 0" 1,422 sq ft
ARMAMENT	10 x 50 cal	

Armoured and self-sealing tanks.

6. CHANGES OF LOCATION

Adv HQ 1 TAF closed at TARAKAN 25 May and opened at SANGA SANGA 26 May. Command Post 1 TAF opened at TARAKAN 25 May.

PART III

7. ENCLOSURES

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1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 32.

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Distribution : (as for Bulletin No 46)

1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO 54

(From information received to 0309001)

1. TARAKAN

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(a) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

Knoll at 426685 captured. Enemy in strength on spur 427684 to knoll 427683.

(b) 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

Following an effective air strike by 16 B24s which dropped 38 tons of bombs on feature 423702, a coy attacked from the SOUTH and captured the feature. Simultaneously a coy attacked from the NORTH and at last light were still in contact at 422703.

(c) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Native supply train with escort ambushed by enemy at 445684 some casualties incurred.

(d) <u>General</u>

During the night 31 May/1 Jun enemy troops infiltrated into the areas 403677, 418662 and 449669 inflicting some casualties. In these engagements the enemy suffered 7

- (e) <u>Casualties</u> : <u>Own</u> 24 hours ending 0124001 1 killed 1 missing.

Enemy - To date - 796 counted dead, 163 additional estimated dead, PN 32.

(f) Air Strike 1 Jun

Twentythree P38s which were to follow the attack contioned in para 1 (b) were weathered out of TARAKAN.

- 2. BOUGAINVILLE
 - (a) SOUTH : 3 Div. 58/59 bn. Jap posn BUIN rd outflanked unopposed adv 1500 yds SE along NORTH of rd, coys now at 971406 967413. 57/60 bn. Minor contacts. Enemy unknown strength 995445 digging in 003429. 2/8 cav sqn. Patrol base 070393.
 - CENTR-L : 23 bde. Enomy posns 695160 686157 engaged (b) by arty mortars.
 - : 11 Bde. Patrol contacts 289706 329725. (c) NORTH
 - Casualties : Enemy 1 found dead. Own 1 killed 2 wounded. (d)
- 3. NEW GUINEA

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- COAST : 6 Div. 19 Edo. Enomy in strength 352023 patrol (a) contacts 427006 401010. Enemy guns 425995 396994 active eng-ged by our arty. Ho 16 Bde opened 360054.
- INLAND: 17 Bdo. Extonsive enomy arty posn KALABU area (b) 7297. Enemy unknown strongth 779007 patrol contact 737962 vacated posn found 759014. Enomy rosisting strongly 736990.

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(c) <u>Casualties</u> : Enomy 17 killed. Own 1 wounded.

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4. CENSORSHIP

The following instructions are to be promulgated to personnel of AL Secs. (Adv LHQ G/177.05/Int of 30 May 45)

- (a) Montion of movement to this area will be restricted to the bare statement that a soldier has moved e.g. "I am now outside AUSTRALIA". No reference will be made to the name or type of ship or aircraft, its armament, duration or course of journey, escert vessels, number of tropps or identity of other units seen or contacted, ships or aircraft sighted on route.
- (b) No reference will be made to port facilities, airfields, identity of other units and number of troops in the area, military installations or enemy action.
- (c) Personnel may describe local conditions such as climate, vegetation, fauna, proximity to the sea, provided that no information is given which discloses the location.
 - (d) Personnel may state they are "on a Pacific Island" or a "Tropical island" but they will NOT state that the island is Dutch territory or that they are in the NGTHERLANDS EAST INDIES.
 - (c) Reference will NOT me made to exchange loading of pay nor will Dutch currency be mentioned or sent out of the area. Japanese invasion currency issued for the Philippines may be sent but NOT the invasion currency issued for the NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES.

5. ENCLOSURES

1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 33.

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Distribution : (As for Bullatin No 46)



1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO 55

(from information received to 0409001)

- 1. TARAKAN
 - (a) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

Our troops are in contact with enemy at 427683.

(b) 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

Elements of bn occupied 419702 forcint enemy to withdraw.

(c) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

After an airstrike by 15 Mitchells and 31 Lightnings on 442692 troops of 2/48bn moving from 445691 to 443694 found enemy still occupying feature 442692 in strength. Another patrol contacted enemy strongpost at 443685. Some enemy killed in minor engagement; post subsequently mortared.

(d) 2/4 Just Cav Sqn

Troop ambushed 15 enemy at 436715 inflicting some casualties without loss.

(e) <u>Casualties</u> : <u>Enemy</u> - to 032400I 806 counted dead, 165 estimated dead 32 PV.

(f) Air Strike 3 Jun 45

Eighteen Mitchells dropped 18 tons of bombs and thirtyone P38s each dropped a Napalm bomb on feature 442692. 40% of HE bombs were in the target area and 20% of the Napalm containers.

- 2. BONGAINVILLE
 - (a) <u>SOUTH</u> : 3 Div. 58/59 bn. Coy 971408 repulsed enemy attack much enemy activity 9740. 57/60 bn. Coy astride road 997434 in contact.
 - (b) <u>CENTRAL</u>: 23 Bde. P_trol contacts enemy posn 686157 engaged.
 - (c) <u>NORTH</u> : 11 Bde. Enemy attack coy 26 bn 295699 repulsed. Enemy 312719 engaged. Our arty active.
 - (d) <u>Casualties</u> Enemy -17 killed, 3 found dead, 2 P". Own - i wounded.
- 3. NEW GUINEA
 - (a) <u>COAST</u> : 6 Div. 16 bde 2/6 Cav Cdo Rogt came under comd 011200X. 19 Bde. patrols active MANDI area enemy unknown

strength. Unsuccessful attack on strong enemy posn 420013. Hostile shelling beachhead 405032. Jap attack 401028 and infiltration attempt 423022 repulsed.

- (b) <u>INLAND</u>: 17 Bdc. Two pls with arty mortar support capture feature 746971. Japs occupying ridge 760990 high ground 746978 dug in 744963 743968. Posn 736900 cleared.
- (c) <u>Casualties</u> : Enemy 36 killed Own - 5 killed 23 wounded.

4. RETURNS

(a) Returns forwarded by AL Secs to HO 1 Aust AL Gp for distribution to Records Liaison Officer HO 1 Aust Corps or DADOS Corps Troops will be enveloped and addressed accordingly

(b) Envelopes of despatches will be marked as under :

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(c) The top left hand corner will invariably be left blank.

(d) SDS (Signal Despatch Service) will be used in lieu of DELS which is now obsolete.

5. ENCLOSURES

(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 34.

(b) MAPS : 3 copies of the following maps :

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(c) <u>GRO's</u>

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Distribution : (As for Bulletin No 46)

1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BUILETIN No 56

- 1. TARAKAN.
 - (a) <u>2/24 Aust Inf Bn</u>

Thirty seven Indonesians former $P^{=}$ passed through 2/24 bn lines after an organised excape from the enemy on night 3/4 Jun .

(b) <u>2/48 Aust Inf Bn</u>

Spur 442692 was bombed by 11 B24s. Through extensive patrolling enemy positions were located at 443693 and enemy still hold 442692.

(c) Other Areas

Patrol activity only with minor engagements.

(d) <u>Casualties</u> :

Own - for 24 hrs ending 0324001-2 killed, 3 wounded. Enemy- To 0424001 counted dead 809 estimated additional dead 166 FW 32.

- 2. BOUGAINVILLE
 - (a) <u>SOUTH</u>: 3 Div. Coy 58/59 bn following air arty mortar concentrations advanced on BUIN Rd to 975394, and another coy gained feature 976396 against light opposition. Coy 57/60 bn crossed river 999442. HQ 2/11 Fd Regt
 - (b) NORTH : 11 Bde. Patrolling.
 - (c) <u>Casualties</u> : Enemy 22 killed 3 found dead 4 wounded. <u>Own - 2 killed 8 wounded.</u>
- 3. <u>NEW GUINEA</u>
 - (a) <u>COAST</u>: 16 Bde. Arty engaged bunkers 350024 and forced enemy to withdraw. Enemy active area MAWDI 4001. 2/3 bn less three coys reverted to comd 16 Bde. 19 Bde. HQ 19 Bde WIRUI MISSION 323045.
 - (b) INLAND : 17 Bde. 2/5 bn relieved 2/7 bn. Enemy attack 773999 repulsed. Own tps captured feature 752978.

(c) <u>Casualties</u> : Enemy 48 killed, 2 PW. Own 1 killed, 10 wounded.

4. ENCLOSURES

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- (a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 35
- (b) Extracts from AMF Weekly Intelligence Review No 37. :-"Activity in Enemy Occupied Territory".

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1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO 57

(From information received to 060900I)

- 1. TARAKAN
 - 2/23 Aust Inf Bn (a)

Elements of bn reconnoitring the enemy defences at 427684 were engaged by enemy fire from that area and suffered some casualties.

(b) <u>2/24 Aust Inf Bn</u>

Following an air strike by 12 B24s on feature 428699, patrols recconcitred enemy positions in area 426699 and found Jap holding positions in strength with heavy and light machine guns.

(c) Other Sectors

Active patrolling continues

(a)	Casualties	:	0wn	±	For 24 hrs ending 0424001 -
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(e) Airctrike

Twelve B24s dropped 24 tons of bombs in area 428689.

- BOUGAINVILLE 2.
 - SOUTH : 3 Div. Coy 58/59 bn moved along BUIN Road (a) to 983386 against opposition and continuous hostile shelling. Further coy NORTH of road reached 983393 against light opposition and repulsed enemy counter attack. Coy 57/60 bn crossed KAPANA River 9974(?)4 reached 001431 against opposition. Further coy 003416 enemy digging in 005419. RAFFLES FORCE comprising 2/8 Cav Sqn Č coy PIB with H2 091459 patrolling extensively. Large party Jap naval personnel umbushed 085345 further contacts 075386 047383.
 - CENTRAL : 23 Bde. Strong bunker position 693159 (b) captured.
 - Several patrol clashes 26 bn area NORTH : 11 Bde. (c) our arty active.
 - 55 killed, 2 found dead. Enemy -(d) Casualties : 1 killed 21 wounded. <u>Own</u>
- NEW GUINEA 3.

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COAST : 6 Div. 16 bde. 20 graves 376044 80 graves (a) gravas 394014. 19 Bde. HQ opened WEWAK POINT 316084.

Enemy posn 328021 cleared.

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INLAND : 17 Bde. Our troops withdrew under heavy (b) Tire after clearing part village 779007. Standing patrol established 797020 overlooking YAMIL. Enemy in strength KABOIEUS 8499 YIBOMINU 8498. Mnoll 756980 captured.

(c) <u>Casualties</u> : <u>Inemy</u> - 63 killed. <u>Own</u> - 1 killed 2 wounded. -

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-2-ENCLOSURES 4. (a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 36. (b) Maps : 2 copies of the following maps :-BINSULOK 1/50,000 Sheet 3247-1V KARUKAN 11 11 3247-11 • Tg NOSONG 11 1 3247- 1 • :•• ٠. : Hur alle Brig GS 1 Aust Corps Distribution : (As for Bulletin No 46) . . . Ĵ . 3 '• -' ÷



AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO 58.

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(From information received to 0709001)

2/24 Aust Inf Bn

After an accurate and concentrated attack by 12 Liberators on feature 424697, troops occupied this ridge and captured positions at 425698. Japs located at 423696 are holding up advance. Another platoon moving NE contacted enemy at 427698.

(b) Other Areas

Active patrolling with minor contacts.

- Casualties : Snemy casualties 24 hrs to 0524001 -3 killed. (c)
- Air Strike 6 Jun (d)

A particularly accurate, concentrated strike was made by 12 Liberators on feature 424697. Our troops were able to capture this feature 45 minutes after

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a)

- SOUTH : 3 Div. 15 Bde. 24 bn engaged outpost 976398 (a) enemy reported in strength in posn to east. 58/59 bn coy 992387 now cuv PEPERO FORD coy 935383 repulsed enemy counter attacks. Coy 58/59 bn with tank and arty support reached 989380. 57/60 bn tps crossed TOMOI River reached
- CENTRAL : 23 Bde. 7 bn relieving 27 bn our arty engaged (b)
- (c) NORTH : 11 Bde. 2 11th Bty returned TOROKINA and reverted to comd 2 CORPS. Patrol clashes in bde area.
- (d) <u>Casualties</u> : Enemy - 101 killed 5 wounded. Own - 1 killed 5 wounded.
- 3, NEW GUINEA

(c)

HANSA BAY - WEWAK **(a)**

> 8 Bde. ANGAU captured 8 enemy BONGGU 746948. 6 Div. 16 bde. Enemy preparing ders 399011 engaged. 19 Bde. Enemy defs 325019 cleared, some hostile shalling in area. 2/3 MG Bn completed relief of 2/1 Inf Bn.

(b) INLAND :

17 Bde. Patrol contacts 736992 823060 772023 AIB report NMS 4369 6686. 4666.

Casualties : Enemy 65 killed. Own

5 killed, 9 wounded 1 missing.

CENSORSHIP DURING OPERATIONS 4.

Further to para (4) ALC'S Bulletin No 54, the following instruction is promulgated :-

The journey to the objective area may be described (b) provided that no reference is made to the name or type of ship or aircraft, its armament, duration or course of journey, escort vessels, number of troops or identity of other units seen or contacted, ships or aircraft sighted on route. (c) Once a landing has been effected, the individual may say he is in action but his description will be limited to personal experience. (d) No reference will be made to location, identity or strengths of other units participating, type or number of ships and aircraft involved, casualties, offect of enemy action, or the place or places from which the operation was mounted. (e) Local conditions may be described in so far as they do not disclose the location of the area of operations. (f) Disclosures of the area of operations will not be made until instructions are issued by this HQ. (g) Personnel who return from operations to the staging area. will conform with the local conscrebip instructions in force in the staging area, but they may describe the operations in which they have taken part to the extent allowed by this instruction. 5. DAILY AIR OFS SIGNAL Senior ALO's at TARAKAN, PALAWAN, ZAMBOANGA and SANGA (a) SANGA are required to signal to GS(Air) 1 Aust Corps at 1800/2000 hrs, a daily airops summary which will include: Force employed (i)

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to all troops taking part in current operations.

(HQ 1 Aust Corps GSI/1037 of 5 Jun 45)

The following Consorship Instruction will apply

- (11) Target
- (111)TOT
- (iv) Bomb Load
- (v) Brief results
- (b) Copies will be sent to GS(Air) Adv LHO and HO 1 Aust AL Gp.

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- Complete details of the days operation are NOT required (c) in this signal. The more important missions only should be included.
- (d) Recent signals from various ALO's have confused this HQ as well as the enemy. Please make all signals readable (remember precis X ALC's School CHERMSIDE)

AIRCRAFT DESIGNATION 6.

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(a) The use of the Phonetic Alphabet for description of various types of aircraft such as "FATER" for the Kittyhawk, will

cease in correspondence and signals omanating from AL Sect (b) The official names such as "Liberator" or Lightning" will-(be used. 7. CLOTHING INDENTS

As clothing can be indented for only once per month, AL Secs will submit in duplicate a list of their requirements ١ to HQ 1 Aust AL Gp by the 20th of each month. Sizes to be stated.

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-3-ENCLOSURES 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 37 (a) Addendum No 1 to I Aust Corps Intelligence Review No 4 (b) Engineer Intelligence Report of 20 May 45. approach photography 109B BALIKPAPAN area) (-c) (Beach • • Maps : 2 copies of the undermentioned map :-(d) FUJUT NORTH WEST 1/25,000

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Distribution : (As for Bulletin No 46):



1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO 58

(From information received to 0709001)

(a) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

During the day enemy positions at 427683 were engaged by mortar, machine gun, tank attack and 75 mm fire. 3.7 inch anti aircraft guns were used to bombard positions on the feature 442692.

(b) 2/48 aust Inf En

Patrols to 441688 inflicted some casualties on enomy in that area.

(c) Other Sectors

Patrolling continued. Some contacts and minor engagements.

(d) <u>Casualties</u> <u>Own</u> - for 24 hrs to 0524001 - 2 wounded ii ii ii 0624001 - 1 officer killed, 2 ORs killed, 2 wounded.

Enemy - Progressive totals to 24001 6 Jun

Counted dead			830	
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- 2. BOUGAINVILLE to C703COI
 - (a) SOUTE : 3 Div. Goy 24 bn reached 998401. Coy 57/60
 bn moved south to 004410 enemy reported 006408. RAFFLES FORCE. Natives report 80 enemy moving east on KAPALA KINKORI road, Enemy 999389 998389 000381 patrol contacts 989374 998397.
 - (b) <u>CENTRAL</u>: 23 Bdc., Patrol contacts 694161. New place names TLERNA NS spur 692160 to 693156 CALS REST 693155 EDWARDS ENCLL 691154 GILLS HILL 613159.
 - (c) <u>NORTH</u> : 11 Eds. 31/51 Bn less two coys HO 301681 ongaged enemy pill boxes 288704. Coys 26 bn 313718 305718 303721 patrol clashes 301718. Two enemy barges moving NE 173804.
 - (d) <u>Casualtics</u> : <u>Enemy 7</u> killed, 1 PT. <u>Ovn</u> - 2 killed 7 wounded 1 missing.
- 3. NAM BRIT IN to 0709001)

5 Div. MMS 052538 325560. 2/2 cav cdo sqn with sec LAA established TOL.

4. NEW GUINEA to CYCSOGI

(a) <u>HARS. BAY</u> : C Bd., 1 PT taken TAGUM 542173.
(b) <u>VETAR</u> : 6 Div. COAST. 16 Bds. Own tps with arty support captured position 425014 enemy position 425011 cleared, 19 Bds. Coy attacking 325019 proceeding against opposition. Enemy proparing defences 290017.
(c) <u>INLAND</u> : 17 Bds. Patrol clashes 741993 753995. <u>NINDINGA 744964 held by enemy.</u> Patrol cut TAMIL track 767981.

(d) <u>Casualtios</u> : <u>Energy</u> - 7 killod, 1 F". <u>Own- 3 killed</u> - (8 wounded)
 (e) <u>Sea</u> : Night 4/5 Jun 3 barges sighted 320265.

- 5. INFORMATION - ENERY

BEAUFORT strongly reinforced last 10 days from JESTELTON. Natives estimate 5000 Japs in that area. GHO SAPONG Estate approximately 1 mile south of TENOM. (Note-Estate shown on existing maps extends from approximately 2 miles south of TENOM to 15 miles south.

6. MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORTS

- (a) The receipt of these reports at HQ 1 Aust AL Gp is overdue. In future all AL Secs will complete their reports on the last day of the month, and Comd AL Secs, and Senior Sqn AL Secs where appropriate, will be responsible that they are despatched to HQ 1 Aust AL Gp on the first day of each month.
- (b) Reports will be submitted in accordance with Adv LHQ C/123.21/Air of 7 Feb 45. AL Secs whose reports for May are still outstanding will submit them forthwith.
- 7. ENCLOSURES

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- (a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 38
- (b) Army/Air Co-operation Bulletin No 5/45

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1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO 60

(From information received to 0909001)

(a) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

Coy attacked and captured feature 426685.

(b) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Platoon engaged and killed Jans setting an ambush in creak 441691.

(c) Other Areas

Active patrolling continued, minor contacts only.

- 24 hrs to 0724001 10 wounded. (d) Casualties : <u>Own</u>
 - Progressive totals to date :-Snemy -Counted dead 841 Istimated additional dead 175 P^{***} 32

BOUGAINVILLE to 0809001) 2.

- 3 Div. 29 bds. 47 bn H9 963423. 15 Bde. SOUTH : (a) coys 24 bn 989381 and 983386. Two coys 58/59 bn following air strike crossed PEPERU River one coy with tanks after engaging 60 to 70 enemy reached 996381 second coy after heavy opposition from pill boxes now 996392 hostile shelling of Bn H9 987383. 6 Fd Bty 961409 22 Fd Bty 954424. RAFFLES FORCE PIB pls 055390 and C74388.
- (b) CENTRAL : 23 Bdc. 7 bn patrols active enemy reported WARUNAI iver 711256.
- NORTH : 11 Eds. Coy 31/51 bn 297703 enemy MG engaged (c) 2071. 26 Bn patrol activity area BUKA Passage.
- Enemy 5 killed 5 found dead 1 wounded. (a)Casualtics : 0.vn - 4 killed 16 wounded.
- NET GUINEA 3.
 - COAST : 16 Ede. Enemy bunkers captured 428005. Natives (a) report village 4799 occupied and local natives working with enemy. 19 Eds. Enemy posn 327015 captured enemy defences located 337019. 17 Bde. Enemy engaged 750972 other enemy parties 768992 768975 for holes 804020. Native patrol reports enemy YAMIL 1 768995 YAMIL 2 788988 YAMIL 3 777935.
 - Casualties : Enomy 29 killed 4 P". (b) 0vm - 2 killed (10 younded.
- 4. ENCLOSURES
 - (a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 39
 - (b) 1 Aust Corps Routine Orders No 17/45 of 4 Jun 45. 87/02 pilleran Illa

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1 JUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO 61

(From information received to 100900T)

1. TARAKAN

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(a) 2/4 Cav Sqn

One tp 2/4 cav sqn occupied trig 76 429711. Japs fled position on approach of our troops, leaving behind much food and ammunition.

(b) <u>Casualties</u> : <u>Own</u> ; for 24 hrs ending 0824001 -12 wounded.

> dnemy: To date 851 counted dead, 181 estimated additional dead, 33 FW.

2. BOUGAINVILLE

- (a) SOUTH : 3 Div. H2 15 Ede 964403. H2 24 Bn 981387 patrol with the reached MAMAGOTA NMS. Hostile shelling 999381. 58/59 Bn Coy 997381 repulsed counter attack. Arty and tanks forced enemy withdraw from 998386. Heavy hostile shelling in bn area. RAFFLES FORCE reports activity 0735 NMS NORTH BUIN road from MOBIAI to MTBO. River.
- (b) <u>CENTRAL</u> : 23 Bde. 7 bn following arty concentrations occupied posn 685157.
- (c) <u>NORTH</u> : 11 Bde. 26 bn patrolling 31/51 bn patrols report enemy 2871 - 2971 - 2970 - 2870.
- (d) <u>Casualties</u>: <u>Enemy</u>: 16 killed. <u>Own</u>: 3 killed (20 wounded (1 missing.
- (e) Ref Bulletin No 60. Patrol activity area BUKA should read barge activity.
- 3. <u>NEW BRITAIN</u> : 5 Div. 37/52 bn gp now complete OPEN BAY 36 bn gp WUNUNG.
- 4. NE GUINEA
 - (a) <u>COAST</u>: 16 Ede . Enemy engaged 399010 . 19 Ede. Enemy evacuated posns 328015 following arty concentration Enemy located 337017. Patrol cut BIG road 292014.
 - (b) <u>INLAND</u>: 17 Bde. Enemy located 747957 744962 765980 755°73 800003.
 - (c) <u>Casualties</u> : <u>Anemy</u> : 50 killed . <u>Own</u> : 2 killed . (12 wounded.
- 5. ENCLOSURES

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1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO 62

(From information received to 1109001)

1. BRUNEI BAY to 1024001

After effective naval bombardment and heavy air strike unopposed landings were effected at 1009151 on LABUAN IS. BRUNEI PENINSULA and MUARA IS.

(a) 20 Aust Inf Bde.

2/17 bn landed GREEN beach 631560 - 621560 and by 0950I reached 624556 and 633556. At 1500I BRUNEI BLUFF 612571 BT COVIE 612561 barracks at 613550 and MELLOW BEACH at 630550 had been secured without opposition. 2/15 bn landed THITE BEACH 690513 - 686521 and at 0957I the line 676530 to 684514 had been reached. By 1500I forcess reached BOTONG PT 649512 and were moving towards LEDONG PT 633542 no contact had been made with the enemy. HQ 20 bde established 633554. Comd 20 bde assumed comd ashore at 1545I. Unloading proceeding RED and MELLOW beaches. 2/17 bn has now secured line BRUNEI BLUFF 612570 to BT COVIE 612565 to road junction 612553 to coast 620543. Forward troops advancing along road reached 590544. 2/13 bn landed GREEN BEACH.

(b) 24 ..ust Inf Ede

LAFIAN ISLAND. 2/28 bn and 2/43 bn landed BROWN BEACH 826821 - 815824 and by 1100 hrs forward troops cleared to road 832827 - 821837. Enemy hold posns along road 816845 to 822854 and NORTH of 813850. Area FLAGSTAFF and government house 826839 secured. Comd 24 bde assumed comd ashore at 1104I. Forward troops 2/43 bn reached 820360 encountered strong opposition area 821853. Elementa 2/28 bn on left flank reached 820841 meeting opposition from 824842. One troops 2/12 cav sqn landed and occupied 805825.

(c) Command

Commander 9 Aust Div assumed command forces ashore 18301.

(d) Air - 0 vn

Six BEAUFIGHTERS provided successful air strike in support our troops LABUAN. All air alert aircraft NOT used BRUNEI area directed to targets BEAUFORT -JESSELTON area. Centre span PAPAR R railway bridge destroyed by air attack this morning.

(e) Air - Enery

One enemy aircraft dropped one bomb in sea off LABUAN at 100615I no damage no casualties.

2. TARAKAN

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Patrol activity only minor contacts.

(a) <u>Casualties</u>: <u>Inemy</u> - 4 killed, Total to date 855 <u>counted dead</u>, 181 estimated dead, 33 F'. <u>Own</u> - for 24 hrs to 092400I - 1 wounded. 2. (b) Enemy Air

Two unidentified aircraft were over TARAKAN at 1003201. No bombs dropped.

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- 3. BOUGAINVILLE to 1009001
 - (a) SOUTH : 5 Div. 15 bde. 24 bn report about 400 enemy moved EAST from MAMAGOTA. 58/59 bn two coys engaged 150 to 200 enemy on escarpment 997378 to 001390 enemy 998381 withdrew. Other coys 58/59 bn 991387 and 008393. HQ 57/60 bn 004413. RAFFLES FORCE reports 200 enemy moved from 046378 to RUSEI enemy also located 050367.
 - (b) <u>CENTRAL</u> : 25 bde. patrol activity only.
 - (c) <u>NORTH</u> : 26 bn minor clashes. 31/51 bn one coy landed unopposed at PORTON 262722 and established beachhead against opposition. Barge and road movement reported area BUKA FASSAGE.
 - (d) <u>Casualties</u> : <u>Enemy</u> 21 killed, 5 wounded. <u>Own</u> - 1 killed, 1 wounded.
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5 Div. HO 13 bde 634498 NMS 757502 590551 559548.

- 5. NEW GUINEA to 1009001
 - (a) <u>COAST</u> : 16 Bde. Patrol contacts 428010 405000. 19 bde. After arty concentration enemy posn 328015 captured.
 - (b) INLAND : 17 Edg. Village 749962 held by enemy. Following air strike mortars and MGs harassed YAMIL I and enemy movment in area.
 - (c) <u>Casualties</u> : <u>Aneny</u>; 13 killed. Own : 1 killed 1 wounded
- 6. FRIENDLY AREAS NORTH EORHEO

"Numerous open stretches exist in the area between the LIMBANG River and the PADAS River and it will be possible to land aircraft intact on many of these fields. Crows are advised to head south towards the Environment of the TRUSAN or LIMBANG Rivers where they will be able to gain contact with the party. Natives throughout the area will offer every assistance and crews should ask to be taken to TUAN RICK or TUAN BESAR. It is anticipated that on reaching the party they could be returned to either LABUAN or TARAXAN within 12 hours. Under no circumstances should personnel try to cross the CROCKER Range to the west of BRUNEI Bay as natives in the whole of the PADAS River headwaters are definitely hostile."

7. MT RECORDS

ALO'S will forward to HQ 1 Aust AL Gp the Army Nos. and locations of jeeps and trailers on charge to them.

8. CASUALTIES

AL Secs will notify HO 1 Aust AL Gp immediately if any personnel of the section are admitted to hospital.



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ENCLOSURES

(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 41

(b) <u>MAPS</u> : 2 copies of the following maps :

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(From information received to 120900I)

1. BRUNEI BAY to 1207551.

(a) LABUAN IS

<u>To</u> 1111001

Two armunition dumps reported burning area 815853. (i.) Enemy LMG fire from 818857. Patrol 2/43 bn cleare d area north of BROOK ROAD. Reservoir 824850 and pumping station reported intact but airfield NOT in grod order. Enemy casualties to 1021001. 61 counted dead, estimated 10 wounded.

(ii.)

To 112400I

2/43 bn. B coy attacked and captured enemy posn 816859. Patrol with tank support from road 814869 to E08867 no contact. Dispositions at 21001. HQ 2/43 bn 821856. A coy less one pl 814866. One pl A coy 812888 no contact. B coy 817861. C coy 821355. D coy 822862. 2/28 bn. Enemy opposition met 813855 D coy attacking progress NOT known. Dispositions at 21001. HQ 2/28 bn 812948. A coy approx 813858. B coy 816853. C coy 813852. 3/11 cav sqn H0 787834. One tp 797837 one tp 799826. One tp under comd 2/43 bn 822870. Demolitions Demolitions on MACARTHUR RD between 822837 and 816845 closed road to vehicles. Bridge 822837 repaired by 2000I culverts not yet repaired. Air OP.airstrip at 817834 completed 15001. HO 24 inf bde 827839. HO 9 Div no change. No later report enemy or own casualties.

(b) BROOKTON-MUARA to 1124COT

2/17 inf bn continued advance. At 1030I C coy reached 573517 no contact. One coy 2/15 bn embarking RED beach in LCMs ETD 1110I to move on village 536412. No report enemy or own casualties.

2. TARANAN to 1124001

; Between 0910I and 1020I 8 squadrons of B24s bombed with great effect four targets in enemy positions centre of island. Following this strike one pl 2/24 bn engaged enemy in strength at 426697. Pl 2/23 bn advancing towards 425689 and 428687 reached 424689 inflicting casualties on enemy. Patrols active Minor contacts at 441688 and 426698. other sectors. Enemy still occupying 425689. Two 75 mm shelled 2/24 and 2/23 bn areas inflicting few casua lties. Enemy casualties to date : 864 counted dead, 183 estimated dead, 34 P7. Own for 24 hrs ending 1024001 9 wounded.

3. BONGAINVILLE to 1109001.

- (a) SOUTH : 3 Div. Patrols active, NAPANA reported clear.
- (b) CENTRAL : 23 Ede. Feature 685157 to 688154 known as RUSHS KNOLL.
- NORTH : 11 Bde. Enemy def posns reported 301721 303717. (c) Coy 31/51 bn patrolled PORTON PLN against opposition.
- Casualties : Enemy 12 killed. Own 1 killed 19 wounded.
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 (a) <u>COAST</u>: 6 Div. 16 Bde. Contacts 441009 434011. Enemy appears to hold SOARIN in strength. 19 Bde. After successful air strike our troops captured spur 339018 338012. Strong enemy posn 338018 . 17 Bde. Patrols report enemy preparing defs area 799002 KALAURU 794962.

(b) <u>Casualties</u> : Enemy 12 killed. Own 5 wounded.

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6. ENCLOSURES

- (a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 42
- (b) General Routine Orders (148-154) of 8 Jun 45.
- (c) Extracts from AMF Weakly Intelligence Review (No 138)
- (d) Litho. target map BALIKPAPAN areas.

7. MAPS

Ref BALINPAPAN 1/25000 map. It is advised that squares 5668 and 5568 are reversed. A new map is being printed and will be issued later.

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1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO 64

(From information resceieved to 1309001)

1. BRUNEI BAY to 1213301.

(a) LABUAN ISLAND

At 111420I one coy 2/43 bn supported by tanks successfully attacked enemy 816859. At 121300I enemy with HMGs and LMGs continuing stubborn resistance in wired and dug in positions on high ground 812864 814863 816850. These positions attacked by coys 2/43 bn some gains, attack continuing. 2/11 cav sqn. Forward troops reached 794853 moving NORTH. Portion COAL POINT ROAD WEST of LABUAN airfield open for tanks. At 120300 I 9 Div reserve afloat consisting of 2/32 bn group.

(b) BROOKETON - MUARA

2/17 bn advanced along road BROOKETON BRUNEI to 533497 by 111455I without contact. One coy 2/15 bn using LMGs reached 521398 by 111500I. Movement tanks on road BROOKETON - BRUNEI delayed by culverts requiring strengthening. AUSTER strip vicinity BROOKETON ready 121500I. Two piers in good condition at MUARA, one wooden pier BROOKETON repaired.

(c) Casualties :

LABUAN	:	Enemy casualties to 110600 I.	
		Counted dead 61 . Estimated wounded 10	•

Own casualties to 0600I 11 Jun :-

Officers Other Ranks

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(d) Locations

HQ 20 Aust Infantry Brigade	611544
HQ 24 Aust Infantry Brigade	627839
HQ 2/11 Aust Cavalry Squadron	787834
HQ 2/28 Aust Infantry Battalion	821848
HQ 2/43 Aust Infantry Battalion	821856
Remainder unchanged.	

(e) <u>Miscellaneous</u>

Reported condition of LABUAN Airfield

The surface is sandy and badly cratered. Craters are full of water, which is thought to be rain water and not soakage. It is considered that the formation of the strip presents no great difficulty but suitable material for surface covering may be a greater problem. Present indications are that the strip will be completed by 4 Jul 45, but that two C47 courier aircraft may be able to operate from 18 Jun 45. Further advice is expected by 16 Jun, giving more definite estimates.

2. TARAKAN

Coy 2/24 bn moved in to 426699 423696 after strikes by twelve B24s and twenty two P38s, meeting slight opposition, otherwise patrol activity only.

- 3. BOUGAINVILLE to 1209001
 - (a) <u>SOUTH</u> : 3 Div. Several patrol clashes much enemy activity over large area 057367.

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- (b) <u>CENTRAL</u> : 23 Ede. Patrol activity only.
- (c) NORTH : 11 Bde. Estimated over 300 enemy in pill boxes PORTON PLN.
- 4. <u>NEV GUINZA</u>

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- (a) <u>COAST</u>: 6 Div. 16 Ede. Patrol contact 388010 enemy arty active. 2/6 Cav Cdo Regt passed to comd 19 Ede 101800K. 19 Ede. Position 338018 occupied after arty concentration forced enemy to evacuate.
- (b) <u>INLAND</u>: 17 Bde. Position 767976 occupied, platoon occupied 790997. Enemy hold track junc 765980.
- (c) <u>Casualties</u> : Enemy 13 killed. Own 1 killed 5 wounded.
- 5. ENCLOSURES
 - (a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 43.
 - (b) Maps : 2 copies of the following maps :

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L AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN No.65

(From information received to 1409001)

LABUAN ISLAND

(a) <u>To 1213301</u> :

One coy 2/43 bn occupied 814862 after enemy evacuation. Later overceme resistance 816858 and advanced to 815857 under fire from track 814858. Remaining enemy in area 813862 mopped up. Patrol captured 816858 inflicting casualties. Another coy captured road junction 806864 came under fire from mortars and snipers 808858. Accurate air strike on this position and 805859 believed cleared areas. Main enemy resistance now area along road NORTH of road junction 805864. One pl 2/28 bn captured strong enemy position 807853. One coy with tank support cleared positions 814853 and advanced to road 813853. Elements 2/11 cav sqn condacted 2/43 bn ab road junction 805864. Remainder sqn following. 2/32 bn landed LABUAN to exercise troops. Craft remain tactically loaded.

́(Ъ) <u>то 1315001</u> :

2/43 bn advancing WEST toward TIMBALAI airstrip. Leading pl attacked saddle 775885 result not known. Coys occupied features 780877 788883. Patrol to road junc 808884 no contact. Elements 2/28 bn with tank support attacked enemy position 807852 result NOT known. Cne platoon attacking enemy 812854. One coy advanced NOPTH to 809876.

(c) <u>To 1324001</u> :

2/43 bn moving towards TTHBALI airfield. Forward goy 768884. Patrols to 780877 and 783892 without contact. 2/28 bn attacking strong enemy pocket 807853 810854. 2/11 cav sqn patrolled 789874 to FTLLY 7785 and located WT station 775856.

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	<u>-</u>	Villed in action Wounded in action Missing	1	13 37 1
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2. BROOKETON - BRUNEI

(a) To 121330I :

2/15 bn less one coy moved to RED beach from YELLO" beach for unloading duties. One coy 2/15 bn 534412 with one troop field arty. Patrol moved by water to 495380 without opposition . 2/17 bn captured airstrip 4743 no sign recent use. Forward troops in contact enemy 470424. Naval bombardment 469432 in support advance results not known. Air strike on enemy positions 474417 12001 results NOT known. Patrol to KG SERUSUP 484469 without contact.

(b) To 1315001 :

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2/17 bn further patrols to sea 476521 thence along coast to 519535. To 471490. Both no contact. 2/15 bn to village 525417 thence S # toward BRUNGI. 2/17 bn remains in contact enemy 469423 dug in on ridge. Casualties inflicted on enemy south end air strip. One coy patrolling MERANGANG river area 468416. Ed and naval arty provided in support 2/17 bn.

(c) <u>To 132400</u>I

Two coys 2/17 bn contacted enemy at 470413 and 477417 By 1900 hrs fwd companies at 475416 and 482413. Late report indicates our troops in BRUNEI town area and NORTH bank river BRUNEI captured. B coy 2/15 bn patrolled to 500390 otherwise no change. Air report. 6 B25s effectively bombed enemy positions 470415 480419.

(d) <u>General</u>

Movement of tanks on the Road BROOKETON-BRUNEI is delayed by culverts which require strengthening. The AUSTER airstrip airstrip in the vicinity of BROOKETON was completed and the first AUSTER landed there at 15001.

Two piers at MUARA ISLAND are reported to be in good order, and a wooden pier a' BROOKETON has been repaired.

3. TARAKAN

· · <u>To 13</u>15001

Patrol activity continued. At 1315I pl A coy 2/24 bn captured position 426697. Active patrolling elsewhere. Patrol 2/23 bn came under heavy machine gun fire from 425689. Enemy engaged but patrol later withdrew.

4. BOUGAINVILLE

Patrols active. Forward coy 57/60 bn reached 048406. Enemy active in all areas and constructing defences. 23 Bde. 27 bn relieved by 7 bn. Forward troops now 686165. 11 Bde. 31/51 bn. Coy in contact 289700. Further casualties reported coy action PORTON PLN enemy 43 killed 50 probably killed own 3 killed 10 missing. Total cas enemy 56 killed 50 probably killed own 6 killed 7 wounded 11 missing.

5. WEWAK

16 Bde . Minor patrol contacts. 19 Bde. Coordinated two coy attack 303019 305019 successful. 17 Bde. After heavy mortar fire YAMIL (I) 786994 and high ground 789999 captured. Native reports enemy conc MALABASAKUM area. Cas 6 Div. Enemy 50 killed 2 PW own 4 killed 13 wounded .

6. ENCLOSURES

- (a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary NO 44.
- (b) I Aust Corps Routine Orders Serial No 18/45 93/95 11 Jun 45

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1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO.66.

(From information received to 150900I)

LABUAN ISLAND

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(a) <u>To 1417001</u> :

2/11 cav sqn reached 814915. Patrols 2/28 bn reached BETHUNE HEAD 8295 and feature 812936. Patrol 2/43 bn to TG LAYANG LAYANGAN 7690. No enemy seen by patrols. One enemy aircraft approached area but disappeared 1400481. Navy reports shot down by night fighter.

(b) <u>To 1424001</u>:

LABUAN airfield WEST to mangroves now clear of enemy. Two coys 2/28 bn moved along MACARTHUR road to 796928. Patrols to 804931 and to coast at 791930 thence south to 792927 no contact.

- 2. BROOKETON-BRUNEI
 - (a) To 141700I :

Evening 13 Jun 2/17 bn captured BRUNEI TOWN to including NORTH bank BRUNEI river against some opposition.

(b) <u>To 1424001</u> :

CLIFFORD bridge 474401 now clear of enemy mines. 2/17 bn patrols contacted small parties enemy at 476417 491408 492409 killing 10.

(c) Location of Headquarters

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde 653554 HQ 2/13 Aust Inf Bn - 580540 HQ 2/15 Aust Inf Bn - YELLOW BEACH HQ 2/17 Aust Inf Bn - 476404

3. <u>TARAKAN</u>

(a) <u>To 1424001</u> :

Elements 2/48 bn captured 441688. Patrol NEI killed 5 Japs 452712 more in area. One pl 2/23 bn captured 425689 killing 15 Japs and exploited EAST to 428689 and NE to 427692. One coy 2/24 bn captured 423696 and advanced SE to link with 2/28 bn at 427692. 442708 occupied by one coy against light opposition. Party escaped PN consisting 1 Chinese medical officer 85 NEI troops 20 natives recovered by 2/23 bn. One coy 2/23 bn captured 431688 and advancing 435692. One coy cleared bunkers 428689 now patrolling to 428687.

4. BOUGAINVILLE

Hain force 57/60 bn advanced to 052398 patrol contacts only. Coy 58/59 bn with two tps tanks at 015397. Hostile shelling 007394. 23 Bde. Patrols active. Il Bde. Patrols active enemy reported in strength 277709. Casualties enemy 6 killed 1 PW own 4 wounded.

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5. <u>NEW BRITAIN</u> To 140900I.

5 Div patrols active.

6. WEWAK TO 1409001.

19 Bde. Enemy HQ bivouac area and positions reported 3301. Several patrol contacts. 17 Bde. Knoll 770981 occupied. Road transport YAMIL area engaged with mortar and MMG. Enemy attack pl position 696001 repulsed. Casualties 6 Div enemy 19 killed own 1 wounded.

6. SHIPPING SIGHTINGS

In order to assess enemy shipping movements ALO's when interrogating pilots are requested to obtain :-

(a) Time of sighting

(b) Course (c) Estimated speed (whenever possible)

7. ENCLOSURES

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(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 45.

(b) 2 copies of C.I.U. Photomap BALIKPAPAN

(c) Maps : 2 copies of the following :-

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1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO 67

(From information received to 1609001)

LABUAN ISLAND

To 152400I

2/43 bn patrols to BT TIMBALAI and squares 7582 7683 report no enemy. Except for small enemy pockets vicinity road junction 805864 and at 811854 all organised resistance on LABUAN ISLAND has ceased. Enemy casualties LABUAN 17 killed. Two separate enemy aircraft dropped one bomb each during the night 14/15 no casualties.

2. BRUNEI - BROOKETON

To 1524001

Patrolling and re-grouping activity only. Enemy casualties no report,

3. TARAKAN

To 152400I

2/23 bn captured positions 435692 427692 437699. One coy clearing FUKUKAKU. One coy 2/24 bn captured position 436706. One coy moving down spur 452712 encountered heavy enemy fire at 440706 withdrew to allow shelling of enemy positions. Elements of 2/48 bn on ridge 444700 came under heavy enemy fire. Enemy positions on ridge later shelled. 2/4 cav sqn occupied feature 419725 captured 429723 and made contact with enemy at 438716.

4. BOUGAINVILLE

To 15090CI

24 bn and PIB continued diversionary activity area 9936 and Cl35. 58/39 bn. Two coys with two tps of tanks advanced to Cl7369 against light opposition. Further coy cleared Ol4391 and against opposition reached 009381. 57/60 bn. Position 037428 occupied. Forward troops 1024CS. 23 Bde. Platoon 7 bn advanced against opposition -consolidated 690163. 11 Bde. Patrols active no contact.

5. <u>NEW BRITAIN</u>

To 1509001

Platcon 37/52 bn at 275612 engaged by enemy.

6. WEMAK

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To 1509001

19 Bde. Ridge 334018 cleared. Position 399011 occupied. Dispositions 2/4 bn 351033 2/8 bn 303043 2/11 bn 370050. 131800K comd BRANDI MANDI area passed to 2/3 NG Bn. 131000K comd DAGUA KARAWOP BOIKEN area passed to 2/6 cav cdo regt. 17 Bde. 2/5 bn cleared several positions west YAMIL. Troops 2/6 bn occupied 791995 785971. Dispositions 2/5 bn 756980 2/6 bn 779007.

7. Casualties - BRUNEI BAY Area

(a) Own casualties

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For 24 hours ending C600I 14 Jun

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action Wounded in action	-	377
Missing	-	1.

Progressive totals to 0600I 14 Jun

Killed in action	2		25
Younded in action	1		61
Missing	-	·	1

(b) Enemy casualties

Total casualties to 24001 14 Jun

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8. MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORTS

(Reference 1 Aust Corps ALO's Bulletin No 58 paragraph 6.

Sections which require a file copy of G/123.21/Air (Operational Reports AL Groups and AL Secs) may obtain one on application to 1 Aust AL Group HQ.

9. <u>CENSORSHIP</u> (Ref 1 Aust Corps GSI/1001 of 1 Jun and GSI/1037 of 5 Jun)

(a) Some confusion still exists in the minds of troops about forwarding through the mail Dutch currency and/or Japanese invasion money in Dutch denominations and the mention of exchange loading of pay.

(b) Those troops who are or have been in action on TARAKAN or BORNEO may forward from such areas local currency and/ or Japanese invasion money and mention exchange loading of pay. Green envelopes must not be used for enclosing currency and/or Japanese invasion money.

- (c) GSI/1037 of 5 Jun 15 will still apply to troops in the MOROTAI area.
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1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO 68

(From information received to 1709001)

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To 1624001 :

24 Bde. One coy 2/28 bn with one troop of tanks in support attacked enemy position area 811854 and captured ridge in this One tank damaged believed by mine. area against heavy fire.

BRUNEI - BROOKETON 2.

To 162400I (a)

2/17 bn advanced along TUTONG road to 383404 with little opposition and continued the advance from that point unopposed. Road reported trafficable for tanks but will 2/15 bn patrol SOUTH along break up under heavy use. Enemy withdrew and were S IMANG ambushed at 474370. engaged by artillery. A further patrol with two support craft proceeded down PANDARUAN RIVER towards LIMBANG.

(b) Location of Headquarters 15 Jun:

HQ 2/15 Aust Inf Bn	485394
HQ 2/17 Aust Inf Bn	BRONEI TO"N
HQ 2/28 Aust Inf Bn	804889
HQ 2/43 Aust Inf Bn	758867

Casualties LABUAN IS - BRUNEI BAY - BROOKETON :

Progressive totals to 06001 15 Jun

	<u>Uwit</u> :		<u>Officers</u>	Other Ranks
		Killed in action Wounded in action Missing	2 1 -	25 62 1
I	Enemy:	Counted Dead	Estimat Additio	nal
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BRUNEL 35 LABUAN 184 29	BRUNEI LAHJAN	35 184	29	
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162400I TARAKAN TO 4.

2/23 bn. Enemy dead counted FUKUKAKU last 24 hours now 46. This area heavily booby trapped with depth charge and stick mines. All neutralized. 2/24 bn captured feature at 441706. Mortars and amminition were captured on this feature. Patrol to 454724 discovered 11 dead Japs. 1 bn MEI. Patrol contacted approximately 20 enemy at 459713. Killed 3 without loss. Total enemy casualties for day. Counted dead 72 estimated dead 4. Progressive totals 1028 and 201.

1609001.

BOUGAINVILLE 58/59 bn. Enemy still in position HARI FORD. Coy with troop tanks cleared 020369 and advanced to 022366. Enemy attack coy position 000381 repulsed. 23 Bde. Enemy position 694165 engaged with arty and mortars. 11 Bde. Enemy model 94 med tank with 57 mm guns dug in 324703 patrols active. Barges carrying troops seen BUKA PASSAGE. Casualties enemy 36 killed 3 probably killed 1 PW. Own 1 killed 15 wounded.

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6. WEWAK TO 1609001

16 Bds. 2/6 Cav Cdo Regt 088240. 19 Bds. Enemy constructing defences 336012. Enemy contacted astride track 399005. 17 Bds. Patrol contacted enemy YAMIL (4) 772977. Platoon with flame thrower support cleared strong position 777985. Enemy unknown strength 772984 788989 and on knoll 758967. Casualties 6 Div. 28 killed 4 PW. Own 2 killed 6 wounded.

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1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO 69.

(From information received to 1809001)

1. LABUAN ISLAND

<u>To 1724001</u> :

LABUAN. 2/28 bn. Enemy contained at 807855 engaged by arty with little damage. Air strike reported accurate.

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- 2. BRUNEI
 - (a) <u>To 1724001</u>

BRUNEI BAY. BRUNEI area. Elements of 2/17 bn captured TUTONG at 161850I patrol to coast 146308 NO contact. TUTONG badly damaged result recent bombing. WESTON. At 170930I 2/32 bn landed unopposed and captured WESTON. Troops moving inland without opposition. Continuing move to 219733 with patrols to 212730 and 215719. One coy reached 225738 discovered signs recent enemy occupation. 2/9 armd regt. One troop at 209754 reports NO contact.

- (b) Location HQ 2/17 Bn 476406.
- 3. <u>TARAKAN TO 1724001</u> :

(g) Locations -1624001.

- (a) <u>2/23 Aust Inf Bn</u>. Patrol contacted enemy who withdrew towards 452712 which they are now holding. One coy engaged with LMG fire at 459710.
- (b) 2/24 Aust Inf Bn. One cor in contact with enemy at 434723 20 enemy sighted at 424745 fled NE.
- (c) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn. Patrol encountered track 458709 running EAST toward BINALATOENG River apparently recently used by large enemy party. One coy moved to AMAL and NORTH along coast. Forward elements now across BINALATOENG river. Another coy moving by barge to EAST coast, with a third coy moving down NORTH bank BINALATOENG River encountered bivouac used by Jap night 18/17 June. A pátrol along track to 478696 saw signs of enemy activity.
- (d) 2/4 Cav Syn : Contacted enemy at 433723 and 423733.
- (e) <u>1 Bn NEI.</u> : Patrol to 461717 saw 10 enemy killed, and observed 30 enemy at 455715.
- (f) <u>Casualties</u> ...: <u>Own</u>: for 24 hrs ending 1624001 -5 wounded.

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Enemy: casualties for day - counted dead-8 estimated additional dead - 1

2/23 Aust Infantry Battalion	2/24 Aust Infantry Battalic	AL .
A COY DJOEATA VILLAGE C COY 427689 D COY 433699	A COY DJOEATA VILLAGE B COY TRIG 76, C COY 439716, D COY DJOEATA VILLAGE	• •
2/48 Aust Infantry Battalion	2/3 Aust Pioneer Battalion	
B coy 461711.	A coy 451689	

3. (g) Locations contd/

2/4 Aust Cavalry Squadron 2 Company, NBI Inf Battalion

A troop 424734 Headquarters 469721. B troop 437722 and 419725

4. BOUGAINVILLE to 1709001 :

(a) SOUTH : 3 Div. 58/59 bn. Coy with tank support forced enemy withdrawal 998381 advanced to 025365 enemy counter attack 023366 repulsed on route. Elements with tank support engaged enemy 037363 reached 041361. 57/60 bn. Main force 054368 enemy forced withdraw 049401 patrol base established 114409,

(b) <u>CENTRAL</u>: 23 Bda. Coy 7 bn established 697245.

(c) <u>NORTH</u> : 11 Bde., Patrols active enemy contacts. Enemy casualties not previously reported PORTON PLN 31 killed. Total casualties BOUGAINVILLE enemy 75 killed - own 1 killed 6 wounded.

5. WEWAK. to 1709001.

6 Div. 19 bde. Enemy active 304044. Troops 2/4 bn captured position 327015. 2/11 bn contact 347017; 2/3 MG bn contact 402001 80 new graves 400009. 17 Ede. YAMIL 776987 cleared and occupied enemy still in YAMIL MAIN 773976. AIB indication general transfer enemy last 3 weeks from west of road MARUI - MAPRIK to KWIMBU, 7389 and SEPIK area. Cas 6 Div. 114 killed 1 PM . Own 1 killed 9 wounded.

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1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 48 (a)

- Supplement No 1 (PENADJAM TOENAN RIVER Area) to **(b)** 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Review No 4. OBOE TWO.
- (c) Maps : 2 copies of the following maps -

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7 1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO 70

(From information received to 190900I)

1. LABUAN ISLAND (to 1823551)

Enemy pocket 807855 engaged by artillery. An effective air strike was carried out on this position by 6 Mitchells.

2. BRUNEI BAY (to 1824001)

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(a) BRUNEI AREA . Native report considered reliable stated 200 Japs moved night 16/17 from 509396 across river to approx 505374. Position engaged by artillery and MiG. 2/17 bn patrol moved to investigate area 505374. Beach patrol from TUTONG to ferry crossing 102269 reported no movement seen. Local patrol killed 2 Japs. Patrols to TUTONG area report no movement seen. River patrol anchored night 16/17 coast 582266 PANDARUAN river. Horning 17 Jun continued advance and landed unopposed 580262. 2/15 bn. Patrol along road BRUNEI LIMBANG occupied 454325 and continued towards village 447292.

- (b) HQ 2/13 Aust Inf Bn concentrating BROOKETON.
- 3. WESTON (to 1824001)
 - (a) 2/32 bn. Extensive patrolling in this area. No contact made with the enemy except at LINGKUNGAN 237735 where enemy estimated at one platoon with HMG engaged. No results of this engagement yet received.
 - (b) HQ 2/32 Aust Inf Bn 224738.
- 4. <u>TARAKAN</u> (to 1824001)

2/48 bn patrol contacted Jap party 461707 inflicting casualties. Coy 2/23 bn captured 452712. 2/24 bn patrol at 426744 contacted enemy inflicting casualties. Remainder Japs fled pursued by patrol. Aggressive patrolling confirms a general enemy movement from previous positions EAST towards the coast near the BINALATOENG RIVER and NE towards the swamp area. In numerous patrol clashes 34 enemy were counted dead. Enemy casualties to date. 1070 counted dead estimated additional dead 203, own casualties to 1724001 3 wounded.

5. BOUGAINVILLE (to 1809001)

SOUTH . 15 Ede. HQ 24 bn 998386. Coys 58/59 bn 023367 037363 and 045361. 57/60 bn astride BUIN rd 051352 and 051363 hostile shelling of area. RAFFLES FORCE minor contacts 122341 and 080352. <u>CENTRAL</u>. 23 Ede. Patrol 7 bn following airstrikes cleared position 694164 eqpt and documents captured. <u>NORTH</u>. 11 Ede. Feature 296701 occupied patrol contacts in area. Casualties BOUGAINVILLE enemy 14 killed 2 wounded. Own tps 4 killed 10 wounded.

6. <u>NEY GUINEA (to' 1809001)</u>

<u>MADANG</u>. 8 Bde. 1 PM captured BOGADJIM area. <u>WEWAK</u>. 6 Div. 19 Bde. Coy 2/8 bn with air and arty support captured hill 304013 against heavy opposition. 2/4 bn report contacts 338018 341015. 2/11 bn engaged enemy def posn 341013. 2/2 bn contacted enemy 247105.

6. NEW GUINEA contd/

2/6 Cav Cdo Regt repulsed enemy attack night 15/16 Jun on our positions 123224 122182 and in area 1618. 17 Bde. Patrol 2/5 bn cleared UNAPE 754967. INLAND. 2/6 bn report enemy digging in 786978. AIB report enemy to concs 3537 and 5445. ANGAU report no enemy YUBANAKOR 4887 AMINGAI 4988 SINAH 5293. Casualties NE7 GUINEA enemy 31 killed 1 PV. Own tps 10 killed 10 wounded 2 missing. SEA. bombardments of KARAU 1382 MURIK 9482 KAUP 7580 SUMUP 6787 SIL 6092 TEREBU 5598.

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(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 49

(b) General Routine Orders 156 - 162 of 15 Jun 45. • 19-13 T

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1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO 71.

(From information received to 2009001)

LABUAN ISLAND (TO 1924001)

Elements 2/28 bn moved by LEM to HAMILTON POINT now established 803812 and patrolling NORTH. Enemy engaged at 812854 where 10 Japanese were killed.

2. BRUNEI

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(a) <u>To 1915001</u> :

Patrol to area 505374 after artillery and MAG fire reported no movement seen. Patrol to 447292 18 Jun no contact. Signs recent enemy activity in village. Natives report 400 Japs in MENGATAI 445258 and 300 in village approximately 463270. LIMBANG occupied by elements 2/15 bn. Five large fires SERIA or MIRI area seen from TUTONG. 20 Japs seen 056229 withdrew SV no contact. Patrol to 042215 no contact.

(b) <u>To 1924001</u> :

One coy 2/15 bn reached LI'BANG and secured the wharf without opposition. One coy 2/17 bn reached 010193 on coast. No movement seen.

(c) Location of Headquarters :

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	HQ 2/15 Aust Inf Bn	483385	
	HQ 2/15 Aust Inf Bn	400000	
	HQ 2/17 Aust Inf Bn	103270	
•	Tactical HQ 2/28 Aust Inf Bn	. 806860 [.]	
	Main HQ 2/28 Aust Inf Bn	813883	
	Remainder unchanged.		

3. WESTON

<u>To 1915001</u>:

Coy 2/32 bn in contact at LINGKUNGAN attacked and captured village. River borne patrol along BUKAU River to BUKAU and land patrol to MARABA 254762 no reports yet received.

- 4. MEMPAKUL
 - (a) <u>To 1915001</u>

Following artillery bombardment from LABUAN ISLAND 2/43 bn gp landed unopposed at MEMPAKUL 933838 at 11011. By 1140I beach head 938839 935841 928840 secure.

(b) To 1924001 :

Position 957857 950855 940853 to coast has now been secured. Enemy reported in area and at KINANAP 957872.

- 5. TARAXAN (TO 1824001)
 - (a) Patrols active. Enemy casualties for the period
 17 killed. Total enemy casualties to date 1087 counted
 dead 203 estimated additional dead. Own casualties
 for 24 hrs ending 1824001-1 killed, 1 wounded.
 - (b) Tactical H9 2/48 Aust Inf Bn 444658.

... BOUGAINVILLE (TO 1909001)

SOUTH : 15 Ede. Adv HQ 15 En 979388. Coy 24 En established base MINGORI 052430 fwd tps established bridge head 0036 and 0037. Enemy attack on position 57/60 En repulsed one coy 57/60 En advanced to 066350. <u>CENTRAL</u> : 23 Ede. Minor contacts. <u>NORTH</u> : 11 Ede. Coy 31/51 En captured position 289700.

CASUALTIES : 13 killed 3 PW. Own. 1 killed 5 wounded.

7. WEWAK (To 1909001)

COAST : 19 Bde. Coy 2/6 bn attack on hill 304013 resulted 59 enemy killed extensive patrolling cantinuing. 2/4 and 2/11 bns in reserve. 16 Bde. Patrolling. INLAND : 17 Bde. Enemy reported 747953 785978 754967 and 985978 patrol contacts in area. CASUALTIES : Enemy 86 killed 1 27. Own 4 killed 5 wounded.

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(a). 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 50.

(b) Extracts from AMF Weakly Intelligence Review No. 139. .

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(c) Supplement No.1 to Combined Operations Bulletin No. 7.

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1 AUSTECORPS ALO'S EULLETIN NO 72.

(From information received to 210900I)

Patrol 2/28 bn killed 6 Japs at 794827.

(a) <u>To 2023451</u>

2/13 bn gp made successful unopposed landing at INTONG morning 20 Jun.

(b) To 210840I

2/15 bn patrol towards MENGATAI without opposition. LUTONG. By 1500 hours 2/13 bn HQ 436936 with coys at 436936 451931 436920 and 434893. 8 Japs sighted at burnt bridge 449932. Six B25 aircraft bombed strafed areas 449865 and 456876, nil own casualties in LUTONG area. 10 INDIAN PW released.

(c) Location of Headquarters

. HŐ	2/15 Aust	Inf	Bn		 .	LIMBANG
ΞQ	2/32 Aust	Inf	Bn	•		224738
HO	2/43 Aust	Ínf	Bn	• .		934839
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(a) To 202345<u>1</u> :

> Patrol 2/32 bn contacted small enemy defensive position 239737. Enemy attempted infiltrate 960858 at 1921001.

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(b) <u>To 2108401</u> :

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Waterborne force 2/43 bn moved up KLIAS river to 981883 occupied 977885 and patrolled to 974903 without contact. . 2/11 cav sqn advanced NORTH and secured line 956880 to 967883. Total 13 enemy killed MEMPAKUL area.

Enemy Casualties : $\mathbf{4}_{\bullet}$

	For 24 hrs ending 240 19 Jun 45	DOI totals to	24001
LABUAN	• •		
Counted dead Estimated additional d Py	33 9ad 5 1	251 38 6 2	(Japs (Formo- san.
BRUNEI	-	. 75 12	
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Note * - Includes revised counts not previously notefied.

TARAKAN TO 2108401 : 5.

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Coy 2/24 bn captured 90 feature 431792. Patrol activity resulted in 9 enemy killed. Extensive patrolling continues. Enamy casualties for 24 hours to 2024001 15 counted dead 4 · probably dead 2 PT.

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The coastal track south-west from TUTONG is jeepable as far as 035213. From this point onwards the track is overgrown necess itating clearing by our advancing patrols. Tests made at MEMPARUL of the submarine cable to LABUAN indicate a break in the cable. Further investigation will be made at low tide.

7. BOUGAINVILLE <u>To 2009001</u>.

SOUTH : 15 Ede. Putrolling and light engagements in 24 bm and 57/60 bn areas. RAFFLES FORCE patrols report enamy re-SOUTH inforced and building defences 0741. CENTRAL : 23 Ede. Patrol actions. NORTH : 11 Ede. Minor enga gements in bde area. Enomy party unsuccessfully attempted destroy landing craft at SAPOSA. Casualties onemy 18 killed 3 wounded 1 P". Own 2 killed 14 wounded.

NE? BRITAIN To 2009001. 8.

5 Div. Coy 11 bn 928518 H0 16 bn 634508 H0 28 bn 644506 coys 37/52 bn 250568 patrol base 255410.

9. WENAK <u>To 2009001</u>

6 Div. 16 Ede and 19 Ede patrolling. 17 Ede. 2/5 bn following arty and mortar concentrations captured UNAPE 754967 2/6 bn cleared pocket 788985. Snemy reported moving from 843996 to 815998 and from area 6986 to 7388. Casualties enemy 28 killed . 0wn 1 killed 3 wounded.

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1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO. 75

(From information received to 2209001)

LABUAN ISLAND - TO 2124001

At 2104001 hours approximately 100 Japs from positions 8085 attacked beach maintenance area vicinity VICTORIA HARBOUR. Fifty Japs killed. Own casualties 14 killed 24 wounded. By 2113001 2/28 bn with tank support cleared remaining enemy positions 8085.

2. BRUNEI - SARAWAK - TO 2124001

(a) LUTONG. Patrol of 2/13 bn to PW camp 434948 released 90 INDIAN FW. Other patrols to 443965 and 456878 without contact. SERIA. One coy 2/17 bn at 812102 with bn HQ and coy at 828107. 24 Japs killed this area. Large fires reported SERIA. LIMBANG. 2/15 bn HQ and two coys LIMBANG. Patrol to 532216 contacted party DYAKS with six Jap heads. Other patrol to BT MAS no contact. Another patrol moving along LIMBANG River towards UKONG.

(b) Location of HQ. 24001 20 Jun 45 :

HQ	2/13	Aust	Inf	Bn	441938
HQ	2/32	Aust	Inf	Bn	243739
	2/43				934840

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One coy 2/43 bn moved by craft along PADAS River to GADONG 2090 no enemy reported.

4. MEMPAKUL TO 2124001

> 2/11 cav sqn loss one tp advanced NORTH to 018954. One coy 2/43 bn and one tp 2/11 cav sqn moved by water to 038947. River patrol reached SINGKORAP 190005 and KOTA 15 Japs killed in area. KLIAS 2500.

TARAKAN To 2124001 5.

- (a) Following capture of hill at 432728 all enemy positions 9 anamy now cleared and organised resistance ceased. killed 3 PM.
- (b) Enemy Casualties Progressive totals to 24001 20 Jun45.

Counted dead	1102
Estimated additional dead	207
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210900I 6. BOUGAINVILLE To

> 15 Bde. 24 bn occupied vacated enemy posns SOUTH : 001375 and area 8354 two 75 mm one 88 mm guns and much 57/60 bn operating in coy gps with tanks eqpt captured. in general area EAST RUSEI made light contacts. 23 Bde. Patrol contacts 7 bn area.

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NORTH : 11 Bde. 31/51 bn located enomy defensive posn BUOI Plantation. CASUALTIES : Enemy 19 killed 3 wounded 1 Pm. Own 2 killed 5 wounded.

7. NEW GUINEA To 2109001

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HANSA BAY : 8 Bde. Own patrols ambushed by enemy in ANNANBERG area 3479 and 345791. Cas enemy 3 killed 1 7. (B)

7. NEW GUINEA contd/ WEWAK : 6 Div. 19 Bde. 2/8 bn patrolling 2/4 bn (b) captured posn 341012 following air and arty support. 17 Bde. Minor engagements throughout bde area enemy located 751954 and in areas 8400 8499 6164 6553. Casualties. Enemy 49 killed. Own 5 killed 11 wounded. (c) SEA ML enraged hostile 75 mm gun 239209. 8. ENCLOSURES (a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 52. 2 copies of the following :-(b) Maps: 1/50,000 Sheet No 3246-11 SIPITANG 1/50,000 11 3145- 1 SUNDAR 11 3347-111 SE LUMAT STH EAST 1/25,000 1/25,000 1/10,000 1E 67/XX11-C BALIKPAPAN 11 67/XX11-C Ħ (nut to all addressees) TDG maps of the following : (c) 67/XX11-C Sheet No 1/25,000 BALIKPAPAN п if 67/XX11-B 1/50,000 11 () 11 1 67/XX11-A 11 (A) 67/XX11-K 67/XX11-L tt łt 1/25,000 SEPINGGANG 11 11 MANGGAR He S allamont Brig GS 1 Aust Corps Distribution : (As for Bulletin No 46) ×,- 0

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1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO 74.

(From information received to 2309001)

1. LABUAN ISLAND TO 2224001

Attempted infaltration resulted 6 Japs killed.

- 2. BRUNEI SARAWAK TO 2224001
 - (a) LUTONG. 2/13 bn patrols SOUTH of PUJUT and NOPTH to 422990 without contact.
 SERIA . SERIA town occupied by forward elements 2/17 bn during night 21/22 Jun. 21 oil fires burning town badly damaged.
 - (b) Location of Headquarters

HQ.	2/17	Aust	Inf	Bn	831108
HQ	2/32	Aust	Inf	Bn	226737
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(c) Reports have been received of the presence of Australian prisoners of war at UKONG. A patrol from the 2/15 Aust Inf Bn is moving along the LIMBANG River towards UKONG to investigate these reports.

3. MEMPAKUL

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2/11 Cav Sqn moving towards KARUKAN 131035. Two coys 2/43 bn reached KOTA KLIAS 2500. HQ 24 Bde opened MEMPANUL 2214001.

4. Casualties :

(a)	07n :		For 24 hrs ending 24001 19 Jun 45.		s ending Jun 45.
		Officers	Other Ranks	Officers	Other Ranks
		in action 1 in action 1	.2 10	-	4 7

(Ъ)		For 24 hours ending 24001 21 Jun 45	Progressive totals to 24001 21 Jun 45
	MEMPAKUL - VE	STON	
	Counted dead Estimated add	13	30
	dead	3	3

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Counted dead Estimated additional	139	397
dead autoronar	•	39
PW	7	16 (Japanese)
		2 (Formosans)

4. (b) contd/

BRUNZI - SERIA	For 24 hours ending	Progressive totals to 24091 21 Jun 45
Counted dead	23	106
⊰stimated additional dead FW	1 17	13 33
Reported killed by guerillas	132	132

5. TARAKAN

- (a) Searching out e. tered Japs resulted 11 killed, additional 2 estimated killed 3 FV.
- (b) Casualties :

<u>Own</u>: Progressive total to 24001 20 Jun 45 Officers Other Ranks

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Killed in action9155Wourded in action38594	

Enemy: For 24 hours ending 24001 21 Jun 45.

Counted dead	· 9
Estimated additional dead	-
py	3

Progressive totals to 2400I 21 Jun.

Counted dead 1113 Estimated additional dead 207 Fri 52

6. BOUGAINVILLE TO 2209001.

SOUTH : 15 Ede, 42 bn moving to area HARI River, 24 bn patrols in urea 0740. 57/60 bn repulsed enemy attack on bn area one coy now advanced to 063366. 58/59 bn no change. <u>CENTRAL</u> : 23 Ede. P1 7 bn captured 694166. <u>NORTH</u> : 11 Ede. Adv party 27 bn arrived SORAKEN. <u>CASUALTIES</u> : Enemy 4 killed 2 P.". Own 4 killed 10 wounded.

7. WEWAK TO 2209001

COAST : 19 Bde. Coy 2/4 bn moving SOUTH engaged enemy 339011 enemy reperted in strength 340010. 2/8 bn troops occupied spur 344015 without opposition. Track to SAURI 2802 clear to 293015. INLAND : 17 Bde. General patrol activity in bds area. HO 2/6 bn 787990. Natives report 100 hostile natives moving WEST through 8499 with object of turning SOUTH and harassing our positions in MAPRIK area from rear. Generals MAHO and CAKAI at MABOIBUS. CASUALTIES : Enemy 21 killed. Own 2 killed 7 wounded.

8. ENCLOSURES

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(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 53

1 Aust Corps Routine Orders Serial No.

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1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO 75

(From information received to 2400001)

- 1. LABUAN ISLAND TO 2324001
 - (a) LABUAN : Patrol 2/28 bn killed 7 Japs.
 - (b) BRUNEI SARAWAK : River patrol 2/32 bn reached NAPARAN 2093 without contact. 5 Japs killed , further 2 estimated killed at 248748.
 - (c) <u>MEMPAKUL</u>: One coy 2/43 bn moved MEMPAKUL to SABANG 0905 by sea and contacted 2/11 cav sqn at WARUKAN 131035. 2 P taken. Sea borne patrols moved SABANG to 177153 patrolled to KUALA PENYU 2014 and along track to 188165 no contact.
 - (d) <u>LIMBANG</u> : Two coys 2/15 bn moved BROOKETON to BRUNEI. No movement seen LIMBANG area.
 - (e) <u>SERIA-MIRI</u>: Local patrols SERIA no contact. Forward elements 2/13 bn entered MIRI Town unopposed. Patrol to 421992 made no contact;

2. TARAKAN TO 2324001

Extensive patrolling . 30 to 40 Japs estimated in area square 4275. Enemy casualties to date. Counted dead 1131 estimated dead 209 PW 55. Own for 24 hours ending 2224001. Nil.

3. BOUGAINVILLE TO 2309001

SOUTH: 15 Bde. 42 bn concentrated in area 0037. 57/60 bn repulsed counter attack on bn area. Coy 24 bn reached 087407 contacts in areas 0737 0839. RAFFLES FORCE patrol adv to 104436 enemy active 140367. Enemy strength WEST MOBIAI River increasing.

CENTRAL : 23 Bde. 7 bn patrolling. NORTH : 11 Bde. Light engagements in bde area. CASUALTIES : Enemy 23 killed 6 wounded. Own 2 wounded.

4. TENAK TO 2309001

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COAST : 16 Bde. H9 2/1 bn 230137 contacts 096196 and 106178. 19 Bde. 2/8 bn patrols reached 303006 NMS but much enemy activity WEST MT SUIBURANGU. 2/4 bn troops engaged enemy 338009.

INLAND : 17 Bde. 2/5 bn patrol reports enemy 7595. Village 752962 occupied unopposed. 2/6 bn occupied vacated position 802005. Native report enemy villages 8499. CASUALTIES : Inemy 36 killed, own troops 2 killed 5 wounded.

5. AIRFORCE BOMBLINE (Rof maps KUDAT, BRUNEI BAY, JESSELTON, SINDUMINU 1/25,000)

The following airforce bombline will operate as from 2223591. NO bombing or strafing "EST or NORTH of bombline. PLYANG MYAIG 5 degrees 46 minutes NORTH 115 degrees 55 minutes EAST following line of coast SOUTH to BONGAWAN to PANGI 5 degrees 9 minutes NORTH 115 degrees 52 minutes EAST. SOUTHWEST.

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6. ENCLOSURES

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- (a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 54.
- (b) I Aust Corps Dat 1 Aust AAPI Gp. Report No 104
- (c) Maps : 3 copies of the following :

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1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO 76.

(From information received to 2509001)

1. LABUAN ISLAND TO 2424001

(a) LABUAN

Patrolling continued 18 enemy killed. Two coys 2/28 bn left LABUAN for WESTON.

(b) BRUNEI-SARAWAK

WESTON. One coy 2/32 bn moved from WESTON to join bn HQ and one coy area 271900.

(c) MEMPAKUL

2/43 bn less one coy concentrated area 320924. One coy SABANG area.

(d) <u>LIMBANG</u>

Coy river patrol 2/15 bn reached 585172. Now moving everland to BANGAR. Patrol killed 2 Japs in BERIMBANG area 538389.

(e) <u>SERIA - MIRI</u>

Patrol to CAPE BARAM returned without contact. Local patrols MIRÍ area. Coy 2/17 bn moved SERIA from BRUHEI.

(f) <u>Casualties</u> : Enemy for 24 hours ending 2406001 killed 19 FV 2. Own. killed 1 wounded 3.

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2. <u>TARAKAN TO 2424001</u>

Patrol activity. Enemy casualties to date 1155 counted dead 212 estimated additional dead P7 62.

3. BOUGAINVILLE TO 2409001

SOUTH : 15 Bdc. HQ 15 Bdc 042361. Coy 57/60 bn found ders vacated 083368. HO 24 Bn 045391 coys at 087407 repulsed two counter attacks by 70/100 enemy. Enemy reported 038412. RAFFLES FORCE patrol reached 186486. CENTRAL : 23 Bdc. Sitnor NORTH : 11 Bdc. 27 bn located 3171. Coys 26 bn in contact light engagements. Casualties : Enemy 18 killed 1 wounded 1 PT. Own 2 killed 1 PV.

4. NEW BRITAIN TO 2409001

5 Div. Barges reported MATALAILI river moving NORTH launches reported 2573 moving NORTH.

5. <u>WEWAK</u> To 2409001

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COAST : 10 Edg. Patrol contacts 251100 158172 127210. 19 Edg. Coy 2/8 En captured position 303005 patrols adv SOUTH. Elements 2/4 attacked NT TAZAKI 3300 pl held up 150 yards from crest.

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WEWAK contd/ 5. • INLAND : Light angagements in 17 Bde area. Elements 2/5 bn occupied villages 757967 and 772974. YAMIL strip open for light aircraft. . CASUALTIES : Enemy 29 killed. Own 2 killed 5 wounded. 6. ENCLOSURES • • . . . (a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 55. (b) General Routine Orders 163-167 of 22 Jun 45. ۰. 2 copies of the following :-(c) Maps : ٠. • BALIKPAPAN C (Second Edition) 1:50,000 Sheet 67/XX11C SEPAKOE - D 1:25,000 11 66/XX11 D . ŧr. 67/XX11 B BARGE Ω. · . MRIV: Curth Maj Brig . . GS 1 Aust Corps Distribution : (As for Bulletin No 46) • • • . . C !; · ø. -.

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1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO. 77

(From information received to 2609001)

1. LABUAN ISLAND TO 2524001

(a) <u>LABUAN</u>

2 enemy killed attempting to infiltrate area 840836. Enemy casualties for 24 hours ending 2524001 counted dead 9 estimated dead 5 PW 4.

(b) BRUNEI - SARAWAK

BEAUFORT. HQ 24 bde moved to area KARANG 292916. 2/32 bn less one coy concentrated area square 2991. Patrol cut railway line area 3387. Remainder bn at WESTON. 2/43 bn less one coy area 320925. Patrol moved to 334907 thence LUMAT 3697 without contact. KARUKAN. 2/11 cav sqn occupied TAMU KAYUI and TEMPORONG 1511.

(c) <u>SERIA - MIRI</u>

2/13 bn patrols reached 490825 without contact. One coy 2/17 bn occupied KUALA BELAIT without opposition. LIMBANG. 7 FY captured by patrols 2/15 bn.

2. <u>TARAKAN</u> <u>To 2524001</u>

Patrols contacted several small enemy parties killing 12 and taking 8 PW. During night 24/25 Jun PT boats captured 7 Japs on rafts. Enemy casualties to date. Counted dead 1167 estimated dead 213 PW 69. Own casualties for 24 hours ending 2424001 1 wounded.

3. BOUGAINVILLE TO 2509001

SOUTH : 15 Bde. 24 bn conc vicinity MOBIAI River, coys in areas 070383 087407 083365 and 080351. HQ 57/60 bn 060356 fwd elements reached 072357. Coys 58/59 bn areas 0535 0635 patrols contacts. RAFFLES FORCE patrols to 207523 patrols on MIBO River unable cross BJIN road due to sontries. CENTRAL : 23 Bde. Sitnor. NORTH : 11 Bde. 27 bn assumed comd RURI area from 26 bn two coys 26 bn under comd 27 bn. Pl 31/51 bn occupied posn 288701. Casualties BOUGAINVILLE enemy 8 killed 42 graves found . Own casualties 2 wounded.

4. WETAK TO 2509001

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19 Bds. Activity 303005 on flank 2/8 hn. Two coys 2/4 bn captured MT TAZAKI 3300 against strong opposition. MT TAZAKI dominates WEWAK coastal area. 16 Bds. 2/3 bn patrol contacts 371015. Troops 2/3 MG bn located large dumps 105 mm amn area MANDI 4301. 17 Bds. Elements 2/5 bn contacted enemy def Casualties NEW GUINEA : Enemy 24 killed. Own 1 killed 4 wounded.

5. CENSORSHIP (Rof Adv LHQ G/177.05/Int of 21 Jun 45)

 (a) C-in-C has instructed that where unit consorship applies (vide GRO 371/44) no officer of a rank up to and including the rank of Majer will frank his own communications. Franking will be dime by an officer senior in rank to the sender of such communications.

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- (b) The only exception will be in the case of communications from the senior officer of a unit detachment of a unit when that senior officer is of a rank below Licutenant colonel.
- (c) In these circumstances, the senior officer will assume such responsibility in regard to censorship as would apply if he held the rank of Lieutenant-colonel.

6. ENCLOSURES

- (a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 56
- (b) General Routine Orders 155 of 11 Jun 45,
- (c) Maps : 2 copies of the following :

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1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO 78 (From information received to 2709001)

1. LABUAN ISLAND TO 2624001

(a) <u>LABUAN</u> :

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(b) BRUNEI BAY

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BEAUFORT. Two coys 2/28 bn moved from LABUAN through WESTON to PADAS RIVER craft head 333914. 2/43 bn completed concentration and moved to BINGKUL area 3390. 2/32 bn HQ and two coys area 3289 one coy 291914 one coy 290955. WESTON. 2/28 bn less two coys relieved 2/32 bn. En HQ 224738 two coys area 2173.

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(c) <u>SERIA</u> - MIRI

2/17 bn patrol across B LAIT river reported forry sunk. 2/13 bn. Patrols SOUTH of MIRI engaged 20 enemy 422833. 4 enemy believed killed. Coy patrol NORTH to BARAM PT reached 407036 without contact. LIMBANG. River patrol left LI'BANG for UKONG 25 Jun.

2. TARAKAN TO 2624001

7 enemy killed and 5 FW captured during extensive patrolling and capture of further three rafts off NORTH coast. Enemy casualties to date - counted dead 1174 estimated additional dead 213. Own casualties for 24 hours ending 2524001 - 1 killed 1 wounded 1 missing.

3. BOUGAINVILLE TO 2609001

SOUTH : 15 Eds. Patrols 24 bn contacted enemy 068421 and 078437. Coy 57/60 bn 082353 repulsed counter attack. One coy 58/59 bn moved 073347 40 enemy reported 060373. CENTRAL : 23 Eds. Coy 7 bn located 694169. NORTH : 11 Eds. One coy 31/51 bn now SORAWEN further coy 288700. Adv HQ 23 Eds arrived SORAKEN. CASUALTIES : Enemy - 11 ktllod, 4 wounded, 6 PM. Own -2 killed 6 wounded.

4. YETAK To 2609001

COAST : 16 Bdc. 2/1 bn patrol contacts 249095 247100. 2/6 Cav Cdo Regt patrols contacted enemy 151167 and 105176. 19 Bdc. 2/8 Bn patrols report strong defs WT SHIBURANGU and to WEST. 2/4 Bn clearing MT TAZAKI. INLAND : 17 Bdc. 2/5 Bn patrols in contact 772977 garden area 758962 cleared. 2/6 Bn reports enemy at track 815985. CASUALTIES : Enemy 12 killed. Own - nil. SEA : Probable enemy 75 mm gun engaged 307288 by naval craft fire returned.

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(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 57

(b) <u>Maps</u> : 3 copies of the following TDG maps -

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1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO 79

(From information received to 2809001)

1. LABUAN ISLAND TO 2724001

(e) LABUAN

Patrolling continued. Enemy casualties for 24 hours ending 2724001 - killed 41 PW 1.

(b) BRUNEI BAY

BEAUFORT

Ons coy 2/43 bn captured enemy position 354908. Patrols located enemy positions at 361906 and 361905 latter occupied by 30 Japs. BEAUFORT captured and now firmly held.

(c) <u>SERIA - MIRI</u>

Adv HQ 20 Bde opened KUALA BELAIT. Rear HQ remains 493383. Patrol 2/13 bn met patrol 2/17 bn at BARAM POINT. Further patrol to DALAM pumping station encountered 3 enemy at 426813. LIMBANG. One coy 2/15 bn departed LT4BANG by LCM for THUSAN and one pl for LAWAS Fiver.

2. <u>TARAKAN</u> TO 2724001

Several small enemy parties were killed or captured during extensive patrolling. Enemy casualties to date - counted dead 1195 estimated dead 215 P^µ 81.

3. BOUGAINVILLE TO 2709001

SOUTH : 15 Bds. Two coys 24 bn cone 080367. Enemy continued counter attacks on coy 57/60 bn 053358 all repulsed. 58/59 bn now relieved 57/60 bn vicinity MOBIAI ford. RAFFLES FORCE patrolling. CENTRAL : 23 Bds. 7 bn patrolling. NORTH : 23 Bds. 7 bn patrolling. NORTH : 23 Bds assumed comd RATSUA RURI harbour area. Coy 31/51 bn in contact 295702 two coys moving TOROKINA. CASULITIES : Enemy - 13 killed 1 wounded. Own - 2 killed 7 wounded.

4. WEYAK To 2709001

COAST : 19 Ede. Elements 2/8 bn in contact with enemy area SAURI 2802. Troops 2/4 bn occupied 335005. Own arty destroyed def posns 428009. INLAND : 17 Ede. Elements 2/5 bn ongaged enemy 778977 750954. Patrolling in remainder bde area. CASUALTIES : Enemy - 17 killed . Own - 3 killed 4 wounded.

5. ENCLOSURES

1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 58.

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1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO 80

(From information received to 290900I)

1. LABUAN ISLAND TO 2624001

(a) BEAUFORT - WESTON

2/32 and 2/43 bns consolidating in BEAUFORT. Patrols along railway BEAUFORT - VESTON and NORTH from BEAUFORT.

(b) <u>MIRI</u>

Patrol 2/13 bn in contact enemy at 414810. Other sectors patrol activity only.

(c) <u>Casualties</u> : Total casualties for 28 Jun - Enemy counted dead 32 FV 7. Own - 1 killed.

2. TARAKAN TO 2624001

Patrols engaged several small parties enemy stragglers. 8 enemy killed 15 FN captured whilst attempting to escape by rafts. Enemy casualties to date - counted dead 1224 estimated dead 217 F7 25.

3. BOUGAINVILLE 70 2809001

SOUTH : 3 Div. 47 on cone astride BUIN road 1 miles EAST of RUSEL. 24 on in contact 0438. Patrol dispersed 60 enemy 077389. 57/60 on less coy astride MOBIAI River 0836. 53/59 on report enemy in strength 08 4 0736 . CENTRAL : 23 Bdg. Elements 7 on in contact. NORTH : 11 Bde. Coy 31/51 on 288702. 23 Bde. HQ 27 on 312709. Light contacts in area. CASUALTIES : enemy 30 killed 2 wounded 1 P7, Own -3 killed 9 wounded.

4. WEWAK TO 2809001

COAST : 19 Bde. 2/4 bn patrols report strong defs feature 3200. 2/3 ME bh captured weapons and eqpt 428008. 2/6 cav cdo regt in contact 122224 168180. INLAND : 17 Eds. 2/5 bh cleared knoll 764973 and occupied 777979. 2/5 bh captured knoll 805996 and repulsed counter attacks. Encary activity on trail 872091 to 852018. CASUALTIES : Encary - 29 killed. Own - 1 killed 1 wounded.

5. Locations

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HQ 1 TAF (RAAF) is located at LABUAN with attached 2 Aust Coud AL Sec. Mail addressed to this Command Section is to be addressed:

> 2 Aust Comi AL Sec HQ 1 TAF (RAAF)

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(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 59.



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1 AUST CORPS ALO'S BULLETIN NO 81

(From information received to 3009001)

LABUAN ISLAND TO 2924001

(a) BRUNEI BAY

2/28 bn. One coy 368944 one coy 355923 protecting left flank 2/43 bn. No enemy seen by patrol to 373963. Patrol from "ESTON area along railway line to 262792 near BUKAU reported line clear of enemy and servicable. 2/32 bn less one coy advanced RAST against some opposition. 2/43 bn continuing clearing BEAUFORT area. Isolated pockets remain. One coy in contact vicinity houses 363898.

(h) SERIA - MIRI

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2/17 bn river patrol reached BELAI 7890 on 27 Jun thence to SEMBARU 8890 without contact. 2/13 bn patrol to 413803 occupied abandoned enemy position. Jap bivouacs areas 557828 541866 bombed and strafed.

2. TARAKAN TO 2924001

Two rafts destroyed. Extensive patrolling inflicted enemy casualties 22 counted dead 2 estimated additional dead 5 PW. Enemy casualties to date - counted dead 1246 estimated dead 219 PW 101.

3. BOUGAINVILLE TO 2909001

SOUTH : 3 Div. HQ 24 bn 093355 one coy engaged 60 enemy 094351. Coy 57/60 bn located enemy defs 0935 1035. Two coys 58/59 bn 084334. CENTRAL : 23 Bde. 7 bn patrolling. NORTH : Sitnor. CASUALTIES : Enemy 10 killed 2 P. Own 9 wounded 1 missing.

4. "ETAK : To 2909001

COAST : 19 Ede. Patrols 2/8 bn engaged by enemy 300002 303001. Following heavy air and arty bombardment troops attacked MT SHIBURRANGU key feature for proposed drive inland. Forward troops held up and carrying out outflanking move. 2/4 bn patrol occupied 325007. INLAND : 17 Ede. 2/5 bn cleared villages 7595 and 778957. AIB report large enemy conc 7352. CASUALTIZS : Enemy 26 killed. Own - 4 killed 12 wounded.

5. Late Reports

(a) Lucations of Headquarters :

HQ 2/32 Aust Infantry Bn 348902 HQ 2/43 Aust Infantry Bn 359904 Remainder unchanged.



(b) Casualties : 5.

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1 e. 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 60.

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AMENDMENT NO 3 TO 1 AUST CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 4 OF 13 MAY 45. Copy No

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Paragraph 2 (f)

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delete "25 Aust Inf Bde Gp - MOROTAI"

Paragraph 4 -

delete "less 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp"

Amend paragraph 14 to read -

"The target date for F Day (the day on which the landing is made) is 1 Jul 45".

2. Delete the following units-

Appx	Part	Ser ial	Unit	Pers	Vehs	Remarks
A	1	24	2/42 Cipher Sec (Type K) less det	13	_	
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A	2	22	less det 5 Pigeon Sec(Type A)	16	8 2	dələte remarks
A	2	38	less det l Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk (LE) less det	10 20	16	delete remarks
A	2	39	det 4 Armd Bde Ord Fd Pk		-	see Note 1
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Amend totals accordingly. 4.

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Distribution as for 1 Aust Corps Operation Instruction No.4

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.		HQ 1 AUST CORPS	
		INSTRUCTIONS FOR GS DUTY STAFF OFFICERS	
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	1.	Appointment of Duty Staff Officer	
	. •	(a) The Duty Staff Officer will be detailed from officers below field rank of G branch, RAA, CE branch, Survey,	
	. -	· CSO branch, 1 Aust Corps Sec Int Corps and IU+ Aust FS Sec.	
		(b) The duty nogton will be encoured by a give	
		(b) The duty roster will be arranged by G 3 (Ops).	
• •	•	(c) Should an officer be unable to fulfil his tour of duty he will notify G 3 (Ops). The next-for-duty becomes	
		Duty Staff Officer, being notified accordingly by G 3(Ops).	
	2.	Tour of Duty	
	:	(a) The tour of duty will be for 24 hours commencing 0830 hrs.	
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		(b) The Duty Staff Officer will NOT leave the precincts of the headquarters during such tour of duty unless	
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		In such case he will arrange for the next-for-duty to relieve him and notify G 3 (Ops).	
		(c) The Duty Staff Officer will be in the Battle Room during	
	•	one fortowing hours -	
		1245 - 1430 1615 - 1930	
		2200 - 0830	
		(d) The next-for-duty will relieve the Duty Staff Officer for meals at 1330 and 1830 hrs daily.	
		(c) If, during the above hours, the Duty Staff Officer is required to leave the Battle Room for short periods,	
		he will arrange for the Duty Clerk to remain in the Battle Room until his return.	:
	3.		
		Handling of Messages other than Situation Reports	
		(a) Signal and Cipher offices will deliver messages and despatches for G branch (incl AAPIU and FSS), RAA ,	
		1 Aust Combined Ops Sec, 1 Aust MH Fd Team, CE branch Survey and CSO branch to the G Duty Clerk between 2200	
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•		than important which are received during this period will be delivered direct to the Duty Staff Officer).	
		(b) The Duty Clerk will deliver all messages to the Duty	
		bour officer immediately on receipt.	
		(c) The Duty Staff Officer will enter such messages in the	
		log, mark the serial number, time and date of receipt	
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clearly on the top right corner of the message, e.g., 34/032330I and note any action taken. In all cases if the Duty Staff Officer is uncertain of the action required he will refer the matter to a responsible officer of the branch concerned.

(d) All signals and correspondence received for Mil History Sec and Public Relations (ADPR) will be passed to these addressees immediately. A clork is on duty in these offices 24 hrs of the day.

Handling of TOPSEC and PERSONAL messages

- (a) TOPSEC messages will be opened by the Duty Staff Officer unless addressed by name to a particular officer. In the latter case the message will be dealt with as in sub paras (e) and (f) below.
- (b) TOPSEC messages having priority grading not addressed to an individual officer will be passed to a GSO 2 or equivalent of the branch or service concerned for reference. If non priority, the message will be held for G 3 (Ops) at 0830 hrs unless the context indicates that immediate action is required in which case the message will be treated as a priority message.
- (c) TOPSEC messages will NOT be summarised in the log but will be entered as 'TOPSEC' in 'Precis' column.
- (d) Messages marked 'PERSONAL' will NOT be opened by the Duty Staff Officer.
 - (e) Messages addressed 'Lieutenant General'Sir Leslie MORSHEAD! will be passed immediately to the ADC, but those addressed GOC or Commanding General will be opened by the Duty Staff Officer.
- (f) Personal messages for other officers will be held until 0830 hrs.

5. Duty Officer's Log

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- (a) The Duty Staff Officer will make a log of all messages and despatches other than sitreps received and sent by him, of all important telephone calls and other verbal conversations between the hours of 2200 and 0800 hrs noting the action taken.
- (b) A precis of the contents of each message, except TOPSECRET messages, will be entered in the log.

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- (c) Messages received between 0800 and 0830 hrs will NOT be logged but will be distributed direct to the registries or branches concerned.
- (d) The log with all undistributed messages attached will be handed to G 3 (Ops) at 0830 hrs by the Duty Staff · Officer.

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6. Handling of Inward Situation Reports

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(a) Sitreps and daily operational report signals will be distributed to GOC, BGS, G I (Ops), G I (Int), G 2 (Ops), G 2 (Op Report), BMB, Adv LHQ.
Three copies of these messages will be received from the

signal office. Of these, copies will be sent to the first two addressees immediately they are received, the third copy will be checked and reproduced for distribution to all above recipients.

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(b) Two hourly brief reports and intercept sitreps will be distributed -

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Three copies of these messages will be received from the signal office. Of these, copies will be sent to the first two recipients immediately they are received. The third copy will be checked and reproduced for distribution to all above recipients.

2200 hrs to 0700 hrs

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(a) The procedure will be as above except that the distribution of reproduced messages will be made at 0700 hrs and the original copies will not be distributed to the GOC and BGS.

Production of Daily Operational Report Signal

- (a) G 3 (Ops) is to prepare the daily operational report signal to include all information received until 2200 hrs and hand this paper to the Duty Staff Officer. The Duty Staff Officer will add to or vary this partly prepared report as additional information is received during the period 2200 hrs to 0600 hrs. A general staff officer is to be at the battle room at 0700 hrs daily to check and approve the prepared report for despatch. A pro forma of the daily operational report signal is attached as Appendix 'A'...
- (b) The Duty Staff Officer will mark the map in the outer portion of the battle room showing the information received to 0600 hrs. This will be completed for checking by the general staff officer at 0700 hrs.
- (c) During certain periods of operations a senior Duty Staff Officer is to be detailed, in addition to the Duty Staff Officer. (See sub para 10(a)). During these periods the senior Duty Staff Officer will be responsible for the action outlined in sub paras (a) and (b) above.

8. Acknowledgements and Receipts

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The Duty Staff Officer will not acknowledge any message or despatch, though he will sign receipts for documents where necessary.

9. A & Q Duty Officers

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A & Q Duty Officers will be available within the respective office areas during times other than normal office hours.

Senior Duty Staff Officers 10.

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- day. (a) During certain periods of operations a Senior Duty Staff Officer will be on duty in addition to the usual Duty Staff Officer. This officer will be drawn from GS branch, CE branch and RAA 1 Aust Corps. Details of this roster will be issued from time to time.
- (b) When a Senior Duty Staff Officer is on duty, the Duty Staff Officer will act in accordance with instructions from the Senior Duty Staff Officer.

11. Location of Officers Sleeping Quarters

A plan showing the lay out and numbering of tents in the cfficers' lines, and officers allotted to each tent is posted . . in the outer portion of the Battle Room.

12 Air Raid Warning

In the event of an air raid, the Duty Staff Officer will take action in accordance with instructions contained in G/40/Ops of 15 May 45 of which a copy is attached as Appendix 'B'.

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ATR RAID ALERTS.

HQ 1 Aust Corps 15 May 45 G/40/0ps

RAA 1 Aust Corps 1 Aust Op Report Team 1 Aust Corps Sec Int Corps 'U' Aust FS Sec 1 Aust MH Fd Team A Aust Corps Sigs.

1. Advice of air raid "alerts" and "all clear" signals in this area will be received by HQ 1 Aust Corps switch from Adv LHQ switch as follows-

(a) Action Warning - RED - meaning an air raid may occur within 5 to 10 minutes.

(b) Raiders passed - GREEN - meaning raiders have left the area or threat of raid is no longer imminent.

2. On receipt of air raid RED warning, Corps switchboard will pass the information immediately to -

- (a) Battle Room (Extension 1)
- (b) Camp Office (Extension 8)
- (c) 'A' Mess (Extension 19)"

3. The air raid warning within HQ 1 Aust Corps will be sounded on a siren located at the Battle Room and will consist of three short blasts, each of one second duration, with intervals of one second.

4. When the alarm is sounded all lights in the headquarters and camp areas will be extinguished.

5. The "all clear" signal will be one continuous blast on the signer for the duration of five seconds. On receipt of the "all clear" signal 'A' Mess will be advised by the Corps switch and the lighting system will be re-connected.

6. The Duty Staff Officer will be responsible for sounding the siren and Camp will be responsible for passing the warning and the "all clear" to the operators of the electric light generator, who will take action as indicated in paragraphs 4 and 5 above.

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sgd S. HODGMAN Lt-Col for Brig, GS 1 Aust Corps.

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NOTES ON CONFERENCE

HQ 1 A ST CORPS 1100 HRS 7 JUN

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1 Aust Corps - Cond, BGS, DA & QVG, GSO 1(Ops), GSO 1(Int), GSO II(Ops) AQNG, CCRA, CE, DDMS.

7 Aust Div - Cond, GSO 1, AA & QMG, CRA.

1 Aust AL Gp - Maj DERHAM

US Navy • Rear Admiral NOBLE and staff.

RAAP - Air Vice Marshal BOSTOCK and staff.

2. The corps commander emphasized that the target date must be met, and only vital deficiencies will be permitted to cause a postpone ent. Owing to our much greater fire power as compared with the enemy's, we can accept some initial shortages in men and materials.

25 Aust Inf Bde has now reverted to command 7 Aust Div, and the divisional commander has the whole of his division available, as far as assault shipping is capable of carrying it.

Present indications are that ISTs carrying elements of 7 Aust Div will not arrive at #OROTAI until 14 June. They are due at BIAK on 11 June and key personnel such as COs may be flown on from there.

The Air Force has problems due to the distances involved, and to the fact that the forces available must be deployed over three OBOE operations. In addition the Fifth US Air Force may have additional commitments in LUZON.

3. Admiral NOBLE explained that TG 78.2 has a well-experienced staff, having taken part in amphibious operations in NORTH AFRICA, NORMANDY, CENTRAL PACIFIC and SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC areas. He considered that the OBOE TWO operation is the most difficult and complex assault yet attempted in the SWPA.

The sweeping of the minefields will take nearly 22 weeks. It is probable that all mines will not be swept or destroyed but it is hoped to lay out safe areas for the approach of ships to the objective area. The risk of losing some ships from mines is accepted. Ships will move inshore of minefields as far as possible, in order to increase the chances of survival of personnel on any ships sunk by mines.

Before arrival at MOROTAI, it had been anticipated by the Navy that the landings would be made further to the east of the beaches selected. However, after discussions with commanders 1 Aust Corps and 7 Aust Div, the Navy is now quite prepare to land the force at the beaches selected.

The salient dates for naval operations are -

- F 16 Minesweeping commences
- F = 5 = Underwater demolition teams commence operations.
- F Day Bombardment in support of landing

Every available combat ship will deploy and provide fire support to the limit of its capabilities. An opportunity will be taken during a pre-assault air strike when naval bombardment must of necessity cease, to change over the destroyers providing fire support. As soon as possible after the initial assault, stores will be unloaded from ICHs and ICTs, followed by the landing of amphibicus ships. ISTs will launch pontoon causeways if possible, or otherwise will be unloaded in the stream into ICHs and ICTs.

4. Capt SOLOMONS Chief of Staff to Admiral NOBLE then outlined the neval plan in further detail. Operations are to be in the following phases:

(a) First Phase

Preliminary air bombardment (already commenced) on designated targets, particularly AA and other defences, including petroleum installations capable of being used in defence. On F-20, air strikes are to be intensified, increasing in intensity towards F Day

F-16. A task group of cruisers and destroyers will have the dual task of covering minesweeping operations and destroying fixed defences in the landing area.

Owing to offshore shcals, cruisers will be able, after preliminary minesweeping, to approach only to 12,000 -16,000 yards from the shore, and destroyers 4,000 - 6,000 yards.

The first group of minesweepers (15 in number) will be augmented by 4 small and 4 large sweepers released from 050E SIX.

It is expected that the approach to the objective area from the east will be swept by F Day. Wines to be swept are of three types •

Allied		various type
Japanese	-	moored
Dutch	•	moored

The third type is expected to provide the most trouble in sweeping, as multiple runs will be required.

F=5. UDTs commence reconnaissances of beach obstacles at NANGGAR and SEPINGGAN areas, mainly to determine the type of obstacles which are believed to be cocomit palm posts wired together and braced across the top. It is anticipated that the obstacles will be destroyed satisfactorily.

F-4. Destruction of above obstacles.

F=3. Reconnaissance of landing beaches.

F=2. Blowing of gaps through obstacles on landing beaches.

Reconnaissances are to be carried out after each blowing in order to determine whether destruction of obstacles has been successful, and to gain information about the beaches. A report on operations of UETs and beach information gained will be delivered to the Task Group on F=2.

UDTs will be covered by fire from cruisers, destroyers and support craft.

Londing of assault shipping will commence as the troops, materials and ships are available at MOROTAI. Good co-ordination of effort will be necessary to have this loading completed on time for a rehearsal before departure from MOROTAI.

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(b) <u>Phase 2</u>

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Naval bombardment will commence at first light F Day and is to be co-ordinated with two air strikes.

The first air strike is designed to clear the beach proper of mines and other defences and is to take place immediately after the first run of rocket craft. The second air strike is to be a high level attack by B24s, to take place immediately prior to the landing, co-ordinated with the second rocket craft run, and directed at five major targets.

Bombardment of beaches and up to 1000 yards inland will be carried out principally by cruisers, of which one will be allotted to each beach sector.

Cruisers and destroyers will cover the flanks of the landing beaches and will bombard the heavy defences in the town area. Continuous bombardment will be directed on known targets, from daylight until the second rocket run except during the low-level strike by B25s.

Close support for the landing is being provided by 10 LCS(L), 10 LCI(R) and 6 LCI(G). In all a total of 8800 rockets will be fired.

Three battalions will be landed abreast in -

2 waves LVT 3 waves LCVP 1 wave LCP and DUKWS 1 wave LCT 1 wave LCU 1 wave LCU 1 wave LCU

The reserve will be in ICVP, ICI and ISZ and will be available to land on call.

Cruisers and destroyers will be available for call fire as long as they are required.

(c) <u>Phase 3</u> Consolidation - landing of additional supplies and reserve troops.

Amphibious shipping is being despatched with a view to its arrival at the objective area in a steady flow, thus remaining in the objective area for a limited time.

Naval support after the landing will comprise protection of shipping en route, naval gunfire as called, and minor amphibicus operations as the campaign develops.

Alternative plans for landing have been prepared, in the event of the chosen beach being found not suitable. These alternative plans have been designed to vary as little as possible from the main plan.

Beaches selected for possible alternative landings are located - one at SEPINGGAN and two at MANGGAR.

5. The commander 7 Aust Div stated that the plan previously described remains with only minor modifications.

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The inclusion of 25 Aust Inf Bde in the Order of Battle for the operation will mean that an adequate divisional reserve is now assured. This will provide protection for the Beach Maintenance Area earlier than would have been the case, and will also enable the SEPINGGAN air strip to be captured earlier.

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On the right, 21 Brigade will land on a one battalion front and will have under command the 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt less one squadron for use in an agressive role to the east and north-east. This unit may be able to capture the airstrip early but it is not to be used in an assault agains: prepared defensive positions. One battalion of the brigade is to be prepared to capture the airstrip by F plus 1.

On the left, 18 Erigade will land on a two battalion front and will concentrate on the capture of the two ridges overlooking the town and harbour. This brigade is relieved of responsibility for the road to PANDANSARI. It is hoped to seize the southern end of the western feature shortly after landing before the enemy has recovered from the effects of the preliminary bombardment.

> 18 Brigade will have under command • Sqn HQ and three troops tanks 21 Brigade will have under command • Sqn HQ and two troops tanks. Each brigade will have under command one troop flame thrower tanks, dozer tanks and a bridge layer tank.

Subsequent operations will depend upon the course of the initial operations. Probable tasks are -

18 Brigade - seize features dominating BALIKPAPAN town, then clear the town area.

21 Brigade - be prepared to move to the east to capture SEPINGGAN and MANGGAR airstrips if necessary.

When the town area has been cleared, the defences on the western side of the harbour will have to be cleared.

Gen MILFORD stated that he had no knowledge of the progress of preliminary air bombardment (Air Vice "arshal BOSTOCK at a later stage of the conference, undertook to keep 7 Aust Div informed on this subject).

6. Air Vice Harshal BOSTOCK stated that Air Force planning had been made difficult because :-

- (a) It would be necessary to deploy the force at that time over the three OBOE operations. This difficulty had been partly solved by Allied Air Forces making available for support, 13 and 5 US Air Forces, although the support to be given by the latter would be limited by other commitments in the PHILLIPINES.
- (b) The possibility of the TARAKAN strip not being available. An alternative plan is being prepared to cover this possibility.

The programme for preliminary bombardment is now being implemented by aircraft based on ZAZBOANGA, PALAWAN and WOROTAI with assistance of two groups of B24s of 5 US Air Force.

If the TARAKAN strip is ready for use, two wings of attack bombers (BEANFIGHTERS and MOSQUITOS) and three P40 squadrons will be available for close support, together with more fighters from LABUAN staging at TARAKAN, if required.

If the TARAKAN strip is not ready for use, it will not be possible for close support aircraft to remain on station over the objective area, owing to the distance from TAWI TAWI. B25s will be on call at ZA BOANGA at 6 hours notice, and B24s from PALAWAN, MOROTAI and ZAMBOANGA at 20 hours notice. In all there will be 2 squadrons B25 and 10 squadrons B24 available (8 dquadrons 13 and 5 Air Force from PALAWAN and ZAMBOANGA and 2 squadrons RAAF from MOROTAI). A group of P38s at SANGA SANGA will be available primarily as fighter cover, but if required can carry 1 x 1000 lb bomb as well as a belly tank. There would be few if any BEAUFIGHTERS or MOSQUITOS available as all space at TAWI TAWI would be required for P38s. Close support aircraft = BEAUFIGHTERS and MOSQUITOS may be available if rom LAF iN, but the route over the mountains would be very vi able to w ther condition

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The latest report from TARAKAN indicates that the strip should be complete by 10 or 11 June, providing there is no further rain.

7. Group-Capt MUNRA, SO(Ops) Adv RAAF Coul, outlined the Air Force plan in further detail.

The pre-assault bombardment on AA and CD installations started 5 days ago, with assistance of two groups B24 of 5 US Air Force. Plans are being developed for destruction of targets in the BALIKPAPAN area, and later for the SEPINGGAN area.

Support will be given to UDT operations on F-4 and F-2.

Minesweeping operations F-16 to F Day will be supported by attacks on targets mominated by the Navy in conjunction with the Army.

On F Day to F plus 5, 8 BEAUFIGHTERS will be continuously on station, being relieved every 90 minutes - capable of borbing, strafing or rocket attacks. In addition, 4 fighters will remain on station. These sircraft can give close support by strafing attacks only just before leaving the area.

Bombing on F Day will be carried out 2 squadrons B25 and 10 squadrons B24 as follows:

> H-70 mins - 2 squadrons B25 low level attack H-40 - H plus 10 - 10 squadrons B24 high level attack

After F plus 3 the 8 BEAUFIGHTERS will be released from air alert and will remain at the base on call - 3 hours notice. In addition 40 to 50 BEAUFIGHTERS will be available on call at 5 hours notice.

On F plus 1, B24s will boub pre-arranged targets between 0830I and 0930I, and thereafter B24s will be at call, requests to be submitted by 1400I on the day prior to the strike being required. The number of B24s available for this operation depend on requirements of 030E ONE and 020E SIX, but it is anticipated that the majority of the aircraft in the area should be available for 030E TWO.

For the objective area will be taken on F-5,F-3, F-2 and F-1 by B24s and the films dropped on the convoy en route.

A courier service will be established from BALIKPAPAN to TARAKAN (or SANGA SANGA if TARAKAN strip is not in use) to connect with the C47 courier service between MCROTAI and BRUNEI BAY.

Four P40s (or P38s from SANGA SANGA if the TARAKAN strip is not serviceable) will be provided on station to cover the minesweeping operations.

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HQ 1 Aust Corps 11 Jun 45. G/7230/SD.

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1. With reference to Appendix 'A' attached showing the allotment of ampunition to 7 Aust Div for the above operation.

2. Gwing to detailed information of all shipments not being available the position cannot be taken as final. Allotments are based on ammunition on hand and scheduled to arrive in time for the assault convoy. As other small shipments are due shortly the position is more likely to improve than deteriorate.

5. Generally where 7 Aust Div has asked for quantities in excess of 20 days HUR and the amounition is available, these excess quantities have been allotted to the 20 days initial maintenance. In many cases this has only been possible by denuding the first vessel of the floating reserve of these items and therefore it must be realised fully that further quantities of such items will not be available in the objective area until either the arrival (on call forwar of either the second floating reserve vessel or the arrival of first resupply ship direct from AUSTRALIA.

4. It is expected that shipments of an unition will arrive at the end of June or very early in July and that these shipments will permit the loading of a further 15 days in the second vessel of the floating reserve. It is expected that such shipments will include all major items.

5. As 3 inch Worter is the main item in short supply and cannot be supplied in the quantity requested by approximately 25,000 rounds, an additional 25,000 rounds of 25 pr has been allotted.

6. In the cases where shown in the appendix the total stock available here has been allotted and no reserves of these items will be available until shipments arrive.

7. Where possible, any deficiencies which exist will be made up by releases for the follow up shipping should further shipments become available.

> Brig. OS 1 Aust Corps.

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1	l-in Sig ILL	3,168	1,404	3,168	1,053	
2	1-in Sig RED	1.584	1,404	1,581	1,053	
j	1-in Sig GREEN	1,584	1,404	1,584	1,053	
Ą	.38 Revolver	5,400	5,794	5,400	4,346	•
5	9 mm SMG	1,184,000	1,349,442	1,184,000	1,012,142	
6	.303 Edr	1,370,000	1,730,062	1,370,000	797,547	
7	.303 CC	340,000	432,516	340,000	574,387	
8	.303 Ctn	816,192	509,492	816,192	632,119	
ç	.303 Tracer	101,088	110,302	101,088	82,727	
10	.303 Incendiary	34,944	36,768	34,944	27,576	
ц	.303 Bolt	221,000	240,000	221,000	180,000	
12	.303 Ballistite	3,024		3,024		None available for Floating Reserve
13	2 in Mor HE	23,400	22,200	23,400	16,650	
14	2 in Mor Smoke	7,812	7,400	7,812	5,550 5,500	

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15	2 in Mor Para Ill	2,088	1,973	2,088	1,480	
16	2 in Mor Sig RED	522	493	522	370	i i
17	2 in Mor Sig GREEN	522	493	522	370	
19	3 in Mor HE	47 , 592	22,784	22,784	7 000	If transshipment is possible from GEORJE B MACE/ RLAND ETA 23 Jun. Extra 8,100 available for figsting re-
19	3 in Mor Smoke	11,892	5,696	11,892	4,272	serve.
20	3 in Mor Prim Cart 95 Grn Ballistite	19,200	Nil	5,000	Nil	<u>}</u>
21	3 in Mor Aug Char 115 Grn Cordite	30,600	Nil	Nil	Nil	Not normal issues
32	2 in Mor Frim Cart 55 Grn Ballistite	6,500	Ril	Mil	: Nil	\$
23	4.2 in Mor HE	6,540		÷,400	Nil) None available for
24	4.2 in Mor Smoke	1,636		628	Nil	floating reserve
25	5	7,488	4,166	5,655	3,640	
26	2 Fr Th A HE	672	736	. 672	552	· ·
27	2 pr Tk AP	3,232	2,084	1,652	1,568	•
28		512	552	512	414	
29	6 pr Tk A HE	804	480	802	Nil	Total stock. None available for floating reserve
30	opr Tk A AP	252	800	252	600	

(a) (b)	(0)	(d)	· (o)	(f)	(5)
31 3.7 AA HE	3,200	3,200	3,200	2;400	•
32 3.7 AA AP	320	320	320	240	
33 40 mm HE	7,2 <u>00</u>	7,200	7,200	5,400	
34 40 mm AP	720	.720	720	540	
35 25 pr Cart Normal	42,880	41,280	67,880	30,960	
36 25 pr Cart Super	3,840	3,840	6,340	2,880	
37 25 pr sholl HE (119)	17,280	17,280	29,780	12,960	
38 25 pr shell HE (117)	17,280	17,280	29,780	12,960	
39 25 pr shell HE (231)	3,840	3,840	3,840	NIL	
40 25 pr shell Smok (221)	2,880	2,880	2,880	2,160	
41 25 pr shell AP	480 .	480	480	360	
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	÷£	Generator Smoke No 8		1,720	2,133	1,720	1,600	
	50	Bombs PITA HE		7,920	9,000	Nil	Nil	2
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-	52	Ctges PITA	-	9,450	•	Nil	Nil	
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-	55	Grenados 77 WP		10,008	2,392	2,388	Nil	Total stock. None available for floating reserve.
	3 6	Grenades 63 Smoke		4,950	1,912.	4,950	1,434	
	57	Grenados 68 Tk A		8,400	2,392	3,361	Nil	Total stock. None available for floating resorve.
	58	Gronados 75 Tk A		5,400	2,392	5,400	[∵] 1,794	
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A	2	55	5 Bomb Disposal Sec	10	l	
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A	2		2/21 Tpt P1 (DUKWS)	99	51	
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BRIEF OF THE CO-ORDINATED PLAN - OBOE TWO

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1. The commanders of the forces carrying out the OBOE TWO operation are -

Commander Attack Force -

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Vice Admiral BARBEY, USN (CTF 78)

Commander 7 Australian Division -

Major General E J MILFORD

Commander Adv RAAF Command -

Air Vice Marshal W D BOSTOCK

Commander Amphibious Group Eight -

Rear Admiral A G NOBLE (CTG 78.2)

Commander Cruiser Covering Force -

Rear Admiral BERKEY, USN (CTF 74)

2. The amphibious operation is to be mounted from MOROTAI in amphibious ahipping and other shipping of the Seventh Fleet operating under Commander Amphibious Group Eight, supported by the Cruiser Covering Force Seventh Fleet. Air support is being provided by the First Tactical Air Force RAAF, 13 US Air Force and 5 US Air Force operating from bases in MOROTAI, BORNEO and the PHILLIPINES.

3. Fr Day for the operation is 1 Jul 45.

'H' Hour is 09001.

PREPARATION FOR THE OPERATION

4. <u>Air Attack</u>

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 (a) During the period F minus 27 to F minus 1 Day inclusive, preliminary air operations are being carried out to -

> destroy selected targets in the objective area including all enemy defences and installations, with priority given to the destruction of anti-aircraft and coast defence guns,

> neutralise enemy airfields within staging range of the OBOE TWO objective area,

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prevent reinforcement of the objective area by blockading shipping routes.

Air attack on anti-aircraft and coast defence positions is being intensified between F minus 20 and F minus 16 to reduce the opposition which could be given to our minesweeping operations.

(b) Provided the TARAKAN airfield is available to base aircraft engaged in the pre-assault air bombardment, the following forces will be used -

> one heavy bomber group of 13 US Air Force from MOROTAI,

one heavy bomber group of 13 US Air Force from SAMAR,

two RALF heavy bombor squadrons from MOROTAI,

one RLAF fighter wing and one RLAF attack wing from TARAKAN,

if the tactical situation at LABUAN permits, one additional attack wing from LABUAN may be staged through TARAKAN.

(c) If TARAKAN airfield is not available as a base two B-25 squadrons of 13 US Air Force based at ZAMBOANGA and one group of P-38 based at TAWI TAWI will be used in lieu of the circraft to be based on TARAKAN.

5. Naval Action

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(a) Neval Bombardment

On F minus 16, cruisers and destroyers of the Cruiser Covering and Support Group are to arrive in the objective area to cover minesweeping, underwater demolition operations, and to conduct counter battery and bombardment of known gun emplacements and defence positions in the objective area. As the ranges involved in this bembardment will require the use of sea planes for effective spotting, every effort is being made to destroy enemy aircraft and anti-aircraft installations prior to the commencement of this phase.

(b) Minesweeping

On F minus 16, sixteen YMS are to arrive in the objective area and will commence sweeping the approaches to the KLANDASAN beaches. On F minus 8, four AMS and three YMS are to arrive in the objective area to augment this sweeping unit. The presence of Allied influence mines in addition to Dutch and Japanese minefields further complicates and greatly increases what is expected to be a difficult minesweeping task.

(c) Underwater Domolition

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On F minus 5, two underwater demolition teams are to arrive in the objective area to remove obstructions fronting the KLANDASAN-SEPINGGAN and MANGGAR beaches. In addition, reconnaissances of the beaches are to be made and details of beach gradients are to be obtained.

6. Embarkation and Movement

- (a) Assault shipping will become available at MOROTAI commencing about 10 Jun 45 and loading is to commence as soon as possible thereafter. Loading is scheduled to be completed in time to conduct rehearsal exercises on 24 Jun 45.
- (b) Sailings of convoys are to be so regulated that shipping will remain in the objective area for the least possible time awaiting unloading, and will be withdrawn as soon after being unloaded as practicable. First echelon convoys are timed to arrive in the objective area on F Day, F plus 2 and F plus 5. Turn round echelons are to arrive on F plus 6, F plus 11 and F plus 15.
- (c) Air cover for convoys moving to and from the objective area and for minesweeping operations prior to F Day is to be provided by P-38 aircraft based at TAWI TAWI and by P-40 aircraft from TARLKAN if the airfield is operational.

ASSAULT

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7. On F Day at 0900 hours the assault landing is to be made on the KLINDASAN - STALKOEDO beaches from 600593 to 581590.

- 8. Action of Ground Forces see marked map attached hereto
 - (a) The assault landing is to be made by 21 Aust Infantry Brigade Group and 18 Aust Infantry Brigade Group. 21 Aust Infantry Brigade Group is to land on GREEN beach with one battalion forward. The 18 Aust Infantry Brigade Group is to land with two battalions forward, one landing on YELLOW and the other on RED beach. Each brigade group will contain tanks, artillery, machine guns and 4.2 inch mortars.
 - (b) The assault battalions of both brigades are to be landed in two waves of LVT4 followed by three waves of LCVP and ICM; the sixth wave being ICT carrying tanks including flame thrower tanks.
 - (c) Immediately following the assault, pontoon causeways are to be installed on the eastern end of GREEN beach to facilitate the landing of vehicles and supplies. Simultaneously LCT, LCM and pontoon barges are to be utilised for ramp to ramp unloading from LST and LSM and for alongside unloading from LST and AKA. When the situation warrants LST and LSM will be beached, or unloaded over the pontoon causeways which are to be developed to handle at least five LSTs at the one time.
 - (d) After landing the initial object of the landing force is to -

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secure the areas shown on the marked map,

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exploit NORTH towards the road junction 584330,

despatch 2/7 Aust Cavalry Regiment (less one squadron) to the EAST with a view to the early capture of the SEPINGGAN airfield.

(e) When the vital ground EAST and WEST of the KLANDASAN KETJIL valley is captured, as indicated on the attached map, 18 Aust Infantry Brigade Group is to seize the high ground dominating BALIKPAPAN town, destroy the enemy in the town area and free the harbour for use at an early stage.

9. Divisional Reserve

The 25 Aust Infantry Brigade, with a cavalry squadron and a machine gun company, is to be available as a floating divisional reserve on F Day.

10. Naval Bombardment

- (a) Commencing at daylight on F Day five cruisers and six destroyers of the Cruiser Covering Force and Support Group and eight destroyers of the Attack Group are to conduct in relays a bombard-ment of known enemy defence installations and of an area 800 yards inland and 600 yards on the flanks of the landing beaches. The cruisers are to expend a total of 2870 rounds of 6 inch and 2670 rounds of 5 inch shell, while the destroyers are to use a total of 3450 rounds of 5 inch ammunition.
- (b) Close support fire is being provided by 10 LCS(I), 8 ICI(R) and 6 ICI(G). These craft are to be used both for close support and neutralisation of the beaches to a depth of 800 yards on both flanks of the beaches. ICI(R) are to make two runs at the beach, the first run at H minus 76 minutes and the second run immediately preceding the first assault wave. On each of the two runs 4400 rockets are to be fired; this will be augmented by the 3 inch, 40 mm, and 20 mm strafing fire of the light craft.
- (c) Subsequent to the landing, cruisers and destroyers of the Covering and Support Group and the Attack Group are to be available for call fire in close support.

11. Air Support for the Landing

Commencing at H minus 70 and continuing until H minus 1), heavy air attack is to be carried out to destroy or neutralise enemy defences so sited that they could interfere with the landing operation, and to destroy beach mines along the actual landing beach area between the water line and the beach line. Except for the destruction of beach mines, which is to be done by a low level attack by B-25 aircraft, all of these attacks are to be carried out by B-24 aircraft from above 6000 feet and are to be co-ordinated

with the naval bombardment.

12. Combat Air Patrol

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From 0700 hours to 1930 hours daily from F Day until relieved, four fighters are to remain in the objective area on combat air patrol. One night fighter will probably be maintained on station from moonrise until dawn.

13. Direct Air Support

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(a) Commencing on F Day and continuing to F plus 3 inclusive, eight TARAKAN based BEAUFIGHTERS or MOSQUITOES, armed to provide rocket bombing or strafing attack, are to be on station in the objective area from 0730 until 1630 hours Gaily. After F Day these aircraft may be reduced in number or they may be ordered to remain at base on call if the tactical situation warrants.

After F plus 3 the close support aircraft will be released from the objective area and will be at air alert, on call.

- (b) If the TARAKAN airfield is not available it will not be possible to maintain close support aircraft on station over the objective area. In this case, strikes can be provided by the Combat Air Patrol aircraft mentioned in paragraph 12 above. Each of these aircraft will be able to carry one 1000 lb bomb. Also support will be available at six hour's notice from B-25 aircraft based at ZAMBOANGA.
- (c) In either case, air support by B-24 aircraft may be obtained at 24 hours notice.

CONSOLIDATION

14. After the capture of the initial objectives, further operations are to be undertaken to -

capture the MANGGAR airfield,

capture the PENADJAN area,

provide defence for radar installations as required,

establish naval shore facilities as directed,

protect and conserve oil producing and processing facilities in the objective area,

re-establish Netherlands East Indies Civil Covernment in the Occupied area.

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- (a) Naval emphibious shipping and support craft are to be provided to transport and support the forces engaged in minor consolidating operations.
 - (b) The naval forces are to continue to provide gun fire support for operations during the period of consolidation and are to operate resupply echelons on provide naval protection therefor.
 - (c) Motor torpedo boats are to operate along the EAST coast of BORNEO as early as practicable. These craft will be tender based in the objective area until facilities are established.

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(a) Airfield facilities at SEPINGGAN and MANGGAR are to be established in priority as follows -

> By F plus 6 - one fighter wing (3 squadrons)

> > one air sea rescue flight,

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and as soon as practicable thereafter, additional facilities for -

one attack bomber wing (three squadrons)

one medium bomber wing (two squadrons)

one heavy bomber wing (three squadrons)

and staging facilities for -

one photo chart squadron

(b) The following air units are to be based in the objective area =

two RAAF B-25 squadrons

three RAAF B-24 squadrons

one RAAF spitfire squadron

one detachment air sea rescue

one detachment Army co-op wing

ALTERNATE LANDING PLAN

17. An alternate landing plan has been prepared to provide for landings on any or two of the three beaches located at SEPINGGAN, MANGGAR KETJIL and MANGGAR if for any reason it should be impracticable to land on the primary landing beaches. These alternative landings have been planned to vary as little as possible from the basic landing plan.

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PART I - ENGLY

1. GENERAL

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PENADJAH stands on the west shore of BALIKPAPAN Bay, immediately opposite BALIKPAPAN.

The chief installations of military importance in the area are the A defences, comprising 13 heavy and 5 medium AA guns and 3 searchlights. There have been numerous sightings of small craft about the mouth of the RIKO River and a number of storehouses emist both about PENADJAH and at DJIMABORA, on the north bank of the RIKO River.

The coastal fringe south of PENDJAL to TOEMAN and beyond is extensively cultivated.

A site suitable for construction of an airstrip is reported to exist south of PERADJAL.

ENERY INFORM TION:

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(2) STRENGINS and DISPOSITIONS

Of the 4500 Japanese troops thought to be in the immediate vicinity of BLIKPARE, it is considered that approximately 750 are eccupying positions on the west side of BLIAPARE BLY between the RIKO River and TORMAN.

The bulk of these troops will be A. personnel and the remainder probably enjaged in the supervision of native labour cmplayed at the sawaill and on coolie work about the storehouses.

If, as appears likely, the M guns in the area are destroyed prior to the Allied Londing at BALIKPAPAR, then it is possible that some of the energy at least may be evacuated from PERIDJAN, either by returning across the Bay to their parent units at BALIKPAPAR or by withdrawing inland towards the TANAMEROGOT road.

(b) ENEMY ACTIVITY

With the exception of 4 heavy 11 pits (all unoccupied) at 498530, no new 14 positions have been constructed since 8 Oct 144, the date of the last complete photo coverage of this area before recent weeks. However, 4 medium AA positions which were unoccupied on 24 May are now occupied.

Almost all the ground defences on the high ground west of PENADJAM have been constructed since 8 Oct 44.

Small craft activity in the lower reaches of the RIKO River is consistent with the enemy activity in the area. A considerable amount of timber has been felled WEW of PENADJAN and the savmill at 521628 appears to be operating.

(c) ENERY DEFINCES

The energy defensive system is built up about 13 heavy AA guns and 6 medium IA guns. 3 searchlights have also been located . All AA guns can bring down fire on the beaches.

The ground defences west of PENDJAN run NE-SW for about 12 miles and comprise extensive trench systems linking bunkers and weapon pits, with two possible run positions at the southern end of the defensive system.

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The details of enemy defences in the area given below are referred to RIMC 1:50,000 and are also shown on the maps attached as Ampendices "A" and "B".

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PENADJAL SECTOR (1)

No offshore obstacles or anti-tank obstacles have been located, -

CD guns

South of PENADJAH at 511600 is a CD gun position supp-. orted by trenches.

<u>AA</u>

There are 18 heavy AA positiong,15 of which are occupied, 8 medium positions, 6 of which are occupied and 3 searchlights, located as follows: -

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8 - 6 Mcdium AA
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Field Artillery

Two possible gun positions, supported by prenches and Weapon pits, are located at 505519 and 504517.

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Grass and low scrub have been cleared to a width of 15-20 feet for 400 yards between 510628 and \$10524. This may suggest the erection of wire.

Trenches, Bunkers and Tunnels

A strong point on the knoll at 508632 consists of a system of trenches 180 yards long with supporting weapon pits.

The ridge from 508528 to 501519 is honcy coubed with a series of tranches, bunkers and tunnels in support of AA installations. Trenches line the high ground on the seaward side of the M. positions for a distance of 1300 yards. These trenches connect strong points and Weapon pits and 28 bunkers are visible throughout the area.

A continuous line of trenches and veryon pits 800 yards long between 507620 and 502524 supports two possible gun positions mentioned above, There is a bunker at the HV end of the trench system.

Throughout the defence area, from 508628 to 501619, 10. a total of 12 tunnel entrances serviced by well used MT roads. These are probably stores tunnels and in all likelihood are used for storing AA communition. 7 of the tunnels are concentrated around the hill at 508628.

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There are 4, large buildings, 120-150 feet long and 30-45 feet wide, probably in use as barracks, at 520627.

West of PEHADJAH, in square 4554, are 22 buildings, probably serving as barracks for coolies engaged in timber cutting in this vicinity.

(ii) <u>SESOELPOE RIVER SECTOR</u>

A defensive position has apparently been prepared covering the coast north and south of the SESOELPOE river mouth.

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An effshare obstacle, consisting of 3 rows of stout posts braced with logs, lines the share to the north for 500 yards from 502537 to 498535 and extends out from the share from 498532 ENE. for 350 yards along the south side of the river channel. From 499533 a similar obstacle runs south to the share and continues along the back of the beach in the form of a braced log barricade 5 to 5 feet high. A probable pillbox covers the obstacle and there may be other positions not revealed by photographs.

2/300 yards inland from the river mouth are what appear to be level banks 3-5 feet in height surrounding various plantations and cultivated areas. These extend inland for up to 1000 yards and would represent an obstacle to MT movement. Similar banks and drainage ditches appear throughout the areas north and south of the river mouth.

(iii) DJIMABORA SECTOR

Apart from the searchlight located in the hills behind DJIN.BORA there are no apparent defences. Where are, however, 12 barracks and 10 probable stores buildings in the area.

(d) <u>INFERCOLUMICATION</u>

The only report of the existance of possible communication facilities is from natives, who have heard of the existence of a WT station south of PERADJAN. This station has not been located on photographs.

(c) <u>SUPPLY</u>

The location of probable stores areas is shown in Appendix "A",

Recent photographs reveal that this is the most entensively cultivated area in the vicinity of BALIKPAPAN. Approximately 2000 acres are under cultivation along the coastal flat between CAPE PENADJAM and the SESOREPOE River. There are a further 2000 acres available between CAPE DJOEFFILM and TOEFAN.

The cultivated areas are devoted mainly to rice, coconuts and native gardens.

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(a) <u>ENERY FLOUPLINE BASES</u>

Floatplanes in the immediate BALINPAPAN area may be based on PANDANSARI or BALANG floatplane bases. The BALANG base is not at BALANG ISLAND, as originally thought, but is nearby on the west shore of BALINPAPAN BAY at PANET LANGO.

4, <u>SEA</u>

(a) <u>SHIT CEIFT</u>

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There is a good deal of small craft activity about the RIKO River mouth. The craft sighted vary from native cances to

small luggers and up to 20 small oraft have been sighted in the vicinity of PENADJAH and DJIHABOR, at one time. In view of the number of small bays and inlets nearby, even more craft may be scattered along the shores in the neigh-

Barge hideouts probably exist upstream along the RIKO River. Luggers have been sighted in a stream west of PHELDJAK at 453656 and small craft have been active about PERLDJAN near the jetty and savmill. The jettics SW of DulinBORA are also in frequent usc.

PART II _ LOCAL INHABITANTS

POPULATION

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No information is available concerning the extent of the native population of the PERIDJAL district. However, it is believed that the population consists mainly of BADDIARESE with a sprinkling of BOBGINESE.

These people before the war devoted their time mainly to fishing and to their gardens, although a number appear to have been engaged in timber milling.

Further up the RIKO River some PASSIRESE, a primitive tribe, may be encountered. They are reported shy in contrast to the BAIDJARESE, normally a cheerful and indolent people.

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PART III - TOPOGRAPHY

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. AREA STUDIED

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The area is bounded by PAMALOEN River on the NE: DALIKPAPAN Bay on the east; the TOENAN River on the SW; and, the TOENAN River-PAMALOEN MT Road on the west. The information available is very scanty owing to the lack of a good aerial photographic coverage. As photographs become available it is certain that the information contained herein will require arrlification and possibly amend-

2. PHYSIOGRAPHY AND VEGEPATION

Near the coast, the area is generally flat and swampy with some large areas of cultivation and extensive swamp forest. Behind the cultivation on rising ground inland, the country is hilly and covered with rain forest.

3. COASTLINE

Throughout the area studied the coast is flat with mud and/or sandbanks extending offshore for up to a mile. There is a patch of reef off Cape TENGAH and in the mouth of the RIKO River.

4. LANDING BEACHES

Five possible landing beaches have been considered but each one probably would necessitate a landing by LVTs. The landing beaches are: -

- (a) Beach No 1. Cape DJINABORA; 600 yds long.
- (b) Beach No 2. Cape PIMADJAM; 1200 yds long.
- (c) Beach No 3. 12 miles south of Cape PENADJAN; 1400 yds long
- (d) <u>Beach No b</u>. Houth of SESOEMPOE River; two beaches 500 yds and 800 yds long respectively.

(e) <u>Beach No 5</u>. Cape DJOEMHLAI to TOENAN River; approximately 9 miles long.

5. COLMUNICATIONS

The communications are not good, there being only one track traversing the area from east to west. Normal movement is by water. Apart from the road between PANALOEN and the TOIMAN River, the available MT roads are very short and of little value strategically.

6. POSSIBLE AIRFIELD SITES

From the limited information available it would seem that airfields could be constructed at numerous places on the coastal flat.

7. <u>SEAPLANE BASES</u>

The caly base within the area is BALANG Floatplane base at PANTI LANGO.

8. SITES FOR BASE INSTALLATIONS

It would appear that base areas could be established at Capes DJINABORA and PEMADJAM but there would be little cover available. The enemy has established small bases at Capes DJINABORA and PEMADJAN and at PANET LANGO.

- 9. LOCAL RESOURCES
 - (a) <u>Stone</u>. Apart from a quarry on the RIKO River, suitable stone for constructional purposes is scarce, the only other possible sources being inland and distant from good communications.
 - (b) <u>Timber</u>. Timber is plentiful within the area and there is a savmill at PENADJAN.
 - (c) <u>Foodsturfs</u>. There is altogether 4000 acres of available ground for gardens near the ceast the greater propertion of which already is under cultivation.
 - (d) <u>Water</u>. Water should be plentiful by boring or from surface supplies but would require extensive treatment.

DETAILED INFORMATION

10. PHYSICGRAPHY AND VEGET TION

The terrain is flat and swampy near the shore but gives way quickly to hilly country. Close to the shore there is swamp lining most of the shoreline with a cultivated flat about 1000 yds wide paralleling the swamp. It is reported that there is swamp forest behind this flat but generally the country consists of low rain forested hills. A peak 656 ft high appears on some maps and is reported to be 12 miles west of BALIKPAPAN. This peak cannot be located on svailable photographs and it is thought that, if it exists, it lies further to the west than reported and consequently outside the area.

11. GECLOGY AND SOILS

See Appendix "L" to 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Review No 4 - OBOE TWO.

12. COASTLINE

Except for a reaf WW of Cape PENADJAN and another off Cape TENGAH, the entire length of the coast studied is wide mud and/or sandflats probably cuposed at lowest tides and extending up to a mile offshore. Except in isolated places, notably at Japes DJINABORA and PENADJAN, the approach to the shore is shallow. From DJINABORA to Cape DJOENNLAI the beach is flat, probably suddy, and varies in width from very wide at low tide to almost mil at high tide. Dzeept for small sections at Capes DJINABORA and PENADJAH, the beach is backed entirely by mangrove swamp up to half a mile in width. This in turn gives way to plantations drained by large disches which would be an obstacle to NT. From Cape DJOENNLAI to the COENNAM River the beach is backed by a cultivated coastal flat with a fringe of ecconuts along the shore. Drains in this area may be obstacles to IT.

13. LANDING BEACHES

For details see Appendices "D1 to D5" inclusive.

14. PORTS AND ANCHORAGES

The coastline forms the western shore of BALIKPAPAN Harbour but all harbour installations are on the east shore. The only wharf facilities on the coast is a 280 ft jetty at PENADJAM. There is over 20 ft of water alongside this jetty at LW.

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15. COLIMUNICATIONS

(a) <u>General</u>.

Movement in the area is largely by water with one foot track, traversing the country. Apart from the MT road between PIMALOEN and the TOENAN River the only roads capable of carrying MT are in the vicinity of Capes DJINABORA and PENADJAN and they are only of local importance.

(b) Roads

(1) PAHALOEN - TOIMAN River

This road runs SW from PANALOEN to the TOENAN River through dense rainforest which has been cleared for a width varying from 40 to 80 ft. The road itself has been formed to 1 width of 15/20 ft. From the available photographs it is not possible to say whether or not it is surfaced but it appears to be disused. The bridge over the RIKO River is intact. From the northern extremity of the road a native pad, apparently little used, leads NE to SEPAKOE. From the scuthern extremity of the road a foot path runs SW in the direction of OELONGTOEJOEK.

(ii) PEMADJAL and DJIMABORA Areas.

Local roads linking the various installations have been constructed by the chemy. Locations and particulars appear on the map -Appendix "C".

(c) <u>Tracks</u>

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(i) BOELOEPOKEK River to PAHALOEL- NOETAN River Road

This track links the PEMADJNI area with the MT road. No information as to its width or serviceability is available.

(ii) RIKO to PAULOEN_FORLER River Road

A track 8 to 10 ft wide runs north from RIKO to the ET read.

(111) PENADJAN to TOEMAN

It is reported that a trach follows the coast from PENDJAH to TOENAW. It is not marked on any map and it is impossible to check the information from available photographs. There would be no difficulty in moving screep country through the area in which the track is reported to run.

(iv) <u>Miscellaneous tracks</u>

The location and information available concerning other tracks within the area studied appear on the map Appendix "C".

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(v) <u>Track north from SEPAKOE</u>

Although this route is outside the boundaries of the area studied, available photographs (distant obliques) have been examined as this track might be used as a line of evacuation from BALIKPAPAN. It appears to be a narrow native pad and hightly used.

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(d) Rivers

Water routes appear to be the main means of communication across the area from east to west. The LT road can be reached by water along the PALALOEN and RIKO Rivers and also along the SEPAN River and thence by track. It is not known for what distance the TOENAN River is navigable but it appears unlikely that prohus could reach the MT road. The limits of navigability of the various rivers are illustrated on the map - Appendix "C".

16. CROSS COUNTRY HOVELENT

In the coastal sector and along the rivers, movement will be restricted by swamps and inland by heavy roin forest. Generally it would seem that, apart from penetration south from PEHADJAM to TOENAN, movement will be restricted to the existing roads and tracks and to the rivers. There might be a possible line of approach through open country up the TOENAN River Valley but vertical photographs will be required to determine this question.

17. <u>RIVERS</u>

- (a) <u>SELIOI (or HEDAE) River</u> in its lower stretches is a large tidal watersay at the head of BALIKPAPAN Bay. It is almost entirely lined with mangroves as are its numerous small tributaries. The only tributaries of any consequence are the PANALCEN and SIPAKOE Rivers both of which are navigable for some distance.
- (b) <u>RIKO River</u> is a tidel stream 500 yds wide at its mouth with numerous winding tributaries making up a large mangrove swamp extending up to 8 miles inland. Above the tidal limits the river winds through undulating cultivated areas down stream from RIKO Village.
- (c) <u>TOENAN River</u> rises in thills approximately 20 miles inland and winds south. It appears to be free of swamp and navigable for some miles upstream. No vertical photographs of the river are held.

18. AIRFIEDDS

There are none within the area studied.

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19. POSSIBLE SITES FOR AIPPIELDS

It has been reported that a possible site exists south of PEMADJAN. From college phytographs it seems that airfields could be constructed anywhere on the cultivated flat between PENADJAM and TOEMAN. Vertical photographs will be needed, however, before a definite opinion can be expressed. Stone would have to be brought into the area.

20. SEAPLANE BASES

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The only base is the BALANG Floatplane base off PANTI LANGO. A ramp 100 ft wide enters the water of 494714 (ref map 1/50,000 RIKC Sheet D) and there are barracks and stores on shore. There is also a jetty in the vicinity.

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There are no towns of any consequence within the area.

22. SITES FOR BASE INSTALLATIONS

The most likely places are in the arcas already developed by the enemy at Cape DJINABORA and PENADJAM. The latter would be preferable owing to the existing wharf facilities. There should be ample ground available nearby. Water should be obtainable.

23. LOCAL RESOURCES

(a) <u>Stone</u>

There was a linestone quarry pre-war NW-of RIKO on the LT road. Beyond the fact that it was coupped with a stonebreaker no other information is crailable. Limestone is also obtainable to the SE of RIES.

(b) <u>Timber</u>

Good hardwood is obtainable within the area and there is a sawmill at PENADJAN which appears to be in operation. Throughthe area there are mucrous small clearings and in the streams nearby there are rafts of logs ready to be floated to the ceast. In particular a large timber area is located in the vicinity of 438630 (ref msp 1/50,000 - RIKO Sheet D) and a well used 8 to 40 ft road leads to a barge loading point at 453650 (see/Appendix "C"). Pre-war there were large timber concessions in the vicinity of RIKO and the SESOEMPOE River.

- (c) <u>Food</u>
 - (i) <u>Coconuts</u>. There is practically a continuous belt of coconuts along the foreshore behind the fringing mangrove on the cast coast and along foreshore itself on the south coast.
 - (ii) <u>Gardens</u>. There is altogether approximately 4000 acres on the coastal flat available for cultivation. About 2000 acres lie between Cape PENLDJAM and the SESOEFPOE River and about 2000 acres between Cape DJOEMELAI and the TOENAN River. The greater portion of these areas is already under cultivation and it would seem that the gardens are in excess of the requirements of the local population.
 - (iii) Fish

There is an exceptionally large number of fish trays along the ceast.

(d) <u>Water</u>

There is no information available as to existing supplies but water should be found at a shallow depth on the coastal plain and should be obtainable from the rivers above tidal influence. All water would require extensive treatment.

24. MEDICAL

Sce 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Review No 4 - OBOE TWO, Part III, para 33.

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25. CLIMATIC AND METEOROLOGICAL DATA

See 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Review No 4 - OBOE TWO, Part III, para 34.

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26. MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

See 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Review No 4 - OBOE TWC, Part II, . para 35.

27. ASTRONOMIC: L DAT.

See 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Review No 4 - OBOE TWO, Part III, para 36.

28. STRATEGICAL AND TACTICAL DISTANCES

See 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Review No 4 - OBOE TWC, Part III, para 37.







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	4 v x - ** * *	BEACH REPORT
•	·	Description from RIGHT to LEFT looking from seaward
	BEACH	No. 1 - Cape DJINABORA 502695 to 506692
	1. <u>Sea</u>	WARD APPROACH
	(a)	Obstacles
		There are shoals offshore and reefs to the north of the beach.
	(b)	Depths Offshore .
		There is a shoal with about 3 ft of water on top at LMS about 600 yds offshore. There is however 16 ft of water at LMS between the bank and the shore.
	(c)	Surf
		Should be negligible.
t 	(d)	Currents
		Unknown but probably strong to the south on an ebb tide.
	(e)	Prominant Landr ks
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Sec. 1 Stran	(a)	length
		600 yds.
	(b)	Vidth
		Not known,
	(c)	Gradient
		Insufficient information available to determine accurately but it appears to vary between 1/38 and 1/56.
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Nil.

(e) <u>Obstacles</u>



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(a) Length

600 yds.

(b) <u>Fidth</u>

Not known,

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(c) Gradient

Not known.

(d) <u>Nature</u>

Probably mud.

(e) <u>Obstacles</u>

Huts on water's edge.

4. THEFY DEFENCES

Nil.

5. <u>ETTS</u>

The exit to an earth road immediately behind the beach should be over firm ground.

6. HINTERLAND

Immediately behind the beach there is a coconut plantation and a narrow strip of flat cultivated ground NW of an extensive swamp along the north bank of the RIKO River. There is a small swamp immediately to the west of the northern extremity of the beach.

7. CRAFT ANCHORAGES AND HIDEOUTS

Only off the beach itself. Swampy ground on shore would preclude the use of the coast on either side of the beach for a craft anchorage.

8. GENERAL COLICINTS

The numerous tributaries of the RIKO River, swamp areas and the lack of track communication would seriously hamper penetration inland from this beach. For this reason it cannot be recommended.



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Description from RIGHT to LEFT looking from seaward

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(b) Width

Very narrow.

(c) Gradient

Not known.

(d) Nature

Probably mud.

(e) <u>Obstacles</u>

Buildings at NV extremity, fish traps, jetty and timber pen.

4. EHENY DEFENCES

9 heavy and 8 medium AA guns with trench systems ½ a mile to over a mile inland.

5. <u>INITS</u>

Good exits are available through the built up area and coconut plantations to the road and flat country behind the beach.

6. HINTERLAND

Flat country with coconuts and cultivation to the south of the swamp along the bank of the AIKO River.

7. CRAFT ANCHORAGES AND HIDEOUTS

At the jetty at Cape PENADJAM.

8. GENERAL COLLENTS

The strong defences constructed by the energy may necessitate a large operation if the leach were selected for a landing. Otherwis it would appear suitable for an LVT landing,

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	Description from RIGHT to LEFT looking from seaward.
•	BEACH No. 3 - 13 miles South of Cape PENADJAN 511601 to 504590
1	1. <u>SEAVARD APPROACH</u>
	(a) Obstacles
	Nois known.
	(b) Depths Offshore
	There is a shallow sand spit from 400 to 1200 yds offshore with depths at LN springs verying between 18 ins and 3 ft at the seaward edge of this spit. The spit probably dries out at LN.
	(c) <u>Surf</u> .
	Should be negligible.
	(d) <u>Currents</u> .
	No information available.
	(e) Prominent Landmarks,
	Cape PENADIAN $1\frac{3}{2}$ miles to the North.
	2. BETTEEN LY and HI HIRS.
	(a) <u>Length</u>
	1400 yds.
	(b) <u>Width</u>
	Probably the width of the sendspit mentioned in 1(b)
	(c) <u>Gradient</u>
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•	Varies between 1/70 and 1/600 (d) <u>Nature.</u>
•	Sand with probably some mud
	(e) <u>Obstacles</u>
	Nong known.
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- 3. ABOVE H. M.RK
 - (a) <u>Longth</u>
 - 1400 ycs.
 - (b) <u>Ficth</u>.

Not known,

(c) Gracient

Not known

(d) <u>Natura</u>

Sand with probably some mud

(c) Obstucles

None known.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES,

A CD gun position supported by trenches and wapon pits is located at 511600. In addition the anguns mentioned in the Report on Boach No 2 could be brought to bear on this beach.

5. <u>EXITS</u>.

Egress from the beach appears to be limited to a possible exit at low tide at the North and of the beach.

6. HINTERLAND

. fringe of commuts 40 yds wide lines the shore immediately behind the beach but this in turn gives way to a mangrove swamp 50 to 150 yds wide.

7. CELFT IN HOLGES AND HIDEOUTS

Nil.

8. GENERAL COMENTS

This beach does not appear to be suitable for landing operations.

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	BEACH REPORT Review No. 4 - OBOE TWO
•	Description from RIGHT to LEFT looking from seaward
1999 - 1 999 - 1999 -	BEACH No. 4 - Mouth of SESOEMPOE River (i) 502537 to 498535
•	(11) 499532 to 501526
•	1. SEAWARD APPROACH
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	(a) <u>Obstacles</u>
- -	None known.
- - -	(b) <u>Depths Cffshore</u>
	At LWS there is about 3 ft of water 1600 yds offshore.
•	(c) <u>Surf</u>
•	Should be negligible.
	(d) <u>Currents</u>
	No information available.
	(e) <u>Prominent Landmarks</u>
	SESCEMPOE River mouth.
	2. BETVEEN IN AND HY MARKS
((a) Length
	(i) 500 yds (ii) 800 yds.
	(b) <u>Vidth</u>
	Not known but probably very wide.
	(c) Gradient
• • •	Insufficient information available but barges would ground probably well offshore.
· · ·	(d) <u>Neture</u>
•	Sand with some mud.
• •	(e) <u>Obstacles</u>
	3 rows of stout posts braced with logs line the shore along the northern 500 yds from 502537 to 498535 and extends from 498532 out from the shore ENE for 350 yds along the south side of the river channel. From 499533 a similar obstacle runs south to the shore then continues along the back of the beach in the form of a braced log barricade 5 to 6 ft high.
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Sand.

(e) Obstacles

See 2 (c) abovo.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES

A probable pillbox covering the obstacls.

5. EXITS

To the north of the SESOENPOE River exit is through low-lying swampy heavy scrub. From the south the best exit is along the south bank of the SESOEPOE River.

6. HINTERLAND

Behind the swamp there is a cultivated flat about 1000 yds inland.

7. CRAFT ANCHORAGES AND HIDEOUTS

Mouth of the SESOEMPOE River.

8. GENERAL CO ; ENTS

Owing to the shallow approaches, offshore obstacles and doubtful exits this beach does not appear to be very suitable for landing overations.

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BELICH NO 5. - Cape DIOEMALAI to TOEMAN River.

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(a) Obstacles

Reefs about 2 miles SE of Cape DJOEMALAI and a reef extends offshore for about 2 miles at Cape TENGAH.

(b) Depths Offshore

Depths at LW springs vary from 10 ft 1000 yds offshore to 6 ft 1700 yds offshore.

(c) <u>Surf</u>

Should be inconsiderable.

(c) <u>Curreats</u>

No information available,

(c) Prominent Landmerks.

Cape DIOEMALAI and the TOEMAN River mouth.

- 2. DETREEN LN and HN MARK.
 - (a) Longth.

Approx 9 pilos,

(b) <u>width</u>

Not known but probably very wide.

(c) <u>Gradiant.</u>

Insufficient data available but it would not appear to be better than 1/300 on the average although closer inshare at HW it may be steeper.

- (d) Nature.
 - Sand with possibly some mud.
- (e) Obstacles,

None known.

- 3. ABOVE HIT LEARK.
 - (a) Lergth

Approximately 9 miles.

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(b) <u>Width</u>	•
Not known.	1
(c) Gradient	.
Not known.	•
(d) <u>Nature</u>	
Sand.	
(e) <u>Obstacles</u>	
None known.	
4. ENERY DEFENCES	
None known.	•
5. EXITS	2
Generally appear to be good although drains in coconut plant	• •
ations may impede movement of LT.	
6. <u>HIR VERLAND</u>	
Flat ground mostly cultivated with rice and some coconuts.	•
7. CRAFT ANCHORAGES AND HIDEOUTS	
In the mouth of the TOEMAN River.	
8. GENERAL COLMENTS.	:
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BEAUFORT - PAPAR AREA

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"D" DETAILS OF RAILWAY BRIDGES AND CULVERTS

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. 1. GENERAL:

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For some time past it has been evident that the energy considers the DEAUFORT - TUARAN sector the most vital for his defence of NORTH BORNEO, and as a result has probably based his defence along the western slopes of the CROCHER RANGE.

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PART I

To prepare for the expected Allied attack, the bulk of 56 IND was brought overland from SANDAKAN - TAWAO and re-disposed in the DEAUFORT-BRUNEI area, 25 Indep Mixed Regt was moved overland from SANDAKAN to the TUARAN - RANAU area, and 37 Army HQ was moved south to SAPONG ESTATE.

Since the time of the Allied landings at LABUAE and DRUMEE, there has been little information of enemy activity in the DEAUFORT - PAPAR area. Some defences are known to have been prepared but certainly not on a scale consistent with the forces in the sector. The absence of these defences and the lack of forceful opposition to our advance on BEAUFORT suggests that the enemy has; not had sufficient time to prepare adequate defences, and is: now forced to fall back on to the high ground in the hope of inflicting the maximum delay and expense on Allied advances into the PEGALAN River Valley and JESSELTON.

2. STRENGTH AND DISPOSITIONS:

Based on identifications from captured documents and PW, ency strength in the DEAUFORT - PAPAR area is estimated at 1700 plus 1000 Indonesian labourers. The main units of the force are: -

	HQ 56 INB 368 Indep Inf En 2 Coy 371 Indep Inf En "HATSUZAKI" Unit 56 INB Arty Unit 56 INB Encr Unit 56 INB Si; Unit 56 INE Transit Unit Hiscellaneous Units	100 600 100 250 250 100 100 100 100	· • · · ·
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On 11 Jun, Maj KIMURA commander of 368 Indep Inf Bn, instructed 2 Coy 371 Indep Inf En, "ODA" (NADA 11014) Unit, 56 IND Transit Unit, and other miscellaneous units to fall back and concentrate under his command at BEAUFORT. On the basis of this, it is considered that the bulk of 368 Indep Inf En may be held cast of BEAUFORT as the main defence force and strength is disposed as follows:

BEAUFORT AREA	:	500
EAST of BEAUFORT	:.	600
LENPAKUL	:	100
KIHANIS - PAPAR	:	500.

3 ENERY ACTIVITY:

Because of the strong security measures adopted by the Japanese to prevent native movement in the JESSELTON - KIMANIS area, information regarding energy activity is restricted.

Considerable movement in the area between JESSELTON and KIMANIS has been noticed and it is likely that this movement is associated with defence preparations. One native report indicates that numerous weapon pits and foxholes have been prepared in the rubber estates along the railway line. Some activity along the tracks towards R.N.U-KENING.U has also been noted.
At the end of Hay, rail movement by night from JESSELTON to BE.UFORT was intensified and as numbers of troops are known to have moved down by foot it is likely that stores and materials wore moved into the BEAUFORT-TENOM area at this time. There is no cvidence of MT. activity in the area.

4. OO.ST DEFENCES:

The only known defences along the const are four bunkers located near the KILLNIS River mouth at refs 524197, 525198, 527206, and 529211.

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5. FIELD WORKS.

the enemy did make efforts to propere defences in this sector. On the southern side of the river, eight concrete pillbox constructions were built into the N.I side of the knoll at 348891 but these have been by passed in the advance into BENUFORT. On the northern side of the river a probable OP commanding the area to the west has been ostablished as 368903 whilst defensive positions have been constructed at 373898, 374896 and 368904. These include several open wospon pits which are sited to support positions at 368902. There is no information regarding enemy defensive preparations further north but the possibility of tunnels, weapon pits and foxholes along the eastern side of the BH.UFORT-P.P.R railway line cannot be disregarded.

6. <u>RTILLERY.</u>

To date ther have been no artillery contacts or sightings in the area although it is believed that there are some artillery olements present. In the overland movement from T.M.O 56 INB Arty Unit is reported to have lost its artillery but to compensate for this, the regt gun unit from 25 Indep Mixed Regt was brought into the TENOH Sector. This unit consisted of 4 guns (possibly Type '41' 75 mm) and it is assumed that they are located between TENOH and BE.UFORT.

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. native report indicated that in Fab 45 eleven medium tanks were unloaded at JESSELTON. The number of tanks indicates the presence of an independent tank company but no identification has yet been obtained. It is doubtful if they could be moved south of the PAPAR River by the coastal route but movement into the RANAU-KENINGAU area is a possibility.

8. INTERCOMMUNIC.TICN

The telegraph lines connecting JES HITON-BELUFORT-TENCH are thought to have been in oper tion up to the time of the .llied lending but our penetration into BELUFORT has probably severed this link. Stations north of BE.UPORT are probably still in communication with JESSELTON, whilst those at TENOM are probably still linked with those on the route to BELUFORT.

Estate and TENOM, but it is considered that the main links would be by W/T operated by signal units in the local sectors. In this reg ard, 56 INB Signal Unit is carried at BENFORT and a part of 37 Army Signal Unit is believed to be at S.PONG Estate.

9. SUPPLY:

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Throughout the NORTH BORNEO area the food position is acute and the encmy have been sttempting to impress supplies from native sources.

been forced to rely upon the supplies stored in local areas, Considerable food and ammunition may have been transforred by reil to BE.UFO T-TENOM in May 45, and some stocks may be obtrined from pro-Jepenose natives at the needwaters of the P.D.S

River, but the general indication is that stores of amunition and food are not sufficient to meet full requirements. However in the past an initial shortage of food has never resulted in a diminution

This has been restricted by the enti-Japanese attitude of the natives and intervention by Allied parties, so that the enemy have

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of the enemy's fighting qualities.

Although six compuflaged pircraft were reported on KENING.U pirfield on 21 Jun, subsequent "llied action has probably made the enemy use of cither the circraft or cirfield impracticable. .. similar circumstance exists with Japanese air facilities at JES ELTON and KUDAT and it is considered that the enemy is not capable of mounting air attacks from this area.

Some small scale offorts may be made from bases in the KUCHING sector but these are more likely to be directed at vital targets at L.BUIN and BRUNEI.

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11, REINFORCELIENT

The possibility of substantial reinforcement from the north cost coest is remote but the disposition of enemy forces is such that a rapid interchange of troops from adjacent sectors is . . • •

It is considered that there are elements of 25 Indep Mixed Regt plus an unidentified infantry battalion in the RANAU-• •. KENINGAU sector. Of these forces - estimated to total 1200 combat troops - it is possible that 600 could be moved forward as immediate reinforcements. It is known that tracks exist over the CROCKER Range but any movement of large bodies of proops would probably be

To the north there are some 1500 combat troops responsible for the defence of the JESSELTON sector, Some elements of this force are probably located in the area bet zen PAPAR and JESSELTON and in an emergency would probably be brought across the PAPAR River and moved down the railway track by foot, There are believed to be some 6/700 troops belonging to

356 and 367 Indep Inf Bns who are trying to make their way around BRUNEI BAY towards BLAUFORT - TENON. Some elements will no doubt reach their destination by the end of July but shortage of arms, ammunition and food will limit their fighting capabilities.

Throughout the area the energy is forced to rely entirely on movement by foot, and that mully by uight. Any reinforcement on a large scale from RANAU-KENINGAU would require up to 10 days to complete and that from JESSELTON about 3 to 5 days from the start of the movement, It is considered however that the enemy will continue to filter in small parties of combat troops rather than make one concentrated effort.

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PART	II.		POPOGRAPHY

Ref Maps: 1:50,000 - LUMAT TANDOI BINSULOK KIMANIS PAPAR

Sketch Han - Appx "C"

1. <u>IITRODUCTION</u>:

This supplement is intended solely to provide additional information and amendments to that appearing in Part III, Sub Parts "D" and "E" of 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Review No 3 - OBOE SIX.

2. <u>AREA STUDIED</u>

The area is bounded on the south by the PADAS River, on the west by the BEAUFORT - JESSELTON Railway to KINAMIS DAY and then by the east shore of KINAMIS DAY, on the north by the PAPAR River, and, on the east by the CROCKER Range.

3. PHYSIOGRAPHY

See 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Review Ho 3 - Part III, Sub Part "D", para 11(c).

4. <u>COASTLINE</u>

The sea bed rises gradually to the shoreline causing flat reeffree shallow beaches with possible shifting sandbanks offshore. At LNS the lift line lies about 300 yards offshore although there are occasional places with deeper water closer inshore. The immediate hinterland (with the exception of HT KINANDUKAN) is flat with some large sections of swamp, and it is probable that the soil is soft throughout and boggy after heavy rain.

5. LANDING BEACHES

Three possible landing beaches have been examined and none of them is particularly good although it would be possible to select a number of places suitable for small landings. The beaches examined are:-

- (a) <u>Beach No 1</u> BONGAWAN River to KIMANIS River length 4 miles. The southern half of this beach should be suitable for amphibious operations.
- (b) <u>Beach No 2</u> KIMANIS River to the vicinity of ALDUS length 5 miles. Although the approach to this beach is steeper than the other beaches, good exits are limited to the south end along the KIMANIS River valley.
- (c) <u>Beach No 3</u> Cape KINANDUKAN to PAPAR River length 3000 yards. The approach to this beach is fair but it has been reported that the soil in the vicinity of the PAPAR River mouth is not trafficable by MT or tracked vehicles.

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6. ANCHORAGES AND PORT FACILITIES

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Large ships could anchor with fair protection about 1 mile offshore but no port facilities exist. Development of a base would mean the construction of long piers.

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7. COLLIUNICATIONS

(a) <u>General</u>

The only major communications are the BEAUTOR - JESSELTON Railway and the KIMANIS - PAPAR Road. There are a limited number of roads suitable for light traffic crossing the coastal plain from west to east. The navigability of the rivers is limited by bars at the mouths.

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(b) Railways PAPAR to BEAUFORT

(See Hap Appendix "C")

(i) <u>General</u>

> The value of the railway has been reduced by the destruct-ion of the bridge over the PAPAR River although there are locomotives and rolling stock available south of PAPAT. In addition, it has been damaged at KINAMIS, BONGA MAI and MERCARUT. It is not proposed to deal with the possibility of the conversion of the railway track to a jeep track as this has been dealt with in 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Review No 3 - OBOE SIX. Part III. Sub Parts"D", mara 16, Furthermore, it is reported that, as a result of trials with jeeps on the WESTON-BEAUFORT section, such a conversion is practicable only by laying running boards.

(ii) <u>PAPAR - KIMANIS</u> (9 miles)

<u>Damage to Permanent Way</u> - Line has been severed by bombing at northern approach to KIMANIS River. (See Appx "D") (See Appx "D") Bridges and Culverts - 14 bridges, 2 culverts. / Bridge over the PAPAR River (north of the section) has been destroyed.

Embaniments and Cuttings - Embaniment - 100 -north of KIHANIS River - 1,900 yards long. Cuttings - nil.

Level Crossince - 1 south of PAPAR Township.

Railway Sidings - MIMAMIS - 215 yards.

(111) <u>KIMANIS - BONGAWAH</u> (5 miles)

Damage to Permanent Way - BONGAWAN River bridge unserviceable.

Bridges and Culverts - 5 bridges from KIMANIS to 13 uiles north of EONGAWAN. (See Appendix "D")

Embankments - Embankment over swamp south of 3 KINANIS River - 340 yards long.

Railway Sidines - Hil.

General - Sleevers in this section appear to have been replaced recently.

(iv) BONGAWAN - HENDAFUT (6 miles)

This section from a point 13 miles north of BONGA VAL to a point 2 miles south of BONGAWAN is not covered by photographs. Information on the remaining 4 miles of this section is as follows:

Damage to Permanent Way - Bridge over MEIBAKUT River unserviceable.

Bridges and Cu

<u>s</u> - 1 bridge (see Appendix "D"). Railway Sidings - NEDAKUT - 300 yards long.

Damage to Permanent Way - Nil.

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Bridges and Culverts - 7 bridges, 4 culverts (see Appendix "D"). Shadows from rubber plantation trees in this section may have obscured some additional bridges and culverts. Railway Sidings - LUHAT - 270 yards long.

General - In this section the railway is reported to be built on a floatin; wood mattress but it cannot be identified on aerial photographs.

LUMAT - BEAUFORT (6 miles) (ज)

Damage to Permanent Way - Hil.

Bridges and Culverts - 4 bridges, 1 culvert (See Appendix "D"). Heavy shadows from plantation trees in this section may obscure additional bridges and culverts. Sidings - BEAUFORT to Engine Shed

Jetty Turning Spur

Service and Repair Sheds - BEAUFORT - Engine Shed at

terminus. Probable repair shed at Turning Spur.

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(c) Light Railways, Roads and Tracks See Hap Appendix "C".

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See 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Review No 3, Part III, Sub Part D, para 18 and also map Appendix "C" to this supplement.

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Appendix "A1" to Supplement No 1 to 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Review No 3.

Description from RIGHT to LEFT looking from scaward

Beach No 1 : BONGAMAN River to KIMANIS River, 475130 to 521171 (KIMANIS 1:50,000)

- 1. SEAWARD APPROACH
 - (a) Obstacles: None
 - (b) <u>Depths Offshore at LWS</u>
 - (i) At SW end 4 ft 6 ins 300 yards offshore and 9 ft 650 yards offshore
 - (ii) In centre 3 ft 300 yards offshore and 27 ft 1000 yards offshore
 - (iii)At ME end 1 7t 6 ins 350 yards offshore and 21 ft 880 yards offshore
 - (c) <u>Surf</u>: Between July and September heavy surf may be expected. Height of surf may be 4 ft to 5 ft but only 8 ft or 9 ft in length which will cause a strong undertow.
 - (d) <u>Currents</u>: No information available.

(e) Prominent Landmarks: BONGAWAN River and KIMANIS River entering the sea at the beach extremities.

- 2. BETWEEN IN APD HY LARKS
 - (a) Length: 4 miles
 - (b) <u>Width</u>: No definite information but probably in vicinity of 50 yards.
 - (c) <u>Gradient</u>: The gradients have been calculated from a chart to a scale 1:153,700 and on the assumptions that the width of the beach between LY and HY is 50 yards and that the depths at HY and LY are 7 ft and 1 ft respectively greater than the soundings on the chart.

Description from RIGHT to LEFT looking from scaward

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Beach No 1: (Centd)

	[GRADIEW	ATTR GAPS					
BEACH SECTOR	DISTANCE CFFSHORE		HW		L' <u>'</u>			
			LCH(6)	LST		LST		
SW End	For 50 yards		75 ft with 3 ft		450 ft with	1470 ft with		
	From 50 yds to 300 yds	1/125	of water at ram			8 ft 8 ins of		
	From 300 yds to 650 yds	1/262	Å	at ramp	of water at ramp	water at ramp		
Centre	For 50 yds	1/25	75 ft with 3 ft		700 ft with 3 ft 9 ins of	942 ft with 8 ft 6 ins of		
	From 50 yds to 300 yds	1/187	of water at ramp	water at	water at ramp	vater at ramp		
	From 300 yds to 1000 yds	1/87		rano				
RE End	For 50 yds	1/25	75 ft with 3 ft		934 ft with 3 ft 4 ins of	1158 ft with 6 ft of water		
	From 50 yds to 350 yds	1/300	of water at ramp	of water at	water at ramp	at ramy		
	From 350 yds to 880 yds	1/84	/	rang				

(d) <u>Mature</u>: Thite sand with some silt

(e) Obstacles: None visible on motographs held.

3. ABOVE HY LLART

(a) Lenzth: 4 miles

(b) <u>Width</u>: No definite information available but probably between 40 and 50 yards.

(c) Gradient: Fot known

(d) <u>Nature</u>: Thite sand with some silt

(e) Obstacles: A small tidal stream enters the sea at 513160 and would be an obstacle to MT at high tide.

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Description from RIGHT to LEFT lookin; from seaward

Beach No 1 : (Contd)

4 ENELY DEFENCES

None visible.

5. EXITS

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Infantry: Exits are hampered by narrow timbered tidal gullies running parallel to and behind the beach. From 501147 to the north end of the beach, one of these tidal gullies runs immediately behind the shoreline and consists of nips swamp 40 - 50 yards in width. This would be an obstacle to foot troops. Apart from this, foottroops would negotiate the timbered gullies and grass-covered coastal flat to reach the railway line at a point 1 - 15 miles inland on the south half, and 500 yards inland on the north half of the beach.

Vchicles. Theeled and Tracked: Some construction would be necessary to provide vchicular exits across the tidal fullies behind the beach.

6. HINTERLIND

Behind the coastal flat, which extends inland for approx 4 mile, the country is low lying, probably swampy, and covered with dense forest and undergrowth. This in turn gives way to the HAIDAHAM Rubber Estate on the rising ground 2 miles inland. A built up 8-10 feet wide road runs from the railway at 520161 to the estate. • At the extremities of the beach the BONGATAN and KIMANIS Rivers run inland; and each is bordered by a cultivated river flat up to 1¹/₂ miles wide.

7. CRAFT ANCHORAGE

Barje dispersal may be available for a short distance upstream from the mouths of the BONGAWAH and KINANIS Rivers but entrance probably would be restricted to HW.

8. GENERAL COMPLETS

Subject to surf conditions being favourable, the southern portion of the beach should be suitable for amphibious operations. Poor approaches and exits exist on the northern half of the beach.

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Description from Draw i	SECRIT. ppendix '2'to Supplement No lust Corps Intelligence Review No 3.
Description from RIGHT to LEFT looking from secwa	rd.
Beach No 2 : KIELFIS Fiver to vicinity ANDUS 527206 to 543284 (1:50,000 series)	
(a) Costacles: Lone known.	
 (b) <u>Depths offshore at LWS</u>: (i) it south and 4 ft 6 ins 250 yds offshore and 30 ft 660 yds offshore. (ii) In centre - 7 ft 6 ins 150 yds offshore and 18 ft 500 yds offshore. (iii) it north end 3 ft 300 yds offshore and 15 ft 660 yds offshore. 	•
 (c) <u>Surf</u>: should be reasonably well protected although some surf may be expected (d) <u>Currents</u>: No information available. 	d.
(e) <u>Prominent Landaurks</u> : To the north of the beach is a prominent bluff on the KIEJIS River.	coast, and to the south, the
2. BETHEN LA and HA LERS.	
 (a) <u>length</u>: 5 miles. (b) <u>Width</u>: definite information is not available but probably it is about 50 y 	7de
(c) <u>Gradient</u> : The gradients have been calculated from a chart to a scale of 1/ essumptions that the width of the beach between LJ and HJ is 50 yds and that are 7 ft and 1 ft greater respectively than the soundings on the chart.	
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Beach Sector			H.i		L./			
			LCH (5)	LST	LCi:6	LST		
	For SJyds	1/25)	75 ft with	220 ft with 6 ft 8 ins of water at ramp	350 ft with 3 ft 6 ins of water at ramp	470 ft with 4 ft 8 ins of water at ramp		
	From 50 yds to 250 yds	1/100	3 ft of water at ramp					
	From 250 yes to 360 yes	1/50						
Ccntre	For 50 yds	1/25	75 ft with 3 ft of water at ramp		100 ft with n3 ft of water at ramp	132 ft with		
	Frot. 50 sčs to 150 sčs	1/33				4 ft of wcter at ramp		
	From 15J yds to 500 yds	1/105						
	For 50 TLS	1/25				960 ft with		
North ≞ad	rior 50 yes to 300 yas	1/187	75 ft with 3 ft of water at	570 ft with 8 ft of water at	703 ft with 3 ft 8 ins of water at	6 ft 6 ins of water		
	From 300 yas to 56C yds	1/90	ranp	ramp	ramp	at ramp		

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Description from RIGHT to LEFT looking from seaward

(d) <u>Neture</u>: "nite send with probably some mud.

(c) Obstacles: The JACHI River, 25 yds wide at the mouth, enters the sea at 532243, and would be an obstacle to Lovemont along the beach.

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(c) Length: 5 miles.

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Beach No. 2 (Contd) Description from RIGHT to LEFT looking from seaward

- (b) Width: Not known definitely but probably about 50 yds.
- (c) Gradient: Not known.
- (d) Nature: White sand with some silt.

(e) Obstacles: The BEMONI Diver enters the sea at 532243, and at high tide also at 531227 and would be an obstacle to IP. It is 25 yds wide at 532243, and extends along the back of the beach as a lagoon 60 yds wide to 551227, mere it again it has a channel to the sea at high tide.

4. ENERY DEFELCES

There are 4 probable burkers lining the shore at the south end of the beach strefs 524197, 525198, 527206, 529211. There are no other defences visible in the area.

5. ZXITS

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(a) <u>Infentry</u>: A though the country immediately behind the shore appears sandy for 700-800 yds inland it is intersected by tidal lagoons running parallel to the beach. These are wide and fairly extensive at 530211, 531221 and from 531227 to 532243 and may prove an obstacle for foot troops. The remainder of the tidal gulles running parallel to the shore would be passable to foot troops, and exits would be aveilable acress the coastal flat to the railway line 100-800 yds inland.

(b) <u>Vchicles Meeled are Tracked</u>: Exits are available for HE with some construction except at the tidal lagoons mentioned in sub para (a).

6. HINT GRL ND

At the south and of the beach the broad cultivated KIEANIS valley extends inland, and an ET road follows the north bank of the river, leaving the railway line at 535219 and running east to B.UTA, then swinging north to P.PAR. This read skirts the high ground behind the extensive low lying, probably swempy, forest covered flat, which lies behind the central section of the beach. To the north, from ANDUS to P.PAR, is the cultivated P.PAR plain, which would be soft and impossable to ET in wet weather.

Beach No 2 (Contd)

Description from RIGHT to LEFT looking from seaward

7. CRAFT __NCHOR.GE

Barge dispersal may be available for a short distance upstream from the mouth of the KINANIS River but entrance probably would be restricted to HJ.

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8. GENERIL COLLENTS

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Ithough the best approach to the beach is in the centre just south of the BTHONI River mouth it would appear that the most suitable place for landings is at the south end because of doubtful exits elsewhere.

SECRET Appendix "A3" to Supplement No.1 to 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Review No.3

Description from RIGHT to LEFT looking from seaward

Beach No.3 - CAPE KINANDUKAN to PLPAR River- 541328 to 551350 -(PAPAR 1:50000)

- 1. SEAWARD APPROACH
 - (a) Obstacles: LAIANG Island about 2 miles NW of Cape PAPAR and a sand bar off the mouth of the PAPAR River.
 - (b) <u>Depths offshore at LWS: At the south end 4 ft 6 ins 400 yds off shore and 12ft 800 yds offshore</u> In the centre 3ft 300 yds off ore and 15ft 1200 yds offshore At the North end 10ft 6ins 800 yds offshore.
 - (c) Surf Should be reasonably well protected although some surf may be expected.
 - (d) <u>Currents</u>:- No information available.
 - (e) Prominent Landmarks :- MT KINANDUKAN at south end of beach and P.PAR River at north end.

2. BETWEEN LW and HW MARKS

- (a) Length: 3000 yards
- (b) <u>Width:-</u> About 100 yds wide at South and but narrows to approximately 50 yds in the centre and on the North.
- (c) <u>Gradient</u>:- The gradient has been calculated from a chart to a scale of 1/158700 and on the assumption that the depth of water at HW and LN is 7ft and 1ft greater than the soundings recorded on the chart. No gradient has been calculated for the North end owing to the presence of the sand bar at the river nouth. It is probable that this bar dries out at LN.

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Description from RIGHT to LEFT looking from seaward

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Beach No.3 Contd.

	L Distance offebore	Gradient	WATERGAPS				
Beach Sector	ach Sector Distance offshore		HW		LW		
•			LCIA(6)	LST	LCM(6)	LST	
South End	For 100 yds	1/50	150ft with 3ft 570ft with 8ft 5 of water at of water at		550ft with 3ft Sins of water	1250ft with 8ft of water at ramp	
	From 100yds to 400yds 1/150 ramp ramp	U	at ramp				
	From 400yds to 800yds	1/170					
Centre	For 50yds	1/25	75ft with 3ft	4ins of water	ith 8ft 700ft with 3ft water 8ins of water at ramp	1770ft with 8ft	
-	; From 50yds to 300yds	1/187	of water at ramp			ramp	
~	From 300yds to 1200yds	1/225	<u> </u>		L	L	

(d) Nature: - Sand with some silt.

(e) Obstacles: None visible.

3. ABOVE HW MARK

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(a) Length: - 3000 yards

(b) Width:- Not known but very wide.

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(c) Gradient :- Not known.

(d) <u>Nature</u>: - Sand with some silt.

(e) <u>Obstacles</u>: - A small isolated bluff rises out of the water at 542334, and would restrict movement along the beach.

Description fro RIGHT to LEFT looking from seaward

Beach No.3 Contd.

4. DEFENCES

None visible (Interpretation from oblique photos only)

5. EXITS

(a) Infantry .- Exits would be across flat grass covered country to the cultivated PAPAR River flats beyond.

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(b) <u>Vehicles:- Wheeled and Tracked:-</u> It is reported that the soil would be too soft for both MT and tracked vehicles.

6. HINTERLAND

The photographs held (obliques only) were apparently flown after a heavy rainstorn, as large areas behind the beach are under water. A continuous line of lagoons parallels the shore at a distance of 100 yards behind it. The cultivated baddy fields extending inland to PAFAR are also partly flooded, but a more recent coverage of the PAPAR area reveals that the flooding was only temporary. However, as the country is generally flat and lowlying, it would probably always be soft and inclined to be swampy, particularly near the beach area.

7. CRAFT ANCHORAGE

Barge dispersal is available in the PAPAR River upstream from the mouth to PAPAR but entrance to the river is limited to HW.

8 GENERAL CONTENTS

This beach has the advantage of providing a direct approach to PAPAR but it is marred by shallow approaches, and doubtful exits.

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SECTI	ION REF LO	CATION	BRIDGE OF CULVERT	LENGTH	RELIARKS
PAPAR • KIMAN		uth of PAPAR ation	Bridge	15' 1.span_9'	. Intact
•	575323 Tri PAI	lbutary of AR River	Bridge	45 ' 1 span 18'	11
	571317 Sou tri	ith of butary	2 culvert	s :0'	'n
	556293 AND	US	Bridge	15' 1 span 9'	12
	553290 "	· · ·	11	10 ¹ 1 span 6 ¹	nation of H
	548284 Sou	th of BENONI	2 culverts		. 11
	544273 · "	15 J	Bridge	80' 1 span 5'	Intact. long approac
	534244 BENC	DNI River	Bridge	851 2 spans 20	Intact
	534243 Sout Rive	h of BENONI	Culvert	61	12
	534233 Trib Rive	ntary BENONI r	Bridge	30' 1 span 17'	·
	535227 Sout	h of tributary	2 culverts	·.	3F
	534204 Nort Rive	h of KIMANIS r	Culvert	61	n
	533204 KIMA	NIS River	Bridge	180' 3 spans 50'	17
KIMANIS BONGAWA	- 530180 Tribu N KIMAN	tary of IS River	Bridge	301 1 span 151	Intact
	527172 "	11 11	11	30' 1 span 15'	11
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ME CONTRACT	N-457076 ULU D		Leidge	601 2 spans 2017	Intact
	450067)South 434046)DAMIT	of ULU River	4 culverts	5 - 81	11
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SECTION	REF	LOCATION	ERIDGE OR CULVERT	LENGTH	REMARKS
MEMBAKUT- LUMAT	425033	MEMBAKUT River	Briđge	140' 1 spān 50' 2 spans_30'	2 piers. Reported to be unser-
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	422031	Tributary of MEMBAKUT River	11	30' 1 span 20'	Intact
	420030	South of Tributary	11 .	201 1 span 201	TT -
	413020	. 13 13	2 bridges	15'	, II
	410018	Strean MAWAO Estate	Fridge	20'	11
	409017	MAWAO Estate	11	10 ¹	11
	404010	South of MAWAO Estate	Culvert	10 ¹ :	, II
•:	393983	Drains north of LUMAT	2 culverts	10 ¹	11
	-	River north of LUMAT	Bridge	30' 1 span 20'	IT
LUMAT-	377966	South of LUMAT	Culvert	81	Intact
BEAUFORT	364943	WOODFORD Estate	Bridge	12 ¹	t
	360904	North of BEAUFORT	11	30' 1 span 20'	
• ·	367902	11 11 11	Culvert	10'	- 11
	368898 :	BEAUFORT	Bridge	30' 1 span 20'	11

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