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(8) ADV PLANNING TEAM 7 AUST DIV

G0180 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 47 232400I to 242400I (.) TARAKAN (.) visibility poor hampering air operations (.) southern sector (.) extensive patrolling by 2/3 pnr bn and coy NEI inf bn resulted no contact with enemy (.) coy of 2/48 bn at 438681 attacked by enemy at 0520I (.) attack repulsed inflicting some casualties (.) enemy used fuzed 75 mm shells (.) air strike on 431681 cancelled owing to poor visibility (.) patrol 2/48 bn found enemy occupying portion of feature 431681 (.) 2/23 bn patrols engaged japs at 422685 and 424685 inflicting some casualties (.) own casualties to 232400I killed 4 wounded 22 (.) enemy casualties dead 618 additional estimated dead 142 PW 17

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G0183 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 48 242400I to 252400I (.) TARAKAN (.) 2/24 bn pl early morning attack on 419702 unsuccessful (.) strong opposition encountered (.) elements 2/24 bn occupied enemy positions at 419706 (.) six B24 aircraft followed by sixteen P38 aircraft effectively bombed feature 431681 with HE and NAPALM at 0900I (.) after this airstrike coy 2/48 bn attacked and occupied all 431681 feature without opposition (.) simultaneous coy attack on high ground 431679 unopposed (.) platoon 2/23 bn moving on track to 424685 supported by heavy artillery and mortar concentrations (.) advance held up by enemy MMG fire from 424685 (.) later other elements this bn reached 421685 and found enemy still holding 424685 (.) patrol of 2/4 cav sqn towards CAPE DJOEATA reached 383783 no opposition reported (.) enemy casualties (.) no report (.) own casualties for 24 hours ending 242400I (.) killed 3 wounded 9

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G0189 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 49 252400I to 262400I (.) TARAKAN (.) after six sqns B24 aircraft bombed 416715 elements 2/24 bn attacked and captured feature (.) 2/48 bn patrol found feature 443694 reported occupied in strength (.) 2/4 cav sqn patrol reached barracks cape DJOEATA found no enemy (.) At 2054I approx six enemy aircraft dropped six bombs in swamp near mouth PAMOESIAN river (.) raid from 12000 ft from SOUTH except one aircraft 4000 feet from EAST (.) also CTG 76.12 reports two enemy aircraft over harbour 2143I engaged by anti aircraft no hits dropped four bombs no damage or casualties (.) enemy casualties to 262400I (.) counted dead 662 estimated additional enemy dead 146 PW 17 (.) own casualties for 24 hrs ending 252400I (.) killed one wounded 13

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G0194 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 50 262400I to 272400I (.) TARAKAN (.) 2/4 cav sqn patrol CAPE DJOEATA area found two serviceable 75 mm guns (.) barracks and CAPE area clear of japs (.) air strike by eighteen B-24 aircraft and sixteen P-38 aircraft supported advance of coy 2/24 bn towards 419702 (.) advancing coy engaged by enemy located at 421705 no further details (.) patrol 2/48 bn reached 450697 without contacting enemy (.) minor engagements with enemy at 421711 432682 and 424689 (.) enemy casualties no report (.) own casualties to 262400I one killed four wounded

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G0195 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 51 272400I to 282400I (.) TARAKAN (.) extensive patrolling AMAL river area and DISTRICT I failed locate enemy (.) A coy 2/24 bn probing towards 419702 contacted jap at 423701 and 422702 (.) areas engaged with mortars (.) some casualties inflicted on enemy (.) other patrols found japs at 410703 and 419706 (.) one enemy aircraft dropped 4 bombs 449669 (.) 282307I believed 5 enemy aircraft over island much tinsel dropped (.) enemy casualties no report (.) own casualties for 24 hrs ending 272400I one killed 4 wounded

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G0201 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 52 282400I to 292400I (.) TARAKAN (.) troops of 2/23 bn supported by airstrike by eleven B-25 aircraft attacked feature at 424685 (.) strong enemy opposition (.) our force suffered casualties and withdrew (.) 1715I anti aircraft engaged one enemy aircraft HELEN flying at 14500 feet (.) no hits (.) no bombs dropped (.) enemy casualties to 282400I 674 killed 149 estimated killed 20 PW (.) own casualties for 24 hours ending 282400I (.) one killed 5 wounded

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G0202 (.) SECRET (.) daily operational report no 53 292400I to 302400I (.) TARAKAN (.) patrol to 432683 engaged enemy (.) no details results (.) patrols to 423688 encountered enemy fire and withdrew owing to difficult terrain (.) pl 2/24 bn occupied feature 420709 (.) no sign enemy but area booby trapped (.) track from DJOEATA oilfield through 416715 and 419702 to 421697 is now clear (.) enemy casualties to 302400I 699 counted dead 151 estimated dead 20 PW (.) own casualties for 24 hrs ending 292400I 2 killed 10 wounded 2 missing

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 21

(From information received to 010900 I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. BOUGAINVILLE - (No information received)

2. TARAKAN - (From 26 Aust Inf Bde TOO 010905 I)

(a) OBOE ONE . landings effected RED . NO opposition . FBE NOT used. assault bns reached first objective 0900 NO opposition.

(b) - (From 1 Aust Corps sitrep Ops Report 24 TOO 011105 I·)

Unopposed landing on SADAU ISLAND effected. Island clear. Beachhead established 300947I . Arty fire from SADAU ISLAND provided in support 9 aust div engineers breaching beach obstacles 301100I. during beaching operation scattered enemy mortar and sniper fire met and dealt with. CTG 74.3 reports that breaching obstacles NOT completed first attempt but some gaps made second attempt 301500I . P DAY. CTG 78.1 reports operation on time. No appreciable opposition up till 10 mins before H hour. RAAF com d report 5/10 cloud . visibility away from target excellent. Heagre AA fire. no air opposition met on first bomber mission 1 may. report TOO 010905I states assault has reached first objective 0900I no opposition

(c) - Information from TASK GP 74.3 (Cruiser covering force OBOE ONE).

1. Minesweeping southern approaches continuing. The approach track north of MONOBLEON ISLAND is reasonably safe, but track south of MENOELEON IS still dangerous.
2. JENKINS flooded forward but port engine is in full commission. The ship is moving under her own power.
3. In two operations for the breaching of beach obstacles, gaps on Red and Green beaches were established and two partial gaps were made at Yellow beach. The Yellow beach gaps are possible for small boats. Slight sniper fire was quickly silenced and no casualties were incurred. 4 LVT and 2 LCVP were stranded but may be salvaged on the rising tide.
4. HMAS 'HOBART' is assigned to the JENKINS fire support tasks.
5. PT boats have arrived.

(d) In flight reports from aircraft operating in TARAKAN area early on P Day report nil interception or AA. Visibility to 20 miles, Cloud 2/10 th's to 4/10 th's.

(e) Naval Bombardment proceeded according to plan .

(f) Landing on SIDAU IS was made without opposition. 30 Apr.

(g) Smoke Screen, in conjunction with engineer task of breaching obstacles on LINKAS BEACH, was successfully laid by B25s between 301139 I and 301232 I.

3. PHILIPPINES

BAGUIO was secured on 27 Apr. There is still determined resistance along the VELLA VERDE Trail, but some advances have been made in the BALETE Pass area.

Our forces entering DUMAGUETE on 26 Apr found most of the city intact, although several buildings had been burned by the retreating enemy. The enemy is still stubbornly holding out in the high ground in Northern NEGROS.

Unopposed landings at MALAYAL and SIBUKO in ZAMBOANGA sector.

PART 2.

4. BORNEO TARGETS

(a) BALIKPAPAN IS

RADAR located at 01deg 18" S 116 deg 49½" E. Position of antenna is 50 ft SW of large tree on summit of SIGNAL HILL.

(b) SANDAKAN

200 Japs occupy houses near near wharf.

PART 3.

5. ENCLOSURES

AAPIU Report No 8: LABUAN IS- NW BORNEO- HAMILTON PT- RANCHA PT.

MAPS

Further issues of maps of OBOE SIX area will be issued as soon as available.

HANDBOOKS

The following terrain handbooks are expected to be issued within the next few days :

No 58 : KUDAT - JESSELTON

No 59 : BRUNEI BAY

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 22

(From information received to 020900 I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN Operation

(Ref map TARAKAN IS SOUTH 1/25000)

88/to

(a) From 1 Aust Corps signal GHQ SWPA (TOO: 012320I)

Interim operational report period 010900I to 011300I. assault landing on LINGKAS BEACH TARAKAN ISLAND made at 0815I 1 may by 2/48 aust inf bn gp and 2/24 aust inf bn gp. approach and assault landings unopposed. by 0900I beach covering position 300 to 400 yds inland extending from pier 418634 to 433621 secured without opposition. at 1300 hrs 2/23 aust inf bn (roght) receiving opposition from bunkers at SIBENGKOK 427637 and was attacking in vicinity rd junc 434635. 2/48 aust inf bn had reached spur 424646. inf and tks moving towards high ground 423651. some cas incurred by our tps enemy cas 11 killed 2 PW. comd 26 aust inf bde assumed comd forces ashore at 1200I, piers 418634 and 429623 captured intact. oil jetty 424626 piling only. by 1350I NL pontoon causeway was beached and unloading had commenced.

(b) From 1 Aust Corps signal 89 to GHQ SWPA (TOO: 020615I)

At 011500I one troop tanks moved northh along road west of SIBENKOK to assist 2/23 aust inf bn results NOT yet reported. enemy offering stubborn resistance 437627. forward patrols of 2/48 aust inf bn operating at 415660 and 419663. at 011740I state of unloading. WESTRALIA three quarter unloaded MANOORA one half unloaded LST 1027 will be unloaded in 2 hrs LST 993 all vehs by 1800 hrs LST 584 proceeding slowly LST 582 590 711 743 unloaded by 2000 hrs. receding tide and difficulty filling anti tank ditch blocking egress red and yellow beaches adding to difficulty of unloading. no air opposition reported.

(c) From 26 Bde (TOO: 011740I)

Brief report 6 to 1700I. 2/23 bn. A coy endeavoured pinch out enemy posn 427639. terrain very difficult. 2/48 bn HQ NO change. patrol to high ground 414661 returned to A coy vicinity 423652 after encountering MG fire from 414661. enemy AA posn destroyed by air strike at 426655. 13 bty in posn 432628. 14 bty in posn 422635

(d) From 26 Bde (TOO: 011800I)

2/23 bn. posn uncharged. enemy bunker at SIBENKOK overcome at 1820I. 2/48 bn. patrols proceeding nort h engaged enemy posn. hill feature 414661. D coy mortar knocked out MGs at 422356 and probably another at 426655. present location. bn HQ 418639. A coy 423652 middle of ridge. B coy 416650 one pl on rd 624165. C coy spur 424646, D coy spur 424640, 2/24 bn . two coys moving to area barracks 416647 rd 430623 -

(d) contd/

421632 - 421632 - 414651 - airstrip - DJOEATA - BOORTERREIN remaining coys unchanged

(e) From CTG 78.1 (TOO: 011951 I)

Troops on northern flank continued to progress. northern flank 3200 yds on road toward airfield northwest of landing beach. southern flank no change. continued slight resistance. unloading improving but slows when tide is out. many native labourers shot in either foot by enemy to incapacitate usage by our forces

(f) From 26 Bde (TOO: 012000I)

2/23 bn HQ unchanged. enemy posns 427639 overcome. 2/48 bn HQ unchanged. patrols active north 2/48 psns. 2/24 bn. two coys moving through 2/48 to area 416647 in order exploit forward. support A/C carried out successful missions on 433665 and 426656. DD fire on request knocked out AA guns 436653. many reports received of mines and booby traps majority poor or not completely laid. approx 200 civilians at present under control NICA this area. cas enemy incomplete count 10 dead. our cas 2/23 bn 2 and 6 wounded. 2/48 bn 2 killed 8 wounded all OR's.

PART II.

2. BORNEO. supported by allied naval and air forces Aust tps landed TARAKAN IS 010815I. first objectives reached 0900I without opposition. BOUGAINVILLE. TOKINOTU. B coy 24 bn 911445 repulsed jap attack. patrol clashes 917447 915466 901432. enemy reported both sides rd 939434. disposns. HQ 58/59 bn 901454 A coy 907458 one tp 2/4 armd regt C04474 onetp 871484. NIHERO. patrol 2/8 cdo sqn attacked 20 japs 055452 cas enemy 6 killed many wounded own 1 wounded. 75 japs reported 009459 small gps 009417. SORAKEN. B coy 55/53 bn 306653 C coy 296646 STEVENSONS ridge clear. AITAPE HAPRIK. vacated enemy posns 695026 696035 690944 clear standing patrol 697945 lt enemy attack 730047 repulsed. HQ 2/7 bn 681988. DAGUA. RAN motor launches operating vicinity WEWAK night 27/28 apr shelled by two 75mm 317086 and three 105mm 319083 NIL damage reported. LUZON. northern sector. 26/27 apr enemy resistance BAGUIO ceased. town area vacated 27 apr. enemy resistance continues VILLA VERDE trail. central sector. 26/27 apr allied tps adv to line 3000 yds North and NE of NEW BOSOBOSO. BICOL sector. 26 apr small allied force landed PASACAO and captured NAGA unopposed. NEGROS. 26 apr DUMAGUETE airfield and town secured. ZAMBOANGA. 25 apr allied tps landed unopposed at MALAYAL (20 miles NNW of ZAMBOANGA) and at SIBUKO (10 miles NE of MALAYAL).

PART III.

3. ENCLOSURES: (a) 1 Aust Corps Int Summary No 1
(b) Extracts from AMF Int Review No 132
(c) 3 AAPIU Report No 41 - BRUNEI Town and (vicinity.

ALO's Bulletin

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 23.

(From information received to 022200I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

Summary of operations for 30 Apr 45

(a) 2/4 Sqn 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt and 57 Aust Fd Bty made an unopposed landing on SADAU ISLAND at 300800I. The island was cleared without enemy interference by 0947 I hrs. The field guns of the battery were firing by 1100 hrs in support of the engineer demolition parties at LINGKAS Beach.

(b) 9 Aust Div engineer demolition parties carried out operations for the breaching of beach obstacles on the beaches on RED TWO, YELLOW and GREEN beaches. Two attempts were made, one at 1100 hrs and the second at 1500 hrs. The first attempt was covered by naval bombardment, air bombardment and screened by smoke laid by aircraft over the period of approximately two hours. On completion of the second attempt four gaps had been blown in each RED TWO and GREEN beach defences and three gaps had been made in the defences opposite YELLOW beach. Enemy opposition to this operation was confined to scattered mortar and sniper fire until it was silenced by naval support craft. No casualties to our own forces were incurred.

2. Summary of operations for 1 May 45

(a) The assault landing on LINGKAS BEACH was made at 0815I 1 May by the 2/48 Aust Inf Bn Gp and 2/23 Aust Inf Bn Gp. During the approach and the assault landing our forces were unopposed and by 0900 hrs our troops had secured a beach covering position 300 to 460 yards inland and extending from the pier at 418634 to 433621. The beach covering position was secured without opposition. By 1100 hrs the 2/24 Aust Inf Bn (in reserve for the assault landing), the 2/3 Aust Pioneer Bn and supporting troops were ashore. At 1300 hrs the 2/25 Aust Inf Bn (right) was receiving opposition from bunkers at SIBENGKOK 427637 and was attacking in the vicinity of the road junction 434635 while the 2/48 Aust Inf Bn had reached the spur 424646. Infantry and tanks were moving towards the high ground in the vicinity of 425651. At 1500I enemy offering stubborn resistance 427627, one troop of tanks moved north along road west of SIBENGKOK to assist 2/23 Aust Inf Bn. Results not yet reported. Forward patrols of 2/48 Aust Inf Bn were operating towards 415660 and 419663. No air opposition reported.

(b) NL pontoon causeways were beached by 1350 hrs and unloading had commenced. At GI1740 the state of unloading was WESTRALIA three quarters unloaded MANOORA half unloaded, LST 1027 will be completed in two hours, LST 993 all vehicles by 1800 hrs LST 584 proceeding slowly LST 582 590 711 743 will be unloaded by 2000 hrs. Receding tide and difficulty of filling anti tank ditches blocking egress to RED and YELLOW beaches is increasing the difficulty of unloading.

3. Harbour Facilities

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

4. Command

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

5. Casualties

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

6. (a) From 26 Bde (TOO: 011740I) Corrects corrupted version G078

2/23 bn hq no change. A coy 2/23 endeavouring pinch out enemy posn 427639. terrain very difficult. 2/48 bn hq no change patrol to hill feature 414661 returned to A coy vicinity 423652 after encountering MG fire from 414661. enemy AA posn destroyed by air strike at 426655. 13 bty in posn and registered 430628. 14 bty in posn 422635. patrols C coy 2/23 bn held up on rd 430623 - 429627 - 442344 by MG fire from approx 434634

(b) From 26 Bde (TOO: 020700I)

Situation normal. no enemy aerial activity. hostile shelling on RED beach 0030I 10 rds 75 mm . cas to one LST approx 23 wounded in action

(c) From 26 Bde (TOO: 020930I)

Report to 0900I. 2/23 bn HQ unchanged. C coy adv on hill feature 437628. 2/24 bn passed through 2/48 bn. hill feature 414661 hill feature 418662 captured. 75 mm gun captured 412665 co-ordinated strike requested west slope hill feature 412672. 2/24 adv on hill feature 412672. CD gun reported active CAPE DJOEATA. PW military high ranking offr in comd API with main body. no enemy identification except enemy reported naval tps. 2/48 bn holding hill feature 427658 and are patrolling to water point fourth objective

(d) From 26 Bde (TOO: 021100I)

First light patrol 2/48 bn occupied hill feature 427658. no opposition and coy moved in. next objective water neighbourhood 425662. 2/24 bn. attack hill feature 418662 and hill feature 414661 0745 with support bombardment and air strike. position occupied C and D coys 0910I. enemy strength estimated 50 hill feature 418662 100 hill feature 414661 main body withdrawn API. heavy going for troops thick undergrowth steep slopes very muddy. enemy casualties this operation not known. native reports main body API area approx 1000. sea mine on rd between 415651 and airstrip. locations. bde HQ unchanged. 2/23 bn C coy hill feature 432638 otherwise unchanged. 2/24 bn HQ and A B coy 411653 C coy hill feature 415666 D coy hill feature 414661. 2/48 bn. C coy hill feature 427658 otherwise unchanged

(e) From 26 Bde (TOO: 021240I)

Brief report to 1300I . feature 437628 entirely occupied from 425636 to 427628.

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(f) From 1 Aust Corps signal G0 90 to GHQ SWPA (T00: 020630I)

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

(g) From 26 Bde (T00: 021130I)

Brief report 9 to 1100I 2/23 bn occupied hill feature 432638. enemy pocket 429635 still holding out. 2/24 bn captured hill feature 415666

PART II.

7. ENCLOSURES

Handbook No 58 : TUDAT - JESSELTON

" No 59 : BRUNEI BAY

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 24.

(From information received to 040900I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

TARAKAN (Ref map TARAKAN ISLAND SOUTH 1/25000)

1. 1 Aust Corps Operational Report No 25- Period 0001I 2 May to 2400I 2 May 45.

(a) Location of Troops

TARAKAN - HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde 427627

13 Aust Fd Bty 430628

14 Aust Fd Bty 422635

(b) Weather and Visibility

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

(c) Operation on 2 May 45

TARAKAN ISLAND

(i) At 0900 hours one company 2/23 Aust Inf Bn was advancing towards enemy defence positions at 438628. At 1100 hours elements of the battalion and occupied the high ground at 432638 but the enemy continued to offer resistance from 429635. By 1300 hours the enemy defence positions at 438628 were captured and the ridge 435626 - 437627 occupied. In addition with the exception of three small pockets which were by passed the enemy was cleared from the battalions covering position including 437627 - 436636 and the road junction 437646 - barracks 432649. By 1700 hours the battalion had occupied a covering position from approximately 434634 to 433647 with one company forward in the area road junction 437646 and standing patrols at 441644 and 438645.

(ii) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn further consolidated positions held at last light 1 May. One company exploited to feature 427658 and occupied the position unopposed. Patrols then moved to the water point at 426662. The motors and equipment at this point were found to be unserviceable and the water in the creek fouled by oil.

(iii) During the night 2/24 Aust Inf Bn, which was in reserve, passed through 2/48 Aust Inf Bn and an attack by naval bombardment and direct air support, was made on the enemy held high ground at 418663 and 414661. Both these objectives were captured by 0900 hours. The advance was continued and by 1100 hours the feature at 415666 was captured. Later an attack was made by one company, supported by one troop of tanks, on the hill 412672. The company was on its objective by 1500 hours. The battalion then took up position in the area 414661 - 415666 - 412672.

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(iv) 2/7 Aust Fd Regt supported all actions throughout the day. 57 Aust Fd Bty fired from positions on SADAU ISLAND occupied on 30 Apr.

(v) General

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

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

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

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

(vi) Air Support

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

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

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

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

All strikes were well on the target area.

(vii) Naval Support

NO details are available of naval support.

(viii) Results of Operations

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

	Officers	Other ranks
Killed in action	-	7
Wounded in action	3	27
Missing	-	-
TOTAL	3	34

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

1. (ix) Miscellaneous

200 natives are under control of NICA.

Two LSIs completed unloading by 0700I.

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) TOKINOTU

Hostile shelling 9045. HQ 57/60 battalion 906476 A coy 898469 B coy 906476 C coy 911480 D coy 908478. 30 Japanese contacted 951447.

(b) SORAKEN.

HQ 55/53 bn 275610 A coy 306654 B coy 297646 C coy 304652 hills SOUTH LAVELLA (unmapped) clear.

3. AITAPE MAPRIK

Areas 691009 695004 clear. Enemy positions YAMIGU 710006 696018 mortared.

4. DAGUA

Area 073209 and WEST bank HAWAIN river SOUTH to 18 grid line clear. Small Japanese parties engaged 126194 130187. Our troops unsuccessfully attacked enemy position 110188. 19 Bde concentrating BOIKEN area.

5. LUZON

Northern sector. 26/28 Apr Allied troops captured TANGADON Remaining Japanese now contained vicinity SAN QUINTIN CULVEC LANGIDEN CAUTIT and ARAB (all in ABRA province).

6. CEBU ISLAND

Allied troops moved north by land and water to TABANOC and SOGOD BAY without contact.

7. MINDANAO ISLAND

Allief troops advanced along SAYRE HIGHWAY to point 19 kilos north of KABALAN against strong resistance.

8. OKINAWA

27 Apr two thirds MACHINATO airfield secured,

PART III

9. ENCLOSURES

(a) 3 AAPIU Report No 42 : BRUNEI LOCALITY and coast from CAPE PUNIIT to BERAKAS RD (with Bulletin 23).

(b) 1 Aust Corps Int Summary No.2 (with Bulletin 23)

(c) 2 AAPIU Report No 9. MUARA IS - NW BORNEO.

(d) 1 Aust Corps Int Summary No 3.

FLOURESCENT PANELS

In an effort to discover the maximum height at which these panels can be seen, it is intended to display one at Corps Headquarters daily. A RED panel will accordingly be displayed on 5,6, and 7 May and a YELLOW panel on 8, 9 and 10 May.

ALOs are requested to inform pilots who may be flying in the area, of this trial and report result to G(Air). It is pointed out that it is NOT desired to find out the minimum height - low flying is to be avoided over Corps Headquarters.

10. Latest Reports

From: 1 Aust Corps Signal G096 to GHQ (TOO: 032355I)

At 1300 hrs 2/23 bn made an unsuccessful company attack on the hill TARAKAN TOWN 446653. The company returned to 436646. At same time one company advanced toward BOORTERREIN 458648 and by 1500 hrs reached that locality. During morning 3 May 2/48 bn engaged in patrolling activities toward 433667 meeting some opposition at 433662 and at 1500 hrs a patrol had reached 434666 where it met strong opposition. Another patrol cleared feature at 433658 and advanced towards hill 438658. At 1100I the 2/24 bn advance toward the airfield was held up by enemy posts at 405669 and 403673 and at 1500I was still receiving strong opposition from that area. No further progress made to that time.

From: 1 Aust Corps Signal G097 to GHQ (TOO: 040700I)

2/23 bn reports PAMOESIAN district 4 and 6 clear. A patrol from 2/48 bn reported enemy in strength 433666. Patrol to 426666 ambushed no casualties 2 enemy killed. 2/4 commando sqn withdrawn from SADAU IS and now occupies area 441645. NEI coy at 437643. 2/24 secured southern edge airstrip including dispersal bays and reported western end airstrip clear but is under MG fire from 402678. At 1900 one coy unsuccessfully attacked 402678 enemy using 75 mm gun. one coy astride airstrip at 405676. Own casualties 8 ORs killed in action 1 officer 24 ORs wounded in action. Progressive totals. 15 ORs killed in action 4 officers 51 ORs wounded in action.

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GS 1 Aust Corps

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 25.

(From information received to 050900I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) Operations (3 May 45)

Information received to 041200I is included in enclosed 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No.4.

(b) Location of Troops

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	-	427627
2/4 Aust Cdo Sqn	-	Vicinity road junction 441645.
2/23 Aust Inf Bn	-	Squares 4264, 4364, with one coy BOORTERREIN.
2/48 Aust Inf Bn	-	Squares 42654 & 4266
2/24 Aust Inf Bn	-	Square 4067.

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

(d) Air Support Control passed to RAAF, air support section ashore at 031700I.

(e) Casualties

26 Bde total casualties to 030600I are :-

Killed in action - 8 OR's

Wounded in action - 4 Offrs 51 OR's.

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) TOKU.

A coy NGIB less one pl 796471 under comd 3 div.

(b) TOKINOTU

Own patrol ambushed 930428. Patrol contacts 942447 914465. Hostile shelling 912457 921442 901460.

(c) HORINU

Enemy withdrew from 951477. MOTUPENA. HQ 47 Inf bn 709575.

(d) SORAKEN

South bank LAVELLA river clear 292653 to 305646. D coy 55/53 Inf bn 270608. Hostile shelling 236661 305645 301648 317643. Our arty engaged targets 228747.

(e) Casualties-BOUGAINVILLE

Enemy 8 found dead, own 1 killed 3 missing.

3. NEW BRITAIN

D coy 36 Inf bn encountered enemy fire 2[illegible]7601 now located 276613.

4. AITAPE MAPRIK

MANGUMBA 693018 and Jap position 714063 clear. Unsuccessful pl attacks 733045 enemy well dug in. Native report enemy 706966. Jap position 699986 mortared.

5. DAGUA

30 Japs withdrew from 110188. 130187 clear. HQ 19 Aust Inf Bde opened 125215 comd post RAA 6 Aust Div 126214.

6. LUZON

Northern sector. 29 Apr leading elements Allied troops entered TRINIDAD unopposed from BAGUIO. Others secured LOACAN airfield, (5 miles SE of BAGUIO) . BICOL sector. Patrols reached PILI (7 miles SE of NAGA) and SANTA ROSA without enemy contact on 29 Apr.

7. MINDANAO ISLAND

Guerillas report SURIGAO province clear of enemy. 28 Apr DIGOS town SINAUILAN and PANADA airfield all secured.

PART II.

8. SECURITY

The lack of security in regard to OBOE ONE operation was most noticable in all quarters. ALO's will ensure that no information regarding OBOE SIX will be passed to any person who does not require, in the course of his duty, to know this information.

9. TARGETS - NORTH BORNEO

GHQ authority has been given to attack the railway bridge over the PAPAR RIVER (5 degs 45' N 115 degs 55' E).- No other railway installations, locomotives or rolling stock are to be attacked at present.

PART III.

10. ENCLOSURES

(a) 1 Aust Corps Int Summary No 4 (to 041200I)

(b) Two copies of the following maps of NORTH BORNEO:-

PELONG ROCK SOUTH (SPECIAL)	1/25000
S. MANGSULAT SOUTH	"
KG. PERUMPONG	1/50000
TG. SAKAT	"
BT. BUAN	"
SIPITANG	"
TG. KLIAS	"
WESTON	"
TRUSAN	"
S. LUTONG	"

(c) One copy of each of the following :

PELONG ROCK	1/50000
LABUAN NORTH	"
LABUAN SOUTH	"
S. MANGSALUT	"

(f) 3 APPIU Report 43: BROCKTON - MUARA IS area.

11. AIRBORNE OBSERVERS.

ALO's acting as airborne observers during operations will ensure that a short report of their activities is forwarded without delay to G(Air) 1 Aust Corps with a copy to HQ 1 Aust AL Gp.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE RETURNS

(a) In future HQ 1 Aust Corps will be the addressee for formation copy of all returns.

(b) AAF W 3006 will be forwarded on Wednesday and Saturday of each week.

13. DEATH OF CAPT S.A.KET ALO with det of J.6 AOP Flight.

It is advised that Capt S.A. KET died at TARAKAN on the night of 3 May 45 as a result of severe burns received in an aircraft accident. Next of kin have NOT been informed.

14. Latest Reports

From: 1 Aust Corps Signal G099 to GHQ (TOO: 050715I)

All pockets resistance 2/23 bn sector covering position reported mopped up. NEI coy in contact enemy at 467644. 2/4 commando sqn reached crest of feature 446654 against fire from pill boxes and snipers. feature NOT cleared. 2/48 bn meeting opposition south slope ridge 438656. 2/24 bn patrol before 041100I north of strip to 402678. Approx 041500I patrol south of strip thence NE to 402678 located enemy posts south end strip. Tracks cut through heavy jungle north end of strip to locate routes to rear of 402678. Tanks held up at 404673 due airstrip heavily mined. Engineers lifting. 2/24 bn attempt unsuccessful. 2/23 bn relieved by 2/23 pnr bn and moved via 2/24 bn tracks north of strip to outflank position 402678. Own cas 7 killed in action 47 wounded in action 2 missing. Progressive totals 22 killed in action 102 wounded in action 2 missing 140 enemy dead counted. CTG 78.1 reports direct hits naval fire on one coast gun and one AA position CAPE DJOEATA. Other guns damaged. 7 unloaded LSTs remain on beach and NOT yet been retracted. Remaining 8 LSTs unloading offshore. FREDRICK LYKES arrived MOROTAI 3 May with 2800 personnel of 9 Aust Div units.

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GS 1 Aust Corps

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 26

(From information received to 060900I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) Operations 4 May 45

Information to 051200I is included in attached 1 Aust Corps Int Summary No 5.

(b) Location of Troops:

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

(c) Weather :

Slight showers during the morning
hot and humid from 1000 hrs.
Visibility good.

(d) Casualties:

(i) Total casualties to 040600I are:

	Offrs	ORs.
Killed in action	-	27
Wounded in action	7	111
Missing	1	4
Total	8	142

(ii) 140 enemy dead have been counted.

(e) General

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

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

No air opposition has been reported.

PART II.

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) TOKINOTU

Enemy in unknown strength 947542. Adv HQ 29 bde 944491 HQ 47 bn 905475. B coy 24 bn with tp tanks 926438. A coy 912445 B coy 58/59 bn 917452. B and C coys 57/60 bn relieved B and C coys 9 bn and located 924484 947484 respectively. B and C coys 9 bn located MOTUPENA PT.

(b) SOR[illegible]

Hostile shelling TAIOF Is 138693. B coy 55/53 bn 307650 C coy 305670 D coy 275612. Cas BOUGAINVILLE enemy 21 killed.

3. NEW BRITAIN OPEN BAY

Defence position 50 Japs 285634. 60 Japs vicinity newly constructed defences D coy 36 bn concentrating 276613.

4. AITAPE MAPRIK

Native report enemy reinforced strip strength unknown. 35 Japs CHIGINAMBUT 6589.

5. DAGUA

Coy with flame throwers attacked and cleared enemy posns 105178.

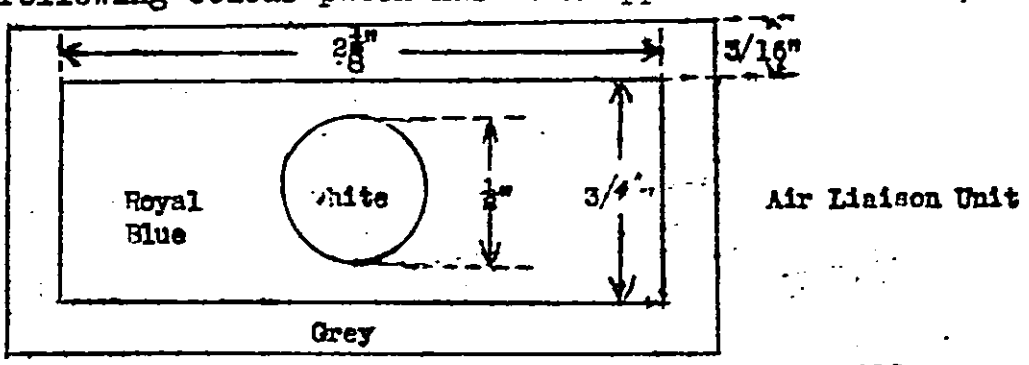
PART III

5. ENCLOSURES

(a) 3 AAPIU Report 44: LABUAN IS - PAPAN IS - KURAMAN IS.
(b) 2 AAPIU Report 11: KURAMAN IS and RUSUKEN BESAR IS (30 copies only available)
(c) 1 Aust Corps Int Summary No 5.
(d) 2 AAPIU Report No 9 enclosed with Bulletin No 24 - only 25 copies were available.

COLOUR PATCHES

(a) The following colour patch has been approved in GRO 124/45:



(b) HQ 1 Aust AL Gp is indenting for supplies which will be issued to ALOs when available. Enquiries as to date of delivery will not be welcomed.

FLUORESCENT PANELS

By courtesy of 370 Bomb Sqn, trials were carried out on 5 May, and ALO's in a LIBERATOR could see these panels plainly at 10,000 feet from a distance of 4 miles. Further trials will not be necessary, and these panels will not now be displayed at Corps HQ on the dates given in Bulletin No 24.

6. Latest Reports.

From: 1 Aust Corps SignalGO103 to GHQ (TOO: 052220I)

During night 4/5 May 2/4 cav sqn on hill 447653 replused several minor counter attacks some cas inflicted on enemy. At 1300 hrs mopping up was continuing using flame throwers and engineers to reduce pillboxes and blow up tunnel positions. By 1500 hrs the enemy force was eliminated. By 1100 hrs 2/48 inf bn with tanks in support had occupied the feature 438656 and elements were moved towards 433667. At 1500 hrs these elements had reached 437663 after being retarded by MG fire. During night 4/5 May 2/24 aust inf bn engaged in clearing mines from airfield and dispersal bays and in cutting tracks in thick jungle east of strip. By 1100 hrs 2/23 aust inf bn had reached assembly area 407663 and by 1500 hrs had reached the hill at 412672. During the morning 5 May elements 2/24 aust inf bn engaged mopping up eight pillboxes in PENINGKI - BAROE area 409664. A late report states that the airfield is captured and work on its reconstruction commenced at 1715 hrs 5 May. no details yet received.

From : 1 Aust Corps Signal GO105 to GHQ (TOO: 060602I)

2/3 pnr bn established standing patrol at 467655. NEI coy reports feature 467643 clear of enemy. One coy 2/48 bn captured high ground 437665 and moved towards 433666. Supported by air attack elements 2/24 bn occupied hill 402678 at 1630 hrs and by 1715 hrs work on reconstruction of the airfield had commenced. Total enemy dead counted to date 206. Own casualties for 24 hrs ending 050600I 1 officer and 15 other ranks killed in action 4 officers 77 other ranks wounded in action. 967 additional troops embarked HMAS KANIMBLA ex BRISBANE 2 May and 459 on GORGON ex SYDNEY 3 May. These personnel mainly corps reinforcements

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 27

(From information received to 0709001)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) Operations 5 May 45

Information to 0512001 is included in attached 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 6.

(b) Location of Troops:

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	- 422630
HQ 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn	- 445649
HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn	- 413653
HQ 2/24 Aust Inf Bn	- 404672
HQ 2/48 Aust Inf Bn	- 425653
HQ 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	- 433637

(c) Weather:

1100 hrs 5 May. Low cloud ceiling visibility fair.

(d) Casualties:

(i.) Casualties suffered by 26 Aust Inf Bde for 24 hours ending 0600I 5 May are:-

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	1	15
Wounded in action	4	77

Progressive casualties are :-

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	2	42
Wounded in action	11	188
Missing	-	4

(ii.) Enemy casualties to date are

Killed	206
PW	3

(e) General

3.7 inch anti aircraft guns engaged an enemy 75 mm gun position at 488654, rounds falling in the target area.

The beach conditions at LINGKAS are extremely difficult and approximate what was considered during the planning to be the worst conditions that would be met.

PART II.

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) TOKINOTU

Japs were forced to withdraw from 924421.

Strong patrol from 24 bn with 2 tanks attacked coy of Japs at 928438, enemy after arty and mortar concentrations withdrew. Jap 75 mm in tank attack role knocked out. Patrol contacts 927440 926444 and 932482. Hostile shelling 9134. 9 bn now complete TOROKINA. D coy 58/59 bn 894458. C coy 57/60 bn with troop of tanks 947458.

(b) PIATA FLAT

Patrol attacked 30 Japs 778152.

(c) SORAKEN

Japs withdrew from 310681. Platoon 55/53 bn no contact and now 288679, further platoon 630682. Ineffective shelling 295645. Own arty engaged targets 287678 310696 307703 323643.

3. NEW BRITAIN

(a) WIDE BAY

Patrol East UMAMITKI RIVER no contact.

(b) OPEN BAY

Ineffective hostile shelling 276613. Standing patrol NGIB 336562 and 296547.

4. NEW GUINEA

AITAPE MAPRIK

Jap force occupied 697964. Natives report large concentration enemy well dug in 7297 7595 7400. KUMBUNGA reinforced in strength by enemy from YAMIL 7799. Coastal sector CAPE WOM occupied by troops 19 Bde at 0413COK. Quantities of signals equipment and clothing store captured. Signs of hurried evacuation night 3/4 May. BANIMBOA occupied, Enemy unknown strength 500 feature. Casualties AITAPE - enemy 8 killed. Own 1 killed 2 wounded.

PART III.

5. ENCLOSURES

1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 6.

6. LATEST SITREPS

ALO's requiring latest sitrep information of the ground situation are requested to ring GIII(Air), who is now installed in the Battle Room - Corps Extension 1.

7. LATEST REPORTS

From 1 Aust Corps Signal GO108 to GHQ. (TOO: 070700I)

One coy NEI inf bn moved SOUTH towards PENINGKA and by 1100 hrs had reached 462636 without opposition. 2/4 cav sqn dispositions unchanged. 2/3 pnr bn dispositions at 1900 hrs. Bn HQ 433637. A coy 433648. B and C coys 458649. D coy 427658. 2/48 inf bn. By 1100 hrs one coy 2/48 inf bn reached area 433667 MG fire was received in that area. By 1500 hrs the coy had cleared the area suffering some casualties. By 1900 hrs 2/48 bn had cleared track 437666 to 433667 and linked with own tps advancing from WEST. Bn HQ now 427651.

A coy 438665. D coy 427658. Patrol to 434665 found demolished causeway. one coy patrolling ridge southeast from feature 437656 report enemy in area. 2/24 inf bn defending area. Patrol along NE ridge of airfield to 412682 saw no enemy. Tracks swampy impassable to tanks. Dispositions at 1900 hrs. Bn HQ 403673. A coy 414667. B coy 403673 . C coy 402676. D coy 403671. At 0900 hrs one coy 2/23 inf bn was attacking enemy post 406683 and one coy was advancing NORTH along ridge 405684 approaching SOUTH-WEST slope G API. At 1100 hrs the coy at 406683 was still in contact. By 1500 hrs two coys occupied the G API area 405687 and astride track 403687. No opposition. A patrol moved to feature 408688. 75 mm gun captured 405686. By 1900 hrs 2/23 inf bn were in occupation G API feature. Enemy on ridge from 407683 to SESANIP oilfield 419684. Patrol to SPUR 397684 saw no enemy. Dispositions at 1700 hrs. Bn HQ 405677. A coy 404686 to 405684. B coy 412672. C coy 407687 to 406684. D coy 405683 to 405680. GENERAL . aircraft dropped 6 tons of bombs 250 parafrags and NAPALM bombs on area 421689 believed to be enemy headquarters. All bombs on target. AUSTERS airborne from part of airfield at 1700 hrs. Own casualties for 24 hrs ending 060600I. 2 offrs 4 ORs killed in action. 2 offrs 12 ORs wounded. 1 OR missing. Total enemy dead counted to 062100I 223.

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 28

(From information received to 080900I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) Operations 6 May 45

Information to 061200I is included in attached 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 7.

(b) Location of Troops:

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

(c) Weather and Visibility

No report.

(d) Casualties

(i.) Own casualties for 24 hours ending 2400I 5 May were-

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in Action	2	4
Wounded in Action	2	12
Missing	-	1

Progressive totals are -

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

(ii.) Enemy Casualties - total enemy counted dead to date 223 - Total PW to date 3.

(e) General

(i.) The area 421689 believed to be the enemy headquarters area was bombed, six tons of bombs, 250 parafragmentation bombs and NAPALM being dropped in the target area.

(ii.) Portion of the airfield was being used by AUSTER aircraft at 1700 hrs.

(iii.) Information was received on P Day that the pier at 429623 had been captured intact. This report was incorrect, the enemy had burnt some sections of the pier, the gaps made totalling 250 feet. Repairs to the pier have since been effected.

(iv.) Ground conditions in the area south of the airstrip and astride the main road were found to be difficult. The approach was made over steep features and in many places waist deep swamp. Mining of the road and booby trapping of the general area retarded the progress of ground troops.

2. LATEST REPORTS

From : 1 Aust Corps Signal GOlll to GHQ SWPA (TOO: 080645I)

At 1300 hrs elements of the 2/3 pnr bn moving along track TARAKAN town - AMAL contacted enemy podition consisting of some light machine guns and mortars at 473654. A patrol from 2/4 cav commando sqn advancing along track NORTHWEST from 443665 reached 435673 by 1500 hrs unopposed. At 1700 hrs a patrol from 2/48 inf bn advancing NORTH in heavy going met some opposition at 433669 and withdrew leaving an ambush. Elements of 2/23 inf bn moving along road G API - 419684 contacted enemy. A patrol of 2/24 inf bn moving NORTHWARDS reached 404699 at 1300 hrs without opposition but road heavily mined. GENERAL. Airfield is reported as being available to fighters NOT before P plus 11. Own casualties for 24 hrs ending 070600I 8 killed 40 wounded. Total enemy dead counted to 072100I 286 .

PART III.

3. ENCLOSURES

(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 7.

(b) 2AAPIU Reports No's 13 and 14.

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 29

(From information received to 090900I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) Operations 7 May 45.

Information to 071200I is included in attached 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No. 8.

(b) Location of Troops. - Unchanged.

(c) Casualties

(i.) Own ca sualties for 24 hours ending 2400I 6 May -

Killed in action	8
Wounded in action	40
Missing	-

Progressive totals tc 2400I 6 May -

Killed in action	58
Wounded in action	253
Missing	5

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

(d) General

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

PART II.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY NORTH BORNEO

(a) Reliable sources report the complete reoccupation of SANDAKAN by the enemy including 1500-2000 troops which escaped from the PHILIPPINES and the SULU Archipelago.

(b) Further numbers have arrived from LAHAD DATU and are said to be short of arms.

(c) Enemy troop concentrations are located on Main Road south of SEBUGA River (ref A.G.S. Terrain Study No 90 North BORNAO, Map 16, Page 38). Seven to eight hundred troops are dispersed among the rubber trees at the 9 mile post. Further numbers are distributed on either side of the road between the 2 and 8 mile posts.

(d) Thirty fast launches used for nightly patrols are parked during the day near the sawmills below the Lei[illegible] Road in the vicinity of the slipway. (ref A.G.S. Terr[illegible]n Study No. 90 North BORNEO Map No. 35.).

3. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) HIRU HIRU

060700I following accurate arty preparations enemy /

unsuccessfully attacked D coy 24 bn 932436. Attack resumed 0900L by 100 Japs on A and D coys. Coys joined. Enemy cleared by tanks, casualties enemy 60 killed, own 1 killed 9 wounded, A coy with two tanks 930436. Small party Japs engaged 932439 928434 935435. D coy 58/59 bn 907448.

(b) RUMIKI

D coy 57/60 bn 957482 enemy engaged 953476.

(c) SORAKEN

C coy 26 bn landed unopposed TOROKORI IS 245684. Total casualties BOUGAINVILLE enemy 73 killed 2 wounded own 1 killed 9 wounded.

4. AITAPE MAPRIK

(a) KWARANGU 695904 reoccupied by Japs. Natives report enemy 710018 LOANIM 7500 BOLGA 7402. Native patrol MENDAMEN 7803 killed 3 Japs.

(b) CAPE WOM

Enemy contacts 122190 113177 108178 288913.

(c) KOANAMGU 1017 and 103190 cleared after arty concentration.

(d) Casualties AITAPE enemy 63 killed own 1 killed 2 wounded.

PART III.

5. ALO's CONFERENCE

A conference of all ALO's based at MOROTAI will be held at HQ 1 Aust AL Gp at 1400I 10 May 45.

6. ENCLOSURES

(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 8.

(b) 2 AAPIU Report No 12: Area - MUARA ISLAND - NW BORNEO

(c) Extracts from AMF Intelligence Review No 133 (delivered - - 8 May)

7. LATEST REPORTS

From 1 Aust Corps Signal GO114 to GHQ SWPA (TOO: 090715I)

AMAL area. Two coys 2/3 pnr bn advancing EAST along AMAL track were fired on from well placed bunkers at 471652 . Two platoons engaged enemy positions from right flank. Heavy going. Coy occupied defensive positions astride track 470654 last light. CENTRE SECTOR. By C81100I for ward section of 2/4 cav cdo sqn with one tank patrolling NORTH alongroad 442665 to 422661 met opposition at 441671 and killed five Japs. From this point onwards track too narrow for tanks. At C81145I 2/4 cav cdo sqn reached 435673 meeting light opposition. Advance continued NW along track. Unable by last light to out flank enemy position at 434674. Our forward troops occupied defensive position 436673. 2/48 inf bn patrol from feature 437666 contacted 2/4 cav cdo sqn at 441671. At 0530I one coy 2/48 inf bn at feature 433667 were counter attacked.

Attack repulsed. 2/48 inf bn to 081500I patrolling to high ground 447668 EAST of track and NW from 433667 to 428669 to spur 426666. One coy 2/23 inf bn supported by tanks advancing EAST along ridge from MOUNT API towards TRIG 105 met enemy opposition at 412683 412685 414684 414682. Coy moved left flank and occupied high ground vicinity 413688. One coy 2/23 inf bn moved along ridge NE from feature 412672 reached 416683. no movement seen. DJOEATA AREA. C coy 2/24 inf bn patrolled NORTH to 401710 thence to 406715. No movement seen. Further patrol 2/24 inf bn NE from 412672 to 415684 made contact and withdrew. Enemy casualties 2400 hrs ended 082100I counted dead 25 estimated additional dead 5. Progressive total 311 counted dead 61 estimated dead. Own casualties for 2400 hrs ended 080600I killed 11 wounded 14.

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 30.

(From information received to 100900I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) Operations 8 May 45.

Information to 081200I is included in attached 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 9.

(b) Location of Troops:

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

(c) Casualties

(i.) Own casualties for 24 hrs ending 2400 hrs 7 May -

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	-	11
Wounded in action	3	11
Missing	-	-

Progressive totals to 2400 hsr 7 May

Killed in action	5	64
Wounded in action	18	249
Missing	-	5

(ii.) Enemy Casualties -

Total enemy counted dead to date	- 311
Estimated enemy dead	- 61
PW	- 3

PART II.

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) DARARA

42 Aust inf bn D coy 879474.

(b) HIRU HIRU

24 bn . ineffective hostile shelling 933435. 090900K following arty concentration advance along BUIN road resumed against slight opposition. HQ 910446 A coy tp tks HONGORAI crossing 942434. B coy sqn HQ and tp tks 928438. C coy 932436 D coy 934335. 30 Japs contacted 941444 two killed. 58/59 bn HQ 899454 A coy 920442 B coy 917452 C coy 912446 D coy 907448.

(c) RUMIKI

57/60 bn HQ 948486 A coy 966484 B coy 925484 C coy with tp tanks 956492 D coy 972488.

(d) NIHERO

2/8 cdo sqn. 10 Japs killed 936436. Strong enemy position reported TENU area. 008459

(e) SORAKEN.

TOROKORAI island clear. 55/53 aust inf bn A coy 334680 B coy 310696 C coy 268690 D coy 309682.

3. AITAPE MAPRIK'

20 enemy engaged 713005 withdrew to 710006. KNARAWGU cleared. Our position 696986 engaged by enemy. Natives report general move all enemy east of YAMIL to KABOIBUS area with main concentration KIARIUU 9596. CAPE WOM. YARA BOS . 2410 enemy position 152129 113183 captured. Patrol base established GOWAFBO 106176. Ineffective hostile shelling CAPE WOM from vicinity WIRUI MISSION. Total casualties AITAPE area enemy 9 killed own 12 killed 20 wounded.

PART III.

4. REINFORCEMENTS

Air Liaison Units will NOT approach Det Adv 02E for reinforcements. Reinforcements will be provided only on information disclosed in field returns, and in accordance with priorities laid down by HQ 1 Aust Corps.

5. ENCLOSURES

(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 9.

(b) 2 AAPIU Report No 15. Area -WESTCN VILLAGE

6. LATEST REPORTS

From 1 Aust Corps Signal GOll6 to GHQ SWPA (TOO:100633I)

AMAL area. coy 2/3 pnr bn captured enemy position 472653 at 1030I. Further contact enemy 474655. 2 Coy NEI inf advanced along KAROENGAN track to 453612 against slight opposition. CENTRE SECTOR. Our positions 433667 harassed by unstated type enemy fire during night 8/9 May but attack NOT launched. Later enemy supply dump located 436666. Patrols 2/4 cdo and 2/48 inf bn moving NW towards 438680 linked up 441678 and advance continued. Opposition NOT reported. Enemy still holding position on track 434674. Direct assault by elements cav sqn with arty support failed to dislodge. Pressure continued on enemy right flank. API SECTOR. Pl 2/23 inf bn moving EAST towards SESANIP oilfield fired on by enemy vicinity 413684. Attempts to dislodge enemy by inf and tanks NOT successful. DJOEATA SECTOR. Pl 2/24 inf bn penetrated DJOEATA oilfield killed one Jap remainder withdrew to extensive tunnels outskirts of village. Relief of 2/23 inf bn by 2/24 inf bn commenced. Enemy casualties for 24 hours ending 092100I killed 24 estimated additional killed 2 PW 1 progressive totals 335 65 and 4. Own casualties 24 hours to 090600I killed 4 wounded 17 progressive totals killed 73 wounded 284 missing 5.

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 51.

(From information received to 110900I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) Operations 9 May 45.

Information to 091200I is included in attached 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No.10.

(b) Location of Troops :

HQ 2/48 Aust Inf Bn	427651
HQ 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	473654
HQ 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn	441663
Remainder	No change.

(c) Casualties

(i.) Own casualties for 24 hours ending 2400 hours 8 May:-

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	1	3
Wounded in action	2	15
Missing	-	-

Progressive totals to 2400 hours 8 May:-

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	6	67
Wounded in action	20	264
Missing	-	5

(ii.) Enemy Casualties:

Total enemy dead to date	355
Estimated enemy dead	65
PW	4

PART II.

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) HIRU HIRU

16 Japs engaged 942437 one killed. 2 Japs killed 964677.

(b) NIHERO

Enemy activity 970476 977472. KINGORAI 055432 clear.

(c) PIATERAPAIA

Enemy reported preparing defensive positions BERRYS HT

(d) SORAKEN

C coy 26 bn returned from TOROKORI Is OP remained.

(e) PORA PORA

HQ 55/53 bn 305648 A coy 559695 B coy 514710 section of Japs engaged 309702 one killed remainder withdrew 310703. Jap equipment and large potato dump captured 315687.

3. NEW BRITAIN

OPEN BAY

Advance party 37/52 bn arrived WATU POINT.

4. NEW GUINEA

AITAPE HAPRIK

YAMIL GUM 7100 clear following air strike. Enemy reported holding KALABU area 725977 to 721975 KUMIBUNGA 708984 and ridge to the EAST in strength. CAPE WOM. YARABOS 2410 clear. Enemy attacked patrol position 302076 with grenades. 40 enemy reported 286072. Casualties AITAPE enemy 19 killed own 8 killed 12 wounded.

PART III.

5. ENCLOSURES

(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No. 10.

(b) 3 AAPIU Report No. 45. Area - LABUAN ISLAND

6. LATEST REPORTS

From 1 Aust Corps Signal 06119 to GHQ SWPA (TOO: 110817I)

One coy NEI bn advanced along road towards KAROENGAN occupied hill 454602 and jetty 451604. No enemy seen. 2/3 pnr bn attacked and captured position on spur 472656. This position and track junction 472654 occupied by our troops. Enemystill in strength 475654. One tp 2/4 cdo sqn cleared hill 438681 and moving SW. cut the track at 431677 and outflanked the enemy position at 433675 which was holding up elements of the sqn. Elements 2/48 inf bn cleared remaining enemy positions vicinity 433667 and are moving NORTH to destroy enemy position 432670. One coy 2/24 inf bn patrolled 600 yards EAST from 415689 saw no enemy. Another patrol moved SOUTH and located enemy post approx 414686. Coy with tank then advanced SOUTH along track to 414686 and found track mined. Patrol 2/24 inf bn moved to track junction 405736 thence to sawmill 406740 where enemy party conta cted. Enemy withdrew after suffering some casualties. Recce patrol SE to 413716 met opposition. Road airfield NORTH now open to traffic to 405736. Casualties for 24 hrs ending 102400I. Own no details received. Enemy counted dead 24. Progressive total now 359 counted dead plus 63 additional estimated dead.

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 32.

(From information received to 120900I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) Operations 10 May 45.

Information to 101200I is included in attached 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No. 11.

(b) Casualties

(i.) Own casualties no details received.

(ii.) Enemy counted dead 24. Progressive total now 359 counted dead plus 63 additional estimated dead.

PART II.

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) SOUTH

Many patrol contacts, Enemy in strength pillboxes 944448 and at 940438 932442, Hostile shelling 939434 damaged equipment. Dispositions, C coy 15 bn 784624 Adv HQ 42 bn 839479 B coy 24 Bn 944427 HQ 58/59 bn 925440 A coy 926439 4 Fd Bty 907459.

(b) NORTH

Patrols active. Dispositions. 55/53 bn A coy 325709 B coy 328716 D coy 312684. Total casualties enemy 15 killed 3 wounded own 3 killed 7 wounded 1 missing.

3. NEW BRITAIN - Patrols active.

4. NEW GUINEA

WEWAK

Coy 2/4 bn with tank support established position 311067. Tanks engaged bunkers. MINGA Bridge and coy position shelled. Enemy preparing defences 287067. Total casualties - enemy 25 killed - own 3 killed and 3 wounded.

PART III.

5. CENSORSHIP

(a) Personnel of 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp are now permitted to state in private mail that they are in action.

(b) Until a further instruction is promulgated existing censorship regulations will apply to the balance of 1 Aust Corps Task Force at present located at MOROTAI.

6. SPEED LIMIT MOROTAI

The speed limit for all types of MT in the MOROTAI area is 20 m.p.h., unless a lower speed limit is notified by road signs in any particular area.

7. ENCLOSURES

(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 11.

(b)

Photo Map VICTORIA HARBOUR		(2 copies)
BRUNEI SOUTH EAST	1/25000	"
BRUNEI NORTH EAST	1/25000	"
TG LUMUT NORTH WEST	1/25000	"
Photo Map BRUNEI		"

8. LATEST REPORTS

From 1 Aust Corps Signal GC121 to GHQ SWPA (TOO: 120640I)

TARAKAN weather fine and clear visibility good. HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde now located 427654. One coy of 2/3 pnr bn unsuccessfully attacked enemy located at 472658 . Strong enemy positions found from 475658 to 476654. One tp 2/4 cav cdo sqn remains in contact at 436673. One coy 2/24 inf bn moved from 413684 to 421681 without contact. Extensive patrolling in area astride track 410684 to 423683 failed to find enemy except at dug in position 414684. One coy 2/24 inf bn patrolled to4D6740 thence to 398736 without contact. On return patrol was fired on from 411725. Area searched but enemy had withdrawn. Own casualties for 24 hours ending 102400I. Killed in action 2 officers 6 other ranks. Wounded in action 1 officer 5 other ranks. Missing 6 other ranks. Enemy counted dead now 373 and 66 probably dead 5 PW.

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1 AUST CORPS AIO's BULLETIN NO 33.

(From information received to 130900I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) Operations 11 May 45.

Information to 111200I is included in attached 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 12.

(b) Location of Troops :

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde - 427654
Remainder - Unchanged

(c) Weather and Visibility:

Fine and clear, visibility good.

(d) Casualties:

(i.) Own casualties for 24 hrs ending 2400 hrs 10 May -

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	2	6
Wounded in action	1	5
Missing	-	6

Progressive totals to 2400 hrs 10 May -

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	7	77
Wounded in action	23	295
Missing	-	11

(ii.) Enemy Casualties

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

PART II.

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) SOUTH

Dispositions - B coy 42 bn 938480 C coy 833455 D coy 47 bn 925404 B coy 24 bn 943425 Adv HQ B sqn 2/4 Armd Regt 928438 one tp 908478 .

(b) NORTH

55/53 Bn. Patrols active enemy contact 289691. B coy 325715. Total Casualties enemy 5 killed 2 wounded 1 PW - own 1 wounded.

3. NEW BRITAIN

WIDE BAY - NGIB patrol contacted 30 Japs 740590 patrol withdrew. 28 Bn. D coy 635512 C coy 622522.

4. NEW GUINEA

(a) COAST

2/4 Bn. In adverse weather 2/4 bn with three tps tanks attacked WEWAK PT at 100600K. Despite constant harassing fire from 75 mm guns and stubborn opposition from several strong points two thirds of peninsula cleared by 0851K. Enemy in caves and pill boxes in NE corner resisting tanks flame throwers and bombs. 2/11 bn. Coy moving SW from 284064 cut road at 3C0045 by 1600K. 2/7 Cav Sqn. Advance to SAURI continued. Brief report indicates our troops am 11 May landed successfully on beach vicinity 460017 thereby sealing escape route of Japs to EAST no further details. Casualties coastal sector enemy 102 killed (incomplete) 2 PW - own 14 wounded.

(b) INLAND

Combined 2/5 bn and ANGAU patrol to WONGRER captured complete enemy force of 5 officers and 41 OR's. Enemy engaged at 699965 705981. Casualties inland sector enemy 6 killed.

PART III.

5. ENCLOSURES

1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 12

6. LATEST REPORTS

From 1 Aust Corps Signal G0123 to GHQ SWPA (T00:130640I)

Elements one coy NEI inf bn patrolled area EAST of PENINGKI - KAROENGAN road to the 47 grid line and SOUTH of the 62 grid line without contact. Jetty 463588 badly damaged. Jetty 452602 C50 feet long in good condition. KAROENGAN sawmill 462589 completely destroyed by Japs. Other elements moved from 465630 to feature 475624 without encountering enemy. Patrol 2/3 pnr bn moved to track at 462675 without contact but indications Jap withdrawn along track in NW direction. Second patrol to 463669 also no contact. One coy attacked enemy position 473658. Destroyed enemy in forward posns but automatic weapons held up further advance. The coy withdrew to allow our heavy weapons to neutralize the area. Patrol 2/48 inf bn moved from 433667 to 426666. Found several Japs in area and inflicted some casualties. Patrol then proceeded to 427668 contacted some enemy. Elements 2/24 inf bn cleared enemy from spur 412685 and occupied that area. Other elements this bn cleared enemy from spur 413682. Patrol moved on main road to DJOEATA oilfields and were fired on at 410722. Subsequent search revealed enemy withdrawn. Own casualties for 24 hours ending 112400I - killed 5 - wounded 7. Enemy counted dead now 393 estimated additional dead 68 - PW 5.

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1 AUST CORPS ALOB BULLETIN NO 34

(From information received to 1409001)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) Operations 12 May 45.

Information to 1212001 is included in attached 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 13.

(b) Location of Troops :

Headquarters unchanged.

(c) Weather and Visibility

Steady rain fell from 1600 to approximately 0900 hours and remained cloudy during the day.

(d) Casualties

(i.) Own casualties for 24 hours ending 2400 hrs 11 May :-

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	-	5
Wounded in action	-	6
Missing		4

Progressive totals to 2400 hrs 11 May are -

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	7	85
Wounded in action	24	298
Missing	-	15

(ii.) Enemy Casualties

Total enemy dead counted to date	393
Estimated additional dead	68
PW	5

PART II.

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) SOUTH

Enemy in strength 9245 9345 9244 956423. Hostile 150 mm shelling 939434. Enemy casualties 2 killed 2 wounded 1 PW own casualties 2 killed 7 wounded.

(b) NORTH

55/53 bn. B coy 330719 C coy 268690. Enemy contacted 331722 271694 305691. Enemy casualties 4 killed 1 wounded.

3. NEW BRITAIN - SITNOR

4. NEW GUINEA

(a) COAST /

(a) COAST (contd) /

2/4 bn. WEWAK PENINSULA clear of enemy 111145K. Tanks gave effective support throughout operation. Captured eqpt incl three 75mm guns dual purpose two 20mm guns. 2/11 bn. Coys located 303046 295036 pls 307046. 2/7 Cav Sqn 275036. FARIDA FORCE compriding 2/6 Cav Regt less sqn coy 2/3 MG bn Sec 75mm Tk A Regt two mortar dets engrs and med dets landed 457016 at 110830K in adverse weather. Beach head secured by 0930 against slight opposition and intermittent shelling. Force HQ 457016 patrols 426016 424009. RAN support for landing incl two 6in cruisers two destroyers one sloop two corvettes five fairmiles. RAAF and US air sp. Casualties COAST. Enemy 98 killed 90 new graves found - own 1 killed 5 wounded.

(b) INLAND.

2/6 bn. Track to 714000 posn 718018 clear. 2/7 bn. WAIGARUM 712946 cleared. Enemy casualties 10 killed.

5. AIR STRIP TARAKAN

It is estimated that the airstrip will be ready for C47 aircraft and one squadron of P40s by 24 May provided that heavy rain does NOT fall in the interim period.

6. ESCAPE AREAS

MISOOL IS (01.48S - 129.47 E) WAIGAMA Village fronts a shallow bay with a sandy bottom and is considered suitable for forced landings. Villages on the coast will assist Allied airmen. Watch will be kept for crashes in adjacent areas.

PART III.

7. COMBINED PANEL SYSTEM

Further supplies of CCBP8 Vocabulary Cards are now available for issue. The contents of the cards include the basic visual components.

8. ENCLOSURES

(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 13.

(b) 3 AAPIU Report No 46 Tg BARAM - KUALA BELAIT - SERIA Appendices A, B and C are NOT included.

(c) MAPS

Two copies of the following maps of BORNEO:

KAWANG - 1/50,000
LAWAS - 1/50,000

9. LATEST REPORTS

From 1 Aust Corps Signal G0127 to GHQ SWPA (TOO: 140635 I)

2/3 Pnr bn successfully attacked enemy posns at 473658. Arty and naval bombardment and air support used in the attack. The coy is now consolidated in the area. Prior to attack another coy moved to ambush posns on enemy line of withdrawal. No results reported. Patrol 2/48 bn moved from 463673 to 464674 to 468669 and thence to 468667. Engaged enemy last posn and moved to 461667. Elements 2/4 cav sqn attacked by enemy party 434678. Some enemy killed. Own cas for 24 hrs ending 122400I 5 killed 23 wounded 8 missing. Enemy counted dead 409 est. additional dead 84.

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 35.

(From information received to 150900I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) Operations 13 May 45

Information to 131200I is included in attached 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No. 14.

(b) Casualties

(i.) Own casualtics for 24 hours ending 2400 hrs 12 May -

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	-	5
Wounded in action	1	23
Missing	-	5

Progressive totals to 2400 hrs 12 May are :-

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	7	98
Wounded in action	25	321
Missing		9

(ii.) Enemy casualties to 2400 hrs 12 May 45:-

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

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) SOUTH

24 bn. hostile shelling caused considerable damage NIL casualties. 57/60 bn . 9 Japs killed ambush 975468. 2/11 Fd Regt less bty and three tps A sqn 2/4 Armd Regt MOIUPENA PT under comd 3 Div.

(b) NORTH

Enemy contacts 332720 and NE BUOI PLANTATION. Casualties enemy 4K 3W.

3. NEW GUINEA

(a) COAST

2/4 Bn. point 322059 occupied posn established 322066 patrols to 325064 no contact. 2/11 Bn. spur 305034 captured. 2/7 Cav sqn. Attack in progress against strong enemy posn 276035. FARIDA FORCE. Patrol with naval sp cleared enemy 471015. Coy MG Bn established 471015 474009. Patrols operating area 4201 FOROK 4799. SEA . HMAS COLAC shelled BRANDI 4003 hit amn dump.

(b) INLAND

2/6 Bn. EBBIA 727027 feature 719003 cleared. 2/7 Bn. Strong enemy posns 700067 704977 711968 captured. WAIGAKUH 714941 occupied counter attack repulsed. Enemy occupying, 715980. Total casualties 6 Div area enemy 146 killed 1 wounded - own 6 killed 9 wounded.

PART III.

4. ENCLOSURES

1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No. 14.

5. LATEST REPORTS

From 1 Aust Corps Signal G0130 to GHQ SWPA (TOO: 150610I)

On 13 May one coy NEI bn landed near jetty 467570. No enemy contacted but some ammn and eqpt found this area and at CAPE BATOE 496592. Further details 2/3 pnr bn attack on 13 May are as follows. Attack made on positions at 472658 and 475658. Coy reached 473657 and enemy withdrew to top feature 472658 defending with LMG and grenades. Our troops consolidated posns at 473657. During morning 14 May our troops again withdrew to allow arty naval and air bombardment of enemy positions to be carried out. Elements 2/48 bn established standing patrols at 463657 to cover possible enemy withdrawal from the AMAL area. Another patrol was established at 475666. 2/24 bn has cleared track 420685 to 405684. Many enemy dead and approximately 20 vehicles and considerable supplies were found on track. Coy ambush positions at 415684 fired on several enemy parties. Our casualties for 24 hours ending 132400I 3 killed 17 wounded 5 missing. No report of enemy casualties for period.

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 56

(From information received to 160900I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) Operations 14 May 45

Information to 141200I is included in attached 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 15.

(b) Location of Troops.

HQ 2/24 Aust Inf Bn - 406683

Remainder headquarters - unchanged

(c) Casualties

(i.) Own casualties for 24 hours ending 2400 hrs 13 May -

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	-	3
Wounded in action	1	16
Missing	1	4

Progressive totals to 2400 hrs 13 May -

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	7	93
Wounded in action	26	337
Missing	1	13

(ii.) Enemy casualties to 2400 hours 13 May

Enemy counted dead	430
Estimated dead	84
PW	5

(d) Miscellaneous

Report on serviceability of TARAKAN Airfield

(i.) TARAKAN airstrip is situated on ground which consists of a sand-free clay flat. When it becomes waterlogged it is almost fluid with no bearing pressure.

(ii.) The condition of the existing runway from the NORTH EAST end for a distance of 1000 feet was found to be good and with very little work was made suitable for AUSTER aircraft.

(iii.) The SOUTH WEST half of the airfield consists of three to four feet of filling and even with that amount of building up is only one foot to two feet six inches above high tide level. The main drains, destroyed by bombing, had not been repaired by the JAPANESE. Consequently the centre of the strip is waterlogged and the numerous craters water filled.

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(d)

(iii.) contd /

These cannot be successfully dewatered until the drains are restored and a tide gate built. Restoration of drains is, of necessity, being done by manual labour, because the ground will not support mechanical equipment.

(iv.) A great deal of filling material is required and until 10 May a suitable source of supply had not been found; however some useful deposits have now been located in the hills south of DJOEATA oilfields.

(v.) As the period required for the re-building of the airfield is dependent on the amount of rainfall during the period of reconstruction, no estimate of the date on which the task will be completed can be given at this juncture.

2. BOUGAINVILLE -

(a) SOUTH

Japs attacked patrols 952421 935441. Cas. Enemy 6 killed own 1 missing 5 wounded.

(b) NORTH

Own supply train ambushed 308690. Own barges RATSUA INLET shelled ineffectively from PORTON PLANTATION. Enemy barge activity HADEHAS and NE TAIOF ISLANDS. Cas. Own 2 killed 1 wounded 1 missing.

3. NEW GUINEA

(a) COAST

6 Div Comd Post opened 263119 at 121900K. 2/4 bn. Coast to WIRUI CK 333062 clear. Patrols WEWAK strip gardens 3005 to 313053 no contact. 2/11 bn. Enemy posns 307033 cleared. Patrol clashes in area 3003 3004. 2/7 Cav Sqn. NORTH end SAURI 283031 cleared with arty support. Enemy holding SOUTH end village. 2/6 Cav Regt. Enemy posns 418019 occupied. Patrols to 428118 FOROK PT 48 GRID no contact. SEA. Corvettes engaged coastal targets.

(b) INLAND

2/6 bn. Patrols NORTH and NE TOBIA 727027 no contact. 2/7 bn. 712968 occupied. BAINYIK (2) area 6996 clear. Cas 6 Div area. Enemy 37 killed 2 PW - own 4 killed 14 wounded.

PART III.

4. ENCLOSURES

(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 15.
(b) 2 AAPIU Report No 16. Area: BROOKETON (NW BORNEO)
(c) Extracts from AMF Daily Intelligence Review No 134.

5. FLUORESCENT PANELS

ALO's who have borrowed panels are requested to return same by 18 May.

6. LATEST REPORTS

From 1 Aust Corps Signal G0135 to GHQ SWPA : (TOO: 160600I)

AMAL TRACK. Features 471658 and 475658 found unoccupied 1100I and occupied by elements 2/3 pnr bn. Enemy withdrawing towards 474667. Other elements 2/3 pnr bn moved east along track towards AMAL occupied recently vacated enemy position 477654. 2/48 bn . Patrol found feature 474667 occupied by enemy. Patrol withdrew to 464673 to allow air strike on 474667. B24s and B25s bombed feature with 24 tons bombs. Patrol later reported 474667 still occupied and enemy digging in. 2/24 bn . Pl at 423679 engaged enemy with small arms fire. Our troops at 419684 engaged by 75 mm guns from 424684. Our artillery engaged enemy guns. Patrols report enemy in strength area TRIG 105 421689 to road bend 420683. DJOEATA . Coy 2/24 bn made contact and captured knoll 413718. During night 14/15 may enemy laid mines on road at 401713 and cut signal lines to coy at 413718. Own casualties for 24 hrs ending 142400I. Killed nil wounded 11. Enemy casualties no report

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 37.

(From information received to 170900I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) Operations 15 May 45

Information to 151200 is included in attached I Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 16.

(b) Casualties

(i.) Own casualties for 24 hrs ending 2400 hrs 14 May -

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	-	3
Wounded in action	1	16
Missing	1	4

Progressive totals to 2400 hrs 14 May:

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	7	93
Wounded in action	26	348
Missing	1	13

(ii.) Enemy casualties - No report.

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) SOUTH

Patrol clashes 9245 9443.

(b) NORTH

55/53 bn . Coy adv to 310714 contacted enemy. Total cas. Enemy 10 killed 1 PW own 1 killed 5 wounded.

3. NEW BRITAIN

Active patrolling continues.

4. NEW GUINEA

(a) COAST

2/4 bn. 141545 unsuccessful attack on WIRIN MISSION key feature WEAK defs. 2/11 bn. Enemy unknown strength 312038 opposing adv to 314034. 2/7 cav sqn. SAURI village cleared. FARID Force . Patrol to 429022. Enemy posn 477000 clear. Enemy encountered FORO village. SEA . HMAS STAN . DUBBO and MLs strafed shore defs.

(b) INLAND

Patrol 720967 no contact . Posn 706952 occupied. /

(b) INLAND contd/

HAYFIELD strip MAPRIK area ready for C 47.

5. LATEST REPORTS

From 1 Aust Corps Signal G0139 to GHQ SWPA. (TOO: 170630I)

MAL area. elements 2/3 pnr bn reached east coast 597654 no contact. Defence posns on coast not occupied recently. Air strike on 474667 using NAPALM. Later patrol 2/48 bn occupied 474667 without opposition. Elements 2/3 pnr bn moved north from 475658 and also occupied 474667. 2/4 cav sqn patrols towards 431688 and 441688 report enemy both areas. 2/48 bn. Pl at 427678 found enemy in posn with LMG strength unknown. Coy 2/24 bn advanced along feature 408688 - 417689 met opposition from 105 feature 421689. After air strike on 421689 between 1030I and 1100I hrs one coy 2/24 bn moved towards 421689 but heavy opposition still met. Elements 2/24 bn occupied 423683 and found remnants 75 mm gun. Our troops still in contact with enemy at 412718. 2/23 bn which was in airfield area now relieving 2/24 bn in north sector. Enemy casualties counted dead 479 estimated additional dead 93 PW 5. Own casualties for 24 hrs ending 152400I. Killed 4 wounded 11.

PART III

6. ENCLOSURES

1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No16.

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 31

(From information received to 180600I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) Operations 16 May 45.

Information to 161200I is included in attached 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 15.

(b) Location of Troops :

HQ 2/23 Aust Inf Bn	404677
HQ 2/24 Aust Inf Bn	404684
HQ 2/48 Aust Inf Bn	443659
HQ 2/3 Aust Prn Bn	470654
HQ 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn	443664

(c) Casualties

(i.) Own casualties for 24 hrs ending 2400 hrs 15 May :-

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action		99
Wounded in action		11
Missing		

Progressive totals to 2400 hrs 15 May :-

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	7	99
Wounded in action	26	358
Missing	1	12
	34	469

(ii.) Enemy casualties to 2400 hrs 16 May -

Counted dead	479
Estimated additional dead	93
PW	10
	582

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) SOUTH

24 Bn. Patrols engaged strong enemy parties 935443 955438 944429 . Pl with tank support held up 942430. Casualties - enemy 7 killed 1 wounded 9 found dead - own 2 killed 10 wounded.

(b) NORTH

Considerable barge mov BUKA PASSAGE - SOHANA . Own barges shelled NIL casualties. Enemy cas - 5 killed 1 wounded.

3. NEI GUINEA

(a) COAST

2/4 bn. TARUI MISSION taken. Considerable eqpt captured incl 3 x 75 mm 3 x 37 mm 3 x 20 mm 6 MG 100 rifles 10 MT. 2/8 Bn. Abandoned light tanks found 322060. 2/11 bn - coy attack on feature 314035 unsuccessful. Further attack in progress. 2/7 cav sqn. Old hospital 50 graves 234037. Enemy still resisting SAURI village. FARIDA FORCE. patrol to 418018 409030. Cas for 48 hrs ending 1669001. Enemy 86 killed - 1 PW - own 1 killed 16 wounded. SEA - Targets CAPE MOEM CAPE BORAM MENDI and 431982 engaged. 2/7 Bn. Patrol attacked enemy 717934. Feature 709984 captured after effective air strike. Cas enemy 4 killed.

4. LATEST REPORTS

From 1 Aust Corps Signal G0143 to GHQ SWPA. (TOO: 180639I)

Weather TARAKAN. Light rain commenced falling 0045I and continued throughout morning. 2 coy 1 bn NEI inf bn cleared area south of east west grid line 62. No enemy sighted. Coy HQ located 465530. Two partly destroyed RDF located CAPE PASIR 4658. 2/3 Aust bn patrols discovered many abandoned defensive posns in area 482656 to 475658. 2/48 bn patrol contacted enemy at 430674 killing 5. 2/23 bn coy attack on 427679 repulsed with HMG and LMG fire. Large explosion on feature probably ammo dump during naval bombardment. A patrol from 2/23 bn withdrawing after striking wire obstacles and coming under fire at 425685. DJOEATA. Coy 2/24 bn report complete saw mill in good working order DJOEATA village 389721. Total enemy cas now 474 dead estimated 94 additional dead 5 PW. Own cas for 24 hrs ending 162400I killed 2 wounded 5.

PART III

5. ENCLOSURES

(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Review No 3 - 0800I SIX and Appendicies (Distributed 17 May 45)

(b) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 17.

(c) 1 Aust Corps ATIS Advanced Echelon Report of 16 May 45.

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 39

(From information received to 190900I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) Operations 17 May 45

Information to 171200I is included in attached 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 18.

(b) Location of Troops :

HQ 2/3 Aust Inf Bn	407683
HQ 2/24 Aust Inf Bn	400718
HQ 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	443648
HQ 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn	442664

Remainder unchanged.

(c) Weather and Visibility

Light rain commenced falling 170045I May and continued throughout morning.

(d) Casualties

(i.) Own casualties for 24 hrs ending 2400 hrs 16 May-

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	-	2
Wounded in action	1	7
Missing	-	-

Progressive totals to 2400 hrs 16 May :-

Killed in action	8	101
Wounded in action	27	365
Missing	-	12

(ii.) Enemy casualties to 2400 hrs 17 May :-

Counted dead	494
Estimated additional dead	94
PW	10

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) SOUTH

24 bn . Patrol contacts 927388 952407 941398 . AITARA 898362 clear . HQ 2/11 Fd Regt 896453. 57/60 bn. Coy adv to 986480 . Enemy cas 5 killed 2 wounded.

(b) CENTRAL

BERRYS HILL occupied.

(c) NORTH

Large quantities amn found MAIOF IS. Med tank found 333718. Enemy cas 7 killed 3 wounded.

3. NEW BRITAIN

37/52 Bn relieving 36 bn.

4. NEW GUINEA

(a) COAST

Adv HQ 6 Div closed BUT opened 282116 141500K . 2/4 bn. Bunkers 317046 cleared with tk sp. Patrols linked with 2/11 bn patrols along rd 317047 . 2/8 bn. tps reached 344052. 2/11 bn. Feature 314034 captured against strong opposition enemy counter attack repulsed. Patrols to 321038. 2/7 Cav sqn. SAURI Village action continues. SEA . Gun posn MUSCHU IS engaged. ML engaged by two naval guns east tip KAIRIRU IS. Cas enemy 49 killed 8 PW - own 6 killed 25 wounded.

(b) INLAND

NMS 7203 7204 7320, 2/7 bn. Track junc 713977 occupied. AIB camp KURRINGI 5372 unsuccessfully attacked. Enemy cas 2 killed.

5. LATEST REPORTS

From 1 Aust Corps Signal G0147 to GHQ SWPA (TOO: 190645I)

TARAKAN . Following heavy air strike bombs and NAPALM coy 2/24 bn attacked and captured enemy posn on 105 feature 421689. Many/UP occupied pos found. 2/48 bn. Patrols reported considerable enemy activity on track vicinity 430577. Other patrols no contact. 2/4 Cav sqn. Small party enemy located at 433682. Patrol from 438681 found feature 431688 unoccupied but enemy in occupation 435692. Enemy positions located at 439686. DJOEATA . Elements of 2/24 bn contacted enemy at 415724 and suffered light cas. Later reports on condition of saw mill at DJOEATA village 389721 indicate some essential parts of machinery missing. Enemy cas for 24 hrs ending 182400I counted dead 8. Progressive totals 502 counted dead 95 estimated dead PW 12. Own cas for 24 hrs ending 172400I. Killed 1 wounded 3

PART III

6. ENCLOSURES

1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 18.

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 40

(From information received to 2003001)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) Operations 18 May 45

Information to 1912001 is included in attached 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 19.

(b) Weather and Visibility

TARAKAN - Fine, with high cloud and light winds.

(c) Casualties

(i.) Own casualties for 24 hrs ending 2400 hrs 17 May -

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	-	1
Wounded in action	-	3
Missing	-	-

Total Casualties to 2400 hrs 17 May -

Killed in action	8	102
Wounded in action	27	368
Missing	-	12

(ii.) Enemy casualties to 2400 hrs 18 May -

Counted dead	502
Additional estimated dead	96
PW	12

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) SOUTH

Following arty air concentration 57/60 bn made general advance. Enemy forced from several posns. Coys now located 978476 973471 946464 987453. Coy 24 bn 942397.

(b) CENTRAL - Coy 27 bn BERRYS HILL 684151.

(c) NORTH - Our arty active. Total cas enemy 11 killed 4 found dead 2 wounded - own 1 wounded.

3. NEW GUINEA

(a) COAST

Arty engaged enemy conc HAMSUK 9714. 2/8 bn. KRUER 337047 CAPE BORAH 3503 captured. Other elements reached 342042. Large electrically controlled minefield area 344052. 2/11 bn. Patrols engaged enemy 2003. 2/7 Cav Sqn. SAURI village cleared. FARIDA Force. Enemy engaged 433992. Cas enemy 48 killed 1 PW - own 4 killed 5 wounded.

(b) INLAND - 17 Bde. patrol contacts only.

4. LATEST REPORTS

From 1 Aust Corps Signal GO151 to GHQ SWPA . (T00:201640I)

TARAKAN. Air strike with NAPALM on feature 431681 75 per cent bombs on target area. A coy 2/48 bn attacked feature . Result not yet known. B coy area 102 feature contacted enemy in strength on track 150 yards west. Considerable enemy movement observed on track. Coy 2/23 bn at 420683 shelled by enemy 75 mm gun from approx 421684. Patrols reached 428680 without opposition. Another coy 2/23 bn on 105 feature 421689 meeting heavy opposition from knoll east of feature. 2/4 cav sqn. B tp relieved coy 2/48 bn hill feature 433667. DJOEATA 2/24 bn patrol to MOUNT TANGKOL no enemy seen but natives met en route report seeing enemy at 405736 and 396736 previous night. Road to MOUNT TANGKOL is jeepable to 393742. Enemy casualties 5 killed. Own cas for 24 hrs ending 182400I - 2 officers 1 OR wounded.

PART III

5. ENCLOSURES

(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 19.

(b) Appendix DII(a) and (b) to 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Review No 3 OBOE SIX.

(c) MAPS

Two copies of the following maps of BORNEO :-

WESTON	SOUTH	EAST	Sheet 3246-1 SE	1/25000
BRUNEI	NORTH	WEST	Sheet 3045-1 NW	1/25000
LUHAT	SOUTH	WEST	Sheet 3347-III SW	1/25000

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 41

(From information received to 210900I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) Operations 19 May 45

Information to 201200I is included in attached 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 20.

(b) Casualties

(i) Own casualties for 24 hrs ending 18 May :-

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	-	-
Wounded in action	2	1
Missing	-	-

Progressive totals to 2400I 18 May :-

Killed in action	8	102
Wounded in action	29	369
Missing	-	12

(ii) Enemy casualties for 24 hrs ending 2400I 19 May:-

13 killed, 3 probably killed

Progressive totals to 2400I 19 May :-

Counted dead	515
Additional estimated dead	90
PW	12

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) SOUTH

24 bn. Patrol contacted strong enemy posns 945431 948328. 58/59 bn in outflanking mov reached square 9440 west bank HONGORAI. Coy moving attack enemy posn 932388. 57/60 bn. Coy dug in 989451. Coy moved 946464 to 987453 NO contact. Enemy in posn 991451 to 996446. Casualties enemy 30 killed 1 found dead. Own 1 killed 9 wounded.

(b) CENTRAL

27 bn. Enemy 679162 689162 contacted and 15 killed.

(c) NORTH

26 bn relieving 55/53 bn. 7 enemy found dead.

3. NEW BRITAIN

Relief 36 bn by 37/52 bn completed 191200K.

4. NEW GUINEA

(a) COAST

19 bde. Bunkers 356056 attacked with tank support. Posn 347041 captured and enemy engaged 3504 to 3505. Much eqpt many weapons captured. FARIDA FORCE . Patrol cleared BRANDI PTN and feature 4002. Total cas enemy 102 incl 59 found dead.

(b) INLAND

17 bde. Patrol captured WAIGAKUM (2) 718935 SPRAGUM (2) 703913. Patrol engaged with armed party 785040. Cas enemy 17 killed - own 2 wounded.

5. LATEST REPORTS

From 1 Aust Corps Signal GO 158 to GHQ SWPA. (TOO:210645I)

TARAKAN . AMAL area. Coy NEI inf bn moved from feature 465630 to 479638 thence recce patrol via 485635 to 488654 without contact. Coy 2/48 bn moving from 438681 located enemy in strength in area 431681 - 431683. Coy 2/24 bn 421697 engaged enemy at 423701. Patrol from 422695 moved south to engage enemy at 422693. Coy 2/24 bn at 419689 attacked knoll at 422689. Engaged by LMG and 75 mm fire. Coy in posn on 105 feature 421689. No details these engagements. Another patrol from 409717 to feature 415709 saw no enemy. DJOEATA area. 2/24 bn patrol from 391743 to 382745 then 378747 found good track no enemy seen. Sixteen P-38s dropped seven tons NAPALM on feature 431681 at 1100I all bombs in target area. Enemy cas to 201900I 544 killed 103 estimated killed 12 PW. Own cas for 24 hrs ending 192400I - 4 killed 5 wounded

PART XII

6. ENCLOSURES

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 42.

(From information received to 220900I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) Operations 20 May 45

Information to 231200I is included in attached 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 21.

(b) Weather and Visibility

Fine with scattered cloud.

(c) Casualties

(i) Own casualties for 24 hrs ending 2400I 19 May 45.

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	-	4
Wounded in action	-	5
Missing	-	-

Progressive totals to 2400I 19 May -

Killed in action	8	106
Wounded in action	29	374
Missing	-	12

(ii) Enemy casualties for 24 hrs ending 2400I 20 May -

Counted dead - 29
Additional estimated dead - 4

Progressive totals to 2400I 20 May 45 -

Counted dead - 544
Additional estimated dead - 103
PW - 12

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) SOUTH

29 bde. 42 bn concentrated square 9343. 15 bde. 24 bn square 9441. 58/59 bn square 9440 east of HONGORAI. No further report of coy attack on enemy posn 932388. 57/60 bn concentrated in area 988453. In general advance to these areas several successful minor clashes occurred. 2/8 Cav Sqn report continuous foot MT movement west on BUIN Rd.

(b) NORTH

Patrol 330728 no movement seen. Enemy pocket 331721 cleared. Casualties BOUGAINVILLE . Enemy 19 killed - own 2 killed 3 wounded 2 missing.

3. NEW GUINEA

(a) COAST

HQ 19 bde 346055. Minefield of aerial bombs located west end BORAI DROME. Patrol engaged enemy east end DROME and 3403 3503 2903. FARIDA Force. Features 44800(?) 437003 cleared. Casualties enemy 22 killed own 2 wounded.

(b) INLAND

Area south to 95 grid between 70 and 73 grid clear. Casualties - enemy 2 killed.

3. LATEST REPORTS

From 1 Aust Corps Signal G0164 to GHQ SWPA. (TOO: 220650I)

TARAKAN. Coy NEI inf bn . Further patrolling east of grid 48 and north of grid 64 without enemy. 2/3 pnr bn . Patrols 2/3 pnr bn from DISTRICT I to 461677 thence 459673 and return DISTRICT I found area clear. 2/48 inf bn , Patrol of 2/48 bn to 431681 found feature still occupied in strength. Air strike by six B24 aircraft dropped 13 tons bombs on 446691. Coy 2/48 bn adv 100 yards along ridge towards 446691. Another coy successfully ambushed jap party at 431676. 2/23 inf bn. Following air strafing of 425680 patrols of 2/23 bn found enemy still in occupation of posns. 2/24 inf bn. Coy 2/24 bn occupied knoll at 423697. Patrols in DJUATA OILFIELD - MT TANGKOL area made minor contacts only. Some enemy shelling airfield area at 1430 hrs. Enemy cas to 212400I 558 killed 107 estimated killed 12 PW. Own cas for 24 hrs ending 202400I 4 killed 12 wounded.

PART III

4. ENCLOSURES

(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 21.

(b) MAPS

LABUAN NORTH (Special)	Sheet 3147-11	1/25,000	(2)
BRUNEI SOUTH WEST	" 3045 - 1	"	(2)
WESTON NORTH EAST	" 3246- 1	"	(2)

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 45.

(From information received to 230900I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) Operations 21 May 45

Information to 221200I is included in attached 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 22.

(b) Weather and Visibility

Fine, with scattered to broken cloud. Light variable SE winds.

(c) Casualties

(i) Own casualties for 24 hrs ending 2400I 20 May 45 -

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	-	4
Wounded in action	1	11
Missing	-	-

Progressive totals to 2400I 20 May 45

Killed in action	8	110
Wounded in action	30	385
Missing	-	12

(ii) Enemy casualties for 24 hrs ending 2400I 21 May 45-

Counted Dead	14
Estimated additional dead	4

Progressive totals to 2400I 21 May 45

Counted dead	558
Estimated additional dead	107
PW	12

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) SOUTH

24 bn. Following air artillery strike coy with tp tanks occupied ridge 949424 repulsed enemy counter attack. Coy now in posn 953421 astride road. Further coy contacted enemy 955420 withdrew under accurate 105 mm fire but remained in contact. 57/60 bn. patrols active. Large enemy parties 997447 990442.

(b) NORTH

Patrol 299728 329729 322734 no movement seen. Casualties BOUGAINVILLE. Enemy 14 killed - own 3 killed 15 wounded.

3. NEW BRITAIN - SITHOR

4. NEW GUINEA

(a) COAST

19 bde. Troops reached 374053 engaged from enemy posn to South. Clearance high ground South BORAM DROME assisted by naval bombardment. Mass grave located WIRUI MISSION containing 60 Japs killed by air strike not previously reported. 2008001 2/6 Cav Regt under comd 19 bde. Casualties enemy 69 killed - own 2 wounded.

(b) INLAND

Our troops unsuccessfully attacked JAJEI 727996 against very strong defences. Casualties enemy 7 killed 2 PW own 3 killed 4 wounded.

5. LATEST REPORTS

From 1 Aust Corps Signal G0169 to GHQ SWPA (T00:230630I)

TARAKAN. 17 B24 aircraft and 15 P38 aircraft bombed feature 431681 with HE and NAPALM at 1100I. Following this air attack coy 2/48 bn was engaged all afternoon 21 May against enemy on four knolls on feature. Two knolls captured by last light and coy consolidated. Platoon 2/48 bn was attacked and forced to withdraw from 432678. Coy 2/23 bn captured enemy posn 425680 consolidated and exploited spur to NE. Enemy casualties to 222400I 570 killed 122 estimated additional dead 12 PW. Own cas for 24 hrs ending 212400I 4 wounded.

PART III

6. ENCLOSURES

(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 22

(b) MAPS

Two copies of the following map of BORNEO :-

BINSULOK SOUTH EAST Sheet 3347-1V SE

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 44

(From information received to 240900I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) Operations 22 May

Information to 231200I is included in attached 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 23.

(b) Location of Troops - HQ unchanged.

(c) Weather and Visibility - Fine during the morning, thick overcast cloud with some rain during the afternoon.

(d) Casualties

(i.) Own casualties for 24 hrs ending 2400I 21 May 45.

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	-	-
Wounded in action	-	4
Missing	-	-

Progressive totals to 2400I 21 May 45

Killed in action	8	110
Wounded in action	30	389
Missing	-	12

(ii) Enemy casualties for 24 hrs ending 2400I 22 May 45

Counted dead	12
Estimated additional dead	15

Progressive totals to 2400I 22 May 45

Counted dead	570
Estimated additional dead	122
PW	12

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) SOUTH

24 bn. Coy occupied posn 956419 after heavy fighting. Further coy crossed POROSI RIVER to 957424. Patrol with two tanks reached 947428. 58/59 bn. Following air arty conc enemy posns 961414 962411 958417 captured after severe fighting.

(b) NORTH

Patrol contact 307697. Casualties - enemy 26 killed 1 PW- own 3 killed 2 wounded.

3. NEW BRITAIN

SITHOR.

4. NEW GUINEA

(a) TARAKAN

19 bde with arty sp cleared posn 364043 four naval guns captured 40 enemy killed village 328028 occupied. Patrols moving to contact FARIDA FORCE no report.

(b) INLAND

Our troops cleared 714985 little activity. Casualties - enemy 46 killed.

PART II

5. TARGETS

The following information has been received :-

(a) In recent bombing of LANGKON (06 degrees 32 minutes N, 116 degrees 42 minutes E), the HQ was NOT hit. Better results would be obtained if the area towards the mouth of the river were bombed, i.e., between LANGKON and MARUDU BAY.

(b) NO natives are now allowed at LANGKON and only Japanese are using the LANGKON - KOTA BERUD (06 degrees 21 minutes N, 116 degrees 21 minutes E) track. Any river craft larger than canoes or canoes with three men or over in the vicinity should be strafed. The evening would give better results than the morning.

PART III

6. TRAFFIC CONTROL POST

Reports have been received from ALO's that certain Air Force personnel have been stopped from passing through the TCP at the entrance to 9 Aust Div area. Advice has been received from APM that a pass signed by the OC of an AL Sec will be sufficient authority for any Air Force personnel to enter this area.

7. ENCLOSURES

(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 23
(b) 2 AAPIU Report No 17. Area: MUARA ISLAND

8. LATEST REPORTS

From 1 Aust Corps Signal GB176 to GHQ SWPA • (TOO: 240630I)

TARAKAN. During morning enemy counter attacked coy of 2/48 bn at 431681. Position held. Later coy and tp cav sqn withdrew from feature 438681 to allow airstrike on whole 431681 feature. Eighteen P38 aircraft bombed target with NAPALM scored hits. Patrols later found enemy still in occupation. Small party enemy armed with 75 mm shells grenades rifles and spears attacked 2/4 cav sqn HQ 443684. Enemy driven off with no cas to sqn. 2/4 cav sqn patrol 433674 found enemy had vacated posn. Patrol 2/23 bn engaged enemy at 423686 with mortar fire. Coy 2/24 bn unsuccessfully attacked enemy posn at 427695. Track in area mined with 75 mm shells. Another attack on spur 421696 also repulsed. Mines detonated by enemy wounded all personnel of leading section. Platoon to 425706 observed enemy at 422708 and by machine gun firing from SE 425706. Own cas for 24 hrs ending 222400I 2 killed 19 wounded.

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 45

(From information received to 250900I)

PART I.

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) Operations 23 May

Information to 241200I is included in attached 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Bulletin No 24.

(b) Weather - Cloudy to overcast, with showers throughout the day.

(d) Casualties

(i) Own casualties for 24 hrs ending 2400I 22 May 45:

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed in action	-	2
Wounded in action	-	19
Missing	-	-

Progressive totals to 2400I 22 May 45 :

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

(ii) Enemy casualties for 24 hrs ending 2400I 23 May 45:

Killed - 28

Progressive totals to 2400I 23 May 45:

Counted dead	598
Estimated additional dead	122
PW	12

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) SOUTH

Coy 24 bn occupied EGANS RIDGE 945429 after heavy arty air concentrations. 30 Pillboxes 955420 engaged meeting heavy enemy fire. Road between HONGORAI and PUROKAI River clear. 58/59 bn encountered 20 enemy with LMG's & 47 mm tank attack gun captured 950405. 2/8 Cav Cdo Sqn sighted group 60 enemy casualties moving EAST towards BUIN.

(b) CENTRAL - 23 Bde report enemy 616163 735322 605309.

(c) NORTH - 11 Bde report strong enemy party 287694.

Casualties BOUGAINVILLE to 230900I enemy 14 killed 15 found dead 4 PW - own 5 killed 10 wounded.

5. NEW GUINEA

(a) WEWAK

Rear HQ 6 Div closed AITAPE joined main HQ CAPE WOM.

(b) COAST

19 Bde captured CAPE MOEM against light opposition. 11 INDIANS rec report 300 enemy evac MOEM night 16/17 May. Strong enemy posn BRANDI PLTN prevents link up with FARIDA Force. 7000 boxes cremated bodies found 333037 25 HG and 100 rifles found 284037. FARIDA Force patrols active BRANDI PLTN enemy 75 mm gunfire from 414018. Casualties - COASTAL enemy 39 killed 3 PW - own 9 wounded.

(b) INLAND

17 Bde captured 724978 and 721970 enemy posns located 728980 and 743977. Casualties INLAND enemy 3 killed.

PART III

4. FIRING OF WEAPONS - MOROTAI (1 Aust Corps Routine Order 14/45 66/72)

(a) Instances are occurring of the indiscriminate firing of weapons within the perimeter of MOROTAI.

(b) Firing practices are only permitted on authorised ranges and the indiscriminate firing of weapons is prohibited.

(c) All ranges, including areas for artillery practices, will be approved by 93 US Div before use. Formations desirous of conducting firing practices will therefore arrange direct with 93 US Div for suitable areas and times. This is essential to ensure the protection of personnel of 93 US Div who are carrying out active patrolling throughout the island.

5. ENCLOSURES

(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 24
(b) Engineer Report - LABUAN IS and BRUNEI BAY to MIRI NORTH BORNEO.
Further copies of this publication are available if required by ALO's or Air Force units to which ALO's are attached.

6. LATEST REPORTS

From 1 Aust Corps Signal G0180 to GHQ SWPA. (T00:250650I)

TARAKAN. Visibility poor hampering operations. Southern Sector. Extensive patrolling by 2/3 pnr bn and coy NEI inf bn resulted no contact with enemy. Coy of 2/48 bn at 430681 attacked by enemy at 0520I. Attack repulsed inflicting some casualties. Enemy used fuzed 75 mm shells. Air strike on 431681 cancelled owing to poor visibility. Patrol 2/48 bn found enemy occupying portion of feature 431681. 2/23 Bn patrols engaged Japs at 422685 and 424685 inflicting some cas. Own cas to 232400I killed 4 wounded 22. Enemy cas dead 618 additional estimated dead 142 PW 17.

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1 AUST CORPS ADC's BULLETIN NO 46

(From information received to 260900I)

PART I.

TOWN SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

Platoon 2/23 bn moving on track to 424685 supported by heavy artillery and mortar concentrations. Advance held up by enemy MG fire from 424685. Later other elements this bn reached 421685 and found enemy still holding 424685.

(b) 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

Platoon 2/24 bn made early morning attack on 419702 attack unsuccessful . Strong opposition encountered. Elements 2/24 bn occupied enemy positions at 419706.

(c) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

The company of the 2/48 bn at 438681 was attacked by the enemy at 240520I. The attack was repulsed with some casualties to the enemy. During this attack the enemy again made use of fuzed 75 mm shells. Patrols from 2/48 bn found the enemy still in occupation of portion of the feature at 431681. An air strike on this feature which had been arranged was cancelled, due to bad visibility. A captured enemy 75 mm gun at 420685 was used to shell enemy positions at 424685. Six B24 aircraft followed by sixteen P38s effectively bombed feature 431681 with HE and NAPALM at 250900I. After this airstrike coy 2/48 bn attacked and occupied all 431681 feature without opposition. Simultaneous coy attack on high ground 431679 unopposed.

(d) 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn

Patrols of the 2/3 Pnr Bn moved from District I to District VI thence to 474667, without contact with the enemy. The coy of the NEI Infantry Bn also patrolled extensively in the southern sector without locating any enemy.

(e) 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn

A patrol from the 2/4 Cav Sqn moving towards CAPE DJOEATA reached 383783. No details of this patrol have yet been received.

(f) Own Casualties

Own casualties for 24 hrs ending 242400I :

Killed	3
Wounded	9

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) SOUTH

58/59 bn report enemy vacated extensive def posns 950429 road clear from HONGORAI to 962420. Hostile shelling 58/59 bn and 24 bn areas light casualties, own patrols active.

(b) CENTRAL - 23 Bde patrolling.

2. (Contd/

(c) NORTH

11 Bde report 6 unservicable barges 269690 numerous patrol contacts in area. Casualties BOUGAINVILLE to 240900K enemy 13 killed 8 found dead - own 1 killed 8 wounded.
SEA. RNAS KIA'A bombarded TINPUTTU and barge hideouts 548682 damaging 3 barges and huts.

3. NEW BRITAIN

5 Div report NO signs recent use track JACKER BAY - LOWINGI by enemy.

4. NEW GUINEA

(a) MADANG - SITTOR

(b) NEWAK

(i.) COAST

2/6 Cdo Regt BRANDI PLTN 391033 CAPE HOEK completely cleared and 88 INDIANS rec. Enemy posns 389037 407022 402023 captured, 20 mm gun and stores and eqpt found. Ineffective shelling from 3900 RNAS SIAN silenced guns 402024. 15 Bde area patrol actions about 1612 and 139141. Cas COAST enemy 36 killed 2 wounded 1 PW - own 7 wounded. 17 Bde tps captured 738027 714985 natives report 50 enemy 731997 and enemy mov from LOATIT 755006 to JAMEI (2) 727006. Casualties INLAND enemy 6 killed - own nil.

PART III

5. ENCLOSURES

(a) MAPS : 2 copies each:

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(b) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 25.

6. DAILY STRENGTH STATE AAF 3006

For 30 May only:-
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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 47.

(From information received to 270900I)

PART I

GROUND SITUATION

1. TARAKAN

(a) 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

After 6 scns of B24 aircraft bombed 410713, elements of the bn attacked and captured the feature.

(b) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol found feature 443694 occupied in strength.

(c) 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn

Patrol reached barracks CAPE DJOEATA found no enemy.

(d) Enemy Air Activity

At 262045I approximately 6 enemy aircraft dropped 6 bombs in the swamp near mouth PAMOESIAN River. Aircraft approached at 12000 feet from SOUTH except one aircraft which approached from the EAST at 4000 feet.
An additional two enemy aircraft were reported over the harbour at 262143I. The aircraft were engaged by anti-aircraft fire NO hits resulting. Four bombs were dropped causing no damage.

2. BOUGAINVILLE.

(a) SOUTH - 3 Div. HQ 24 bn 948425 hostile shelling of bn area. 58/59 bn patrol contacts 965425 977416. 57/60 bn lt patrol contacts in area 989441.

(b) CENTRAL - 694155. 23 Bde report enemy hold ridge 693130

(c) NORTH - 11 Bde patrolling continues.

(d) SEA - Casualties BOUGAINVILLE 24 hrs to 250900K enemy 16 killed 2 wounded 2 PW - own 2 wounded HMAS KIALA bombarded TEOP MISSION CAPE TANABOM and PUTPUTUN.

3. NEW GUINEA.

(a) COAST - 6 Div 19 Bde tps cleared BRANDI PLTN. holstile shelling from BOARIN 599004. Casualties 13 killed enemy own tps 1 killed 3 wounded.

(b) INLAND - 17 Bde tps unsuccessfully attacked posns 743971. NO cas reported this sector.

PART III

4. ENCLOSURES.

(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 26.
(b) HQ 1 Aust AL Gp memo AL/1061 of 24 May 45. "To all ALO's MAINTENANCE",

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 48

(From information received to 280900I)

PART I.

1. TARAKAN

(a) 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

Following two air strikes by a total of 29 B24s and 11 P38s on 419702 coy 2/24 bn captured this feature without casualties. Enemy located at 421705.

(b) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

A patrol from 2/48 bn found the feature 443694 occupied by the enemy in strength, and observed considerable movement on the track running EAST and WEST and thought to link the 102 feature 445691, the feature 443694 and the feature 445691, the feature 443694 and the feature 435692. While in an ambush position the patrol was fired on from 445691. Patrol 2/48 bn reached 450697 without contacting enemy. Minor engagements with enemy at 432682 and 424689.

(c) Own casualties to 2824001 - 1 killed four wounded.

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) SOUTH :- 3 Div. 57/60 bn with arty and mortar support attacked strong enemy position 996446 unsuccessfully. Enemy located 994450 992451 973400 962407. 2/8 Cdo Sqn report enemy activity on BUIN rd vicinity UNANAI to WEST. General patrolling in div area.

(b) CENTRAL :- 23 Bde report contacts 687156 30 enemy WARRNESS HILL 60 IBU.

(c) NORTH :- 11 Bde PAPUAN inf patrol forced enemy withdraw from 329725. 31/51 bn relieving 55/53 bn.

(d) CASUALTIES BOUGAINVILLE

Casualties to 2809001 - enemy 17 killed 2 found dead-own tps 4 wounded.

3. NEW GUINEA

(a) WEWAK :- Adv HQ 3 Base Sub Area opened WEWAK PT.

(b) COAST :- 19 Bde patrolling 3302 own tps unsuccessfully attacked posn 303024 70 enemy. Casualties this area enemy 52 killed - own 2 killed 8 wounded.

(c) INLAND :- 17 Bde tps cleared MENDAUEN 786039 enemy located 741976 728981 676870 671865 and area 6598. Casualties this area - enemy 15 killed - own 3 wounded.

(d) SEA :- HMAS DUBBO effectively bombarded SOARIN 3[illegible]005.

4. ENCLOSURES PART III

(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 27.
(b) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Review No 4 & Appcs.

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 49

(From information received to 290900I)

PART I.

1. TARAKAN

(a) 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

A coy 2/24 bn probing towards 419702 contacted the enemy at 423701 and 422702. The areas were engaged with mortars and some casualties inflicted on the enemy. Other patrols found Japs at 410703 and 419706.

(b) 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn

Extensive patrolling in AMAL river area and DISTRICT I failed to locate enemy.

(c) 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn

Patrol at CAPE DJOERATA found two servicable 75 mm guns at 375797 and 374796. Some enemy were seen at 370793 armed with rifles and one light machine gun.

(d) Air Strike 27 May

Further reports show that cumulus cloud prevented 7 B24s from bombing and caused inaccuracies by 5 other aircraft. All of our own troops were safe. The target was well covered by later heavy bomber and fighter attack in the afternoon. This attack was reported as extraordinarily accurate and completed destruction of the target. Our troops captured the feature 45 minutes after the strike without casualties.

(e) Enemy Air Activity

One enemy aircraft dropped 4 bombs at 449569. It is believed that at 282307I 5 enemy aircraft were over the island, and that much tinsel was dropped.

(f) Casualties

Own - for 24 hours ending 272400I - 1 killed 4 wounded

Enemy- for 24 hrs ending 272400I - Counted dead 12
Estimated additional 3

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) SOUTH :- 3 Div. Enemy vacated 993450 996446 following arty mortar air concentration. Enemy in strength to 83. Coy 996150 moving to outflank.

(b) CENTRAL :- 23 Bde. Patrol contacts 614164 685165 our arty active.

(c) NORTH :- 11 Bde. Coy 26 bn 296701. Patrol PIB contacted enemy 329725 Japs withdrew after mortaring. Our arty active.

(d) Casualties : Enemy - 15 killed 2 PW 7 found dead.

Own - 3 killed, 13 wounded.

3. NEW GUINEA

(a) WEWAK - 6 Div. 19 Bde. KOIKEN 3502 cleared. Coy attack from 314035 along ridge held up. Enemy in strength 302024. BRANDI PLN WEWAK Strip shelled. 40 enemy found dead CAPE KOEM result naval arty air bombardment. 32 graves found. 17 Bde. Attacks preceded by air strike KOBE 747971 unsuccessful.

(b) Casualties: Enemy : 67 killed 1 pw

Own : 2 killed 6 wounded.

(c) SEA :- HL patrol MUSCHU HAIRIRU ISLANDS strafed enemy areas engaged by two guns 280285 310293.

PART III

4. ENCLOSURES

(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 28

(b) Notes On Activity in Enemy Occupied Territory (obel with Bulletin 48)

(c) Appendix D (1) and Appendix E (IX) to 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Review No 4 OBOE TWO.

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1 AUST COR S ALO's BULLETIN NO 50

(From information received to 300900I)

PART I.

1. TARAKAN

(a) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

A patrol found and engaged a small number of enemy at 425683. During the afternoon enemy machine gun posts at 423685 were engaged and silenced by supporting arms and fire from a captured 75 mm gun. Following an air strike by 11 B25s on feature 424685 our troops attacked the position, but on finding strong opposition and suffering casualties withdrew.

(b) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Elements of the bn found enemy in positions at 443697, but were unable to estimate the enemy strength.

(c) 2/4 Aust Cav Sqn

Patrol at CAPE DJOEATA reported finding a railway line and engine in good condition. Details are NOT yet known.

(d) Air Strikes 29 May

Two strikes were carried out. 11 B25s attacked feature 424685 and aircrew report a terrific explosion resulted from that area hoiling one aircraft. Six B25s attacked feature 428689. The attack was an accurate one.

(e) Enemy Air Activity

At 291715I anti aircraft guns engaged one enemy aircraft HELEN flying at 14500 feet. NO hits were obtained and no bombs were dropped.

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) SOUTH : 3 Div report 100 enemy 970401 to BUIN rd digging defences, coy 57/60 bn following arty air concentration captured 996446 seizing much eqpt. 100 enemy digging in 001433 patrol contacts 976396 9944 080355.

(b) NORTH : Enemy attack on coy 26 bn 285707 repulsed own arty engaged targets 2770 2870 2970.

(c) Casualties : Casualties for 24 hrs to 280900Z - enemy 31 killed 5 found dead 1 wounded. own tps 1 killed 2 wounded.

(d) Sea : HMAS COLAC severely hit off CHOISEUL ISLAND taken in tow.

3. NEW BRITAIN : 5 Div patrols report Nos 747507 740590.

4. NEW GUINEA

(a) COAST : 19 Bde tps with arty support captured posn SOUTH 710 feature 315034 natives report enemy reinforcing this area from PASSAM 3393 area 2803 clear. Casualties COAST enemy 23 killed 1 PW - own tps 1 killed.

(b) INLAND : 17 Bde cleared enemy from areas 733984 733986 739982. Casualties INLAND - enemy 1 killed - own tps 3 wounded.

(c) Australian troops since taking over from NEW BRITAIN Troops in NEW GUINEA, BOUGAINVILLE and have inflicted the following casualties on the enemy :

Counted dead	8550
PW captured	213

PART III

5. ENCLOSURES

(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 29

(b) 3 AMPIU Report No 47 - Area : BALIKPAPAN

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1 AUST CORPS ALO's BULLETIN NO 51

(From information received to 310900I)

PART I.

1. TARAKAN

(a) 2/25 Aust Inf Bn

Patrols to 423688 encountered enemy fire and withdrew owing to difficult terrain.

(b) 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

Track from DJOEATA oilfield through 415715 and 419702 to 421697 is now clear.

(c) 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol to 432663 engaged enemy - NO detailed results.

(d) 2/3 Aust Pnr Bn

During the night 28/29 May some enemy were seen in the vicinity of the pump house at 443665. The enemy has infiltrated into this area periodically by night, but has always been dispersed without having done any damage.

(e) Casualties -

Own - For 24 hrs ending 292400I -
2 killed, 10 wounded, 2 missing.

Enemy - To 302400I 6?? counted dead and 151 estimated dead. 20 PW.

2. BOUGAINVILLE

(a) SOUTH : 3 Div. 57/60 bn. Following mortar concentration enemy positions 997444 captured. Further attack against posn 986443 successful adv to 988441.

(b) CENTRAL : 23 Bde. Patrols active.

(c) NORTH : 11 Bde. 31/51 bn located square 2364. Patrol clashes 289590.

(d) Casualties : Enemy 13 killed, 14 found dead 1 PW. Own 1 wounded.

3. NEW BRITAIN : 5 Div. NGIB patrol 710591 engaged by Japs, patrol withdrew.

4. NEW GUINEA

(a) WEWAK : 6 Div. 19 Bde. Patrol contact 427003. Native reports Jap in strength ridge 2701 to 3000.

(b) INLAND : 17 Bde. Platoon cleared ridge 743983.

(c) Casualties: Enemy 18 killed. Own 1 wounded.

PART III

4. ENCLOSURES

(a) 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary No 30.
(b) 2 AMPIU Report No 18. Area- VICTORIA TOWN and Airfield area.
(c) Maps : Two copies Bt DEDAP N E- Sheet 3045-III 1/25000
(d) 2 AMPIU Sketch - ENEMY DEFENCES BESAR, NW BORNEO

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G0422 (.) SECRET (.) brief daily report 1 to 012400I (.)
reference map TARAKAN ISLAND SOUTH 1 to 25000 (.)
ONE (.) 26 inf bde gp landed TARAKAN (.)
TWO (.) going muddy and heavy (.)
THREE (.) SADAU ISLAND unopposed landing 300800I island cleared 0947I one battery artillery in position firing 1100I (.) LINGKAS BEACH obstacles breached 11 gaps in two attempts 30 apr (.) TARAKAN (.) assault landing RED and GREEN beaches 010815I unopposed (.) 2/48 inf bn and 2/23 inf bn reached general line 400 yards inland by 0900I (.) by 1300I 2/48 inf bn clearing high ground 423646 and using one company with tanks to ridge 424651 418651 (.) 1300I 2/23 bn attacking high ground 435633 (.) HQ 26 inf bde established 427627 at 1020I (.) 2/24 inf bn in reserve 423633 (.) naval air and field artillery support provided results not known (.)
FOUR (.) 5 own troops wounded 11 enemy killed 2 prisoners of war (.)
FIVE (.) 7 LSTs beached with causeways 30 ft (.) receding tide hampering unloading

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G0427 . SECRET . brief daily report 2 to 022400I . reference map TARAKAN ISLAND SOUTH 1 to 25000 .

ONE . nil

TWO . NO rain weather hot and oppressive going muddy and heavy thick undergrowth steep slopes.

THREE . TARAKAN . 2/23 inf bn cleared general line ridge 436636 to 437627 . occupied high ground 432638 . all cover posns 436636 to 432649 cleared . standing patrols on 441649 and 438645 . 2/48 inf bn occupied high ground 427657 unopposed . patrolling to water point 426662 . 2/24 inf bn moved through 2/48 inf bn attacked features 418662 and 414661 . later exploited to feature 415666 then captured feature 412672 . 5 air strikes each 3 MITCHELLS all strikes in target area . one battery field artillery SADAU ISLAND two batteries ashore supported land operations . enemy coast defence gun reported active CAPE DJOEATA . prisoner of war reports main body enemy withdrawn to API . many reports of enemy mines and booby traps majority poor or NOT completely laid . sea mines rd 414632 - 414651 - 411657 . two casualties suffered in approach feature 412672 from electrically fired mines .

FOUR . total casualties 26 inf bde gp to 020600I seven other ranks killed 3 officers 27 other ranks wounded . counted enemy dead 50 . reference report 1 two prisoners of war NOT captured .

FIVE . hostile shelling RED beach 020030I . two LSIs completed unloading by 020700I . 12 LSTs stranded on beaches may be refloated night 2/3 may

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G066 SECRET (.) SITREP 2 for 30 apr (.) SADAU op (.) landing effected om schedule (.) Is cleared without opposition by 300947I and beach head est (.) guns ashore and firing 301100I (.) breaching op (.) breaching of beach obstacles effected (.) GREEN beach 4 gaps (.) RED beach 4 gaps (.) YELLOW beach 3 gaps (.) crashable ? (.) landings possible as planned (.) scattered enemy mortar and sniper fire met and dealt with (.) NO cas (.) br 421633 intact (.) mud line low tide 900 feet

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G072 SECRET (.) BRIEF REPORT 3 TO 1100I (.) FOLLOWING UNITS LANDED (.) ASSAULT BNS 2/20(?) BN 2/3-PNR BN D COY 2/2 MG BN BDE HQ LANDED 1020I ESTABLISHED ** 427627 (.) 2/23 (?) BN ON RIGHT PUSHING FORWARD TO SECOND OBJECTIVE (.) 2/48 BN ON LEFT TAKEN PORTION OF COVERING POSITION (.) OPPOSITION LIGHT MAINLY MORTAR AND SMALL ARMS FIRE (.) GOING ********** CASUALTIES (.) ENEMY (.) 11 KILLED IN ACTION 2 PW COUNTED

**** COULD READ BDE HQ LANDED 1020I ESTABLISHED REF 7627
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G073 SECRET (.) brief report 4 to 1300I (.) comd 26 inf bde assumed comd force at 011204I (.) 2/23 bn now attacking with sp arty 434635 (.) opposition from bunkers at SIBENGKOK (.) own casualties 5 wounded in action (.) 2/48 bn (.) spur 424640 cleared (.) spur 424646 being cleared (.) tp tks with ~~coy~~ mov rd 430623 - 421632 - 414651 - airstrip - DJOEATA - BOORTERREIN object capture high ground vicinity rd 432650-422653 - 415651

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GO77 SECRET (.) brief report 5 to 1500I (.) 2/23 bn (.) bn hq 42**33 (.) opposition strong 438629 (.) outflanking mov proceeding to attack 438629 from north with support tanks (.) 2/48 (.) situation unchanged (.) bn hq 419639 (.) patrol encountered small arms fire high ground 4166 (.) further forward mov dependent success 2/23 bn (.) can supply air support by AA mentioned in ** requests from bns (.) bde initiated strike on middle of MGs position high ground 3968 high ground 4167 403677 no enemy arty fire reported (.) 30 foot crater 417643 being filled in allow tanks to cross not suitable B echelon vehs (.) PW nil (.) water front was prepared with demolition charges for electrical discharge charges not armed (.) *** ** *** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** **
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document refer anti british mine fields this being investigated (.) A coy 2/48 bn now holding feature 423653

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first part G078 SECRET (.) brief report 6 to 1700I (.) 2/23 bn (.) A coy endeavoured pinch out enemy posn 427639 (.) terrain very difficult (.) 2/48 bn HQ NO change (.) patrol to high ground 414661 returned to A coy vicinity 423652 after encountering MG fire from 414661 (.) enemy AA posn destroyed by air strike at 426655 (.) 13 bty in posn 432628 (.) 14 bty in posn 422635

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second and final part of G078 SECRET (.) no change (.) 2/3 pnr bn HQ 424633 (.) 2/2 pnr bn 423631 (.) 2 beach sig HQ 423629 (.) 26 bde HQ remain 423630 night 1/2 may (.) state unload WESTRALIA three quarter unloaded KANOORA one half LST 1027 in 2 hrs LST 993 all vehicles by 1800 LST 584 proceeding slowly LST 582 590 711 743 unloaded by 2000 (.) correction report 5 (.) 30 ft crater at KLAPA 417643 NOT 415651 as stated

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first part of G080 SECRET (.) sitrep 5 to 1900I (.) 2/23 bn (.) posn unchanged (.) enemy bunker at SIBENGKOK overcome at 1820I (.) 2/48 bn (.) patrols proceeding north engaged enemy posn * hill feature 414661 (.) D coy mortar knocked out MGs at 422656 and probably another at 426655 (.) present location (.) bn HQ 418639 (.) A coy 423652 middle of ridge (.) B coy 416650 one pl on rd 624165 (.) C coy spur 424646 (.) D coy spur 424640 (.) 2/24 bn (.) two coys moving to area barracks 416647 rd 430623 - 421632 - 414651 - airstrip - DJOEATA - BOORTERREIN remaining coys unchanged

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TOS : 0635

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G081 (.) SECRET (.) brief report 7 to 1900I (.) 2/23 bn HQ unchanged (.) enemy posns 427639 overcome (.) 2/48 bn HQ unchanged (.) patrols active north 2/48 psns (.) 2/24 bn (.) two coys moving through 2/48 to area 416647 in order exploit forward (.) support A/C carried out successful missions on 433665 and 426656 (.) DD fire on request knocked out AA guns 436653 (.) many reports received of mines and booby traps majority poor or not completely laid (.) approx 200 civilians at present under control NICA this area (.) casualties enemy incomplete count 10 dead (.) our casualties 2/23 bn 2 and 6 wounded (.) 2/48 bn 2 killed 8 wounded all ORs

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TOO 012000I

TOS 2000I

TOR 0600I

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GO 83 SECRET (.) sitrep no.6 to 020700I situation normal (.) no enemy aerial activity (.) hostile shelling on RED beach 0030I 10 rds 75 mm (.) cas to one LST approx 23 wounded in action

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GO 85 SECRET brief report 9 to 0900I (.) 2/23 bn HQ unchanged (.) C coy adv on hill feature 437628 (.) 2/24 bn passed through 2/48 bn (.) hill feature 414661 hill feature 418662 captured (.) 75 mm gun captured 412665 (.) co-ordinated strike requested west slope hill feature 412672 (.) 2/24 adv on hill feature 412672 (.) CD gun reported active CAPE DJOEATA (.) PW military high ranking offr in comd API with main body (.) no enemy identification except enemy reported naval tps (.) 2/48 bn holding hill feature 427658 and are patrolling to water point fourth objective

TOO: 020950I
TOS:
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H1 (.) SECRET (.) from HUGHES (.) nothing further to sitrep

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GO 87 SECRET (.) brief report 9 to 1100I 2/23 bn occupied hill feature 432638 (.) enemy pocket 429635 still holding out (.) 2/24 bn captured hill feature 415666

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GO 86 SECRET (.) sitrep 7 to 021100I (.) first light patrol 2/48 bn occupied hill feature 427658 (.) no opposition and coy moved in (.) next objective water neighbourhood 425662 (.) 2/24 bn (.) attack hill feature 418662 and hill feature 414661 0745 with support bombardment and airstrike (.) position occupied C and D coys 0910I (.) enemy strength estimated 50 hill feature 418662 100 hill feature 414661 main body withdrawn API (.) heavy going for troops thick undergrowth steep slopes very muddy (.) enemy casualties this operation not known (.)

enemy strength (.) native reports main body API area approx 1000 (.) sea mine on rd between 415651 and airstrip (.) locations (.) bde HQ unchanged (.) 2/23 bn C coy hill feature 432638 otherwise unchanged (.) 2/24 bn HQ and A B coy 411658 C coy hill feature 415666 D coy hill feature 414661 (.) 2/48 bn (.) C coy hill feature 427658 otherwise unchanged

TOO: 021100I
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G089 SECRET (.) brief report 11 to 1300I (.) feature 437628 entirely occupied from 425636 to 427628

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G091 SECRET (.) sitrep no 8 to 021500I (.) 2/48 bn (.) patrol located water pt 426662 (.) motors and eqpt unserviceable water in creek fouled by oil (.) bn hq 426652 (.) others unchanged (.) 2/24 bn (.) B coy on feature 412672 two casualties suffered/hvy casualties in the approach from electrically fuzed landmines (.) location C coy (.) hill feature 418662 one pl C coy hill feature 415666 D coy hill feature 414661 (.) 2/23 bn (.) ridge from 432628 to 437627 cleared of enemy (.) all covering posns in 2/23 bn front up to line rd junc 437646 barracks 432649 now cleared

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TOO : 021630I

TOS :

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G093 SECRET (.) brief report 13 to 1700I (.) standing patrols 2/23 aust inf bn 441644 and 438645 otherwise NO material change

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TOO : 021615I
TOS : 022002I
TOR : 022056I

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G095 . SECRET . brief report 14 to 1900 . outline situation .

cover posns held as follows . 2/3 pnr bn to approx 434634 . 2/23

bn to 433647 with one coy fwd area 437646 . 2/48 bn to 415651 .
with one coy fwd area 427658 . 2/24 bn area 412672 - 415666 - 414661 .
3 small pockets by passed and NOT yet fixed up in 2/23 area .

your G0205 . we meant G AP1 ref map TARAKAN ISLD STH SPECIAL

1/25000 square 4068

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G096 (.) SECRET (.) report to 2100I NO change

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TOS : 022324I
TOR : 030020I

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G092 SECRET (.) brief report 12 to 1500I (.) coy 2/24 bn on 412672 (.) 2/48 bn patrol found WP426662 unserviceable (.) 2/23 bn now cleared own sector of cover posns (.) ref brief report 11 map ref feature 437628 should read 435626 to 437627

TOO :: 021630I — IMMEDIATE
TOS :: 022207I
TOR :: 022207I

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G098 brief report 17 to 0900I (.) patrols advancing on main TARAKAN ground feature on 437666 and on airfield (.) slight opposition airfield (.) no further details

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G099 SECRET (.) sitrep 11 to 031100I (.) advance of 2/24 bn on airfield being held up enemy posts 405673 and 403669 (.) enemy set alight to oil in ditch on road 405668 - airstrip (.) 2/48 bn patrol from waterpoint toward feature 433667 met some opposition 433662 (.) another patrol cleared 433658 and is advancing on feature 438656 (.) strong point still not cleared 433645

TOO 031151I

TOS 1258I

TOR 1305I

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GO 100 (.) SECRET (.) brief report 18 to 11CO I (.) 2/24 bn met strong opposition south of airfield (.) patrolling progressing by other bns (.) ref my brief report 17 (.) for on read toward ****

TOO 031200I

TOS 1321I

THI 1330I

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GO 120 (.) SECRET (.) brief report to 1300 I (.) attack in progress on TARAKAN feature 4465 (.) adv proceeding on BOORTERREIN *** posn still very doubtful SOUTH airfield

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TOS 1452 I

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GO 120 (.) SECRET (.) brief report to 1300I (.) attack in progress on TARAKAN feature 4465 (.) adv proceeding on BOORTERREN (.) opposition still strong south aerodrome

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G0122 SECRET (.) brief report/1500I to (.) 2/24 bn no further progress (.) 2/23 bn A coy attempting dislodge enemy isolated strong point vicinity 431647 (.) C coy at BOORTERREIN 458648 (.) D coy unsuccessfully attacked TARAKAN feature 4465 and withdrawn to rd junc 437646 (.) 2/48 bn B coy now 426662 and patrolled to feature 434666 encountered strong .

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G0124 brief report to 1900I (.) 2/23 bn (.) A coy with one tank at 428645 fired on fro: ridge 430646 previously mentioned strong point now pin pointed (.) tank and coy rerain present posn overnight and will attack first light (.) PAMOESIAN district 4 and 6 reported clear by 2/23 bn (.) enemy fire from south east district 4 directed against pl patrol road junction 457643 (.) 2/4 commando sqn occupied feature road junction 438646 (.) * MEI coy remain overnight vicinity road junction 457643 (.) pl C coy 2/23 bn being withdrawn that area to main coy posn (.) beach gp now responsible defence B'A spur 424640 feature 432638 feature 437628 (.) 2/24 bn B coy 405675 D coy astride road 404671 have patrolled to western edge air strip reported clesr (.) 1900 C coy passed through B coy attacking feature 402678 A coy at ridge 409663 were counter attacked at approx 1900 by enemy from direction feature 415666 attack repulsed (.) NO casualties figures available (.) 2/48 bn B coy at defended point recce patrol along track to feature 433667 enemy occupy 70 contour favourable posn approx 433666 * patrol withdrew with casualties (.) patrol to spur 426666 ambushed NO casualties 2 enemy killed (.) D coy * * * * cav sqn patrol to feature 433658 enemy occupied (.) patrol withdrew one offr killed in action and other casualties among patrol

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G0124. SECRET . brief report to 1900I . 2/23 bn . A coy with one tk at 428645 fired on from ridge 430646 previously mentioned strong points now pin pointed . tk and coy remaining present posn over night and will attack first lt . PAROESIAN district 4 and 6 reported clear by 2/23 bn . enemy fire from SE district 4 directed against pl patrol rd junc 457643 . 2/4 commando sqn occupying feature 438646 . C coy remaining over night vicinity rd junc 457643. Pl C coy 2/23 bn being withdrawn that area to main coy posn . beach gp now responsible defence BMA and spur 424640 feature 432638 feature 437628 2/24 bn B coy 405674 D coy astride road 464671 had patrolled to western edge air strip reported clear . 1900 C coy passed through B coy attacking feature 402678 A coy at ridge 409663 were counter attacked at approx 1900 by enemy from direction feature 415666 . attack repulsed . no cas figures available. 2/48 bn B coy at water point recce patrol along track to feature 433667 enemy occupying 70 contour area approx 433666 in strength patrol withdrawn cas . patrol to spur 426666 ambushed NO cas 2 enemy killed . D coy at feature 427658 . patrol to feature 433658 enemy occupied . patrol withdrew one offr killed in action and other cas among patrol

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G0126 SECRET . SITREP 12 to 032100I . locations . bde HQ NO change . 2/4 commando sqn 441645 . A tp 441644 . B tp 439648 . C tp 441646 . 2/23 bn . bn HQ 432632 . A coy 426345 . B coy and one pl 431643 one pl 431645 one pl 429646 . C coy 445647 two pls 457648 . D coy 439647 . 2/24 bn . bn HQ 409664 . A coy 407665 . B coy astride strip at 405676 . C coy 407672 . D coy vicinity 403672 . 2/48 bn . bn HQ 427653 . A coy 420652 . B coy 426662 . C coy 2/2 MG bn . one pl 421651 . one pl 431641 . reserve pl 424634 . NEI coy vicinity rd junction 457643 . attack on aerodrome . 2/24 bn . D coy secured southern edge strip incl dispersal bays . patrolled to western end strip reported clear coy is under fire from JUKI MG direction feature 402678 . C coy attacked feature 402678 through B coy repulsed enemy using 75mm gun coy withdrew to previous posn . A coy clearing area their vicinity in particular 2 MG's firing on road 408663 . B coy astride part end strip at 405676

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GO129 SECRET (.) sitrep 14 to 041100I (.) 2/24 bn (.) tactical bn HQ now established with B coy at 405675 (.) tp tanks have reached point# 405673 (.) recce patrol to feature 402678 to locate enemy strength preparatory to attack (.) right flank in touch at 0815 successful air strike on TARAKAN RIDGE 2/4 commando sqn following in to occupy no report yet (.) 2/23 bn (.) A coy pushed eastward on to ridge vicinity 4296## D coy moved from east and mopping up HOSPITAL RIDGE 432649 (.) enemy apparently withdrawn overnight (.) many JAP dead on top of this ridge (.) # (patrolled entrance AMAO required at 465655 likely) (.) 2/48 bn (.) patrol moving to feature 438655

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GO 130 . SECRET . brief report to 041100I . left sector . 2/24 bn patrol to 402678 preparatory to attack that feature . tp of tks reached point 404673 . right of flank . air strike on TARAKAN RIDGE SQ4465 at 040815I 2/4 commando sqn following in . 2/23 bn . two coys moved from west and NE on HOSPITAL RIDGE vicinity 432647 . enemy evacuated during night many japs dead

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TOS 041555I

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GO 131 SECRET . brief report to 1300I . 2/24 bn no change . 2/23 bn . B coy still mopping up ridge 432647 . C coy in district 4 being fired on by enemy 466656 . NEI coy in contact with enemy vicinity 467644 . 2/48 bn patrols in progress area 438656

TOO 041300I

TOS 041451I

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GO 137 SECRET . brief report to 041700I 2/23 bn . all enemy pockets of resistance in their sector covering posn now mopped up . difficult counter attack especially burke ridge ØØØØ small number enemy may still be on each . enemy bomb dump on that ridge and contains 50 only 500 pounders . C coy at district six mortared from vicinity 477654 suffering casualties . 2/48 b. . A coy standing patrol at feature 438656 sighted jap mov that ridge . A coy proceed adv feature 433667

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G0144 SECRET . brief report to 050700I . 2/3 pnr bn relief of 2/23 bn complete . oil fires area rd junction 437646 broken out 042300I and still burning

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TOO 050720I

TOS 0951I

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To 9 DIV

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G0146 SECRET . sitrep 17 to 050700I . 2/4 commando sqn repulsed unsuccessful small counter attacks during the night on TARAKAN RIDGE. cas inflicted enemy number not known own cas 1 wounded in action . engineer covered patrol cleared mines from runway and dispersal bays at airstrip during the night . during the night 2/24 bn engaged cutting track thick country east of strip counter attacked from 411673 on bearing 1128 mag . relieved by 2/3 pnr bn 2/23 bn moving to feature 412672 commencing first light . own cas 24 hrs ending 050600 I 17 killed in action 75 wounded in action

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TOO 050830I

TOS 1040I

TOR 1115I

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GO 151 (.) SECRET (.) brief report to 051100I (.) isolated posns TA AKAN feature being subdued (.) flame throwers and engrs being employed against two pillboxes and tunnel posns (.) 2/48 bn has occupied feature 438656 . . further move north retarded by MG and 75 mm fire (.) 2/23 bn now in assembly area 407663 (.) cloud ceiling low visibility fair

TOO:051155I
TOS:
TOR:051446I

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GO153 (.) SECRET (.) brief report 051300I (.) 2/4 cdo sqn with assistance engrs demolished 7 pill boxes TARAKAN feature burying japs and eqpt (.) snipers and other pill-boxes still active (.) 2/24 bn A coy with tks destroyed approx 8 pill-boxes area PENINGKI-BAROE incl two previously firing road 414651-airstrip (.) 2/48 bn A coy pushing north along track towards hill feature 433667 (.) fwd tks at oil tanks 437663 (.) track mined and booby-trapped

TOO:051330I
TOS:
TOR:051715I

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GO156 SECRET (.) brief report to 051500I (.) 2/4 aust cav cdo sqn: reduced enemy garrison TARAKAN feature (.) 2/23 bn has occupied position area feature 412672 (.) A coy 2/48 bn continuing drive on feature 433667 reached point 437663

TOO:051645I
TOS:051829I
TOR:051900I

Received by G(Ops) 051906I
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GO158 (.) SECRET (.) airfield captured (.) work begun

TOO:051805I TOR:051850I Received G(Ops)051855I Battle Room Register No.79

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G0166 SECRET brief report to 060700I (.) dawn patrol A coy 2/48 bn moved to causeway 434665 enemy strength approx 30 appeared to be laying mines (.) explosion later in that vicinity causeway probably blown (.) other sectors situation normal (.) no enemy air activity (.) own casualties 24 hrs ending 060600I 3 killed in action 19 wounded in action 1 missing

TOO:
TOS:
TOR: 061000I

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G0167 SECRET (.) brief report to 060900I (.) 2/23 bn D coy attacking enemy post 406683 (.) C coy advancing along ridge west rd airstrip 405684 approaching SW slope Mt API (.) 2/24 bn now responsible for defence air strip (.) 2/48 bn confirm @@ causway @@ demolished (.) coy advancing west causway encountered no opposition (.) A coy patrolling SW spurfeature 437666

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TOO:060900I
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G0168 SECRET (.) SITREP to 061100I (.) 2/23 aust inf bn (.) D coy still in contact enemy posts 406683 (.) A B C coys no change (.) 2/24 aust inf bn no change (.) 2/48 aust inf bn (.) C coy area 433667 (.)MMG fire from feature (.) D coy at 427658 with two secs at 432664 (.) B coy detailed to prepare move when required to 438656 area (.) A coy no change (.) location (.) 2/23 aust inf bn (.) hq 413653 A coy 405674 B coy moving 412679 C coy moving 403684 D coy 407682 (.) 2/48 aust inf bn C coy 435666 other coys no change (.) 2/4 aust cav cdo sqn captured unstated number of serviceable vehs TARAKAN hill area (.) " " " " " " " " " " (.) cav sqn disposition unchanged (.) 2/3 aust pnr bn (.) no change (.) 2 coy 1 bn NEI inf (.) now at 462636

TOO :
TOS : 061630I " " " " " " - Corrupt groups.
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G0170 (.) SECRET (.) SITREP (.) 22 to 061500I (.) 2/23 bn A and C coys occupied MOUNT API area ring contour 50 and astride track 403687 meeting no opposition (.) 75 mm gun captured at 405686 (.) patrol to vicinity 408688 (.) 2/48 bn cleared feature 433667 own cas one killed in action four wounded in action (.) enemy still in possession of ridge running SE from feature 437666 (.) C coy mounting an attack (.) coy NEI inf cleared Rd 452614-457642 to point 460638 without opposition and now mov south object clear highway to PENINGKI (.) air strike of 13 P38's 3 B25's with load of 13,000 pound 250 para frags and napalm on area point 105 421689/jap hq (.) all bombs on target

TOO : 061525I
TOS :
TOR : 061755I "" - Corrupt - possibly"believed"

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INFO : 1 CORPS

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GOxxx SECRET (.) brief report to 061700I (.) first flight of AUSTER from air strip 1645I

TOO : 061705I
TOS : 061902I
TOR : 062046I

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FROM: CTG 78.1

INFO: CTF 78 COM 7TH PHIB COM 7TH FLT COMAF 13
CG 8TH ARMY CINCSWPA GOC 1 AUST CORPS
GOC 9 AUST DIV TAF RAAF COM

OBOE ONE BULLETIN NUMBER 4 (.) causeways beached (.) general unloading commenced

TOS 011350I

TOR: 011353I

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INFO: COMAF 13 CG 8TH ARMY CINCSWPA GOC 1 AUST CORPS GOC 9 AUST DIV
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OBOE BULLETIN NUMBER 3 TROOPS 400 YARDS INLAND NOW MEETING SLIGHT

OPPOSITION ON RIGHT FLANK

TOS: 011510I
TOR: 011513I

Received by G(Ops) 011615I
Battle Room Register No.9

GENERAL UNLOADING PROGRESSING X OBOE ONE BULLETIN NUMBER 5

TOS: 011514I
TOR: 011514I

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Battle Room Register No.10

THIS IS OBOE 1 BULLETIN NUMBER 6 X AT NOON ONE MAY COMMANDER TWO SIX

BRIGADE OF NINTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ASSUMED COMMAND ASHORE AT OBOE ONE

TOS: 011518I
TOR: 011520I

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INFO: 1 AUST CORPS

OBOE 1 Bulletin number 8 (.) northern pier (418634) and southern pier (429623) intact (.) oil jetty (424626) is only piling (.) tide recession has seriously interrupted unloading

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TOO: 011437I
TOS: 012011I
TOR: 012011I

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1 TAF RAAF

OBOE 1 BULLETIN NUMBER 9 (.) by 1500 troops had advanced 2300 yards along highway toward airfield NW from landing beach (.) approximately 350 yards east of southern end of beach and 600 to 1500 yards inland elsewhere (.) resistance light (.) unloading red and yellow beaches hindered by difficulty filling anti tank ditch blocking egress

TOO :: 011601I IMMEDIATE
TOS :: 012339I
TOR :: 012339I

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FROM: CTG 78.1

INFO: GOC 1 AUST CORPS

OBOE ONE bulletin number 10 (.) troops on northern flank continued to progress (.) northern flank 3200 yards on road toward airfield northwest of landing beach (.) southern flank no change (.) continued slight resistance (.) unloading improving but slows when tide is out (.) many native land labourers shot in either foot by enemy incapacitate usage by our forces (.)

TOO: 01[illegible]I
TOS: 020306I
TOR: 020306I

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FROM: CTG 78.1

INFO: 1 AUST CORPS

ground forces were supported throughout the day by DD fire and medium bombers of the 13 air force (.) buildings near the airfield were hit by DD gunfire (.) snipers and land mines * * troops were taken under DD fire (.) enemy shells landed near WACHAPAM * noon (.) advance patrols are within 650 yds of the north east corner of the airfield (.) troops continue to advance toward both ends of airfield (.) other troops moving up road to airfield (.) troops 1300 yards from TARAKAN advancing on town (.) unloading progressing slowly due to low water (.) mud and shallow beach gradient (.) GOC 9 aust div arrived and went ashore

TOO: 020705I

TOS: 030342I

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TO : I CORPS

OBOE 1 bulletin number 11 (.) echelon OBOE 1 item did not report due unloading difficulties previously reported (.) MANOORA (.) WESTRALIA (.) RUSHMORE expected sail this forenoon (.) 7 LSTs unloaded and remainder either unloading or beaching this morning's high tide (.) mortar fire on red 2 for half hour caused some casualties to RAN beach party (.) minor infiltration and sniper fire during darkness

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TOO 020857I

TOS 031005I

TOR 031005I

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From CTG 78.1

To GOC I CORPS

Oboe 1 bulletin No 13 CTG 78.1 inspected beachhead docks and dumps also conferred with brig WHITEHEAD and maj gen WOOTTEN ashore (.) at 1530 camflged batteries at CAPE DJOEATA commenced close range accurate gunfire on YMSS sweeping north of DJOEATA YMS481 blew up and sank number survivors not yet determined (.) YMS 334 damaged (.) 1 dead 2 seriously wounded (.) YMS 364 took shrapnel from 4 near hits 1 WIA rpt WIA (.) shore batteries taken under fire by cover which silenced them (.) 4 B29s and 4 P38s made low bombing and strafing runs on area about 1630I and FLETCHER bombarded area using plane spot (.) gen WOOTTEN departed for MOROTAI 1600I after completion inspection beachhead (.) unloading point for LCMs established in PAMOESIAN river (.) WESTRALIA MANOORA RUSHMORE escorted by DE BRANNON and BANCROFT sailed for MOROTAI (.) arrival ROBINSON and WINOOSKI from TAWITAWI (.) capt GRAY seventhphib for representative CTU 78.1.16 relieves ASKNOPA on departure originator 1700I tomorrow may 3 for MOROTAI

TOO 022315I

Received by G(Ops) 030820I

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FROM: CTU 78.1.16

INFO: 1 CORPS

OBOE 1 BULLETIN number 15 (.) unloading progressing slowly but steadily (.) probable completion date unloading LST's 6 may (.) intend placing TITANIA alongside south pier tomorrow for unloading (.) tried to retract LST 585 at high tide with VIRGO and ATR 61 but attempt was unsuccessful (.) no courierplane from MOROTAI today

TOO:040250I
TOS:051446I
TOR:051452I

Received by G(Ops) 051638I
Ba ttle Room Register No.76

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From CTG 78.1

Info 1 AUST CORPS

OBOE ONE bulletin number 14 . 7th fleet destroyers and 13th air force B-25s continued to support troops throughout the morning of 3 May . infantry within 250 yards of airstrip against increasing opposition . troops on TARAKAN town also meeting resistance . PHOENIX took under fire coastal guns at CAPE DJOEATA north west TARAKAN . results . direct hit on one coastal gun . damaged 2 others . direct hit on one AA position and damaged 1 other wharves and barracks also well covered . capt GRAY seventh PHIBJOR representative has assumed duties as SOPA

TOO 031647I

TOS 041832I

TOR 041837I

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From CTU 78.1.16

Info I AUST CORPS

OBOE ONE bulletin number 14 . CTG 78.1 escorted by CALDWELL departed TARAKAN for MOROTAI 1700I . CTU 78.1.16 now SOPA at TARAKAN in FORMOE . CTU 78.1.92 convoy departed TARAKAN for MOROTAI at 131830I consisting of LSTs 171 . 613 . 626 . 697 . 924 . YMS . 361 . escorted by PHILLIP and SC746 . 7 LCTs still stuck on beach but unloaded . remaining 8 LSTs unloading from stream .

TOO 041604I

TOS 041604I

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AMENDMENT 1 TO 1 AUST CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 3 Copy No 43.

OF 30 APRIL 45 2 May 45.

1. Amend Appendix 'A' part 2 serial 17 -

delete 24 Wireless Sec (Lt)
insert 2 Wireless Sec (Lt)

2. Amend Appendix 'A' part 3 by adding "serial 48a

one surgical team 2/6 Gen Hosp 7 pers."

amend totals accordingly.

3. Amend Appendix 'B' by adding under heading "US UNITS"

"serial 3a- det 453 Counter Intelligence Corps 7 pers "and remarks "plus vehicles"

amend totals accordingly.

L. Hodgman Lt Col
for Brig.
GS 1 Aust Corps.

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Subject: 3 INCH MORTAR - RANGE STRIP - USE OF ANGLES IN PLACE OF YARDS

HQ 1 Aust Corps
2 May 45
G/7139/SD

IHQ (2)

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Adv LHQ (3)

Reference IHQ memo 28153 (44-69-15) of 28 Feb 45.

1. Forwarded herewith is a schedule outlining opinions received from 7 and 9 Aust Divs and 1 Aust Para Bn on the desirability of using angles in place of yards on the range scale for 3 inch mortar.

2. Although the views put forward by 7 Aust Div vary with those of other formations the following recommendation is made by this headquarters:-

(a) That QE scale should replace range scale at present in use.

(b) Some method of securing range rule to mortar or providing a fixed container capable of carrying the range rule and range tables is essential.

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Lieutenant-General.
Commanding 1 Aust Corps.

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Q (2)
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7 AUST DIV	9 AUST DIV	1 AUST PARA BN
(b) Important changes in procedure that has been satisfactorily used for years may tend to produce confusion and errors in the stress of action. (c) Range tables and rules are liable to be lost in action and in their present form would be most unsuitable under tropical conditions. 7. An alternative suggestion was submitted for the replacement of the present range scale, slide, by a readily removable slide of spring steel, having on one side a range scale for charges 1 and 2 and on the other side a range scale for charges 3 and 4. Appropriate replacement scale slides could then be issued for subsequent changes in types of ammunition. This method has these disadvantages:- (a) Changes in ammunition will require simultaneous provision of new range scale slides which will be more difficult to produce than range tables. (b) Crews will be required to operate four different scales which may lead to confusion under stress of action, particularly at night.	(e) Conversion of initial range from yards to degrees is simpler. Disadvantages (a) Rapid corrections as at present taught could not be used. (b) New lesson for QE would have to be formulated and taught if rapid corrections are considered necessary. Rapid corrections are rarely needed.	

Attached to 1 Aust Corps
G/7137/SD of 2 May 45

3" MORTAR - RANGE STRIP

OPINIONS AS TO WHETHER A CHANGE FROM YARDS TO DEGREES OF QE IS A REQUIREMENT

7 AUST DIV	9 AUST DIV	1 AUST PARA BN
1. The views expressed by units on the use of a QE Scale in lieu of the present standard range scale are not unanimous. The majority favour the use of the QE Scale but before a firm opinion is offered require further tests. 2. Tests were carried out along the lines suggested in your memorandum. A mortar clinometer was tied to the clinometer plane and crews exercised in setting elevation by the equivalent QE disregarding the range slide and the longitudional bubble. This meant that only one range (the true range) was involved and crews experienced no difficulty in applying degrees instead of yards. Tests were conducted as a drill and no firing took place. 3. Present indications are that the QE Scale will avoid the confusion between true and false ranges which exists at present. 4. To prevent loss, range tables and range rules should be carried in a container which is permanently fixed to some part of the equipment. 5. Range rules and tables should be made of a suitable durable material. 6. The following main disadvantages were submitted by units, to the proposed conversion to the QE Scale:- (a) The additional time involved in converting the range in yards to an angle, particularly in corrections, reduces the value of the mortar as a simple and rapid support weapon.	1. Consider QE Scale should replace range scale. 2. Recommended that whilst conversion is being carried out, the right and left deflection drums be modified to permit deflections of 15 minutes to be used. It has been found that corrections of 30 minutes at long ranges often bracket the target and the mean point of impact cannot be brought into coincidence with the target. 3. The following advantages and disadvantages are submitted in support of paragraph 1 above:- Advantages (a) Suitable QE tables can be readily made. (b) Any attempt at modification of yards graduations would not be easy. (c) Where degrees in numerical order are used no confusion in setting will result, as is the case with the present strip, reading charges 1 and 2. (d) Greater accuracy in initial ranging when using charges 3 and 4.	1. Although it is desirable that ranges ordered to mortars be in yards, it has been found that it is not possible with all types of secondary charges, and therefore it is essential that a QE scale should replace the range scale at present in use. 2. It is suggested that a bronze range rule should be welded to mortar barrel to ensure that it is not lost. It is not essential to have a cursor on the scale. 3. It is also suggested that mortar range tables be made up in pamphlet form to include:- (a) Deflection conversion Table (b) Flanking Fire Safety Tables (c) Wind Correction Tables (d) Tables of Height of Culminating point of trajectory at all ranges for all charges.

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AMENDMENT 2 TO 1 AUST CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 3 ~~Copy No~~ 44

OF 30 APRIL 45 7 May 45

1. Amend Appendix 'A' Part 2 serial 9

delete "2/10 Docks Op Coy (Type C)"
Insert "2/1 Docks Op Coy (Type C) "

2. Amend Appendix 'A' Part 2 serial 36.

delete remarks "To move direct to objective"

3. Amend Appendix 'A' Part 3 serial 76

delete remarks "To move direct to objective area"

4. Amend Appendix 'B'

add serial 3(b) "One Combat Photo Team Air Evaluation Board 2 personnel 2 vehicles"

amend totals accordingly.

5. Amend Appendix 'C'

add serial 45(a) "5 Medical Receiving Station 80 personnel 24 vehicles"

amend totals accordingly.

6. Amend Appendix 'D' serial 1

amend detail to read "149 personnel 23 vehicles" and add remarks "127 personnel 40 vehicles and 260 tons stores arriving MOROTAI in amphibious shipping allotted to OBOE SIX. 22 personnel 9 vehicles to be loaded MOROTAI. All required in assault convoy".

amend totals accordingly.

7. Amend Appendix 'G' para 17(d)

delete para 17(d) and substitute -

"(d) RT code No 2 will be used on all RT conversations.

RT code No 2 map reference co-ordinates will be used for all map references passed by RT.

Current appointment codes vide Sig Trg Pamphlet 5 will be used in referring to individuals, branches and appointments in RT conversations.

L.J. Hodgman Brig.
GS 1 Aust Corps.

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AMENDMENT NO 3 TO 1 AUST CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 3 OF 30 APR 45

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11 May 45.

1. Amend Para 14

delete "23 May 45"

insert "10 Jun 45"

2. Amend Appendix 'F' as follows -

(a) amend serials 12 to 15 to read -

"12	16 May 1100 hrs	Corps Comd's Final Coordinating Conference	GS 1 Aust Corps	As for serial 5
13	18 May 0900 hrs	Final Naval Concept to reach 1 Aust Corps	Comd CTG 70.1	
14	18 May 0900 hrs	Final Air Operation Plan to reach 1 Aust Corps.	RAAF Comd.	
15	18 May 0900 hrs	Final 9 Aust Div Operation Plan to reach 1 Aust Corps	9 Aust Div	"

(b) delete serials 16 and 17

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for Brig,
GS 1 Aust Corps.

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Subject: COMMAND OF FORMATIONS AND UNITS OF 1 AUST CORPS

HQ 1 Aust Corps
11 May 45.
G/7172/SD.

9 Aust Div (16)
HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps
2/1 Aust A Topo Svy Coy
HQ 'A' Aust Corps Sigs
1 Aust Combined Ops Sec
'U' Aust FS Sec
1 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office
1 Aust Corps Accounts Office
1 Aust Corps Postal Unit
1 Aust MH Fd Team
1 Aust Corps Q I/C att 11 Aust MC Gp

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AMENDMENT NO I to 1 Aust Corps G/7147/SD of 7 May 45.

Appendix 'A'

Under command 1 Aust Corps - add 14 and 64 AL Secs
delete 34 Aust FS Sec (EE)
less det
add A det 2 Aust Op Sec
(24 pers)
delete 2 Aust Wireless Sec(Lt)

Under command 9 Aust Div - after 1 Aust Beach Gp insert (C
delete det 34 Aust FS Sec (EE)
4 pers and insert
34 Aust FS Sec (EE)
add 2 Aust Line Sec
add 2 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt)

Add note (C) - HQ 2/166 Aust GT Coy, 2/47 Aust Tpt Pl, 2/166 Aust Wksp Pl, 57 Aust BIPOD Pl, 2 Aust Ord Beach Det } Under command HQ MOROTAI Staging area until 0600 hrs 24 May.

Appendix 'B'

Add - 2/12 Aust Cav Sqn
2/13 Aust Inf Bn - delete (part only)

Add - 2/15 Aust Inf Bn (part only)

Add - 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

Appendix 'C'

Insert (A) after - 14 Aust Fd Coy
4 Aust A Tps Coy
60 Aust C Fd Pk Coy
2/1 Aust Boring Pl
2 Aust Mech Eqpt Wksp
2/44 Aust LAD (Type A)
340 Aust LAD (Type A)

Insert (B) after - 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy

Insert (D) after - 2 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk
& 3 Aust Mob Laundry and Fwd Decn Unit
14 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop
Mob Gas Gen Sec 13 Aust Adv Wksp
2/2 Aust Inf Tps Wksp less det

Amend allotment 2/3 Aust L of C Pro Coy

to OBOE SIX - 2/3 Aust L of C Pro Coy less three coys
to OBOE ONE - one Sec 2/3 Aust L of C Pro Coy

Add note (A) - under command HQ MOROTAI Staging Area until 0600 hrs 24 May.

(B) - under command HQ MOROTAI Staging Area until 0600 hrs 24 May, one platoon remains under command HQ 9 Aust Div for works.

(D) - under command HQ MOROTAI Staging Area until 0600 hrs 12 Jun.

[signature] May
Brig.
GS 1 Aust Corps.

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HQ 1 Aust Corps
7 May 45
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1. Certain changes in command have been authorized and will take place as from 0600 hrs 8 May.

2. The attached appendices show the allotment to formations of units at present under command 1 Aust Corps.

Appendix 'A'	Allotment of Corps Tps.
Appendix 'B'	9 Aust Div units at present under command 1 Aust Corps.
Appendix 'C'	1 Aust Base Sub Area units at present under command 9 Aust Div
Appendix 'D'	Allotment of RAAF, US and NEI Forces.

3. These units may be required temporarily to continue their present tasks with HQ MOROTAI Staging Area subject to requirements by 9 Aust Div for planning, preparation and trials for operations.

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Appendix 'A' to 1 Aust Corps
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ALLOTMENT OF CORPS TROOPS

UNDER COMMAND 1 AUST CORPS.	UNDER COMMAND 9 AUST DIV.
Adv HQ Brit Borneo Civil Adm Unit	
1 Aust Corps Sec Int Corps	1 Aust Beach Gp
'U' Aust FS Sec	2 Aust Beach Gp
HQ 1 Aust AL Gp 2, 3, 4 and 5 Aust Comd AL Secs, 12,13,17, 18,19,20,21,23,24,25,26,27,29,30 31,34,35,36,37,39,40,41,42,50,51, 54,58,60,61,62 AL Secs, 45 Aust AL Tac R Sqn.	
1 Aust Visitors & Observers Sec	
1 Aust Op Report Team	
1 Flt 1 Aust Mob Met Sqn	
	2 Aust Mil Ldg Gp
1 Aust Combined Ops Sec less two dets	det 1 Aust Combined Ops Sec
23 Pl 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	
3 Aust AAPIU	
	2 Aust AAPIU less det
det Public Relations	
34 Aust FS Sec (EE) less det	det 34 Aust FS Sec (EE) (4 pers)
	Two dets 11 Aust MC Gp (str 41 pers) (str 30 pers)
Det ATIS (10 pers)	
LHQ GS Eqpt Fd Sec	
	2/9 Aust Armd Regt (less two tps)
HQ RAA 1 Aust Corps	
HQ LAA Bty and two tps 53 Aust Comp AA Regt (LE)	53 Aust Comp AA Regt (LE) less HQ LAA Bty and two tps
	B Tp 1 Aust Naval Bombardment Gp
	HQ RAE 1 Aust Corps Tps
	2 Aust Fd Coy
	One Mech Eqpt Pl 5 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy
	1 Aust ED Pl
	5 Aust ED Pl
2/1 Aust A Topo Svy Coy less det (HOLLANDIA and det AUST)	
	det 5 Aust Fd Svy Coy
det HQ 'A' Aust Corps Sigs (11 pers)	det HQ A Aust Corps Sigs (16 pers)
1 Aust Tech Maint Sec	
1 Aust Line Sec	
1 Aust Line Maint Sec	
1 Aust Op Sec	
det 13 Aust Tg Op Sec (19 pers)	
det 33 Aust Tele Swbd Op Sec (11 pers)	
1 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy)	
	13 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy)
2 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt)	
	3 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt)
	7 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt)

UNDER COMMAND 1 AUST CORPS	UNDER COMMAND 9 AUST DIV
63 Aust Wireless Sec (Type C) less det	
1 Aust DR Sec	2/9 Aust Armd Regt Sig Tp
4 Aust Engr Sig Sec	53 Aust Comp AA Regt Sig Sec
21 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K) det & 23 Aust Cipher Sec (Type J)	
	1 Aust Air Maint Coy incl 51 Aust Tpt Pl 2/46 Aust Sup Dep Pl (less det 30 pers AUST)
	2/12 Aust Fd Amb
	2/13 Aust Fd Amb
	110 Aust CCS
	2/7 Aust MCU (Type B)
11 Aust MCU (Type A) 15 Aust MCU (Type A)	
	103 Aust Mob Bact Lab
	3 Aust Mob Ent Sec
	6 Aust Mob Ent Sec
	102 Aust Adv Dep Med Stores
	109 Aust Adv Dep Med Stores less 2 pers
	36 Aust Hosp Laundry Unit
2/2 Aust Dental Unit	1 Sec 1 Aust Base Dep Dental Stores
	2/9 Aust Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk
319 Aust LAD 290 Aust LAD	
	2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp
	2/13 Aust Comp AA Regt Wksp
1 Aust Corps Fd Cash Office	
1 Aust Corps Accounts Office less det	det 1 Aust Corps Accounts Office (4 pers)
1 Aust Corps Postal Unit	
Two Secs 1 Aust Armd Div Pro Coy	
det SIB	
8 Aust War Graves Unit less det	det 8 Aust War Graves Unit (3 pers)
23 Aust War Graves Unit	
24 Aust War Graves Unit	
117 Aust Mob Cinema	
118 Aust Mob Cinema	
1 Aust MH Fd Team	

Appendix 'B' to 1 Aust Corps
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9 AUST DIV UNITS AT PRESENT UNDER COMMAND 1 AUST CORPS

HQ

HQ 9 Aust Div
"B" Aust FS Sec less det
2 Aust Mob Met Flt less det
Det Public Relations
3 Aust Op Report Team
4 Aust Visitors and Observers Sec
Det ATIS (3 pers)
Det Op Research Sec (4 pers)

CAV

HQ 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt
2/4 Aust Cav Sqn
2/11 Aust Cav Sqn

ARTY

HQ RAA 9 Aust Div
2/7 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)
2/12 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div)
2/3 Aust Tk A Regt
8 Aust Svy Bty

ENGRS

HQ RAE 9 Aust Div
2/3 Aust Fd Coy
2/7 Aust Fd Coy
2/13 Aust Fd Coy
2/16 Aust Fd Coy
2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy

SIGS

Sigs 9 Aust Div
2/43 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K) less two dets
2/7 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) Sig Sec
2/12 Aust Fd Regt (Jungle Div) Sig Sec
2/3 Aust Tk A Regt Sig Sec
3 Aust Engr Sig Sec less two dets
20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec less det
24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
26 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt Sig Tp less det

INF

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
2/13 Aust Inf Bn (part only)
2/23 Aust Inf Bn
2/24 Aust Inf Bn
2/28 Aust Inf Bn
2/32 Aust Inf Bn
2/48 Aust Inf Bn
2/2 Aust MG Bn less B coy
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn
A coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt

ST

HQ Comd AASC 9 Aust Div
HQ 2/142 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
2/16 Aust Tpt Pl
2/17 Aust Tpt Pl (less det)
2/18 Aust Tpt Pl
2/142 Aust Wksp Pl
HQ 2/156 Aust Gen Tpt Coy
2/14 Aust Tpt Pl less det
2/15 Aust Tpt Pl
2/44 Aust Tpt Pl less det
2/156 Aust Wksp Pl less det
2/26 Aust Sup Dep Pl
2/28 Aust Sup Dep Pl
2/29 Aust Sup Dep Pl
2/30 Aust Sup Dep Pl
2/31 Aust Sup Dep Pl
2/187 Aust Sup Dep Pl
2/189 Aust Sup Dep Pl

MED

2/3 Aust Fd Amb
2/8 Aust Fd Amb less det
2/11 Aust Fd Amb
2/118 Aust Mob Bath Unit
2/3 Aust MCU less det

DENTAL

2/8 Aust Dental Unit

ORD

2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk
2/123 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk

AEME

2/122 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A)
2/123 Aust Bde Wksp (Type A)
2/58 Aust LAD less det — att 20 Aust Inf Bde
2/61 Aust LAD — att 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
2/63 Aust LAD (Type D) — att 2/7 Aust Fd Regt
2/71 Aust LAD (Type G) — att 2/3 Aust Tk A Regt
2/67 Aust LAD (Type A) — att HQ 9 Aust Div
2/72 Aust LAD (Type A) — att 2/24 Aust Fd Pk Coy
2/78 Aust LAD (Type J) — att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
2/76 Aust LAD (Type J) less det — att HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde

MISC

9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office less det
9 Aust Div Postal Unit less one det
9 Aust Div Pro Coy less one sec
9 Aust Div Sal Unit less one det
9 Aust Div Reception Camp
9 Aust Div det AACS
9 Aust MH Fd Team

Appendix 'C' to 1 Aust Corps
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1 AUST BASE SUB AREA UNITS AT PRESENT UNDER COMMAND 9 AUST DIV

ALLOTTED OBOE SIX	ALLOTTED OBOE ONE
HQ 8 Aust Base Sub Area	Det HQ 7 Aust Base Sub Area (15 pers)
2/3 Aust AA Regt Comp 9 Aust CRE Wks 73 Aust DCRE Wks 14 Aust Fd Coy 4 Aust A Tps Coy 60 Aust C Fd Pk Coy 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy 2 Aust Port Constr Coy	
2/1 Aust Docks Op Coy 2/1 Aust Boring Pl 1 Aust Welding Pl less det AUST 2 Aust Welding Pl det 7 pl 1 Aust Port Maint Coy (20 pers) 4 Aust Mech Eqpt Spare Parts Sec det HQ 22 Aust L of C Sigs (str 16 pers) 11 Aust Line Sec less det (31 pers) 8 Aust Line Maint Sec det 9 Aust Tech Maint Sec (str 4 pers) 3 Aust Tech Maint Sec 18 Aust Op Sec less det (19 pers) det 94 Aust Tele Swbd Op Sec (11 pers) 3 Aust DR Sec less det (20 pers)	One pl 2/10 Aust Docks Op Coy det HQ 22 Aust L of C Sigs (str 8 pers) det 11 Aust Line Sec (55 pers) det 9 Aust Tech Maint Sec (str 8 pers) det 18 Aust Op Sec (21 pers) det 3 Aust DR Sec (7 pers) det 25 Aust Wireless Sec (Lt) (13 pers) Two dets 41 Aust Wireless Sec(Hy) det 49 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy) (19 pers)
49 Aust Wireless Sec (Hy) less det (19 pers) Det of 4 Aust Sig Eqpt Sec 4 pers 50 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K) less det (11 pers)	det 50 Aust Cipher Sec (Type K) (11 pers) Op det 5 Aust Pigeon Sec Two dets 'Q' Aust FS Sec
2/3 Aust AA Regt (Comp) Sig Sec det 1 Aust Fd Censorship Coy 62 Aust BIPOD Pl	det 64 Aust BIPOD Pl (14 pers) det HQ 4 Aust Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy (str 8 pers) det one pl 4 Aust Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy (str 11 pers)
HQ 2/26 Aust Sup Dep Coy 179 Aust Sup Dep Pl 180 Aust Sup Dep Pl 13 Aust Fd Baking Pl 15 Aust Fd Baking Pl 2/30 Aust Tpt Pl	2/3 Aust Fd Baking Pl

ALLOTTED OBOE SIX	ALLOTTED OBOE ONE
2/19 Aust Tpt Pl(DUKW) less det AUST	
2/1 Aust Amp Veh Increment	
2/20 Aust Tpt Pl (DUKW)less det AUST	
2/2 Aust Amp Veh Increment	
2/106 Aust Wksp Pl	
2/2 Aust MAC Pl less two secs and det AUST	Two secs 2/2 Aust MAC Pl
Surgical Team 2/6 AGH	
	9 Aust MCU (Type B)
	13 Aust MCU (Type B)
2/5 Aust Dental Unit less one sec	One sec 2/5 Aust Dental Unit
2/7 Aust Dental Unit	
	det 17 Aust AOD (str 32 pers)
	det 4 Aust RSD (str 10 pers)
	det 10 AOVP (str 20 pers)
	det 14 AAD (str 10 pers)
2 Aust Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk	
	det 5 Aust Ord Port Det (str 4 pers)
⅔ 3 Aust Mob Laundry and Fwd Decn Unit	
14 Aust Mob Amn Repair Shop	
Mob Gas Gen Sec 13 Aust Adv Wksp	
2/2 Aust Inf Tps Wksp less det AUST	
2 Aust Mech Eqpt Wksp	
2/3 Aust AA Regt (Comp) Wksp	
260 Aust LAD (Type A)	
2/44 Aust LAD (Type A)	
2/66 Aust LAD (Type A)	
340 Aust LAD (Type A)	
93 Aust Dep Cash Office	94 Aust Dep Cash Office
det 6 Aust Base Postal Unit (str 30 pers)	det 6 Aust Base Postal Unit (str 15 pers)
2/3 Aust L of C Pro Coy less two sees	Two secs 2/3 Aust L of C Pro Coy
det 11 Aust L of C Stationery Dep (Type A) (10 pers)	
det AACS (str 40 pers)	det AACS (str 20 pers)
111 Aust Mob Cinema	112 Aust Mob Cinema
	det 37 Aust L of C Sal Sec (str 10 pers)
14 Aust Wks Coy	
det 10 Aust Kit Store (str 5 pers)	det 10 Aust Kit Store(str 5 pers)
det 1 Aust Base Sub Area	det 1 Aust Base Sub Area
Details Depot (str 41 pers)	Detail Depot (str 9 pers)
	det 2 Aust Adv 2nd Ech (str 5 pers)
	det 11 Aust L of C Sta Depot (1 OR)

Appendix 'D' to 1 Aust Corps
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ALLOTMENT OF RAAF, US AND NEI FORCES

UNDER COMMAND 1 AUST CORPS	UNDER COMMAND 9 AUST DIV
RAAF	
	det 61 Airfield Construction Wing RAAF 1 Airfield Construction Sqn RAAF
det 62 Airfield Construction Wing 2 Airfield Construction Sqn RAAF 4 Airfield Construction Sqn RAAF 5 Airfield Construction Sqn RAAF 6 Airfield Construction Sqn RAAF	
21 Air Stores Pk RAAF	8 Airfield Construction Sqn RAAF
	4 Wireless Unit RAAF
US TROOPS	
727 Amphibian Tractor Bn less 1 coy Boat Bn 593 EB&S Regt less two coys and Boat Maint Pl 1463 Engr Port Maint Coy	1 Coy 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn 1 Boat Coy and Boat Maint Pl 593 EB&S Regt det 453 Counter Int Corps (7 pers)
NEI FORCES	
1 Coy 1 Bn NEI Inf NICA Unit less det	2 Coy 1 Bn NEI Inf det NICA Unit

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MINUTE

Until further notice the Commander's Conference will not be held on Sundays.

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12 May 45.

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G11 Air	[redacted]
CCRA	[redacted]
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DA & QMG	

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AMENDMENT NO 4 TO 1 AUST CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 3 Copy No ..
OF 30 APR 45. 11 May 45

1. Amend Appendix 'A' Part I serial 9

delete"8 Svy Bty less one tp 53 pers 10 vehs "

insert"8 Svy Bty 73 pers 12 vehs "

amend totals accordingly.

2. Amend Appendix 'A' Part 3 serial 79

delete"det 1 Base Sub Area Details Depot 75 pers 4 vehs"

insert"det 1 Base Sub Area Details Depot 40 pers 4 vehs"

3. Amend Appendix 'A' Part 3 serial 81

delete"det Adv 2nd Ech. 10 pers "

insert"det Adv 2nd Ech 6 pers "

amend totals accordingly

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1 AUST CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 4 — Copy No 46

OBOE TWO — 13 May 45.

(Issued in conjunction with 1 Aust Corps Administrative Order No 5)

Ref Maps - BALIKPAPAN 1:50,000 Sheets A, B and C

INFORMATION

Enemy

1. Intelligence information is included in 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Review OBOE TWO (preliminary) and in Allied Geographical Section Terrain Handbook No 62 which have already been issued. Further information will be issued as it becomes available.

Own Forces

2. (a) 7 Aust Div and Corps and Base Troops allotted for this operation are being concentrated at MOROTAI.

(b) It is expected that on the commencement of this operation, airfield facilities will have been established on TARAKAN ISLAND to provide air cover, preliminary air bombardment, and direct support for this operation as required.

(c) 9 Aust Div (less 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp) is to seize and hold the area BRUNEI BAY - MIRI - LUTONG - SERIA of NORTH BORNEO. This operation is known as OBOE SIX, the target date for which is 10 Jun 45. It is expected that on the commencement of the OBOE SIX operation airfield facilities will have been established on LABUAN ISLAND to augment the air support from TARAKAN ISLAND as required.

(d) Naval and air support for this operation is being provided by ALLIED NAVAL Forces and ALLIED AIR Forces respectively.

(e) The Allied Forces shown in para 5(b) hereunder are in support of 1 Aust Corps and those units in para 5(a) are under command 1 Aust Corps for OBOE TWO.

(f) The following formations will be in 1 Aust Corps reserve -

26 Aust Inf Bde Gp - MOROTAI

26 Aust Inf Bde Gp - TARAKAN

INTENTION

3. 1 Aust Corps will capture and hold the BALIKPAPAN - MANGGAR area of eastern BORNEO to enable the establishment of air and naval forces and logistical facilities and to conserve the petroleum producing and processing installations therein.

METHOD

4. The operation will be carried out by 7 Aust Div and attached troops (less 25 Aust Inf Bde Gp) in amphibious shipping mounted from MOROTAI, and will be supported by ALLIED NAVAL Forces and ALLIED AIR Forces.

Force Order of Battle

5. (a) The following units are placed under command 7 Aust Div for the operation -

7 Aust Div Units	-	Appendix 'A' Part 1
1 Aust Corps Troops and RAAF Units allotted 7 Aust Div Force	-	Appendix 'A' Part 2
1 Aust Base Sub Area Units	-	Appendix 'A' Part 3
US and NEI Units	-	Appendix 'B'

(b) Forces in support of 7 Aust Div for the operation -

RAAF Units	-	Appendix 'C'
US Naval Units	-	Appendix 'D'

(c) The 7 Aust Div units shown in Appendix 'A' Part 1 may not all be required and need not neeessarily be included in the final Order of Battle. Any variation to the present Order of Battle must be within the total number of personnel and vehicles shown. Such variation will be made only with approval of this headquarters.

(d) The Corps and Base units allotted for the operation as shown in Appendix 'A' Parts 2 and 3 have been approved by GHQ and are probably in excess of those required for the operation. Units not required for the operation should not be included in the final Order of Battle.

Tasks

6. (a) 7 Aust Div will -

By overwater operations seize and secure a beachhead in the area BALIKPAPAN - MANGGAR.

(b) Secure the port and airfield areas and establish air facilities as follows -

By F plus 6 - facilities for one fighter wing (three squadrons)

one air sea rescue flight

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 Charting Squadron.

(c) Secure harbourage installations and establish naval facilities as required and as arranged with ALLIED NAVAL Forces.

(d) Secure the area BALIKPAPAN - MANGGAR and such adjacent areas as will ensure uninterrupted naval and air operations therefrom.

(e) Continue the offensive and destroy hostile forces in the general BALIKPAPAN area.

(f) Occupy and defend sites for radar and air warning installations in eastern BORNEO as arranged with ALLIED NAVAL and ALLIED AIR Forces.

(g) Re-establish NETHERLANDS civil government agencies within the occupied area. As soon as it is safe to do so, the NEI Government is to take over sole responsibility for the civil administration of the area. The decision as to when the military position is sufficiently stable to permit this change of responsibility will rest with the Commander 7 Aust Div.

(h) Protect and conserve petroleum producing and processing installations remaining in the area using NEI personnel to the greatest possible extent for this purpose.

(j) Arrange transportation from staging areas to the objective area as required by ALLIED NAVAL and ALLIED AIR Forces for the movement of naval and air units shown in Appendix 'C' and 'D'.

7. ALLIED NAVAL Forces are to -

(a) Transport and establish landing forces ashore in the area BALIKPAPAN - MANGGAR as arranged with 7 Aust Div and provide naval support therefor.

(b) Transport supporting troops and their supplies as required to BALIKPAPAN by naval assault shipping. The naval assault shipping to be provided for this operation is as follows -

1 LSD
3 LSI
5 APD
34 LST
22 LSM
15 LCI

The above shipping is expected to be available at MOROTAI by F minus 14 and is to be released at BALIKPAPAN by F plus 23.

(c) Escort and protect shipping on the lines of communication to the BALIKPAPAN area.

(d) Initiate motor torpedo boat operations in the BALIKPAPAN area at the earliest practicable date and establish naval forces therein as required and as arranged with 7 Aust Div.

8. ALLIED AIR Forces are to -

(a) Provide aerial reconnaissance and photography of the eastern BORNEO area as required by the ALLIED NAVAL Forces and 1 Aust Corps.

(b) Provide air cover for the naval task forces and convoys and direct support of the landing and subsequent ground operations as arranged with the ALLIED NAVAL Forces and 7 Aust Div.

(c) Neutralise hostile ground, naval and air forces and installations within supporting distance of the objective area and deny their movement thereto.

(d) Prior to F Day destroy hostile ground defences in the area BALIKPAPAN - MANGGAR and destroy oil installations that are capable of being used as a burning oil defence against the landing and subsequent ground operations.

(e) Establish air forces in the area BALIKPAPAN - MANGGAR as indicated in para 6(b) above.

(f) Establish and operate radar and air warning installations in eastern BORNEO as arranged with 7 Aust Div.

Command

9. During the amphibious movements and landing the Commander Naval Attack Force will command the operation until the landing force is established ashore. Command of the forces ashore then passes to the Commander 7 Aust Div. The exact time of transfer of command will be announced by all commanders by wireless. The controlling considerations for fixing the time when the landing force is established ashore will be mutually decided between the Commander Naval Attack Force and the Commander 7 Aust Div and will be announced by them to appropriate subordinates.

Channel of Command

10. ALLIED NAVAL Forces and ALLIED AIR Forces are in support of 7 Aust Div for the operation. Direct communication is authorised between 7 Aust Div, Advanced RAAF Command, Naval Task Force and 1 TAF RAAF - see Appendix 'E'.

Air Targets

11. (a) 7 Aust Div will submit to Advanced RAAF Command requirements for air attack for this operation. Details are required as under -

Targets to be attacked prior to the period of intensification before F Day. These will be submitted as early as possible.

Targets to be attacked during the period of intensive air attack immediately prior to F Day.

Targets to be attacked and air attack required in support of ground forces on F Day.

7 Aust Div will inform this headquarters of the requirements submitted to Advanced RAAF Command.

(b) GHQ approval is required before the following types of targets are attacked -

Oil installations
Harbour facilities
Rail and highway systems
Public utilities

except that oil installations capable of being used in a burning oil defence against the landing and subsequent ground operations may be attacked, without reference to GHQ. Application for permission to attack the above types of targets will be submitted to this headquarters.

Engineers

12. Details of special engineer tasks are set out in Appendix 'E' issued with 1 Aust Corps Administrative Order No 5.

13. RAAF Airfield Construction units are placed under command 7 Aust Div for airfield construction tasks.

F Day

14. The tentative target date for F Day (the day on which the landing is made) is 10 Jul 1945.

Planning Requirements

15. (a) The planning time table is issued as Appendix 'F'

(b) The requirements shown therein will be forwarded to this headquarters by the times and dates shown in this time table.

ADMINISTRATION

16. See 1 Aust Corps Administrative Order No 5 and Maintenance Project OBOE TWO, issued separately.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

17. (a) Intercommunication plan is attached as Appendix 'G'.

(b) Code word for the operation is OBOE TWO.

18. ACKNOWLEDGE by signal or by signing and returning the receipt attached.

Issued as shown in the
Distribution Table attached

Signed at 1705 hrs

H Wells Brig.
GS 1 Aust Corps

DISTRIBUTION LIST

Appendix 'A' - Order of Battle AMF Units and RAAF Units under command.
'B' - US and NEI Units under command 7 Aust Div
'C' - RAAF Units
'D' - US Naval Units
'E' - Organisation of Forces and Channel of Command
'F' - Planning Time Table
'G' - Intercommunication Plan

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9 Aust Div	13 - 14	13 - 14	13 - 14	13 - 14	13 - 14	13 - 14	13 - 14	13 - 14	DRLS
Allied Naval Forces	15	15	15	15	15	15		15	DRLS
Task Gp 78.1	16 - 17	16 - 17	16 - 17	16 - 17	16 - 17	16 - 17	15 - 16	16 - 17	DRLS
Allied Air Forces	18	18	18	18	18	18		18	DRLS
RAAF Comd	19 - 20	19 - 20	19 - 20	19 - 20	19 - 20	19 - 20	17 - 18	19 - 20	DRLS
Adv LHQ	21 - 24	21 - 24	21 - 24	21 - 24	21 - 24	21 - 24		21 - 24	DRLS
Comd	25	25	25	25	25	25	19	25	Hand
BGS	26	26	26	26	26	26	20	26	Hand
G (Ops)	27 - 29	27 - 29	27 - 29	27 - 29	27 - 29	27 - 29	21 - 23	27 - 29	Hand
G (Int)	30	30	30	30	30	30	24	30	Hand
G (Air)	31	31	31	31	31	31	25	31	Hand
DA & QMG	32	32	32	32	32	32	26	32	Hand
Q	33 - 35	33 - 35	33 - 35	33 - 35	33 - 35	33 - 35	27 - 29	33 - 35	Hand
CCRA	36	36	36	36	36	36	30	36	Hand
CE	37	37	37	37	37	37	31	37	Hand
CSO	38	38	38	38	38	38	32	38	Hand
DDST	39	39	39	39	39	39	33		Hand
DDOS	40	40	40	40	40	40	34		Hand
DDME	41	41	41	41	41	41	35		Hand
DDMS	42	42	42	42	42	42	36		Hand
File	43 - 44	43 - 44	43 - 44	43 - 44	43 - 44	43 - 44	37 - 38	39 - 40	Hand
War Diary	45 - 46	45 - 46	45 - 46	45 - 46	45 - 46	45 - 46	39 - 40	41 - 42	Hand

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Appendix 'A' to 1 Aust Corps Operation Instruction No 4.

ORDER OF BATTLE

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AMF UNITS

OBOE TWO

Serial	Formation or Unit	Pers	Vehs	Remarks
	PART I - 7 AUST DIV UNITS			
	HQ			
1	HQ 7 Aust Div	227	34	
2	2 Op Report Team	4	-	
3	det Directorate Public Relations	10	2	
4	4 Flt 1 Mob Met Sqn	11	4	
	CAV			
5	2/7 Cav (Cdo) Regt - less one sqn	605	16	
	ARTY			
6	HQ RAA 7 Div	36	6	
7	2/4 Fd Regt (Jungle Div)	687	102	
8	2/5 Fd Regt (Jungle Div)	687	102	
9	2/2 Tk A Regt less one bty	344	78	
10	2/7 Svy Bty	73	12	
	ENGRS			
11	HQ RAE 7 Div	40	10	
12	2/5 Fd Coy	251	51	
13	2/6 Fd Coy	251	51	
14	2/9 Fd Coy	251	51	
15	2/25 Fd Pk Coy less det	197	60	
	SIGS			
16	Sigs 7 Div less det	257	54	
17	2/7 Cav (Cdo)Regt Sig Tp	15	-	
18	2/4 Fd Regt (Jungle Div) Sig Sec	35	8	
19	2/5 Fd Regt (Jungle Div) Sig Sec	35	8	

Appendix 'A'
Part 1

Serial	Formation or Unit	Pers	Vehs	Remarks
	SIGS (Cont'd)			
20	2/2 Tk A Regt Sig Sec	18	4	
21	2 Engr Sig Sec	20	6	
22	18 Inf Bde Sig Sec	49	10	
23	21 Inf Bde Sig Sec	49	10	
24	2/42 Cipher Sec (Type K) less dets	13	-	
	INF			
25	HQ 18 Inf Bde	85	12	
26	HQ 21 Inf Bde	85	12	
27	2/9 Inf Bn	834	26	
28	2/10 Inf Bn	834	26	
29	2/12 Inf Bn	834	26	
30	2/14 Inf Bn	834	26	
31	2/16 Inf Bn	834	26	
32	2/27 Inf Bn	834	26	
33	2/1 Pnr Bn	834	26	
34	2/1 MG Bn less one coy	512	34	
35	B Coy 2/1 Gd Regt less one pl	143	4	
	INT			
36	'C' FS Sec	15	4	
37	det ATIS	9	-	
	ST			
38	HQ Comd 7 Div AASC	42	6	
39	HQ 2/2 Sup Dep Coy	16	4	
40	2/5 Sup Dep Pl	33	4	
41	2/6 Sup Dep Pl	33	4	
42	2/8 Sup Dep Pl	33	4	
43	2/10 Sup Dep Pl	33	4	
44	2/33 Sup Dep Pl	33	4	
45	2/34 Sup Dep Pl	33	4	
46	HQ 2/6 Gen Tpt Coy	28	7	
47	2/10 Tpt Pl	99	46	2½ ton
48	2/11 Tpt Pl	99	45	2½ ton
49	2/12 Tpt Pl	99	46	2½ ton
50	2/6 Wksp Pl	25	8	
51	HQ 2/153 Gen Tpt Coy	28	7	
52	2/9 Tpt Pl	99	85	Jeep
53	2/8 Tpt Pl	99	85	Jeep
54	2/43 Tpt Pl	99	85	Jeep
55	2/153 Wksp Pl	25	15	
	MED			
56	2/2 CCS	136	14	
57	2/5 Fd Amb	234	19	
58	2/6 Fd Amb	234	19	
59	2/101 Mob BU	18	14	
60	2/2 Malaria Control Unit	32	8	
61	20 Hosp Laundry Unit(Type B)	6	2	
	DENTAL			
62	2/6 Dental Unit less one sec	36	2	

Appendix 'A'
Part 1

Serial	Formation or Unit	Pers	Vehs	Remarks
	ORD			
63	2/117 Bde Ord Fd Pk	22	18	
64	2/125 Bde Ord Fd Pk	22	18	
	AEME			
65	2/117 Bde Wksp	130	25	
66	2/125 Bde Wksp	130	25	
67	2/51 LAD (Type D)	37	12	Att 2/4 Fd Regt (JD)
68	2/52 LAD (Type D)	37	12	Att 2/5 Fd Regt (JD)
69	2/54 LAD (Type G) less det	35	12	Att 2/2 Tk A Regt
70	2/56 LAD (Type A)	16	6	Att HQ 7 Div
71	2/55 LAD (Type A)	16	6	Att 2/25 Fd Pk Coy
72	2/47 LAD (Type J)	31	10	
73	2/59 LAD (Type J)	31	10	
	PAY			
74	7 Div Fd Cash Office	6	-	
	POSTAL			
75	7 Div Postal Unit less det	19	4	
	PRO			
76	7 Div Pro Coy less det	88	8	
	CANTEENS			
77	det AA Canteens Service	22	2	
	AMENITIES			
78	113 Mob Cinema Aust Cinema Unit	3	2	
79	114 Mob Cinema Aust Cinema Unit	3	2	
	MISC			
80	7 Div Reception Camp	17	4	
81	7 Div Sal Unit	23	2	
82	3 Visitors & Observers Sec	9	4	
83	7 Fd Team Mil Hist Sec LHQ	6	4	
	TOTAL	13207	1654	

Appendix 'A'
Part 2

Serial	Formation or Unit	Pers	Vehs	Remarks
	PART 2 - CORPS TROOPS ALLOTTED INCL 2 AUST BEACH GROUP AND RAAF UNITS UNDER COMMAND			
	BEACH GROUP			
1	2 Aust Beach Group	2096	273	
	HQ			
2	det 1 Combined Op Sec	2	-	
3	1 Mil Landing Gp	21	8	
4	det 11 MC Gp (Type E)	30	6	
	ARMD			
5	1 Armd Regt less one sqn	396	133	2/5 Armd Regt less one sqn may be included in OOB in lieu of 1 Armd Regt less one sqn
6	det 2/1 Armd Bde Recce Sqn	-	-	see Note 1
	ARTY			
7	'A' Tp 1 Naval Bombardment Gp	71	19	
8	2/1 AA Regt (Comp) LE	934	117	
	ENGRS			
9	1 BD Pl	23	3	
10	5 Docks Op Coy (Type C)	293	17	
11	det 8 pl 1 Port Maint Coy	20	3	
	SVY			
12	det 5 Fd Svy Coy	24	2	
	SIGS			
13	det HQ 'A' Corps Sigs	16	4	
14	3 Line Sec	66	10	
15	13 Line Maint Sec	27	5	
16	1 Wireless Sec (Hy)	38	16	
17	12 Wireless Sec (Lt)	25	-	HQ Ship
18	40 Wireless Sec (Lt)	25	-	HQ Ship
19	24 Wireless Sec (Lt) less det	13	4	
20	1 Armd Regt Sig Tp less det	16	8	2/5 Armd Regt Sig Tp less det may be included in OOB in lieu of 1 Armd Regt Sig Tp less det
21	2/1 AA Regt (Comp) Sig Sec	32	8	
22	5 Pigeon Sec (Type A) less det	10	2	
	INT			
23	det 2 AAPIU	6	2	
24	35 FS Sec (Enemy Eqpt)	13	-	
	ST			
25	HQ Comd 1 Aust Corps AASC	43	6	
26	HQ 3 Sup Dep Coy	15	4	

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Part 2

Serial	Formation or Unit	Pers	Vehs	Remarks
	ST (Cont'd)			
27	11 Sup Dep Pl	33	4	
28	12 Sup Dep Pl	33	4	
29	2/25 Tpt Pl	99	46	2½ ton
	MED			
30	110 Adv Dep Med Stores	9	2	
31	2/3 CCS	128	14	
32	21 Hosp Laundry Unit(Type B)	6	2	Att 2/3 CCS
33	10 Fd Amb	218	19	
34	2/3 Mob Bact Lab	6	4	
35	4 Mob Entomological Sec	3	2	
	DENTAL			
36	2/1 Dental Unit	41	2	
37	2 Sec 1 Base Dep Dental Stores	4	2	
	ORD			
38	1 Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk(LE) less det	20	16	2/5 Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk less det may be included in OOB in lieu of 1 Armd Regt Ord Fd Pk (LE) less det
39	det 4 Armd Bde Ord Fd Pk	-	-	see Note 1
40	120 Bde Ord Fd Pk	22	18	
	AEME			
41	1 Armd Regt Wksp (Type A) less det	100	18	2/5 Armd Regt Wksp less det may be included in OOB in lieu of 1 Armd Regt Wksp (Type A) less det
42	det 4 Armd Bde Wksp	-	-	see Note 1
43	120 Bde Wksp	130	25	
44	2/1 AA Regt (Comp) Wksp	89	18	
45	209 IAD (Type H) less det	45	8	Att 1 Armd Regt. LAD att 2/5 Armd Regt may be included in OOB in lieu of 209 LAD (Type A) less det
	PAY			
46	det 1 Corps Accounts Office	4	-	
	GRAVES			
47	24 War Graves Unit	9	3	
	TOTAL CORPS TROOPS ALLOTTED	5254	857	
48	1 Airfield Constr Sqn RAAF	550	176	ex OBOE ONE
49	8 Airfield Constr Sqn RAAF	550	176	ex OBOE ONE
50	2 Airfield Constr Sqn RAAF	550	176	
51	6 Airfield Constr Sqn RAAF	550	176	
52	HQ 61 Airfield Constr Wing less det (RAAF)	85	4	
53	det 61 Airfield Constr Wing RAAF	15	2	ex OBOE ONE

Appendix 'A'
Part 2

Serial	Formation or Unit	Pers	Vehs	Remarks
54	23 Air Stores Pk (RAAF)	56	30	
55	5 Bomb Disposal Sec	10	1	
56	26 Medical Clearing Sta	34	8	
	TOTAL CORPS TROOPS AND RAAF UNITS UNDER COMMAND	7654	1606	

NOTE 1 : Elements of 2/1 Armd Bde Recce Sqn 4 Armd Bde Ord Fd Pk and 4 Armd Bde Wksp may be made available for OBOE TWO force as requested by 7 Aust Div and as approved by 1 Aust Corps.

Appendix 'A'
Part 3

Serial	Formation or Unit	Pers	Vehs	Remarks
	PART 3 - 1 AUST BASE SUB AREA UNITS ALLOTTED			
	HQ			
1	HQ 7 Base Sub Area (Type D)	118	10	
	ENGRS			
2	12 CRE (Wks)	34	9	
3	57 DCRE (Wks)	20	5	
4	21 Fd Coy	251	51	
5	2/4 Fd Sqn	251	51	
6	9 A Tps Coy	277	46	
7	2/2 Rly Constr Coy(Mech Eqpt)	254	157	
8	5 Mech Eqpt Spare Parts Sec	13	2	
9	11 Wksp and Pk Coy	283	20	
10	1 Port Constr Coy	286	59	
11	3 Welding Pl	47	14	
12	5 Welding Pl	47	14	
	SIGS			
13	det HQ 22 L of C Sigs	16	3	
14	13 Line Sec	66	10	
15	det 9 Tech Maint Sec	10	2	ex OBOE ONE
16	9 Tele Op Sec	38	4	
17	det 3 DR Sec	11	10	
18	det 94 Tele Swbd Op Sec	11	2	ex OBOE ONE
19	36 Cipher Sec (Type K) less det	15	-	
20	det 4 Sig Eqpt Sec	4	-	
	INT			
21	det 'Q' FS Sec	2	-	ex OBOE ONE
22	det 1 Fd Censorship Coy	10	-	
	ST			
23	66 BIPOD Pl	29	2	
24	det 4 Bulk Petroleum Storage Coy	45	1	
25	20 Fd Baking Pl	37	2	
26	46 Fd Baking Pl	37	2	
27	49 Tpt Pl (DUKWS)	99	51	
28	50 Tpt Pl (DUKWS)	99	51	
29	4 Amphibious Veh Increment	26	3	
30	5 Amphibious Veh Increment	26	3	
31	2/4 MAC Pl	110	47	
	MED			
32	2/12 Gen Hosp (600 bed)	327	16	
33	Surgical Team 2/2 Gen Hosp	6	-	To move ex MOROTAI
34	14 Malaria Control Unit (Type B)	19	8	
35	17 Malaria Control Unit (Type B)	19	8	

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Part 3

Serial	Formation or Unit	Pers	Vehs	Remarks
	MED (Cont'd)			
36	44 Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B)	6	2	Att 2/12 Gen Hosp
37	45 Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B)	6	2	Att 2/12 Gen Hosp
38	46 Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B)	6	2	Att 2/12 Gen Hosp
	DENTAL			
39	2/2 Dental Unit	41	2	
	ORD			
40	det 17 AOD	125	7	
41	det 4 RSD	34	2	
42	det 10 Ord Veh Pk (LE)	30	4	
43	det 14 AAD (Type B)	52	5	
44	2/3 Inf Tps Ord Fd Pk	74	46	
45	det 2/7 Mob Laundry & Fwd Decn Unit	65	13	
46	det 5 Ord Port Det(Type B)	15	1	
47	2 Mob Amn Repair Shop	14	2	
	AEME			
48	2/3 Inf Tps Wksp	219	39	
49	5 Mech Eqpt Wksp	58	5	Att 2/2 Rly Constr Coy
50	336 LAD (Type A)	16	4	Att HQ Base Sub Area
51	228 LAD (Type A)	16	4	Att 2/2 Rly Constr Coy
52	305 LAD (Type A)	16	4	Att 11 Wksp & Pk Coy
53	6 Mob Gas Gen Sec	13	5	
54	det 10 Veh Pk Wksp	30	6	
55	one Mob Tyre Repair Unit	15	5	
	PAY			
56	108 Depot Cash Office (Type A)	10	-	
	PRO			
57	Two secs 2/3 L of C Pro Coy	30	4	
	POSTAL			
58	det 6 Base Postal Unit	30	2	
	PRINTING & STATIONERY			
59	det 11 L of C Stationery Dep	10	-	
	CANTEENS			
60	det AA Canteens Service	40	2	
	AMENITIES			
61	17 Mob Cinema Aust Cinema Unit	3	2	
62	28 Mob Cinema Aust Cinema Unit	3	2	

Appendix 'A'
Part 3

Serial	Formation or Unit	Pers	Vehs	Remarks
	MISC			
63	28 Wks Coy	468	4	
64	det 37 L of C Sal Sec	20	1	incl 10 pers ex OBOE ONE
65	det 10 Kit Store	5	-	
66	det 1 Base Sub Area Details Depot	40	4	
67	det 2 Adv 2nd Ech	6	-	
	TOTAL BASE TROOPS ALLOTTED	4459	844	

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US AND NEI UNITS

(Requiring overwater transportation to the objective area)

Serial	Formation or Unit	Pers	Vehs	Remarks
	US UNITS			
1	727 Amphibian Tractor Bn US less one pl	447	133	(incl LVT4) ex OBOE ONE via MOROTAI
2	one coy boat bn 593 EBSR	331	7	excl boats and craft
3	det 1463 Engr Boat Maint Coy US	53	25	approx vehicles
4	det CIC	15	7	approx pers
	NEI UNITS			
5	1 coy NEI Bn	160	-	
6	NICA	84	12	
	MISCELLANEOUS UNITS			
7	det SRD	10	-	approx
8	det FELO	7	-2	approx
	TOTAL	1107	186	

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RAAF UNITS

(Requiring overwater transportation to the objective area)

(Units marked ex Ports other than MOROTAI are to be moved in USASOS heavy shipping)

Serial	Formation or Unit	Pers	Vehs	Remarks
1	75 F Sqn	311	32	
2	78 F Sqn	311	32	
3	80 F Sqn	311	32	
4	22 AB Sqn	348	47	
5	30 AB Sqn	348	30	
6	31 AB Sqn	348	31	
7	21 HB Sqn	641	64	ex DARWIN
8	23 HB Sqn	649	53	ex DARWIN
9	24 HB Sqn	649	67	ex DARWIN
10	2 MB Sqn	530	41	ex JACQUINOT BAY
11	18 MB Sqn (NEI)	530	41	ex JACQUINOT BAY
12	det 113 ASR Flt	64	5	
13	det 4 Army Co-op Sqn	60	12	
14	det 16 AOP Flt	15	3	
15	det 9 LASU	60	3	
16	det HQ 1 TAF	240	8	
17	det 4 RIMU	60	6	
18	det 10 Rep Centre	35	6	
19	det 2 MCU	13	2	
20	det 11 Postal Unit	7	3	
21	det 9 TMC	60	9	
22	det Service Police Unit	11	1	
23	det Airfield Defence Unit	112	1	
24	det Air Formation Sig Unit	160	15	
25	Air Support Section	40	18	
26	HQ 77 AB Wing	57	20	
27	61 OBU	345	42	
28	26 RSU	366	66	
29	23 MCS	62	9	
30	27 ASP	90	12	
31	HQ 70 F Wing	68	13	
32	11 RSU	432	88	
33	28 MCS	32	8	
34	29 ASP	90	12	
35	114 MFCU	285	68	
36	309 RS	34	-	
37	312 RS	34	-	
38	354 RS	34	-	
39	168 RS	31	-	
40	162 RS	31	-	
41	343 RS	34	-	
42	302 RS	34	-	
43	det HQ 83 A Co-op Wing	32	6	
44	HQ 82 HB Wing	76	17	ex DARWIN
45	6 RSU	385	64	ex DARWIN
46	30 MCS	33	6	ex DARWIN
47	24 ASP	72	7	ex DARWIN

Serial	Formation or Unit	Pers	Vehs	Remarks
48	18 Rep Centre	72	9	ex DARWIN
49	85 OBU	120	25	ex DARWIN
50	HQ 79 MB Wing	60	17	ex JACQUINOT BAY
51	83 OBU	120	25	ex JACQUINOT BAY
52	28 ASP	75	15	ex JACQUINOT BAY
53	27 MCS	33	6	ex JACQUINOT BAY
54	18 RSU	380	30	ex JACQUINOT BAY
55	Combat Photo Team & Air Evaluation Board	2	2	
	TOTAL	9402	1129	

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US NAVAL UNITS

(Requiring overwater transportation to the objective area)

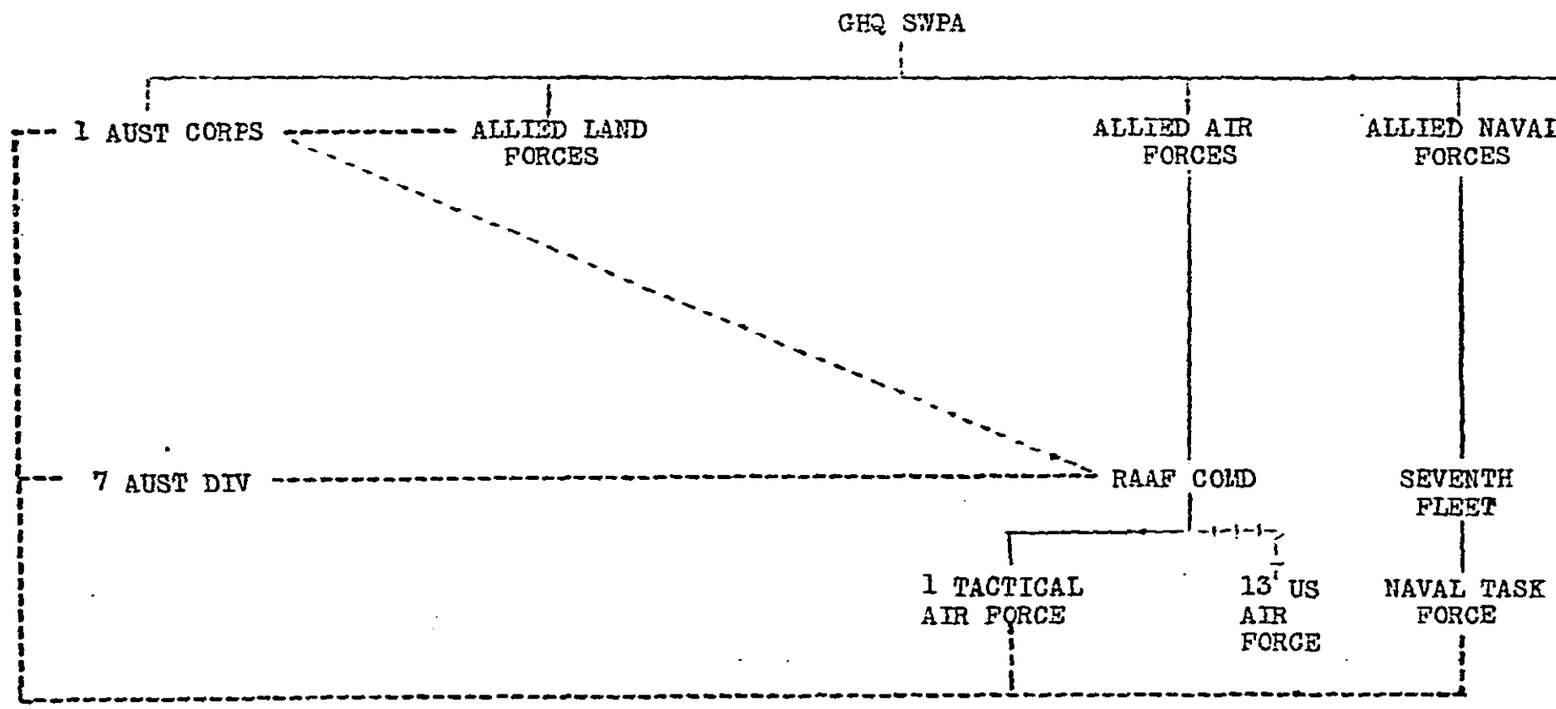
Serial	Formation or Unit	Pers	Vehs	Remarks
1	Mob Comn Unit No 15	21		
2	PT Adv Base No 7	72		
3	CB Detachment	57		
4	C3 Radio Sta Oper Base(small)	17		
5	NABU No 12	30		
6	B4B Port Director (Med) No 42	15		
7	C1 Radio Sta Oper Base (large) No 34	65		
8	C8 Visual Sta No 147	8		
9	C9 Radio Sta No 76	18		
10	Navy Post Office (small)	2		
11	C14 Int Comn System (med)	5		
12	det C17 Teletypewriter System No 55	11		
13	DIO Storage & Supply(small)	26		
14	Small motor pool	10		
15	Small boat pool	50		plus 5 LCVP 6 LCM
16	NIA 250 men camp tent No 929	25		
17	NIA 250 men camp tent No 696	14		
18	C8 Dispensary 25 Bed	14		
19	CB detachment	205		
20	Recreation	6		
21	E9 Small craft repair No 52	18		
22	Malaria Control	6		
		695	126	vehicles approximate

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ORGANISATION OF FORCES AND CHAIN OF COMMAND



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Chain of Command _____

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PLANNING TIME TABLE - OBOE TWO

Serial	Date	Item	Responsibility for Submission	Remarks
1	13 May	Issue of 1 Aust Corps Operation Instruction No 4 and 1 Aust Corps Adm Order No 5.	1 Aust Corps	
2	16 May	Planning commences 7 Aust Div	-	
3	27 May	Restrictions on bombing and preliminary bombardment targets.	CE and 7 Aust Div	
4	27 May	SRD Requirements	7 Aust Div	
5	31 May	7 Aust Div Outline Plan	7 Aust Div	
6	1 Jun	7 Aust Div, USN and RAAF to discuss outline plans at Corps Comd's conference.	GS 1 Aust Corps	At Corps HQ. To be attended by Naval and Air Planning Staffs, GOC and representatives 7 Aust Div
7	2 Jun	Div Comd's Conference Issue of Outline Plan to subordinate commanders concerned. Issue of Div Planning Time Table.	7 Aust Div	At 7 Aust Div, Planning HQ, to be attended by Naval and Air Planning Staffs, Bde Comds and staffs, Div representatives
8	6 Jun	Div Comd's Conference Submission of Bde Outline Plans.	7 Aust Div	
9	6 Jun	Reconciliation of Unit 'Bids' for dates of landing after assault.	7 Aust Div	
10	12 Jun 0900 hrs	Draft Naval Concept to reach 1 Aust Corps	Comd Naval Task Force	

Serial	Date	Item	Responsibiloty for Submission	Remarks
11	12 Jun 0900 hrs	Draft Air Operational Plan to reach 1 Aust Corps	RAAF Comd	
12	12 Jun 0900 hrs	Draft Operational and Adm Plan (incl bulk distribution of force incl Naval and Air Forces to ships by convoys)to reach 1 Aust Corps	7 Aust Div	
13	13 Jun 1500 hrs	Corps Comd's Final Co-ordinating Conference.	GS 1 Aust Corps	As for serial 5.
14	16 Jun	Final Naval Concept to reach 1 Aust Corps	Comd Naval Task Force	As brief of the co-ordinated plan for OBOE TWO is to reach GHQ SWPA by 20 Jun it is essential that the time for submission of this concept be adhered to.
15	16 Jun	Final Air Operation Plan to reach 1 Aust Corps	RAAF Comd	As a brief of the co-ordinated plan for OBOE TWO is to reach GHQ SWPA by 20 Jun it is essential that the time for submission of this plan. be adhered to
16	16 Jun	Final 7 Aust Div Operation Plan to reach 1 Aust Corps	7 Aust Div	As for serial 15

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INTERCOMMUNICATION - OBOE TWO

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GENERAL

1. (a) The enemy may be expected to resort to the jamming of wireless circuits and to the transmission of false and deceptive messages.

(b) The enemy has an active and highly effective communication intercept organisation. His intercept and cryptographic personnel are qualified and may be expected to take advantage of every violation of cryptographic and communication security rules.

(c) Caution will be exercised in the utilisation of existing civil and military communication systems until an adequate investigation has been made of the security thereof.

2. The responsibilities of Allied Land Forces are -

(a) The installation, operation and maintenance of signal communication facilities required to provide the administrative support for the forces participating in the operation.

(b) The provision of signal communication facilities equipment supplies and material required for the operation.

3. 1 Aust Corps is providing for -

(a) The installation operation and maintenance of communication facilities to provide for the transmission of orders information and intelligence between its headquarters and the echelons of GHQ SWPA.

(b) The installation, operation and maintenance of signal communication facilities for the communications between 7 Aust Div and 1 Aust Corps and 7 Aust Div and the headquarters in command at TARAKAN. For this purpose 1 Wireless Sec (Hy) has been placed under command 7 Aust Div to provide four wireless terminals including one spare terminal at BALIKPAPAN. One of the heavy detachments at the objective area will communicate with BRUNEI and TARAKAN on a time schedule and will form a group BALIKPAPAN - BRUNEI - TARAKAN. A simplex wireless channel will operate between MOROTAI and TARAKAN (see communication diagram attached).

4. RAAF is providing -

A daily air courier service between MOROTAI and the objective area.

RESPONSIBILITIES

5. 7 Aust Div will be responsible for installing, operating and maintaining such signal communication facilities as are required for -

(a) The seizure and occupation of objectives in the general MANGGAR - BALIKPAPAN area, including requirements of the aircraft warning service and anti-aircraft, harbour and mobile defences.

(b) The ALLIED NAVAL and ALLIED AIR facilities to be established in the MANGGAR - BALIKPAPAN area.

(c) Civil and administration purposes pending the rehabilitation of the civil communication systems by civil agencies.

(d) Base and port facilities in the area MANGGAR - BALIKPAPAN with special attention to ship - shore communication until relieved of this responsibility.

(e) Assisting the ALLIED AIR Forces in the establishing of fighter control centre, aircraft warning, radar and radio navigational facilities at locations agreed upon by the commander ALLIED NAVAL Forces and commander 7 Aust Div.

(f) Installing, operating and maintaining such harbour surveillance radar equipment as may be provided for the MANGGAR - BALIKPAPAN area.

6. ALLIED AIR Forces while continuing to operate the signal communication systems, fighter sector and aircraft warning facilities required for the present missions are to -

(a) Install, operate and maintain the signal communication facilities required in the MANGGAR - BALIKPAPAN area, in co-ordination with and assisted by 7 Aust Div for the following -

Air Base purposes
Fighter Control Centre purposes
Aircraft warning and radar and radio navigational purposes.

(b) In co-operation with 7 Aust Div provide the signal communication facilities and personnel required for land based direct air support missions. Allotment of air support organisation will be advised later.

7. ALLIED NAVAL Forces while continuing to operate the signal communication facilities required for the accomplishment of present missionsare to -

(a) Arrange with 7 Aust Div for the installation operation and maintenance in the MANGGAR - BALIKPAPAN area of such signal communication facilities as may be required for the naval facilities to be established therein.

(b) Install operate and maintain in the MANGGAR - BALIKPAPAN area the communications required to enable the naval forces to carry out their responsibilities.

(c) In co-operation with the ALLIED AIR Forces have installed, operated and maintained in the MANGGAR - BALIKPAPAN area the signal communication facilities required for the co-ordinated action of motor torpedo boats and aircraft in the destruction of enemy shipping.

COUNTER SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE MEASURES

8. (a) The jamming of radio channels will be resorted to only on specific approval of GHQ SWPA obtained through HQ 1 Aust Corps.

(b) Radar countermeasures may be employed by 7 Aust Div when and where required.

(c) Radio deception may be employed by 7 Aust Div in this operation when and where required.

(d) Technical assistance required in the implementation of radio deception plans will be rendered in so far as practicable by Section 22, GHQ SWPA.

(e) If radio deception is to be employed, 7 Aust Div will submit a specific plan to 1 Aust Corps by 1800 hrs 18 Jun 1945. If no deception plan is required advice will be given by that time. The decision to use a radio deception plan or not will be made by 7 Aust Div in conjunction with the co-operating Naval Group and RAAF Command.

CO-ORDINATION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC PLANS

9. The Commander 7 Aust Div will co-operate with ALLIED NAVAL and AIR Forces in photographic activities of US Signal Corps (who may be filming the operation for official purposes), particularly in the prompt transportation of exposed film from area of operations by special couriers.

LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS

10. HQ 1 Aust Corps - MOROTAI

ALLIED NAVAL Forces - LEYTE(moving MANILA when announced)

Adv Echelon RAAF Command - MOROTAI

HEADQUARTERS SHIPS

11. HQ Ship to be notified later.

Stand By HQ Ship is to be notified in the Naval Task Group Attack Orders.

WIRELESS SILENCE

12. (a) Wireless silence will be maintained by all army wireless stations until H minus 1 hour on F Day. In the event of any subsidiary landing or engineer task on F minus 1 Day wireless silence may be broken one hour prior to the commencement of such operations.

Listening watch will be kept from H minus2 hours on F Day by all army wireless stations afloat.

(b) Emergency communications afloat will be passed over Navy channels prior to H minus 1 hour.

(c) After H minus 1 hour wireless silence may again be imposed or broken only by means of the appropriate code words.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR NAVAL SUPPORT

13. (a) Allotment of frequencies, call signs and code names to be issued later.

(b) Communication diagram is attached.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR AIR WARNING

14. (a) While afloat air warning will be passed over Naval channels.

(b) After landing air warning will be broadcast on the ALLIED AIR Forces HF local air warning net and on RT air warning transmission from Fighter Sector Headquarters when established.

COMMUNICATIONS GROUND - AIR BY PANELS

15. (a) CCBP 8 Combined Panel Code will be used.

(b) Allotment of blocks of identification numbers will be made under arrangements 7 Aust Div.

CODE WORDS

16. (a) Code words for reporting phases of this operation will be allotted under arrangements 7 Aust Div.

(b) Code words for locations will be submitted by 7 Aust Div to this headquarters for reference and approval of GHQ where necessary.

CODES AND CIPHERS

17. Following codes and ciphers will be adopted -

Codes

(a) Until 0700I F plus 3 Combined Assault Code (CCBP 0130) Series DOG 25 will be used forward of 7 Aust Div and for local communications with Allied Forces, RAN and RAAF for all messages which require enciphering. 7 Aust Div will be responsible for spare group allocation of the code.

(b) As from 0700I F plus 3 TRENCODE will be used forward of brigade headquarters to AMF units.

(c) As from 0700I F plus 3 Combined Field Code CCBP 0129/4 with CCBP 0121/D2 will be used for communication with Allied Forces, RAN and RAAF.

(d) Slidex will be used on all R/T conversations using divisional and unit keys.

Slidex map reference co-ordinates will be used for all map references passed by R/T.

Current appointment codes vide Sig Training Pamphlet 5 will be used in referring to individuals branches and appointments in R/T conversations.

(e) Shore Fire Control Parties and USN will be using Combined Assault Code as per para 17(a) Shore Fire Control Code CSP 2156B and Shackle Numeral Ciphers as per GHQ SOI 17 - 2.

(f) Ciphers - for use on AMF channels

Rear links to MOROTAI	- High Grade
Divisional level	- High Grade
Brigade level	- Medium Grade
Unit level	- Field Grade

(g) Distribution of cipher documents and keys will be effected through signal channels by this headquarters.

(h) Visual Signalling Fire Control and Pyrotechnic Codes will be as detailed in GHQ SOI 26 - 12. The pyrotechnics which will be used are as follows -

Signal	Used by ground troops Meaning
* Aust 2 inch multi star green	"Artillery gunfire or bombs falling within our lines".

* Must be repeated at least once.

Used by aircraft

Two red stars	"Display front line panel air attack about to commence"
Two green stars	"My mission has been completed"

Illuminating flares will be used for illuminating purposes as required.

(j) Air - Sea and Air - Ground recognition and identification policy will be as detailed in GHQ SOI No 28 - 2 and associated GHQ SOIs. Basic publications and index columns for use in conjunction with GHQ SOIs 29, 30 and 31 will be issued under arrangements 7 Aust Div who will make requests for requirements to 1 Aust Corps.

TIME ZONE

18. Time zone suffix for this operation will be 'I'.

SYNCHRONIZATION OF TIME

19. (a) Ships time will be used whilst force is afloat.

(b) After landing zone time will be calculated from Station WTO, (US Army) BRISBANE or from ABC or BBC time signals.

FREQUENCY ALLOTMENT

20. Issued separately through signal channels. Frequency changes will be ordered by code words.

NEI CIVIL ADMINISTRATION COMMUNICATIONS

21. 7 Aust Div will be responsible for providing such facilities as will be required to provide administrative communications for the NEI Civil Administration Unit moving with the division.

COURIER SERVICE

22. (a) Arrangements are being made for a daily air courier service between MOROTAI and the objective area beginning on F Day. It is anticipated that CATALINA flying boats will be used initially and will be replaced by land based aircraft. A pool of courier officers will be provided by 1 Aust Corps.

(b) The above airplane courier service is temporary and is provided so that aircraft of the appropriate type may be used in the operational area prior to the time land based aircraft can be used. Its purpose is to ensure that immediate and prompt transmission of operation traffic and press copy which cannot be handled by wireless due to its length and nature and news photographs from the area of operations to higher headquarters. This service will continue in operation until replaced by the regular safe hand airplane courier service, operated under the provisions of Standard Operating Procedure Instructions No 18/1 of 11 Oct 1944. The date of replacement will be determined by 1 Aust Corps in conjunction with ALLIED AIR and NAVAL Forces.

(c) Time table of arrival and departure of the courier service will be advised later.

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COURIER SERVICE

23. (a) 7 Aust Div will -

Make necessary small craft water transportation available in the objective area to ALLIED AIR Forces for operating between courier planes, command and communication ships and appropriate beach points. Detail responsibility in the objective area for the collection and distribution of safe hand material ashore between the various headquarters and the ALLIED AIR Forces collection point.

(b) ALLIED AIR Forces are to -

Operate the air courier service.

In conjunction with 1 Aust Corps and ALLIED NAVAL Forces prepare and publish necessary safe hand airplane courier schedules.

Designate appropriately located safe hand material collection and distribution points at each terminus of the service.

Meet promptly courier aircraft on arrival at each terminus, and ensure that receipts are completed between courier officers and originators and recipients.

Issue other detailed instructions as necessary.

(c) ALLIED NAVAL Forces are to -

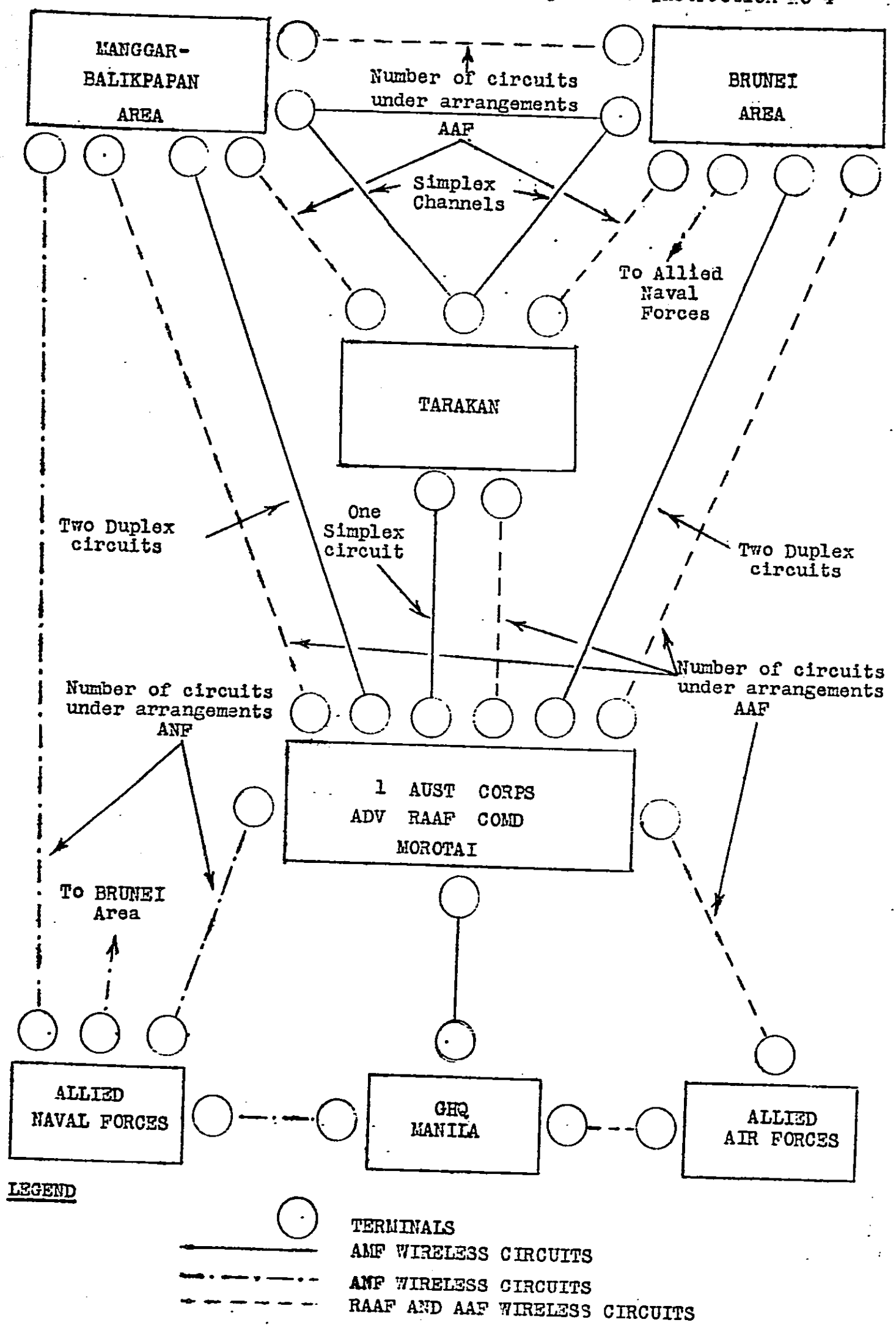
Assist ALLIED AIR Forces in the establishment and operation of the safe hand airplane courier service by providing such naval services and facilities as may be required.

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Signal Communication Attachment to Appendix [illegible] of 1 Aust Corps Operation Instruction No 4

MAIN TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS



LEGEND

TERMINALS
AMF WIRELESS CIRCUITS
ANF WIRELESS CIRCUITS
RAAF AND AAF WIRELESS CIRCUITS

"P"

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AMENDMENT NO 5 TO 1 AUST CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 3 OF 30 APR 45.

Copy No. 43

14 May 45.

1. Amend Appendix 'A' Part 2

delete serial 24 "2/3 CCS 128 pers 14 vehs"

delete serial 26 "one coy 2/12 Fd Amb 66 pers 4 vehs"

insert serial 26 "2/12 Fd Amb less one coy 154 pers 15 vehs"

delete serial 30 "21 Hosp Laundry Unit (Type B) 6 pers 2 vehs"

Amend totals accordingly.

J. Hoffman Stool
for Brig,
GS 1 Aust Corps.

Distribution as for 1 Aust Corps Operation Instruction No 3.

Subject :- AIR RAID ALERTS.

HQ 1 Aust Corps
15 May 45
G/40/Ops.

RAA 1 Aust Corps
1 Aust Op Report Team
1 Aust Corps Sec Int Corps
'U' Aust FS Sec
1 Aust FH 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 siren 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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Brig,
GS 1 Aust Corps.

Distributed by GS 6 May 45.

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BGS	CE	Catering	Camp
G	SVY	Pay	File
G (Int)	CSO	Audit Staff	War Diary (2)
G (Air)	Chaplains	Legal	
G (Liaison)	ST	Postal	
LHQ GS Eqpt Fd Sec	Med	Pro	
DA & QMG	Dental	War Graves	
A	Ord	Education	
Q	DADOS 1 Aust C Tps	Amenities	
AQMG(E)	EME	Sal	