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20 Infantry Brigade

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For Action

2/13 2/15 2/17 BNS A SON 2/9 ARMDREGT 2/8 FD
REGT 2/3 FD COY 2/8 FD AIB B COY 2/2 MG BN 2/6
SUP DEPOT COY 2/118 BDE WISF COMD YELLOW BEACHHEAD
BN SIG OFFR BMD(2)

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

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ORIGINATOR'S No.

AG7 (-) SECRET (-) adm order 2 (-) men POL and supp (-) pts will be
open at BUNNEL vicinity concrete jetty for units in BUNNEL area (-)
expect open approx 141600I (-) tpt (-) 2 x 2½ ton vehs at present
under comd 2/17 bn come under comd 2/15 bn on arrival 2/15 bn (-)
two captured vehs with 2/17 bn remain (-) captured vehs with 2/8 fa
regt remain (-) all units will submit forthwith particulars of vehs
captured showing type make number and condition (-) this also
applies to future cases (-) fa regt will make available to base HQ
one captured car in good running condition (-) med (-) ADS at 470408
(-) ADS (surgical) will open probably on 15 jun at BUNNEL exact
location to be notified (-) rec (-) pec post at 515472 (-) burials (-)
christian portion of BUNNEL cemetery will be used (-) 2/8 fa coy to
erect signs and mark area (-) all info

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FROM 20 AUST INF BDE

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TO 2/13 2/15 2/17 BNS A SQN 2/9 ARMD REGT 2/8 FD REGT 2/3 FD
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WKSP COMD YELLOW BEACHHEAD 9 AUST DIV COMD BM SIG OFFR
BMB(2)

GO138 SECRET (-) 00 7 (-) 20 bde will continue exploitation to TUTONG and LIMBANG (-) 2/17 bn (-) tasks (-) continue adv along rd BRUNEI - TUTONG with two coy gp (-) report on following lines (-) first tr junc 372403 second line of high ground and tr junc in sqs 3437 3436 third ring contour 321366 - high ground 329362 fourth tr junc 294307 fifth high ground sq 2531 sixth br 192322 seventh rd corner 180303 eighth TUTONG (-) start time unit arrangement (-) 2/17 bn less two coy gp in bde res (-) tasks (-) protect town area (-) patrol westwards along GADONG tr sq 4641 to junc with rd BRUNEI - TUTONG (-) 2/15 bn less dets will exploit to LIMBANG by rd and river (-) one (-) river det pl str with under comd two ESB gunboats will move down PANDARUAN river object raid enemy posns vicinity LIMBANG (-) two (-) remainder bn force will continue adv along axis rd BRUNEI - LIMBANG (-) /armd (-) two tps tks will remain in vicinity airfd (-) task airfd dof (-) one tp tks under comd 2/15 bn will move by craft from vicinity CLIFFORD BR to LIMBANG rd at 484386 (-) one tp tks remaining CLIFFORD BR area will revert to bde comd and be prepared to sp 2/17 bn along TUTONG rd if urgently required and rd permits (-) tp will NOT move without ref to bde HQ (-) arty (-) LAA will move to area BRUNEI when craft available (-) tasks (-) protection CLIFFORD BR and installations town area (-) B coy 2/2 MG bn (-) one pl under comd 2/15 bn will take up posn approx 495393 (-) task (-) control WHISTLE TR (-) engrs (-) additional task recce and preparation of rd BRUNEI - TUTONG for possible move of tks (-) ack all infm

If liable, etc

CPH Maj

IMMEDIATE

/ 2/13 bn remain present posn prepare embkn

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OBOE SIX - COCONUT

2/13 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER 2

Reference maps: PUJUT NORTH WEST 1/25,000
PUJUT SOUTH WEST 1/25,000
LOAK BAY SOUTH EAST 1/25,000

INFORMATION

1. Topography
 - (a) See 9 Aust Div Intelligence Review
 - (b) Verbal by Intelligence Officer.
2. Beaches

Locations and designations see appendix A.
3. Enemy
 - (a) See 9 Aust Div Intelligence Review.
 - (b) Verbal by Intelligence Officer
4. Own troops

Latest information verbally by Intelligence Officer.
5. Composition of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Group

As per Order of Battle - see appendix B.
6. Command
 - (a) All troops afloat are under command Commander Naval Attack Force until landing in objective area.
 - (b) On landing all troops come under command 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
7. Shipping and craft
 - (a) Shipping and craft available for transport of the 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp is as follows:-

3 LST carrying 32 LVT (4) and 12 DUKWS
3 LSM
4 LCT
1 LCM
 - (b) Craft remaining in area after L Day as follows:-

2 DUKW
1 LCM
8. Naval
 - (a) Support

Allied Naval Forces are :-

- (i) To transport and escort the assault convoy to the objective area
- (ii) To bombard targets before L day
- (iii) To provide fire support for assault landings on L day.

(b) Bombardment

- (i) Landings are being supported by direct naval bombardment and fire of close support craft.
- (ii) The naval task force in support 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Group comprises:-

2 Cruisers (CL)
2 Destroyers (DD)
3 LCS (L)
3 LCI (R)
2 LCI (M)

9. Air support

TAF RAAF with in support 13 US Air Force is supporting the operation by :-

- (a) Preliminary air attack.
- (b) Prearranged air bombardment will include bombing with anti personnel bombs and strafing runs.
- (c) Direct air support.

INTENTION

10. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Group will land and capture LUTONG.

METHOD

11. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Group will land in accordance with Battalion Landing Craft Table - see appendix G.

12. Assault Troops

(a) First Wave

LEFT

B Coy *Graham*
With under command
one det 3 inch mortars
one sec MMG

RIGHT

A Coy *Cribb*
with under command
one det 3 inch mortars

(b) Second Wave

LEFT

B Coy *Faulkner*
With under command
one det 3 inch mortars
one sec MMG
On landing two sections
pioneers come under command

RIGHT

C Coy *Barrett*
With under command
one det 3 inch mortars

13. Objectives and inter company boundaries

- (a) Marked on map see appendix A.
- (b) First objective - BLACK LINE
- (c) Second objective - RED LINE
- (d) Third objective - GREEN LINE
- (e) Fourth objective - BLUE LINE

14. First objective

- (a) First wave will assault and capture first objective in LVT(4).
- (b) Second wave will disembark from LVT(4) 300 yards from beach and move to BLACK LINE.
- (c) B Coy will leave 12 platoon with two LVT(4) in debarking area.

(d) Action on capturing BLACK LINE

First wave

- (i) Troops will disembark from LVT(4).
- (ii) Await arrival second wave.
- (iii) Exploit to RED LINE without further orders.

Second wave

- (i) B Coy less 12 platoon will exploit through D Coy to RED LINE.
- (ii) C Coy is battalion reserve and will hold BLACK LINE.

15. Second objective

(a) Action on capture RED LINE

- (i) Amphibian Tractor reconnaissance party will :-
 - Move to EAST end of GYPSY.
 - Reconnaissance NILE RIVER crossing.

(ii) 12 platoon B Coy will :-

Embark in two LVT(4) in stand by area.

Move forward and rendezvous with Amphibian Tractor reconnaissance party.

Cross river and cut ELADEM road at 450917.

Coy Commander B Coy will coordinate fire of mortars and MMGs to support crossing.

Disembark troops and return LVT(4) to a covered position vicinity NILE RIVER.

(iii) B Coy and D Coy will :-

Make contact on inner flanks.

Exploit to GREEN LINE on two company front without further orders.

- (iv) A Coy will exploit to GREEN LINE without further orders.

15. Third objective

(a) Action on capture :-

- (i) Companies will establish firm line.
- (ii) Be prepared to exploit to BLUE LINE by patrols when ordered by this headquarters.

17. Reserve

Two companies 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will remain afloat on call.

18. Naval bombardment

- (a) The attack will be supported by naval gun fire and fire of close support craft commencing C hour minus 1.
- (b) On completion of bombardment SFCP will coordinate naval gun fire as requested.
- (c) Requests for naval support will be passed to this headquarters.

19. Air

- (a) The attack will be supported by direct anti personnel bombing and strafing of objective area concluding C hour minus 1.

(b) Direct support

6 B25s will be on air alert relieved on station from 1000 hours to 1630 hours daily.

(c) Air Support Party

- (i) One Air Support Party will move with Tactical Headquarters.
- (ii) Requests for direct air support will be passed to this headquarters.

20. Artillery

- (a) 15 Bty 2/8 Aust Fd Regt (one troop 25 pounders and one troop 75 mm) will be landed in accordance with Battalion Landing Craft Table and will move direct to gun area (suitable position 444914), and come into action immediately.

(b) Forward Observation Officers

One party - D Coy
One party - A Coy

(c) Initial task

Registration of targets CANADA RIDGE.

- (d) SFCP move with Tactical Headquarters.

21. Engineers

- (a) Capt R F FARDON will command all RAE units in area.

(b) Tasks in order of priority

- (i) Provide reconnaissance parties for forward companies for locating, marking and delousing minefields and booby traps.
- (ii) Preparation of beach exits.
- (iii) Assist landing of vehicles with mechanical equipment.
- (iv) Repair of main roads and arteries where necessary.
- (v) Establish water points. Target 10,000 gallons per day, and be responsible for chlorinating and detasting.
- (vi) Repair bridges and crossings as ordered.
- (vii) Preparation of AUSTER strip.

22. Tank attack

- (a) 4 platoon 2/13 Aust Inf Bn less two guns.

(b) Tasks

- (i) Beach defence. One gun sited on each beach flank of first objective.
- (ii) Beach patrols and coast watching.

23. MMG

- (a) 1 platoon B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn

Tasks

- (i) Beach defence one section sited on each beach flank of first objective.
- (ii) Be available for support of forward troops when required.

- (b) 2 platoon 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

One section under command D Coy.

One section under command B Coy.

24. Mortars

- (a) 3 platoon HQ Coy allotted as follows:-

- (i) One detachment under command A Coy
- (ii) One detachment under command B Coy
- (iii) One detachment under command C Coy
- (iv) One detachment under command D Coy

- (b) Detachment strength 12, extra personnel to carry bombs.

- (c) Platoon Headquarters on landing moves with C Coy.

25. Flamethrowers

- (a) One section No 5 platoon with 4 flamethrowers will be in battalion reserve.
- (b) Requests for flamethrowers will be passed to this Headquarters.
- (c) Pioneer officer will arrange necessary fuel and compressed air cylinders as available.

26. Pioneers

- (a) One flamethrower section as above.
- (b) Two sections on landing will come under command B Coy as company reserve.
- (c) One section normal duties Tactical Headquarters.

27. Amphibious tractors (LVT(4))

- (a) B Coy 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn is to provide 32 LVT(4) for assault landing as per landing diagram and Craft Landing Table.

- (b) Landing first wave

- (i) LVT(4) will :-

- Move to first objective.

- Disembark troops.

- Return to rally area.

- (c) Landing second wave

- (i) LVT(4) will :-

- Move to general line 300 yards from beach.

- Disembark troops.

- (ii) Three LVT(4) will :-

- Remain in disembarkation area with 12 platoon B Coy.

- On capture RED LINE one LVT(4) will move forward to EAST end GYPSY and recce NILE RIVER crossing.

- (iii) Remainder LVT(4) return to rally area.

- (d) Free boats carrying Tactical Headquarters will :-

- Land and move to area directed by Battalion Commander.

- (e) River crossing

- When Amphibian Tractor reconnaissance party has selected suitable crossing 12 platoon B Coy will :-

- (i) Embark in two LVT(4) in stand by area.

- (ii) Move forward to rendezvous with reconnaissance commander.

- (iii) Cross NILE RIVER and exploit to ELADEM road at 450917.
- (iv) Disembark troops and return LVT(4) to covered position.vicinity NILE RIVER.
- (v) On arrival covered position LVT(4) will be prepared to support by fire 12 platoon B Coy.
- (vi) Await further orders.
- (f) Use of weapons
 - (i) All forward guns in first wave only, will be manned by assault troops and fired on orders from boat team leader 500 yards from beach.
 - (ii) Rear weapons will NOT be fired.
 - (iii) When moving to objective areas guns will only be fired on orders from boat team leader.
- (g) Rally area - location SOUTH of GYPSY 439919.
- (h) LVT(4) will remain until L plus 1 returning in same ships morning 21 Jun.
- (j) Third wave carrying artillery will NOT proceed to gun area 443913 until capture of RED LINE.

28. Beach Group

- (a) Detachment RAN Beach Commandos will mark CRIMSON BEACH.
- (b) Capt LLOYD will assist Maj H H COOPER in Beach Maintenance Area.

29. DUKW

- (a) Detachment 106 DUKW Coy is to provide 12 DUKWs for :-
 - (i) Landing troops, guns and vehicles in accordance with Battalion Landing Craft Table.
 - (ii) Transport of stores from LSMs to Beach Maintenance Area.
 - (iii) DUKWs in fourth wave carrying artillery will NOT proceed to gun area 444914 until RED LINE is captured.
- (b) Two DUKWs will remain in area under command.

30. Landing of Force

- (a) After landing assault waves all LCVP used as guide boats will be available for ferry service.
- (b) Priority of unloading
 - (i) On receipt of signal from Commander ashore "Land the second assault", LCVP will ferry personnel ashore in the following priority :-
 - LST 2 - Bow No 562
 - LST 3 - Bow No 667
 - LST 1 - Bow No 573

- (ii) On receipt of signal from Commander ashore "Land the reserves", two companies 2/15 Aust Inf Bn on LST 573 and LST 667 will be landed in one wave of 8 LCVPs.

31. Indiscriminate firing

Indiscriminate firing of weapons either by day or night will NOT be tolerated.

32. Black out precautions will be observed according to situation.

33. Landing Diagram See Appendix C.

34. Battalion Landing Craft Tables See Appendix G

35. Distribution Force to Ships See Appendix D

36. LOVE DAY 20 Jun 45

37. CHARLIE HOUR 0930 hours

38. Patrol Policy

- (a) All companies will patrol assisted by engineers within own areas of responsibility at first light in order to inspect all roads, tracks, culverts and defiles, to discover and disarm any newly laid charges by infiltration of enemy and prevent demolition.

ADMINISTRATION

39. Embarkation

Embarkation Programme see Appendix F.

40. Force Stores

- (a) Q Branch 9 Aust Div is arranging to land 21 days initial maintenance stores of all types in beach maintenance area.
- (b) Capt J E SEARLE will be responsible for organisation, control and issue of the above stores.
- (c) Separate instructions to be issued to Capt J E SEARLE.

41. Beach Organisation and Command

- (a) Beach maintenance area for battalion group will be established CRIMSON BEACH after capture second objective.
- (b) Commander CRIMSON BEACH is Major H H COOPER.
- (c) Beach working parties will be provided by 2/13 Aust Inf Bn left out of battle group.
- (d) Allocation of areas within beach head see Appendix H.
- (e) Capt LLOYD will produce FIRST KEY PLAN and in conjunction with Major H H COOPER will be responsible for allotment of areas within beach maintenance area.

42. Ammunition)
 43. Supplies) as for OBOE SIX
 44. Water)
 45. Salvage)

46. Conservation of all supplies

Strict conservation of ammunition, water, POL will be observed.

47. Recovery

(a) Detachment 2/118 Aust Bde Wksp will be located in beach maintenance area.

48. Medical

(a) Lt Col MORGAN 2/12 Aust Fd Amb will be in command of all medical units in the area.

(b) MDS will be located in general area 43693, see Appendix H.

(c) Light ADS on landing moves forward with assault vicinity RAP.

(d) RAP with battalion headquarters.

(e) Malaria control unit on landing will come under command 2/12 Aust Fd Amb.

(f) Evacuation of Casualties

(1) Two LCVPs ex LST will stand off shore after landing complete for evacuation of casualties to LST.

(11) One LCM remains in area under command 2/12 Aust Fd Amb.

49. Returns

(a) All units and sub units under command 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will submit daily strength states to 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Rear Headquarters by 2000 hours daily.

(b) Strength states will be submitted asat 1800 hours daily.

(c) Attention is directed to procedure as laid down in 9 Aust Div Administrative Order 2.

(d) Strength states will be submitted by the required time, and lateness in submission will NOT be tolerated.

50. Dress

(a) As for OBOE SIX

(b) Until further orders shirts will be worn at all times unless washing or swimming.

51. Hygiene

As for OBOE SIX

52. Provost

(a) Detachment 9 Aust Div Pro Coy on landing come under comd Major H H COOPER Duties as for OBOE SIX.

(b) Regimental police normal duties.

53. Prisoners of war

- (a) All prisoners of war will be blindfolded and returned to battalion headquarters as quickly as possible.

54. Unit B Echelon Area

See Appendix H.

55. Burials

Cemetery area - see Appendix H.

56. Civil Affairs

- (a) A detachment BBCAU is accompanying the battalion and is to be responsible for matters of civil administration, native affairs, native labour, distribution of relief supplies and medical treatment of natives.
- (b) Natives for the most part are Mahomedans. Their customs and their womenfolk will be respected. Dealing with natives will be friendly but NOT familiar. All soldiers will be acquainted with "BORNEO BOOK FOR SERVICEMEN" and its directions will be enforced.
- (c) Troops will NOT bathe naked in the presence of natives.
- (d) There may be Chinese in the area of operations. It is expected they will be friendly to our troops.
- (e) Army rations, supplies, clothing or equipment will NOT be given to or traded with natives or other civilians.
- (f) Native villages are out of bounds to all troops except members of BBCAU and others expressly authorised to enter them.
- (g) Natives will NOT be employed except through BBCAU.
- (h) (i) Looting or unnecessary destruction of civilian property will NOT be tolerated. Commanders will promptly report any case to this headquarters.
- (ii) These offences, theft, pillage, and all offences against natives or other civilians will be Court Martial offences. Commanders will ensure that necessary action is instituted if they be committed.
- (iii) Location native compound see Appendix H.
- (j) Security
- (1) NO military information such as strengths, unit identity, movement of troops or officers' names except BBCAU officers will be given to any natives or other civilians.
- (ii) Civilians will NOT be permitted to loiter near bivouac areas or installations.

57. De Waterproofing

On disembarkation, vehicles will immediately proceed to vehicle transit area where drivers will carry out first stage of de waterproofing.

58. Postal

Detachment 9 Aust Div Postal Unit will be located in beach maintenance area.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

59. Location of Headquarters

2/13 Aust Inf Bn Tactical Headquarters

Afloat - On LST 562.

Ashore - Initially 300 yards from beach reference 436918 thence as situation demands. Probable area shown in Appendix H.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn Rear Headquarters

Ashore - with unit B echelon.

60. Wireless Diagram

Appendix reserved.

61. Line Maintenance

(a) All lines will be laid off left side of roads and tracks.

(b) Lines will be poled and treed as they are laid.

62. Wireless Silence

(a) Wireless silence on L Day will be maintained by all army stations until one hour before C Hour.

(b) On L Day listening watch will be maintained from two hours before C Hour.

(c) Emergency messages will be passed through naval channels prior to breaking of wireless silence.

(d) After wireless silence is broken it will be re-imposed or broken again only by means of appropriate codewords.

63. Communications for air warning

(a) When the force is ashore, air warning will normally be given by telephone. Appropriate action will be taken on receipt of the following codewords:

FLASH BLUE	Enemy or unidentified planes approaching.
FLASH RED	Enemy air attack imminent.
FLASH WHITE	All clear.

(b) Under such conditions the following control terms may also be relayed:-

CONTROL GREEN All guns will hold fire except in case of direct attack and then only automatics including light AA will be used.

CONTROL YELLOW All guns engage hostile aircraft independently.

64. Frequencies

Reserved.

65. Panel Signals - Ground to Air

- (a) Visual ground to air signalling by CCBP 8 combined panel system.
- (b) Meanings temporarily assigned to local assignment panel numbers of the local assignment section of CCBP 8 are as follows:-

<u>Panel Group</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
70	I am staying where I am.
71	I require my position.
72	I know my position.
73	Require boots and clothes
74	Am heading for coast in direction of T
75	Require direction to nearest food dump.
76	Will go to food dump indicated by you and remain there.
77	All is well. No assistance required.
78	Come again tomorrow.

- (c) Unit identification panel display will consist of three digit (number) panels displayed vertically below the flash index. Such groups will be read from top to bottom below the indicator. In this case the numeral indicator Y will NOT be used.

- (d) Unit identification panel display number - 419.

- (e) Numbers 00 to 69 inclusive will be issued to companies.

66. Pyrotechnics

The following pyrotechnic signals will be used between ground troops and aircraft:-

- (a) by ground troops

Meaning

Aust 2 inch multi-star Green Artillery fire or bombs falling within our lines.

- (b) By aircraft

Meaning

2 Star Red Display front line panel.
Air attack about to commence

2 Star Green My mission has been completed.

Six white flares First wave 500

67. Fluorescent Panels

- (a) Yellow fluorescent panels will be used by 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Group to indicate positions of FOREMOST INFANTRY ONLY as follows:-
 - (i) When direct air support is about to be given.
 - (ii) When friendly aircraft requests an indication of forward positions by alternate dips and climbs or by firing flares. See above.
 - (iii) When the communications of an isolated forward body of troops break down and air reconnaissance to locate them is expected.
- (b) Fluorescent panels will NOT be used to mark dropping grounds or headquarters.
- (c) The panels will only be displayed YELLOW side uppermost.
- (d) Panels will be rolled up before troops resume their advance.
- (e) Panels will be carried by Signal Platoon and issued as required.

68. Code Names

- (a) Code names for places and features see Appendix I.
- (b) Code names for objectives see Appendix I.
- (c) Other code names reserved.

69. Signal Centre

- (a) As distinct from 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Tactical Headquarters Signal Office, a switchboard and line terminal will be established at Rear Headquarters 2/13 Aust Inf Bn..
- (b) 9 Aust Div rear link at 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Tactical Headquarters at all times.

70. Passwords

Issued by Intelligence Section.

71. Security

Strict attention will be given to security of telephone and RT conversations.

72. Time Zone

Item time will be used. Zone suffix I.

73. Synchronisation

- (a) Ship's time will be used while afloat.
- (b) After landing as per 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Standing Orders for Battle paragraph 7

74. Transmission of Press Traffic

Press representatives will NOT be permitted to speak over any wireless or line channel.

ACKNOWLEDGE

E. H. Hughes Capt
Adj 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

Signed at **2145 I**

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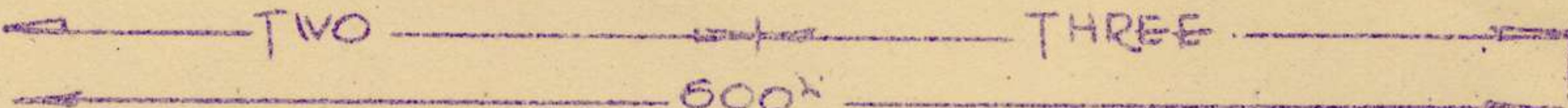
Ser	Unit	pers	Vehs			Trlrs			Mech Equip			Cans			Total Cans & Vehs	DW out of vehs	Remarks
			Jeep	2 1/2 Ton	Misc	Jeep	Water	Comp press	Trac tors	Boz ers	Auto Pat- rol	25 Pdr	75 mm	2 Pdr			
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)
1	<u>INF</u> 2/13 Aust Inf Bn	760	12			10											
2	2/13 Aust Inf Bn LOB	60												2	24	25	
3	2/15 Aust Inf Bn (2 Coys)	240															
4	1 Pl 2/2 MG Bn	34	1			1									2		
5	<u>ARTY</u> 15 Bty 2/8 Aust Fd Regt	237	7	4		3	1		2			4	4		25	20	
6	SFCP	8	1												1		
7	<u>ENGRS</u> Tac HQ 2/3 Aust Fd Coy	8	2			2									4		
8	1 Pl 2/3 Fd Coy	65	2	1	4(a)	2		1	1						11	10	(a) Tipperes (2 with overhang)
9	11 Pl 2/16 Fd Coy (less one)	50	1	1	2(b)	1			1						6		
10	det 2/1 Mech Eqp Coy (see)	10								2	1				3		(b) Tipperes
11	<u>SIGNS</u> det 9 Aust Div Sig	4	1			1									2		With 112 Set
12	det 20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	4															
13	det 3 Aust Engr Sig Sec	3	1			1									2		Units shown thus are at present in LABUAN area.
14	det Aust Cipher Sec	2															
15	<u>AIDG</u> det 2/25 Sup Dep Pl	12	1			1									2		
16	det 2/13 Tpt Pl (Lt)	4	2			2									4		
17	det 2/16 Tpt Pl (Lv)	8		4(c)													
18	det 100 DUKW Coy	30			12										4		(c) Incl Water Truck
															12		

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)
19	MED HQ 2/12 Aust Fd Amb \$	57	1	1	1	1	1								5	15	Units shown thus are at present in LABUAN area
20	B Coy 2/12 Aust Fd Amb	70	1			1									2		
	MISC UNITS																
21	det RAN Beach Cdo	10															
22	det Beach Gp	2															
23	Air Sp Party \$	7	2			1									3		
24	det BBCAU	2															
25	det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	4															
26	det ATIS	1															
27	det B Aust FS Sec	1															
28	det 34 Aust FS Sec (EE)	1															
29	det 2/58 Aust LAD	9	1			1									2		
30	727 Amp Trac Bn \$	110			32 (a)										32		(a) IVE(a)
31	det CI Corps	1															
32	IO 9 Aust Div	2															
	TOTALS	1816	36	11	52	28	2	1	4	2	1	4	4	2	146	70	

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LANDING DIAGRAM

WAVE NO	TIME	CRAFT	EX	CRIMSON BEACH											
				TWO						THREE					
				600'											
1	CHP	12 LVT4	LST 573	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	C+3	12 LVT4	LST 562	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	FREE BOATS	2 LVT4													
3	C+G	6 LVT4	LIT 667			1	2	3	4	5	6				
4	C+H5	12 DUKWS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
FERRY SERVICE				FERRY SERVICE VIDE LANDING TABLE											
	ON CALL	4 LCT 1 LCM		LCT 1		LCT 2		LCT 3		LCT 4		LCM			
	ON CALL	3 LSM				LSM 54		LSM 269		LSM 135					
	ON CALL	3 LIT				LIT 573		LIT 562		LIT 667					

LANDING DIAGRAM (Alternative) (Using LCVP only)

WAVE	TIME	CRAFT	EX	CRIMSON BEACH											
															
1	CHr	¹⁰ LCVP	LST's 573 ^E 562	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div>
2	C+3	⁸ LCVP	LST's 562 ^E 667		<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div>			
3	C+10	¹² DUKW	LST 667	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div>
				<p>Remainder - LCT etc - as shown in original Landing Diagram</p>											

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DISTRIBUTION OF FORCE TO SHIPS

(a)	(b)	(c)	Vehs										Storage	
			Craft or Ship	Personnel	Jeep	2 1/2 & 3 Ton	Misc Vehs	Neck Eqpt	Trlr Jeep	Trlr Misc	Gun	Total Guns & Vehs	Unit	Force
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)
1	2/13 Inf Bn	LST 1		312										
3	Two Coys 2/15 Inf Bn			120										
5	15 Bty 2/8 Fd Regt			6										
7	2/3 Fd Coy			12										
21	Beh Co RAN Cdo			6										
30	727 Amp Trac Bn			40			12					12		
33	det PR & Press			2										
34	V & O			2										
				500			12					12		
1	2/13 Inf Bn	LST 2		385	1									
	(b) Pre-loaded in LVT4													
5	15 Bty 2/8 Fd Regt			6										
7	2/3 Fd Coy			6										
12	20 Inf Bde Sig Sec			4										
14	det Cipher Sec			2										
20	B Coy 2/12 Fd Amb			30										
21	Beh Co RAN Cdo			4										
22	Beh Co			5										
31	det CI Cdo			4										
30	727 Amp Trac Bn			46			12					14		
32	LO 9 Div			2										
34	V & O			2										
35	MCU			7										
				500	1		14					15		
1	2/13 Inf Bn	LST 3		39	2				1a				3	
	(a) Pre-loaded in DUKW													
	(b) " " " LVT4													
3	2/15 Inf Bn			120										
4	1 Pl 2/2 MG Bn			32										
5	15 Bty 2/8 Fd Regt			145	1a, 1b						4a, 4b	10		
6	SFCP			8	1								1	
9	11 Pl 2/16 Fd Coy			40										
15	2/26 Sup Dep Pl			10										
18	det 106 DUKW Coy			30			12					12		
20	B Coy 2/12 Fd Amb			28										
23	Air Sp Party			7	2a				1a				3	
24	det BBCAU			4										
25	det 9 Div Pro Coy			1										
26	det ATIS			1										
27	det B FS Sec			1										
28	det 34 FS Sec (EE)			1										
29	det 2/58 LAD			7										
30	727 Amp Trac Bn			24			6						6	
	det PR & Press			2										
	V & O			2										
				505	7		18		2		8	35		

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)
5	15 Bty 2/8 Fd Regt	LSM 1	4	2				2				4		
6	2/3 Fd Coy		18	1	2			1	1			5		
9	11 Pl 2/16 Fd Coy		8	1	3			1				5		
10	det 2/1 ME Coy		4				1					1		
17	2/16 Tpt Pl (Hy)		6		3							3		
19	HQ 2/12 Fd Amb		53		1				1			2		
			93	4	9		1	4	2			20		
1	2/13 Inf Bn	LSM 2	6										25	
2	2/13 Inf Bn LOB		30										10	
8	2/3 Fd Coy		23										15	
20	B Coy 2/12 Fd Amb		10											
	Div Labour		25											
			94										50	
2	2/13 Inf Bn LOB	LSM 3	30											
5	15 Bty 2/8 Fd Regt		48										20	
	Div Labour		25											
			103										20	
10	2/1 ME Coy	LCT 1	3				1					1		
1	2/13 Inf Bn		6	3				3				6		
8	2/3 Fd Coy		4		1		1					2		
9	11 Pl 2/16 Fd Coy		2				1					1		
17	2/16 Tpt Pl (Hy)		2		1							1		
11	det 9 Div Sigs		4	1				1				2		
			21	4	2		3	4				13		
1	2/13 Inf Bn	LCT 2	6	3				1		2		6		
5	15 Bty 2/8 Fd Regt		4				2					2		
8	2/3 Fd Coy		4		2							2		
10	2/1 ME Coy		3				1					1		
			17	3	2		3	1		2		11		
1	2/13 Inf Bn	LCT 3	6	3				5				8		
4	1 Pl 2/2 MG Bn		2	1				1				2		
5	15 Bty 2/8 Fd Regt		16	3	2			1				2		
15	2/26 Sup Dep Pl		2	1				1				2		
			26	8	2			8				13		
5	15 Bty 2/8 Fd Regt	LCT 4	8		2				1			3		
8	2/3 Fd Coy		6	3				3				2		
16	2/13 Tpt Pl (Lt)		4	2				2				2		
20	B Coy 2/12 Fd Amb		2	1				1				2		
13	3 Engr Sig Sec		3	1				1				2		
29	det 2/58 LAD		2	1				1				2		
			25	8	2			8	1			19		
19	HQ 2/12 Fd Amb	LSM	4	1	1			1				3		
	det Postal Unit	LST 3	2											
	det ADOS Dump		2											
	det 2/118 Bde Wksp		1											

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AMENDMENT NO 1

2/13 AUST TIF. BN GP

EMBARKATION PROGRAMME

Amend table as follows:-

(a) Page 3

LCT 1	Col (h) now reads 18 Jun 1200I	Col (k) now reads 18 Jun 1600I	Vehs } 19 Jun 0900I	Pers }
LCT 2	do	do	do	
LCT 3	Col (h) now reads 18 Jun 1800I	Col (k) now reads 19 Jun 0800I		
LCT 4	do	do		

2/13 AUST INF BN GP
EMBARKATION PROGRAMME

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Unit (a)	Ship (b)	OC Troops (c)	Pers		Vehs (f)	Priority (g)	Due at PA Area (h)	PA Area (i)	Loading Point (j)	Date & Time of Loading (k)	ECO & Load- ing Offr (l)	Remarks (m)
			Foot (d)	Veh (e)								
727 Amp Trac Bn	LST 1	Maj CRIBB		40	12xLVT4	1-12	PM 17 Jun	Unit Lines	BROWN Beach	PM 17 Jun	Capt BISHOP	
2/13 Inf Bn	Bow No 573	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	312				17 Jun 1800I	YELLOW	RED	19 Jun 1000I		Move from YELLOW to RED in LCM. Timetable to be issued separately
one Coy 2/15 Inf Bn			120									
15 Bty 2/8 Fd Regt			6									
2/3 Fd Coy			12									
Bch Gp RAN Cdo			6									
det PR & Press			2									
V & O			2									
727 Amp Trac Bn	LST 2	Capt FAULKNER		46	14xLVT4	1-14	PM 17 Jun	Unit Lines	BROWN Beach	PM 17 Jun	Capt BISHOP	
2/13 Inf Bn	Bow No 562	2/13 Inf Bn	385		1xJeep@		17 Jun 1800I	YELLOW	RED	19 Jun 1000I		@ Pre- loaded in LVT4
15 Bty 2/8 Fd Regt			6									
2/3 Fd Coy			6									
20 Inf Bde Sig Sec			4									
det Cipher Sec			2									
B Coy 2/12 Fd Amb			30									
Bch Gp RAN Cdo			4									
Bch Gp			5									
det CI Corps			1									
LO 9 Div			2									
V & O			2									
MCU			7									

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
2/13 Inf Bn 2/13 Inf Bn LOB 2/3 Fd Coy B Coy 2/12 Fd Amb Div Labour	LSM 2 BowNo 269	Capt HEDGER 2/13 Inf Bn	6 30 23 10 25				17 Jun 1800I	YELLOW	YELLOW	0900 19 Jun	Loading Offr to be detailed by OC Tps Unit stores loaded at YELLOW 19 Jun 0800I	
2/13 Inf Bn LOB 15 Bty 2/8 Fd Regt Div Labour	LSM 3 BowNo 133	Maj COOPER 2/13 Inf Bn	30 48 25				do	do	do	do	do	
2/12 Fd Amb	LCM			4	1x3Ton 1xJ&T	1 2A, 2B	18 Jun 0800I	BROWN	BROWN	18 Jun 0900I	Capt BISHOP	
2/1 ME Coy Det 9 Div Sigs 2/16 Fd Coy 2/3 Fd Coy 2/16 Tpt Pl (Hy) 2/13 Inf Bn	LCT 1	To be appoin- ted		3 4 2 4 2 6	1 xD6 1xJ&T 1xR4 1xR4 1x2 1/2 T 1x2 1/2 T 3xJ&T	1 2A, 2B 3 4 5 6 7A, 9B	17 Jun 1200I	YELLOW	YELLOW	17 Jun 1600I	Maj SNELL	
2/1 ME Coy 2/13 Inf Bn 15 Bty 2/8 Fd Regt 2/3 Fd Coy	LCT 2	do		3 6 4 4	1xD6 1xJ&T 2xJ& 2 Pdr 2xTD9 2x3Ton	1 2A, 2B 3A, 3B 4A, 4B 5-6 7-8	do	do	do	do	do	
15 Bty 2/8 Fd Regt 2/13 Inf Bn 2/2 MG Bn 2/26 Sup Dep Pl 15 Bty 2/8 Fd Regt	LCT 3	do		16 6 2 2	2x2 1/2 T 1xJ&T 2xJeep 2xTr J 3xJ&T 1xJ&T 1xJ&T	1-2 3A, 3B 4A-5A 4B-5B 6A-8B 9A, 9B 10A, 10B	17 Jun 1800I	do	do	18 Jun 0800I	do	
2/3 Fd Coy 2/13 Tpt Pl 2/12 Fd Amb 3 Engr Sig Sec 2/58 LAD	LCT 4	do		8 6 4 2 3 2	2x2 1/2 T 1xTrlr 3xJ&T 2xJ&T 1xJ&T 1xJ&T	1A-2 1B 4A-6B 7A-8B 9A-9B 10A, 10B 11A, 11B	do	do	do	do	do	

2/13 AUST INF BN GP LANDING CRAFT TABLE (continued)

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
4		LCT	2/8 Aust Fd Regt 2/3 Aust Fd Coy 2/13 Aust Tpt Pl (Lt) B Coy 2/12 Aust Fd Amb 3 Aust Engr Sig Sec 2/58 Aust LAD		8 6 4 2 3 2		2 x 3-tonners 1 water trailer 3 Jeeps, 3 trlrs 2 " , 2 " 1 " , 1 " 1 " , 1 " 1 " , 1 "			do	do	
1	1	LSM	2/8 Aust Fd Regt 2/3 Aust Fd Coy 11 Pl 2/16 Aust Fd Coy 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy 2/16 Aust Tpt Pl (Hy) HQ 2/12 Aust Fd Amb		4 18 8 4 6 53		2 Jeeps, 2 trlrs 1 " , 1 " 2 x 3-tonners, 1 trlr 1 Jeep, 1 trlr 3 x 3-tonners 1 Mech Eqpt 3 x 3-tonners 1 Jeep, 1 trlr			do	on call	
	2	LSM	2/13 Aust Inf Bn B Ech 2/13 Aust Inf Bn LOB 2/3 Aust Fd Coy B Coy 2/12 Aust Fd Amb Div Labour		6 30 23 10 25			25 tons 10 tons 15 tons		do	Not beaching	
	3	LSM	2/13 Aust Inf Bn LOB 2/8 Aust Fd Regt Div Labour		30 48 25			20 tons		do	Not beaching	
	1	LCM	HQ 2/12 Aust Fd Amb		4		1 Jeep 1 trlr			do	On call	

Ferry Service ex LST 1

4	LCVP	2/15 Aust Inf Bn		120						do	do	Res.
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
Ferry Service ex LST 2												
4	LCVP	2/13 Aust Inf Bn B Ech	(a) 19					192 packs		do	do	(a) Packs belonging to aslt tps to be unloaded by these personnel.
Ferry Service ex LST 3 - 4 LCVP												
	LCVP	Bn HQ : 2IC and batman A/Adjt and batman Pay Sjt and cpl Padre and batman Amn orderly Int Sec Clerks Mortar Pl HQ RAP 11 Pl 2/16 Fd Coy	2 2 2 2 1 9 5 4 2 6 35							do	do	Packs to be carried ashore by personnel in this craft
	LCVP	11 Pl 2/16 Aust Fd Coy	34							do	do	do
4	LCVP	2/15 Aust Inf Bn	120							do	do	Res.

2/13 AUST INF BN GF LANDING CRAFT TABLE

LST 1

Craft Available : 12 LVT (4)
Ex LST 1

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Ldg Craft Ser. No.	LANDING CRAFT		PERSONNEL		LOAD			MANNING		LANDING		REMARKS	
	No.	Type	Sub-unit	March- ing	On vehs	Guns	Vehs	Stores	Place	Time	Beach		Time
(a)		(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
1	12	LVT(4)	D Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn 16 Pl : Pl HQ Two secs Bn HQ : SB 2/3 Aust Fd Coy Engr Recce party Beach Gp: Naval Cdo	2 18 1 2 3 26				Aslt stores carried on man plus beach lamps and signs			CRIMSON Two	H Hr	
2		LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn D Coy - 16 Pl - One Sec Pl HQ Coy HQ Bn HQ : SB HQ Coy: Sigmn Mortar personnel	10 3 4 1 2 6 26				Aslt stores carried on man			do.	do.	
3		LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn(D Coy) 17 Pl : Pl HQ Two secs HQ Coy: Mortar personnel	2 18 6 26				do.			do.	do.	
4		LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn(D Coy) 17 Pl : Pl HQ One sec Coy HQ Bn HQ : SB Int Sec (continued)	3 10 5 1 1				do.			do.	do.	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
4 (continued)		HQ Coy : Sigm 2/8 Aust Fd Regt: Arty FOO	2 3 25									
5	LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn(D Coy) 18 Pl : Pl HQ One sec HQ Coy: MMG personnel	3 10 14 27				Aslt stores carried on man			CRIMSON Two	H hr	
6	LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn(D Coy) 18 Pl : Pl HQ Two secs Bn HQ : SB Beach Gp: Nav Cdo 2/3 Aust Fd Coy: Engr Recce party	2 18 1 3 4 28				do.			do.	do.	
7	LVT(4)	A Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn 7 Pl : Pl HQ Two secs Bn HQ : SB	2 22 1 25				do.			CRIMSON Three	H Hr	
8	LVT(4)	A Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn 7 Pl : One sec Pl HQ Coy HQ Bn HQ : SB HQ Coy: Sigm Mortar personnel	10 3 5 1 2 6 27				do.			do.	do.	
9	LVT(4)	A Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn 8 Pl : Pl HQ Two secs	2 22 24				do.			do.	do.	
10	LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn A Coy - 8 Pl - Pl HQ One sec Coy HQ Bn HQ : SB Int Sec	3 10 5 1 1 (continued)				do.			do.	do.	

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Sheet No. 3

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
10 (continued)	—	HQ Coy : Sigmn 2/8 Aust Fd Regt : Arty FOO	2 3 25			—						
11	LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn: A Coy-9 Pl - Pl HQ One Sec HQ Coy : Mortar personnel 2/3 Aust Fd Coy: Engr Recce party	3 11 6 6 26				do.			do.	do.	
12	LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn: A Coy-9 Pl - Two secs Pl HQ Bn HQ : SB Beach Gp : Naval Cdo	20 2 1 3 26				do.			do.	do.	

12 LVT(4) ex LST 2.

1	12	LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn : B Coy-10 Pl : Pl HQ Two secs Bn HQ : SB	2 22 1 25				Aslt stores carried on man			CRIMSON Two	H plus 3	
2		LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn : B Coy-10 Pl: One sec Pl HQ Coy HQ Bn HQ : SB HQ Coy: Sigmn Mortar personnel	10 3 4 1 2 6 26				do.		do.	do.		
3		LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn: B Coy-11 Pl: Pl HQ Two secs HQ Coy:Mortar personnel	2 20 6 28				do.		do.	do.		
4		LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn : B Coy-11 Pl: Pl HQ One sec Coy HQ	3 11 5				do.		do.	do.		
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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
4 (continued)		Bn HQ : SB Int Sec HQ Coy: Sigmn Public Relations:	1 1 2 2 25									
5	LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn: B Coy-12 Pl:Pl HQ One sec HQ Coy :MMG personnel	3 11 12 26				do.			do.	do.	
6	LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn: B Coy-12 Pl:Pl HQ Two secs Bn HQ : SB	2 22 1 25				do.			do.	do.	
7	LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn: C Coy-13 Pl:Pl HQ Two secs Bn HQ : SB	2 20 1 23				do.			CRIMSON Three	H plus 3	
8	LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn: C Coy-13 Pl;One sec Pl HQ Coy HQ Bn HQ : SB HQ Coy: Sigmn Mortar personnel	9 3 4 1 2 5 24				do.			do.	do.	
9	LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn: C Coy-13 Pl: Pl HQ Two secs HQ Coy:Mortar personnel	2 20 6 28				do.			do.	do.	
10	LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn: C Coy-14 Pl: Pl HQ One sec (continued)	3 10				do.			do.	do.	

2/13 AUST INF BN GP LANDING CRAFT TABLE (continued)

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Sheet No. 5

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
10		Coy HQ Bn HQ : SB Int Sec HQ Coy: Sigmn Vis & Obv	5 1 1 2 2 24				do.			do.	do.	
11	LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn : C Coy-15 Pl : Pl HQ One sec Bn HQ : SB Beach Co: Naval Sigs	3 10 1 4 18				do.			do.	do.	
12	LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn : C Coy-15 Pl : Pl HQ Two secs	2 20 22				do.			do.	do.	

2 LVT(4) ex LST 2 (FREE BOATS)

1	LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn : Bn HQ : CO and batman Adjt and batman IO and batman RSM and batman HQ Coy: Dvr Sigmn MMC Pl HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec:	8 4 1 12	3	(a) 1 x Jeep	1 x 108 set 1 x 22 set			CRIMSON Three	Free boats	(a) Preloaded
2	LVT(4)	2/13 Aust Inf Bn : Bn HQ L Sjt clerk RMO and batman RP Sjt & 1 OR RAP SB Sjt & 1 OR Cook Offrs Mess Sig Offr & batman Sigmn 2/8 Aust Fd Regt :	1 2 2 2 2 1 1 2 7 6 26			Aslt stores carried on man			do.	do.	

2/13 AUST INF BN LANDING CRAFT TABLE (continued)

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
6 LVT(4) ex LST 3												
1	6	LVT(4)	2/8 Aust Fd Regt	7		(b) 1x25-pr	40 rds 25-pr			CRIMSON Two and Three	H plus 6	(b) preloaded in LVT(4)
2		LVT(4)	2/8 Aust Fd Regt	7		(b) 1x25-pr	40 rds 25-pr			do	do	do
3		LVT(4)	2/8 Aust Fd Regt	7		(b) 1x25-pr	40 rds 25-pr			do	do	do
4		LVT(4)	2/8 $\frac{3}{4}$ Aust Fd Regt	7		(b) 1x25-pr	40 rds 25-pr			do	do	do
5		LVT(4)	2/8 Aust Fd Regt	13	3		1 x Jeep	40 rds 25-pr		do	do	do
6		LVT(4)	2/8 Aust Fd Regt	24				40 rds 25-pr		do	do	do

12 DUKW ex LST 3

1		DUKW	2/13 Aust Inf Bn: B Ech - Dvr HQ Coy - Sig Sjt & Sigmn 106 DUKW Coy	2	1 1 2 4	(a) 1 Sig Jeep				do	H plus 15	(a) preloaded in DUKW NOTE: Packs to be carried ashore by all 2/13 Inf Bn personnel in this craft
2		DUKW	2/13 Aust Inf Bn: Bn HQ : SB HQ Coy: Dvrs 106 DUKW Coy :		2 2 2 6	(a) 1 RAP Jeep				do	do	do
3		DUKW	106 DUKW Coy		2 2 4	(a) 1 Jeep				do	do	do
4		DUKW	2/13 Aust Inf Bn : Air Sp Party 106 DUKW Coy		2 2 4	(a) 1 Jeep				do	do	do
5		DUKW	SFCP	5	3	1 Jeep				do	do	do

2/13 AUST INF BN LANDING CRAFT TABLE (continued)

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
5	DUKW	2/13 Aust Inf Bn Sigmn Air Sp Party 106 DUKW Coy	2 3 2 7			Sig Trailer Air Sp party Trailer				do	do	do
1	DUKW	2/8 Aust Fd Regt	10		1 x 75 mm		Amn			do	do	do
8	DUKW	2/8 Aust Fd Regt	10		1 x 75 mm		Amn			do	do	do
9	DUKW	2/8 Aust Fd Regt	10		1 x 75 mm		Amn			do	do	do
10	DUKW	2/8 Aust Fd Regt	10		1 x 75 mm		Amn			do	do	do
11	DUKW	2/8 Aust Fd Regt	10			1 Jeep				do	do	do
12	DUKW	106 DUKW Coy		8			DUKW stores			do	do	do

12 LCVP 4 LCVP ex LST 1, 2, 3

4 LCVP ex LST 1

	LCVP	2/13 Aust Inf Bn B Ech personnel	(a) 28				284 packs			CRIMSON Two and Three	Ferry Ser- vice on call	(a) Aslt tps will pre-load packs in these craft. B Ech personnel to be responsi- ble for unloading
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4 LCVP ex LST 2

	LCVP	B Coy 2/12 Aust Fd Amb	30							do	do	
	LCVP	2/13 Aust Inf Bn Pnr Pl 2/3 Aust Fd Coy 20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec Det Cipher Sec 1 Aust Beach Gp Det CIC LO 9 Aust Div V & O MCU	5 6 3 2 5 1 2 2 7 33							do	do	
	LCVP	2/13 Aust Inf Bn Pnr Pl	34							do	do	
	LCVP	2/13 Aust Inf Bn B Ech	6				100 packs			do	do	do

2/13 AUST INF BN^{GP}/LANDING CRAFT TABLE (continued)

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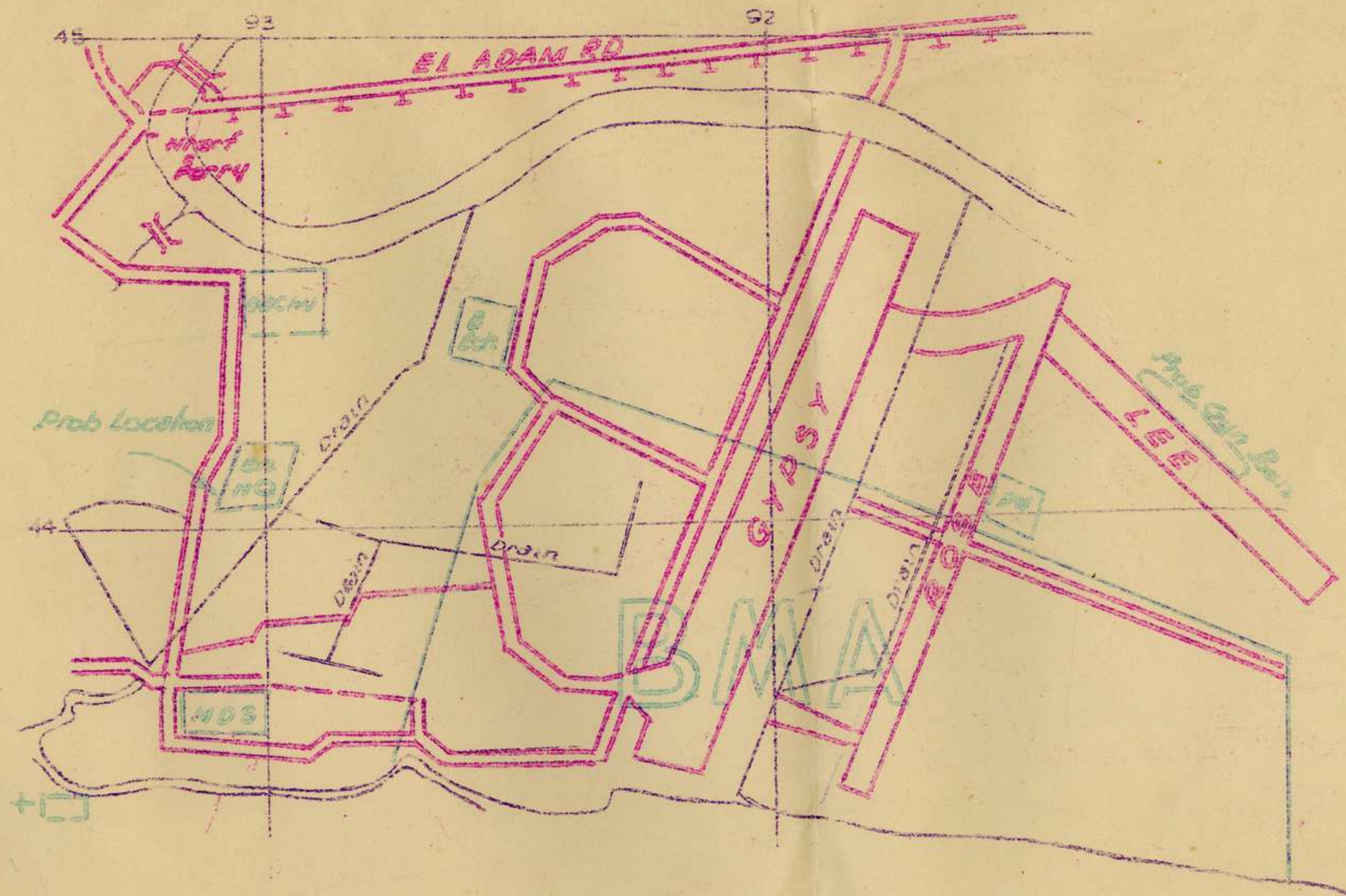
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LCVP ex LST 3												
	LCVP	1 Pl 2/2 Aust MG Bn	32				(a) Aslt stores			do	do	(a) Stores to be preloaded
	LCVP	2/8 Aust Fd Regt	30							do	do	Packs to be carried ashore
	LCVP	2/26 Aust Sup Dep Pl BBCAU 9 Aust Div Pro Coy ATIS B Aust FS Sec 34 Aust FS Sec (EE) 2/58 Aust LAD Public Relations V & O Det Postal Det ADOS Dump Det 2/118 Aust Bde Wksp	10 2 4 1 1 1 7 2 2 2 2 1 35							do	do	do
	LCVP	B Coy 2/12 Aust Fd Amb	28							do	do	

4 LCT

	LCT	2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn 2/3 Aust Fd Coy 11 Pl 2/16 Aust Fd Coy 2/16 Aust Tpt Pl (Hy) Sigs 9 Aust Div	3 6 4 2 2 4			1 3 Jeeps, 3 trailers 3 1 1 1 Jeep, 1 trailer			CRIMSON Two and Three	On call	
2	LCT	2/13 Aust Inf Bn 2/8 Aust Fd Regt 2/3 Aust Fd Coy 2/1 Aust Mech Eqpt Coy	6 4 4 3	2		1 Jeep, 1 trailer 2 2 1			do	do	
3	LCT	2/13 Aust Inf Bn 1 Pl 2/2 Aust MG Bn 2/8 Aust Fd Regt 2/26 Aust Sup Dep Pl	6 2 16 2			3 Jeeps (a) 5 trailers 1 Jeep, 1 trailer 3 Jeeps, 1 trailer 2x3-tonners 1 Jeep, 1 trailer			do	do	(a) 2 trailers of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn towed ashore by Jeeps from 2/8 Aust Fd Regt

Appx H to 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
002



SCALE 1:12,500
500 0 500 metres
Ref Map Rupt NW 1:25,000

CODE NAMES

Objectives Captured

BLACK	First objective captured
RED	Second objective captured
GREEN	Third objective captured
BLUE	Fourth objective captured

Topographical

LUTONG		ALEX
LUTONG RIVER		SUEZ
Road junction PAPACHS area	434951	SUGAR
Road junction	442938	SALT
Ferry	448932	PEPPER
KUALA LUTONG		DELTA
PUJUT		SAUCE
X roads	456876	BARIEX
KAMPONG PUJO MALAYU		CHEESE
KAMPONG MUKAH		HAM
MIFI		CAIRO
Tg LORING		BUTTER
MIFI RIVER		HILL
CARADA HILL		RAHMAN
ADONG F		JORDAN
No 1 strip		GYPSY
No 2 strip		ROSE
No 3 strip		LEE
ELC		BACON
LUTONG - CAPE BARAM RD	from CAPE BARAM 1 to ferry 448932	ACROMA RD
LUTONG - PUJUT RD	from ferry 448932 to X rds 456876	EL ADEM RD
(PUJUT - To LORING RD		
(X rds 456876 to rd junc 401815		BEMINA RD
Rd No 3 strip to Kg MUKAH		REGIMA RD
Refinery area		SHAMBLES
Unnamed river 454923		HADI GAZA
Bridge 449931		FIGTREE

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PRO FORMA MESSAGE FORM

FROM 20 AUST INF BDE

162000I

TO 2/13 - 2/15 - 2/17 BMS - A SQN 2/9 ARMD REGT - 2/8 FD REGT -
2/3 FD COY - B COY 2/2 MG BN - 2/8 FD AMB - 2/6 SUP DEP COY -
2/118 BDE WKSP - COMDYELLOW BEACHHEAD - 9 AUST DIV - COMD -
BM - SC - SIG OFFR - BMB(2)

GO153 SECRET (-) 00 8 (-) 20 bde will continue exploitation area
TUTONG and direction LIMBANG (-) 2/17 bn (-) provide det NOT more than
two coys (-) tasks (-) exploitation area TUTONG (-) patrol towards
SERIA (-) control junc ROUTE 3 and ABANG TR 294307 and patrol down
ABANG TR (-) 2/17 bn less two coy dets in bde res patrol area GADONG
as planned (-) 2/15 bn (-) continue ops against LIMBANG as planned
(-) armd arty engrs NO change (-) MMG (-) B 2 pl reverts comd B coy 2/2
MG bn 0800 hrs 17 jun (-) task: control WHISTLE TR (-) adm separately
ack all infm

If liable, etc

C/Hill Maj

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9 AUST DIV OPERATION ORDER 4

Reference maps:

LAPUAN SOUTH	1: 25,000
PUJUT NORTH WEST	1: 25,000
PUJUT SOUTH WEST	1: 25,000
LOAK FAY SOUTH EAST	1: 25,000
LOAK FAY	1: 50,000
PUJUT	1: 50,000

INFORMATION

1. Topography

- (a) See Terrain Study No 89 - **SARAWAK and BRUNEI**, Terrain Handbook 59 BRUNEI FAY, 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Review No 3 OPOE SIX.
- (b) Additional information is shown in 9 Aust Div Intelligence Review No 1 OPOE SIX Part II Section 4 to be issued separately.
- (c) An inland route exists connecting BRUNEI to MIRI. This route follows roads, foot-tracks and navigable rivers as follows :-

BRUNEI - LIMPANG road
thence up the LIMPANG and PANDALAM RIVERS thence
via track 139 (Terrain Study 89) to MELIAU RIVER
thence down MELIAU and EAPALE RIVERS to the coast
thence by MT road to MIRI

2. Enemy (information to 17 Jun 45)

- (a) Accurate information of enemy strengths in the LUTONG - MIRI area is NOT available. It is NOT anticipated that the area will be held in strength and a recent report from Allied naval sources indicates that the enemy defences in the coastal areas of LUTONG may be evacuated.
- (b) Since 12 Jun 45 the enemy has been burning the oil contents of installations in the oilfields.
- (c) Reinforcements may be available both from the NE and SOUTH but NOT in large numbers. Our advances in the BRUNEI area have forced the enemy southwards, and some of this retreating force may be met in the MIRI - LUTONG area.

3. Own troops

- (a) See current sitreps.
- (b) 2/32 Aust Inf Bn, Gp captured WESTON 17 Jun and is recommitting by land and river towards BEAUFORT.

4. Allied naval forces are providing amphibious shipping as shown in appendix A and are supporting the landing by naval bombardment.

5. Air

- (a) 1 TAF PAAF with 13 US Air Force in support is providing preliminary bombardment of LUTONG.

- (b) Direct support of ground forces is to be provided by air alert aircraft.
- (c) Tac R and Arty R will NOT be available initially.

INTENTION

- 6. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp will capture LUTONG by amphibious assault and will secure and consolidate covering position as shown in appendix C.

METHOD

- 7. Order of battle of assault force - see appendix B.
- 8. Reserve

The order of battle of the assault force includes two companies 2/15 Aust Inf Bn. This reserve will NOT be committed except in emergency and will be prepared for early return to PFUNEI area.

- 9. Landing beach

CRIMSON BEACH - CRIMSON ONE and TWO - see appendix C.

- 10. Covering position

See appendix C.

- 11. Action after consolidation of objective

- (a) 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will reconnoitre towards MIRI with a view to its subsequent capture.
- (b) The force to be used will NOT exceed one infantry company without prior reference to this Headquarters.

- 12. Naval bombardment

- (a) Naval forces are supporting the operation with preliminary bombardment and call fire as required.
- (b) Ships allotted to provide naval gunfire :-

- (i) Cruisers

One CA	--	HMAS SHEPPSHIRE	8 x 8" guns 8 x 4" guns
One CL	--	HMAS HOPART	8 x 6" guns 8 x 4" guns

- (ii) Destroyers

HMAS ARUNTA	6 x 4.7" guns
HMAS WARRAMUNGA	6 x 4.7" guns

- (iii) Close Support Craft

- 2 LCS (L) - carrying 3" gun - 40mm and 20mm.
- 2 LCI (R) - each 400 HE Barrage rockets

- (c) Ammunition allotment

- (i) Preliminary bombardment :-

6"	--	320 rounds
4.7"	--	1,000 rounds
HEBR	--	800

(11) Call fire :-

8" - 400 rounds
6" - 130 rounds
4.7" - 200 rounds

(d) Naval Gunfire Schedule - see appendix D Part I.

(e) Targets for naval gunfire - see appendix D Part II.

(f) Number 6 SFCP is allotted to direct call fire subsequent to landing.

13. Air bombardment

(a) Target areas are shown in Naval and Air bombardment overlay attached as appendix D Part II.

(b) Prior to L day

The following targets are to be attacked prior to L day :-

- (i) 123 147 148 - 2 light anti-craft, 2 medium anti-aircraft and 3 heavy anti-aircraft guns
- (ii) 62 - coastal defence gun
- (iii) 61 - coastal defence gun
- (iv) 416851 - coastal defence gun
- (v) 59r - 5 medium and light anti-aircraft guns
- (vi) 34 - 2 heavy anti-aircraft guns
- (vii) 22 - medium anti-aircraft guns
- (viii) 4 - enemy OP
- (ix) 417841 - medium anti-aircraft guns
- (x) 64 - barracks buildings and bunkers
- (xi) MIRI - LUTONG - both areas to be thoroughly strafed

(c) L day

The following areas are to be attacked on L day with anti-personnel bombs and strafing :-

- (i) area bounded by 64 - 52 - 76 - 88 inclusive
- (ii) area bounded by 123 - 124 - 148 - 147 inclusive
- (iii) area bounded by 7 - 25 - 23 - 5 inclusive
- (iv) area bounded by map references 424859 - 430855 - 410828 - 404828 inclusive

Attacks will be made NOT later than C minus 60 minutes.

14. Restriction on air bombardment

The destruction of the following targets will be avoided :-

- (a) LUTONG oil refinery 438936.

- (b) bridge over MIRI FIVE at reference map 449932
- (c) wharves
- (d) public utilities, hospitals, churches and mosques
- (e) avoid cratering beaches

15. Direct air support

13 US Air Force is providing 6 B25s (MITCHELLS) on air alert over target area from 0930I to 1630I on L day, aircraft being relieved every two hours.

16. Control air support

- (a) One air support party is included in order of battle 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
- (b) All air alert aircraft will report to Air Support Section when 50 miles from area and then will be handed over to the control of Air Support Party with 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
- (c) Air Support Party will direct aircraft to targets as ordered by Commander 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
- (d) Air alert aircraft NOT given task within air alert period will revert to control of Air Support Section LAEUAN.
- (e) 9 Aust Div will allot secondary targets for air alert aircraft NOT used by 2/13 Aust Inf Bn during air alert period.

17. Air support requests

The following details are necessary when making requests for direct air support :-

- (a) Reference map.
- (b) Description of target : type of target, e.g., troops, MGs, supplies etc.
- (c) Time over target : Include NOT before..... hours.
NOT after hours.
or time immaterial.
This time is vital in the case of coordinated ground/air attack.
- (d) Position of forward troops : Necessary to avoid attacks on our own troops by own aircraft.
- (e) Special instructions : Target indication whether target will be marked by smoke or its position in reference to special feature, e.g., 200 yards SOUTH of road junction.
Whether air attack requested is coordinated with ground attack.
Alternative target if required.
- (f) Target bomblines : Line beyond which our own troops will NOT advance until completion of air attack.

18. Target bomblines

All requests for direct air support will include a target bomblines which will NOT be crossed by our troops until the air attack is completed. Care will be taken that target bomblines include those features most recognisable from the air, and on NO account will a grid line only be given.

19. Naval and Air support

2/13 Aust Inf Bn will NOT call for air support and naval bombardment simultaneously.

20. Target identification naval and air bombardment

- (a) Target overlay appendix D Part II common to all services will be used for target description.
- (b) YELLOW fluorescent panels will be used to indicate position of forward troops.
- (c) Fluorescent panels will NOT be used to indicate bomb lines.

21. Field artillery

- (a) 15 Pty 2/8 Aust Fd Regt is under command 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
- (b) One troop is armed with 4 x 25 pounders Mk II guns; and one troop with 4 x 75 mm guns.

22. Engineers

(a) Command

Capt F K FARROW 2/3 Aust Fd Coy will command all engineer units of Force.

(b) Allocation of troops

- (i) 1 Platoon, 2/3 Aust Fd Coy RAE is allocated primarily for close engineer support during landing and for subsequent inland operations of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
- (ii) 11 Platoon, 2/16 Aust Fd Coy RAE, less one section, is allocated for engineer work in establishment of BMA.

(c) Tasks

- (i) Provide close engineer support for landing operation and for subsequent inland operations of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
- (ii) Construction of beach exits and Beach Maintenance Area.
- (iii) Water supply of Force.
- (iv) Repair of main NORTH-SOUTH road to Class 24 within limits of exploitation of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
- (v) Provision of two Class 5 ferries for crossing MIRI RIVER.
- (vi) Construct AUSTER strip.
- (vii) Any such tasks as may be ordered by Force Commander.

23. Shipping and craft

- (a) See appendix A.
- (b) LCT and LCM are to be fitted with towing gear.

24. 593 EB and S Regt

- (a) See appendix A.

- (b) Boat En 593 EB and S Regt will be responsible that LCM is fitted with towing gear.

25. Amphibian tractors

(a) See appendices A and B.

(b) LVTs will return in LST convoy which sails AM 21 Jun 45.

26. Command

During the amphibious move and landing the Commander Naval Task Force will command the operation until the landing force is established ashore. Command of the force ashore then passes to Commanding Officer 2/13 Aust Inf Bn. The exact time of transfer of command is to be mutually decided between the commanders concerned and will be notified to all subordinate commanders by wireless. Commanding Officer 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will notify assumption of command by immediate signal to HQ 9 Aust Div.

27. L Day - 20 Jun 45.

28. C Hour - 0930I (time at which first craft reach beach)

29. Reports

Brief reports and situation reports will be submitted in accordance with 9 Aust Div GS Instruction 1 of 17 Apr 45.

ADMINISTRATION

30. See 9 Aust Div Administration Order 3 of 17 Jun 45.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

31. Location of Headquarters

HQ 9 Aust Div	-	841837	
CTU 76.20.50	-	afloat	- LST 562 LC(2)546
HQ 2/13 Aust Inf Bn	-	ashore	- as advised

32. Naval communications

Details of communications available will be advised by Sigs 9 Aust Div.

33. Communications for naval support - Normal

34. Communications for air support - Normal

35. Communications for air warning

- (a) While afloat air warning will be passed over Naval channels.
- (b) On landing air warning will be passed from 9 Aust Div over the Army wireless communications by transmission in clear of "FLASH RED - air raid imminent".
- (c) Other broadcasts as laid down for OBOE SIX will obtain.

36. Rear link communications

Sigs 9 Aust Div will arrange rear link communication from 2/13 Aust Inf Bn to HQ 9 Aust Div.

37. Frequencies

- (a) Will be issued to all concerned through Signal channels.
- (b) Normal daily change will be used.

- (c) Frequencies will be changed only by use of appropriate code words to be issued through Signal channels.

38. Panel signals - Ground-Air

As previously ordered for operation OBOE SIX.

39. Pyrotechnics

As previously ordered for operation OBOE SIX.

40. Code signs and code names

- (a) Will be issued to all concerned through Signal channels.
(b) Normal daily change will be used.

41. Code Words

- (a) Code words for phases of operation and for locations are shown in appendix E.
(b) These code words will only be used within 9 Aust Div.

42. Code word for the operation - COCONUT

43. Codes and ciphers

- (a) Combined Field Code CCBP 0129/3 with CCBP 0121/D2 will be used for communication with Allied Forces, RAN and RAAF for all messages which require enciphering. CCBP 0129/4 replaces 0129/3 at 0001 hours 20 Jun 45 - CCBP 0121/D2 remains current.
(b) FT Code Number 2 will be used for Aust Army Units for all FT conversations during the operation. Keywords/keyletters will be as detailed for operation OBOE SIX.
(c) Current appointments Code wide Signal Training Pam No 5 will be used in referring to branches and appointments.
(d) SFCP and USN will be using FT code CSP 2156(B) for RT transmissions.
(e) Rear link to LAHUAU - Medium Grade
(f) Unit Level (where necessary) - Field Grade (Trencode).
(f) Distribution of documents and keys will be effected through signal channels.

44. Signal security

- (a) Full measures will be taken to ensure that all wireless transmissions are encoded and enciphered when the enemy can make use of the information being transmitted.
(b) Existing civil and military communication systems will NOT be used until approval is obtained from HQ 9 Aust Div.

45. Pass words - Will be issued separately.

46. Signal plan

Detailed signal plan will be issued to the elements concerned by Sigs 9 Aust Div.

47. Time zone - ITEM

48. Synchronisation of time

- (a) Ships time will be used while force is afloat.
- (b) After landing time will be passed from HQ 9 Aust Div over Army wireless channel.

49. SDS

Timetable for waterborne SDS from IAFUAN will be arranged by Sigs 9 Aust Div later.

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CTU 70.1.7 (PT Sqn)	11
1 TAF RAAF	12
83 Army Coop Wing	13
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Appendix A

AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING

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1. Comd Naval Attack Unit - CTU 76.20.50 Capt MARTIN USN
Flagship LCI(L) 546

Amphibious shipping allotted:-

LST 573
562
667
LSM 54
269
133
4 LCT 1310
1312
1317
1331

2. Craft of 593 EB and 3 Regt allotted - 1 LCM.
3. Amphibian Tractors allotted - 32 LVT(4)
4. DUKWS allotted - 12 DUKWS
5. The following craft will remain in the objective area after 1 day until receipt of further instructions:-

1 LCM
2 DUKWS
6. LCT and LCM are to be fitted with towing gear.

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Appendix B

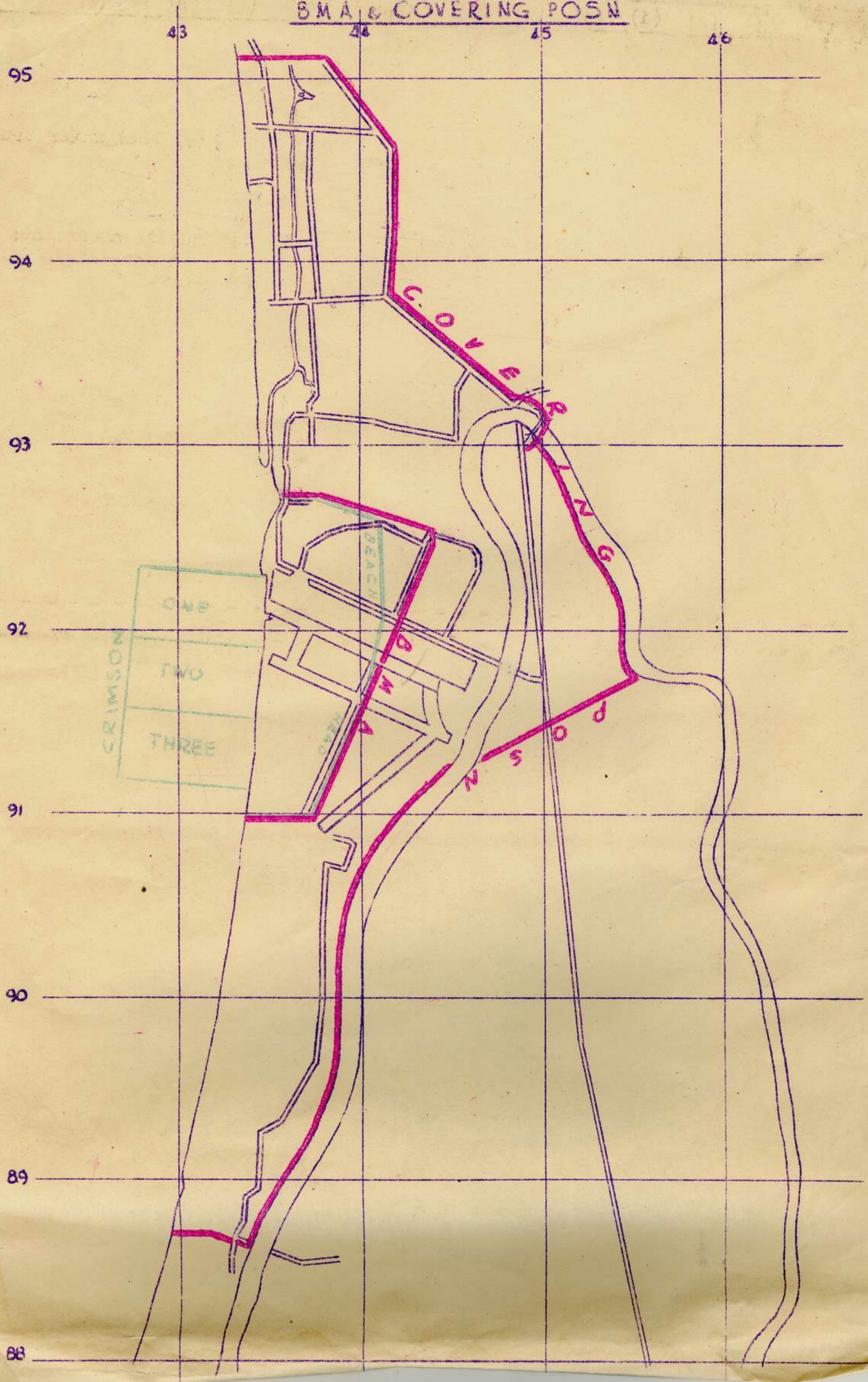
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Ser	Unit	Vehs		Trlrs		Mech Eqpt				Guns			Total Guns and vehs	DW out of vehs	Remarks
		Pers	Jeep 2 1/2 ton	Misc	Jeep	Water	Comp ress or	Trac tors	Doz ers	Auto pat- rol	25 pdr	75 mm	2 pdr		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(r)
1	INF														
2	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	760	12			10								2	24
3	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	60													25
4	ICB														
5	2/15 Aust Inf Bn	240													
6	(2 coys)														
7	1 Pl 2/2 MG Bn	34	1			1								2	
8	ARTY														
9	15 Bty 2/8 Aust	237	7	4		3	1		2			4	4	25	20
10	Fd Regt														
11	SFCP	8	1											1	
12	ENGERS														
13	Tac HQ 2/3 Aust	8	2			2								4	
14	Fd Coy														
15	1 Pl 2/3 Fd Coy	65	2	1	4(a)	2		1	1					11	10
16	11 Pl 2/16 Fd Coy	50	1	1	2(b)	1			1					6	(a) Tippers - 270 w/h overhang
17	(less one sec)														
18	Det 2/1 Mech Eqpt Coy	10							2	1				3	(b) Tippers
19	SIGS														
20	Det 9 Aust Div Sigs	4	1			1								2	With 112 set
21	Det 20 Aust Inf	4													Ø Units shown thus are at present in LABUAN area
22	Bde Sig Sec														
23	Det 3 Aust Engr	3	1			1								2	
24	Sig Sec Ø														

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)(n)(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(r)
14	Det Aust Cipher Sec Ø	2														
	<u>LASC</u>															
15	Det 2/26 Sup Dep Pl	12	1			1								2		
16	Det 2/13 Tpt Pl (1t)	4	2			2								4		
17	2/16 Tpt Pl (Hy)	8												4		(c) Incl water truck
18	Det 106 DUKW Coy	30												12		
	<u>MED</u>															
19	HQ 2/12 Aust Fd Amb Ø	97	2		1	1	2	1						7	20	Units shown thus are
20	B Coy 2/12 Aust Fd Amb	30													1	at present in LABUAN
21	Det 2/3 Aust MOU	7													1	area
	<u>MISCELLANEOUS UNITS</u>															
22	Det RAN Beach Cdo	10														
23	Det Beach Gp	2														
24	Air Sp Party Ø	7	2				1									
25	Det BBKAU	2														
26	Det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	4														
27	Det ATIS	1														
28	Det B Aust FS Sec	1														
29	Det 34 Aust FS Sec (EE)	1														
30	Det 2/58 Aust LAD	9	1				1							2		
31	727 Amp Trac Bn Ø	110				32								32		(d) LVT (4)
32	Det FELO					(d)										
32	Det FELO	1														
33	Det CI Corps	1														
34	LO 9 Aust Div	2														
		1824	36	11	52	28	2	1	4	2	1	4	4	2	146	76

SKETCH SHOWING BEACHES BEACH-HEAD
BMA & COVERING POSN



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Appendix D Part I

Copy No 14

NAVAL GUNFIRE SCHEDULE OPERATION "COCONUT"

(Issued in conjunction with 9 Aust Div Operation Order 4 of 17 Jun 45)

SHIP	AMMUNITION AVAILABLE		-60	-30	-5	-2	C	+5	
CA - HMAS SHROPSHIRE	9 x 3" - 400	Target No Rounds fired							Available for call fire
CL - HMAS HOBART	8 x 6" - 450	Target No Rounds fired	Area A and B 2,3,4,12,34,35 320						
DD - HMAS ARUNTA	6 x 4.7"-600	Target No Rounds fired	58, 61 - 64 200	56-58, 79, 80 275	122, 123, 147, 148 125				
DD - HMAS WARRAMUNGA	6 x 4.7"-600	Target No Rounds fired	123, 147, 148 180	52, 53, 54, 55, 77, 78 220					Call fire 200 rounds
2 LCS(L)	3", 40mm, 20mm	Target No Rounds fired	Landing beaches and flanks at CO's discretion						
1 LCI(R)	4.5" HE BR - 400	Target No Rounds fired				53, 54 400			
1 LCI(R)	4.5" HE BR - 400	Target No Rounds fired				55, 56 400			

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COCONUT
~~BOE SIX~~
TARGET OVERPRINT
NAVAL & AIR BOMBARDMENT

REF MAPS: 1:50,000 LOAK BAY, PUJUT
S. LUTONG

(Issued with 9 Aust Div Operation Order 4
of 17 Jun 45)

64	88	108	128	152	176
63	87	107	127	151	175
62	86	106	126	150	174
61	85	105	125	149	173
60	84	104	124	148	172
59	83	103	123	147	171
58	82	102	122	146	170
57	81	101	121	145	169
56	80	100	120	144	168
55	79	99	119	143	167
54	78	98	118	142	166
53	77	97	117	141	165
52	76	96	116	140	164
51	75	95	115	139	163
50	74	94	114	138	162
49	73	93	113	137	161
48	72	92	112	136	160
47	71	91	111	135	159
46	70	90	110	134	158
45	69	89	109	133	157
44	68			132	156
43	67			131	155
42	66			130	154
41	65			129	153

35
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33
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AREA A
CO gun

AREA B
HAA gun

13	22	31
12	21	30
11	20	29
10	19	28
9	18	27
8	17	26
7	16	25
6	15	24
5	14	23

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Appendix E

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CODE WORDS - OPERATION COCONUT:

(Issued ~~in the~~ ~~on~~ ~~August~~ ~~1945~~ ~~with~~ ~~0-1157~~ ~~Rev~~ 004 of 7 Jun 45)

Phases of Operation

MONCLAR - Landing successfully effected.
LATAKIA - Covering position secured.

Topographical

ALEX	LUTONG	
ACROMA ROAD	LUTONG - CAPE BARLEM Road	From CAPE BARLEM 1 to ferry 448932.
BACON	ELG	
BARLEY	Cross roads 456876	
BENINA Road	PUJUT Te LOBANG road	
	Cross roads 456876 to road junction 401815	
BUTTER	Tg LOBANG	
CAIRO	MIRI	
CHEESE	KAMPONG PULO M.LAYU	
DELTA	KUALA LUTONG	
EL ADEM ROAD	LUTONG-PUJUT ROAD	From ferry 448932 to cross roads 456876
FIG TREE	Bridge 449931	
GYPSY	No 1 strip	
HAM	KAMPONG MUKAH	
JORDAN	ADONG R	
LENE	No 3 strip	
NILE	MIRI RIVER	
PEPPER	Ferry 448932	
REGIMA ROAD	Road No 3 strip to Kg MUKAH	
ROSEE	No 2 strip	
RAHMAT	CANADA HILL	
SALT	Road junction 442938	
SAUCE	PUJUT	
SHAMBLES	Refinery area	
SUEZ	LUTONG River	
SUGAR	Road junction BARRACKS area 434951	
WADI GAZA	Unnamed river 454923	

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Bm
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War Diary

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9 AUST DIV OPERATION INSTRUCTION 1

Copy No /

(NO change from verbal orders)

HQ 9 Aust Div
18 Jun 45

Reference Maps : Tg KLIAS 1:50,000
Tg BAKAT 1:50,000
Tg KARUKAN 1:50,000
Tg NOSONG 1:50,000

Brig S H W C PORTER
Commanding 24 Aust Inf Bde.

1. Enemy information

- (a) The enemy in the area of 9 Aust Div operations is withdrawing from contact and showing NO signs of offensive action.
- (b) Earlier information from native sources indicated that a small enemy force, estimated at NOT more than 50 all ranks, moved overland to the MENUMBOK 962853 area. However, latest reports show NO sign of enemy activity in the area.
- (c) Lt Comd TANCRED RAN landed at MEMPAKUL 933840 on 18 Jun 45 and reported that there were NO enemy forces in the village area. Evidence pointed to a small number of Japs having recently evacuated the area. Natives briefly interrogated ashore stated that there were 50 enemy at KINANAP 957874 and 5 at MELIKAI 998922. NO enemy defences were observed in the vicinity of the beach.

2. Own troops

2/32 Aust Inf Bn Gp has captured WESTON and is reconnoitring towards BEAUFORT.

3. Intention

It is my intention to gain and retain control of the high country running from MEMPAKUL - MENUMBOK to Tg. NOSONG 202211 to prevent the enemy using the track through KARUKAN 130036 from KOTA KLIAS 282008 and to gain possession of suitable boat harbours and beaches for resupply, or to be used later as possible staging places on a move northwards.

4. Tasks

- (a) You will conduct an amphibious reconnaissance in force of the MEMPAKUL area on morning 19 Jun employing such troops of 2/43 Aust Inf Bn Gp as you consider necessary.
- (b) Should opportunity offer, you will effect a landing on the MEMPAKUL BEACH 933838, with a view to building up a sufficient force ashore to establish a beachhead and covering position as quickly as practicable.
- (c) It is to be clearly understood that the operation primarily is one of reconnaissance and if heavy resistance is encountered by the forward troops, you should NOT attempt to force a landing.

- (d) If necessary, a full scale amphibious operation will be mounted to capture MEMPAKUL at a later date.

5. Subsequent tasks

- (a) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn Gp will capture and consolidate a covering position to protect the beachhead.
- (b) 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn will be used for exploitation northwards to area KARUKAN - SITOMBOK LAKE 2011 with a view to controlling both these places.
- (c) You will support 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn in these operations as you deem necessary and expedient.
- (d) Reconnaissances will be carried out to ascertain:-
- (i) whether SITOMBOK LAKE and entrance thereto are suitable for small craft harbour.
 - (ii) whether sheltered anchorages exist in vicinity PUNAGAH 218168 suitable for small craft.
 - (iii) whether landing beaches, suitable for re-supply by small craft, exist along the coast between Tg KLIAS 9284 and Tg NOSONG.
 - (iv) how far RIVER KLIAS is navigable and its suitability as a line of supply and maintenance.

Results of these reconnaissances will be forwarded earliest practicable.

6. Force

- (a) The force to be used for the reconnaissance and subsequent landing, should that eventuate, will NOT exceed the 2/43 Aust Inf Bn Gp. Composition of 2/43 Aust Inf Bn Gp is attached as Appendix A.
- (b) 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn will be available to be landed when the beachhead has been established to carry out exploitation.

7. Artillery

- (a) 2/12 Aust Fd Regt less one battery will support 24 Aust Inf Bde for the operation.
- (b) 2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt will support the operation by fire of HAA guns from present positions.

8. Craft

The following craft will be available for the operation:-

LCI 778
1 LCI (G)
1 LCI (S)
1 LCM gunboat
6 LCM

9. Command

If a successful landing is effected as a result of the reconnaissance ordered, you will reassume command of 2/32 Aust Inf Bn Gp at WESTON, and command 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp in subsequent operations, which will have for their immediate objective the capture of BEAUFORT. The time of assuming command of 2/32 Aust Inf Bn Gp will be arranged with GOC 9 Aust Div and notified to all concerned by this HQ.

G F Wootten

(G F WOOTTEN) Major General
Commanding 9 Aust Div

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Appendix A

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COMPOSITION

2/43 AUST INF BN GP

(Issued with 9 Aust Div Operation Instruction 1 of 18 Jun 45)

CAV

2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn

ARTY

one tp 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
one SFCP

ENGRS

Tac HQ 2/16 Aust Fd Coy
one pl 2/16 Aust Fd Coy

SIGS

det 2/9 Aust Cav Cdo Regt Sig Tp
det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
det 2/45 Aust Cipher Sec
det Sigs 9 Aust Div

INF

2/43 Aust Inf Bn less dets
C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn less one pl

MED

det 2/3 Aust Fd Amb

AASC

det 2/14 Aust Tpt Pl
det 2/28 Aust Sup Dep Pl
HQ 2/156 Aust GT Coy

AEME

det 2/76 Aust LAD

MISC

det B Aust FS Sec
det 34 Aust FS Sec (EE)
det BBKAU
det 1 Aust Beach Gp (RAN cdo)

This was given by you when 1st in bio

pro
46m to
Reg

(Issued with 3rd Unit Div. Operation Instruction 1 of 18 Jan 44)

COMBINATION

Code X

SECRET

Doc 1 Unit Branch Co (Reg cdo)
Doc 2 REGVA
Doc 3 Unit BR 240 (Reg)
Doc 4 Unit BR 240

Doc

Doc 5 Unit BR 240

Doc

Doc 6 Unit BR 240
Doc 7 Unit BR 240
Doc 8 Unit BR 240

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Doc 9 Unit BR 240

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Doc 13 Unit BR 240
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Doc 16 Unit BR 240
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Doc 18 Unit BR 240

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Doc 19 Unit BR 240
Doc 20 Unit BR 240
Doc 21 Unit BR 240

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Doc 22 Unit BR 240

Doc

MESSAGE FORM

950 III (air)
Office Serial No.

Call IN
and :
Preface OUT

War

No. of Groups
GR

Office Date Stamp.
GAIR 21 Jun.

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TO* **SOD 9 DIV 24 BIE 20 BIE 1 TAF LABIAN AIR SUPPORT SECTION**

FROM*

83 WING

Originator's Number.

S 41

Date.

12 JUNE

In reply to Number and Date.

AS. Parry
Sy. off

SECRET	(.)	WITH	THE	ARRIVAL	5
OF	TAC/R	AIRCRAFT	FOLLOWING	FREQUENCIES	10
ARE	TO	BE	USED	IN	15
CASES	WHEN	THE	PASSING	OF	20
INFORMATION	BY	W/T	OR	AIR	25
BRIEFING	OF	TAC/R	PILOTS	IS	30
NECESSARY	(.)	W/T	AIRCRAFT	24	35
BRIGADE	AREA	4920	KOE	20	40
BRIGADE	AREA	6720	KOE	<u>B OVERALL</u>	45
SECRET	V H P	FITTED	CHANNEL	H	50

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and may be sent by W/T.
Signature

This message must be sent IN CIPHER
and may be sent by W/T.
Signature

Originator's Instructions & Degree of Priority.

freq. 142.74

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T.O.R.

T.H.L.

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	OUT			

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TO*

FROM*

Originator's Number.

Date.

In reply to Number and Date.

H F	FITTED	AS	FOR	WIRING	5
AIRCRAFT	(.)	THIS	IS	AN	10
INTERIM	MEASUREMENT	PENDING	INSTALLATION	OF	15
47 O.B.U.	BASE	FACILITIES	(.)	AIR	20
SUPPORT	PARTY	WILL	OPEN	ON	25
THESE	FREQUENCIES	WILL	BE REQUESTED	BY	30
A. S. S.	1 TAP	(.)	AS WING	HEADQUARTERS	35
WILL	ADVISE	A.S.S.	WILL	AND	40
FOR	HOW	LONG	ON TUBE	IS	45
TO	REMAIN	OPEN			50

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and may be sent by W/T.
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L.O.R.

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MESSAGE FORM

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Office Date Stamp. _____

Call IN
and Preface OUT

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POSTAGRAM

any LO.
G3 (AIR)
del 16 AOP.
Sig off.

GR

19 Jun

TO* 83 WING (R) 9 DIV 20 BDE 24 BDE

(Above this line is for Signals use only.)

FROM* FIRSTAF C.P. LABUAN

Originator's Number.

Date.

In reply to Number and Date.

S.38 1036 17 JUN

SECRET	REFERENCE	FIRST	TAF	OPS	5
ORDER	1/45	AND	9 DIV SIGS	OPS	10
ORDER	OBOE SIX	THE	FREQUENCY	ALLOTTED	15
FOR	ARTY/R	OF	4390 4390	KCS	20
PRIMARY	AND	4660 KCS	SECONDARY	ARE	25
TO BE	USED	AT	ALL	TIMES	30
FOR	ARTY	RECCE	AND	OBSERVATION	35
REGARDLESS	OF	THE	TYPE	OF	40
AIRCRAFT	EMPLOYED	(.)	IN	THE	45
UNLIKELY	EVENT	OF	TWO	TYPES	50

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and may be sent by W/T.
Signature _____

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Groups
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Office Date Stamp.

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TO*

FROM*

Originator's Number.

Date.

In reply to Number and Date.

OF	AIRCRAFT	BEING	EMPLOYED	SIMULTANEOUSLY
WING HQ	IS TO	ALLOCATE	THESE	TWO 10
FREQUENCIES	IN	ACCORDANCE	WITH	TACTICAL 15
REQUIREMENTS	(.)	THE	ATTENTION	OF 20
DIRECTED	WING TO	SIGNALS	OFFICER	IS 25
		SIGNALS	INSTRUCTIONS	ON 30
THE	MATTER	OF	CALLSIGNS	AND 35
HE	IS	TO	ENSURE	THAT 40
ALL UNITS	UNDER	COMMAND	ARE KEPT	CONVERSANT 45
WITH	CURRENT	CALLSIGNS	BOTH R/T and	W/T 50

This message must be sent AS WRITTEN
and may *NOT* be sent by W/T.
Signature *[Signature]*

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TO* *83 WING (R) 16 AOPFLT, 9 DIV, 20th Bde, 24 Bde.*

FROM* *FIRSTAF C.P. LABUAN*

Originator's Number.

Date.

In reply to Number and Date.

A.35 1035

17 JUN

SECRET	THE	POLICY	WITH	REGARD	5
TO	THE	EMPLOYMENT	OF	AUSTER	10
AIRCRAFT	IS	THAT	ONE	OF	15
THE	FUNCTIONS	OF	AN	A.O.P.	20
FLIGHT	IS	TO	PROVIDE	AN	25
AIR	OBSERVATION	POST	FOR	THE	30
ARMY	(.)	ARMY	OFFICERS	WILL	35
INVARIABLY	FLY	AND	CARRY	OUT	40
OBSERVATION	FOR	ARTY/R	TAC/R	OR	45
OTHER	RECONNAISSANCE	(.)	THESE	DUTIES	50

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and may be sent by W/T.
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Office Date Stamp.

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TO*

FROM*

Originator's Number.

Date.

In reply to Number and Date.

	NOT	THE	FUNCTION	OF	5
ARR	AOP	FLIGHT	PILOT		10
THE					15
					20
		Comd	Cs3 (Au)		25
		Bm			30
		Bm (C)			35
		LO			40
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Call	Ser. No.	Priority <i>OP</i>	Transmission Instructions <i>QVR 16</i>
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FROM (A) <i>9 DIV</i>	Originator	Date—Time of Origin <i>181005</i>	Office Date Stamp
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For Action

TO <i>2/13 BN 727 AMPHIBIOUS TRACTOR BN</i> (w) For Information (INFO.) <i>CTU 76.20/CTU 76.20.50</i> <i>AQ 20 BDE</i>	Message Instructions <i>GR</i>
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ORIGINATOR'S No.

~~AQ 20~~ *GO.489* SECRET @ casualties

*LVTs leaving 30 LVTs only available
your ops @ two additional DUKWS
arriving YELLOW by LSM earliest to
replace two LVTs @ ACK*

Land Seen
Bm ~~Off~~ *Bm (L) ~~Seen~~*

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN
by any means { except } Wireless

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

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op
THI or TOR		
Time Cleared		

IMMEDIATE

Signed

Signed

MESSAGE FORM

D142 Register No. In 17.

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
		OP	QVR 21

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A)	Originator	Date—Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
9 DIV		180900I	

For Action

TO	CTU 76.20.50	Message Instructions	GR
	(w) For Information (INFO.)		

20 BDE ✓ 1 BEACH GP

ORIGINATOR'S No.

GO 488 CONFIDENTIAL © request four LCI be made available for ferrying 1500 pers from YELLOW to RED BEACH for subsequent embarkation for LUTONG ops © request LCI arrive YELLOW BEACH 18 jun to commence ferrying 190700 I © request also one LSM load 6 DUKWS and 6 X 2½ tons BROWN one (9h corrupt) high tide 18 jun for discharge YELLOW

Cond seen
Bm [Signature] Bm [Signature]
SC [Signature] SC [Signature]

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { except } Wireless	If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time	System	Op
			THI or TOR		
Signed	Signed [Signature]	IMMEDIATE	Time Cleared		

W.D.

SECRET

OPERATION COCOA!UT

AMENDMENT NO 1

2/13 AUST INF BN GP

EMBARKATION PROGRAMME

Amend table as follows:-

(a) Page 3

LCT 1	Col (h) now reads 18 Jun 1200I	Col (k) now reads 18 Jun 1600I	Vehs } 19 Jun 0900I	Pers }
LCT 2	do	do	do	
LCT 3	Col (h) now reads 18 Jun 1800I	Col (k) now reads 19 Jun 0800I		
LCT 4	do	do		

2/13 AUST INF BN GP

EMBARKATION PROGRAMME

20 Aust Inf Bde

SECRET

Appx F to 2/13 Aust Inf Bn 002

Unit (a)	Ship (b)	OC Troops (c)	Pers		Vehs (f)	Priority (g)	Due at PA Area (h)	PA Area (i)	Loading Point (j)	Date & Time of Loading (k)	ECO & Load- ing Offr (l)	Remarks (m)
			Foot (d)	Veh (e)								
727 Amp Trac Bn 2/13 Inf Bn one Coy 2/15 Inf Bn 15 Bty 2/8 Fd Regt 2/3 Fd Coy Beh Gp RAN Cdo det PR & Press V & O	LST 1 Bow No 573	Maj CRIBB 2/13 Aust Inf Bn		40	12xLVT4	1-12	PM 17 Jun	Unit Lines	BROWN Beach	PM 17 Jun	Capt BISHOP	
			312				17 Jun 1800I	YELLOW	RED	19 Jun 1000I		Move from YELLOW to RED in 10H. Timetable to be issued separately
727 Amp Trac Bn 2/13 Inf Bn 15 Bty 2/8 Fd Regt 2/3 Fd Coy 20 Inf Bde Sig Sec det Cipher Sec B Coy 2/12 Fd Amb Beh Gp RAN Cdo Beh Gp det CI Corps 10 9 Div V & O MCU	LST 2 Bow No 562	Capt FAULKNER 2/13 Inf Bn		46	14xLVT4 1xJeep	1-14	PM 17 Jun	Unit Lines	BROWN Beach	PM 17 Jun	Capt BISHOP	
			385				17 Jun 1800I	YELLOW	RED	19 Jun 1000I		2 Pre- loaded in LVT4

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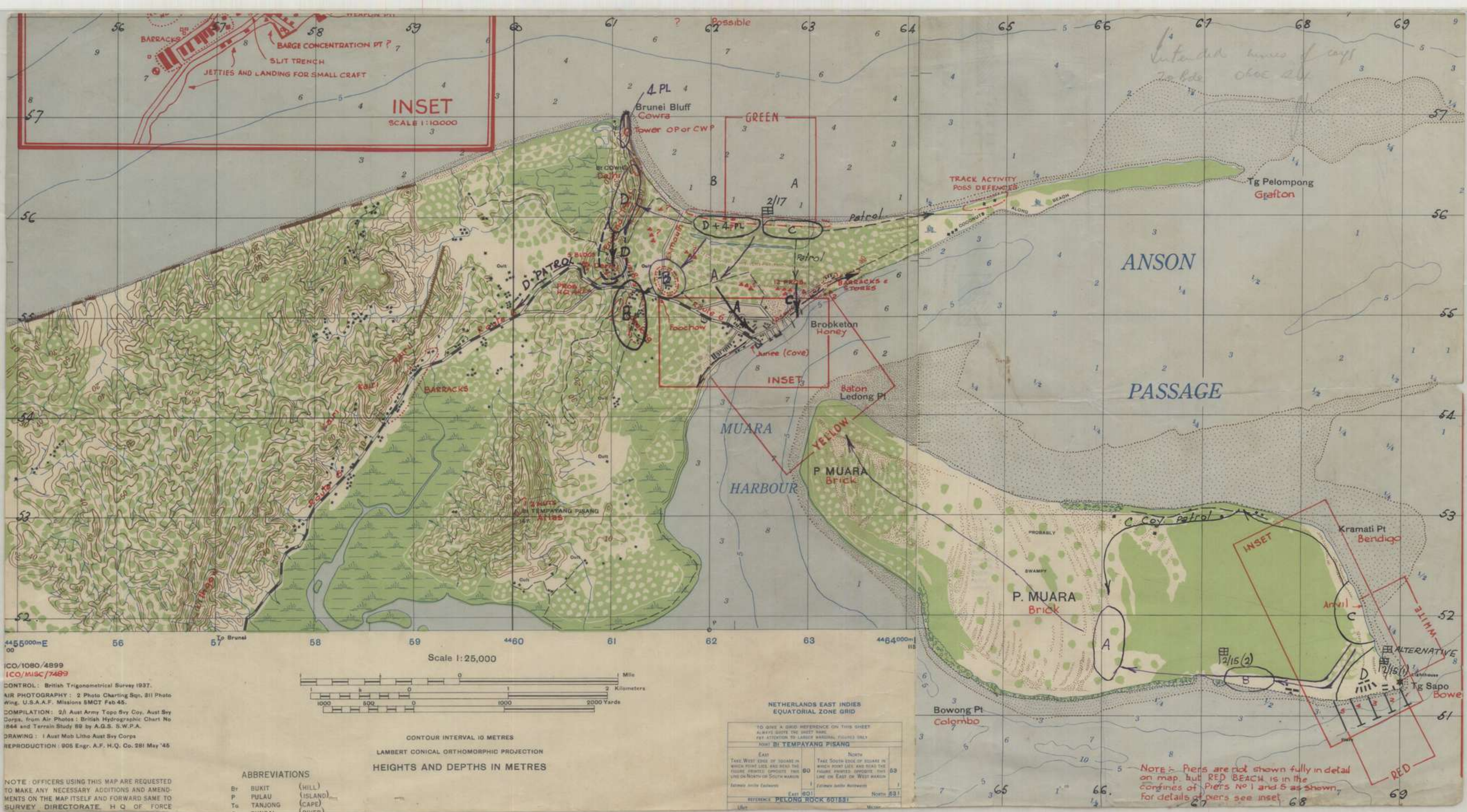
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2/13 AUSTR INF BN GP COB

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Unit	Pers	Vehs			Trlrs		Mech Eqpt				Guns			Total Guns and Vehs	DW but of vehs	Remarks
		Jeep	2½ Ton	Misc	Jeep	Water	Comp ress or	Trac tors	Doz ers	Auto pat- rol	25 Pdr	75 MM	2 Pdr			
(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)
INF																
2/13 Aust Inf Bn	760	12			10								2	24	25	
2/13 Aust Inf Bn LOB	60															
2/15 Aust Inf Bn (2 Coys)	240													2		
1 Pl 2/2 MG Bn	34	1			1											
ARTY																
15 Bty 2/8 Aust Fd Regt	237	7	4		3	1		2			4	4		25	20	
3FCP	8	1												1		
ENGRS																
Tac HQ 2/3 Aust Fd Coy	8	2			2									4		
1 Pl 2/3 Fd Coy	65	2	1	4(a)	2		1	1						11	10	(a) Tipplers (with overhang)
11 Pl 2/16 Fd Coy (less one sec)	50	1	1	2(b)	1			1						6		
det 2/1 Mech Eqpt Coy	10							2	1					3		(b) Tipplers
SIGS																
Det 9 Aust Div Sigs	4	1			1									2		With 112 set of Units shown thus are at present in LABUAN area
Det 20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	4													2		
Det 3 Aust Engr Sig Sec	3	1			1											
Det Aust Cipher Sec	2															
AAEC																
Det 2/26 Sup Dep Pl	12	1			1									2		
Det 2/13 Tpt Pl (1T)	4	2			2									4		
2/16 Tpt Pl (Hy)	8			4(c)										4		(c) Incl Water Truck
Det 106 LUKY Coy	30				12									12		

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)
19	<u>MLD</u> HQ 2/12 Aust Fd Amb	57	1	1	1	1	1								5	15	% Units shown thus are at present in LABUAN area
20	B Coy 3/12 Aust Fd Amb	70	1			1									2		
<u>MISCELLANEOUS UNITS</u>																	
21	det RAN Beach Cdo	10															
22	det Beach Gp	2													3		
23	Air Sp Party	7	2			1											
24	det BBGAU	2															
25	det 9 Aust Div Pro Coy	4															
26	det ATIS	1															
27	det B Aust FS Sec	1															
28	det 34 Aust FS Sec (ME)	1													2		
29	det 2/58 Aust LAD	9	1			1									32		(a) LVE(4)
30	727 Amp Trac Bn	110			32 (d)												
31	det CI Corps	1															
32	LO 9 Aust Div	2															
TOTALS		1816	36	11	52	26	2	1	4	2	1	4	4	2	146	70	



SUBJECT : ALLIED PW

SECRET

Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde
G16/34 1071
20 Jun 45

Det 16 AOP

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5. A letter has been prepared, copy att, to be dropped only should it be certain to be recovered by PW. Two OVEN guns, amm, field op rations and med kits are forwarded separately to be dropped to PW if located and free to recover eqpt.
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Phillip Hargrave
Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde

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Commander Australian Imperial Forces

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13 JUN 70

URGENT

To Officer in Command, Brunei

There are two members of the A.I.F. at Ukong (Limbang River) on special duty. We were dropped by parachute some time ago.

We are trying to hold Ukong with 9 Owens - 12 Carbines - 2 .303 rifles - 2 Austens - 2 Shotguns and a limited supply of ammunition. We have over 200 Dyak headhunters assisting us and they have already killed over 30 Jap. soldiers in one week.

Our position is becoming precarious as the retreating Japs know that there is a food dump at Ukong. So far we control the river as far down as Danau.

But increasing numbers of Japs are retreating from Tutong and heading for Ukong so we may have to retreat to Ukong in the next 48 hrs. If possible could you send 2 Platoons of Infantry with the man who brings this letter as a guide. He can bring them by a route where they will encounter no Japs. If possible they should come within the next 48 hrs.

If unable to supply these men could you arrange for an immediate supply drop by plane at Ukong of arms and ammunition.

A space is being cleared there in preparation for a drop. There will be an H in the middle of the space for identification.

If you cannot send the men will you send the runner back immediately with a note signifying whether you can arrange the supply drop or not - and if so when to expect it.

This is not a Jap trick - Contact A.I.B. and it will vouch for us.

Sgt Sanderson QX11561

Dvr Henry NX84226

WAR DIARY

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G16/34 (071)
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Brig
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde

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War Diary
HVR

20 JUN 45

SUBJECT: REPORT ON LANDING OF 2/13 AUST INF BN AT LUTONG

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

1. The following amendments were made to the force prior to sailing:-

- (a) Shipping - One additional LCM 6 was made available.
- (b) Landing Craft:- 2 x LVT4 were not available. This reduction was made good by the addition of 2 x DUKW.
- (c) Vehicles:- 2/118 Aust Bde Wksp added 1 x Diamond T Wrecker and 1 x Jeep Recovery.
- (d) Personnel - 15 Bty 2/8 Aust Fd Regt embarked only 207 personnel. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn embarked 276 personnel.

2. Embarkation was carried out as planned and loading was completed on time.


3. Weather - There was a small ground swell with a surf of approx 4 feet.

4. Beach Conditions - These were as anticipated, i.e. gradient of one in two hundred and fifty, firm sandy bottom.

5. Preliminary Bombardment:- No air bombardment was carried out. Naval bombardment by destroyers and support craft was carried out according to plan.

6. Landing -
- (a) This was executed in accordance with original plan. Assault waves one, two and three landed in LVT4 and wave four in DUKW. Balance of personnel embarked in LST, except reserves, were landed in LCVs. Wave one landed on time. Waves two, three and four all landed ahead of time. Some confusion occurred on the beach when first wave of LVT4 stopped on beach instead of proceeding inland for 300 yards as planned. This was quickly adjusted. There was no opposition by the enemy.
 - (b) All LCTs and LCMs were beached by 1200 hrs and discharge of vehicles proceeded despite the surf. Only three vehicles failed to reach the beach under their own power. These vehicles were towed in.
 - (c) LSM 54 - carrying vehicles - beached at 1900 hrs and waited for low tide at 210200I before discharging vehicles.
 - (d) LSM 265 & 133 were beached at 1130 and 1240 hrs respectively. These ships grounded approximately 200 yards from beach. Unloading of stores - using DUKWs - commenced immediately and continued throughout the night. All stores were unloaded by 1200 hrs on 21 Jun 45.

7. Reserves - Two coys of 2/15 Aust Inf Bn were NOT required and were NOT disembarked.
8. Return of LVT4 and DUKW - 15 x LVT4 were embarked in LST 573, 15 x LVT4 in LST 562 and 12 DUKW in LST 667 and returned to LABUAN.
9. 131 released PWs - Indian Army - including a number of stretcher cases - were embarked in LST 667 and returned to LABUAN.


MLO 20 AUST INF BDE Maj

June
WD

MILITARY MOST SECRET

9 Jun
MIRI

BORNEO FUEL DEPOT OPERATION ORDER No 47

BORNEO FUEL DEPOT ORDERS

1. Regarding the sudden change in the situation of the Depots, according to the Borneo Fuel Depot Operation Order No 44, enforce the hastening of the work for the destruction of Depot equipment to such a condition that it will be of no use to the enemy.
2. The Refinery officer will hastily enforce the completion for the preparation of demolishing oil refining machinery and other equipment necessary for refining oil.
3. The CO of the mining industry will quickly select important points and make preparations for the Third demolition. After completing the preparation, place obstacles. Then enforce continuance of work on the First Demolition in conjunction with the work on the Second Demolition.
4. The supply officer will take charge of materials designating what materials are to be destroyed, and make preparations for the destruction.
5. The officers in charge of refined oil and mined materials will carry out demolition duties by cooperating with one another.
6. The CO of the 307 Indep MT Coy will work jointly with the officer in charge of the area and will cooperate in transportation in the area.
7. Concerning the details of destruction, instructions are to be carried out otherwise if necessary.

Borneo Fuel Depot CO AINIO, Masao

Method of issue: Printed outline sentences from oval discussions.

Distribution : Various Depots, Mining Plants, Refineries, MIRI mines, UEMURA unit, IIDA unit.

Despatches : Southern Fuel Depot HQ, NADA, TSURANUKI, MIRI area Guard unit.

Glenn
WD

MILITARY MOST SECRET

10 June 1300 hrs
MIRI

BORNEO FUEL DEPOT OPERATION ORDER No 49

BORNEO FUEL DEPOT ORDERS

1. About 3000 enemy soldiers have landed at MUARA and seem to be advancing southward.
2. At the depots in SERIA area, gather all equipment together and carry out the thorough destruction of the equipment.
3. The CO of the mining plant will carry out the complete destruction of the equipment mentioned in the following notes. Emergency demolition will be the third demolition first, and the first and second demolitions completed thereafter in order.

- NOTES
1. Machinery for refining oil.
 2. Accessory machines for refining oil.
 3. The destruction of crude oil.
 4. Manufactured goods.

4. The CO of the 307 Indep MT Coy will cooperate closely in transporting necessary things in the areas where the demolitions are to be carried out.
5. After the completion of demolition the CO of the mining plant will enforce any orders which may be necessary when the situation changes.

Borneo Fuel Depot CO - AIKIO, Masao.

Subject : Report on operation OBCE 6 from 141000 I to 218000 I.

2/118 Aust Bde Wksp
Ref: ME 12/43
21 June 45.

CEME
9 Aust Div.

Copy : 20 Aust Inf Bde. ✓

1. General.

This period covers the advance of part 2/17 Bn from BRUNEI to TUTONG and towards SERIA. During this period the 2/13 Bn embarked for amphibious operation against LUTONG.

2. Movement of Wksps.

The movement of 2/118 Aust Bde Wksp and 2/9 Arm'd Regt Wksp heavy vehicles was considerably delayed owing to the road from BROCKETON to BRUNEI being closed to heavy traffic. These vehicles (except one) arrived BRUNEI 18 Jan 45, having been badly bogged down on the way. Vehicle loads had been reduced to approx 2 tons. The movement caused considerable damage to roads which have since been closed. GMC trucks were able to come through fairly well. 4x4 trucks suffered a certain amount of damage when being pulled out, eg., springs, spring hangers, front bumper bars being pulled off etc. The movement took approx 12 hours.

2/64 Aust LAD moved out of BRUNEI to TUTONG (29 miles) on 18 June to provide repair and recovery facilities forward.

AEME detachment, O/C Lieut Anderson, embarked with 2/13 Bn Gp for Lutong 18 Jan 45.

The present AEME layout is therefore :-

BRUNEI	2/118 Aust Bde Wksp	
	2/58 Aust LAD	
	2/9 Arm'd Regt Wksp	with DT Wrecker
	2/3 AA Regt Wksp	with DT Wrecker
TUTONG	2/64 Aust LAD	with DT Wrecker
LUTONG	Det 2/118 Aust Bde Wksp with Jeep (MT)	
		Jeep & trailer welding
		DT Wrecker

3. Captured vehicles.

Owing to acute shortage of transport to keep supplies up to 2/17 Bn. Bde Comdr, as many captured vehicles as possible to be put into operation. By the time Bde Wksp had arrived in BRUNEI, practically all vehicles which could be made serviceable without considerable work had been put on the road. This work is now being treated as standby work as more AASC vehicles are due to arrive.

4. Captured equipment.

The Bde Comdr has directed that AEME concentrate and list all captured equipment. The amount of equipment is very large and a copy of the report will be forwarded later. There is much heavy equipment, *also*, drills (MTS HS) 1" - 2", reamers, taps, dies etc. These are all large sizes. There are a number of single cylinder horizontal diesels about 8 HP.

5. MT Repairs.

There has been a marked increase in the number of MT repairs, apart from captured vehicles. These arise mostly from accidents when driving at nights with dimmed lights. Other casualties comprise 1 Jeep bell crank pin fractured (job completed), 1 Chev engine (2/8 Fd Amb water truck) conrod through cylinder wall. There has been a considerable amount of damage to tyres. Cuts and punctures being due to the large amount of metal bolts nails etc. on roads.

6. Electrical.

Trouble is still being experienced with salt water damage to generators, starter motors, and seal beam headlights (Jeeps)

7. Instruments.

There has been a steady flow of normal instrument work. A few late casualties are coming in with damage due to salt water, eg., 1 sighting telescope and 1 pr binos. Owing to their late arrival here they are beyond local repair.

8. Wireless.

Wireless repairs are still heavy. No22 sets require a valve 1F50 which is not obtainable here. 1 No46 set is still held up for valves. No further advice has been received concerning them. (Re last report.)

Sigs have requested that all faulty SCR536B sets be returned to Sigs 9 Div for replacement.

9. Armament & Armoury. Nil.10. G.E.

There has been a steady flow of work. The 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " lathe on Jeep has proved invaluable.

11. Fungus growths.

There appears to be a complete absence of the fungus growths so prevalent in New Guinea.

12. Health.

Health of personnel has been excellent. There have been no evacuations to MDS. Only one man has been seen by an MO since landing in Borneo. There has been no diarrhoea, malaria or dengue. In 2/118 Aust Bde Wksp, only 2 man days have been lost from sickness, both being due to mild influenza.

W. L. Chapman Major.
CO 2/118 Aust Bde Wksp.

SECRET.

Subject: Report on Operation OBOE SIX
to 141000I.

2/118 Aust Bde Wksp.,
Ref: ME12/43,
14 June 45.

G.B.M.B.,
9 Aust Div.

Copy to: 20 Aust Inf Bde.

1. Unit Equipment.

The "Benjamin Carpenter" carrying our heavy vehicles failed to unload by 0830 hrs 3 June 45, when LST 667 pulled out. Substitute vehicles were therefore taken.

Arrangements were made by MLO (Major Ransome) to load our Wireless truck Z1 on an LSM, on which it arrived here.

2. Landing.

Landing plan was carried out as anticipated. Major Chapman, and Lieut. Anderson landed on Green Beach at H plus 15 minutes, and were in BROCKETOWN by 1330 hrs.

First landing craft with vehicles arrived Yellow Beach approx 1400 hrs. Initially beach recovery facilities were inadequate, but 2/3 Fd Coy arrived about 1500 hrs, cleared beach exits, laid tracks, and assisted in recovery. Had it not been for engineer assistance in recovery, Yellow Beach would have been badly jammed. 2/118 Bde Wksp recovery vehicles planned for Yellow Beach did not land until 111000I approximately, having been held up on an LSM stranded on Red Beach by the tide.

3. Water Crossing.

Red Beach gave practically dry crossings throughout. Yellow Beach could get dry crossings only at low tide, which was late in the afternoon. Thus many vehicles were coming off in approximately 5 ft or more of water. There were therefore many drowned vehicles, particularly Jeeps. These were cleared by nightfall or shortly after each night, although condition of some of these vehicles was not good.

4. Dewaterproofing.

Owing to comparatively dry crossings on Red Beach, no difficulties were encountered. Vehicles were checked off and rechecked prior to re-embarkation.

On Yellow Beach, the late arrival of AEEME personnel necessitated the two AEEME officers there to do checking on the spot. Most vehicles could be covered on the beach itself, owing to slight hold up in clearing through beach exits.

5. Waterproofing Failures.

Most vehicle failures were due to water entering distributors and carburettors. A number of vehicles had water in sumps. In some cases on LSTs rain water entered the distributor through the vents.

6. Equipment.

'Elgin' watches have given considerable trouble with broken balance staffs, e.g. 2/15 Bn had 15 such casualties on LSI "Kanimbla" during voyage. With the confined space and steel decks etc, it is not to be expected that a watch which is not robust will stand up to these conditions. To date, replacement certificates have been given for 30 watches.

Many compasses were damaged by salt water. These were probably worn on the belt wading ashore.

(2)

Wireless sets are generally not in good condition. SCR 536 B sets are generally giving poor performance, troubles being due mainly to age. Switches, IF transformers, and faulty capacitor cups giving particular trouble. There are some mechanical troubles. Spare tubes for No.46 sets are not available. One set is held up at present. For No.22 sets, the IF 5G is unobtainable, and are required urgently. Signal has been sent to ADOS, on behalf of Fd Pk, covering them.

7. Recovery.

Extensive recovery work has been necessary. In area 5046 road is very bad, the sides of the narrow track being black mud, with a very thin crust. Sgt Horne has carried out excellent work in this area, including:

- (a) Matilda tank bogged down to turret on one side - recovery time
- (b) D8 Tractor with blade, down to top of tracks on one side - recovery time

This unit has had to supplement crews of other recovery vehicles.

The second Diamond T wrecker of this unit would have been invaluable. It is recommended that this vehicle be given high priority in transit from Morotai.

8. AEME in Action.

On 13 June, at approximately 1100 hrs, a party of 2/64 LAD in GMC truck with Cfn Bruce of this wksp, as driver were stopped by natives. A Survey officer was nearby, and was able to supply an interpreter. From the information, the party under command of the Survey officer attacked and killed 3 Japs, including 1 Officer. Own casualties NIL. Nil enemy escaped.

Major.

C.O. 2/118 Aust Bde Wksp.

Per Code names. features

Capt. Warriner

Wing. Hancock

Sc

Sc

Rm

COs

Wing. Quilliam

W/c Kay

Wing. Easter

Wing. Garsney

Wing. Standen

Capt. Blackburn

" Searle

" W. Farland

1st Lt. Bartram

St. Swinson

St. Steward

Wing. Chapman

St. Robinson? 593 Camp

" Gallie

Wing. Ralph

Capt. Allison

St. Horner

Capt. Bray 593

Wing. Snell

St. Refshampe

St. Richards

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25 faps in village 1100 17

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faps lost all rice

not all saved

SECRET

20 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 2

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22 Jun 45

Ref Maps 1/50,000 BRUNEI BAY SERIES
1/250,000 SINDUMIN
1/250,000 MIRI

To Lt Col GRACE, Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Lt Col BROADBENT, Comd 2/17 Aust Inf Bn

Copy to Maj NEWCOMBE

INFM

1. 9 Aust Div Op Instr 2 to 20 Aust Inf Bde is as follows:

"tasks 20 bde gp (-) task in general (-) gain and retain control of the hinterland area lying SOUTH and SOUTH WEST of BRUNEI BAY from both inclusive LAWAS 0036 to KUALA BELAIT 6306 (-) tasks in particular in order priority (-) FIRST (-) retain control area all inclusive BT TERUMI 5726 LIMBANG 5524 to GADONG BATU 4528 (-) SECOND (-) gain control following (-) ONE (-) LIMBANG RIVER up to including UKONG 3902 (-) TWO (-) area from all inclusive LIMBANG SOUTHEAST to BANGAR 6221 to BATU APOI ESTATE 6720 to LABU ESTATE 7625 (-) ~~THREE~~ (-) TUTONG RIVER and area inclusive BANG TANGUR 1209 to inclusive BENUTAN 2308 (-) FOUR (-) area all inclusive TO TRUSAN 7648 - TRUSAN RIVER to TRUSAN 8528 - LAWAS 0036 thence BATANG LAWAS to coast 0049 (-) FIVE (-) area all inclusive SERIA - KUALA BELAIT - thence up BELAIT RIVER to BALAI 7892 thence BT TERAJA 9275 - BT USONG 0496 "

2. Groupings

(a) 2/15 Aust Inf Bn less two coys with under comd

58 Aust Fd Bty less one tp

and in sp

2 Pl 2/3 Aust Fd Coy

(b) 2/17 Aust Inf Bn with under comd

16 Aust Fd Bty

3 Pl B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn

and in sp

3 Pl 2/3 Aust Fd Coy

(c) Bde Res

A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt *less five cpts*
2/8 Aust Fd Regt less three btys less one *tp*
~~two tps less one tp~~

C and D Coys 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn less two pls

All under direct comd 20 Aust Inf Bde

TASKS IN PARTICULAR

3. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn - Tasks in Priority

(a) Retain control area all incl BT TERUMI - LIMBANG - GEDONG BATU.

- (b) Control LIMBANG RIVER to UKONG.
- (c) Control area from all incl LIMBANG SE to BANGAR to BATU APOI ESTATE to LABU ESTATE.
- (d) Area all incl TG TRUSAN - TRUSAN RIVER to TRUSAN - LAWAS thence BATANG LAWAS to coast.

4. 2/17 Aust Inf Bn - Tasks in Priority

- (a) Control TUTONG RIVER incl area TUTONG VILLAGE and area incl BANG TANGUR to incl BENUTAN.
- (b) Control area all incl SERIA - KUALA BELAIT thence up BELAIT RIVER to BALAI thence BT TERAJA to BT USONG.

2/17 Aust Inf Bn will retain control junc ROUTE 3 - ABANG TR until relieved by a pl from Bde Res.

METHOD

5. Bdys of Op Areas

- (a) 2/15 Aust Inf Bn
BATANG LAWAS and LIMBANG RIVER both incl
- (b) 2/17 Aust Inf Bn
TUTONG RIVER and BELAIT RIVER both incl.

6. Exploitation patrols will be employed at discretion of comds to achieve the gen objects. Otherwise the method of execution will be as ordered from time to time by this HQ.

ACK

Maj
BM 20 Aust Inf Bde

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FROM : 9 DIV

TO : 20 BDE

ITEM : 24 BDE : RAE 9 DIV : RAE 9 DIV : SIGS 9 DIV : 2/13
 INF BN : 2/2 MG BN : ASC 9 DIV : 2/12 CDO SPT :
 2/9 ARD REGT : 1 BLCH GP : 8 B SE SUB AREA : 30 FT BN :
 593 EB AND S REGT : 1 TAF RAFT : 83 MY COOP ING :
 BBCAU : SPD : COLD : C : AQ : DIS : DPT : ADOS : CHN :
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 (.) ack

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SDS

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Ser. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

Originator

Date—Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

20 inf bde

242330Z

For Action

Y det BBKAU

TO

(w) For Information (INFO.)

Message Instructions

GR

ORIGINATOR'S No.

AC128 restricted (-) bde comm requests #/Cdr KAY to present his compliments to the Sultan of BRUNEI and inform him that if he wishes to do so he is at liberty to fly his flag on his residence and palace and to resume his normal life in BRUNEI (-) this does NOT cancel previous instruction that for military purposes the area is under military administration but normal civil government will be resumed as far as practicable in accordance with the directions of BBKAU (-) Sultan's subjects have free access to him so far as he desires it (-) it is suggested that natives restore the Sultan's palace as soon as possible so that he may resume residence there (-) a provost will be stationed near his place of residence as at present to ensure that troops do not enter his grounds (-) the present guard is to be withdrawn shortly but a section under a NCO will from time to time patrol in the area

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except

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

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time
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Signed

E. L. Smith
Capt

Signed

505

Time Cleared

W17

717 Am
24 Jun 45.

20 Bae.

Massacre Indian POW at Kuala Belait.

Following info was given by two escaped POW and an Indian prisoner GURDYAL SINGH GILL who was at the Kuala Belait Hospital.

The massacre took place on the night 15/16 Jun. The bulk of the Japs had evacuated Kuala Belait leaving only a few in the town. When Allied A/c approached the POW flew a white flag. That night a large number of enemy returned to the town and massacred more than 200 of the POW by disembowelling them and cutting their throats.

When our troops entered Kuala Belait today the Prison Compound was found at 640 600. The compound had been destroyed by fire. In the ruins the bodies of ten men were found and a heap of charred human bones showing that a large number of human bodies had been burned. It is not possible to make an estimate of the number of bodies as many of the bones had been reduced to ashes. Evidently the logs had been saturated with petrol.

Shawhom
H.

Am

251000

To: CC Australian Forces
near TUTONG.
the Bde HQ.

25 JUN

Orig keep for N.D.

From: Major R. Khilson SRD

① I have reliable inf of Jap concentrations in your area as follows: Ref: M. Sarawak and Brunei 1945
1" = 4 miles.

② Appox. 600 with many M.G.s, Juki + Kiki, and Light AA at LABI on BELAIT RIVER: $114^{\circ}23'$ E Long $4^{\circ}29'$ N Lat. ? good class regular troops.

③ Enemy H.Q. with approx 60 M.G.s + rifles, 2 LAA guns at KUALA BELAIT, Long E $114^{\circ}17'$, Lat. N $4^{\circ}32'$. My informant says there are "2 big shots" there; I think a Civil Governor plus a General Officer.

④ About 300 Nips in area BAKONG on BAKONG River. These are Long E $114^{\circ}15'$ Lat N $4^{\circ}17'$. Second class troops; many have no uniforms and only about half have rifles. My informant saw no M.G.s. They are scattered about stake to the jungle at first sight of aircraft - they are scared stiff of bombing or shelling. They live by robbing the natives & have not much food. I fancy they will mostly be found in hills to W. of BAKONG. There are 2 hip launches with engines at BAKONG.

⑤ I am at present at MIRONG 1 mi S of MARUDI on BARAM RIVER Long E $114^{\circ}19'$ Lat N $4^{\circ}10'$. I have 1 OR (Aust) and a "tail" of about 50 natives, armed with spears, frangs + blowpipes - 3 or 4 shotguns; 3 rifles. Am expecting help from up river, which we hold & get supplies regularly. Am watching force of 39 Nips in MARUDI.

③ The bearer of this is an IBAN and reliable. He has been paid by me. Give him a feed and send him back here with a written acknowledgement. You can contact me again without difficulty in this area.

Good luck

RK Wilson Mayor

NIBONG

1200 hrs 25 June 45.

War Diary

HQ 90 Aust Inf Bde
 A
 26 Jun 45

2. Aust Bde

1. When here on 24 Jun Maj PALMER DABER 1 Aust Corps expressed to my Bde his dissatisfaction with the way we had treated the War Correspondents.
2. His complaints were that I was critical of them and in particular:
 - (a) That Correspondents were not invited to my morning conference of Bde staff and senior officers of services.
 - (b) That I had stated that I did not wish the names of individuals to be mentioned in reports.
3. (a) It is true that Correspondents have not been invited to this conference and I do not propose to invite them. The only persons who attend are those officers required there to receive orders or make reports.
- (b) (i) I have at the conclusion of this conference each morning since the first day (and at other times) met and spent some time with all representatives of the Press and Department of Information in the area. I have personally kept them informed of events which have occurred and of all prospective matters of interest and arranged for them to be at places where events of interest were likely to occur.
- (ii) They have individually and through Lt PHE, Public Relations Officer, thanked me for the way I have helped them and I believed the thanks were sincere. Only one newspaper representative was with this Bde after the first day and he has now left. He was Mr. MILLER. He said he intended writing to his employers to mention the assistance I personally had given to him.
4. (a) I did say in an informal conversation with Correspondents that while I did not wish to dictate to them how they should do their work my personal view was that the names of individual soldiers should be mentioned sparingly.
- (b) I said that I regarded military operations large or small as matters of team work; that where possible I thought it better to write about sections and platoons and units rather than individuals.
- (c) They said they were instructed to mention men from country towns. I did say that I did not quite understand that as a basis of selection but that if those were their instructions I would ask only that the references be made sparingly and with discrimination, that all soldiers from all country towns could not be mentioned, that I did not wish any soldier when talking with a newspaper man to feel that he might in doing so get his name in the papers. I added then I had no desire to have my own name mentioned.
- (d) (i) I told them also that in some cases ^{reference to} individual names in the press in descriptions of particular incidents had caused difficulties later when recommendations for honours and awards were to be submitted.
- (ii) I further said that descriptions of incidents by participants were often unintentionally incorrect and

that I had heard of cases in which names were given in accounts which other soldiers read and knew to be untrue or over coloured and that this had led to the individual named being the subject of some ridicule by his friends.

5. (a) All this occurred during an informal and friendly conversation at which I discussed war reporting since the German and military despatches since Wellington's time - matters in which I have taken some interest.

(b) (1) I did express some personal criticism of what I thought a growing lack of proportion and false emphasis in present day war reporting and I did refer to the incorrect use in journalism of standard English military words such as "attack", "battle", "line of communication", "siege", "barrage", "base", and "stronghold" - and the failure to use appropriate words for minor operations such as "skirmish", "engagement", "outpost", "pursuit of fugitives" etc.

(11) and I was critical of the use of new metaphorical nouns such as "spearhead" (for vanguard) "pioneers" etc. and I did say I objected to the bastard word "infanter" which was sometimes used patronisingly for the infantrymen.

6. No one present at this conversation seemed offended by what I said. I felt I was free to talk in this way with the Correspondents as I have myself in the past written for several newspapers and periodicals.

7. The only direct criticisms of activities here which I have made have been of the official photographers and in general my relations and those of my staff with them have been most friendly.

8. (a) I have had to reprove one photographer, an officer, for going where I had expressly forbidden him to go and thus not being available where required to photograph certain scenes in a place where the enemy had left natives to die chained to stakes and living were there chained among dead.

(b) I have pointed out to photographers that they must keep in touch with me or the IO through Staff Captain to be told of such matters such as the foregoing. There have been scenes including outposts and cells where British PWs had been housed by the enemy and the place where the Indian PWs were murdered in 1914 which it was important to the Commonwealth should be promptly photographed.

9. I have made some suggestions to and told the photographers that I thought some photographs taken are of a hackneyed kind. They sometimes take the same kind of scenes as have been frequently taken in former campaigns - e.g. the building of small bridges and crossings rather than more significant engineer works and scenes peculiar to this campaign.

10. (a) I have, I admit, protested to them about what I said I considered a futile waste of opportunities and of film by taking photographs of myself and battalion couriers.

(b) (1) I pointed out that I and the GOC have already been photographed often in the past by the Department of Information and Military History Sections and I have refused at times to be taken again.

(11) But if I do anything the least unusual, such as wading across a stream it seems to be considered desirable to take a photograph. This annoys me and I have felt that at times the work of soldiers and significant events of permanent interest may have gone unrecorded while personal photographs were taken.

11. (a) Apart from the above matters I have no recollection of expressing any criticism of any Public Relations Officers or soldiers of their work.
- (b) If the DAME is not satisfied with what I have done can the specific complaint be made please to this HQ.

12. There is no Public Relations Officer now in this area. The one who was here having been recalled to LAHNS. It would be much easier for us to aid and control photographers, war artists and journalists if an officer could be stationed here again. Lt FINE who was here carried out his duties excellently so far as this HQ was concerned.

W. W. Winderley
 Brig
 Comd 80 Aust Inf Bde

SECRET

20 AUST INF BDE OP INSTR 3

Copy 20

(To be read in conjunction with 20 Aust Inf Bde Op Instr 2)

23 Jun 45

Ref Maps 1/50000 BRUNEI BAY SERIES
1/250000 SINDUMIN
MIRI

To Lt-Col GRACE Comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

1. Area of Responsibility

2/15 Aust Inf Bn will in addition to present area assume responsibility for area LIMBANG RIVER to incl TUTONG RIVER.
incl

2. Tps under Comd

- (a) Following tps at present in bde res and under direct comd HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde pass to comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn at 1600 hrs 25 Jun 45 in present posns :

A Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt less two tps
58 Aust Fd Bty less one tp - 9 LAR Bty less two tps
C and D Coys 2/15 Aust Inf Bn
2 Pl B Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

- (b) If needed for ops in an emergency all Services tps in BRUNEI TOWN will come under comd 2/15 Aust Inf Bn which will inform HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde of its assumption of comd.

- (c) In emergency, for purposes of retaining control of area BROOKETON incl Radar and other installations, 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will assume comd of all tps in area YELLOW BEACH - BRUNEI BLUFF and MURIA ISLAND and will notify HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde of its assumption of comd.

3. Armd

- (a) All tks will be conc in area BRUNEI TOWN.
(b) Personnel NOT required with tks may be used for patrolling and security gds as available.

4. Op Policy

- (a) Gen op policy in area remains unaltered.
(b) In addition, 2/15 Aust Inf Bn will arrange capture or surrender of enemy on LIMPAKU and the capture, alive if possible, of their comd.

5. Adm

- (a) Normal. Remain under direction HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.
(b) Town Maj BRUNEI, Maj L SNELL 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.
(c) BBOAU remains under comd HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.

6. Intercomm

- (a) Adv HQ 20 Aust Inf Bn opens KUALA BELAIT 1600 hrs 26 Jun 45.
(b) Rear HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde remains present posn.

6. (contd)

- (c) It is suggested that 2/15 Aust Inf Bn remain LILANG and that
det Bn be constituted for area BRUNEI - TULONG.

ACK

Q.H.U.
Maj
20 Aust Inf Bde

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Subject: Report on operation OBCE SIX
from 210800I to 271000I.

2/118 Aust Bde Wksp.,
 Ref: ME12/43,
 27 June 45.

C.E.M.E.,
9 Aust Div.

Copy to: 20 Aust Inf Bde. *[Signature]*

1. General.

This period covers:

- (a) Capture of SERIA and KUALA BELAIT by 2/17 Aust Inf Bn, and exploitation beyond KUALA BELAIT.
- (b) Assault landing by 2/13 Aust Inf Bn on LUTONG, and subsequent capture of LUTONG and MIRI.
- (c) Exploitation by 2/15 Aust Inf Bn (part of whom are in Bde reserve) of area around LIMBANG.

During this period the tanks have remained concentrated at BRUNEI.

There is now a general movement of installations to SERIA and KUALA BELAIT. It appears probable that re-supply will be to KUALA BELAIT, but full details of the port facilities are not yet available.

2. Movement of AEME Installations.

The only movement of AEME installations during this period was the movement of 2/58 Aust LAD from BRUNEI to SERIA on 23 June 45. 2/64 Aust LAD remain at the ferry near TUTONG. It was considered desirable to adopt this procedure, as -

- (a) 2/64 LAD are able to provide repair and recovery facilities at TUTONG, which is the terminal for much traffic from BRUNEI and SERIA. They are the only installation over a 60 mile L of C.
- (b) Work in BRUNEI area could readily be covered by 2/118 Aust Bde Wksp, with 2/9 Aust Armd Regt Wksp, and 2/3 Aust Comp AA Wksp dets.
- (c) 2/58 LAD could reach SERIA without difficulty, having only Jeeps and trailers.

It has been found necessary, owing to the Bde being spread over a very wide area, to treat all AEME installations on an area basis, losing to some extent their identity with their parent units. E.g., 2/64 LAD at TUTONG are virtually an LAD to cover the L of C between BRUNEI and SERIA, with practically no geographic relation to the Btys of 2/8 Aust Fd Regt. These Btys are covered on the gun side by the tradesmen attached from the LAD, then for 2nd Ech repairs, as follows -

BRUNEI - 2/118 Bde Wksp
 MIRI - 2/118 Bde Wksp det.
 SERIA - 2/58 LAD, to call forward tradesmen from 2/118 Bde Wksp if required.

Fortunately armament repairs have been very light.

3. AEME Plan.

The following AEME plan has not yet been referred to the Bde Comdr., but has received concurrence of S/C -

- (a) 2/118 Bde Wksp will move probably to KUALA BELAIT, approx. 1 July 45.
- (b) Follow up convoy with 2/118 Wksp vehicles and personnel is being sent direct to KUALA BELAIT.
- (c) Increase det of 2/118 Bde Wksp in MIRI to full light sealing.
- (d) 2/58 LAD remain at SERIA, and becomes available for any further projected ops.
- (e) 2/9 Armd Regt Wksp remains at BRUNEI, and will probably be able to cover AEME service for all installations remaining in BRUNEI including MT, CE, instrument and wireless. The tanks are at present grounded in BRUNEI, and apart from rendering assistance to 2/118 Bde Wksp, the Wksp has very little to do. Even if a det of tanks moves out, it is probable that only the light sec of the Armd Wksp would move with them.

- (f) 2/3 Comp AA Regt Wksp which will probably remain in BRUNEI, but would be able to move if required. The future role of the AA Regt here is not known at the moment, but the possibility of the Wksp moving to KUALA BELAIT is envisaged. It is understood that the det of the Wksp in this area is to be increased.
- (g) 2/64 LAD would remain TUTONG to cover the 60 mile L of C. While their existence there has been justified to date by the amount of work done, it is anticipated that their function will be reduced gradually. Later the possibility of their movement is envisaged, either to BRUNEI or to SERIA, depending on requirements in each area.

4. Captured MT.

A certain amount of undue optimism still exists concerning the use of captured MT, particularly in relation to possibility of obtaining serviceable engines for use in craft, and in our own vehicles. The Japs have run their MT almost to a standstill. The blockade of this area by sea and air appears to have been particularly effective, and resulted in acute shortage of good quality oil, and of parts for reconditioning. In addition, in many cases engine accessories have been destroyed. While it is considered satisfactory to use such captured vehicles as can be readily got going, in work for which dependability is not of prime importance, it is considered that their use in operational vehicles and in watercraft would lead only to breakdowns involving severe dislocation, e.g. recovery of broken down craft or water trucks with insufficient power to carry out further amphibious landings etc.

5. MT Repairs.

The amount of MT work has reduced slightly, and now appears to have reached a normal level, which can readily be handled by existing installations. There is an acute shortage of real beam headlights for Jeeps, a number of which have been damaged by salt water. Accident rate to vehicles has now reduced considerably, although tyres are still suffering badly from cuts etc.

6. Instruments.

Quantity of work has reduced slightly, and can be handled.

7. Wireless.

Quantity of work is still fairly heavy, but can be handled. Trouble has been experienced with condensation of moisture on the wiring during the night, resulting in poor performance in the mornings, due probably to skin effect on the RF leads with moisture coating. This is in no way connected with any failure in tropic proofing. Effects can be minimized by exposing the interior of the sets to sunlight as frequently as possible. It is thought that Sig operators are not taking sufficient advantage of this. Particular care should be taken at all times to prevent ingress of moisture in to wireless equipment. This applies particularly to dew at night, and can be prevented to some extent by covering the set with canvas etc, and by keeping it off the ground.

2/118 Bde Wksp are still deficient 1- Sig Gen and 1- Crystal Calibrator. At present the instruments on loan from 2/2 Inf Tps Wksp are in use, but when these are returned, the shortage will be acute.

8. Armoury.

There has been very little armoury work. Armourers have spent a considerable amount of time on salvage of general tools and equipment

9. Armament

There has been no armament work. Armament fitters have been working on watercraft (see later) and GE work

10. Watercraft.

2/118 Bde Wksp have undertaken the installation of a new twin vertical opposed diesel (Jap) in a 45 ft craft. The craft is solidly built and Navy estimate that it should be serviceable for coastal movement to MIRI. The estimate given by this Wksp is 10 days, speed 6 knots, pay load 8 ton.

The drive is through a CAS transfer case, and then through marine reversing gear, with universals between. Power take-off on transfer case will be used to drive bilge pump. There are 3 ways of getting into neutral drive, one through the clutch on the engine, one through the transfer case, and one through the reversing gear.

Although the arrangement sounds very much like a Heath Robinson inspiration, it is considered that the craft should give reliable service.

11. Oxygen Cylinders.

Collection of oxygen cylinders in the area is continuing. Latest estimates indicate approx 150 cylinders, of which 50 will be full. It is known that there are further cylinders (approx 30) at BROCKETON, which have not been collected. ~~The thread on these cylinders are 10 per inch, which cannot be turned on the lathe. Adapters are therefore being made with 20 threads.~~

12. Inspection of SERIA Area.

On 24/25 June 45, Major Chapman inspected SERIA and KUALA BELAIT.

It is understood that 2/64 LAD have forwarded a report on equipment in SERIA. 2/58 LAD will forward report on equipment in KUALA BELAIT.

Both SERIA and KUALA BELAIT have heavy engineering workshops, in the latter town there being overhead cranes which appear serviceable. Either site would be suitable for a Bde Wksp.

There was the usual amount of MT in the area, which has been started up by unit tradesmen. These are being checked over by 2/58 LAD and will be controlled by AASC.

C. G. Chapman Major.

C.O. 2/118 Aust Bde Wksp.

SUBJECT: ACCOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS - AA ES LIBRARIES

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde
30 Jun 45

DADAE
1 Aust Corps

1. Ref your ED/571/B4 of 23 Jun 45.
2. All Box Libraries have been distributed on a prorata basis to bns.
3. These Boxes are not with the bns at present and may not come fwd for some time. Their present whereabouts is not known.
4. Disposition of this fmn is such that if and when the Boxes do arrive the check up you request will be impossible.
5. It is not possible to comply with this instr either now or in the near future and no attempt will be made to do so at present.
6. This comm is sent with the knowledge of the Bde Comd to whom AEO has addressed a complaint regarding the contents of your instrs. In my opinion the instr definitely indicates that senior Service Officers are not maintaining proper contact with fwd fmn or acquainting themselves with the present circumstances of that fmn. Otherwise presumably such instrs which it is virtually impossible to implement would not be issued. Bde Comd was also advised of the failure of the service to provide eqpt essential to our present conditions.

Lt
EO 20 Aust Inf Bde

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