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PLANNING 9 AUST DIVNOTES ON CONFERENCE 0900I 31 MAR 451. Present

As for conference 0900I 30 Mar 45.

2. GSO III (Int)

- (a) Further LINGKAS Beach int has been requested from AG5.
- (b) Possibility of bombing mud flat to obtain depth and type of mud. This is being investigated.
- (c) Captured Jap documents list the following weapons as having been captured at TARAKAN from the DUTCH:-

9 AA
69 HMG
556 rifles
15 armd cars
67 trucks

NEIFIS advise that some 12.7mm AA guns have been taken from TARAKAN probably to BALIKAPAPAN.

- (d) 400 copies Terrain Evaluation Studies are being despatched from LEYTE 6 Apr 45.
- (e) If low obliques of landing beaches are available, 1000 sets will be made available approx P minus 10.

3. Navy will make available their reproduction facilities for any reproduction of air phs.

4. New special Jan Grid comes into force 1 Apr 45. Staff will investigate use for ops.

5. AA

Question of AA required for OBOE 1 and AA def after departure 26 Bde raised. To be investigated by CRA.

6. Air

13 US Air Force are attacking oil tks TARAKAN beginning 31 Mar 45.

7. Availability diver eqpt for repair of jetties to be taken up with 1 Aust Corps. 7 personnel are available in 9 Aust Div.

8. GOC informed conference that all decisions on all matters will be made through staff channels. Arms and service channels may make tech enquiries and have tech discussions only.

9. Comd 26 Bde outlined previous day's planning on OBOE 1 which was mainly directed at further examination of:-

- (a) LINGKAS Beach
- (b) Landing times of craft.
- (c) Water gap problem.
- (d) Means of getting on weapons and vchls ashore.
- (e) Using SADAU (PELAK) Island for 25 Pr arty sp.

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Navy

- (a) Capt DUGAN gave details of causeways available at present for OBOE ONE. (4 LST will each carry 2 causeways each 175 ft long. Each causeway consists 60 pontoons that is 30 pontoons in length by 2 pontoons in width.
- (b) Admiral ROYAL, Comd Amphibious Gp 6, has now definitely been assigned to OBOE TWO.

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