

PLANNING HQ 9 AUST DIVNOTES ON CONFERENCE 0900I 2 APR 451. Present

As for Conference 1415I 1 Apr 45.

2. Lt SERICK, LO from NEI Army, has arrived in area and is available to Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde.

3. GSO III (Int)

- (a) Latest info on present air ph coverage - further requests by 1 Aust Corps incl:-
- (i) Low obliques of coast of southern TARAKAN, low tide.
 - (ii) Low obliques of coast of southern TARAKAN, high tide.
 - (iii) Verticals of area surrounding TARAKAN town and SOUTH corner of TARAKAN ISLAND.
- (b) Obliques of beaches taken 31 Mar NOT yet to hand.
- (c) A diagram of tide, sunlight, moonlight and twilight data for TARAKAN has been issued to 26 Aust Inf Bde.
- (d) 2000 captured documents and eqpt tags have been requisitioned.
- (e) GOC requested daily sitreps giving shipping sightings, enemy movs, air activity, etc in area OBOE ONE and OBOE TWO.

4. GSO III (Air)

- (a) Following pts were discussed at Bomber Comd conference:-
- (i) A landing has been made in the OKINAWA gp (approx half way between FORMOSA and JAPAN). Progress has been satisfactory.
 - (ii) OBOE airfd in SOUTH BORNEO hit by Liberators on three successive days. Runways were heavily cratered.
 - (iii) Liberators attacked PARE PARE harbour - Results:-
 - 3 small freighters - sunk
 - 1 schooner - sunk
 - 2 small freighters - probably sunk
 - 1 small freighter - damaged
 - 2 schooners - damaged
 - 2 luggers - damaged
 - (iv) Activity 2 Apr 45:

Shipping beaches PARE PARE - MAKASSA
Strike on LIMBONG airfd

4. DAQMG

- (a) 9 Aust Div have requested 1000 extra med stretchers for OBOE ONE.
- (b) A pool of MT as follows has been made available to replace cas in OBOE ONE:-
- 6 2 1/2 ton 6 x 6
 - 2 2 1/2 ton tip
 - 13 jeeps
 - 8 trailers

- (c) At a conference on lighterage for OBOE ONE attended by:-

CO 593 EB and S Regt
Comd 2 Aust Beach Cp
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde
DAMIG
PILIO

it was decided that unless lighterage more suitable for the nature of the beach could be provided, present allotment of LCMs is sufficient.

5. GOC - gave outline of current situation on AA Arty -

- (a) Four regts only are available to 1 Aust Corps.
- (b) 9 Aust Div has been allotted two for OBOE ONE and OBOE TWO - unlikely that any more could be available.
- (c) The main tasks in both operations are airfields and military areas. Towns and oil fields etc will take secondary priority.
- (d) The extent to which AA arty can be moved from OBOE ONE to OBOE TWO depends on enemy interference at OBOE ONE and on availability of shipping.
- (e) To decide best employment of AA arty, it will be necessary to study air intelligence more closely to determine how much enemy air activity is likely to be encountered and how much damage is likely to be encountered from the various types of aircraft known to be in the area.
- (f) CRA and RAAF should study air intelligence closely and make appreciation.

6. RAAF representative

- (a) Advised that RAAF Comd have received an Allied Air Operation Instruction which includes following instructions of general interest:-
 - (i) Changes RAAF area of responsibility to include HALLAMERAS and BORNEO.
 - (ii) A courier service MOROTAI - TARAKAN, TARAKAN - MANILA is to be established. As the aircraft will be operational CATALINAS initially load carrying capacity will be limited.
- (b) Auster aircraft will arrive MOROTAI 6 Apr.

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