

Appa "Q"

NOTES ON CONFERENCE 0900I 7 APR 451. Present

GSC	Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde ✓
GSO I	SC 24 Aust Inf Bde ✓
GSO II	CHA ✓
GSO II (Ops report)	CHE ✓
GSO III (Int)	Ajlt Bign ✓
GSO III (Air)	Comd 1 Aust Beach Gp ✓
AG I	Comd 2 Aust Beach Gp ✓
DAQMG	Coy Comd 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn ✓
AMLO	CO Boat Bn 593 EB and S Regt ✓
	Maj HANDLEY (US Marine Corps)

2. GSO I stated:

- (a) Personnel of one airfield construction squadron have been delayed in transit and on present indications would NOT arrive before 24 Apr 45. This may cause delay in building airstrip.
- (b) A coordinating conference on OBSE ONE will be held at 1500I 7 Apr. Separate instructions to be issued.

3. GSO III (Int) stated:

- (a) That two natives from TARAHA having been interrogated revealed the following information :-
  - (i) There were defenses in CAPE BATOE area.
  - (ii) There was a small force of approximately 25 Japs at DJOEATA.
  - (iii) There are Japs on SADAU but NOT known whether any defenses.
  - (iv) One beach obstacle on LINGAS beach consists of iron posts approximately 5 feet high which are covered at high tide.
  - (v) Pillboxes have been seen in the LINGAS beach area.
  - (vi) There is another native on HANDEHL ISLAND who has a lot of knowledge which he is keen to pass on.
- (b) Efforts are to be made to get the native referred to above and to bring him to MOROTAI for interrogation.
- (c) On 4 Apr four enemy single engine fighters were seen over HANGGAR airfield.
- (d) Recent shipping sightings in BALIKPAPAN.

4. GSO III (Air):

Outlined latest air operations in the objective areas.

5. CHA:

Combined plan for naval and air support for OBSE ONE had been completed.

**CES:**

- (a) Certain engineer units of 9 Aust Div Task Force for OBOE ONE have been given tasks in the staging area. Requested that representation be made to have these units placed under command 9 Aust Div in order that preparation for OBOE ONE may proceed.
- (b) RAN are making special long towing wire in order to winch sleds and vehicles ashore.

**CO 2 Aust Beach Op:**

Bomb Disposal Platoon cannot delouse the delay action RAAF bomb. Suggested that request be made to Air Force that delayed action bombs be NOT dropped on TARAKAH for 3 days before P Day.

**COQ:**

- (a) There are NO RAAF taking part in OBOE ONE either before or during the actual assault. RAAF begin operations from the captured airstrip. RAAF Comd is the HQ controlling all air support. 13 US Air Force is in support of RAAF Comd.
- (b) There is a high demand on air priorities from QUEENSLAND. Requests for air transport must be kept to minimum and every endeavour made to use ships departing reasonably early. AQ is to watch this aspect.
- (c) P Day and H hour will be finalised if possible this afternoon.

**Folding Boat Equipment:**

LHQ have requested the FBE for OBOE ONE be moved MOROTAI either by fast ship or air transport.

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