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NOTES ON CONFERENCE 0900I 7 APR 45

1. Present

GOC	Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde
GSO I	SG 26 Aust Inf Bde
GSO II	CRA
GSO II (Ops	CRE
report)	Adj't Sigs
GSO III (Int)	Comd 1 Aust Beach Gp
GSO III (Air)	Comd 2 Aust Beach Gp
LO I	Coy Comd 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn
Ag DAQMG	CO Boat Bn 593 EB and S Regt
AMLO	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 OBOE ONE will be held at 1500I 7 Apr. Separate instructions to be issued.

3. GSO III (Int) stated:

- (a) That two natives from TARAKAN having been interrogated revealed the following information :-
 - (i) There were defences in CAPE BATCE area.
 - (ii) There was a small force of approximately 25 Japs at DJORATA.
 - (iii) There are Japs on SADAU but NOT known whether any defences.
 - (iv) One beach obstacle on LINGKAS beach consists of iron posts approximately 5 feet high which are covered at high tide.
 - (v) Pillboxes have been seen in the LINGKAS beach area.
 - (vi) There is another native on MANDOHU 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 MANGGAR airfield.
- (d) Recent shipping sightings in BALIKPAPAN.

4. GSO III (Air):

Outlined latest air operations in the objective areas.

5. CRA:

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

6. CRE:

- (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) RAE are making special long towing wire in order to winch sleds and vehicles ashore.

7. GO 2 Aust BGach Gp:

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 TARAkan for 3 days before P Day.

8. GOC:

- (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.

9. 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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9 Aust Div

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| 1. GOC 9 Aust Div gives outline plan OBOE TWO | |
| 2. Are KLANDASAN and MALANG beaches suitable? | Navy |
| 3. Are there any other suitable beaches on coast? | Navy |
| 4. What is the earliest that Navy can land assault on F day? | Navy |
| 5. Is this time suitable to Air Force? | Air Force |
| 6. Can engineer beach obstacle breaching operations be instituted on F minus 1? | Navy |
| 7. Can Air Force supply ^{cover} smoke/for this? | Air Force |
| 8. Can LSTs be allowed to dry out? | Navy |
| 9. Can an estimate be given of the number of WL pontoons that will be available? | Navy |
| 10. For possible alternative plan can Navy operate within BALIKPAPAN BAY? | Navy |
| 11. What are details of amphibious shipping available? | Navy |
| 12. Convoys - can Navy give any indication of numbers of turn rounds? | Navy |
| 13. Can Air Force give outline of air attack arrangements commencing now until period of intensification prior to F day. | Air Force |

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look satisfactory
Mangas best of remainder
Sunup + 1 1/2 hrs. - 0815 best - 0300 landing - NO -

late in day & by nightfall to unload
7 ? towing from 0800 on E.

Suggest that general agreement be reached at conference and details to be settled immediately after conference by 9 Aust Div reps (incl FMLO) and Navy reps.

Similar to OBOE ONE
Hy Bombardier at present engaged OBOE ONE and must sp for OBOE TWO for May

6th B & 4th SP-5
Smoking boat up area

	Info sought from	
14. Can Navy leave an executive planning staff for OBOE TWO while 'ROCKY MOUNT' is away?	Navy ✓	23rd afternoon Conference on OBOE TWO 24th Rehearsal 25th afternoon Rehearsal Conference on Rocky Mount
15. 26 Aust Inf Bde alternative plan for OBOE ONE.	Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde	Suggest only Navy, Air, Div and 26 Aust Inf Bde reps remain for this.
Is this satisfactory to Navy?	Navy	
Is this satisfactory to Air Force?	Air Force	

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