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CONFERENCE NOTES 0900I 9 APR 451. Present

GOC	Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde
GSOI	BM 24 Aust Inf Bde
AA and QMG	Planning HQ 9 Aust Div
CRA	RAAF Planning Team
CRE	US Army representatives
Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde	NB Liaison Officer
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde	Comd 1 Aust Beach Gp
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde	Comd 2 Aust Beach Gp

2. Corps have advised that 2 Aust Beach Gp will come out of OBOE ONE on the resupply convoy of P plus 9. A conference is to be held to discuss the details of this development.
3. Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde made a recommendation that 6 light AA guns only to be taken to OBOE ONE instead of the 9 light AA guns previously planned. This matter is to be further discussed in light of GOC 1 Aust Corps direction at conference held 8 Apr 45.
4. A coloured film of OBOE ONE town and beach areas has been made. Only one print can be produced. This print is being studied in detail at GHQ and the film and a detailed report will be forwarded when completed by LHQ.
5. 600 copies of a photomap of OBOE ONE assault areas have been produced and will be available for distribution.
6. GOC directed for security reasons that OBOE TWO would NOT be discussed with other than staffs and senior commanders. //
7. The aircraft carrying out low photo mission at OBOE ONE 8 Apr 45, met fairly heavy AA fire. It appeared to come from areas NORTH of the pier and along the whole beach front and again from an area where possible coast defence guns are located on SOUTH WEST coast of the island. Pilots and observers considered that 40mm calibre was AA fire met. They did NOT consider any heavy AA fired. The navigator estimated that there might have been 12 or 15 guns firing. The fire was accurate. A large ship was sighted in the harbour.
8. The 4 Auster aircraft for OBOE ONE are at present awaiting unloading. An ALO will visit 26 Aust Inf Bde to advise the Comd in the use of the aircraft and also as to the packing and stowing of them. If necessary, a practice in vehicle loading of these aircraft could be arranged.
9. It has been advised that 4 TD tractors are to be withdrawn from each field regiment and will be replaced by 2½ ton 6 x 6. A pool of 6 TD tractors is being provided for CRA. The CRA says that this arrangement is quite satisfactory as the same tractor power is there, plus extra load carrying space.
10. Corps have requested LHQ to make available parachutes for emergency supply dropping for OBOE TWO.
11. Vehicle pool for OBOE ONE has departed SYDNEY and will arrive in time for the operation.

12. It is advised that 7,500 fuze 222B will be available for OBOE ONE. This fuze number is yet NOT certain. 7,600 fuze 231 will be available.

13. A request has been forwarded to Corps that the ammunition allotment of C Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt be doubled for the operation OBOE ONE. GOC directed that the firing of ammunition by tank crews was to be strictly kept to requirements.

14. GOC has directed that air targets be continuously checked, and where definitely knocked out new targets to be engaged.

15. FS personnel to be engaged in the area as soon as possible, to check unauthorised persons etc.

16. Comd 26 Aust Inf Bde said that in spite of slimming there were still 300 vehicles in excess of capacity of the initial convoy and that a further cut of 17% in vehicles would have to be made. A cut of 20% would have to be made by some of the larger units.

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