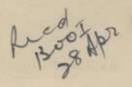
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OBOE SIX

NOTES ON DIVISIONAL COMMANDERS CONFERENCE AT PLANNING HQ 9 AUST DIV 2709001

1. Present

9 Au t Div Plan ing Staff Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde BM 20 Aust Inf Bde Gomd 24 Aust Inf Bde BM 24 Aust Inf Bde Gomd 1 Aust Besch Gp DAGMG 1 Aust Besch Op GO 593 BB snd St. S3 727 Amphibian Trestor Bn.

2. 090 1 advised :-

(a) that the slimming down figures submitted were in excess of shipping availability for -

Assault convoy by 900 vehicles Both assault and follow up convoys by 400 vehicles.

- (b) that Navy desire a tentative landing plan be submitted at the earliest.
- 3. God pointed out that Commanders must slim vehicles and stores to bare essentials, otherwise he would have to make relatively arbitrary deletion to fit the force to the shipping available.

4. Intelligence

- (a) Latest intelligence of enemy outlined.
 - (b) 5,000 eppies of the book entitled "BORNED book for Servicemen" had been distributed to 26 Aust Inf Ede Gp. 9/10,000 copies are available for distribution to OBOE SIX force.
 - (e) 1/50,000 maps are now available for distribution. Details were given of additional map coverages which were in course of production.

(d) Models

Two models of LABUAN ISLAND up to and including the covering position were being produced.
A model of the 20 Aust Inf Eds Gp objective area up to the BERAMAS road is being produced in two sections.

- (e) Strike photographs of Tarakah were exhibited which showed previously unknown eamouflaged oil storage tanks and pipe line in the siretrip area. The pipe line leads for a distance SE along the road with feeders leading into the Nipa swamp. As oil from those tanks may be used for fire defence, GOC instructed that Air Force be requested to destroy the tanks and pipe line by bombing prior to P minus 1.
- 5. GRA advised the conference that the 2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt had arrived in the area without waterproofing kits. Endeavours were now being made to obtain their entitlements.
- 6. DAGMG advised latest movement schedules for movement of 9 Aust Div from AUSTRALIA.

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7. ADM pointed out that "dengue" mosquitoes had been identified in the area, and unless precautions were taken, an epidemic would probably occur.

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