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TOP SECRET

OBOR SIX

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

1. Present

GOC
9 Aust Div Planning Staff
Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde
BM 20 Aust Inf Bde

Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde
BM 24 Aust Inf Bde
Comd 1 Aust Beach Gp
DACMG 1 Aust Beach Gp
CO 593 BS and St.
33 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn.

2. GSO 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. GOC 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 copies of the book entitled "BORNEO book for Servicemen" had been distributed to 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp.
9/10,000 copies are available for distribution to OBOR SIX force.

- (c) ^{additional} 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 Bde Gp objective area up to the BERAKAS road is being produced in two sections.

- (e) Strike photographs of TARAKAN were exhibited which showed previously unknown camouflaged oil storage tanks and pipe line in the airstrip area. The pipe line leads for a distance SE along the road with feeders leading into the Nipa swamp. As oil from these 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. DACMG advised latest movement schedules for movement of 9 Aust Div from AUSTRALIA.

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7. ADMS 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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20 Aust Inf Bde ✓

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RAA 9 Aust Div

RAE 9 Aust Div

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War Diary (2)

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