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9 AUST DIV OPERATION ORDER 4

Reference maps:	LAUAN SOUTH	1: 25,000
	PUJUT NORTH WEST	1: 25,000
	PUJUT SOUTH EAST	1: 25,000
	LOAK PAY SOUTH EAST	1: 25,000
	LOAK PAY	1: 50,000
	PUJUT	1: 50,000

INFORMATION

1. Topography

- (a) See Terrain Study No 89 - SARAWAK and BRUNEI, Terrain Handbook 59 BRUNEI PAY, 1 Aust Corps Intelligence Review No 3 OPOE SIX.
- (b) Additional information is shown in 9 Aust Div Intelligence Review No 1 OPOE SIX Part II Section 4 to be issued separately.
- (c) An inland route exists connecting BRUNEI to MIFI. This route follows roads, foot-tracks and navigable rivers as follows :-

BRUNEI - LIMPANG road
 thence up the LIMPANG and KAWALAM RIVERS thence
 via track 139 (Terrain Study 89) to MELIAU RIVER
 thence down MELIAU and EMBAK RIVERS to the coast
 thence by MT road to MIFI

2. Enemy (information to 17 Jun 45)

- (a) Accurate information of enemy strengths in the LUTONG - MIFI area is NOT available. It is NOT anticipated that the area will be held in strength and a recent report from Allied naval sources indicates that the enemy defences in the coastal areas of LUTONG may be evacuated.
- (b) Since 12 Jun 45 the enemy has been burning the oil contents of installations in the oilfields.
- (c) Reinforcements may be available both from the NE and SOUTH but NOT in large numbers. Our advances in the BRUNEI area have forced the enemy southwards, and some of this retreating force may be met in the MIRI - LUTONG area.

3. Own troops

- (a) See current sitreps.
- (b) 2/32 1st Inf Bn captured WESTON 17 Jun and is reconoitring by land and river towards BRUNOFT.

4. Allied naval forces are providing amphibious shipping as shown in appendix A and are supporting the landing by naval bombardment.

5. Air

- (a) 1 TAF TAAF with 13 US Air Force in support is providing preliminary bombardment of LUTONG.

- (b) Direct support of ground forces is to be provided by air alert aircraft.
- (c) Tac R and Arty R will NOT be available initially.

INTENTION

6. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn Gp will capture LUTONG by amphibious assault and will secure and consolidate covering position as shown in appendix C.

METHOD

7. Order of battle of assault force - see appendix B.

8. Reserve

The order of battle of the assault force includes two companies 2/15 Aust Inf Bn. This reserve will NOT be committed except in emergency and will be prepared for early return to PFUNEI area.

9. Landing beach

CPIMSON PEACH - CPIMSON ONE and TWO - see appendix C.

10. Covering position

See appendix C.

11. Action after consolidation of objective

- (a) 2/13 Aust InfBn will reconnoitre towards MIRI with a view to its subsequent capture.
- (b) The force to be used will NOT exceed one infantry company without prior reference to this Headquarters.

12. Naval bombardment

- (a) Naval forces are supporting the operation with preliminary bombardment and call fire as required.

- (b) Ships allotted to provide naval gunfire :-

- (i) Cruisers

One CA --	HMAS SHROPSHIRE	8 x 8" guns
		8 x 4" guns

One CL --	HMAS HOPART	8 x 6" guns
		8 x 4" guns

- (ii) Destroyers

HMAS ARUNTA	6 x 4.7" guns
HMAS WARRAMUNGAR	6 x 4.7" guns

- (iii) Close Support Craft

2 LCS (L) - carrying 3" gun - 40mm and 20mm.
2 LCI (F) - each 400 HE Barrage rockets

- (c) Ammunition allotment

- (i) Preliminary bombardment :-

6"	-- 320 rounds
4.7"	-- 1,000 rounds
HEBR	-- 800

(ii) Call fire :-

8" - 400 rounds
6" - 130 rounds
4.7" - 200 rounds

- (d) Naval Gunfire Schedule - see appendix D Part I.
(e) Targets for naval gunfire - see appendix D Part II.
(f) Number 6 SFCP is allotted to direct call fire subsequent to landing.

13. Air bombardment

- (a) Target areas are shown in Naval and Air bombardment overlay attached as appendix D Part II.

(b) Prior to L day

The following targets are to be attacked prior to L day :-

- (i) 123 147 148 - 2 light anti-craft, 2 medium anti-aircraft and 3 heavy anti-aircraft guns
(ii) 62 - coastal defence gun
(iii) 61 - coastal defence gun
(iv) 416851 - coastal defence gun
(v) 59r - 5 medium and light anti-aircraft guns
(vi) 34 - 2 heavy anti-aircraft guns
(vii) 22 - medium anti-aircraft guns
(viii) 4 - enemy OP
(ix) 417841 - medium anti-aircraft guns
(x) 64 - barracks buildings and bunkers
(xi) MIRI - LUTONG - both areas to be thoroughly strafed

(c) L day

The following areas are to be attacked on L day with anti-personnel bombs and strafing :-

- (i) area bounded by 64 - 52 - 76 - 88 inclusive
(ii) area bounded by 123 - 124 - 148 - 147 inclusive
(iii) area bounded by 7 - 25 - 23 - 5 inclusive
(iv) area bounded by map references 424859 - 430855 - 410828 - 404828 inclusive

Attacks will be made NOT later than C minus 60 minutes.

14. Restriction on air bombardment

The destruction of the following targets will be avoided :-

- (a) LUTONG oil refinery 438936.

- (b) bridge over MIRI FIVE at reference map 449932
- (c) wharves
- (d) public utilities, hospitals, churches and mosques
- (e) avoid cratering beaches

15. Direct air support

13 US Air Force is providing 6 B25s (MITCHELLS) on air alert over target area from 0930I to 1630I on L day, aircraft being relieved every two hours.

16. Control air support

- (a) One air support party is included in order of battle 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
- (b) All air alert aircraft will report to Air Support Section when 50 miles from area and then will be handed over to the control of Air Support Party with 2/13 Aust Inf Bn
- (c) Air Support Party will direct aircraft to targets as ordered by Commander 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
- (d) Air alert aircraft NOT given task within air alert period will revert to control of Air Support Section LAEUAN.
- (e) 9 Aust Div will allot secondary targets for air alert aircraft NOT used by 2/13 Aust Inf Bn during air alert period.

17. Air support requests

The following details are necessary when making requests for direct air support :-

- (a) Reference map.
- (b) Description of target : type of target, e.g., troops, MGs, supplies etc.
- (c) Time over target : Include NOT before..... hours.
NOT after hours.
or time immaterial.
This time is vital in the case of coordinated ground/air attack.
- (d) Position of forward troops : Necessary to avoid attacks on our own troops by own aircraft.
- (e) Special instructions : Target indication whether target will be marked by smoke or its position in reference to special feature, e.g., 200 yards SOUTH of road junction.
Whether air attack requested is coordinated with ground attack.
Alternative target if required.
- (f) Target bombline : Line beyond which our own troops will NOT advance until completion of air attack.

18. Target bombline

All requests for direct air support will include a target bombline which will NOT be crossed by our troops until the air attack is completed. Care will be taken that target bomblines include those features most recognisable from the air, and on NO account will a grid line only be given.

19. Naval and Air support

2/13 Aust Inf Bn will NOT call for air support and naval bombardment simultaneously.

20. Target identification naval and air bombardment

(a) Target overlay appendix L Part II common to all services will be used for target description.

(b) YELLOW fluorescent panels will be used to indicate position of forward troops.

(c) Fluorescent panels will NOT be used to indicate bomb lines.

21. Field artillery

(a) 15 Pty 2/8 Aust Fd Regt is under command 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

(b) One troop is armed with 4 x 25 pounders Mk II guns; and one troop with 4 x 75 mm guns.

22. Engineers

(a) Command

Capt F 7 FAFDON 2/3 Aust Fd Coy will command all engineer units of Force.

(b) Allocation of troops

(i) 1 Platoon, 2/3 Aust Fd Coy RAE is allocated primarily for close engineer support during landing and for subsequent inland operations of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

(ii) 11 Platoon, 2/16 Aust Fd Coy PAE, less one section, is allocated for engineer work in establishment of BMA.

(c) Tasks

(i) Provide close engineer support for landing operation and for subsequent inland operations of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

(ii) Construction of beach exits and Beach Maintenance Area.

(iii) Water supply of Force.

(iv) Repair of main NORTH-SOUTH road to Class 24 within limits of exploitation of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

(v) Provision of two Class 5 ferries for crossing MIFI RIVER.

(vi) Construct MUSTER strip.

(vii) Any such tasks as may be ordered by Force Commander.

23. Shipping and craft

(a) See appendix A.

(b) LCT and LCM are to be fitted with towing gear.

24. 593 EB and S Regt

(a) See appendix A.

(b) Boat Pn 593 EB and S Regt will be responsible that LCM is fitted with towing gear.

25. Amphibian tractors

(a) See appendices A and B.

(b) LVTs will return in LST convoy which sails AM 21 Jun 45.

26. Command

During the amphibious move and landing the Commander Naval Task Force will command the operation until the landing force is established ashore. Command of the force ashore then passes to Commanding Officer 2/13 Aust Inf Pn. The exact time of transfer of command is to be mutually decided between the commanders concerned and will be notified to all subordinate commanders by wireless. Commanding Officer 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will notify assumption of command by immediate signal to HQ 9 Aust Div.

27. L Day - 20 Jun 45.

28. C Hour - 0930I (time at which first craft reach beach)

29. Reports

Brief reports and situation reports will be submitted in accordance with 9 Aust Div GS Instruction 1 of 17 Apr 45.

ADMINISTRATION

30. See 9 Aust Div Administration Order 3 of 17 Jun 45.

INTEF COMMUNICATION

31. Location of Headquarters

HQ 9 Aust Div	-	841837
CTU 76.20.50	-	afloat - LST 562 1014596
HQ 2/13 Aust Inf Bn	-	ashore - as advised

32. Naval communications

Details of communications available will be advised by Sigs 9 Aust Div.

33. Communications for naval support - Normal

34. Communications for air support - Normal

35. Communications for air warning

(a) While afloat air warning will be passed over Naval channels.

(b) On landing air warning will be passed from 9 Aust Div over the Army wireless communications by transmission in clear of "FLASH RED - air raid imminent".

(c) Other broadcasts as laid down for OPOE SIX will obtain.

36. Rear link communications

Sigs 9 Aust Div will arrange rear link communication from 2/13 Aust Inf Bn to HQ 9 Aust Div.

37. Frequencies

(a) Will be issued to all concerned through Signal channels.

(b) Normal daily change will be used.

(c) Frequencies will be changed only by use of appropriate code words to be issued through Signal channels.

38. Panel signals - Ground-Air

As previously ordered for operation OBOE SIX.

39. Pyrotechnics

As previously ordered for operation OBOE SIX.

40. Code signs and code names

(a) Will be issued to all concerned through Signal channels.

(b) Normal daily change will be used.

41. Code Words

(a) Code words for phases of operation and for locations are shown in appendix E.

(b) These code words will only be used within 9 Aust Div.

42. Code word for the operation - COCONUT

43. Codes and ciphers

(a) Combined Field Code CCBP 0129/3 with CCBP 0121/D2 will be used for communication with Allied Forces, RAN and RAAF for all messages which require enciphering. CCBP 0129/4 replaces 0129/3 at 0001 hours 20 Jun 45 - CCBP 0121/D2 remains current.

(b) PT Code Number 2 will be used for Aust Army Units for all PT conversations during the operation. Keywords/keyletters will be as detailed for operation OBOE SIX.

(c) Current appointments Code vide Signal Training Pam No 5 will be used in referring to branches and appointments.

(d) SFCP and USN will be using PT code CSP 2156(B) for PT transmissions.

(e) Peer link to L/HUAN - Medium Grade

(f) Unit Level (where necessary) - Field Grade (Trencode).

(g) Distribution of documents and keys will be effected through signal channels.

44. Signal security

(a) Full measures will be taken to ensure that all wireless transmissions are encoded and enciphered when the enemy can make use of the information being transmitted.

(b) Existing civil and military communication systems will NOT be used until approval is obtained from HQ 9 Aust Div.

45. Pass words - Will be issued separately.

46. Signal plan

Detailed signal plan will be issued to the elements concerned by Signals 9 Aust Div.

47. Time zone - ITEM

48. Synchronisation of time

- (a) Ships time will be used while force is afloat.
(b) After landing time will be passed from HQ 9 Aust Div over Army wireless channel.

49. SDS

Timetable for waterborne SDS from TAIFUAN will be arranged by Sigs 9 Aust Div later.

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727 Amphibian Tractor Bn	7
Foat Pn 593 EB and S Regt	8
CTU 76.20	9
CTU 76.2D,50	10
CTU 70.1.7 (PT Scr)	11
1 TAF PAAF	12
83 Army Coop Wing	13
20 Aust Inf Pde	14
24 Aust Inf Bde	15
RAA 9 Aust Div	16
RAE 9 Aust Div	17
Sigs 9 Aust Div	18
2/2 Aust MG Bn	19
B Aust FS Sec	20
AASC 9 Aust Div	21
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Appendix A

AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING

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1. Comd Naval Attack Unit - CTU 76.20.50 Capt MARTIN USN
Flagship LCI(L) 546

Amphibious shipping allotted:-

LST	573
	562
	667
LSM	54
	269
	133
4 LCT	1310
	1312
	1317
	1331

2. Craft of 593 EB and 3 Regt allotted - 1 LCM.
3. Amphibian Tractors allotted - 32 LVT(4)
4. DUKWS allotted - 12 DUKWS
5. The following craft will remain in the objective area after L day until receipt of further instructions:-

1 LCM
2 DUKWs

6. LCT and LCM are to be fitted with towing gear.

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Appendix B

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2/13 AUST INF BN GP OOB

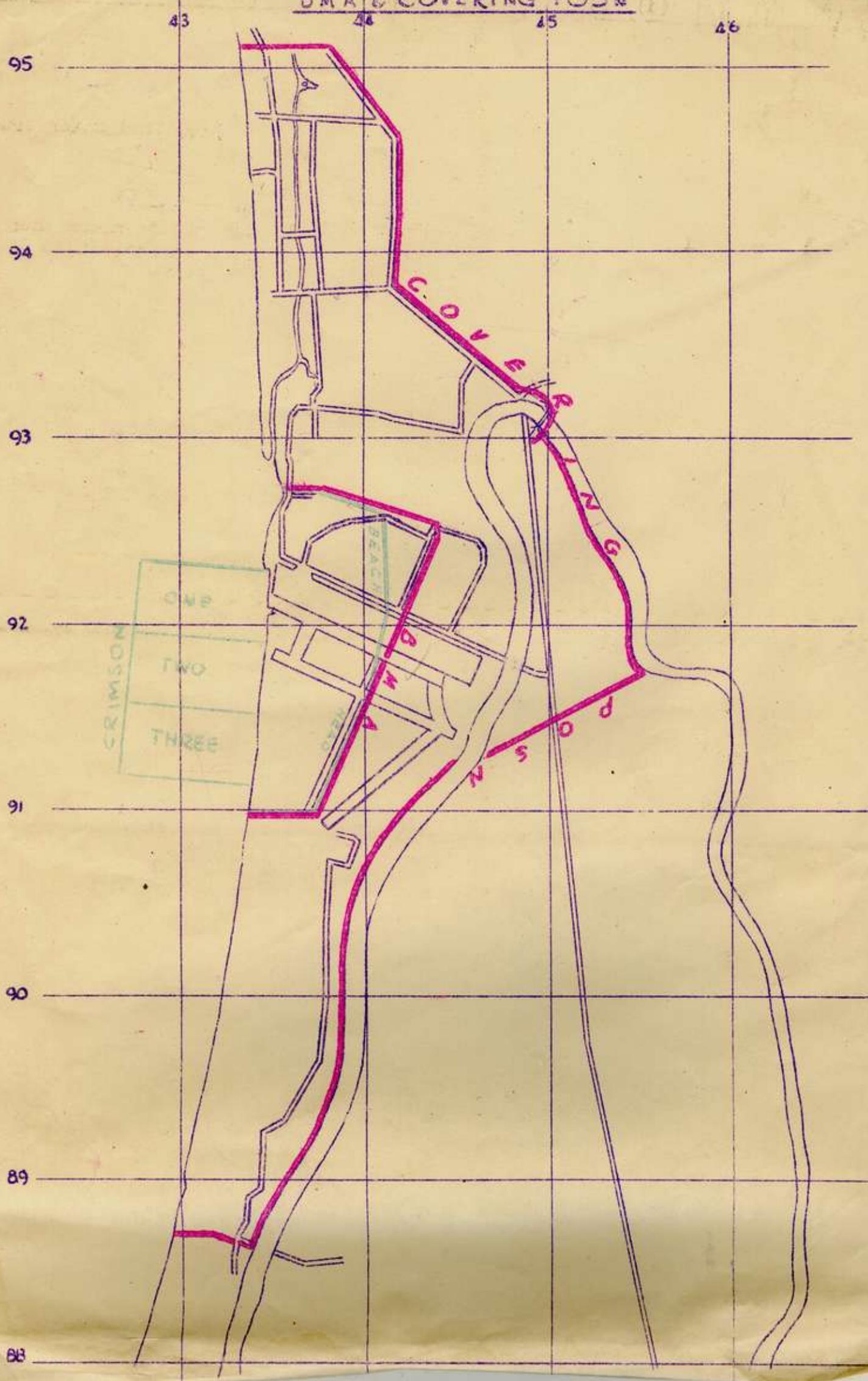
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Ser.	Unit	Vehs		Trlrs		Mech Eqpt			Guns			Total	DW out of vehs	Remarks			
		Pers	Jeep 2½ ton	Misc	Jeep	Water	Comp	Trac	Doz	Auto	25	75	2				
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)
	<u>INF</u>																
1	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	760	12				10								2	24	25
2	2/13 Aust Inf Bn	60															
	<u>LCB</u>																
3	2/15 Aust Inf Bn	240															
	(2 coys)																
4	1 Pl 2/2 MG Bn	34	1				1									2	
	<u>ARTY</u>																
5	15 Bty 2/8 Aust Fd Regt	237	7	4			3	1		2		4	4		35	20	
6	SFCP	8	1												1		
	<u>ENGRS</u>																
7	Tac HQ 2/3 Aust Fd Coy	8	2				2								4		
8	1 Pl 2/3 Fd Coy	65	2	1	4(a)		2		1	1							
9	11 Pl 2/16 Fd Coy (less one sec)	50	1	1	2(b)		1		1	1					11	10	(a) Tippers - 2 no with overhang
10	Det 2/1 Mech Eqpt Coy 10											2	1		3		(b) Tippers
	<u>SIGS</u>																
11	Det 9 Aust Div Sigs Ø 4	1					1								2		With 112 set
12	Det 20 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	4															Ø Units shown thus are at present in LABUAN area
13	Det 3 Aust Engr Sig Sec Ø	3	1				1								2		

SKETCH SHOWING BEACHES BEACH-HEAD

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SMA & COVERING POSN



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Appendix D Part I

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NAVAL GUNFIRE SCHEDULE OPERATION "COCONUT"

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SHIP	AMMUNITION AVAILABLE	Target No Rounds fired	-60	-30	-5	-2	C	+5	Available for call fire
CA - HMAS SHROPSHIRE	9 x 3" - 400	Target No Rounds fired							
CL - HMAS HOBART	8 x 6" - 450	Target No Rounds fired		Area A and B 2,3,4,12,34,35 320					
DD - HMAS ARUNTA	6 x 4.7"-600	Target No Rounds fired	58, 61 -64 200	56-58, 79, 80 275	122, 123, 147, 148 125				
DD - HMAS MARRAMUNGA	6 x 4.7"-600	Target No Rounds fired		123, 147, 148 180	52, 53, 54, 55, 77, 78 220				Call fire 200 rounds
2 LCS(L)	3", 40mm, 20mm	Target No Rounds fired		Landing beaches and flanks at CO's discretion					
1 LCI(R)	4.5" HE BR - 400	Target No Rounds fired			53, 54 400				
1 LCI(R)	4.5" HE BR - 400	Target No Rounds fired			55, 56 400				

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Appendix "D" Part II

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COCONUT
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TARGET OVERPRINT
NAVAL & AIR BOMBARDMENT

REF MAPS: 1:50,000 LOAK BAY, PUJUT

S. LUTONG

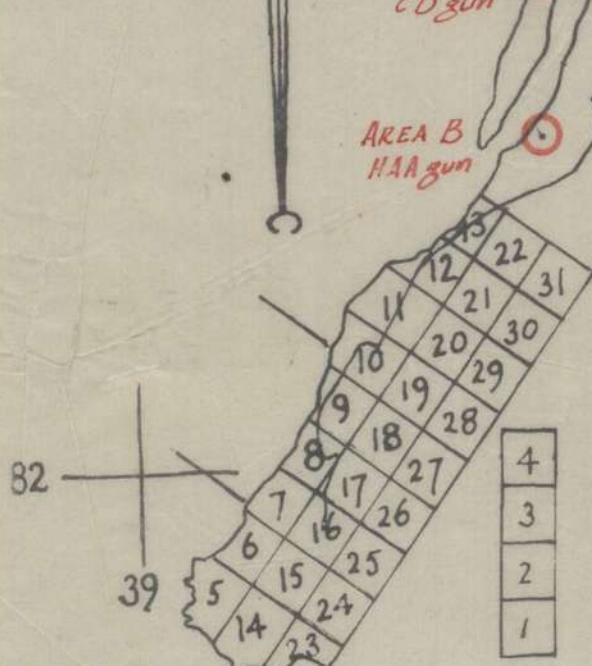
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60	84	104	124	148	172
59	83	103	123	147	171
58	82	102	122	146	170
57	81	101	121	145	169
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CD gun

AREA B
HA gun



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Appendix E

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CODE WORDS - OPERATION COCONUT

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Phases of Operation

MONCLAR - Landing successfully effected.
LATAKIA - Covering position secured.

Topographical

ALEX	LUTONG	
ACROMA ROAD	LUTONG - CAPE B.R.H.M Road	From CAPE B.R.H.M 1 to ferry 448932
BALOON	ELG	
BARLEY	Cross roads 456876	
BENINA Road	PUJUT Te LOB.NG road	
BUTTER	Cross roads 456876 to road	
C. IRO	junction 401815	
CHEESE	Tg LOB.NG	
DELTA	MIRI	
EL ADEM ROAD	KAMPONG PULO M.L.YU	
	KUALA LUTONG	
	LUTONG-PUJUT ROAD	From ferry 448932 to cross roads 456876
FIG TREE	Bridge 449931	
GYPSY	No 1 strip	
HAM	KAMPONG MUKAH	
JORDAN	LODONG R	
LIME	No 3 strip	
NILE	MIRI RIVER	
PEPPERM	Ferry 448932	
REGIMA ROAD	Road No 3 strip to Kg MUKAH	
ROSIE	No 2 strip	
RAHMAT	C.N.DA HILL	
SALT	Road junction 442938	
SAUCE	PUJUT	
SHAMBLES	Refinery area	
SUEZ	LUTONG River	
SUGAR	Road junction BARRACKS area 434951	
WADI GAZA	Unnamed river 454923	