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(Cancels Draft Order No 1)

Ref maps:	BRUNEI BAY	}	1 : 250000 - map references given by letters and figures e.g. (L) A 2699
	SINDUMIN		
	MIRI		
	LABUAN NORTH	}	1 : 50000 - map references given as four, six or eight figure references
	LABUAN SOUTH		
	PELONG ROCK		
	S MANGSALUT		
	TG LAMUT		
	BRUNEI		
	LIMBANG RIVER		
	LABU)	

INFORMATION

1. Topography

- (a) SWPA Terrain Handbook 59 and Terrain Studies 89 and 90.
- (b) 9 Aust Div Intelligence Summary to be issued separately.
- (c) Rivers probably navigable by LCM and possibly by LCT exists as follows :-
 - (i) KLIAS R to KOTA KLIAS (L) A 2699
 - (ii) PADAS R to BEAUFORT (L) A 3789
 - (iii) BRUNEI R to BRUNEI (L) 4839
 - (iv) LIMBANG R to LIMBANG 5524
- (d) It will probably be necessary to use these rivers for tactical movement and supply.
- (e) Tactical movement and supply to PAPAR R (F) V 53, the shores of BRUNEI BAY, SERIA (P) D 720 and MIRI (P) J 48 may be by sea.
- (f) Road communications in the area, particularly to the NORTH of BRUNEI BAY, are limited except for LABUAN township area 8182 and BRUNEI PENINSULA.
- (g) List of topographical code names is attached as Appx A.

2. Designation of Beaches

- (a) As per Appendix B attached.
- (b) Other beaches in the objective area will be defined in 9 Aust Div Intelligence Summary issued separately.

3. Enemy

- (a) As per 9 Aust Div Intelligence Summary.

(b) Reinforcements

Reinforcement of the area is possible from

- (i) JESSELTON where enemy strength is estimated at 5000 but may increase to 7000/8000 by end of May.

(ii) Area WANAN - KENINGAU - TENOM - PENSIANGAN where enemy movement has been reported recently.

(iii) MIRI enemy estimated strength 1000

(c) Latest information will be published in 9 Aust Div Intelligence Summary OBOE SIX.

4. Own Troops

- (a) 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp has landed on TARAKAN ISLAND. It is expected that by the start of OBOE SIX airfield facilities will have been established on the island to provide air cover, preliminary air bombardment and direct air support for OBOE SIX.
- (b) 9 Aust Div less 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp is to capture and hold the areas LABUAN ISLAND, MUARA ISLAND - BRUNEI PENINSULA - BRUNEI town with a view to subsequent capture of area BRUNEI BAY - MIKI - LUTONG - SERIA to permit the establishment of an advanced fleet base in BRUNEI BAY and to protect oil and rubber resources in these areas.
- (c) HQ 2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt is to assume command of rear details 9 Aust Div comprising all elements of 9 Aust Div remaining in MOROTAI on departure of HQ 9 Aust Div.

5. 9 Aust Div Plan

(a) Assault Troops :-

- (i) LABUAN ISLAND - 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp less 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
- (ii) MUARA ISLAND BRUNEI PENINSULA
20 Aust Inf Bde Gp

(b) Tasks

- (i) 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp is to land on BROWN BEACH, secure a bridgehead, capture PITCH NO 1 with all possible speed, secure a covering position as per Appx B, including all areas to the SOUTH and prepare for subsequent operations in area BRUNEI BAY - BEAUFORT as directed by HQ 9 Aust Div.
- (ii) 20 Aust Inf Bde is to carry out simultaneous landings on GREEN BEACH and WHITE BEACH, secure MUARA ISLAND and BRUNEI PENINSULA from inclusive BR TABUR HINTANG 488517 to inclusive BRUNEI TOWN area 4839 and prepare for subsequent operations as directed by HQ 9 Aust Div.

(c) Divisional Reserve

- (i) Commander CO 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
2/32 Aust Inf Bn
2/12 Aust Cdo Sqn
HQ Tp and one tp 2/9 Aust Armcd Regt
One flamethrower tp 2/1 Aust Armcd Bde Recce Sqn
One SFCP
One Tp LAA 2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt
One Pl 2/16 Aust Fd Coy
2/2 Aust MG Bn less three coys

6. Additional troops in support and under command

As per 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp Order of Battle in Appx C.

7. Composition of Landing Force

As per appx D attached.

8. Naval Support

- (a) Allied Naval Forces are to support the operation as per Appx F Part I.
- (b) Detail of Naval units available for support, bombardment prior to Z day and ammunition available is set out in Appx F Part I.

9. Air Support

- (a) Allied Air Forces are to support the operation as per Appx G Part I.
- (b) Detail of preliminary air bombardment is given in Appx G Part I.

10. Allotment of shipping

Detail of shipping allotted and capacities are shown in Appx N.

11. Beach Maintenance Area

1 Aust Beach Gp is to establish a BMA in the Area COLLIER HEAD - RAMSAY PT - LABUAN - FLAG STAFF 826838.

INTENTION

- 12. 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp will land on BROWN BEACH and capture a covering position NORTH of PITCH NO 1 with a view to :-
 - (a) securing LABUAN port facilities and PITCH NO 1 in the quickest possible time.
 - (b) destroying enemy forces on the island.
 - (c) preparing for further operations in area BRUNEI BAY - BEAUFORT.

METHOD

13. Summary

- (a) The landing will be with two assault battalions in LVTs supported by tanks. 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn plus a proportion of armour will be in reserve.
- (b) The operation will be in three phases.

(i) PHASE ONE

Assault battalions will capture the line Tg TARAS 845840 - ACPARKS - FLAGSTAFF.

(ii) PHASE TWO

2/43 Aust Inf Bn will capture PITCH NO 1 and exploit NORTH while 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn prepares to capture PENNY.

(iii) PHASE THREE

2/28 Aust Inf Bn will capture the line - road junction 806863 - road junction 796863; and both 2/43 Aust Inf Bn and 2/28 Aust Inf Bn will secure the divisional covering position. 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn will complete the capture of PENNY.

(iii) PHASE THREE (Contd)

The launching of the attack on PENNY may take place in an earlier phase than as shown, if the opportunity presents itself.

PHASE ONE

14. Groupings

(a) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

with under comd

Two tps B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
Det 2/7 Aust Fd Coy
Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
One pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
Sec 2/3 Aust Fd Amb

with in support

Two FOO parties 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
LO party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One troop 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One SFCF
One Air Liaison Party
Det 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn

(b) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

with under comd

Two troops B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
Det 2/7 Aust Fd Coy
Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
One pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
Sec 2/3 Aust Fd Amb

with in support

Two FOO parties 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
LO party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One troop 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One SFCF
One Air Liaison Party
Det 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn

(c) 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn

with under comd

One pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn

with in support

One FOO party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt

15. Forward Troops

(a) RIGHT 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

(b) LEFT 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

16. Landing Beaches

(a) BROWN TWO 2/43 Aust Inf Bn LT

(b) BROWN ONE 2/28 Aust Inf Bn LT

If the nature of the beach proves, after reconnaissance, that personnel disembarking from LCI must wade through more than a maximum of 4 feet of water, personnel must be transhipped to smaller assault craft at a distance of NOT less than 1000 yards from shore.

17. Objectives

(a) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn - ACPARKS

(b) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn - FLAGSTAFF and PARIS

18. Tasks

(a) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will land and capture Tg BATU 835830 Tg TARAS 845840 and ACPARKS. The battalion will then prepare to capture PITCH NO I without delay.

(b) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn will land and capture PARIS and FLAGSTAFF simultaneously. The battalion will then hold a firm base at FLAGSTAFF and be prepared to act as brigade reserve for PHASE TWO.

19. Bounds (see appx B attached)

(a) Bound 1 - RED LINE - for reorganisation

(b) Bound 2 - Line Tg BATU - COCONUT PATCH 822829 - PARIS

(c) Bound 3 - The line of the objective

20. Boundary

Intersection of BROWN TWO BEACH and BROWN ONE BEACH - BEND in ROAD 829831 - ROAD JUNCTION 830840 - all inclusive to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn as per appx B.

21. Routes

(a) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn - general direction parallel to EAST coast to SPUR 833838 thence to objective.

(b) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn - cross country on a general bearing 11 degrees TRUE with portion of force and coastwise to PARIS.

22. Fire Support

(a) Naval

(i) Landings on both beaches are being supported by naval bombardment and fire by close support craft.

(ii) Targets for naval bombardment are shown on overprint map attached as Appx E. Description of Targets is listed in Part II of Appx F.

(iii) Detail of ships and craft available for scheduled fire on Z day is given in Appx F Part III.

(iv) Naval gunfire schedule attached as Appx F Part IV.

(v) Allotment of SFCEs

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde - det Tp HQ 1 Aust Naval Bombardment Group.

2/28 Aust Inf Bn - One SFCE

2/43 Aust Inf Bn - One SFCE

(b) Air

(i) The landing is to be supported by Allied Air Forces. Detail of air bombardment on Z day is given in Appx G Part II.

(ii) Allotment of Air Support Units

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde - One Air Sp Party

2/28 Aust Inf Bn - One Air Liaison Party

2/43 Aust Inf Bn - One Air Liaison Party

(c) Artillery

(i) Two troops 2/12 Aust Fd Regt will land with assault troops in LVTs for support of both assaulting battalions.

(ii) Remainder of 2/12 Aust Fd Regt less one troop will land and be available to support the brigade.

(iii) Allotment of FOCs

2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn - one

2/28 Aust Inf Bn - two

2/43 Aust Inf Bn - two

(d) 4.2 in mortars

(i) One troop 4.2 in mortars will be landed and manned by 2/12 Aust Fd Regt with the assault waves.

(ii) Tasks

To fire on point targets during the period from the cessation of naval gunfire until the availability of two batteries 25 prs. Later to provide auxiliary fire with 25 prs.

(iii) Ammunition

First line will be carried.

(e) MMG

(i) Allotment - C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn

One pl under comd 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
One pl under comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn
One pl under comd 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn
Coy HQ with HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde.

23. Reserve

(a) 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn

with under comd
one pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn

with in support
FOO party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt

(b) B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt less four troops

24. Probable Role Reserves

(a) 2/11 Aust Cav Cdo Sqn will :-

- (i) act as floating res
- (ii) when ordered to land, probably land on BROWN TWO BEACH.
- (iii) after landing, move to area BEND in road 829831 and be prepared to move at short notice.
- (iv) Probable role - embark in LVTs formerly used to land 2/43 Aust Inf Bn and secure ARDIE by an amphibious operation launched from approx point 813832. This operation will be supported by 2/12 Aust Fd Regt and one pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

(b) B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt less four troops will :-

- (i) land on BROWN TWO BEACH
- (ii) move to area road junction 833826
- (iii) be prepared to reorganize the whole sqn or to reinforce troops under comd forward battalions.

25. Armour

(a) Allotment - B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt

- (i) Two troops under comd 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
Two troops under comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn
B Sqn less four troops in Bde reserve
- (ii) LO from Sqn HQ will report Bde HQ on landing of latter and remain throughout operation.

(b) Water Gap

All tanks will be waterproofed against 4 feet of water.

(c) Armament

Troops allotted to forward battalions will be on normal basis of 2 x 2 pr tanks and one 3 in HOW tank per troop.

(d) Marrying Up

Marrying up between tanks, engineers and infantry will take place on near shore.

26. Amphibians - LVT 4

(a) General

2/28 Aust Inf Bn and 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will land in LVT 4s.

(b) Allotment

2/28 Aust Inf Bn 25 - to include 5 for artillery and two for 4.2 in mortars

2/43 Aust Inf Bn 25 - to include 5 for artillery.

(c) Rally Areas

On completion of initial tasks with forward battalions, LVT 4s will rally in the following areas :-

(i) LVT with 2/28 Aust Inf Bn - area 819827

(ii) LVT with 2/43 Aust Inf Bn - area 827823

(d) Comd

All LVT 4s will revert to comd HQ 9 Aust Div on arrival in rally areas as above except 12 which will be placed under comd 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn for possible task as per para 27. 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn will liaise direct with 727 Amphib Tractor Bn in area 827823.

PHASE TWO

27. Summary

(a) This phase will be a continuation of PHASE ONE subject to co-ordination following reports on success of PHASE ONE.

(b) The capture of PENNY by 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn may be ordered to start prior to or following the start of this phase.

28. Grouping

(a) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

with under comd :-

Two troops B Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm'd Regt
Det 2/7 Aust Fd Coy
Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
One pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
Sec 2/3 Aust Fd Amb

with in support

Two FOO parties 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One LO party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One SFCP
One Air Liaison party

(b) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

with under comd

One troop B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt
Det 2/7 Aust Fd Coy
Det 24 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec
Sec 2/3 Aust Fd Amb
One Pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn

with in support

Two FOO parties 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One LO party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One Air Liaison party

(c) 2/11 Aust Gdo Sqn

with under comd

One pl C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn
12 LVT 4s 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn

with in support

One FOO party 2/12 Aust Fd Regt
One SFCP

29. Forward Troops

2/43 Aust Inf Bn

30. Objective

2/43 Aust Inf Bn - PITCH No 1 inclusive.

31. Tasks

(a) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will :-

- (i) capture the area of PITCH NO 1
- (ii) mop up the area bounded by the coastline as far NORTH as the mouth of the KERUPANG RIVER at 826872 to inclusive road junction 816865 to inclusive road junction 816860 to WEST edge of PITCH NO 1 inclusive.
- (iii) secure this area against counter attack and be prepared for movement on orders from this HQ.

(b) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

Hold the line ROAD JUNCTION 830840 exclusive, to MACARTHUR ROAD at 820841 inclusive, until ordered to move.

32. Co-ordination

Orders for the commencement of this phase will be issued by this HQ.

33. Supporting Fire

(a) Naval

(i) Requests for naval support through SFCPs.

(ii) Allotment of SFCPs

On completion Phase One, one SFCP passes from support 2/28 Aust Inf Bn to support 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn.

One SFCP remains in support 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

(b) Artillery

(i) 2/12 Aust Fd Regt will support the attack.

(ii) Allotment of FOOs

as for Phase One.

(c) MMG

as for Phase One.

34. Reserve

(a) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

2/28 Aust Inf Bn will hold line road junction 830840 to MACARTHUR road at 820841 and be prepared to move two coys as bde reserve. Preparation for PHASE THREE will be completed.

(b) 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn

2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn will :-

(i) Remain in position at area 829331 subject to orders to the contrary - see para 27 (b)

(ii) Reconnoitre the coastline of VICTORIA HARBOUR in conjunction with a representative from 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn, with a view to choosing a possible route across VICTORIA HARBOUR to ARDIE.

(c) B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt less three troops

B Sqn 2/9 Aust Armd Regt less three troops will occupy a position at road junction 834840 and be prepared :-

(i) to reinforce either flank

(ii) to deal with counter measures by the enemy from area EAST of PITCH NO 1.

35. Armour

Allotment of B Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm'd Regt

- (a) Two troops under comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn
- (b) One troop reverts from comd 2/28 Aust Inf Bn on completion of Phase One to bde reserve.
- (c) B Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm'd Regt less three troops in bde reserve.

36. Amphibians

12 LVT 4s came under comd 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn as per para 26 (d)

PHASE THREE

37. Groupings

- (a) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
as for Phase Two
- (b) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn
as for Phase Two less two troops B Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm'd Regt.
- (c) 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn
as for Phase Two

38. Forward Troops

- (a) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
- (b) 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn

39. Objectives

- (a) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn - road junction 806865 and road junction 796863.
- (b) 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn - ARDIE and adjacent sub features.

40. Tasks

- (a) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn will :-
 - (i) secure objectives
 - (ii) mop up the area in rear of objectives including the timber edge 804853 to 795853.
 - (iii) liaise with 2/43 Aust Inf Bn and effect mutual support on the objective line.
- (b) 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn will :-
 - (i) On orders from this HQ, mount an amphibious attack on ARDIE from approx point 813832, with the object of capturing dominant features on PENNY and subsequently clearing the whole area PENNY of enemy.

OR

- (ii) alternatively, on orders from this HQ, advance in rear of 2/28 Aust Inf Bn to area in square 8085 and commence an advance in the direction of HAMILTON POINT with the object of capturing ARDIE and adjacent dominant features on PENNY and subsequently clear the whole area PENNY of enemy.

41. Boundaries

- (a) Between 2/43 Aust Inf Bn and 2/28 Aust Inf Bn :-

Line-road junction 830840 thence along COAL Pt ROAD to road junction 816866 all inclusive to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

- (b) Between 2/28 Aust Inf Bn and 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn

Line-TIMBER EDGE from 804853 to 795853 all inclusive to 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

- (c) Should 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn advance through 2/28 Aust Inf Bn, the boundary in (b) above will NOT become operative until 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn has passed over it.

42. Co-ordination

NO move will be commenced by forward troops until ordered by this HQ; but, units will be ready to move at short notice as from conclusion of PHASE ONE.

43. Supporting Fire

- (a) Naval

- (i) Requests for naval support through SFCPs.

- (ii) Allotment SFCPs

NO change

- (b) Artillery

2/12 Aust Fd Regt will :-

- (i) Maintain one battery comprising one troop 25 prs and one troop 4.2 in mortars on call by 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn.

- (ii) Support the advance of 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

- (iii) At earliest convenient time, register the following targets :-

Road and track junction 813887
Road and track junction 805888
Bend in road 784881
Road and track junction 790874

NO registration will commence without prior liaison with forward troops.

- (iv) Allotment FOCs

NO change

(c) IMG

Allotment C Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn :-

- (i) As for PHASE TWO; except that, upon 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn commencing an amphibious operation across VICTORIA HARBOUR, one pl will provide supporting fire from the near shore and will come into bde reserve on capture of ARDIE.
- (ii) If 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn move to PENNY by land route one pl will revert to bde reserve.

44. Reserve

- (a) B Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm'd Regt less one troop will rally in area 834840 after completion PHASE TWO and be prepared :-

- (i) to move in support 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
- (ii) to deal with enemy counter measures

- (b) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will :-

- (i) secure line KERUPANG RIVER mouth at 826872 - road junction 816865 - inclusive road junction 816860
- (ii) maintain one coy ready to move as brigade reserve

45. Armour

Allotment of 'B' Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm'd Regt :

- (a) Two troops revert from comd 2/43 Aust Inf Bn at conclusion of PHASE TWO and come into reserve.
- (b) One troop under comd 2/28 Aust Inf Bn
- (c) B Sqn 2/9 Aust Arm'd Regt less one troop in brigade reserve.

46. Amphibians

12 LVT 4s of 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn under comd 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn will :-

- (a) transport 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn to objective area if required.
- (b) rally astride road at 818854 at conclusion of (a) above or upon departure of 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn by land route.
- (c) maintain 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn until required to revert to comd HQ 9 Aust Div at 0900 I Z plus 1.

47. Exploitation

- (a) Limit of exploitation as follows :-

- (1) 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

Line COAST at 823887 - road and track junction 813887 to rd junc 805887 inclusive.

(ii) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

Road and track junction 805667 exclusive road and track junction 790873.

(b) Boundary

Line from road junction 816665 - road junction 805667 all inclusive to 2/43 Aust Inf Bn.

COMMON TO ALL PHASES

48. Artillery

(a) Command

As soon as HQ 9 Aust Div including HQ RAA 9 Aust Div is established ashore, command of all artillery units will pass to GRA. 2/12 Aust Fd Regt will remain in support of 24 Aust Inf Bde.

(b) Anti Aircraft Artillery

(i) One LAA troop 2/3 Aust Comp AA Regt will land under cmd 24 Aust Inf Bde

(ii) Tasks in order of priority :-

Anti aircraft defence of beach head area

Gun positions

Beach defence as secondary task

49. Engineers

(a) Command

(i) OC 2/7 Aust Fd Coy is to command all engineer units allocated to 24 Aust Inf Bde less engineer units allocated to 1 Aust Beach Group and is to be responsible to Comd 24 Aust Inf Bde for co-ordination of all engineer works until the establishment of HQ 9 Aust Div ashore.

(ii) HQ 9 Aust Div is to assume command of all engineer units less engineer units of 1 Aust Beach Group on the establishment of HQ 9 Aust Div ashore.

(b) Allotment and Tasks

2/7 Aust Fd Coy will provide :-

(i) sufficient personnel and two bulldozers for assistance of tanks in the assault.

(ii) two sections - one to each 2/43 Aust Inf Bn and 2/28 Aust Inf Bn for support in the nature of demolition of obstacles and enemy strong points.

(iii) remainder will be available for tasks as in (d) below.

- (c) Detachments as in (b) (i) above will marry up with tanks on the near shore and land with the arm'd troops to which they are attached with the exception that two bulldozers will land in later waves.

(d) Additional Tasks

- (i) Reconnoitre and prepare subsidiary tracks or clear existing tracks of debris. Repair cratered roads and tracks.

- (ii) Develop water supply.

(e) Preservation of Bridges and Culverts

Units will make every endeavour to preserve bridges and culverts by taking steps to counter enemy tactics which feature infiltration and demolition after the leading infantry have passed beyond vital bridges and culverts :-

- (i) Engineer parties will follow the leading infantry closely in order to inspect bridges, culverts, defiles etc and disarm charges if such are laid.

- (ii) Within the capabilities of their resources, forward infantry units will piquet or patrol bridges etc. When it is no longer possible to do this, application will be made to Bde HQ to effect the relief of the unit for the responsibility for safe guarding a particular section of road which includes bridges etc.

- (iii) Dawn jeep patrols will be effected each day, in order to :-

- make an inspection of bridges, culverts, defiles etc for the purpose of discovering newly laid charges;
- disarm charges;
- report attempted demolitions.

Patrols will include an engineer and three personnel armed with automatic weapons. They will precede the daily flow of traffic.

50. Amphibians

LVT (4) under command 2/26 Aust Inf Bn and 2/43 Aust Inf Bn less 12 which remain under command 2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn will move from unit rally areas as per para 36 (c) to central rally area at 816825 on orders from 1 Aust Beach Group.

51. LCM

If the nature of BROWN BEACH proves, after reconnaissance that personnel disembarking from LCI must wade through more than a maximum of 4 feet of water LCMs from wave 5 on the basis of 2 per LCI will tranship personnel at a distance of NOT less than 1000 yards from shore.

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52. Special Reconnaissance Detachment (SRD)

- (a) One special Force detachment is allotted 24 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) Tasks are to provide communication with field parties and to control movements and tasks required of field parties.

38
53. Observation of Naval Bombardment

Each cruiser allotted for support is able to maintain one spotting aircraft airborne continuously for control of naval gunfire.

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54. Co-ordinator - SFCEPs

Coordinator of SFCEPs is in support 24 Aust Inf Bde and will be attached to Bde HQ for the co-ordination of SFCEPs which are in support of 24 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

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55. Target Indication

- (a) Naval bombardment targets are shown in Appx E.
- (b) Each target is indicated by an area of approximately 400 yds square with any special target pin pointed within it. Each target has been given a serial number common to Navy, Army and Air Force.
- (c) Area targets are shown on overprint map Appx E. Areas are designated by letters A - I.

41
56. Direct Air Support

As per Appx G Part III

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57. Air Support Control

As per Appx G Part IV

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58. Air Observation Posts (AOP)

- (a) 18 Air OP Flt less det lands under Bde arrangements.
- (b) Requests for arty R and local reconnaissance will be submitted to this HQ.

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59. Army Co-operation

Requests for all types of army co-operation will be submitted to this HQ in the normal manner.

45
60. Fluor scent Panels

Colour RED only will be used for indication of location of forward troops within the Bde.

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61. Pyrotechnics

The following pyrotechnic signals for use between ground troop and aeroplanes will be used.

(a) Used by ground troops

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Aust 2 in multi star green	"Artillery gun fire or bombs falling within our lines"

(b) Used by aircraft

Two star red	"display front line panel air attack about to commence"
Two star green	"my mission has been completed"
Six white flares, parachute Mk VI	"first wave 500 yds from beach"

- (c) Illuminating flares will be used for illumination purposes as required.

DDT Spray

DDT spraying will be carried out over the beach maintenance area on request by Bde Comd.

Air warning

- (a) Afloat, responsibility for early air warning is to rest with Fighter Director Control aboard HQ ship. Warning will be on general and local air warning nets.
- (b) Responsibility for early warning will pass to detachment of Mobile Fighter Control Unit (Fighter Sector Control) when established ashore. Time of passing of responsibility will be by mutual decision by Commander Naval Task Force and commander ground forces ashore.
- (c) (i) On receipt of air warning, action will be taken in accordance with the following conditions :-

FLASH BLUE	Enemy or unidentified aeroplanes approaching area.
FLASH RED	Enemy air attack imminent.
FLASH WHITE	All clear.

- (ii) In conjunction with the above conditions, the following control terms will be broadcast:-

CONTROL GREEN	All guns will hold fire except in case of direct attack, and then, only automatic weapons including light anti aircraft guns will be used.
CONTROL YELLOW	All guns will engage hostile aeroplanes independently.

Beach Defence

- (a) Responsibility for defence of beaches in area LAJUAN ISLAND :-

- 1 Aust Beach Gp - all beaches within the beach maintenance area.
- 24 Aust Inf Bde - all other beaches in the area occupied by 9 Aust Div.

(b) RAA 2 Aust Div is to co-ordinate artillery fire plans in support of beach defence of LABUAN ISLAND.

(c) 24 Aust Inf Bde Beach Defence

(i) Within the Div covering position excluding the BMA, 2/43 Aust Inf Bn will be responsible for beach def.

(ii) As the advance progresses beyond the Div covering Posn, tps will be detailed by Bde HQ for specific beach defence tasks.

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Timetable of Events Z day

As per Appx M

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Hygiene and Anti Disease

As per Appx H

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Security

As per Appx I

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Landing Diagram

As per Appx J

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Distribution of Force to Ships

As per Appx K

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Z Day

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Landing Hours

(a) The hour of landing is designated by a separate letter for each beach as follows :-

BROWN BEACH	-	D hour
GREEN BEACH	-	H hour
WHITE BEACH	-	J hour
RED BEACH	-	T hour
YELLOW BEACH	-	M hour
BLUE BEACH	-	Q hour

(b) D, H and J hours - all 0915 I

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Postponement of Z day

As per Appx O

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Alternative Plan

An alternative plan will be issued separately.

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Embarkation

- (a) Embarkation instructions will be issued separately.
- (b) All packages loaded on craft will be of a size and weight which can be carried by two men except in the case of bulky equipment which cannot be broken into small loads. Units will NOT load unnecessary stores on guns and vehicles.

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Rehearsal

Will be held under Navy arrangements on 1 and 2 Jun 45.

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Flamethrowers (See also 24 Aust Inf Bde Adm Instr 1)

(a) Allotment

2/43 Bn	four	
2/23 Bn	four	
Bde Res	four	to be carried and maintained by 2/122 Aust Bde Workshops.

(b) Fuel

2/122 Bde Workshops will maintain a reserve of fuel to the equivalent of three days usage, both aboard sea transport and at the objective area. The ratio of thick fuel as to thin fuel will be as two is to one.

(c) Replenishment

Empty flame throwers will be taken to 2/122 Bde Workshops by units and exchanged for ready charged flame throwers. A recuperator truck will be operated by 2/122 Bde Workshops. Commercial cylinders of compressed air will also be carried by units and 2/122 Bde Workshops. Units will return empty flame throwers as they become exhausted; and will avoid accumulating them after usage.

(d) Embarkation

Units will embark with fully charged flamethrowers, from the point of view of fuel and compressed air. Air cylinders will be "topped up" before disembarking. Commercial cylinders will be used for the latter on ships other than that carrying 2/122 Bde Workshops recuperator truck. The recuperator truck will service flame throwers carried on the ship on which it is loaded.

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PITA

Units will carry normal allotment of 12 PITAs per unit.

ADMINISTRATION

78. Separate Administrative Instruction will be issued.

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INTERCOMMUNICATION

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Main HQ

- (a) Afloat. Main HQ HMAS "MANCORA"
Alternative HQ HMAS "WESTRALIA".
- (b) Ashore. Bde HQ will land on BROWN TWO BEACH and follow the route road junction 825825 - track junction 829829 to area road junction 825835. Further instructions will be issued.

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Wireless Silence

- (a) Wireless silence on Z day will be maintained by all army wireless stations until one hour prior to D, H and J hours.
- (b) On Z day listening watch will be maintained from two hours prior to D, H and J hours by all army stations afloat.
- (c) Emergency communications will be passed over Navy channels prior to breaking of silence by army wireless stations.
- (d) After wireless silence is broken it will be imposed again or broken only by means of appropriate code words.

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Communications for Naval Support

- (a) Allotment of frequencies, call signs and code names will be issued through signal channels.
- (b) Communication diagram issued separately with Signal Instruction.

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Air warning

Air warning signals will be passed over line channels by Signals, using telephone priority "AIR WARNING" which will take precedence over conversation in progress.

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Frequencies

- (a) Will be issued to all concerned through signal channels.
- (b) Frequency will be changed only by use of appropriate code words to be issued through signal channels.
- (c) Frequencies will remain fixed until 0700 I on Z plus 3 after which normal daily change will be instituted.

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Panel signals - ground to air

- (a) Visual ground to air signalling will be by CCRP 8 Combined Panel System.
- (b) "Local Assignment" meanings
- (c) Unit identification numbers

See Appendix P.

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Code signs and code names

- (a) Will be issued through signal channels to all concerned.
- (b) Code signs and code names will remain fixed until 0700 I on Z plus 3 day after which normal daily change will be instituted.

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Code words

- (a) Code words for phases of the operation are contained in Appendix A Part 1.
- (b) Code words for locations are contained in Appendix A Part 1.

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- (c) Code word for the operation will be OBOE SIX.

Codes and ciphers

The following codes and ciphers will be used :-

- (a) Until 0700 I on Z plus 3 day Combined Assault Code (CCBP 0130) series DOG 25 will be used forward of 9 Aust Div and for local communications with Allied forces, RAN and RAAF for all messages which require enciphering.
- (b) As from 0700 I on Z plus 3 day TRENCODE will replace Combined Assault Code (CCBP 0130) for communications to battalion and equivalent HQ, commando squadrons and field batteries.
- (c) RT code number 2 will be used by Aust Army units for all RT conversations during the operation. Keywords/key-letters will be issued through signal channels.
- (d) Current appointments code vide Signal Training Pamphlet 5 will be used when referring to branches and appointments.

(e) Ciphers

- (i) Division - brigade - medium grade
Unit level - field grade (TRENCODE)

- (ii) Distribution of cipher documents and keys will be effected through signal channels.

- (f) Sea/land, air/sea and air/ground recognition will be in accordance with procedure contained in GHQ SOIs 29 - 32 inclusive. Extracts of relevant portions will be issued from time to time.

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Signal security

- (a) All messages for wireless transmission containing information which might be of use to the enemy will be encoded or enciphered.
- (b) Existing civil and military communication systems will NOT be used until approval is obtained from HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde.

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89. Signal plan

Detailed signal plan will be issued with 24 Aust Inf Bde Signal Instruction.

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90. Time Zone

ITEM time will be used. Time zone suffix will be I. To determine the time for this zone, 9 hours will be added to GMT (US-GCT) or one hour subtracted from Australian eastern time.

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91. Synchronization of time

- (a) Ships time will be used while force is afloat.
- (b) After landing, time will be calculated from time broadcasts from station WTO (US Army) BRISBANE or from ABC or BBC time signals.

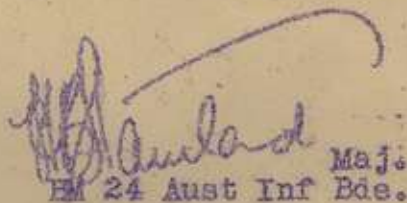
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ORDER SIX

CODE WORDS

(Issued in conjunction with 24
Asst Inf Bde Operation Order 2)

Ref maps LABUAN SOUTH 1:50000
LABUAN NORTH 1:50000

1. PHASES OF THE OPERATION

(a) BROWN BEACH

Landing effected on correct beach
Bound 1 captured
Bound 2 captured
Bound 3 captured
Airfield captured
Bound 4 (covering position) captured
Alternative Plan 'A' to be put into effect
Alternative Plan 'B' to be put into effect

CANDY
CHOCOL
LEMON
ASPIRIN
PEACH
FORDE
PANTHER
BUENY

(b) HAMILTON PENINSULA

Landing effected
House 804882 (ARDIE) captured
Peninsula captured

HAMPTON
WINDSOR
RICHARD

2. TOPOGRAPHICAL CODE NAMES

LABUAN TOWN

Feature, squares 7584, 7583, 7483
Feature, squares 7686, 7786, 7685
Feature, squares 7989, 7988

Feature 801906

Feature 800912

Feature 785915

Feature 804931

101 Feature 805936

Spur 834843

Plantation 826827

Plantation 82408265

Plantation 82058275

Plantation 816830

Rd June 83059480

Point 805827

House 804882

HAMILTON PENINSULA squares 7981, 8081,
7980, 8080

Saddle 775885

Spur 781877

Spur 790883

LABUAN airfield

TIMBALAI airfield

Dispersal area square 8284

PARIS
SHEAF
PORTX
PRINT
HEART
SAUSAGE
CASCADE
FOSTERS
ABBOT
BONDI
LEVER
COPRA
LUSKON
LUDFOLD
ST KILDA
HONEL
ARBLE

PENNY
ARABA
JAMES
JURJA
PITCH No 1
PITCH No 2
ACPARKS

3. ROUTE REFERENCES

Road 815826 - 828822 - 835840 - 816860

816907 - 819935

Road 815826 - 821837 - 816845 - 805887

800985

Track 800825 - 790874 - 761883

Road 805827 - 813887

Road 810880 - 216860

ARBLE
BAKER
CEARLIE
EASY
FOX

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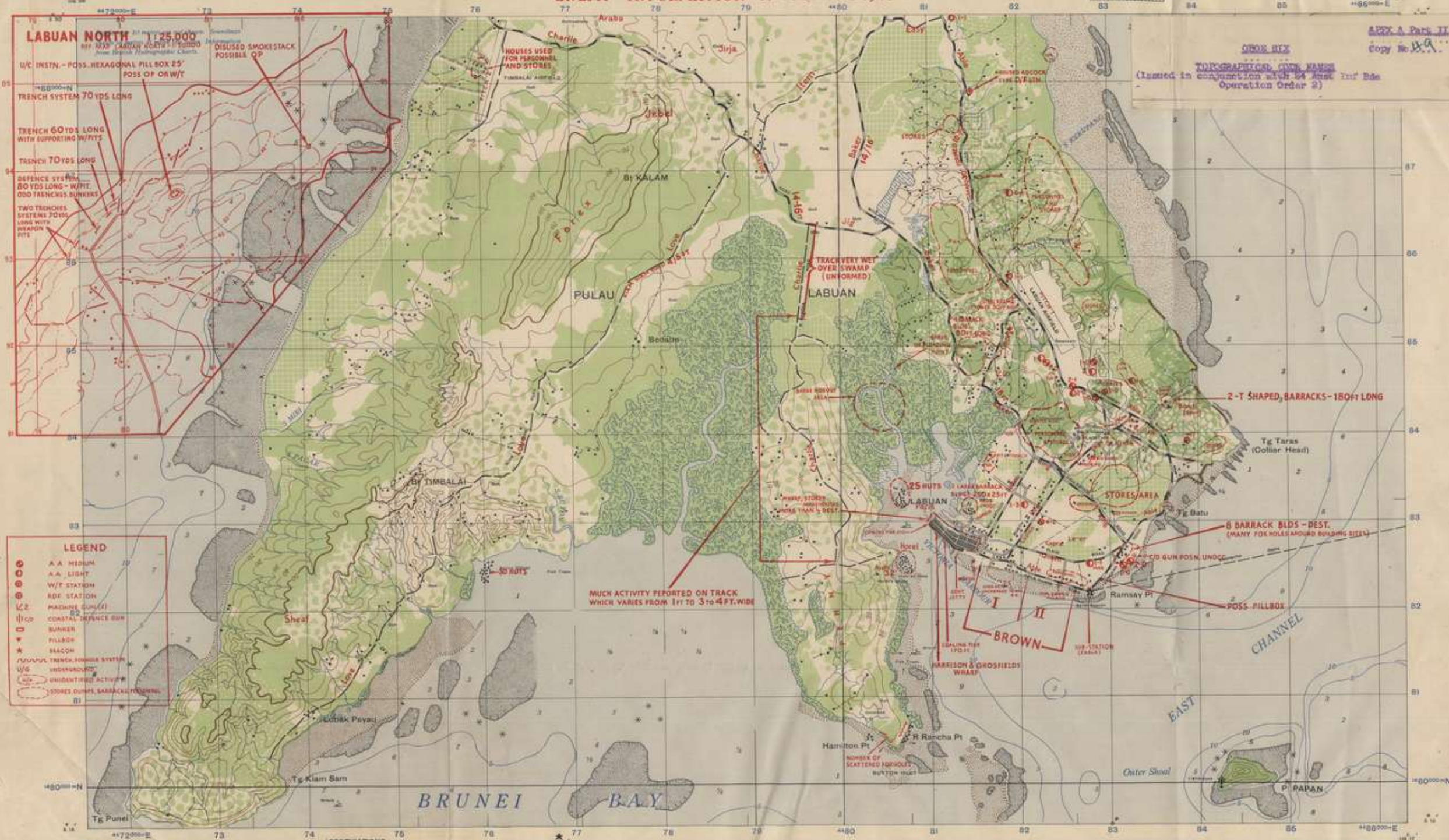
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Road 81608445 - 821354
Road 819827 - 832842
Track 793872 - 803833
Road 796863 - 807863
Road 821827 - 832827
Track 790874 - 735801
Road 816827 - 832826
" 804901 - 815904
" 803897 - 813897

GEORGE
HOW
ITEM
JIG
KING
LOVE
QUEEN
MIKE
NAN

TOPOGRAPHICAL CODE NAMES
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LEGEND

- AA MEDIUM
- AA LIGHT
- W/T STATION
- RDF STATION
- MACHINE GUN (X)
- COASTAL DEFENCE GUN
- BUNKER
- PILLBOX
- BLACON
- TRENCH, FORTIFICATION SYSTEM
- UNDERGROUND
- UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY
- STORES DUMP, BARRACK, HANGAR

ABBREVIATIONS

- BH BUILT (HILL)
- P ISLAND (CAP)
- S SUNGAI (RIVER)

LEGEND

- Road, hard surfaced
- Road, light surfaced
- Road, dirt
- Trail
- Highway Bridge
- National Control Point
- Building or Hut
- Blowdown or Shoring Road
- Stream
- Swamp
- Mud Plain
- Mangrove
- Scattered Trees
- Forest
- Secondary Growth
- Plantation (Gum)
- Plantation (Rubber)
- Rocks
- Reef

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CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 METRES

LAMBERT CONICAL ORTHOMORPHIC PROJECTION

HEIGHTS AND DEPTHS IN METRES

NOTE: Code names are for Army use only and will NOT be used in Inter-Service Communications

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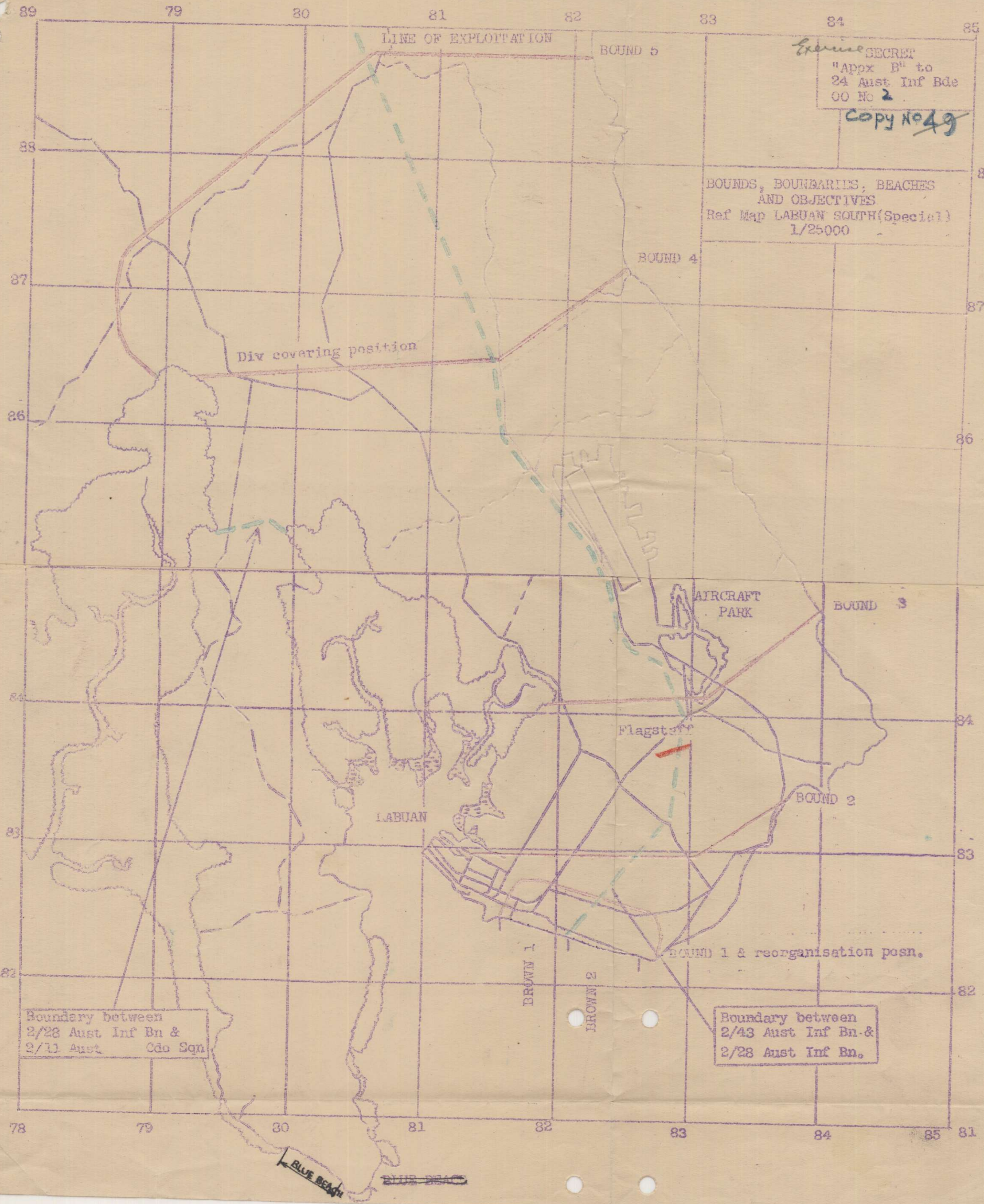
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LABUAN SOUTH SPECIAL
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BOUNDS, BOUNDARIES, BEACHES
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Boundary between
2/28 Aust Inf Bn &
2/11 Aust Cdo Sqn

Boundary between
2/43 Aust Inf Bn &
2/28 Aust Inf Bn.