

21 AUGUST INF BDE OPERATION ORDER
CBCE TWO

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INFORMATION

1. Topography) See Terrain Handbook BALIKPAPAN, 1 Aust Corps
Intelligence Review No 4 and 7 Aust Div
2. Enemy) Intelligence Review No 2.
3. Own Troops
 - (a) US Forces control PALAWAN and TAWI TAWI and fighter and bomber strips have been established on those islands.
 - (b) 26 Aust Inf Bde Group are completing task of destroying enemy forces on TARAKAN and air facilities will shortly be established there. This Brigade Group upon completion of its task comes into Corps Reserve.
 - (c) 9 Aust Div less 26 Aust Inf Bde Gp is to seize and hold the area BRUNEI BAY - MIRI - LUFONG - SERIA of NORTH BORNEO. It is expected that by F Day for OBOE TWO air facilities will be established in the BRUNEI BAY area.
4. Role of 7 Aust Div

7 Aust Div is, by overwater operations, to capture and hold the BALIKPAPAN - MANGGAR area of EASTERN BORNEO to enable the establishment of air and naval facilities and to conserve the petroleum producing and processing installations therein.
5. Brigade Roles
 - (a) 18 Aust Inf Bde and 21 Aust Inf Bde are to land simultaneously on ABLE YELLOW and ABLE RED Beaches, and ABLE GREEN Beach, respectively, and secure in succession LINES 1 and 2 as shown on Sketch attached as Appendix "g".
 - (b) 25 Aust Inf Bde is to be floating reserve.
6. Naval Support
 - (a) Allied Naval Forces are :-
 - (i) Transporting land forces to the BALIKPAPAN area and protecting such convoys.
 - (ii) Bombarding the beaches in support of landing.
 - (iii) Intercepting any enemy attempts to reinforce or supply BALIKPAPAN by sea.
 - (iv) Escorting and protecting our shipping on the Lines of Communication to the BALIKPAPAN area.
 - (v) Initiating motor torpedo boat operations in the BALIKPAPAN area at the earliest practicable date.

- (iv) Establishing naval forces in the BALIKPAPAN area as required and as arranged with 7 Aust Div.

(b) Naval support available is shown at Appendix "H" attached.

7. Air Support

(a) Composition

- (1) See Annexure 2 to Appendix "J" attached.
- (ii) Three AUSTER aircraft will be available as soon as landing strip has been constructed on F Day and a further three AUSTERS will be landed on F plus 1.

(b) General

Allied air forces are :-

- (i) Providing aerial reconnaissance and photography as required.
- (ii) Providing air cover for the naval task forces and convoys.
- (iii) Neutralizing hostile ground, naval and air forces and installations within supporting distance of the objective area and denying their movements thereto.
- (iv) Prior to F Day destroying hostile ground defences in the area BALIKPAPAN - MANGGAR and destroying oil installations capable of being used as a burning oil defence against the landing and subsequent ground operations.
- (v) Providing direct support of the landing and subsequent ground operations as arranged with 7 Aust Div.
- (vi) Establishing air forces in the area BALIKPAPAN - MANGGAR as soon as practicable.
- (vii) Establishing and operating radar and air warning installations in Eastern BORNEO as arranged with 7 Aust Div.

INTENTION

8. 21 Aust Inf Bde will land on ABLE GREEN Beach and :-
- (a) Secure a beachhead.
 - (b) Advance and capture the area from all inclusive coast at 619593 to high ground 616604 to point 602614 thence track to road junction 587616.
 - (c) Be prepared to advance East along the line of VASEY HIGHWAY and capture SEPINGGAN airfield.

METHOD

SUMMARY OF OPERATION

9. The operation will be carried out in five phases as follows :-

PHASE I - ASSAULT LANDING AND SECURING OF COVERING POSITION

10. 2/27 Aust Inf Bn will land on ABLE GREEN Beach at H Hour and secure the covering position bounded by the RED line on the Sketch attached as Appendix "A".

PHASE II - ACTION OF FOLLOW-UP BATTALION

11. 2/16 Aust Inf Bn will land on ABLE GREEN Beach, advance and secure the area bounded by the GREEN line on Sketch attached as Appendix "B".

PHASE III - ACTION OF ONE TROOP 2/5 AUST CDO SQN
AND CONCENTRATION OF RESERVE BATTALION

Stage 1

12. One Troop 2/5 Aust Cdo Sqn will land on ABLE GREEN Beach and report in turn the areas bounded by the YELLOW and PURPLE lines on Sketch attached as Appendix "C", clear of enemy, or, if NOT clear, report enemy strength and dispositions.

Stage 2

13. 2/14 Aust Inf Bn will land on ABLE GREEN Beach, concentrate in the area bounded by the BLUE line on Sketch attached as Appendix "C" and prepare to carry out role as expressed in Phase IV.

PHASE IV - CAPTURE OF STALKOEDO BY RESERVE BATTALION
AND CONCENTRATION OF 2/7 AUST CAV (CDO) REGT
LESS ONE SQUADRON AND ONE TROOP

Stage 1

14. On orders from Bde HQ, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn will cross the KLANDASAN BESAR River and capture the area shown by the BLUE line on Sketch attached as Appendix "D".

Stage 2

15. 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt less one squadron and one troop will land on ABLE GREEN Beach, concentrate in area bounded by BROWN line on Sketch attached as Appendix "D", and prepare to carry out role as expressed in Phase V.

PHASE V - ADJUSTMENT OF BATTALION AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
AND ADVANCE OF 2/7 AUST CAV (CDO) REGT ON SEPINGGAN

Stage 1

16. On orders from Bde HQ, battalions will assume responsibility for the following areas :-

- (a) 2/14 Aust Inf Bn - area bounded by BLUE line;
- (b) 2/16 Aust Inf Bn - area bounded by GREEN line;
- (c) 2/27 Aust Inf Bn - area bounded by RED line;

as shown on Sketch attached as Appendix "E".

Stage 2

17. 2/7 Aust Cav (cdo) Regt less one squadron, on orders from Bde HQ, will advance through 2/14 Aust Inf Bn, and secure SEPINGGAN airfield.

Composition of Battalion and Cav (Cdo) Regt Groups for Phases

18. See Appendix "F" PART I attached.

Beaches

19. Division of coastline into beaches and main objectives of assault brigades - see Appendix "G" attached.

Inter-Brigade Boundary

20. All inclusive 21 Aust Inf Bde Gp - road junction 596593 to road junction 595597 to 592606 to road junction 588607 thence road to road junction 583629.

PHASE I

ASSAULT LANDING AND SECURING OF BEACHHEAD

Troops

21. 2/27 Aust Inf Bn Gp.

Tasks - (See Sketch attached as Appendix "A")

22. (a) Land at H Hour on ABLE GREEN Beach.
(b) Secure the area up to RED line from incl KLANDASAN BESAR River mouth at 606594 - inclusive road junction 608600 - inclusive feature 601602 - exclusive road junction 595597.
(c) Patrol forward and, if possible, secure bridge at 610599 intact.
(d) Consolidate and prevent enemy penetration of area bounded by RED line.

Composition of Group

23. See Appendix "F" Part I.

Amphibians

24. (a) Detachment Coy A 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn (23 LVT4s) are allotted to 2/27 Aust Inf Bn for assault waves.
(b) After discharge of troops, one platoon will concentrate in 2/14 Aust Inf Bn's concentration area, and join 2/14 Aust Inf Bn on its arrival (See paragraph 53).
(c) The second platoon will remain in support of 2/27 Aust Inf Bn.

Naval Support

25. (a) Pre-arranged naval bombardment programmes shown in Appendix "H".
(b) 3 SFGP is allotted 2/27 Aust Inf Bn with call on USS "COLUMBIA" CL.

Air Support

26. (a) Pre-arranged air support programme is shown in Appendix "J".
(b) 10 Air Liaison Party is allotted 2/27 Aust Inf Bn.
(c) See also Appendix "J" for support aircraft available.

Armour

27. (a) The following armour is allotted in support 2/27 Aust Inf Bn :-
- (i) "A" Sqn HQ and two troops 1 Aust Armd Regt.
 - (ii) One troop FROGS
 - (iii) One bridgelaying tank
 - (iv) One dozer tank
- } 2/1 Aust Armd Bde Recce Sqn
- (b) One Sec 2/9 Aust Fd Coy will move with tanks for mine clearance and demolition of obstacles.

Artillery

28. (a) Field
- (i) 'O' Party will move with and in support of 2/27 Aust Inf Bn from 3 - 3.
 - (ii) Availability of artillery support is shown in paragraph 71 below.
- (b) Tank Attack
- 7 Tks A Tp 2/2 Aust Tks A Regt (2 x 6 pr) will be landed at H plus 4 in two LVT4s, and will then be under command of 2/27 Aust Inf Bn.

4.2" Mortars

29. (a) 'O' Party will move with and in support of 2/27 Aust Inf Bn from 3 - 3.
- (b) Availability of 4.2" mortar support is shown in paragraph 73 below.
- (c) 4 x 4.2" mortars will land at H plus 4 in one LVT4.

Engineers

30. (a) Four sections 2/6 Aust Fd Coy will be in support 2/27 Aust Inf Bn for location and marking of mines and booby traps in path of forward infantry and for such demolitions as are necessary to enable battalions to get forward.
- (b) One section 2/9 Aust Fd Coy will move with tanks for clearance of mines from beach and for such engineer tasks as will enable the tanks to move forward.

MMGs

31. B Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn less one platoon will be in support 2/27 Aust Inf Bn.

Flamethrowers

32. (a) Nine M2-2 Mumpack Flamethrowers are allotted to 2/27 Aust Inf Bn and will be carried with the battalion.
- (b) Three will be handed over by left forward company to 2/28 Aust Inf Bn for PHASE II and the remainder, on orders from Ede HQ to 2/14 Aust Inf Bn for PHASE IV.
- (c) Refueling and compressing - see paragraph 77 below.

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PHASE II

ACTION OF FOLLOW-UP BATTALION

Troops

33. 2/16 Aust Inf Bn Gp.

Tasks - (See Sketch attached as Appendix "B")

34. (a) Land on ABLE GREEN Beach and concentrate in area feature 598598.
- (b) Move and clear area bounded by GREEN line from all inclusive road junction 595598 - end of road 599601 - thence to ring contour 603608 - to map reference 602614 - thence track to road junction 587616.
- (c) Consolidate and prevent enemy penetration of area bounded by GREEN line.

Left Boundary

35. Inclusive to 2/16 Aust Inf Bn, the boundary will be the inter-brigade boundary as per paragraph 20.

Composition of Battalion Group

36. See Appendix "F" PART I.

Naval Support

37. (a) 1 SFCP allotted in support 2/16 Aust Inf Bn with call on USS "MONTPELIER" CL.
- (b) See also Appendix "H".

Air Support

38. (a) 9 Air Liaison Party allotted in support 2/16 Aust Inf Bn.
- (b) See also Appendix "J" for details of support aircraft available.

Field Artillery

39. (a) 'O' Party will move with and in support of 2/16 Aust Inf Bn from S - 3.
- (b) Availability of artillery support is shown in paragraph 71 below.

4.2" Mortars

40. (a) 'O' Party will move with and in support of 2/16 Aust Inf Bn from S - 3.
- (b) Availability of 4.2" mortar support is shown in paragraph 73 below.

Engineers

41. (a) Two sections 2/6 Aust Fd Coy will be in support 2/16 Aust Inf Bn.
- (b) Task - location and marking of mines and booby traps in path of forward infantry and demolition work necessary to enable battalion to get forward.

MMGs

42. One platoon B Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn will be in support 2/16 Aust Inf Bn.

Flamethrowers

43. (a) Three M2-2 Flamethrowers are allotted 2/16 Aust Inf Bn and will be carried with the battalion.
- (b) (1) Three additional flamethrowers will be picked up from left forward company of 2/27 Aust Inf Bn as 2/16 Aust Inf Bn passes through this company.
- (11) 2/16 and 2/27 Aust Inf Bns will liaise to effect this exchange.
- (c) Refueling and compressing - see paragraph 77 below.

PHASE III

ACTION OF RESERVE BATTALION AND ONE TP 2/5 AUST CDO SQN

Stage I

Troops

44. One troop 2/5 Aust Cdo Sqn.

Tasks - (See Sketch attached as Appendix "C")

45. (a) Land on ABLE GREEN Beach and concentrate in area of Cross roads 598595.
- (b) Move, as soon as possible, and report in turn the following areas clear of enemy; or, if NOT clear, report enemy strength and dispositions :-
- (1) First - Area bounded by YELLOW line from all including NORTH of spur 601603 - spur to feature 604608 - jeep track to road and track junction 610605 - road to road and creek crossing 608602 - line of creek to spur 601603.
- (11) Second - Area bounded by purple line from all including feature 604608 - track along spur to track junction 611618 - track to end of road 614617 - road to road and track junction 610605 - track to feature 604608.
- (c) Reconnoitre possible sites for 2/14 Aust Inf Bn to cross KLANDASAN BESAR River between bridge 610599 and bridge 613618.
- (d) If the areas indicated in (b) (1) and (11) above are clear, capture and hold PUMP STATION 612618 until relieved.

Stage II

Troops

46. 2/14 Aust Inf Bn Gp.

Stage II

Tasks - (See Sketch attached as Appendix "C")

47. (a) Land on ABLE GREEN Beach and concentrate in area bounded by BLUE line.
- (b) Prepare to move through 2/27 Aust Inf Bn, immediately PHASES I and III are completed, with the object of carrying out PHASE IV.

Composition of Group

48. See Appendix "F" PART I.

PHASE IV

CAPTURE OF STALKOEDO BY RES BN
AND CONCENTRATION OF 2/7 AUST CAV (CDO) REGT
LESS ONE SQN AND ONE TROOP

Stage I

Troops

49. 2/14 Aust Inf Bn Gp.

Tasks - (See Sketch attached as Appendix "D")

50. (a) On orders from Bde HQ, 2/14 Aust Inf Bn will cross the KLANDASAN BESAR River and capture the area bounded by the BLUE line from including coast at 619593 - high ground 616604 - KLANDASAN BESAR River at approximately 613603 - thence inclusive line of river to mouth at 607593.
- (b) When this area is captured, consolidate and prevent enemy penetration of the area.

Naval Support

51. (a) 4 SFCP will move with and in support of 2/14 Aust Inf Bn and will have call on USS "EATON" DD.
- (b) See Appendix "E".

Air Support

52. (a) 3 Air Liaison Party will move with and in support of 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
- (b) See also Appendix "J" for details of support aircraft available.

Amphibians

53. (a) One platoon Coy A 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn will be concentrated and join 2/14 Aust Inf Bn in the battalion concentration area - see Sketch attached as Appendix "C".
- (b) This platoon will be available to assist 2/14 Aust Inf Bn in crossing KLANDASAN BESAR River.

Armour

54. (a) The following armour will be in support 2/14 Aust Inf Bn :-
- (1) 2nd Sqn HQ and two troops 1 Aust Arm'd Regt.
 - (ii) One troop FROGS)
One Brigdelaying tank } 2/1 Aust Arm'd Bde Recce Sqn
One dozer tank }
- (b) Sqn Commander or representative will report to CO 2/14 Aust Inf Bn at HQ 2/27 Aust Inf Bn, on orders from Bde HQ.

Artillery

55. (a) Field

- (1) 'O' Party will move with and in support of 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
- (ii) Availability of artillery support is shown in paragraph 71 below.

(b) Tank Attack

- (1) 7 Tk A Tp 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt (2 x 6 pr) will revert from command of 2/27 Aust Inf Bn and is allotted in support 2/14 Aust Inf Bn for this Phase.
- (ii) Troop Commander or representative will report to CO 2/14 Aust Inf Bn at HQ 2/27 Aust Inf Bn on orders from Bde HQ.

4.2" Mortars

56. (a) 'O' Party will move with and in support of 2/14 Aust Inf Bn from S - 3.
- (b) Availability of 4.2" mortar support is shown in paragraph 73 below.

Engineers

57. (a) Two sections 2/6 Aust Fd Coy are allotted in support 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
- (b) Tasks -
- (i) Location and clearance of mines.
 - (ii) Provide engineer assistance to 2/14 Aust Inf Bn in crossing KLANDASAN BESAR River.
 - (iii) Other tasks as ordered by battalion commander.

MMGs

58. (a) B Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn less one platoon will be in support of 2/14 Aust Inf Bn (These are the guns which were in support 2/27 Aust Inf Bn for PHASE I).
- (b) Coy Comd or representative will report to CO 2/14 Aust Inf Bn at HQ 2/27 Aust Inf Bn, on orders from Bde HQ.

Flamethrowers

59. (a) On orders from Bde HQ, 2/27 Aust Inf Bn will hand over six M2-2 flamethrowers for use by 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
- (b) Refueling and compressing - see paragraph 77 below.

Stage II

Troops

60. 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt less one squadron and one troop.

Tasks - (See Sketch attached as Appendix "D")

61. (a) Land on ABLE GREEN Beach.
(b) Concentrate in area bounded by BROWN line.
(c) Prepare to carry out role as expressed in Operation Instruction attached as Appendix "K".

Composition of Group

62. See Appendix "F" PART I.

PHASE V

ADJUSTMENT OF BATTALION AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
AND ADVANCE OF 2/7 AUST CAV (CDO) REGT ON SEFINGGAN
(See Sketch Attached as Appendix "E")

Stage I

General

63. After completion of PHASES I, II, III and IV, and on orders from Bde HQ, areas of responsibility will be adjusted as shown below :-

- (a) Right - 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

2/14 Aust Inf Bn will assume responsibility for the area bounded by BLUE line, from all including coast at 619593 - track at 616604 - road at 612609 - thence PUMP road in squares 6060 and 6160.

- (b) Left - 2/16 Aust Inf Bn

2/16 Aust Inf Bn will assume responsibility for the area bounded by GREEN line from excluding road at 612609 - including feature 601614 - including road to road junction 587616 thence including the inter-brigade boundary to road junction 595598.

- (c) Inter-battalion Boundary between forward battalions

PUMP road in squares 6060, 6160 inclusive to 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

- (d) Rear Boundary of Forward Battalions

- (i) 2/14 Aust Inf Bn - (River from 606594 to 608597, thence area of 2/27 Aust Inf Bn

- (ii) 2/16 Aust Inf Bn - Area of 2/27 Aust Inf Bn from 608602 to 600602 thence track from 598601 to road junction 595597.

- (e) Reserve - 2/27 Aust Inf Bn

2/27 Aust Inf Bn will remain in reserve in the area bounded by RED line.

(f) Troop 2/5 Aust Cdo Sqn

On orders from Bde HQ, Troop 2/5 Aust Cdo Sqn will revert to command of, and rejoin, 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt.

Composition of Battalion Groups

64. See Appendix "F" PART I.

Supporting Arms

65. Until orders are received to the contrary all supporting arms will remain as allotted for PHASE IV.

Stage II

Troops

66. 2/7 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt less one squadron and one troop. (It may be anticipated, however, that the troop engaged in PHASE III will rejoin the Regiment for PHASE V).

Tasks

67. On orders from Bde HQ, move through 2/14 Aust Inf Bn and carry out role as set out in Operation Instruction attached as Appendix "K".

Composition of Group

68. See Appendix "F" PART I.

GENERAL

Amphibians

69. Coy A 727 Amphibian Tractor Bn with 23 LVT4s is in support and will be employed as follows :-

(a) During Assault

- (i) 23 LVT4s allotted to 2/27 Aust Inf Bn to land first two waves of assault troops.
- (ii) After assault 15 LVT4s will rally in 2/14 Aust Inf Bn's concentration area (see BLUE line on Sketch attached as Appendix "C").
- (iii) Remainder will remain in support 2/27 Aust Inf Bn for carriage of heavy weapons and ammunition, until further orders are issued.

(b) Subsequent Employment

- (i) When 2/14 Aust Inf Bn lands, platoon shown in (a) (ii) above will come in support 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
- (ii) Task - assist 2/14 Aust Inf Bn in crossing KLANDASAN BESAR River as per PHASE IV.
- (iii) On completion PHASE IV, this platoon will revert under control of Bde HQ, and await further orders.

Armour

70. "A" Squadron less three troops 1 Aust Arm'd Regt including signal section and workshops, and detachment 2/1 Aust Arm'd Bde Recce Sqn will be employed as follows :-

(a) Phases I to III - in support 2/27 Aust Inf Bn

- (1) One troop 1 Aust Arm'd Regt will land at H plus 6 on ABLE GREEN Beach.
- (11) Sqn HQ and one troop 1 Aust Arm'd Regt and detachment 2/1 Aust Arm'd Bde Recce Sqn (three FROGS, one bridge-laying and one dozer tank) will land at H plus 17 on ABLE GREEN Beach.
- (111) Task - Support 2/27 Aust Inf Bn in capturing and holding RED line.

(b) Phase IV - in support 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

- (1) On orders from Bde HQ, all armour will come in support 2/14 Aust Inf Bn and Squadron Commander or representative will report to CO 2/14 Aust Inf Bn at HQ 2/27 Aust Inf Bn for orders.
- (11) Task - Assist 2/14 Aust Inf Bn in capturing and holding STALKOEDO feature. Tanks will remain in support 2/14 Aust Inf Bn until further orders.

(c) Subsequent Employment

Further orders will be issued.

(d) Engineers

One section 2/9 Aust Fd Coy is allotted for clearance of mines and obstacles, and will land with the first troop.

(e) Flamethrowers

- (1) Each FROG may use 140 gallons of fuel during PHASES I to III.
- (11) FROGs will then refuel from external tanks with 100 gallons per tank, for use during PHASE IV.

Artillery

71. Field Artillery

- (a) At approximately H plus 30 one battery of each 2/4 and 2/5 Aust Fd Regts are being landed in DUKWS on ABLE GREEN Beach. Of these one troop is to be in support 21 Aust Inf Bde.
- (b) At approximately H plus 90 one battery 2/5 Aust Fd Regt will be available to support the brigade.
- (c) At approximately H plus 4 hours and NOT later than H plus 8 hours, 2/5 Aust Fd Regt less one battery, will be available to support the brigade.
- (d) 'O' Parties will land with and in support of each battalion.
- (e) Subject to unforeseen operational developments, priorities for call on artillery support will be as follows :-
 - (1) Until PHASE I is complete - 2/27 Aust Inf Bn,

- (ii) From completion PHASE I until commencement PHASE IV - 2/16 Aust Inf Bn.
- (iii) During PHASE IV - 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
- (iv) Separate orders will be issued for PHASE V and thereafter.

Tank Attack

- 72. (a) 7 Tk A Tp 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt will land 2 x 6 pr guns in two LVT4s at H plus 4 minutes.
- (b) On landing troop will come under command 2/27 Aust Inf Bn for PHASE I.
- (c) On orders from Bde HQ, the troop will come in support 2/14 Aust Inf Bn for PHASE IV.

4.2" Mortars

- 73. (a) 7 Mortar Bty 2/2 Aust Tk A Regt will land 4 x 4.2" mortars in one LVT4 at H plus 4 minutes.
- (b) 'O' Parties will move with and in support of each
 - 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
 - 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
 - 2/27 Aust Inf Bn.
- (c) Subject to unforeseen operational requirements, priorities for 4.2" mortar support will be as follows :-
 - (i) Until completion PHASE I - 2/27 Aust Inf Bn
 - (ii) From completion Phase I to completion PHASE III - 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
 - (iii) During PHASE IV - 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
 - (iv) Further orders will be issued for PHASE V and thereafter.

Engineers

- 74. (a) 2/6 Aust Fd Coy less one platoon is allotted as follows :-
 - (i) PHASES I to IV -
 - Two sections in support 2/14 Aust Inf Bn
 - Two sections in support 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
 - Four sections in support 2/27 Aust Inf Bn.
 - (ii) PHASE V
 - Two sections revert from in support 2/27 Aust Inf Bn and come in support 2/5 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt.
- (b) OC 2/6 Aust Fd Coy will co-ordinate engineer tasks within the brigade, and will land with Bde HQ.
- (c) Tasks -
 - (i) Location, marking and subsequent destruction of mines and booby traps in the path of infantry.
 - (ii) Demolition of obstacles.

(iii) Assistance to 2/14 Aust Inf Bn in crossing KLANDASAN BESAR River and subsequent construction of Bailey Bridge over this river.

(iv) Water supply.

(d) One section 2/9 Aust Fd Coy is landing with 1 Aust Armd Regt for clearance of minefields and assistance through obstacles.

MMGs

75. (a) B Coy 2/1 Aust MG Bn will be employed as follows :-

(i) PHASES I to III

One platoon in support 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
B Coy less one platoon in support 2/27 Aust Inf Bn.

(ii) PHASE IV

One platoon in support 2/16 Aust Inf Bn
B Coy less one platoon in support 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

(iii) On orders from Bde HQ Coy Comd or representative will report to CO 2/14 Aust Inf Bn at HQ 2/27 Aust Inf Bn.

AA Protection

76. (a) One troop of six 40 mm Bofors guns is being landed during F Day on ABLE GREEN Beach. One Section will be deployed on beach and the other in the BMA.
- (b) Offensive action will be taken at all times against enemy aircraft.
- (c) No land activity will cease merely because of the presence of enemy aircraft. Only in the locality of an area being directly attacked may shelter be taken.

Flamethrowers - Manpack

77. (a) The following will be carried by each battalion in jeep and trailer allotted :-
- (i) One thick fuel refill for each of 6 Flamethrowers.
- (ii) One thin fuel refill for each of 6 Flamethrowers.
- (iii) 24 compressed cylinders.
- (iv) 24 x 2 lb tins Gelotrol.
- (v) Box igniters.
- (b) Three refills for all flamethrowers are being landed by Brigade on F Day in AASC transport.

Shipping

78. (a) Distribution of Force to Ships

See Appendix "E" to be issued separately.

(b) 21 Aust Inf Bde Landing Table

See Appendix "M" to be issued separately

Landing Scales

79. (a) F Day - Assault Scale
(b) F plus 2 Day - Build up to Light Scale
(c) F plus 8 to F plus 11 - Build up to Normal Scale.

Tactical Loading

80. F and F plus 2 convoys will be tactically loaded complete.

Embarkation

81. Separate instructions will be issued.

Rehearsal

82. Rehearsal of assault elements will be carried out on S - 2 under instructions issued separately.

Safeguarding Installations

83. All civil installations such as telephone exchanges, pumping plants, machinery, power stations and transformers, wharf and harbour installations and petroleum producing and processing installations will be kept intact as far as operational requirements permit.
Every care must be taken that there is no subsequent damage to any such installations.

Security

84. Issued separately.

F Day

85. 1 July 1945.

H Hour

86. 0900I

ADMINISTRATION

87. See 21 Aust Inf Bde Adm Order OBOE TWO issued separately.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

88. See 21 Aust Inf Bde Sig Instruction OBOE TWO issued separately as Appendix "N"

Location of Bde HQ Afloat

89. (a) HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde - HMAS MANOORA
(b) Alternate HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde - HMAS WESTRALIA

Location of Bde HQ on Landing

90. Side of spur 599596 (approx)
Estimate time of opening - H plus 45 minutes.

Wireless Silence

91. (a) Wireless silence will be maintained by all Army Wireless stations until H - 1 hour on F Day. In the event of any

subsidiary landing or engineer task prior to F Day, wireless silence may be broken one hour before the commencement of such operation. Listening watch will be kept from H - 2 hours on F Day by all Army Wireless stations afloat.

- (b) Emergency communications afloat will be passed over Navy channels prior to H - 1 hour.
- (c) After H - 1 hour, wireless silence may again be imposed and, if so, will be broken only by means of the appropriate codewords.

Time Zone

92. Time Zone Suffix will be "I". To determine time from this Zone, nine hours will be added to GMT or one hour subtracted from Australian Eastern Standard Time.

Synchronisation of Watches

93. (a) Afloat

Ship's time. Zone ITEM.

- (b) Ashore

After landing, Zone Time will be calculated from station WTO (US Army) BRISBANE, or from ABC or BBC Time Signals.

Codeword for Operation

94. "OBOE TWO".
95. A Acknowledge.

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