

Method.

3. In determining the method by which you render such assistance you are constantly to keep in mind the needs of the Commander, 14 Division. The following courses are, amongst others, to be considered:—

- (a) Maintain attack by night patrols, on the enemy's river L. of C., both in forward areas and south of Rathedaung. Our air forces will endeavour to force the enemy to operate these L. of C. by night.
- (b) Attack enemy armed craft in the Mayu River.
- (c) Harass the enemy forces on the river banks.
- (d) Increase the mobility of our land forces by carrying troops or towing sampans.

You are to bear in mind that your repair facilities are limited and that it will not be possible to provide you with reinforcements before the end of the monsoon.

Administration.

4. For administration and maintenance you are to be guided by paragraphs 4 to 9 inclusive of the instruction, dated 19th March, 1943, left with you by S.O. Force "Z."

Enclosures.

5. Copies of the instructions issued to the Army and Air Force Commanders are attached.

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