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March 31, 1944

FROM : FREEDOM
TO : SACSEA (for Mountbatte.)
INFO : British Chiefs of Staff,
J.S.M. for U.S. Joint
Chiefs of Staff
H.Q.M.A.A.F.

NUMBER: MEDCOS 81

Signed Wilson cite FHCIC. To Mountbatten from
Wilson. F 25796.

Instructions have been issued for the immediate
departure of one U.S. troop carrier group, 64 aircraft, and
one R.A.F. Transport Squadron - 15 aircraft. ✓

Reference SAC 1393, 31 March, and COSMED 76,
29 March. Rest assured that we will do everything to get
these aircraft to Karachi as soon as possible. You will
be furnished date of departure. ✓

T.O.O. 311910A

Footnote: COSMED 76 is CM-IN-21564 (30 Mar 44) CC/S.
SAC 1393 is CM-IN-22447 (31 Mar 44) CC/S. } ar
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ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Gen Arnold
OPD
Gen Bissell
Col. Parv
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Adm King

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By RNP

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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma, and India,
Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India.

To: War Department.
CG, U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area,
Noumea, New Caledonia.
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area,
Brisbane, Australia.
CG, Fourteenth Air Force, Kunming, China.

No: CRAX 499. 31 March 1944.

Report for 30 March Sultan for MILID CRAX 499
info NECAL CINC SWPA Dorn.

Chin Hills and Chindwin River, no change in
area northwest Tonzang;

Moreo (3 miles north Tamu) shelled by enemy
artillery;

Enemy road block at Tengypupol (9 miles south-
east Palel) still in effect;

Enemy patrol reported 1 1/2 miles south Palel;

Japanese destroyed bridge on Myin road 22 miles/
north Imphal.

Possible enemy battalion in this area;

British have established road block 20 miles
north Imphal;

Unconfirmed report of small enemy groups near
Chingtia (30 miles southeast Jorhat).

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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma, and India,
Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India.

No: CRAX 499

31 March 1944

North Burma, Chinese forces captured Shaduzup
and continue advance south Astride main road;

50 Japanese reported killed in unsuccessful
enemy attack on allied road block 3 miles south
Shaduzup;

Estimate 4 reinforced enemy battalions in
Kamaing-Mogaung-Shaduzup area.

Arakan, operations against estimated 200
enemy in area 1 1/2 miles southeast Ngakyedauk vil-
lage continues;

2 enemy companies definitely located 3 miles
east Taung Bazar, shelled prior to infantry attack,
no details;

Indications of enemy reinforcements in
Buthidaung area.

On Kaladan River British moving troops to
attack enemy positions near Kaladan village.

No Sig

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CGAAF
OPD
Col. Park
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From : Main 11 Army Group SEA

To : War Office

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NZ Forces HQ New Zealand
Military Attache, China
Concentric
Middle East
B.A.D. Washington
Persia & Iraq Force Hq
Army Rawalpindi
Army Bangalore
GHQ East Africa.

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31st March, 1944

SITREP No. 78

ONE : ARAKAN.

B3 800 Japanese arrived recently area PM 6005 and C3 undated 2000 Japanese in area PM 5814. 3 SS Bde actively patrolling south of Godusara PM 3830. 51 Bde report PT 306 PM 4132 clear of enemy 29 Mar but isolated Japanese posns remain PM 394329 PM 395332. RD Rasabil west tunnel clear of enemy and tunnel passable to MT and tks. Y and L (53 Bde) arrived Bawli Bazaar 30 Mar. Only small enemy parties remain rear areas 26 Div. 33 Bde still encountering opposition from PT 162 PM 4846. 114 Bde have advanced in area PM 5346 but enemy still hold PT 106 PM 5545. Enemy still in area Taragu PM 5560.

TWO : KALADAN.

3 ADF captured by 4 NR at Tikma west FN 0360 state 500 Japanese in area Minava FN 0571 AOMA FN 0474 Utunga FN 0471. Hq 5 (WA) Bde 5 GCR FN 012651. 7 GCR area FN 0167 prior to adv on Grankhazi FN 0069. Hq 6 (WA) Bde 1 Gambia crossed Kaladan River 30 Mar reached area FN 0461 while 1 Sal R en route PT 524 FN 0472. 4 NR secured posns PT 364 6462 PT 430 FN 0467. 11 Sea Scouts patrolling south both sides of Kaladin River.

THREE : CHIN HILLS.

Hq 17 Div and all wounded moved to MS 82. Enemy built bamboo br suitable lt MT MS 127 RP 0921.

Four : CHINDWIN.

(A) Area Palel. Rd block RK 6012 not yet cleared. Rd area RK 6007 being shelled by enemy. One coy enemy

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reported RP 4893 30 Mar encountered by our patrols.
1 PATIALA arrived PALEL 30 Mar. PW captured RK 6309
identified 3 Bn 213 regt.

(B) Area IMPHAL. 29 Mar personnel 50 para Bde
continued to reach 123 Bde from SANGSHAK. PUKHAO RK 4485
reported clear of enemy 29 Mar. Night 29/30 Mar 30 to 40
enemy shot up traffic MS 107 Rd MAIPUR-IMPHAL and destroyed
br MS 105 1/2 RE 3704* br being repaired. Documents cap-
tured area SANGSHAK RK 7988 identify element 2 Bn 58 regt
31 Div. Offr reports Japanese L of C track TAANAN SF 0639
LANGPAT RK 9749 TF RDE RK 8252 SAKOK RK 7772 SANGSHAK and
considerable number mules being used.

(C) Area KOHIMA. Head men in area track TUPHEMA RE
5444 GAZIPHEMA RE 8248 report rumours some Japanese moving
north and west from area UKHRUL and state that a few Japs
entered village south this track demanding supplies. Enemy
which attacked KHARASOM RE 94 and JESSAMI RE 96 29 Mar
estimated one Bn each place. Fighting reported west of
KHARASOM 30 March. NO FURTHER NEWS FROM JESSAMI. Some
enemy with mortars contacted area MAKHREMEI RE 54 30 Mar.

(D) MANIPUR ROAD. 4 RWK arrived by air 30 Mar.

Five : JUKAWNG VALLEY

Confirmed 2/65 Regt captured SHADJZUP 1000 hrs
30 Mar.

* Check roads 3604.

T.O.O. 311845FG

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF

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From: SACSEA
To: A.F.H.Q. Algiers
Rptd: J.S.M. Washington, for Chiefs of Staff
No: SAC 1393 March 31, 1944
Wilson from Mountbatten. COSMED 76, March 29

The next 10 days are the most critical for us. Anything you can do to expedite the arrival of aircraft will make a real and vital difference. Even if all aircraft are not immediately available for despatch any that you can start immediately will be of the greatest value.

2. Request Air Ministry (Special Cypher Section) pass copy of this signal to AXIOM.

T.O.O. 311634

COSMED 76 is CM-IN-21564 (30 Mar 44)CC/S

ACTION: CC/S

INFO: General Arnold
OPD
General Bissell
Admiral King
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From: Main 11 Army Group SEAC
To: Usual Addressees
No: 443/OPS March 30, 1944
SITREP 77

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1. Arakan

Large quantity of amm and eqpt found in west tunnel. Tunnel probably passable to tks 29 March. Fighting in progress feature PM 4242 29 March. Minor Japanese attacks on our poans south of Buthidaung rd repulsed. Mopping up in area Ngakyeindauk PM 4450 continues. East of Kalapanzin some enemy southward and eastward movement reported 27 March area Kindaung PM 5937. 114 Bde captured hill feature PM 538468 night 27/28 March. Our patrols have located 2 enemy coys area Taragu PM 5560. This area being shelled prior to Inf attack.

2. Kaladan

Local report indicated Kaladan village PM 0070 lightly held. Hq 81 (WA) Div and 6 (WA) Bde haved moved area Ngandaung PN 0362 Orama PN 0260. 4 Nigeria crossed Kaladan river area Laungshe PN 0261 night 28/29 March in adv remainder Bde. Hq 5 (WA) Bde 5 G K moved area Lassung PN 995635. ***cr area PN 0165 PN 0065. Lack of enemy activity area Kyngri PM 0462 has enabled evacuation 200 cas by air.

3. Chin Hills

Enemy ordered 400 coolies to report Zakhzir RU 0333 with 10 days rations on 27 March 29 March 17 Div established on PN 5805 RO 9732. 37 Bde estimate enemy cas area MS 97 to MS 100 at least 480 between 15 and 26 Mar. 37 and 49 Bdes area MS 72 under comd 17 Div.

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4. Chindwin

A. Area Palel-Tamu. Rd block RK 6012 29 March not yet cleared.

B. Area Imphal. Our air attacks and arty 29 March believed caused many cas on estimated one enemy Bn seen Pukhao RK4485. 50 Para Bde typs from Sangshak RK 7888 commenced arriving area Imphal. 2 W Yorks RK 3966.

C. Area Kohima. D4 reports 27 March 400 Japanese in Laruri SA 3272. Jessami RE 9863 heavily attacked night 28/29 March.

D. Manipur road. Adv Hq 202 area Manipur road. 202 area assumed responsibility for Kohima Garrison area north of RE 5444 RE 6844 RE 9744 RE 9244 RE 9864 around NW 75 Wokohing NV 39 Marghefita bridge NR 16. 8 Rajput arrived by air Manipur road.

5. Hukawng Valley. Enemy still hold crossing 4 miles north of Shaduzup. First Bn American Rangers and 1/113 Regt repulsed 4 attacks on rd block Unkangahtawng SC 28 and established fresh rd block at Labaf NX 20. Japanese at NX 3119 being attacked from 3 directions by 65 Regt.

Second and Third Bns American Rangers moving to contact Japanese NE of Kamaing. Coy 1/112 Regt moving to contact enemy reported at NX 6827.

6. North Burma

Int report prisoner and documents confirm 2 Bn 114 Regt still responsible DEF to north of Myitkyina.

* as received

T.O.O. 301800FG

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ACTION: OPD

INFO: CG AAF, G-2, Colonel Park, LOG

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From: CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India,
Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

To: War Department
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area,
Brisbane, Australia
CG, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area,
Noumea, New Caledonia
CG, Fourteenth Air Force, Kunming, China

Nr: CRAX 446 30th March, 1944

Situation report 29th March Sultan for MILID
CRAX 446 info Necal CINC SWPA Dorn.

Rukavng Valley, Japanese counter attacks in area
3 miles north Shaduzup repulsed with heavy enemy losses;
325 Japanese reported killed in vicinity Allied road block
3 miles south Shaduzup; American troops in Kauri-Nhpun Ga
Area (17 miles southeast Shaduzup) in contact with estimated
enemy battalion moving northwest from Mogaung; Stilwell re-
quests all information regarding Shaduzup and south thereof
be withheld from press until released here.

Sumprabum, total of 9 Japanese killed in ambushes
30 miles northeast Myitkyina.

Chin Hills and Chindwin, some progress made against
enemy road blocks northwest Tonzang; enemy advancing against
British resistance in Utkrul area; estimated enemy battalion
suffered heavy casualties from Artillery fire and air attacks
15 miles north northeast Imphal.

No changes in Arakan and Kaladan River areas.

No Sig.

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CG AAF OPD

COL. PARK

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March 30, 1944

From: SACSEA
To: Chiefs of Staff
Rptd.: J.S.M., Washington
Number: SEACOS 127

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By Authority of JCS
SM 522-71
By RAV Date DEC 11 1972

Your OZ 1682, COS(W) 1240 of 27th, and my SEACOS 123.

1. Para one of COS(W) 1240. I understand from Air Commander-in-Chief that although he previously agreed to accept twenty Dakotas (C-47s) from the U. K. without crews in order to form an additional squadron, the squadron cannot be operational until at least the middle of May unless crews and maintenance personnel are provided with the aircraft.

2. Twelve Dakotas (C-47s) in your para 3 are normal replacement of wastage for existing squadrons without which they cannot sustain present intensive rates of efforts.

3. Understand squadron from Mediterranean promised in your para 4 will consist of only 15 aircraft on arrival on April 2. With help of resources mentioned in para 1 above, however, this could be made up to full squadron of 25 I. E.

4. Of additional 70 Dakotas (C-47s) required, 50 are required by 4th April if vital operational moves are to be carried out, remaining 20 as soon thereafter as possible. Of the 50 required at once, 25 will be provided as in my para 3 above. There remain a further 25 to be provided immediately by you.

5. Request copies of this signal may be passed to AXIOM.

T.O.O. 301712 PG

FOOTNOTE: SEACOS 123 is CM-IN-19251 (27 Mar 44) CC/S. Other references unidentified by WDCMC.

ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Gen Arnold OFD Gen Bissell Adm King (Col Park)
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From: CG U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma and India
Near Kohelcon, New Delhi, India

To: War Department
CG U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area,
Houma, New Caledonia
CINCPAC Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane,
Australia

NR: CRAX 394 29 March 44

Situation report 28th March Sultan for MILID
CRAX 394 info HRCAL CINCPAC SWPA Dora Hearn.

Arahan, British captured west portion of tunnel
area, resistance strong in east tunnels 1 mile southwest
Hindav; Japanese 1 1/2 miles southeast Hgalybdank village
reorganized and offering stiff resistance; east of Kal-pansin
River British troops engaged estimated enemy company in
Faragu area 3 miles east Taungbesar.

Chin Hills and Chinwin River, small enemy road
block reported on Palel-Tam road at Taugngopal 9 miles
southeast Palel; enemy attacks in unreported strength
repulsed at Jessami and Kharasom, both generally 25 miles
southeast Kohim.

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From: CG U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma and India
Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

NR: CRAX 394 29 March 44

North Burma, Japanese party of unknown strength reported in Maubus area 25 miles east Shadusup; Chinese troops have advanced to points 2 1/2 miles north Shadusup; reliable reports of reinforced enemy battalion (probably element of 56th Division on Salween fronts) moving northwest of Mogaung toward Mantin 10 miles north Kaming.

No sig.

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CC/S
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To: A.F.H.Q. Algiers

Rptd: Joint Staff Mission and
SACSEA (ARMINDIA please pass)

From: Chiefs of Staff

Number: OCMED 76 March 29, 1944

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By Authority of JCS

SM 522-71

By RHP Date DEC 11 1972

Following for General Wilson.

Supreme Commander South East Asia has made an urgent request for reinforcements in transport aircraft to enable him to assist in supplying our forces which are operating behind the Japanese lines. Situation is serious since present Japanese advance towards Imphal might if successful cut the supply route to Assam airfields from which the air route to China begins and on which the troops defending this route depend. On the other hand if we are successful we might achieve a considerable victory over the Japanese.

2. Immediate need is for reinforcements of 100 C-47 transports. We have discussed with United States Chiefs of Staff all possible sources of supply and have reached the conclusion that the aircraft can be provided with least effect on important operations if they come from the Mediterranean. United States Chiefs of Staff have proposed and we agree that one United States Group of Troop Carrier Command (64 U.E.) and one R.A.F. Dakota Squadron (25 U.E.) should be transferred immediately to South East Asia.

3. It is at present proposed that the United States Group should remain in South East Asia for about one month and then return but development of operations may require that the R.A.F. Squadron should be retained in South East Asia until beginning of monsoon in May.

4. As it seems likely that large scale operations requiring (U.S.A.A.F.?) transport aircraft will not now take place in

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Mediterranean until the middle of the summer this temporary transfer should not have a serious effect on your operational commitments. In any case diversion to S.E.A. for one month will form useful part of training for future operations. Unless therefore it will have some important military effect of which we are not aware you should despatch the aircraft at the earliest possible moment. Please let us and United States Chiefs of Staff know date of departure.

T.O.O. 292355Z

ACTION: CC/S
INFO: General Bissell
General Arnold
OPD
Admiral King
Colonel Park
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From: Main 11 Army Group SEA

To : War Office

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MA China
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CONCENTRIC
GHQ Persia and Iraq Force
Middle East
British Army Staff, Washington
Army Bangalore
Army Rawalpindi

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March 29th, 1944

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SITREP 76.

ONE: ARAKAN

44 commando active area Alethaigyaw. West tunnel captured and one enemy gun reported as 150 SM found inside. 26 Div patrols encountered enemy East tunnel PM 4243 March 27th also found quantity abandoned enemy eqpt and amm area BM 75 PM 4443. Japanese attacked 36 Bde posns area Kanbyin PM 517420 night March 26/27 sixteen killed own cas three wounded. Enemy forming up for further attack this area early following morning dispersed by shelling. 71 Bde encountered stiff resistance from remaining enemy area Ngakyeindauk PM 4450 but succeeded in capturing feature PM 453502 March 28th after strong attack with tank support. Our troops suffered some cas this attack from heavy automatic fire. Feature PM 457504 also captured and subsequent enemy counterattack repulsed. 89 Bde repulsed enemy attacks area Tgragu PM 5560 night March 27/28 enemy later believed moved north.

TWO: KALADAN. Nothing to report.

THREE: CHIN HILLS.

28 March small enemy party reported moving North at MS 68 RO 9774 RD block MS 96 RO 9736 cleared March 26th. Our tps occur MS 98 RO 9733. MS 100 RO 7662* reported clear of enemy. Some enemy reported area MS 55 RP 0692 morning March 28th.

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FOUR: CHINDWIN.

(A) Area Palei Tamu. Small enemy rd block on upper rd RK 6012. Lower rd clear March 28th. Night March 26/27 small enemy attack area RP 7994 driven off. Two Japs who surrendered RK 6519 report 1 Bn enemy Myothit SF 0029 March 28th.

(B) Ukhrul area. Our tps have evacuated Litan Box RK 6841. 50 Para Bde evacuated Sangshak RK 7888. During night March 26/27 enemy suffered eighty to one hundred cas in attack on our posn this area.

(C) Area Tamanthi Kohima. Jessami RE 9863 heavily attacked evening March 28th. Twenty five enemy attacked Kharasom RE 9144 March 27th enemy cas twenty three killed two wounded.

FIVE: HUKAWNG VALLEY.

Advanced elements one Japanese Bn believed of 56 Div moving north from Kamaing SC 36 to cut off tps area Hkatiggkawng 3984 were attacked by American Rangers area Manpin SC 4078 March 26th and suffered heavy cas. 65 Chinese Regt passed through fwd posns of 66 and 64 Chinese Regts and now leading main thrust on road. 1/66 Chinese Regt on right flank 3/64 Chinese Regt on left flank. 64 Chinese Regt captured Hkawnglavyang NY 3114 killing 60 Japanese incl 4 offrs. Now confirmed first Bn American Rangers has not captured Shadurup. Adv Hq CAI Tingkaw Sakan NX 3528.

T.O.O. 291800FG

*Check reads 9631

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CC/S
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From: Main 11 Army Group SEA

To: War Office CONCENTRIC M A China N Z Forces New Zealand
BAS Washington HQ Brisbane (Pass COIC GHQ) GHQ Persia &
Iraq Force GHQ Middle East Army Bangalore Army
Rawalpindi

No: 401/Ops March 28, 1944
SITREP 75.

ONE: Arakan. 25 Div took over West Mayu from 0900 hrs March 27 with following under Comd. 51 Bde, 74 Bde, (less 6 QXF Buoks) 3 SS Bde, 12 FF RIF (MG Bn) and Armd elements 81 (WA) Recce Regt. On whole front in fighting March 26 200 Japanese reported killed. Ops West tunnel continue 36 Div inflicting HY cas on enemy this area March 26. Japanese have made several attacks on FWD posns 36 Bde since night 25/26 March suffering by losses. 36 Bde holding despite fairly hy cas. Mopping up area Ngakyeindauk PM 4450 continues satisfactorily. 71 Bde capturing features PM 451506 PM 4650 except 129.

TWO: Kaladan. Patrolling only. Patrol reports only 1 enemy Coy area Aungya PM *9672 (9642 (9652)* This is probably protecting river head for Tps operating West of Pichoang.

THREE: Chin Hills. Manipur River Br at MS127 destroyed by our Tps. 17 Div now located area MS105. Mualkaei Rp 0724 14/13 FF RIF March 23 claim 250 cas inflicted on large enemy party 3 miles South of Lenikot RP2454.

FOUR: Chinwin. (A) Area Palei-Tawu. Indications Japanese Bn Hq RK 8307.

Comment. Possible 1 Bn, 60 Regt. Possible identification 15 Div Engr Regt near Rd Tamuppalel March 24. March 25 small enemy attack on our posns Laiching Hill RK 7800 repulsed. (B) Area Imphal-Homalin. Western Defs of 50 para Bde at Sangshak RK 7888 penetrated after 3 days by fighting. Our counter attack failed. Bde withdrawing night 26/27 March and Bn from Litan RK 6481 assisting withdrawal. 123 Bde concentrated area RK 4970. 135 cas inflicted on enemy in fighting Litan Box night 25/25 March. Our cas 8 killed, 22 wounded, 3 missing. 50 para Bde under comd 5 Div March 28.

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New Delhi, India

To: War Department
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Australia
CG U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area,
Noumea, New Caledonia
CG 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma, and
India, Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

NR: CRAX 342 26 March 44

Situation report 27th March Sultan for MILID CRAX
342 info KECAL CINC SWPA Dorn Hearn.

Chin Hills, British attack on estimated battalion
vicinity Lenikot (22 miles North Northeast Tonzang) caused
250 enemy casualties; British positions in Tonzang Area
improved slightly; Tiddim Palel road still blocked; TDMS
- Palel road reported open.

Chindwin, strong enemy attack at Sangahak
(28 miles Northeast Imphal) inflicted heavy casualties on
British troops, put artillery and most mortars out of action;
unconfirmed reports of additional Japanese crossing Chindwin
vicinity of Paungby and South thereof.

Generally the British situation has deteriorated
during last few days with threat to Imphal becoming more
immediate. Hukawng Valley, Chinese Forces have occupied
Hlawnglawyang (3 miles North Shadusup).

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From: CG U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma, India,
New Delhi, India.

Nr: CRAX 342 28 March 44

Araikan, small gains made in tunnel area vicinity
Htindaw; 300 enemy in area 1 1/2 miles Southeast Ngakyedauk
Village attacked dispersed; British captured hill feature
at Zadidaung (2 miles Northeast Buthidaung; some indications
of reinforcements South of Buthidaung and Godusara; no new
troops identified; Japanese resistance indicates he will
hold forward positions as long as possible.

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Number: 387/OPS 27th March 1944.

SITREP 74.

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Letter 7-5-72
By RWP Date DEC 11 1972

1. Arakan. Enemy cleared from foothills north of PT 109 PM 3919. OPS west tunnel continuing and we have occupied hill under which tunnel runs. Attacks east tunnel area meeting stiff opposition. Enemy which infiltrated to area SE of Sinzweya have been cleared by our Inf and Tks. 61 enemy killed. Enemy still at PT 129 PM 4650. Some fighting about Ngakyeundauk PM 4450. 30 enemy reported killed. Ngakyeundauk pass open to traffic. 36 Bde repulsed 4 enemy attacks area SW of Buthidaung. 114 Bde with Tk 8 Coy 25 Dgns captured features PM 5447 PM 5547 PM 5546. Indications enemy Ngakyeundauk Chaung PM 4351 came from Dabrugyaung PM 5643 moving north via Hkamwe Chaung PM 5750 on night 23/24 Mar crossing Kalapanzin night 24/25 March.
2. Kaladan. 81 (WA) Div moving east towards Kaladan River.
3. Chin hills. 400 Japanese now stated in Heka. 25 Mar 4 enemy Tks destroyed by our mines and Arty Area Tonzang. 17 Div captured ring contour RP 0229 area MS 105 after HY fighting. Majority enemy liquidated. 300 Japanese reported MF 72. Enemy reported Lenikot RP 2353. Enemy this area apparently moving north.
4. Chindwin. (A) Area Paleitam 600 Japanese Mintha. Enemy reported attempting build Rd from Kabaw Valley to Laiching RP 7394. Total 8 PW captured present OPS 2 of which died after capture. Estimated total 170 Cas inflicted on enemy fighting area Moreh RP 7896 night 22/23 Mar. Locations. Hq 20 Div 4 Madras 100 Bde (less 2 Bns) area Shenam RK 5313. 32 Bde with under Comd 4/10 Gr Moreh. 80 Bde area Sibong RK 7205

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Khongkhang RK 6308. (B) Area Imphalhoalin. 1 Bn enemy reported Khanjang SA 05 with advanced elements RE 9364. Probable identification 1 En 51 Regt Litan RK 6380. Location. Hq 9 Bde 3 Jat 3/14 Punjab RK 4066. 123 Bde concentrated ares Litan. (C) Manipur Rd Hq 161 Bde 1/1 Punjab arrived by air.

5. Hukawng Valley. 1/65 Regt occupied Tangkrau GA NW 7917. 5307 American Ranges in contact SC 3789.

6. North Burma. Own Tps occupied Taingpai NY 1757.

T.O.O. 271830

ACTION: OPD
INFO : CCS
CG AAF
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To: War Department
CG US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia
CG, Fourteenth Air Force Kunming, China
CG US Army Forces, China, Burma, and India,
Forward Echelon Chungking, China

Post

No: 284, 27th March 1944

Sultan for MILID CRAX 284 info NECAL CINC SWPA
Dorn Hearn.

Situation report 25 March.

British cleared enemy from area 1 1/2 miles southwest Ngakyedauk village but estimated 300 Japanese still reported and 1 1/2 miles southeast same village; no changes in Arakan.

Chin Hills, British destroyed 4 enemy tanks in vicinity Tonzang. Chindwin river, estimated Japanese Battalion moving northwest in Khanjang area 35 miles east southeast Korima.

North Burma, Chinese forces captured enemy position 3 miles North Shaduzup after heavy fighting; Chinese and American troops forced a crossing of the Shadu Creek and advanced to area 3 miles southeast Shaduzup.

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INFORMATION: CC/S CG AAF OPD COL. MATHEWSON LOG

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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma and
India, Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

To: War Department

Nr: 15308 26 March, 1944

To Bissell, General Arms, Obermault and Dorn CPEX
15308 agd Hearn. *Station report CPEX*

High ranking Japanese officers attended recent meeting held by Doihara Kenji, Japanese political warfare expert, prior to his departure from Canton. Meeting passed four resolutions as follows:

1. To rouse puppet officials to crucial nature of present struggle and to warn them not succumb Anglo American blandishments.

2. Cooperate intimately with Nippon in "Present emergency".

3. Settle local problems locally and cease pestering Japanese army with them all the time.

4. Do good job ridding outlying areas of "Bandits".

Kuomintang Intelligence reported this, stating Doihara new address not yet available. Rate this B 2 or better. Comment:

Significant is apparent Japanese fear of Anglo American subversion puppets.

ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: CG AAF OFD CEL. MATHEWSON LOG
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From: CG, US Army Forces, China Burma and India
Rear Echelon New Delhi, India

To: War Department

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Number CRAX 201, 26 March 1944

DEC 11 1972

For Marshall information Arnold and for Stilwell
and Hearn personal CRAX 201 from Sultan. TOP SECRET.

Please refer to my CRA 197, dated 25th. The fol-
lowing is a message sent by Mountbatten to British
Chiefs of Staff with information copies to Deviant and
to JSM London with request that it be passed on to AXIOM.

*Wedemeyer
Mission*

1. "Broad plan of Japanese offensive appears to be
aimed at cutting the Dimapur Ledo lines of communication.
They are apparently making a series of thrusts with inten-
tion of forcing us to commit our reserves, each thrust so far
being succeeded by 1 further north on a larger scale. Jap-
anese forces which may amount to 2 regiments are at present
moving in direction of Kohima and Dimapur (Manipur road
base) from Tamanthi. If above interpretation of enemy in-
tention is correct this may prove even more serious than
present threat to Imphal Plain.

2. Line Dimapur-Ledo is only rail communication with
the great majority of Bump airfields and with Ledo Base
for Stilwell's Forces. On defense of this line therefore
depend the 14th United States Army Air Forces, equipment
of the Chinese Army, future operations by B29's, and the
stability of Chinese Government itself.

beyond?

3. Japanese however, are operating ahead of reliable
lines of communication and it may be possible to turn a
successful defense into a decisive victory. What is now
required to achieve this is:

A. To fly up 7 Indian Divisions from Arakan
in order to cover Dimapur-Kohima.

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Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

Number CRAX 201, 26 March 1944

B. The fly in and subsequent maintenance of Wingate's 14th and 23rd Bdes to areas in immediate rear of enemy (this is in addition to 3 Bdes now in Burma).

C. Ability to supply isolated troops who have been ordered to stand fast with Japanese behind them.

4. Transport aircraft already at disposal of 14th Army and Tactical Air Force are working magnificently, and cannot be driven harder without entailing a waste in men and aircraft, which we should feel before end of emergency. Their present strength is barely sufficient for present immediate needs, and does not permit carrying out objects in Paragraph 3 above, full requirements for which are, 100 C47's or their equivalent in weight carrying capacity, in addition to aircraft normally at disposal of Troop Carrier Command. The sooner they can be provided the better.

5. A part of this requirement would be met by retention beyond the month for which they were originally requested of aircraft diverted from the Bump. These are actually 20 C46's, equivalent in load carrying capacity to 30 C47's. Request you to approach United States Chiefs of Staff for extension of period of diversion for these aircraft.

6. It remains to provide 70 C47's (for which equivalent in C46's would be 48). There are no British C46's in this Theater. Every British C47 has already been put at disposal of Troop Carrier Command for use with 14th Army. Only possible remaining course would be the most uneconomical use of bombers to carry troops, but I have rejected this alternative as I consider it essential to maintain at least the present weight of bombing on the Japanese lines of communication.

7. I believe that if these 70 aircraft can be provided we can successfully defend Kohima and the Imphal Plain, and can also decisively defeat the Japanese. Without them I con-

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sider there is a serious danger that the Dimapur-Ledo line may be cut and deliveries to China temporarily closed down, and I consider it probable that the opportunity of a decisive victory will be lost. Request arrangements may be made for their provision as early as possible, and in any case in time for next favourable moon period, IB by 4th April.

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CRA 197 is CM-IN-18058 (25 Mar 44) General Handy

ACTION: General Handy

INFO: General Arnold
General Bissell
Colonel Mathewson
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FROM: Main 11 Army Gp SEA

TO: War Office Rptd: Concentric Military Attache China
NZ Force HQ New Zealand HQ Brisbane (Pass to COIC GHQ)
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Army Rawalpindi

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SITREP 73

Letter 5, 7-5-72
REP Date DEC 11 1972

ONE: ARAKAN. West of MAYU range.

8 YORK and LANCS occupied PT 182 PM 3834 of March 24.

East of MAYU range. Enemy estimated 450/550 infiltrated to areas PM 4350 and PM 4650 and attacked own tps SINZWEYA PM 4252 area March 25. This force stated to have large number of mines possibly 1 per man. 7 Div formed adm box area SINZWEYA. 71 Bde formed box area PM 4953. 4 Bde occupied PM 429437 and BM 75 PM 440435. 1 WILTS have taken feature PM 430433. About 70 enemy attacked our posns area PM 456436 night 24/25. Attack repulsed 30 enemy killed. Enemy attacked our posns area PM 4744. No details. Night 24/25 8 FF RIF captured KANBYIN PM 5241 and were counter attacked March 25 NO details. March 25 114 Bde made small advance area ZADIDAUNG PM 5446. 350 enemy reported DABHAGYAUNG PM 5643 stated moved North night 23/24 March. Another report states HQ believed Bn HQ moved PT 561 PM 5843 to PT 717 PM 5752 March 23 locations. Main HQ 26 Div PM 491537 1 SIKH 7/2 PUNJAB area SINZWEYA.

TWO: KALADAN. 8 GR area SIGYAUNG PM 9667. 4 NR LETKAYUA PM 9957.

THREE: CHIN Hills. Reports from doubtful source of enemy reinforcements area HAKA. Night 24/25 March 3 enemy attacks TUITUM SADDLE RP 1117. March 24 17 Div captured enemy posns spur RP 0231 and subsequently reached MS 109 without opposition. Our tps later reported reached MS 104. Each end of bridge at MS 72 held by approx 1 enemy Coy and Br blown immediately North of MS 72.

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FOUR: CHIDWIN.

By RHP Date DEC 11 1972

(A) IMPHAL area. Reports of enemy area NONGDAM RK 5066 and SAWOMBUNG 4370 now reported untrue. Patrols killed 15 enemy at RP 2357 and 20 near TANGSIAT RP 4153. Rd PALEI-TAMU situation quiet. HQ 23 Div RK 3355. 1 SEAFORTH area RK 4512.

(B) UKHRUL RE 8202 area. NO further activity reported SANGKAAK RK 7888 but enemy MT has reached area. Reported JAPANESE HQ UKHRUL and many enemy with light eqpt left night 23/24 March for KOHIMA via SHONDAL RE 7206 and TALLUI RE 7610. One Bn enemy attacked LITAN box RK 6481 night 24/25 March and achieved some success though our tps hope to recover 30 JAPANESE bodies. Enemy attempts to infiltrate on to rd West of box. 9 Bde less 1 Bn arrived IMPHAL by air and now moving towards LITAN to counter attack.

(C) TAMANTHI area. Estimated total 1500 JAPANESE in SOMRATRACT up to 20 March.

(D) 5 Div arrived IMPHAL BUR Regt arrived MANIPUR Rd. 2 W YORKS relieved 2 SUFFOLKS at KOHIMA. 2 SUFFOLKS moving to SENGMAI RK 2878.

FIVE: HUKAWNG Valley. Ref SITREP 72 capture of SHADUZUP NOT yet confirmed. 2 Bns 5307 AMERICAN Rangers cut rd SHADUZUP-KAMYING at SC 2789. 1/65 Regt in contact NW 8618.

SIX: North BURMA. Own tps 33 miles South of SUMPRABUM and in contact NY 2175 NY 2142 enemy believed making rear guard stand in area NSOPZUP NY 1905.

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INFO: CGAAF, G-2, Col Mathewson, LOG

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March 26, 1944

Commanding General
Strategic Air Forces in Europe
London, England

Number: WAR 14633

To Spaatz for Portal from Arnold

It has been reported to me that Admiral Mountbatten is in need of additional air transports to meet the situation arising from the Japanese activity in the Imphel area. I recognize his need for these transports but we are unable to divert any additional aircraft from U.S. sources at this time. As you know, we are making strenuous efforts to provide a considerable number of transports for future use in SEAC but we will be unable to produce them in time to meet the present tactical emergency. I urge therefore that you do everything in your power to provide from British sources the 70 C-47 transports which I understand Admiral Mountbatten will need in the immediate future. On our part we are willing that Admiral Mountbatten should continue to use the C-46's recently made available to him for another month. Mountbatten notified accordingly.

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Operations Division, WDGS
Executive Office, TTH 3E808
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March 26, 1944

Commanding General
USAF China, Burma, and India
Rear Echelon
New Delhi, India

Number: WAR 14606

TOPSEC to Sultan from The Joint Chiefs of Staff signed
Marshall

Authorization granted by U. S. Chiefs of Staff for the
retention by Mountbatten of 20 C-46's reyour CRAX 201
March 26 for another month beyond the month now authorized
if he considers the situation requires. Please inform
Mountbatten at once.

Reference your CRAX 197, March 25, General Arnold is
communicating personally with Air Marshal Portal and
urging that the British supply the additional aircraft
requested by Mountbatten.

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ORIGINATOR: OPD

INFORMATION: Gen Arnold
Adm King
Col Mathewsbn
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To: War Department
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Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia
CG 14th Air Force Kunming, China
CG US Army Forces, China, Burma, and India, Forward
Echelon Chungking, China.

Nr: 232, 26 March, 1944

Situation report 25th March Sultan for MILID, 232 info
Necal CINC SWPA Dorn Hearn.

Nothing new west of Chindwin: Report of 40 Japanese
4 miles northeast Imphal later disproved. In Chin Hills an
estimated enemy company at each end of destroyed bridge
28 miles north northwest Tonzang; British artillery engaged
enemy truck column moving north from Tiddim. Arakan,
British gained portion of enemy positions in tunnels area
vicinity of Htindaw; British troops moving to attack
enemy groups who infiltrated into British rear area, 150
enemy reported 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ miles southwest Nmakyedauk and
300 along creek 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ miles southeast of same village.

Post
Hukawng valley, in Allied right flank Chinese troops
occupied Tangkrau Ga 6 miles southwest Tasu Bum; other
Chinese troops have advanced across Hkawnglaw Creek 3 and
 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles north Shaduzup against strong enemy resistance;
and Allied troops are reported in contact with enemy at
Hkahku Gahtawng 3 miles northeast Shaduzup.

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From: CG US Army Forces, China, Burma, and India,
Rear Echelon New Delhi, India

Nr: 232, 26 March, 1944

Other American troops are in contact with the Japanese 12 miles south of Shadugup. Correction-previous report that Allied troops had occupied Shadugup town was in error; Shadugup still held by Japanese. On 23rd March Allied troops occupied Tingpai 20 miles south southwest Sumprabum.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO : CGAAF
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Col. Mathewson
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No: 351/Ops March 25, 1944

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By RAIP Date DEC 11 1972

SITREP 72

1. Arakan.

(A) West of Mayu Range. Ref SITREP 71 Japanese who infiltrated to area PM 3833 PM 3835 pushed back to PT 182 PM 3834. Our cas in attack by 5 Commando six killed fifteen wounded enemy not yet known.

(B) East of Mayu Range. 2/8* GR occupied north end ridge PM 514422 23 March subsequent attack PM 514431 held up by enemy MMG.

(C) Locations. 4 Rajput PM 3938 PM 3939.
17 Mahratta PM 4235 PM 4135 PM 4036.

2. Kalsdan. Report dated 22 March states no enemy area Michaung between Wama PN 0473 and Sami PN 1894. Mizawa PN 0571 also clear. B2 source estimates about six hundred Japanese moving NW up jeep track east of Kalsdan River. Patrol and arty action only. 7/16 PUNJAB arrived Paletwa 20** March.

3. Chin Hills.

48 Bde encountered stiff resistance in attack towards MS 110 have reached Spur RP 0231 which found unoccupied.

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Night 23/24 March MT lights seen moving north from Tiddim possibly reinforcements for MS 109. 3 Bn 215 Regt identified from paybooks captured Sakawng RP 0429. Comment. Bn holdings MS 100 probably 1 Bn 215 Regt. Two enemy Coys astride rd MS 961/2. Japanese destroyed BR MS 72 RO 9662 24 March.

4. Chindwin.

(A) Paleittraa. 23 March patrol post area RK 4509*** surrounded by three hundred enemy and forced to withdraw. Night 22/23 March two hundred enemy reported area Kunthak AK 5008. 1 Seaforth concentrating north of this area. Small enemy party attacked *(FWD)* Lokchao RK 6907 23 March causing small patrol fire. Enemy occupied Kempang RK 7019.

(B) Imphal Area. Observer post reported 24 March approx forty enemy 2 miles NE of Sawombung RK 4370 also twenty five to thirty reported at Nongdan RK 5166. 1 Dogra RK 4370. Enemy strength three hundred report H 21 March Khambi Ching RK 8259 moving towards Sangshak RK 7888. 50 Para Bde posn Sangshak being heavily attacked 24 March. 2/1 PUNJAB repulsed small attack area Litan RK 6481 24 March.

5. Hukawng Valley.

wrong counts here
First Bn 5307 Americans Ranger and Elements Chinese occupied Shaduzup 23 March. Other Chinese tps in contact high ground 4 miles north of Shaduzup. Second and third Bns 5307. American Rangers reached SC 3980.

6. North Burma.

Our troops continue adv down Myitkyina rd.

***Check reads 3509

**Check reads 24

*Check reads 1/8

ACTION: OPD

INFO: G-2, CG AAF, Colonel Mathewson, LOG

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U R G E N T

From: CG, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma and India,
Rear Echelon New Delhi, India

To: War Department

No: GRAX 197

25 March 1944

Marshall personal for Handy GRAX 197 from Sultan information Arnold.

The Situation in Imphal area is developing rather rapidly in the area between Tiddin and Imphal and immediately to the north of Imphal but is still obscure in the Kohima area. British are flying in the 5th Division to be followed by the 7th. 2 long range penetration groups as reserves to be later flown in are being moved by rail from Central India to the vicinity of Silchar and Second all British Division in Army Reserve by rail and water to Chittagong area. Japanese are using the usual penetration and out-flanking operations to get in rear of any resistance. Some British units will in all probability either get out off or will be ordered to hold in positions where they will be surrounded and require air supply. Although situation still obscure on the north Moubatten estimates that a strong Japanese thrust is being met towards Kohima and that perhaps even Dimapur may be threatened. Such a thrust if successful would cut the railroad line to Assam. The 14th Army recognizes the seriousness of the defensive operation in the whole area but contemplates counter offensive operations with severe punishing effects to the Japanese.

The 20 C 56's ^{modification C-46/1} diverted from the EUMP by authority of the US Chiefs of Staff are and will continue to be in steady use flying in the 5th and 7th Divisions. Moubatten estimates that this will be necessary for at least

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Rear Echelon New Delhi, India
No: CRAX 197 25 March 1944

a month and probably 2 months. Mountbatten discussed the whole situation with his Commanders in Chief with Stratemeyer and me present and is submitting to the British Chiefs of Staff an urgent request that he be supplied from British sources 70 additional C 47's for the emergency needs which he foresees will arise in the immediate future and not later than 4th of April. His request makes no reference to further diversions from the HUMP. A commander in the field fighting a battle should be the judge of the seriousness of any situation confronting him. There is time for the required aircraft to meet the situation to be furnished from British sources. Strong pressure should be placed on the British to supply the aircraft needed; otherwise US Chiefs of Staff will be faced with another request for diversion from the HUMP. Stratemeyer concurs. This message has been shown to Mountbatten and a copy has been sent as information to Stilwell. It is believed that the matter is of sufficient importance to be brought to attention of General Marshall without delay.

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ACTION: General Handy
INFO: General Arnold
Colonel Mathewson
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From: SACSEA
To: Air Ministry Special Cypher Section
Info: J.S.M. Washington (MILSTAFF Pass)
Number: SEACOS 123 March 25, 1944

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SM 522-71
By RAP Date DEC 11 1972

Following for Chiefs of Staff repeated J.S.M. Washington from Mountbatten. Your COSSEA 78. Broad plan of Japanese offensive appears to be aimed at cutting the Dimapur-Ledo lines of communication. They are apparently making a series of thrusts with intention of forcing us to commit our reserves - each thrust so far being succeeded by one further North on a larger scale. Japanese forces which may amount to two regiments are at present moving in direction of Kohima and Dimapur (Manipur Road base) from Tamanthi. If above interpretation of enemy intentions is correct this may prove even more serious than present threat to Imphal Plain.

2. Line Dimapur-Ledo is only rail communication with the great majority of HUMP Air Fields and with Ledo base for Stilwell's forces. On defense of this line therefore depend the 14th U.S.A.A.F., equipment of the Chinese Army, future operations by B-29s, and the stability of Chinese Government itself.

3. Japanese however are operating ahead of reliable lines of communication and it may be possible to turn a successful defense into a decisive victory.

What is now required to achieve this is--

(A) To fly up 7 Ind Div from Arakan in order to cover Dimapur-Kohima

(B) The Fly-In and subsequent maintenance of Wingate's 14 and 23 Bdes to areas in immediate rear of enemy (this is in addition to 3 Bdes now in Burma)

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(C) Ability to supply isolated troops who have been ordered to stand fast with Japanese behind them.

4. Transport aircraft already at disposal of 14th Army and tactical Air Force are working magnificently, and cannot be driven harder without entailing a wastage in men and aircraft which we should feel before end of emergency. Their present strength is barely sufficient for present immediate needs, and does not permit carrying out objects in paragraph 2 above, full requirements for which are 1000-475 or their equivalent in weight carrying capacity. In addition to aircraft normally at disposal of Troop Carrier Command the sooner they can be provided the better.

5. A part of this requirement would be met by retention beyond the month for that which they were originally requested of aircraft diverted from the HUMP. There are actually 20 C-468, equivalent in load carrying capacity to 300-475. Request you to approach U.S. Chiefs of Staff for extension of period of diversion for these aircraft.

6. It remains to provide 700-475 (for which equivalent in C-468 would be 48). There are no British C-468 in this theater. Every British C-47 has already been put at disposal of Troop Carrier Command for use with 14th Army. Only possible remaining course would be the most uneconomical use of bombers to carry troops, but I have rejected this alternative as I consider it essential to maintain at least the present weight of bombing on the Japanese lines of communication.

7. I believe that if these (70) aircraft can be provided we can successfully defend Kohima and the Imphal Plain, and can also decisively defeat the Japanese. Without them I consider there is a serious danger that the Dimapur-Ledo line may be cut and deliveries to China temporarily closed down, and I consider it probable that the opportunity of a decisive victory will be lost. Request arrangements may be made for their provision as early as possible, and in any case in time for next favourable moon period, i.e. by 4th April.

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8. J.S.M. Washington is requested to pass copies of this signal to AXIOM and MACHIN to General Carton de Wiart.

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By RHP Date DEC 11 1972

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INPO: General Arnold
General Bissell
General Handy
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Colonel Mathewson

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To : War Department
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Area Noumea, New Caledonia
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific
Area Brisbane, Australia
CG, U.S. Troops Kuning, China
CG, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma, and
India, Forward Echelon Chungking, China

No. 194 25th March 1944

Situation Report 24th March Sultan for MILID CRAX
194 info NECAL CINO SWPA Dorn Hearn.

R/S
Arakan MJA British successfully attacked estimated
200 enemy 5 miles Southeast Naungdaw, enemy withdrew 2 miles
southward. Minor clashes on main front line and in Kaledan
River Area. Chin Hills Chiadwin River, enemy resistance
strong vicinity of roads blocks Northwest Tonzang, British
evacuated landing strip near Tamu; fighting continues in
Ukrul Area; estimated 40 Japanese have infiltrated to area
4 miles Northeast Imphal, North Burma, on allied right flank
Chinese troops advanced southward and made contact with enemy
of unreported strength 9 miles South Tasu Bum, fighting
continues 4 miles North Shaduzup. 12 enemy killed and 10
wounded in British ambush of Japanese platoon 15 miles South
Southwest Sumprabum.

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From: CG U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma and India,
Rear Echelon New Delhi, India

To: War Department

No: ORA 187, 25th March 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD ORA 187.

Summary for week ending 22nd March.

(1) USA: 16th March, 7 P40's probably sank 2 launches at Yochow and bombed barracks and stores area at Sianning. Severe damage with many Jap casualties. 1 locomotive destroyed.

17th March, 2 B25's bombed lumber stores and saw mills at Ben Thuy (near Vinh). 1 plane believed lost.

18th March, at Kiuwing 16 P40's strafed a 300 foot transport vessel and sank 1 large sailboat. Of 7 Japs intercepting 1 was confirmed. 1 P40 missing. 2 B24's on sweep from Hongkong to Formosa destroyed 1 flying boat. 2 B25's bombed airdrome at Nanchang, results unknown. Escort of 12 P40's damaged 1 tug, 1 barge and several river dredges at Shansanohen. At Haiphong 4 P40's sank 2 cargo junks 100 feet long and damaged 2. Then damaged a 400 foot suspension bridge, strafed troop column and destroyed 1 locomotive 10 miles north.

19th March, no report received.

20th March, northwest of Quang Yen 10 P40's destroyed a 200 foot barge, damaged 2 boats 150 feet and 1 boat 175 feet. Sals fighters sank a 150 foot vessel at Cam Pha Port and damaged a 100 bridge to the north. Then damaged a 150 foot railroad bridge at Than Mai.

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21st March on Formosa Strait 2 B24's destroyed a Jap flying boat.

22nd March, 4 B25's destroyed locomotive mast of Phu Dien Chau, left 2 freight cars burning north of Tan Hoa, destroyed locomotive at Dong Gias and bombed 3 rive steamers 125 feet long near Nam Dinh.

(2) Chinese Air, US Ground ACD Chinese Ground nil for period.

(3) In Kiangsu Province Japs believed moving up detachments of Guerrillas.

(4) Ledo Road progress report follows: forward survey party is 35 miles along new road trace beyond Shingbwiang. Lead deser is 28 miles past Shingbwiang. Final grading is complete through Shingbwiang and for 5.5 miles beyond. Metalling is continuous through 92.1 mile and for 2.5 miles from Shingbwiang. Rainfall for period is negligible. Convoys of heavy trucks travel to Maingkwan; Jeep convoys go to and from Walabum.

May indicate following projected route - Shingbwiang - Makaw - Walabum - (see Butcher's map)

(5) Changes in British dispositions: 4 Corps (Imphal) 4 Corps at Aohambikei (2 miles north of Imphal). 50 Parachute Brigade at 21-33 miles north northeast of Imphal. 17 Division, 4 miles north northwest of Tonxang. 48 Brigade, 4 miles north by west of Tonxang. 63 Brigade, 3 miles north northwest of Tonxang. 20 Division Mowah. 32 Brigade, 2 miles southeast of Tamu. 80 Brigade, 8 miles northwest of Tamu. 100 Brigade at Moweh. 23 Division, 3 miles south of Khuaiyum. 37 Brigade, 3 miles south southeast of Khuaiyum. 49 Brigade, 3 miles south of Khuaiyum. 123 Brigade, 8 miles northwest of Imphal. 15 Corps (Arakan) 59 Brigade at Malpenny. 26 Division, no change reported. 36 Brigade, 1 1/2 miles east of Buthidaung. 29 Brigade at Wabyin. 5 Brigade, 6 miles southwest of Kaladan. 6 Brigade, 6 miles southwest of Kaladan.

POST ALL This on new map (including BDE's)

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INFORMATION: CG AAF, G-2, Col Mathewson, Log

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To: SACSEA
From: Chiefs of Staff
Rptd: J.S.M., Washington
Dated: March 24, 1944

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By RHP, NLR, Date

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COSSEA 80

Following from Chiefs of Staff. United States Chiefs of Staff have circulated a paper in the following sense. **BEGINS.**

We have reconsidered plans set out in CCS 417/2. We now intend to seize Palaus in late summer and develop them as an intermediate base and to occupy Mindanao in the fall of this year. These operations will enable us in early 1945 to obtain a lodgment on Formosa, or at least to occupy Luzon. In order to give maximum support to these operations, and the subsequent advance towards Japan, it is essential that a supreme effort should be made to build up the air strength in China as well as to continue to contain large enemy forces of all types in the South East Asia Theater. [It is conclusive to us that the greatest accomplishment that can be achieved by Admiral Mountbatten is to secure Myitkyina with the object of providing an immediate increase of the air transport capacity to China.] The AXIOM team has agreed that the success of such action would also provide for the flow of gasoline to China within four months after securing the line Monywa-Shwebo-Lashio or the line Indaw (Oil)-Katha-Loiwing since in either case an invasion pipeline could be laid via Tengechung to Paoshan. Furthermore, operations to attain these objects would certainly provide a suitable diversion for the Pacific advance. The increased capacity of the Assam line of communications and the success of recent operations in Arakan and the Hukawng Valley, together with the brilliantly executed airborne operations of the L.R.P. groups, indicate that the difficulties previously emphasized in Burma operations may have been considerably overestimated. We are inclined to take a more optimistic view than has been previously expressed of the objectives that are possible of attainment by our forces in that theater. We urge again, therefore, that the necessary

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By RHP, NLR, Date

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directive be issued to Admiral Mountbatten to undertake the most vigorous action to capture Upper Burma during the remainder of this dry season, throughout the monsoon, and next fall, in order to increase the capacity of the air transport line to China and expedite the laying of a pipeline to that country. ENDS

2. We are telegraphing Washington that we cannot reply until we have consulted you.

3. You will remember that last month (see our OZ 1042 of February 25th) we told the United States Chiefs of Staff that we agreed with you that the IV Corps could not "seize the Shwebo-Monywa area before the next monsoon, and that even if it succeeded in doing so, it would not be possible for it to hold this area during the monsoon." We added that you did not "anticipate that the Ledo Force could capture Myitkyina in time to complete the road across the Hukawng Valley, or that if they did so, it would be possible for them to hold it". We therefore concluded that instructions to you "should be to develop, maintain and protect the air link with China" observing that your forces engaged were, in our view "sufficient in combination with a strong air offensive to occupy the line Singkalin-Shadazup-Sumprabum, and thus provide reasonable protection for the air route".

4. Please let us know whether you adhere to, or wish to modify, the opinions expressed in the above telegram, bearing in mind the following:--

- (i) The acceleration of the U. S. program in the Pacific.
- (ii) The initial successes that you have gained, and in particular the very satisfactory start to the airborne operations of the L.R.P. groups.
- (iii) The extent to which the possession of the Myitkyina airfields is necessary for the protection of the air route to China.

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(iv) The Prime Minister's injunction that "you will not withdraw or withhold any forces from the campaign in Upper Burma for the sake of CULVERIN or any other amphibious operation."

5. Your report should include your estimate of the resources, particularly transport aircraft, which will be required in order to implement whatever policy you decide to recommend, together with your estimate of the extent to which the provision of these forces will affect the traffic over the Hump.

T.O.O. 242115Z

ACTION: CC/S

INPO: General Arnold
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General Bissell
Admiral King
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To: Usual addressees
No: 331/OPS March 24, 1944

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ARAKAN.

Part
A. WEST OF MAYU RANGE. About 200 Japanese infiltrated to area PM 3833 PM 3834 PM 3835 March 23. 5 Commando in cooperation with the attacked Japanese posn area PM 376335 attack reported successful.

B. EAST OF MAYU RANGE. Japanese forced to withdraw from posns area PYINSHE KALA PM 5547 March 23 1/8 GR attacked Japanese posns PM 5142 PM 5143 first objectives taken attack continuing

C. Locations.

7 Ind Div HQ	PM 467523
4/1 GR	PM 538513
HQ 89 Bde	PM 479606
4/8 GR	PM 4760
1/11 31kh	PM 4251
2 Kosb	PM 422703
4/15 Punjab	PM 508476
7/2 Punjab	PM 464522
1 Queens	PM 468478
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TWO.

KALADAN. Now believed that MATSUO Bn in KALADAN village probably consists of 5 Coy 143 Regt 7 Coy 144 Regt 3 MMG plus and Bn guns. Coy patrol area FM 9653 attacked by JAPANESE. Thirty four cas inflicted on enemy before contact broken.

THREE.

CHIN HILLS. Night 21/22 March enemy obtained footing TUITUM SADDLE RP 1117 but March 22 driven off with hy cas. Documents identify 214 Regt. Elements 1 Bn 215 Regt identified area MS 98 3 Bn 215 Regt believed area MS 109 17 Div attacked NORTH towards MS 109 making progress. Escaped PW reports enemy have removed about 50 lorry loads of stores from our FSD MS 109 which overrun night 16/17 MAR.

FOUR.

CHINDWIN.

A. Large numbers enemy MT MINTHAMI RP 7355. March 22 200 JAPANESE ambushed with hy cas RP 7991. Enemy later same day put in strong attack this area which was repulsed. 2 enemy lt tks destroyed. WO PW 7 Coy 2 Bn 215 Regt and 3 Med Arty Regt. Our cas 16. 1 Bn 60 Regt identified March 22 MOREH RP 7897 and elements 60 Regt March 23 area RK 7204. 250 enemy reported LIWA RK 4808 KUNTHAK RK 5008 moving NORTH.

B. HOMALIN area. 50 Para Bde in contact with enemy approx 1 Bn 22 March area SANGSHAK RK 7787. Our fwd tps withdrawn to SANGSHAK. 123 Bde less 2 Bns RK 2876. 1 W Yorks arrived by air MANIPUR Road.

FIVE.

HEEAWNG Valley. 64 Regt advanced against opposition to area NX 3116. 66 Regt after 3 enemy counter attacks advanced astride the rd to NX 3117. 2/113 Regt NX 4615. 1/113 Regt 3/113 Regt NX 5216. 5307 AMERICAN Rangers. 1 Bn NX 3814 2 Bns SC4078

T.O.O. 241730FG

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INFO: CGAAF, G-2, Col Mathewson, LOG

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Noumea, New Caledonia.
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia.
CG, Fourteenth Air Force Kunming, China.
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India, Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

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Situation report 23 March Sultan for MILID
CRAX 146 info Necal CINFO SWPA DORN HEARN.

Northern Burma, American and Chinese Forces occupied Shaduzup from the East; Chinese still in contact with elements of 2 Japanese Battalions 4 miles north Shaduzup. No other enemy opposition reported. Reinforced American Battalion astride main road 12 miles south Shaduzup. CHIN HILLS. Chindwin River, fighting continues against 2 enemy battalions protecting road blocks 9 and 14 miles northwest Tonzang; British destroyed 2 enemy tanks near Tamu; elements 60 regiment identified vicinity Tamu and 12 miles north thereof. Japanese Battalion forced British troops to withdraw West from Sangjing 7 miles south Ukhrul; enemy patrol reported 15 miles southwest Ukhrul. Arakan, 200 Japanese reported to have infiltrated northward to area 5 miles southeast Maungdaw; British captured enemy position 3 miles northwest Buthidaung. Along Kaladan River British caused 34 casualties in strong patrol action vicinity of confluence with Pi Chaung.

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SITREP 70

1. Arakan.

(A) West of Mayu Range. Believed enemy rein forced area south of Godusara PM 3831. Reports state enemy Tp movements from Hparabyin PM 5523 to PT 211 PM 4224 nights 18/19 and 19/20 March. Estimated strength this area 500. 44 Commando relieved 5 Commando in area Alethangyav latter moved Meungdaw. 72 Bde relieved 161 Bde area West Tunnel latter moved Kanyinden PM 3238.

(B) East of Mayu Range. Patrol clashes area Htindaw PM 4544 night 21/22 March. 1/8 GR and 8/13 FF RIF repulsed attacks area west and SW of Buthidaung night 21/22 March. Later 1/8 GR cleared enemy from north end feature PB 514429 and south end feature PM 51243. 5/16 PUNJAB area PM 4744 PM 4844. Mopping up PT 162 PM 4845 continues.

2. Kaladan. Enemy still in area Kaladan Village. Report states Kanpotlet route clear of enemy. Coy 1 SAL R raided enemy gun posns area Inbyaywa PM 4359 1600 hrs 21 March destroyed two guns captured some eqpt and identity disc which identifies 55 Div Cav Regt. Guns proved to be 37 MM A TK guns.

3. Chin Hills.

(A) Estimated two enemy Bns east of Manipur River south of Tamu. One of these reported Lenikot RP 2353 21

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March thought to be of 33 Div from Tonzang RP 1315. Enemy area MS 100 to MS 109 estimated two Bns being attacked by 17 Div from south and 37 Bde from north. Enemy posns Rp 0824 surrounded.

(B) Locations. 1 W Yorks MS 116 RP 0526 Hq 48 Bde moving along track Sakawng RP 0428 to track junc RP 0131.

4. Chindwin.

(A) Enemy Med Arty active Tamuarea 21 and 22 March. Hq 3 Bn 213 Regt reported Laiching RP 7395 and 9 Coy identified this area. No Japanese reported RD Imphal - Tamu up to 1200 hrs 22 March but identification 33 Div Engr Regt UK 7007.

(B) Homalin - Tamanthi Area. Fifty Japanese reported Litan RK 6481 21 March. En from 123 Bde despatched to meet this threat.

(C) Locations Shere Regt Area Kohima. 153 Para Bn area RK 6782.

5. Hukawng Valley. One Bn 5307 American Rangers Redch Einglunkawn NX 4613. 1/113 Chinese Regt Jaiva GA NX 5316. Hq 64 Regt 2/64 Regt NX 3318 1/64 Regt NX 3216. 3/66 Regt NX 3118.

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Brisbane, Australia
CG 14th Air Force Kunning, China
CG U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma and India,
Forward Echelon Chungking, China

No: CRAX 95 23rd March 1944

Situation report 22nd March Sultan for Bissell info
HECAL CINC SWPA Dorn Hearn CRAX 95.

Hukawng valley: On Allied left flank Chinese troops advanced to Tinglungkawn area 8 miles east northeast Shaduzup; Other Chinese troops meeting strong enemy resistance 4 miles north Shaduzup. American force in flanking movement from the east have reached vicinity of Manpin, 10 miles north northeast Kamaing. No evidence of enemy reinforcements in forward areas other than elements of 114th Regiment. Japanese 55th Regiment estimated at 1/3 strength and 56th Regiment at 2/3 strength. Indications are enemy will continue delaying tactics and withdraw toward Kamaing.

Sumprabum: Allied troops continue attacks on enemy withdrawing south from Sumprabum town.

Arakan: No change, several clashed in tunnels area

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and vicinity Buthidaung; Strong British patrols have reached confluence PI and Kaladan rivers.

Chin Hills: Japanese artillery shelled Tamu area; British attacking 2 road blocks 9 and 14 miles northwest Tonzang. Westward movement from Chindwin river continues; Estimated 2 Battalions advancing west on 2 trails have reached points 12 and 20 miles northwest Thaugdut; Leading elements of an estimated Regiment have reached Ukhrul, 33 miles northeast Imphal; and leading patrols of a third force estimated at a Regiment advancing west on 3 trails have reached points generally 35 miles west of Thauanthi. Consider almost entire 33rd Division committed in Chin Hills and Kabaw valley with bulk of 1 Regiment of 15th Division and 2 estimated Regiments of 31st Division north of Thaugdut and west of Chindwin. If not delivered elsewhere, consider 2 additional Regiments available for offensive action toward Northeast India.

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Rptd: Joint Staff Mission, Washington

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Personal for Prime Minister rptd Chiefs of Staff from Mountbatten.

As instructed herewith the latest Burma news.

2. Mawlu was captured by Wingate's 77 Brigade on 16/17 March using 38, 63 and 80 columns. The estimated Japanese casualties were 130 dead and 300 wounded and over 100 Japanese bodies were recovered after close fighting. Our own casualties were 22 dead, 60 wounded.

3. On the 14th March the Japanese captured our positions at Tuitum RP 1217 just south of the Manipur bridge and established a road block there. This was cleared most successfully during the night 17/18 March by 63 Brigade who broke up the Japanese into small parties and inflicted 3 to 400 casualties on them.

4. Latest report from 4 Corps states that 135 Japanese dead were counted in the area Milestone 98 and 100 on the Imphal/Tiddim road after this had been cleared by the 23 Division on the 18th March.

5. Our own casualties during the operations described in the last two paragraphs were very light.

6. In the Kaledan recently one Company of 7/16 Punjabs fought a successful action during its move back to Satpaung PG 7728 during which 35 Japanese were killed for the loss of 2 killed and 3 wounded on our side.

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7. The satisfactory feature about all these figures is the feeling of confidence it induces in our troops.
8. Withdrawal of 17 Div across the Manipur river now successfully completed. Am withdrawing non-combatant personnel from Imphal Plain to ease maintenance situation.
9. The fly-in of the leading brigade of the 5th Division complete with mules and jeeps to the Imphal Plain was completed on 20th March well ahead of our most optimistic forecasts. There is no doubt that transport aircraft are the key to successful operations in Burma.
10. Request copies of this signal be passed to AXIOM.

T.O.O. 220420FG

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By *RKP* Date *DEC 11 1972*

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ONE: ARAKAN.

(A) West of Maurang. Our tks have destroyed some enemy bunkers on top of West tunnel PM 4141 and OPS to clear tunnel continue 51 Bde relieving 9 Bde in REK PT 614 PM 4431 KANBYIN PM 4036 CHIRADAN PM 3732 while 72 Bde taking over area ZABIL PM 3639 PM 4040 BAKKA-BONNA PM 3542 previously held by 51 Bde. 6 OXFS Bucks (74 Bde) arrived BAWLI BAZAAR.

(B) East of SAYURAN ME. Patrol activity only. Enemy in area LETWEDET CHAUNG PM 4443 reported strengthening his posns. 36 Bde is relieving 89 Bde in area PM 4844 PM 5147 SINOBYIN PM 5947.

TWO: KALADAN. Patrol activity and some enemy shelling.

THREE: CHIN HILLS. Enemy strength unknown attacked TONZANG RP 1316 night 18/19 Mar. but were ambushed and released. 20 Mar 17 Div between M3 114 and M3 124 RP 1122 moving North. 37 Bde area M399 in contact. Approx one BN enemy still on rd between 17 Div and 37 Bde. 49

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Bde less 4 MAHRATTASNUREA MS 82 RO 9449. Small party Japs TONGLAI RP 9756. In enemy attack on MS 109 area night 16/17 Mar PSD overrun and enemy believed obtained some supplies.

FOUR: CHINDWIN.

- (A) KABAW VALLEY. Captured maps indicate boundaries between 15 Div and 33 Div for present operation as line MINTHA YARIPOK RK 4747. Enemy moving West parallel to and South of TAMU PALEL RD reported reached RKS 6803 3 miles East of ANGBRESHU. No Japs reported on TAMU Rd morning 20 Mar. MF activity seen between MYOTHIT SP0128 and THANAN SF 0638. Japs coy reported BONGLE RK 7231 but NOT confirmed. TK engagement took place area MANMAW RM 7784 20 Mar four enemy tks destroyed probably five for probable loss one of ours. 20 Div concentrated in Bde boxes. 32 Bde area TAMUHESIN RP 8290 operating against Japs Forces. 80 Bde in box at SIBONG RK 7305. 100 Bde less 14/13 FF RIF in box at MOREH RP 7898*.

OTHER LOCATIONS. 14/13 FF RIF area CHAKPI KARONG RP 3389 MOMPI RY 3776 KAANGBAROL RP 4977. HQ 20 Div SHENAM RK 5513.

- (B) HOMALIN. Jap Force which crossed CHINDWIN this area now thrusting towards UKHIUL and have reached LUITHUN RK 8595 and engaged by our tps comprising 152 Bn 153 Bn 50***Para Bde and 4/5 MAHRATTA area RK 9091

OTHER LOCATIONS. 1 Bde of 23 Div concentrated WANGJING RK 4856. 123 Bde of 5 Div completed concentration by air IMPHAL 20 Mar except for train and rd parties.

- (C) TAMANTHI. Japs thrust from this area reported 20 Mar left area KONKAILON SA 2433 for PANSAT SA 2140. Comment. PANSAT is on main track from TAMANTHI 115 miles

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East of KOHIMA. Own tps evacuated LAYSHI SA 4343
17 Mar

FIVE: HUKAWNG VALLEY. On right flank 1/65 Regt captured
PUMNWA GA NW 81. Enemy rearguard with drawing in
disorder. In centre Chinese tps now reached NX 2927
and NX 3217 and battle for high ground North of
SHADUZUP NX 2908 in progress enemy offering fairly
Hy resistance. Two Bns 5307 American Rangers making
wide flanking move to East of main Chinese force have
reached TATE GA NX 6110 while third Bn in lesser
flanking move has reached NX 5119.

SIX: NORTH BURMA. Japs wide unsuccessful attack on
NPYENTAWNG NY2294 offering Hy casualties. Own
tps captured SUMPRABUM further details awaited.

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Chungking China AM 563

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Sultan for MILID M 81, NECAL N 46, CINC SWPA C 64,
Dorn AK 331, Hearn AM 563.

Allied troops reoccupied Pissu (2 miles northeast Sumprabum) and captured Sumprabum. Hukwang Valley, enemy withdrew from position 4 miles east Jambu Bum; Japanese with artillery support attacked Chinese positions North Jambu Bum, Chinese counterattack captured Jambu Bum, enemy suffered heavy losses.

Chinese troops now 6 miles north northwest and American troops 10 miles west northwest Shaduzup. On west flank Chinese troops captured Luanwa Ga, 3 miles south Tasu Bum.

Situation report 19th and 20th March. Arakan, Hill mass 2 miles west Htindav captured by British; operations against enemy positions in tunnels area on main road 1 to 2 miles southwest Htindav making slow progress. Estimated 7 wave strength enemy battalions along main front line with weak reserve; unless reinforced enemy offensive action very improbable; indications enemy may withdraw south to shorter line. No change on Kaladan River. Chin Hills, British inflicted over 300 casualties in successful attack on enemy road block at Tuitum (16 miles north Tiddin). Road still blocked at 2 points, 9 miles north and 14 miles northwest Tonzang. In Kabav valley enemy captured Witok (15 miles

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south southwest Tamu); enemy tanks operating in this area.
Along Chindwin River from Thaugdut to Thamanthi no
additional crossings reported; estimated 4 battalions,
possibly 2 regiments, west of river with small parties
moving west along trails toward Imphal and Kohima.

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19 March 1944

AK 322 Sultan for MILID M 79, WECAL R 45, CINCPAC SWPA O 63, Dorn and Hearn AM 540. Situation report 17th and 18th March.

In Chin Hills Arka Japanese advance up Kabaw valley and Manipur river and across Chindwin river continues. Penetration of Manipur state has occurred west of Tagu and west and northwest Homalin. These penetrations do not exceed 10 miles. Hukwang valley Tasu Bum occupied by Chinese troops and heavy fighting developed 7 miles north northeast Shadupup. In Arakan British continue offensive against tunnels area from south and west; Japanese still hold tunnels (6 miles east northeast Maungdaw) British troops astride of Chaung in area 6 miles southwest Kaladan village; Since night 15th/16th March no contact.

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Summary follows reurad W 789 AAG,

India, A. Extreme optimism prevails regarding outcome of Burma campaign. Stilwell is making good progress along Ledo Road against slight ground opposition and none from enemy air. Substantially all supplies to combat area must currently be delivered by air as road detours around Hukawng Valley to avoid coming seasonal flood lands. Overland transport to Shingbuiyang reasonably satisfactory however. Mogahng and possibly Myitkyina may be reached by June with pipeline completed to latter point by September. Theatre estimates late fall as completion date of 6 inch Calcutta Assam line. //

B. 3 LRFGS totaling 12,000 men are in Burma, exclusive of Merrill's SRPG which is supporting Stilwell, of which 8,000 were flown in with all equipment and mules. Three mules is maximum number per aircraft. 1 LRPG plans to remain astride railroad vicinity Indav during monsoon, 2nd LRPG to work east then north toward Stilwell, 3rd has already forced sufficient Japanese withdrawal to permit Imphal forces to cross Chindwin. After Myitkyina is taken, a fighter unit installed, and with EAC continued neutralization of LOCs to south it should be safe to plan on air transport command 20,000 tons per month to China by fall staging once per round trip at Myitkyina. //

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C Strategic targets in Burma Siam do not exist. Mining and bombing have largely neutralized Rangoon and Moulmein as ports while shipping for Bangkok is forced to use islands to the south.

D Air transport command, in order to maintain hump tonnage, has to fly large tonnage of gas from Calcutta to Assam. This will probably continue until pipeline is in operation.

E In redeployment India must be considered more as a maintenance, supply and reserve area for China than as a combat theatre where not more than an additional 2 fighter groups, 1 medium or light, 2 heavy, 2 TC groups and 2 recon squadrons can be usefully brought to bear against the enemy. Perhaps 1 or 2 additional heavy groups might be useful to maintain interdiction of southern ports, discredit Japs with satellites and render occasional tactical support by pure weight of attack but only if not more urgently require elsewhere.

F EAC capabilities to interdict Salween Loc will prevent drive on Kunming from Burma.

China, (A) Japs are believed to be about to attempt pincer movement between Yellow and Yangtze Rivers in effort to close gap in Peking Hankow railroad. This is probably an attempt to establish new Loc to Yangtze spearhead hard pressed for supplies due to 14th Air Force activity along river including mining the mouth of Yangtze. Chennaults request for acoustic mines arises from his intention to close the Yangtze. Chinese with Chennault's support are now

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maneuvering in defense of Pincer movement.

B Stilwell believes that Jap war government will move to Manchukuo, if home islands are successfully blockaded, making probable a final showdown in China. While possible, there are political, social and religious considerations which might well preclude such a move.

C Chennault states that with his coverage of Gulf of Tonkin from Kiuohow the enemy is incapable of supporting Drive from Pynoi to Kunming. He believes 4 fighter groups amply supplied from present airfields is sufficient to establish and maintain air superiority over Canton Hongkong area and the same strength for same task over Formosa if airfields and supplies are made available in vicinity of China coast.

D The arrival of our forces in Myitkyina should shame Yoke forces into action thereby permitting completion of pipeline to Kunming. If they do not take action their continued air transport command support is a complete waste of effort.

E 40,000 tons per month by air transport command is most that can be hoped for after establishing Burma line north of Mandalay, limiting factor being airfield sites in Kunming area. This tonnage with possible 10,000 tons POL by 4 inch pipeline, allowing for withdrawals at Myitkyina, would support an augmented 14th Air Force plus normal operations for 8 air troops. Loc east of Kunming will of course have to be augmented by pipeline to Kseilin plus present plans for surface transportation between Kutsing and Tushan which

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is most critical now.

F Chennault desires closer communications with US submarine forces in order to coordinate operations against Jap shipping. Cornwell will present his matter at Pearl enroute home.

General (A) Stilwell believes Jap air production appreciably less than G-2 estimates, pointing out lack of new models, experienced pilots and unwillingness to accept punishing air combat on all fronts.

B In considerations bearing on air matters there is an obviously improving condition of cooperation and willingness to pull together among the radically differing nationalities and personalities in China Burma India. Each improvement is directly traceable to Stratemeyer.

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NO: 231/OPS 19th March

By RAP Date DEC 11 1972

SITREP 66

1. ARAKAN. West of MAYU RANGE. 3/14 PUN AB ... opies feature PM 442320 and PT 614 PM 4431 without opposition. Attack by 4 RWK on enemy poans Area PM 418419 held up on 17th MARCH. Locations 3 SS BDE relieved 81 WA RECCE REGT night 17/18 MARCH area KANYIRDAN PM 3723. 17 MAHRATTA AREA PM 3740.

2. KALADAN. Own Tps ambushed enemy party PM 930600.

3. CHIN HILLS. 63 BDE successfully attacked enemy poans area RP1117 and broke RD block. Enemy suffered heavy CAS. 77 DIV concentrating area MS 120RP0723 to BR MS127RP1322. Estimated one JAP BN with INF Guns reported area MS98/100 17th March. 3/5 GR R09449.

4. CHINDWIN. Own tps beat off two attacks area WITOK RP7166 night 16/17 MARCH. In withdrawal from WITOK 17 MARCH own TFS were attacked twice both sides suffered cas. Enemy previously reported area LIBING RP6794 stated heading for TAMU 17th MARCH. Enemy force strength NOT known contacted on track MAIPIKUKI RK6700 and RESHU RK6103 moving north west 18th MARCH.

5. HUKAWNG VALLEY 5307 Rangers area NX5027 1/65 NW 8431. HQ64 REGT 2/64 3/64 Area TINGKAWK NX 32. 1/66 NX 3323. HQ113 RFGT NX 4436 1/113 NX 4423. 2/113 Area NX 4427. 3/113 LAGA GA NX 4442. HQ112 REGT LANGANG GA NX 3247. 2/112 area NX 4335. 3/112 DING BOI GA NX 3846.

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To: War Department
No: W 789 18 March 1944

Arnold for Hansell and Loutzenheiser signed Kuter W 789 AAG.

Attention signals CGAAF secret security message follows.

At Ceylon A summary was prepared of our operational planning views on leaving China Burma India. Prior to take off for Australia, Stratemeyer wired that planning directive from Arnold would require curtemporary return to Delhi for extensive further discussions. Before opening these discussions the following summary is presented and a fresh view which may be of value in planning in Washington. Cornwell and Billo have elaborated and request this message particular be passed to Bieri and Handy respectively. Summary follows.

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ONE: ARAKAN.

By RHP Date DEC 11 1972

(A) West of MAYU Range. Relief of 5 IND Div by 25 IND Div commenced. 51 relieved 123 Bde are RAZABIL-REKHAT CRAUNG 0700 hrs 17 Mar. 1/1 PUNJAB occupied ridge PM425407 unopposed. 3/9 JAT captured feature PM4337 16 Mar. JAPS still hold posns area West tunnel PM4141. 2/LANCS Regt attack on PT1301 PM4144 17 Mar Failed to dislodge enemy on identity discs found PM432464 identifies 112 Regt.

(B) East of MAYU Range. 2 KOSB with tks and by arty SP attacked and gained NW corner PT162 PM4846. PUNKORI PM490475 also occupied. 4/8 GR occupied feature PM504462 and 1/11 SIKH PM503456

(C) Locations. 2 RWF relieved 1/17 DOGRA area PM3942. TWO: KALADAN.

(A) NO contact. V force report NO enemy PALETWA PM8996. Ref SITREP 64 para two. Thirty of thirtyfour missing AORS returned.

(B) Locations. HQ 5 WA Bde PM946617. 5 GCR PM9461. 7 GCR PM9561. 8 GCR PM9462. Patrol dets based PM8965 and PM9168. HQ 6 WA Bde 1 GAMBIA PM9261. 1 SAL R 4 NR area PM9260. 11 EA scouts PM9362.

THREE: CHIN Hills.

(A) Enemy rd block near TUTUM RP1217 NOT yet clear. Enemy believed about one Bn heavily attacked our posns MS109RP0129 morning 17 March penetrating part of our FDL S. 3/5 RGR pushed back to MS98 R09737 by strong enemy force 17 March.

(B) Locations. 3/5 RGR Coy 9 JAT TP 7 Cav MS98. TAC HQ 23 Div HQ 37 Bde 3/10 GR 49 Bde less 4 MAHRATTA one Sqn 7 Cav area MS82RP9450

FOUR: CHINDWIN.

(A) KABAW Valley South. Quiet. Now confirmed one Coy enemy HOLKHOM RP5549 one Coy reported AIBOL RP4761. Two Coys JAPS attacked LENIKOT RP2453. Another two Coys reported CHANGHOL RP6271 one PL PT 1878RP6262.

(B) KABAW Valley North. Enemy reported in MYOTHT SP0123. Earlier report stated two Bns JAPS approaching this area.

(C) HOMALIN Area. V force report estimated about one Bn in hills 16 miles West of HOMALIN but NO further adv reported up to night 16/17 March. Party fifty JAPS reported heading SA 6844 on rd TAMANTHILAYSHI SA4443 estimated one

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Regt enemy probably engaged in crossings between incl
HOMALIN to incl TAMANTRI with largest force in most
Southern area.

(D) Locations. 100 Bde less 14/13 FF Rif area MANMUNTA
CHAUNG RP 7575 MANMAW RP7784. 32 Bde less 1 NORTHAMPTON
area North of PUTTH RP 8268. 1 NORTHAMPTON NAKALA RP
7888. 1 Bde less 1 PATIALA WANGJING RK4737. 1 PATIALA
TENGNOPAL RK6012. HQ 80 Bde 1 DEVON KUNTAUNG RK8015*
9/12 FF R less three Coys YANGOUPOFKI RK8722 Coy each
area THAUNGDUK SF22 MINTHA RK9117 PT5955** SF1137.
HQ 50 Para Bde RK7690.

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Info: Joint Staff Mission, MACHIN
From: SACSEA
SEACOS 118

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SM 522-71
By RAP Date DEC 11 1972

Following for Chiefs of Staff repeated JSM Washington, MACHIN from Mountbatten.

General Stilwell has reported to me that if his advance continues as he confidently expects he will require another division to afford relief for some part of his existing 3 divisions and sustain the effort. He would prefer this additional division to be Chinese in order to have a homogeneous force and that it should come from the Yunnan Force whose officers have already received some American training. I strongly support this request and would much prefer the fresh division to be Chinese. Not only would it be extremely difficult to find a British or Indian division but also the maintenance of a Chinese division would throw much less additional strain on the lines of communication.

The increase would amount to about 12,000 men over the present total of 58,000 now in Ramgarh and operating in Burma. There should be no difficulty in moving the personnel and light equipment out of China by returning ATC aircraft.

The difficulties which previously held good in your COS (India) 164 do not seem now to apply. I have consulted the Viceroy and C-in-C India both of whom agree to the proposal.

General Stilwell thinks that the Generalissimo may hesitate to release a division from the Yunnan Force unless the approach is made to him by the Prime Minister and President acting through General Carton de Wiart and General Hearn jointly. I hope therefore that this method of approach will be adopted.

The American LRP Group (5307 composite unit) has done admirable work and General Stilwell is very anxious that a second similar unit should be provided to provide reliefs in rotation. The intention is to use this unit in conjunction with the Ledo Force

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and not with British Forces. I am confident of the operational need for this second unit and trust that the American Chiefs of Staff will agree to provide it.

Request JSM pass copies of this signal to AXIOM and MACHIN to General Carton de Wiart.

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TO: Chiefs of Staff
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By RAH Date DEC 11 1972

Following for Prime Minister and Chiefs of Staff from Mountbatten.

I have just returned from visiting General Stilwell on the Ledo front and I thought you might like to have a brief account of our activities in the main areas.

2. Hukaung Valley. I have already reported to you the recent striking successes of the Chinese-American Combat Force in the Hukaung Valley in my telegram SAC 977 of the 9th March. General Stilwell is most optimistic that he will advance some distance to the southward even to Mogaung and Myitkyina. I hope it is appreciated that the advanced element of this force are supplied practically entirely by air on the same lines as Wingate is which accounts to some extent for the speed of their advance.

3. If the Chinese-American Combat Force advances as far as Mogaung and Myitkyina, General Stilwell has warned me that a fourth division will be essential. In view of the manpower situation I consider this extra division should be a Chinese one and the more so as it will be the easiest way from the logistic point of view of assimilating the fourth division into this force. The

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Viceroy and C. in C. India concur in this proposal which I am making separately in SEACOS 118. I hope therefore it will be acceptable to you and the President and that the Generalissimo will be pressed strongly to agree.

4. L.R.P.G. Wingate's operations have already been reported during my absence in SEACOS 111. At a total cost of 120 casualties approximately 12,000 men and 1200 animals of the Third Indian Division are now within a circle of fifty miles radius centre Indaw area.

5. BROADWAY Airfield latitude 24' 40" North, Longitude 96' 45" East, is now occupied by British and American fighters and defended by one troop of Field Artillery and one troop of A/A Artillery with a dug in stronghold which will be held.

6. Of the three brigades, 77 Bde. under Calvert is intending to block permanently all road and rail communications to the north, 111 Bde. under Lentaigne will operate against road and railway Muntac-Indaw and will block Mandalay-Bhamo communications. 16 Bde. under Fergusson which is descending on Banmuk and Indaw via the Upper Mesa Valley has already encountered and ambushed successfully several enemy patrols.

7. Strongholds are to be established as soon as possible by 111 and 16 Bdes. The enemy has been completely surprised and the situation is promising. In fact, it may well turn out to have been fortunately timed in relation to the Japanese attack on the 4th Corps area.

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8. Number one Air Commando has now been working with Wingate for about 4 weeks and during this period its aircraft have flown all over Burma, obtaining information invaluable for the successful launching of the operation. For example, intrusion of P-51 for three days in succession over Mandalay revealed heavy concentrations moving on certain routes and constant photographing and strafing on the railway from Shwebo to Mohnyin revealed numerous locomotives and stocks. Again it was photographs by this Commando which revealed the blocking of Piccadilly by the enemy in time to prevent a disaster.

9. This force has worked out a new technique of close support of L.R.P. forces with 75 mm. guns and bazookas and in addition they have carried out the only successful experiment of which I know of drenching an area with fuel and setting it alight in support of Infantry.

10. The light planes of this force have flown continuously over Burma in the hours of daylight and have already evacuated over 100 sick and wounded men.

11. The outstanding feat however of this force is the construction of the BROADWAY Airfield. Great credit must go to Colonel Cochran and his force who accomplished this striking effort of preparing and bringing into use an airfield so far inside the enemy's lines.

12. The spirit of Number one Air Commando is splendid and I consider the great value of this type of air support for L.R.P. operations of the Wingate type has already been demonstrated during the past few weeks. I very much hope that we shall see the production of further Air Commandos at an early date.

13. I need hardly say that the Troop Carrier Command deserve great credit in connection with the flying of Wingate's forces. This hazardous operation was carried out with an efficiency beyond praise.

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14. 4th Corps. On the front the Japanese have been massing three divisions with the intention of capturing the Imphal Plain where they would find abundant food and all weather landing grounds thereby constituting a direct threat to the HUMP traffic route. I have set out details of the operations in full together with the air supply problem in my telegram SEACOS 112 and 113.

15. Arakan. 15th Corps one week after successful defensive battle has resumed the offensive in Arakan. The two outlying bastions of the Japanese main positions at Razabil and Sinhobin have been captured after severe fighting. Hand to hand struggles in deep dugouts and chambers inside hills resulted in heavy Japanese casualties. Prisoners state they were ordered to hold to the last and Japanese officers committed suicide.

16. In Kaledan Valley West Africans who supplied by air had advanced well against slight opposition met with setback when first encountering stronger enemy resistance and have withdrawn to west of Kaledan village where they are reorganising and will resume offensive. They have succeeded in one of their objects which was to draw Japanese forces from main front in Arakan.

17. Request J.S.M. pass copies of this signal to AXIOM.

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SITREP 64.

ONE: ARAKAN.

(A) West of Mayu Range. Ops to clear area West tunnel PM41 proceeding satisfactorily with elements 161 Bde occupying feature immediately on top of this tunnel. 4*(RWK)* occupied enemy posn PM 420414 capturing wounded PW2 coy 1 Bn 143 Regt. Enemy harassed our posns area PP 4337 night 15/16 Mar. Enemy destroyed BR PM 416417 night 15/16 Mar. 1/1 PUNJAB cleared PT 1267 PE34239 16 March.

(B) East of Mayu Range. V force 32 reports three hundred plus Japs at PM 4930 also B3 report states one hundred and fifty Japs PM5522. Further V Force ingraded report states three hundred Japs with mules moved to PM 5445 from ZADIDAUNG PM5443 night 14/15 March. Patrol activity by both sides area HTINDAW PM4444. 7 Div patrols report main enemy defences PT 162 features PM 4846 on North and East faces. 4/8 GR encountered opposition form features PM 504462 TP PM 506469 and near by hills.

(C) LOCATIONS.

4/8 GR less two cols PM 507437.
4/1 GR relieved 5/1 PUNJAB. 4/1 Gr under comd 114 Bde.
5/1 PUNJAB under comd 26 Div area PT 121 HM 5048.

TWO: KALADAN.

Enemy attacked coy posn 4 NR PM928540 14 Mar. Coy withdrew to area PT 481 PM9255. Own casualties one offr four AOR's wounded thirty four AOR's missing. Thirty five enemy casualties claimed. Reported enemy movement across PICHANG area KHAMMANY PM9369 night 13/14 Mar was from East to West.

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Long range patrol reports enemy HQ PM977513. Bn comd 3
Bn 111 Regt killed.

THREE: CHIN HILLS.

(A) Own troops blocked road by demolitions at MS 12 MS 8 MS 6 MS 5 South of TIDDIM. 15 March own troops failed to break enemy rd block RP 1217 due to heavy enemy MMG fire but later cleared enemy from high ground East of block. Enemy rd block established MS 107 RP 0028 strength unknown 16 March two enemy posns area MS 100 RO 9734 captured. Enemy this area believed using 2 PDR A TK gun 16 Mar. Small enemy out flanking move reported directed on MS 89.

(B) **LOCATIONS.** HQ 48 Bde 2/5 RGR area BELTANG LUI RU 1047. 9 border 177 GR RP 1005. 63 Bde area TUITIM RP 1217 SIALMONG RP 1417 PHAITU RP 1715 5/6 RAJ RIF MS 82 RO 9550.

FOUR: CHINDWIN:

KABAW Valley. Enemy attacked PUTTHA RP 8168 night 15/16 Mar. and our gun posn on UYU at PHUTHA on morning 16 March. Attacks unsuccessful twenty enemy killed eleven corpses found and two PW captured incl one lieutenant. These identified as belonging 2 BN 215 Regt. Comment. This unit previously identified this area but believed moved to West MANIPUR river with main body 215 Regt. May identify small DET left behind. Elements 14 TK regt identified area WITCK RP 716 Comment. This regt already known to exist in BURMA. Japanese report LAICHANG RP 6487 now stated only twenty strong have moved LIBUNG RP 6795.

(B) Two Japanese colns each estimated about three coys crossed CHINDWIN one 2 miles North THAUNG DUT SF21 and one between TONHE SF1835* and SAHPE SF 1941 night 15/16 Mar. Colns reported 1200 hrs 16 March to have attacked our rd blocks SF 0632 SF 1036. Northern coln reported reached area SI 239 2395. Japanese attack on our OP CHAMMU SF 1393 16 Mar believed repulsed. Our patrol inflicted twenty casualties on enemy party in boats on CHINDWIN near TAMANTHI 15 Mar. 16 Mar one Bn Japanese reported crossed CHINDWIN now in area MANPA SA 6222 and NAUNG PIN SA 6316.

(C) **LOCATIONS.** 3/3 GR WAITHOU RK 3947. 1 Bde less 1 PATIALA WANGJING RK 4736.

FIVE: HUKAWNG VALLEY. Elements 5307 American Rangers reached NX6834. Elements 113 Regt area NX 4232. HQ 64 Regt NX 3330 Fwd BN 64 Regt NX 3329 with elements NX 3215. 66 regt moving abreast 64 regt with elements JAMBU BUM NX 2821. HQ 112 Regt 2 and 3 BNS LAGANG GA**NX 3247. Tks supporting 22 Div area South of CHANMOI NX 3144.

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The Governor General, General Seishiro Itagaki recently ordered drafted able bodied adults in Chosen, who will be sent to North Japan south seas. Seventeen transports left 17th January with first shipment of about 70,000 for Manila Haiphong Rangoon Singapore. 20th January about 30,000 comprising second shipment left on 9 transports for Kurile Islands Hokkaido. Formosa occupied areas and Chosen must be used to make up for Jap manpower losses. With 1500 men in each regiment 50,000 puppet troops detached from original units are to be organized into national defense engineer regiments. Two regiments to work on roads as fields have already been organized in * Honan. With main strength Jap Navy at Ogasawara Islands and part in Palau Island awaiting time for surprise

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China

To : War

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attack the Jap intention is to draw United States
naval strength to Philippines for decisive battle.
Opung city suburbs eastern part Luzon Island now has
new airfield. Result extension Suwu Island Philli-
pines airfield now can handle 200 planes. At Lascines
south of Manila, Masikina east of city and Pasig
southeast of city 3 new airfields are now opened. No
Jap battleships in east China Sea and Japan Sea at
present according to POW. * Jap naval authorities 2
patrol squadrons with base at Woosung composed 30
armed motor boats to patrol coast Kienyun port to
Chowshan Island has been formed.

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TO: War Office
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BAS Washington
GHQ Paiforce
Army Bangalore
Army Rawalpindi
H.Q. Brisbane (Pass COIC GHQ)

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SITREP 63.

ONE.

ARAKAN.

(A) WEST OF MAYU RANGE. Units of 3 SS Bde have occupied ST MARTINS ISLAND PM11. 44 RM Commando reembarked without incident morning 15 MAR casualties during actions two killed eleven wounded incl six offrs. 5 Commando landed ALETHANGYAW 14 MAR moving UDAUNG PM 4420. 29 Bde occupied PT 731 PM 3143 after heavy shelling. Enemy still hold PT 1301 PM 4144. 161 Bde made small adv occupying BM 341 PM 4141. Elements 9 Bde occupied PM 614 PM 4431.

(B) EAST OF MAYU RANGE. Own attack on feature PM 433440 morning 15 MAR held up by strong lmg and mortar fire. 7 Div patrols report enemy still on PT 162 PM 4844.

(C) Locations.

HQ 9 Bde (NALPANNYA)	PM 3536
W	
2/Yorks	PM 375371 PM 378358
	PM 383366
3/17 Punjab	Area PT 614

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3/9 JAT KANBYIN	PM4036PT 175 PM4135
3/2 PUNJAB NYAUNGGYAUNG	PM3537 HQ161 Bde 4 RWK area
	PM391291.
1/1 PUNJAB area	PM411395 PM407393.
4/7 RAJPUT Area	PT1079 PM4141.

TWO:

KALADAN.

(A) Own troops repulsed enemy attacks areas PM928540 PM934546 14 Mar. Patrol 7 GCR drove off small enemy party area KALAGYAUNG PM9161.

(B) LOCATIONS.

HQ 5 WA Bde
5 GCR
8 GCR
Coys 7 GCR 8 GCR
BIDONEGWAUNG
HQ 6 WA Bde
4 NR
1 GAMBIA
11 EA Scouts
1 TRIPURA RIF
Concentrated MOWDOK

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PM9292. ~~SP 122~~ letter, 7-5-2
PM9369. By RAIP Date DEC 11 1972
PM920569.
PM9254.
PM9257 PM9354.
PM9955.
RG6029.

THREE: CHIN HILLS.

Own troops drove Japanese from their posns KHUALUNG PT 8936 14th Mar civil source reports tracks CHAMLERAI RT7199 TIBUAL RT 8758 clear of enemy 13 Mar 37 Bde (less one Bn) plus 8QN 7 CAV moved MS82 TIDDIM RD RT9450 and their fwd elements have contacted enemy posns MS100. 15 Mar two Japanese posn reported East of TIDDIM RD between MS 103 R09832 and MS110 R01230. Japanese attack on MS 104 RP 0130 from EASR on night 14/15 Mar repulsed. TIDDIM RD still blocked 1200 hrs 15 Mar at TUTUM RP1118. Own troops now attacking. HQ 17 Ind LT Div RP1006.

FOUR: CHINDWIN.

(A) KABAW VALLEY. Night 14/15 Mar Japanese shelled WITOK

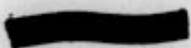
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RP7166. Elements 3 MED Arty Regt identified this area. Japanese reported captured our posn at LAICHING RP 6487. PW captured 14 Mar identified belonging 2 Bn 213 Regt. Two coys Japanese reported SITREP 62 now arrived HOLKHOM RP5549 and one PK reported HAINGZANG RP4450.

(B) Japanese patrols reported active West of OHINDWIN in area SW of TAMANTHI. 1/16 PUNJAB WANGJING RK4736.

FIVE: War Office Concentric only.

Your 77983 MO12 of 15th Mar and 1 6608 of 16 Mar respectively. Para ONE (C) above clarified ONE (C) SITREP 62.

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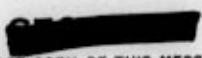
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TO: JOINT STAFF MISSION

FROM: SACSEA

Dated: March 16, 1944

DIAL 48

Following has been sent.

Message begins. SEACCS 111, 13th March. Following for Chiefs of Staff.

Summarized report on operation 3 Ind. Div.

1. As you know leading columns of 16 Bde. crossed the Chindwin near Singkaling Hkamti on March 2 and the whole brigade is now south of the river and making steady progress in the direction of Indawgyi Lake. On March 12 leading column was 12 miles SW of Haungpa.

2. Fly-in of 77 and 111 Brigades began night 5/6 March. It had been proposed to use 3 landing sites known as Broadway, (SH4565), Piccadilly (SH4738) and Chowringhee (SH1462). Late on March 5 PR discovered that Piccadilly had been obstructed since the last reconnaissance on March 1. Recce. between 1 and 5 was deliberately avoided to prevent Japanese attention being drawn to area.

3. First night's operations encountered unforeseen difficulties. 67 gliders took off for Broadway of which 32 reached strip. Some of 1st to land crashed owing to roughness of ground. Resulting obstruction could not be cleared in time for later gliders to be brought in and 24 were turned back and landed safely at base or in friendly territory. Of balance of 8 two are still unaccounted for and 6 are known to have landed in enemy territory due to tow ropes parting. Failure of tow ropes reported as caused by bumpy conditions encountered over hills and fatigue of pilots from prolonged instrument flying with inevitable surging and snatching by heavily loaded gliders. Although

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some airfield construction gear was unfortunately lost among missing gliders strip at Broadway was ready for landing Dakotas on night 6/7 and it was decided introduce glider landings at Chowringhee that night also. By daylight of March 8 approximately 3000 men of 77 Brigade with equipment and mules had been landed at Broadway and about 300 men of 111 Brigade with equipment at Chowringhee. On previous night General Wingate paid them a visit.

4. On 8/9 March most signal victory over JAF was achieved at negligible cost when our Intruders found a concentration of Japanese aircraft at Shwebo and Onbauk airfields. This concentration was almost certainly designed to support offensive operations across the Chindwin rather than to counteract the Wingate operations. Our forces mainly Mustangs (P-51) and Mitchells (B-25) destroyed some 46 enemy aircraft and damaged others, many of which had just landed at Shwebo and were caught totally unprepared. Shwebo and Onbauk airfields were also attacked to good effect with bombs and incendiaries.

5. On night 8/9 162 Dakota sorties were flown in and by daylight on March 9 about 5400 troops with their equipment and mules had been landed. This night operation was double the planned effort. There was still no enemy interference but it was thought that 1 recce. aircraft might have spotted Chowringhee.

6. On night 9/10 landing of 77 Bde. was concluded at Broadway and Bde. Hq. and 4 columns 111 Bde. completed landing at Chowringhee. Later that night Chowringhee was abandoned and all equipment evacuated. The empty airfield was subsequently twice bombed by the Japanese.

7. 10 March 77 Bde. started movement to west and southwest with a view to making first attacks on railway on night 12/13. On night 10/11 balance of 111 Bde. was landed at Broadway and the concentration was virtually completed.

8. Enemy air recce. believed to have spotted Broadway (?). 10 March but it was planned to have one flight

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Spitfire VIII's with a squadron of Hurribombers and small servicing party in operation there by 12 March. Radar light warning sets also being flown in.

9. Morale has been high throughout and after the first night everything went like clockwork. All accident casualties have been evacuated without loss and 46 gliders reached the strips. There was no interference by the Japanese by land or air and complete initial surprise was undoubtedly achieved.

10. At a cost of 121 personnel killed, wounded and missing a total of 9250 men and some 1100-1200 animals have been introduced by air complete with weapons and equipment. Great credit is due to the Tactical Air Forces, Cochran's Air Commando Force, the Troop Carrier Command and the Airborne Engineers for the success with which the operation has been carried out. At peak of operations Dakotas were coming in and taking off on Broadway all night long at the rate of 1 landing and 1 take off every 3 minutes. Wingate also deserves great credit for smooth working of arrangements for emplaning men, mules and stores and for successful unloading and deployment at destination.

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New Delhi, India

To: War Department
CG, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma, and
India, Forward Echelon Chungking, China

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16 March, 1944

CGAAF from Stratemeyer info APDIS AFABI MILID W 756
RAOI Stilwell S28 RAOI.

Flight intelligence report 15th March India Burma
Sector none reported para 3 para 4 US operations 13th March:

A SE of Seton
B Supply and ammo dumps
C 9020 13th March
D 12 P51
E 24 500 demos
F 20 hits center target with dense black smoke,

A North Namti
B building area
C 0830 13th March
D 8

A 36 plus 8 P51 plus 1 B25
E 16 500 8 200 demos
F 6 buildings demolished large fire, 24 P40

destroyed north 3rd Shaduzup Bridge with 20 1000 12 250
GP delay 1215 hours 13th March, 1150 hours 13th March
& P40 bombed strafed area east of Shaduzup 8 250 general
purpose unobserved results,

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From: CG, Army Air Forces, India-Burma Sector
New Delhi, India

NO: W756 16 March, 1944

A 2 miles north of Shaduzup
B Basha area
C 1400 March 13th
D 25 P40
E 7 1000 36 500 demos
F patterned target 2 large explosions thought ammo,
3 P50 1300 hours March 13 bombed stores north of Shaduzup with
3 500 GP also hit south approach Shaduzup bridge,

A Lollaw
B town
C 1400 March 13th
D 12 P51 E 24 500 demos
F big building destroyed center town Ablaze many
explosions,

A 4 miles south Warazup
B supply dump
C 1600 March 13th
D 8 A36 plus 8 P51 plus 1 B25
E 30 500 8 250
F all bombs target area, 4 P50 hit Basha area
Shaduzup 8 250 demos with large explosion black smoke.

RAF operations 13th March:
12 Vengeances bombed Jap Headquarters Tonmahe
24 500 GP 48 30 incendiaries 12 250 demos many hits,
6 Vengeances 1240 hours dropped 12 500 6 250 demos
24 30 incendiaries Tonmahe all target area,
12 Hurricanes 1715 and 1730 hours attacked troop
concentrations Nullah junctions 24 250 demos 2 bombs
overshot remainder hit target,
12 Vengeances 1635 hours dropped 24 500 demos
on enemy position near Bagona.

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From: CG, Army Air Forces, India-Burma Sector
New Delhi, India

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12 Vengeance dropped 2 250 and 24 500 demos enemy clearing Buthidaung area 1245 hours March 14th 47 bombs in target heavy smoke obscured target.
53 defensive escort sorties 13th March, 10 defensive escort sorties 14th March.
17 offensive escort recce sorties 13th March, 28 offensive escort recce sorties 14 March.

Para 1 Nil
Para 2 Chinese Forces west flank allies still delayed by enemy defensive position 16 miles SSE Taro.
Para 3 Nil.

Post

Allies advance south and east on allied east flank. Enemy attacked allied positions Sumprabum area and Pincou. 50 to 60 Japs killed, allies 1 killed 3 wounded. 3000 Japs reported Buanli sector. British communication line main road 19 miles north Tiddim Cut. 5 to 6 tanks reported Tiddim area. Buthidaung-Maungdaw road west of Mayu range clear to 6 miles NNW Maungdaw. East Mayu range 2 miles NNW Buthidaung cleared of enemy, 100 British casualties 120 Japs killed.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO : G-2, CGAAF, CC/S (EJSM), Col Mathewson, Log

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SITREP 62.

ONE. ARAKAN (A) West of MAYU RANGE. 44 RM Commando patrolling foothills PM 4323. 9 Bde occupied PT 176 PM 4035. 161 Bde adv continues occupying PT 1079 PM 4141 feature PM 411396 14 March. Feature PM 3942 clear of enemy. Rd to RAZABIL cross rds and CAUNGDAW passable all mt and tks.

(B) East of MAYU RANGE. Enemy counter attack spur PM 4841 night 12/13 Mar repulsed. Rd BOTHIDAUNG-KANBYIN PM 5241 clear except intermittent sniping.

(C) Locations. 4/7 RAJPUT PM 3940 PM 4040 PM 4039. 1/1 PUNJAB PM 3939 PM 4039 PM 4038. 4 RWK PM 3939 PM 3839. 329 Jap PM 3640 PM 3739. 3/14 PUNJAB BAGONA PM 3635 PM 3832 PT 176 PM 4035.

TWO. KALADAN (A). Ref SITREP 61 now appears offr pw is pte. Captured documents show 3 Bn 111 Regt was not in AKYAB but moved up direct from TAUNGUP via MYEBON MYOHAUNG. En is less one coy which went with remainder regt to AKYAB. Comment. No other identification 111 Regt in KALADAN yet obtained and possible therefore that garrison of AKYAB of 11 Regt less 3 Bn unchanged. Large party Japanese fired cur 4 NIGERIA area PM 9350 when moved East morning 13 Mar. Own patrols Area WALAJAN PM 9743 report enemy parties strength 30 to 50 that area.

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(B) Locations. 5 WA Bde West of PICHANG Area PM 4361.
6 WA Bde WABYAN CHAUNG Area PM 9355. H. Q. 81 WA Div
SABASEIK PM 9360. 7/16 PUNJAB under Comd 15 Corps LABAWA
PG 5632.

THREE. CHIN HILLS (A). Local source reports two main Japanese groups each about 1,500 strong operating West of MANIPUR RIVER. First group arrived MUALNUAN RE 9392 night 11/12 Mar intending move North to BUANLRO 9305. Second group with miles following one days march behind. Fwd elements Japanese force have reached vicinity of TIDDIM Rd at MS 100 and MS 109. Japanese at MS 109 established on spur SW of bridge being attacked by own tps. Japanese broadcasts identify two Bn 215 Regt West of MANIPUR River and also refer to MIKI BUTAI. Comment. Consider force West of river 215 Regt less possibly one bn or smaller sub-unit. MIKI last reported as offr connected with Jifs. Japanese captured our posn area RP 1412 14 Mar and now cover rd at TUITUM RP 1217. Our line comms cut between MS 127 RP 1322 and TIDDIM. Japanese broadcasts identify 2 Bn 214 Regt as force attacking Westwards from PAIDUM and documents captured near PHAITU RP 1716 confirm this.

(B) Locations. Det own tps bridge RP 0913. 9 JAT MS 109 RP 0230 with coy MS 100.

FOUR. CHINDWIN. KABAW Valley. Enemy attack on our fwd position RP 7166 night 13/14 Mar repulsed. Further reports of Japanese using 5 or 6 medium tics with tankette SP this area. Patrol encountered two coys enemy moving West along track to HAUKHOM RP 5549.

FIVE. HUKAWNG Valley. 113 Regt No 3543. 3/112 Regt WESU GA NX 3251. 5307 AMERICAN rangers area GALUH GA NX5052 NX 4043. HQ 22 CHINESE Div WALAWBUM. 64 Regt area NX 3134. 66 Regt area NX 3534 65 Regt less one Bn WALAWBUM.

Time of Origin: Nil

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, LOG

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From: SACSEA
Date: March 15th, 1944

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SEACOS 112 ✓

Transport Aircraft

1. Japanese offensive intentions on the 4 Corps Front have been previously reported in my SEACOS 93 and 96. Enemy has concentrated three divisions with presumed intention capturing Imphal Plain. First phase of offensive has already begun with encircling movement to East and West of 17 Division threatening to cut Tiddim Road and there are now indications that main offensive may start about 20 March. Capture of Imphal Plain would give enemy abundant food and two all weather landing grounds and would

(A) Constitute direct threat to traffic on air ferry route and ASSAM L of C and

(B) Jeopardise whole air position in Northern Burma.

2. The Japanese plan appears to be similar to his plan for Arakan in that he is exploiting ability of Japanese troops to advance carrying own supplies for several days and gambling on defeating our forces and reaching food supplies in Imphal Plain quickly. There is thus an opportunity which I welcome of inflicting on him a defeat similar to that he has sustained in the Arakan but on a much larger scale. Enemy does not yet appear to have appreciated size of Wingate Forces behind him which should prove additional factor in achieving his defeat.

3. Our success in Arakan was due to our ability to order troops to stand fast because we could supply them by air even when

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encircled. Lethbridge Mission emphasize supply by air as essential factor in MacArthur's successes against Japan and successes of Stilwell's advance from the Ledo area support this view. It is relevant to note that during February Ledo combat troops had over 10,000,000 lbs. dropped while total for Arakan and Kaladan together was some 6,500,000 lbs.

4. Best answer to present Japanese move in Tiddim Area would be to order 17 Div. to stand fast and to supply them by air. I cannot however afford to do this as I have insufficient reserves within striking distance of Tiddim to enable me to make the necessary counter attacks nor have I sufficient transport aircraft both to supply troops holding Tiddim area and FFI reserves up. 17 Div. have therefore been ordered to withdraw Northward about half way towards Imphal. Much as I dislike this I do not consider it essential to protection of ferry route to hold so far forward as Tiddim and do not therefore consider, I should be justified in asking for diversion of aircraft from the ferry route for this purpose alone.

5. I do however regard it as vital to the ferry route and to the ASSAM L of C by which it is nourished and indeed to our whole position in ASSAM to hold the Imphal Plain. Immediate requirement is to fly up from Arakan as reinforcements essential operational portion of 5 Div. This fly in should be started 18 March. It may also be necessary to order troops to stand fast in places where they cannot be supplied by ordinary means and to supply them by air. At the same time an opportunity may offer of using Wingate's 2 remaining brigades of his second wave behind Japanese formations. These too must of course be supplied by air.

6. The dangers of Japanese success and the magnitude of the defeat which we may inflict upon them are both greater than in the case of the Arakan. Troop Carrier Command are already committed to support of Kaladan division 3 LRP brigades and Ledo Force and cannot carry out the requirements indicated in my para. 5 without the addition of up to 30 C-47B or the equivalent in load carrying capacity of C-46B with combat and maintenance crews from 18 March for about a month. All the aircraft

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borrowed from ATC for Arakan emergency were returned with least possible delay but since the emergency is even greater than in the case of the Arakan and since it is clear that Imphal attack and Arakan are both part of one Japanese plan I think it is justifiable to regard the period of emergency as continuing. I should be glad to receive your confirmation that my interpretation is correct. Unless I receive instructions to the contrary from you, aircraft will have moved by March 28.

7. I discussed the general question of diversion of HUMP aircraft in an emergency and the possibility of some such emergency as this present with General Stilwell who appreciated the disadvantages arising from his absence from Delhi. He was inclined to agree to delegation of fuller powers in this respect to his Deputy and authorized me to discuss question with General Sultan but a final arrangement was not reached. Meanwhile this emergency has arisen and although I have discussed with Sultan there has not been time to consult Stilwell himself but I have sent him a copy of this signal.

8. All transport aircraft British and American have been working at intense rates during the last 6 weeks and it is reported to me that serious deficiencies are occurring in arrival of reinforcements of air personnel and spare parts for aircraft for American transport groups. May this be taken up with U.S. Authorities in Washington on highest priority.

9. Request copies of this signal may be passed AXIOM.

T.O.O. 160020FG

ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
 GEN BISSELL
 GEN ARNOLD
 ADM KING
 COL MATHEWSON ✓
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Dorn AK 30, Hearn AM 517. Chin Hills

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Now estimated Japanese strength as a regiment that moved north from Mualnuam west of Manipur River, last reported in area 14 to 16 miles northwest Tiddim. Now estimated Japanese strength as a battalion east of Manipur River in area 15 to 17 miles north Tiddim. Japanese have cut Mai Imphal-Tiddim road 19 miles north Tiddim. There is a possibility that the above Japanese operations may mark the start of a strong movement toward Imphal in which 15th, 31st, 33rd Divisions may participate and situation.

Report 13 and 14 March.

Hukawng Valley, Allied forces continue southward; Allied patrols have reached point 12 miles south southeast Waaawbum. On Allied west flank Chinese forces delayed by strong Japanese defensive position 16 miles south southeast Taro.

Kaladan sector, Japanese who crossed river at Kadadan Village to west side have now turned southwest with possible intention of attacking British further south instead of containing and by pass them.

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In Arakan British have cleared all but two miles of Maungdaw Buthidaung Road; Japanese hold road area six miles east northeast Maungdaw.

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 MILID No. AQUILA W744 RAOI
 Chungking No. AQUILA S26 RAOI

14 March 1944

CGAAF from Stratemeyer info AFDIS AFABI MILID W744
RAOI Stilwell S26 RAOI.

Flight intelligence report from India Burma Sector
March 14th:

Para 1: Nil

Para 2: Allied Forces continue steady advance south-
wards north Burma, Allied patrols reached point 12 miles
south south east Walabum.

Para 3: 4 to 6 enemy planes plotted singly 0423
hours, at 0500 to 0507 hours Khumbhirgram bombed by 2 enemy
twin engine planes with 10 bombs dropped no damage March 12.
Two formations Oscars on sweep Tiddim Silchar area 0945 hours
total 20 plus aircraft. Twenty enemy planes attacked Broad
way (our landing strip in Burma) result 3 enemy planes des-
troyed 3 probable destroyed by Spitfires, 2 destroyed by
ack ack, 1 Spitfire lost.

Para 4: Royal Air Force operations March 12:

- A. Shwebo,
- B. Railway station,
- C. 2330 hours

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No. AQUILA 325 RAOI

D. 12 Wellingtons.

F 20 tons.

F. Most believed in target some small fires,
2 planes returned early jettisoned bombs,
1 unable locate target.

6 Hurricanes bombed strafed enemy troops and motor
trucks at Htinzin with 1.5 tons building fired.

6 Hurricanes bombed Kongyi 1.5 tons majority hit
target.

March 13th operations follow:

6 Hurricanes 0900 hours bombed troop concentra-
tions Taungzeng village dropping 1.5 tons resulting bright
fires.

6 Hurricanes 1130 hours bombed troop concentra-
tions 3 miles north Htinzin dropping 1.5 tons, village seen
burnt down on arrival.

6 Hurricanes bombed strafed troop concentrations
10 miles north west Tiddim dropped 1.5 tons large fires
started 1630 hours.

6 Hurricanes bombed troop concentrations Nullah

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near Tonzang dropped 1.5 tons with 8 bursts target.

6 Vengeances bombed enemy positions near Patu dropped 1.5 tons with 9 hits patterned target 1030 hours.

6 Vengeances bombed enemy positions 3 miles south west Buthidaung dropped 1.5 tons with 10 bombs concentrated on target 1220 hours.

6 Hurricanes bombed Kongyi 0330 hours dropped 1 ton all in target area.

2 Beaufighters at 1200 hours hit communications Magwe Kalewa Sagu direct hit factory building, damaged many rivercraft.

43 defensive sorties March 12th resulted 12 Hurricanes on scramble attacked by 20 plus Oscars and Hamps resulting combats 3 Hamps damaged, 1 Hurri minor damage. Additional 14 sorties March 12 offensive recce resulted, 2 Hurricanes attacked by 2 enemy fighters Tiddim, 1 Hurricane missing.

37 defensive sorties March 13th total 85 offensive recce sorties.

US operations for March 12th:

A. North Kamaing,

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- B Troop and supply areas,
- C 0910 and 0925 hours,
- D 12 P51's, 1 B25 and 6 A36's
- E 36 500 and 8 250 demos,
- F All on designated areas, results obscured by dust and smoke.
 - A. Shedhyang,
 - B. Bivouac and supply area,
 - C. 1055,
 - D. 8 P51's,
 - E. 16 500 demos,
 - F. 8 hits target, 4 planes bombed 2 miles North Kamaing mistakenly.
 - A. Shaduzup,
 - B. Supplies,
 - C. 1150 to 1550,

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- D. 8 P40's
- E. 14 500 Demos
- F. Majority hit target.
- A. North west Manywet
- B. Stores
- C. 1510 hours
- D. 8 P40's
- E. 24 250 Demos.

F. Large explosion with flames 1500 feet, spreading fire all directions with black smoke 2500 feet. Twelve P40's bombed stores area 2 miles west Malakawing dropped 36 250 Demos all in target resulting 2 large explosions.

Para 5: Nil.

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ACTION: OPD
INFO : G-2
CG AAF
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To: New Caledonia
Brisbane
Kunming, China
Chungking, China
MILID
13th March 1944.

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AM496.
M74

Situation report 11 and 12 March Sultan for MILID M74, Nocal N42, CINC SWPA C57, Dorn AK297 and Hearn AM 496.

British Artillery shelled estimated enemy company vicinity Pgaitu 17 miles North Northeast Tiddim;

Estimated Japanese Battalion crossed ^{Manidub} Manipur River 10 miles Southwest Fort White, turned north, advanced through Kepthl and occupied Nualnum 9 miles west Tgddim.
KAPTEL? (8 mi. S.W. Tiddim) Jagan Tiddim
Hukawng Valley:

American Forces completed mopping up operations and withdrew from area. Chinese Forces inflicted heavy losses on enemy 3 miles south Walawbut and pushed south Astride main road 7 miles south Walawbum; captured large amounts ammunition and 2 British made armored cars in Walawbum Area.

On Kaladan River Kaladan Village reported occupied by enemy company.

In Arakan British Troops captured Razabil (2 miles east Maungdaw); cleared area vicinity Sinohbyin; captured Buthidaung and moved southward.

ACTION: OPD
INFO : G-2, CG AAF, CCS, Col Mathewson, Log No 51g

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From: Dum Dum India
To: WAR

No. SAK 1933 12 March 1944

Arnold personal from Cochran signed Stratemeyer.

On night 5 March First Air Commando Force carrying Wingates men landed 160 miles behind lines in Burma. Attached glider borne Engineers did superb job on strip 5000 by 300 feet in one day. Next morning light planes evacuated 30 casualties.

Second landing 60 miles south on night March 5. Again airborns worked wonders. These strips handled up to 130 DC 3 sorties on one and 90 on the other in one night. Limited casualties from glider crashes on fields.

On nights March 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, approximately 8,000 men and equipment and approximately 660 mules put down on these strips by our DC 3's and many DC 3's of Troop Carrier Command. Carrying on non stop air offensive.

On afternoon and night March 9 1st Air Commando Force Bombers and Fighters destroyed on the ground 20% of Jap Air Force in Burma. Looking forward now to extreme concentration of effort for direct air support of Wingates Forces. We now have a fighter base complete with anti aircraft protection, radar warning, from which we will operate against Japanese from the heart of their own territory. We plan other sites. The first air invasion of Burma was an air show.

No Sig

ACTION: GEN ARNOLD
INFORMATION: GPD, Gen Bissell, Col Mathewson, Log

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Personal for Arnold.

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From: New Delhi
To: CG Army Air Force
NR: AQUILA W 723 RAOX, 12th March 1944

For Arnold from Stratemeyer W 723 RAOX.

Comes resume of Wingate operations and his support by Air Commando Force number 1 and Troop Carrier Command. Letter follows by courier giving more complete details. After careful weather study operations under previously approved plan given green light to begin night March 5th/6th. Plan had been to land gliders at each of 3 strips (BROADWAY, PICADILLY and CHOWRINGHEE in area approximately 96 degrees 45 minutes east, 23 degrees 40 minutes north) but photo coverage just prior to scheduled take off revealed PICADILLY strip obstructed by large tree trunks. Decision was made to proceed with operation concentrating all landings on BROADWAY strip. On this night 67 gliders towed by C47's on Air Commando Force Number 1 and Troop Carrier Command were dispatched. Of these 32 landed at BROADWAY strip, 9 went down in enemy territory enroute, 9 landed friendly territory enroute, 2 are unreported and 15 returned to base on signal from BROADWAY strip that landing was unsafe. During this night operation 31 personnel killed and 30 wounded in landing at BROADWAY strip due to glider crashes in high grass on rough field but approximately 400 personnel were safely in at BROADWAY and during the following day work progressed on the landing strip. Glider accidents appear to have been due to rough field, high grass and necessity for climbing to high altitude with double tow resulting in several glider tow ropes being broken.

Throughout day of 5th March work progressed on landing strip mostly by hand due to loss mechanical gear in gliders.

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On night of 6/7th March 62 C47's landed and discharged personnel and cargo at BROADWAY strip. Same time 12 gliders hauled in single tow, 10 of which landed safely CHOWRINGHEE strip and 2 crashed due rough terrain.

Work progressed on both strips during day of 7th March and on night 7/8th March 84 C47 sorties and 5 gliders were flown into BROADWAY and CHOWRINGHEE.

Strength at the 2 strips by morning 9th March was 3000 men with equipment and mules. Only 2 C47's had been slightly damaged but operations have lost 62 gliders lost or damaged.

On daylight raid March 8th, P51's and B25's of Air Commando Force Number 1 attacked airdromes of Shwebo, Onbauk and Anasikan destroying total of 45 enemy aircraft on ground and in air with loss of 2 P51's.

On night 8/9th March 168 C47's sorties flown into BROADWAY and CHOWRINGHEE strips. This made total of 320 C47's sorties to the 2 strips having left 5500 personnel with full equipment and mules.

On 10th March CHOWRINGHEE strip was evacuated and abandoned. Up to this time total of 515 transport and glider sorties had been dispatched of which 493 arrived at their destination. All wounded had been evacuated. Maximum casualties including missing will not exceed 145.

As of morning March 11th the fly in operations were completed except for routine supply sorties during long range penetration troop column operations. Meanwhile transport sorties alone has amounted to total of 575. Reports

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still incomplete but approximately 8000 men and 1400 mules have been transported. 6 transports had minor damage, no transports lost and no injury to Troop Carrier Command personnel.

P38's of 459 Squadron in indirect support of this operation on March 11th attacked Heho airdrome destroying 15 enemy aircraft and damaging 11 others. 1 P38 lost. Plan calls for holding BROADWAY strip for use both as supply base and fighter strip. Radar warning set to be installed and 1 flight Spitfire 8 and 1 squadron Hurricanes moving in today. Counter air force action in support of this operation cost Japanese 63 aircraft plus at least 18 damaged.

With exception of glider difficulty on opening night, operation has proceeded very smoothly and appears to have been complete surprise Japanese since no air interference was offered until March 10th and to date no ground interference seems imminent. 900 US Airborne Engineer Company was used in preliminary phases this operation and praise by all concerned for their work is high. Wingate is very pleased with show.

ACTION: Gen Arnold

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INFORMATION: Gen Handy
Log

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 CGAAP W 718 RAOI

11 March 1944.

CGAAP from Stratemeyer info APDIS APABI MILID W 718
RAOI Stilwell S 21 RAOI.

India Burma sector flight intelligence March 11 report.

1. Nil.

2. March 10 British occupied Bogons (3½ miles south
east Maungdaw) also occupied Chiradan 5½ miles south east
Maungdaw.

3. None reported.

4. US operations March 9,

A Mogaung

B Town

C 1626 hours

D 8 B24's

E 96 X 500 demos.

F Hits town proper offensive smoke red fire and
explosions.

A Kamaing

B Town

C 1625 hours.

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D 10 B24 escort 16 P51's
E 120 X 500 demos
F 36 over center town, 60 hits west edge others
immediately north west.

G nil

H nil.

A Pyindaw

B Petrol dump

C 1000 hours

D 8 P51's

E 15 X 500 demos

F 14 bursts target, large yellow fire smoke
2000 feet.

G nil

H nil.

A Walabum

B Ground support

(C 1000 to 1700 hours March 9.

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- D 12-A36's 12-P51's
- E 48 X 100 demos
- F 6 shuttles, area thoroughly strafed and bombed jungle obscured results.
- A North Shaduzup
- B Troop concentrations:
- C 1030 hours.
- D 12 P51's.
- E 24 X 500 demos.
- F All bursts well spaced throughout center of target, white smoke 200 feet high also black smoke 1500 feet high, area strafed.
- A Nankwin
- B Railway bridge
- C 1230 hours
- D 9 P40's
- E 15 unreported type demos
- F 3 direct hits bridge out also hit both approaches and damaged rails.

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G nil

H 1-P40 crash landed result broken oil line.
4-P40's dropped 12 I 250 bombs on supply storage Shadung
road hitting target no observations 1400 hours. 4 P40's
scored 2 direct hits Kassing road bridge out also north
approach with 4X 1000 bombs at 1430 hours. 6 P40's bombed
dumps 1 mile north Kassing with 32 X 250 bombs, all hits
on target, entire area strafed. 4 P40's dropped all 4 X 500
and 2 I 250 bombs hitting storage Gooly area Shedyuang area
jungle obscured results.

AB Indaw east and west, Katha strips.

C 0830 hours

D 10-B25's

E 32 X 1000, 48 X 500 bombs

F 10 bursts well spaced Indaw east strip, 12
bursts near center and south Indaw west, 48 bursts well spaced
Katha strip.

G nil

H nil.

Royal Air Force Operations March 9:

AB Mogaung Kassing road

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To: Chungking
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S 21 RAOI
W 718 RAOI

G 0012-2300 hours

D 19 Wellingtons & Liberators

E 92 X 500, 70 X 250 and 1680 X 4 pound incens.

F: Bombs straddled Mogaung and 2 miles of road west of town, road bridge 4 miles west Mogaung destroyed, direct hits on road, fairly large fire north west Mogaung.

G nil

H nil.

A Sakkam 25 miles north east Pinlebu.

B Village

C 1500 hours.

D 12 Vengeances.

E 10.5 tons

F 1 large explosion smoke 4000 feet, 2 large fires. 11 Vengeances dropped 18 X 500 demos hitting supply dump north east Buthidsaung 1400 and 1500 hours.

A 2 miles south Maungdav.

B Positions

C 0930 hours March 10.

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D 12 Venegeances.

E 9 tons

F 8 hits target, poor observation result paddy fire. 56 offensive escort photo recce sorties March 9 resulting Kawlin east and Shwebo Airfield strafed, road and river communications attacked, 1 motor truck fired & damaged. 19 sorties March 10 offensive recce escort.

5. nil

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INFORMATION: G-2
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No. M73
No. N41
No. C56
No. AK293
No. AK491

11 March 1944.

Sultan for MILID M73, NROAL N41, CINC SWPA C56,
Dorn AK293, and Hearn AK491.

Hukawng Valley: Chinese Troops in contact with enemy in Tumungjun and Ginswe areas (4 and 6 miles west Walabum respectively). Small Chinese Tank Battalion killed estimated 400 Japanese during advance on Walabum from the northwest and captured many supplies including 4 antitank guns. Chinese and American troops have joined in Walabum area. American troops report killing over 600 Japanese to date, own losses 7 killed and 37 wounded. Situation report 9 and 10 March. Chin Hills, enemy shelled British positions Kennedy Peak 8 miles southeast Tiddim; British inflicted estimated 50 casualties on enemy in skirmishes in Kabaw Valley and Tiddim area. Arakan, British continued offensive, captured enemy position 2 miles north Ththidaung, reached Dungyaung (3 miles south southeast Letwedet) and captured Jbogona and Chiradan villages (3 and 5 miles southeast Maunpan respectively.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, CC/S Col Mathewson, Log

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P R I O R I T Y

From: New Delhi
To : AGWAR

Nr : AMNDEL AG 1502 11th March 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section, OPD, AG
1502.

Summary for week ending 8th March.

(1) U.S. Air:

2nd March, no operations reported.

3rd March, 2 B25's sank a 100 foot steamer over Gulf of Tongking and bombed railroad shops at Cam Pha Port. Two P-40's severely damaged coal grading building at Cam Pha Port.

4th March, 2 B-25's damaged railroad shops at Cam Pha Port. Two P-40's damaged a 175 foot vessel at Hon Gay. Six B-25's and 23 P-40's destroyed 17, probably destroyed 1 and damaged 6 planes on ground at Kiumshan Air-drome Hainan Island. One barracks blown up and 2 hangars fired. Near Wuhu 2 B-25's and 4 P-40's sank a 200 foot tanker. Of 10 enemy planes intercepting, 3 were shot down.

5th March, 8 B-25's destroyed 9 Jap planes at Chiangmai Airfield. Four of our planes damaged.

6th March, 4 B-25's destroyed 1 float plane and a 25 foot motor launch at Port Courbet (near Hon Gay).

7th March, 1 B25 sank a 75 foot tug off west coast of Hainan Island.

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To : AGWAR
Nr : ANWDEL AG 1502 11th March 1944

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8th March, no operation due to weather.

(2) U.S. Ground, Chinese Air and Chinese Ground nil for period.

(3) Changes in British dispositions as follows:

(Arakyn) 5th Indian Division, 1 mile northwest of Maungdaw;
151st Indian Infantry Brigade at Maungdaw;
123rd Indian Infantry Brigade, 1 mile south of Zaganbyin;
9th Indian Infantry Brigade at Maungdaw.
7th Indian Division, no change;
33rd Indian Infantry Brigade, 1 mile west of Letvedet;
89th Indian Infantry Brigade, 3½ miles northwest of Buthidaung;
114th Indian Infantry Brigade, 4 miles northeast of Buthidaung.
26th Indian Division, no change;
4th Brigade, 3 miles west of Letvedet;
71st Brigade, 1½ miles northwest of Ngakyeddak;
36th Brigade, Badana west.
36th Indian Division, Chota Maungthama-road 8 miles south of Bawli;
29th Brigade at Zaganbyin;
72nd Brigade, ½ mile northeast of Chota Maungthama.
(Kaladan) 81 WA Division, 4 miles northwest of Taungdaung;
6 WA Brigade, 4 miles northwest of Taungdaung;
5 WA Brigade, 6 miles northwest of Taungdaung.
(Imphal) 20th Indian Division, no change;
32 Brigade at Hlezeik.

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(4) Ledo Road report follows:

On March 1st 1944 the road was reconnoitered to mile 139.5. Survey will stop here temporarily because of tactical situation. Lead dozers have advanced to mile 134.5. Clearing for width of roadway is complete to 125, metal ring is continuous to 87.2 and grading complete through 87.27. Two-way bridges are completed at 25 (Namchik) and 28 (Nangoi). Bridge at 61 (Ngalang) is finished. Others are under construction at mile points 14, 19, 81.5, 84.5 and 135 (Tarung River). Daily convoys ply between Shingbuiyang and Ledo; rainfall for past week was negligible.

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P R I O R I T Y

Chinese Divisions

From: Ledo India
To: War

No: MS 91 11 March, 1944

General Marshall AGWAR from Stilwell paraphrased
by Boatner MS 91

Informational. It worked this time. Down the road came the 22nd. On its left was the 38th cleaning up north-west of the Tanai: slowly it progressed and into the picture did not get. To our left rear we placed the United States regiment and then brought it forward fast and at Walawbum cut off the Japanese behinds. Japanese 55th Regiment, with remnants of 55th Regiment, a few units of 114th Regiment, and reinforcements identity unknown, from March 3rd to 9th put up tough fight. Engineers and artillery fought as Infantry. What got away are now in jungle dispersed. 2000 is rough estimate of killed: might be more than that. Light is US loss: Chinese losses light. The fear of God was put into Japs by American Regiment. Through the mill has now been the entire 22nd Division. A fine job was done by Chinese Battalion under terrible condition postscript I think the Chinese make good soldiers.

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AK 491
M 73 AMMDEL

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Sultan for MILID M 73, NECAL N 41, CINC SWPA G cr,
Doin AK 293 and Hearn AK 491.

Hukawng Valley:

Chinese troops in contact with enemy in Tumungjun and Ginswe areas (4 and 6 miles West Walabum respectively). Small Chinese Tank Battalion killed estimated 400 Japanese during advance on Walabum from the northwest and captured many supplies including 4 Antitank guns. Chinese and American troops have joined in Walabum area. American troops report killing over 500 Japanese to date, own losses 7 killed and 37 wounded.

Situation report 9 and 10 March.

Chin Hills, enemy shelled British positions Kennedy Peak 8 miles southeast Tiddim; British inflicted estimated 50 casualties on enemy in skirmishes in Kabaw Valley and Tiddim area.

Arakan, British continued offensive, captured enemy position 2 miles north Ththidaung, reached Dungaung (3 miles south southeast Letvedt) and captured Jbogona and Chiradan villages (3 and 5 miles southeast " " respectively).

* Omission being serviced.

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Nr. AMMDEL C55
Nr. AMMDEL AK285
Nr. AMMDEL AM471

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9 March 1944

Situation report 7 and 8 March. Sultan for MILID N70, Hearn AM471, CINCSWPA C55, Dorn AK285, NECAL N39.

Chin Hills British patrols and ambushes report 23 Japanese killed in actions vicinity Fort White and Tiddim. Similar actions netted 38 enemy killed South of Sumprabum.

✓ In Arakan exchanges of artillery fire on main front line; British resumed the offensive in Letwedet Area and captured positions cutting the Buthidaung-Maungdaw Road 1/2 mile South of Letwedet.

Kaladan River, all British troops now West of river, enemy estimated as "strong" hold high ground between Pi and Kaladan Rivers 4 miles North Kyauktaw; British position on East bank Pi River 4 miles North Northwest Kyauktaw attacked repeatedly, reports indicate British troops withdrew to West bank Pi River after inflicting heavy casualties on enemy.

Hukawng Valley, Chinese troops cleared Lashu Ga (9 miles Northeast Maingkwan), other Chinese units captured Shingban and Homngays-South and Southwest Maingkwan and Ningku Ga (6 miles Southeast Maingkwan).

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Nr. AMDELM AX285
Nr. AMDELM AN471

9 March 1944

Japanese shelled and attacked American positions extending North Northeast from Walabum, attack repulsed estimated 300 Japanese killed. First Company Japanese 114th Regiment identified in Walabum Area.

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9th March 1944

To: BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

Info: J.S.M. WASHINGTON

From: SACSEA

Number: SAC 977

Following for Prime Minister, British Chiefs of Staff,
Joint Staff Mission and for General Wedemeyer from Mountbatten.

Have just visited Ledo Front south of Maingkwan. Here against one of the enemy's toughest divisions, the 18th, which took Singapore and which has hitherto been unbeaten, General Stilwell's Chinese and American troops are in progress of gaining an important victory. Despite most difficult country and dense jungle and with poor reconnaissance the Chinese troops have maintained a steady advance and out fought and out maneuvered Japanese. Merrell's regiment has completely surprised the enemy by a brilliant encircling movement.

2. Thousands of Japanese are now trapped in area between Maingkwan-Wallowbum and the tactical solution is that it appears possible what remains of 18 Div. in the intervening area may be annihilated. The following telephonic message which was intercepted while I was at the front and is an indication of the enemy plight. Regimental Hq. to 18 Div. "We cannot hold out much longer if help does not come." To which reply was sent "No help available fight to the end." Since first of November 1350 square miles of territory has been recaptured and ratio of Japanese casualties has been considerably in our favour. I would be grateful if J.S.M., the President and General Marshall can be informed.

T.O.O. 091915Z

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INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Bissell
Gen Arnold
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SEAC (Gen Wedemeyer)
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March 8, 1944

FROM: SACSEA
TO: Chiefs of Staff
Rptd: J.S.M., Washington
Number: SEACOS 109

Following for Chiefs of Staff (repeat Marshall from Mountbatten, (agreed Stilwell) fourth report on MATTERHORN for two weeks ending 5th March, 1944.)

Construction work proceeding according to schedule. Runway extensions at Kharagpur and Chakulia Barel operational on date required. Parking apron at Kharagpur is 30 per cent complete. Final detail plans for accommodating the early arrival of VLR planes are being completed. Gasoline pipe line circuit from Budge Budge to Chakulia has been completed and tested. Storage tank facilities at Chakulia is 71 per cent complete, Kharagpur 70 percent complete, Dudhkundi 25 per cent complete. The total of American construction troops at the site is now 4000. Construction by U. S. Forces is hampered by insufficient equipment due to failure of organizational equipment to arrive although a certain quantity is on loan from E in C India.

T.O.O. 082300 FG

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From: MAIN 12 ARMY GP SEA

To: USUAL ADDRESSEES

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SITREP No. 55.

By RHP Date _____

ONE. ARAKAN.

(A). West of Mayu Range. 85 Inf Coy (PFR) occupied Dodar FM 3523 night 6/7 March without incident. 149 Pgt ram shelled and broke up enemy buffers area Rehkat Chaung FM 3842 6 March. Ref SITREP No 54. Raid Hq 29 BDE. Revised cas. Own 5 killed 12 wounded enemy estimate 15 killed 30 wounded.

(B). East of Mayu Range. 7 Ind Div resumed offensive night 6/7 Mar. 33 BDE with 1/11 Silch under command Arty Op attacked and captured features area FM 4644 FM 4543 PT 142 FM 4744 FM 4844 subsequent enemy counter attack PT 142 repulsed.

(C). Latest Locations. Hq 9 BDE Maungday. 3/14 Punjab 2 W Yorks FM 3551. 161 BDE Conc FM 3648. Hq 123 BDE 1/17 Dogra FM 3645. 9 R Sussex FM 3454. Main Hq 26 div 5/9 Jatless 2 coys FM 424512 rear Hq Coy 5/9 Jat FM 427510. Hq 4 BDE FM 424465. 1 WILTS area FM 4246 PM 4346 FM 4248. 2/7 Rajput area. FM 4345 FM 4445. 2/13 FF Rif area FM 4244 PM 4245. 8/13 FF Rif Taung BAZAAR. 5/16 Punjab area Sins-Byaich 4251. Hq 71 BDE FM 436574 1 Lincoln PM 4753. 1/13 R Garh Rif area FM 4552 PM 4453.

TWO. KALADAN.

Situation area junc Pi Chaung Kaladan River deteriorated 6 Mar and only small bridgehead opposite Welagan FM 9743 held by GN TFG with Japanese holding remainder this area in some str. To deal with this situation 81 WA div withdrew night 6/7 Mar to gen area Ngasaungpet FM 9743 Wegyidaung FM 9749 Kringye OP 9349 HTIT AW MQ 9345. In petrol clash north of Epoteaket PM 9232 8 Japanese killed.

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THREE. CHIN HILLS

Our patrol ambushed 2 partied Japanese west of MS 22 night 6/7 Mar killing 10 wounding 2.

FOUR. CHINDWIN.

1 Seaforth Tonks 1834. 3/3 Gr less 3 coys SL 0682 SF coy each SL 0976 SL 0985 RL 0688.

SIX. HUKAWNG VALLEY.

66 Chinese regt occupied Maingkwan 5 Mar Mopping up enemy pockets this area proceeding. 112 Regt marching on Pabum NX 5855. 3/113 regt RITU GA NX 2272. 3 Ind Div. Adv Hq 16 BDE (*SB*) 479837. Leading Coln SB 602750. Enemy. Further identification 55 regt reported west of Maingkwan and 56 regt area Walawbum. One coy 1/114 regt also identified Walawbum.

*check reads 479834.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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TO: USUAL ADDRESSEES
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ONE ARAKAN

Post

(A) WEST OF MAYU RANGE. 81 (WA) Recoce Regt killed eight JAPANESE in another raid on DAMANKDALI PM 3529 night 4/5 March. Night 5/6 Mar JAPANESE party thirty strong raided area KWELA BINB PM 3443 slightly damaging three medium guns enemy casualties nine killed twelve wounded. Own five killed six wounded. Early 6 Mar area HQ 29 Bde was raided by about eighty JAPANESE. Estimated fourteen JAPANESE killed twentyfive wounded. Own casualties believed seven killed seventeen wounded but may be less. 123 Bde has relieved 161 Bde in forward area 7.

(B) EAST OF MAYU RANGE. Ref Sitrep No. 52 enemy casualties result ambush area PM 4444 3/4 Mar now reported over one hundred incl fifty killed. Own casualties nil.

(C) LATEST LOCATIONS. 3/2 PUNJAB relieved 3/9 JAT area KANYINDAN PM 3338 with 12 FFR M G Bn under comd. 2/1 PUNJAB relieved 1/1 PUNJAB area PM 141 PM 3641. 2 SUFFOLK reverted comd 123 Bde. 1/8 GR less two coys GOPPE BAZAAR two coys BADANA west. 5/9 JAT less three coys with rear HQ 26 Div PM 4452 two coys with main HQ. 5/1 PUNJAB area PM 5350 PM 5451.

TWO KALADAN

5 GCR 8 GCR in area NORTH of junction PICHANG and KALADAN River where some JAPANESE have infiltrated. HQ 81 (WA) Div TAUNGDAUNG PM 9741.

THREE CHIN HILLS

Some patrol activity.

FOUR HUKABAW VALLEY

Six carriers seen area KHAMPAT RP 6639 4 Mar still same area next day.

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FIVE CHINDWIN

3/3 GR area SU 0582. Coy 1 PATPILA under comd 9/12 FFR
area MAWWE SF 0430.

SIX HUKAWNG VALLEY

WALAWBURN captured by 5307 American Rangers. Seventy
four JAPANESE killed in fighting near MAINGKWAN further
twentyseven killed SOUTH of SHINGBAN NX 1753. 113 CHINESE
Regt advancing on SANA GA N G 3854 with 112 Regt less one
Bn following up. 65 Regt Area HPUNGNYE NX 1454 SHINNBAN.
HQ 64 Regt 1/64 Regt TAWNGKAI NX 1858. 66 Regt SOUTH of
IBIHKA near MAINGKWAN. HQ 38 CHINESE Div RITU GA NX 2272.
3 Ind Div. 16 Bde. No. 17 coln SB 455737. Adv HQ 16
Bde SB 429984.

T.O.O. 071900FG

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Sultan for MILID M 67, Necal N 38, CINC SWPA C 54,
Dorn AK 279 and Hearn AM 463.

Sumprabum Area: Allied patrols ambushed enemy
party 20 miles south Sumprabum town killing 27, wounding 20.

Situation report 5th and 6th March.

Hulkawng Valley: Chinese troops captured Maingkwan
and advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to south mopping up in Maingkwan Area
and moving against Hpungnye 3 miles southwest Maingkwan;

American troops advancing from the east captured
Walabum (8 miles southeast Maingkwan) and repulsed enemy
attempt to cross Nambyu River from the north $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles north
northwest of Walabum; enemy losses reported as heavy.

Chin Hills: British patrols caused 14 enemy
casualties vicinity Haka and Tiddium.

Arakan: Major changes; Mopping up continues in
British rear area, clashes past 2 days netted 23 Japanese
killed including 2 Officers and 25 wounded.

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March 5, 1944

Part
From: MAIN 11 ARMY GROUP SEA

To: WAR OFFICE. RPTD: CONCENTRIC, BAG WASHINGTON, MA CHINA,
NE FORCES HQ N. ZEALAND, MIDDLE EAST, PERSIA & IRAQ
FORCE, HQ BRISBANE, ARMY BANGALORE, ARMY RAWALPINDI

Number: 6/Ops SITREP 52

ONE: ARAKAN. East of Mayu Range all area PM 445445 night 3/4
March killed forty seven wounded many others and captured
two.

(B) LOCATIONS. 4 RWK area PM 370483. HQ 36 bde Badana West
PM 4359. 1/18 R Garth Rif area PM 4452 1 Lincolns PM
4853. HQ 36 Div PM 3454.

TWO: KALADAN.

(A) In small numbers. Our troops formed bridgehead both banks
PICHANG PM 9744.*

(B) LOCATIONS. HQ 81 WA div PM 972363. HQ 6WA bde TAUNGBAUK
PM 0134.

THREE: CHINDWIN. HQ 80 bde RP 9792. 3/3 GR SL 0887.**1
Seaforth Ointha RK 9118.

FOUR:

HUKAWNG VALLEY.

(A) 3/112 Bn occupied TARING GA NX 2470 capturing much equip.

(B) LOCATIONS. 66 regt area NX 1575 NX 1858. 65 Regt area
NX 1255 NX 155. 64 Regt NX 1860 NX 1857 NX 1762.

Elements. 1/65 BN area NW 8237. 3/113 BN LAMUNGZUP GA
NX 2866. 2/113 BN area WA OYHTAWNG NX 3268. Elements
1/113 BN reached NX 3367 and SHAMYENGA NX 3573.

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Number 6/OPS SITREP 52

FIVE: 5307 Rangers passed through HDING GA MX 4360.
Leading coln of 16 Bde now NW 453012.

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** Check reads 0787

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAF
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No: W36

5 March, 1944

Sultan for MILID M64, HEOAL W36, Dora AK266, Hearn
AM451 and CINO SWPA C52.

Insert the following on Page 2 Line 2:

Shalug Ga (7 miles east northeast Soraid Ga): other
Chinese

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 New Caledonia No. N36

5th March 1944

Sultan for MILID N 64, NEGAL N 36, Dora AK 266, Hearn AM 451 and CINC SWPA O 52.

Increased enemy patrol activity in Chin Hills, enemy artillery shelled British positions Kennedy peak 8 miles southwest Tiddim. Sumprabum Area, Allied patrols inflicted 7 casualties on enemy 8 miles south southwest Sumprabum town.

Situation 3rd and 4th March. Arakan, local attacks and some artillery fire on main front line; mopping up and reorganization continue in British rear areas; British occupied hills 3 miles northwest Htindaw and found 28 dead Japanese, indications other enemy in this area estimated at a company moved south; British ambushed enemy group 1 mile northeast Htindaw, killed 48 Japanese and captured 4 also inflicted 25 casualties on estimated enemy company attempting move to south from position 1 mile northeast of Kyedauk village. On Kaladan River estimated enemy battalion captured Thayettabin (5 miles east Kyauktav) and Pagoda Hill (on east bank opposite Kyauktav) by movement around British east flank; now estimated 2 possibly 3 enemy battalions with artillery east of Kaladan River, may be units 111 Regiment reported Ar Akyab, no identifications as yet.

Lukawng Valley, Chinese troops captured Taring Ga. (8 miles north Haingkwan), Lamungrup (4 miles southeast Taring Ga) and Wa Gabtawng (5 miles east southeast Taring

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To : Kowming No. AK 266
Chungking No. AM 451
Brisbane No. C 52
MILID No. M 64
New Caledonia No. N 36

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Ga) taking much enemy equipment; in contact with enemy at Shakug Ga (7 miles east northeast Sereid Wa); other Chinese troops advanced south through Saintau Pa (9 miles southeast Taring Ga); ambush killed 29 Japanese in area south Nashi Daru (3 miles southwest Taring Ga). Chinese advance slowly on Maingwan from the north and west against strong enemy resistance including mortar and artillery fire; strong enemy resistance also encountered Hprungye 3 miles southwest Maingwan.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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Col Mathewson ✓
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contained in Tuesday
(6 Mar) air operations
summary report*

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To: Rear Ech. GHO SWPA 25
New Caledonia 25
Pt Shafter 24
ETGUSA London. 595
New Delhi 261
Kuming 254
MILID 28

3 March 1944.

Bk msg NA 460 from ANILAT Chungking Nr 47 to MILID
Nr 28 to CINCUSWPA Nr 25 to RECAL Nr 25 to CG COMTPAC Nr 24 to
USFOR Nr 595 to AMMDEL Nr 261 to AMMKUN Nr 254 to COGUK.

From Sino G-2 the following and rated U3. Info from
Prisoner of War says Nippons Navy delaying encounter until
field operations are more favorable, no battleships east sea
of China and Japan sea at present, many troops to be withdrawn
from China for Garrison South Seas and main island Japan, policy
now sacrifice 1 plane to attack 1 vessel. Troops and supplies
from Philippines arrived Tourane aboard 16 Jap vessels all fully
loaded. Jap troops north Indochina increased surveillance,
Jap and French troops Indo China friction rumored.

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INFORMATION: OPD, OGAAP, Col Mathewson

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To: Usual Addresses
No: 978/OPB March 2, 1944
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By ROP Date DEC 11 1972

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1. Arakan

A. West of Mayu range. 29 Indep Bde assumed responsibility Mayu crest PM 1 March and following reliefs have taken place. 1 RSF temporarily under comd 123 Bde area PT 1619 PM 4045 PT 731 PM 3943 relieving 1/17 Dogra 3/2 Punjab. 1/17 Dogra area PM 3644 under comd 123 Bde. 3/2 Punjab Wabyin under Div HQ.

B. East of Mayu range. Attack by 4/1 GR on Japanese area PM 4544 morning 1 March gained a little ground but failed to dislodge enemy. Attack by our tps on PT 186 PM 5547 night 29 February 1 March failed.

C. Other locations. 2 8 Lan R area Ngakyedauk Pass. 2 Lan R PT 2155 PM 3557 patrolling North. 10 Gloster PM 3358. 9 R Sussex MB 118 PM 3162. HQ 7 Ind Div PM 476495. HQ 4 Bde PM 4252. 2/7 Rajput PM 4247 PM 4347. 2/13 FF Rif PM 4348 PM 4349. 1/18 R Garh Rif Ngakyedauk village PM 4452. HQ 71 Bde 1 Lincoln Awlanbyin PM 4752. HQ 26 Ind Div PM 482513.

2. Kaladan

Long range patrol 7 GOR working area Wabran PM 764405. 5 GOR are on outskirts Anindaw PM 9530 and 8 GOR are in contact area Pelegains PM 9232 Segyaung PM 9331. Identification obtained elements 144 Inf Regt from Japanese killed area Binapara PM 0934 28 February.

Comment. Consider this element of 1 Bn only but which Bn not known.

3. Chin Hills

Japanese reported still in posns Haka Saqbuk RZ

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0596 and RU 0101 29 February. E3 report 24 February states Japanese strength Haka fifty. Our patrol ambushed large party of Japanese 26 February area RU 4376 killing about ten.

4. Hukawng Valley

Chinese tps occupied Makawga NX 37 and Lalawn GA NX 27. Fwd elements are in contact with the enemy 2 miles North and West of Maingkwan. Heavy fighting in progress area Traing GA NX 27. Patrols of 5307 rangers inflicted some gas on enemy 5 miles NW of Lanem GA NX 38. Rangers crossed Tayang Hka at NW 3785 29 February. Two leading cols of 16 Bde have crossed Chinwin and established ridgehead NW 3621. Adv HQ 16 Bde NW 350305.

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Colonel Mathewson
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Ft Shafter No. 23
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NECAL Nr 26 to CINCSWPA Nr 23 to CG CENWPAC Nr 22 to USFOR
Nr 586 to AMWDEL Nr 256 to ANMKUN Nr 246 to COGUK.

Report received this headquarters from Chinese sources classified by them as reliable, our rating C3, that Jap 11th and 12th Air Force units ordered from Japan February 12 now reported on northern Kurile islands. Each consists of 60 Tojo fighters, 30 new model bombers and 4 reconnaissance planes, 11th units commanded by commander Hagi, 12th commanded by Lieut Colonel Asano Hiroyoshi. Reported air offensive to be conducted on Aleutian islands is intention of this movement. 1 unit reported on Paramashiro island, other Sakhalin island lower half.

New Subject: Report given us as unconfirmed by Chinese that 7,000 paratroopers arrived Hankow February 20 13 steamers.

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INFORMATION: OPD, CG AAF, Colonel Mathewson

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March 1, 1944

FROM: ADV 11 ARMY GROUP SEA

TO: USUAL ADDRESSEES

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By PLP Date DEC 11 1972

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ONE ARAKAN.

A. Estimate Japs killed and seriously wounded 4 to 29 Feb approx four thousand five hundred.

B. West of Mayu range. Quiet generally. Hq 72 Bde has arrived BAWLI BAZAAR.

C. East of Mayu Range. Fresh enemy tps reported in Sitrop 47 on fronts 33 and 114 Bdes now considered to be those returned month earlier in battle and regrouped for fresh stand.

AWLANBYIN features PM 4652 clear except for snipers. 3/14 Punjab located enemy party area PM 4444 killed 24. Japs on part feature PM 4544 heavily shelled and mortared by our tps morning 29 February. Enemy appear to be building up line from PT 124B PM 5546 features PM 5647 HTINHLA PM 6046 PT 1600 PM 6146.

D. Other locations. 1/8 Gr Toppe Bazaar. 8/13 FF Rif Taung Bazaar. 5/1 Punjab temporarily under Comd 114 Bde Paledaung north Pm 5252.

TWO. kalaDAN.

A. 4 Nigeria suffered thirteen wounded in successful clash with enemy near Donlan PM 9627 28 February. 1 Bn latest locations. Hq 5 WA Bde Kakkhaung PM 9538. Hq 6 WA Bde Kwanongyaung PM 9929. 1 Gambia Ponnaywa PM 0131. 11 SA Scouts area Binapara PM 0934.

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THREE. CHIN HILLS.

Our tps killed three wounded nine Japs without loss in
action area RU0863 27 Feb.
Following day patrol killed twelve Japs same area.

FOUR. CHINDWIN.

1 Ind Inf Bde now concentrated in area Kungtaung HP 8105.
Our patrol inflicted casualties on enemy patrol which
crossed Chindwin south of Auktaung night 26/27 Feby.
Enemy patrol has now recrossed Chindwin.

FIVE. MUKAWNG VALLEY.

Our (*positions*) MX 2272 heavily shelled by Japs.

SIX.

5307 (Prov) Rangers reached Tan Aps MX 3687 Adv HQ 16 Bde
NW 355340.

* Garble.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, OC/S Capt. Royal, USN,
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 MILID AQUILA W 604 FRAOI
 Chungking AQUILA S 2 FRAOI

1st March 1944

CGAAP from Stratemeyer info APDIS AFABI MILID
W 604 FRAOI Stilwell S 2 FRAOI.

1. Nil.

2. February 28th Japanese heavily shelled Chinese positions vicinity Ritu, Allied patrols maintaining road block Myitkyina Sumprabum road. February 29 Chinese troops continue advance, occupied Taring Ga, crossed Tanaï Hka and advanced 3 miles south west to Mashî Daru. Makav and advanced within 2 miles west of Maingwan against light enemy resistance. Japs occupying range to west of Kansauk (6 miles south of Kyauktav).

3. None. ➔

4. U.S. operations:

A Mandalay
B Marshalling Yards
C 2257 hours February 28
D 13 B24's
E each plane dropped 12 500 demos
F 2 strings south end yards, 1 string dropped west of target, balance unobserved but believed in target area; additional B24 Millionaire Square at Akkyab; another hit Monywa; 1 B24 attacked Jap Headquarters area Pakokku with unobserved results G gun and auto ack ack meager in-

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accurate from Mandalay, Sagaing and Ywataung
H nil.

A B bridge 2 miles north Taungtha, bridge between
Panaing and Gahlaing, bridge 3 miles south Myingyan.

C 1150 - 1503 hours February 29

D 7 B25's

E 28 1,000 demos

F main bridge 2 miles north Taungtha south span
broke in half, bridge 2 miles north Taungtha span north
end knocked out and track both ends bridge damaged, 1 box
car destroyed result direct hit Taungtha

G nil

H nil.

Total 103 supply dropping sorties February 27 also
2 photo reccs. Flight Intelligence report for March 1st
India Burma Sector.

Royal Air Force operations for 28th February:

A Shwebo

B railway station

C 2000 hours

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D 12 Wellingtons

E 25.5 ton

F most bursts station area with 1 large red fire
and medium fire, 1 plane jettisoned bombs west of Mogok

G none reported.

H none reported.

Additional 46 offensive recon escort supply dropping
photo sorties February 28. Total 112 sorties patrol
scrambles offensive escort February 29 recon supply dropping
resulting many river craft and barges attacked and damaged.

5. Nil.

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CC/S (Captain Royal USN)
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From: Kunming
To: Chungking M110FE
CGAAF W142FE
New Delhi A246FE
Calcutta C44FE
Ronggarh K42FE

29 February 1944

To Arnold W 142 FE, Stilwell M 110 FE, Stratemeyer
A 246 FE, Davidson C 44 FE, Old K 42 FE, info MILID, AFABI
and APDIS signed Chennault.

Off Yunnanyi 6 sharks on offensive recon to Myitkyina Airdrome
in north Burma strafed and destroyed steam roller on fighter
strip. This operations and intelligence report for February
28th. Field appears useable, no enemy opposition encountered.
Off Yakgai 4 Mitchells on sea sweep of Islands off Campha
Port area. Inclement weather, no target sighted. Total sort-
ies 16 fighter, 4 bomber. 308th group operations ferry trips
with 1 over and none back.

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TO: USUAL ADDRESSEES

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February 27, 1944

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ONE ARAKAN

(A) WEST OF MAYU RANGE Enemy posn PM 372610 occupied by own tps. 1/1 PUNJAB relieved 4 RWK who are now in res.

(B) Own posns area PM 4049 attacked 25 Feby heavy cas inflicted on enemy. 2/13 FF RIF were attacked twice night 25/26 Feby. Enemy now reported in PT 202PM 4553. Reported fortytwo JAPS killed one PW captured area PM 4848 25 Feby. Several parties attempting move SOUTH past 33 Bde severely handled. One JAP surrendered. One wounded PW captured each PT 315 and BADANA PM 4855. 1 Wilts LAUNG CHAUNG PM 4353.

TWO KALADAN

5 and 6 WA Bdes advancing SOUTH. 1 SAL crossing KALADAN to area LETSAUNG GAUK PH 9253 (PW0253). HQ81 WA Div PN0042.

THREE CHINDWIN

JAPS attacked SEIPEI RT9950 night 25/26 Feb NO details.

FOUR CHIN HILLS

Own tps occupied FWD bunkers MS22 further adv held up by large bunker 25 Feby. 26 Feby own tps on top MS22 but enemy holds posns on Southern slopes.

FIVE HYKWANG VALLEY

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From: Chiefs of Staff

Dated: 25th February, 1944

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Following from Chiefs of Staff. C.O.S.(W) 1175

With reference to J.S.M. 1519^X and to paragraph 1 of C.O.S.(W) 1178^φ, we have now had discussions with General Wedemeyer and party and our views are as follows:-

2. As will be seen from SEAGCS 99, Admiral Mountbatten is already carrying out maximum land offensive which his present lines of communication can support. All resources which can be maintained logistically have been put into his campaign and no forces have been withdrawn or withheld for use against Sumatra.

3. Admiral Mountbatten has stated and we agree, that the 4th Corps cannot seize the Shwebo-Monywa area before the next Monsoon and that even if it succeeded in doing so it would not be possible for it to hold this area during the Monsoon. Nor does Admiral Mountbatten anticipate that the LEDO force could capture Myitayina in time to complete the road across the Hrkawng Valley or that if they did so it would be possible for them to hold it.

4. While therefore we agree with the United States Chiefs of Staff on the necessity of preparing the China base in time to support the main effort against Formosa-China-Luzon area we agree with Admiral Mountbatten that the project for driving the Ledo road through to Kowling will not be completed early enough to achieve this aim. Even after its completion a large proportion

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of its capacity will be absorbed in supplying the troops necessary for its protection and maintenance. Consequently the tonnage delivered to China itself would be insignificant.

5. It is therefore our considered view that all resources and effort should be applied to the development of the air route to China and to the employment of the maximum air force that can be maintained in China by air supply until a port is opened. The air route is now transporting some 12,000 short tons per month and is already paying a good dividend in the operations of the 14th United States A.A.F.

6. The forces now engaged are in our view sufficient in combination with a strong air offensive to occupy the line Singkalin-Shadezup-Susprabum and thus provide reasonable protection to the air route.

7. To sum up therefore we consider that the instructions to Admiral Mountbatten should be to develop, maintain, and protect the air link with China.

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28th February 1944

To: CHIEFS OF STAFF

From: JOINT STAFF MISSION

Number: J.S.M. 1545

Reference SEACOS 99 paras. 8 and 9,

U.S. Chiefs of Staff have informed us as follows:

Admiral Mountbatten is mistaken in his assumption that the views of the U.S. Chiefs of Staff were based on arguments put up by General Stilwell. Our views as expressed in C.C.S. 452/6 (J.S.M. 1519) were developed prior to the arrival of General Stilwell's staff officers and prior to the receipt of a copy of General Stilwell's memorandum to Admiral Mountbatten of 31 January."

2. In order that this may be clarified U.S. Chiefs of Staff request that SACSEA should be so informed.

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From: Kunming.
To: New Delhi. A 235 FE
CGAAF W 140 FE
Chungking M 107 FE
Calcutta C 43 FE
Chabua K 41 FE

28 Feb. 1944.

This is operations and intelligence report for February 27. To Arnold W 140 FE, Stratemeyer A 235 FE, Davidson C 43 FE, Stilwell M 107 FE, Old K 41 FE, info AFABI, AFDIS and MILID from Chennault.

Off Hengyang 8 Sharks each carrying 1-1000 pound demo with 8 Sharks as top cover bombed railroad bridge at Puchi in central China. Hit both approaches and probably knocked out one span. Bridge put out of commission. Inaccurate ack ack encountered over town. Four Mitchells off Yangkai carrying 19-500 pound demos fused four to five second delay on seasweep of French Indo China coast from Vinh to Nam Dinh, no shipping sighted. Two Mitchells then bombed Nam Dinh distillery from 75 to 100 feet. Four hits on center and east buildings, large and small fires were observed. Mitchell then attacked 100 foot river paddle steamer with cannon. Four hits caused explosion and destruction of steamer. One Mitchell bombed railroad yards at Nam Dinh, 5 hits tore up tracks and left buildings burning in yard, 2 hits on 2 box cars. Two engines and 4 river paddle steamers were strafed with results unobserved. Mitchell then blew up 4 railroad cars in vicinity * one bomb hit building causing serious damage and minor damage to one Mitchell from this mission. Total sorties 20 fighter, * bomber. Routine ferry trips by 308th Group none over and one back. Storage military camp and barracks area located study of photos taken 26 February Ngao (18 degrees 44 minutes north and 100 degrees east) plus

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To: New Delhi

CGAAF

Chungking

Calcutta

Chabua

28 Feb. 1944.

A 235 FE

W 140 FE

M 107 FE

C 43 FE

X 41 FE

north and south highway and new highway under construction leading east southeast from town. Two five zero foot highway bridge crosses river at west edge of town.

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From: New Delhi
To : CG AAF - MILID - AQUILA W 571 FAOI
Chungking - AQUILA S 62 FAOI

26th February 1944

CG AAF from Stratemeyer info AFDIS, AFABI, MILID
W 571 FAOI, Stilwell S 62 FAOI.

Para 1, 3, 5, nil.

POST [2. Mingiatavng 20 miles south Sumprabum cleared of enemy and Allied patrols advanced South February 25. Ngak-yedauk remains open. British occupied Kyauktav with slight opposition.

4. U.S. Operations:

Night 24/25 February 2300 and 0015 hours 1 B24 hit Moulmein barracks dropping 100 pound demos, 3 B24's dropped 500 pound demos on Martaban sidings, 8 hit Moulmein jetty area also scoring hits north and south of city, 2 B24's hit 10 miles north west of Mingaladon airdrome also bombed small fire near Zayat, actual results unobserved except 3 large fires Moulmein jetty, haze and extreme darkness made accurate location targets and hits impossible. G gun and auto ack ack Moulmein meager inaccurate, no searchlights except one, ineffective, light, Moulmein airdrome, unidentified aircraft showing lights took off Mingaladon airdrome, runway lights on as plane took off but extinguished one minute later H nil. 125 total patrol offensive Sumprabum and T area February 24.

- A. Manpang
- B. Wireless station
- C. Night 23-4 February
- D. 3 B25's and 12 P51's

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E. 4 500 demos, 12 325 depth charges
F. All in target believed destroyed wireless station.

G. February 23. Four P51's destroyed warehouses at Fhantha with 8 250 demos February 22. 2 B25's and 4 P51's recce successful sorties February 23.

Royal Air Force Operations:

One Wellington unable locate Pyingana February 23 bombed Akyab town 2147 with bursts west center town expended 1.8 tons.

A. Maymyo
B. Railway
C. 2020 hours February 25
D. 12 Wellingtons detailed, 4 bombed target, 8 planes outstanding
E. 8.8 tons
F. Most in target, several large explosions. 11 Vengeances scored 6 hits enemy positions South East Maungdaw 1700 hours February 24 expended 5.5 tons.

A. Maungdaw
B. Positions
C. 1202 February 25
D. 12 Vengeances, 6 Hurricanes
E. 9 tons
F. All in target confirmed by Army.

A. Fort White
B. Enemy camp
C. 1025 hours February 24

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E. 1.5 tons
F. All on target.

Additional 131 sorties scrambles offensive recon supply dropping escort February 24, resulting 12 river craft destroyed, 68 damaged, jetty at Thade Chaung damaged, 2 bridges at Ela and Sva and station buildings damaged, 10 rolling stock, 7 motor trucks damaged, losses one Beaufighter missing hit by intense ack ack Tennant airfield, 1 Beaufighter crashed into sea Atkkan, 1 Hurricane missing hit by ack ack.

Total 217 sorties February 25 scramble supply dropping escort recon offensive patrol resulting:

66 river craft damaged,
Tacpon railway bridge damaged 1 loco, 3 rolling stock damaged,
3 Oscars encountered vicinity Lebyin, no contact due evasive action.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
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From: New Delhi
To: AGWAR

Re: ANMDEL AG2004 26 February 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD AG2004.

Summary for week ending 23 February (1) US Air:

17 February, 4 B-25's sank a 200 foot freighter at Vinh and destroyed locomotive at Yen Ly.

18 February, at Phu Ly 4 B-25's demolished ordnance dump and damaged rail bridge.

19 February 4 B-25's on East China sea sweep sank a 200 foot freighter south of Taichow group. 4 B-25's destroyed rail bridge south of Dung Giao. 50 miles north-east of Haiphong 8 P-40's sank a 300 foot vessel, on return destroyed administration buildings at Min Cay.

20 February, 2 B-25's probably sank a 200 foot steamer near Foochow. 4 B-24's on sea sweep Formosa Strait sank a 350 foot freighter, probably sank another 250 foot.

21 February, routine patrols only.

22 February, 4 P-40's probably sank a 150 foot boat near Bhamo.

23 February, 4 B-25's on Tongking Gulf shipping sweep sank 1 vessel and damaged 1 vessel.

(2) Chinese Air and US Ground; Operations nil for period.

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Re: ANMDEL AQ2004 26 February 1944

(3) Chinese Grounds: Minor guerrilla activity in western Shansi province and vicinity of Kinwa in Chekiang province.

(4) Ledo road progress report follows: Survey party is now on east side of Tarung River northeast of Yupbang heading for Kaduja Ga. Grading is complete to mile 86.7 and is being completed at points beyond. Metal-ling is continuous to mile 67.6. New bridge at Tirap was completed 17 February. Jeeps and trucks travel regularly to Yupbang Ga from Shingbiyang. Rainfall for report period is 0.

(5) Changes in British dispositions follow:

Arakan: Headquarters 114 Brigade at Paledaung (4 1/2 miles north northeast Buthidaung);

Headquarters 4th Brigade at Frinkhaung (4 miles west Taung Bazaar);

Headquarters 5 WA Brigade is 10 miles northwest of Kyauktaw;

Headquarters 6 WA Brigade at Pagoda Hill opposite Kyauktaw.

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February 24, 1944

From: Chiefs of Staff

To: SACSEA

Rptd: Joint Staff Mission (as C.O.S. (W) 1172)

COSSEA 65

Your SEACOS 101 and J.S.M. 1531 (not to SACSEA).

1. U.S. Chiefs of Staff agree to temporary diversion of not more than 30 C-47's. Authority is therefore granted for diversion of maximum of 27 C-46's on understanding that operation of all L.P.R.G.s is essential to security of air route.
2. In view of improvement of Arakan situation, we hope full diversion in para. 1 not now necessary.
3. We trust that U.S.C.O.S. will agree that allocation of 27 C-46's is within spirit of their decision to allocate 30 C-47's.

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FOOTNOTE: SEACOS 101 is CM-IN-16836 (24 Feb 44) CC/S

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INFORMATION: OPD
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Gen Arnold
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To: Chungking AQUILA S 56 FAOI
CGAAF AQUILA W 536 FAOI

23 Feb. 1944.

CGAAF from Stratemeyer info APDIS APABI MILID W 536
FAOI Stilwell S 56 FAOI.

1. Mustang attack on Mohnyin:

5 puffs smoke 1 mile south west of town between road and railroad in line east-west of aircraft passing over area at 500 feet. Explosions violently rocked planes giving possibility repetition of land mines previously encountered in Hukawng.

2. Chinese troops occupied Sinlung 8 miles east north east Taihsa Ga also occupied Laawn Ga and continued south west to Lamawn Ga night February 21st-22nd, Tsumhpawng Ga captured by Chinese. 50 Japs killed result Ambush 4 miles south west Sumprabum, over 140 Japs killed past few days area south west Taihsa Ga. Over 100 enemy killed in several engagements Arakan, operations continue against enemy blockade Ngakyedauk Pass.

4. US operations for February 21st:

A	B	C	D
Shingban	Command Post	1610 hrs.	4

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CGAAF AQUILA W 536 FAOI
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P51's F 8 X 500 demos F all in target dense black smoke jungle obscured.

A	B	C	D
Mohyin	Town	1530	8

P 51's E 8 X 300 demos F all bombs in south east section starting 1 large fire, 40 rolling stock strafed unobserved results G meager inaccurate small arms and see para 1 H nil.

Lollaw	Rail bridge 1424	8
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A36's and 4 P51's E 24 X 500 demos F 8 bombs on bridge. 2 hits south approach, remainder hit tracks south east target G meager inaccurate gun caliber Mogaung H nil.

2 P40's ran dusk offensive Reeco over the Taipha Ga area in search reported observation balloons no results.

A mile East Punhmi.	Gasoline Dump 1110	8
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P51's E 16 X 500 demos F poor results bombs dropped area mistaken for target.

Shaduzup	Camp	1055	4
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A36's and 8 P51's E 24 X 500 demos F all in target large column smoke east side Mogaung Hkw.

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AQUILA W 536 FAOI

Total patrol offensive sorties 107 Sumprabum.

A	B	C	D
Namkwin	Bridges	1435	4

P51's E 4 X 1000 demos F 2 direct hits railroad bridge knocking 2 spans into river and end of another span off pier, west approach of road bridge hit, 12 fires started by strafing.

Kawlin	Warehouses	1515	3
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B25's and 8 P51's E 24 X 500 demos F 2 warehouses east and 2 small warehouses west of railroad at Yawlin demolished plus 2 houses, factory at Wuntho demolished several houses and roadbridge to north east damaged. 2 P51's observed no activity Kawlin east and west, kin strips.

Royal Air Force operations February 21st.

Ywataung	Yards	2020	5
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Liberators E 16.5 tons F burst around target 2 fires in yards.

Sagaing	Shore station	2032	15
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Liberators E 47.7 tons F 26 hits straddley line, target covered, 1 large fire G inaccurate slight ack ack H nil;

1 Liberator failed locate target bombed point 5 miles

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AQUILA W 536 FAOI

north west Pyawbwe expended 2.7 tons. 12 Vengeances bombed positions at Sinzweya dropping 9 tons on target at 1645 hours. 78 additional sorties February 21st resulting rivercraft damaged.

February 22 operations:

A	B	C	D
Akyab	Main airdrome	2020	5
Liberators E 7.5 tons F many bursts target results unobserved.			
Prome	Dumps	1940	*13
Wellingtons E 24.5 tons F hits dumps 4 fires G nil			
H nil.			

18 scrambles 101 sorties offensive Recon escort supply dropping photo resulting damaged rivercraft. FLIGHT Intelligence India Burma sector February 23rd.

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INFORMATION: OPD, CGAAF, WHITE HOUSE, LOG

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To: WAR
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No. M49
No. C44
No. N31
No. AK226
No. AM369

23 February 1944.

Sultan for MILID M 49, CINC SWPA C44, NECAL N31,
AMOXUN AK226, ANMISGA AM369.

In Arakan British troops captured hill 1070 at PM 3852 and are less than 1 mile west of east end of Ngakyedauk Pass, Progress continuing slowly due blown bridges and culverts; Estimate 1,000 yards of pass still in enemy possession; additional estimated 200 enemy crossed Kalapansin River to east below Taung Bazar and turned south; Situation generally improved with British regaining the offensive and the Japs pulling out of some areas. Increased enemy activity in Chin Hills and north along Chindwin river; British comment on possibility 33rd enemy division being relieved by elements 15th Jap division in Atwpa Yoma range area vicinity of Minthami. Allied troops report killing 50 enemy in ambush 4 miles southwest Sumprabum. Chinese troops occupied Sinlung (8 miles east northeast Taihpa Ga) and Laavn Ga and continued southwest to vicinity Lamavn Ga (8 miles southeast Taihpa Ga); Tsuhpaviq Ga (3 miles southwest Taihpa Ga) occupied and Chinese moved east and north against resistance; Other Chinese troops advanced east along Ahavk trail contacting estimated enemy battalion at Yawngang Ga (8 south southwest Taihpa Ga). Chinese report 140 enemy killed past 2 days. New subject - elements 29th Regiment of Jap 2nd Division at Hanzada 75 miles northwest Rangoon according to reliable source.

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INFORMATION: OPD, CGAAF, White House, Log No Sig.

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February 23, 1944

MOST IMMEDIATE

From: SACSEA
To: British Chiefs of Staff
Info: J.S.M., Washington

SEACOS 101

Following for Chiefs of Staff repeated Joint Staff Mission from Mountbatten. My SEACOS 96, Transport Aircraft.

Situation in Arakan is progressing favourably but date when Ngaukyedauk Pass will be completely clear of enemy cannot yet be foreseen. There have been heavy demolitions and even when opposition has ceased it will take some time in this wild and mountainous country to reestablish effective land L of C. Wingate's two remaining columns are to be flown in early March and dates which have been fixed in relation to moon cannot be put back. Aircraft for this purpose required now. It is therefore certain that overlap will occur and we must either have additional aircraft or give up Wingate's operations.

2. Since despatching my SEACOS 96 I have been continuously reviewing every possible source for additional aircraft. Only 5 C-47's belonging to R.A.F. remain. These are engaged in training pilots and army personnel in parachute dropping and supply dropping. Therefore to put these 5 aircraft into battle must prejudice the future. However, urgency is so great that I have agreed to their transfer to supply dropping in Arakan. This reduces deficit from 38 to 33.

3. Eastern Air Command were under impression that C-46's which are on the Hump run were not suitable for supply dropping and must therefore be used on internal lines in India to replace C-47's which would be released for supply

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dropping in Arakan. Experiment has shown that C-46's can be used for supply dropping so that aircraft can be taken direct from Hump and used for this purpose. Lift equivalent to that of the 33 C-47's now required can be carried by 27 C-46's. Lift of 27 C-46 aircraft over Hump is less than 2500 tons per month. See also my SEACOS 96, para. 8.

4. My request is therefore reduced to 27 C-46's. This is a maximum and it may not be necessary to take so many, but consider it essential I should have the power to divert up to this number during present emergency. Aircraft should be moving now to prepare for use with Wingate's forces, and Wingate's operations are already imperilled as they cannot be retarded. Therefore most urgently request immediate answer.

5. Request copies of this signal may be passed to AXIOM.

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INFORMATION: OPD

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To: MILID M47
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Chungking AM354
New Caledonia N30
Brisbane C42

21 February 1944

From Sultan for MILID M47, AMMKUN AK214, AMMISCA AM354, NECAL N30, CINC SWPA C42.

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Chin Hills 19/20 February estimated 60 enemy unsuccessfully attacked British position 2 miles south Kyaukchav (22 miles north Mawlaik) 7 enemy killed; patrol of 3 miles northeast Fort White caused 16 enemy casualties.

Salween River, air reconnaissance reports heavy river and road traffic moving north 35 miles northeast Tangchung on 16th February. Allied patrols continue operations against enemy supply lines to south of Sumprabul.

Fukawng Valley, Chinese troops advanced against opposition east along Ahawk Trail to point 10 miles southwest Taihpa GA; other Chinese troops crossed Taihpa GA-Main-gkwan Trail about 2 miles southwest Taihpa GA. In Arakan no further organized resistance in hills 7 south southeast Bawli Bazar, mopping up operations in progress, enemy elements driven farther to the east; other British troops advanced south from west Badana to Prein Creek. Enemy troops previously departed southeast Taung Bazar, now believed to have reached their own right flank east of Buthidaung.

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INFORMATION: OPD, CG AAF, CCS (Capt Royal, USN),
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February 18, 1944

FROM: SACSEA
TO: Chiefs of Staff
Rptd: J.S.M., Washington

SEACOS 98.

Following for Chiefs of Staff repeated Joint Staff Mission from Mountbatten. My SEACOS 96.

Wish to emphasize that our planned operations this Spring were all within estimate of resources available. It is Tanabashi's untoward encircling action which has thrown the 7th Division unexpectedly on to air supply that has more than used up our thin margin, and left us with a deficit. Giffard has just returned from a visit to 15 Corps and the Arakan (Front) with Army Commander where he had a long and careful examination the present situation. Position is that there is about one battalion in thick jungle on the western slopes of the Mayu Ridge and operations are in progress to destroy it. Forces of 5th Division are attacking Japanese in Ngakyedauk Pass. 26th Division with 2 weak brigades is attacking Japanese at Northeastern end of Ngakyedauk Pass. As all these Japanese forces are operating in very thick jungle it is not only exceedingly difficult to estimate their exact strength but even to locate their exact position. Further, when found, the Japanese positions are usually entrenched and attacks upon them are not easy to stage. The plains abutting on the Mayu Ridge are cultivated and thickly populated and there is a great deal of food available, as the rice crop has just been harvested. Tanabashi's force have thus had possibility of r iding local food supplies. All commanders are imbued with

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the necessity of speed and Giffard is satisfied that they are doing all in their power to clear up the situation, but in view of the above factors operations are bound to be slow and arduous and he is not in a position to give any estimate as to when Japanese forces can be finally destroyed or driven out. In his estimate it is not yet possible to set a time limit on the Japanese emergency, but it now appears almost certain that there will be an overlap with Wingate's operations. Request copies of this message may be passed to Combined Operations Headquarters for Axiom.

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Military Attache China
N.Z. Forces H.C. New Zealand
Army Bangalore
Army Rawalpindi
Middle East

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SITREP NO 36.

ONE: ARAKAN. Own Recce Tps made Water Borne raid KANYINDAN PM 3724 night 16/17 Feb killed 6 Japanese captured two wounded PW one since died identification 1 Bn 144 Regt obtained. Own encircling movement round North of Pt 1070 progressing. Coy 1/18 R GARH RIF reached PM 387516. Own Tps established RD block PM 394518 17 Feb. Enemy made several attacks 7 Div box night 16/17 Feb. Our Tps killed fortyeight Japanese in mopping up area HTINDAW PM 4444 17 Feb. Enemy party contacted area PM 414494 16 Feb attacked by own patrol enemy fled leaving 30/40 haversacks SAA. Three PW and important document captured area Div Adm box. Ambush on Road Area PM 3160 night 16/17 Feb engaged small enemy parties. Japanese estimated one Coy ambushed PM 345585 withdrew with casualties. Latest dispositions .5 Ind Div.161 Bde .1/1 PUNJAB BAKKAGONNE

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PM 3542 hills West of Rd. 123 Bde. 2/1 PUNJAB PM 3948-PM4048
FWD Coys PM 405521 PM 407496 Coy 4/7 RAJPUT Coy 1/8 GR PM 375520.
7 Ind Div. HQ 89 Bde 2 KOSB 7. Div Adm Box. 4/8 GR elements 25
Dragoons Area PT 315 PM 4252. 26 Ind Div HQ 4 BDE 2/13 FF RIF
less one Coy PRINKEHAUNG PM 4362 one Coy MANYINDAUNG PM 4366. 1
"ilts less two Coys BADANA West PM 4359 two Coys YINBOUNGGYUNG
PM 4357. 1 Lincolns RINBOUNGGYOUNG, HQ 36 Bde PM 313625. 8/13 FF
RIF less two Coys NGANGYAUNG PM 3261 Coy each PM 331609 PM 334599.
1/8 GR less three Coys PM 355567 Coys PM 357589 PM 345585 PT 2174
PM 3662. 5/16 PUNJAB less two Coys PM 3455 Two Coys PM 355567.
21 Bde 5/1 PUNJAB GO PE BAZAAR. 2/7 CAPUT less two Coys TAUNG
BAZAAR Coy each PM 5058 BADANA East. 36 Ind Div. Assumed Comd
29 Bde less one Bn and 36 Bde 1200 hrs 16 Feb. HQ 36 Div BAWLI
PM 292705. 29 Bde. 2 E LAN R area PM 3162. 2 S LAN R KUEMI
PM 3073. 1 RSP SABAIGON PM 3167. 2 RWP BALUKHALI PM 3357.
TWO: KALADAN. Own patrols pushing down East bank. Locals
report KALADAN garrison consisted of 200 JAPANESE 80 Btn.
New Locations. HQ 81 (WA) Div TINMA East PN 0459. HQ 5 (WA)
Bde 5 GCR area EKWE PN 89253. 8 GCI PN 884563. 6 (WA) Bde 1
SL R area Incl SHWEBYE PN 0648 excl LETPAN PN 1048. 1 NAMBIA
THABON PN 0359. 4 NR patrolling TOPHAYECTABIN PN 1040 MAHUNI
PN 1041. 11 EA scouts patrolling on East bank KALADAN towards
KYAUKTAW PN 0138.
THREE: CHIN HILLS. JAPANESE posn RU 1074 occupied by our cont.

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tps 16 February. Our patrol shot up enemy patrol moving South MS 22 RC 2855. Patrols to PT 1768 RP 7748 ambushed 20 JAPANESE 16 Feb killing three. 18 Feb PL JAPANESE twice attacked our post PT 2007 RP #358 NO details. One Coy BARFORCE moved from THKUALAM RT 7906 to KUHCHAH RY 8893.

FOUR.

HUKAWNG. CHINESE still in contact SE of KADUJA GA NX 18 and NW of LAAWN GA. Enemy resistance AHAWK track being reduced. Elements 114 Regt advanced to NX 0274. Elements 3/66 Regt area NW 9972 1/66 Regt YAWNGNANG GA NX 0665. Elements 65 Regt NX 0263.

FIVE.

SUMPRABUM Area. General closing in on SUMPRABUM.

4 BUR Regt less two Coys NENTAWNG NY 2295 and HUNAWNG NY 2694. Coy NPL MAESQGA NY 1790. Two Coys 4 BUR Regt one Coy NKL astride main road South of SUMPRABUM DET 10 BUR Regt two Coys NKL area WIBAWNG NY 1465 one Coy NKL area GUMSHEN NY 3375 to BUMPAT NY 2250. NKL less five Coys and DET 10 BLR Regt based on KAJITU NY 5363.

SIX. 3 Div. HQ 16 DE NR 590123 54 coln NR 61#200 45 coln NR 585162. 51 coln NR 589115. 17-21-22-69-71- colns NR 521065.

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From: New Delhi
To: War

No. AG 1054, 19 February 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD AG 1054.

Weekly summary for week ending 16 February.

1. US Air:

10 February, 11 P40's started fires at Wanling and destroyed 3 surrounding villages. 2 B25's on Hainan Island sweep probably sank 2 freighters 125 feet long. Near Kulkirng 12 P40's damaged a 200 foot cargo vessel and a 200 foot gunboat. 2 B25's sank a 200 foot freighter near Hong-kong.

11 February, 12 P40's destroyed bridge at Shekiung and damaged rolling stock. 6 B25's and 20 P40's attacked airdrome at Kaitak with good results. Of 10 Japanese planes encountered 5 were confirmed, 1 probable.

12th February, at Wanling 9 P40's destroyed all buildings target area, large explosion warehouse area. At Vinh Yen 6 P40's destroyed barracks building, left many burning. 3 B25's sank 2 trawler 125 feet long in Tongking Gulf. Off Suichwan 24 P40's intercepted 25 Japanese fighters, 7 Japanese destroyed and 7 probable. 2 of our pilots bailed out.

13th February, 6 P40's attacked Phu Tho airdrome starting large fires. 4 B25's southwest Hainan Island sank a 125 foot vessel and a 300 foot vessel, damaged 2 steamers 175 feet long. 4 B25's on sweep east from Foochow

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sank 2 freighters 250 feet long, a 500 foot transport and a 200 foot freighter, damaged 2 freighters 500 feet. 23 B24's attacked railroad shops at Vinh. Target practically wiped out.

14th February, 4 B25's on Tongking Gulf sweep sank a 200 foot vessel and damaged a 150 foot boat.

15th February, no report received.

16th February, 2 B25's destroyed bridge at Yen Ly.

(2) US ground, Chinese air and ground NIL for period.

(3) Changes in British dispositions:

Arakan:

Brigade: 26th Indian Division, 4th Indian Infantry

Brigade Headquarters is 3 miles west of Taung Bazar.

36th Indian Division:

Division Headquarters at Dechaupalong.

81st WA Division:

Division Headquarters at Mizawa (2 miles east of Kaladan).

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5th West African Brigade:

Brigade Headquarters at Ngahtaran (4 miles west of Kaladan).

6th West African Brigade:

Brigade Headquarters is 7 miles north northeast of Kyauktav.

(4) Ledo road progress as of February 11th:

Road is being final graded in vicinity of 111 mile point. Final metalling is being laid down at mile 80 point. Convoys are travelling regularly to Shingbziyang, jeeps can get to Ningam Sakan and beyond, road survey party and trace cutting party are now working north of existing road beyond Ningam. Rainfall during week averaged .45 inches per day. Heavy rain would limit all vehicles to end of continuous metalling, miles 62.8.

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 Chungking AQUILA 845 FAOI

19 February 1944

CGAAF from Stratemeyer info AFDIS ANABI MILID W493
FAOI Stilwell 845 FAOI.

Flight Intelligence report February 19th India Burma
Sector.

1. Nil
2. February 18th: Chinese advances vicinity Laaw
Ga, occupied positions near Confluence Tanai and Mawng Ribero
South Taipba Ga after Japs retreated. Unnamed village 2
miles north Ywangbang Ga occupied February 16th as previously
reported. Enemy positions hills east Hganjyang being attacked
from several directions including artillery.
3. One enemy recon west Akyab 0637 later 15 miles
north Coxs Bazaar east north east Kwason flying south east
no contact.
4. US February 17th operations:
 - A. Lonkin to Kamaing.
 - B. Offensive recon troops and supplies.
 - C. 0850-1000 hours.
 - D. 20 P51's and 18 A36's.
 - E. 35 300 demos and 22 250.

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F. 14 hits on troops and supplies 2 miles west of Lonkin strafed Lonkin; town fired Basbas; 22 hits supply area both sides Lonkin-Nanyaseik road, jungle obscured results; 9 hits on supplies area junction of Manywet Kamaing road with railroad from Sahmav results smoke obscured.

G. Meager inaccurate fire west of Lonkin.

H. Nil

A. Ionton Manywet roads.

B. Dump and storage.

C. 1350.

D. 6 P51's.

E. 12 300 demos.

F. 8 hits target firing Basbas 3 fires, strafed.

G. Nil

H. Nil.

105 total patrol offensive sorties Taro and Sumprabum.

A. Pyingaing.

B. Road bridge.

C. 1345

D. 2 B25's and 6 P51's.

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E. 2 500 demos.

F. Satisfactory results, strafed area.

G. Light auto fire.

H. Nil.

One B25 escort 4 P51's strafed 18 rolling stock un-
observed results, railway station left in flames 1200 hours.

A. Taumhpawngga-Walawbum.

B. Recce.

C. 1000.

D. 2 P51's.

E. 4 250 demos.

F. Hits on road junction and road Maingkwan area.

G. Nil.

H. Right Wing P51's damaged by land mine. 1 B25 and
2 P51's escort scored near miss road bridge 12 miles west
Wuntho 0850 hours February 18 expended 4 500 demos.

Royal Air Force February 17th operations: 1 Liberator
expended 3.5 tons bombed Taungup stores dump at 2132 hours
bursts target area 2 large fires. Due base only 2 Wellingtons
bombed Heho airfield results unobserved 1 plane carried flares
only other expended 1.5 tons, 9 Wellingtons bombed Myingyan
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large explosions south west town and built up area 2130 hours expended 13.5 tons. Eight Hurricanes bombed and strafed Pinlebu town most bombs target area no direct hits. Additional 50 offensive escort recon supply dropping sorties February 17th resulting: Jap Commander's house at Haka damaged, 6 rolling stock, 6 motor trucks fired and 3 locomotives damaged, 3 enemy planes attempted interception Anisakan area due evasive tactics no contact.

A. Mandalay.

B. Railway Yards.

C. 2030 February 18.

D. 16 Liberators.

E. 42.15 tons.

F. Very successful, bursts in yards and adjoining area, 1 large fire, many other.

G. Nil

H. Nil

A. Buthidaung.

B. Positions.

C. 1730 February 18th.

D. 12 Vengeances 8 Hurricanes.

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- E. 5.5 tons.
- F. Good concentration.
- A. Kuntawng east of Homalin.
- B. Camp.
- C. 0950 and 1200 hours.
- E. 10.5 tons.
- D. 12 Vengeances and 6 Hurricanes.
- F. All target area.
- 5. Nil.

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From: New Delhi
To: CGAAF MILID AQUILA W4844
Chungking AQUILA 844

18 February 1944

Flight Intelligence report from India Burma skitor
February 18th CGAAF from Stratemeyer info AFDIS AFABI MILID
W4844 Stilwell 844 PAOS.

1. Nil.
2. February 17th: Chinese continued short advance south and west Taihpa Ga. Total 140 Japs ambushed by Allied Troops 3 localities south west Sumprabum resulted 60 Jap casualties. British occupied enemy position Lophei 9 miles south east Tiddim start.
3. February 17th 1 enemy aircraft west of Akyab 0801 hours no contact.
4. US February 16th operations:
 - A 8 miles north Myitkyina
 - B Large supply dump
 - C 1000
 - D 14 A36's and 8 P51's
 - E 25 25C and 15 30 Demos
 - F Target hit results unobserved, strafed.
 - A Kamaing Area
 - B Supply dumps
 - C 1225 and 1300
 - D 4 A36's 8 P51's 16 300 and 7 250 Demos
 - F All hits target jungle obscured results
 - GH Nil.

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To: CGAAF MILID AQUILA W4844
Chungking AQUILA 844
18 February 1944

A Lonkin Area
B Troops and supplies
C 1615
D 4 A36's and 4 P51's
E 16 250 Demos
F All bombs target area same strafed jungle obscured results.

A South Walawbum
B Camp
C 1530
D 4 P51's
E 12 land mines
F All in target area same strafed heavy jungle obscured results. Total patrol offensive sorties 113 Sumprabum and Tary area.

A Kyaingkwun 3 miles north Kawlin
B Railway
C 1620
D 3 B25's and 6 P51's
E 1 500 Demos
F Near misses 3 locomotives coupled together, hit and destroyed by 75 MM strafing
G Light auto fire
H Nil.

Royal Air Force operations February 16th:

A Toulgoo
B Airfield

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From: New Delhi
To: CGAAF MILID AQUILA W4844
Chungking AQUILA 344
18 February 1944

C 2010 hours
D 11 Wellingtons, another Wellington bombed Tennant
Airfield in error with good results
E 16 tons
F Bursts target several small fires
GH Nil.

A Nawngpu Avng
B Storage area
C 1330
D 29 Vengeances
E 20 0.25 tons
F All bombs target also strafed.

A North Rathedaung Area
B Thaungdara
C 1700
D 12 Vengeances escort 12 Hurricanes
E 6 tons
F 22 hits target area.

A Nawngpu Avng
B Village
C 1000 and 1600 hours
D 12 Hurricanes
E 3 tons
F majority hit target caused 1 large explosion and
fire. 24 scrambles no contact February 16th additional
57 offensive recce supply dropping escort sorties results:
severely damaged SWA Railway bridge, Pynmana Loco workshops
and 3 Loco with 30 rolling stock 3 motor trucks damaged.

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From: New Delhi
To: CGAAF MILID AQUILA W4844
Chungking AQUILA S44
18 February 1944

Operations for February 17th:

A North east Maungdaw
3 Positions
C 1COO
D 12 Vengeances escort 6 Hurricanes
E 8.5 tons
F All bombs target
GH 3 planes hit by ack ack.

A Letvedet
C 1600
D 12 Vengeances
E 9 tons
F All hit target. 6 scrambles February 17th and 115
offensive Recce escort supply dropping sorties.

5. 60 Hikosentai medium bombers (SALLY) and 21
Dokuritu Hikotai twin engine fighters (NICK) have left thea-
ter reducing total strength Jap Army Air Force to 279. 20
single engine fighters (ZEKE) of 331 Kokutai returned from
South West Pacific brings total strength Jap Naval Air Force
this theater up to 167.

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From: New Delhi
To: MILID AMMDEL M43
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Chungking AMMDEL AM324
New Caledonia AMMDEL N28
Brisbane AMMDEL C39

17 February 1944

For MILID M43, AMMKUN AK197, AMMISCA AM324, NECAL N28, CINC SWPA C39 from Sultan.

Along Salween nothing new. Hukawng 2 battalions Chinese 114th Regiment advanced to southeast of Taihpa Ga and fighting continues on 15th and 16th, Chinese entered Yawngbang Ga (8 miles south Taihpa Ga) and are advancing to south and southeast 16th February. Allied troops established road blocks south of Sumprabum 15th February. Arakhn 16th February: Road south of Bawli Bazar open to escorted convoys and British Forces continuing against enemy road block on Ngakyedauk Pass, fighting continues in area southwest Taung Bazar, no continuous contact as yet between the 7th Division and relieving forces, 700 enemy dead definitely known in 7th Division area, new identification indicates that encircling force may be up to 7 Battalions. Some enemy supplies may be getting through along eastern slope of Mayu Range, enemy food and ammunition supply reported low, Kaladan now occupied by British. Chin hills 16th February in area Southeast Tiddim active patrols and skirmishes resulting in casualties for both sides.

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To : War - MILID - AMMDEL M 40
Kunming - AMMDEL AK 186
Chungking - AMMDEL AM 314
New Caledonia - AMMDEL N 27
Brisbane - AMMDEL C 38

15th February 1944

From Sultan for MILID M 40, AMMKUN AK 186, AMMISCA AM 314, NECAL N 27 and CINC SWPA C 38.

Situation in Arakan 13th February, British troops cleared road six miles south Bawli Bazar driving enemy east into hills where fighting continues; road now open to Maungdaw but subject to interruptions. British troops occupied Yinbungyaung (4 miles west southwest Taung Bazar). British troops from Goppe Bazar have contacted British 114th Brigade on east flank. Strong enemy position encountered 8 miles west southwest Kaladan (30 miles north-east Buthidaung).

14th February, waterborne raid Damankhali (6 miles southeast Maungdaw) drove enemy into hills; 2nd waterborne raid on Indin unsuccessful due surf. Progressing steadily to remove road block at east end Ngakyedauk Pass although estimated 200 Japs captured a British position in this area, enemy suffered heavy losses. Unconfirmed report states 800 enemy moved east across river 2 miles southwest Taung Bazar. Supply blockage still in effect. Large scale air droppings continue. British comment positions being held securely but concerned over supply difficulties.

Hukawng Valley 14th February, fighting continues in Sinlung and Tumhpang GA areas (7 and 9 miles northeast Taihpa GA); enemy shelling Chinese positions in Taihpa GA

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To : War - MILID - AMMDEL M 40
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15th February 1944

area; Chinese troops advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east in area 5 miles west southwest Taihpa GA, similar advance made in vicinity Yawangbang GA (8 miles south southwest Taihpa GA).

In Sumprabum area 13th February 5 separate ambushes netted 64 enemy killed. Patrol actions with some artillery fire exchanged in the Chin Hills.

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To: Chiefs of Staff
From: SACSEA
Info: J.S.M. Washington
SEACOS 92

Following for Chiefs of Staff rptd Joint Staff Mission from Mountbatten.

Have just returned to Delhi after conference with Alim and Baldwin at Comilla on Sunday evening. Situation on 10th day of Jap offensive against 15 Corps in Arakan follows.

2. Captured Jap plan shows their intention was -

- (a) 112 Regt. plus one battalion under Tanabashi to move round our left flank and seize Ngakyedauk Pass thus cutting off all supplies to our troops east of Mayu Range.
- (b) Force mentioned in (a) was then to attack 7 Div. from the rear while at the same time main Jap forces were to attack Kukul Div. from the south. They anticipated this would compel 7 Div. to withdraw in disorder over Mayu Range.
- (c) Simultaneously with the above one battalion with a considerable number of Jifs were to cross Mayu Range and out main Bawli-Maungdaw Road.
- (d) After dealing with Kul Div Tanabashi planned to follow battalion mentioned in (c) across Mayu Range and to attack 5 Div. from the rear. Latter were expected to break away across Naaf River and attempt to escape northwards up Naaf Peninsula. An additional force was

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held in readiness for the pursuit.

3. Japs expected 7 Div. to be destroyed by about February 10th. It is believed that air support was then to be switched in support of an offensive on four corps front.

4. Plan was followed as far as paras. 2 (a), (b), (c) were concerned with the following important exceptions -

(a) 7 Div. has stood firm and fighting magnificently has beaten off all attacks. Ngakyedauk Pass is however closed and all troops east of Mayu Range are dependent on air supply. This has been provided continuously by 31, 62 and 194 transport squadrons in face of intense ground and air opposition, latter consisting of sweeps of up to 100 Jap fighters. These transport squadrons form part of the integrated troop carrier command and have been led gallantly in person by the Commanding Officer, Brigadier General Old.

(b) The detached Jap Battalion mentioned in para 2 (c) having reached its objective has been driven back about half a mile from the road which is now intermittently open.

5. All our troops are standing firm and have inflicted heavy casualties in repulsing attacks. 26 Division is now attacking from the north and is cooperating with 5th Division in clearing Ngakyedauk Pass.

6. Fighting is severe and progress through most difficult mountainous jungle is slow. Jap prisoners state food is short and ammunition low but there are no signs of resistance weakening. Jap 54 Division from Akyab-Ramree area is moving up to join in battle.

7. Naval feint in the Bay of Bengal has produced no reactions.

8. Although Jap time table has been badly upset situation remains anxious particularly in view of damage inflicted to

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transport aircraft. This may affect all our future operations unless more can be made available. Will send a further telegram about this shortly.

9. Request copies of this signal may be passed to C.O.H.Q. for AXIOM.

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Kunming AK 176
Chungking AM 301
14 Feb. 1944.
From Sultan for MILID M39, NECAL N26, CINC SWPA C37,
AMMKUN AK 176 and AMMISCA AM 301.

Estimate 9 possibly 10 enemy battalions now committed
in Arakan of which 4 possibly 5 battalions are north of and
in rear of British front line disposed as follows:

1 battalion 213 regiment astride road 7 miles south
Bawli Bazar, 1 unidentified battalion astride east end
Ngakyedaic pass (8 miles southwest Taung Bazar);

112th regiment in area 4 to 5 miles southwest Taung
Bazar with 1 battalion 1 mile south Taung Bazar. Indications
enemy may have established supply route north from point 3
miles west Letvedet. British report indications elements of
54th enemy division may be in Akyab area. Main supply routes
to British troops east of Mayu range still blocked. British
report their present positions being held securely with operat-
ions to reopen Ngakyedaic pass progressing steadily. British
consider that arrival of reinforcements from north will re-
lieve situation. In Chin hills British troops occupied
positions 2 miles North and 8 miles southwest Fort White.

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In Hukawng Valley 12th February Taihpa Ga shelled by enemy;

Fighting continues in area 5 miles west southwest
Taihpa Ga. 10 enemy killed in ambush 4 miles southwest
Susprebur.

No Sig.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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CC/S Capt. Royal, USN
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Flight Intelligence report India Burma Sector February
13th. CGAAF from Stratemeyer info AFDIS AFABI MILID W 422
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1. Nil.

part | 2. February 11th heavy enemy casualties result ambush
of 100 Japs 40 miles south Sumprabum and February 12th Taipha
Ga shelled by enemy. Chinese advanced 2 miles against enemy
delaying action to point 10 miles southeast Taro. British
operations to reopen Ngakyedauk area, enemy attack repulsed.

3. None reported.

4. US February 11th operations:

A. Sawngka

B. Supply Area

C. 1115

D. 8 A36's. 2 P51's

E. 20 300 demos

F. All hit target unobserved results

G. Nil

H. Nil.

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- A. Pyindaw
- B. Supply and Bivouac
- C. 1210
- D. 1 B25, 8 A36's and 4 P51's
- E. 15 315 250 decmos
- F. All in target several fires known also large
fire bivouac area much smoke also strafed
- G. Nil
- H. Nil.
- A. Road junction Sahmav and Mogaung Manywet to
Kamaing road
- B. Stores supplies areas
- C. 1020 hours
- D. 8 P51's
- E. 16 100 incens
- F. 10 hits targets 3 moderate fires, heavily
strafed
- G. Nil
- H. Nil.

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- A. Mandalay-Shwebo
- B. Reece
- C. 1700
- D. 2 P40's plus 6 P51's
- E. None
- F. Strafed set afire large river steamer near Mandalay also crowded launch hit unobserved results
- G. Heavy ack ack inaccurate 3 positions Mandalay
- H. Nil.

Total Sorties February 11th Sumprabum 59 patrols.
Royal Air Force operations February 11th follow.

- A. Punkhori
- B. Positions
- C. 1650
- D. 12 Vengeances 6 Spitfires
- E. 9 tons
- F. All well concentrated south of village.

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- A. Prome
- B. Supply dumps
- C. 2230 and 2400 hours
- D. 24 Wellingtons
- E. 48,12 tons
- F. Very large fires many explosions and smaller fires over whole area, very violent explosions in dump
- G. Nil
- H. Nil.

Additional 97 offensive escort Recce Supply dropping Sorties resulting 1 Hurricane missing. February 12th operations follow:

- A. Buthidaung area
- B. Kyauktaw and Punkhork villages
- C. 1015 and 1310
- D. 24 Vengeances 12 Hurricanes
- E. 15 tons
- F. Most hit among buildings also strafed.

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- A. Seinyinbya
- B. Positions
- C. 1540
- D. 2 Wellingtons 21 Spitfires
- E. 2 4000 poor results.
- A. Nyebon
- B. Nyebon
- C. 2200 and 2230 hours
- D. 9 Liberators
- E. 17.7 tons
- F. Many hits causing explosions medium fire and many spreading red fires.
- A. Katha
- B. Railway station
- C. 0110 hours
- D. 1 Wellington
- E. 1.5 tons
- F. Burst railway line north west of station 3 small fires.

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- A. Bhamo
- B. Town
- C. 0117
- D. 1 Wellington
- E. 1.5 tons
- F. Target hit cloud obscured.

Total 36 scrambles no contact and 132 offensive Recce
Patrol Escort Supply dropping Sorties February 12th destroy-
ing 15 rivercraft.

5. Nil.

No Sig.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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From: **Nav Delhi.**
To: **WAR**

No. **AMNDEL AG 914 12 Feb. 1944.**

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD AG 914.

Summary for week ending 9 February.

(1) US Air:

3 February, no report received.

4 February, 2 B25's attacked bridge and radio station near Vinh in French Indo China with unobserved results.

*Off Hanks
(will appear in
Daily Summary)*

5 February, 4 P40's bombed Hopang starting large fires. From Kweilin 2 B24's and 2 B25's bombed 9 ship convoy at 116 degrees 0 minutes east-21 degree 30 minutes north, sank 3 vessels 400 feet long, 3 vessels 250 feet long and probably sank 1 large vessel. 13 B24's bombed ordnance plant at Bangkok starting fires followed by eight explosions. 2 B25's off Machpi Point sank 1 large junk and damaged 5. 6 B25's destroyed bridge at Anzuan, destroyed bridge and blew up train at Tien AN.

6 February, No report received.

7 February, 1 unescorted B25 on Yangtze River sweep sank a 150 foot freighter and 3 freighters 100 feet long and probably sank 2 freighters 100 feet long and 1 large barge.

8 February, No report received.

9 February, 16 P40's bombed and strafed Chefang, Hsuan and Maneshih. At Chefang large barracks and oil drums

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burned, Homsun and Mangshih completely destroyed. 2 B25's demolished wireless station and damaged 4 buildings southwest of Haiphong.

(2) US Ground:

Nil for period.

(3) Chinese Air:

Nil for period.

(4) Chinese Ground:

Minor Guerrilla activity in rear of Jap lines.

(5) Progress of Ledo Road is of 3 February:

Road is undergoing final grading at points up mile 111. Metalling is complete to mile 62. Last report stated metalling complete to mile 67.4. This is erroneous, 62 is correct figure. Convoys continue to travel between Basel, and Shingbviyang although Road is very slippery. Jeep road between Shingbviyang and Ningam Sakan and beyond is being rapidly improved to permit travel of 6 by 6 trucks. Heavy rain would limit travel to mile 62.

(6) Changes in British Troop dispositions:

(1) Arakan:

15th Corps, Rear Headquarters Dhechuapalong 11,264

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miles southeast of Cox's Bazaar;

Main Headquarters, Bawli Bazaar, 21 degrees 5 minutes north 92 degrees 20 minutes east;

26th Division, 71st brigade, Bawli Bazaar;

7th Indian Division, Headquarters Sinsweya, 92 degrees 26 minutes east 20 degrees 56th minutes north;

81st WA Division, Headquarters Themawa, 9 miles south of Palotwa;

5th WA Brigade, Headquarters Natarainyaung, 6 miles south southeast of Palotwa;

6th WA Brigade, Headquarters Khonwei, 5 miles south southeast of Palotwa.

(2) Imphal:

17th Indian Light Division, 63rd Indian Infantry Brigade, Headquarters 4 miles south of Tiddim; - 22004 - 93.4/E

3rd Indian Division, 11th Indian Infantry Brigade, Tiddim Road, 30 miles south of Imphal.

No Sig.

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MY DIS 071207 *attached*

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CGAAF from Stratemeyer info AFDIS AFABI MILID
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Emanasyu Flight Intelligence report from India
Burma Sector for February 11th.

1. Nil.

2. February 10th: ^{Hukawng} Ambush west Taihpa Ga
resulted 31 Japs 2 Officers killed. Enemy attacked and
occupied Naba 2 miles south Sumprabum, allied troops, air
attacked regained Naba. British ambushed 2 enemy platoons
killing 19 Japs 2 miles west Fort White.

February 9th: ^{Akaran} British occupied Taung Bazar
with little opposition, other troops met strong enemy
resistance 7 miles south Bawli Bazar. Many Jap raids 2 and
half miles north west Buthidaung repulsed. 80 enemy dead
result fighting Sinzweya area 6 and half miles south west
Taung Bazar. Enemy vacated positions 2 miles west Kaladan.

3. February 10th activity: 15 plus twin engine
bombers and 50 PWTB Oscars and Hamps over Maungdaw area
1020 hours intercepted by 35 Spitfires near Saint Martins
Island claim 3 enemy fighters damaged own losses nil
preliminary report. One enemy plane 95 miles north east
Visagapatan bombed hospital ship 2330 hours.

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4. US operations February 9th follow:
- A. South Mogaung and near Loilaw by pass.
 - B. Bivouac and supply areas.
 - C. 1020
 - D. 8 A 36's and 8 P 51's.
 - E. 14 X 250 plus 14 X 300 Demos
 - F. 14 hits bivouac area, 4 hits supplys, Loilaw much black smoke other hits south of bridge well strafed.
 - G. Moderate accurate auto fire.
 - H. Nil.
 - A. Pyindaw 8 miles west Mogaung.
 - B. Buildings and bivouac.
 - C. 1135.
 - D. 8 A 36's and 8 P51's.
 - E. 26 X 300 Demos.
 - F. Small fires started buildings area.

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- G. H Nil.
- A. Kumhyen
- C. 1520
- D. 4 P 40's.
- E. 8 X 300 Demos.
- F. Hits edge target.
- G H. Nil.
- A B Hukawng motor road.
- C. 1700.
- D. 1 B 25 and 2 P 51's.
- E. 4 X 300 and 12 X 100 Demos.
- F. Bombed camp fires vicinity Maingkwan and Shingban, destroyed bridge over Namtawng Hka same vicinity also dropped 1,000 road spikes along road.
- A. Mogaung Kamsing road.
- B. Savng Hka stores and bivouac.
- C. 1500.

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- D. 4 A 35's and 8 P51's.
- E. 14 X 300 Demos 8 X 100 incens.
- F. 17 direct hits target large fire heavily strafed.
- GH. Nil.

British operations * additional offensive
* sorties February 9th resulting
3 motor trucks damaged, Toungoo Airfield
strafed damaged buildings and dispersal
* hit, accurate light ack ack encountered
Mandalay Meiktila also light ack ack
Toungoo Airfield.

Following February 10th operations:

- A. Buthidaung.
- B. Area Kindaung, Seinyinbya.
- C. 1330-1615.
- D. 34 Vengeances 17 Spitfires 11 Hurricanes.
- E. 19 tons.
- F. Majority hits target fired building.

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- A. Gedusara.
- B. Jap Headquarters.
- C. 17 12 .
- D. 3 Wellingtons.
- E. 3 X 4,000 bombs.
- F. Burst completely devastated east end village other 2 hit outskirts village.
- A. Fort White area number 3 stockade.
- C. 1430.
- D. 12 Hurricanes.
- F. Most in target also strafed.
- A. Pantha and ~~Wombaka~~.
- B. Positions.
- C. 1000 hours.
- D. 12 Hurricanes.
- E. 3 tons majority hit village much destruction also strafed.

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To: CG AAF Washington DC
MILID Washington DC
Chungking, China

Mr: AQUILA W 405
Mr: AQUILA W 405
Mr: AQUILA S 24

11 February, 1944

- A. South Fort White.
- B. Supply dump.
- C. 1500
- D. 6 Hurricanes.
- E. 1.5 tons.
- F. Several fires started result 9 hits.
Total 38 scrambles details.
- A. Kaladan.
- B. Positions.
- C. 1213.
- D. 12 Vengeances 9 Spitfires.
- F. 9 tons for good concentration within area
marked by Army smoke signals.

5. Nil.

No Sig

* Being serviced.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, White House, Log

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AMMDEL M34
AMMDEL AK156
AMMDEL AM264
AMMDEL N24
AMMDEL C33

9 February 1944

From Sultan for MILID M34, AMMKUN AK156, AMMISOA AM 264, HECAL N24 and OINO SWPA C33.

Arakan 7th February 60 coolies with enemy supplies captured in area 4 miles west northwest Letwedet, enemy attack repulsed near Sinohbyin (2 miles northwest Buthidaung), 50 dead Japs counted in area 3 miles northeast Buthidaung.

8th February severe fighting area 5 miles northwest Letwedet, 100 enemy previously reported in same area; enemy infiltration north to the east of Mayu Range, contact made 4 miles west Kaladan (30 miles northeast Buthidaung).

Chin Hills British ambushes 6th February killed 23 enemy 12 miles south Tiddim.

Bukavng Valley 7th February enemy previously reported surrounded 5 miles west southwest Taihpa Ga now eliminated, 4 prisoners captured and 40 enemy killed.

8th February killed 5 of enemy Platoon driven out of position 7 miles east northeast Taihpa Ga.

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16 of 80 Japs killed in ambush 4 miles southwest
Sumprabum.

Salween Front report dated 8th February states Chinese
Battalion surrounded near Hobsavn (11 miles northeast Panglong)
has broken out and was moving northeast.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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 MILID AQUILA W387 FAOI
 Chungking AQUILA S20 FAOI

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CGAAF from Stratemeyer information AFDIS AFABI
MILID W 387 FAOI Stilwell S 20 FAOI.

Flight Intelligence report February 9th India,
Burma Sector.

Paragraph 1. NIL

Paragraph 2. February 7th:

60 coolies with enemy supplies captured in
area 4 miles north west Letvedet. Enemy attacks repulsed
near Sinohbyin, 50 dead Japs counted in area 3 miles north
east Buthidaung.

February 8th:

Estimated enemy platoon driven out of position
7 miles north east Taipha Ga 5 killed. 80 Japs ambushed
4 miles south west Sumprabum 16 killed. Severe fighting
area 5 miles north west Letvedet, enemy infiltration to
north reported 4 miles west Kaladan 30 miles north east
Buthidaung. Chinese Battalion surrounded near Ho-Hsawn
(11 miles north east Panglong 98 degrees 47 minutes and
23 degrees 15 minutes) reported broken out and moving north-
east.

Paragraph 3. 2 enemy aircraft believed flying
boats Ceylon area. February 7/8:

1 plane dropped 8 bombs Batticalo 0001 hours,

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2nd plane off Trincomalee no offensive action. 6 Oscars intercepted British food dropping mission 1150 hours February 7th engaged by 6 escort Hurricanes destroyed 1 Oscar 1 probable, 1 Hurricane, 1 Dakota missing another Hurricane crash landed our territory.

Following February 8th activity:

12 plus enemy planes Maungdaw area 0855 hours. 29 enemy planes circling Maungdaw area 1401 hours. At 1410 hours 48 Oscars attacked Bawli Bazar with at least 18 attacking bridge with canon and bombs no damage and no contact. 1 enemy plane sea recce west Cox's Bazar 2300 hours.

Paragraph 4. US Operations:

4 February 12 P51's strafed Indaw landing strips and building results unreported.

- A. Wuntho
- B. Marshalling yards and targets opportunity.
- C. 5th February
- D. 12 P51's plus 2 P40's
- E. 24 500
- F. Large fire smoke thousand feet Wuntho, 13 freight cars 3 locomotives badly damaged 11 other damaged.
- G. Moderate accurate machine gun and possible 20MM fire H 2 Mustangs slightly damaged.

- A. Wuntho
- B. Warehouses
- C. 1040 hours February 6th.
- D. 12 P51's

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E. 22 500 demos.
F. Large warehouse exploded huge red flash another large 2 small warehouses destroyed plus 6 freight cars.
G. Moderate accurate light machine gun and 20MM caliber H 1 Mustang slightly damaged.

A. Budalin and Songon.
B. Bridges.
C. 1505 February 8th.
D. 7 B25's
E. 15 1000 demos
F. North dist displaced from pier Songon, south approach Budalin bridge destroyed damaged rails and piers.
G. NIL
H. NIL

A. Badana.
B. Town strong point.
C. 1002 February 8.
D. 7 B25's
E. 96 100 demos plus 216 120 frag cluster
F. Most just north Badana town.
G. NIL
H. NIL

Royal Air Force Operations:

A. Fort White
B. Enemy reinforcements
C. 1300 February 7th.
D. 6 Hurricanes
E. 1.5 tons
F. All in target.

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Additional 49 offensive recce escort sorties
7th February 2 scrambles no contact.

- A. Badana Buthidaung area and Taung Bazar.
- B. Enemy positions.
- C. 0955-1640 hours February 8.
- D. 24 Vengeances escort 18 Hurricanes.
- E. 18 tons.
- F. All in target areas, 23 hits among buildings
Taung Bazar 1 destroyed.
- G. NIL
- H. NIL

69 scrambles no contact February 8th also 63 offensive recce supply dropping escort sorties resulting:

7 rolling stock 2 locomotives heavily damaged.
37 river craft damaged.

Paragraph 5. No changes.

No Sig.

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INFORMATION: G-2
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: **Running.**
To: **New Delhi** A 45 FE
Chungking M 35 FE
CGSAP W 40 FE
Calcutta C 14 FE
Chabua K 14 FE

9 Feb. 1944.

To Arnold W 40 FE, Stilwell M 35 FE, Stratemeyer A 45 FE, Davidson C 14 FE, Old K 14 FE info MILID, AFABI and APDIS signed Chennault.

Supplemental operations and intelligence report for February 7th off Eweilin 3 Liberators each carrying 8 500 pound bombs fused four second delay on seasweep covered coast from Saint Johns Island to Tourane. No targets sighted. Off Suichwan 1 Mitchell carrying 6 500 pound bombs fused four second delay on seasweep of Yangtze southwest from Anking. Attacked group of vessels near Siungkan, confirmed sunk 150 foot freighter and three 100 foot freighters. Probably sunk two 100 freighters and one large barge. Light inaccurate small arms fire encountered. No enemy aircraft sighted. Twelve Sharks off Hengyang with eight carrying 500 pound bombs bombed Puchi railroad bridge. Possibly caused structural damage bridge pier. No enemy opposition. Off Suichwan 4 Sharks with 4 Mustangs as top cover. Sharks skip bombed railroad bridge at Kienohang with one direct hit and 3 near misses, bridge believed destroyed. Mustangs strafed warehouses at Teian starting fires. Very accurate machine gun fire. One Mustang missing from this mission. Regarding Operation Air Intelligence report for February 6th. One of the two Mitchells reported missing is now reported crashed in friendly territory with all of crew believed safe.

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W 40 FE
C 14 FE
K 14 FE

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One Mitchell is still missing. Sharks on routine patrols of transport route off Yunnanyi, no enemy activity observed. Of Yangkai 2 Mitchells each carrying 4-500 pound bombs fused four to five seconds delay bombed Thanh Hoa (19 degrees 50 minutes north 105 degrees 50 minutes east). Two direct hits on Thanh Hoa power plant and near misses on railroad bridge, also strafed and shelled Vinh radio station and Jap and French barracks near Thanh Hoa. Routine ferry trips by 308th Group with 14 over hump and 10 back.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
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To : CGAAP MILID No. AQUILA W 370 FAOI
Chungking No. AQUILA-S 17 FAOI

8th February 1944

Flight Intelligence report India Burma Sector 7th
February CGAAP from Stratemeyer info AFDIS AFABI MILID W
370 FAOI Stilwell S 17 FAOI.

1: Nil

*Ground
Burma*

2: Exchange mortar and artillery fire $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles
north west Fort White February 5th. Enemy position strength
unknown along track 1 mile south west Kyauksehaw 22 miles
north Mawlaik surrounded February 6th. February 6th many
enemy casualties during heavy fighting Letwadet Area. 3
enemy attacks $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles south south west Taung Bazar repulsed
with many enemy casualties. British successfully engaged
large Jap party moving west from Badana $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles west south
west Taung Bazar.

3: Activity 5th February follows:

1 enemy plane vicinity Vizagapatam 0200 hours
5th February. 3 plus enemy aircraft intercepted
over Maungdaw by 12 Spits at 0611 hours 5th February:

1 Dinah destroyed and 1 single engine bandit
crashed in sea. 50 plus enemy intercepted over
Maungdaw at 1020 hours by 17 Spits and 25 Hurricanes
resulting 5 Oscars damaged and 1 Spit and 2 Hurricanes
missing.

Activity February 6th follows:

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1 enemy plane 110 miles south west Akyab 1036 hours February 6th. 25 plus enemy planes sea sweep 45 miles off Baranga Island 1055 hours-1137. 25 Housebandits approached from east of Kyauktaw at 1058 hours passed 15 miles southeast of Maungdav thence to Indin and withdrew to south west 1140 hours. 22 Spits and 12 Hurricanes did not contact.

4: US operations: Preliminary report

- A. and D. 9 B24's Heho, 4 more B24 Aungban
- B. Airfields
- C. Night February 5-6
- E. Unreported
- F. Excellent Heho, Aungban poor
- G. 4-6 searchlights generally ineffective and gun caliber meager inaccurate Heho
- H. Nil

British operations.

- A. Heho Airfield
- C. 2000 hours February 4th

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- D. 3 Wellingtons
- E. 6 tons
- F. Explosions bomb dump area numerous fires barracks buildings.
- A. Heho Airfield
- C. Approx 0115 hours February 4th
- D. 12 Liberators plus additional 9 more unable locate Aungban target
- E. 51.99 tons
- F. Bursts across runways
- G. Slight ack ack ineffective searchlights, several enemy aircraft seen no contact
- H. Nil.

Fourteen additional offensive Recce sorties February 4th resulting 1 missing of 2 Hurricanes intercepted by 2 Oscars Ohifadan Area.

- A. Zaidiung
- B. Positions
- C. 1210 and 1630 hours February 5th

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- D. 24 Vengeances escort 4 Hurricanes
- B. 13.75 tons
- F. Good concentration.
- A. Aungban
- B. Airfield
- C. 1950 hours February 5th
- D. 13 Wellingtons
- B. 19.85 tons
- F. Most hit dispersal area 1 large 2 medium fires also bursts edge main runway
- G. 4 searchlights slight accurate sok sok 1 Oscar seen no contact.
- A. Heho
- B. Airfield
- C. 2015 hours February 5th
- D. 9 Wellingtons

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E. 13.36 tons

F. Most bursts dispersal areas of main runway
several medium and small fires

G. ack ack nil 4 searchlights active

H. Nil.

A. Dallvekyauk

B. Enemy concentration

C. 1130 February 5th

D. 6 Hurricanes

E. 1.5 tons

F. All bursts target.

17 scrambles no contact actional 54 scrambles de-
tails para 3, 119 offensive Recce supply dropping
sorties February 5th resulting probable 1 aircraft
fired strafing on Aungban Airfield, enemy positions
Yetagan attacked.

A. Aungban Airfield

C. 0100 hours February 5th

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- D. 9 Liberators
- E. 21.24 tons
- F. Many bursts target
- G. Slight ack ack.
- A. Heho Airfield
- C. 0100 hours
- D. 11 Liberators
- E. 26.5 tons
- F. Hits runway and vicinity highly successful
- G. Slight ack ack ineffective searchlights
- H. Nil.
- A. Falam
- B. Jap Commanders house.
- C. 1125 hours
- D. 6 Hurricanes

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- E. 1.5 tons
- F. 2 hits 10 yards from house.
- A. Sitsawk 30 miles south east Hkvalin
- B. Camp and supply dump
- C. 1540
- D. 6 hurricanes
- E. 1.5 tons
- F. 6 bursts target.

40 scrambles no encounters, 82 offensive Recce
supply dropping sorties February 6th.

S: Nil

ACTION: OPD

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INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, White House, Log.

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Nr: AMMDEL N 23
Nr: AMMDEL AK 143
Nr: AMMDEL AM 256

7 February, 1944

From Sultan for MILID M 32, AMMKUN AK 143,
AMMISCA AM 256, NECAL N 23 and CINC SWPA C 32.

In Arakan 5th and 6th February many enemy casualties reported in fighting northwest and west Buthidaung; British troops repulsed enemy attacks 3 miles south southeast Taung Baxar and successfully engaged large enemy party moving west from Badana (2 miles west southwest Taung Baxar). In Chin Hills enemy position of unreported strength surrounded 1 miles southwest Kyaukohaw (22 miles north Mawlaik);

Patrol actions against 2 enemy parties totalling 70 in area 17 miles north northwest Mawlaik, killed 11 Japs.

Along Salween late report states 2000 Japs attacked Pannglong on 29th January and 400 enemy attacked Loi Ho-Hsawn (11 miles northeast Pannglong) on 3rd February, no other details.

In Hukawng Valley enemy position 1 mile east Tiahpa Ga reduced; Fighting continues to eliminate enemy surrounded 5 miles west southwest Taihpa Ga; in contact 8 miles southeast and 7 miles east northeast Faro. Allied patrols active on trails south of Sumprabum.

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7th February, 1944

To Arnold W 27 FE, Davidson C 10FE, Stratemeyer
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and MILID signed Chennault.

Off Kweilin at 1130 hours on photo mission of Han-
kow area, photos taken of Hankow Airdrome.

Off Suichwan photo mission of Nanchang area, photos
taken of Nanchang Airdrome.

Off Kweilin 2 Liberators each carrying 8-500 pound
demos fused 4 second delay in sea sweep off Chilang Point
(115 degrees 35 minutes east and 22 degrees 37 minutes north
to 21 degrees 30 minutes north and 116 degrees 30 minutes
east) sighted convoy of 9 to 10 vessels including 1 destroyer.
All bombs dropped, sunk 3-250 foot cargo boats, 1-200 foot
cargo vessel probably sunk and 1 damaged. No enemy aircraft
encountered, ack ack from boats light and inaccurate.

Off Kweilin 2 Mitchells each carrying 4-500 pound
demos fused 4 second delay on seasweep proceeded to 22 de-
grees north and 116 degrees east and sighted 13 ship con-
voy headed north east, including 2 torpedo boats at 1308
hours. Probably same convoy sighted by Liberators as 1 burn-
ing ship was sighted. All bombs dropped and sunk 1-450 foot
freighter, sunk 1-350 foot freighter, 1-400 foot cargo ship
probably sunk. Ack ack from torpedo boats accurate but no
damage to our aircraft.

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Off Kweilin 2 Mitchells each carrying 4-500 pound
demos fused 4 second delay on seasweep off Kachpi Point (106
degrees 07 minutes east and 22 degrees 49 minutes north)
failed to sight convoy, bombed 6 large junks at 22 degrees
north and 117 degrees east, 1 junk sunk, 2 probably sunk and
3 damaged by strafing.

Off Hengyang 11 Sharks on recon from Yochow to Fuchi,
little activity noted. Strafed sampans and power launches,
results unobserved. No ack ack encountered at Yochow.

Incomplete report follows on mission to attack ship-
ping in Tourane Harbor. Off Yangkai 6 Mitchells destroyed
bridges at Anxuan (16 degrees 50 minutes north and 107 de-
grees 05 minutes east) and Tien AB (16 degrees 58 minutes
north and 107 degrees 02 minutes east) also shot up train at
Tien AB. Train and building blown up at Phong Loc (106 de-
grees 40 minutes east and 17 degrees 27 minutes north), 1
locomotive damaged at Dong Hoi. Two planes crash landed in
friendly territory and 1 plane unaccounted for from above
mission. One Mitchell off Kunming on weather recon of Vinh
and Gialam Airdrome is missing.

Now follows supplemental operations and intelligence
report for February 5th: Three Sharks off Yunnanyi (1 being
photo) on recon of Loi Wing, Wanling and Bhamo Airdromes.
Wanling area appeared to have many barracks. At Loi Wing
Airdrome observed a burned twin engine ship on runway, one

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factory building burned runway usable. No observations of Bhamo Area. Medium inaccurate ack ack encountered at Loi Wing. Total sorties 16 fighter, 2 photo and 18 bomber. Routine ferry trips by 308th Group none over 1 back.

This operations and intelligence report for February 6th.

Follows now photo recon of February 6th: Luang Prabang (19 degrees 52 minutes north and 102 degrees 07 minutes east) at 1135 hours no aircraft, no activity. On Jaburn landing strip (16 degrees 17 minutes north and 101 degrees 06 degrees east) at 1240 hours only 6 inch cover aircraft activity cannot be determined. Road under construction running northwest-southeast. Bangkok at 1330 hours railroad activity Bangsue Yard, 300 railroad cars visible, Hua Lampang station 22 cars, Bangkok Noi 130 cars, oil refinery 110 cars, new government port area 50 cars, Makasan repair shops 30 cars. Shipping 11 vessels totalling 10400 tons plus 3-150 foot patrol craft and 2-160 submarines. Cement plant apparently out of operation but repair work in progress on crusher. Two AA batteries have been moved from new government port area. New 4 gun heavy AA is located 2200 feet north of west end of quay. Bomb damages of February 5 and 6, 2 small buildings in royal arsenal completely demolished 1 building severely damaged 3 buildings probably damaged same area. In large military camp near arsenal 2 small buildings demolished also

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3 large barracks buildings in addition to the damage same area. In Dusit palace area 3 large buildings plus some other damage visible. Kon Muang airdrome (13 degrees 50 minutes north and 110 degrees 35 minutes east) at 1355 hours 8 large, 19 medium and 37 small aircraft, no changes. Ayuthia (14 degrees 22 minutes north and 100 degrees 34 minutes east) at 1340 hours no changes no activity. Nasoh (19 degrees 29 minutes north and 101 degrees 39 minutes east) at 1500 hours 6 inch cover only. Aircraft activity cannot be determined, landing strip extended 500 feet at northwest, no other changes noted. Rai Chau (22 degrees 03 minutes north and 103 degrees 10 minutes east) at 1545 hours no changes no activity.

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CGAAF from Stratemeyer info AFDIS APABI MILID W 358
EA0I Stilwell 812 EA0I.

1: Nil

2: Enemy attack 2½ miles north west Butheidsung repulsed 5th February. Patrol actions against 2 parties totalling 70 Japs moving north 17 miles north north west Mawlaik resulted 11 Japs killed British none.

3: None reported

4: US operations

A. Heho

B. Airdrome

C. 020 hours February 5th

D. 8 B 24's

F. Hits along strips one large fire many explosions

G. 5 coordinated searchlights gun ack ack meager inaccurate, 3 planes intercepted 1 enemy plane crashed into mountain exploded at end of B24 diving turn.

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- H. Nil
- A. Aungban
- B. Airdrome
- C. 0300 hours February 5th
- D. 6 B24's
- E. 200 X 120 frag clusters 48 X 500 inoen clusters both Heho Aungban targets total
- F. Hits believed in revetment and south end runway
- G. Gun sok ack inaccurate
- H. Nil
- A. Heho and alternates Sagaing and Myittha
- B. Airfields
- C. 0342-0442 hours February 5th
- D. 9 B25's
- E. Heho 185 X 120 frag clusters 72 X 100 demos,

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Myittha 24 X 120 clusters, Sagaing 24 X 100 demos

F. Hit revetment area Heho, hit area west of railway track and north of River Sagaing, hit area east of runway Myittha

G. Gun caliber meager inaccurate searchlights ineffective Heho, 2 planes airborne Myittha no encounter

H. Nil 4 search sorties February 5th rains prevented operations Assam area

5: Summary Jap army air strength.

Upper Burma, 63 single fighters, 3 twin fighters, 9 medium bombers, 9 single recon, 9 twin recon.

Lower Burma, 54 single fighters, 6 twin fighters, 9 medium bombers, 9 single recon, 9 twin recon.

Siam North Malaya French Indo China, 45 light and 36 medium bombers.

Sumatra, 45 medium bombers, unlocated 9 twin fighters and 9 twin recon.

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Naval: 30 fighters, 45 torpedo bombers, 66
medium bombers, 15 flying boats, 24 float planes.

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From: Ledo India
To: WAR

Nr.: MS 55 5th February 1944

With paraphrase this comes to AGWAR to Colonel W H Wood for Brigadier General Hayden Boatner from Kennison (MS 55) Special G 3 and G 2 SITREP as of 1800 hours 5th February.

(A) Shingtwiyang area:

66th Regiment minus 1 Battalion in reserve.
First Battalion 66th Regiment attached to tank battalion now at Shingtwiyang.

(B) Taro area:

65th Regiment with 2nd Battery, 22nd Division Artillery attacked has cleared entire area on enemy. Patrols in all villages and strong outposts as follows:

NW 8377 and NW 8762.

(C) Area north and northeast of Taihpa Ga:

2nd Battalion 112th Regiment has occupied villages Nдавng Ga NX 2692 Watat Ga NX 2290 Nsang Ga NX 3686. 1st Battalion 112 Regiment furnishing security in area west of Tarung Hka. 2nd Battalion 113 Regiment furnishing security.

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and mopping up area between Tarung Hka-Tanaí Hka-Nchaw Ga trail. 3rd Battalion 113 Regiment in Taípha Ga. 1st Battalion 113 Regiment Area Kaduja Ga NX 1383-Lalavn Ga NX 1780-NX 1078.

(D) Area west of Taípha Ga:

Headquarters and 1st Battalion 114 Regiment at NW 9780. 2nd and 3rd Battalions 114 Regiment on line NX 0076-NW 9978.

(E) Artillery:

4th Battery 38th Division NX 0884. 5th Battery 38th Division NX 0582. 6th Battery 38th Division NW 9877.

(F) Sumprabum area no change

(G) Operations:

Taro area excellent. Other area satisfactory.
New subject. Intelligence summary:

Taro NW 7458 area cleared of enemy. Taípha Ga NX 0878 cleared of enemy. 300 Japs at Lalavn Ga NX 2973. 200 Japs at Mashí Daru NX 2067. 300 Japs at NX 1867. 400 Japs vicinity Usumhpawng Ga NX 0774. Shingban NX 1853 18th Division headquarters. Shaduzup NX 2909 area is still reported as a location of large number Japs, hospital, and supply dumps. Enemy has been working on road Nanyaseik SC 2273 Sanlonkin SB 9875. Kamaing SC 3763 Mogaung SC 6337 area heavy troop concentrations. Enemy movements from south to Mogaung nightly. Sumprabum occupied by 200 Japs.

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C. Area north and northeast of Taipha Ga: 2nd Battalion 112th Regiment has occupied villages Hdaung Ga NX 2692 Watat Ga NX 2290 Nsang Ga NX 2685. 1st Battalion 112 Regiment furnishing security in area west of Tarung Hka. 2nd Battalion 113 Regiment furnishing security and mopping up area between Tarung Hka-Tanai Hka-Nchaw Ga Taipha Ga trail. 3rd Battalion 113 Regiment in Taipha Ga. 1st Battalion 113 Regiment area Kaduja Ga NX 1383-Lalawn Ga NX 1780-NX1078.

D. Area west of Taipha Ga: Headquarters and 1st Battalion 114 Regiment at NW 9780. 2nd and 3rd Battalions 114 Regiment on line NX 0076-NW 9978.

E. Artillery: 4th Battery 38th Division NX 0884. 5th Battery 38th Division NX 0582. 6th Battery 38th Division NW 9877.

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F. Sumprabum Area: No change.

G. Operations: Taro area excellent. Other area satisfactory.

New subject. Intelligence summary.

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300 Japs at Lalawn Ga NX 2973.

200 Japs at Mashu Daru NX 2067.

300 Japs at NX 1867.

400 Japs vicinity Tsunhpang Ga NX 0774.

Shingban NX 1853 18th Division Headquarters.

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Enemy has been working on road Nanyaseik SC 2273 to Lonkih SB 9875.

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Enemy movements from south to Mogaung nightly.

Sumprabum occupied by 200 Japs.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, White House, Log

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Flight Intelligence report India Burma Sector
5th February.

Paragraph 1. Probability new landing field Kalewa
completed. Construction new railway bridge in progress across
Bilin River at Hpinpale.

Paragraph 2. 4th February enemy party estimated
at Battalion seized Taung Bazar 9 miles north Buthidaung.
British troops moving north east made contact with enemy
unknown strength about 3 miles south Taung Bazar.

3rd February British troops occupied Yenan 20 miles
north north east Mawlaik without opposition.

Paragraph 3. 50 plus enemy aircraft made fighter
sweep Maungdaw Buthidaung area from 0835-1007 hours February
4th of which 20 plus aircraft including fighter bombers
attack Ngakyedauk 10 miles north east Maungdaw while 5
Oscars strafed road 2 miles south Bawli bridge *****
selecting.

Paragraph 4. US Operations:

Weather prevented all operations but 2 patrol sorties

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Sumprabum area February 4, total 71 sorties February 3rd,
total sorties 80 February 2 offensive patrol and intercept.

- A. Kumnyen.
- B. Jap troops installations.
- C. 1300 hours February 3rd.
- D. 8 A36's.
- E. 16 250 Demos.
- F. Jungle obscured.

- A. Lalawng Ga.
- B. Jap Camp.
- C. 1400 hours February 3rd.
- D. 4 A36's.
- E. 8 250 demos.
- F. Bombed strafed jungle obscures results.

- A. Shingban near Lalawng Ga.
- B. Motor pool and repair depot.
- C. 1530 hours February 3rd.
- D. 1 B25 and 2 A36's.
- E. 12 300 demos.
- F. All in specified areas also strafed.
- G. NIL
- H. NIL

- A. Sawngka 10 miles west Mogaung.
- B. Camp.
- C. 1200 hours February 3rd.
- D. 16 P51's.
- E. 32 320 demos.
- F. All in specified wooded areas 4 fires terrain

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obscured results also strafed.

G. NIL.
H. NIL.

British Operations:

Additional 21 sorties February 3rd. Following are operations for February 4th:

A. Pinbon.
B. Camp.
D. 10 Vengeances.
E. 7.5 tons.
F. Most hit target.

A. Heho.
B. Airfield.
C. 2000 hours
D. 12 Wellingtons.
E. 17.8 tons
F. Majority burst runway area several fires and
2 large explosions.
G. Ineffective searchlights some ack ack.
H. NIL.

A. Aungban.
B. Airfield.
C. 2030 hours.
D. 10 Wellingtons.
E. 14.85 tons.
F. Majority burst runway area 2 small explosions

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fires.

G. 2 Bursts heavy ack ack.
H. NIL

A. Dathwekyauk.
B. Concentrations.
C. 1130 hours.
D. 6 Hurricanes.
E. 1.5 tons.
F. All hit target strafed.

A. Fort White.
B. Positions.
C. 1600 hours.
D. 12 Hurricanes.
E. 3 tons.
F. Majority in target also strafed.

Paragraph 4. 14 other scrambles no contact, 104 offensive recon escort supply dropping sorties February 4th resulting 2 barges 30 rivercraft fired.

Paragraph 5. NIL.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF AIR STAFF, INTELLIGENCE

Subject: Ledo Road.

1. A report as of 29 January indicates that the road is passable during dry weather to Shingbwiag which is approximately 116 miles from Ledo. Metaling of the road is progressing at mile 64, and mile 85 and is complete to mile 62. (See Tab "A")

2. General Wheeler, Principal Administrative officer, SEAC, estimates (under the assumption of no enemy interference) that the following schedule represents target dates for construction of the Ledo Road.

a. To Myitkyina: Single width (graveled) - June 15, 1944. Double width (graveled) - October 15, 1944. Double width (paved) - April 1, 1946.

b. (1) To Pacshan via Myitkyina and Tengchung: Single width (graveled) - June 1, 1945. Double width (graveled) - October 1, 1945.

(2) To Pacshan via Myitkyina and Ehamo: Single width (graveled) November 1, 1944. Double width (graveled) - March 1, 1945. Double width (paved) - December 1, 1946.

3. It is understood that the Chinese are to rehabilitate the China end of the old Burma Road.

4. A 4" gasoline pipe line is being laid along the Ledo Road. On 28 December this line had reached mile 55.

HARRY W. BESSE,
Lt. Colonel, A. C.,
Deputy Chief, Informational Division,
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Intelligence.

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4th February 1944

India Burma Sector February 4th Flight Intelligence report CGAAF from Stratemeyer info APDIS AFABI MILID W 332 FAOI Stilwell S 9 FAOI.

1. New dump site active with 39 widely dispersed huts 2 miles south west of Regu, 1st dump in this area possibly significant in view recent completion Burma-Siam Railway. Probable dump of oil drums total capacity 100,000 gallons situated 7 and $\frac{1}{2}$ miles south east Chauy. Still no stores at large dump under development north west Mingaladon. All spans original Sittang steel bridge now in place.

2. 3rd February Chinese preparing attack on enemy unreported strength Nkang Ga 11 miles north east Taipha Ga, eliminating small groups enemy south Brangbrac River between Tarung and Tanai River, attacking to eliminate surrounded enemy party 5 miles west Taipha Ga, contact enemy 8 miles east north east Taro. Small village 2 miles south Sumprabum cleared of enemy by patrol. British advancing south encountered opposition 1 mile south of Dathwekyauk Auk 16 miles north west Mavlaik.

3. 20 plus enemy aircraft 30 miles north west Akyab 0850 hours February 3rd, 1 enemy plane over Chittagong 715 hours no contacts.

4. US operations:

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4th February 1944

- B. Bridges Prome Taungup road 16 miles southwest Prome
- C. 1215 hours February 3rd
- D. 18 P38's
- E. 16 X 1000 demos
- F. Westernmost bridge knocked out, superstructure down easter most bridge, thoroughly strafed fired camps Prome Taungup road with explosion and smoke near Nyaungohidauk 3 miles west Okahitpin, fired buildings Taungup, 50 foot tug sunk Akyab
- G. Accurate ground fire Okahitpin Taungup, auto ack ack meager accurate Akyab
- H. 1 P38 missing not seen to complete initial dive.

British operations:

- A. Dathwekyauk Auk
- B. Area
- C. February 2nd
- D. 11 hurricanes

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- E. 2.6 tons
- F. Majority in target.

18 additional offensive recon sea escort sorties
February 2nd.

- A. East Maungdaw
- B. Positions
- C. 1000 and 1557 hours February 3rd
- D. 24 vengences 12 hurricanes escort
- E. 12 tons
- F. All concentrated in target.

- A. Dathwekyauk Auk
- B. Enemy concentrations
- C. February 3rd
- D. 6 hurricanes
- E. 1.5 tons
- F. 10 hits target.

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4th February 1944

- A. South Fort White
- B. Camp
- C. 1130 February 3rd
- D. 6 hurricanes
- E. 1.5 tons
- F. Successful
- G. Nil
- H. Nil

15 scrambles, 110 offensive recon supply dropping sorties February 3rd resulting 3 motor trucks, 4 large 3 small rivercraft destroyed.

5. Nil.

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To : ACHAR No. M28
 Chungking No. AM235
 Kunming No. AK124
 New Caledonia No. M21
 Brisbane No. 029

3 February 1944

From Sultan for MILID M28, CINC SWPA 029, HECAL N21, AMOKUN AK124, AMNLSA AM235.

Patrol actions and some artillery fire in Chin Hills and Arakan 1st and 2nd February. Documents captured 31st January during raid on Alethangyaw (11 miles south southeast Maungdaw) identify machine gun company and number 2 company of 1st battalion, 144 Infantry Regiment. Japanese platoon attacking allied position north of Sumpabun 2nd February repulsed killing 10 enemy. In Hukawng valley on 1st February Chinese troops captured Taihpa Ga; on 2nd February occupied Tunkpang Ga (9 miles northeast Taihpa Ga) and advanced 3 miles south to Laawn Ga; occupied Lakchang Ga (2 miles southwest Taro) and positions south and west thereof.

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From: New Delhi
To: CGAAF MILID AQUILA W313
Chungking AQUILA S4

2 February 1944

From Stratemeyer info AFDIS APABI MILID W313 Stilwell
S4.

Flight Intelligence February 2 report. From India
Burma Sector.

Para 1. Nil

✓ Para 2. Chinese Troops captured Taipha GA February 1,
other Chinese Troops control Tanai River Taro Area and are
moving troops to South of Taro.

Para 3. One Navy Zero 1 Betty over Coos Island
February 1.

Para 4. British operations: additional report.

A and B. Mingalkdon Airfield, alternates Mahlwagon
Yards, Proms and Akyab.

C. Night January 31 - February 1.

D. Six Liberators of which 2 hit primary.

E. Total 13.5 tons all targets.

F. Unobserved due clouds.

G. Ack ack and accurate searchlights primary and
Mahlwagon, 1 enemy fighter seen primary also 1 single engine
plane Mahlwagon no encounter.

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Obumking AQUILA 84
2 February 1944

H. Nil.

7 additional recon and shipping escorts January 31.

A. South East Port White.

B. Hut concentrations.

C. 1000 hours February 1.

D. Six Hurricanes.

E. 1.5 tons.

F. All in target area.

G. Light ack ack.

H. Nil.

Four wrecksles no contact February 1 also 91 offensive recon supply dropping escort sorties resulting damaged bridge at Santha butts rafts strafed also fired 2 villages west of Kalgan.

US Operations: 1 B25 dropped 12 180 frag clusters along main road Lakyeu GA vicinity 1615 hours February 1 also total 5 patrol offensive sorties, weather prevented other operations.

Preliminary report.

A. Mingaladon.

B. Airdrome.

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To: Chungking AQUILA 84
 CGAF MILID AQUILA W313
 2 February 1944

C. January 31 - February 1.

D. 6 B24's, another believed bombed Nyaungbinwyn airfield.

F. Unobserved but believed excellent.

G. Meager inaccurate gun ack ack searchlights ineffective, meager inaccurate auto ack ack Nyaungbinwyn now none.

Fara 5. Nil.

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From: New Delhi
To: CGAAF No: AQUILA W304 FAOI
 Ohungking No: AQUILA 83 FAOI

2 February 1944

Flight Intelligence report February 1st India Burma Sector. CGAAF from Stratemeyer info AFDIS AFABI MILID W 304 FAOI Stilwell 83 FAOI.

Para 1. Nil

Para 2. Estimates to date 140 enemy killed and wounded Mualbem Area. Our forces attacked Taipha Ga 30th January and captured Toai the following day. Mopping up and consolidation Zaro area. Patrolling area south Kolum Gay.

Para 3. Nil

Para 4. 4 US operations, 44 additional supply missions 29th January and 87 additional 30th January. Royal Air Force operations: 11 additional reces 30th January.

- A Mingaladon
- B airfield
- C 243 hours, 31st January
- D 1 Liberator (5 more abortive due weather)
- E 2.75 tons unobsured
- G H Nil.
- 9 recce and supply sorties 31st January.

Para 5. Nil.

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From: New Delhi
To: CGAAF W299
Chungking No #

1 February 1944

CGAAF from Stratemeyer info AFDIS AFABI MILID W299
FAOI Stilwell S2 FAOI Flight Intelligence report January 31
India Burma Sector.

1. Nil
2. 29 January large party Japanese 2 miles east
south east Fort White dispersed by artillery fire. 29th
January Chinese Troops captured Taro and Kalum Ga, other
troops preparing for attack on Taipha Ga.
3. Nil.
4. US Operations: Total 27 Patrol Offensive
weather check sorties January 29.
 - AB. Mexa River bridge and Fyntha rail bridge.
 - C. 1230 hours January 29th.
 - D. 6 B25's
 - E. 9 1000 plus 18 500 demos
 - F. 2 concret piers supporting center span
severely damaged with west end Mexa Bridge out of alignment,
misses Fyntha Bridge but demolished track both ends bridge.
 - GH. Nil

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To: CGAAP W299
Chungking No #

1 February 1944

A. and B. Teus River Bridge, Xawchaung bridge and rail bridge 4 miles north Kyungon.

C. 1240 January 30

D. 6 B25's

E. 9 1000 plus 18 500 demos

F. Maig center span Mexa Bridge down with west main span demolished also 2 concrete piers smashed, Kyungon bridge destroyed, piers down Xawchaung bridge and 1 locomotive and tender destroyed.

GH. Nil.

A. Taipha Ga-Tsumhpawng.

B. Road

C. 1430 January 29

D. 1 B25

E. 12 120 frag clusters

F. Dropped at intervals both sides road also strafed motor trucks and Vashas vicinity Tsumhpawng.

GH. Nil

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To: CGAAF W299
Chungking No #

1 February 1944

RAF operations: Additional 17 offensive recce sorties January 29.

- A. Akyab
- B. Airfield
- C. 1605 hours January 30
- D. 3 Vengeances plus 14 Spitfires and 12 Hurricanes carrying out sweep.
- E. 2.25 tons.
- F. Main runway hit heavy ack ack position straddled, area strafed.

- A. Dabaing.
- B. Second landing ground.
- C. 1600 January 30.
- D. 3 Vengeances
- E. 2.25 tons
- F. Burete crossstrip and shelters.
- G. Slight heavy inaccurate ack ack.
- H. Nil.

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From: New Delhi
To: CGAAF W229
Ohungking No #

1 February 1944

- A. South west & white.
- B. Enemy positions.
- C. 1500 January 30.
- D. 3 Vengeances.
- E. 1.5 tons.
- F. All bursts along runway.
- G. Auto fire encountered.
- H. Nil

30 January total 121 offensive rescue escort supply dropping sorties.

5. Nil.

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To:q CG AAF- MILID

No. Unnumbered AQUILA, 1 February, 1944.

CGAAF from Stratemeyer * . Flight Intelligence report January 31 India Burma Sector.

1. Again Nil.
2. 29 January large party Japanese 2 miles east south east Fort White dispersed by artillery fire. 29th January Chinese troops captured Taro and Kolum Ga, other troops preparing for attack on Taipha Ga.
3. Nil.
4. US Operations: Total 27 patrol offensive weather check sorties January 29.
 - A B. Meza River bridge and Pyntha rail bridge.
 - C. 1230 hours January 29.
 - D. 6 B25's
 - E. 9 1000 plus 18 500 demos
 - F. 2 concrete piers supporting center span severely damaged with west end Meza Bridge out of alignment, misses Pyntha Bridge but demolished tracks both ends bridge.
 - G. H. Nil.

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G. H. Nil.

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B. Road

C. 1430 January 29

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E. 12 120 frag clusters

F. Dropped at intervals both sides road also strafed motor trucks and Vashas vicinity Tsumhpawng.

G. H. Nil.

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- A *
- *
- * *700 January 30
- D. 3 Vengeances
- E. 2.25 tons
- F. Bursts cross strip and shelters
- G. Slight heavy inaccurate ack ack
- H. Nil.

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- A. South west 4 White
- B. Enemy positions
- C. 1500 January 30
- D. 3 Vengeances
- E. 1.5 tons
- F. All bursts along runway
- G. Auto fire encountered
- H. Nil.

30 January total 121 offensive recon escort supply dropping sorties.

5. Nil.

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	New Caledonia	No:	AK101
	Chungking	No:	AM201
	Summing	No:	M25
	MILID		

30th January 1944

From Sultan for MILID M25, AMMKUN AK101, AMMISCA AM201, NECAL N18 and CINC SWFA G24.

On 28th and 29th January in Arakan British repulsed enemy counterattacks and made slight gains in Razabil area claiming possibly 4 enemy AT guns knocked out by tank actions. In Chin Hills actions near Maulbem (12 miles south Tiddim) and 4 miles east Thaugdut resulted in total of 45 enemy and 28 allied casualties. In Hukawng Valley Chinese Troops were in contact with enemy immediately north and northwest and 5 miles west Taihba Ga; other Chinese Troops advanced southward east of Tanai River to point 5 miles east northeast Taro, area north of Ahsak River cleared of enemy, Chinese claim over 250 enemy casualties in this area past 4 days.

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From: New Delhi
To: AGWAR

No: ANMDEL AG572 29 January, 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD AG572.

Weekly summary for week ending 26th January.

(1) US air:

20th January, Hongkong- Swatow sea sweep,
2 B24's sank A 35 zero's foot passenger boat and A 225 foot
tanker.

21st January, operations nil due to
weather.

22nd January, 16P 40's strafed field at
Nanchang destroying one Jap zero, 1 truck. Twelve P 40's
destroyed bridges at Shektan and Shekiung.

23rd January, 2 B25's from Suichwan
sank A400 foot freighter and A400 foot tanker, probable
sank another 400 foot freighter. Nine B 25's escorted by
28 P40's bombed airdrome at Kaitak starting several fires.
Formation intercepted by 5 Oscars, 1 Oscar confirmed.

24th January, 5 B25's on sea sweep sank
A 250 foot passenger boat off Foochow and at Lishan Bay
sank 2 freighters, 275 foot. A 300 foot passenger boat, A 175

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To: AGWAR

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foot cargo ship and damaged A 300 foot passenger boat. Two B 25's sank A 300 foot merchant ship near Hampeng Island. Two * and barracks area all bombs in barracks area, operations building reported damaged.

(2) Chinese air:

Operations nil for period.

(3) Chinese ground:

Minor guerrilla activity in vicinity of Tatung IFA Anhwei and Kinwa, Chekiang.

(4) US ground:

Operations nil for period.

(5) Ledo Road progress report as of 20th January:

Bridges to provide 2 way traffic are being constructed at following mile points:

6.1 across Tirap.

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19.0 across Lathong.

25.2 across Namohik.

28.0 across Namgoi.

47.25 across Hwang Yang.

Other bridges now under construction:

98.0 across Tagung.

61.0 across Hgalang.

81.5 across box ear creek.

84.5 across Demyung.

110.0 across Tawa.

Grading was being completed between mile 92.7 and 93.0. Metalbing was resumed on 17 Tachari and is now being completed in vicinity of mile PO NOS 62, 64, and 85. Rainfall since last report was 0.47 inches. Road is negotiable to Shingbiyang when dry. Heavy rain would halt all vehicles at mile 62.3.

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From: New Delhi
To : AGWAR

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(6) Changes in British dispositions as follows:

(1) Arakan:

Main HQ 81 (WA) division at Leingthan.
HQ 6 (WA) Brigade at Daletme.
HQ 5 (WA) Brigade at Mowdok.
HQ9 Infantry Brigade, 5 miles
northeast M'ungdaw.

(2) Imphal:

HQ 32 Brigade at Hleseik.
HQ 48 Brigade at Kynneddy Peak.
HQ 49 Brigade, 6 miles southeast
of Ukhruil.

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From: New Delhi
To: CGAAF *AGUILA* W265 JAOI
MILID *AGUILA* W265 JAOI
Chungking *AGUILA* 860 JAOI

28 January 1944

Flight Intelligence from India Burma Sector January 28th report CGAAF from Stratemeyer info AFDYS AFABI MILID W265 JAOI Stilwell 860 JAOI.

1: 2 enemy 3 funnelled light cruisers 10 miles east Fort Blair 5 aircraft escorting January 25th.

Post

2: British completed occupation enemy position Kyakohav. Over hundred Japs attacked twice position near Mualben repulsed January 26th. January 27th slight gains against determined enemy opposition and counterattacks repulsed 1 mile north Razabil.

3: Nil

4: US operations: Rain heavy clouds throughout January 27th prevented offensive operations, patrol 32 sorties Sumprabum area. British operations: 20 additional offensive racee shipping escort sorties January 26th resulting 3IX50 foot oil laden rivercraft and many loaded sampans destroyed.

- A Mavlaik
- B Camp Endastores
- C 1515 hours January 27th

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To: CGAAP ACQUILA W265 JAOY
MILID ACQUILA W265 JAOY
Chungking ACQUILA 860 JAOY
28 January 1944

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D 7 Vengeances
E 5.25 tons
F Most in target area
G Unreported
H 1 vengeance missing.

A Kindat
B Enemy concentration
C 1630 hours January 27th
D F Hurricanes
E 1 Ton
F 5 clusters in target others east and south
G Nil
H Nil.

2 scrambles 94 offensive supply dropping rescue search sorties January 27th resulting 5 oil laden motor trucks destroyed 33 others damaged, strafed enemy camp and silenced Bofors type gun Post Fort White.

5: Nil.

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From: New Delhi
To : New Caledonia No. N16
Kunming No. AK88
Chungking No. AM169
Brisbane No. C21
AGWAR No. M21

*20 JAN 44
9:20 AM*

26 January 1944

From Sultan for MILID M 21, AMMISCA AM 169, AMMKUN
AK 88, CINC SWPA C 21 and NECAL N 16.

Repulsed enemy counterattacks southeast Maungdai
in Arakun 24th January. British patrols inflicted over
40 casualties on enemy in clashes Chin Hills same date.
Heavy fighting in area 1 mile southeast confluence Mavn-
gyang and Tanai rivers in Hukavng Valley, estimated 60
enemy killed.

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INFORMATION: OPD
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From: New Delhi
To: MILID AQUILA W216 AOI
 CGAAP AQUILA W216 AOI
 Chungking AQUILA 353 AOI

24 January 1944

CGAAP from Stratemeyer W216 AOI information AFDIS,
AFABI MILID, Stilwell, 353 AOI.

India Burma Sector presents Flight Intelligence
report 23 January:

1. NIL

Post / 2. British captured 2 enemy held features 3 miles
west Buthidaung. Chinese occupied Ningru Ga moved south
against resistance from Kadujs Ga contact Japs troops 5 1/2
miles west southwest Tshpa Ga.

3. 1 unidentified single aircraft 60 miles west
Akyab flying north turned south east 1536 hours January
22nd presumed shipping recon.

4. US Operations:

- A. Proms
- B. Engine sheds, railway station and hutted
camp area.
- C. 1200 and 1210 hours January 22nd.
- D. 9 B25's, 16 P38's escorting 16 B24's.
- E. 65 250 demos, bombs by B24's unreported.
- F. All in rail yards area damaging rolling
stock tracks possible trailing into buildings, camp area
blanketed black smoke.
- G. Neager accurate trailing over Akyab.
- H. NIL.

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From: New Delhi
To: MILID AQUILA W216 AOI
CGAAF AQUILA W216 AOI
Chungking AQUILA S53 AOI

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British Operations:

A. Pinlebu
B. Enemy camp
C. 1530 January 21st
D. 23 Vengeances, 12 Hurricanes
E. 14 ton
F. Many hits target area fires started well
strafed.

G. NIL
H. NIL

A. Pegu
B. Station area
C. 0430 January 21st
D. 3 Wellingtons
E. 4.25 tons
F. Some bursts target

A. Proms
B. Engine sheds
C. 0900 January 21st
D. 3 Wellingtons
E. 4.5 tons
F. Incens station area 1 large several small
explosions, bursts town and engine shed area.
G. NIL
H. NIL

14 additional offensive recce sorties January 21st
damaged Mogaung bridge, other bridges 3 locomotives and

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24 January 1944

buildings attacked hit. 6 scrambles, 87 offensive recon
supply dropping escort sorties January 22nd, cannon hits
on breek steamer, damaged 3x80 foot steamers, destroyed
2 landing stages Kanzauk and strafed huts and river draft.

5. NIL.

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To :	COGUK Kunming	Nr: 81
	AMMKUN Kunming	Nr: 97
	Ft Shafter	Nr: 6
	New Caledonia	Nr: 6
	USFOR	Nr: 5
	New Delhi	Nr: 213
	Rear Echelon GHQ SWPA	Nr: 7
	MILID	Nr: 11

24 January 1944

Book msg to MILID CINBWA CG CENTPAC Necal USFOR
COGUK AMMKUN AMMDEL from Amalat Chungking nr 418.

The following information revealed after study Jap
operations Changteh campaign regarding puppets:

Organization operates in combat teams of 16 men
of which 4 are Japanese non commissioned officers
equipped with sub machine guns and 12 are Manchurians
and Koreans armed with rifles and revolvers.

Jap military upper Yangtze Valley employ puppet
formations of 1,000 men to each division under direct
command of the division. General impression is that
these men are well trained and Chinese officers and
men who have been combat with these units state they
fight "expertly". These groups perform duties such
as infiltration, patrolling, sabotage, fifth column
work and attempt to capture enemy headquarters.

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Above rated B2. These puppet formations not to be confused with Wang Ching Wei Divisions who were in campaign but who were confined to police duties of cities on Yantze.

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From: New Delhi
To: War M18 AMMDEL
New Caledonia N13 AMMDEL
Brisbane C19 AMMDEL
Chungking AM136 AMMDEL
Kunming AK76 AMMDEL

22nd January, 1944.

From Sultan for MILID M18, NECAL N13, AMMKUN AK76, AMMISCA AM136 and CINC SWPA C19.

In Araoan British troops repulsed 3 night attacks 20 January 2 1/2 miles southeast Maungdaw and on 21 January inflicted many casualties during raid on Pankori (2 miles northwest Buthidaung), occupied Sinchbyin (2 miles north Buthidaung) and made slight gains 4 miles west Buthidaung. Inaoin hills levies killed 9 of Jap patrol near Phaipha (2 1/2 miles south southwest Haka) and British troops captured 2 of 3 enemy strong points Eyaukohav (22 miles north Mavlaik). Levies claim 25 casualties in ambush of Jap group of 40 south of Sumprabum. On 19 January Chinese troops eliminated strong enemy patrol 10 miles north Taro in Hukawng Valley.

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P R I O R I T Y

From: New Delhi
To: AGWAR

No. AG 411 AMNDEL, 21 January 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD AG 411.

Summary for week ending 19 January.

(1) US Air: 13 January, sea sweep Hongkong-Hainan Island, 2 B-25's destroyed a 100 foot ship, damaged 3. One warehouse set afire.

14 January, 2 B-25's near Saint Johns Island left a 275 foot boat burning, left awash a 180 foot gunboat.

15th January, 2 B-25's on Svatov Sea sweep sank a 125 foot ship. At Chikhom 2 B-25's shot down enemy bomber. 2 B-25's damaged power plant and sank 200 foot gunboat at Hon Gay, destroyed building at Campha Port.

16th January, no operations due to weather.

17th January, no report received.

18th January, 2 B-25's bombed Campha Port railroad yards and wharfs, hits on tracks, 2 buildings destroyed.

19th January, 2 B-25's and 14 P-40's bombed Mon Cay barracks area, 100% hits followed by strafing.

(2) US Ground: Operations nil for period.

(3) Chinese Air: Operations nil for period.

(4) Chinese Ground: Minor guerrilla activity in Chekiang and Anhwei provinces.

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From: New Delhi
To: AGWAR

No. AG 411 AMMDEL, 21 January 1944

(5) Ledo Road progress report as of 8 January: no rainfall since 0.52 inches on December 28 and 0.61 inches on December 29. Bulldozers are engaged in widening and grading road from Shing north, grading is complete to 69 * 95 and between the mile 72.0 to 73.8 and 85 to 86.3. Survey party is at Shingbuiyang, mile 116.5. Road negotiable to jeeps and heavy vehicles through to Shingbuiyang when dry. Trucks would halt all traffic at end of Metalling which had retained since December 21 at mile point 61.3. Rock at present being stop piled; about 10,000 cubic yards to date.

(6) Changes in British dispositions as follows:
(Arakan) 5 Indian Division, 9 Brigade HQ at Meungdaw. 7 Indian Division, 114 Brigade HQ, 1 mile northwest Nitav. 81 (West African) Division Main HQ at Mowdok.

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From: New Delhi
To: MILID M 17
New Caledonia N 12
Kunming AK 70
Chungking AM 127
Brisbane C 17

21 January 1944

From Sultan for MILID M 17, CINC SWPA C 17, NECAL N 12, AMMISCA AM 127 and AMMKUN AK 70.

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In Arakan British troops made slight gain against opposition near Letwedet on 19th January and suffered 40 casualties in attack which partially occupied enemy position at Kyaukchaw (22 miles north Mawlaik). In Fukawng Valley Chinese troops occupied Gum Gm (7 miles east south-east Ninbyen) 17th January and attacked against strong resistance in area 8 miles north Taro on 18th January. Other areas negative.

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To: War
New Caledonia
Brisbane
Chungking
Kunming

No Number 20th January 1944

From Sultan for MILID M17, CINC SWPA C 17, NECAL N 12,
AMMISCA AM 127 and AMMKUN AK 70.

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In Arakan British troops made slight gain against
opposition near Uetwedet on 19th January and suffered 40
casualties in attack which partially occupied enemy position
at Kyaukchaw (22 miles north Mawfik Pa). In Hukawng
Valley Chinese troops occupied Gum Ga (7 miles east
southeast Ningbyen) 17th January and attacked against strong
resistance in area 8 miles north Taro on 18th January.
Other areas negative.

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From: New Delhi.
To: Brisbane C 15
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Kunming AM 116
MILID M 16

18 January 1944.

From Sultan for CINC SWPA, Necal, Amakun, Ammisca,
MILID.

Counter attacks repulsed by British on Arayan in
area 3-4 miles southeast Maungdaw 16th and 17th January.
In Hukawng valley 15th January Allied Forces occupied
Nayaw Ga (10 miles southeast Ningbyen) and Kadufo GA (8
miles south southeast Ningbyen). All quiet on other fronts.

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From: New Delhi
To: Brisbane C 14
MELID M 15
New Caledonia N 10
Chungking AM 107
Kunming AK 51
16 January 1944

From Sultan for AMMISCA, AMMKUN, Milid, NECAL and CINCOSWA.

Atakan 14th/15th January British patrols remained active Southeast Mauvidaw and northwest Buthidaung and mopped up Japanese which infiltrated behind British lines. Other fronts nothing more.

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From: Kunming
To: Barrackpore COGUK C24JE
New Delhi COGUK A101JE
Chungking COGUK M44JE
Chabua COGUK K15JE
CGAAF COGUK W58JE 13 Jan 1944

This operations and intelligence report for January 12 follows To Arnold W58JE, Stilwell M44JE, Stratemeyer A101JE, Davidson C24JE, Olds K15JE info APABI, AFDIS and MILID signed Chennault.

Now follows additional details of attack on Takao Formosa on January 11. Off Kewilin at 1600 hours, 8 Loons carrying 96, 250 pound demos (80 fused instantaneous, 16 fused 2 hour delay) to bomb Takao, 6 Loons dropped bombs at 16,500 feet on aluminum plant, 40% landed in target area. Heavy ack ack encountered, no enemy aircraft encountered, 7 to 10 ineffective searchlights noted. 1 Loon bombed Svatow causing 1 explosion in oil storage area, 1 Loon bombed airdrome at Takao, results unobserved on return 1 plane was lost, believe all of crew bailed out safely in friendly territory.

Off Chungking and Kunming, 14 Loons bombed Bangsue marshalling yards at Bangkok. 60 250 pound demos instant fused, 135 100 pound demos instant fuse and 45 100 pound incendiaries released over target from 5,000 feet at 2200 hours. Encountered light and heavy ack ack from Don Mung airdrome and city. Explosion and fires observed on airdrome, large fires noted in city 30 minutes after leaving target, storage sheds in railroad yards also bombed. 3 enemy planes were seen but did not attack. Entire city was blacked out, searchlights active, 1 of enemy planes dropped flares, our unpainted plane conspicuous in moonlight and light of ground fires. All planes returned safely.

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From: Kunming
To: Barrackpore
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Chabua
CGAAF
13 Jan 1944

COGUK C24JE
COGUK A101JE
COGUK M44JE
COGUK K15JE
COGUK W58JE

First phase photo recon January 12th Takao Harbor at 1215 hours, approx 102,000 tons shipping totalling 30 cargo vessels, 1 vessel in outer harbour 275 feet long is capsizing, 20 of the above mentioned vessels are anchored parallel to military warehouses. Tainan airdrome at 1205 hours, 1 large, 1 medium and 4 small planes.

Okayama, 1210 hours, 19 large 5 medium and 109 small planes.

Heiti, at 1217, are 9 large, 6 medium and 67 small planes.

Kagi at 1227, 32 large, 14 medium and 4 small planes.

Taichu at 1245 hours, 1 large and 3 small planes.

Routine hump patrol off Yunnanyi, no enemy activity noted. 22 fighter, 22 bomber and 2 photo sorties flown. Routine ferry trips by 308th Group with 2 over and 3 back.

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FROM ALUSNA CHUNGKING		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	RRRRP
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**ALUSNA CHUNGKING ORIGINATES; ACTION CNO CINCPAC
COM 7TH FLEET CTF 71**

A1 ATTACKED 1215Z JAN 12.

**APPROX 30 AK'S TOTAL 102,000 TONS PLUS 9 PG'S, 3 DD'S
DEPARTED. 20 OF THE AK'S ARE ANCHORED PARALLEL TO
MILITARY WAREHOUSES**

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COMINCH...CNO...20G...NAVAIDE...200P...

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P R I O R I T Y

*White House
for posting*

From: New Delhi
To: AGWAR

Nr: AMMDEL AG 123 8th January, 1944.

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD AG 123.

Weekly summary for week ending 5th January:

(1). US Air:

30th December, Yantze River sweep between Lukwan and Anking. 6 B25s in 3 flights, attacked shipping. Results: 2 gunboats damaged; a 100 foot cargo vessel sunk; 2 cargo vessels, 175 foot sunk; a 250 foot transport sunk. 1 bomber attacking at mast height, sheathed off wing, crashing on river bank.

31st December, Lampang, 25 B24s attacked railway yards, starting several large fires, followed by many secondary explosions. Smoke was seen to rise to an estimated 10,000 feet.

1st January, Teho, 4 P40s attacked barracks and warehouses, starting large fires among buildings.

2nd January, Hopang, 8 P40s attacked barracks area, making 2 direct hits on Jap Headquarters, fires started.

3rd January, Pingka, 5 P40s attacking the town area, observed one large explosion northeast section, with gray smoke 10,000 feet high. Lampang, Thailand, 28 B24s, 2 P40s, strung bombs along entire length of railroad yards. 2 near misses on main bridge.

4th January, Operations nil due to weather.

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To: AGWAR
Rr: ANMDEL AG 123 8th January, 1944.

5th January, operations nil due to weather.

- (2) Chinese Air:
Nil for period.
- (3) US Ground:
Nil for period.
- (4) Chinese Ground:

Being attacked by Chinese Forces in an attempt to drive them east of Yangtze River are detachments of Japanese maintaining bridgeheads between Ouchihkow (112 degrees 30 minutes-29 degrees 45 minutes north) and Towhuti (112 degrees 15 minutes-30 degrees 2 minutes north).

- (5) Leda Road progress as of December 30th:

Subgrade reach mile 67.6. At mile 116.54 forward survey party. To miles 61.3 metalling is complete. For jeeps and heavy vehicles to Shingbiyang when dry road is travelable. In the event of heavy rain, both heavy and light vehicles would be limited to end of metalling (mile 61.3). Bulldozers ceased operations on that date. Rainfall was .61 inches on December 29th and .52 inches on December 30th.

Changes in British dispositions as follows:

- (1) Arakan: 123 Brigade, 1 mile south of Zaganbyin.
- (2) Imphas 20th Division, Sibong; 100th Brigade, Namunta Chaung.

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ALUSNA CHUNGKING SENDS TO CNO CINCPAC CTF 71 AND COMSOWESPACFOR.

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RECENT BOMBINGS KWANGCHOUWAN HAVE SUSPENDED PASSENGER TRAFFIC THAT PORT SINCE NOV BUT SERVICE WITH HONGKONG SHORTLY TO BE RESUMED BY TUNGSHAN MARU. SMALL MOTOR JUNKS NOW RUNNING BETWEEN HONGKONG AND KWANGCHOUWAN, MACAO, MACAO AND KWANGCHOUWAN ALSO BETWEEN LATTER AND FRENCH INDO CHINA. MORE EXPECTED TO BE PUT ON THESE ROUTES. TRANSPORTS AND NAVAL VESSELS ARRIVE DEPART NIGHT AT KWANGCHOUWAN. 4 CARGO VESSELS MORE THAN 4,000 TONS LEFT SAIGON FOR JAPAN 31 DECEMBER. JAP SUPPLIES NOW UNLOADED NOUCHOW ISLAND TRANSFERRED FORT BAYARD BY JUNK. LARGE QUANTITIES COCONUT AND WOOD

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From: New Delhi.
To: AGWAR AG 88
Chungking AM 37

6 January 1944.

For the eyes of Marshall, Stilwell and Hearn alone from Sultan.

Stilwell's Deputy

What follows is a paraphrase of ANMDEL message to ANMISCA as AM 37 and to AGWAR as AG 88. Yesterday, at Personal Staff conference, with Wedemeyer only American present, Supreme took up paper on "Various courses of action open to SEAC" and deferred it until tomorrow when summary will be radioed to British Chiefs of Staff. Covers broad strategy, island jumping, plan of advance from Australia to take Port in China etcetera. SEAC present mission is listed as defeating Japan and providing land route to China. Courses of action given as increase air route, develop ~~TWILIGHT~~, encourage China, operate against Burma so as to open road, operate against Tenasserin-Siam to restore land route to China, combined operations against Malaya-Nei barrier. War Staff Planners concluded that SEAC overall concept should be, in coordination with Allies in Pacific, to breach Malaya-Nei barrier and advance north by successive amphibious bounds to Japan. They also considered that SEAC contribution this year should be to nourish the air offensive in China. Also stated is "The project of the Ledo Road is out of step with global strategy." They also said that we should not commit all of SEAC resources to Burma but should hold them for a major offensive against the Japs, and that the first step should be the capture of Northern Sumatra. SAC first reactions to this paper are favorable, he thinks the B-29's should go to SEAC, and also thinks that this might be suitable time to raise the question of separation of US Forces in China from those in India and Burma. This last he related as being in agreement with Stilwell.

*Mountbatten
Southeast Asia
Command*

*Long range
Bomber opera-
tions from China
(B-29's) Same as
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To: AGWAR

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Chungking

AM 37

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was felt that Hongkong should be included in any working agreement on this subject, but that such an agreement must not be published. The above gives a line on how they are thinking.

New Subject. Wingate and Dewhart saw GNO about the third and report that he will not attack without an amphibious operation east of Rangoon or in the Andamans. Wingate returning to Delhi to give verbal explanation.

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General Arnold

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To: New Delhi COGUK C 7 JE
Chabua " K 5 JE
Farreckpore " M 13 JE
Chungking " A 30 JE
CGAAF " W 13 JE

04 January 1944

Air operations and intelligence report for January 3rd. To Arnold info AFABE, APDIS and MILID signed CAKEN cite DADAW C 7 JE, OLDS K 5 JE, CFBDS M 13 JE, CACAH A 30 JE, W 18 JE.

Sharks 2 off Yunnanyu to patrol transport route, observed Bhamo airfield serviceable. Five Sharks, 3 with 7 120 pound frag clusters bombed and strafed Pidgka (24 degrees 20 minutes north and 98 degrees 55 minutes east) direct hits in the town and one large explosion in northeast section of town with grey smoke to 10,000 feet, also strafed entire town.

Off Kunming 28 Moons escorted by 2 Lightnings bombed Lampang railroad yards. Over target at 1416 hours 275 250 pound demos instant fuses were released from 15,000 feet. Target was 8 to 9/10th overcast. Bombs bursts observed thru overcast indicate bombs were strung along railroad tracks the entire length of railroad yards, 2 near misses on bridge, no other observations, no ack ack encountered, observed 4 enemy planes fixed rear, they did not attack and stayed well below formation, all planes returned safely. Landing strips were observed at (21 degrees and 101 degrees 23 minutes) and at (18 degrees 8 minutes and 100 degrees 11 minutes) last one about 5 miles east of Bhre. Three members of pool shot down over white cloud on December 24th, now safe in Kunming with 2 additional reported enroute by Chinese.

Photo cover January 3rd as follows:

Hehohngsohb (19 degrees 18 minutes north and 98

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degrees 01 minutes east) at 1125 hours 2 single engine aircraft visible.

Resaniese (18 degrees 10 minutes north and 97 degrees 55 minutes east) at 1145 hours small landing ground partially cleared 1600 feet appear usable. No aircraft visible.

Mescht (16 degrees 40 minutes north and 98 degrees 33 minutes east) at 1210 hours landing strip 2500 feet slightly overgrown but possible usable no aircraft and no activity noted.

Tak (16 degrees 52 minutes north and 99 degrees 08 minutes east) at 1220 hours no aircraft, old airfield now being reconstructed cross runways of which 1900 feet on each is graded smoothed and rolled. Northeast side of field 20 newly built and closely spaced revetted surfaces are located. A road by pass has been built to run north of field rather than through while northeast of fields 12 small and 4 large buildings completed and 7 large under construction.

Wanghin (16 degrees 42 minutes north and 99 degrees 15 minutes east) at 1225 hours large highway bridge under construction 4 feet by 900 feet. New road appears under construction along south bank of river.

Tsling Jan (17 degrees 05 minutes north and 99 degrees 25 minutes east) at 1235 hours probable landing strip has been started.

Sawawngalok (17 degrees 18 minutes north and 99 degrees 50 minutes east) at 1240 hours small railroad terminal 6 cars and one locomotive visible, good main road extends northwest.

Lampang (18 degrees 16 minutes north and 99 degrees 30 minutes east) at 1300 hours extensive damage from mission of December 31st, roundhouse $\frac{1}{2}$ demolished adjoining repair shop completely destroyed and majority of ware-

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houses and barracks in area burned out. 124 railroad cars plus 4 locomotives visible at time of cover compared with 85 cars in yards on 30th December, railroad bridge appears intact.

Chiengrai (19 degrees 49 minutes north and 99 degrees 55 minutes east) at 1330 hours no aircraft and no changes, 60 motor vehicles mostly in same position as on 18th December.

C3 report just received indicates phosphate mines in Lackey (22 degrees 30 minutes north and 103 degrees 55 minutes east) assume added importance to enemy due to shortage of phosphate. Stocks of 200,000 tons are reported at mine and 100,000 tons at Hanoi to be moved by rail to reduction plant at Saigon. Routine HUMP patrols by 308th group with 2 over and 3 back. Twelve fighter, 28 bomber and 1 photo sortie flown.

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3rd January 1944

Cite Arnold W 13 JE, CPEDS M 10 JE, CABAH A 16 JE, CADEW C 5 JE, OLDS X 3 JE, info MILID, APABI and AFDIS from CAKKM.

This Operations and Intelligence report for January 2nd.

Patrolled transport route by 2 Sharks, no enemy activity observed. Off Yunnanyi 8 Sharks released 16 X 120 pound frag clusters from 1500 feet on Jap Headquarters and barracks area at Hopang (23 degrees 25 minutes and 98 degrees 45 minutes) all bombs in target 2 direct hits on Jap Headquarters and 4 fires started, also strafed area. All planes returned safely. Other operations negative due to weather. Sorties flown 13 fighter.

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 Chabua K 36 DE COGUK
 Barrackpore C 77 DE COGUK
 CG AAF W 106 DE COGUK

28 December, 1943

To Arnold info AFABI, AFMS and MILID signed Chennault.
This operations and intelligence report for Dec 27.

Carrying 6 120 pound frag clusters, 8 Sharks off Kunming fraged and burned 4 barracks at Phu Tho (105 degrees 15 minutes and 21 degrees 23 minutes north) strafed river boats and barges on the Red River, strafed Dong Cuong (21 degrees 57 minutes north and 104 degrees 37 minutes east) airdrome and destroyed 3 steam rollers, inflicted several casualties, also strafed railroad station and barracks at Nam Duong (104 degrees 02 minutes east and 22 degrees 25 minutes north), encountered machine gun fire. Routine hump patrol by 40's off Yunnanyi, observed no enemy activity. Four Sharks recon of Hengchung, Bhamo, Loi Wing and Lashio, no activity noted, encountered ack ack at Lashio. Two Sharks recon of Sumprabum and Myitkyina, observed no changes. Kweilin alerted twice by plots of many Japs, no contacts. Off Hengyang 10 Sharks 1 recon of Hwajung, strafed installations on Faolichi airdrome, observed no aircraft, sunk a 200 foot freighter in river also destroyed 2 locomotives north of Yochow, from these missions all planes returned safely. Suichwan bombed by unknown number of Japs, report incomplete. Sixty six fighter, 3 bomber and 1 photo scortie flown. 308th Group 7 over and 6 return on hump run.

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From: Cairo
To: AGWAR

Number AMSME 405-N, 27 December 1943

For action to Arnold from Whitten for information to Somervell from Lutes sgd Royce.

* Long range air ops. from Chenglu area.

Recent conferences in CBI Theater indicate that all airfields and construction in Calcutta area for MATTERHORN project may not be completed by target dates unless some personnel and equipment now scheduled for Ledo Road are diverted to MATTERHORN project. This because of failure of MATTERHORN troops and equipment to arrive prior to January 1. Godfrey concurs. Stillwell and Mountbatten will not authorize any diversion because they are acting under directives which give higher priority to Ledo Road and other operations. Diversion from Ledo project of troops and equipment is dependent upon priorities established by Combined Chiefs of Staff. If it is desired that construction for MATTERHORN in Calcutta area be completed by target dates, then Stillwell and Mountbatten should be authorized immediately to divert temporarily such troops and equipment in India now awaiting transportation to Assam area as may be necessary. Lutes and Whitten arrived Cairo this date and are departing for Algiers this date.

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CC/S Capt. Royal, USN
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From: Kunming
To: Chungking M90DE COGUK
Barrackpore C37DE COGUK
Chabua K28DE COGUK
New Delhi A156DECOGUK
CGAAP W 87DECOGUK

21 December 1943

This operations and intelligence report for December 20 to Arnold info AFABI, AFDIS and MILID signed Chenault.

No planes sighted on Gia Lam or Haiphong airdromes by 2 Sharks off Kunming on recon of Hanoi area. Photo recon off Kweilin covered Yochow and Chengteh. Second recon shot tri met strip from Hankow to Kiukiang. Eleven Mitchells escorted by 16 fighters bombed Yochow railroad yards. Mitchells released 8 each 200 pound demos instant fuse from 16,500 feet. No enemy aircraft encountered. heavy calibre ack ack over target. Fifty percent of bombs in rail yards started many fires. All planes returned safely. 48 Fighters, 2 Photo and 11 bomber Sorties flown. Follows details of bombing mission December 19: 12 Mitchells carrying 8 each 250 pound demos instant fuse escorted by 22 Sharks. 9 Mitchells bombed Nansien from 10,000 feet, 33% in target, entire formation proceeded to Ansiang where 3 Mitchells released bomb load and scored 100% hits. Observed 1 column of heavy black smoke, no enemy aircraft or ack ack encountered, all planes returned safely.

Photo cover December 20 as follows: Lai Chau (22 degrees 03 minutes north and 103 degrees 12 minutes east) at 1310 hours no airdrome located, slit trenches and weapon pits indicate planned ground defense. Cong (21 degrees 05 minutes north and 105 degrees 28 minutes east) at 1340 hours no aircraft. Hanoi at 1345 hours 2 small aircraft in motion only 15% of airdrome visible, 75 cars in Gialan

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21 December 1943

railroad yards and 20 cars in Hanoi railroad yards. Bac Mai airdrome 1 medium aircraft. Hse Duong (30 degrees 58 minutes north and 105 degrees 19 minutes east) at 11350 hours 19 railroad cars visible. Hsiphong at 1355 hours no aircraft 30 railroad cars in yards, no activity in cement plant and drydock unoccupied with 5 river vessels about 160 feet in area small river craft numerous. Hiang Yen (20 degrees 57 minutes north and 106 degrees 48 minutes east) at 1400 hours no activity other than new unoccupied ack ack emplacements in smelter area. Report rated C3 indicates recent railroad activity in Hanoi area was for purpose of removing Japanese material to Saigon area finish.

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15th December 1943

Stratemeyer to Davidson and Baldwin information
Arnold, Mountbatten, Stilwell, Peirse and Chennault.

Now come extracts from General Order Number 1
Eastern Air Command the appropriate parts of which will
be brought to the attention of all members of your Com-
mand by unit commanders. "Having been appointed Commander
of the Eastern Air Command by directive of the Supreme
Allied Commander and the Air Commander in Chief, I hereby
assume command.

The Eastern Air Command will consist initially of
the Tenth Air Force and the Bengal Air Command. It will
include a Tactical Air Force under the operational con-
trol of Air Marshal Baldwin and a Strategic Air Force un-
der the operational control of Brig Gen Davidson. Admin-
strative control and responsibilities for supply and main-
tenance will remain under the respective United States and
Royal Air Force Commanders.

Subject to further detailed directives all heavy
and medium bombardment and necessary reconnaissance units
of the Tenth Air Force and the Bengal Air Command will be-
come part of the Strategic Air Force. All Fighter, fighter
bomber, light and dive bomber, troop carrier and necessary
reconnaissance units will become part of the Tactical Air
Force.

The Commander Tactical Air Force is charged with
responsibility for defense of Calcutta and the Assam area
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15th December 1943

HQ Eastern Air Command will be located for the present in New Delhi.

The operational Staff Sections Eastern Air Command, the Tactical Air Force and the Strategic Air Force will be integrated. An appropriate number of Royal Air Force officers will join the Staffs of the Commander Eastern Air Command and the Commander Strategic Air Force. An appropriate number of American Army Air Force officers will join the Staff of the Commander Tactical Air Force.

In the days ahead a wise and resourceful enemy must be driven from the air over Burma and blasted from its jungles. His shipping must be sunk, his lines of communication destroyed, his will to resist crushed. Our life line to China must be strengthened and protected against the inevitable day of retribution when the cities of Japan will meet the fate of Berlin.

To accomplish this purpose will require every ounce of energy of every man of this command. In thought and in deed we must merge into one unified force neither British nor American with the virtues of both and the faults of neither. There is no time for suspicion or distrust.

I greet Air Marshall Baldwin and the forces of the Bengal Air Command as brothers in the air battle for the right. The inspiring example of joint achievement of our colleagues of the Northwest African Air Force sets a standard of cooperation which we must strive to surpass.

Let us write in the skies over Burma a record of Allied air victory of which we shall all be proud in the

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years to come. Signed George E Stratemeyer Major General
United States Army Commander Eastern Air Command" DEDAC
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Summary week * December.

(1). US Air:

2 December, 28 Ibis attacked; Chaikungtang, started fires; Hengyang, results unobserved; Nguyen Binh, strafed mines and factory and on return, Habcaing airdrome. One fighter crashed on take off engine failure. One fighter crashed at Taoshien cause unknown. 18 Jap bombers escorted by 30 Zeros bombed Suichwan Field. 9 Ibis intercepted, damage to enemy unknown. 12 Japs bombed Namyung. * serviceable.

3rd December, 8 Ibis bombed Wanling. Direct hits buildings and barracks.

4 December, 8 Crows escorted by 12 Ibis and 11 Crows escorted by 14 Ibis bombed Changteh successfully. 7 Jap fighters intercepted. Escort warded off attack, enemy losses: 2 probables and 3 damaged; ours: 1 Ibis and pilot missing. 10 Ibis bombed Changteh and 8 more Ibis on patrol were intercepted by 6 Jap fighters. Enemy losses: 2 probable, 1 damaged. Ours: 1 Ibis and pilot missing.

5 December, 60 Ibis in 8 flights over Changteh, Nanshen, Ansiang, Tehshan and Hsutu Lake areas destroyed 45 boats and fired several houses. 36 enemy craft engaged them; 2 enemy aircraft destroyed, 1 probable and 3 damaged. 3 Ibis severely damaged.

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6 December, 16 Crows in 2 flights, 1 escorted by 8 Thrushes bombed Changteh. Bombing excellent * intercepted by 15 * 1 confirmed, 2 probable, and 3 damaged. Thrushes intercepted by unreported number of Zeros, damage to enemy unknown. 1 thrush missing and 1 crash landed 25 miles from Lingling. 31 Ibis and 2 Thrushes patrolled Changteh, started many fires along Salween river vicinity. Chitscho, strafed railroad facilities at Hsipaw. Results good.

7 December, 14 Crows escorted by 20 fighters * *. 8 Ibis strafed cars on Mogaung-Myitkyina railroad.

8 December, 9 Crows escorted by 15 Ibis successfully bombed Changteh and 8 Ibis bombed Hofud, west of Chan-teh and 8 Ibis bombed villages near Changteh, results excellent.

(2). Chinese air: 10 strafing and bombing missions flown along Yangtze and vicinity of Tungting Lake.

(3). Chinese ground: 8 December, recapture of Changteh by chinese reported. Tsowshih with 1 regiment opposed by chinese 63rd and 90th Divisions, is held by Japs. 2 companies of Japs hold Shihmen. Occupied by estimated 1000 Japanese against Chinese 79th and 73rd Armies is Yangmaotan.

(4). US Ground: nil for period.

(5). Changes in British Troop dispositions:

7th division, Main headquarters, 1 mile north-west Ngakyeaauk.

33rd Brigade, 1 mile northwest of Buthidaung.

7th Division, 2 miles south of Bawli Bazaar.

114 Brigade, Bogyigyaung.

New Subject. Reurad 4773 December 9th, first periodic

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road progress report thru 25th November follows:

Tincha (60.5A) is new road headquarters.

Heavy vehicles to mile 50.42 if wet and 68
if dry.

Metalling to 50.42.

Subgrade 51.5.

Lead bulldozer 80.59.

At 92.5 is survey party.

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CG AAF Nr. W 41DE COGUK
Barrackpore Nr. C 19DE COGUK

11th December 1943.

This operations and intelligence report for December 10th to Arnold info AFDIS APABI and Milid signed Chennault.

Off Kweilin on photographic reconnaissance covered Hankow Wuchang area. Photo off Kunming covered Heho and Lashio. Photo off Kunming covered Hanoi airdrome, Tong airdrome, Ving Yen, and Tam Dao. Off Kunming 10 Lions, 8 loaded 20 100 pound general purpose bombs fused 1/10th and 2 loaded 20 120 pound incendiary clusters, target Hanoi Marshalling Yards, escort of 15 Sharks with heavies. Eighty percent in target causing many fires and smoke with 1 large secondary explosion, heavy calibre ack ack medium intensity inaccurate, no enemy interception. All ships back safely except 1 Shark force landed Wengtsu on way to target with minor damages. Routine patrols of transport route. Off Yunnanyi 4 Sharks with frags clusters and 2 Sharks top cover on ground support mission bombed and strafed enemy installations at 4 villages in area of Pan Chin Hua Shu (at SE 7313 on quarter inch MSP) starting several large fires, no ack ack, all down safely. Japs made pre dawn attack on Hengyang and Lingling number unknown and daylight attack on Hengyang with 15 Sallys 10 dive bombers and unknown number fighters using frags and delayed bombs. No interception night raiders insufficient warning, contact of 8 Sharks daylight raid. Enemy losses 3 bombers confirmed 2 bombers probables and 1 bomber damaged, 1 Zero probable 2 Zeros damaged. Our losses 1 Shark burned and 2 Mitchells badly damaged on ground, 1 Shark shot down

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unsuccessful jump by pilot, 3 damaged Sharks due to take offs and landings mishaps. Nips failed to find field at Lingling, Hengyang still usable. Kweilin alerted by plots no attack developed.

Supplemental operations report for December 9th follows: 8 Lightnings off Difgoing strafed 10 troop sampans on river above Nan Sien, unknown casualties, received light inaccurate ground fire, all down safely.

Photo recon December 10th Pan Heik 20 degrees 45 minutes north 96 degrees 48 minutes east 7 small aircraft and runways and taxiways are serviceable. Hehe satellite 20 degrees 53 minutes north 96 degrees 48 minutes east new landing strip being graded no taxiways or revetments started. Hsipaw 22 degrees 35 minutes north 97 degrees 15 minutes east 16 cars on yards and 36 bomb craters west of north of railroad station, 20 craters 1 mile north of town. Lashio airdrome no aircraft, railroad bridge 2 1/2 miles northeast of airdrome has been destroyed, 19 freight cars. Hsenwi 23 degrees 18 minutes north and 9758 minutes east work continues on landing strip. Tong airdrome 21 degrees 5 minutes north 105 degrees 28 minutes east no damage evident from recent strafing. Haeoi little damage evident from raid of December 10th on railroad yards, approx 100 cars in yards. Gialam airdrome no aircraft, Bachu airdrome no aircraft Mamcobi storage depot no changes. Vinh Yen barracks 21 degrees 18 minutes 105 degrees 35 minutes east camouflage now completed no new activity. Tam Dao 21 degrees 27 minutes north 105 degrees 38 minutes east previously reported as possible military camp now revealed as mountain resort village with 8 barracks 1300 feet west on village. Changteh area reports indicate Japanese withdrawal to northeast along Changteh-Ansiang route along Tsingshih (29 degrees 20 minutes north cu 92 degrees 10 minutes east) 29 degrees 38 minutes north and 111 degrees 49 minutes east Shihchow (29 degrees 41 minutes north 112

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degrees 26 minutes east) as well as along Chiegtah Shasi
route. For December 9th add 8 fighter sorties. For
December 10th 98 fighter sorties 10 heavy bomber sorties
and 3 sorties flown for pictures.

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SURVEY AFTER JAP AIR RAID BY MORE THAN 34 BOMBERS AND 35 FIGHTERS CALCUTTA 5 DECEMBER. BOMBS FELL ALMOST ENTIRELY IN OR NEAR KITTERPORE DOCKS. DAMAGE TO INSTALLATIONS NOT EXTENSIVE AND WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH HARBOR OPERATIONS BUT SERIOUS ASPECT IS EFFECT UPON DOCK LABOR. BOMBS MOSTLY ANTI PERSONNEL AND INCENDIARY WEIGHT 1 TO 200 LBS. CASUALTIES AMONG DOCK LABORERS HIGH. STEVEDORES AND SKILLED LABOR ON JOB BUT COOLIES HAVE FLED CITY TO NEARBY JUNGLE AREA. LOADING AND UNLOADING AT STANDSTILL. CHAIRMAN PORT COMMISSION BELIEVES COOLIES WILL RETURN IN 2 OR 3 DAYS BUT ANOTHER ALERT THIS MORNING NOT FOLLOWED BY RAID FURTHER COMPLICATES SITUATION.

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SEVERAL SHIPS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED 1 BARGE SUNK. 4 JAP BOMBERS AND 1 FIGHTER BELIEVED SHOT DOWN. 7 RAF FIGHTERS LOST BUT 2 PILOTS SAFE. LOSS FIGURES BEING VERIFIED. 4 US NAVY 26 US ARMY CASUALTIES LATTER INCLUDING 1 DEAD. NAVY INJURIES ALL SHRAPNEL NONE CRITICAL AS FOLLOWS: ALBERT WALTER SIBENRK SEAMAN 1ST SERIAL 7082420 SS WM WHIPPLE. SABER A MOORE GM 3RD SERIAL 6365170 LCT 420. WILBURN TAYLOR SEAMAN 1ST SERIAL 8344192 SS WM WHIPPLE. PAUL STANLEY SENSABAUGH SEAMAN 1ST SERIAL 8520627. SS LOUIS SENGTELLER.

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December 6, 1943

Navy has

Survey after Jap air raid by more than 34 bombers and 35 fighters Calcutta 5 December. Bombs fell almost entirely in or near Kidderpore docks. Damage to installations not extensive and will not interfere with harbor operations but serious aspect is effect upon dock labor. Bombs mostly anti personnel and incendiary weight 1 to 200 lbs. Casualties among dock laborers high. Stevedores and skilled labor on job but coolies have fled city to nearby jungle area. Loading and unloading at standstill. Chairman Port Commission believes coolies will return in 2 or 3 days but another alert this morning not followed by raid further complicates situation.

Several ships slightly damaged one barge sunk. Four Jap bombers and 1 fighter believed shot down. 7 RAF fighters lost but two pilots safe. Loss figures being verified. 4 US Navy 26 US Army casualties later including one dead. Navy injuries all shrapnel none critical as follows.

Albert Walter Sibenrk Seaman 1st, Serial 7062420 SS
Wm Whipple, Sabre A Moore GM 3rd, Serial 6365179 LCT 420.
Wilourn Taylor Seaman 1st, Serial 6344192 SS Wm Whipple.
Paul Stanley Sennabaugh Seaman 1st, Serial 8520627 SS
Louis Sengteller.

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