MR 300 Sec. 10 — CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER — WARFARE

JANUARY THRU MARCH, 1944
INCOMING MESSAGE
March 31, 1944

FROM: FREEDOM
TO: SACSEA (for Mountbatten)
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

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.

ACTION: CC/S
INFO: Gen Arnold
OPD
Gen Bissell
G O
Air King

CM-IN-423 (1 Apr 44) 1501Z

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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,
Houmes, 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 NELCAL CINC SWPA Dorn.

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

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

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

Enemy patrol reported 1 1/2 miles south Palel;

Japanese destroyed bridge on Nyin 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: CO, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma, and India, Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India.

No: CRAX 499

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

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

Estimate 4 reinforced enemy battalions in Kamaing-Ngaung-Shadusup area.

Arekan, operations against estimated 200 enemy in area 1 1/2 miles southeast Ngakyaedauk village 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.

ACTION: 0-2

INFO: CGAAF

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Col. Park

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To: War Office
Rptd: Hq Brisbane (Pass COLC GHQ) NZ Forces HQ New Zealand Military Attaché, China Concentrato Middle East B.A.D. Washington Fesia & Iraq Force Hq Army Rawalpindi Army Bangalore GHE East Africa.

Number: 463/OPS 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 poons remain PM 394329 PM 395332. Rd Rasabili west tunnel clear of enemy and tunnel passable to NT and tak. 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 Taragoo PM 5560.

TWO: KALADAN.
3 ADF captured by 4 NR at Tikma west PM 0360 state 500 Japanese in area Minawa PM 0571 AQMA PM 0474 Utinga PM 0471. Eq 5 (VA) Bde 5 GCR PM 013051 7 GCR area PM 0167 prior to adv on Grankhaz PM 0069. Eq 5 (WA) Bde 1 Gambir crossed Kaladan River 30 Mar reached area PM 0461 while 1 Sal R en route PM 524 PM 0472. 4 NR secured poons PT 364 5462 PT 830 PM 0467. 11 Sea Scouts patrolling south both sides of Kaladan River.

THREE: CHIN HILLS.
Eq 17 Div and all wounded moved to MS 82. Enemy built bamboo br suitable 1t MT MS 127 RP 0921.

FOUR: CHINDWIN.
(A) Area Pakel. 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 PATTLA arrived PAEL 30 Mar. FW 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 BS 107 Rd MAIPUR-IMPHAL and destroyed
br BS 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 TAANAH SF 0639
SANGSHAK RK 9749 TF RUK RE 3252 SAKOE RK 7772 SANGSHAK and
considerable number mules being used.

(c) Area KOHIMA. Head men in area track TUPHEMA RE
544412 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 KERASON RE 94 and JESSAMI RE 96 29 Mar
estimated one BN each place. Fighting reported west of
KERASON 30 March. NO FURTHER NEWS FROM JESSAMI. Some
enemy with mortars contacted area MAHRUMRI RE 54 30 Mar.

(d) MAIPUR ROAD. 4 RNK arrived by air 30 Mar.

FIVE: BUKUNING VALLEY
Confirmed 2/65 Regt captured SHADZUP 1000 hre
30 Mar.
* Check reads 3604. T.O.O. 311845FG

ACTION: O-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 AXION.

T.O.O. 311634
COSMED 76 is CM-IN-21564 (30 Mar 44) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S
INFO: General Arnold
General Bissell
Admiral King
Colonel Park
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From: Main 11 Army Group SEAC
To: Usual Addressees
No: 443/OPS March 30, 1944

SITREP 77

1. Arakan

Large quantity of ann and eqpt found in west tunnel. Tunnel probably passable to tkrs 29 March. Fighting in progress feature FM 4242 29 March. Minor Japanese attacks on our posts south of Buthidaung rd repulsed. Mopping up in area Ngakyeinkauk FM 4450 continues. East of Kalapanin some enemy southward and eastward movement reported 27 March area Kindeung FM 5937. 114 Bde captured hill feature FM 538468 night 27/28 March. Our patrols have located 2 enemy coys area Taraguy FM 5560. This area being shelled prior to inf attack.

2. Kaladan

Local report indicated Kaladan village FM 0070 lightly held. Hq 51 (WA) Div and 6 (WA) Bde have moved area Ngandaung FM 0362 Orana FM 0260. 1. Nigeria crossed Kaladan river area Launshe FM 0261 night 28/29 March in advance remainder Bde. Hq 5 (WA) Bde 5 G K moved area Lassung FM 995635. ***or area FM 0165 FM 0065. Lack of enemy activity area Kyangri FM 0462 has enabled evacuation 200 cos by air.

3. Chin Hills

Enemy ordered 400 coolies to report Zakhsir RU 0333 with 10 days rations on 27 March 29 March 17 Div established on PN 5805 RO 9732. 37 Bde estimate enemy gas 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 manycas on estimated one enemy Bn seen Pakhao RK4485. 50 Para Bde types from Sangshak RK 7888 commenced arriving area Imphal. 2 W Yorks RK 3966.


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

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CG AAF, G-2, Colonel Park, L0G

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

To: War Department
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia
GQ, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area, Noumea, New Caledonia
GQ, 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.

Hukawng Valley, Japanese counter attacks in area 3 miles north Shadusup repulsed with heavy enemy losses; 325 Japanese reported killed in vicinity Allied road block 3 miles south Shadusup; American troops in Kauri-Mhram Ga Area (17 miles southeast Shadusup) in contact with estimated enemy battalion moving northwest from Mogaung; Stillwell requests all information regarding Shadusup 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 Tonsang; enemy advancing against British resistance in Ukhurul 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.

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ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: GQ AAF OPD COL. PARK LOG
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March 30, 1944

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

Your OZ 1682, COS(N) 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 AXION.

T.0.0. 301712 FG

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

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FROM:    CG U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma and India
         Near Robertson, New Delhi, India

TO:      War Department
         CG U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area,
         Noumea, New Caledonia
         CMNO Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane,
         Australia

Date:    CRAX 394    29 March 44

Situation report 26th March Sultan for MILID
CRAX 394 info HEAD CMNO SMFA Dorn Keen.

Arahau, British captured west portion of tunnel
area, resistance strong in east tunnels 1 mile southwest
Miksa; Japanese 1 1/2 miles southeast Nalibdansk village,
reorganized and offering stiff resistance; east of Kalipasian
River British troops engaged estimated enemy company in
Paragu area 3 miles east Youngbasar.

Chin Hills and Chindwin River, small enemy road
block reported on Falel-Tuma road at Tawnggal, 9 miles
southeast Falel; enemy attacks in unreported strength
repulsed at Jessani and Kharason, both generally 25 miles
southeast Kohima.

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

HR: CRAK 394 29 March 44

North Burma, Japanese party of unknown strength reported in Maubum 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 Nagaung toward Nantin 10 miles north Rammin.

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To: A.F.H.Q. Algiers
Rptd: Joint Staff Mission and SACSHA (ARWININDIA please pass)
From: Chiefs of Staff
Number: COSMED 76 March 29, 1944

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. 2923552

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

To: War Office

Rptd: Hq Brisbane (pass COIC GHQ)
NA China
NZ Forces Hq New Zealand
CENTRER
GHQ Persia and Iraq Force
Middle East
British Army Staff, Washington
Army Bangalore
Army Rawalpindi

Number: 423/OPS March 29th, 1944

SITREP 76.

ONE: ARAKAN

44 commando active area Alethaigayw. 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 517480 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 Ngkyezindauk 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 R0 9774 RD block MS 96 R0 9736 cleared March 26th. Our tps occur MS 98 R0 9733. MS 100 R0 7662* reported clear of enemy. Some enemy reported area MS 55 R0 6592 morning March 28th.

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FOUR: CHINOWIN.

(A) Area Pael Tamu. Small enemy rd block on upper rd RK 6012. Lower rd clear March 26th. Night March 26/27 small enemy attack area RF 7994 driven off. Two Japs who surrendered RK 6019 report 1 Bn enemy Myothit SP 0029 March 26th.

(b) Ukhrul area. Our tps have evacuated Litan Box RK 6841. 10 Para Bde evacuated Sangshak RK 7888. During night March 26/27 enemy suffered eighty to one hundred casualties in attack on our posn this area.

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

FIVE: HUAKAWO VALLEY.

Advanced elements one Japanese Bn believed of 56 rift moving north from Kameing SC 36 to cut off tps area Hkatigkgawng 3984 were attacked by American Rangers area Mampion SC 4078 March 26th and suffered heavy casualties. 65 Chinese Regt passed through fwd poas 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 Hkavnglawyang NY 3114 killing 60 Japanese incl 4 officers. Now confirmed first Bn American Rangers has not captured Shadurup. Adv Hq 8th CAF Tingkaw Sakan RX 3528.

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T.O.O. 291800FG

ACTION: OPD

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From: Main II Army Group SEAC
To: War Office CONCENTRIC M A China N Z Forces New Zealand
BAS Washington HQ Brisbane (Pass CO10 GHQ) GHQ Persia &
Iraq Force GHQ Middle East Army Bangalore Army

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 CRP (Burks) 3 88 Bde, 12 FF RIF (BU Bn) and Army
elements 81 (WA) Rocque Regt. On whole front in fighting March 26
200 Japanese reported killed. Ops West tunnel continue 36
Div inflicting heavy enemy force on this area March 26. Japanese
have made several attacks on FWD points 36 Bde since night
25/26 March suffering heavy losses. 36 Bde holding despite
fairly heavy attack. Mopping up area Ngayesindauk FM 4450 con-
tinues satisfactorily. 71 Bde capturing features FM 451506
FM 4650 except 189.

TWO: Kaladan. Patrolling only. Patrol reports only 1 enemy
Coy area Aunaya FM 9372 (9642) (9652)* This is probably pro-
tecting river head for Tps operating West of Pinhaung.

THREE: Chin Hills. Manipur River Br at MS127 destroyed by
our Tps. 17 Div now located area MS105. Maulmei 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
Br Hq RK 8307.

Comment. Possible 1 Bn, 60 Regt. Possible identification 15
Div Engr Regt near Rd Tamupalel March 24. March 25 small
enemy attack on our points 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 Br from Litan RK 6461 assisting withdrawal. 123 Bde
concentrated area RK 4970. 135 cas inflicted on enemy in
fighting Litan Box night 29/25 March. Our cas 8 killed,
22 wounded, 3 missing. 50 para Bde under comd 5 Div March 25.

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(C) Area Tamamahi-Kohima. Further reports enemy Khan Jang
8A065E March 26. March 27 unconfirmed report 40 enemy
Kharasom RE9245.

FIVE: Hukawng Valley. 1st Bn 5307 American Rangers have
out-rd 3 miles SE of Shadup. 113 Chinese Rgt attacking
Shadup from East with 66 and 64 Rgts clearing high
ground to the North. 66 Chinese Rgt captured entire
Japanese posn RX 3015 65 Rgt in Divres area RX3117. 2nd
and 3rd Bns 5307 American Rangers intercepting Japanese
parties Warong BO4883 and South Manpin S04077.

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T.O.O. 281800

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New Delhi, India

To: War Department
CINC Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane
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

MR: CRAX 342 26 March 44

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

Chin Hills, British attack on estimated battalion
vicinity Lenikot (22 miles North Northeast Tonazag) caused
250 enemy casualties; British positions in Tonazag Area
improved slightly; Tiddis Pales road still blocked; TDMs
- Pales 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
Hkawnglavyang (3 miles North Shadusup).

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

MR: 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 Rhtidaung); some indications of reinforcements South of Rhtidaung and Godusara; no new troops identified; Japanese resistance indicates he will hold forward positions as long as possible.

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INFORMATION: CC/8
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Army Bangalore
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Number: 387/OPS 27th March 1944.

SITREP 74.

1. Arakan. Enemy cleared from foothills north of PT
109 FM 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 Sinsweya
have been cleared by our Inf and Tks. 61 enemy killed. Enemy
still at PT 129 FM 4050. Some fighting about Ngakyesdauk FM
4450. 30 enemy reported killed. Ngakyesdauk pass open to traffic.
36 Bde repulsed 4 enemy attacks area SW of Buthidaung. 114 Bde
with Tk 8 Cey 25 Dgns captured features FM 5447 FM 5547 FM
5546. Indications enemy Ngakyesdauk Chaung FM 4351 came from
Dabrugiyaung FM 5643 moving north via Hkamwe Chaung FM 5750 on
night 23/24 Mar crossing Kalapanzin north 24/25 March.

2. Kaladan. 81 (WA) Div moving east towards Kaladan
River.

3. Chinhhhills. 400 Japanese now stated in Haka. 25
Mar 4 enemy Tks destroyed by our mines and Arty Area Tonzang. 17
Div captured ring contour FP 0229 area MS 105 after HY fighting.
Majority enemy liquidated. 300 Japanese reported MS 72. Enemy
reported Lenkot FP 2353. Enemy this area apparently moving north.

Enemy reported attempting build Rd from Kabaw Valley to
Leiching FP 7394. Total 8 FW captured present OPS 2 of which
died after capture. Estimated total 170 Gns inflicted on enemy
fighting area Moreh FP 7896 night 22/23 Mar. Locations. Hq 20
Div 4 Madras 106 Bde (less 2 Bns) area Shenam RK 5313. .32
Bde with under Cmd 4/10 Gr Moreh. 80 Bde area Sibong RK 7205

CM-IN-20100 (28 Mar 44)
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 area 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.


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

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 Agakyeduk village but estimated 300 Japanese still reported and 1 1/2 miles southeast same village; no changes in Araken.


North Burma, Chinese forces captured enemy position 3 miles North Shadzurup after heavy fighting; Chinese and American troops forced a crossing of the Shadu Creek and advanced to area 3 miles southeast Shadzurup.
From: CO, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma and India, Forward echelon, Chungking, China
To: War Department
No: 15308 26 March, 1944
To Bissell, General Arms, Chenault and Dorn CFBX
15308 3rd. Hear.

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 reuse 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.

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INFORMATION: CO AAF OPD COL. MATHEWSON LOG
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From: CG, US Army Forces, China Burma and India
Rear Echelon New Delhi, India

To: War Department

Number GRAX 201, 26 March 1944

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

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

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 intention of forcing us to commit our reserves, each thrust so far being succeeded by a further north on a larger scale. Japanese forces which may amount to 2 regiments are at present moving in direction of Kohima and Dimapur (Manipur road base) from Tanatii. If above interpretation of enemy intention 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 Bom 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.

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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From: G6, US Army Forces, China Burma and India
Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

Number GRAX 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 Forces are working magnificently, and cannot be driven harder without entailing a worstage 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, 100 047'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 Hump. These are actually 20 046's, equivalent in load carrying capacity to 30 047's. Request you to approach United States Chiefs of Staff for extension of period of diversion for these aircraft.

6. It remains to provide 70 047's (for which equivalent in 046's would be 48). There are no British 046's in this Theater. Every British 047 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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Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

Number CRAX 201, 26 March 1944

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, BE 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 Attacks China NZ Force HQ New Zealand HQ Brisbane (Pass to COIC OGH) Middle East GHQ Pesiforce BAD Washington Army Bangalore Army Rawalpindi

NO: 366/OPS March 26, 1944

SITREP 73

ONE: ARAKAN. West of MAYU range. By RP Dec 11 1972

8 YC8 and LANCS occupied PT 182 PM 3834 of March 24.

East of MAYU range. Enemy estimated 450/550 infiltrated to areas FM 4350 and FM 4650 and attacked own tps SINZWEYA FM 4252 area March 25. This force stated to have large number A Ti mines possibly 1 per man. 7 Div formed adn box area SINZWEYA. 71 Bde formed box area FM 4953. 4 Bde occupied FM 429437 and BM 75 FM 440435. 1 WILTS have taken feature FM 450433. About 70 enemy attacked our posts area FM 456436 night 24/25. Attack repulsed 30 enemy killed. Enemy attacked our posts area FM 4784. No details. Night 24/25 8 PP RIP captured KANBYIN FM 5241 and were counter attacked March 25 NO details. March 25 114 Bde made small advance area ZADIAUNA FM 5446. 350 enemy reported DABRAGAUNG FM 5643 stated moved North night 23/24 March. Another report states HQ believed Bn HQ moved PT 561 FM 5843 to PT 717 FM 5752 March 23 locations. Main HQ 26 Div FM 491537 1 SIKH 7/2 PUNJAB area SINZWEYA.

TWO: KALADAN. 8 GR area SIGYANG FM 9657. 4 NR LETKAYUA FM 9957.

THREE: CHIN Hills. Reports from doubtful source of enemy Reinforcements area HAKA. Night 24/25 March 3 enemy attacks TUTUM SADDLE RP 1117. March 24 17 Div captured enemy posts near 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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[B] UKHRUL RK 8202 area. No further activity reported SANGKAK 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 RK 7206 and TALLUI NE 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 to rd West of box. 9 Bde left 1 bn arrived IMPHAL by air and now moving towards LITAN to counter attack.

[C] TAMANZHI area. Estimated total 1500 JAPANESE in SEHRATRACT 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 SEHGMAL RK 2678.

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

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

T.O.O. 2617B/5FG

ACTION: PPD
INFO: CGAF, 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 Imphal 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-47's recently made available to him for another month. Mountbatten notified accordingly.

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ORIGINATOR: Gen Arnold
INFORMATION: OFD
Adm King
CQl Mathewson
Col McFarland
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Executive Office, TTH 32808
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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
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From: CG US Army Forces, China, Burma and India, Rear Echelon New Delhi, India

To: War Department
CG US Army Forces in South Pacific Area Noumea, New Caledonia
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area Brisbane, Australia
CG 14th Air Force Kunning, 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
Recal CINC SWPA Dorn Hearn.

Nothing new west of Chinčwin: 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 2 miles southwest Maekeyeauk and
300 along creek 1 and 4 miles southeast of same village.

Hukawng valley, in Allied right flank Chinese troops
occupied Taungkau 6a 6 miles southwest Taus Bum: other
Chinese troops have advanced across Hkwanglay Creek 3 and
2 miles north Shadawp against strong enemy resistance;
and Allied troops are reported in contact with enemy at
Hkahtau Gahtawng 3 miles northeast Shadawp.

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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 Shadixup. Correction - previous report that Allied troops had occupied Shadixup town was incorrect; Shadixup 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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British Army Staff, Washington
Army Rawalpindi
GHQ Persia and Iraq Force

No: 351/0ps March 25, 1944

SITREP 72

1. Arakan.

(A) West of Mayu Range. Ref SITREP 71 Japanese who infiltrated to area FM 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. 2/8th GR occupied north end ridge FM 514422 23 March subsequent attack FM 514431 held up by enemy NW.

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


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 NT 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 R0 9562 24 March.


(A) Palelittrea. 23 March patrol post area HK 4509** surrounded by three hundred enemy and forced to withdraw. Night 22/23 March two hundred enemy reported area Kunchak 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 Kentang RK 7019.

(B) Imphal Area. Observer post reported 24 March approx forty enemy 2 miles NE of Savombung RK 4370 also twenty five to thirty reported at Nongdan RK 5166. 1 Dogra RK 4370. Enemy strength three hundred report H 21 March Khamb Ching RK 6259 moving towards Sengahak RK 7688. 50 Para Bde poan Sengahak being heavily attacked 24 March. 2/1 PUNJAB repulsed small attack area Litan RK 6481 24 March.

5. Hukawng Valley.


Our troops continue adv down Myitkyina rd.

***Check reads 3509
**Check reads 24
*Check reads 1/8

ACTION: OPD
INFO: 0-2, CO AAF, Colonel Mathewson, LCG

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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma and India, Rear Echelon New Delhi, India
To: War Department
No: ORAX 197

25 March 1944

Marshall personal for Handy ORAX 197 from Sultan information Arnold.

The Situation in Imphal area is developing rapidly in the area between Tiddim 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 outflanking operations to get in rear of any resistance. Some British units will in all probability either get cut 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 Mountbatten estimates that a strong Japanese thrust is being made towards Kohima and that perhaps even Dimapur may be threatened. Such a thrust if successful would cut the railroad line to Assam. The 13th Army recognizes the seriousness of the defense operation in the whole area but contemplates counter offensive operations with severe punishing effects to the Japanese.

The 20 C 56's diverted from the B-17's by authority of the US Chiefs of Staff are and will continue to be in steady use flying in the 5th and 7th Divisions. Mountbatten estimates that this will be necessary for at least

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From: 20, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma and India,
Rear Kobe 5on New Delhi, India
No: GRAX 197
25 March 1944

4 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 be supplied from
British sources 70 additional C 47's for the emergency
needs which be 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 diversions 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: SACOS 123 March 25, 1944

Following for Chiefs of Staff repeated J.S.M. Washington from Mountbatten. Your COSSEA 76. Broad plan of Japanese offensive appears to be aimed at cutting the Dimapur-Leido 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.

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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 waste of 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 1000-47S 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.

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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 RAP Date DEC 11 1944

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INFO: General Arnold
       General Bissell
       General Handy
       C of S
       Admiral King
       Colonel Mathewson

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Area Noumea, New Caledonia
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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 CINC SWPA Dorn Bearn.

Arakan area British successfully attacked estimated 200 enemy 5 miles Southeast Maungdaw, enemy withdrew 2 miles southward. Minor clashes on main front line and in Kaladan River Area. Chin Hills Chiadwin River, enemy resistance strong vicinity of roads blocks Northwest Tonzang. British evacuated landing strip near Tamu; fighting continues in Ukhrul 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 Tamu Bum, fighting continues 4 miles North Shadzup. 12 enemy killed and 10 wounded in British ambush of Japanese platoon 15 miles South Southwest Sumprabum.

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From: OIC U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma and India, Near 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 store area at Siennng. 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 airstrip at Macchung, results unknown. Escort of 12 P40's damaged 1 tug, 1 barge and several river dredges at Shanshanchen. 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. Sale fighters sank a 150 foot vessel at Dam Pha Fort and damaged a 100 bridge to the north. Then damaged a 150 foot railroad bridge at Than Mai.

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

Subject: Inland Message Center

1. 21st March on Formosa Strait 2 B24's destroyed a Jap flying boat.

2. 22nd March, 4 B25's destroyed locomotive east of Phm Dien Chau, left 2 freight cars burning north of Tan Hoa, destroyed locomotive at Dong Qiao and bombed 3 rice steamers 125 feet long near Nai Dinh.


4. In Kiangsu Province Japs believed moving up detachments of Guerrillas.

5. Ledo Road progress report follows: forward survey party's 35 miles along new road trace beyond Shingbwyang. Lead dzer is 26 miles past Shingbwyang. Final grading is complete through Shingbwyang and for 5.5 miles beyond. Metalling is continuous through 92.1 mile and for 2.5 miles from Shingbwyang. Rainfall for period is negligible. Convoys of heavy trucks travel to Kaingkwan; jeep convoys go to and from Walawum.

6. Changes in British dispositions: A Corps (Imphal) 3 Corps at Acharsylke (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. 26 Division, 32 Brigade, 2 miles southeast of Tawm. 80 Brigade, 8 miles northwest of Tawm. 100 Brigade at Moreh. 23 Division, 3 miles south of Khuaivum. 37 Brigade, 3 miles southeast of Khuaivum. 49 Brigade, 3 miles south of Khuaivum. 123 Brigade, 8 miles northwest of Imphal. 15 Corps (Arakan) 59 Brigade at Kalpanyn. 26 Division, no change reported. 36 Brigade, 16 miles east of Buthidaung. 29 Brigade at Wabyin. 5 Brigade, 6 miles southwest of Kaladan. 6 Brigade, 6 miles southwest of Kaladan.
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To: SACSEA
From: Chiefs of Staff
Rptd: J.S.M., Washington
Dated: March 24, 1944

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 AXION 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 (011)-Katha-Loiwang since in either case an invasion pipeline could be laid via Tengchung 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 air-borne operations of the L.R.F. 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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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 is 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.F. groups.

(iii) The extent to which the possession of the Myitkyina airfields is necessary for the protection of the air route to China.

(CM-IN-17975 25 Mar 44)
The Prime Minister's injunction that "you will not withdraw or withhold any forces from the campaign in Upper Burma for the sake of OPERATION against Sumatra/Malaya"

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. 242152

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To: Usual addressees
No: 331/OPS March 24, 1944
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ONE.

ARAKAH.

A. WEST OF MAYU RANGE. About 200 Japanese infiltrated to area PM 3835 PM 3834 PM 3835 March 23. 5 Commando in cooperation with the attacked Japanese groups area PM 3763955 attack reported successful.

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

C. Locations.

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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 8 En 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 TOLTON SADDLE RP 1137 but March 22 driven off with by cas. Documents identify 214 Regt. Elements 1 En 215 Regt identified area MS 98 3 En 215 Regt believed area MS 109 17 Div attacked NORTH towards MS 109 making progress. Escaped FW 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 by cas RP 7991. Enemy later same day put in strong attack this area which was repulsed. 2 enemy Lt tks destroyed. WO FW 7 Coy 2 En 215 Regt and 3 Med Arty Regt. Our case 16. 1 En 58 Regt identified March 22 MOREE RP 7897 and elements 60 Regt March 23 area RK 7204. 250 enemy reported LIWA RK 4808 HUNTHAK RK 5008 moving NORTH.

B. ROMALIN area. 50 Para Bde in contact with enemy approx 1 En 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.

HUKAWNG Valley. 84 Regt advanced against opposition to area NX 3115. 55 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 En NX 3814 2 Bns SC4078

T.O.O. 241730FG

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India, Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

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24 March 1944

Situation report 23 March Sultan for MILID
CRAX 146 Info Nacal CINC SWPA DORN EARN.

Northern Burma, American and Chinese Forces
occupied Shadup from the East; Chinese still in con-
tact with elements of 2 Japanese Battalions 4 miles
north of Shadup. No other enemy opposition reported.
Reinforced American Battalion astride main road 12
miles south of Shadup. Chin Hills. Chinwin River,
fighting continues against 2 enemy battalions protect-
ing road blocks 9 and 14 miles north of Yonzang;
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 Bangjing 7 miles south of Uukhrul; enemy
patrol reported 15 miles southwest Uukhrul. Arakan, 200
Japanese reported to have infiltrated northward to area 5
miles southeast Maungdaw; British captured enemy position
3 miles north-northwest Suthidaung. Along Kaladan River Brit-
ish caused 34 casualties in strong patrol action vicinity
of confluence with Pi Chaung.

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   Persia and Iraq Forces
   Army Bangalore
   Army Rawalpindi

No: 305/OPS March 23, 1944

SITREP 7D

1. Arakan.

(A) West of Mayu Range. Believed enemy rein forced area south of Godusara PM 3831. Reports state enemy Tp movements from Hparaibin PM 5523 to PT 211 PM 4224 nights 16/19 and 19/20 March. Estimated strength this area 500. 44 Commando relieved 5 Commando in area A lethangyav latter moved Meungdaw. 72 Bde relieved 161 Bde area west Tunnel latter moved Kanyindan PM 3218.

(B) East of Mayu Range. Patrol clashes area Htindaw PM 4544 night 21/22 March. 1/8 QR and 8/13 FP RIF repulsed attacks area west and SW of Buthidaung night 21/22 March. Later 1/8 QR cleared enemy from north end feature PB 514420 and south end feature PM 512443 COIC PUNJAB area PM 4744 PM 4844. Mopping up PT 162 PM 4846 continues.


(A) Estimated two enemy Ens 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 posts Rp 0824 surrounded.

(E) Locations. 1 W Yorke MS 116 RP 0526 Hq 48 Bde moving along track Sakawng RP 0426 to track Juno RP 0131.


(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 6762.


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      Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area
      Brisbane, Australia
      CG 14th Air Force, Chungking, 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
NRCAL CINC SWPA Dorn Hearn CRAX 95.

Hukawng valley: On Allied left flank Chinese troops
advanced to Tinglung town 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 Mampin, 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 with-
draw toward Kamaing.

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

Arakan: No change, several clashes in tunnels area

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        Rear Echelon New Delhi, India

No: CRAX 95  23rd March 1944

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

Chin Hills: Japanese artillery shelled Tamu area; British
attacking 2 road blocks 9 and 14 miles northwest
Tonsang. Westward movement from Chindwin river continues;
Estimated 2 Battalions advancing west on 2 trails have
reached points 12 and 20 miles northwest Thaungdut; 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 re-
ached points generally 35 miles west of Thamanthi. 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 Thaungdut and
west of Chindwin. If not delivered elsewhere, consider 2
additional Regiments available for offensive action toward
Northeast India.

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        CO AAF
        O-C
        Col Mathewson
        Log
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March 23, 1944

To: Chiefs of Staff
Rptd: Joint Staff Mission, Washington
From: SACSEA
Dated: 22nd March, 1944

Personal for Prime Minister rptd Chiefs of Staff from Mountbatten.

As instructed herewith the latest Burma news.

2. Navlu 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 Tuutum 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 16th 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 AXION.

T.O.O. 220420FG

ORIGINATOR: CC/S
INFORMATION: GEN ARNOLD
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GEN BISSELL
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TO: War Office
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M.A. China
British Army Staff, Washington
Concentric
Middle East
GHQ Persia and Iraq Force
Army Bangalore
Army Rawalpindi

NO: 268/0ps 21st March

SITREP 68.

ONE: ARAKAN.

(A) West of Mawrung. Our tks have destroyed some enemy bunkers on top of West tunnel PM 4141 and QPS to clear tunnel continue 51 Bde relieving 9 Bde in REK PT 614 PM 4431 KANBYIN PM 4036 CHINADAN PM 3732 while 72 Bde taking over area ZABIL PM 3639 PM 4040 BAKKA-SONGA 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 LITWEDET CHAUNG PM 4443 reported strengthening his poeno. 36 Bde is relieving 89 Bde in area PM 4844 PM 5147 SIMOHEYIN PM 5947.

TWO: KALADAN. Patrol activity and some enemy shelling.

THREE: CHIN HILLS. Enemy strength unknown attacked TONZANG RF 1316 night 18/19 Mar. but were ambushed and re-pulsed. 20 Mar 17 Div between MS 114 and MS 124 RF 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 RD 9449. Small party Japs TONGLAI RP 9756. In enemy attack on MS 109 area night 16/17 Mar FAD overrun and and enemy believed obtained some supplies.

FOUR: CHINDWIN.

(A) KARAW VALLEY. Captured maps indicate boundaries between 15 DIV and 33 DIV for present operation as line NINTHA YARIPOK RK 4747. Enemy moving West parallel to and South of TAMU PAHEL RD reported reached KES 6503 3 miles East of ANJRESHU. No Japs reported on TAMU Rd morning 20 Mar. MT activity seen between MYOTITI 30128 and THANAN SF 0638. Japs c/o reported BONGLE RK 7231 but NOT confirmed. TK engagement took place area MAHAW RN 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 7896*.

OTHER LOCATIONS. 14/13 FF RIF area CHAKPI KARONG RP 3399 MOMAI RY 3776 KANOBAROL RP 4977. HQ 20 Div SHENAM RK 5513.

(B) KOMALIN. Jap Force which crossed CHINDWIN this area now thrusting towards UKHLUL and have reached LIUTHUN RK 8595 and engaged by our tps comprising 152 Bn 153 Bn 50 PARA Bde and 4/5 MAHATTA area RK 9091

OTHER LOCATIONS. 1 Bde of 23 Div concentrated WANGJING RK 4056. 123 Bde of 5 Div completed concentration by air IMPHAL 20 Mar except for train and rd parties.

(C) TANANTHII. Japs thrust from this area reported 20 Mar left area KOKAILON SA 2433 for PANSAT SA 2140. Comment. PANSAT is on main track from TANANTHII 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
PUNMA 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
by 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
MYAMTAING NY2294 offering By casualties. Own
tps captured SUMPRABUM further details awaited.

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

Allied troops recaptured Pansau (2 miles northeast Susuburu) and captured Susuburu. Bukvang 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 Shadum. On west flank Chinese troops captured Lumnva Ga, 3 miles south Tasu Bus.

Situation report 19th and 20th March. Arakan, Hill mass 2 miles west Itindaw captured by British; operations against enemy positions in tunnels area on main road 1 to 2 miles southwest Itindaw 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 Taitum (16 miles north Tiddim). Road still blocked at 2 points, 9 miles north and 14 miles northwest Tonsang. In Kebay valley enemy captured Witok (15 miles northwest Tonsang).

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south southwest Tsanu); enemy tanks operating in this area. Along Chindwin River from Thanigut to Thamanti 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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FROM: G-3 U.S. Army Forces China Burma and India Rear Service
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To: War Department
CINC Southwest Pacific Area Brisbane
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G-3 U.S. Forces Chungking China

19 March 1944

Sultan for MILID N 79, NECAL R 45, CINC SWPA C 63, Dorn
AK 312 and Hearst AN 540. Situation report 17th and 18th March.

In China Hillis A1s4 Japanese advance up Hailaw valley and
Manipur river and across Chindwin river continues. Penetration
of Manipur state has occurred west of Yalu and west and northwest
Hsairin; these penetrations do not exceed 10 miles. Hukawng
valley Yalu has occupied by Chinese troops and heavy fighting
developed 7 miles north northeast Shadupung. 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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From: CO Army Air Forces, India, Burma Sector, New Delhi
To: War Department
No. W 791 RAG, 19 March, 1944.

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Summary follows recoured 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 Shingweiang reasonably satisfactory however. Mogaling 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 LRPG totaling 12,000 men are in Burma exclusive of Merrill SRPG which is supporting Stilwell, of which 8,000 were flown in with all equipment and mules. Three miles is maximum number per aircraft. 1 LRPG plans to remain astride railroad vicinity Indaw 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 full 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 required 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 Pincor movement.

B Stilwell believes that Jap war government will move to Nanuk, 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 Chengwut states that with his coverage of Gulf of Tonkin from Kiochow the enemy is incapable of supporting drive from Fynol 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 Myitkyna 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 Burmese line north of Mandalay, limiting factor being airfield sites in Kunming area. This tonnage with possible 10,000 tons P.O.L. by 4 inch pipeline, allowing for withdrawals at Myitkyna, 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 Kaelin 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. Cornwall will present his matter at Pearl encrout 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 Stremeyer.

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FROM: MAIN 11 ARMY GROUP SEA
TO: USUAL ADDRESSES
RE: 231/OP8 19th March

SITREP 66

1. ARAKAN. West of MAYU RANGE. 3/14 FUN AB closes feature RM 442320 and PT 614 PM 4431 without opposition. Attack by 4 HWK on enemy poans Area PM 418419 held up on 17th MARCH. Locations 3 SS EDB relieved 81 WA KECCE RGCT night 17/18 MARCH area KANTIBAN PM 3723. 17 MARRATT AREA PM 3740.

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

3. CHIN HILLS. 63 EDB successfully attacked enemy poans area RP117 and broke RD block. Enemy suffered heavy CAS. 77 DIV concentrating area MS 120RF0723 to BR MS 127RF1322. Estimated one JAP BN with INF Guna reported area MS98/100 17th March. 3/5 OR H09449.

4. CHIMDHIN. Own Tps beat off two attacks area WITOK RF7166 night 16/17 MARCH. In withdrawal from WITOK 17 MARCH own TPS were attacked twice both sides suffered casual. Enemy previously reported area LIBING RF6794 stated heading for TAMU 17th MARCH. Enemy force strength NOT known contacted on track MAIPIKIKI RR5700 and RESHU RR6103 moving north west 18th MARCH.

5. HUKAWI W VALLEY 5307 Rangers area NX5027 1/65 NW 8431. HQ64 RGCT 2/64 3/64 Area TINGAWK NX 32. 1/66 NX 3323. HQ113 RGCT RX 4436 1/123 RX 4423. 7/113 Area RX 4427. 3/113 LAGA GN RX 4495. HQ112 RGCT LANGAI GA RX 3047. 2/112 area RX 4335. 3/112 DING BOI GA RX 3046. T.O.O. 191800

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To: War Department  
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18 March 1944  
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Attention signals CATAF 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, Staretsevych wired that planning directive from Arnold would require contemporary 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. Cornwall and Billio have collaborated and request this message particular be passed to Sitori and Handy respectively. Summary follows.

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SITREP No 65.

ONE: ARAKAN.

(A) West of MAYU Range. Relief of 5 IN Div by 25 IN Div commenced. 51 relieved 129 Bde are RAZABIL. RIDGE CHEUNG 0700 hrs 17 Mar. 1/2 PUNJAB occupied ridge FM465407 unopposed. 3/9 JAT captured feature FM4337 16 Mar. JAPS still hold posts area West tunnel FM4141. 2/LANCIS Regt attack on PT1301 FM4144 17 Mar failed to dislodge enemy on identity class found FM43264 identifies 112 Regt.

(B) East of MAYU Range. 2 KOSIB with the and the arty S attacked and gained NW corner PT162 FM4346. PUNJAB FM490475 also occupied. 4/3 GR occupied feature FM50462 and 1/1 SIKH FM53456.

(C) Locations. 2 RWF relieved 1/17 DOGHA area FM3942.

TWO: KALADAN.

(A) No contact. V force report NG enemy PALETWA FM3996. Ref SITREP 64 para two. Thirty of thirty-four missing AOR returned.

(B) Locations. HQ 5 WA Bde FM46617. 5 GCR FM461. 7 GCR FM461. 8 GCR FM462. Patrol data based FM3955 and FM4168. HQ 6 WA Bde 1 GAMBIA FM3961. 1 SAL K 4 RR area FM2260. 11 EA scouts FM3962.

THREE: CHIN Hills.

(A) Enemy rd block near TUTUM RP1217 NOT yet clear. Enemy believed about one BN heavily attacked our posts MB109RP029 morning 17 March penetrating part of our PDL S. 3/5 GR pushed back to M396 R0975 by strong enemy force 17 March.

(B) Locations. 3/5 GR Coy 9 JAT TP 7 Cav M588.

TAG HQ 23 Div HQ 37 Bde 3/10 GR 49 Bde less 4 KAHARRA one Sqn 7 Cav area MB28450.

FOUR: CHIN DWEN.

(A) KABAW Valley South. Quiet. Nov confirmed one Coy enemy HOLKROM RP5549 one Coy reported ATIGOL RP4761. Two Coys JAPS attacked LENIKOT RP2453. Another two Coys reported CHANGBOL RP5271 one PL FT 16738RP5262.

(B) KABAW Valley North. Enemy reported in NYOTHAT SP0121. Earlier report stated two BNs JAPS approaching this area.

(C) HOMALIN Area. V force report estimated about one BN in hills 15 miles West of HOMALIN but NO further adv reported up to night 16/17 March. Party fifty JAPS reported heading SA 6844 on rid ZANANTHILAYSHI SA4443 estimated one

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

(D) Locations. 100 Bde less 14/13 FP Rif area MANMANTA CHAUNG RP 7575 MANWAI RP 7786. 32 Bde less 1 NORTHAMPTON's area North of PUTTH RP 8258. 1 NORTHAMPTON's MAHLA RP 7898. 1 Bde less 1 PATIALA WANGJING RK 4737. 1 PATIALA TEKNOUPAL RK 5012. HQ 80 Bde 1 DEVON KUNTAUNG RK 8015* 9/12 PP H Jess three Cols YANGUPPOEKI RK 5722 Coy each area TRAUMEDUT NP22 MINTHA RK 9117 PT 5955** BP 1137.
HQ 50 Para Bde RK 7690.

*check reads RK 8005
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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/94
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 additive strain on the lines of communication.

The increase would amount to about 12,000 men over the present total of 53,000 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 de Vlart and General Hara jointly. I hope therefore that this method of approach will be adopted.

The American LRF 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 AXION and MACHIN to General Carton de Wiart.

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March 17, 1944

FROM: SACSEA

TO: Chiefs of Staff

RPTD. Joint Staff Mission, Washington

SEACOS: 117

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.

1. Hukawng Valley. I have already reported to you the recent striking successes of the Chinese-American Combat Force in the Hukawng 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 Moguern 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.

2. If the Chinese-American Combat Force advances as far as Moguern 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
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 Muntao-Indaw and will block Mandalay-Bhamo communications. 16 Bde. under Ferguson which is descending on Bamsuk 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 F-51s 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 Mohmyin 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
Haaabil and Sinhbin have been captured after severe fight-
ing. 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 Japan-
ese forces from main front in Arakan.

17. Request J.S.M. pass copies of this signal to
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HQ Peraa and Iraq Command.
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SITREP 64.

ONE: ARAKAN.

(A) West of Mayu Range. Opns to clear area West tunnel
FM41 proceeding satisfactorily with elements 161 Bde occupying
feature immediately on top of this tunnel. 4*#(RK)*
occupied enemy posn FM 420434 capturing wounded FM2 coy 1 En
143 Regt. Enemy harassed our posnas area PF 4337 night 15/16 Mar.
Enemy destroyed BR FM 416417 night 15/16 Mar. 1/1 PUNJAB
cleared PT 1827 PB4439 18 March.

(B) East of Mayu Range. V force 38 reports three hundred
plus Japs at FM 4930 also B3 report states one hundred and
fifty Japs FM5525. Further V Force ingread report states
three hundred Japs with mules moved to FM 5445 from ZADINAUNG
FM5483 night 14/15 March. Patrol activity by both sides area
HYTINDAW FM4444. 7 Div patrols report main enemy defences PT
162 features FM 4846 on North and East faces. 4/8 GR
encountered opposition form features FM 504462 TP FM 506469
and near by hills.

(c) LOCATIONS.
4/8 GR less two cols FM 507437.
4/1 GR relieved 5/1 PUNJAB. 4/1 Gr under cmd 11½ Bde.
5/1 PUNJAB under cmd 25 Div area PT 121 HM 5048.

TWO: KALADAN.
Enemy attacked coy posn 4 HR FM928540 1/4 Mar. Coy withdrew
to area PT 481 FM9255. Own casualties one off four AOR's
wounded thirty four AOR's missing. Thirty five enemy
casualties claimed. Reported enemy movement across PICHANG
area KHAMANY FM9369 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 MG 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 BELITANG LUI RU 1047. 9 border 1/7 CR RP 1005. 63 Bde area TUIDIM RP 1217 SIALMONG RP 1417 PHAITU RP 1715 5/6 RAY RIF MS 82 RO 9550.

FOUR: CHINDWIN.

KABAW Valley. Enemy attacked PUTTHA RP 8168 night 15/16 Mar. and our gun posn on UVU at PHUTHA on morning 16 March. Attacks unsuccessful twenty enemy killed eleven corpses found and two PW captured incl one IJt. 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 6705.

(B) Two Japanese columns each estimated about three coys crossed CHINDWIN one 2 miles North THAUNGDUH SF21 and one between TONEHE SF1835* and SAHE SF 1941 night 15/16 Mar. Coils reported 1200 hrs 16 March to have attacked our rd blocks SF 0632 SF 1036. Northern coil reported reached area SF 239 2305. 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 Japanese reported crossed CHINDWIN now in area MANPA SA 6222 and NAUNGPIN SA 6316.

(C) LOCATIONS. 3/3 CR WAIHERU 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 3299 with elements NX 3215. 66 regt moving abreast 64 regt with elements JAMBU BUM NX 2821. HQ 112 Regt 2 and 3 ENS LAGANG OA**NX 3247. Tks supporting 22 Div area South of CHAMMOI NX 3144.

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To: War Department

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Area, Brisbane, Australia
CG, U. S. Army Forces in New Caledonia
CG, U. S. Army Forces, Central Pacific
Area, Eniwetok, T. H.
CG 14th Air Force, Kunming China
CG US Army Forces, Kunming China

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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 5 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 organised 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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attack the Jap intention is to draw United States naval strength to Philippines for decisive battle. Opong city suburbs eastern part Luzon Island now has new airfield. Result extension Suwu Island Phillipines airfield now can handle 200 planes. At Lasinbes 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 FOW. * Jap naval authorities 2 patrol squadrons with base at Woosung composed 30 armed motor boats to patrol coast Kenyan port to Chowshan Island has been formed.

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* Being serviced

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INPO : OPD
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No: 178/OFS March 16th
SITREP 63.

ARAKAN.

(A) WEST OF MAYU RANGE. Units of 3 S.S. Bde have occupied ST. MARTINS ISLAND PM11. 44 RM Commando disembarked without incident morning 15 MAR casualties during actions two killed eleven wounded incl six offrs. 5 Commando landed ALETHANKAW 14 MAR moving UDAUNO PM 4420, 29 Bde occupied PT 731 PM 3183 after heavy shelling. Enemy still hold PT 1301 PM 4184. 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 432440 morning 15 MAR held up by strong guns and mortar fire. 7 Div patrols report enemy still on PT 162 PM 4844.

(c) Locations:
HQ 9 Bde (HALPANNA) PH 3536
2/Yorks PH 375371 PM 378358
3/17 Punjab PH 38366
Area PT 614

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1/10 PUNJAB area
4/7 RAJPUT Area

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(B) LOCATIONS.
HQ 5 WA Bde
5GCR
8 GCR
Cops 7 GCR 8 GCR
BYDHONKWAUNO
HQ 6 WA Bde
4 NR
1 GAMBIA
11 RA Scouts
1 TRIPURA RIF
Concentrated MONDOK

THREE: CHIN HILLS.

Own troops drove Japanese from their poans KHUALUNG PT
8936 14th Mar civil source reports tracks CHANLSRAI RT7199
TIBIUAL RT 8758 clear of enemy 13 Mar 37 Bde (less one Bn) plus
SQR 7 CAV moved MS82 TIDDIM RD RT9450 and their fwd elements
have contacted enemy poans MS100. 15 Mar two Japanese poans
reported East of TIDDIM RD between MS 103 RO89132 and MS110
RD1230. Japanese attack on M3 104 RO 0130 from EASR on night
14/15 Mar repulsed. TIDDIM RD still blocked 1200 hrs 15 Mar
at TUTUM RFL118. Own troops now attacking. HQ 17 Ind Lt Div
RF1006.

FOUR: CHINDWIN.

(A) XABAW 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 post at LAICHING RP 6487. PW captured 14 Mar identified belonging to 2 Bn 213 Regt. Two coys Japanese reported SITREP 62 now arrived HULIHON RP5549 and one FK reported HAIKIZAN RP4450.

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

FIVE: War Office Concentric only.

Your 77983 NO12 of 15th Mar and 1 6608 of 16 Mar respectively. Para ONE (C) above clarified ONE (C) SITREP 62.

Time of Origin 161915

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INFORMATION: G-2
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Col Mathewson
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TO: JOINT STAFF MISSION
FROM: SACSEA
Dated: March 16, 1944
DIAL 48

Following has been sent.

Message begins. SRACOS III, 13th March. Following for Chief's of Staff.

Summarized report on operation 3 Ind. Div.

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

2. Fly-in of 77 and IIII Brigades began night 5/6 March. It had been proposed to use 3 landing sites known as Broadway (SH4732), Piccadilly (SH4734) and Chowinghee (SH4602). Late on March 5 PE discovered that Piccadilly had been obstructed since the last reconnaissance on March 1. Raee 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 lst to land crashed owing to roughness of ground. Resulting obstruction could not be cleared in time for later gliders to be brought in and 28 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 Chorringhee 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 Chorringhee. 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 Onbaik 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 45 enemy aircraft and damaged others, many of which had just landed at Shwebo and were caught totally unprepared. Shwebo and Onbaik 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 recon aircraft might have spotted Chorringhee.

6. On night 9/10 landing of 77 Bde. was concluded at Broadway and Bde. Hq. and 4 columns 111 Bde. completed landing at Chorringhee. Later that night Chorringhee 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 recon. believed to have spotted Broadway (?). 10 March but it was planned to have one flight
Spitfire Vllls 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 emplacing men, mail and stores and for successful unloading and deployment at destination.

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OGAAP from Stratemeyer info APDIS APABI MILID W 756 RAOI Stillwell S28 RAOI.

Flight intelligence report 15th March India Burma Sector none reported para 3 para 4 US operations 13th March:
A 3K of Seton
B Supply and ammo dumps
C 9020 13th March
D 12 P51
E 26 500 demos
F 20 hits center target with dense black smoke,

A North Namti
B building area
C 10 30 13th March
D 8

A 36 plus 8 P51 plus 1 B25
B 10 500 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 4 P40 bombed strafed area east of Shadzup 8 250 general purpose unobserved results,
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New Delhi, India

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A 2 miles north of Shadusup
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 Shadusup with
3 500 GP also hit south approach Shadusup bridge,

A Leilaw
B town
C 1400 March 13th
D 12 P51  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
Shadusup 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
24 30 incendiaries Tonmahe all
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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New Delhi, India

No: W756

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12 Vengeance dropped 20 250 and 24 500 bombs 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 Taru.

Allies advance south and east on allied east flank. Enemy attacked allied positions Sumprabum area and Pinsiaw 50 to 60 Japs killed, allies 1 killed 3 wounded. 1000 Japs reported Bumli 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.

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 Toothills FM 4323. 9 Bde occupied Pt 176 FM 4035. 161 Bde adv continues occupying Pt 1079 FM 4141, feature FM 41396 14 March. Feature FM 3942 clear of enemy. Rd to RAZABIL cross rds and CAUNDHAW passable all mt and tks.

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

(C) Locations. 4/7 RAJPUR FM 3940 FM 4040 FM 4039. 1/1 FUNJAL FM 3939 FM 4039 FM 4038. 4 NWK FM 3939 FM 3839. 329 Jap FM 3640 FM 3739. 3/14 FUNJAB BAGONA FM 3635 FM 3632 FM 176 FM 4035.

TWO. KALADAN (A). Hq SITREP 61 now appears oofr pw is pte. Captured documents show 3 Bn 111 Regt was not in AKYAB but moved up direct from TAUNGUF via MYEBON MYOHUANG. 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 our 4 HIGERIA area FM 9350 when moved East morning 13 Mar. Own patrols area WALAJAN FM 9743 report enemy parties strength 30 to 50 that area.

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(B) Locations, 5 WA Ede West of FICHAUNG Area FM 4361, 6 WA Ede WARYAN CHAUNG Area FM 9355, H.Q. 81 WA Div SABASEIK FM 9360. 7/16 PUNJAB under Cond 15 Corps LABAWE PG 6632.

THREE. CHIN HILLS (A). Local source reports two main Japanese groups each about 1,500 strong operating West of MANIPUR RIVER. First group arrived MUANUAN RB 9392 night 11/12 Mar intending move North to BUANILBO 9305. Second group with miles following one days march behind. Pod elements Japanese force have reached vicinity of TIDDIM Rd at NS 100 and NS 109. Japanese at NS 109 established on spur SW of bridge being attacked by own tps. Japanese broadcasts identify two En 215 Regt West of MANIPUR River and also refer to MIKI BÜTAI. 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 TOTUM RP 1217. Our line comes out between RS 127 RP 1322 and TIDDIM. Japanese broadcasts identify 2 En 214 Regt as force attacking Westwards from PAIDU and documents captured near PHAYU RP 1716 confirm this.

(B) Locations. Det own tps bridge RP 0913. 9 JAT NS 109 RP 0830 with coy MS 100.

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

FIVE. HUKAWNG Valley. 113 Regt No 3543. 3/112 Regt WESU GA RX 3251. 5307 AMERICAN rangers area GALUN GA RX 5952 RX 4043. HQ 22 CHINESE Div WALAWUN. 64 Regt area RX 3134. 65 Regt area RX 3534 65 Regt less one En WALAWUN.

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INFORMATION: 0-2, CG AAF, LOG

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To: Chief of Staff
Rptd: J.S.M. Washington
From: SACSSA
Date: March 15th, 1944

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) Jeopardize 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 us to make the necessary counter attacks nor have I sufficient transport aircraft both to supply troops holding Tiddim area and FFZ 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 LRF brigades and Ledo Force and cannot carry out the requirements indicated in my para. 5 without the addition of up to 30 C-47s or the equivalent in load carrying capacity of 0-46s with combat and maintenance crews from 18 March for about a month. All the aircraft...
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 26.

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 Sultani but a final arrangement was not reached. Meanwhile this emergency has arisen and although I have discussed with Sultani 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 AXION.

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Sultan for MILID N75, NECAL N 43, CINC SWPA C 61,
Dorn AK 30, Hearn AM 517.

Nov estimated Japanese strength as a regiment that
moved north from Khulnas west of Manipur River; last re-
ported in area 14 to 16 miles northwest Tiddim. Nov estimated
Japanese strength as a battalion east of Manipur River in
area 15 to 17 miles north Tiddim. There are two Mal
Tiddim-Tiddim road 19 miles north Tiddim. There is a possi-
ble that the above Japanese operations may mark the start
of a strong movement toward Imphal in which 15th, 33rd,
33rd Divisions may participate and situation.

Report 13 and 14 March.

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

Kaladan Sector, Japanese who crossed river at Kala-
dan Village to west side have now turned southwest with
possible intention of attacking British further south and
instead of containing and by-pass then.

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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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      CO/3
      Colonel Mathewson
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CGAAR from Stratemeyer info APDIS APABI MILID W744
RACI Stilwell S26 RACI.

Flight intelligence report from India Burma Sector
March 14th:

Para 1: Nil

Para 2: Allied Forces continue steady advance southwards north Burma, Allied patrols reached point 12 miles south south east Walawbum.

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 Tidim Silchar area 0945 hours total 20 plus aircraft. Twenty enemy planes attacked Broad way (our landing strip in Burma) result 3 enemy planes destroyed 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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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: New Delhi
To: CDAAP
MILID
Chungking

Date: 14 March 1944

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 Konyi 1.5 tons majority hit 
target.

March 13th operations follow:
6 Hurricanes 0900 hours bombed troop concentration 
Taungzang village dropping 1.5 tons resulting bright 
fire.
6 Hurricanes 1130 hours bombed troop concentration 
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
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 Butidaung dropped 1.5 tons with 10 bombs concentrated on target 1220 hours.

6 Hurricanes bombed Konyi 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 aircraft.

43 defensive sorties March 12th resulted 12 Hurricanes on scramble attacked by 20 plus Oscars and Hamps resulting combats 3 Hamp's 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,
From: New Delhi
To: CGAAF  MILID  Chungking

14 March 1944

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. Sheshyang,
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 mistakenley.

A. Shadusup,
B. Supplies,
C. 1150 to 1550.

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From: New Delhi
To: CG AAF
     MILID
     Chungking
     14 March 1944

D. 8 P40's

E. 14 500 Demos

F. Majority hit target.

A. North west Manyvet

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.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: G-2

CG AAF

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Col Mathewson

Log

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To: New Caledonia
Brisbane
Peking, China
Chungking, China
MALID
13th March 1944.

Situation report 11 and 12 March Sultah for MALID N42, Nelson N42, JINW SWPA C57, Dorn AK297 and Hearin AN 496.

British Artillery shelled estimated enemy company vicinity Fagaita 17 miles North Northeast Tiddim.

Estimated Japanese Battalion crossed Manipur River 10 miles Southwest Port White, turned north, advanced through Xapthil and occupied Kusalmun 9 miles west Tiddim.

NUKAWANG VALLEY:

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

On Kaladan River Kaladan Village reported occupied by enemy company.

In Arakan British Troops captured Rasabil (2 miles east Mauingaw); cleared area vicinity Sinohbyin; captured Bathidaung and moved southward.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: G-2, CG AAF, CCS, Col Mathewson, Log
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PRIORITY

From: Dum Dum India
To: WAR
No. SAK 1933 12 March 1944

Arnold personal from Coochrau 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 airborne 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 miles 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. Locking 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.

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE
Personal for Arnold.

PRIORITY

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

For Arnold from Stratemeyer W 723 RACK.

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 C-47'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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From: New Delhi
To: CG Army Air Force
NR: AQUILA W 783 RACK, 12th March 1944

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 9 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 airfields of Shebco, Onubuk and Anassik 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
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 airfield 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 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 surprising 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
INFORMATION: Gen Handy

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From: New Delhi.
To: Chungking
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11 March 1944.

OGAIP from Stratemeyer info AVDIS APARI KILID W 718
RAO1 Stilwell 8 21 RAOI.

India Burma sector flight intelligence March 11 report.

1. Nil.

2. March 10 British occupied Bogoma (3½ miles south
   east Maungdaw) also occupied Chiraden 5½ miles south east
   Maungdaw.

3. None reported.

4. US operations March 9,
   A Mystery
   B Town
   C 1536 hours
   D 8 B-24's
   E 96 X 500 donor.
   F Hits town proper offensive smoke red fire and
   explosions.
   A Mystery
   B Town
   C 1625 hours

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From: New Delhi
To: Chungking
OGAOF

11 March 1944.

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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To: Chungking

CGAF

11 March 1944.

D 12-A36's 12-P51's
E 48 X 100 demos

F 6 shuttles, area thoroughly strafed and bomb-ed 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 Hankwin

B Railway bridge
C 1230 hours
D 9 P40's
E 15 unreported type demos

F 3 direct hits bridge out also hit both approach-es and damaged rails.

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From: New Delhi
To: Chungking
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11 March 1944.

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G  nil

H 1-P40 crash landed result broken all line.
4-P40's dropped 19 X 250 demes on supply storage. Shudong road hitting target no observations 1400 hours. 4-P40's scored 2 direct hits Kassing road bridge out also north approach with 4x 1000 demes at 1430 hours. 6-P40's bombed dump north Kassing with 32 X 250 demes, all direct on target, entire area strafed. 4-P40's dropped 4 X 500 and 2 X 250 demes hitting storage 003y area Shudong area jungle obscured results.

AB Indav east and west, Kasha strip.
C 0630 hours
D 10-225's
E 32 X 1000, 48 X 500 demes
F 10 bursts well spaced Indav east strip, 12 bursts near center and south Indav west, 48 bursts well spaced Kasha strip.

G  nil

H  nil.

Royal Air Force Operations March 9:
AB Mgaung Kassing road

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To: Chungking
S 21 RADI
W 718 RADI
11 March 1944.

0012-2300 hours

D 19 Wellingtons 4 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 demo hitting supply
dump north east Buthidaung 1400 and 1500 hours.

A 2 miles south Maungdaw.

B Positions

C 0930 hours March 10.
From: New Delhi.  
To: Chungking

WAR

S 21 RAOI

W 718 RAOI

11 March 1944.

D 12 Venegances.

E 9 tons

F 8 hits target, poor observation result paddy fire. 56 offensive escort photo recce sorties March 9 resulting Ewolin east and Shwebo Airfield strafed, road and river communications attacked, 1 motor truck fired 4 damaged. 19 sorties March 10 offensive recce escort.

5. nil

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2

CG AAF

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Colonel Mathewson

Log

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From: New Delhi
To: Milid
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New Caledonia
Brisbane
Kunming
Chungking

11 March 1944.

Sultan for MILID M73, NEAL N41, CIRC SWFA 056, Dorn AR293, and Hear M 491.

Hukawng Valley: Chinese Troops in contact with enemy in Tumunjun and Ginwe areas (4 and 6 miles west Walubum respectively). Small Chinese Tank Battalion killed estimated 400 Japanese during advance on Walubum from the northwest and captured many supplies including 4 antitank guns. Chinese and American troops have joined in Walubum 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 Thchidaung, reached Dungyraung (3 miles southeast Letwedot) and captured Jbobona 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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To: AGWAR
Br: AMHDEL AG 1502

11th March 1944
Summary for week ending 8th March.
(1) U.S. Air
2nd March, no operations reported.
3rd March, 2 B-25's and a 100 foot steamer over Gulf of Tongking and bombed railroad shops at Cam Pha Port. Two F-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 F-40's damaged a 175 foot vessel at Hon Gay. Six B-25's and 23 F-40's destroyed 17, probably destroyed 1 and damaged 6 planes on ground at Kimshan Air-drome Hainan Island. One barracks blown up and 2 hangars fired. Near Wuhu 2 B-25's and 4 F-40's sank a 500 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 Gourbet (near Hon Gay).
7th March, 1 B-25 sank a 75 foot tug off west coast of Hainan Island.

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

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 Maungdaung;
151st Indian Infantry Brigade at Maungdaung;
123rd Indian Infantry Brigade, 1 mile south of Zaganbyin;
9th Indian Infantry Brigade at Maungdaung;
7th Indian Division, no change;
33rd Indian Infantry Brigade, 1 mile west of Lestwedet;
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 Lestwedet;
71st Brigade, 1½ miles northwest of Ngakyedsuk;
36th Brigade, Bandama west;
26th Indian Division, Chota Maungmao-road 8 miles south of Mawil;
29th Brigade at Zaganbyin;
77th Brigade, ½ mile northeast of Chota Maungmao.

(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 Hiesuk.
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To: AGWAR
Rt: AMMDEL AG 1502 11th March 1944

(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 26 (Mangol). Bridge at 61 (Mgalang) is finished. Others are under construction at mile points 14, 19, 81.5, 84.5 and 135 (Tarung River). Daily convoys ply between Shingbwyang and Ledo; rainfall for past week was negligible.

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PRIORITY

From: Lido India
To: War
No: M3 91 11 March, 1944

General Marshall AGWAR from Stilwell paraphrased by Boyter M3 91.

Information. It worked this time. Down the road came the 22nd. On its left was the 40th cleaning up northwest 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 Walavum cut off the Japanese behinds. Japanese 50th 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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WAR - MILID

11 March 1944

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* Omission being serviced.

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To: MILID
New Caledonia
Pt Shafter
Brisbane
Kunming
Chungking

9 March 1944

Situation report 7 and 8 March. Sultan for MILID MILID
M70, Bearn AM471, CINCSWPA 055, Dorn AX285, NECAL N39.

Chinese patrols and ambushes report 23 Japanese killed in actions vicinity Port White and Tiddim.
Similar actions netted 38 enemy killed South of Sumpabum.

In Arakan exchanges of artillery fire on main front line; British resumed the offensive in Letvedet Area and
captured positions cutting the Buthidaung-Maungdaw Road 4
mile South of Letvedet.

Kaladan River, all British troops now West of river,
enemy estimated as "strong" hold high ground between Pi and
Kaladan Rivers 4 miles North Kyauktav; British position on
East bank Pi River 4 miles North Northwest Kyauktav 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 Homngay-South and Southwest Maingkwan and
Mingku Ga (6 miles Southeast Maingkwan).

CN-IN-6458 (10 Mar 44)
WAR DEPARTMENT
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From: New Delhi
To: MILID
New Caledonia
Ft. Shafter
Brisbane
Kunming
Chungking

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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INFORMATION: G-2
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COL. MATHESON

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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 14th, 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 manoeuvred Japanese. Merrill's regiment has completely surprised the enemy by a brilliant encircling movement.

2. Thousands of Japanese are now trapped in area between Maingkwan-Wallawmus and the tactical situation is that it appears possible what remains of 18 Div. in the intervening area may be annihilated. The following telephonio message which was intercepted while I was at the front and is an indication of the enemy's plight. Regimental Hq. to 18 Div. "We cannot hold out much longer if help does not come." To which reply was sent "To 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

ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Bissell
Gen Arnold
SOS
SZAC (Gen Wedemeyer)
Adm King
Gen Mathewson
Log
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 MATTERNORN for two weeks ending 5th March, 1944.)

Construction work proceeding according to schedule. Runway extensions at Khargpur and Chakulia Base operational on date required. Parking apron at Khargpur is 30 per cent complete. Final detail plans for accommodating the early arrival of VLR planes are being completed. Gasoline pipeline circuit from Budge Budge to Chakulia has been completed and tested. Storage tank facilities at Chakulia is 71 per cent complete, Khargur 70 percent complete, Dachkundi 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

ACTION: COS
INFORMATION: OPD
Gen Bissell
Gen Arnold
SOS
Adm King
Col Matheson

CM-IN-6789 (10 Mar 44) 1346Z NND

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8 March 1944

From: MAIN 12 ARMY GP SEA
To: USUAL ADDRESSEES
Number: 52/OPS (8968 TH)
SITREP No. 55.

ONE: ARAKAN

(A) West of Myau Range. 85 Inf Coy (FRP) occupied Dodan FM 3583 night 6/7 March without incident. 149 Myt was shelled and broke up enemy buffer's area. Heikat Chaung FM 3542 6 March. Ref SITREP No. 49. Blvd BDE. Revised ops. Own 5 killed 12 wounded enemy estimate 15 killed 30 wounded.

(B) East of Myau Range. 7 Ind Div resumed offensive night 6/7 Mar. 33 BDE with 1/11 Sikh under command Arty Op attacked and captured features area FM 4544 FM 4543 PT 142 FM 4744 FM 4844 subsequent enemy counter attack PT 142 repulsed.


TWO: HAKADAN.

Situation area june Pt Chaung Kaladan River deteriorated 6 Mar and only small bridgehead opposite Walian FM 9743 held by 47 TP's with Japanese holding remainder this area in some str. To deal with this situation 51 WA div withdrew night 6/7 Mar to gen area Kgasungkpat FM 9773 Wηγydaung FM 9749 Kwingya OF 9/89 BTITM. FM MO 9345. In patrol crash north of Eptetiket FM 9232 8 Japanese killed.

ON-IN-6114 (9 Mar 44)

CAL MATHESON

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

SIX. HUKAWI VALLEY,


*check reads 479834.

ACTION: 0-2

INFORMATION: OPD

CO AAF

Col Mathewson

Log

OM-IN-6114 (9 Mar 44) 1540Z mca

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March 7, 1944

FROM: 11 ARMY GROUP SEA
TO: USUAL ADDRESSEES
Number: 33/OPS SITREP No. 54

ONE ARAKAN

(A) WEST OF MAYU RANGE. 81 (WA) Recco Regt killed eight JAPANESE in another raid on DAMARUKDALI FM 3529 night 4/5 March. Night 5/6 Mar JAPANESE party thirty strong raided area NWLA BIBH FM 3447 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 twenty-five 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 FM 4444 3/4 Mar now reported over one hundred incl fifty killed. Own casualties nil.

(C) LATEST LOCATIONS. 3/2 PUNJAB relieved 3/2 JAT area KANYINDAN FM 3338 with 12 PFR M G Bn under comd. 2/1 PUNJAB relieved 1/4 PUNJAB area FM 1411P 3641. 2 SUFFOLK reverted comd 123 Bde. 1/8 GR less two coys GOPPE BAZAAR two coys BADAHA west. 5/9 JAT less three coys with rear HQ 26 Div FM 4452 two coys with main HQ. 5/1 PUNJAB area FM 5350 FM 5451.

TWO KALADAN

5 GCR 8 GCR in area NORTH of junction PICHAUDING and KALADAN River where some JAPANESE have infiltrated. HQ 81 (WA) Div TAUNGAU BURMA FM 9741.

THREE CHIN HILLS

Some patrol activity.

FOUR HUKABAW VALLEY
Six carriers seen area KHAMPAT RF 6639 4 Mar still same area next day.

CM-IN-5334 (8 Mar 44)

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FIVE CHINDWIN

3/3 OR area SU 0582. Coy 1 PATFILA under comd 9/12 FFR area NAMWE SP 0430.

SIX HUKAWNG VALLEY

WALAWBURN captured by 5307 American Rangers. Seventy four JAPANESE killed in fighting near MAINGKWIN further twentyseven killed SOUTH of SHINGBAN NX 1753. 113 CHINESE Regt advancing on BAMA GA N 0 3854 with 112 Regt less one Bn following up. 65 Regt Area HFUNGIYE NX 1454 SHINBAN. HQ 64 Regt 1/64 Regt TAWNGKAI NX 1858. 66 Regt SOUTH of IBIHKA near MAINGKWIN. 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

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OPD CO AAP CoS Col Mathewson

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From: New Delhi
To: MILID

New Caledonia
Brisbane
Kunming
Changking

No. M 67
No. N 38
No. C 54
No. AK 279
No. AM 463

7th March 1944
Sultan for MILID M 67, Nacal N 38, CINC SWPA C 54,
Dorn AK 279 and Hearn AM 463.

Supraborum Area: Allied patrols ambushed enemy
party 20 miles south Supraborum town killing 27, wounding 20,
Situation report 5th and 6th March.

Hukawng Valley: Chinese troops captured Maingkwan
and advanced ½ mile to south mopping up in Maingkwan Area
and moving against Rungnye 3 miles southwest Maingkwan;
American troops advancing from the east captured
Walebun (8 miles southeast Maingkwan) and repulsed enemy
attempt to cross Nambyu River from the north 3½ miles north
northwest of Walebun; 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.

ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD, CGA AF, Col Mathewson, Log
CM-IN-5020 (8 Mar 44) 05332 Jb

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March 5, 1944

From: MAIN 11 ARMY GROUP SEA

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

Number: 6/Ops SITREP 52

ONE: ARAKAN. East of Mayu Range all area FM 435445 night 3/4 March killed forty seven wounded many others and captured two.

(B) LOCATIONS. 4 RMK area FM 370483. HQ 36 bde Badana West FM 4359. 1/16 R Garth Rif area FM 4452 1 Lincolne FM 4353. HQ 36 Div FM 3454.

TWO: KALADAN.

(A) In small numbers. Our troops formed bridgehead both banks PICHAIANG FM 9744.*

(B) LOCATIONS. HQ 81 WA div FM 972363. HQ 6WA bde TAUNGEBAUK FM 0134.

THREE: CHINAWIN. HQ 80 bde RP 9792. 3/3 OR SL 0887.*1 Seaforth 0inthra 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 LAMUNDOUP GA NX 2866. 2/113 BN area WA OYTHAMNG NX 3268. Elements 1/113 BN reached NX 3367 and SHANZENG NX 3573.

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Number 6/OPS SITREP 52

FIVE:  5307 Rangers passed through MDING GA MX 4360.
Leading coln of 15 Bde now NW 453012.

* Check reads 9743
**Check reads 0787

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: OGP
OG AAF
OG/3
Col Mathewson
LOG

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To: MILID
Kunming  
Chungking
Brisbane  
New Caledonia

5 March, 1944

Additional for MILID No.4, KBOAL No.36, Down AX266, Beina
ANDY and CINT SWPA 052.

Insert the following on Page 2 Line 2:
Shake Gd (7 miles east northeast Soreid Gd): other

Chinese

Supplementary copy of CM-IN-3783 (6 Mar 44) 0-2

ACTION: 0-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CO AAF
Oo1 Mathewson
Log

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Brisbane
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Melbourne
No. N34
New Caledonia
No. N36

5th March 1944

Sultan for MILID M 64, NGNAM N 36, Dorn AK 266, Hearne AM 451 and CINCO SWPA C 52.

Increased enemy patrol activity in Obein Hills, enemy artillery shelled British positions Kennedy peak 3 miles southwest of Fiddim. Sumurabum Area, Allied patrols inflicted 7 casualties on enemy 8 miles south southwest Sumurabum town.

Situation 3rd and 4th March. Aaskan local attacks and some artillery fire on main front line; mopping up and reorganisation continue in British rear areas; British occupied hills 3 miles northwest of Tinend and found 16 dead Japanese, indications other enemy in this area estimated at a company moved south; British ambushed enemy group 1 mile northeast Tinend, killed 48 Japanese and captured 1 also inflicted 25 casualties on estimated enemy company attempting move to south from position 1 mile northeast of Kyauktaung village. On Kaladan River estimated enemy battalion captured Thayettabun (5 miles east Kyauktaung) and Pagoda Hill (on east bank opposite Kyauktaw) 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 Akyab, no identifications as yet.

Kukawng Valley, Chinese troops captured Taring Ga (8 miles north Maingkwan), Lamunggap (4 miles southeast Taring Ga) and Wa Ghatvung (5 miles east southeast Taring Ga)

CM-IN-3783 (6 Mar 44)

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To: Chungking, No. AK 266
Brisbane, No. C 32
MILID, No. M 64
New Caledonia, No. W 36

5th March 1944

Ga) taking much enemy equipment; in contact with enemy at Shaking Ga (7 miles east northeast Serig 4); other Chinese troops advanced south through Saintown Ga (9 miles southeast Taring Ga); ambush killed 29 Japanese in area south Mahi Darn (3 miles southwest Taring Ga). Chinese advance slowly on Maingkwan from the north and west against strong enemy resistance including mortar and artillery fire; strong enemy resistance also encountered Kungyga 3 miles southwest Maingkwan.

ACTION: O-2

INFORMATION: OPD
CGAAF
Col Mathewson
Log

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To: BEZ Bbl. GEF SWPA
New Caledonia
Ft Shafter
FUSPA London
New Delhi
Ennming
MILID

3 March 1944.

Bk mag RA 460 from AMILAT Chungking Nr 37 to MILID Nr 28 to CINCWPA Nr 25 to RECAL Nr 25 to OQ GARTFAD Nr 24 to USFOR Nr 595 to AMKED Nr 261 to AMKHUN Nr 254 to OOGUB.

From Sino 0-2 the following and rated U3: Info from Prisoner of War says Japanese Navy delaying encounter until field operations are more favorable, no battleships east seas 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 Turfan 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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ACTION: 0-2

INFORMATION: OPD, CGLAAF, Ctr Mathewson

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From: 11 Army Group SEAC
To: Usual Addresses

No: 978/OPS March 2, 1944
SITREP No. 49

1. Arakan

A. West of Mayu range. 29 Indep Bde assumed responsibility Mayu crest FM 1 March and following reliefs have taken place. 1 RSP temporarily under 123 Bde area PT 1619 FM 4045 PT 731 FM 3943 relieving 1/17 Dogra 3/2 Punjab. 1/17 Dogra area FM 3844 under 123 Bde. 3/2 Punjab Wabyn under Div HQ.

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

C. Other locations. 2/3 Lan R area Ngakyedauk Pass. 2 Lan R PT 2155 FM 3557 patrolling North. 10 Gloster FM 3358. 9 R Sussex HS 118 FM 3162. HQ 7 Ind Div FM 476405. HQ 4 Bde FM 4252. 2/7 Rajput FM 4247 FM 4347. 2/13 PP Rif FM 4348 FM 4349. 1/18 R Garh Rif Ngakyedauk village FM 4452. HQ 71 Bde 1 Lincoln Avlanbyin FM 4752. HQ 26 Ind Div FM 482513.

2. Kaladan

Long range patrol 7 GCR working area Wabar FM 764405. 5 GCR are on outskirts Anindaw FM 9530 and 8 GCR are in contact area Pailegains FM 9232 Segyaung FM 9331. Identification obtained elements 1/4 Inf Regt from Japanese killed area Binpara FM 9934 28 February.

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

3. Chin Hills

Japanese reported still in peaks Haka Saqbu RZ

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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 Freing GA NX 27. Patrols of 5307 rangea inflicted some gas on enemy 5 miles NW of Lames GA NX 38. Rangers crossed Tayang Hka at NX 3786 29 February. Two leading cols of 16 Bde have crossed Chindwin and established ridgehead NW 3621. Adv HQ 16 Bde NW 350305.

T.O.O. 021900

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
OG AAF
Colonel Mathewson
Log
OG/S (Captain Royal USN)

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From: Chungking
To: WAR
New Caledonia
Rehobon GRQ SWPA
Ft. Shafter
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New Delhi
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Kuning

2 March 1944

ANNIECA G-2 bk mg Nr 64, Nr 45 to MILID Nr 23 to WRCAL Nr 26 to OICSWPA Nr 23 to CINCPAC Nr 22 to USFOR Nr 586 to ARMDL Nr 256 to ANNINR Nr 246 to COGUK.

Report received this headquarters from Chinese sources classified by them as reliable, our rating #3, 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 Amano Hikosyo. Reported air offensive to be conducted on Aleutian islands is intention of this movement. 1 unit reported on Paramushiro Island, other Makalan Island lower half.

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

ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: OPD, OG AAF, Colonel Mathews

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March 1, 1944

FROM: ADV 11 ARMY GROUP SEA
TO: USUAL ADDRESSES

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SITREP 48

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. Bq 72 Bde has arrived BAULKI BAZAAR.

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

AMLANYIM 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 FT 1248 PM 5546 features PM 5647 MYHILA PM 6046 FT 1600 PM 6146.

D. Other locations. 1/8 Or Toppe Bazaar. 8/13 FT Rif Taung Bazaar. 5/1 Punjab temporarily under cover 114 Bde Faladaung north PM 5252.

TWO. KALDAR

A. 5 Nigeria suffered thirteen wounded in successful clash with enemy near Donlan PM 5627 28 February. 1 R1 latest locations. Bq 5 WA Bde Kokhaung PM 9536. Bq 6 WA Bde Kwanongyaung PM 9929. 1 Gambir 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 HU0863 27 Feb.
Following day patrol killed twelve Japs same area.

FOUR. CHINWIN.

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

FIVE. MYAWDA VALLEY.

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

SIX.

5307 (Prov) Rangers reached Tan Aya NX 3687 Adv Hq 16 Bde NW 355340.

* Garble.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:  O-2, CG AAF, CO/S Capt. Royal, USN,
White House, LG

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From: New Delhi
To: CGAAP AQUILA W 604 PRAO1
      MILID AQUILA W 604 PRAO1
      Chungking AQUILA B 2 PRAO1

1st March 1944

CGAAP from Strategemeyer info APDIS APABI MILID
W 604 PRAO1 Stilwell S 2 PRAO1.

1. MIL.

2. February 26th Japanese heavily shelled Chinese
positions vicinity Rito, Allied patrols maintaining road
block Myitkyina Sumprebum road. February 29 Chinese troops
continue advance, occupied Taring Ga, crossed Tanai Hka
and advanced 3 miles south west to Nashi Daru. Makay and
advanced within 2 miles west of Maingkwan against light
enemy resistance. Japs occupying range to west of Kansauk
(6 miles south of Kyautkaw).

3. None.

4. U.S. operations:
   A Mandalay
   B Marshalling Yards
   C 2257 hours, February 26
   D 13 B-24'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 B-24 Millionaire Square at Akyab; another
hit Mongya; 1 B-24 attacked Jap Headquarters area Pakokku
with unobserved results G gun and auto ack ack meager in-

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Chungking AQUILA B 2 PRAO1
1st March 1944

Accurate from Mandalay, Sagaing and Ywamaung
H nil.

A B bridge 2 miles north Taungtha, bridge between
Panaing and Gehlaing, bridge 3 miles south Nyingyan.

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
box car destroyed result direct hit Taungtha

G nil

H nil.

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

Royal Air Force operations for 26th February:
A Shwebo
B railway station

C 2000 hours
CM-IN-1258 (2 Mar 44)
From: New Delhi
To: CO AAF AQUILA W 604 FRA01
      MILID AQUILA W 604 FRA01
      Chongking AQUILA S 2 FRA01
      1st March 1944

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

5. Mil.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: 0-2
      CO AAF
      CO/S (Captain Royal USA)
      White House
      Log
      CM-IN-1258 (2 Mar 44) 1844Z med

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Kunming
To: Chungking M100PE
OGAF W142PF
New Delhi A246PE
Calcutta C447E
Ramgarh K42PE

29 February 1944

TO Arnold W 142 FE, Stilwell M 110 PE, Stratemeyer
A 246 PE, Davidson C 44 FE, Old K 42 PE, info MILID, AFABM
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 sorties
16 fighter, 4 bomber. 308th group operations ferry trips
with 1 over and none back.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION:

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FROM: ADV 11 ARMY GROUP SEA
TO: USUAL ADDRESSEES
NO. 917/OPS

February 27, 1944

SITREP NO. 45

ONE ARAKAN

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

(B) Own posn area FM 4049 attacked 25 Feb. heavy can inflicted on enemy. 2/13 PP RIF were attacked twice night 25/26 Feb. Enemy now reported in PT 202PM 4553. R" reported fortytwo JAPS killed one FW captured area FM 4846 25 Feb. Several parties attempting move SOUTH past 33 Bde severely handled. One JAP surrendered. One wounded FW captured each PT 315 and BANDARA FM 4855. 1 Wlts LAUNG CHAUNG FM 4553.

TWO KALADAN

5 and 6 WA Bdes advancing SOUTH. 1 SAL crossing KALADAN to area LETSANG GAUK FM 9253° (PM 0253). HQ 61 WA Div FM 0042.

THREE CHINDWIN

JAPS attacked SEIFEI RT9950 night 25/26 Feb No details.

FOUR CHIN HILLS

Own tps occupied Fd/0 bunkers MS22 further adv held up by large bunker 25 Feb. 26 Feb. own tps on top MS22 but enemy holds posns on Southern slopes.

FIVE HYKABO VALLEY

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M HQ 22 CHINESE Div now NW 9778.

T.O.O. 271630

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INFORMATION: OPD GSHAAP
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SM 572-71

By: RWP Date: 11-1-1972

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

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

2. As will be seen from SEAC C 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 efforts against Formosa-China-Luzon area we agree with Admiral Mountbatten that the project for driving the Ledo Road through to Kunning will not be completed early enough to achieve this aim. Even after its completion a large proportion...
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
Singkaling-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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Number: J.S.M. 1545

Reference SECOS 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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To: New Delhi.
A 235 FE
GAAP
M 140 FE
Chungking
M 107 FE
Calcutta
U 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, Stillwell M 107 FE, Old K 41 FE, info APABI, APDIS and MILID from Chennault.

Off Anyang 8 Sharks each carrying 1-1000 pound demo with 8 Shanks 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 Indochina 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 building 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 a railroad cars in vicinity * one bomb hit building causing serious damage and minor damage to one Mitchell from this mission. Total sorties 20 fighter, 1 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 Ngaoc (18 degrees 44 minutes north and 100 degrees east) plus

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      28 Feb. 1944.

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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INFORMATION: G-2
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To: CO AAF - MILID - AQUILA W 571 FAOI
Chungking - AQUILA S 62 FAOI

26th February 1944

CO AAF from Stratemeyer info AFDIS, APABI, MILID
W 571 FAOI, Stilwell S 62 FAOI.

Para 1, 3, 5, nil.

2. Mingaladon 20 miles south Sumphrubum cleared of
enemy and Allied patrols advanced South February 25. Ngaku-
yedauk remains open. British occupied Ayuttaw with slight
opposition.

4. U.S. Operations:

Nigh 28/25 February 2300 and 0015 hours 1 B24 hit
Moulmein barracks dropping 100 pound demo. 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. 6 gun
and auto ack ack Moulmein meager inaccurate, no search-
lights except one, ineffective, light, Moulmein airdrome,
unidentified aircraft showing lights took off Mingaladon
airdrome, runway lights on as plane took off but extin-
guished one minute later H nil. 125 total patrol offen-
sive Sumphrubum and T area February 24.

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

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From: New Delhi
To: CG AAF - MILID - AQUILA V 571 FAOI
             Chungking - AQUILA B 62 FAOI
26th February 1944

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


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. Port White
B. Enemy camp
C. 1025 hours February 24

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Chungking - AQUILA 8 62 FAO1
26th February 1944

E. 1.5 tons
P. All on target.

Additional 131 sorties scrambles offensive recce
supply dropping escort February 24, resulting 12 river
craft destroyed, 68 damaged, jetty at Tsehe 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 Aixkan, 1 Hurricane missing
hit by ack ack.

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

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

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To: AGWAR

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Subject 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 swept sink a 200 foot freighter south of Taichow group. 4 B-25's destroyed rail bridge south of Dung Giao. 50 miles northeast of Haiphong 3 F-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 F-40's probably sank a 150 foot boat near Hhano.

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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(3) Chinese Ground: Minor guerrilla activity in western Shanxi province and vicinity of Kinhwa in Chekiang province.

(4) Lido road progress report follows: Survey party is now on east side of Tarung River northeast of Yupbang heading for Kudua Gp. 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 Tifep was completed 17 February. Jeeps and trucks travel regularly to Yupbang Gp from Shingwuiyang. Rainfall for report period is 0.

(5) Changes in British dispositions follow:

Arakan: Headquarters 11th Brigade at Palelauung (4½ miles north northeast Buthidaung);

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

Headquarters 5 WA Brigade is 10 miles northwest of Kyaunkto;

Headquarters 6 WA Brigade at Pagoda Hill opposite Kyaunkto.

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

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SECURITY CONTROL
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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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ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OPD
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From: New Delhi.
To: Chungking
CGAAF AQUILA S 56 PAOI

23 Feb. 1944.

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

1. Mustang attack on Mohnyin:

5 puffs smoke limile 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 en countered in Hukawng.

2. Chinese troops occupied Sinlung 8 miles east north east Taipa Ga also occupied Leavn Ga and continued south west to Lamawn Ga night February 21st-22nd, Taunphawng Ga captured by Chinese. 56 Japs killed result Ambush 4 miles south west Sumprabum, over 140 Japs killed past few days area south west Taiph Ga. Over 100 enemy killed in several engagements Arakan, operations continue against enemy blockade Ngakyaedauk Pass.

3. US operations for February 21st:

4. US operations for February 21st:

A B C D
Shingban Command Post 1610 hrs. 4
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AQUILA S 56 PAOI
COAAP
AQUILA V 536 PAOI

P51's F 8 X 500 demos F all in target dense black smoke jungle obscured.

A B C D

Mohmyin Town 1530 8

P51'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.

Lolaw Rail bridge 1424 8

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 Recce over the Taipha Ga area in search reported observation balloons no results.

A mile East Punhmi. Gasoline Dump 1110 8

P51's E 16 X 500 demos F poor results bombs dropped area mistaken for target.

Shadusup Camp 1055 4

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 S 56 PAQI
AQUILA W 536 PAQI

Total patrol offensive sorties 107 Sumprabum.

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P51's E 4 X 1000 demos P 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 |

B25's and 8 P51's E 24 X 500 demos P 2 warehouses east and 2 small warehouses west of railroad at Yavlin 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.

Ywatsung | Yards | 2020 | 5 |

Liberators E 16.5 tons P burst around target 2 fires in yards.

Sagai | Shore station 2032 | 15 |

Liberators E 47.7 tons P 26 hits straddley line, target covered, 1 large fire G inaccurate slight ack ack hill.

1 Liberator failed locate target bombed point 5 miles

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north west Fyawwe expended 2.7 tons. 12 Vengeance aircraft dropped 9 tons on target at 1645 hours. 78 additional sorties February 21st resulting in damage.

February 22 operations:

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Liberators E 7.5 tons F many bursts target results unobserved.

Promes Dumps 1940 7/3

Wellingtons E 24.5 tons F hits dumps 4 fires G nil

18 scrambles 101 sorties offensive Recon escort supply dropping photo resulting in damage. 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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Nicol
Kunming
Chungking

23 February 1944.

Sultan for MILID M 49, CINC SWPA C 44, NECAL N 31, AMUKUN AK226, AM115CA AM369.

In Arakan British troops captured hill 1070 at PM 3:52 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 Kalapanz 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 Sumpabum. Chinese troops occupied Sinlung (8 miles east northeast Taihpa Ga) and Lawna Ga and continued southwest to vicinity Lawna Ga (8 miles southeast Taihpa Ga); Tsunhapeviq Ga (3 miles southwest Taihpa Ga) occupied and Chinese moved east and north against resistance; Other Chinese troops advanced east along Ahawk 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 Hansada 75 miles northwest Rangoon according to reliable source.

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SECURITY CONTROL

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 Kangyedauk 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 arm 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 0-46's which are on the Rump 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 Rump 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 Rump 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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FOOTNOTE: SEACOS 96 is CM-IN-15138 (21 Feb 44) CC/S

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INFORMATION: OPD

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Gen Arnold
C of S
Adm King
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From: New Delhi
To: MILID M47
      Kunming AK214
      Chungking AM354
      New Caledonia M30
      Brisbane C42

21 February 1944

From Sultan for MILID M47, AMMKUN AK214, AMMISCA AM354, NOEAL M30, CINC SWPA C42.

China Hills 19/20 February estimated 60 enemy unsuccessfully attacked British position 2 miles south Kyaukchau (22 miles north Mavlaik) 7 enemy killed; patrol clash 3 miles northeast Fort White caused 16 enemy casualties.

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

Fukawng Valley, Chinese troops advanced against opposition east along Ahawk Trail to point 10 miles southwest Taihpa GA; other Chinese troops crossed Taihpa GA-Mainkwan Trail about 2 miles southwest Taihpa GA. In Arakan no further organized resistance in hills 7 south southwest Bawli Bazar, mopping up operations in progress, enemy elements driven farther to the east; other British troops advanced south from west Badana to Freeman 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: OEF, CG AAF, CCS (Capt Royal, USN),

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February 18, 1944

FROM: SACSEA

TO: Chiefs of Staff

Rptd: J.S.M., Washington

REACOS 96

Following for Chiefs of Staff repeated Joint Staff Mission from Mountbatten. My REACOS 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. Diffrord 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 thinly 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 riding local food supplies. All commanders are imbued with...
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the necessity of speed and Giard 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 Aiono.

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OBJ: ARAKAN. Own Recon Tos made Water Borne raid


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PM 3542 hills Fest of Rd. 1/3 Bde 2/1 PUNJAB PM 3948-PM 4048

WW Coys PM 405521 PM 407496 Coy 4/7 RAJPUT Coy 1/8 GR PM 375590.

7 Ind Div. HQ 99 Bde 2 1503 7. Div Adm Box. 4/G GR elements 27

Dragoons Area PT 315 PM 4252. 26 Ind Div HC 4 Bde 2/13 FF RIF

less one Coy PRINCE OF WALES 4362 one Coy MARYINDIA 4366. 1

Wills less two Coys BADANA 4359 two Coys YINBOUNG YINBOUNG

PM 4357. 1 Lincoln's RINBOUNG YINBOUNG HQ 36 Bde PM 313625. 8/13 FF

RIF less two Coys NGANG YANG PM 3261 Coy each PM 33169 PM 334599.

1/8 GR less three Coys PM 355567 Coys PM 357509 PM 345585 PT 2174

PM 3662. 1/16 PUNJAB less two Coys PM 3455 two Coys PM 355567.

71 Bde 5/1 PUNJAB 00 PM BAZAAR. 2/7 CAPUT less two Coys TAUNG

BAZAR Coy each PM 5058 BADANA East. 36 Ind Div. Assumed Cond

29 Bde less one Bn and 36 Bde 1200 hrs 16 Feb. HQ 36 Div BAILI

PM 292705. 29 Bde. 2 E LAN R area PM 3162. 2 5 LAN R KURMI

PM 3073. 1 RSP SABAION PM 3167. 2 RSP BALUKHALI PM 3357.

KALADAN. Own patrols pushing down East bank. Locals

report KALADAN garrison consisted of 200 JAPANESE 80 Bn.

New Locations. HQ 61 (TA) Div TINNA East PM 0459. HQ 5 (TA)

Bde 5 GCR area ENTE PM 09253. 6 GCI PM 884563. 6 (TA) Bde 1

SL R area INCL SUNEBYE PM 0648 excl LETPAN PM 1048. 1 NAMBIA

THABON PM 0359. 4 NR patrolling TOPTHAYESTABIN PM 1040 MAHUNI

PM 1041. 11 RA scouts patrolling on East bank KALADAN towards

KYAUKTAW PM 0138.

THREE: CHIN HILLS. JAPANESE posn RU 10074 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. 19 Feb PL JAPANESE twice attacked our post PT 2007 RP 9358 NO details. One Coy BARFORCE moved from THKUALAH RT 7906 to KUICHAH NY 8893.

FOUR.


FIYH.

SUMPHABUM Area. General closing in on SUMPHABUM.

4 BUR Regt less two Coys NENTAWNG NY 2295 and HUNAWNG NY 2694. Coy NPL NAESQGA NY 1790. Two Coys 4 BUR Regt one Coy NKL stride main road South of SUMPHABUM 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.

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From: New Delhi
To: War
No. AG 1054, 19 February 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section ODP 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
Rukiring 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 Shekung
and damaged rolling stock. 6 B25's and 20 P40's attacked
airdrome at Kaikak 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 Buitchuan 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 Bazaar.

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 Egahtaran (4 miles west of Kaladan).

6th West African Brigade:
Brigade Headquarters is 7 miles north northeast of Kyauktaw.

(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 Mingam Sakan and beyond; road survey party and trace cutting party are now working north of existing road beyond Mingam. 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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From: New Delhi
To: OMAAF MILID
Chungking

19 February 1944

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OMAAF from Stratemeyer info APDIA AMARI MILID W493
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Flight Intelligence report February 19th India Burma
Sector.

1. Nil

2. February 18th: Chinese advances vicinity Leawp
Ga, occupied positions near Confluence Tanai and Manning Ribero
South Taipha Ga after Japs retreated. Unnamed village 2
miles north Ywahbang Ga occupied February 16th as previously
reported. Enemy positions hills east Ngunyapang being attacked
from several directions including artillery.

3. One enemy recce west Akyab 0637 later 15 miles
north Cusa Baxar east north east Kavason flying south east
no contact.

4. US February 17th operations:
A. Lonkin to Kamaing.
B. Offensive recce troops and supplies.
C. 0650-1000 hours.
D. 20 F51's and 18 A36's.

E. 35 300 dams and 22 250.

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From: New Delhi
To: CGAARF MILID

19 February 1944

F. 14 hits on troops and supplies 2 miles west of Lonkin, strafed Lonkin, town fired Bashas; 22 hits supply area both sides Lonkin-Manyaset road, jungle obscured results; 9 hits on supplies area junction of Manyset Kamasing road with railroad from Sahnaw results smoke obscured.

G. Noger inaccurate fire west of Lonkin.

H. Nil

A. Iconot Manyset roads.
B. Dump and storage.
C. 1350.
D. 6 P51's.
E. 12 300 demos.
F. 8 hits target firing Bashas 3 fires, strafed.
G. Nil
H. Nil.

105 total patrol offensive sorties Taro and Sumprabum.

A. Fyingaing.
B. Eoad bridge.
C. 1345
D. 2 B25's and 6 P51's.

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From: New Delhi
To: OCMAP MILID

Chungking
19 February 1944

E. 2 500 demos.
F. Satisfactory results, strafed area.
G. Light auto fire.

H. Nil.

One B25 escort 4 F51's strafed 18 rolling stock unobserved results, railway station left in flames 1200 hours.
A. Taumphpavngga-Walawbum.
B. Recon.
C. 1000.
D. 2 F51's.
E. 8 250 demos.
F. Hits on road junction and road Maingkwan area.
G. Nil.

H. Right Wing F51's damaged by land mine. 1 B25 and 2 F51's escort scored near miss road bridge 12 miles west Wuntho 0850 hours February 18 expanded 4 500 demos.

Royal Air Force February 17th operations: 1 Liberator expanded 3.5 tons bomb dropped at 2132 hours bursts target area 2 large fires. Due base only 2 Wellions bomb Heho airfield results unobserved 1 plane carried flares only other expended 1.5 tons, 9 Wellions bombed Myingyan CM-IN-13923 (20 Feb 44)

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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 Hako damaged, 6 rolling stock, 6 motor trucks fired and 3 locomotives damaged, 3 enemy planes attempted interception Anisan-kan 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 Vengeance 8 Hurricanes.

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To: GOAAF MILID

Chungking

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2. 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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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 APABI MILID
W4844 Stillwell 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 1CC
D 14 A36's and 8 P51's
E 25 25C and 15 30C Demos
F Target hit results unobserved, strafed.

A Kemaha 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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From: New Delhi
To: GOAP MILID AQUILA WKB44
Chungking AQUILA S44
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 Walswbum
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 Kyaingkwin 3 miles north Kavlin
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 Toulgooc
B Airfield

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From: New Delhi
To: COAAF MILID AQUILA 4844
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 311.

A Hangpu 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 Hangpu 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 recco supply dropping escort sorties results:
severely damaged SWA Railway bridge, Pyinnama Loco workshops
and 3 Loco with 30 rolling stock 3 motor trucks damaged.

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To: AFGAP MILD AQUILA W4844
Chungking AQUILA 844
18 February 1944

Operations for February 17th:

A North east Maungdaw
3 Positions
0 1000
D 12 Vengeances escort 6 Hurricanes
E 8.5 tons
F All bombs target
GH 3 planes hit by ack ack.

A Letwater
C 1600
D 12 Vengeances
E 9 tons
F All hit target. 5 scrambles February 17th and 115 offensive Recco escort supply dropping sorties.

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

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17 February 1944

For MILID M43, AMMUN AK197, AMMISCA AM324, NECAL N26, GIMO 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 (6 miles south Taihpa Ga) and are advancing to south and southeast 16th February. Allied troops established road blocks south of Sumpurum 15th February. Arakan 16th February; Road south of Bevi Bazan open to escorted convoys and British Forces continuing against enemy road block on Ngakyedauk Pass, fighting continues in area southwest Taung Bazan, 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
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Brisbane

15th February 1944

Situation in Arakan 13th February. British troops cleared road six miles south Bwlll Bazar driving enemy east into hills where fighting continues; road now open to Maungdaw but subject to interruptions. British troops occupied Yinboungyaung (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 northeast Buthidasung).

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 command positions being held securely but concerned over supply difficulties.

Rukayung Valley 14th February. Fighting continues in Sinlung and Tumphang GA areas (7 and 9 miles northeast Taihe GA); enemy shelling Chinese positions in Taihe GA.

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area; Chinese troops advanced ½ mile east in area 5 miles west southwest Taihpa GA, similar advance made in vicinity Yawangbang GA (8 miles south southwest Taihpa GA).

In Sumpabum 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: Chief 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 Alix 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 Eukul 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 cut main Bawli-Maungdaw Road.

(d) After dealing with Rul 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 Maaf River and attempt to escape northwards up Maaf Peninsula. An additional force was

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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. Ngakyaedauk 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 cooperating with 5th Division in clearing Ngakyaedauk 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 O.O.H.Q. for AXION.

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Chungking
14 Feb. 1944.

From Sultan for MILID M39, NECAL N26, CINC SWPA C37,
AUKUN AK 176 and AMMCSA 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 Bazaar, 1 unidentified battalion astride east end
Ngakieda pass (6 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 Paya range still blocked. British
report their present positions being held securely with operat-
ions to reopen Ngakieda 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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From: New Delhi.
To: MILID
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14 Feb. 1944.

In Hukawng Valley 12th February Tainpa Ga shelled by enemy;
Fighting continues in area 5 miles west southwest Tainpa Ga. 10 enemy killed in ambush 4 miles southwest Sunpabur.

No Sig.

ACTION: ODP
INFORMATION: C-2
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CC/3 Capt. Royal, USN

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13 February 1944

Flight Intelligence report India Burma Sector February 13th. COAAP from Stratagemeyer info AFDIS APABI MILID W 422 FAO1 Stilwell 5 29 FAO1.

1. Mil.

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 Tafo. British operations to reopen Ngakyedauk area, enemy attack repulsed.

3. None reported.

4. US February 11th operations:
   A. Sawngksa
   B. Supply Area
   C. 1115
   D. 8 A36's, 2 P51's
   E. 20 300 demos
   F. All hit target unobserved results
   G. Mil
   H. Mil.

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From: New Delhi
To: CG AAF MILID Chungking
13 February 1944

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 Sahmaw and Nogaung Manywa 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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MILID AQUILA W 422
Chungking AQUILA S 29
13 February 1944

A. Mandalay-Shwebo
B. Recon
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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From: New Delhi
To: COAAF MILID
Chungking
13 February 1944

Completed report

A. From
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. Mil
H. Mil.

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

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

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From: New Delhi
To: C3 AAF
KILID
Chungking
13 February 1944

A. Seinmyinbya
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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From: New Delhi
To: C G AAF

Chungking

13 February 1944

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

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

5. Nil.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2

C G AAF

White House

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PRIORITY

From: New Delhi.
To: War

No. AMNDEL AG 914 12 Feb. 1944.

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.

5 February, 4 P40's bombed Hopang starting large fires. From Kwailin 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 Macphi Point sank 1 large junk and damaged 5. 6 B25's destroyed bridge at Ansun, 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, 15 P40's bombed and strafed Chefang, Homun and Maneshih. At Chefang large barracks and oil drums

OM-IN-8515 (12 Feb 44)
burned, Homun and Mangshih completely destroyed. 2 B25's demolished wireless station and damaged 4 buildings southwest of Haiphong.

(2) US Ground:
Mil for period.

(3) Chinese Air:
Mil 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 311. Metalling is complete to mile 52. Last report stated metalling complete to mile 67.4. This is erroneous, 62 is correct figure. Convoys continue to travel between Basel, and Shingbuiyang although Road is very slippery. Jeep road between Shingbuiyang 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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From: New Delhi.
To: WAR
No. AMNEDEL AG 914    12 Feb. 1944.

...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 Palewa;
5th WA Brigade, Headquarters Natarainyaung, 6 miles
south southeast of Palewa;
6th WA Brigade, Headquarters Khonwei, 5 miles south southeast
of Palewa.

(2) Imphal;
17th Indian Light Division, 63rd Indian Infantry
Brigade, Headquarters 4 miles south of Tiddim;
3rd Indian Division, 111th Indian Infantry Brigade,
Tiddim Road, 30 miles south of Imphal.

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INFORMATION: G-2 CG AAF WHITE HOUSE LOG

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Naval Message

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Date: 12 FEB 1944

TOR Code: 1324

Decoded by: KIRKBRIDE

Paraphrase: KIRKBRIDE

Routing by: PIPP

Address: COMINCH

To: ARMY

Inform: COMINCH

(Alusna Chunking Sends to Cominch, Army Informed)

Chinese government feels that if Navy Dept.

believes destruction necessary they have

no objections.

My dis 271287 attached

Re: Bombing missions against light

houses along China coast.

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To: CG AAF Washington DC
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Chungking, China
11 February, 1944
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Emaneseyu Flight Intelligence report from India Burma Sector for February 11th.

1. nil.

February 10th: Ambush west Taipha 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: 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 Butidaung repulsed. 80 enemy dead result fighting Sawswe area 6 and half miles south west Taung Bazar. Enemy vacated positions 2 miles west Kaladan.

February 10th activity: 15 plus twin engine bombers and 50 FW73 Oscars and Hamps over Maungdaw area 1020 hours intercepted by 35 Spitfires near Saint Martines Island claim 3 enemy fighters damaged own losses nil preliminary report. One enemy plane 95 miles north east Visagapatam bombed hospital ship 2330 hours.

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From: New Delhi
To: CG AAF Washington DO
     MILID Washington DO
     Chungking, China

11 February, 1944

4. US operations February 9th follow:
   A. South Nagaung 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, 8 hits supplys,
      Loilaw much black smoke other hits south of
      bridge well strafed.
   G. Moderate accurate auto fire.
   H. Nil.
      A. Pyndaw 8 miles west Nagaung.
      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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From: New Delhi
To: OQ AAF Washington DC
      MILID Washington DC
      Chungking, China

11 February, 1944

G. H Mil.
A. Kumbyen
C. 1520
D. 4 P 40's.
E. 8 X 300 Demos.
F. Hits edge target.
G. H. Mil.
A B Hukawng motor road.
C. 1700.
D. 1 B 25 and 2 F 51's.
E. 4 X 300 and 12 X 100 Demos.
F. Bombed camp fires vicinity Maingkwan and Shingban, destroyed bridge over Hantawng Hka same vicinity also dropped 1,000 road spikes along road.
A. Mogung Kamaing road.
B. Sawng Hka stores and bivouse.
C. 1500.

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D. 4 A 50’s and 8 P51’s.
E. 14 X 300 Demos 8 X 100 incans.
F. 17 direct hits target large fire heavily strafed.

GH. Nil.

British operations: additional offensive
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, Seinnyinbya.
C. 1330-1615.
D. 34 Vengeances 17 Spitfires 11 Hurricanes.
E. 19 tons.
F. Majority hits target fired building.

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February 1944

A. Godasara.
B. Jap Headquarters.
C. 17 12.
D. 3 Wellingtons.
E. 3 x 4,000 Bombs.
F. Burat completely devastated east end of 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 Tomah.".
   B. Positions.
   C. 1000 hours.
   D. 12 Hurricanes.
   E. 3 tone majority hit village much destruction also strafed.

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From: New Delhi
To: CG AAF Washington DC
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      Chungking, China

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.

* Being serviced.

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

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From: New Delhi
To: MILID
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9 February 1944

From Sultan for MILID M34, AMQUN AK156, AMMBOS AM 264, NKGAL N24 and OICN SWPA 033.

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

8th February severe fighting area 5 miles northwest Letvedet, 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 ambushed 6th February killed 23 enemy 12 miles south Tiddim.

Bukawng Valley 7th February enemy previously reported surrounded 5 miles west southwest Taipha 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 Taipha Ga.

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FROM: New Delhi
To: Addressees continued
9 February 1944

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

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

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INFORMATION: O-2

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From: New Delhi
To: GAAF AQUILA W387 FAOI
      MILID AQUILA W387 FAOI
      Chungking AQUILA 520 FAOI

9 February 1944

GAAF from Stratemeyer information APDIS APABI 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 Bu-hidaung.

February 8th:

Estimated enemy platoon dirven out of position 7 miles north east Taiphu 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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From: New Delhi
To: CGAAP AQUILA W387 FA01
MILID AQUILA W387 FA01
Chungking AQUILA S20 FA01

9 February 1944

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 15 attacking bridge with cannon 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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To: COAAF AQUILA W387 PAO1
     MILID AQUILA W387 PAO1
     Chungking AQUILA 5 20 PAO1

9 February 1944

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 I 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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To: CG AAF AQUILA W387 PA0I
     MILID AQUILA W387 PA0I
     Chungking AQUILA S20 PA0I

9 February 1944

Additional 49 offensive recces 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. 16 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 recces supply dropping escort sorties resulting:

7 rolling stock 2 locomotives heavily damaged.
37 river craft damaged.

Paragraph 5. No changes.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
            CG AAF
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Running.
To: New Delhi
       Chungking
       Ozark
       Calcutta
       Chabua

9 Feb. 1944.

To Arnold W 40 FE, Stilwell M 35 FE, Stratagemyar A 45 FE, Davidson C 14 FE, Old K 14 FE info MILID, AFABK and APDIS signed Chennault.

Supplemental operations and intelligence report for February 7th off Kwei Lin 3 Liberator's each carrying 3 500 pound demes fused four second delay on seaweed covered coast from Saint Johns Island to Touplane. No targets sighted. Off Suichwan 1 Mitchell carrying 6 500 pound demes. Fused second delay on seaweed of Yangtze southwest from Aming. Attacked group of vessels near Shunkan, 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 Hangyang with eight carrying 500 pound demes 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 Kienchung with one direct hit and 3 near misses, bridge believed destroyed. Mustangs strafed warehouses at Teisan 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 crew believed safe.
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From: Kunming
To: New Delhi
Chungking
COAAF
Calcutta
Chabua
9 Feb. 1944.

One Mitchell is still missing. Hawks on routine patrols of transport route off Yunnanyi, no enemy activity ob-
erved. Of Yangkai 2 Mitchells each carrying 4-500 pound
demos fused four to five seconds delay bombed Than 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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Log

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To: CGAAP MILID

8th February 1944

Flight Intelligence report India Burma Sector 7th February CGAAP from Stratemeyer info AWHS APAB MILID W 370 PAO Stillwell 3-17 PAO.

1: Nil

2: Exchange mortar and artillery fire 3/4 miles north west Port White February 5th. Enemy position strength unknown along track 1 mile south west Kyangyaw. 22 miles north Kawlakh surrounded February 6th. February 6th many enemy casualties during heavy fighting Letwedat Area. 3 enemy attacks 24 miles south south west Taung Bazar repulsed with many enemy casualties. British successfully engaged large Jap party moving west from Badana 24 miles south south west Taung Bazar.

3: Activity 5th February follows:

1 enemy plane vicinity Vizagapatam 0600 hours 5th February. 3 plus enemy aircraft intercepted over Maungdaw by L2 Spits at 0611 hours 5th February.

1 Dinah destroyed and 1 single engine bandit crashed in sea. 50 plus enemy intercepted over Maungdaw at 1030 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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To: Chungking

8th February 1944

1 enemy plane 110 miles southwest Akyab 1036 hours February 5th. 25 plus enemy planes set sweep 45 miles off Barang Island 1055 hours-1137. 25 Housebandits approached from east of Kyauktaw at 1056 hours passed 15 miles southeast of Maungdaw thence to Indin and withdrew to south west 1140 hours. 22 Spits and 12 Hurricanes did not contact.

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

British operations:
A. Heho Airfield
C. 2000 hours February 4th

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8th February 1944
D. 3 Wellingtons
E. 6 tons
F. Explosions bomb dump area numerous fires barracks buildings.
A. Beho Airfield
C. Approx 0115 hours February 4th
D. 12 Liberators plus additional 9 more unable locate Aungban target
E. 91.99 tons
F. Bursts across runways
G. Slight ack ack ineffective searchlights, several enemy aircraft seen no contact
H. Nil.

Fourteen additional offensive Recco sorties February 4th resulting 1 missing of 2 Hurricanes intercepted by 2 Secars Uhihden Area.
A. Zadidaung
B. Positions
C. 1210 and 1630 hours February 5th

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From: New Delhi
To: OGAAP MILID No. AQUILA W 370 FAOI
       Changking No. AQUILA 8 17 FAOI

8th February 1944
D. 24 Vengeance escort & Hurricanes
B. 13.75 tons
F. Good concentration.
A. Aungban
B. Airfield
C. 1950 hours February 5th
D. 13 Wellingtons
E. 19.85 tons
F. Most hit dispersal area 1 large 2 medium fires also bursts edge main runway
G. 4 searchlights slight accurate aok aok 1 Oscar seen no contact.
A. Meho
B. Airfield
C. 2015 hours February 5th
D. 9 Wellingtons

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To: OBAF MILID No. AQUILA W 370 PAGE
        Chungking No. AQUILA 6 17 PAGE

8th February 1944

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. Dailiveyauk

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 Recon supply dropping
sorties February 5th resulting probable 1 aircraft
fired strafing on Aungban Airfield, enemy positions
Yatagan attacked.

A. Aungban Airfield

C. 0100 hours February 5th

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8th February 1944

D. 9 Liberators
E. 21.25 tons
F. Many bursts target
G. Slight ack ack.
A. Meho 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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From: New Delhi
To: Chungking

8th February 1944

E. 1.5 tons
F. 2 hits 10 yards from house.
A. Botsaw 30 miles south west of Hwalin
B. Camp and supply dump
C. 1560
D. 6 hurricanes
E. 1.5 tons
F. 6 bursts target.

40 sorties no encounters, 82 offensive Recce supply dropping sorties February 6th.

S: Nil

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

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To: WAR
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7 February, 1944

From Sultan for MILID M 32, AMISUN AK 143,
AMISCA 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 southeast Taung Bazar and successfully engaged large enemy party moving west from Badana (2 miles west southwest Taung Bazar). In Chin Hills enemy position of unreported strength surrounded 1 miles southwest Kyaukohar (22 miles north Mawlaik);

Patrol actions against 2 enemy parties totalling 70 in area 17 miles northwest Mawlaik, killed 11 Japs.

Along Salween late report states 2000 Japs attacked Panlong on 29th January and 400 enemy attacked Loi Ho-Haow (11 miles northeast Panlong) on 3rd February, no other details.

In Hukawng Valley enemy position 1 mile east Tiahsa Ge reduced; Fighting continues to eliminate enemy surrounded 5 miles west southwest Tiahsa Ge; in contact 8 miles southeast and 7 miles east northeast Taro. Allied patrols active on trails south of Sumprabum. NoSig.

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14TH AIR FORCE THROUGH THEATER C-2 HAS INQUIRED IF NAVY DEPT HAS ANY OBJECTION TO BOMBING MISSIONS AGAINST LIGHT HOUSES AND SIMILAR INSTALLATIONS ALCNO CHINA COAST.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Kunming
To: New Delhi, A 34 FE
Chungking, N 26 FE
Chabua, K 12 FE
War, W 27 FE
Calcutta, C 10 FE

7th February, 1944

To Arnold W 27 FE, Davidson C 10 FE, Stratemeyer A 34 FE Stillwell M 26 FE, Old K 12 FE, info APABI, APDIS and MILID signed Chennault.

Off Kweilin at 1130 hours on photo mission of Hankow area, photos taken of Hankow Airdrome.

Off Szechwan 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 degrees north and 116 degrees east and sighted 13 ship convoy headed north east, including 2 torpedo boats at 1308 hours. Probably same convoy sighted by Liberators as 1 burning 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 Kwelling 2 Mitchells each carrying 4-500 pound
bombs fused 4 second delay on sea sweep 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 Puchi,
little activity noted. Strafed sampans and power launches,
results unobserved. No ack ack encountered at Yochow.

Incomplete report follows on mission to attack shipp-
ing in Tourana Harbor. Off Yangkai 6 Mitchells destroyed
bridges at Anxuan (16 degrees 50 minutes north and 107 de-
grees 05 minutes east) and Tien An (16 degrees 58 minutes
north and 107 degrees 02 minutes east) also shot up train at
Tien An. 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 Kuning on weather recon of Vinh
and Gialam Airdrome is missing.

Now follows supplemental operations and intelligence
report for February 5th: Three Sharks off Yummerji (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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7th February, 1944

factory building burned runway usable. No observations of Hano 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.

Folows now photo recon of February 6th: Luang Prabang (19 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 Lamphong station 22 cars, Bangkok No1 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 cruiser. 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 damage 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. Nasach (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.

No Sig.

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From: New Delhi
To: Chungking
OGAAF
MILID

6th February 1944
OGAAF from Stratemeyer info APDIS APABI MILID W 358 EAOI Stilwell 312 EAOI.

1: Nil

2: Enemy attack 2½ miles north west Buthidsung 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. Heavy
   B. Airdrome
   C. 020 hours February 5th
   D. 8 B 24's
   F. Hits along strips only 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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From: New Delhi
To: Chungking

6th February 1944

H. Nil
A. Aungban
B. Airdrome
C. 0300 hours February 5th
D. 5 B24's
E. 200 X 120 frag clusters 48 X 500 incen clusters both Heho Aungban targets total
F. Hits believed in revetment and south end runway
G. Gun ack ack inaccurate
H. Nil
A. Heho and alternates Sagaing and Nyittha
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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6th February 1944

Nyettha 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 Nyittha

G. Gun caliber meager inaccurate searchlights, ineffective Heho, 2 planes airborne Nyittha 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 recco, 9 twin recco.

Lower Burma, 54 single fighters, 6 twin fighters, 9 medium bombers, 9 single recco, 9 twin recco.

Siam North Malaya French Indo China, 45 light and 36 medium bombers.

Sumatra, 45 medium bombers, unlocated 9 twin fighters and 9 twin recco.

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6th February 1944

Naval: 30 fighters, 45 torpedo bombers, 66 medium bombers, 15 flying boats, 24 float planes.

Flight Intelligence Report for 6th February India Burma Sector.

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From: Ledo India
To: WAR
Nr.: M3 55 5th February 1944

With paraphrase this comes to AGWAR to Colonel W H
Wood for Brigadier General Hayden Bostrm from Killison
(M3 55) Special G 3 and G 2 SITREP as of 1800 hours 5th
February.

(A) Shingbriyang area:

66th Regiment minus 1 Battalion in reserve.
First Battalion 66th Regiment attached to tank battalion
now at Shingbriyang.

(B) Taro area:

65th Regiment with 2nd Battery, 22nd Division
Artillery attacked has cleared entire area on enemy. Pat-
rols 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 Dsawng Ga NX 2692 Watat Ga NX 2890 Nsang Ga NX 2886.
1st Battalion 112 Regiment furnishing security in area west
of Tarung Hka. 2nd Battalion 113 Regiment furnishing security.

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To: WAR
Nr: MS 55 5th February, 1944

and mopping up area between Tarung Hka-Tanai Hka-Nchwaj Ga trail. 3rd Battalion 113 Regiment in Taipa Ga. 1st Battalion 113 Regiment Area Raduja Ga NX 1383-Lalavu Ga NX 1780-NX 1078.

(D) Area west of Taipa Ga:

Headquarters and 1st Battalion 114 Regiment at NW 9780. 2nd and 3rd Battalions 114 Regiment on line NX 0076-NW 9976.

(E) Artillery:

4th Battery 38th Division NX 0884. 5th Battery 38th Division NX 0582. 6th Battery 30th Division NW 9077.

(F) Supply area no change.

(G) Operations:

Taro area excellent. Other area satisfactory.

New subject. Intelligence summary:

Taro NW 7458 area cleared of enemy. Taipa Ga NX 0978 cleared of enemy. 300 Japs at Lalavu Gc NX 2973. 200 Japs at Mashi Daru NX 2067. 300 Japs at NX 1867. 400 Japs vicinity Usunpawng Gc NX 0774. Shingban NX 1853 18th Division headquarters. Shadzup 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 0875. Kamaing SC 3763 Mogaung SC 6337 area heavy troop concentrations. Enemy movements from south to Mogaung nightly. Supply area occupied by 200 Japs.

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INFORMATION: 0-2, CG AAF, CCS (Capt Royal, USN) No Sig.

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From: Lede
To: WAR

No. MS 55, 5 February, 1944.

Without paraphrase this comes to AGWAR to Colonel

V H Wood for Brigadier General Hayden Boatner from

Kinnison (MS 55) special G3 and G2 SITREP as of 1800

hours 4 February.

A. Shingbdyang Area: 66th Regiment minus 1
battalion in reserve. First Battalion 66th Regiment
attached to Tank Battalion now at Shingbdyang.

B. Tara Area: 65th Regiment with 2nd Battery
22nd Division Artillery attached has cleared entire area
of enemy. Patrols in all villages aid strong outposts
as follows: NW 8377 and NW 8762.

C. Area north and northeast of Taipha Ga: 2nd
Battalion 112th Regiment has occupied villages Rdawng Ga
NX 2692 Watat Ga NX 2290 Hsing Ge NX 2585. 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-Nchk 0
Taipha Ge trail. 3rd Battalion 113 Regiment in Taipha Ga.
1st Battalion 113 Regiment area Keduja Ga NX 1383-Lalawa
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-NX 9976.

E. Artillery: 4th Battery 36th Division NX 0884,
5th Battery 36th Division NX 0582. 6th Battery 36th Divi-

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F. Sumprabum Area: No change.

G. Operations: Taro area excellent. Other area satisfactory.

New subject. Intelligence summary.

Taro NW 7458 area cleared of enemy.

Taihpa Ga NX 0678 cleared of enemy.

300 Japs at Lalawn Ga NX 2973.
200 Japs at Mashideru NX 2067.
300 Japs at NX 1867.
400 Japs vicinity Tsumphatng Ga NX 0774.

Shingban NX 1853 18th Division Headquarters.

Shadusup NX 2909 area is still reported as a location of large numbers Japs, hospital, and supply dumps.

Enemy has been working on road Nanyaseik SC 2273 to Lonkik SB 9875.

Kamaing SC 3763 Mogun SC 6337 area heavy troop concentrations.

Enemy movements from south to Mogun nightly. Sumprabum occupied by 200 Japs.

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INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, White House, Log

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5 February 1944

CGAAF from Stratemeyer information APDIS APABI
MILID W 351 PAOI, Stilwell S 11 PAO.

Flight Intelligence report India Burma Sector
5th February.


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 Yanan 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 5th of which 20 plus aircraft including fighter bombers attack Ngakyaedauk 10 miles north east Maungdaw while 5 Oscars strafed road 2 miles south Bawli bridge ************

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Paragraph 4. US Operations:

Weather prevented all operations but 2 patrol sorties

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      MILID W 351 AQUILA FAOI
      Chungking S 11 AQUILA FAOI

5 February 1944

Sumprabum area February 4, total 71 sorties February 3rd,
total sorties 80 February 2 offensive patrol and intercept.

A. Kumsyen.
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. Sawngkha 10 miles west Mogauung.
B. Camp.
C. 1200 hours February 3rd.
D. 16 P51's.
E. 36 320 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. Aunghan.
B. Airfield.
C. 2030 hours.
D. 10 Wellingtons.
E. 14.85 tons.
F. Majority burst runway area 2 small explosions

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To: CGAAP W 531 AQUILA FAOI
       MILID W 531 AQUILA FAOI
       Chungking S 11 AQUILA FAOI

5 February 1944

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 recce escort supply dropping sorties February 4th resulting 2 barges 30 rivercraft fired.

Paragraph 5. NIL.

* Being serviced.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: O-2, CG AAF, White House, Log.

CM-IN-3746 (6 Feb 44) 00312 Jt
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 Shingwiyag which is approximately 116 miles from Ledo. Metalizing 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 Tchanghun: Single width (graveled) - June 1, 1945. Double width (graveled) - October 1, 1945.

   (2) To Pacshan via Myitkyina and Rhamo: 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.

   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.O.,
Deputy Chief, Informational Division,
Office of Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Intelligence.
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From: New Delhi
To: CGAAF
       MILD
       Chungking
No. AQUILA W 332 FAOI
       No. AQUILA W 332 FAOI
       No. AQUILA S 9 FAOI

4th February 1944

India Burma Sector February 4th Flight Intelligence report CGAAF from Strattemeyer info AFDIS APABI MILD W 332 FAOI Stilwell S 9 FAOI.

1. New dump site active with 39 widely dispersed huts 2 miles south west of Pegu, last 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 ½ miles south east Chaoy. 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 Naung Ga 11 miles north east Taipha Ga, eliminating small groups enemy south Hrangdua 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 Dathweyauk Auk 15 miles north west Mawlaik.

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:
   A. Okshiptin
   OM-IN-3049 (5 Feb 44)

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No. AQUILA W 332 PA01  
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4th February 1944

B. Bridges from Taungup road 16 miles southwest from

C. 1215 hours February 3rd

D. 18 P38's

E. 16 X 1000 demons

F. Westernmost bridge knocked out, superstructure down eastern most bridge, thoroughly strafed fired camps from Taungup road with explosion and smoke near Nyaungchidauk 3 miles west Okahitpin, fired buildings Taungup, 50 foot tug sunk Akyab

G. Accurate ground fire Okahitpin Taungup, auto aok aok meager accurate Akyab

H. 1 P38 missing not seen to complete initial dive.

British operations:

A. Dathvekyak Auk

B. Area

C. February 2nd

D. 11 hurricanes

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From: New Delhi
To: CGAAF, MILID, Chungking

4th February 1944

E. 2.6 tons
F. Majority in target.

18 additional offensive recco sea escort sorties February 2nd.

A. East Maungdaw
B. Positions
C. 1000 and 1557 hours February 3rd
D. 24 vengeances 12 hurricanes escort
E. 12 tons
F. All concentrated in target.

A. Rathweikauk Auk
B. Enemy concentrations
C. February 3rd
D. 6 hurricanes
E. 1.5 tons
F. 10 hits target.

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To: CFAAFAF
MILID
Chungking

4th February 1944

A. South Port 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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From Sultan for: MILID M28, CINC SWPA C29, NECAL M21, AMOVA AN M24, ASMIRCA AN235.

Patrol actions and some artillery fire in Chin Hills and Arakan 1st and 2nd February. Documents captured 31st January during raid on Alethangyav (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 Sumpirem 2nd February repulsed killing 10 enemy. In Rukwang valley on 1st February Chinese troops captured Taihpa Gv; on 2nd February occupied Tursampang Gv (9 miles northeast Taihpa Gv) and advanced 3 miles south to Lawen Gv; occupied Lakchang Gv (2 miles southwest Taro) and positions south and west thereof.

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To: CGAAF MILID AQUILA W313
     Chungking AQUILA 84

2 February 1944

From Stratemeyer info AFDIS APAB MILID W313 Stilwell

Flight Intelligence February 2 report. From India

Burma Sector.

Para 1. Nil

Para 2. Chinese Troops captured Taipha OA 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 Cocos Island

February 1.


A and B. Mingalkdon Airfield, alternates Mahlvagon
Yards, Frome 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, l enemy fighter seen primary also l single engine
plane Mahlvagon no encounter.

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From: New Delhi
To: CGAAFP MILID AGUILLA W313

Chungking
2 February 1944

E. nil.

7 additional recce and whipping escotes January 31.
A. South East Fort Waite.
B. Rut concentrations.
C. 1000 hours February 1.
D. Six Hurricans.
E. 1.5 tons.
F. All in target area.
G. Light ask ask.
H. nil.

Four assemblies no contact February 1 also 91 offensive recce supply dropping escote notice resulting damaged bridge at Kanta but route success also fired 2 villages west of Kegem.

US Operations: 1 B25 dropped 12 1200 frag clusters along main road Lahyea GA vicinity 1615 hours February 1 also total 5 patrol offensive notice, weather prevented other operations.

Preliminary report.
A. Mingaladon.
B. Airdrome.

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CIAAF .... MIL10 Aquila W 313
2 February 1944

O. January 31 - February 1.
D. 6 B24's, another believed bombed Nyaungbinwun
airfield.
F. Unobserved but believed excellent.
G. Meager inaccurate gun ask ask searchlights in-
effective, meager inaccurate auto ask ask Nyaungbinwun now
none.

Para 5. Nill.

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INFORMATION: G-E
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No: AQUILA 83 FACI

2 February 1944

Flight Intelligence report February 1st India Burma Sector. CGAIF from Stretesmyer info AFDIS AFABN MILID & 304 FACI Stilwell 53 FACI.

Para 1. Nil

Para 2. Estimates to date 140 enemy killed and wounded Hualben Area. Our forces attacked Taipa on 30th January and captured Toal the following day. Mopping up and consolidation Zaro area. Patrolling area south Kolum Gay.

Para 3. Nil

Para 4. 4 US operations, 45 additional supply missions 29th January and 87 additional 30th January. Royal Air Force operations: 11 additional recon 30th January. A Mingaladon
B airfield
C 243 hours, 31st January
D 1 Liberator (5 more abortive due weather)
E 2.75 tons unobs and
G H Nil.
9 recon and supply sorties 31st January.

Para 5. Nil.

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To: CGAAP Chungking No #

1 February 1944

CGAAP from Stratemeyer info AFDIS AFABI MILID W299 FAOI Stilwell 52 FAOI Flight Intelligence report January 31 India Burma Sector.

1. Nil

2. 29 January large party Japanese 2 miles east south east Port White dispersed by artillery fire. 29th January Chinese Troops captured Taro and Ennum Ga, other troops preparing for attack on Taipha Ga.

3. Nil.


AB. Maxa River bridge and Pyintha 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 and Maxa Bridge out of alignment, misses Pyintha Bridge but demolished track both ends bridge.

OH. Nil

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From: New Delhi
To: COAAF
Chungking No 9
1 February 1944

A and B. Tezu River Bridge, Xavchaung bridge and rail bridge 4 miles north Kyaungon.

C. 1240 January 30
D. 6 B25's
E. 9 1000 plus 18 500 demes

F. Maig center span Naza Bridge down with west main span demolished also 2 concrete piers smashed, Kyaungon bridge destroyed, piers down Xavchaung bridge and 1 locomotive and tender destroyed.

GH. Nil.

A. Taipa Ga-Taumphawng.
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 Taumphawng.

GH. Nil

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From: New Delhi
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. Bures crossstrip and shelters.
G. Slight heavy inaccurate ack ack.
H. Nil.

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Chungking
No 4

1 February 1944

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. WIL

30 January total 121 offensive prece escort supply dropping sorties.

5. WIL.

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INFORMATION: G-2, OGAAP, White House

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Prom: New Delhi
To: 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 southeast of Fort White dispersed by artillery fire. 29th January Chinese troops captured Taro and Kolum Ge, other troops preparing for attack on Taipha Ge.

3. Nil.


A B. Mesa River bridge and Fynahta rail bridge.

C. 1230 hours January 29.

D. 6 B25's

E. 9 1000 plus 18 500 deoms

F. 2 concrete piers supporting center span severely damaged with west end Mesa Bridge out of alignment, misses Fynahta Bridge but demolished tracks both ends bridge.

G. H. Nil.

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To: OGAAP - MILID
No. Unnumbered, AQUILA, 1 February, 1944.

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C. 1240 January 30
D. 6 B25's
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G. H. Nil.
A. Taipha Ga-Tsuchapawng
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 Tsuchapawng.

G. H. Nil.

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E. 2.25 tons
F. Main runway hit heavy ack ack position
   straddled, area strafed.

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 reccue escort supply dropping sorties.

5. Nil.

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30th January 1944
From Sultan for MILID M25, ANN KIN AK101, AMMISCA
AM201, NECAL M18 and DINO SWPA 024.

On 28th and 29th January in Arakan British repulsed
enemy counterattacks and made slight gains in Razabil area
claiming possibly 4 enemy AF guns knocked out by tank
actions. In Chin Hills actions near Maulbein (12 miles south
Tiddim) and 4 miles east Thaungdut 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 Taibba Ga; other Chinese Troops
advanced southward east of Tanai River to point 5 miles
east northeast Tarco, area north of Ahawk River cleared of
enemy, Chinese claim over 250 enemy casualties in this
area past 4 days.

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INFORMATION: OPD
CG AAP
White House

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From: New Delhi
To: ANWAR
No: ANDEL A0572
29 January, 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD A0572.
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 Shekman and Shekting.

23rd January, 2 B25's from Suichwan sank A400 foot freighter and A 400 foot tanker, probable sunk another 400 foot freighter. Nine B 25's escorted by 26 P40's bombed airbase 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 Liahan Bay sunk 2 freighters, 275 foot, A 300 foot passenger boat, A 175

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From: New Delhi
To: AGWAR

No: AMHDEL AO572 29 January, 1944

foot cargo ship and damaged a 300 foot passenger boat. Two
B 25's sank A 300 foot merchant ship near Kampaung 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 IPA Anhwei and Kinhwa, 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 Tripol.

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From: New Delhi
To: AGWAR
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29 January, 1944

19.0 across Lathong.
25.2 across Namchik.
26.0 across Namgoi.
47.25 across Maung Yang.

Other bridges now under construction:
96.0 across Tagung.
61.0 across Ngalang.
81.5 across box car creek.
84.5 across Demyung.
110.0 across Tawa.

Grading was being completed between mile 96.7 and 93.0. Metallining was resumed on 17 Tashari and is now being completed in vicinity of mile 70 NOS 62, 64, and 65. Rainfall since last report was 0.47 inches. Road is negotiable to Shingbriyang when dry. Heavy rain would halt all vehicles at mile 62.3.

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From: New Delhi
To: AQWAR
No: AMDEL AG572 29 January, 1944

(6) Changes in British dispositions as follows:

(1) Arakan:
Main HQ 81 (WA) division at Leitthan.
HQ 5 (WA) Brigade at Lalemsa.
HQ 5 (WA) Brigade at Morel.
HQ9 Infantry Brigade, 5 miles
northeast Mungdaw.

(2) Imphal:
HQ 32 Brigade at Hosenik.
HQ 48 Brigade at Kinnady Peak.
HQ 49 Brigade, 6 miles southeast
of Ukhrul.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/94
From: New Delhi
To: COAEP MILID Chunking
28 January 1944

Flight Intelligence from India Burma Sector January 26th report COAEP from Stratemeyer info AFDS APAB MILID W265 JAOI Stilwell 860 JAOI.

1: 2 enemy 3 funnelled light cruisers 10 miles east
Port Blair 5 aircraft escorting January 25th.

2: British completed occupation enemy position
K akohav. Over hundred Japs attacked twice position near
Maizom repulsed January 26th. January 27th slight gains
against determined enemy opposition and counterattacks re-
pulsed 1 mile north Nasabil.

3: MIL

4: US operations: Rain heavy clouds throughout Jan-
uary 27th prevented offensive operations, patrol 32 sorties
Sumpebun area. British operations: 20 additional offensive
raceo shipping escort sorties January 26th resulting 3750
foot oil laden rivercraft and many loaded sampans destroyed.

A MaVlaik
B Camp Endastores
C 1515 hours January 27th

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From: New Delhi
To: GDAAP AGLILA M265 JAOI
      MILID AGLILA M265 JAOI
      Chungking AGLILA 860 JAOI

28 January 1944

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.

Two sorties January 27th resulting 5 oil laden motor
trucks destroyed 33 others damaged, strafed enemy samp and
silenced Bofors type gun Post Fort White.

5: Nil.

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To: New Caledonia No. N16
Kunming No. AR88
Chungking No. AM169
Brisbane No. C21
AOGAR No. M21

25 January 1944

Repulsed enemy counterattacks southeast Maungdaw in Arakan 24th January. British patrols inflicted over 40 casualties on enemy in clashes along Hills same date. Heavy fighting in area 1 mile southeast confluence Maw-ryang and Tamai rivers in Hukawng Valley, estimated 50 enemy killed.

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From: New Delhi  
To: MILID AQUILA W216 AOI  
COAAEP AQUILA W216 AOI  
Chungking AQUILA 853 AOI  

24 January 1944  

COAAEP from Stratemeyer W216 AOI information APDIS, 
APAB MILID, Stilwell, 853 AOI. 

India Burma Sector presents Flight Intelligence 
report 23 January:  

1. NIL  

2. British captured 2 enemy held features 3 miles 
west Buthidaung. Chinese occupied Ningru Ga moved south 
against resistance from Keduja Ga contact Japs troops 5/ 
miles west southwest Taipa Ga. 

3. 1 unidentified single aircraft 60 miles west 
Akyab flying north turned south east 1536 hours January 
22nd presumed shipping recce. 

4. US Operations:  
   A. Frome  
   B. Engine sheds, railway station and huddled 
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. Meager accurate trailing over Akyab.  
   H. NIL.  

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To: MILID AQUILA W216 AOI
      GQAAP AQUILA W216 AOI
      Chungking AQUILA 853 AOI

24 January 1944

British Operations:

A. Pinlebu
B. Enemy tank
C. 1530 January 21st
D. 23 Vengeances, 12 Hurricanes
E. 14 ton
F. Many hits target area fires started well

A. Fugu
B. Station area
C. 0430 January 21st
D. 3 Wellingtons
E. 4.25 tons
F. Some bursts target

A. Prone
B. Engine sheds
C. 0500 January 21st
D. 3 Wellingtons
E. 4.5 tons
F. Incendiary 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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From: New Delhi
To: MILID AQUILA W216 AOI
     CGAAP AQUILA W216 AOI
     Chungking AQUILA 853 AOI

24 January 1944

Buildings attacked hit. 36 scrambles, 87 offensive recon
supply dropping escort sortsies January 22nd, cannon hits
on break steamer, damaged 3x30 foot steamers, destroyed
2 landing stages Kenzauk and strafed huts and river craft.

5. NIL.

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From: Chungking
To: COOUK Running
     ANBKKUN Running
     Ft Shafter
     New Caledonia
     USFOR
     New Delhi
     Rear Echelon GHQ SWPA
     MILID

24 January 1944

Book msg to MILID CINCPAC CG CENTPAC NECal USFOR
COOUK ANBKHUN AMNEEL from Ansalat Chungking nr 418.

The following information revealed after study Jap
operations Changteh campaign regarding puppet:

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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From: Chungking
To: COGUK Kunming
     ANMKUN Kunming
     Ft Shafter
     New Caledonia
     USFOR
     New Delhi
     Rear Echelon GHQ SWPA
     MILID

24 January 1944

Above rated B2. These puppet formations not to be confused with Wang divisions who were in campaign but were confined to police duties of cities on Yantze.

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From: New Delhi
To: New Caledonia
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Chungking
Kunming

Date: 22nd January, 1944.

From Sultan for MILID M18, NECAL M13, AMMKUN AK76, AMMISCA AM136 and CINC SWPA C19.

In Arakan British troops repulsed 3 night attacks 20 January 23 miles southeast Maungdaw and on 21 January inflicted many casualties during raid on Funkori (2 miles northwest Buthidaung), occupied Sinchbyin (2 miles north Buthidaung) and made slight gains 4 miles west Buthidaung. Imaciin hills leaves killed 9 of Jap patrol near Phaipha (24 miles south southwest Haka) and British troops captured 2 of 3 enemy strong points Fyaukchav (22 miles north Navlaik). Levies claim 25 casualties in ambush of Jap group of 40 south of Sunprabun. On 19 January Chinese troops eliminated strong enemy patrol 10 miles north Taro in Hukawng Valley.

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From: New Delhi
To: AGWAR
No. 411 AMMEX, 21 January 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD AG 411.
Summary for week ending 19 January.


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 Swatow Sea sweep sank a 125 foot ship. At Chikho 2 B-25's shot down enemy bomber. 2 B-25's damaged power plant and sank 200 foot gunboat at at Hon Cay, destroyed building at Campa Fort.

16th January, no operations due to weather.

17th January, no report received.

18th January, 2 B-25's bombed Campa Fort railroad yards and wharfs, hits on tracks, 2 buildings destroyed.

19th January, 2 B-25's and 14 F-40's bombed Mon Cay barracks area, 100% hits followed by strafing.


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From: New Delhi
To: AGVAR
No. AG 411 AHMDEL, 21 January 1944

(5) Ledo Road progress report as of 8 January: no rainfall since 0.52 inches on December 26 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 Shingbwiyang, mile 116.5. Road negotiable to jeeps and heavy vehicles through to Shingbwiyang when dry. Tanks 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 Moungdaw. 7 Indian Division, 114 Brigade HQ, 1 mile northwest Hitaw. 81 (West African) Division Main HQ at Mowdok.

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To: MILID N 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 O 17, NECAL N 12, AMMISCA AM 127 and AMMKUN AK 70.

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 Kyaukho (22 miles north Mawlaik). In Yarkawt Valley Chinese troops occupied Gum Om (7 miles east southeast Ninbyen) 17th January and attacked against strong resistance in area 8 miles north Taru on 16th January.

Other areas negative.

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Chungking

No Number 20th January 1944

From Sultan for MILID MI7, CINC SWPA C 17, NECAL N 12, ANMISCA AM 127 and ANMKTN AK 70.

In Arakan British troops made slight gain against opposition near Uktwet on 19th January and suffered 40 casualties in attack which partially occupied enemy position at Kyaukchau (22 miles north Mawlfik Pa). In Hukawng Valley Chinese troops occupied Gum Ga (7 miles east southeast Nongbyen) 17th January and attacked against strong resistance in area 6 miles north Taro on 18th January. Other areas negative.

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To: Brisbane
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AK 58
AM 116
M 16

18 January 1944.

Counter attacks repulsed by British on Arayan in area 3-4 miles southeast Maungdaw 16th and 17th January.
In Rukavng valley 15th January Allied Forces occupied Mayaw Ga (10 miles southeast Ningyan) and Kadujo GA (8 miles south southeast Ningyen). All quiet on other fronts.

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From: New Delhi
To: Brisbane C 14
MILID M 15
New Caledonia N 10
Chungking AN 107
Kunming AK 51
16 January 1944

From Sultan for AMMISCA, AMMKUN, Milid, NECAL and
CIICSWPA.

Arakan 14th/15th January British patrols remained
active Southeast Nauyau and northwest Buthidaung and
mopped up Japanese which infiltrated behind British lines.
Other fronts nothing more.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: Kunming
To: Barrackpore
     New Delhi
     Chungking
     Chabua
     COAAF

This operations and intelligence report for January 12 follows:

On January 11, Col. Keivelin at 1600 hours, 8 Loons carrying 96, 250 pound bombs (80 fused instantaneous, 16 fused 2 hour delay) to bomb Takao, 6 Loons dropped bombs at 1600 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 Swatow causing explosion in oil storage area, 1 Loon bombed airstrip 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 Bangue marshallings yards at Bangkok. 60 250 pound bombs instant fused, 135 100 pound bombs 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 Mueang airfield and city. Explosion and fires observed on airfield, large fires noted in city 30 minutes after leaving target, storage sheds in railroad yards also bombad. 3 enemy planes were seen but did not attack. Entire city was blacked out, searchlights active, 1 of enmy planes dropped flares, our unpainted planes conspicuous in moonlight and light of ground fires. All planes returned safely.

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From: Running
To: Barrackpore
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OGAOF

13 Jan 1944

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.

Haiti, at 1217, are 9 large, 6 medium and 67 small planes.

Kagi at 1227, 32 large, 14 medium and 4 small planes.

Taibah 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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A1 ATTACKED 1245Z JAN 12.
APPROX 36 AK8 TOTAL 122,000 TONS PLUS 3 PO8, 3 DD8 DEPARTED. 28 OF AK8 ARE ANCHORED PARALLEL TO MILITARY WAREHOUSES

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FROM: New Delhi

To: AGWAR

Nr: AMDREL AG 123

8th January, 1944.

Weekly summary for week ending 5th January:

(1) US Air:

30th December, Yangtze 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 B25s, 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
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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 Ouchikhoi (112 degrees 30 minutes-29 degrees 45 minutes north) and Tawhutl (112 degrees 15 minutes-30 degrees 2 minutes north).

(5) Ledo Road progress as of December 30th:
Subgrade reach mile 67.6. At mile 116.9% forward survey party. To miles 61.3 metalling is complete. For jeeps and heavy vehicles to Shangtung 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, Hansuma Chaung.

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RECENT BOMBINGS KWANGCHUAN 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 KWANGCHUAN, MACAO, MACAO AND KWANGCHUAN ALSO BETWEEN LATTER AND FRENCH INDO CHINA. MORE EXPECTED TO BE PUT ON THESE ROUTES. TRANSPORTS AND NAVAL VESSELS ARRIVE DEPART NIGHT AT KWANGCHUAN. 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
OIL BEING SENT FROM HAINAN ISLAND TO KWANGCHOUWAN BY JUNK.

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GENERAL MARSHALL'S EYES ONLY
SECURITY CONTROL

From: New Delhi
To: AGWAR
Chungking

6 January 1944.

For the eyes of Marshall, Stilwell and Hearn alone from Sultan,
Stilwell's Deputy

What follows is a paraphrase of ABNYCO message to
AMNYSA as AM 37 and to AGWAR as AG 88. Yesterday at Per-
sonal 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 recited to British Chiefs of Staff. Covers broad
strategy, inland 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 to increase air route, develop
THUNDER, encourage China, operate against Burma so as to
open road, operate against Tenasserim-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 break Malaya-Nei barrier and advance north by successive
ambitious bounds to Japan. They also considered that SEAC
contribution this year should be to nourish the air offen-
cive 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;
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.

New Subject. In discussion was boundary of SEAC it
From: New Delhi.
To: AGWAR
Chungking
6 January 1944.

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 Dewiart 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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ACTION: General Handy

INFORMATION: C of S
General Arnold

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From: Kuning
To: New Delhi COGUR C 7 JE
      Chabua " K 5 JE
      Farrockhpore " N 13 JE
      Chungking " A 30 JE
      GAAAP " W 18 JE

04 January 1944

Air operations and intelligence report for January 3rd. To Arnold info AFABI, ARDIS and MILID signed CAKIO cite DADAV C 7 JE, OLDS K 5 JE, CBEDS M 13 JE, GAAAH A 30 JE, W 18 JE.

Sharks 2 off Yunnanyu to patrol transport route, observed Shame airfield serviceable. Five Sharks, 3 with 7 120 pound frag clusters bombed and strafed Figkha (24 degrees 20 minutes north and 93 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 Kuning 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 Brre. Three members of pool shot down over white cloud on December 24th, now safe in Kuning with 2 additional reported executed by Chinese.

Photo cover January 3rd as follows:

1. Hehongseihb (19 degrees 18 minutes north and 98
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degrees 01 minutes east) at 1125 hours 2 single engine aircraft visible.

Rosanies (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.

Maschi (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.

Wangin (16 degrees 42 minutes north and 99 degrees 15 minutes east) at 1225 hours large highway bridge under construction 24 feet by 900 feet. Few road appears under construction along south bank of river.

Taling Jan (17 degrees 05 minutes north and 99 degrees 25 minutes east) at 1235 hours probable landing strip has been started.

Sawawgalok (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 northeast.

Lampang (16 degrees 16 minutes north and 99 degrees 30 minutes east) at 1300 hours extensive damage from mission of December 31st, roundhouse & demolished adjoining repair shop completely destroyed and majority of ware-
houses and barracks in area burned out. 128 railroad cars plus 4 locomotives visible at time of cover compared with 85 cars in yards on 30th December, railroad bridge appears intact.

Chiangrai (19 degrees 49 minutes north and 99 degrees 35 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 306th group with 2 over and 3 back. Twelve fighter, 28 bomber and 1 photo sortie flown.

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From: New Delhi
To: CAGAF
  Chabua
  Chungking
  Kunming
  Barrackpore

3rd January 1944

Cite Arnold W 13 JE, CPBDS M 10 JE, CABAH A 16 JE, CADEW C 5 JE, OLDS X 3 JE, info MILID, APABI and APDIS from OAKKK.

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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From: Kunming
To: New Delhi, Chungking, Chabua, Barrackpore, CG AAF

28 December, 1943

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 Duong (21 degrees 57 minutes north and 104 degrees 37 minutes east) airstrip and destroyed 3 steam rollers, inflicted several casualties, also strafed railroad station and barracks at Dom 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 ask ask 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 Hwaung, strafed installations on Paolichi airstrip, observed no aircraft, sunk a 700 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 scrtle 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 and Royce.

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.

ACTION: OD
INFORMATION: Gen Arnold
          CC/S Capt. Foyel, USN
          Gen Somervell
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Chungking
To: Barrackpore, Ohmna, New Delhi, COAF

21 December 1943

This operations and intelligence report for December 20 to Arnold info APABE, APDID and MILID signed Chennault.

No planes sighted on Gia Lam or Haiphong airstones by 2 Sharks off Kunning on recon of Hanoi area. Photo recon off Kwain covered Yochow and Chengteh. Second recon shot tri met strip from Hankow to Kukiang. Eleven Mitchells escorted by 16 fighters bombed Yochow railroad yards. Mitchells released 6 each 200 pound demin 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 demin instant fuse escorted by 22 Sharks. 9 Mitchells bombed Nanhsien 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 airstone located, slit trenches and weapon pits indicate planned ground defense. 10 Cong (21 degrees 05 minutes north and 105 degrees 29 minutes east) at 1340 hours no aircraft. Hanoi at 1345 hours 2 small aircraft in motion only 15% of airstone visible. 75 cars in Gialam.

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railroad yards and 23 cars in Hanoi railroad yards. Mac
Mai aircrane 1 medium aircraft. Hac Quong (20 degrees 58
minutes north and 105 degrees 19 minutes east) at 11350
hours 19 railroad cars visible. Haiphong at 1355 hours
no aircraft 30 railroad cars in yards, no activity in
![Image]

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From: New Delhi
To: Barrackpore
CC Army Air Force
Chungking
Kunming

15th December 1943

Stratenevyr to Davidson and Baldwin information
Arnold, Mountbatten, Stilwell, Perree 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-
istrative 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
in addition to his tactical air support responsibilities.

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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. Stratmeyer Major General
United States Army Commander Eastern Air Command" DEDAC
pass to Baldwin.

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DOCK COOLIE LABOR STILL FRIGHTENED BUT REMAINING IN VICINITY. REF MYDIS 061000.
OUT OF 90%, 50% BACK AT WORK. PORT AUTHORITIES USE SOME MILITARY LABOR.
OPERATIONS ABOUT 2/3 NORMAL. SITUATION SLOWLY STEADILY IMPROVING.

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From: New Delhi
To: AGWAR
No. AG 3261 AMNDEL 11 December 1943

To Marshall for Timberman.

Summary week of December.

(1) US Air:

2 December, 28 Ibis attacked Chaikungtang, started fires; Hangyang, results unobserved; Nguyen Binh, strafed mines and factory and on return, Haboeing airdrome. One fighter crashed on take off engine failure. One fighter crashed at Taoshien cause unknown. 18 Jap bombers escorted by 30 Zeros bombed Suichuan Field. 9 Ibis intercepted, damage to enemy unknown. 12 Japs boasted Hanyung. * 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 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, Nanahien, Anzialang, Tehshan and Hau 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 Thrushees bombed Changteh. Bombing excellent & intercepted by 15 & 1 confirmed, 2 probable, and 3 damaged. Thrushees intercepted by unreported number of Zeros, damage to enemy unknown. 1 Thrushee missing and 1 crash landed 25 miles from Lingling. 31 Ibis and 2 Thrushees patrolled Changteh, started many fires along Salween river vicinity Chintaoco, strafed railroad facilities at Haipaw. Results good.

7 December, 14 Crows escorted by 20 fighters & 8 Ibis strafed care on Mogaung-Myitkyina railroad.

8 December, 9 Crows escorted by 15 Ibis successfully bombed Changteh and 8 Ibis bombed Hefud, west of Chang-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. Taowahi 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.


(5). Changes in British Troop dispositions:

7th division, Main headquarters, 1 mile north-west Ngakyedaun.

33rd Brigade, 1 mile northwest of Buthidaung.

7th Division, 2 miles south of Bawli Bazaar.

11th 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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OPERATIONAL PRIORIY

From: Kunming
To: Chongqing

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Chabua
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11th December 1943.

This operations and intelligence report for December 10th to Arnold info APDIS APABI and Milid signed Chennault.

Off Kvswolin on photographic reconnaissance covered Hanoi Wuchang area. Photo off Kunming covered Hano and Lashio. Photo off Kunming covered Hano airdrome, Tong airdrome, Vinh Yan, and Tam Dao. Off Kunming 10 Lions, 6 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 heav-
ies. 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-aips back safely except 1 Shark force landed Wengtst on way to target with minor damages. Routine patrols of transport route. Off Yunnanyi 4 Sharks with frag 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 MFP) 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 frag and delayed bombe. No intercepton sight raiders insufficient warning, contact of 8 Sharks daylight raid. Enemy losses 3 bombers confirmed 2 bombers probable 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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11th December 1943

unsuccessful jump by pilot, 3 damaged Sharks due to
take offs and landings mishaps. Nips failed to find
field at Lingling, Hangyang still usable. Kwansin
alerted by plots no attack developed.

Supplemental operations report for December 9th
follows: 8 Lightnings off Dif going strafed 10 troop
samps on river above Nan Sien, unknown casualties,
received light inaccurate ground fire, all down safely.

Photo recono 10th Pan Helk 20 degrees
45 minutes north 96 degree 48 minutes east 7 small
aircraft and runways and taxies are serviceable. Heho
satellite 30 degrees 53 minutes north 96 degree 48
minutes east new landing strip being graded no taxies
or revetments started. Haisau 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 airstone no air-
craft, railroad bridge 24 miles northeast of airstone
has been destroyed, 19 freight cars. Hsensi 23 degrees
18 minutes north and 9758 minutes east work continues
on landing strip. Tong airstone 21 degrees 5 minutes
north 105 degrees 28 minutes east no damage evident
from recent strafing. Haoei little damage evident
from raid of December 10th on railroad yards, approx
100 cars in yards. Gialam airstone no aircraft, Baich
airstone no aircraft Hamobi storage depot no changes.
Vinh Yan barracks 21 degrees 16 minutes 105 degrees
35 minutes east camouflage now completed no new ac-
tivity. Tam Dao 21 degrees 27 minutes north 105 degrees
38 minutes east previously reported as possible mil-
tary camp now revealed as mountain resort village with
8 barracks 1300 feet west on village. Changleh area
reports indicate Japanese withdrawal to northeast
along Changleh-Ansang route along Tringshih (29 de-
grees 26 minutes north on 52 degrees 10 minutes east) 29
degrees 35 minutes north and 111 degrees 35 minutes
east Shinhoe (29 degrees 41 minutes north 112

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... degrees 26 minutes east) as well as along Chingteh Shashi 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 RELIEVED 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 SIBLEY SEAMAN 1ST SERIAL 762425 SS W W CHIPLE. SABER A MOORE ON 3RD SERIAL 6365176 LOT 426. GILBURN TAYLOR SEAMAN 1ST SERIAL 6344192 SS W W CHIPLE. PAUL STANLEY SENSABAUGH SEAMAN 1ST SERIAL 8520627 SS LOUIS SENGTELLER.

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From: ALUSLO CALCUTTA
Info: COMINCH
Number 051100 December 6, 1943

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 installa-
tions 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 Sibemek Seaman 1st, Serial 7052420 SS
WM Whipple, Saber A Moore GM 3rd, Serial 636179 LCT 420.
William Taylor Seaman 1st, Serial 6344122 SS WM Whipple.
Paul Stanley Sansabag Seaman 1st, Serial 8526527 SS
Louis Sengsteller.

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