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From: CG, Northern Combat Area Command, Forward Echelon,
Myitkyina, Burma

To: War Department
Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command,
Kandy, Ceylon
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India
Headquarters, Allied Land Forces, Southeast Asia

Re: CHC 1213 28 February 1945

TOP SECRET from Sulten to Mountbatten info Marshall
for the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gross please pass to Weart,
Evans, Leese CHC 1213.

1. At Bhamo on 27 and 28 Feb I received a visit from
Gen Ho Ying Chin, Chief of Staff of the Chinese Army, and
Generals McClure and Weart, of US Forces, China Theater.
The subject of the transfer of US forces to China was one
of the topics of discussion.

2. China theater has recommended to Gen Wedemeyer
that the following firm request for the transfer of US forces
be submitted to the US Joint Chiefs of Staff:

A. 1 Bn of the 475th Infantry for movement
immediately.

B. The remainder of the 475th Infantry for
movement beginning 10 March.

C. The remainder of the 5332nd (Mars) Brigade
for movement beginning 1 April.

D. To accomplish the move of the entire 475th
Infantry, China theater proposes to use transport aircraft
now available to that theater. To accomplish the move of
the remainder of Mars Brigade in April, China theater states

CM-IN-467

(1 Mar 45)

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Myitkyina, Burma

Wt: CHC 1213 28 February 1945

that resources must be made available from outside China theater. For this purpose they estimate that one combat cargo squadron would be required for the month of April.

3. Comments on paragraph 2, above follow:

A. At SACS Commanders-in-Chief conference in Calcutta on 23 Feb, I understood it would be agreeable to SACSEA to move 1 Bn of the 475th Infantry at once. Request this be confirmed in order that the move of this unit can be expedited.

B. It is understood that SACSEA considers that the transfer of the Mars Brigade on the schedule proposed by China theater would jeopardize approved operations now in progress in Burma. It appears, therefore, that normal procedure would require US forces, China Theater, to brief the US Joint Chiefs of Staff on their need for this unit and for SACSEA similarly to brief the British Chiefs of Staff in order that a decision can be reached by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

End.

ACTION: JC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy: Gen Arnold: Gen Hull: Gen Bissell:
Adm King: C of S;

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To : SACSEA
Info: C. In C. India
J.S.M. Washington
C. In C. Eastern Fleet
ACN (Via War Offices)

Nr : COSSEA 150 25 October 1944

COSSEA 150 from British Chiefs of Staff. ~~TOP SECRET~~
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Following is for guidance in administrative planning.

1. It is intended to form 3 assault forces for the war against Japan each capable of lifting the assault elements of 1 division. The present intention as a result of OCTAGON decisions is that they should all proceed initially to SEAC.
2. Arrival of whole of 1st Force (Force W) in the Indian Ocean is dependent on the release of LST from OVERLORD for refit, the ability of major landing craft to make passage in winter conditions and no new operational commitments in Europe.
3. It is hoped that a full divisional lift less 24 LST and 2 LSI (M) will be available on the station by the end of February 1945 but remaining LST should not be expected before April. The 2nd and 3rd Forces are planned to reach Indian Ocean June and October respectively.
4. Bases for landing ships and craft should therefore be developed accordingly though it is realized that certain

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From: War Cabinet Offices

Nr : COSSEA 150 .

25 October 1944

major landing craft of the 3rd Force may have to be held up in transit ports until earlier forces have moved onward to advanced bases.

5. Realization of whole programme is dependent on course of operations in Europe.

End.

ACTION: CC/S

INFO: Adm. Leahy; Gen. Arnold; Gen. Hull; Gen. Bissell;
Adm. King; C of S.

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From: CG, Northern Combat Area Command, Forward Echelon,
Bhamo, Burma

To : War Department

Nr : CHC 1185 27 February 1945

To Marshall for US Joint Chiefs of Staff from
Sultan CHC 1185 TOP SECRET.

In response to China Theaters request for transfer
of Mars Brigade to China, Supreme Allied Commander dispatched
radio SEACOS 319 dated 26 February to British Chiefs of Staff.
Paraphrase of his radio appears below.

My comments will follow in a later message on the
general subject of transfer of US and Chinese resources to
China. A conference is now in progress at Bhamo between
representatives of China Theater and myself on this subject.

Paraphrase of SEACOS 319 now begins:

1. In Calcutta at my C in C meeting on 23 February,
it was made clear by General Sultan, that all United States
forces in SEAC had been requested by China as quickly as the
China Theater could absorb them. COSSEA 201 implied this.
However, if sufficient transport aircraft requested in SAC
2888 dated 1 February, can be provided from British sources
I can accept this after the fall of Rangoon.

2. I was asked to concur in request from Wedemeyer
to Sultan that a United States Aviation Engineer Bn and the
United States 475th Infantry Regt of Mars Brigade be trans-
ferred to China at once, the balance of the United States

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Bhamo, Burma

Nr : CHC 1185 27 February 1945

Brigade to be ready for movement to China by 1 April 1945.

3. This presents difficulties on two counts.

- A. Responsibility of protecting the L of C to China.
- B. The effect on present Burma operations.

4. Responsibility of protecting the L of C of China: General Sultan informed me that he presumed that no Chinese troops were to remain in Burma. However, Paragraph B of COSSEA 201 lays down that the protection of the L of C of China is one of the United States forces primary missions in Burma. At my meetings with my C in C, I have always laid down that although British Indian forces are responsible for the overall security of Burma it is NCAC that furnishes the forces for the actual security of the Burma Road. I now ask for confirmation that this policy is correct.

5. To comply with my directive to open the Straits of Malacca, the details of which will be forwarded by radio, I must be free from guarding the road with British and Indian troops if I am to proceed in a rapid series of operations.

6. I plan to suggest the following alternatives to the Generalissimo when we meet in Chungking next month.

A. For the Generalissimo and Sultan in conference with Leese to leave in Burma what Chinese troops they consider sufficient to patrol this road until help is received from

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Bhamo, Burma

Nr : CMC 1185 27 February 1945

Europe.

B. Leave the road unguarded and risk raids on the road by Jap forces that have not been completely liquidated. Unless the COS have come to prior decision as to which course I am to follow, I would like authority to request that the Generalissimo choose one of the other. The main point is that in the event I am obliged to produce forces to patrol the road, my resources will not be sufficient to attack Malaya in 1945.

7. Effect on current Burma operations: I am relying on the continued assistance of all United States and Chinese forces now in my theater for the rapid capture of Rangoon and clearing the Jap from Burma. I have already lost certain air units including two transport squadrons plus two good Chinese divisions to China. This has resulted in my operations slowing down. If I give up any more forces before Rangoon is captured their removal will jeopardize its capture prior to the monsoon. The entire strategical program of SEAC will be thrown out of line if we miss this opportunity.

8. In removing the Mara Brigade consisting of six battalions and two artillery battalions, no reserve whatsoever will be left in NCAC and the offensive value of the Chinese will be reduced. It was my plan that NCAC should push to the south toward Loilem in pursuit of the Japs who would be cleared from the Mandalay area by XXXIII Corps.

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Bhamo, Burma

Nr : CHC 1185

27 February 1945

There was no intention of their halting on the Lashio-Man-
dalay line. Further, should the 475th Infantry be removed
now, it was the general concensus that the capture of Lashio
would be to some extent delayed.

9. It is my understanding that upon arrival in
China, the Mars Brigade will be disbanded and provide a
nucleus for school and liaison groups. Of course I do not
wish to prejudice Wedemeyer's efforts to make China a mili-
tant power, and I have examined means to assist him now,
pending the release of the Brigade in part or in whole at
later date. I suggest therefore that a limited number of
cadres, held down to minimum necessary, be withdrawn now to
start some of these schools or liaison groups. Any with-
drawal, of course, must not unduly reduce the combat effi-
ciency of the Mars Brigade.

10. I propose to release this Brigade as soon as
Rangoon is captured as I have no desire to retain the Brigade
a moment longer than I really need it.

11. Admittedly we are short of engineer resources
but being anxious to show my desire to assist in every way,
I have decided to release the Engineer Battalion at once.

12. Four ways to move these troops is at hand.
First by transport aircraft from China, second by transport
aircraft from SEAC, third by transport aircraft from the Hump,
fourth motor transport destined for China via the road.

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Bhamo, Burma

Nr : CHC 1185

27 February 1945

I must ask that the movement of these forces be accomplished
by resources not already committed to my theater.

13. To save China on previous occasion our operations
were slowed up and our time table imperilled and I trust this
theater will not be sacrificed again the next three to four
months. Therefore in accordance with Paragraph B, COSSEA
201, I request assurance that no American or Chinese units
now in SEAC except those mentioned in Paragraph 9 and 11
above be removed to China until after the fall of Rangoon.

End.

201 is CM-IN-3472 (4 Feb 45) CC/S

ACTION: JC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Hull
Adm King
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From: SACSEA
To: War Cabinet Offices for Chiefs of Staff
Info: Joint Staff Mission
26 February 1945
SEACOS 317.

In order to comply with COSSEA 200 Feb 031100 I have decided that subsequent to fall of Rangoon Singapore is my next main objective.

2. Speed in getting there is the meantime factor. I therefore intend to secure a bridgehead in Malaya with land forces now at my disposal without waiting for formations from Europe providing the air build-up is according to programme and I am given timely amphibious resource. General Auchinleck is prepared to lend me the GHQ (I) Reserve Division providing it is replaced by a division from Arakan as soon as the latter is cleared. I hope also to make one other division available from Arakan in time for an operation in early June and 4 more divisions from Burma after fall of Rangoon.

3. For reasons of speed I must make minimum number of intermediate steps and for economy these must be as inexpensive as possible. Consequently I have decided to advance via the KRA Isthmus as it is the quickest route and most economic in ground forces. It derives full benefit from gains in Burma and maintaining the impetus of my advance. In addition it gives me possession of an area from which I

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26 February 1945

can seriously interrupt main enemy Ls of C.

4. Present latest information indicates that Phuket area would provide me with a suitable forward air base and naval anchorage and is central place for support of Malayan and further operations.

5. My next step would then be to Port Swathenham/Port Dickson area which would provide me with an area in order to deploy forces for assault on Singapore.

6. I have discarded an approach via the Andamans/Nicobars as this would involve an expensive assault and islands though provided useful anchorages are not well placed for support of Malayan or further operations.

7. I do not consider it necessary to go to North Samatra yet although of course it will be necessary to assault there later.

8. I have also carefully considered an assault on Singapore via the Sunda Strait and Bangka Island but quite apart from other considerations the build up of British Pacific Fleet has denied East Indies Fleet facilities for operating at such great distances from Ceylon.

9. I consider that best possible outline time table whether or not Rangoon is clear before monsoon though I am planning for former is as follows:

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(I) Early June 1945 secure Phuket area with 2 Divisions plus.

(II) October 1945 secure Port Swelthenham/Port Dickson area with force of order of 4 division. This will depend upon completion force W in this theatre by August 1945 with in addition a proportion of force Y earlier than at present forecast though no earlier previous promise

(III) December 1945 - March 1946 capture of Singapore. Unless Japanese ^{opposition is unexpectedly weak, this} ~~operations~~ ~~operations~~ ~~operations~~ will probably require ~~leading~~ ^{leading} formations from Europe and balance of force Y to have arrived in ~~(Kiddington)~~ in time to release sufficient of my present Forces for final assault.

theatre
(IV) Thereafter the complete clearance South East Asia for which the balance of increment forces will be required.

10. My plans for these operations and further exploitation in South East Asia will be forwarded later. My requirement in transport aircraft and gliders are being forwarded separately.

11. I must also point out that although DRACULA in its original form is not being carried out provision of DRACULA resources should continue. Stores demanded for

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DRACULA will be required for operation here in full immediately and full credit will be taken for them in submitting subsequent demands for stores. Accordingly I must ask DRACULA provision continue if possible at increased rate and I ask for early confirmation that this will be done.

12. I would emphasize again that it is the timely amphibious resources which will govern speed with which I make full use of my land and air forces. This is the subject of separate telegram.

13. I have selected RGS for these operations and these are being forwarded separately.

End

Note: Repetition requested of para. 9, sub-para III.

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INFO: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Hull
Gen Bissell
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From: SACSEA
To: War Cabinet Offices for Chiefs of Staff
Rptd: Joint Staff Mission
No: 318 26 February 1945
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The programme of future operations shown in SEACOS 317 February 261909 may be seriously delayed unless the arrival of naval assault forces can be accelerated.

attend

2. COSSEA 150 Oct. 251830 gave April and June 1945 as the target dates for the arrival in this theater of Forces "W" and "Y". Admiralty O31806 February stated that Force "W" would complete as early as possible but that Force "Y" would not be ready for combined operational training in the Indian Ocean until six months after the end of the war with Germany assuming that it ended in June 1945 or later. Now I understand that Force "Y" will not be ready for operations in Indian Ocean until February 1946.

3. Provided there is no further delay in the planned build-up of Force "W" I shall with the exception of an adequate Headquarters Ship which is most urgently needed, have sufficient amphibious resources to assault Phuket with some two brigades.

4. I hope to have sufficient military and air resources to seize Port Swettenham/Port Dickson in October 1945. On the basis of present intelligence of the area my amphibious resources will be just sufficient for the assault

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From: SACSEA

No: 318

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if I receive before August at least 24 of the L.S.T. (2) complete with L.C.T. (5) and the L.S.H. (L) and K. (S) of Force "Y". Any delay in the completion of Force "W" will necessitate a corresponding increase in the proportion of Force "Y".

5. An acceleration in the arrival of the full Force "Y" will ensure that I am not delayed in the assault of Singapore and in subsequent operations.

6. I fully realize that the retarded programme for the arrival of naval assault forces has been caused by the course of operations in Europe and by the reallocation of manpower. In view of the importance of not retarding the tempo of my advance due to lack of amphibious resources I nevertheless urge that every effort be made to expedite their arrival.

7. A preliminary estimate of merchant ship requirements for operations against Phuket and against Port Swettenham/Port Dickson will be forwarded as early as possible. I am particularly anxious that these requirements be met in full and wish to avoid any risk of having to employ my meagre resources of major landing ships and craft upon tasks which can be undertaken by merchant shipping. Availability of landing craft for Phuket depends on the provisions of the necessary merchant shipping and IWT resources now to relieve those landing craft in the Arakan.

Malayan Peninsula End

Note: SEACOS 317 is CM-IN-29128 (28 Feb 45) CC/S

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INFO: Adm Leahy; Gen Arnold; Gen Hull; Gen Bissell;
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From: SACSEA
To: War Cabinet Offices for Chiefs of Staff
Info: Joint Staff Mission
Nr: SEACOS 319 26 February 1945

1. At my meetings with the Commander-in-Chief in Calcutta on Friday, 23rd February, General Sultan made it clear that the China Theatre had asked for all U.S. forces in S.E.A.C. to be moved into China as soon as they could be absorbed in that theatre. This indeed is also implied in COSSEA 201 (February 031105) and can be accepted after the fall of Rangoon provided sufficient transport aircraft asked for in Paragraph 6 of SAC 2888 (February 141826) to War Office and Air Ministry only, can be provided from British resources. SAC 2888 is being repeated to Washington.

2. He also asked my concurrence to a request which he had received from the China Theatre that the 475th U.S. Infantry Regiment of Mars Force and a U.S. Aviation Engineer Battalion be moved to China as early as practicable and that the remainder of the Mars Force be prepared for movement to China by 1st April 1945.

3. Two major points of difficulty immediately arise:-

- (a) The implication on current operations in Burma.
- (b) Responsibility for the protection of the road to China.

4. Implication on Current Operations in Burma. For

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From: SACSEA
Nr: SEACOS 319

26 February 1945

the rapid capture of Rangoon and the clearance of Burma I have been relying on the continued assistance of all United States forces and Chinese forces now in the theatre. I have already given up permanently two good Chinese Divisions and certain air units, including 2 transport squadrons, with resultant slow down of operations, and if I give up any more formations now our prospects of capturing Rangoon before the monsoon are greatly reduced. If we miss the opportunity the whole strategical programme in South-East Asia will be badly thrown out of gear.

5. The removal, however, of the Mars Force consisting of 2 U.S. Regiments (comprising 6 Infantry Battalions and 2 Artillery Battalions) and 1 Chinese Regiment will mean that no reserves whatever will exist in NCAC and the offensive value of Chinese formations may well be reduced. I must emphasize that it had not been intended that the NCAC advance should halt on the Lashio-Mandalay line but that they should push further to the South towards Loilem in pursuit of the Japanese who will be cleared by XXXIII Corps from the Mandalay area. There was general ~~(no groups remaining)~~ be delayed to some extent should the regiment in question be removed now.

6. I understand that the intention is that the Mars Force on arrival in the China Theater should be broken up to provide nucleus groups for schools and liaison groups and in these circumstances I have examined in what way assistance could be given now pending the release of part or the whole of the force later. I do not, of course, wish to prejudice General Wedemeyer's efforts in rebuilding China as a militant power and I therefore suggest that certain withdrawals should

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take place now. They should however be limited to the minimum number of cadres necessary to start some of the new schools or liaison groups subject, of course, to the combat efficiency of the Mars Force not being unduly reduced but such withdrawals should not exceed the strength of one battalion.

7. I have no desire, however, to retain the Mars Force a moment longer than I really need it and I accordingly propose to release it as soon as Rangoon has been captured.

8. Although we are very short of engineering resources, I am so anxious to show my desire to help in every way possible that I have decided to let the U.S. Aviation Battalion go at once.

9. There are four methods of transferring forces to China:-

- (1) In MT via the Burma Road;
- (2) In transport aircraft from the China Theatre;
- (3) In transport aircraft on the Hump service;
- (4) In transport aircraft from SEAC.

I have already committed all Allied transport aircraft allotted to me, all working at over sustained rates, to the support of current operations. I must therefore urge most strongly that the transfer of any forces to China shall be accomplished by using resources not already committed to this theatre.

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10. I have made it clear that with the exception of the formations mentioned in Paragraphs 6 and 8 that the transfer of any U.S. or Chinese Forces to China at this juncture will jeopardise current and approved Burma operations. I therefore ask in accordance with COSSEA 201, Paragraph (B) for a firm assurance that no further American and Chinese forces will be moved from the Burma battles until Rangoon has been captured. We had our operations slowed up and timetable imperilled once to assist China at a moment of crisis. I trust we shall not be sacrificed again in the next three or four months.

11. Responsibility for the Protection of the Road to China. General Sultan stated that he presumed that no Chinese troops were to remain in Burma but as COSSEA 201, Paragraph (B) clearly lays down that the primary object of U.S. forces in Burma includes protection of Ls. of C., I ask for confirmation that the policy I have always laid down at my meetings with Commanders-in-Chief is correct, i.e. that NCAC would provide the forces for the actual security of the Burma Road, although, of course, British/Indian formations would be responsible for the overall security of Burma.

12. In order to carry out the rapid series of operations to comply with my directive to open up the Straits of Malacca details of which have been telegraphed in SEACOS 317, I must be free from having now to provide British/Indian formations for the actual guarding of the road.

13. There appear to me to be the following alternatives:-

- (A) For the Generalissimo to leave what he and General Sultan (in agreement with General Leese)

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consider are sufficient Chinese troops to patrol this road until relieved by formations from Europe;

(B) To leave the actual road unguarded and to take risks of raids on the road by any Japanese troops that have not been completely liquidated.

14. The main point is that I have not sufficient resources to get to Malaya this year if I have to provide formations for patrolling the road.

15. I propose to put alternatives (a) and (b) to the Generalissimo when I meet him in Chungking next week and would like authority to insist that he should choose one or the other unless the Combined Chiefs of Staff have come to a prior decision which course I am to follow.

End

*Admiralty will repeat as soon as available.

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Gen Bissell
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FIGHTING ON PERIPHERIES OF JAPANESE NEWLY WON AREAS IN EAST CHINA HIGHLIGHTED WEEKS REPORTS X ENGAGEMENTS OCCURRED IN

CHENHSIEN-TZEHING AREA EAST OF CANTON HANKOW RR WITH TZEHING REPORTED STILL IN CHINESE HANDS X IN VICINITY OF PINGSHIH ON

RAILROAD X NORTHEAST AND SOUTHWEST OF FORMER AMERICAN AIRFIELD SUICHUAN X NORTHWEST OF LIENHUA X AND NORTHWEST OF TAYU ON

CHUCHIANG KANHSIEN ROAD X IN HUNAN 2 JAP COLUMNS REPORTED MET BY CHINESE TROOPS WEST AND NORTHWEST OF PAOCLING ON 21ST X

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DISPOSE TROOPS TO MEET ANTICIPATED AMERICAN COASTAL LANDING X 19TH OF CHEVES AS HEAD OF CHINESE SERVICES OF SUPPLY HO YING INDUCTION

CHTR ANNOUNCED MAJOR CHANGE IN CHINESE SUPPLY SYSTEM X SAID HENCEFORTH "BORDER AREAS ARMY GROUPS AID ARMIES WILL EXERCISE

ONLY SUPERVISORY POWER OVER SUPPLY SO THEY MAY DEVOTE MORE ENERGY TO OPERATIONAL DUTIES X NEW SUPPLY STAFF WILL HAVE

AUTHORITY TO REORGANIZE OR REDISTRIBUTE SUPPLY STATIONS WAREHOUSES AND SUPPLY TROOPS " X AIR X JAPS STILL SHOWING

LITTLE INCLINATION TO DEFEND THEIR CHINA BASES AND TRANSPORT AGAINST ALLIED AIR ATTACKS EXCEPT BY GROUND FIRE WHICH

FREQUENTLY WAS CONCENTRATED X DAY AFTER DAY WHERE WEATHER PERMITTED 14TH AIR FORCE STRUCK AT JAP COMMUNICATIONS LINES

INCLUDING RAILWAY LINES YARDS BRIDGES AND ROLLING STOCK X MAJOR EFFORT ON 19TH NETTED 12 LOCOMOTIVES DESTROYED BY FIGHTERS

AND MEDIUMS ON RAILWAYS NORTH OF WANKOW WHILE B 25'S WERE HITTING RAILROAD YARDS AT TAIYUAN AND FIGHTERS ATTACKED BRIDGES

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PLANES WORKING YANGTZE RIVER BETWEEN NANKING AND KIUKIANG
DESTROYED 1 FREIGHTER 2 TANKERS A GUNBOAT A STEAM BARGE AND
A SMALLER BARGE X SAME DAY IN TUNGTING LAKE HSIANG RIVER
CORRIDOR AREAS FOURTEENTHS FIGHTERS DESTROYED 34 TRUCKS
HIT 13 CAMOUFLAGED STORAGE DUMPS BOMBED 6 BRIDGES KNOCKING
OUT 2 AND KILLING 100 ENEMY TROOPS AND 70 HORSES IN
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Bhamo, Burma
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, Y Forces, Rear Echelon, Kunming, China
CG, Services of Supply, China Theater, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, Rear Echelon Headquarters,
China Theater, Kunming, China
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Ft. Shafter, T.H.

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Bissell WDGBI, Sultan, Cannon, Chennault, McClure,
Middleton, Cheves, Weart, Ramey, Stratemeyer, MacArthur,
COMGENPOA CPEX 33404 book msg nr 233 from G-2 sgd Chennault.

Agents of OSS report 22 February that 200 Nips and
a railroad engineer unit are at Thakhek (10448-1724) to
construct across Mekong River a portable pontoon bridge and
also that Japs have asked government of French Indo China to
build railroad between Savannakhet (10445-1633) and Donghoi
(10635-1737) rated B2. Comment both of these reports indicate
development of Jap interest in and need of inland communication
that by passes Samgon and Southern Indo China Coast.

OSS agent reports that with shifting of 5000 Japs
to Kokong (11333-2450) from Kanchow (11495-2553) and the
movement of troops to Cantop 21 February the threat to
Changting (11620-2025) has been lessened, source rated C info
rated 2. Ground forces report on 18 February 2000 Nips moved

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southwest from Ningning (10707-2909), and 100 with boats were 18 miles west of Nankin rated C3 or higher. Ground force liaison reports 5000 Nips arrived 15 February Nanchang (11553-2810) from Kiukiang (11608-2943) rated B2. Ground sources report 30,000 recruits arrived Anking (11700-3031) early February rated C3. Same sources reported 6 divisions moving into Shanghai area from north China and Manchuria rated C2. Comment reinforcement of Shanghai from north seems definitely established. French sources Jap strength fix 15 February total 51,885:

Tonkin 16,600;

Laos 450;

Annam 9125;

Cochin 23600;

Cambodia 21010 rated B2.

Comment number for Laos about 400 higher than earlier figures possibly confirming by implication special Jap detachment at Thakhet.

OSS agents report Jap naval order 11 February all torpedo boats and gunboats from north China Seas to Honkong and Hainan island area by end February rated B3 or higher. Same sources report Jap naval order directing remanence of Jap fleet to gather around Pescadores, Formosa and Kyukyu Islands to await American attack on those places rated B2. Same sources and rating say Commander of Jap Marines in China had ordered most Marines and gunboats on Tungting lake and along Yangtze to gather Shanghai by 20 February date.

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INFORMATION: CGAAP; OPD; Col. Park; Log

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China Theater, Kunming, China
CG Services of Supply, China Theater, Kunming, China
CG 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Fort Shafter, T.H.
CG US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Administrative,
Hickam Field, T.H.
CG Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector,
Calcutta, India

Nr: CRAX 4782 24 February 1945

G-2 SITREP 23rd February, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 4782
FXF info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Weart, Chennault, Richardson
pass to Nimitz, Timberman, Ramey, CG Hickam Field and
Stratemeyer from Sultan.

XV Corps front: 40 Japanese killed at PX 9233 (six
miles north of Ramree) during mopping up operations on
Ramree Island.

Enemy artillery active against Allied bridgehead
at Ruywa and no infantry attacks reported.

Allied advances south from Kangaw (rpt Hangaw)
meeting no opposition.

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Fourteenth Army front:

Allied troops entered Saw PO 3870 without opposition, comment: since virtually no opposition met in this area believe 1st Battalion, 153rd Regiment has left probably moving southward.

Number of guns opposing bridgehead east of Pagan increasing but no strong force has yet appeared. Allied armored column has extended bridgehead to point 25 miles east of Pagan without opposition, only enemy action is artillery shelling of Allied positions.

69 dead Japanese counted following action at Talingon PK 9354 (five miles southwest of Myinmu) identifications from dead show 2nd Battalion 128th Regiment unit involved, comment: first identification of 53rd Division in this area; front now quiet except for slight artillery shelling.

No change in Singu or Thabeikkyin areas. Identification made of 51st and 67th Regiments in area just southeast of Singu, comment: confirms belief that 15th Division moving south to fill gap made by 53rd Division withdrawal from area.

NCAC front:

Report rated A 1 states 400 Japs vicinity Kyinkyi

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SS 7551 (22 miles southeast Mongmit). Only slight resistance and some artillery fire from south against Chinese occupation of Mantu. Preliminary report states considerable small gauge (two feet) railway equipment captured including nine serviceable locomotives and 125 freight cars, 1/3 loaded with equipment. Jap killed just north Mantu from 113th Regiment.

Only small units opposing Allied advance south from Hsenwi, 20 Japs killed five miles southwest Hsenwi.

Japs reported building pill boxes and trenches along Namyo creek, northeast of Lashio.

Traffic tally between Mandalay and Maymyo 13th to 21st February shows bulk of supplies and troops to southwest.

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INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Colonel Park, Log

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Kunming China
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CG 14th Air Force Kunming China
CG US Army Forces Pacific Ocean Areas Ft Shafter TH
CG US Army Liaison Section Kandy Ceylon
CG 20th Bomber Command Kharagpur India
CG US Army Air Forces Pacific Ocean Areas
Hickam Field TH
CG US Army Air Forces India Burma Sector Calcutta India

Nr: CRAX 4718 23 February 1945

G-2 SITREP 22nd February, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 4718
info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Weart, Chennault, Richardson pass to
Nimitz, Timberman, Remy, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer
from Sultan

XV Corps Front - Ranree Island Allied Troops still
locating and eliminating small enemy parties. British state
2nd Battalion 121st Regiment which garrisoned the Island may
be considered eliminated. On mainland several Jap attacks
repulsed on west bank Dalet Creek five miles west northwest
Dalet Village, 154th Regiment identified. Enemy artillery
active against Ruyva beachhead and enemy attack by estimated
company repulsed night of 19th February after hand to hand
fighting. Reports of supply movements to vicinity of An con-
tinue. Reliable report of 400 Japs in Honbawk area UD 3971
(13 miles south Taungup), some timbered fortifications being
built.

XIV Army Front: Island in Irrawaddy just south of
Fokokku now reported clear of enemy. Coordinated enemy
attack by approximately one battalion with artillery support

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reported at Talington FK 9354 (five miles southwest Myinmu) night of 20 February and repeated night of 21st. Captured documents show 2nd and 3rd Battalions 138th Regiment and elements, possibly all of 2nd Battalion 58th Regiment in enemy Sagaing bridgehead. No other changes Central Burma.

NCAC Front - Chinese report Japs have blown Namtu River bridges in vicinity of Namtu ST 2871. Japs also reported burning villages and terrorizing natives in area to 8 miles to the south. Contact regained with estimated enemy company along road five miles south Hsenwi. Chinese state 56th Recce Regiment responsible for Burma Road north of Lashio but basis not reported. Enemy positions are reported on both sides of road between Hsenwi and Lashio. 150 Japs with 6 tankettes at Mongyan SU 0968 (23 miles east northeast Lashio) on 21st February. In immediate Lashio area there is no defensive construction and less than 1,000 Japs. Reports of supply movements to south continue. An unrated report states Japs are selecting bivouac areas near Norgyal LC 7946 (40 miles south southeast Lashio). Comment: Very little ammo and supplies captured Hsenwi, believe supplies moved initially to Lashio and now being moved to Hsipaw. Increasing indications Japs will not make determined stand for Lashio. Hsipaw, located near main withdrawal route south to Loflam, may be next critical area.

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INFORMATION: CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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New Delhi, India
CG, US Army Forces, Shadazup, India
CG, Fourteenth Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, Rear Echelon Y Forces, Kunming, China
CG, Services of Supply, Kunming China
CG, US Forces, Rear Echelon, China Theater
Kunming, China
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Theater,
Calcutta, India
General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area
Advance Echelon, San Miguel, Luzon
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Fort Shafter, T H

NR : CFBX 33198

20 February 1945

Bissell WDGBI, Sultan, Cannon, Chennault, McClure,
Middleton, Cheves, Weart, Ramey, Stratemeyer, MacArthur,
COMGENPOA CFBX 33198 book msg 230 from G-2 signed Chennault.

Minor fracas occurred near Hochih (107 deg 55 min-24 deg
59 min on 17th February according to Chinese. This is only
action of offensive nature reported. Since 15th January
this year Japanese according to Third War Zone report moved

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130,000 troops of the Kwantung Army from Manchuria to the south of which 100,000 are now south of the Yangtze River. This remainder are north of the river along the coast near Shanghai (C 3 or higher). Comment: Reports of this nature are continually received without confirmation or definite identification but the consistency of such reports indicates that there is a large number of troops arriving in Central China area. Information from Ninth War Zone infers that recent troops from north east China are proportioned six Manchurian Puppets to one Japanese soldier (OSS rates this source B we rate info 3 or lower). Third War Zone thru OSS reports say 5000 wounded enemy troops arrive Swatow, from the Manila campaign, rate C O here.

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Administrative, Hickam Field, T.H.
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector,
Calcutta, India

No: CRAX 4386

19 February 1945

Here is G-2 SITREP for 18th February. Bissell WDGBI
CRAX 4386 info Wedemeyer, Weart, Cheves, Chennault, Richard-
son pass to Nimitz, Timberman, Ramey, CG Hickam Field and
Stratemeyer from Sultan.

XV Corps front - No change reported. Crocodiles
eating Jap bodies along east coast Ramree Island too rapidly
to permit Navy units to make accurate count of enemy dead.

Fourteenth Army front - 150 Japs preceded by artillery
fire attacked bridgehead southwest Myintmu for five hours,
attack repulsed and much arms and equipment captured. Re-
liable report places 500 enemy in positions four miles south
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Myinmu. Some resistance being met by Allied troops moving south from Kyaukmyaung bridgehead. Japs thinning out in Thabeikkyin area.

NCAC front - Japs active against Myitson bridgehead, 200 enemy dead counted past two days, normal identifications of 114th Regiment made. Across Nammsik Creek southwest of Myitson 4th Company, 56th Regiment identified with six artillery pieces;

Second Battalion and Regimental Headquarters, 56th Division believed in area with estimated strength 500 artillery pieces;

Second Battalion and Regimental Headquarters 56th Division believed in area with estimated strength 500 including artillery.

2,000 rounds artillery ammo reported arrived in bridgehead area past six days. Strong enemy positions confirmed in area nine miles north Lashio. Artillery fire from south of Hsenwi only opposition to Allied troops to north.

Follows weekly summary ending:

18th February - XV Corps front - although elements 54th Division still resisting in Kangaw Area, main concentration this division in positions covering the An-Minbu and Taungup-Prome roads continues. Believe this force will delay eastward through passes to Irrawaddy rather than southward through Prome. In either case, division is con-

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siderably reduced in strength and capable of delay only.

Fourteenth Army front - enemy position this front becoming more critical. Allied advances to and in several places across the Irrawaddy between Chauk and Thabeikkvin have confused Japs as to location of main threats. Enemy is greatly over extended and lack of adequate reserves makes their position much more difficult. Appears Japs must either attack in sector southwest of Mandalay, withdraw in near future or risk the loss of the bulk of their forces in Central Burma.

BCAC front - Although the Japanese are resisting strongly in the Myitson area they have withdrawn rapidly from the north of Hsenwi. Lack of resistance and many reports of southward movement indicates a withdrawal is in the progress. The enemy force in the Myitson area is expected to break contact shortly and withdraw toward Hsipav. The Japanese withdrawal plan in Burma is one of effecting maximum delay by employing small groups in almost continuous counterattacks and avoidance of serious commitments of large units.

End

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INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Col. Park, Log

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CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
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Bissell WDGBI, Sultan, Cannon, Chennault, McClure,
Middleton, Cheves, Weart, Ramey, Stratemyer, MacArthur,
COMGENPOA CFBX 33100 book msg nr 227 from G 2 sgd Wedemeyer.

Office of Strategic Services agents report 13th
February 200 heavy Nip tanks moved to Huiyang (11426 East
2305 North) and 13th February unknown number of troops
moved North of Haifeng (11520 East 2248 North) rated B 2.

British in report rated 2 says only rails, spurs
and sidings may have been removed from Canton-Samshui and
Canton-Kowloon railroads as previously reported as both

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lines are still running.

Chinese source reports 14th February 10,000 troops of 3rd Division in area north of Nanning rated C 3.

Same source 11th February reports 60,000 enemy troops in Kowloon-Canton area which includes 10,000 that landed since 1st February rated F 2.

Following are French reports dated 14th February:

Nips doing recon in Savannakhet (10442 East 1633 North) and Thakhet (10445 East 1723 North) areas for good river crossings;

Attempts by Nips to replace French garrisons at Hagiang (10457 East 2250 North) Caobang (10615 East 2242 North) Laokan (10355 East 2230 North) resisted successfully by the French;

Along French Indo China Coast Nips control all vital points, and Nip unit at Hagiang belonging in 62nd Regiment was replaced by 200th Regt of 37th Division on 3rd February all above rated B 2.

Ground Forces report railroads in Thailand under repair and 30,000 engaged constructing and repairing areas in Thailand, F 2 (Comment: This seems to further indicate

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citing importance of Thailand as supply area as mentioned
in previous reports.

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* AIR OPERATIONS. 14TH AIR FORCE WEEK ENDING 14 FEB. DESTROYED 45 JAP AIRPLANES ON THE GROUND AND 2 IN THE

AIR. LOST NO AIRCRAFT IN AIR COMBAT BUT 4 FIGHTERS AND 1 BOMBER FROM GROUND FIRE WHILE ATTACKING TARGETS.

IN NORTHERN AND CENTRAL CHINA. JAP COMMUNICATIONS AGAIN FELT WEIGHT OF AIR ATTACKS OWING TO AMERICAN

CONCENTRATION ON RAILWAY BRIDGES AND ROLLING STOCK AND ENEMY OCEAN AND RIVER SHIPPING. 13400 TON VESSEL WAS

DAMAGED. IN 285 SORTIES AMERICAN AIRMEN MET NO INTERCEPTOR PLANES AND THERE WERE NO JAP ATTACKS DURING WEEK

ON AMERICAN AIRFIELDS. THIS WEEK EAST CHINA COMPARATIVELY QUIET. FIGHTING REPORTED CONTINUING IN AREAS OF

SUICHUAN KANHSIEN AND NTNHSIUNG-SHIHHSING BUT NOTHING

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DECISIVE . SIMILAR SITUATION IN CHENHSIEN AND PINSHET
REGIONS OF RAILWAY BETWEEN CHUCHIANG AND HENGYANG.

CONTINUING REDISPOSITIONS APPARENTLY DESTINED TO STRENGTHEN
COASTAL DEFENSES BUT SUDDEN CROP OF UNCONFIRMED RUMORS

THAT JAPS HAVE REVERSED DIRECTION OF TROOP MOVEMENTS AND
ARE SENDING LARGE BODIES NORTH. //

WEDEMEYER IN PRESS CONFERENCE DESCRIBED JAPS AS IN UN-
FAVORABLE SITUATION IN CHINA AS ELSEWHERE AND DETERIOR-
ATING RAPIDLY. "I AM CONFIDENT JAP'S HIGH COMMAND IS
DEEPLY CONCERNED," HE SAID.

FURTHER STEP IN REINFORCING CHINESE ARMY TAKEN WHEN NEW
CHINESE SERVICES OF SUPPLY HEADQUARTERS WAS OPENED AT

KUNMING ON 13TH. COMMANDED BY CHEEVES AMERICAN SOS CHIEF,
DEPUTY COMMANDER IS GENERAL LU TSU AND CHIEF OF STAFF

COLONEL M H LUCAS US ARMY. MISSION IS PROVIDING BETTER
FOOD CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FOR CHINESE FIGHTING FORCES.

CHINESE SOS WILL FUNCTION DIRECTLY UNDER GENERAL HO YING
CHIS CHIEF OF CHINESE GENERAL STAFF WHO AS WAS ANNOUNCED

PREVIOUS WEEK OPENED HIS HEADQUARTERS AT KUNMING

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To: War Department.
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Fort Shafter, T.H.
CG, U.S. Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon.
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CG, Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Admin,
Hickam Field, T.H.
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

Nr: CRAX 4253 17 February 1945.

G2 SITREP 16th February, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 4253
info Wedemeyer, Weart, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson pass
to Nimitz, Timberman, Ramey, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer
from Sultan.

XV Corps front-Remree Island reported clear of
Japanese except for stragglers being mopped up. Estimated
500 to 600 Japanese of 2nd Battalion 121st Regiment killed
in Remree Operation; 12 loaded and 23 empty boats sunk
during enemy attempts to evacuate troops past few days.
Captured material included large ammo dump, a flame thrower
and anti tank equipment. Fighting continues in Kangav area
against small stubborn groups in strong positions. Fourteenth
Army front-only slight opposition against Allied bridgehead
in Pagan area PP 1771, further identification of 215th Regiment

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obtained; eight Japs have surrendered, they state 150 more in area willing to surrender, comment: Not clear but believe these are Indian National Army personnel. Resistance stiffening in bridgehead area southwest Myitmu, 40 Japanese killed in attempt to infiltrate into bridgehead, 1st Battalion 138th Regiment identified. Quiet other sectors this front. NCAC front-POW captured Myitson area 15th February from 5th Company 114th Regiment states he was part of 600 replacements intended for 113th Regiment 56th Division arrived at Lashio early November, 400 of his group half of whom were sick with malaria and dysentery were diverted to 114th Regiment of 18th Division, comment: Indicates arrival of replacements in forward area late November in sufficient numbers to permit assignment as originally planned. Japanese destroyed bridge just north of Namtu ST 1971. Heavy truck and cart traffic reported on road between Namtu and Panglong 20 miles south of Namtu on 14th February, northbound empty, southbound loaded with supplies and Japanese. 2000 enemy 25 trucks 100 carts 150 mules reported moving south from Mawngmaw ST 5935 (14 miles south Lashio) on 13th February, comment: Numbers probably high, may be same group reported as several hundred with 100 mules moving south thru Lashio on 11th February. Concentration of troops with tracked vehicles vicinity Mehan ST 6348 (five miles southwest Lashio) and 200 with four mountain guns in area six miles south Hsenwi. Allied tank patrol destroyed Japanese machine gun along road three miles north Hsenwi. Comment: Believe Hsenwi almost completely evacuated with only delaying positions to the north.

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INFORMATION: CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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From: SACSEA

To : Adv. ALFSEA ACSEA

Info: ARMINDIA, TROOPERS,
War Cabinet Offices for Chiefs of Staff

Nr : SAC 2888 14 February 1945

SAC 2888 [REDACTED] IMMEDIATE.

1. It is now necessary to take immediate action to build up the airborne forces and connected air forces required for airborne operations in this theatre.
2. The policy is to provide maintenance training and operational facilities to enable 2 airborne divisions and 1 air transport division to be employed. 1 Indian Airborne Division is now being formed in this theatre. A British Airborne Division will arrive from Europe on completion of the war against Germany.
3. In order to handle these airborne forces an operational airborne corps headquarters (including corps signals) will be required to precede the British airborne division. It should arrive in this theatre as early as possible. This corps headquarters will be additional to any land Hqs which may be required by ALFSEA.
4. The Airborne Corps Headquarters will command during the training period both the British and the Indian Airborne Division. It will provide a senior experienced commander and staff to work with air forces concerned in the training, planning and launching of airborne operations and in the technical army/air force administrative problems connected therewith. It will also provide a suitable Hq. to command

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Nr : SAC 2888

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a combined airborne/air transit force in operations.

5. Strong elements of Hq. 38 Group R.A.F. will be required round which to build up a staff thoroughly experienced in airborne operations and in working with airborne forces. These elements, fused with staff officers experienced in air operations in this theatre, will produce a strong team suited to the problems that lie ahead.

6. In calculating troop carrier and transport aircraft required in this theatre specific provision must be made for the carriage of one airborne division in one lift without interrupting other essential air maintenance and air route requirements. Aircraft required for carriage of one airborne division in one lift amounts to 800 operational aircraft.

7. Provision should be made for the air maintenance of 1 ground division in addition to the airborne lift.

8. ALFSEA are requested to make application for the airborne corps headquarters and signals facilities referred to in para 5 above.

9. ACSEA are requested to:

(a) Determine the air Headquarters and British air transport requirements necessary to meet the requirements given above.

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Wt : SAC 2888

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(b) Estimate what assistance if any, in transport aircraft will be required from American resources.

(c) Apply to Air Ministry for the British resources required.

(d) Refer to this Headquarters the estimated requirements from American resources.

10. The resources of No. 3 Parachute Training School Chaklala are not inadequate to train the parachutists of the Indian Airborne Division by the target date. ACSEA are invited to investigate this matter as one of urgency and to take action to increase the resources of this school, informing this Headquarters of the measures taken.

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Gen Hull
Gen Bissell
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Kunming, China
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CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
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Weart, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Timberman,
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Here is G-2 SITREP for 11th January - Myitson SS 3488
cleared of enemy but stiff fighting continues in surrounding
jungle. 64 truckloads of supplies south and 30 truckloads
of troops north shown by traffic check south of Lashio on 7
February. No enemy resistance received by Americans who re-
ached Namhkai bridge SO 7232 (five miles south of Hosi) on
10 February and no enemy seen by patrols south of river.

At Namhkai bridge prisoner captured from 3rd Batta-
lion 148th Regiment states his unit 250 strong withdrew from
Hongyu SO 7034 area on 6 February preceded by 300 from the

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New Delhi, India

Mr: CRAX 3783

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2nd Division and 400 from the 49th Division; he believed
tashio their destination. Between Namkai river and main
road Japanese said to be blocking and patrolling all trails,
comment: Until general southwest line between Namhpaklun
SO 8029 and Hpalung SO 7426 (generally eight miles southeast
of Hosi) is reached no strong delaying action expected.

Arakan front - enemy in Kangaw area continue to be
quiet. On Ramree Island only Japanese stragglers and small
groups of enemy attempting to escape to mainland are being
encountered.

Central Burma - strong enemy positions held by estim-
ated 100 made up of 20 bunkers and 50 foxholes encountered at
PO 0741 (two miles west of Seikpyu); Allied troops in this
area report some enemy artillery and mortar fire falling on
their positions and Japanese have made three unsuccessful
counter attacks. Enemy positions in Kanhla area captured
on 10 February killing 50 Japanese, capturing three prisoners
(one warrant officer and two NCO's) and dispersing remainder
of enemy; all prisoners from 214th Regiment and state two
battalions plus Regimental Headquarters in Pakokku. Except
for sporadic artillery shelling situation north of Irrawaddy
west of Sagaing quiet. Much activity seen along south bank
including movement of trucks at night with full headlights
and natives burning torches, comment: appears enemy are
attempting to create impression of build up of strength in
this general area.

In SR 7303 area (two miles east of Kyaukmyaung)
Allied patrols report considerable enemy strength; situation
in bridgehead areas remains quiet.

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Now follows weekly G-2 SITREP for week ending 11th February - in some sectors the Japanese have withdrawn but have resisted stubbornly in areas vital to their defenses. Along southwest coast indications that Japanese are withdrawing from Kangaw area and have evacuated Ramree Island. Now believed will defend passes over mountains leading to east until Allied drive down Irrawaddy Valley threatens to cut them off.

In Yenangyaung oilfield area evidence of presence of unidentified IMB; not newly arrived formation but made up of spare parts and service units already in Burma. This plus fact that 153rd Regiment in Chauk area may indicate that enemy will resist strongly in this general area to protect local oil supply. Enemy situation in Mandalay area becoming critical and Japanese may execute early withdrawal or face threat of being outflanked and resultant losses of considerable of their forces.

Reports of southward movement from Lashio toward Loilem substantiates the prior belief that the Japanese would use this route of withdrawal. Indications of the southward withdrawal of the 2nd Division remove the threat of a reserve for northeast Burma other than the possibility of 106th Regiment of 49th Division. There is nothing to substantiate 106th Regiment's presence other than considerable truck activity which may suggest relief rather than a substantial build up. Believed that if the Japanese have decided to defend Lashio they are not capable of a sustained fight. Overall developments during the week further strengthen the belief that under pressure the Japanese are withdrawing from Burma.

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ACTION: G-2
INFO : CG AAF, OPD, COL PARK, LOG
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From: CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
To: War Department
General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte P.I.
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Ft Shafter TH
Nr: CFBX 32812 11 February 1945

TOPSEC To MacArthur and Nimitz info Marshall CFBX
32812 from Wedemeyer. To Marshall: This reured WAR 35054.

Both east and west of the Jap held corridor Hankow-
Hongkong are large number of Chinese Troops and/or guerillas
for whom supplies are not now contemplated in the approved US
Programs.

Potentially they can be of great value in resisting
further Jap advances, protecting remaining airfield, disrupting
lines of communication and aiding in possible future operations
any equipment would aid them and Jap equipment would be part-
icularly appropriate.

Logistically, air delivery from Luzon is feasible and
fast with the further advantage that it will not create *
already stretched to sustain the approved Chinese divisions.

The question is, what air transportable captured
Japanese equipment is available, how much and where. All
small arms, mortars, light machine guns, ammunition therefor and
hand grenades are of principal interest to us.

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Will you help us out by speeding the answer? If availability warrants, we will consider other details of the plan, and discuss them with you.

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Noumea, New Caledonia
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, Y Forces Rear Echelon, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces Pacific Ocean Areas,
Fort Shafter, Territory of Hawaii
CG, US Army Forces, Ledo, India
CG, Army Air Forces India Burma Sector,
Calcutta, India
CG, Army Air Forces Pacific Ocean Areas, Administration
Hickam Field, Territory of Hawaii

Nr: CRA 3661 11 February 1945

Operational summary for 10th February Sultan to
Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, McClure, Chennault,
COMGENFOA, Bredister, Timberman, BOMGEN Hickam Field
CRA 3661.

Battalion of 36th Division troops crossed Nammek
Chaung against light opposition in SS 3387 area and were moving
on Myitson from the south.

26th Brigade is in SS 3388 area mopping up remainder
of Jap resistance.

Headquarters 72nd Brigade moved to SS 3193.
No change 50th Division.

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New Delhi, India

Nr: CRA 3661 11 February 1945

1st Chinese Regiment separate closed in Nansin
area.

124th Cavalry in bivouac at SW 6947 area.

1st Battalion of 88th Regiment reached southwest of
Monhyu at SO 6734.

3rd Battalion is at SO 6638 with elements at SO 6938,
where contact was made with troops of 89th Regiment.

Headquarters 89th Regiment and 3rd Battalion are in
SO 7245 area.

1st Battalion reached Mansaw south of Hose SO 7041
with 2 Companies in SO 7136 area.

2nd Battalion reached SO 7441 with elements at SO
7339 and at Naungun SO 7439.

90th Regiment closed in Namd Irwa area at SO 7147
with 30th Division Headquarters and 3rd Battalion enroute
from Manning.

1st Battalion of 112th Regiment advanced to SO 7948
area with elements to the south at SO 8042 and SO 8342. No
contact with enemy reported.

Convoy report now:

Convoy number 8 consisting of 1st Chinese Field
Hospital left Ledo for China today. A Veterinary Collecting
Platoon will join convoy at Bhamo. Total of 29 assorted
vehicles and 12 trailers 1 ton carrying 16 and 1/2 tons
POL and rations, 21 and 1/2 tons personnel and baggage, 12
tons organizational equipment and 2 tons payload of ammo.

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Nr: CRA 3661 11 February 1945

Arakan front:

Ramree town occupied by 26th Division. In Kangaw area no contact with enemy with lull in activity reported. No major change 82nd Div area, mopping up of stragglers continued.

Central Burma:

Pasok FO 4398 south on Tilin occupied without opposition. 17th Division and 255th Tank Brigade closed in area three miles southeast of Pauk. 28th East African Brigade held up by enemy positions three miles west and northwest of Seikpyu. 89th Brigade of 7th Division moved to Myitche PP 1780. The 114th Brigade is in Mahyigan PP 3293 area eight miles west of Pakokku with leading elements in contact with Japs two miles east of there. 33rd Brigade is in Tabya PP 1297 area 7/2 Punjab Battalion reports enemy occupies Kyaukhlega PK 4902 and Magyikobin PP 4095 both northwest of Pakokku. No major change 20th and 2nd Divisions. Mopping up of Kule area continued with patrolling to east. Village of Thila SW 7499, one mile northeast of Singu was attacked and captured by troops 62nd Brigade of 19th Division. Troops now pushing on Singu.

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INFO : CG AAF, G-2, COL PARK, LOG

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FROM ALUSNA CHUNGKING

PART 1 100932 NCR 6645
 PART 2 100816 NCR 6639
 PART 3 100906 NCR 6614

ALUSNA CHUNGKING WEEKLY SUMMARY TO DNI.
 JAPS COMPLETED DURING WEEK OCCUPATION OF THE STRING OF EAST CHINA AIRFIELDS FROM WHICH CHENNEAULT'S 14TH AIR FORCE HAD CONTINUED TO MOUNT AIR OFFENSIVE SINCE FALL OF THE HENGYANG HNEILIN LIUCHOW NANKING LINE OF AIRFIELDS. FOLLOWING CAPTURE OF SUICHUAN ENEMY 27TH DIVISION DROVE FARTHER SOUTH AND CHINESE ANNOUNCED KANHSIEN HAD BEEN ENTERED BY 3RD FEB. KANHSIEN WHOSE AIRFIELD WAS IMPORTANT DURING PERIOD OF SOVIET AIR SUPPORT TO CHINA HAS BEEN GOVERNED AS MODEL DISTRICT BY GENERALISSIMO'S SON WHO WAS FLOWN OUT EARLIER IN CAMPAIGN. OTHER JAP FORCES WHICH HAD CAPTURED CHUCHIANG (K'HHONG) LAST WEEK STRUCK EASTWARD OVERWUING SHIHHSING (CHIHNG) AND LATER NANHCHUNG (NANYULG) WHENCE 1 COLUMN ADVANCED TO TAYU AND ANOTHER PROCEEDED TOWARD HSINGFENG. ANTICIPATED ENEMY WOULD CONTINUE THRUSTS TO LINK UP NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN DRIVES. CHINESE ANNOUNCED COUNTER ATTACKS WHICH REGAINED SHIHHSING

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CUT THE ENEMY OCCUPIED HENGYANG-CANTON RAILWAY LINE AT 3 PLACES BETWEEN CHENHSIEN AND CHUCHIANG FIGHTING CONTINUED THESE AREAS.

IN KWANGTUNG ENEMY OPERATIONS INCLUDED CAPTURE OF HUIJAI AND IT WAS REPORTED THAT EXCEPT FOR GUERRILLA HELD POCKETS ENTIRE COAST FROM

KUANGCHOU (CANTON) TO SHANTOU (SWATOU) HAD BEEN OCCUPIED BY JAPS. WEDEVEYER IN PRESS CONFERENCE ON 5TH PREDICTED THAT FUTURE JAP

MOVES IN CHINA WOULD BE BASED ON STRATEGIC DEFENSIVE CONSIDERATIONS. AMERICAN SUCCESSES IN LUZON HAVE CAUSED JAPS TO ACCELERATE REARRANGE-

MENT OF FORCES HE SAID " BEFORE THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD TIME TO SPARE IN WHICH TO MAKE A DRIVE ON NUNMING OR CHUNGKING OR CHENCTO.

THEY ARE FEVERISHLY PREPARING AREA FOR DEFENSE" CORRESPONDENT REPORTED THAT AMERICAN CADRES DESIGNED TO REORGANIZE

AND REVITALIZE CHINESE ARMIES HAVE BEGUN TO TAKE FIELD. THESE UNITS ARE COMPLETE STAFFS INSTRUCTED TO ADVISE, TRAIN, ASSIST AND

PROVIDE TECHNIQUES. WILL TEACH USE OF NEW HEAVY WEAPONS TO BE BROUGHT OVER STILLWELL ROAD. HAVE NO COMMAND FUNCTION BUT WILL

HAVE INTIMATE RELATIONS WITH ARMIES WHICH ARE CURRENTLY BEING RE-ORGANIZED. CADRES REPRESENT IMPORTANT PART OF AMERICAN CONTRIBU-

TION TO CHINESE ARMY REHABILITATION. AIR OPERATIONS. FIGHTERS OF 14TH AIR FORCE ATTACKED PEIPING AIR-

DROMES ON 6TH DESTROYING 7 ENEMY AIRCRAFT. ON SAME MISSION 4 LOCOMOTIVES DESTROYED. 23 OTHER LOCOMOTIVES WERE DESTROYED BY

CHINESE AMERICAN COMPOSITE FIGHTERS IN STRIKES ON HSIANGCHENG AND SUCHOW. CONTINUING ATTACK ON ENEMY COMMUNICATIONS 14TH P-51'S

AND P-40'S DESTROYED 25 LOCOMOTIVES IN SWEEPS ON 3 FEB OVER LARGE AREA FROM CHANGSHA TO TATUNG AND EAST TO YELLOW SEA. CHENNEAULT

IN MONTHLY AIR OPERATIONAL SUMMARY FOR JAN ANNOUNCED 14TH BROKE ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS THAT MONTH BY DESTROYING 334 ENEMY AIRCRAFT

INCLUDING 176 FIGHTERS OR BOMBERS AND 63 OTHER PLANES. TOTAL ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED SINCE 14TH'S ACTIVATION 4TH JULY 1942 IS NOW

1255. IN SAME PERIOD 392 SHIPS OF 359,430 TONS DESTROYED PLUS 2661 SHIPS LESS THAN 122 FEET LONG. IN JAN 343 ENEMY OPERATED

LOCOMOTIVES WERE DESTROYED AND 42 BRIDGES AND BRIDGE APPROCHES BLOWN UP OR DAMAGED.

POLITICAL. OUTSPOKEN NEWSPAPER TA KUNG PAO IN LONG EDITORIAL ON 7TH ASKED:

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* IS THERE ANY NEWS OF OUR NATIONAL UNITY QUERY* BUT NO PUBLIC REFERENCE TO PROGRESS IN CURRENT CENTRAL GOVT COMMUNIST COALITION DISCUSSIONS YET SEEN. CAPTURE OF MANILA EXCITED CHINESE PRESS WHICH FORECAST EARLY AMERICAN LANDINGS IN CHINA COAST. AS CHINESE NEW YEAR NEARED COMMODITY PRICES SOARED DAILY WITH RICE UP 85% IN JAN ALONE. CHUNGKING RETAIL PRICE INDEX AT END OF JAN STOOD AT 655 TIMES BASIC FIGURE FOR JUNE 1937 AS COMPARED WITH 485 TIMES IN DECEMBER REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 35%

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CG US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG US Army Forces, Ledo, India
CG US Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas,
Fort Shafter, T H
CG 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
Rear Echelon, Y Forces, China
CG South Pacific Base Command, Noumea, New Caledonia
CG US Army Forces in the Far East, Advance Echelon,
San Miguel, Philippines
CG US Army Forces in the Far East, Leyte, Philippines

No: CRA 3611 10 February 1945

Operational Summary for 9th February Sultan to
Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, McClure, Chennault,
COMGENPOA, Bredster, Timberman, COMGEN Hickam Field, CRAX
3611.

No report.

236th Division. 148th Regiment is enroute to Pangyaung,
9 miles southeast of Manna at SO 2508.

Headquarters 149th Regiment and 2nd Battalion are at
SN 9508, with 1st Battalion at Mantow SS 9689, and 3rd Bn
in Nauchye SN 8701.

1st Separate Chinese Regiment, less 3rd Battalion
enroute, closed in Siu area.

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From: CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi India
No: CRA 3611 10 February 1945

Headquarters 38th Division advanced to mile 93 on
Burma Road at SO 8666.

Elements of 90th Regiment moving from Manning to
Nampakka.

88th Regiment continued its move on Mong Yu with
Headquarters of Regiment with 1st and 2nd Battalion at Namkang
SO 6436 and 3rd Bn at SN 6638 with no contact.

89th Regiment moved south with 1st Battalion 2 miles
south of Nampakka at SO 7243 and 2nd Bn occupied Loikong at
SO 7444 without opposition.

New subject: Convoy number 3 left Mile 76 today for
China consisting of a total 89 vehicles assorted and 85
trailers one ton carrying 34 tons POL and rations and 23 tons
of ammunition. Convoy number 5 left Lado today consisting of
90 assorted vehicles and 70 trailers one ton carrying 38 tons
POL, spare tires and rations and 33½ tons of ammunition.

Arakan front: Raiding party landed Sabyin PY 3127
on mainland east of Ramree Island first reports state
continuous opposition encountered in area. Troops on Ramree
Island reached area one mile west of Ramree town contacting
enemy positions. 71st Brigade captured Doratha 3 miles east
of Ramree at PX 9924 and are moving on Ramree. Patrols to
Ramree town reported no enemy seen.

Troops from Yanbauk Chaung bridgehead pushed east to
PX 9226, 2 miles west of Ramree without opposition.

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Elements of 74th Brigade landed in Kangaw bridgehead area PS 5051, two miles west of Kangaw and extended bridgehead against light opposition to north reaching PS 5053 area 3 miles northwest of Kangaw. Japs attacks were repulsed.

Troops 82nd Division continued mopping up Jap stragglers south of Minbya. Leading troops made contact with 25th Division at Pimwe PS 4556.

Central Burma: 17th Division and 255th Tank Brigade moving to Pauk area. 28th East African Brigade continued to move south. Battalion on Saw-Seikpyu road reached PO 7455 area 20 miles west northwest of Seikpyu. Remainder of Brigade in Bwebtn* PO 9748 area with leading troops in contact with Japs 3 miles northwest of Seikpyu at PP 0543.

Patrols active in Myitche area reported no enemy seen. Troops of 20th Division occupied Thauggyi PK 7440 one island 7 miles southwest of Myaung. Troops of 2nd Division cleared enemy from Dawete LF 0960 area.

No change Saye area. Attack by troops 119th Div in bridgehead area netted capture of Kule SR 7300, 3 miles southeast of Kyaukmyaung.

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Leyte, Philippines
General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area,
San Miguel, Philippines
CG, South Pacific Base Command, Noumea, New Caledonia
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Fort Shafter, T.H.
CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Administrative, Hickam Field, T.H.

Nr : CRAX 3334 7 February 1945

Operational summary for 6th February, Sultan to
Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault,
McClure, Timberman, Bredster, COMGEN Hickam Field, CRAX
3334.

Patrol of 36th Division contacted group of ten enemy
at Nyaunggyin SR 7455 south of Twinng. Company moving south
from east reach SS 4599 without contact. Recon patrol of 50th
Division reached Homong SS 9875 meeting ten Japs there.

Mopping up of Molo area in progress by troops 150th
Regiment. Contact established with 149th Regiment. Leading
serial of First Separate Chinese Regiment reached Mantha
SN 9280. No change Mars Brigade.

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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India

Nr : CRAX 3334

7 February 1945

Troops of 30th and 38th Divisions consolidating positions along Burma Road. Headquarters 112th Regiment advanced to SO 8454 area. Company of tanks moved from Panghkam to Muse.

New subject: Convoy number 4 to China consisting of the 3428th Ordnance MAM Company driving a total 70 assorted vehicles with 32 trailers departed from Ledo 6th Feb. Total cargo of 207 tons of organizational equipment, personnel, spare parts and POL.

Central Burma: No major change for 19th Division. Patrols were active. Recon troops of 2nd Division reported Padu, Taungyin, and Katheta in LF 4881 area clear of enemy. No other change 2nd Division.

In 20th Division Sector elements have cleared Japs from Nyaungyin LF 0562 area. Other elements were forced to abandon river crossing at Sabet PK 7441 by strong Jap opposition on east bank.

17th Division now in Kan area preparing to move to Pauk area. Battalion of 7th Division south of Tilin reached Pasok PL 4298 clearing light opposition in Lessaw area.

Headqrs 28th East African Brigade moved to Wema PO 9566 with forward troops at Nanbon PO 9564, 12 miles west of Pagn. Battalion moving southwest from Pauk reached Sha Hla, 18 miles southwest of Pauk at PO 6276 without contact.

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New Delhi, India

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7 February 1945

On Pakokku Road lead troops 7th Division in contact east of Kanhla PF 3889, six miles west Pakokku.

Arakan Front: No enemy encountered at Kyauknimaw PY 0500 on southern end of Ramree Island. Troops 4th Brigade of 26th Division captured hill feature at PX 8827 northwest of Ramree town.

4th Brigade's Headquarters moved to PX 6632 area with Jap contact at PX 8923 west of Ramree. Several counter attacks repulsed in Kangaw area.

Troops of 82nd West African Division made contact with Japs four miles southeast of Minbya at PS 4173. Troops of 4th Brigade moving south from Hpobdha reached line PS 4669-PS 4874-PS 4658 meeting no enemy.

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ACTION: OPD

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

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(DNI FROM ALUSNA)

WAR SITUATION ROUNDUP.
 ACHIEVING MAJOR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE JAPS COMPLETED
 OCCUPATION OF CANTON HANKOW RAILROAD. SERIES OF QUICK
 THRUSTS FROM 3 DIRECTIONS. ACCORDING CHINESE
 IDENTIFICATIONS JAP 3RD DIVISION STRUCK SOUTH FROM
 LBIYANG AREA THROUGH CHENHSIEN. 104TH DIVISION
 CAPTURED KUKONG AND NOW HOLDS CANTON-KUKONG RAIL
 CORRIDOR. 40TH DIVISION DROVE FROM HUNAN BASES
 EASTWARD ACROSS KWANTUNG BORDER TO REACH RAILROAD AT
 LOCHAOG AND FAN OUT TOWARD OTHER FORCES IN BOTH
 DIRECTIONS. THUS RAILROAD CAMPAIGNS WHICH BEGAN IN
 HUNAN LAST APRIL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED WITH JAPS HOLDING

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PEKING-HANKOW. HANKOW-CANTON AND HUNAN-KWANGSI RAILROADS AND LEAVING NO RAIL FACILITIES IN EAST CHINA TO CHINESE. JAPS NOW HAVE DIRECT CORRIDOR FROM PEKING TO HONGKONG THOUGH MUCH WORK REMAINS TO PREPARE RIGHT OF WAY FOR THROUGH RAIL SERVICE.

SUICHUAN AIRFIELD ONE OF OLDEST AND MOST IMPORTANT OF 14TH AF BASES EAST OF JAP NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR THROUGH CENTRAL CHINA

FELL TO JAPS 29TH. FURTHER ADVANCES REPORTED ON ROAD SOUTHEAST FROM SUICHUAN TOWARD KANCHOW. CHINESE STATE ANOTHER JAP COLUMN

PUSHING NORTHEAST FROM KUKONG IS FACED BY CHINESE TROOPS AT NAMYUNG. EVIDENT JAP GOAL IS CAPTURE OF REMAINING AMERICAN AIR BASES IN EAST CHINA.

NUMEROUS AND CONTINUING REPORTS OF JAP MOVEMENTS ALONG KWANTUNG COAST BETWEEN CANTON AND SWATOW. AT LEAST 12 TOWNS ON ROADS NEAR COAST REPORTED OCCUPIED BY FORCES OF FROM FEW HUNDRED TO SEVERAL

THOUSAND. OTHER REASONS TO BELIEVE JAPS RUSHING PREPARATIONS TO RESIST CHINA COAST LANDING INCLUDE CHINESE REPORT JAPS BUILDING

14 NEW AIRFIELDS IN CHEKIANG AND KIANGSI AND REPORTEDLY HEAVY RAIL MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS FROM NORTH CHINA TO CENTRAL CHINA.

WEDEMEYER AT PRESS CONFERENCE ACKNOWLEDGED JAP FEARS OF COASTAL LANDING AND SAID "I CAN ASSURE YOU WE WON'T DISAPPOINT ENEMY

OF HIS EXPECTATION." WEDEMEYER SAID ALTHOUGH THREAT TO KUNMING STILL EXISTS SITUATION MUCH IMPROVED AND "WE CAN HANDLE IT."

LARGE SCALE PREPARATIONS AT KUNMING TO GREET FIRST CONVOY DUE ARRIVE THERE FROM INDIA ON 4TH. LAND ROUTE WILL MEAN HEAVY

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES NOT SUITABLE FOR AIR LIFT CAN REACH CHINA FOR FIRST TIME IN 3 YEARS.

AIR OPERATIONS (INCOMPLETE). B 24'S OF 14TH AAF ON 1ST FEB DESTROYED FREIGHTER WHICH US NAVAL FORCES HAD DRIVEN AGROUND

70 MILES SOUTH OF TOURANE. DAMAGED ANOTHER FREIGHTER FARTHER NORTH OFF INDO CHINA COAST. FIGHTERS STRUCK AT IMPORTANT

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RAILROADS DESTROYING 8 LOCOMOTIVES AT HSUCHANG RR YARD NORTH OF HANKOW ON PEIPING-HANKOW. ATC ANNOUNCED FOR FIRST TIME DELIVERY OF AMERICAN RED CROSS MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO CHINESE COMMUNIST HQ AT YENAN. NEARLY 10 TONS OF SUCH EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AS SULFA DRUGS, SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND XRAY EQUIPMENT WERE SENT AFTER APPROVAL HAD BEEN GIVEN BY CHINESE CENTRAL GOVT.

POLITICAL. CHOU EN LAI STILL IN CHUNGKING. HAS MET DOCTOR SOONG DOCTOR SUN FO AND AMERICAN AMBASSADOR SEVERAL TIMES BUT NO

MEETING WITH GENERALISSIMO REPORTED. MANIFESTO BY SELFSTYLED LIBERAL BUT NOI COMMUNIST DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE FAVORING COALITION

GOVT PUBLISHED IN COMMUNIST HSIN HUA ERH PAO ATTRACTED WIDESPREAD ATTENTION. COALITION PROPOSAL ATTACKED BY BISHOP PAUL YU PINS

YI SHIH PAO WHICH DESCRIBED COALITION AS A "SPOILS SYSTEM" AND STATED "WE CANNOT AFFORD TO HAVE A POLITICAL EXPERIMENT AT THIS

CRITICAL STAGE."

PUBLIC MORALE LIFTED BY OPENING OF STILLWELL ROAD.

GENERALISSIMO'S AND WEDEMEYER'S ADDRESSES WELL RECEIVED AS EVIDENCE OF HARMONY AND REALISM IN CHINESE AND AMERICAN COMMANDS.

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From: Chiefs of Staff
To: HQ SEAC
Rptd: Joint Staff Mission

No: COSSEA 201 3 February 1945

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Following is text of Para 18 of report.

Begins. We have agreed to the following policy in respect to employment in SEAC of United States resources deployed in the India-Burma Theatre.

(A) The primary military objective of the United States in the China and India-Burma Theatres is the continuance of aid to China on scale that will permit the fullest utilization of the area and resources of China for operations against the Japanese.

U. S. resources are deployed in India-Burma to provide direct or indirect support for China. These forces and resources participate not only in operating the bases and the lines of communications for United States and Chinese Forces in China, but also constitute a reserve immediately available to China without permanently increasing the requirements of transport supplies to China.

(B) The United States Chiefs of Staff contemplate no change in their agreement to SACSEA's use of resources of the United States India-Burma Theater in Burma when this

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use does not prevent the fulfilment of their primary object of rendering support to China including protection of the line of communication. Any transfer of forces engaged in approved operations in progress in Burma which is contemplated by U. S. Chiefs of Staff and which in the opinion of British Chiefs of Staff would jeopardize those operations will be subject to discussion by Combined Chiefs of Staff. Ends.

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From: Chiefs of Staff
To: HQ SEAC
Rptd: Joint Staff Mission
No: COSSEA 200 3 February 1945

I. Following to SACSEA has been approved by Combined Chiefs of Staff.

Begins 1. Your first object is to liberate Burma at the earliest date. (To be known as operations "X").

2. Subject to the accomplishment of this object your next main task will be the liberation of Malaya and the opening of the Straits of Malacca (To be known as operation "Y").

3. In view of your recent success in Burma, and of the uncertainty of the date of the final defeat of Germany, you must aim at the accomplishment of your first object with the forces at present at your disposal. This does not preclude the despatch of further reinforcements from the European Theatre should circumstances make this possible.

4. You will prepare a programme of operations for the approval of the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

5. In transmitting the foregoing directive the Combined Chiefs of Staff direct your attention to the agreed policy in respect of the use in your theatre of United States resources deployed in the India-Burma Theatre (See Para 18 of report).

Ends

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New Delhi, India

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Leyte, Philippines
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San Miguel, Philippines
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Rear Echelon Headquarters, China Theater, Kunming, China
CG 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
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CG US Army Forces, Ledo, India
CG US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
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Operational summary for 2nd February. Sultan to
Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault,
McClure, Timberman, Bredster, COMGEN Hickam Field, CRAX
2968.

Contact made with Japanese southeast Twinge at
SR 8263 by troops of 29th Brigade of 36th Division.
Troops of 26th Brigade were forced to withdraw to
north bank of Shweli by enemy when an attempt was made to
occupy Myitson.

Troops of 150th Regiment were on south bank of
Shweli attacking Molo and Pandin SN 7302.

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New Delhi, India

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2nd Battalion of 149th Regiment is at Maniwat
SN 8700. Elements occupied Nau Chye SN 8701 and Mar Sawp
SN 8600 and are pushing west on Molo.

Troops Mars Brigade repulsed enemy attacks against
their positions. Elements 124th Cavalry attacked enemy
positions with elements 89th Regiment in area southeast
of Mongnoi took initial objective.

2nd Battalion of 89th Regiment has contact at SO
7150.

88th Regiment arrived Hpalin SO 5954 less 3rd
Battalion at Ammhkam following.
2nd Battalion 90th Regiment moving to Selan area.
1st Battalion 90th Regiment at Hpalin.

Fighting in 114 Regimental area continued thru
night Guitpbupair motor traffic moved north and south along
Burma road. Leading troops 112th Regiment reached mile 85
on Burma road against slight opposition.

3rd Battalion is at SO 8574 and
2nd Battalion at SO 8570.

Arakan front:
Elements of 26th Division from Sagu Kyun Island
landed on south tip of Razree, no other details given.

After air and cruiser bombardment troops 71st Brigade
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New Delhi, India

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secured bridgehead on south bank of Yanbauk Chaung, on
Ramree Island.

Other elements moving east reached area 400 yards
south of Sade encountering machine gun fire from southeast
of Sade.

No change Kangaw area.

Mopping up of Japanese stragglers carried on by
troops 82nd West African Division in Minbya area. Town believed
clear of enemy but not confirmed.

Central Burma:
No further advance along Pakokku Road.

7th Division troops:
89th Brigade at Sinthe PJ 9201, 114th Brigade at
Thumadaw PJ 8903, and
28th East African Brigade at Yagyibin PJ 8104.
255th Tank Brigade closed area Tehlaw PD 3415.
7/2 Punjab Battalion is in Lingadaw PK 3941,
previously reported 3 miles south of Myaing which was in-
correct.

Headquarters 20th Division opened Chaungu and
80th Brigade at Paultaw PK 7843.

Village south of Myaung at PK 8145 occupied by
troops 80th Brigade.

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New Delhi, India.

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Troops of 2nd Division occupied Ywathigyi after heavy
air strike. Other units continued to patrol.

Troops 62nd Brigade 19th Division repulsed Japanese
attack in area 3 miles southeast of Kyaukmyaung at SR 7201.
Elsewhere patrols were active.

New subject: Convoy of CTS vehicles composed of
25 jeeps with $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trailers, 24, $\frac{3}{4}$ ton weapons carriers
with 1 ton trailers and 13, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton ambulances carrying 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
tons of ammunition as pay load left Ledo 1st February for
Kunming.

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To: War Department
CG US Army Forces India Burma Theater New Delhi India
CG US Army Forces China Theater Chungking China
CG Northern Combat Area Command Forward Echelon
Myitkyina Burma
CG Army Air Forces India Burma Sector Calcutta India

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USF China Hq EAC Hq NCAC cite 454 to Marshall for Surles
info Warner, Sultan, Stratmeyer, Wedemeyer and Cannon,
info PRO's from Huntley signed Wheeler.

Weekly review Southeast Asia week ending 2 February
1945.

With the opening of the Burma Road the war on Japan
in Southeast Asia has entered its third and final phase. It
was necessary first to halt the Japanese advance which a year
ago threatened India. That was done in the first half of the
1944 campaign. Next it was necessary to open the Ledo-Burma
Road route for movement of war materials into China through
the back door, to help halt the Japanese land campaigns in
South China. Now that has been done and the convoys are
moving. From this point on the Allied campaign can be
devoted primarily to clearing the Japanese armies of
occupation from conquered territory.

In Burma this week Allied Forces continued their pressure
along the arc of a broken front of some 600 miles extending
from Ramree and Cheduba Islands and the southern Arakan coast
northwest to Mandalay, thence north to the Shweli River bend,
and in an easterly direction to the line of the Salween
River. For geographic comparison since these place names
mean little to Americans, it is as if the active front

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extended from the southwest corner of Louisiana, on the Gulf of Mexico, northwesterly to Memphis, across to Nashville and down to Atlanta. New Orleans would be Rangoon. Memphis would be Mandalay. By comparison with Southeast Asia as a whole, the Japs would occupy all of the southern states from Texas eastern boundary across to the Carolinas, down to Miami, and the islands of Cuba and Puerto Rico. They would also hold the northern Atlantic coast States and eastern Canada. In terms of American territory, the approximate problem is to clear them out of the southern states and from the islands off the coast, while the United States Navy clinches its control of the seas and American forces continue their drive toward Japan.

Mandalay this week was an over ripe plum waiting to be knocked down or blown down. As a result of air action, the fabulous city of temples and song is a wrecked and charred skeleton. The military value of the city itself is unimportant. It becomes a military prize by reason of its location. It is the center of river, rail and road transportation systems of central Burma. It also offers the best approach to Rangoon and Moulmein on the southern coast.

For the past fortnight the Japanese have been clinging not only to the Mandalay-Mongmit-Lashio triangle guarding the stretch of Burma Road extending from its junction with the Ledo Road to Mandalay, but digging in along the Irrawaddy River the "Mississippi of Burma". For a distance of 25 miles north of Mandalay and a similar distance west, as the river swings in that direction to join the Chindwin the Japs are holding the main river crossings. This prevents the use of the river by British Ground Forces delays the linking of columns converging from the north and west and delays the use by the Allies of the lower Burma Road and the river and

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rail approaches which normally feed it.

Although there was no rest for the Air Corps, the Land forces facing one another across the Irrawaddy north of Mandalay relaxed briefly as they hung to their positions and waited for the next major British offensive to develop in this area. British and Japanese troops were bathing in the river within sight of each other. Hostilities at this point were suspended while they dunked.

Eastward Chinese and Americans were still battling mountain and jungle as well as Japanese. But around Mandalay the country flattens out. There are broad plains to the west, and more "tank country" toward the south.

In Burma the air campaign moved into first place. The scale of air attack and air operations throughout Southeast Asia is being stepped up. Bombers are dropping hundreds of tons of bombs daily on retreating remnants of once formidable Japanese forces.

In a nine day campaign off Kangaw on the Arakan coast Allied Air Forces covered a commando landing and softening defenses along the road connecting Kangaw with the northern Arakan thus isolating Japanese still maneuvering in the jungles and mountains northward.

When British troops of Lt General Sir Philip Christison's XV Indian Corps landed behind a commando force in mud and Mangrove swamps and moved from there to higher ground they had air cover for the entire operation. An

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estimated 2,000 Japanese were killed or wounded and considerable equipment captured in some of the toughest fighting of the Burma campaign.

American air squadrons of the 10th Air Force pounded the Japs all week in battle and rear areas. They attacked dumps, anti-aircraft positions supply bases and enemy held villages. In these attacks the burden was borne chiefly by B 25s, P 47s and P 38s.

USAAF B 24s escorted by P 38s and Thunderbolts kept up the bridge-busting campaigns which has complicated Jap troop and supply movements by rail and road for months past.

20th Bomber Command B 29s attacked Singapore Naval installations by daylight during the week as a foretaste of coming events farther south. They also attacked Saigon, Jap base near the southern tip of Indo-China.

British airmen carried the heaviest load in the Kangaw area dropping 300 tons of bombs in a single day in addition to heavy strafing attacks.

RAF Hurribombers in one day fired, sank or damaged 250 rivercraft.

Beaufighters cleaned up another 100 rivercraft the day before. Other British planes used rockets successfully on passenger and cargo steamers west of Rangoon in the Irrawaddy Delta. They also swept Jap airfields south of

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Mandalay, ahead of the British land advance. Seasoned American campaigners say air operations in Southeast Asia have been more highly developed than in any other theater. From necessity or choice, air supply and air offensives generally are declared by operational specialists to be "two years ahead of the times". In this field the Southeast Asia campaign is yielding results and lessons which eventually will find their way into military textbooks.

Elements of Major General Stratemyer's Eastern Air Command are also playing an exceptional part in relation to total Southeast Asia operations, with American and British flyers sharing the credit for this performance.

From the Ledo road to Singapore and in all types of operations both in the strategical and tactical fields they are setting a pace and establishing a record which the ground forces are applauding.

American Air Transport Forces also are determined to keep the lead in movement of war tonnage to China. Lieut Gen N I Sultan Commanding General India-Burma Theater and also of the Northern Combat Area Command in addition to directing American and Chinese combat operations is getting convoys started to China.

Lieutenant General Sir Oliver Leese, Commanding

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all Allied Land Forces in Southeast Asia, actively directs
the ground campaign to clear the Japs from Burma.

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CG Army Air Forces Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu T H
CG Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta India
No: CRAX 2980 3 February 1945

G 2 SITREP 2nd February, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 2980
info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz,
Timberman, Ramey, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from
Sultan.

Arakan front - in Minbya area enemy resistance slack-
ened, comment: Indications are enemy may be withdrawing
from area. Resistance in Kangaw area continues without any
appreciable change. Allied patrols crossed Yanbauk Chaung
on Ramree Island meeting light resistance.

Feature 1 mile southwest of Sane FX 8139 occupied
by Allied patrol without opposition.

Central Burma - Enemy attacks on Lessaw PJ 3613 area
continue, but locals report Japanese moving southeast from
Saw PO 3870 possibly indicating evacuation of area.

Sozadaw PK 7944, Pauktaw PK 8641 and PK 8045 area
(all in area 14 miles southwest of Myinmu) still occupied by

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Japanese.

Unknown number of enemy surrounded at Satpannon PK 9558
(3 miles west of Pyinmu).

Ywathitgyi LP 2359 (13 miles west of Sagaing)
occupied by Allied troops following air and artillery
bombardment but details lacking.

Japanese unsuccessful ground attacks and considerable
enemy shelling continues against Allied Kyautmyaunk bridgehead
and only slight enemy activity reported from Thabeikkyin area.

Northeast Burma - 80 Japanese with 6 machine guns
and 2 guns 70 millimeter forced British out of Myitson
SS 3388.

Enemy continued attacks against Chinese positions
in SO 7350 area (5 miles north of Hosi) to permit enemy
traffic to move north and south on main road. Allied posi-
tions in Hosi area repulsed infiltration and roving attacks.
Now known attacks against American positions on Hosi area
on 30 January made by elements 168th Regiment 49th Division.
Comment: These identifications coupled with rapid rate of
Allied advance down road against slight resistance to
SO 7755 (10 miles northeast Hosi) indicates withdrawal of
enemy troops from area northeast of Hosi.

China Theater reports from Chinese sources that
movement from Burma to Indo-China of 15th, 18th, 33rd, and
56th Divisions in progress. Comment: No confirmation or
supporting evidence by China Theater or here but requesting

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air reconnaissance of probable route via Loilem.

General comment: There is a growing realization here that lack of real Japanese resistance to Allied advances on all fronts is caused by an absolute lack of ammunition. Constant reports show this. The scarcity is in small arms ammunition rather than artillery. This situation can only grow worse rather than better making all the more evident the necessity for Japanese evacuation of Burma, Thailand and Malaya in order that he may concentrate in Indo-China where he has opened up a ground supply route.

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FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO OURAD CFBX 31884 DATED 24TH JANUARY.

SECTIONS OF THE LIUCHOW-WUCHANG RAILWAY KNOWN TO BE USABLE AS FOLLOWS:

- YUNGU TO KWEILIN
- KWEILIN TO TSIANGSHIH EXCEPT FOR BRIDGES DESTROYED
- 1 MILE EAST OF HENYANG TO 33.5 MILES NORTHEAST OF HENYANG
- 34 MILES NORTHEAST OF KOENGYANG TO 8 MILES NORTH OF CHUTING
- FROM LUKOU TO BETWEEN 3 AND 6 MILES NORTH OF CHUCHOU

UNUSABLE BRIDGES LIMITED OPERATIONS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PART BETWEEN CHUCHOU AND CHANGSHA, RAILS WERE LEFT ON THE LINE

ACCORDING TO A PILOT'S OBSERVATION FROM LEIYANG TO HENYANG THE RAILWAY IS USABLE. THE ONLY AVAILABLE PHOTO COVER IS AN OLD ONE BUT ROAD BED IS SEVERED AT A NUMBER OF POINTS AND 3 200 FOOT BRIDGES 9 MILES SOUTH OF LEIYANG ARE OUT.

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25 MILES NORTH OF KUKONG AT LO-CHIANG AND NORTH TO CHENHSIEN A REPORT OF 18TH JANUARY SAID THE CHINESE WERE AT WORK DESTROYING THE RAILWAY.

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FROM CANTON NORTH ABOUT 30 MILES TO LO-TANG THE RAILROAD IS KNOWN TO BE IN USE AND IT IS REPORTED THAT FOR ANOTHER 25 MILES NORTH OF LO-TANG THE ROAD BED HAS BEEN PUT IN ORDER. FROM KOWLOON TO CANTON THE ROAD IS IN USE THROUGH SAMSHUI.

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IT IS LIKELY THAT THERE ARE NO REGULAR RUNS AND MILITARY TRAFFIC ONLY IS ALLOWED. REPORTS INDICATE SOME TRUCKS WITH FLANGED WHEELS ON THIS LINE. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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NEW SUBJECT. IT IS ESTIMATED HERE THAT TOTAL TRAFFIC VOLUME IS VERY SMALL FROM CHANGSHA SOUTH

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NEW SUBJECT. RIVER SIAN SOUTH OF CHANGSHA. THE HEAD OF NAVIGATION FOR MOTOR BOATS AND LOW WATER STEAMERS IS 20 MILES SOUTH OF CHANGSHA AT HSIANGYAN. BOATS OFTEN HIDDEN UNDER CAMOUFLAGE OF BRANCHES WHEN ON RIVER. AS FAR AS LINGLING SAMPANS CAN BE USED.

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NEW SUBJECT: ACCORDING TO 5 PHOTO COVERS FROM 25TH AUGUST TO 27TH DECEMBER OCEAN SHIPPING AT WU-HU AVERAGES

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4200 GROSS TONS. ACCORDING TO 3 PHOTO COVERS OF SHANGHAI TAKEN FROM 21ST NOVEMBER TO 20TH JANUARY SHIPS AVERAGING TOTAL OF 19700 GROSS TONS SHOW. ACCORDING TO 8 PHOTO COVERS OF 25TH AUGUST TO 20TH JANUARY OF NANKING AVERAGE TOTAL WAS 8400 GROSS TONS.

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CG, Army Air Forces, India-Burma Sector,
Calcutta, India

Nr : CRAX 2524 29 January 1945

Bissell WDGBI CRAX 2524 info Wedemeyer, Cheves,
Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Timberman, Ramey, CG
Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

Now follows G-2 SITREP for 28th January:

Central Burma-Japanese unsuccessful ground attacks
continue against Allied bridgeheads at Thabeikayin and
Kyaukmyaung; enemy artillery also active against Allied
positions. 70 Japanese ambushed by Allied troops at Yeshin
SR 7105 and at least 55 enemy killed.

No change in areas northwest of Segaing. Japanese
in area just south of Monywa believed to be withdrawing
southward.

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New Delhi, India

Re : CRAX 2524 29 January 1945

Arakan front: No change Myohaung, Kangaw and Myebon Peninsula areas. On Ramree Island estimated Japanese company holding up Allied advance Absyanbauk Chaung.

Now reported that no opposition encountered on Cheduba Island. Burma-Yunnan border: No reported change.

North Burma-Japanese still hold positions in SO 7550 area (6 miles north of Hosi) and unreported number contacted at SO 6153 (7 miles south of Namhkam).

During capture of Mongyu SO 8881, Chinese claim to have killed 55 Japanese and captured 3 guns 70 millimeter, 2 machine guns, and 22 rifles. 45 Japanese killed by Americans during operations on 27th/28th January; 1 prisoner from 1st Battalion, 4th Regiment captured in Namhpakka area SO 7247.

Now comes G-2 weekly SITREP for week ending 28th January-Japanese overall position in Burma continues to deteriorate; enemy formations considerably split up and disposed on different sectors of front increasing their difficulty to command and concentrate forces.

Japanese tactics of delay and withdraw have continued in all sectors except north of Mandalay on east bank of Irrawaddy where enemy have concentrated some 50 artillery pieces. This concentration and repeated counter attacks show Japanese concern about rapid development of British bridgehead to the south which would cut off enemy positions in range of hills west of river and open Mandalay

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New Delhi, India

Nr : CRAX 2524 29 January 1945

to attack from several directions.

In the Arakan enemy resistance in the vicinity of Kangaw is considered an attempt to keep the Loo open for troops withdrawing from the north. Allied forces on coastal islands are meeting only slight resistance; enemy strength on Ramree is estimated at maximum of 2 battalions, but is probably considerably less; Japanese may attempt to defend southern part of Ramree to protect Taungup and Loo to north.

In central Burma Japanese continue to withdraw southeast from Gangaw-Tilin area without offering resistance, no resistance is expected north of Irrawaddy.

Northwest of Sagaing defensive positions have been prepared, but Japanese are not considered capable of maintaining them for any length of time.

Northeast Burma-the exposed flank of the Japanese Mongmit position and need to strengthen the Namtu area probably caused shift of bulk of 18th Division to general Namtu area. Delaying tactics will continue until Namyu River line is reached where a defensive stand may be made.

There is no evidence of troop movements to the various fronts and, although the bulk of 49th Division may be in the forward areas, the Japanese are not considered capable of large scale counterattacks nor of sustaining a defensive on any front.

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To: War Department
No: CRAX 2436 28 January 1945

G-2 SITREP 27th January, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 2436 info
Wedemeyer, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz,
Timberman, Ramey, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from
Sultan.

Burma-Yunnan border:

Mongyu SO 8781 occupied by Allied troops, some
stiff opposition encountered in hills northwest of village.

No other change reported.

North Burma-stiff enemy resistance being met at
SS 3298 (18 miles north northwest of Mongmit). Enemy said
to be withdrawing from north in small groups to Mongyu SO
7035 (4 miles south of Hosi) where a headquarters possibly
56th Division is located. Comment: Reports from this general
area indicate a sizeable concentration of all types of troops;
coolies in area seen wearing armbands with number 56 on
them, may be that Japanese intend to delay here.

Japanese counterattacking strongly in SO 7550 area
(6 miles north of Hosi) but all attacks repulsed.

Central Burma-no change in situation at Kyaukmyaung
bridgehead where enemy resistance slackened.

Allied patrols to Myintha LF 1250 (20 miles west of
Sagaing south of Irrawaddy) reported no enemy seen.

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British estimate 150 Japanese in area south of
Lunywa.

No other changes.

Arakan front-excess for stragglers Mychaung area and
area east to Lemro River clear, large quantities of documents,
ammunition and medical stores captured.

No change on Myebon Peninsula, in Kangaw area or in
Minbya area where Japanese resistance continues.

Allied troops on Ramred Island reached Yanbauk Chaung
(on west coast) meeting some resistance.

Against slight opposition Allied troops landed on
Cheduba Island but no details as yet.

Landings on Sagu Kyun Island (just south of Ramree
Island) met no opposition.

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To: War Department
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CG, US Army Air Forces India Burma Sector,
Calcutta, India
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces India Burma Theater, New
Delhi, India

Nr: CFBX 32003 26 January 1945

TOP SEC to Marshall for Joint Chiefs of Staff,
info Ramey Chennault Stratemyer and Sultan CFBX 32003
from Wedemeyer

Decisions contained in book message WARK 21782
January 17th is of great importance. As a consequence
thereof more definite plans for augmenting American units
in China and building up of Chinese units can be made.
Following comments refer to specific paragraphs of re-
ferenced book message:

C- Am discussing with Gen Ramey desired strikes
against China targets possible of execution from India
bases.

E- Suggest that the two fighter groups deployed
to China (312th Wing) for protection of XX Bomber Command
at Chengtu remain permanently assigned to 14th Air Force
and that instead of contemplating their movement later
to 20th Air Force bases in the Pacific, two groups from
10th Air Force be so moved.

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From: CG, US Army Forces China Theater, Chungking, China

Nr: CFBX 32003 26 January 1945

Am aware of fact that no additional air units are available to me except those of 14th Air Force still in India and units of 10th Air Force. Additional air and ground service units as well as additional air tactical units will be brought in as rapidly as practicable consistent with tonnage available and training and tactical program.

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This message has been relayed to ARGONAUT (1).

ACTION: JCS

INFO : ADM LEAHY, GEN ARNOLD, GEN HULL, GEN BISSELL,
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CG Y Forces, Rear Echelon, Kunming, China
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CG US Army Forces, Ledo, India
CG US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu, TH

Nr: CRAX 2188

26 January 1945

Operational summary for 24 January Sultan to Marshall
info MacArthur COMGENSOPAC COMGENPOA Chennault Middleton
Timberman Bredister COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 2188.

Punjab Battalion of 36th Division attacked and captured
dugouts south of Lava at SN 4906 killing 30 Japanese. Other
troops reached point along river 8 miles south of Mabein at
S 3303 with troops on both sides of river. No contact made
with enemy.

150th Regiment in contact with enemy platoon near
Molo on south bank of Shwelli. Molo reported clear by patrol.
Headquarters Mars Brigade and 2nd Squadron 124th Cavalry
moving east reached area 6 miles east of Mongwi at SO 4837.

Mars Brigade artillery shelled 300 Japanese at SO 7148
with good effect.

2nd Battalion 112th Regiment killed 97 Japanese and

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captured 6 horses in area 3 miles southwest of Mongyu at SO 8478.

1st Battalion is in SO 8675 area and 3rd Battalion in SO 7876 area. No major change other units.

Central Burma:

33rd Brigade of 7th Division is concentrated at Zahaw PJ 3698. Positions east of Tilin evacuated by enemy and troops 28th East African Brigade moved east to PJ 3937.

Troops of 7th Division moving southeast from Sobya PJ 5243 reached Myauk Kabain PJ 6333.

Contact with remaining Japanese made by elements 32nd Brigade of 20th Division south of Menywa at PK 5380 and PK 5381. Elements on west bank of 32nd Brigade prepared ambush positions. 300 pontoons captured in area, most of them serviceable.

32nd Brigade headquarters at PK 5084. Headquarters 80th Brigade at rifle range PK 5185. Headquarters 100th Brigade at Tixang. Elements in Myinmu, Wunbye PK 9662, and Allagapa PK 9160. Some opposition met at Myitpasm PK 9859. No contact reported by 2nd Division in Ondaw area.

Elements of 4th Brigade Pagyi LF 3172 report no enemy seen. Road block and ambush put in south of Ondaw at LF 2767.

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19th Division troops cleared Yeshina and moved to area Minbantaug SR 7206. Enemy positions at .580 at SR 6820 were engaged by other troops.

Arakan front:

71st Brigade of 26th Division at Minbyin at PX 5748 on Rasmee Island. Forward troops reached Wameaung at PX 6240 meeting no resistance. No further progress in Kangaw area towards Kangaw, however, bridgehead extended to north.

Elements of 51st Brigade of 25th Division landed in area to support operations 3rd Commando Brigade. Enemy counter attacks were repulsed. No major change 81st West African Division. Headquarters 82nd West African Division at Kanzauk PM 9319 area.

End

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G 2 SITREP 25th January, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 2271
info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz,
Timberman, Ramsey, CG Hickam Field, and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

North Burma-Twinnye occupied by Allied troops apparently
without opposition.

One Japanese company in areas north of Myitson SS
3389 is British estimate. In area just south of Mabien SN
3714 identified from dead Japanese 114th Regiment, 18th Div.

Estimated Japanese company contacted at SO 7250 (six
miles north of Hosi) and six Japanese killed.

Japanese ammunition dump destroyed at SO 7147 (three
miles north of Hosi).

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2nd Battalion 55th Regiment 18th Division identified at Lailawn SO 6055 (five miles southeast of Namkam) by Chinese.

In Hosi area 16 Japanese killed during strong patrol engagement.

Burma-Yunnan border: Strength in Mongyu area of 3-400 is Chinese estimate, comment: Not believed over 150 in area. No other change.

Central Burma: Estimated 25 enemy continue resistance south of Monywa, comment: British believe Japanese will impose maximum delay while preparing defenses along Irrawaddy from Pakokku PP 5590 to Mandalay. No change north of Sagaing. Enemy reported holding line from LF 2967 (12 miles northwest of Sagaing) generally northeast to Yenyet Lake, but this line not yet contacted. Enemy activity in Kyaukmyaung SR 6904 area now slackened to artillery and mortar shelling of Allied positions. British estimate at least 50 Japanese guns in Kyaukmyaung area and say confirmed by counter batteries: Elements involved are two Battalions 15th Division Artillery, all of 53rd Division Artillery, two guns each from 31st and 33rd Division Artillery plus 6-10 medium guns, comment: Believed Japanese concern over bridgehead due to good defensive positions in range of hills on west bank of Irrawaddy just north of Mandalay being cut off if Allied drive south and east successful over flat terrain east of river.

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Arakan front- no change reported in Myohaung or Myebon areas. On Ramree Island Allied drive halfway down island without contact.

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Chungking, China
Rear Echelon Headquarters, China Theater,
Kunming, China

Hr: CAK 4604 26 January 1945

Chennault CAK 4604 to Arnold for Hodges info
Wedemeyer and Cheves.

A. Weekly intelligence report of 14th Air Force
ending midnight 24th January.

During this week there were 1 Jap interception and
3 attacks against a 14th Air Force operating base. Inter-
ception took place over Shanghai when 15 unreported type
Jap fighters rose to intercept 26 Mustangs. In this fight
we knocked down 7 of the Jap interceptors while we had 1
Mustang reported missing from that action and 1 was said
destroyed by AA.

This week Japs attacked Suichwan airdrome 3 times.

On 18th 1 Jap bomber attacked the field but no
details were reported.

On 19th 1 Jap attacked causing no damage.

On 20th 11 Jap bombers dropped demos, large frags
and incendiaries causing negligible damage to the airdrome

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and destroying 1 P 51 on ground.

On other offensive missions Jap aircraft hit 3 Chinese cities.

Yungsi north of Suichwan was hit once,
Yunghing north of Chenhsien was also hit once and
Chenhsien was attacked twice.

These four attacks took place on 19th. No details were reported.

B. Enemy making extensive and effective use of AA fire and not employing aircraft to any considerable extent against our missions.

C. According to 14th Air Force liaison reports advance Japanese units at end of the week 18th to 24th January were 40 to 50 miles northwest of Suichwan.

Information from 68th Wing Headquarters indicating Japanese units within 15 miles of Suichwan was regarded improbable. During the week swift Japanese drives along north-south front west of the Canton-Mackow railway corridor were converging on Chinese Headquarters at Chenhsien, against Pingshek (midway between Chenhsien and Kukong), and against Kukong. By week's end Pingshek and Likchong on the railway were in Japanese hands and advance units were reported having crossed the railway between

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these positions.

Advance elements were approximately 40 miles west south west of Kukong. Liaison reports indicated Chinese had demolished the rail bed from Chenhsien to Pingshek and probably to Likchong. Chinese resistance was reported in the Pingshek area.

There were no reports of opposition elsewhere along the advancing Japanese front from Lingling in the north to Patpo in the south.

Most recent information dated 25th January from 68th Wing indicated 3 drives north of Suichwan to within 25 miles north northwest and 24 miles north of Suichwan and the third northeast of Suichwan aimed at cutting the Kian-Taiho highway. Along the Canton-Hankov railway these reports stated Kukong fell on 24th January to converging forces from south and west; elements continued 5 miles east of Kukong.

Japanese troops were reported 8 miles east of Likchong, approximately 30 miles northwest of Kukong. Fighting was reported at Chenhsien.

In the Kwangtung area Tsingyun (approximately 40 miles north of Canton) was captured on 19th January. During the week these forces continued north along the rail line through Yingtak to join with thrusts from the

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west at Kukong. Simultaneously movement of advance forces continued east of Waichow to a point approximately 40 miles east of Waichow by the end of the week.

25th January. Information from 68th Wing indicated units had continued through Hoifung to a position within 60 miles of Swatow. Objective appeared to be to connect Canton-Swatow areas for securing of coastal defenses. Along China coast Chinese were reported to have retaken Juian (15 miles south of Wenchow). Japanese reoccupied Kityang (20 miles northwest of Swatow).

Information during the week indicated further reinforcement of Foochow area and north shore of Hangchow Bay.

In Burma during the week Allied forces advancing northeast from Namhkam met the CEF at Muse (approximately 12 miles southwest of Wanting) thereby clearing the segment of Ledo-Burma road of enemy troops.

Advancing south from Namhkam Allied forces were reported to have cut the old Burma road at a point 14 miles southeast of Namhkam.

D. This week 14th destroyed 6 Jap fighters and 2 bombers in aerial combat.

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Mr: CAK 4604

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On the ground we destroyed:

13 fighters,
20 bombers,
4 transports,
1 recon plane and
2 unidentified planes;

probably destroyed:

1 fighter,
3 bombers and
1 recon plane;

and damaged:

2 fighters,
33 bombers,
4 transports,
1 recon plane and
2 unidentified planes.

We lost no planes in aerial combat. Two of our fighters were brought down by ground fire. One of our fighters was destroyed on ground.

Lost due other reasons were:

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5 fighters,
3 mediums,
1 heavy,
1 photo and
2 C 47's.

Missing are 4 fighters. Damaged due enemy was 1 fighter. Damaged due other reasons were 1 fighter and 1 C 47.

During the week we sank 2-150 foot vessels totalling 1,600 tons and 49 miscellaneous small boats. Probably sunk was 1 barge. Damaged were 2-150 foot vessels totalling 1,600 tons and 405 miscellaneous small craft.

This week fighters flew 775 sorties. Photos flew 23, mediums flew 64 and heavies flew 106.

Fighters dropped 148 tons of bombs, mediums dropped 54 tons and heavies dropped 108 tons.

This week troop carriers made 1,309 trips and dropped and landed 2,033.9 tons.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Colonel Park, Log

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Nr. 1569 OPS 25 January 1945

SITREP 378.

1. XV Corps.

1st. Ramree locals area Kyaukpyu reported most friendly. Ungraded report indicates three to 400 Japanese area Ledaung Chaung PX 7616. Local reports indicate up to 1500 enemy dispersed in villages area Myaungbwe PS 3494 and North apparently intending evac south by river. No organized enemy resistance reported remaining north of Northing 10. Enemy ex Minbya reported moving east in small parties. V force estimate enemy in area Kangaw PS 5350 approx 900.

2nd. 26 Div. 71 Bde.
Adv continues against slight opposn. Bde
Hq 1 Lincoln Minbyin PX 54 1 R GARH RIF PX 6434 5/1 Punjab
PX 6240.

3rd. 25 Div. 3 CDO Bde.
23 Jan leading tps PS 5249.

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51 Bde.
8 Hybad landed PS 5048 in SP 3 CDO Bde. Re-
mainder Bde following.

53 Bde.
Coy 7/16 Punjab *PX 3366*.

4th. 81 (EA) Div.
Stubborn resistance continues area FN 2309.

5th. 82 (WA) Div.
Div Hq Kansauk FM 91.

1 (WA) Bde.
Bde less 3 NR FN 1106 3 NR less two coys
FN 2005 coy each FN 2106 FN 2203. 82 Recce Regt under comd
81 (WA) Div FN 2322.

2. 14th Army. A. 4 Corps.

1st. TAC R 23 Jan reports trench system believed
newly constr running north and south of rd Pauk PJ 70-Tilin
PJ 33 just NW of Pauk.

2nd. 7 Div. 28 (EA) Bde.
23 Jan opposn PJ 3437 cleared and feature
PJ 3937 occupied. 33 Bde conc area PJ 3698. 7/2 Punjab
less 3 coys PK 2796 coys PK 2591 PK 3094 PK 1392.

B. XXXIII Corps.

1st. Conc of enemy arty against our BR head op-

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posite Kyaukmyaung SR 60 incl elements 21 FD arty 15 Div of 53 Div arty and at least ten MED guns of both 105 and 150 MM calibre. This conc being employed to full against BR head area and in SP recent repeated counter attacks. Recce of area Kabwet SR 62 confirms enemy still holds some poans on west bank Irrawaddy.

2nd. 20 Div. 32 Bde.

24 Jan 3/8 GR with air and arty SP captured village PK 5583 against strong opposn. Still in contact PK 5481. Bde Hq Monywa.

80 Bde.

Bde Hq PK 5185.

100 Bde.

Opposn PK 9859 overcome and villages LFO 360 LFO 461 cleared. Bde Hq LF 0365.

3rd. 2 Div. 4 Bde.

2 Norfolk occupied high ground LF 3170. 1 RS LF 2672 less coy LF 2270. 1/8 LF less 2 coys moving LF 2368 coy moving LF 2767 coy remains LF 2376.

4th. 19 Div. 64 Bde.

1/6 GR cleared area SR 7206.

3. NCAC.

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1st. Documents identify all Coys 1 and 2 Bn 4 Regt in area Namhpakka SO 7247 -HOSI SO 7141 and indicates str 4 Regt less 3 Bn 1000. Elements 56 Recce Regt also identified this area and ground reports indicate both 105 and 150 MM guns present in addition to Bn arty. Local reports indicate possibility 67 Regt in addition to responsibility for east bank Irrawaddy in area Thabeikkyin SR 73 may extend east along Mogok SS 24 RD.

2nd. 36 Div. 29 Bde.
Bde Hq 2 E LAN R SR 7469.

72 Bde.
2 Coys 9 R Sussex SN 3303 Coy SN 3103.

26 Bde.
2/8 Punjab captured posn SN 4906 killing
thirty enemy.

3rd. 38 Chinese Div.
2/112 Regt SO 8478 killed 97 enemy. 1/112
Regt SO 8675 3/112 Regt SO 7876.

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Kunming China
CG, 20th Bomber Command Kharagpur, India
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

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Bissell WDGBI, Sultan, Cannin, Chennault, Barrett,
Middleton, Cheves SCS, Cheves Rear Echelon, LeMay,
Stratemeyer CFBX 31992 book mag nr 207 from G-2 sgd Wedemeyer.

Continued reports of movement Japanese Forces into French Indo China. 4,000 reported moving from Nanning to Langson between 15 and 17 January. Unit unidentified. Navy group reports 27,000 Japs concentrated Lungchow-Pingsiang area but other reports state 10,000. Believe latter figure more likely correct. Two other groups size undesignated reported moving from Nanning towards Pingsiang. Chinese rumors indicate a Jap drive into Yunnan from Fio anticipated and portions of Fio-Kwangsi border have been ordered evacuated. No reports on French answer to Japs relative Jap demand to put one division in northwestern Tonkin area but local French do not believe French in a position to refuse. Situation Fio being watched closely.

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Naval group also reports that Japs and French have reached agreement allowing Japs to concentrate troops Kwanchow area and to fortify E coast of Luchow peninsula. Information from Sinc source rated B 3 by Naval group. No change in situation Wanting area with our forces reporting only slight contacts with Japs south of Wanting. Main Japanese strength appears to be concentrating Rutkai area rather than at Mongyu.

Japanese have withdrawn their troops previously reported moving west from Siang Siang (112 deg 24 min-27 deg 46 min) This drive now appears to have been for purpose of protecting movement of troops from Guerrilla section. 2,000 with Artillery reported arrived at Siang Siang and 1,000 arrived Young Feng to southwest of Siang Siang.

Jap drive at Canton-Hankow railway continues with Pingshek (112 deg 42 min-25 deg 23 min) reported occupied by Nips on 22 January and captured of Lokchong (112 deg 51 min-25 deg 15 min) reported imminent. Sinc G-2 states no further progress south from Leiyang. Identity of troops moving south from Leiyang not definitely identified but thought to be 34 or 37 Division elements. Jap troops moving west from Tachsien-Yungming area confirmed by Chinese as being 40 Division elements. Strength at Pingshek estimated as 3,000 and Lokchong 2,000. Force of 600 reported at Juyuan (112 deg 46 min-24 deg 54 min). No further progress northward from Canton reported but elements of 104 Division reported to be at Waitsap (112 deg 15 min-23 deg 58 min).

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All quiet in Waichow area but Japanese reported collecting large amounts supplies and moving same to Wiekling.

No additional information regarding situation Suichuan airfield. Last reports indicated Japs three kilos west of Yung Lsin (114 deg 27 min -26 deg 58 min) on 22 January current.

End.

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF
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CG, South Pacific Base Command, Noumea, New Caledonia
Rear Echelon Y Forces, Kunming, China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Fort Shafter, T H.
PW, ATC, Naval Air Station, Honolulu, T H.
CG, US Army Forces, Ledo
CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon

Nr: CRAX 2056 24 January 1945

Operational summary for 23rd January Sultan to
Marshall, info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault,
Middleton, Timberman, Bredster, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX
2056.

No change for 36th Division. Elements of 150th
Regiment reached Shweli River 16 miles south southwest of
Tonkwa at SN 6703 dispersing Japanese patrol in the area.
124th Cavalry Headquarters located SO 6896 area. 613th
Field Artillery Battalion shelled column on main Burma Road
and estimate 300 Japanese killed. Second Battalion 475th
Infantry continued pressure on Loikang SO 7042. Third
Battalion had patrols operating in area east of Burma Road.
Elements of 89th Regiment had contact with Japanese at
SO 5956 while 90th Regiment reported contact with enemy at
SO 6256. The Third Battalion of 114th Regiment cut Burma
Road at mile 80, SO 7449. Headquarters of the 114th Regiment
reached Manning at SO 6*47 and First Battalion reached
SO 6649.

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The 130th Division of CEF moved south from Muse reaching mile 86 and 88, Manpong at 80 8*57. Road trace Namhkam-R * 105-Wanting cleared of enemy. Troops 19th Division repulsed three prong attack in the bridgehead area north of Kysukmyaung. Troops of Second Division are firmly established at Natkaiyaing at LF 2465 with patrols operating to south toward Ywathitgy LF 2369. No enemy contact reported. Myinmu at LF 0058 was occupied by troops 100th Brigade of 20th Division. Contact gained with enemy west of Myinmu an Wunbye PK 9762. Leading troops of 32nd Brigade reached area 10 miles south and southeast of Monywa meeting no enemy. 7/2 Punjab Battalion of Seventh Div report no enemy seen in Yinmabin PK 3582. Hqrs of 89th Brigade moved to Taxan PJ 477 southeast of Gangaw 14 miles. Leading troops were in Sobaya PJ 5443 and 6 miles to southeast of Kyaw PJ 6364 meeting no opposition. 114th Brigade was in Mavle PJ 3469 Minywa PJ 3377 area. 28th East African Brigade Hqrs moved to Aingma PJ 3454. Leading troops occupied Tilin, 32 miles south of Gangaw and had contact with Japanese east of Tilin on hill at PJ 3536. An enemy attack in the area was repulsed. On Arakan front advance inland on Ramree Island continued. Tank column reached area 10 miles south of Kysukpyu meeting no opposition. Third Commando Brigade made landing two miles southwest of Kangaw at PS 5350. Landings were unopposed but resistance encountered one mile southwest of Kangaw.

No other change reported this area.

* Being serviced.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO: CG AAF; G-2; Col Park; Log

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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India

To: War Department

Nr: CRA 1984 24 January 1945

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1984 from Sultun.

1. This replies to WARX 24310 dated 21 January.
2. We have just received Wedemeyer's CFEX 31720 dated 21 January, in which he released two combat cargo squadrons for return to SEAC by 1 February. Information given below takes Wedemeyer's action into account.
3. Comments on employment of transport aircraft available to SEAC follow:

A. Assigned to Tenth Air Force are 3rd Combat Cargo Group of 100 C-47's and 443rd Troop Carrier Group of 48 C-47's. These supply Northern Combat Area Command, Tenth Air Force, SOS and miscellaneous activities in northern Burma. We now estimate that we shall require for all activities south of Ledo approximately 2155 tons per day during the month of February. This must be moved over land by truck or be flown. By operating at the rate of 170-190 hours per assigned aircraft per month, 148 aircraft will be able to deliver approximately 750 tons per day against February requirements. With this air transport, and by utilizing all available surface transportation resources, we still face a short fall of about 400 tons per day for supplies and equipment which are needed to keep operations and construction moving as planned. After February, capabilities of truck

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delivery increase but so do requirements. There is little likelihood that the job in North Burma can be done with fewer than 148 transports for several months to come.

B. The Combat Cargo Task Force of Eastern Air Command air supplies 14th Army in the Mandalay area, XVth Corps in the Arakan, and the forward elements of 224th and 221st Groups of RAF. To this force are now assigned the 4th Combat Cargo Group of 100 C-46's (equivalent to 166 C-47's), one squadron from forward Combat Cargo Group of 25 C-47's, two RACF Squadrons of 40 C-47's, four RAF Transport Squadrons of 80 C-47's. Two additional combat cargo squadrons with 50 C-47's will be available from China beginning 1 February. So far as we can ascertain, air tonnage capacity is available to meet the present air supply requirements of British Ground Forces to the extent that the availability of supplies permits.

C. The 32 C-47's aircraft of the 2nd Air Commandos are not considered available for normal air supply tasks. When their combat missions permit, the Air Commandos are being used for airborne training. No other transport aircraft are now engaged in such airborne training.

4. Best information available indicates that sufficient transport aircraft are available within the theater (including the two squadrons being returned from China) to support the planned advance on Rangoon, provided:

A. British Army furnished air bases along the Arakan coast to permit available aircraft to be used at maximum efficiency.

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B. Supplies for air delivery are laid down at transport bases in quantity equal to the requirements of Army formations or to the capacity of available aircraft to transport them.

C. Additional personnel, packing facilities, and trucks are made available by Ground Forces to provide flexibility in use of transport aircraft.

D. Existing surface lines of communication are fully utilized.

E. When British Forces advance into the Prome area, the Taungup-Prome land L of C is opened and operated to provide 500 tons per day at Prome, or, alternatively, sufficient additional airfields are constructed on Ramree Island to support a corresponding air supply.

F. Transport aircraft are allowed to exceed the rate of 120 hours per aircraft per month now prescribed by the Supreme Allied Commander. USAAF consider that up to 160 hours per month can be flown if required and that maintenance can keep abreast of the higher rate.

G. Requirements for airborne training are not increased.

H. No substantial air supply program is undertaken on behalf of the civilian population of Burma.

5. Requirements in transport aircraft must be related to the factors indicated above. Transport aircraft are only

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one element in an air supply program. At present, available aircraft are ahead of the rest of the program. Unless these additional factors are properly handled, the mere addition of transport aircraft cannot provide satisfactory air supply for combat forces in Burma.

6. General Stratemeier has assisted in preparation of this reply.

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ACTION: Gen Hull

INFO : JCS & (JUPC); Gen Arnold, C of S

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Following is G-2 SITREP for 21st January-Burma-
Yunnan border:

Japanese withdrawal from Wanting continues. At
Manhking SO 9592 and Tong Kan SO 8684 (3 and 7 miles south
of Wanting respectively) small enemy groups contacted.

North Burma-Japanese in Hosi area continue to
counterattack forward positions.

Comment: Estimate of 3 weak battalions 55th Regiment
18th Division confirmed in Hosi area. 25 truck loads of
troops reported moving south of area 14 miles east of Namhkam
SO 8176. Central Burma-Allied patrols met small group of
enemy in position at Ponna PJ 3140 (2 miles north of Tilin),
presumed position cleared since Allied troops reported south
of this area.

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Allied planes on mission over Myinmu LF 0060 (25 miles west of Sagaing) report Japanese crossing river to south bank. Enemy resistance at Monywa continues. Estimated platoon contacted at Wethajok LF 2773 (16 miles northwest of Sagaing).

Enemy artillery action only other activity north of Mandalay-Sagaing area. Allied bridgehead east of Kyaukmyaung SR 6904 extended against some enemy opposition, 26 enemy dead counted during this action.

Arakan Front: No change Myebon Peninsula where resistance slackened. Enemy north of Nychaung apparently withdrawing, only disorganized resistance now encountered.

Allied landings on Ramree Island meeting only slight opposition.

Now comes weekly G-2 SITREP for week ending 21st January-on all fronts enemy withdrawal continues. Doubtful that Japs are capable of strong counter attacks on any scale in view of condition of troops and strength in forward areas also no known strategic reserve moving to forward areas.

Resistance expected to continue on southwest coast to deny Allies routes to Irrawaddy Valley. Believed Japanese will arise strongly before Mandalay and Sagaing but they are not capable of holding against determined Allied advance.

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Along east bank Irrawaddy Japanese disposed to counter Allied thrusts from west or north, but due to lack of local reserves will not be able to defend area. Remnants of 56th Division in Mongyu (RJ 105) area practically cut off and not believed capable of other than harassing action.

Elements of 18th Division in hostile area as well as those of 56th Division at Mongyu expected to fall back on next delay position north of but parallel to general Namtu-Hsenwi line.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CGAAF
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To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater
New Delhi, India

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TOPSEC. To Marshall for the Joint Chiefs of Staff
info Sultan CFBX 31783 from Wedemeyer.

Last November strategic survey CFBX 25612, 6 November 1944 was dispatched to the US Joint Chiefs of Staff. Estimate of strategic situation in Far East and tactical situation in China Theater submitted in compliance with WAR 22417 follows in 3 parts:

Part I. Strategic.

Part 1. The Japanese realize the inevitability of defeat. However their present plans envisage continued fighting to stave off the hour of capitulation in the hope that the cost will be more prodigious in lives, time and effort, thus causing the Allies to ameliorate their current plans of unconditional surrender and purported postwar Allied plans.

2. The rapidity of the American advance in the Pacific during the past 8 months has unquestionably upset the Japanese time table and overall plan. The Japanese have lost the strategic initiative in all areas and subsequent preparations and dispositions may reasonably be expected to facilitate defensive operations. US strategy should be directed toward the complete neutralization of the Japanese Archipelago. Continued operations, air and surface, should be conducted with a view to obtaining bases for the effective

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employment of air and naval forces against Japan in preparation for the invasion of the island of Honshu. Subsidiary operations should be conducted with the objective of cutting important lines of communication within the Japanese controlled areas, thus precluding redistribution of Japanese military forces and the movement of vital materials in connection with the war effort.

3. It would be unsound for the United States to undertake extensive land campaigns on the Asiatic continent. Limited communications and unfavorable terrain render the large scale employment of modern land armies impracticable in the interior of China. If we undertook such operations we would be playing into Jap hands, since we would be combating the enemy's strong ground forces under conditions most favorable to him. The maximum effort in the interior should be required of the Chinese forces supported by American air units. The most effective contribution by these forces would be severing enemy lines of communication, destroying important installations and containing and diverting the maximum possible enemy ground and air forces. Concurrently American forces operating in the Pacific might seize air and naval bases in the Ryukus, Bonins, on Hokkaido, the Shantung Peninsula or Formosa. Further it may be necessary to seize intermediary objectives, along the coast of China south of Wenchow, in the Kuriles, in the Chu-San Archipelago, and in the Ningpo Peninsula if the Japanese greatly weaken their forces in that general area. However efforts to secure lodgements at these places should be undertaken only if necessary to contribute to the success of the more decisive operations.

4. On basis of limited information concerning Russian capabilities, should the Soviet elect to enter the war against
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Japan, it is estimated that there are approximately 30 well equipped and trained Soviet divisions in the Far East. About 4 months would be required by the Soviet to move the necessary additional forces (estimated at 30 divisions) into eastern Siberia for offensive operations. Assuming that Germany will capitulate by late spring of 1945, Soviet reinforcements would not reach the Far East until late in the fall and severe weather might preclude extensive action until the following year. Although the Soviets profess to be disinterested in this area, careful analyses are being made by their local representatives concerning developments in China particularly with reference to the Kuomintang, the Communists and provincial war lords. Russian influence in Mongolia today is very strong. The Chinese communist movement predominates in northern China, permitting infiltration of Soviet doctrines. This would facilitate physical penetration by the Soviets at a later date.

5. The Allies should not lose their present momentum in the Far East. Each success should be exploited rapidly. Relentless pressure will bring the issue to an earlier close and thus save American lives. The operations required to effect this strategy would be essentially naval, amphibious and air, whereas on the European continent it is ground and air action that predominate. In these two theaters competition would be keen for shipping and air resources, if continued all out effort were made in each. It appears logical that the Japanese will place chief reliance on their Army and Air Forces. In the air we have ever increasing superiority. Our proposed strategy of avoiding major operations on the Asiatic continent denies the enemy the opportunity to employ his Army strength effectively against us.

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Part II follows. Tactical.

6. Japanese capabilities in China theater remain essentially as presented to the Joint Chiefs of Staff in previous messages (CFBX 25612, 6 November '44, CFBX 26558, 17 November '44, CFBX 28167, 4 December '44). They retain complete freedom of action. Two months ago the enemy could have occupied Kunming. They had ample resources and could only have been delayed by the Chinese-American effort. We had no effective ground forces to interpose. Today, January 22, the enemy has strong offensive capabilities with approximately 12 divisions located south of Changsha and extending along the lines of communication leading to Canton and French Indo-China. Enemy preparations and relocations in eastern and southeastern China are being made to insure control of the area east of the general line Peking-Hankow-Liuchow-Hanoi. They now control or are in the process of seizing all major communication centers, railroads, highways, inland water ways, air bases, and productive regions in that general area. They are disposing forces and installing defensive works at all potential landing points along the coast from Shantung peninsula to Haiphong. In addition they will have reserves strategically placed to oppose Allied landings.

7. As indicated under strategic considerations, the Japanese probably estimated ample time available to liquidate our base in Kunming before a situation would be created making dispositions along the East Coast necessary. The rapid American advance in the Philippines and particularly the present successes in Luzon have probably convinced the Japanese that it would be dangerous to undertake extensive operations westward. As another definite deterrent the

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Japanese realize that two Chinese Divisions, which can and will fight, have been moved to strategic positions for the defense of the Kunming-Chungking area. Although still a capability, it is unlikely that the Japanese will launch a campaign westward against Kunming and/or Chungking. They may advance to seize Kweiyang and would be successful in such operation. This would greatly strengthen their position with reference to the Chinese-American effort, and also deepen their defense of the east coast. Appropriate dispositions are planned to prevent such an enemy move. However, it will be several months before training, equipping, and troop dispositions can be effected in the Chinese Army. In the interim we may not be able to muster sufficient strength to defend Kweiyang should it be attacked.

8. The Japanese also possess the capability of advancing against the Kunming area via Paoching-Chihkiang-Kweiyang; Nanning-Poseh-Kunming or Hanoi-Lao Kay-Kunming. Indications at present fail to support the assumption that the Japanese field commander has committed himself to any of these operations. Offensive action by Chinese or American forces in these areas might cause the Japanese to undertake retaliatory operations. //

9. The Japanese may concentrate in the coastal areas and north of Changsha. Such a move would free Japanese forces for use against Allied landing operations along the east coast of China; for employment in the Japanese homeland, or against Soviet operations in Manchuria.

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10. Weather is favorable for offensive action by China Theater Forces in July or August. An effective Chinese Force (15-25 divisions) may be in the field available for combat by that time. Tentative studies have been made that envisage a drive from the Kweiyang area eastward to sever enemy lines of communication in the vicinity of Hengyang-Liogling. This can only be accomplished if the Japanese greatly reduce their forces south of the Yangtze. Also a plan has been made to drive on the Liuchow-Nanning area thence southeast on Canton. In all operations now being planned strong guerrilla, clandestine and commando action will be conducted concurrently to destroy enemy installations and lines of communication over a wide area. Effective air cooperation and participation are also incorporated in our plans.

Part III follows. A. Combat Forces.

11. The following compilation of combat units may be of assistance to the United States Chiefs of Staff and their various planning agencies.

12. Combat air and ground units trained and equipped and logistically supported that will be available for employment against the enemy include:

1st. 1 March 1945. Air-14th Air Force presently in China. Ground-two divisions recently moved from Chinese Army in India, plus two battalions 75 millimeter pack

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Howitzers. Approximately 10 Chinese divisions will be equipped and undergoing strenuous training.

2nd. 1 May 1945. Air-Add one fighter group, one fighter squadron and one medium bomber squadron (necessary to complete 14th Air Force), one heavy bomber group. Ground-Add one CAI division and five Chinese Divisions.

3rd. 1 July 1945. Air-Add one fighter group and one heavy bomber group. Ground-Add remaining CAI units (two divisions, one tank group and three battalions 75 MM pack Howitzers, seven battalions 105 MM guns, three battalions 155 MM Howitzers), 15 Chinese Divisions.

13. Total combat forces available on 1 July 1945. Air-14th Air Force, complete; two fighter groups; two heavy bombardment groups. Ground-Five divisions, plus one tank group, plus three battalions 75 MM pack Howitzers, seven battalions 105 MM guns, three battalions 155 MM Howitzers from Chinese Army in India; 20 Chinese Divisions.

B. Schedule of Operations.

14. The following schedule of operations or preparations for same is envisaged in the China Theater:

1st. Present to 1 March. Air-Operations in cooperation with Pacific advances, and against enemy LOC and supplies. Tactical operations in cooperation with CEF.

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No: CFBX 31783

22 January 1945

Ground-Guerrilla and clandestine operations, organization, equipping, and training of Chinese forces. Objective of all forces-security of Kunming-Chungking area, concurrent with preparation for offensive operations.

2nd. 1 March to 1 May. Air-Operations in cooperation with Pacific advances, and against enemy LOC and supplies. Ground-Guerrilla and clandestine operations. Organization equipping and training of Chinese forces, movement of forces into forward areas. Objective of all forces-security of Kunming-Chungking area concurrent with preparation for offensive operations.

3rd. 1 May to 1 July. Air-Operations against enemy LOC and supplies. Ground-Guerrilla and clandestine operations. Training of Chinese forces, concentration of forces in forward areas preparatory to commencement of offensive operations. Objective of all forces-security of Kunming-Chungking area concurrent with preparation for offensive operations.

4th. 1 July to 1 September. Air-Strategic and tactical participation and cooperation within China and in consonance with phased Pacific operations. Ground-Ground offensive operations conducted by Chinese divisions and commanders, supported by intensified guerrilla and clandestine activities.

This is end of third of three parts.

End

CFBX 24612 is CM-IN-7501 (8 Nov 44) Gen Hull

ACTION: Gen Hull

INFO: JC/S, Adm Leahy, Gen Arnold, Adm. King, Cofs

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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India

To: War Department

Nr: CRA 1903 22 January 1945

Ulio and Bissell WDGBI CRA 1903 from Sultan.

Road to China open as of this date. A few
isolated Japanese pockets being mopped up. Some artillery
fire st'll being received.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CG AAF; ASF; OPD; Col Park; Log

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New Delhi, India

To: War Department
Detachment General Headquarters, Hollandia, New Guinea
CG, South Pacific Base Command, Noumea, New Caledonia
CG, Y Forces, Rear Echelon, Kunming, China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Ft Shafter, TH
CG, US Army Forces, Ledo, India
CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, US Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu T H

Nr. CRAX 1803 21 January 1945

Operational summary for 20th January Sultan to Marshall
info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Dorn,
Timberman, Bredister and COMGEN Hickam Field DRAX 1803.

Elements of 26th Brigade (36th Division) relieved troops
of 72nd Brigade in Konmakan SN 4311 area and at Lava SN 4808.
No change 50th Division, First Separate Chinese Regiment, or
124th Cavalry.

^{US} 475th Regiment repulsed two Japanese counter attacks
and claim four tankettes or armored vehicles destroyed.

Headquarters 30th Division moved to SO 5461.
Headquarters 38th Division opened at SO 5865.

The 112th Regimental Headquarters and 3rd Battalion
closed in Kongsha SO 5966, 2nd Battalion advanced to Kaitav
SO 7071 with one company at Namngu SO 7471, first Battalion
reached Mansab SO 6363, with one company at Loisong SO 6665.

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New Delhi, India

Rr. CRAX 1803

21 January 1945

Headquarters 113th Regiment at SO 5865, 2nd Battalion advanced to SO 6168 with one company at SO 6571, 3rd Battalion moved to SO 7377, with company at SO 7176 and another company at SO 7274.

The 2nd Battalion of 114th Regiment is enroute to Sehai SO 5865.

On Arakan front 51st Brigade 25th Division is moving to Myebon Peninsula, no major change reported in Myebon area. In area south of Minbya 7/16 Punjab Battalion clashed with Japanese at Kyebin PS 2973 killing 5 and wounding 23.

In Mychaung area troops 5th Brigade of 81st West African Division reported clash with Japanese at Tawbe PN 1307 and had contact two miles north of Mychaung at PN 2310.

In Central Burma: Troops of 19th Division continued to mop up Japanese stragglers in Kabwet area. Bridgehead at Ngapyin SR 7004 was extended against opposition. 26 Japanese killed in area. 2nd Division troops continued advance to south of Shwebo. Leading elements were established at Yinmagyin LF 2276.

Patrols reported Nyaungbinwun LF 1267 and Legyi LF 1665 clear of enemy.

Headquarters 100th Brigade advanced to Minywa with leading elements at Kvetkin at PK 9878 reporting no enemy encountered.

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New Delhi, India

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Minor progress made in Monywa area. Leading troops
in Gangaw valley reached Aingma at PJ 3454 meeting no enemy.

Headquarters 28th East African Brigade moved to Mawle.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CG AAF
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Log

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From: CG, US Army Forces China Theater Chungking, China
To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces India Burma Theater New Delhi, India
CG, Southeast Asia Command Forward Echelon Kandy, Ceylon
Nr: CFBX 31720 21 January 1945

TOPSEC to Marshall for US Joint Chiefs of staff
information Moubatten SEAC Fwd Boh Kandy, Ceylon pass to
US Army Liasion Kandy Ceylon, Wheeler and Sultan CFBX 31720
from Wedemeyer.

Two combat cargo squadrons which have been temporarily
employed in China Theater in consonance with WARX 70954
will be returned for operational use within SEAC on February
1st. It is necessary to retain one combat cargo squadron
for continued employment in China. I am grateful to US
Joint Chiefs of Staff, British Joint Chiefs of Staff and
SACSEA for cooperation in the premises.

End

ACTION: JC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy Gen Bissell
Gen Arnold Adm King
Gen Hull CofS

CM-IN-20784 (22 Jan 45) DTG 211615Z bjm

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New Delhi, India

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
CG, Services of Supply, Kunming, China
Rear Echelon Headquarters, China Theater,
Kunming, China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu, T.H.
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector,
Calcutta, India

No: CRAX 1811 21 January 1945

G-2 SITREP 20th January, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 1811
info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson pass to
Nimitz, Timberman, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer
from Sultan.

Arakan front - estimated company of Japanese made
unsuccessful counterattack on Allied troops Kyeyobyin
PS 2973, 40 Japanese killed, 23 wounded. No other change.

Central Burma - no change Gangaw Valley. Estimated
weak battalion continues resistance in Monywa area. Allied
troops cut Sagaing-Monywa railroad at Legyi LF 1776 (18
miles west northwest of Sagaing) without opposition.

Area four miles north of Myinmu LF 0060 (25 miles
west of Sagaing) reached with no enemy seen. No change in

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New Delhi, India

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areas north of Sagaing and Mandalay. An estimated enemy company holds position covering the road four miles east of Thabeikkyin SR 7038.

Enemy resistance just east of Kabwet SR 6521 continues. Enemy artillery has been active against Allied positions in Kyaukmyaung SR 6904.

Burma-Yunnan border: Japanese evacuated Wanting and town occupied by Allied troops. Prisoner captured stated that enemy was ordered to withdraw night of 19th January. Some small pockets of enemy mopped up in Wanting area.

North Burma - same enemy still active north of Twingge. Allied troops advancing northeast along Namhkam-Wanting road reached point 12 miles from Namhkam and no enemy seen.

Comment: For all practical purposes road may be considered open inasmuch as not believed any effective number of Japanese advanced elements of Chinese First Army and those of CEF.

In Hosi area two strong enemy counterattacks repulsed and four tankettes knocked out.

Identifications of 55th Regiment, 18th Division made in Hosi area and all battalions of regiment believed

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present but considered as weak.

No change this sector but enemy resistance continues against Allied road blocks.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Colonel Park, Log

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 Chungking China

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 CG US Army Forces in India Burma Theater New Delhi India
 CG US Army Forces in Pacific Ocean Areas
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 Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area
 Leyte Philippines
 CG Northern Combat Area Command Myitkyina Burma
 Headquarters Army Air Forces in India Burma Sector
 Calcutta India
 CG 20th Bomber Command Kharagpur India
 Rear Echelon Headquarters China Theater
 Kunming China

Nr: CFBX 31687 21 January 1945

To Marshall for Porter info Sultan LeMay Stratemeyer
Davidson MacArthur and COMGENPOA pass to CINCPAC CFBX 31687
from Wedemeyer.

Wanting captured 20 January by Sino 88th Division.
Other units CEF mopping up small Jap pockets around town.
In Kwangsi, Jap installations around Hoochih were subjected
to artillery fire by 21st Artillery Regiment. Elsewhere
nothing.

ACTION: OPD

INFO - CG AAF
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 COL PARK
 LOG

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To: War Department
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CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
CG, Northern Area Combat Command, Forward Echelon,
Myitkying, Burma
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta India
Nr: 426 20 January 1945

From SACSEA to War Dept Washington, Hq USFIPT, USF
China, Hq EAC, Hq NCAC, cite 426 to Marshall for Surles info
Warner, Sultan, Stratmeyer, Wedemeyer and Cannon, info PRO
from Huntley signed Wheeler.

Starting weekly review South East Asia, week ending
19 January 1945 starts-The Burma Campaign was stalled this
week at two points.

Twenty miles north of Mandalay British columns driving
down the Irrawaddy River and Mandalay Railway corridor came
to a temporary halt while preparing for the assault on the
city, should one prove necessary. The early fall of Mandalay
either before or following the converging of British forces
at this point was clearly forecast in the progress during
the week.

Near the junction of the Burma and Ledo Road routes,
approximately 200 air miles northeast of Mandalay and a longer
distance by the Burma Road itself, Chinese Divisions were
meeting stubborn resistance by other Japanese concentrations.

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Here, too, the enemy appeared determined to delay the Allied advance for a time while withdrawing elsewhere.

As the week ended, the military situation showed the Japs bunched in a jagged arc extending from Mandalay to the Burma-Ledo Road junction, but falling back slowly to the line of the Burma Road. Once the junction is cleared and the enemy pushed back far enough to make convoy movements to China possible, however, the clearing of the rail connection of the Burma Road from Mandalay and Rangoon will assume secondary significance from the viewpoint of the American mission to reinforce China by supplying her armies through the back door.

It is currently estimated that the volume of American supplies which can be routed over the Ledo Road to its junction with the Burma Road when this connection is finally cleared of Japanese will leave no margin for the movement of additional tonnage from Lashio, the rail head on the Burma Road, when the clearing of the rail line to Rangoon makes it possible to route supplies into China from the south. The easier approach from the south, from the standpoint of distance and facilities, will be utilized ultimately only as an alternative supply route. Meanwhile all the supplies the Burma Road will carry can be kept moving into China via Ledo and Bhamo as soon as the Japs are pushed back far enough to make it possible. Reports that the first convoy has gone through may be expected at any time.

Elsewhere on the Burma fronts Chinese, American and Br units slogged forward steadily through delta, swamp, jungle and mountain terrain which together make the Burma Campaign unique among the world's fighting fronts.

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It should be understood that this season's Burma Campaign is not comparable to those of either Europe or the Pacific. It is not a case of Armies battling for territory in the commonly understood sense, as boxers stand in the ring and slug it out. To understand the Burma Advance it is necessary to visualize one series of Allied columns cautiously moving south down the roads and rivers leading to Mandalay and Rangoon, while others fan out far to the south and east to push through jungle and mountains over primitive roads and trails. In the country where Chinese are pushing across low mountains northwest of Lashio, in the direction of the Baldwin Mines-most important mining center in Burma-there are few trails over the difficult mountain divides. Officers who marched with the Chinese down the Hukawng and Mogaung valleys say the hills in which they are now operating are almost straight up and straight down. In natural obstacles the going here is tougher than any encountered hitherto. Although the heights reach only a little more than 2000 feet elevation, the chocolate-drop slopes, tumbled masses and tangled jungle growth combine to make progress across the ridges a tropical nightmare.

As the British Forces from the Chindwin River and in the Arakan River region move east, and British, Americans and Chinese on the northern front push south, the battle line, such as it is swings in a ragged half-circle from the Myebon Peninsula east of Akyab to a point near the border of Yunnan Province some 200 miles due east of Mandalay.

A successful land, sea and air attack on Jap concentrations on the Myebon Peninsula at the southern tip of the Arakan front during the week carried the British line one

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step farther down the coast. Naval bombardment in support of tanks and infantry, and with fighter-bombers of General Stratemeyer's Eastern Air Command slashing at enemy ground forces as the British moved in, combined to make it a spectacular show. Jap counterattacks following surprise landings were ineffective.

Chinese Troops of the 30th Division fighting with Lt General N. I. Sultan's Northern Combat Area Command captured Namhkam, 71 miles southeast of Bhamo and the most important town taken in the current southern drive by NCAC.

10th Air Force fighters and bombers of Eastern Air Command concentrated during the week on enemy airfields, ammunition dumps, stores, warehouse areas and ferry crossings south of Mandalay. In a saturation attack in this area Thursday 150 American and British planes dropped 300 tons of bombs on the airfields and air installations to neutralize them in anticipation of the coming ground move on Mandalay. Rockets, cannon and machine guns carried death and destruction to Japanese defenders in this all-out attack.

Other fighters and bombers followed the line of the Chindwin and Irrawaddy Rivers, as usual, potting bridges, troop trains and enemy dumps far behind the ground fronts.

Far-ranging B-24's also began hammering the road to Singapore east of Bangkok.

But the southern front remained predominantly a British problem.

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The big American objective, in the development and clearing of supply routes laid out three years ago by Lt General R.A. Wheeler to keep China in the war by supplying her with war essentials cut off from delivery by sea, was within sight. Trucks filled with supplies should be rolling into China in less than 30 days. 24-inch pipelines built under the direction of American Engineers as part of the Wheeler plan already are carrying gasoline to the northern front. Rail and road links have been hooked up. The Bengal and Assam Railroad which delivers goods from India to the Ledo Road has had its capacity multiplied several times under American Army management. The American Air Transport Command has doubled the freight movement over the Hump since last summer. It is now carrying a considerably greater tonnage by air than the Burma Road carried before it was closed by Japanese conquests.

Thus the Americans in Burma were reaping at last the fruits of long labors, and China could count finally on a greatly expanded flow of military supplies through her back door.

End.

ACTION: BPR

INFORMATION: CC/S
CG AAF
OPD
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Policy Section Strategy
Policy Gp., Operations Div.
WDGS Lt Col Hannah 71932

20 January 1945

Commanding General
US Forces
China Theater
Chungking, China

Number WAR 24285

~~TOP SECRET~~ for Wedemeyer personal from Hull signed Marshall

Resistance forces in Indo China is subject.

French Naval mission is US has submitted memorandum to JCS substantially as follows: A. Recently General Wedemeyer approached French Military Attache in Chungking regarding attitude of resistance groups in Indo China in event operations are undertaken against Indo China. B. French Government desires to inform its Allies of French policy in this matter but is unable to do so due to lack of knowledge of Allied plans concerning Indo China. C. Therefore, French request reply to opinions that resistance groups in Indo China can be called to action only by French orders which is contingent upon French being informed by contemplated operations against Indo China from outside; French regular troops are allowed to participate in operations from outside; and operations against Indo China are considered sufficiently effective to warrant resistance uprising with no risk of premature suppression by enemy. This ends French memorandum.

A reference related to this problem is WARX 86195. Request your comments on the foregoing.

End

ORIGINATOR: Gen Hull

INFORMATION: JC/S
Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Bissell

Adm King
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New Delhi, India

To: War Department
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CG, South Pacific Base Command, Noumea, New Caledonia
CG, Rear Echelon, Y Forces, Kunming, China
CG, 14th Army Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Fort Shafter, T H.
CG, US Army Forces, Ledo, India
CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Area, Oahu, T H.

Nr: CRAX 1737 20 January 1945

Operational Summary for 19th January Sultan to Marshall
info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Dorn, Tim-
berman, Brigdster and COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 1737.

Village of Twinngs found clear of enemy by patrols 36th
Division. Headquarters 26th Brigade moved to Nanpoerpon.
150th Regt patrols reached Lweveii, 5 miles west of their posi-
tions held on Shweii River meeting no enemy. Troops 475 Combat
Team moved north occupying Honiaw SO 6741, west of Hosi and
Nafokam SO 6744 northwest 3 miles of Hisi. Roadblock was
established at SO 6945 and high ground at SO 7045 occupied.
Other troops advanced on Lokang Ridge SO 7042. 89th Regiment
reported contacts with enemy at Loiwum SO 5759, at SO 5660
area, and at Loimawk SO 5558. Troops of 90th Regiment were
in contact with Japanese 1 1/2 miles southeast of Namhkam at
SO 5762. A battalion of 112 was along road 2 miles northeast
of Namhkam SO 5764. 113th Regiment closed in Nanti Central
Burma: Kabwet area was cleared of Japanese by 19th Division.
Patrolling continued. Troops of 2nd Division occupied .631
and .457. No other change this area.

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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India

Nr: CRAX 1737

20 January 1945

Elements of 100th Brigade 20th Division continued to south from Minywa at PK 9688 about 4 miles encountering no enemy. No major change in Monywa area. Some elements crossed to west bank of Chindwin River north of Monywa to out road going west. In Gangaw Valley Kyaw at PJ 6364 which is 19 miles east of Mawle was occupied without opposition. 7th Division Headquarters opened at Zahaw 1 mile northwest of Gangaw. Headquarters 4th Corps opened at Kan. On Arakan front hill positions east of Teinnyo taken by troops 81 West African Division. 5th Brigade forward elements reached area three miles northwest of Mychaung. On Myebon Peninsula the 74th Brigade of 25th Division advanced north of Myebon and occupied Kantha and Point 262 Pagoda. Several Japanese counter attacks were repulsed.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CGAAF
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CG, US Army Forces, Rear Echelon, China Theater
Kunning, China
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Forward Echelon
Hsinching, China
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

Nr: CFBX 31588 19 January 1045

Bissell WDGBI, Sultan, Cannon, Chennault, Barrett,
Middleton, Cheves SOS, Cueves Rear Echelon, Monteith and
Duiban, LeMay, Stratemeyer CFBX 31588 book msg nr 205 from
G-2 sgd Wedemeyer.

Concentration of Jap troops previously reported be-
tween Chaling and Lierhaw now reported reinforced to 10,000,
but no further progress east reported. Road construction in
area occupied is reported. While this may eventually develop
into a drive on eastern airfields there is no indication of
this at present time.

On 15th.

Jap Forces of unknown strength moving east from
Shaklung (113 deg 52 min -23 deg 07 min) occupied Nokua
(114 deg 15 min - 23 deg 09 min) then on to Waichow (114 deg-
22 min -23 deg 05 min) where street fighting reported in
progress on 1/16.

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Nr: CFBX 31588

From: CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
On 16th.

2 Jap columns (thought to be elements of 40th Division) emanating from Tao Hsien (111 deg 33 min - 25 deg 33 min) moved east and occupied a point on the Canton-Hankow Railway 15 kilos south of Pingshek (112 deg 43 min-25 deg 24 min). By this maneuver the Japs obtained control of main tunnel on Canton-Hengyang stretch of railroad. It now appears apparent that Japs intend immediate occupation of remaining railway between Canton and Hengyang.

Recon on 17th showed first 2 railway bridges south of Kweiling repaired but rest south to Liuchow still out. No evidence of repairs west towards Hochih. Road from Liuchow to Nanning reported in good condition.

On 18th Japs made no counter attacks in Wanting area. Same day movements of trucks and small groups of troops south indicated evacuation of Wanting probably imminent. Jap troops from Namhkan reported to have evacuated southeast to Nam Pakka. Small group of Japs reported at Selan to northeast of Namhkan to cover withdrawal. Estimated Japs have 11 assorted pieces of artillery in Wanting area.

Sino G-2 states their agent reports seeing map in Jap headquarters in Hongkong indicating road along the coast from Hongkong area to Swatow under construction. Details to follow later. This rated C 3 pending further proof. Jap push east to Liuchow reported above may be start of this project.

ACTION: G-2

End.

INFORMATION: CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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G.H.Q. East Africa
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Nr: 4543 OPS. 19 January 1945

I. XV Corps.

1. OSS party which landed PX 6336 and PX 8707 on Ramree Island night 15/16 Jan found beaches patrolled and exchanged fire with enemy. Identification from dead Jap former beach suggests tentatively elements 121 Regt. 150 MM How shell cases found Teinnyo PN 12 indicate continued presence 2 Tp 3 Med Arty Regt this area.
2. 25 Div. 17 Jan feature PS 4246 captured and held against determined counter attacks. 81 Recce Regt less coy under comd 53 Bde.
3. Naval patrols area Daingbon Chaung PS 54 have sunk 10 enemy armed sub craft in recent ops.
4. 82 WA Div. 1 WA Bde. Bde Hq 3 DR PM 7919 1 MR Kanzauk PM 92. 82 Recce Regt area PN 0042.
5. 81 WA Div. 5 WA Bde. Two coys 7 GGR Teinnyo PN 12 8 OGR PN 2013 less coy PN 2215. 6 WA Bde. 1 Gambia occupied feature PN 2224 without opposn. 4 WA Bde. Bde Hq 9 NR PN 1331. 5 NR Teinnyo 10 NR PN 1741 less coy PN 2034.

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Nr: 1543 OPS.

19 January 1945

II. 14th Army

A. IV Corps

1. No oppon reported to our occupation Minywa PJ 3478 and Tagan PJ 4872.
2. 7 Div. Chin Hills Bn moving Kyaw PJ 66 comes under comd 89 Bde today. 7/2 Punjab FE 0323 less coy remaining FD 9929.
3. 255 Tk Bde. 5 Horse RU 5627.

B. XXXIII Corps

1. Enemy reported evac Ayadaw FE 80 night 16/17. 60 Regt believed responsible east bank Irrawaddy area Kabwet SR 62 with small force on west bank.
2. 20 Div. 32 Bde. 1 Northampton PK 5093 less coy PK 5087 and dets PK 5597. Night 16/17 Jan tps 3/8 GR contacted enemy Ettaw PK 58 and are bypassing posn. 1 Devon less two coys under comd 32 Bde PK 4793. 80 Bde. Bde Hq FE 4911. 9 FFR Maungdaung FE 42 less coy SQ 4700. Coys 3/1 GR each FE 2024 FE 2026. Coys 1 Devon each Budalin Payagyi FE 33. 100 Bde. 4/10 GR occupied Minywa PK 98 moving PK 9878. 25 enemy killed escaping from Ayadaw.
3. 268 Bde. Bde Hq Mahindra DAL Regt 4 Madras less two coys conc area SQ 9614. Coys 4 Madras each Kabo Weir SR 13 YE-U airfd SR 0731.
4. 2 Div. Div Hq LA 1314. 6 Bde conc area SW 3994. 4 Bde. Coy 2 Norfolks est LF 1976. Remainder Bn relieving Sqn 2 Recce Regt LF 2381.
5. 19 Div. 62 Bde. Bde Hq 4/6 GR Kyaukmyaung SR 60 3 Raj Rif SR 6707 2 Welch in contact SR 6901 continuing to clear area. 64 Bde less Bde Hq and one coy 2 Wore Regt across Irrawaddy River SR 6906. Two coys 1/6 GR est SR 7206 without oppon. 98 Bde. Bde Hq SR 6937 4/4 GR in contact east of Thabeikkyin SR 73. Remainder Bde in SP 11 Sikh clearing area Kabwet SR 62.

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III. NOAC

1. 36 Div. 72 Bde. Bde Hq SN 3912 coy 10 Glosters
SN 3810 patrols 9 Sussex in contact south of SN 3610. 26 Bde.
2/8 Punjab SN 4212 less coy Kota SN 31.
2. 38 Chinese Div. 1/112 Regt SO 5569 2/112 Regt
SO 5367. 1/113 Regt in contact SO 5854. 3/114 Regt SO 5855
1/114 Regt SO 5955 both in contact. 2/114 Regt Pangkam SO 46.

End

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INFORMATION: CC/S
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MA China
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GHQ India
HQ 15th Army Group

No: 1535 OPS 18 January 1945

SITREP 371.

I. XV Corps.

1. Patrol report Kantha PS 4145 clear of enemy but posns located in hills to north. Tentative identifications from PW 13th Jan at Yotarak PN 0005 of Med N.C.O. att 1st Bn 154th Regt. Comment. Previous documents have suggested presence lower Kaladan at least one coy this Bn. Stiff resistance continued 16th Jan area PN 2123 and hills to south.

2. 25th Div. 1 CDO and 42 RM CDO with TK SP captured features PS 4244 PS 4344. Japanese at Myegon ops so far minimum 100 killed. Own cas five killed, 30 wounded.

3. 82nd (WA) Div. 1st (WA) Bde moving east to Kraladan Valley over Kansauk Pass PN 9419.

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4. 81st (WA) Div. 5th (WA) Bde. 8 GCR PN 1611 with br head across Yan Chaung PN 2012. 5 GCR secured feature PN 1922. 6th (WA) Bde. 4 NR in contact PN 2024 1 Gambia PN 1925 1 SA L R PN 2020.

II. Fourteenth Army.

A. IV Corps.

1. No enemy resistance to occupation Yebyu PD 9929 Yagyi PD 9928 although strong recently constr def posns found latter area. Captured documents Gangaw area reported identify elements 214th Regt in addition 1st Bn 215th Regt.

2. 7th Div. 28th (EA) Bde. 46 KAR less two coys PJ 3681 two coys Minywa PJ 37. 17th Jan leading tps reported by Tac R PJ 3469. 71 KAR PJ 4482 less coy remaining Lena PJ 48 with leading to PJ 4872. Bde HQ PJ 3690. 7 KAR less 3 coys PJ 3891 one coy PJ 3791 two coys PJ 4291. 114th Bde HQ PJ 3591. 7/2 PUNJAB area PD 9928 PD 9926. No opposn reported on IV Corps front.

B. XXXIII Corps.

1. PW 1st Bn 58th Regt captured Sadaung LF 2188 states believes 138th Regt Sagaing area.

2. Corps H.Q. SR 1116.

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3. 20th Div. 32nd Bde. Bde H.Q. Sqn 11th Cav under comd PK 4792. 9/14 PUNJAB area PK 5185. 3/8 GR moving PK 5389 no opposn reported.

80th Bde. Bde H.Q. coy 1 Devon Maungdaung PE 42. 9 FFR less two coys PE 3231 two coys 9 FFR coy 1 Devon Wismana SV 49. 1 Devon less two coys PE 4911.

100th Bde. Bde H.Q. 14 FF Rif PE 4911 4/10 GR less two coys area PE 8505 coys PE 8402 PE 9106.

4. 268th Bde under comd XXXIII Corps.

5. 2nd Div. 16th Jan 2nd Recce Regt encountered small parties enemy in adv to line LF 1975-LF 2879-Padu LF 48-LF 4483 *H.Q.* 4th Bde concentrating Sadaung LF 28 5 Bde concentrating Wetlet LA 21.

6. 19th Div. 62nd Bde. 16th Jan 4/6 GR evicted enemy party which reoccupied area NR 6802. 2 Welch in contact party enemy SR 6900.

III. NCAC.

1. Enemy opposn still reported stiff in area Twinngs SR 7465-Banwe SR 8067. Resistance to adv on Holo SN 6803 also reported growing stronger.

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At: 1535 000

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2. 36th Div. 72nd Bde. 10 Glosters less one
coy SN 3912.

3. 50th Chinese Div. H.Q. 150th Regt SN 7712
2/150 Regt SN 7717. Tps 3/150 Regt reached Shweli River
SN 7607 SN 7907.

4. 5332nd Bde. Leading tps 124th Cav Regt
SO 4036. 475th Regt less 3/475 Regt SO 6739. No opposn
reported.

5. 30th Chinese Div. 88th Regt completed cross-
ing Shweli River to Namhkam area. 89th Regt conc in gen
area SO 5558-SO 5959. 1/90 Regt SO 5260 2/90 Regt SO 5361
3/90 Regt Namhkam.

6. 38th Chinese Div. 112th Regt crossing
Shweli River to SO 5565. 113th Regt SO 4662 less 1/113
Regt in contact SO 5754. H.Q. 114th Regt 3/114 Regt SO
5349 1/114 Regt SO 5853 2/114 Regt moving Pangkam SO 46.

7. Eqpt captured in Namhkam included six
Hy MGs, 21 LMGs, two 70 mm guns, 231 rifles, 9 gren dis-
chargers.

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ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CC/S, CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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CG US Services of Supply China Theater
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CO US Army Forces China Theater Rear Echelon
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Forward Echelon Headquarters 20th Bomber Command
Hsinching China
CG 20th Bomber Command Kharagpur India
CG Air Service Command Calcutta India

Rr: CFBX 31438 17 January 1945

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Cheves SOS, Cheves Rear Echelon, Monteith and Duncan, LeMay,
Stratemeyer, Middleton CFBX 31438 book msg 203 from G-2
sgd Wedemeyer.

Stubborn resistance continues in Wanting area but
strong indications of probable withdrawal in near future.
Much truck activity between Wanting and points south 15th
with wounded, ammo and clothing being moved south. Muse
reported evacuated but our units still report artillery
fire from that direction. SINO G-2 states 4000 (probably
elements of 27th Division) moved east from Chaling on 12th
January. Elements now in contact with SINO troops in
vicinity of Hukiang (113 deg 38 min-27 deg 01 min). 14th

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From: CG US Army Forces China Theater Chungking China

Nr: CFBX 31438

17 January 1945

Air Force reports this force as 7000 and believes that drive on eastern airfields is intended. SINO G-2 states drive south along railway from Hengyang anticipated in near future. Also reports 13 tanks moved from Hengyang to Leliang on 3rd. No other combat activity reported in area. Much small boat, truck and railway activity reported Tungting Lake-Siang valley area south to Hengyang. 14th Air Force reports Japs using antiaircraft fire for parachutes with trip wires.

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17 January 1945

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Commanding General
United States Forces
China Theater
Gaungking, China

Number: WAR 22417

~~TOP SECRET~~ Marshall to Wedemeyer

The Joint Chiefs of Staff request that you furnish to them by 22nd January an estimate of the situation in the China Theater and your future plans. This is for use at the coming conference in case of need.

End

ORIGINATOR: Gen Hull

INFORMATION: JC/S; Adm Leahy; Gen Arnold; Gen Bissell;
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New Delhi, India

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
Rear Echelon Headquarters, China Theater, Kunming, China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
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CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu, T.H.
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector,
Calcutta, India
CG, Services of Supply, Kunming, China

Nr: CRAX 1352 16 January 1945

G-2 SITREP 15 January, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 1352
info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz,
Timberman, LeMay, CG, Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

Northeast Burma:

Japanese continue stubborn resistance Wanting area
and heavily counter-attacked Chinese throughout day 15
January; broke through in some places but all attacks
repulsed by Chinese.

Japanese reported to be evacuating casualties and
ammunition to south from Wanting. Comment: Believed
Japanese preparing to fall back on Kutkai defenses as threat
to their LOC from west of Hosi SO 7241 increased.

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New Delhi, India

No: CRAX 1352 16 January 1945

Estimated two companies Japanese with some artillery moved to man Ngawra SO 5540. Comment: This force expected to effect delaying action to protect withdrawal route of enemy forces in north.

Only slight resistance by Japanese in Chinese capture of Nanhkam 15 January; minor pockets still exist in area. No Japanese north Shweli River between Loiwing and Mengmao SO 7187 reports Chinese patrol.

Japanese are evacuating to south Bawdwin mine machinery small enough to be transported by truck. North central Burma, Japanese stubbornly resisting British north Twinge SR 7466 and eastward along road to Mogmid from good bunkered positions. No change enemy situation central Burma.

Arakan front, Japanese resisting stubbornly on Myebon Peninsula but some indication of withdrawal to northeast.

Identifications 54th Division Recon Regiment confirmed. More on Myebon landing: Complete surprise to Japanese. Preliminary Allied air action caused enemy confusion and two coastal defense guns overrun before could be manned-only one other coastal gun brought into action. Defensive positions on beach were strong but initial surprise prevented maximum use.

ACTION: G-2 End
INFORMATION: CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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From: CG, US Army Forces, China Theater,
Chungking, China

To: War Department
CG, USAF China Theater, Rear Echelon,
Kunming, China

No: 23749 15 January 1945

MILID 23749 from DePass signed Wedemeyer.

Weekly situation estimate follows.

Enemy anticipating Allied landings seems preparing coastal defenses. Due situation Burma and Pacific enemy morale probably adversely affected. Capabilities enemy firstly effect junction forces moving south from Hengyang and north from Canton;

Capture remaining airfields east of Hankow Canton railway is second capability;

Thirdly start drive on Sian.

Reported my 23747 enemy troop dispositions.

Weather south not unfavorable renewed operations, but weather central and north China unfavorable.

End

NOTE: 23747 is CM IN 13265 (14 Jan 45) G-2

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Colonel Park, Log
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CG, Services of Supply in China Theater, Kunming, China
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From: CG US Army Forces in India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India

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INFO : CG AAF, OPD, COL PARK, LOG
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From: CG US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China

To: War Department

Nr: CFB 31349

15 January 1945

Personal for Marshall nr CFB 31349 from McClure
signed Wedemeyer.

Special courier will meet General Wedemeyer today
in Kunming with your WAR 21084. He will probably be unable
to reply until he arrives in Chungking tomorrow the 17th.

End

ACTION: General Hull

INFO: Admiral Leahy, General Bissell, C of S

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No: CRAX 1289 15 January 1945

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ACTION: G-2

INFO: CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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Operations Division,
Executive Office 2904
General Hull

15 January 1945

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Commanding General
United States Forces
China Theater
Chungking, China

Number: WAR 21084

██████████ personal to Wedemeyer from Marshall.

There has been received by the President from Hurley a message in part as follows.

Begin paraphrase: The fundamental cause of the break (between CKS and the Communists) which has taken from 1st January until now to discover follows here: Certain officers of General Wedemeyer's command during his absence from Headquarters formulated a plan for use in the Communist area of American Paratroops. This plan provided Americans would lead Communist Troops in guerilla warfare. It was predicted on bypassing the National Government of China and reaching an agreement between the U. S. and the Communist Party. American supplies to be furnished direct to Communist Troops who would be under command of a U.S. Officer. To prevent the National Government collapse was of course my directive, also to sustain the Generalissimo's leadership, unify China's military forces, and assist in developing conditions that would promote a democratic free unified China, as well as assisting in the liberalization of the government. The military plan outlined above became known to the Communists and it offered to them what they wanted exactly, destruction of the National Government and for themselves Lend Lease supplies. End paraphrase.

Will you furnish at once a report on this incident together with your recommendations as to appropriate future action.

ORIGINATOR: Gen Hull
INFORMATION: Adm. Leahy, CofS
CM-OUT-21084 (Jan 45)

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Nr: CRAX 1183 14 January 1945

G-2 SITREP 13th January Bissell WDGBI CRAX 1183
info Wedemeyer Cheves Chennault Richardson pass to Nimitz
Timberman LeMay CG Hickam Field and Stratemeier from Sultan.

North Burma - Allied patrol base in area 25 miles
north of Mongmit SN 3814 attacked by enemy patrol which
withdrew. In area 10 miles south of Tonkwa SN 7813 Japanese
positions surrounded. Contact established with enemy at
Kunkang SO 5652 six miles south of Namhkam.

Burma - Yunnan Border - Japanese continue attacks
in Muse area and forced out of some positions in Wanting
area. No other change reported.

Arakan front - Although some resistance being met
on Myebon Peninsula Japanese said to be withdrawing north-
ward. 40 Japanese in four boats reported to have landed on

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New Delhi, India.

Nr: CRAX 1183 14 January 1945

west bank Kaladan River in area six miles north of Ponnagyun
PS 0488 night of 11th/12th January. 26 killed four prisoners
captured and considerable equipment captured in ensuing
battle. In area north of Myohaung enemy artillery and patrols
active but reports indicate Japanese making partial withdrawal.

Central Burma - No reported change.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CG AAF
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Nr: CRAX 1101 13 January 1945

G-2 SITREP 12 January Bissell WDGBI CRAX 1101 info
Wedemeyer Cheves Chennault Richardson pass to Nimitz Timberman
LeMay CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan

Burma-Yunnan border: No change in enemy situation
reported, Japanese continue to counterattack in Muse area.

North Burma-Contact in area just north of Twinnye
maintained and Kyaukpyu (8 miles east of Twinnye) occupied
by enemy but no strengths given. Unreported number of
Japanese contacted 6 and 13 miles south of Namhkai. Reports
indicate that enemy may be building up strength in Namhkai
area (10 miles northwest of Kutkai), Japanese soldier heard
to say that Namhkai was next place to be defended and some
Japanese already withdrawing from Wanting to Namhkai.

Japanese said to be recruiting large numbers of Burmese
Shanu in Hsenwi area.

Central Burma-Budalin captured on 10th January, 45
Japanese killed and 15 escaped to the southeast.

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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India

Nr: CRAX 1101 13 January 1945

In areas south of Shnabo Allied patrols now 14 miles southwest and 10 miles south and southeast without contact.

Arakan Front-Allied landings made on Myebon peninsula (30 miles east of Akyab) receiving opposition but details lacking. No other reported change.

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ACTION: G-2

INFO: CG AAF, OPD, Col. Park, Log

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Nr: 413 13 January 1945

From: SACSEA to : War Department Washington, HQ
USF-IBT, USF China, HQ EAC HQ NCAC. Cite 413 to Marshall
for Surles info Warner, Sultan, Stratemeyer, Wedemeyer
and Cannon, info PRO's from Huntley signed Wheeler.

Heading: Weekly review South East Asia week ending
January 12, 1945.

Air-land-sea operations in South East Asia approached
their next climax this week in three directions:

1. The post-monsoon campaign for Mandalay was building up to a possible test of strength between advancing Allied formations and decimated Japanese Divisions which thus far have been with drawing under pressure from all of North Burma. Although Japanese purposes in the Mandalay area remained somewhat obscure, Allied strategy anticipated a battle either for the city or the air fields and oil fields to the south, between Mandalay and Rangoon. This is also Burma's rice bowl, the clearing of which will eventually make Burma's surplus available to India as before the war.

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From: CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon

Nr: 413 13 January 1945

At the week-end the nearest British column was less than 40 miles from Mandalay.

2. Chinese troops were closing in for a show down against stiffening Japanese resistance along the western approaches to the Burma-Ledo road junction, there were indications that the enemy might be planning a new suicidal stand at Namhkam duplicating that made at Bhamo.

Hammer blows from the air on enemy targets in Burma, Thailand Indo-China were being delivered with mounting force as part of air-ground operations aimed at clearing the Japanese from all of south east Asia. This softening process also anticipated additional landings by Allied land forces with air and Naval cover. Although the time and place of the next drives from seaward approaches remained hidden, the Japanese were forced to shape their strategy with this certainty in view and in further knowledge that such landings in conquered territory cannot be prevented.

News of American Naval and Air action against Japanese Naval units off Saigon, opposite the Philippines, followed by a week the announcement that the British fleet in the Bay of Bengal had put a substantial British force ashore on Akyab Island and occupied the port of Akyab, fifth largest town in Burma and formerly an important Japanese supply base. The Japs were gone when they arrived, and the landing was unopposed. The air attack on the Akyab area by American and British units of the Eastern Air Command preceding the landing was the heaviest seen in

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South East Asia and made the entire area untenable for the enemy. British flyers likewise attacked from the sea, using three American plane types--Corsairs, Avengers and Hellcats--in addition to the new British Fireflies, the sea sister of the Spitfire.

Along the several land approaches to Mandalay, scattered Japanese units continued to be encountered in pockets which had to be cleaned out before British columns could again move forward, but by the end of the week the stage was being set for the final advance on Mandalay itself. From here south, the land and sea campaigns in Burma, Malaya and Thailand are accepted as primarily a British responsibility, except as air support may be given by American bombers and fighters operating from bases in Burma and south China. Indo-China, flanking Thailand and facing the South China Sea, is militarily a part of the China Theater.

Viewed broadly, the land campaign in South East Asia, together with the American extension of American Naval power into the South China Sea, have already yielded the following results of vital influence in Japan's war economy:

1. Cut Japan off from oil rubber, tin and tungsten supplies formerly obtained from conquered territories, forcing her to rely on stockpiles or what she can get from occupied areas in China.

2. Opened transportation routes from India through north Burma and over the Hump into China for a

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constantly expanding flow of supplies intended to strengthen China's military position.

3. Cut off all but a trickle of traffic between Japan and South East Asia, whether by land or sea, thus making troop movements precarious and complicating the problem of supplying Japanese forces now virtually isolated in Burma and territories to the south.

Allied air control is almost undisputed in Burma and effective as far south as Bangkok. It is even more air tight over the Hump. Thus the air war, ranging far ahead of the land war, sets the pace for the reconquest of Japanese-held territory wherever it is possible to establish bases and thereby extend its reach.

Air supply in south east Asia is relatively more important than in any other theater of war. In the mountainous regions of Burma particularly, the Ground Forces frequently depend on the Air Forces for everything from assault boats and raincoats to bullets and rice.

Some of the other items dropped from the air to Allied troops moving through the mountains include hydrogen cylinders for flamethrowers, for which two parachutes are required because of their weight, 55-gallon gasoline drums, toilet paper, radio and other technical equipment, half-pound blocks of TNT required for demolitions, salt, beans, pigeon cages, dried vegetables and cooking oils. The

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problem here is not to drop supplies, but to find a level spot in which to drop them.

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To: Usual [REDACTED] Guidance Addressees
Re: SAC 837 13 January 1945
[REDACTED] Guidance for week ended 12 January
1945 on Burma front not for publication.

Military Situation:

Indian Troops of the South East Asia Command entered Shwebo on January 7th and by January 10th had claimed the town and resumed their advance south. Shwebo is 64 miles from Mandalay on the Myitkyina - Mandalay railway and is also an important road centre. The advance during the week down the Myitkyina - Mandalay line covered about 45 miles. Leading elements are now some eight miles south of Shwebo.

On the Yeu Monywa - Mandalay railway British and Indian Troops captured Budalin on January 10th after being held up for several days by the enemy. We now hold 35 miles of this railway from its terminus at Yeu to Budalin. The next objective on the line is Monywa on the lower Chindwin 22 miles to the south east. In the Myittha Valley where forward troops have been well south of Gangan the Japanese have been holding on at Gangaw and strongly defending their positions north of it.

On January 10th after a heavy air strike Chin Levies captured these positions and on the 11th they were reported to be in Gangaw.

In Arakan 15th Indian Corps Troops reached Ponnagun

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on the west bank of the Kaladan near the Estuary. They were attacked on the night of January 9th by Japanese who crossed by boats from the east bank but the attack was repulsed. East of the Kaladan the Japanese from positions about 13 miles south east of Kyauktaw are strongly opposing our advance towards Myohaung. There are however rearguard actions and since the evacuation of Akyab there is evidence of further withdrawal southwards in the direction of Taungup a coastal town from which a road leads to the railway at Proma. In the northern combat area the Chinese are now almost up to the bridge where the road from Bhamo to Namkham crosses the Shwegi two miles from Namkham. They have also taken unopposed possession of the Loi-Wing Airfield.

In the Tonkwa sector the Japanese have been fighting eight miles south of Tonkwa but their positions are now almost encircled. The Japanese sent aircraft over Yeu on the 7th but no damage has been reported. They have also put in an appearance at Akyab where Allied fighters destroyed five out of six enemy bombers attacking on January 9th. Heavy airstrikes in support of ground forces were carried out in the Kaladan Valley at Gangav and in the Tonkwa area. There was much bombing of bridges in Central Burma and attacks on the Bangkok Moulmein and Bangkok Chiangmai railways were maintained.

It was announced on Jan 4th that British Naval carrier borne aircraft had made a most successful attack on the oil refinery at Pangkalak Brandan in Sumatra. Photographs show that the power house and other important plants received direct hits as did oil tanks and many buildings. Seven enemy aircraft were shot down and a number destroyed.

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on the ground. Some of our aircraft were damaged but none lost through enemy action.

Points 1. There has been some press speculation on the possibility that the Japanese are now attempting to carry out a complete withdrawal from the whole of Burma. Such speculation disregards logistics. As things stand the Japanese do not dispose of sufficient shipping or other means of evacuating their Burma garrisons wholesale. They committed the equivalent of ten divisions during their period of temporary superiority at sea and competition in the air. They have been deprived of their advantage but cannot get rid of the commitment. Nor is there any good reason to think that the Japanese have yet reached a stage when they will decide to abandon their conquests in the outer zone of greater East Asia and withdraw in to an inner zone.

2. In any case there is nothing voluntary about the Japanese retreat. To suggest that there is and that the Allied advance is over cautious and loses contact with the enemy is unjust to very hard fighting troops. The Jap is only retreating because he has to and because he was fought to a standstill and then in to reverse in the monsoon. He has not been allowed to break away and has to fight rear-guard actions to prevent his retreating troops from being overrun. Some of his stands were made at immensely strong natural positions and have been supported by artillery but these positions have been repeatedly turned from the flank or attacked by Commando troops from the rear.

3. As the Japanese fall back they shorten their lines of communication and lengthen ours. The speed of our advance despite these lengthening lines which had previously wrecked havoc with their own supply system has on several

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occasions evidently surprised the Japanese and they have already surrendered pre-determined lines of defence. But it would seem wise to believe them when they speak of final decisive battles for Central Burma and of their own watchfulness against a seaborne invasion.

4. Japanese propaganda has got nearer the truth than usual in explaining to the public that it has been driven back through the mountains on to the plain of Central Burma but while explaining the complications for the British of the lengthening supply problem it omits to note the invigorating effect on our troops. "After months of weary slogging march" in having reached the open country where they can go after the enemy "on the level" and use tanks artillery and aircraft more effectively. The following is quoted by Domei from the Asahi

"The front lines in Burma are slowly shifting from the mountain to the plain. That is why a change from mountain warfare to mobile warfare is expected soon". "Regular lines are not to be easily determined since the positions are always dented owing to the use of airborne troops and guerillas".

"After months of weary slogging march through Burmese jungle and over winding mountain trails the British forces have left behind them a complicated line which is a nightmare in their supply problem."

The Allies supply problem in Burma should never be minimised in presenting it to the Allied public. In so far as the enemy may suppose it will hamper us as much as it

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has hampered them in 1944 they are welcome to delude themselves.

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New Delhi, India

To: War Department
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CG, South Pacific Base Command, Noumea, New Caledonia
Rear Echelon Y Forces, China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kuming, China
CG, US Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas,
Ft Shafter, T. H.
CG, US Army Forces, Ledo, India
CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, US Army Air Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas,
Oahu, T. H.

No. CRAX 1100 12 January 1945

Operational summary for 12th January Sultan to
Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault,
Dorn, Timberman, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 1100.

An 36th Division sector patrol action reported in
area just north of Hwinge. 72nd Brigade closed in Kota,
while 26th Brigade moved to Yanbo area. Kon-Mabein and
Nanponpon were occupied without resistance. Third Battalion
475th Regiment reached Manhsatan while the Second Battalion
reached area 1 1/2 miles southwest of Namma. First
Battalion of 89th Regiment was in Kongkang, 2 1/2 miles
south of Mansak and in contact with enemy two miles east of
Kongkang. Second Battalion 89th Regiment was in Takawn
2 1/2 miles northeast of Mansak and had contact at Kunkang,
2 miles northeast of Tankawn.

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New Delhi, India

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In central Burma patrols of 19th Division crossed to east bank of Irrawaddy at Thabsikyin and Memaok encountering enemy positions. The Second Division troops continued to advance south to Shwebo without opposition reaching a general line starting twelve miles southwest of Shwebo running east to point on railroad nine miles south southeast of Shwebo. Troops of the 20th Division cleaned up enemy in Budalin and leading elements were now eight miles south of the town. On Arakan Cron elements of Third Commando Brigade made landings on Myebon Peninsula. Some opposition was encountered but progress was good.

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REPRESENTATIVE OF CHINESE DMI TOLD ALUSNA ON 11TH THAT CLASHES HAD OCCURRED BETWEEN KOU-MINTANG AND COMMUNIST TROOPS JUST NORTH OF YANGTZE IN ANHWEI AND EASTERN HOPEI. ADDED THAT 23000 OF NEW 4TH ARMY HAD CROSSED TO SOUTH BANK OF YANGTZE EXPRESSING INTENTION OF JOINING UP WITH COMMUNIST ELEMENTS IN CHEKIANG TO BE READY TO OREST AN AMERICAN LANDING. AMERICAN ARMY OFFICER OBSERVER IN ANHWEI REPORTED KOU-MINTANG TROOPS HAD ATTACKED COMMUNISTS THAT AREA. ANTI COMMUNIST ATTACKS LONG BEEN RUMORED. SEE Y SECRET SERIALS 8-11 OF 11 DEC TO DMI ALSO 8-23 THIS DATE NOW IN MAIL.

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CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, Northern Combat Area Command, Forward Echelon,
Mvitkyina, Burma
CG, Y Forces Rear Echelon, Kunming, China
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Forward Echelon,
Hsinching, China
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector,
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CG, Rear Echelon Headquarters, China Theater,
Kunming, China

No. CFBX 31080 12 January 1945

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msg nr 199 from G-2 sgd Wedemeyer.

Essentially no change in situation. Japs still
putting up stubborn resistance in Wanting area although
indications of withdrawal program continue. Sounds of ex-
plosions Hochih on night of 9 January plus report that
✓ Japs are destroying remaining railway bridge between Hochih
and Ishan may indicate. Jap withdrawal east of Ishan area.
Szeen northeast of Hochih reported reoccupied by Sino troops
but this not confirmed by our observers as yet.

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No changes reported Nanning-Lunghos area.

No changes of note in Hengyang area.

Reports from Communist unrated by our observer indicate that 17,000 Jap troops passed south thru Sinyang (114 deg 08 min - 34 deg 10 min) between 10th and 20th of December. Two additional divisions passed thru same point in same direction between 20 and 31 December. This rated C 3 by us. Reported arrival of 109th Division from Boning to Shanghai area rated C 5 by us.

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From: CG 14th Air Force, Kunming China
To: War Department
CG US Army Forces China Theater Chungking China
CG Rear Echelon Headquarters China Theater
Kunming China

Nr: CAK 3827 12 January 1945

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Wedemeyer and Cheves.

During week 4th to 10th Jan Jap Air Force showed no increase in activity over previous week, carrying out 3 attacks against 14th Air Force bases and intercepting our planes on missions in occupied China 3 times. On 4th Jan 6 Jap bombers with fighter escort came over Laohokow. During enemys approach to the field 4 Mustangs and 4 Sharks took off at 0645 hours for interception making contact and destroying 2 escorting Oscars. During encounter the bombers salvoed bombs, caused no damage and flew to the south. During same morning 1 Jap bomber hit An kang at 0309 hours and another attacked at 0333 hours. First attacking Jap dropped 1 pound frags from 2500 feet and second dropped heavy demos from 4500 feet. In this attack enemy destroyed 2 P 47's on the ground a VHF radio station, 71 drums of aviation gasoline, 15,000 rounds of ammo, an armament tent and all mechanics tools. 4 additional P 47's were slightly damaged on the ground. Laohokow was again attacked by 9 Jap bombers on 5th Jan. Enemy caused no damage in this attack. All 3 interceptions of the week took place on 5th January. 8 Mustangs met 11 Oscars and Tojos over Sindiang airdrome and in this encounter

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Nr : CAX 3827

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our fighters destroyed 5, probably destroyed 1 and damaged 3 enemy fighters in the air. 23 Sharks and 5 Mustangs encountered 30 to 40 Oscars and Tojos over the Hankow-Wuchang area and pilots claim 10 enemy planes destroyed and 5 damaged in the air and on the ground 29 fighters and 10 bombers destroyed, 4 fighters and 1 bomber probably destroyed and 14 fighters and 5 bombers damaged. On mission to Samah Bay airdrome 8 Lightnings and 11 Mustangs met over 20 Oscars and Tojos, destroying 11, probably destroying 2 and damaging 10 enemy planes in the air. In strafing Samah airdrome we probably destroyed 5 bombers and damaged an additional 6 enemy planes on the ground.

Foregoing Para A. Weekly Intelligence Report of 14th Air Force ending midnight 10 January.

B. No comment.

C. During the week 4 through 10 January there were no reports of changes in the ground situation. Parts of the ground situation. Parts of the 109 Japanese Division were identified according to reports in the Ningpo area. These units were said to have arrived from the Bonin Islands. Information continued to indicate presence of heavy troop concentration in the Henayang area in more than sufficient strength for possible offensives southeast, south, or west. Chinese Military Headquarters continued to be apprehensive over anticipated Japanese moved toward Chihkiang. Information received during the week supported earlier reports of

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presence of a Japanese Army Group Headquarters in Hengyang in command of possibly 4 or 5 Japanese armies in the Yangtze basin area and south of the Yangtze river.

C. This week 14th Air Force destroyed 29 Jap fighters, probably destroyed 35 Jap fighters, including 1 P 40 with Chinese markings, 14 bombers and 1 other type of aircraft, probably destroyed 5 fighters and 6 bombers and damaged 27 fighters, 12 bombers and 6 unidentified aircraft. We lost no planes in aerial combat. 1 of our transports was destroyed by enemy ground fire. 2 P 47's were destroyed by Jap bombers on the ground. 7 of our fighters and 1 transport were lost due other reasons. 4 of our fighters and 1 medium were reported missing. This week fighters flew 350 missions, photos flew 11, mediums flew 38 and heavies flew 48. Fighters dropped 57 tons of bombs, mediums dropped 25 tons and heavies dropped 29 tons. During the week C 47's and B 24's dropped and landed 859 tons of gasoline, dry freight and personnel flying total of 624 sorties. This week 14th sunk 1-200 foot vessel of 1200 tons.

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FROM: CG Rear Echelon, Headquarters, China Theater,
Kunming, China.

TO : War Department.
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China.
CG, US Army Force, China Theater, Chungking, China.
Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Ft Shafter, TH.

Rr : CHPX 488 12 January 1945.

TOPSEC to Joint Chiefs of Staff info Nimitz, Wedemeyer
and Chennault CHPX 488 from Cheves Rear Echelon.

Now answering your TOP SECRET WARK 88005.

First, second and third priorities contained in your
Paragraph 2 are 95% covered in 24", and entire area is com-
pletely covered with 6" verticals. Film has been shipped to
Map and Photo Branch MIS Washington within last four months.
Missions expected here in next few days will complete this
area in 24". Map and Photo Branch Washington has individual
mission plots of all of * of the 24" is 1 to 13000 which we
assume to be satisfactory. Detailed plots concerning your
request will be made up here and forwarded to you in a few
days. We are awaiting your detailed instructions and maps
referred to in your radio before submitting to you our log-
istic problems and target dates for completing request for
other areas.

New subject. Status of Miles request is:
Area 1A, first priority, 24" is 96% complete,
6" is complete.

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Kunming, China.

Nr : CHPX 488 12 January 1945.

2A, second priority, 24" is 50% complete, 6" * 5%
complete.
3A, third priority, 24" is 40% complete, 6" is 40%
complete.
1B, fourth priority, 24" is 95% complete, 6" is
complete.
Area 1, fifth priority, 6" is 50% complete.

End.

*Being Serviced.

ACTION: JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

INFO : ADM LEAHY
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: CG US Army Forces India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India

To: War Department
CG US Army Forces China Theater, Chungking, China
Rear Echelon US Army Forces China Theater,
Kunming, China
CG 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG US Army Forces Pacific Ocean Area,
Ft Shafter, T. H.
CG US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG Army Air Forces Pacific Ocean Area, Oahu, T. H.
CG Army Air Forces India Burma Sector,
Calcutta, India

No. CRAX 833 10 January 1945

G2 SITREP 9th January, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 833 info
Wedemeyer, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz,
Timberman, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from
Sulten.

Burma-Yunnan border: 200 dead Japanese counted in
Wanting area following action of 8th January. East and
south of Burma Road in area of Wanting 700 Japanese with
8 artillery pieces reported. Along Shweli River in Muse
area 113th Regiment 56th Division identified.

North Burma-at Shadaw Japanese patrol contacted but
withdrew immediately. Small Japanese force which withdrew
westward contacted in area 20 miles southeast of Tongkwa.

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From: CG US Army Forces India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India

No. CRAX 833 10 January 1945

Contact at Lapsing (5 miles southwest of Namhkem) continues, and estimated two enemy platoons reported in area one mile farther east. 30 Japanese with mortars and machine guns reported digging in area five miles south of Namhkem and north and northeast thereof small enemy patrols said to be operating.

Central Burma - Enemy opposition in areas north and northwest of Shwebo cleared and Allied troops from that area entered Shwebo. Resistance being met in area south of Seikkun (5 miles west of Shwebo) but no strengths given. No opposition reported in Shwebo, village completely occupied by Allied troops. Arakan front-Japanese still putting up strong resistance in area 10 miles north of Myohaung but believe this may be final rearguard action prior to withdrawal. No other change enemy situation.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF
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From: CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi India
To: War Department
General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area,
Hollandia, New Guinea
CG South Pacific Base Command, Noumea New Caledonia
CG Y Forces, Rear Echelon, Kunming, China
CG US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter TH
CG 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG US Army Forces, Ledo, India
CG Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu TH
CG US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
No: CRAX 625 8 January 1945

Operational summary for 7 January Sultan to Marshall
info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Dorn,
Timberman, Bredster, CONGEN Hickam Field CRAX 625.

Contact was made with enemy by 36th Division patrols
12 miles south of Yanbo.

Troops of 150th Regiment were still engaged at Jap
roadblock 10 miles south of Tonkwa.

Elements of 30th Division reached Lapsing meeting a
Jap patrol there.

475th Regiment closing in Mongwi area.

Patrols made contact with 89th Regiment at Namke 5½
miles north of Mongwi.

In central Burma troops of 98th Brigade were mopping
up in the Kinu area while elements of 64th Brigade reached
area 4½ miles northeast of Shwebo.

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From: CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi India

No: CRAX 625

8 January 1945

Headquarters 19th Division now located Tantabin 26 miles north of Shwebo.

After clearing Jap opposition in Kabo and Yeu area troops of 2nd Division continued advance on Shwebo with leading elements 8 miles north northwest of Shwebo.

32nd Brigade of 20th Division surrounded village of Budalin.

On Arakan Headquarters 25th Division opened at Anauk on Akyab Island.

53rd Brigade located in Padali.

3rd Commando Brigade at Fakir Point and 74th Brigade in Akyab Town.

Some elements 25th Division are in contact with Japs at Kundaung $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles southwest Ponnagyun.

81st West African Division engaged and receiving stiffer opposition in area ten miles north of Mychaung.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CG AAF
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Admiral Brown

From: CG, US Army Forces India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India
To: War Department
Supreme Commander Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon
No: CRAX 534 7 January 1945
Kadsan to Marshall and Mountbatten ~~CRAX~~ CRAX
534.

Figures on airlift to China follow:

Sixth Army: 881 Chinese, 12 US, eight jeeps and
82 animals.

22nd Division: 12132 Chinese
119 US,
1002 animals,
14 jeeps,
2 battalions 75 millimeter pack
artillery,
24 antitank guns.

14th Division: 10504 Chinese,
84 US,
512 animals,
14 jeeps,
24 antitank guns.

1st Heavy Mortar Regiment less 1st Battalion:
1588 Chinese,
17 US

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From: CG, US Army Forces India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India

No: CRAX 534 7 January 1945

3 jeeps,
48 mortars 4.2.

45th Portable Surgical Hospital:
30 US personnel,
1 jeep,

60th Portable Surgical Hospital:
28 US personnel,
1 jeep.

988th Signal Detachment:
104 US personnel
1 jeep.

Recapitulation:
25105 Chinese,
394 US,
1596 animals,
40 jeeps,
48 mortars 4.2,
24 howitzers pack 75 millimeter,
48 antitank guns.

The above figures are subject to adjustment due to plane losses during the operation and totals on actual arrival in China were requested and will be sent when received.

ACTION: GEN HULL End
INFO : CCS, GEN ARNOLD, GEN SOMMERVELL, GEN BISSELL,
ADM KING, COL PARK, C OF S
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To: War Office
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Hq Brisbane (Pass COIC GHQ)
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Force NAIROBI
Union Defense Force South Africa
Military Attache China
G.H.Q. Middle East
B.A.S. Washington
Adv A.A.I.
G.H.Q. India

No: 1467 OPS 6 January 1945

SITREP 359

XV Corps.

1st. V Force report last remnants Akyab Grn evac
night 3/4 Jan. Documents found area FN 1331 further
identify 2 Bty 54 Fd Arty Regt.

2nd. 3/4 Jan Naval party landed Myebon PS 44 saw
no enemy and withdrew.

3rd. 82 (WA).Div 1 (WA) Bdy. 1 GCR FM 5936.

14th Army.

IV Corps. Nothing to report.

XXXIII Corps.

1st. Many local reports point to Japanese conc
area Sagaing with some report of def's being constr in hills
near Sagaing.

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From: Adv Allied Land Forces, S. E. A.

No: 1467 OPS 6 January 1945

2nd. 2 Div. 5 Bde three Coys 2 Dorsets now across
Mu River SO 1223 remainder Bn SQ 1124.

3rd. 19th Div. 1 Assam occupied SQ 2443. 62 Bde
conc SQ 4162 less 4/6 GR SQ 3857. 64 Bde SQ 5133. Patrols
sent SQ 7055 SQ 1937. 1/6 GR SQ 5219.

HCAC.

1st. 5332 Bd leading Tps 475 Regt reached Mong Hkak
SO 1233 moving east. Leading Tps 124 Cav Regt SP 1753.

2nd. 50 Chinese Div. 3/149 Regt SO 1240 2/149 Regt
SN 9318.

3rd. 30 Chinese Div. Patrols 88 Regt reached
SO 4462 without contact. Regt HQ 1/88 Regt SO 4265 2/88
Regt SO 4364 3/88 Regt SO 4567. Patrols 90 Regt in contact
SO 4562 SO 4061. Regt HQ moving SO 3762 1/90 Regt. SO
3665. 3/90 Regt SO 366..

* Check reads 9518.

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INFO: CG AAF
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From: SAC South East Asia

To: Usual addressees

Nr: SAC 413

6 January 1945

[REDACTED] Guidance for week ended 5 January 45
on Burma Front not for publication.

Situation:

The overall situation in Burma again shows improvement. In Arakan we have secured the port and air base of Akyab. In Central Burma we are out of the mountains and the foothills and have reached the plains. Moreover we have captured undamaged the waterworks at Kabo on the Mu River which control the water supply in the Shwebo "Rice Bowl" further East S.E.A.C.'s Chinese Troops have drawn closer to the Generalissimo's Troops who are reported to have taken Wanting. By the end of the year the XV Corps threatened Akyab Island from three directions. On the coast they had the whole of the Mayu Peninsula and enjoyed Naval support from the Royal Navy and the Royal Indian Navy. East of the Mayu River they had taken Rathedaung and were in the island of Kudsung in the wide Mayu estuary. In the Southern Kaladan Valley the Japanese escape road from Akyab was threatened by the West Africans and was being pounded by Allied aircraft.

Several miles of water still protected Akyab Island but the Japanese realized that landings were imminent and evacuation begun on Dec 31 appears to have been practically completed by the night of Jan 1. On the morning of Jan 3 unopposed landings were made on three beaches and the island was occupied.

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From: SAC South East Asia

To: SAC 413

6 January 1945

Japanese remnants disappeared to the North East. In the Gangaw Valley the Japanese attacked one of our patrols early in the week and there was a sharp fight. Otherwise nothing has been reported. On the Mu River their artillery is active on the east bank opposite Yeu. We now have bridge-heads on the east bank at Yeu and Kabo which are being enlarged against considerable opposition.

On the Myitkyina Mandalay Railway we are now approximately 100 miles from Mandalay. Between the railway and the Irrawaddy and also along the course of the Irrawaddy further progress has been made. Further east the available evidence suggests that the Japanese intend to defend the line Hsenwi-Lashio-Namtu-Mongmit.

The Akyab garrisons communications and the Burma-Siam Railway have been the special air objectives of the week and concentration of airpower on the road from Toungup to Akyab and to the Kaladan Valley proved highly effective.

Points:

Japanese propaganda especially that directed to India has for long been ludicrously out of relation to facts. Although the losses of ground in Burma have been indirectly admitted vainglorious talk of new sweeping offensives and of forthcoming renewed invasion of India has been simultaneously kept up.

The loss of Akyab puts the propagandists in a more unenviable position than ever. A year ago Akyab was the

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From: SAC South East Asia

Nr: SAC 413

6 January 1945

supply base from which the abortive thrust at Chittagong advertised as the march to Delhi was staged. It was also an airport which Japanese long range bombers used in their rare attacks on Calcutta and other objectives in Bengal. Now it has become a port and airbase for the Allies.

2. Akyab both militarily and from a prestige point of view has such importance that the decision to evacuate it must have been very reluctantly made. Despite the difficulties the Japanese Army in Burma as it was a year ago would certainly have resisted to the last and the evidence of declining morale can no longer be doubted. The lack of air support, the failure of supplies, the consciousness of Allied supremacy in numbers and equipment and the painful proofs he receives that our commanders have learned all the ways of the Japanese and outmatch them and that our soldiers now exceed himself in confidence and experience all this is getting the Japanese soldier down. He is ill-found and has a high sickness rate.

Prisoners are still far rarer than in any other national army but there are enough of them now to provide us with sure knowledge of the general morale of the Japanese in Burma and it is very poor. All things considered the hasty evacuation of Akyab was militarily speaking a discreditable performance. First class troops with first class leading would never have thrown in their hand so quickly.

End

ACTION: BPR

INFO: CC/S; CG AAF; OPD; G-2; Col Park; Log

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From: CG, US Army Forces India, Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India.

To: War Department
Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command,
Kandy, Ceylon.

Nr: CRAX 455 6 January 1945

Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten ~~SECRET~~
CRAX 455.

Movement to China of 14th Division, 22nd Division,
1st Heavy Mortar Regiment less 1st Battalion, 45th Portable
Surgical Hospital, 60th Portable Surgical Hospital, Sixth
Army Headquarters and troops, detachment of 988 Signal Op-
eration Company and assigned liaison personnel was completed
as of 0800 hours 5 January. Total figures of move and de-
tails of items remaining in Burma will be forwarded in early
future. On 6 and 7 January 317 and 319 Troop Carrier Squadrons
will be returned to home bases.

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ACTION: GEN HULL

INFO : GEN ARNOLD
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To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces China Theater, Chungking, China.
Rear Echelon, US Army China Theater, Kunming, China.
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China.
CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon.
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India.
CG, Army Air Forces Pacific Ocean Area, Oahu, T.H.
CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, Calcutta, India.
CG, US Army Forces Pacific Ocean Areas, Ft Shafter, T. H.

Nr: CRAX 492 6 January 1945

G-2 SITREP 5 January, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 492 info
Wedemeyer, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz,
Timberman, Lemay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from
Sultan.

Arakan front-no changes reported. Central Burma-
locals report that Japanese state they will make no stand
before Sagaing-Mandalay and speak of withdrawing toward
Thailand rather than Rangoon. Enemy situation unchanged.
North Burma-Japanese patrol withdrew upon contact 9 miles
south of Toukwa. No contact with enemy reported in Namhkam
area. Burma Yunnan border-Japanese still hold positions
in Wanting and to north and northeast thereof. Elements 56
Division and 55 Regiment identified in Wanting area.

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To: War Department
CG US Army Forces China Theater Chungking China
CG Rear Echelon Headquarters China Theater
Kunming China
CG 14th Air Force Kunming China
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CG US Army Liaison Section Kandy Ceylon
CG 20th Bomber Command Kharagpur India
CG US Army Air Forces India Burma Section
Calcutta India
Station Nr 5 Pacific Wing ATC Naval Air Station Honolulu
Nr: CRAX 423 5 January 1945

G-2 SITREP 4th January, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 423
info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz,
Timberman, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from
Sultan

Central Burma - Japanese resistance east of Kabo and
Yeu continues without change. Small number of Japanese
reported in Budalin (30 miles southwest of Yeu). Majority
of Japanese who were in Tilin (35 miles south of Gangaw)
reported to have moved 10 miles east to Anyaban, strength at
Anyaban reported at 600, comment: believed high as strength
at Tilin was only 200. Prevalent talk among Japanese north
of Mandalay is that they will hold in Sagaing-Mandalay area;
when driven out will delay north of Rangoon for 4 months after
which they will evacuate Burma; comment: further evidence
Japanese evacuation of all Burma probably in progress.

Arakan Front: Locals on Akysb Island say last
Japanese left 1st January but began evacuating 1st November,
also stated that there were 2,000 on island during monsoon.

CM-IN-4462 (5 Jan 45)

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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From: CG US Army Forces India Burma Theater New Delhi India
Nr: CRAX 423 5 January, 1945

All Allied landings and operations unopposed with over half of island occupied. No changes from other sectors reported.

Burma - Yunnan border:

Japanese counterattack recaptured Wanting night 3/4 January. Positions four miles north and three miles northeast of Wanting still held by enemy. 300 to 400 Japanese in Wanting is Chinese estimate. Chinese cleared enemy from Mengmao (16 miles west southwest of Wanting).

North Burma - unreported number of Japanese contacted in area 8 miles west of Namhkam. No other contact reported. Main force of troops from Namhkam area believed moved to general area 16 miles southeast of Namhkam along main Burma Road leaving estimated 500 enemy in Namhkam area.

End

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INFO: CG AAF
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Main, Versailles, France

To: War Department
War Office London, England
Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces
Rear, London, England
Headquarters 12th US Army Group, Main
Headquarters Communications Zone, European Theater
of Operations, US Army, Paris, France

No: S 73801 5 January 1945

TOP SECRET from SHAEF Main from G2 signed Eisenhower cite SHGBI 051515 January. EXPOR Main for GSI, 12th Army Group for G2, 6th Army Group Rear for G2, Communications Zone for G2, for ANCXF for ACOS (1) for information to TROOPERS for DMI, AGWAR for G2, 2nd Tactical Air Force for Chief Intelligence Officer, 9th Air Force for A2, 1st United States Tactical Air Force for A2, USSTAF for A2, SHAEF Rear for G2 for BGSCI plans S 73801.

Following is counterintelligence summary number 12 for week ending 5th January 1945. German intelligence services remain very active and are preparing new missions of all types chiefly short term espionage, harassing operations, pipeline sabotage, attempted creation of new espionage long term networks and sending supplies and instructions to agents considered well established. Some line crossers now well instructed in Allied armoured fighting vehicles and equipment; new interest being shown in details of gun emplacements. Captured agent states British and Canadian uniforms being collected from prisoner of war camps; possibility these may be used in large scale harassing operations in support fur-

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ther attacks (see sabotage section below). Interrogations indicate that despite many recent captures Germans now having considerable success with short term line crossers.

Espionage Para A. Increased activity in west and southwest France with Spain being used as refuge and dispatching point for agents.

1. Agent captured in Paris had been instructed to make his way to Spain on completion of mission.
2. Further indication enemy intention to land agents by submarine on west coast not necessarily in German held pockets.
3. Further Germans plans to send material and possibly agents to German held pockets from Spain.
4. Evidence that successful parachute operations have taken place in southwest France.
5. Parachutist captured at Perpignan was expecting contact from Spain. Was dropped by enemy operated Flying Fortress which dropped French officer in North Africa on same trip.
6. Increased espionage activity in Bordeaux area.

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Para B. Line crosser at Janton arrested with mission to ascertain number and whereabouts of control posts as far as Marseille.

Para C. Captured agent reports increasing interest in and future activity against Brest, Roued and channel ports, particularly Le Havre.

Para D. 2 Abwehr staybehind agents arrested in Paris and further arrest expected. Similar agent arrested in Vaintes.

Para E. Increased enemy espionage activity in Alsace Lorraine.

1. Experienced Abwehr agent captured Alsace claims previous successful missions over wide area.

2. Staybehind agent arrested Strasbourg told to report on CIC/FS activities among civilians.

3. 1 PPF Abwehr agent captured in Strasbourg where one short term agent also surrendered himself.

Para F. Woman denounced and arrested Luxembourg has confessed to be SD agent who had operated in south France and Spain. Believed recruiter of girls for espionage purposes.

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Para G. 7 line crossers and 2 agents
formerly trained in Brandenburg Division arrested in Holland.

Para H. Longstanding Belgian agent
arrested Antwerp had been instructed begin use of pigeons.

Para I. Captured sabotage agent
claims to have passed information to Germany through
intermediaries thought to have successfully crossed Franco
Swiss border.

Sabotage. Following details of 150th Panzer Brigade
amplify and correct sabotage section summary number 11.
Brigade commanded by Skorzeny alias Aolar and divided into
Headquarters Company Aolar, Einheit Stielau of about 200
men and 3 battle groups each of 700 to 1,000 men. Whole
brigade believed able speak some English and motorized
with American jeeps, trucks and tanks and German vehicles
disguised as American. Brigade led by units of Einheit
Stielau was to send back information by WT and to create
confusion, destroy corps and division headquarters, disrupt
communications and secure strong points. Recognition signals
and cover stories arranged. Ultimate objectives were bridges
and bridgeheads across Meuse between Liege and Namur in
advance of German armour. Teams supplied with large sums
British and American currency. Some of those captured have
been tried before military courts and executed.

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General security and political factors.

1. France. Decrease in agitations caused by German attack and by special security precautions in Paris area and alarmist rumours. No indication that civilian morale has been seriously affected. Curfew and general state of alert resulted in remarkable hauls for Allied and French police.

2. Belgium. German attack has caused some anxiety and pessimism and occasioned minor refugee movements from Liege and Verziers where V weapons having some effect on morale as also at Antwerp though not among dock workers where food and pay are good. Emergency has increased efficiency and number of road and other controls operated by Belgian authorities.

By mid December resistance groups had surrendered over 23,000 rifles and machine guns, 20,000 grenades and 2,500,000 rounds of SAA. German attack has resulted in some agitation for remobilisation of the groups.

3. Holland. Dutch security service being urged to make full use of resistance groups with their valuable local knowledge but to discourage them from setting up independent intelligence network. High standard of efficiency in security control line operated by troops and resistance personnel. Control of Dutch Belgian frontier

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effective and illicit movement practically ceased. IR interrogation of 6,000 German nationals in Vucht camp has provided useful information for occupation Germany.

Abwehr Order of Battle. Following additional information Abwehr order of battle cut out in summary number 8 in relation to Abwehr 1 frontaufklarungs Kommandos and Trupps as in December 1944.

Para A. Holland, Belgium and northern France operational area.

1. Trupp 134 in Just Gelderland with a detachment in Hilversum area.

2. Kommando 130 located near Duesseldorf with a forward echelon south of Bonn.

Subordinate Trupps.

Para A. Trupp 121 and Trupp 122 in area south of Duesseldorf.

Para B. Trupp 123 north of Koblenz.

Para C. Another Trupp in action, location uncertain.

Para B. Eastern France operational area. Kommando

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120 located in the Duerkheim area of the Palatinste west
of Mannheim.

Subordinate Trupps.

Para A. Trupp 131 at Hubacker.

Para B. Trupp 132 in Baden area.

Para C. Trupp 133 at Hunsbach south of Strassbourg.

There is evidence that Kommandos and Trupps work
in close liaison with the Army formation in their respective
areas. In addition small reporting centres equipped with
WT have been established near the front line in certain
areas.

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INFO : GEN ARNOLD
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CG South Pacific Base Command, Noumea New Caledonia
Rear Echelon Y Forces China
CG 1st Air Forces Kunming China
CG US Army Forces in Pacific Ocean Areas Ft Shafter TH
CG US Army Forces Ledo India
CG US Army Liaison Section Kandy Ceylon
CG US Army Air Forces in Pacific Ocean Areas Oahu TH
Nr: CRAX 407 5 January 1945

Operational summary for 4 January Sultan to Marshall info
MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Dorn, Timberman,
Braidster, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 407.

Troops of 36th Division advanced to south against
opposition in Yeyin area. Patrols reached area 9 miles south
of Yanbo meeting no enemy. Battalion of 15th Division
reached Namlai 9 miles south of Tonnwa without contact.
Another battalion was at Loilum 12 miles southeast of Tonnwa.

13th Division troops reached mile 62 with patrols to
mile 63 on Namhkam Road no enemy seen.

Elements of 19th Regiment in contact with Japanese
3 miles west of mile 63.

Troops of 25th Division and Third Commando Brigade made
unopposed landing on Akyab Island. No enemy encountered by
elements as they moved toward Akyab Town. No change in

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other sectors of Arakan front.

19th Division advance to south continued. 64th
Brigade leading troops reached Gokgyi, 12 miles north of
Suwebo meeting no enemy.

2nd Division troops extended their bridgeheads at
Yeu and Kabo against light enemy resistance.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG AAF
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To: War Department
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Forward Echelon Headquarters 20th Bomber Command,
Esinching China
CG 14th Air Force Kunming China
CG Rear Echelon Y Forces Kunming China
CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur India.
CG Army Air Forces India Burma Sector Calcutta India
CG US Army Forces in China Theater Rear Echelon,
Kunming China.

Nr: CFBX 30551 5 January 1945

Bissell WDGBI Sultan Cannon Chennault Dorn Monteith
and Duncan LeMay Stratsmeyer CFBX 30551 book msg nr 196
from G-2 sgd Wedemeyer.

Force of 3-400 Japanese counter attacked and re-occupied Wanting on night of 3rd - 4th January. No evidence of Jap counterattack to reoccupy Mengmao. Reports indicate Japs continuing to evacuate south and counterattack on Wanting thought to be rearguard delaying action only. Only scattered patrol thought to remain in area west of Shweli River.

Slight Jap activity reported in Hochih - Ishan area during past few days. Units identified are 104th, 116th and Cavalry Regiments of 13th Division. 2000 troops reported Tienho (108 deg 30 minutes -25 degrees 50 minutes).

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From: CG US Army Forces China Theater, Chungking China
NR: CFBX 30551 5 January 1945

Much traffic reported moving at night from Fic area northeast to Nanning area consisting mainly of trucks hauling supplies. 3,000 Jap troops reported at Ningming (106 degrees 00 minutes - 22 degrees 10 minutes) with approximately one regiment at Ssulo east of Ningming and 2,000 at Caobang (106 degrees 30 minutes - 22 degrees 40 minutes).

(Comment: Report of movement of supplies north out of Fic felt reasonable as Japs were reported concentrating supplies Lagoon area as early as October. Reports stated that supplies being transported thru Nanning to Liuchow area but we feel that traffic between Nanning and Liuchow more like transporting supplies west than east. We are checking to determine whether concentration of supplies Nanning or Liuchow area can be confirmed.)

Sino G-2 states that main force of both 37th and 40th Divisions now concentrated Hengyang area while local Chinese sources state Jap drive west from Hengyang area expected around February 1st with Chihuiang airfield reported as objective. Other reports point to drive south along railway to Canto or towards eastern airfields. Sino G-2 states construction work in progress Hengyang - Canton railroad from both ends.

(Comment: Believe that Japs have sufficient strength concentrated Hengyang area to simultaneously accomplish both *).

Japs * antiguerrilla units with strength of from one battalion to one regiment for combatting Sino guerrilla
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action in Hunan area. This rated C4 by US. From Sino G-2 also comes the info that between 23rd and 25th December transports were observed passing Kiukiang in direction of Hankow carrying an estimated 12,000 troops. Sino G-2 states that information from agent considered reliable indicates that Japanese have moved Supreme Headquarters to Tokio to site of military academy as result of bombing of Tokio area. This rated as C3 by US pending further proof.

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INFORMATION: CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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New Delhi, India

To: War Department
Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia, Kandy, Ceylon

Re: CRAX 349 5 January 1945
Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten ~~CRAX~~ CRAX
349.

Delivered to China totals follow up to 0800 hours
4th January. From 1st Heavy Mortar Regiment 1740 Chinese
and 7 US personnel. From 22nd Division and 6th Army 13022
Chinese, 175 US people and 1088 animals.

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ACTION: Gen Hull

INFORMATION: CC/S
Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Somervell
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Chungking, China
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Rear Echelon,
Kunming, China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Fort Shafter, T. H.
CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu, T. H.
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector,
Calcutta, India

Nr: CRAX 342 4 January 1945

Bissell WDGBI CRAX 342 info Wedemeyer, Cheves,
Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Timberman, LeMay,
CG, Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan. G-2 SITREP 3 Jan.

Burma-Yunnan border-prisoner captured in area five
miles west of Wanting reported in our SITREP of 1st January
now identified from 56th Division and not 49th.

Japanese evacuated Wanting but night of 2nd January
made strong counterattack east of town and infiltrated north
of town, comment: Action undoubtedly to cover withdrawal,
enemy believed withdrawing toward Mongyu with only stragglers
remaining in Wanting Valley.

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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India

Nr: CRAX 342

4 January 1945

North Burma-only small patrol contacted in area seven miles west of Namhkan. At Namhkan (25 miles north of Hsipaw) 1,000 Japanese is estimated maximum strength.

Identified in area south of Yeyin (eight miles south of Tagaung) were elements of 53rd Division. Glider and anti-personnel spikes in open spaces in general Yeyin area and presumed same condition exists farther south.

Central Burma: Some enemy opposition met on east bank of Mu River opposite Yeu and Kabo small enemy artillery also active this area but no strengths given.

All enemy rockets in Kanbalu area mopped up.

Advance down railroad axis continues and Allied motor patrols now 16 miles north of Shwebo without encountering any enemy. Prevalent rumor among natives is that Japanese evacuating Mandalay.

Arakan front-initial report that Allied troops occupied portion of Akyab Island, no details available at present.

General comment: Japanese retreat in all of Burma under continuous Allied pressure is evidently in full swing indicating strongly eventual evacuation. This is borne out by lack of real resistance and reports, both confirmed and unconfirmed, of evacuation of both troops and supplies to south and southeast.

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New Delhi, India

Nr: CRAX 342

4 January 1945

No stopping point in Japanese retreat appears evident so far and, in fact, it is not believed that they are willing or capable of making a real fight for any part of Burma.

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G.H.Q. East Africa
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G.H.Q. Middle East
B.A.S. Washington
Adv AAI
G.H.Q. India

Nr: 1458 OPS 4 January 1945

1458 OPS. SITREP 357.

1. XV Corps.

(1) Akyab locals state Japanese grn two thousand strong during monsoon plus six tankettes and arty commenced withdrawal from island early Sep completed by night 31 Dec/1 Jan. Akyab grn now area Myohaung PN 20 - Minbya PS 37. Reason slowness of evac lack boats. Arty reported taken to Myohaung and Ponnagyun PS 0376 and tankettes shipped north, no destination known. Also state west Baronga Island clear. Captured map shows withdrawal route ex Mayu Peninsula of 3 BN 144 Regt terminating area Myohaung-Minbya approx 2 Jan. Loc 1 reports indicate Kyauktaw now evac and no enemy on west bank Kaladan north of Kyauktawom S1 report indicates 55 Cav Regt from former posns on Pe Choung now rejoined main enemy conc covering Myohaung.

(2) 25 Div.

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From: Adv Allied Land Force S.E.A.

Nr: 1458 CFS 4 January 1945

Tps 53 Bde moving from PR 8572 reached PR 8568 without opposn. 74 Bde conc area PR 8060. 3 CDO Bde landed PR 7969 and were last reported PR 8259.

(3) 82 (WA) Div.

Leading tps 4 WA Bde reached PM 8612 PM 8616 without opposn. 9 NR PM 7809 10 NR PM 8115. 1 (WA) Bde. Bde Hq PM 6920 2 NR PS 7318. 82 Recce Regt less 2 sqns Taung PM 46 sqn GAPPE PM 47 sqn PM 5862.

(4) 81 (WA) Div. 6 (WA) Bde.

1 Jan 4 NR adv PN 2254 against lt opposn. 2 Jan occupied feature PN 2124. Bde Hq 1 Gambia PN 2127. 1 Jan patrols reached PN 2627 PN 2531 unopposed.

2. 14th Army. A. IV Corps.

(1) 2 Barods under comd IV Corps RP 8277.

(2) 7 Div. 114 Bde.

4/5 RGR conc RU 5433 2 S Lan R moving to join

B. XXXIII Corps.

(1) Enemy opposn incl arty reported from east bank of Mu river Arga Ye-U SR 12. Some opposn also reported area Kabo SR 1737.

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From: Adv Allied Land Force S.E.A.

Nr: 1458 OPS

4 January 1945

(2) 20 Div. 80 Bde.

Night 1/2 Jan Coy 3/1 GR routed enemy patrol SQ 2505
killing 8. 199 Bde found villages SQ 4800 SV 4898 clear.
32 Bde conc SV 6597.

(3) 2 Div. 5 Bde.

2 Dorsets Ye-U SR 12 preparing for crossing Mu river.
6 Bde.

2 DLI less 2 Coys SR 1438 SR 1739 in contact enemy
posn SR 1737 Coy moving SR 1833.

(4) 268 Bde under comd 2 Div. Bde HQ SQ 9488. 4
Madras moving SQ 9580.

(5) 19 Div.

1 Assam SR 1659 1/15 Punjab less 2 Coys Kanbalu
SR 17.

98 Bde. H.Q. 4/4 Gr SR 1996 remainder Bde SR 1771.
62 Bde less 2 Welch SR 3562 2 Welch SR 3658.

3. NCAC.

Nothing to report.

End.

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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From: CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
To: War Department
Rear Echelon Headquarters, China Theater,
Kunming, China

No. 23739 4 January 1945

To MILID 23739 from DePass signed Wedemeyer.

SINO G-2 rated C-3 is rating for following information.

As yet unconfirmed following reported movements stated made last week December:

To Hsuechang Yenchang area enemy reinforcements
40,000.
10,000 enemy reinforcements Hengyang Chiyang.
7,000 enemy troops moved south from Nanning to
Peihai embarked.

Hochih now in Chinese hands.

Improved new road reported with increased traffic
San Shui Kaoyao Wuchow Kueih sien Nanning Lungchou Penghsiang
Lang Son, traffic Lang son to Nanning reported to be all
night traffic. Rails and railroad supplies moved from Lao
Kay-Yen Bay railroad now being confirmed. Comment if true
rails probably for Lang Son-Nanning railroad.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Colonel Park, Log

CM-IN-3760 (5 Jan 45) DTG 041146Z m/m

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From: CG, US Army Forces, China Theater,
Chungking, China

To: War Department
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
Rear Echelon, Headquarters China Theater,
Kunming, China

Hr: CFBX 30468 4 January 1945

Marshall and Arnold info to LeMay and Chennault
CFBX 30468 from Wedemeyer

The following is a report carefully evaluated
from all available sources in the combined air attack on
the Wuhan (Wuchang-Hankow) Area on 18 December 1944.

Various areas were hit with the main concentrations
along the waterfront where the important storage area is lo-
cated.

The areas hit cover over 400 acres. Over 80 percent
of these combined areas were destroyed. Included in the
destruction were more than a hundred important warehouses,
factories and office buildings (the warehouses containing
many hundreds of drums of gasoline), over 25 steam launches
of various sizes were burned as well as 3 floating dry docks.
Agents report unknown number of soldiers and horses killed
as well as several hundred civilians.

Two districts housing natives were hit. It is
believed that many of the dock workers lived there. Many

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large fires were started at the airfields and vicinity
destroying 21 planes and damaging 13 and probably damaging
18 others.

Japanese aircraft lost in all: 21 confirmed,
23 probables,
20 damaged.

Our losses were 4 fighters.

The physical destruction augmented by the very
certain readjustment of personnel living and working arrange-
ments and possible psychological effects are considered as
constituting a vital factor in limiting the speed and scope
of Japanese operations in China.

The Hankow area is important to the enemy in his
economic effort to sustain military forces not only in China
but elsewhere. There can be no doubt about the efficacy of
the Hankow strike both from the immediate and long range
viewpoints.

Shanghai and Hongkong have high potential value for
same reasons. Such strikes are realistic PAC aid particu-
larly since we dominate air and sea in Philippine Archipelago.

End

ACTION: G-2
INFO : CG AAF, OPD, Admiral King, Log
GM-IN-3651 (4 Jan 45) DTG 041016Z m/m

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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces in the Far East,
Hollandia New Guinea
CG, South Pacific Base Command,
Noumea, New Caledonia
CG, US Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Oahu, T.H.
CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, US Army Forces, Ledo, India
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Fort Shafter, T.H.
CG, Y Forces, Rear Echelon, Kunming, China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

No: CRAX 315 4 January 1945

Operational Summary for 3rd January Sultan to Marshall
info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Dorn,
Timberman, Broidster, COMGEN Hickam Field. CRAX 315.

Elements of 29th Brigade occupied Yeyin, eight miles
south of Tagaung after enemy withdrew from contact.

26th Brigade moved into Pyagyaung while 72nd Brigade
was enroute to Yanbo. Patrols in Tonka area made no contacts
with enemy.

Headquarters 148th Regiment moved to Panghka.

Leading elements of 83th Regiment reached mile 61
where contact was made with patrols of 90th Regiment moving

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New Delhi, India

No: CRAX 315 4 January 1945

From the west. Contact with Japs was made by patrols at
mile 62.

Headquarters 30th Division moved to Nambkai.

Elements of 112th Regiment 38th Division operating
to south of Fangkam reached Man Mawn where one Japanese
prisoner was captured. Other troops reached Man Mawn meet-
ing no enemy.

On Central Burma front 28th East Africa Brigade reached
Myittha, 44 miles southwest of Kalewa.

7th Division Headquarters opened at Bogon 24 miles
southwest of Kalewa.

19th Division continued advance to the south after
clearing Japanese pockets.

98th Brigade was just south of Kanbalu.

62nd Brigade reached area twelve miles southeast of
Kanbalu.

64th Brigade reached Myemun 28 miles north northeast
of Shwebo. Jeep patrol reached area sixteen miles north of
Shwebo encountering no enemy.

268th Brigade placed under direct command 2nd
Division. Troops of 2nd Division were meeting slight opposition
east of Kabo and east of Yeu.

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32nd Brigade of 20th Division moved into Wetye 28 miles southwest of Yeu without opposition. Patrols report Maungtung eight miles north of Budalin clear of enemy.

On Arakan front troops of 81st West African Division occupied Thayettbbin without opposition, while other elements advancing south have reached area ten miles north of Myohhung against light enemy resistance.

Other units no reported change.

End

ACTION: OPD

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

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Chungking, China

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Fort Shafter, TH
General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area,
Leyte, Philippines
COMSERVRONSOPAC (Subordinate)
CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India
CG Northern Combat Area Command, Forward
Echelon, Myitkyina, Burma
CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG US Army Forces, China Theater, Rear Echelon
Kunming, China

Hr: CFBX 30488 4 January 1945

To Marshall for Porter info MacArthur COMGENPOA
pass to CINCPAC Stratemeyer Sultan Davidson and Lemay
CFBX 30488 from Wedemeyer.

Wanting taken 3rd January by Sino Ninth Division.
Fighting continues around Hooih.

Nothing new on other Chinese fronts.

End.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CGAAP G-2 (Col Park) Log

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From: CG, US Army Forces India Burma Theater New Delhi, India
To: War Department
Supreme Commander Southeast Asia Command Kandy, Ceylon
Hr: CRAX 252 4 January 1945

Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten CRAX 252. ~~SECRET~~

Report on air lift to China follows:

Up to 0800 hours 3 January, 1st heavy mortar regiment
1,444 Chinese and 4 US personnel. 22nd Division and 6th
Army Headquarters 11,905 Chinese and 175 US personnel. No
change in total equipment or animals.

End

ACTION: Gen Hull

INFORMATION: CC/S
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Gen Arnold
Gen Somervell
Gen Bissell
Adm King
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New Delhi, India

To: War Department
Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command,
Kandy, Ceylon

Nr: CRAX 143 3 January 1945

Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten ~~SECRET~~ CRAX 143.

Totals delivered to China up to 0800 hours
2nd January.

Sixth Army and 22nd Division 11,850 Chinese,
175 US people,
1,056 animals (complete),
all antitank guns and artillery. In addition to above
total of 1155 Chinese delivered from 1st Regiment.

Col. Park:

This includes
all of 14th Div,
whose

movement was completed 15 Dec. End

ACTION: Gen Hull

INFORMATION: JC/S Gen Arnold General Bissell
Adm Leahy Gen Somervell Adm King
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Military Attache China
N.Z. Force H.Q. New Zealand
G.H.Q. Middle East
Adv AAI
G.H.Q. India

No: 1455 OPS 3 January 1945

SITREP 356.

Ops. XV Corps.

1. TAC R reports no enemy seen on Akyab Island
SJT PW captured 31st Dec belonged 14th Indep A Tk Bn.
Comment. This unit previously identified Arakan from last
Mar. Reports indicate extensive Japanese withdrawal from
Gansauk PM 9319 area to Myohaung PM 2407.

2. 3rd Jan Tps XV Corps successfully landed NW
coast Akyab Island. Preliminary reports no opposn enemy
GRN withdrawing NE.

3. 25th Div. Div Hq 2/2 PUNJAB PR 6974.

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From: Adv Hq Allied Land Force SEA

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4. 82nd (WA) Div. Div Hq PN 6626. 4th (WA) Bde. 9 NR PM 7612 with fwd tps PN 8310. 10 NR PM 8017 with fwd tps PN 8115. No contact. 1st (WA) Bde. 1 NR PM 6920.

5. 81st (WA) Div. Div Hq PN 2032. 6th (WA) Bde. Night 31st Dec/1st Jan 4 NR encountered enemy PL with arty PN 2027.

Two. Fourteenth Army.

A. IV Corps.

1. Lushai Bde. Night 31st Dec/1st Jan patrols contracted enemy area PJ 3642. One PL enemy encountered PJ 3682, 31st Dec 1 BIHAR located enemy posns PJ 4588 PJ 4291.

2. 7th Div. 7/2 PUNJAB RU 5725 under direct comd IV Corps. 114th Bde. 4/5 RGR moving to join Bde Hq RU 5433. 2 S. Lan. R. RP 5603.

3. 28th (EA) Bde. Bde Hq 7 KAR 71 KAR RZ 6493 46 KAR RU 5529.

4. 255th Tk Bde. 9 R Horse RP 7167.

B. XXXIII Corps.

1. 20th Div. 100th Bde. Patrols east bank Chindwin River reached SQ 3710 without contact.

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2. 2nd Div. 2 (*Bn*) 2nd Recce Regt holding
YE-U airfd SR 9731 5 Bde EST YE-U. 6th Bde in contact
enemy str unknown Kabo SR 1738. 4th Bde conc Kaduma SQ 84.

3. 19th Div. 98th Bde. 2 Jan 4/4 GR occupied
enemy posns SR 1779 Kanbalu SR 1774. 62nd Bde cleared
enemy posn SR 3278 and continued adv south. 64th Bde conc
SR 4849 less two coys 2 WCRC R remaining SR 4162.

Three. NCAC.

1. 36th Div. 29th Bde. 2 E LAN R SM 7115 with
patrols in contact SR 7198. 1 RSF SM 8642. 72nd Bde conc
SN 3155 less coy 10 Glosters SN 3747. 26th Bde conc SN 0595.

2. 50th Chinese Div Hq 149th Regt 1/149 Regt SN
8933 2/149 Regt SN 8135 3/149 Regt SN 8439. Hq 148th Regt
and one coy SN 9836.

3. 30th Chinese Div Hq 88 Regt 1/88 Regt SO 3969
2/88 Regt SO 4166 3/88 Regt SO 4567. Hq 89th Regt 1/89
Regt SO 3572 2/89 Regt SO 3367 3/89 Regt SO 3770. Patrols
90th Regt contacted enemy patrol SO 3766.

4. 38th Chinese Div. 3/112 Regt SO 4275 less coy
SO 4879.

* Garbled.

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T.O.O. 031830

ACTION: G-2

INPO : CG AAF, OPD, Colonel Park, Log

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From: CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India
To: War Department
CG US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
Nr: CRAX 237 3 January 1945
~~SECRET~~ to Marshall for US Joint Chiefs of Staff,
Info Wodemeyer CRAX 237 from Sultan.

With CAPITAL operation well under way, I believe it desirable to summarize my conception of American policy on the employment of US Forces in India and Burma to insure that I am working along the lines desired by the US Joint Chiefs of Staff.

1. Missions of India-Burma theater.

A. The primary mission of the India Burma Theater is to support the China Theater in the execution of the latter's mission to include the establishment, maintenance, operation and security of the land I of C to China, and the security of the air route to China as stated in WARX 51593 *.

Since China theater missions are stated very broadly and since there is no other means of support available to Wodemeyer, I assume that my mission to support

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New Delhi, India

Nr: CRAX 237

3 January 1945

China is limited only by the availability of resources over and above the minimum required by India Burma to accomplish its mission.

B. SEAC has been instructed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff to execute so much of CAPITAL operation as is necessary to secure the road to China and, further, to exploit CAPITAL throughout 1945 as far as possible without prejudicing preparations for the execution of DRACULA after the 1945 monsoon.

Phase two of CAPITAL is required to secure the road to China. In my opinion, we have a firm commitment to use NCAAC and US Air Forces in this theater to accomplish phase two. Beyond phase two, the obligation to use US Forces in India Burma to support CAPITAL is not as fine or as precise.

Beyond CAPITAL, there now exists no firm commitment to employ US Forces now in India Burma to support SEAC operations.

2. Authority to transfer IB resources to China. The policy of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff on authority to transfer resources to China seems clear. Many

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New Delhi, India

Nr: CRAX 237

3 January 1945

transfers of personnel, units and supplies from India-Burma to China will be made in pursuance of my mission to support China and will be made on the authority of Wedemeyer and myself as the responsible theater commanders concerned. Where such transfers affect SEAC operations, I shall attempt to get Admiral Mountbatten's agreement in advance of any transfer.

If Admiral Mountbatten considers that such transfer would materially limit the execution of CAPITAL operation, then the matter goes to the Combined Chiefs of Staff for decision.

However, if the US Joint Chiefs of Staff find that an extreme emergency exists in China, they may instruct me to transfer US resources without the consent of Admiral Mountbatten or the Combined Chiefs of Staff. The result is that on all such matters I shall act either with the agreement of Admiral Mountbatten or on direct instructions from the US Joint Chiefs of Staff.

3. Long range employment of US Forces.

After the completion of phase two of CAPITAL, the employment of US Forces now in SEAC will present a problem.

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New Delhi, India

Nr: CRAK 237

3 January 1945

From the history of CBI Theater and our several instructions from the War Department, it is clear to me that US Forces in this area have always been directed toward a China mission.

In CCS 319/2 (revised), the Combined Chiefs of Staff accepted the principle that Great Britain would provide forces to carry on the war against Japan from the west, except for special types not available to Great Britain which would be provided by the US. I have seen nothing since to alter this general concept.

I assume that the forces now in India Burma cannot properly be classified as "Special Types" since there are British equivalents. There may be substantial forces, particularly in air units but including some service troops, in this theater on the completion of phase two of CAPITAL over and above those required to secure and operate the lines of communication to China. I will be, however, short on some specialized types of units, notably truck companies and motor maintenance units which are essential to my mission and which are presently being discussed with you by General Covell and Colonel Hill.

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New Delhi, India

No: CRAX 237 3 January 1945

Concerning the surplus units, mainly air, which may not be essential to my mission, it would appear that only three possibilities exist:

- A. They are made available to China,
- B. They continue as at present under the operational control of SEAC, or
- C. They are redeployed elsewhere.

4. Implication * basic decision with respect to the contemplated long range use of the US troops now in this theater should be made with minimum possible delay because:

A. The British Chiefs of Staff and Admiral Mountbatten should be made sufficiently aware of US policy to the extent that they understand clearly what US assistance will be available when they consider operations subsequent to phase two of CAPITAL.

B. General Wedemeyer must understand clearly the exact degree of assistance in the form of troop units

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he can expect to get from this theater.

This theater must know what the plans for the future are in order to give China theater maximum aid at a time when any assistance given will do the most good. We are doing everything in our power to help China but the extent of our assistance must be gauged with an eye to the future and the role we are to play following phase two of CAPITAL.

Uncertainty as to the future does not permit the most effective distribution of resources at this time and an early decision would materially improve our ability to send to China the personnel and units which Wedemeyer may request.

C. If the decision is that substantial US Forces, particularly air forces, are not to be involved in future SEAC operations. * and effect a separation of air forces now within Eastern Air Command.

There might be many advantages, once the road to China is opened, in having SEAC established as an all-British command. To continue our present arrangements during coming operations to the south may involve conflicts

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of political policies toward Asiatic peoples and may constitute an unnecessary commitment of US manpower.

5. Conclusion.

A. It would be of considerable assistance if you would comment upon the above. It is realized that decisions on the matters referred to may not be possible at this time because of considerations outside this theater. However, I believe the War Department should be aware of the importance of these problems and should reach a solution as soon as practicable.

B. If the US wishes to continue to support SEAC operations by US air or ground forces, we are now organized to do so and can work on Admiral Mountbatten's team.

If the US wishes to maintain SEAC as a combined command but to furnish US material resources only, that can also work and at the same time provide substantial assistance to China.

* Being serviced

End

ACTION: JCS

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy, Gen Arnold, Gen Hull, Gen Bissell,
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Hollandia, New Guinea
CG South Pacific Base Command, Noumea, New Caledonia
CG Y Forces, Rear Echelon, Kunming China
CG 14th Air Force, Kunming China
CG US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas
Fort Shafter, T. H.
CG US Army Forces, Ledo, India
CG US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu, T. H.

Nr: CRAX 194 3 January 1945

Operational summary for 2nd January, Sultan to
Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault
Dorn, Timberman, Breidster and COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 194

26th Brigade of 36th Division was now on east bank
of river at Katha, with one battalion at NGA on Shweli River.
One battalion of 29th Brigade was in Tagaung with a patrol
reporting contact with Japs at Yehin eight miles south of
Tagaung.

Advance elements of 30th Division reached mile 59

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New Delhi, India

Nr: CRAX 194 3 January 1945

on Namhkam road while other troops moved into Nalong two miles east of there.

Contact was made with Jap patrol which withdrew one mile east of Pongling, by 19th Regiment.

Other units continued to patrol on Chindwin front. 19th Division patrols contacted 268th Brigade near Kyunhla. All Jap positions except one north of Kanbalu were cleared by troops 19th Division.

Leading elements of 5th Brigade 2nd Div moved into Yeu without opposition, remainder of brigade was 14 miles west of Yeu.

4th Brigade and Headquarters 2nd Div are in Kaduma. 6th Brigade in Kabo area. Troops of 32nd Brigade 20th Div reached Satlu and found it clear of enemy.

Village is 52 miles southeast of Kalewa. Lushai Brigade troops repulsed Jap attack in Gangaw area.

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New Delhi, India

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On Arakan front Headquarters 25th Division opened
at Pinlena north of Foul Point on Mayu Peninsula.

82nd Division troops moving southeast of Kwazon
reached points southeast 15 miles from Kwazon encountering
no enemy.

81st Division reported light contact with Japs 13
miles southeast of Kyaukuaw near Angyaung.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG-AAF, G-2, Col. Perk, Log

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New Delhi, India

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Rear Echelon, Headquarters, China Theater,
Kunming, China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Area,
Fort Shafter, T. H.
CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, Army Air Force, Pacific Ocean Area, Oahu, T. H.
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Sector,
Calcutta, India

No: CRAX 230 3 January 1945

G-2 SITREP 2 January, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 230 info
Wedemeyer, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz,
Timberman, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemyer from
Sultan.

North Burma:

Only contact was patrol clash in area 10 miles west
of Namhkam from which Japanese subsequently withdrew; no
other change.

Burma - Yunnan Border: No change in enemy situation
reported.

Arakan front:

Japanese extensive withdrawal through Kanxauk (35
miles northeast of Rathedaung) thence to Yotarok (30 miles
east northeast of Rathedaung) and then to Mychaung (28 miles

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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India

No: CRAX 230 3 January 1945

east of Yotarok) indicated by reports, comment: Believed
this force may possible be bound for southwest Burma, only
small patrol clashes on Kalsdan.

IV and XXXIII Corps areas:

Yeu occupied without opposition.

Air Reconnaissance reports Shwebo deserted.

In Kanbalu area contact gained with unknown number
Japanese just northeast of Gada (8 miles east of Kanbalu).

Kanbalu reported clear of enemy but one small pocket
of Japanese surrounded just north of village.

North of Kanbalu 2nd Battalion 58th Regiment 31st
Division identified.

Minor patrol actions reported in Gangaw area but no
major change.

Native from Mandalay states he had heard that main
body of Japanese there were evacuating town and being replaced
by small number of fresh troops. Comment: We believe Japanese
will not and cannot defend Mandalay if pressure continues.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CG AAF
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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India

To: War Department
Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command,
Kandy, Ceylon

No: CRAX 55 2 January 1945

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CRAX 55.

As of 0700 hours 1 January a total of 10985 Chinese,
169 United States personnel, 21 jeeps, 24 anti tank guns and
1056 animals of 22nd Division and new 6th Army were
delivered to China. Animal movement is completed.

To be lifted from Ledo are 488 recovered wounded of
the 14th Division.

End

NOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-1221 (2 Jan 45) Gen Hull

ACTION: Gen Hull

INFO: CC/S
Gen Arnold
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To: War Department
CG, South Pacific Base Command, Noumea, New Caledonia.
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Hollandia, New Guinea.
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CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China.
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Ft Shafter, T. H.
CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon.
CG, Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Oahu, T. H.

Nr: CRAX 76 2 January 1945

Operational summary for 1 January Sultan to Marshall
info MacArthur, COMGESOPAC, COMGENFOA, Chennault, Dorn, Timberman,
Bridger, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 76.

Leading troops of 88th Regiment reached mile 57 1/2
on Namhkan Road. Troops 90th Regiment occupied hill north-
east of Pongling and a ridge east of there. In other sectors
patrolling continued without contact. On Arakan front no
major change in situation. Twentieth Division patrols report
Sedaw thirty miles south southeast of Fyingaing clear of
enemy. No change along railway in 19th Division Sector.
Second Division elements occupied Kabo Weir on Mu River,
eleven miles north northeast of Yeu meeting no opposition.
28th East African Brigade (independent) reached Manixur
River crossing 28 miles south southwest of Kaleva. 7/2
Punjab Battalion of Seventh Division reached same area.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CGAAF G-2 Col Park Log
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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India.

To: War Department
Supreme Commander, South East Asia Command,
Kandy, Ceylon.

No: CRAX 29 1 January 1945

Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten ~~SECRET~~ CRAX 29.

Up to 0700 hours 31 December the following totals were delivered to China from 22d Division and 6th Army Headquarters 9,997 Chinese. From 1st Heavy Mortar Regiment 616 Chinese. 162 US personnel (this includes 45th and 60th Portable Surgical Hospitals) 15 antitank guns, 21 jeeps and 1005 animals.

End

ACTION: Gen Hull

INFO: JC/S
Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Bissell
Adm King
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CG US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
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No: CRAX 20 1 January 1945

Operational summary for 31 December Sultan to
Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault,
Dorn, Timberman, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 20.

Village of Khahkye was occupied by troops of 30th
Division. Others reached mil 54½ on the main road. Elements
of 90th Regiment moving east from Manchyam move into Pongling.

Lead elements of 124 Cavalry Regiment moved into
Munghkawng.

Patrols of 36 Division reported Taguang and Yanbo
clear of enemy.

150 Regiment took over positions of 475 Regiment in
Tonkwa area.

Headquarters 50 Division opened at Siu, while 149
Regiment close in Sikaw.

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From: CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India

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On Chindwin front 19th Division was engaged in mopping up encircled Japs at Pinde, Hlwezeik and Leiktu.

Leading elements 64 Brigade moved into Ngapyawdaing, 16 miles southeast of Kanbalu meeting no enemy.

Second Division troops in Kaduma report no change.

On Arakan front Rathedaung occupied without opposition.

Other troops moved into Kudaung Island unopposed and in Dyauktav area only minor patrol action reported.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CG AAF; G-2; Col Park; Log

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From: OG US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
To: War Department
Nr: CFB 30136 29 December 1944
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CFB 30136 from Wedemeyer

During past several months there have been indications that British plan to strengthen their position within China Theater including French Indo-China. Admiral Mountbatten two months ago urged me to place British officers on China Theater staff particularly for psychological warfare activities. I explained to him that my command was not an Allied one and that he would have to obtain authority from Generalissimo.

Subsequent to my arrival in China the British Military Attache in Chungking, General Grimsdale, visited me with elaborate report pointing out important contributions members of British Mission in China are making particularly in rescuing American fliers who are shot down in eastern China. Grimsdale plans to increase this mission in size and scope.

I investigated British assistance given to United States fliers and Chennault informed me that actually Chinese peasants are effecting escape and safe return of

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pilots, not British. In a few instances the Chinese have turned our pilots over to British representatives who happen to be nearest available white people, however, according to Chennault the hazardous part of such rescues is uniformly accomplished by Chinese.

I have recently been informed that British now propose to base two squadrons of Liberators in China to facilitate operations of clandestine activities in French Indo-China and Thailand. Also they are considering basing amphibious aircraft on lake immediately south of Kunming. Further they have requested that I authorize air transport of equipment from India to China for 30,000 guerrillas whom they will organize and train in China.

One outstanding weakness in Allied war effort in China is fact that there are so many different agencies operating independently and uncoordinated, running at cross purposes, competing for limited Hump tonnage and altogether confusing the situation.

For example, there are several intelligence agencies sponsored by United States including Naval Group, JICA, OSS, AGFRTS, Yenan Observer Section, Military and Naval Attaches, CIC. Add to this British organizations which have infiltrated into this area and are expanding their activities.

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Nr: CFB 30136 29 December 1944

Obviously they infringe upon United States activities requesting use of our overtaxed facilities.

The Generalissimo supports my desires to bring about a proper organization within theater to eliminate duplication and to insure coordination of our available means.

In connection with United States activities I propose that Naval Group, China, participating in clandestine activities such as organizing guerrillas should be under my operational control. I am sure it would be unacceptable to Admiral Nimitz if the Army operated a similar contingent within his theater and yet not under his control.

Generalissimo is investigating presence of various British missions and activities. He states categorically that he has never authorized them to enter this theater. He is sending a questionnaire to all Embassies in order to determine strength, composition and functions of various units maintained in China Theater by the French, Dutch, British, Russians and Americans. He is also asking these Embassies to indicate authority for employment of these parties in China.

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Concerning United States activities China Theater will submit recommendations to cover what is termed a sound organization. With reference to control of other Nationals, of course Generalissimo will determine policy.

We Americans interpret United States policy as requiring a strong unified China and a China fighting effectively against Japanese. There is considerable evidence that British policy is not in consonance with United States policy. British Ambassador personally suggested to me that a strong unified China would be dangerous to the world and certainly would jeopardize the white man's position immediately in Far East and ultimately throughout the world.

British activities in theater are essentially intelligence particularly concerning Chinese political and economic developments. They concern themselves very little with Japanese.

My directive indicates that my control over Chinese and other Allied Forces in China Theater will be defined in separate agreements with authorities concerned. WARX 51593 refers.

I am taking steps as stated above to effect an

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Nr: CFB 30136 29 December 1944

organization that I hope will bring about better results. My concern at present is muddled situation created by various private armies and uncoordinated independent activities present in theater. Of course, they all call upon us for logistical support but I have no control and derive no military benefits from these activities. In the case of the British I strongly suspect that their activities may be undermining the very United States policy that I am striving so hard to implement.

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ACTION: JC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy; Gen Arnold; Gen Hull; Gen Bissell;
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Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten ~~SECRET~~ CRAX
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Delivered to China up to 0800 hours 26th December
total of 4571 Chinese and 88 US personnel, four jeeps, 12
howitzers 75 millimeter, and 441 animals.

Completed is move of 65th Regiment, Engineer
Battalion and Signal Battalion. Nearly completed is move
of 22nd Division Headquarters and of the Animal Transport
Battalion.

End

ACTION: Gen Hull

INFO: JC/S; Adm Leahy; Gen Arnold; Gen Bissell; Adm King;
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