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

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

Nr: CHC 1213  
28 February 1945

TOP SECRET from Sultan 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 
own available to that theater. To accomplish the move of 
the remainder of Mars Brigade in April, China theater states

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Mr: 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 SACEA Commanders-in-Chief conference in Calcutta on 23 Feb, I understood it would be agreeable to SACEA 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 SACEA 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 SACEA 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/8

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

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To: SACSEA
Info: C. In C. India
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ACN (Via War Offices)

Nr: COSSEA 150

25 October 1944

COSSEA 150 from British Chiefs of Staff.

IMPORTANT.

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 SEAG.

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 (A) 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 realised that certain
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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To: War Department
Nr: OCM 1185 27 February 1945

To Marshall for US Joint Chiefs of Staff from Sultan OCM 1185 TOF SECRET.

In response to China Theater 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 2688 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 transferred to China at once, the balance of the United States

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Nbr: CHU 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 OOSBEA 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 NOAC 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 forward 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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Nr: CEC 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 OSS 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 strategic program of SEAC will be thrown out of line if we miss this opportunity.

8. In removing the Mars Brigade consisting of six battalions and two artillery battalions, no reserve whatever will be left in ROAC and the offensive value of the Chinese will be reduced. It was my plan that ROAC 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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There was no intention of their halting on the Lashio-Mandalay line. Further, should the 475th Infantry be removed now, it was the general consensus 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 militant 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 withdrawal, of course, must not unduly reduce the combat efficiency 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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No: CHE 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 2, 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.

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ACTION: JC/S

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
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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 resources. 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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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 Fort Swettenham/Fort 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 Sumatra 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 as follows:

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From: SACSEA

26 February 1945

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

(II) October 1945 secure Port Swettenham/Port Dickson area with force of order of 4 division. This will depend upon completion force Y in this theatre by August 1945 with in addition a proportion of force Y earlier than at present forecast though no earlier previous promise. This opposition is unexpectedly weak. This formation from Europe and balance of force Y to have arrived in [Hawaii] in time to release sufficient of my present forces for final assault.

(III) December 1945-March 1946 capture of Singapore. Unless Japanese [strike-planes-insufficient] operations will probably require [leading] leading suitable formations from Europe and balance of force Y to have arrived in [Hawaii] in time to release sufficient of my present forces for final assault.

(IV) Thereafter the complete clearance South East Asia for which the balance of incement 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. Store demand for

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From: SACREDA

26 February 1945

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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From: SACSEA
To: War Cabinet Offices for Chiefs of Staff
Bpd: Joint Staff Mission
No: 318 26 February 1945
TOP SECRET. SEACOS 318.

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.

2. COSEEA 350 Oct. 251830 gave April and June 1945 as the target dates for the arrival in the theater of Forces "W" and "Y". Admiralty 031806 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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No: 318
26 February 1945

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. (1) and K. (5) of Force "Y". Any delay in the completion of Force "Y" 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/Fort 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 IWM resources now to relieve those landing craft in the Arakan.

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To: War Cabinet Offices for Chiefs of Staff
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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 03105) 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 Mera Force and a U.S. Aviation Engineer Battalion be moved to China as early as practicable and that the remainder of the Mera 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
No: 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 emphasise that it had not been intended that the NCAC advance should halt on the Lahehio-Mandalay line but that they should push further to the South towards Lollai in pursuit of the Japanese who will be cleared by XXXIII Corps from the Mandalay area. There was general 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 militarily powerful, 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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26 February 1945

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 jeopardize current and approved Burma operations. I therefore ask in accordance with COSSEA 201, Paragraph 8, 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 8 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 ROAC 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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DISPOSE TROOPS TO MEET ANTICIPATED AMERICAN COASTAL LANDING X 19TH OF CHEVES AS HEAD OF CHINESE SERVICES OF SUPPLY HO YING INDUCION CHIN ANNOUNCED MAJOR CHANGE IN CHINESE SUPPLY SYSTEM X SAID HENCEFOR X "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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Nr: CPX 33404  24 February 1945

Russell WDGBI, Sultan, Cannon, Chennault, McClure,
    Middleton, Cheves, Heart, Roney, Stratemeyer, MacArthur,
    COMCPUSA CPX 33404 book msg nr 233 from 0-2 sgd Chennault.

Agents of CSB report 22 February that 200 Nips and
a railroad engineer unit are at Thakhek (1048-1724) 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 Sangoon and Southern Indo China Coast.

CSB 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
Chungking (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 Nanking (10707-2909), and 100 with boats were 18 miles west of Hankin rated C3 or higher. Ground force liaison reports 5000 Nips arrived 15 February Nanchang (11553-2810) from Kiaujiang (11508-2843) 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 51,685: Tonkin 16,600; Laos 450; Annam 925; Cochinn 23600; Cambodia 21010 rated B2.

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

CIB agents report Jap naval order 11 February all torpedo boats and gunboats from north China Seas to Hongkong and Hainan island area by end February rated B3 or higher. Same source reports 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: CGAFAF; OPD; Col. Park; Log

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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 STSREP 23rd February, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 4782
FXX info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Weart, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Timberman, Remey, 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 Hanguw) meeting no opposition.

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Fourteenth Army front:

Allied troops entered Sei Po 3870 without opposition, comment: since virtually no opposition met in this area believe 61st 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 Kyinmu) 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 Thabeikeyin 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 Nantu. 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 Nantu from 113th Regiment.

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

Jap reported building pill boxes and trenches along Namya creek, northeast of Laoshio.

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

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ACTION: G-2

INFO: CG AAF, OPD, Colonel Park, Log

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CG 20th Bomber Command Kharagpur India
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CG US Army Air Forces India Burma Sector Calcutta India

Nr: ORAX 4718 23 February 1945

0-2 SITREP 22nd February, Bissell WCOBI CRAX 4718
info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Waert, Chennault, Richardson pass to
Nimitz, Timberman, Ramsey, CG Hiokan Field and Stratemeyer
from Sullivan

XV Corps Front - Rennsee 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, 14th Regiment identified. Enemy artillery
active against Buya 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 Hombau area UD 3971
(13 miles south Taungup), some timber 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 Taunggon PK 9254 (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.

NGOC Front - Chinese report Japs have blown Namtu River bridges in vicinity of Namtu ST 3871. 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 Haewni. Chinese state 58th Seeco Regiment responsible for Burma Road north of Lashio but basis not reported. Enemy positions are reported on both sides of road between Haewni 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 unreported report states Japs are selecting bivouc areas near Norngyal LC 7946 (40 miles south southeast Lashio). Comment: Very little ammo and supplies captured Haewni, believe supplies moved initially to Lashio and now been moved to Haipaw. Increasing indications Japs will not make determined stand for Lashio. Haipaw, located near main withdrawal route south to Loi Toem, may be next critical area.

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INFORMATION: CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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   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 WDE1, Sultan, Cannon, Chennault, McClure,
Middleton, Cheves, Weart, Remey, Stratmeyer, MacArthur,
COMGENFOA CFBX 33198 book mag 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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Nr: OFBX 33196
20 February 1945

130,000 troops of the Kwantung Army from Manchuria to the south of which 100,000 are now south of the Yangtse 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 0 here.

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INFO: CG AAF
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Calcutta, India

No: CRAX 4366

19 February 1945

Here is 0-2 SITREP for 18th February. Bissell WDGBI CRAX 4366 info Wedemeyer, Weart, Cheves, Chennault, Richard-
son pass to Nimitz, Timberman, Halsey, 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 Myinmu 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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No: CRAX 4386  
19 February 1945

Myinmu. Some resistance being met by Allied troops moving south from Kyaukmyaung bridgehead. Japs thinning out in Thabeikkyin area.

NOAC front - Japs active against Myitson bridgehead, 200 enemy dead counted past two days, normal identifications of 114th Regiment made. Across Namteik 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 Hseni 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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Considering 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 Thaibikkar 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.

MCAC front - Although the Japanese are resisting strongly in the Myitson area they have conformed rapidly from the north of Haenvi. Lack of resistance and many reports of southward movement indicated a withdrawal is in the progress. The enemy force in the Myitson area is expected to break contact shortly and withdraw toward Haipav. 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.

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

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    CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
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    CG, US Army Forces Rear Echelon, China Theater, Kunming, China
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    CG, US Army Forces in the Far East, Advance Echelon San Miguel, Philippines
    CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, T. H.

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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-Sanshui 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 207th 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. 289 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 NTHSUNG-SHIHHSING BUT NOTHING SPECIAL.

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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 UNFAVORABLE SITUATION IN CHINA AS ELSEWHERE AND DETERIORATING 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. COMMANDER BY CHEEVES AMERICAN SOS CHIEF, DEPUTY COMMANDER IS GENERAL LU TSU AND CHIEF OF STAFF COLONEL W 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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from Sultan.

XV Corps front-Remee Island reported clear of
Japanese except for stragglers being mopped up. Estimated
500 to 600 Japanese of 2nd Battalion 121st Regiment killed
in Remee 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 Kangar 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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Mr: CRAX 4253 17 February 1945.

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 stiffened in bridgehead area southwest Myinmu, 40 Japanese killed in attempt to infiltrate into bridgehead, 1st Battalion 138th Regiment identified. Quiet other sectors this front.

NOAC 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 15th 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 Nantu ST 1971. Heavy truck and cart traffic reported on road between Nantu and Fanglong 20 miles south of Nantu on 14th February, northbound empty, southbound loaded with supplies and Japanese. 2000 enemy 25 trucks 100 carts 150 miles reported moving south from Mawngmao 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.

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

CM-IN-17820 (18 Feb 45) DFG 1713252 bjm
From: SACSEA
To: Adv. ALPSEA ACSEA
Info: ARMINDIA, TROOPERS,
War Cabinet Offices for Chiefs of Staff
Nr: SAC 2888 14 February 1945
SAC 2888 FURTHER 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 ALPSEA.

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

CM-IN-29182 (28 Feb 45)
5. Strong elements of Eq. 3B 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. ACSEA 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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Nr: SAC 2888

14 February 1945

(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 adequate 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.

End.

ACTION: CC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Hull
Gen Bissell
Adm King
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To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
Headquarters China Theater, Rear Echelon, 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, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG, Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Administration, Hickam Field
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon

Nr: CRAX 3783 12 February 1945

Bissell WOGBI CRAX 3783 info Vedemeyer, Cheves, Weart, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Timberman, Ramey, CG Hickam Field and Sratemeyer from Sultan.

Here is G-2 STREP for 11th January - Nyitason 88 3489 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 Leehio on 7 February. No enemy resistance received by Americans who reached Manahai bridge 50 7232 (five miles south of Hosi) on 10 February and no enemy seen by patrols south of river.

At Manahai bridge prisoner captured from 3rd Battalion 148th Regiment states his unit 250 strong withdrew from Mongyu 80 7034 area on 6 February preceded by 300 from the

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

Mr: CRAX 3783

12 February 1945

2nd Division and 800 from the 49th Division, he believed Iashio their destination. Between Nambka river and main road Japanese said to be blocking and patrolling all trails, comment: Until general southwest line between Nambpakiun so 8029 and Hpalung SO 7425 (generally eight miles southeast of Hose) is reached no strong delaying action expected.

Arakan front - enemy in Kangla 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 estimated 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 Kanla 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 Kyaukkyauk) Allied patrols report considerable enemy strength; situation in bridgehead areas remains quiet.

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Nr: CRAX 3783

12 February 1945

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 Kangav 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 IJMS; 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 Loleim 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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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/44
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, Pt Shafter TH

Nr: CPBX 32812

11 February 1945

TOPSEC To MacArthur and Nimitz info Marshall CPBX 32812 from Wedemeyer. To Marshall: This reused WAR 39054.

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 particularly 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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From: CO, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China

To: CPDX 32612

11 February 1945

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.

End.

* Being Serviced.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: GEN ARNOLD
      GEN SOMERVELL
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To: War Department
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   General Headquarters Advanced Echelon, San Miguel, Philippines
   CG, South Pacific Base Command, Noumea, New Caledonia
   CG, 14th Air Force, Kunching, China
   CG, Y Forces Rear Echelon, Kunching, 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, COMHERBSOFAC, McClure, Chennault, COMGENFOA, Brehl, Timberman, BOMGEN Hickam Field CRA 3661.

Battalion of 36th Division troops crossed Nammeik Chaung against light opposition in SS 3307 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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Hr: CRA 3661 11 February 1945

1st Chinese Regiment separate closed in Mansin area.

124th Cavalry in bivouac at SW 6947 area.

1st Battalion of 88th Regiment reached southwest of Monnyu at 50 6734.

3rd Battalion is at 50 6638 with elements at 50 6938, where contact was made with troops of 89th Regiment.

Headquarters 89th Regiment and 3rd Battalion are in 50 7245 area.

1st Battalion reached Mansav south of Hose 50 7041 with 2 Companies in 50 7136 area.

2nd Battalion reached 50 7441 with elements at 50 7339 and at Naungun 50 7439.

90th Regiment closed in Nam Irwa area at 50 7147 with 30th Division Headquarters and 3rd Battalion enroute from Manung.

1st Battalion of 112th Regiment advanced to 50 7948 area with elements to the south at 50 8042 and 50 8342. No contact with enemy reported.

Convoys report now:

Convoys 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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New Delhi, India

Nr: CRA 3661 11 February 1945

Arakan front:

Rangoon town occupied by 26th Division. In Kangaw area no contact with enemy with lull in activity reported. No major change 62nd Div area, mopping up of stragglers continued.

Central Burma:

Pasok F0 4398 south on Tilin occupied without opposition. 17th Division and 255th Tank Brigade closed in area three miles southeast of Fauk. 26th East African Brigade held up by enemy positions three miles west and northwest of Seikpu. 89th Brigade of 7th Division moved to Myitche FF 1780. The 114th Brigade is in Mahyigan FF 3293 area eight miles west of Pakokku with leading elements in contact with Japs two miles east of there. 33rd Brigade is in Tabya FF 1297 area 7/2 Punjab Battalion reports enemy occupies Kyaukheka FF 4902 and Magyitkabin FF 4095 both northwest of Pakokku. No major change 20th and 2nd Divisions. Mopping up of Rule area continued with patrolling to east. Village of Thila SW 7499, one mile northeast of Simgu was attacked and captured by troops 62nd Brigade of 19th Division. Troops now pushing on Simgu.

End

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

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FROM ALUSNA CHUNGKING

PART 1 100032 NCR 6645
PART 2 100016 NCR 6633
PART 3 100026 NCR 6614

ALUSNA CHUNGKING WEEKLY SUMMARY TO B retrieval adds completed during week occupation of the string of east.China Airfields from which Chennault's 14th Air Force had continued to mount air offensive since fall of the Hunghang.

HUNHUN LIUCHECHUANG LINE OF AIRRAFTS, FOLLOWING CAPTURE OF SOUCHUAN, ENEMY 27TH DIVISION DROVE FARTHER SOUTH AND CHINESE ANNOUNCED KANNHSEN HAD BEEN ENTERED BY 3RD FEB.

MANCHESTER'S SON WHOSE AIRFIELD IS IMPORTANT DURING PERIOD OF SOVIET AIR SUPPORT TO CHINA HAS BEEN ORDERED AS MODEL DISTRICT BY GENERALISIMUS'S SON WHOSE AIRFIELD WAS SEEN OUT EARLIER IN CAMPAIGN.

OTHER JAP FORCES WHICH HAD CAPTURED CHUHIAHANG (K'INGHANG) LAST WEEK STRUCK EASTWARD OVERUNING SHIHSHING (CHIHSHING) AND LATER

MANCHESTER (NANYUANG) 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 SHIHSHING.

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AND OUT THE ENEMY OCCUPIED HENGYANG-CANTON RAILWAY LINE AT 3 PLACES BETWEEN CHENHUEN AND CHUCHING. FIGHTING CONTINUED THESE AREAS.

IN KUANGTUNG ENEMY OPERATIONS INCLUDED CAPTURE OF HUIJIAH AND IT WAS REPORTED THAT EXCEPT FOR GUERRILLA HELD POCKETS ENTIRE COAST FROM KUANGCHOU (CANTON) TO SHANTOU (SHATOU) HAD BEEN OCCUPIED BY JAPS. WEDNESDAY 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 REARRANGEMENT OF FORCES HE SAID "BEFORE THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD TIME TO SPARE IN WHICH TO MAKE A DRIVE ON MUNTING OR CHUCHING OR CHENCHUI.

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 REORGANIZED. CADRES REPRESENT IMPORTANT PART OF AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION TO CHINESE ARMY REHABILITATION.

AIR OPERATIONS. FIGHTERS OF 14TH AIR FORCE ATTACKED PEKING AIR-DRONES 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 HSIAOCHEN AND SUCHOU. CONTINUING ATTACK ON ENEMY COMMUNICATIONS 14TH P-51'S AND P-40'S DESTROYED 25 LOCOMOTIVES IN SIEGETS 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 FEB PERIOD 302 SHIPS OF 359,430 TONS DESTROYED PLUS 2061 SHIPS LESS THAN 1200 FEET LONG. IN JAN 343 ENEMY OPERATED LOCOMOTIVES WERE DESTROYED AND 42 BRIDGES AND BRIDGE APPROACHES BLOWN UP OR DAMAGED.

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

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By RT, NARA, Date 2/18/44
"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 495 TIMES IN DECEMBER REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 35%
From: CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi India
To: War Department
   CG US Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Area,
   Administration, Hickam Field, T H
   CG US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
   CG US Army Forces, Leda, India
   CG US Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas,
   Fort Shafter, T H
   CG 14th Air Force, Rumgung, 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, COMGENSOFCOM, McClure, Chemnault,
COMOPAO, Streidt, Timberman, COMHEN 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 9702.

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

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From: 09 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 80 8666.

Elements of 90th Regiment moving from Manning to Nambpakka.

88th Regiment continued its move on Mong Yu with Headquarters of Regiment with 1st and 2nd Battalion at Namkang 80 6436 and 3rd Bn at 80 6658 with no contact.

89th Regiment moved south with 1st Battalion 2 miles south of Nambpakka at 80 7243 and 2nd Bn occupied Loikong at 80 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 Ledo today consisting of 90 assorted vehicles and 76 trailers one ton carrying 38 tons POL, spare tires and rations and 33½ tons of ammunition.

Arakan front: Raiding party landed Sabyin FY 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 Dorotha 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.

CM-IN-10577 (11 Feb 45)
From: CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi India
To: CRA 3611

10 February 1945

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 Paak area. 26th East African Brigade continued to move south. Battalion on Saw-Seleikyu road reached PO 7455 area 20 miles west northwest of Seikpyu. Remainder of Brigade in Bwebat*a PO 9748 area with leading troops in contact with Japs 3 miles northwest of Seikpyu at PP 0543.

Patrols active in Nipaw area reported no enemy seen. Troops of 20th Division occupied Thunggyl PK 7440 one island 7 miles southwest of Nyaung. Troops of 2nd Division cleared enemy from Davete LP 0960 area.

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

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ACTION: OPD
INFO: CG AAF Col Park G-2 Log

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To:  War Department
      Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area,
          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, Sultun to
Marshall Info MacArthur, COMENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault,
McClure, Timberman, Breidwater, COMDEN Hickam Field, CRAX
3334.

Patrol of 36th Division contacted group of ten enemy
at Nyaungyin SN 7655 south of Twinnga. Company moving south
from east reach SS 4599 without contact. Ron patrol of 50th
Division reached Homong SN 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: ORAX 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 Pangkham 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 5th 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. Rom troops of 2nd Division reported Padu, Taungvin, and Katheta in IP 4881 area clear of enemy. No other change 2nd Division.

In 20th Division Sector elements have cleared Japs from Bathyin IP 0562 area. Other elements were forced to abandon river crossing at Sabel 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 4296 clearing light opposition in Lassaw area.

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

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

Nr : ORAX 3334  7 February 1945

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

Arakan Front: No enemy encountered at Kyaunkhimaw 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 Bpobha reached line PS 4869-PS 4979-PS 4658 meeting no enemy.

End

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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
LEBIANG AREA THROUGH CHENSHIEN. 104TH DIVISION

CAPTURED KUKONG AND NOW HELDS CANTON-KUKONG RAIL
CORRIDOR. 40TH DIVISION DROVE FROM HUMAN 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
HUMAN LAST APRIL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED WITH JAPS HOLDING
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 HAMYUNG. 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 AROUND 70 MILES SOUTH OF TURANNE. DAMAGED ANOTHER FREIGHTER FARThER NORTH OFF INDO CHINA COAST. FIGHTERS STRUCK AT IMPORTANT

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RAILROADS DESTROYING 6 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 YO AND AMERICAN AMBASSADOR SEVERAL TIMES BUT NO MEETING WITH GENERALISSIMO REPORTED. MANIFESTO BY SELFSTYLE LIBERAL BUT NOT 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 SHIN 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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To: HQ SEAC
Rptd: Joint Staff Mission
No: COSSEA 201
3 February 1945

COSSEA 201 Reference is COSSEA 200.

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. \End.

End

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From: Chiefs of Staff
To: HQ SEAC
Rptd: Joint Staff Mission
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I. Following to SACSEA has been approved by Combined Chiefs of Staff.

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

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").

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.

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

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).

END

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       Adm King
       Gen Hull
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New Delhi, India

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CG US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
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Operational summary for 2nd February. Sultan to
Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENSOFAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault,
McClure, Timberman, Breidster, COMGEN Hickam Field, CRAX
2968.

Contact made with Japanese southeast Tinncge 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 Fandin SN 7302.

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

Troops Mars Brigade repulsed enemy attacks against their positions. Elements 12th Cavalry attacked enemy positions with elements 89th Regiment in area southeast of Mongnoi took initial objective.

2nd Battalion of 89th Regiment has contact at 0715.

3rd Battalion arrived Hpalin 0952 less 3rd Battalion at Amhkan following.

2nd Battalion 90th Regiment moving to Selan area.

1st Battalion 90th Regiment at Hpalin.

Fighting in 114 Regimental area continued thru night Guittubapalur 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 08 8574 and 2nd Battalion at 08 8570.

Arakan Front:

Elements of 26th Division from Sagu Kyun Island landed on south tip of Raxree, no other details given.

After air and cruiser bombardment troops 71st Brigade

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secured bridgehead on south bank of Yanbuk 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 52nd 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 Sinthei PJ 9201, 114th Brigade at Thumadaw PJ 8903, and
28th East African Brigade at Yagyibin PJ 8104.
255th Tank Brigade closed area Tehlaw FD 3415.
7/2 Punjab Battalion is in Lingadaw FK 3841, previously reported 3 miles south of Myaung which was incorrect.

Headquarters 20th Division opened Chaungu and 80th Brigade at Paulin PJ 7843.

Village south of Myaung at PK 3145 occupied by troops 80th Brigade.
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Troops of 2nd Division occupied Yathaygi 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 7261. Elsewhere patrols were active.

New subject: Convoy of CFS vehicles composed of 25 jeeps with 1 ton trailers 24, ½ ton weapons carriers with 1 ton trailers and 13, ¼ ton ambulances carrying 7½ tons of ammunition as pay load left Ledo 1st February for Kunming.

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info Warner, Sultan, Stratemeyer, Wedemeyer and Cannon,
info PRD'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 Chaduba 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 climbs 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-Nongsa-Lebchi 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
Christieons 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 Stratagemyer'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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G 2 SITREP 2nd February, Bissell WDGJ 0RAX 2980
info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson pass to Hmits, Timbers, Ramsey, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

Arakan front - in Minbya area enemy resistance slackened, comment: Indications are enemy may be withdrawing from area. Resistance in Kangaw area continues without any appreciable change. Allied patrols crossed Yanbau Chaugon Rangoon island meeting light resistance.

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

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

Sosadaw PX 7944, Pauktaw PX 8641 and PX 8045 area (all in area 14 miles southwest of Myimau) still occupied by

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No:    CRAX 2980  3 February 1945

Japanese.

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

Ywathitgyi IP 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 Kyautawkung bridgehead
and only slight enemy activity reported from Thabeikkyin area.

Northeast Burma - 80 Japanese with 5 machine guns
and 2 guns 70 millimeter forced British out of Myitson
SS 3388.

Enemy continued attacks against Chinese positions
in SS 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 moving 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
SS 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.

End

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

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

- YUNGU TO KWEILIN
- KWEILIN TO TSIAANGSHI 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

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

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 SAMSHU.

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.

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

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 HSIIANGYAN. BOATS OFTEN HIDDEN UNDER CAMOUFLAGE OF BRANCHES WHEN ON RIVER. AS FAR AS LINGLING SAMPANS CAN BE USED.

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 6400 GROSS TONS.

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COMINCH....20G.....CNO.....NAVAlDE....200P....

SECRET
From: CG, US Army Forces, India-Burma Theater, New Delhi, India
To: War Department
   CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
   Rear Echelon Headquarters, China Theater, Kunming, China
   CG, Services of Supply, 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, Karachi, India
   CG, Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu, T.H.
   CG, Army Air Forces, India-Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

Nr: CRAX 2524 29 January 1945

Bissell WDGBI CRAX 2524 info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Chenneault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Timberman, Hamey, CG Kickam Field and Stratmeyer from Sultan.

Now follows 0-2 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 Yesin SR 7105 and at least 55 enemy killed.

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

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New Delhi, India

No: ORAX 2524  29 January 1945

Arakan front: No change Myaung, Kangaw and Myebo
Peninsula areas. On Ramree Island estimated Japanese
company holding up Allied advance Absyanka Chaung.

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

North Burma-Japanese still hold positions in 80 7550
area (6 miles north of Hosi) and unreported number contacted
at 80 6153 (7 miles south of Hambakm).

During capture of Mongy 80 8881, Chinese claim to
have killed 55 Japanese and captured 3 guns 70 millimeter,
2 machine guns, and 22 rifles. 45 Japanese killed by Amer-
gians during operations on 27th/28th January; 1 prisoner from
1st Battalion, 4th Regiment captured in Hambakm area 80
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
dispersed on different sectors of front increasing their
difficulty to command and concentrate forces.

Japanese tactics of delay and withdraw have con-
tinued in all sectors except north of Mandalay on east
bank of Irawaddy 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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to attack from several directions.

In the Arakan enemy resistance in the vicinity of
Kangav 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 Gangav-Talin 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 main-
taining them for any length of time.

Northeast Burma-the exposed flank of the Japanese
Mongtai position and need to strengthen the Hantu area
probably caused shift of bulk of 18th Division to general
Hantu 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.

ACTION: 0-2
INFO: CG AAF, OFD, Colonel Park, Log
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To: War Department
No: CRAX 2436

28 January 1945

0-2 SITREP 27th January, Bissell WD01 CRAX 2436 info Wedemeyer, Chenies, Chennault, Richardson pass to Himitz, Timberman, Ramsy, 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 SS 7035 (4 miles south of Hosi) where a headquarters possibly 58th 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 SS 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—роad for stragglers Mychaung area and area east to Lawro River clear, large quantities of documents, ammunition and medical stores captured.

No change on Nyaebon 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 Chebuwa Island but no details as yet.

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

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To:    War Department
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
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:    OFBX 32003  26 January 1945

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

Decisions contained in book message WAX 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 referenced 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: CPFX 32003

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As 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.

End

This message has been relayed to ARGONAUT (1).

ACTION: JCS

INFO : ADM LEAHY, GEN ARNOLD, GEN HULL, GEN BISSELL, ADM KING, C OF S

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Nr: CRAX 2188 26 January 1945

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

Punjab Battalion of 36th Division attacked and captured
dugouts south of Lava at 3N 4906 killing 30 Japanese. Other
troops reached point along river 8 miles south of Mabein at
S 3503 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 Mongvi at 50 4837.

Mars Brigade artillery shelled 200 Japanese at 50 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 80 8478.
1st Battalion is in 80 8675 area and 3rd Battalion in 80 7876 area. No major change other units.

Central Burma:
33rd Brigade of 7th Division is concentrated at Zabaw FJ 3508. Positions east of Tilling evacuated by enemy and troops 28th East African Brigade moved east to FJ 3937.

Troops of 7th Division moving southeast from Sohja FJ 5243 reached Myauk Kabin FJ 6333.

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

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

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

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

Arakan front:

73rd Brigade of 26th Division at Minbyin at PX 5748 on Razee Island. Forward troops reached Wamsaung 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 Kenzauk PN 9319 area.

End

ACTION: CFD

INFO: CG AAP

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To: War Department
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Nr: CRAX 2271
    26 January 1945

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-Tвиннег ocupied by Allied troops apparently
without opposition.

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

Estimated Japanese company contacted at 50 7250 (six
miles north of Hosi) and six Japanese killed.

Japanese ammunition dump destroyed at 50 7147 (three
miles north of Hosi).

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New Delhi, India

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2nd Battalion 55th Regiment 18th Division identified at Loilawa 30 6055 (five miles southeast of Namkham) by Chinese.

In Hsai 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 PF 5590 to Mandalay. No change north of Sagaing.

Enemy reported holding line from LP 2967 (12 miles northwest of Sagaing) generally northeast to Yenyet Lake, but this line not yet contacted. Enemy activity in Kyaukmyaung 3R 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 5-10 medium guns, comment: Believed Japanese concern over bridgehead due to good defensive positions in range of hills 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 Myaung or Myebon areas. On Rarree Island Allied drive halfway down island without contact.

End.

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To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, China Theater,
Chungking, China
Rear Echelon Headquarters, China Theater,
Kunming, China

Nr: 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 Suichuan airfield 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 airfield.

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and destroying 1 P 51 on ground.

On other offensive missions Jap aircraft hit 3 Chinese cities.

Yungai north of Suichwan was hit once, Yungching 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-Maokow 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 Lickhong 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 Chennahen to Pingheke and probably to Likchong. Chinese resistance was reported in the Pingheke area.

There were no reports of opposition elsewhere along the advancing Japanese front from Lingling in the north to Fatpo 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-Hankow 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 Chennahen.

In the Kwangtung area Taotingyun (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 Rukong. 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 Wenchiow). 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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To: CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
From: OA 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.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF, OPD, Colonel Park, Log
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1. XV Corps.


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

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

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Nr: 1569 ORB 25 January 1945

51 Bde.
8 Rybad landed PS 5048 in SP 3 CDO Bde. Remainder Bde following.

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

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

5th. 82 (WA) Div.
Div Hq Kansuak PN 91.

1 (WA) Bde.
Bde less 3 NR PN 1106 3 NR less two coy PN 2005 coy each PN 2106 PN 2203. 82 Recce Regt under cond 81 (WA) Div PN 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-Tin in PJ 33 just NW of Pauk.

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

E. XXXIII Corps.

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

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positive Kyaumyaung 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 con in being employed to full against BR
head area and in SP recent repeated counter attacks. Recce
of area Kambet SR 62 confirms enemy still holds some poons
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 oppoon. Still in contact
PK 5481. Bde Hq Monywa.

80 Bde.
Bde Hq PK 5185.

100 Bde.
Oppoon 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 cys moving
LF 2365 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 Coy 1 and 2 Bn 4 Regt in area Namboekka SO 7247 -HSI 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 Coy 9 R Sussex SN 3303 Coy SN 3103.
25 Bde.
2/8 Punjab captured poan 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.

End

* * Corrupt Group.

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CC/S, CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log
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   CG, Services of Supply, Kunming, China
   Rear Echelon, Headquarters, China Theater, Kunming China
   CG, 20th Bomber Command Enaragpur, India
   CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

No: CFRX 31992

25 January 1945

Bissell WDGEI, Sultan, Cannin, Chennault, Barrett, Middleton, Cheves 505, Cheves Rear Echelon, LeMay, Stratemeyer CFRX 31992 book msg nr 207 from 0-2 and 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 Lungshou-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 indicates a Jap drive into Yunnan from Fio anticipated and portions of Fio-Wangai 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 in Hangchow area and to fortify E coast of Luchow peninsula. Information from Sino 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 Formosa area rather than at Hengchow.

Japanese have withdrawn their troops previously reported moving west from Sian 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 Sian Siang and 1,000 arrived Young Fong to southwest of Sian Siang.

Jap drive at Canton-Hankow railway continues with Fingshek (112 deg 42 min-25 deg 23 min) reported occupied by Japs on 22 January and captured of Lokchong (114 deg 51 min-25 deg 15 min) reported imminent. Since 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 Taoshien-Yungning area confirmed by Chinese as being 40 Division elements. Strength at Fingshek estimated as 3,000 and Lokchong g: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 Weiskling.

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

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ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF
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To: War Department
General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines
CO, South Pacific Base Command, Noumea, New Caledonia
Rear Echelon Y Forces, Kunming, China
CO, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CO, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, T. H.

From: CO, US Army Air Forces, New Delhi, India
CO, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon

Nr: CRAX 2056

Operational summary for 23rd January 1945

To Marshall, info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Middleton, Timberman, Bredstder, COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 2056.

No change for 36th Division. Elements of 150th Regiment reached Shweili River 16 miles south southwest of Tonkwa at SN 6703 dispersing Japanese patrol in the area. 124th Cavalry Headquarters located 80 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 80 7042. Third Battalion had patrols operating in area east of Burma Road. Elements of 89th Regiment had contact with Japanese at 80 5956 while 90th Regiment reported contact with enemy at 80 6256. The Third Battalion of 114th Regiment cut Burma Road at mile 80, 80 7449. Headquarters of the 114th Regiment reached Manning at 80 647 and First Battalion reached 80 6649.

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New Delhi, India

No: CRAX 2056 24 January 1945

The 159th Division of GE moved south from Muse
reaching mile 86 and 88, Rampong at 80 85/7. Road trace
Nanshan-R * 105-Wanting cleared of enemy. Troops 19th
Division repulsed three prong attack in the bridgehead area
north of Kyaukmyaung. Troops of Second Division are firmly
established at Natkiyayang at LF 2465 with petrols operating
to south toward Yvathitgy LF 2369. No enemy contact re-
ported. Myinmu at LF 0056 was occupied by troops 100th
Brigade of 20th Division. Contact gained with enemy west
of Myinmu at Wunbye FK 9762. Leading troops of 32d 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 Yimabin FK 3532. Hrs of 89th Brigade moved
to Tazik PJ 477 southeast of Gangaw 14 miles. Leading troops
were in Sobaya PJ 5443 and 6 miles to southeast of Kyau
PJ 6964 meeting no opposition. 114th Brigade was in Mawle
PJ 3469 Minya PJ 3377 area. 28th East African Brigade Hrs
moved to Aingn near PJ 3454. Leading troops occupied Tillin,
32 miles south of Gangaw and had contact with Japanese east
of Tillin 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 Kyaukpyu meeting no opposition. Third Commando Brigade
made landing two miles southwest of Kangaw at PB 5350.
Landings were unopposed but resistance encountered one mile
southwest of Kangaw.

No other change reported this area.

* Being serviced.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CG AAF; G-2; Col Park; Log
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FOR GENERAL MARSHALL'S EYES ONLY

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

To: War Department

Nr: CRA 1984    24 January 1945

FOR INFORMATION ONLY to Marshall for Hull CRA 1984 from Sutan.

1. This reply to WARX 24310 dated 21 January.

2. We have just received Wedemeyer's CFBX 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 deployment 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, 503 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 shall be able to handle a large part of the 4900 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 146 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
3rd Combat Cargo Group of 100 C-47's (equivalent to 106 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 squad-
rons 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 air-
craft 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.
From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

Nr: CRA 1984  24 January 1945

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 and 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 180 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 Stratemeyer has assisted in preparation of this reply.

End

ACTION: Gen Hull

INFO: JCS & (JUPC); Gen Arnold, C of S
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To: War Department
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CG US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
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Nr: CRAX 1889
22 January 1945

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

Japanese withdrawal from Wanting continues. At Nanking 80 9592 and Tong Kan 80 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 Nanking 80 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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Sr: CRAX 1889 22 January 1945

Allied planes on mission over Myinma LF 0060 (25 miles west of Sagaing) report Japanese crossing river to south bank. Enemy resistance at Monywa continues. Estimated platoon contacted at Wetthaok 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 Nyebon Peninsula where resistance slacked. Enemy north of Myochaung apparently withdrawing, only disorganized resistance now encountered.

Allied landings on Ramree Island meeting only slight opposition.

Nov 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 arrive strongly before Mandalay and Sagaing but they are not capable of holding against determined Allied advance.

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To: OGRA 1889

Date: 22 January 1945

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-Ko-Nei-Wi line.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: COAAF

OPD Col Park Log

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TOPSEC. To Marshall for the Joint Chiefs of Staff
info Sultan OFREX 31763 from Wedemeyer.

Last November strategic survey OFREX 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 I: 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 purposed postwar Allied plans.

2. The rapidity of the American advance in the Pacific during the past 8 months has unquestionably upset the Japanese timetable 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 defense of the Japanese forces in the islands of the Southwest Pacific.

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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 disposition 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 minimum 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 lodgement in 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 CH-IN-22052 (23 Jan 45)

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Mr. CFBX 31783 22 January 1945

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 is 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 (CPBX 25512, 6 November '44, CPBX 26558, 17 November '44, CPBX 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 repositions in eastern and southeastern China are being made to insure control of the area east of the general line Peking-Hankow-Luchow-Hanoi. They now control or are in the process of seizing all major communication centers, railroads, highways, 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 Phantung 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 Paoting-Chihkiang-
Kweiyang; Nanning-Force-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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No: CFBX 31783
22 January 1945

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 Yangtse. Also a plan has been made to drive on the Liuchow-Hanning 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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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 conjunction 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

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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 still being received.

End

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF; ASF; OPD; Col. Park; Log

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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, Lado, India
CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, US Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Oahu TH

Mr. CRAX 1803

21 January 1945

Operational summary for 20th January Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMENSPAC, COMENPAC, Chennault, Dorn, Timberman, Brehm and COMN H Hickam Field DRAX 1803.

Elements of 26th Brigade, 26th Division relieved troops of 72nd Brigade in Koonskan SH 4071 area and at Lawa SH 4826. No change 50th Division, First Separate Chinese Regiment, or 12th Cavalry.

47th Regiment repulsed two Japanese counter attacks and claim four tankettes or armored vehicles destroyed.

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

The 112th Regimental Headquarters and 3rd Battalion closed in Kongsha SH 5966, 2nd Battalion advanced to Kaitaw SH 7071 with one company at Namuo SH 7471, first Battalion reached Mansab SH 6363, with one company at Loisong SH 6665.
From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

Mr. CRAX 1803 21 January 1945

Headquarters 113th Regiment at 50 5865, 2nd Battalion advanced to 50 6168 with one company at 50 6571, 3rd Battalion moved to 50 7377, with company at 50 7176 and another company at 50 7273.

The 2nd Battalion of 114th Regiment is enroute to Sehui 50 5865.

On Arakan front 51st Brigade 25th Division is moving to Myebon Peninsula, no major change reported in Myebon area. In area south of Mindya 7/16 Punjab Battalion clashed with Japanese at Kyebin F3 2973 killing 5 and wounding 23.

In Mychaung area troops 5th Brigade of 61st West African Division reported clash with Japanese at Tawbe FN 1307 and had contact two miles north of Mychaung at FN 2510.

In Central Burma: Troops of 19th Division continued to mop up Japanese stragglers in Kabyet area. Bridgehead at Ngaizin 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 Yimmying FN 2276.

Patrols reported Nyaungbinvun LF 1237 and Legyi LF 1665 clear of enemy.

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

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Nr. CRA 1803 21 January 1945

Minor progress made in Monywa area. Leading troops in Gangaw valley reached Aingma at PJ 3434 meeting no enemy.

Headquarters 28th East African Brigade moved to Mawle.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CG AAF

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Col Park

Log

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    CO, US Army Forces India Burma Theater New Delhi, India
    CO, Southeast Asia Command Forward Echelon Kandy, Ceylon
Nr: CPBX 31720 21 January 1945

TOPSEC to Marshall for US Joint Chiefs of Staff information Mountbatten SEAC Fwd Rch Kandy, Ceylon pass to US Army Liaison Kandy Ceylon, Wheeler and Sultan CPBX 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  Adm King
            Gen Arnold  Adm King
            Gen Hull  CoFS

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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, Cahu, T.H.
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Khargpur, India
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

No: CRAX 1811

G-2 STIFRF 20th January, Bissell WDCHI CRAX 1811 info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Timberman, LeMay, CG Hicken Field and Stratmeneyer 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 Myintu LF 0060 (25 miles west of Sagaing) reached with no enemy seen. No change in

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

No: CRAK 1811  21 January 1945

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

Enemy resistance just east of Kabwe SR 6521
continues. Enemy artillery has been active against Allied
positions in Kyaunknyaung 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
Twinge. Allied troops advancing northeast along Namkham-
Wanting road reached point 12 miles from Namkham and no
enemy seen.

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

In Hoel area two strong enemy counterattacks re-
pulsed and four tankettes knocked out.

Identifications of 55th Regiment, 16th Division
made in Hoel 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.
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INFO: CG AAF, GPD, Colonial Park, Log
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CG Northern Combat Area Command Myitkyina Burma
Headquarters Army Air Forces in India Burma Sector
Calcutta India
CG 20th Bomber Command Baragpur India
Rear Echelon Headquarters China Theater
Kunming China

Nr: CPBX 31687

21 January 1945

To Marshall for Porter info Sultan LeMay Stratemeyer
Davidson MacArthur and CONRINPOA pass to CINCPOA CPBX 31687
from Wedemeyer.

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

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CG AAF

CG Park

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

Nr: 426

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Warner, Sultan, Stratemeyer, 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 British 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 Mogaueng 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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From: Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy Ceylon

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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. Sulten's Northern Combat Area Command captured Namkham, 71 miles southeast of Bhamo and the most important town taken in the current southern drive by NOAC.

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 a 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.

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WG9 Lt Col Hannah 71932

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Commanding General
US Forces
China Theater
Chungking, China

Number WAR 24285

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 Attaché 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 MARX 86195. Request your comments on the foregoing.

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ORIGINATOR: Gen Hull

INFORMATION: JCS

Adm Leahy
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Gen Hissell

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Nr: CRAX 1737 20 January 1945

Operational Summary for 19th January Sultan to Marshall info MacArthur, COMGENOPAC, COMGENPOA, Chennault, Dorn, Timberman, Brigadier and COMGEN Hickam Field CRAX 1737.

Village of Twingle found clear of enemy by patrols 36th Division. Headquarters 26th Brigade moved to Na'poorpon. 150th Regt patrols reached Lweveil, 5 miles west of their positions held on Shwell River meeting no enemy. Troops 475 Combat Team moved north occupying Honiaw 30 6741, west of Hosi and Nafokam 30 6744 northwest 3 miles of Hosi. Roadblock was established at 30 6945 and high ground at 30 7045 occupied. Other troops advanced on Ledang Ridge 30 7042. 89th Regiment reported contacts with enemy at Loiwm 30 5759, at 30 5660 area, and at Loimawk 30 5558. Troops of 90th Regiment were in contact with Japanese 14 miles southeast of Nashkan at 30 5762. A battalion of 112 was along road 2 miles northeast of Nashkan 30 5764. 113th Regiment closed in Nacti 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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To: CRAX 1737

20 January 1945

Elements of 100th Brigade 20th Division continued to south from Minya 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 cut road going west. In Ganges Valley Ryaw at PJ 6364 which is 13 miles east of Maung was occupied without opposition. 7th Division Headquarters opened at Zahaw 1 mile northwest of Ganges. Headquarters 4th Corps opened at Kau, 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 Myohtung. On Myebon Peninsula the 74th Brigade of 25th Division advanced north of Myohton and occupied Kanta and Foirt 262 Pagoda. Several Japanese counter attacks were repulsed.

End

ACTION: CPD
INFORMATION: CGAAF
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Col. Park
Log
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Middleton, Cueva Sos, Cueva Rear Echelon, Monteith and
Dulben, LeMay, Stratemeyer CPBX 31588 book msg nr 205 from
G-2 and 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
Shikling (11 deg 52 min -23 deg 07 min) occupied Noku-
(11 deg 15 min -23 deg 09 min) then on to Waichow (11 deg-
22 min -23 deg 05 min) where street fighting reported in
progress on 1/16.

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On 16th,
2 Jap columns (thought to be elements of 40th Division) emanating from T'ai 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 railroad 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 Houchin. Road from Liuchow to Manning 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 Hoshkien reported to have evacuated southeast to Ham Piaia. Small group of Japs reported at Selan to northeast of Pambrian 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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Hp:  4543 OPS.  19 January 1945

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 FN 12 indicate continued presence 2 Tp 3 Med Arty Regt this area.

2. 25 Div. 17 Jan feature FS 4246 captured and held against determined counter attacks. 81 Recce Regt less coy under comd 53 Bde.

3. Naval patrols area Daibong Chaung FS 54 have sunk 10 enemy armed sub craft in recent ops.

4. 82 WA Div. 1 WA Bde. Bde Hq 3 DR FM 7919 1 NR Kanzauk FM 92, 82 Recce Regt area FM 0042.

5. 81 WA Div. 5 WA Bde. Two coy's 7 GGR Teinnyo FM 12 8 GGR FM 2013 less coy FM 2215. 6 WA Bde. 1 Gamble occupied feature FM 2224 without oppsn. 4 WA Bde. Bde Hq 9 NR FM 1331. 5 NR Teinnyo 10 NR FM 1741 less coy FM 2034.

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II. 14th Army
A. IV Corps
1. No opposition reported to our occupation Minywa PJ 3476 and Taza PJ 4872.
2. 7 Div. Chin Hills Br moving Kyaw PJ 66 omes under comd 89 Bde today. 7/2 Punjab PE 0323 less ooy remain-
ing PE 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 Northamptons PE 5093 less ooy PE 5047 and dets PE 5592. Night 16/17 Jan tps 3/8 GR contacted enemy Ettav Pe 58 and are bypassing posn. 1 Devon less two ooy under comd 32 Bde PE 4793. 80 Bde. Bde Hq PE 4911. 9 PPR Maungdaung PE 42 less ooy SQ 4700. Coys 3/1 GR each PE 2024 PE 2026. Coys 1 Devon each Budalin Payagyi PE 33. 100 Bde. 4/10 GR occupied Minywa PE 98 moving PE 9878. 25 enemy killed escaping from Ayadaw.
4. 2 Div. Div Hq LA 1314. 6 Bde conc area SW 3994.
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 4 Wore Regt across Irrawaddy River SR 6906. Two ooy 1/6 GR est SR 7206 without opposition. 98 Bde. Bde Hq SR 6937 4/4 GR in contact east of Thabekkyin 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 SW 3912 coy 10 Glosters SW 3610 patrols 9 Sussex in contact south of SW 3610. 26 Bde. 2/8 Punjab SW 4212 less coy Kota SW 31.
2. 38 Chinese Div. 1/112 Regt 5569 2/112 Regt 50 5567. 1/113 Regt in contact 50 5854. 3/114 Regt 50 5855 1/114 Regt 50 5955 both in contact. 2/114 Regt Pangkum 50 46.

End

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INFORMATION: CC/S
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I. XV Corps.

1. Patrol report Kantha FS 4145 clear of enemy but posts located in hills to north. Tentative identifications from FN 13th Jan at Yetarok FN 0005 of Med W.C.O. att 1st BN 154th Regt. Comment. Previous documents have suggested presence lower Kandal at least one coy this BN. Stiff resistance continued 16th Jan area FN 2123 and hills to south.

2. 25th Div. 1 CDO and 42 RM CDO with TK BP captured features FS 4244, FS 4344. Nga Na Nong on Nyagun ops so far minimum 100 killed. Own ops five killed, 30 wounded.

3. 82nd (WA) Div. 1st (WA) Bde moving east to Kandal Valley over Kansaik Pass FN 9419.

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4. 21st (WA) Div. 5th (WA) Bde. 8 GCR FN 1611 with br head across Yan Chau Tun FN 2012. 5 GCR secured feature FN 1922. 6th (WA) Bde. 4th NR in contact FN 2024 1 Gambia FN 1925 1 SA L R FN 2020.

II. Fourteenth Army.

A. IV Corps.

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

2. 7th Div. 28th (KA) Bde. 46 KAR less two coys PJ 3681 two coys Minnaya NJ 37. 17th Jan leading tps reported by Tac R PJ 3669. 71 KAR PJ 4482 less coy remaining Less PJ 48 with leading tps by 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 oppo reported on IV Corps front.

B. XXXIII Corps.

1. FW 1st Bn 58th Regt captured Sedang LF 2188 states believes 139th Regt Baling area.

2. Corps H.Q. SR 1116.

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3. 20th Div. 32nd Bde. Bde H.Q. 8th 11th Cav under cmd PE 4792. 9/14 PUNJAB area PE 5165. 3/8 GR moving FK 5389 no opn reported.

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

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

4. 268th Bde under cmd XXXIII Corps.


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

III. NCAC.

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

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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

4. 5332nd Bde. Leading tps 124th Cav Regt SN 4036. 475th Regt less 3/475 Regt SN 6799. No oppoen reported.


7. Rept captured in Namkham included six Hy GMs, 21 LMGs, two 70 mm guns, 231 rifles, 9 gren dischargers. *CORRUP*.

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CC/S, CC AAF, ODF, Col Park, Log

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Nr: CFEX 31438 17 January 1945

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Cheves SOS, Cheves Rear Echelon, Monteith and Dunstan, LeMay,
Stratemeyer, Middleton CFEX 31438 book reg 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. More
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

CM-IN-17732 (19 Jan 45)
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 Leiyang 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

Commanding General
United States Forces
China Theater
Guangking, China

Number: WAR 22417

Marshall to Wedemeyer

The Joint Chiefs of Staff request that you furnish 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.

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Originator: Gen Bull
Information: JC/S; Adm Leahy; Gen Arnold; Gen Bissell; Adm King; C of S

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Nr: CRAX 1352

16 January 1945

G-2 STREP 15 January, Bissell MOBI CRAX 1352
info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz,
Timberman, LeMay, CO, 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 80 7241 increased.

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

No: CRAX 1352  16 January 1945

Estimated two companies Japanese with some artillery
moved to man Ngawra 50 540. 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 Namkam 15 January; minor pockets still exist in area.
No Japanese north Shuwei River between Loiwing and Mongmao
5897 reports Chinese patrol.

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

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

Identifications 54th Division Recon Regiment
confirmed. More on Nyebon 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
INFORMATION: CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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To: War Department
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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 Yangyang
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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No. CRAX 1289 15 January 1945

Bissell WDESI CRAX 1289 info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson pass to Himitz, Timberman, LeMay, CG, Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

Now follows 0-2 SITREP for 14 January.

Arakan front - Enemy strength on Myebon Peninsula estimated at one battalion possibly from 54th Division Reconnaissance Regiment.

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

No. CRAX 1289

15 January 1945

Allied patrols to Alon PK 4793 (5 miles north northwest of Monywa) and no enemy encountered. Without contact Allied patrols reached Inbe LA 3806 (22 miles southeast of Shwebo) and air observers report Allied troops in Honyi LF 3887 (20 miles northwest of Mandalay) but this not confirmed by ground sources. Indications are that Japanese may not intend to give up Sagaing area without a fight. Captured map shows defensive positions as follows to accommodate a division:

3 battalions Sagaing hills extending north to Padu LF 4080.
5 battalions northwest of Sagaing to Yimmagyan LF 2475.
2 Battalions east of Nu River at Myimyu LF 0160 west to Allagappa 61, comment: May possibly be plan which is not in operation but first indications of defenses this area.

North Burma - Strong enemy opposition encountered at SR 7466 and SR 8166 in area 2 miles north and 4 miles east of Twinage, comment: 58th Regiment 31st Division identified here, confirms previous report of 3rd Battalion 58th Regiment under 15th Division and east of Irrawaddy; no 53rd Division units identified Twinage area.

Japanese patrol contacted at Pyinlaha SN 3516 (28 miles north of Mongmut). In Namkhem area Japanese patrols contacted at 50 4759 (4 miles southwest of Namkhem) and at 50 5747 (10 miles south of Namkhem).
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Burma - Yunnan border: Strong enemy resistance in Muse area continues. Only 56th Division troops in Wanting says prisoner also states that Japanese will fight delaying action southward and estimates enemy strength Wanting area at 1500.

Here is weekly G 2 BITREP for week ending 15 January.

Although the Japanese trend of withdrawal continued on all fronts in Burma during the week there are now some indications that the enemy may delay as strongly as possible in central Burma. At present it appears that the Sagaing-Mandalay area may not be given up without a struggle and that the Japanese may attempt to delay along the general line from Myaing LF 0160 to north of Mandalay (possibly in the Madaya area LF 6198) thence to Hemu ST 2971 and northeastward parallel to but north of the Hlamu river to the Heenwi area. The enemy in the area north of Mandalay is not at present believed capable of a strong delaying action however there are some slight indications that some reinforcements may have arrived. This is partially substantiated by the finding of identity discs from the 153rd Regiment 49th Division in the Gengaw area which makes it evident that not all of the 49th Division has gone to northeast Burma. However it is not believed that the Japanese intention of eventually evacuating Burma has changed and that this delay may be made merely to facilitate the withdrawal along the most expeditious routes and to prevent any Allied drive from cutting the withdrawal routes south from Lashio and Mandalay.

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
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.

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ACTION: General Hull
INFO: Admiral Leahy, General Bissell, C of S
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Bissell WDGEI CRAX 1289 info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Timberman, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

Now follows G-2 SITREP for 14 January:

Arakan Front - Enemy strength on Nyaebon Peninsula estimated at one battalion possibly from 54th Division reconnaissance regiment. General Burma - Fya FJ 3591 just south of Gangaw and Lese FJ 4489 (4 miles southeast of Gangaw) found clear of enemy. Kani FE 2025 occupied without opposition.

Allied patrols to Alon FK 4792 (5 miles north northwest of Monywa) and no enemy encountered. Without contact Allied patrols reached Imbe LA 3806 (22 miles southeast of Shwebo) and air observers report Allied troops in Kongyi

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LF 3887 (20 miles northwest of Mandalay) but this not confirmed by ground sources. Indications are that Japanese may not intend to give up Sagaing Area without a fight.

Captured map shows defensive positions as follows to accommodate a division:

3 battalions Sagaing Hills extending north to Padu LF 4080, 5 battalions northwest of Sagaing to Immagrip LF 2475, and 2 battalions east of Mu River at Kyinsu LF 0160 to Alleppara PK 9161, comment: May possibly be plan which is not in operation but first indications of defenses this area.

North Burma. Strong enemy opposition encountered at SR 7468 and SR 8166 in area 2 miles north and 4 miles east of Twinne, comment: 50th Regiment 31st Division identified here, confirms previous report of 3rd Battalion 50th Regiment under 15th Division and east of Irravaddy; no 53rd Division units identified Twinne area.

Japanese patrol contacted at Fyinlaha SN 3516 (28 miles north of Mongnit).

In Namkham area Japanese patrols contacted at 80 4759 (4 miles southwest of Namkham) and at 80 5747 (10 miles south of Namkham).

Burma - Yunnan border: Strong enemy resistance in Muse area continues. Only 56th Division troops in Wanting says prisoner, also states that Japanese will fight delaying action southward and estimates enemy strength Wanting area at 1,800.

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Here is weekly G-2 SITREP for week ending 14 January.

Although the Japanese trend of withdrawal continued on all fronts in Burma during the week there are now some indications that the enemy may delay as strongly as possible in Central Burma.

At present it appears that the Sagaing - Mandalay area may not be given up without a struggle and that the Japanese may attempt to delay along the general line from Myinmy to north of Mandalay (possibly in the Madaya area) then to Namu ST 2571 and northeastern parallel to but north of the Namu River to the Haeni area.

The enemy in the area north of Mandalay is not present believed capable of a strong delaying action however there are some slight indications that some reinforcements may have arrived.

This is partially substantiated by the finding of identity discs from the 553rd Regiment 99th Division in the Gangav area which makes it evident that not all of the 99th Division has gone to northeast Burma.

However it is not believed that the Japanese intention of eventually evacuating Burma has changed but that this delay may be made merely to facilitate the withdrawal along the most expeditious routes and to prevent any allied drive from cutting the withdrawal routes south from Lashio and Mandalay.

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Operations Division
Executive Office 250A
General Hull
15 January 1945

Commander General
United States Forces
China Theater
Chungking, China

Reference: 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 CHS 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, CoS
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   CG, Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon.
   CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India.
   CG, US Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Saipan, T. H.
   CG, US Army Forces, Calcutta, India.

Nr: CRAX 1183 14 January 1945

0-2 SITREP 13th January Bissell WDGBI CRAX 1183
info Wedemeyer Cheves Chennault Richardson pass to Nimitz
Timberman LeMay CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

North Burma - Allied patrol base in area 25 miles
north of Mongut 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 50 5652 six miles south of Mahtkam.

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 northward.
40 Japanese in four boats reported to have landed on

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New Delhi, India.

Mr: CRAX 1183 14 January 1945

west bank Kaladan River in area six miles north of Ponnagyun
FS 0438 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

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G-2 SITREP 12 January Bissell WDBI CRAX 1101 info
Wenemeyer Cheves Chennault Richardson pass to Nimitz Timberman
LeMay CG Hickam Field and Wenemeyer 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 Twinme
maintained and Kyaukpyu (8 miles east of Twinme) occupied
by enemy but no strengths given. Unreported number of
Japanese contacted 6 and 13 miles south of Hambkai. Reports
indicate that enemy may be building up strength in Hambkai
area (10 miles northwest of Kutkai), Japanese soldier heard
to say that Hambkai was next place to be defended and some
Japanese already withdrawing from Wanting to Hambkai.

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

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

CM-IN-12040 (13 Jan 45)
From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

Nr: CRAX 1101 13 January 1945

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

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

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CG, US Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector,
    Calcutta, India
CG, Northern Combat Area, Myitkyna, Burma

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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 build-
ing 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.
From: CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon

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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 Namkham 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--Corsair, 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 cases, 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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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 You Monga - Mandalay railway British and Indian Troops captured Buda and 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 You to Buda. The next objective on the line is Monga on the lower Chindwin 22 miles to the south east. In the Myitkyina Valley where forward troops have been well south of Gangan the Japanese have been holding on at Gangav 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 Gangav.

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 boat 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 Myo-kaung. 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 Prome. 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 un-opposed possession of the Loe-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 air strikes in support of ground forces were carried out in the Kaladan Valley at Gangaw and in the Tonkwa area. There was much bombing of bridges in Central Burma and attacks on the Bangkok Moulmein and Bangkok Chiengmai 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 those 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 watch-
fulness 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 in-
vigorating 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 artill-
ery 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". "Re-
gular lines are not to be easily determined since the posi-
tions are always dented owing to the use of airborne troops
and guerrillas".

"After months of weary slogging march through
Burman 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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No. CRAX 1100 12 January 1945

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

An 36th Division sector patrol action reported in
area just north of Binniege, 72nd Brigade closed in Kota,
while 26th Brigade moved to Yambo area. Kon-Mabei and
Manpou were occupied without resistance. Third Battalion
475th Regiment reached Manhasan 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 Mamsak and in contact with enemy two miles east of
Kongkang. Second Battalion 89th Regiment was in Takawn
2 1/2 miles northeast of Mamsak and had contact at Runkang,
2 miles northeast of Tankawn.

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In central Burma patrols of 19th Division crossed
to east bank of Irrawaddy at Thebeikyin and Mawmya contracting 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 Crone elements of Third Commando Brigade
made landings on Mysbon Peninsula. Some opposition was
encountered but progress was good.

End

ACTION: OPD

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[ALUSKA CHURCHING TO OSHA] (FOR DIM)

REPRESENTATIVE OF CHINESE MIL. TOLD ALUSKA ON 14TH THAT CLASHES
HAD OCCURRED BETWEEN KUOMINTANG AND COMMUNIST TROOPS JUST
NORTH OF YANGTZE IN ANHUI AND EASTERN HUPEH. ADDED THAT
20000 OF NEW 4TH ARMY HAD CROSSED TO SOUTH BANK OF YANGTZE
EXPECTING INTENTION OF JOINING UP WITH COMMUNIST ELEMENTS
IN CHEKIANG TO BE READY TO GREET AN AMERICAN LANDING. AMERI-
CAN/CHINESE COMMISSION IN ANHUI REPORTED KUOMINTANG TROOPS
HAD ATTACKED COMMUNISTS THAT AREA. ANTI COMMUNIST ATTACKS
HAVE BEEN PULLED BACK BY US SECRET SEALS 8-11 OF 11 DEC TO
BUT ALSO 8-23 THIS DATE NOG IN MAIL.

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OSD letter, May 3, 1972
NRC Date APR 24, 1973

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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, 14th Air Force, Kuning, China
   CG, Northern Combat Area Command, Forward Echelon,
      Myitkyina, Burma
   CG, Y Forces Rear Echelon, Kunning, China
   CG, 20th Bomber Command, Forward Echelon,
      Haining, China
   CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
   CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector,
      Calcutta, India
   CG, Rear Echelon Headquarters, China Theater,
      Kunning, China

No. CFZX 31080 12 January 1945

Bissell WDQBI, Sultan, Cannon, Chennault, Dorn,
Monteith and Duncan, LeMay, Stratemeyer CFZX 31080. Book
msg nr 199 from G-2 asg Wedemeyer.

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

CM-IN-12282 (13 Jan 45)

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From: CG, US Army Forces China Theater, Chungking, China
No. CPBX 31080  12 January 1945

No changes reported Nanning-Lunchos 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 (11IGHT DEG 08 min - 34 deg 10 min) between 19th 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 Boming to Shanghai area rated C 5 by us.

End
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: OAK 3827 12 January 1945

Chennault OAK 3827 to Arnold for Hodges info
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 Iachokov. During
enemy's approach to the field 4 Mustangs and 4 Sharks took
off at 0645 hours for interception making contact and destroy-
ing 2 escorting Oscars. During encounter the bombers salvoed
bombs, caused no damage and flew to the south. During same
morning 1 Jap bomber hit Anlang at 0309 hours and another
attacked at 0333 hours. First attacking Jap dropped 1 pound
frag 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 ammno, an armament tent and all mechanics tools.
4 additional P 47's were slightly damaged on the ground.
Iachokov 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

CM-IN-12349 (14 Jan 45)

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
From: CG 14th Air Force, Kunming China

Sr.: OAK 3827 12 January 1945

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 Hensyang area in more than sufficient strength for possible offensives southeast, south, or west. Chinese Military Headquarters continued to be apprehensive over anticipated Japanese move toward Chikiang. Information received during the week supported earlier reports of
From: CG 14th Air Force Kunming China

12 January 1945

presentance 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.

O. 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 B7'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 B7's and B 24's dropped and landed 559 tons of gasoline, dry freight and personnel flying total of 624 sorties. This week 14th sunk 1-200 foot vessel of 1200 tons.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG AAF

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COL PARK

LOG

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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.

Nr: GHPX 488 12 January 1945.

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

Now answering your TOP SECRET WARX 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.

CM-IN-10962 (12 Jan 45)
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TO: CHIEF IVI  
PRIORITY

From: CG Rear Echelon, Headquarters, China Theater,  
Rangoon, Burma.

Nr : CHPX 488  12 January 1945.

2A, second priority, 24" is 50% complete, 6" is 50% complete.
3A, third priority, 24" is 40% complete, 6" is 50% complete.
1B, fourth priority, 24" is 90% complete, 6" is complete.
Area 1, fifth priority, 6" is 50% complete.

End.

*Being Serviced.

ACTION: JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

INFO : ADM LEAHY  
GEN ARNOLD  
OPD  
GEN BISSELL  
ADM KING  
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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 18th 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

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

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 Shadow Japanese patrol contacted but
withdrew immediately. Small Japanese force which withdrew
westward contacted in area 20 miles southeast of Tongkwa.

CM-IN-8884 (10 Jan 45)

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By RT, NARA Date_ 4/24/1973

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

No.: CRAK 833 10 January 1945

Contact at Lapsing (5 miles southwest of Amhkem) 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 Nawkam 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 Seikkan (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
       OPD
       CCL PARK
       LOG

CM-IN-8884 (10 Jan 45) DTG 101113Z WGS

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By RT, NARA Date

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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, Port Shafter TH
   CG 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
   CG US Army Forces, Ledo, India
   CG Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Cahu TH
   CG US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon

No: CRAX 625  8 January 1945

Operational summary for 7 January Sultan to Marshall
info MacArthur, CONGENSOPAC, CONGENFOA, Chamnaullt, Dorn,
Timberman, Breidster, 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 Nashke 5\frac{1}{2}
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 4\frac{1}{2} miles northeast of Shwebo.
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 4½ miles southwest Ponnagyun.

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

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CG AAP

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Col Park

Log

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By RT, NARA Date 4/12/44
From: CO, 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

Kedasan to Marshall and Mountbatten CRAX 534.

Figures on airlift to China follow:

Sixth Army: 861 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

CM-IN-5177 (7 Jan 45)
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
INFO: CCS, GEN ARNOLD, GEN SOMERVILLE, GEN BISSELL,
ADM KING, COL PARK, C OF S

CM-IN-6177 (7 Jan 45) DTG 070543Z mos

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From: Adv Allied Land Forces, S. E. A.
To: War Office
Rptd: L.H.Q. Australia
      Hq Brisbane (Pass OOC GHQ)
      G.H.Q. PAIFORCE
      Force NAIROBI
      Union Defense Force South Africa
      Military Attaché 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 PN 1331 further
identify 2 Bty 54 Fd Artillery Regt.

2nd. 3/4 Jan Naval party landed Myebon P3 44 saw
no enemy and withdrew.

3rd. 82 (WA) Div 1 (WA) Bde. 1 OCR PN 5936.

14th Army.

IV Corps. Nothing to report.

XXXIII Corps.

1st. Many local reports point to Japanese con
carea Sayaing with some report of defs being constr in hills
near Sayaing.

CM-IN-7351 (9 Jan 45)

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From: Adv Allied Land Forces, S. E. A.
No: 1467 0FS

6 January 1945

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

3rd. 19th Div. 1 Assam occupied SQ 2443. 68 Bde
conc SQ 4162 less 4/6 GR SQ 3257. 64 Bde SQ 5133. Patrols
sent SQ 7055 SQ 1937. 1/6 GR SQ 5219.

NOAC.

1st. 5232 Bde leading Tps 475 Regt reached Mong HKak
SO 1233 moving east. Leading Tps 124 Cev 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.

End

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF
OPD
Col Park
Log

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IMPORTANT

From: SAC South East Asia
To: Usual addresses
No: SAC 413

6 January 1945

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 Ma River which control the water supply in the Shoebod "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 Kudaung 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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By REH, NLA, Date MAY 1 1974

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From: SAC South East Asia

Sr: SAC 413

6 January 1945

Japanese remnants disappeared to the North East.
In the Gauhval 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 Nu River their artillery is active on the east bank opposite Yeu. We now have bridgeheads 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 Haenvi-Lashio-Namu-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 indiscernible 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
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 discredituble performance. First class troops with first class leading would never have thrown in their hand so quickly.

End

ACTION: DPR
INFO: 0C/8; 0G AAF; OFD; 0-2; Col Park; Log
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PRIORITY

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

CRAX 455. Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten

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 Operation Company and assigned liaison personnel was completed as of 0800 hours 5 January. Total figures of move and details 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.

End

ACTION: GEN HULL
INFO: GEN ARNOLD
GEN SOMERVELL
ADN IZANY
ADM KING
GEN MacPARIand
GEN BISSELL

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

Nr: ORAX 492

6 January 1945

G-2 STREP 5 January, Bissell WO51 CRAX 492 info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Timberman, Lemay, CG Hickam Field and Strategeme 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 Tongkva. No contact with enemy reported in Hambkar 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.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CGAAF
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Col Park

CM-IN-5368 (6 Jan 45) DTG 06110Z 11B RT, NARA Date APR 24 1973

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   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 Kao and You continues without change. Small number of Japanese reported in Budalin (30 miles southwest of You). Majority of Japanese who were in Tilein (35 miles south of Gangaw) reported to have moved 10 miles east to Anyaban, strength at Anyaban reported at 500, comment: believed high as strength at Tilein 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 Akyab Island say last Japanese left 1st January but began evacuating 1st November, also stated that there were 2,000 on island during monsoon.

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

To: CRAK 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:


North Burma - unreported number of Japanese contacted in area 8 miles west of Namkham. No other contact reported. Main force of troops from Namkham area believed moved to general area 16 miles southeast of Namkham along main Burma Road leaving estimated 500 enemy in Namkham area.

End

ACTION: G-2

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 SSHAEP Main from G2 signed Eisenhower
cite SHGBI 051515 January. EXFOR Main for GSI, 12th Army
Group for G2, 6th Army Group Rear for G2, Communications Zone
for G2, for AMXFP for ACOS (1) for information to TROOPERS
for LMI, AGWAR for G2, 2nd Tactical Air Force for Chief
Intelligence Officer, 9th Air Force for A2, 1st United States
Tactical Air Force for A2, USSTAP for A2, SSHAEP Rear for G2
for AGOS plans S 73801.

Following is counterintelligence summary number 12
for week ending 5th January 1945. German intelligence ser-
vice 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 are 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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The 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 crossing at Jenton 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, Rouen 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 0. 7 line cossers 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 bridge
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 alertist 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 Verviers 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 BAA. 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. Investigation of 5,000 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 Front Aufklärung 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 Dusseldorf with a forward echelon south of Bonn.

Subordinate Trupps.

Para A. Trupp 121 and Trupp 122 in area south of Dusseldorf.

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 Palatinate west of Mannheim.

Subordinate Trupps.
Para A. Trupp 131 at Hubacker.
Para B. Trupp 132 in Baden area.
Para C. Trupp 133 at Hunspach south of Strasbourg.

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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Troops of 36th Division advanced to south against opposition in Yeiin area. Patrols reached area 5 miles south of Yanbo meeting no enemy. Battalion of 15th Division reached Namai 9 miles south of Tonwva without contact. Another battalion was at Loilum 12 miles southeast of Tonwva.

13th Division troops reached mile 62 with patrols to mile 63 on Namkham 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 Saebo meeting no enemy.

2nd Division troops extended their bridgeheads at Yen and Kabo against light enemy resistance.

End

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CG AAP
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- COL PARK
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Nr: CPBX 30551 5 January 1945

Bissell WD881 Sultan Cannon Chennault Dorn Monteith
and Duncan Lehrmyer CPBX 30551 book mg 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 recapture 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: CO US Army Forces China Theater, Chungking China
To: CFBX 30551

5 January 1945

Much traffic reported moving at night from Pic area northeast to Manning area consisting mainly of trucks hauling supplies. 3,000 Jap troops reported at Mingming (106 degrees 00 minutes - 22 degrees 10 minutes) with approximately one regiment at Suolo east of Mingming and 2,000 at Gaobang (106 degrees 30 minutes - 22 degrees 40 minutes).

(Comment: Report of movement of supplies north out of Pic felt reasonable as Japs were reported concentrating supplies Langoon area as early as October. Reports stated that supplies being transported thru Manning to Liuchow area but we feel that traffic between Manning and Liuchow more like transporting supplies west than east. We are checking to determine whether concentration of supplies Manning 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 Canton 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 combating Sino guerrilla CM-IN-5024 (6 Jan 45)

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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 Kunkiang 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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To: War Department
Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia, Kandy, Ceylon

HR: CRAX 349

5 January 1945

Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten

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.

ACTION: Gen Hull

INFORMATION: CC/S

Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Somervell
Gen Bissell
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      Fort Shafter, T. H.
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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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To: ORAX 342

Date: 4 January 1945

North Burma—only small patrol contacted in area seven miles west of Namhkan. At Namhkan (25 miles north of Maipaw) 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 Kamaldu 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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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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   Adv AAI
   G.H.Q. India

Nr: 1458 OPS

4 January 1945

1458 OPS. SITREP 357.

1. XV Corps.

(1) Akyab locals state Japanese grin two thousand
strong during monsoon plus six tankettes and arty commenced
withdrawal from island early Sep completed by night 31 Dec/
Raysom slowness of evac lack boats. Arty reported taken to
Myochung and Ponnegyun F/S 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 Myochung-Minbya approx 2 Jan.
LoC 1 reports indicate Kyauktaw now evac and no enemy on
west bank Kaladan north of Kyauktawm B1 report indicate
55 Cav Regt from former poans on Pe Choung now rejoined
main enemy cone covering Myochung.

(2) 25 Div.

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Tps 53 Bde moving from PR 8572 reached PR 8568 without oppoen. 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 FM 8612 FM 8616 without oppoen. 9 NR FM 7809 10 NR FM 8115. 1 (WA) Bde. Bde HQ FM 6920 2 NR PS 7318. 82 Recce Regt less 2 sqns Taung FM 46 sqn GAPE FM 47 sqn FM 5662.

(4) 81 (WA) Div. 6 (WA) Bde.

1 Jan 4 NR adv FM 2254 against 1t oppoen. 2 Jan occupied feature FM 2124. Bde HQ l Gambis FM 2127. 1 Jan patrols reached FM 2627 FM 2531 unopposed.

2. 14th Army. A. IV Corps.

(1) 2 Baroda under cmd IV Corps RP 8277.

(2) 7 Div. 114 Bde.

4/5 RGR conc RU 5433 2 3 Lan R moving to join B. XXXIII Corps.

(1) Enemy oppoen incl arty reported from east bank of Mu river Arga Ye-9 SR 12. Some oppoen also reported area Kabo SR 1737.

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(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 8V 4898 clear.  
32 Bde came SQ 6597.

(3) 2 Div. 2 Bde.  
2 Dorsets Ye-U SR 12 preparing for crossing Mu river.  
6 Bde.

2 DLI less 2 Ccoys 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 Ccoys Kanbalu  
SR 17.

62 Bde less 2 Welch SR 3562 2 Welch SR 3658.

3. NCAC.  
Nothing to report.

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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 informa-
tion. As yet unconfirmed following reported movements
stated made last week December:
To Hauchang 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 Enoyao Wuchow Kueihsien 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.

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Rear Echelon, Headquarters China Theater, Kunming, China
Nr: CPBZ 30468 4 January 1945

Marshall and Arnold info to LeMay and Chennault.
CPBZ 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 located.

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

Mr: CPX 30468  4 January 1945

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 probable, 20 damaged.

Our losses were 4 fighters.

The physical destruction augmented by the very certain readjustment of personnel living and working arrangements 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 FOG aid particularly since we dominate air and seas in Philippine Archipelago.

End

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF, OFD, Admiral King, Log

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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


Elements of 29th Brigade occupied Yeyin, eight miles south of Tagaung after enemy withdrew from contact.

26th Brigade moved into Pyayyaung 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 83rd Regiment reached mile 61 where contact was made with patrols of 90th Regiment moving

CM-IN-3676 (4 Jan 45)
From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, 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 Nashkai.

Elements of 112th Regiment 38th Division operating to south of Fangkhram reached Man Mawn where one Japanese prisoner was captured. Other troops reached Man Mawn meeting 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 Myamun 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 Kaha and east of Yeu.
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No: CRAX 315

4 January 1945

32nd Brigade of 20th Division moved into Wetye 28 miles southwest of Yeu without opposition. Patrols report Haungdung eight miles north of Budalin clear of enemy.

On Arakan front troops of 81st West African Division occupied Thayetthbin without opposition, while other elements advancing south have reached area ten miles north of Myoheung against light enemy resistance.

Other units no reported change.

End

ACTION: OPD

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

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To: War Department
  CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, HI
  General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines
  CommandersinChief (Subordinate)
  CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India
  CG Northern Combat Area Command, Forward echelon, Myitkyina, Burma
  CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharaipur, India
  CG US Army Forces, China Theater, Rear echelon, Kunming, China

Nr: CPBX 30488  4 January 1945

To: Marshall for Porter info MacArthur COMGENSPOA pass to CINOPOA Stratemeyer Sultan Davidson and Lemay CPBX 30488 from Wedemeyer.

Nothing new on other Chinese fronts.

End.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CGAAPP G-2 Col Parry Log

CM-IN-3404 (4 Jan 45) DTO 041144Z bem

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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
Hq: CRAX 252
4 January 1945

Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten CRAX 252.

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
Adm Leahy
Gen Arnold
Gen Somervell
Gen Bissell
Adm King
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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 143

3 January 1945

Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten CRAX 143.

Totals delivered to China up to 0800 hours 2nd January.

This includes all of 14th Div., 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.

Movement was completed 15 Dec. End

ACTION: Gen Hull

INFORMATION: JC/S Gen Arnold Gen Somervell General Bissell Adm Leahy Adm King CoFS

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G.H.Q. Middle East
Adv AAF
G.H.Q. India

No: 1455 OPS
3 January 1945
SITREP 356.

One. XV Corps.

1. TAC R reports no enemy seen on Akyab Island.
   SJT PW captured 31st Dec belonged 14th Indep A Tp Bu.
   Comment. This unit previously identified Arakan from last
   Mar. Reports indicate extensive Japanese withdrawal from
   Gamsauk PN 9319 area to Myoahung PN 2407.

2. 3rd Jan Tps XV Corps successfully landed NW
   coast Akyab Island. Preliminary reports no opposn enemy
   ORN withdrawing NE.

3. 25th Div. Div Hq 2/2 PUNJAB PR 6974.

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From: Adv Hq Allied Land Force SEA

No: 1455 OPS 3

3 January 1945

4. 82nd (WA) Div. Div Hq PM 5626. 4th (WA) Bde.
   9 NR FM 7612 with fwd tps PM 6310. 10 NR FM 8017 with fwd
   tps PM 6115. No contact. 1st (WA) Bde. 1 NR FM 6920.

5. 81st (WA) Div. Div Hq PM 2032. 6th (WA) Bde.
   Night 31st Dec/1st Jan 4 NR encountered enemy PL with arty
   PM 2027.

Two. Fourteenth Army.

A. IV Corps.

   One PL enemy encountered PM 3682. 31st Dec 1 BIGH located enemy posts PM 4588 PM
   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 5473. 2 S. Jan. R. RP 5605.

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 (2nd Recce Regt holding
YE-U air'd SR 9731 5 Bde EST YE-U. 6th Bde in contact
enemy str unknown Kobo SR 1758. 4th Bde conc Naduma SQ 84.

3. 19th Div. 98th Bde. 2 Jan 4/4 GR occupied
enemy posns SR 1779 Kambalu SR 1774. 62nd Bde cleared
enemy posn SR 3278 and continued adv south. 64th Bde conc
SR 4849 less two coy 2 WRC R remaining SR 4162.

Three. NCAC.

1. 36th Div. 29th Bde. 2 E IAN R SM 7115 with
patrols in contact SR 7198. 1 RSP SM 8642. 72nd Bde conc
SM 3195 less coy 10 Glosorts SM 3747. 26th Bde conc SM 0595.

2. 50th Chinese Div Hq 149th Regt 1/149 Regt SM
8923 2/149 Regt SM 8135 3/149 Regt SM 8439. Hq 148th Regt
and one coy SM 9368.

3. 30th Chinese Div Hq 88 Regt 1/88 Regt SM 3969
2/88 Regt SM 4166 3/88 Regt SM 4567. Hq 89th Regt 1/89
Regt SM 3572 2/89 Regt SM 3567 3/89 Regt SM 3770. Patrols
90th Regt contacted enemy patrols SM 3766.

4. 38th Chinese Div. 3/112 Regt SM 4275 less coy
SM 4879.

* Garbled.

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF, OPD, Colonial Park, Log
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To: War Department
    CG US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China

Nr: CRAX 237 3 January 1945

"Pass to Marshall for US Joint Chiefs of Staff, info Wedemeyer 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 L 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 Wedemeyer, I assume that my mission to support
From: CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater
      New Delhi, India

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

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

To: CRAX 237

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

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

Nr: CRAK 237 3 January 1945

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

Nr: CRAX 237 3 January 1945

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 realised 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.

End

ACTION: JCS

INFORMATION: Adm Leahy, Gen Arnold, Gen Hull, Gen Bissell, Adm King, C of S

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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, COMGHQ, COMGHQ, Cherbourg Dorn, Timberman, Breidate 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 Shweili River. One battalion of 29th Brigade was in Tagau with a patrol reporting contact with Japs at Yehin eight miles south of Tagau.

Advance elements of 30th Division reached mile 59

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on Nashkam road while other troops moved into Malang 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 Kyunha. All Jap positions except one north of Kamalu 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 Kaho 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.
From: CG US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

Nr: CRAX 194 3 January 1945

On Arakan front Headquarters 25th Division opened at Pinlona 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 Kyaukuav near Angyaung.

End

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CG-AAF, G-2, Col. Park, Log

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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, Kheragpur, 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, Chaves, Chennault, Richardson pass to Nimitz, Timberman, LeMay, CG Hickam Field and Stremeyer from Sultan.

North Burma:

Only contact was patrol clash in area 10 miles west of Namkam 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 Yatorok (30 miles east northeast of Rathedaung) and then to Mychaung (28 miles).

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east of Yoterok) indicated by reports, comment: Believed this force may possibly be bound for southwest Burma, only small patrol clashes on Kajadan.

IV and XXXIII Corps areas:

Yeo 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 50th 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
OPD
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

No: CRAX 55

2 January 1945

CRAX 55.

Marshall and Mountbatten from Sultan.

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: CG/S
   Gen Arnold
   Adm Leahy
   Gen Bissell
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To:    War Department
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        General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area,
        Hollandia, New Guinea.
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        OG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China.
        OG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
        Ft Shafter, T. H.
        OG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon.
        OG, Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
        Gahu, T. H.

Nr:    ORAX 76 2 January 1945

Operational summary for 1 January Sultan to Marshall
info MacArthur, CHROMOSOPAC, CHROMEGA, Chennault, Dorn, Timberman,
Breedster, CHROMEN Hickam Field ORAX 76.

Leading troops of 88th Regiment reached mile 57 1/2
on Nambkan 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
Sedav thirty miles south southeast of Pyingea 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.
26th East African Brigade (Independent) reached Manlyur
River crossing 26 miles south southwest of Kalwa. 7/2
Punjab Battalion of Seventh Division reached same area.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CGAAF G-2 Col Park Log
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To: War Department
Supreme Commander, South East Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon.

No: CRAX 29

1 January 1945
Sultan to Marshall and Mountbatten 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: JOS
Adm Leahy
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Operational summary for 31 December Sultan to
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Dorn, Timbersman, Breidt, COMSHN Hickam Field CRAX 20.

Village of Khakye was occupied by troops of 30th
Division. Others reached mil 54 ½ on the main road. Elements
of 90th Regiment moving east from Manchay 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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On Chindwin front 19th Division was engaged in mopping up encircled Japs at Pinde, Hlwezeik and Leiktu.

Leading elements 6th Brigade moved into Ngapyaung, 15 miles southeast of Kanbalu meeting no enemy.

Second Division troops in Kadaung report no change.

On Arakan front Rathedaung occupied without opposition.

Other troops moved into Kadaung Island unopposed and in Dyauktav area only minor patrol action reported.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CG AAP; G-2; Col Park; Log

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From: OG US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
To: War Department
No: CFB 30136 29 December 1944
(To Marshall for Joint Chiefs of Staff)
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 troop tonnage and altogether confusing the situation.

For example, there are several intelligence agencies sponsored by United States including Naval Group, JDC, OSS, AGRATS, Yenan Observer Section, Military and Naval Attaches, GIO. Add to this British organizations which have infiltrated into this area and are expanding their activities.

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

Date: 29 December 1944

They obviously 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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Mr: CFB 30136 29 December 1944

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. WAX 51593 refers.

I am taking steps as stated above to effect an
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Sr: GFA 30136

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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.

Above is for information of Joint Chiefs of Staff only.

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ACTION: JC/S

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

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Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon

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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/3; Adm Leahy; Gen Arnold; Gen Bissell; Adm King; C of S

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