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General Summary. The large force of Japanese which was cut off between Mandalay and Meiktila has been crushed and the remnants which managed to escape from the net thrown round them have been driven into the hills to the South east. There has been little major change in the general positions occupied by the Fourteenth Army but A Force moving down the road from Taungtha to Kyaupdaung 36 miles to the south east has encountered a strong Japanese road block at Legyi 15 miles from Kyaupdaung. The road block is now surrounded. Elsewhere in the Fourteenth Army area the process of regrouping our forces in preparation for further advances has continued. To the West of the Irrawaddy our patrols have been in the town of Seikpyu on the Northern fringe of the oilfields region.

On the Northern Combat area Command the week's activities have been confined to patrolling. In Arakan troops of Lieut General Sir Philip Christison's Fifteenth Indian Corps have reached the North bank of the Taungup Lhaung and are occupying positions which dominate the town area and the airfield.

66 miles to the North of Taungup West African Forces continue to make slow progress against opposition towards the Japanese base of AN.

At sea Naval Units bombarded SIOLI on the coast of

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North Sumatra on March 17 and Port Blair in South Andaman on March 19.

On March 26 an enemy convoy of two supply ships escorted by two submarine chasers was sighted. One of the supply ships was stopped by gunfire and sunk by Liberator aircraft which had joined in the attack. The second supply ship and one of the submarine chasers were sunk by gunfire. The other submarine chaser was sunk by torpedo.

During the week heavy bombers made an attack on Japanese dumps near Victoria Lake Rangoon and repair (SYS) sidings and the station at Khaeng Khoi 75 miles North East of Bangkok on the railway to French Indo-China. Other aircraft kept up attacks on lines of communication generally and supported our forward troops.

Special points to Note.

1. The end of a definite phase in the Burma fighting has been reached. The capture of Mandalay and the establishment of a front line from the communications centre of Meiktila 76 miles South of the city to Myingyan on the Irrawaddy 50 miles North West of Meiktila means that we have air bases for future operations. Progress is being made in clearing the main North South track road and railway from Mandalay to Meiktila which will ensure that for once we have a reasonable land line of communication. A shortage of rolling stock and locomotives may hamper transportation by rail for some time. Consolidation of our newly won positions and the regrouping of our Forces continues.
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2. One result of the recent battles is that the Japanese Fifteenth Army is no longer considered to be an effective fighting force.

3. The counterattack with which General Yamamoto the Japanese Commander in Central Burma proposed to annihilate our troops advancing down the Western side of the Irrawaddy towards the oilfields area is no longer a feasible proposition.

4. The surrender of increasingly large numbers of the so-called Ryndia National Army tends to show they are becoming aware of the unsatisfactory position of the Japanese in Burma. They have rarely shown a keenness to fight and it would seem that given the chance they are eager to get out while the going is good.

5. The general trend of the Japanese Forces is at present withdrawal to line running from Chauk on the Irrawaddy and at the Northern edge of the oilfield area Eastwards to Kyaukme, sung and Payangzau 20 miles East South East of our Meiktila Base and stretching to Taunggyi approximately 80 miles further East. Opportunity should be taken to reemphasize that in spite of his heavy casualties the Japanese may be expected to fight hard for possession of the oilfields and to delay any southward advance of the Fourteenth Army.

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6. There have been indications of a Japanese withdrawal movement from the Sandoway area on the coast towards the Irrawaddy Valley. These Troops could well be used to bolster up the enemy force facing the Fourteenth Army.

7. It is significant that there has been no contact on the NCAC Front. It would seem that the Japanese Forces who retreated southwards across the Burma Road between Lashio and Naypyid intend to regroup in the Taunggyi area of the Eastern end of their line together with those of their troops who managed to get away from Mandalay in a south-easterly direction.

Psychological Warfare special points.

1. Our propaganda to the Japanese has stressed the implications of the invasion of Okinawa in the Ryukyu Islands and has pointed out the futility of resistance in the Southern regions when the homeland of Japan is threatened. Allied successes in Europe have been cited as a warning to Japan.

2. The Burmese have been given news of relief measures in the liberated areas.

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From: SACSEA
To: Chiefs of Staff
Nbr: SEACOS 353
Info: Joint Staff Mission

Date: DEC 23 1971

Signature:

1. You will recall that my target date for the capture of Rangoon was 1st June and that in view of the urgency to reach Singapore quickly I intended to launch operation ROGER if necessary before the actual fall of the city.

2. Although the situation in the present Burma battle is in general satisfactory a reappraisal of present factors, especially the Japanese build up eastwards of the line of the main advance, reveals that there may be undue delay after 1st June in the capture of Rangoon if it is left to the advance from the north alone.

3. Bearing in mind that you consider that operation ROGER should not start till it is clear beyond all doubt that the fall of Rangoon is imminent, I have decided that the advance of Rangoon from the north must be assisted by an airborne amphibious operation from the south.

4. Although a later date would be preferable from the point of view of synchronisation with the advance from the north the southwest monsoon makes any operation after the first week in May not acceptable.

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5. I have therefore initiated planning for a one divisional operation for a D-day between 1 and 5 May using land and air forces to be drawn largely from the Arakan. The early phases of this operation will include,
(a) reduction of Elephant Point defences.
(b) clearance of lower reaches of Rangoon River.
(c) securing the Syriam Ridge Area.
Later stages will include assistance to the assault on Rangoon and a link up with 14th Army.

6. I have also earmarked and am making preparations for a second division as follow up. The decision to use this second division will be delayed to the last possible moment since its employment will seriously affect the timing of subsequent amphibious operations.

7. The launching of a one divisional operation against Rangoon will involve a delay to ROGER which may be from six to nine weeks with a comparable delay to ZIPPER and NAIFIST if it is necessary to use a follow up division in addition the delay to ROGER will be considerably increased.

8. My shipping requirements are being calculated and will be forwarded within the next 24 hours. Planning for ROGER is continuing on the basis of a six weeks delay.

9. As regards resources I shall be forced to commit significant elements of force W to provide the amphibious lift for this operation details of which are now being

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From: SACSEA

Subject: SEAC 003 353

3 April 1945

10. A parachute battalion group can be found in time from 44th Indian Airborne Division but the necessary transports could only be made available at the direct expense of our already overstrained air lift in Central Burma operations. To save this I request you to loan two fully trained Dakota Squadrons to be operationally available in the theater by mid-April.

11. I intend to retain the original code name for an airborne amphibious assault on Rangoon.

End.

ACTION: CC/S

INFO: Adm Leahy, General Arnold, General Bull, General Bissell, Adm King, C of S

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1 April 1945

For Public Relations from Public Relations.
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SUMMARY. The weeks fighting has been part of the battle for the extermination of the Japanese forces within our containing net in central Burma. Our southern line which separates these forces from those defending the oilfields and lower Burma has not substantially altered. Within the net, the Japanese attempted to strengthen their concentration north of Meiktila with troops withdrawing from the Myingyan area and to hold Kyaukse, an important communications center on the main road and railway south of Mandalay. Both efforts failed.

Our armoured sweeps round Meiktila and 13 determined attacks on our positions have cost them many casualties and lost them more guns and at the time of writing there are indications that they have given up hope of driving us out of the Meiktila area and are beginning to regroup for withdrawals to the south east.

14 Army troops have captured Kyaukse.

Mopping up of the remaining Japanese continues on the roads between Myingyan and Meiktila, Myingyan and Myotha and between Meiktila, Wonewin and Kyaukse.

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In the Northern Combat Area Command we have occupied Kyaukko and on the road between Mandalay and Laishio practically only the section between Maymyo and Kyaukko remains to be cleared. East and south of the road, the Chinese have occupied Monguai, a junction for roads leading to the Salween or alternatively through Loilem to lower Burma.

In Arakan the enemy has been stubbornly defending the approaches to Taungup. The continuous wrecking of bridges and harassing of all movement by road rail and river by Allied aircraft coupled with systematic bombing of the vital strategic Burma-Siam railway is notably increasing Japanese disorganization.

SPECIAL POINTS.

1. The battle for Central Burma which is now in process of being won has entailed hard fighting and a very considerable expenditure of administrative resources. Before any fresh major operation is undertaken a process of regrouping and reorganization may have to be effected.

2. In addition the final annihilation of the enemy's forces in central Burma and of those driven down from northern Burma by the Northern Combat Command may be a protracted business. The enemy has probably two main immediate objects: (1) To draw as much back from East Central Burma and from Arakan as possible into the Irrawaddy valley to help in the defense of the oilfields and later of

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lower Burma and (2) To evacuate all other forces eastwards towards the Taikaw Ferry over the Salween and ultimately to Indo-China and Siam.

3. The oilfields lie south of the net we have drawn round the Japanese in central Burma and the battle for these has still to be won. Although their present production is only a fraction of the output before the demolitions it has been sufficient for the Japanese forces in Burma apart from aviation spirit imported from elsewhere. The oilfields area lies on both sides of the Irrawaddy south of our present line and it is clear that the Japanese will defend it as long as they can.

4. The possibility of amphibious operations on a larger scale than anything yet attempted must be causing grave anxiety to the Japanese Command. Naval and air cooperation with the XV Indian Corps has already produced good dividends and we now have valuable bases in Akyab and Ramree to which we may add Taungup.

5. For months past evidence has been accumulating of increasing shortage of supplies for the Japanese armies in Burma and of desperate attempts to develop local production of food and clothing. High Commanders have frankly issued the 'gravest warning to troops. Allied successes in the China seas and the repeated bombing of the sources of production in Japan itself must greatly intensify the difficulty of either supplying or reinforcing the Japanese in Burma.

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25 March 1945


Situation: With the fall of Port Dufferin on March 20th occupation of Mandalay was completed. The road between Mandalay and Maymyo has also been cleared.

Myingyan, on the left bank of the Irrawaddy opposite its confluence with the Chindwin, the last enemy stronghold on the river above the Seikpyu-Chauk crossing, has also been captured. The 20th Indian Division has thrust southwards towards our Meiktila columns and after a swift advance of more than 50 miles has reached Pindale and Wundwin. The Japanese have been affect[ing] a concentration north of Meiktila and have made determined efforts to recover the Meiktila Airfield. Their attacks have cost them many casualties and our armoured columns have made repeated sweeps from Meiktila systematically killing off the Japanese. Further north the 20th Division has also pushed southwards from Myotha and is in contact with the enemy west of Kyaukse.

In the Seikpyu area the Japanese are still fighting strongly on the right bank of the Irrawaddy. Across the river from Seikpyu our patrols have been close to Chauk, and also eastwards to Kyaukpaduang. In general the Central Battle Line has advanced considerably to the south.

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In the Northern Combat Area, the Japanese north and west of the Maymyo-Lashio road are rapidly thinning out. The British 36th Division has captured Mogok, the ruby-mine center, and is already beyond Mong Long on the way to Kyaukme, which is SW of Haipaw on the Maymyo-Lashio road. The Chinese have been clearing up the Haipaw area and operating south and east of it to cut the various roads leading to Loilem, or alternatively to the Salween and to French Indo-China and Siam.

In Arakan progress has been made down the main road southwards parallel to the coast, and our troops are approaching Taungup, due west of Prome. It has been a week of intensive strategic bombing by Allied aircraft. Train busting was carried on throughout Siam and railway targets on the Burma-Siam railways were attacked and dumps and stores in the Rangoon Area were heavily pounded.

Points to note:

1. It is estimated that the Japanese succeeded in restoring the production of the Burma oilfields to an average of 3,000 tons monthly. This, though only a fraction of the output before the demolitions, probably sufficed for their requirements in Burma apart from aviation spirit, more especially as since the retreat from the Imphal area began they have suffered from an abnormal wastage of motor transport. The use made of the oilfields is doubtless one reason for the fact that the Japanese have for the last three months been building their defences in the area. Another is that it fits well into a defence scheme for the Lower Irrawaddy and Rangoon in their present unfavourable circumstances. The oilfield area

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the center of which is Yanangaung, lies on both edges of the Irrawaddy, just south of our present front, and though it has been gravely compromised by our envelopment into Maiktila it is still defendable. It lies north of the Minbu-Mawte crossing-point of the Irrawaddy which is of great importance for the Japanese to protect. Minbu is the terminus of an escape road from Arakan over the AB pass. The eastward extension of an oilfield Defence Line would run from Thasgi, where the Japanese are still holding a road and a railhead from Rangoon to Taungpyo and Loilem. Towards Loilem the remainder of the Japanese Forces, retreating from the Northern Combat Area in the northern Shan States are covering by variety of routes. At Loilem they have chance of moving eastwards to reinforce the final stand in Central Burma or of retreating eastwards by several roads leading to the Salween present indications are that they may move eastwards to help the build-up in the Irrawaddy Valley.

2. Japanese disorganisation in Burma is now notably increasing. Having lost their pre-monsoon gamble in Imphal last year, they are now suffering from a law of diminishing returns which operates in military as in Economic Science. Hence, as the Prime Minister has emphasised in his congratulatory telegram to Admiral Mountbatten on the fall of Mandalay, the results achieved by the southern East Asia Command are now far ahead of the time schedule formerly proposed on the basis of strong reinforcements originally promised but not sent owing to the prolongation of German resistance and other causes.

3. Signs of disorganisation are seen in unrelated resistance groups in the testimony of POW who paint a gloomy
picture of the condition of their forces. In the disposition of some Japanese soldiers to get rid of their arms and disguise themselves as Civilian Burmese and in an increased tendency to listen to and believe our propaganda. One soldier who committed hari kari was found grasping in his hand a British pamphlet telling him Japan had lost the war.

4. The sickness rate in the SE Asia Command now only about 1.3 per thousand per day which is probably about one twelfth of the 1942 rate.
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Situation General. The encirclement of the Japanese Forces in Central Burma has made further progress during the week. The 19th Indian Division which fanned out to the south east at the same time as it was advancing on Mandalay from the north caught the Japanese at Maymyo completely by surprise and took the town without opposition as well as the neighboring airfields. They are now clearing the Mandalay-Maymyo road and also pushing north eastwards up the Maymyo-Lashio road.

The Chinese who are coming down this road from Lashio and also have 2 columns approaching it from the Hantu area north of it have now reached it at Haipaw, 88 miles north east of Maymyo. Maymyo, the summer capital of Burma, is 42 miles by road north east of Mandalay.

In the northern Shan States north and west of the Mandalay-Lashio line there are still Japanese rear guards who fight to the end after their escape roads have gone.

The British 36th Division which took Mogaung in this area has now advanced to within five miles of Mogok where it is in contact with the enemy. After the capture of Mandalay hill, overlooking the city from the north east, there was house to house fighting in Mandalay, the bulk of which has now been cleared.

The Japanese still hold Fort Dufferin which is surrounded by a moat. Inside the Fort are the Royal Palace, Government House, Barracks, Jail, Polo Ground, etc. The surrounding of this large walled area has been gradual, but
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has now been sealed off and its capture is a matter of time.

Southwest of Mandalay the 2nd British Division has made a swift advance from its bridgehead south of Irrawaddy and reached Ava, ten miles south of Mandalay and opposite Sagaing. Fighting is in progress inside Ava Fort.

The 19th Indian Division also wheeling east and north has maintained its position on the right of the 2nd Division and is now extending in the direction of Kyaukse S. E. of Mandalay. Further south the Japanese have been trying to effect some concentration of forces against our new positions in the Meiktila area which isolate their forces in central Burma from the lower Irrawaddy valley. They have attacked from the north and put in suicide squads to attempt to deny us the use of the airfields, but these have been wiped out.

In Ailakan there has been no major change during the week. We have established a new road block further south on the Delet-Faungup road. Owing to Allied air superiority and to the loss of airfields the Japanese have gradually been withdrawing their aircraft further from the Burma front.

On March 15 U.S. Mustangs raided the Don Muang airfield near Bangkok *in Siam* and for the loss of one did great damage to installations and destroyed on the ground and in the air 20 enemy aircraft with four more probably destroyed and others damaged.

This was the longest fighter offensive ever flown a round trip of 1500 miles.

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Rangoon and Prome were other strategic targets during the week.  

The Combat Cargo Task Force continues to keep our forces in central Burma well supplied. In five days they dropped 90,000 rations, 50,000 gallons of petrol, half a million cigarettes and bread, vitamin tablets, etc.  

Special Points.  

1. Continue to emphasize that the present operations in central Burma are a large encircling movement to sweep together the Japanese forces in central Burma into a shrinking central pen and complete their destruction. The Japanese reserves in the Rangoon area are outside the net. They will still be available for the defence of the lower Irrawaddy valley and southern Burma.  

2. The destruction of the enemy in the central plain is proceeding much more rapidly and methodically than was possible when he held well sited positions in the mountains. Our casualties in encounters with Japanese groups ranging from 15 or 20 men up to several hundred in which the bulk of the Japanese are killed are often numerically almost negligible. In the last 2 months the 14th Army has killed more than 100,000 enemy. The kill of the 15th Indian Corps in Arakan and of the northern Combat Area Command in the northern Shan states during the same period is not included in this figure.  

Since our 4th Corps troops reached the Irrawaddy in the Pakokku area the Japanese have been compelled to bring CM-YN-21264 (20 Mar 45)  

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Up some reinforcements from their reserve in the south and if they are brought to final battle in the centre the result should prove decisive, but the actual completion of the task of exterminating them in Burma will remain to be achieved in due course in lower Burma.

3. Campaigning is now carried on in increasingly favourable conditions of terrain, equipment and hygiene. Even the Monsun when it comes, will in the Irrawaddy valley be much lighter than the Monsuons previously endured. An adverse factor is the present lengthening of the land supply routes and this has been countered by increased use of airborne supplies.

4. Japan's latest act of aggression in French Indo-China is an inevitable development resulting from her own desperate situation in the Asiatic mainland and the liberation of France in Europe. Frantic appeals to the Japanese residents in Indo-China to become more nationally conscious and prepare themselves to play a part in holding this region for the greater east Asia block have been broadcast for some time past as the rift between the Japanese and the French administration and the lack of enthusiasm of the indigenous inhabitants became more and more evident.

The taking over of the whole administrative machinery and the holding down of Indo-China will throw a further strain on the overstrained Japanese. But they have no alternative because they have no friends left on whom they can rely, like the Germans they see even their nominal friends dwindling every day. Asia rejects her would-be Herrenvolk as
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

SUBJECT: French Indo China.

Attached for your information is extract of a message received from the Acting Theater Commander, China Theater on operations of the 14th Air Force against the Japs in French Indo China. It is believed that the action taken by the China Theater as stated therein is in conformity with your policy.

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From: General Clemenult.
To: General Marshall.
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Japanese have attacked French garrison at Langson, French Indo China, at estimated 1330 Z March 9th (0930 Washington time) according to French report.

French state other radio contacts lost and suspect overall attacks on their other units.

14th Air Force has been approached by French in Kunming requesting air assistance on designated targets. Ready to be used is a panel code. French ammunition will last only two days in their estimate. 14th Air Force has been given permission to cooperate directly with Kunming French authorities to attempt radio contact and conduct attack on French Indo China.
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No: 1457/OPS SITREP 420. 8 March 1945

1. XV Corps:

1. 25th Div. 74 Bde. By fighting in progress to clear enemy regards area FS9117 covering enemy withdrawal to An.

2. 82(WA) Div. 2(WA) Bde. 6 March 2 GCR and 3 GCR Est 4 Coy road block PT0513. 3 105mm guns 1 Lt Tk already ambushed and destroyed. 2(WA) Bde. 10 NR crossed Dael Chaung to area North of Tamandu while 5 NR 9 NR adv on road to FS9216 1(WA) Bde. Attacking enemy posns area FS9730-FS9729.

2. 14th Army:

A. IV Corp:

1. Indications 33 Div turning South from area Myinmu Brhead.

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2. 7 Div. 33 Bde. 6 March Hq 1 BU Regt with tank (SP) occupied Taungtha FF536 against slight oppns. Own troops last reported Mingan FF8486.

3. 17 Div. 6 March coln consisting of 5 horse less one sqd 16 Cav less one troop 1/7 GR 1 regt less 1 Battery Mountain Arty 1 troop Medium Arty and Fl Mg patrolling NE from Meiktila reached LL4347. Now known 6 Japanese guns captured and 1 tankette knocked out in engagement Ywadan LL4143 5 March. 6 March patrol in contact two Pls enemy LL3161, 99 Bde. Coy 6/15 Punjab Est astride railway Thazi after minor encounters area LL4929. Clearing up of Meiktila area continues and in area 200 yds by 100 yds 875 bodies encountered. Conservative estimate case inflicted by 17 Div 3,000 killed.

B. XXXIII Corps:

1. Decreasing enemy oppns.

2. 20 Div. 1457 enemy dead counted since 13 Feb. 32 Bde. 1 Northamptons area FK 9250-FK9352 9/14 Punjab FK 9352 less OY FK 9149. 80 Bde. 1/7 Sinbyugon FK9552 less two coy GFK 9851 9 FFR FK 3524 3/1 GR Talingon FK 9553. 100 Bde. Bde Hq LF 0356 4/10 GR Sindat LF 0057.

3. 2 Div. 6 March active patrolling continued SE of Brhead. Div Hq LF 0658. Hq 4 Bde LF 0856.

4. 268 Bde. 1 Chamar Ketka LF 3887.

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From: Adv Allied Land Forces S.E. Asia

Nr: 1457/OPS

8 March 1945

5. 19 Div. Norming 7 March own tps occupied Madaya and Onhimin LA 7500 and by evening 1AC R reported own patrols within 4 miles Northern outskirts Mandalay. In fighting LA 5308 5 March 1/15 Punjab inflicted 70 cas and captured 2 mmgs as result bayonet charge. 98 Bde. Bde Hq Tamagon LA 6600.

3. NOAC:

1. 36 Div. 29 Bde. Bde Hq 2 E LAN R area Sindegan SS 1869. Coy 2 HRF SS 2869. 72 Bde. Bde Hq SS 3272. 6 SWB less OY occupied Kyain Daw SS 3271 coy Pathin SS 3270. 26 Bde. Fwd tps 1 HRYAD in contact with 50 enemy in dig-in poons area SS 4079.


4. 38 Chinese Div. 112 Regt. 7 March Old and New Lashio and AIRPQ occupied without oppoen but enemy Arty active. 113 Regt reached areas ST 5760 without oppoen. 114 Regt. 3/114 Regt ST 7058. 88 Regt completed crossing Namyao River. 1/88 Regt area ST 7650 2/88 Regt area SG 8150.

End.

ACTION: 0-2
INFO: CC/3; CGAOF; OPD; Col Park; Log

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No: 3082W/PR

4 March 1945

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No: 3082W/PR

4 March 1945

Military situation: In the Northern Combat Area Chinese Tps of the First Army who have come down the Burma Rd are now only eight miles from Lashio. The Chinese who captured the mining centre of Bawduin have since captured Namtu and advanced southward towards Haipaw which is on the Mandalay Lashio Rd.

At Maw Sam on the Namtu Haipaw Rd, they control the junc of this Rd with a Rd Eastward to Lashio. Lashio is thus being approached from the North and the West and the Mandalay Lashio Rd and Aly are threatened at Haipaw forty miles SW of Lashio.

In the sector between Twingge on the Irrawaddy and Hong Mit patrols of the British 36 Div. continue to meet a good deal of Jap oppsn. The 14th Army's gradual encirclement of Mandalay has continued throughout the week from the Singa BRHEAD North of Mandalay we have made some progress.

West of Mandalay a new BRHEAD has been established on the South bank of the Irrawaddy on the left flank of the Twentieth Indian Divs BRHEAD at Myinsu. The Japs have been fighting very stubbornly to hold the villages near the river.

Away to the Southwest advances from our BRHEADS in the Pagan Area are developing very satisfactorily and the process of encirclement has had more marked development.

On the West bank in this area the Japs still cling to popns in the Seikpyu neighbourhood. Still further West one of our columns (which*) advanced from Tilin is clearing the country South of Saw.

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No: 3082W/FR 4 March 1945

In Arakan there has been no major development during the week, we are disputing with the enemy the possession of Dalet a key point of the Japanese lines of communication with Prome.

Rly workshops at Bangkok, the Burma Siam Rly, the Bangkok Chiengmai Rly, and Korat, the railway juct of lines from French Indo China to Siam, were the principal targets for strategic bombing during the week. The raiding of Korat involved a round trip of nearly 2500 miles. Rangoon and Singapore were also raided.

Special points.

1. Emphasize the great change in the nature of the terrain in which the bulk of the troops in Burma are fighting. (For*) the Fourteenth Army, the periods of jungle mountain fighting has been left behind. For nearly two months now the troops have been fighting in open country and for the most part in good weather. They are well on top of the enemy and consequently their morale is magnificent. On the Fourteenth Army's left, in the Northern Combat area, there is still fighting in forest clad hill but the Japs are now falling back down the Burma Rd and it is reasonable to expect that in this area the hill country East of the Irrawaddy will be cleared before the Monsoon.

In Arakan, the Fifteenth Indian Corps still has to cope with mangrove swamps and hill country but the main enemy resistance has been broken in the (last*) two months and the prospect of a jump with the Fourteenth Army's front is much nearer.

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No: 30824/PR

March 4, 1945

2. The troops are justly very proud of their formations and of having taken part in the Burma campaigns of 1944-45. They no longer feel that they are a "Forgotten Army" and are appreciative of the interest taken in Britain and American and of the efforts now being made to provide more amenities and to speed up repatriation.

3. While there is need for further improvement of amenities the Medical authorities have done a magnificent job in reducing the sickness rate and the improvement is highly progressive. In short, the war in Burma is no longer the "Green Hell" of the jungle full of creeping Japs by day and snakes and other crawling horrors by night. For the young soldier when Germany cracks, it should prove as good a war as any other and better than some. He will be on a good wicket from the start as the veterans who fought the Japs throughout last monsoon and through the "Green Hell" have put the issue beyond doubt. The reported Western slogan "Malaya looms ahead".

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

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CG, Services of Supply, Kunming, China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
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CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
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CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

Mr: CRAX 8413 8 April 1945

G-2 SITREP Bissell WDQI CRAX 8413 info Wedemeyer Cheves, Weart, Chennault, Richardson, Nimitz, Timberman CG Hickam Fld and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

XV Corps Front ending 1900 hours April 6th:
British made slight gain in advance toward An. Estimated enemy company still holding three positions north of Taungup in UD 3797 area and one platoon at FY 3602.

14th Army, XXXIII Corps Front to 2200 hours April 6th. No change enemy situation.

CM-IN-7200 (8 Apr 45)

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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India
Nr: CRAX 8413 8 April 1945
IV Corps Front.
No reports received.
NCAC Front ending 1800 hours April 7th:
No enemy contact on entire front.
Reports dated 4th and 5th April indicate 500 Japs still between Mawngkkio LB4005 and Namtu River with bulk on north bank in area of L05060 waiting to cross south.

End

ACTION: O-2
INFORMATION: CG AAF OPD Col Park Log

CM-IN-7200 (8 Apr 45) DTG 081207Z hrt

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/11/94

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To: War Department
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   CG, 10th Air Force, Bhamo, Burma
   CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
   CG, Y Forces, Rear Echelon, Kunming, China
   CG, Services of Supply China Theater, Kunming, China
   CG, US Army Forces, Rear Echelon, China Theater, Kunming, China
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   CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
   General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area Advanc
   Echelon, Manila, P.I.
   CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, T.H.

Nr: CFBY 35320 7 April 1945


Ground sources thru air report Sichwan (11127 East 3308 North) captured by Japs 2nd April, and heavy fighting reported six miles west of Haishiaassushi (1131 East 3331 North), 4000 Infantry and 800 Cavalry of 68th Division were reported, and 20 Kilos each of Sishtan (11250 East 2754 North), and 3000 Japs of 64th Division stated to be in Yiyang (11815 East 2842 North) there rate C3. South China reports from liaison sources have 20,000 Japs in Jukong (11315 East 2455 North) and 2000 at Nemyung (11410 East 2511 North), 2000 Hips.

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7 April 1945
heading for Kanchow (11°45' East 25°52' North) reported to have reached point 15 KILOS southeast of city.

New Subject. Chinese cadet of Japanese Air Force is source of following information as he worked on this type plane. R-te B2. At Lan Tien Chang airfield, Peiping a new model suicide aircraft is being manufactured. Name V-1, reported to be operating from carriers with shipping as primary target. This aircraft resembles Tojo in size and PS1 in appearance but with small differences between each individual plane. Detonators carried in wings and spinner with 500 to 2000 pounds explosives located on nose. No armament, parachutes, or instruments. When airborne landing gear dropped, engine in back of pilot, is 450 horsepower. Pilots not volunteers but detailed to duty. Formations of fighters are followed by these planes to target.

New Subject. Jap High Command 28 March ordered Lt General Tominaga, Chief of Army Forces in Philippines, and Vice Admiral Guishi, Chief of Navy Air Forces in Philippines, to move their headquarters to Hainan and Pescadores respectively. Only Malay fighter units are left north Luzon and other island bases for airfield protection and all bomber units have been withdrawn from Philippines report states.

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
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   CG Services of Supply, Kuning, China
   CG 14th Air Force, Kuning China
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   Hickam Field TH
   CG Army Air Forces India Burma Sector Calcutta India

Nr: CRAX 7939

2 April 1945

G-2 SITREP, Bissell WDGOI CRAX 7939 info Wedemeyer,
Cheves, Weart, Chennault, Richardson, Nimitz, Timberman,
Ramey, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

XV Corps front ending 1800 hours 31st March:

British troops in contact with estimated enemy company
in several positions in area two miles north of Taungup.

Ungraded reports dated 29th March state coastal road
from Andrew Bay UD 5030 to Sandoway blocked with felled trees,
bridge over Hon Chaung south of Lintha UD 4640 destroyed by
Japs and enemy evacuating Sandoway area via Thade Chaung and
thence northeast to Taungup-promise road.

Fourteenth Army, IV Corps to 2000 hours 1st April:

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From: CG US Army Forces India Burma Theater New Delhi, India
Nr: CRAX 7939 2 April 1945

Several parties of Japs encountered in Mahlaing area. At Tanaungyin LL 0464 100 Japs surprised and 61 killed including 2 officers, 33rd Engineer Regiment identified.

Taxi reported clear by locals but numerous Jap parties are in area.

Other natives report 2000 Japs in Hlaingdet LL 6523.
Comment: Believe 18th Division assembling in this area.

Night 31st March enemy convoy passing north through Oktwin LL 6433 was ambushed and casualties inflicted, no details.

Documents captured LL 2467 identify 16th Regiment.

XXXIII Corps to 1000 hours 1st April:

Enemy fired thirty rounds artillery on Ketlan LL 2492. Other minor contacts made Natogyi area. Only small parties Japs seen in Kyaukse-Mylittha areas. Mines and booby traps found in Kyaukse including aerial bombs with detonator electrically controlled from fox hole. Patrols to Yoxon LL 6059 saw only 2 Japs. Indications Japs moving troops and supplies from Sulgyuung LL 6659 to Hlaingdet LL 6523.

NCAC front ending 1800 hours 1st April:

No enemy contact entire front. Straggler from 11th Regiment captured 31st March near Lenlin LB 5515. Another POW captured 29th March at Sakantha LB 5923 from First Machine Gun

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From: CG US Army Forces India Burma Theater New Delhi India
To: CRAX 7939

2 April 1945

Company 168th Regiment had become separated from his unit and had joined element of 118th Regiment at Kyaukme. Air photo shows road bridge across Gokteik GLB 4409 destroyed 31st March. Traffic tally shows movement of enemy troops continue south through Laihka on reduced scale night of 31st March.

Weekly G-2 summary ending 1st April:

Weeks' action shows continued disorganization of Jap positions in Mandalay plain with no apparent ability for counter offensive. Jap casualties mounting at increased rate and small group surrenders occurred for first time this theater. In Arakan some indications Japs less concerned about possible further landings on west coast and are withdrawing for operations in Irrawaddy River Valley. Elements 54th Div are west of oil fields in Salin area and Regiment of 55th Div recently identified in Kyaukpadung sector.

In central Burma, major troop movements with withdrawals occurring east and south from Meiktila and southeast from Kyaukse. Natives report many small groups of Japs moving south toward Thazi east of railway.

Headquarters 18th Division is believed east of Thazi. Also indications 49th Division Headquarters has moved to location south of Thazi while 33rd Army is believed to be in the Pyawbwe area. Probable 18th and 49th Divisions now under 33rd Army while 15th Army further north is attempting to regroup in order to effect tactical withdrawals.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: CG US Army Forces India Burma Theater New Delhi India
Nr: ORAX 7939 2 April 1945

General trend of movement from Kyauksa area is southeast to main Thaixi-Kengtung road and movement from Koiktala areas appears to be east to vicinity Hopong and then south. In northeast Burma Japs have increased rate of withdrawal and contact lost.

Believe 45th Divisions main efforts will be directed toward keeping Taunggyi-Kengtung route open. Probable Japs now realize recapture Meiktila no longer possible in face of their increasing losses and supply shortages and will now attempt to regroup and occupy positions covering main lines of communications from Meiktila area to south Burma and Thailand.

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ACTION: G-2
INFO: CG AAF; OFD; Col Park; Log By DBS
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TO: War Department
   CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
   New Delhi, India
   CG, Northern Combat Area Command, Forward Echelon,
   Shango, Burma
   CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
   CG, Services of Supply, Kunming, China
   CG, US Forces, Rear Echelon, China Theater,
   Kunming, China
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   CG, US Army Forces in the Far East,
   Manila, Philippine Islands
   CG, US Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas,
   Fort Shafter, T. H.

Nr: CFBX 35039 1 April 1945

Bissell WDGBI pass to BJSM, Sultan, Cannon, Chennault,
McCleure, Middleton, Cheves, Heart, Ramsey, Stratenev, Mac-
Arthur, COMSHPO, CFBX 35039 book mag nr 278 from G 2 sgd
Chennault.

Road from Loning (1 11 33-50-22 21) to Shuchien (1 11
33-34 22) now under Jap control with estimated 10,000 Inf-
fantry plus Artillery from Tenghsien (1 12 10-32 50) reported
to have crossed Tan River at Lkuanchao (1 11 37-32 41) on
31st and advancing on Kunssen (1 11 10-32 43). Hainslas-
such (1 11 30-33 33) being attacked by 3000 Infantry and
tanks from Neilsang (1 11 59-33 16). Mip columnw with trucks

CM-IN-822 (1 April 45)
From: CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China

Nr: CPBX 35039 1 April 1945

observed west of Lachakow (1 11 40-32 28). All this from
air and rated O 3.

Comment: Continuing indications exist that Japs
will exploit their successful neutralization of Lachakow
Airbase and continue drive against Ankang coordinated with
their westward movement in the Lushih (1 10 44-34 01) -
Loning area to threaten Sian. In the Hanyang (1 12 30-
26 58) -Paoching (1 11 25-27 05) area little activity noted
by air but road between these points in good condition and
being used at night.

From ground source unrated is report of 30,000 Nips
in Choushan archipelago with 5 - 6000 on Choushan Island
(1 22 05-30 05), mines being laid from 122 deg 03 min -
29 deg 59 min to 122 deg 08 min - 28 deg 59 min and no
shipping allowed in or near this area. Liangyungang (1 19 28-
34 45) getting largest size coastal guns.

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ACTION: G-2
INFO: CC/S; CC AAP; OPD; Col Park; Log
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CO, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Port Shafter, T. H.
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Areas, Leyte, P. I.
CO, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
Headquarters, Allied Land Forces, Southeast Asia
Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon
CO, Southeast Asia Command, Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India
CO, United Kingdom Base Section, London, England

Nr: CRAX 7792

31 March 1945

Bissell WDGBI, info Breidster, Richardson, MacArthur, Chennault, Gyna, Mountbatten for lane pass to Tait, and Grant CRAX 7792 from Sultan.

Prisoner of war from 12216 Butai captured Padaung FF 30kg March 16 says unit, Kantetsu Independent Mixed Brigade, based Yenangyang and under Twenty Eighth Army.

He gave Independent Mixed Brigade no specific number.

Breakdown follows:

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

Nr: CRAX 7792 31 March 1945

   Mori 12208 - Independent Mixed Brigade Headquarters
   Ordnance Unit (40 men);
   12209 - Independent Mixed Brigade Headquarters
   Intendence Unit (15 men);
   12210, 12211 and 12212 - Headquarters Independent
   Mixed Brigade (150 men);
   12213 - Infantry Battalion of 4 companies
   (90 men);
   12214 - Infantry Battalion of 4 companies
   (120 men);
   12215 - Independent Mixed Brigade Mountain
   Artillery Unit (180 men).
   2-75 millimeter mountain guns, 1-37 millimeter
   automatic gun,
   2-15 millimeter machine cannons;
   12216 - Independent Mixed Brigade Engineer Unit
   (185 men);
   12217 - Independent Mixed Brigade Signals Unit
   (115 men).

   Officer commanding 12213 Unit Major Nukai (former
   officer commanding 1st Battalion 61st Regiment).
   Officer commanding 12214 Unit Major Tominaga
   Gonshiro (former Company Commander 61st Regiment).
   12215 and 12217 Units came from Arakan, probably
   from 55th Division.
   12216 Unit formed from elements 51st Independent
   Transport Battalion.

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

Nr: CRAK 7792 31 March 1945

FW heard Iku (34th Independent Mixed Brigade) troops in vicinity. States Kantetau and Iku troops wear same type insignia.

12280 Butsai is labor unit, 20 strong.
No fighting units in Yenanguang, only 350 line of communications troops under command Major Niguta, Independent Mixed Brigade Staff Officer.

Comment: Story confirms suspected low strength 72nd Independent Mixed Brigade. Suggest two battalions 34th Independent Mixed Brigade may also be 72nd Independent Mixed Brigade, possible using two numbers allocated by FW to Independent Mixed Brigade Headquarters. Whole story being treated with reserve as FW's intelligence rated moderate and reliability fair.

End

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CG, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Manila, Philippines
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, T.H.

Nr: CPFH 35027

31 March 1945


30 March air ground reports Japs building railroad spur from Hou Ma (11037-3536) possibly in preparation for Sian attack. Additional reinforcements arriving at Fuchou (11010-3450) and Yungkin (11045-3500) past week.

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From: CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
Nr: CFRX 35027 31 March 1945

Jap 114th Division reported to have crossed Yellow River on 28 March moving into Shan Haien. Two Jap divisions reported in Taying (11103-3442) of way to Lushih (11052-3462).

Comment: These activities tend to strengthen indications that Japs plan attack Sian, Hanchung, and Ankang.

Central China reports during past week of troop movements from Liuchow-Kweilin area north to Hankow.

28 March air reconnaissance reports nil activity on road from Paoching (11130-2710) to Siangtan (11248-2753).

South China liaison air ground their C 3 states Kwangtung food shortage acute and 10,000 Nips plus 137th Regiment of 104th Division have now moved to Canton from Hunan.

Japs, reported same source, planning drive toward Yan Ping (11219-2221). 2,000 arrived Hweil (11285-2555). Japs in French Indo China reported to be consolidating border positions, 1,500 Nips with 150 trucks moving toward Zineg Kuang (10400-1935), heavy traffic on road running south out of Hanoii, this from 14th Air Force.

End

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Headquarters Allied Land Forces, Southeast Asia Command
CG, Southeast Asia Command, Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India
CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, United Kingdom Base Section, London, England

Sr: CRAX 7792

31 March 1945

Bissell WDGB, info Bredster, Richardson, MacArthur, Chennault, Qwyn, Mountbatten for Lane pass to Tait, and Crain
CRAX 7792 from Sultan.

Prisoner of war from 12216 Butai captured Padaing
PP-3049 March 16 Laya unit, Kantetsu Independent mixed Brigade,
based Xeningyang and under 28th Army. He gave Independent
Mixed Brigade no specific number. Breakdown follows:

Mori 12208-Independent Mixed Brigade Headquarters
Ordnance Unit (40 men);

12209-Independent Mixed Brigade Headquarters Intendance
Unit (15 men);

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

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12210, 12211, and 12212 - Headquarters Independent Mixed Brigade (150);

12213 - Infantry Battalion of four companies (90 men);

12214 - Infantry Battalion of four companies (120 men);

12215 - Independent Mixed Brigade Mountain Artillery Unit (120 men, 2-75 millimeter mountain guns, 1-37 millimeter automatic gun, 2-15 millimeter machine cannons);

12216 - Independent Mixed Brigade Engineer Unit (185 men);

12217 - Independent Mixed Brigade Signals Unit (115 men).

Officer Commanding 12213 Unit Major Mukai (former Officer Commanding 1 Battalion 51st Regiment). Officer Commanding 12214 Unit Major Tominago Genshiro (former Company Commander 51st Regiment). 12215 and 12217 Units came from Arakan, probably from 55th Division. 12216 Unit formed from elements 51st Independent Transport Battalion.

FW heard IKU (34th Independent Mixed Brigade) troops in vicinity. States Kantetsu and IKU troops wear same type insignia.

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Br: CRAK 7792 31 March 1945

12280 Butal is Labor Unit, 20 strong. No fighting units in Fenanyuang, only 550 Line of Communications troops under command Major Nigita, Independent Mixed Brigade Staff Officer.

Story confirms suspected low strength 72 Independent Mixed Brigade. Suggest two battalions 34 Independent Mixed Brigade may also be 72 Independent Mixed Brigade, possible using two numbers allocated by FW to Independent Mixed Brigade Headquarters. Whole story being treated with reserve as FW's intelligence rated moderate and reliability fair.

End.

ACTION: O-2
INFO: CGAAF, OFD, COL. PARK, LOG

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   CG, United Kingdom Base Section, London, England.
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Nr: CRAX 7709 30 March 1945.

Rissel WDEBI info Breidaster, Davidson, Stratemeyer, Chennault, Richardson, MacArthur, Mountbatten for Lane pass to Hain, and Cras CRAX 7709 from Sultan.

Basis ground reports elements 2nd Division in French Indo-China and lack of recent Burma identifications 4th and 29th Infantry regiments. British now consider 2nd Division less 16th Infantry Regiment withdrawn from Burma. We consider pick southwest French Indo-China as probable new location. Dropping total Burma strength 7000 and effective

M-IN-32206 (30 Mar 45)
From: CG, U.S. Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India.

Nr: CRAX 7709 30 March 1945

strength 6000 to reflect this move. Carry present effective Army Ground Burma strength at 111500. Carried at 1450000 is overall total Army Ground strength as of 1st March including all ineffectives.

End.

ACTION: G-2

CM-IN-32206 (30 Mar 45) DTG: 301141Z ngr

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Kunming, China

Sr: CPB 34973
30 March 1945

Marshall for Eissell WDQBI CPB 34973 from Dusenbury
sgd Chennault.

This is my msg nr 23807.

Sino G-2 alarmed re probable Japanese attack on
Kunming. Allied colleague concurs with Sino G-2 predicting
converging thrust via Nanning Peash Road Kwangsi and Indo
China Yunnan railway via Lackay and Mengtze to destroy Kun-
mong base and prevent formation effective Chinese Combat
Command. Colleague further considers drives Honan Shensi
area may extend to Sian and diversion only. Commens Con-
centration French Indo China area makes such operation a
capability however progress war near Japan, commitments else-
where, difficulties terrain distance supply replacement
render move improbable. Force believed concentrating to
repel anticipated allied attacks or landings that general
area particularly Hainan.

Comment by China Theater G-2: This topic subject of
many conversations. Belief held here is that drive on Kun-
mimg becoming more and more a possibility. The 21 and 37th
Divisions are certainly in FIC. More and more indications
are present of the movement of 22 Division into FIC while
there are reports of the arrival of portions of the 34th
Division. On the basis of the arrival of these latter 2

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Nr: CFB 34973 30 March 1945

Divisions there is more strength in northern FIC than is needed or which one would logically expect to find there if the purpose were to repel a landing. The alternative use for these troops is a drive on Kunming which is held to be a definite capability.

End

Action: C-2
Information: CO AAF, OPD, Col Park, CofS

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       CC, US Army Forces, China Theater, Rear Echelon, Kunming, China
Nr: OAK 8562 30 March 1945

Chennault OAK 8562 to Arnold for Hodges info Gross and Woart.

Jap air effort for period 22-26 March amounted to a total of 85 defensive sorties against our fighters and minimum of at least 6 offensive sorties. All defensive sorties took place over Nanjing. On 24th March 23 unreported type of enemy fighters, presumably Caoares and Tojos, rose to intercept 6 Mustangs. In this encounter Mustangs destroyed two enemy fighters and damaged one. Mustangs suffered no damage. On 25 March 22 Caoares and Tojos intercepted 18 Mustangs. In this engagement enemy shot down 1 Mustang and itself suffered 2 aircraft destroyed and 4 damaged. Enemy offensive sorties during this period were directed twice against Fangcheng (3320 north 11305 east) by unreported numbers of aircraft and once against Chinese ammo dump located in village approximately five miles southwest of Man Nawng (2147 north 100-21 east). Strikes against Fangcheng were believed to be nothing more than token attacks against city prior to occupation by enemy ground forces. In attack against ammo dump enemy employed 4 aircraft which dropped one incendiary and four demos causing no damage.

Foregoing para A. Weekly intelligence report 14th Air Force ending midnight 28 March.
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From: CO 14 Air Force, Kunming China
Nr: CAK 8562 30 March 1945

B. Enemy showed some inclination for combat during March 25th interception over Hankow.

C. On 21 March Japanese forces in triangular area between T'inghan and Lunghai railways launched an attack southwestward toward Luchok. Initial thrust from Lushan supported by simultaneous moves from Paanchen, Shangtien and Shihocten, all southeast of Lushan. Spearheaded by mechanized units advance columns had reached outskirts of Luchok by 28 March; Luchok airfield was reported in enemy hands of 27 March. Supporting drive from Kingmen and Chungkow in Yangtze River bulge still fifty miles south of Luchok at weeks end. Smaller advances made southwest of Lening, located northwest of Lushan. Total strength in triangular area estimated between 70 and 80,000. Reinforcements reported arriving at Yuncheng and Puchow throughout week. Objectives of drive appear to be to knock out Luchok with possible subsequent offensive against Ankang and Hanchung; to divert Chinese strength away from approaches to Halian; to further complicate military and political situation between Chinese government and Communist forces; to reduce counteroffensive capability of Chinese Third and Fifth War Areas; and to deepen protective buffer area west of Pinggan railway. In Kiangsi Chinese troops still surrounded Kanchow; Japanese transports were using field. In Hunan Chinese claim to have retaken Yuhssien and lie disrupting highway between Anje and Lelilang. Recurring reports indicated large scale troop movement from Luchow and Kweilin toward Hengyang, from Chenchien and Leliyand toward Hengyang, and Hengyang north toward Hankow. Replacement forces also enroute south from Hankow. In Kwangtung liaison sources estimated 75,000 enemy troops in Waichow-Sweitow coastal belt; also estimated

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PRIORITY

From: CC 14 Air Force, Kunming, China

Nr: C2K 8562 30 March 1945

20,000 at Hongkong and 50,000 at Canton. Japa reported planning westward thrust toward Yenping. Food shortage in Kwangtung growing acute. In Shanghai 300 to 500,000 enemy troops reported arrived since 9 February; 40% of troops estimated to be Japanese. In FIO Japanese continued consolidation of border positions.

D. Our aircraft destroyed 4 Jap fighters and damaged 5 in aerial combat. On ground we destroyed 5 fighters and 5 unidentified Jap planes, probably destroyed 12 fighters and 1 unidentified and damaged 11 fighters, 1 bomber, 10 combat and 10 unidentified and 3 unidentified engineless aircraft. We lost 1 fighter in aerial combat and 6 fighters and 1 medium due to ground fire. Lost due other reasons were 5 fighters. Missing are seven fighters, two mediums and two heavies. Damaged due enemy was 1 fighter. Damaged due other reasons were four fighters, one medium and 1 L5.

We sank 34 small vessels. Probably sunk were one 775 foot vessel of 2500 tons and 1 sampan. Damaged were 1-100 foot steam boat of 200 tons, 1-200 foot boat of 1,000 tons and 188 small vessels. Fighters flew 828 sorties, photos flew 37, P-6's flew 11, mediums flew 17 and heavies flew 33. Fighters dropped 104.7 tons bombs, mediums dropped 78.6 tons and heavies dropped 189.3 tons. Troop carriers made 869 trips landing and dropping 1419.1 tons of supplies and personnel.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC AAF, O-2, Col Park, Log

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CG, 18th Air Force, Kunming.
Rear Echelon Headquarters, China Theater,
Kunming, China.
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CG, U.S. Army Forces Pacific Ocean Areas
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CG, Y Forces Rear Echelon, Kunming.

Nr: GFEX 34960 30 March 1945

Bissell WD91 pass to DJSN, Sultan, Cannon, Chennai,
McCullum, Middleton, Cheves, Weart, Ramsey, Stratemeyer,
MacArthur, CONGENPA GFEX 34960 book mag nr 276 from 0-2
from gross sgd Chennai.

On 28 March US sources in area report possible
attack on Sian after Hunan campaign. Some source states
1000 Japs carrying on amphibious training south of Yunchang
(11050-3500) on lake. 69th Division Headquarters reported
moved to Wanchuang (110 43-3526). Strong Nip mopping up
operations north and south of Tung Fu railroad.

Comment: This coupled with our book mag 276 strengthen
indications that Japs intend to attack Sian to eliminate

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all American airfields in north-central China.

CACW 29 March reports 8000 Japs in Huochangping (112 40-2740)-Chosungyang (111 50-2723)-Pasching(111 40-2710) area with 600 Cavalry and 116 Division Artillery; Chinese in area watching for attack on Chikhlang.

Comment: This may well be the start of a drive on Chikhlang to neutralize another US airfield.

Morning of 28 March same source their rate B 2 states Lachokow city still held by Sinos with fighting around city walls; Airfield in Jap hands on 27 March, Japs breaking into city at Nanyang and heavy truck and tank movements on road north of city, heavy Chinese withdrawals north of Nanyang. Through Air Force Tungchalin (111 393253) and Tunghsien (112 10-3247) reported captured. 3000 Japs, elements of 39th Division, reported 10 miles south of Sianyang (112 05-3203).

On March 27 French source rated B 2 by Chinese Combat Command reports following Jap strengths:

1 Battalion at Laozay
1 Battalion at Hagiang (104 57-2250)
1 Company at Muong Hung (104 06-2246, 200 at Huongsuphi (104 40-2245).

Chinese report from Chinese Combat Command their rate C 3 states 2000 Japs at Bozat (103 50-2235) and an unreported report from Kwangai Command has 4000 Japs now at Pingsian (106 45-2208) moving to Nanning from Pic.

ACTION: O-2

INFO: CC/3; CC AAF; OPD; Col Park; Log

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General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Manila, Philippines
OG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, T. H.

Nr: ** 29 March 1945

Bissell WOBDI pass to BJSJ, Sultan, Cannon, Chennault, McClure, Middleton, Cheves, Waert, Ramey, Stratemeyer, MacArthur, COMGEN *** 74 from G-2 and Chennault.


Chinese reported to hold Neisiang (11200-3320) 4000 Japs five miles northeast of Neisiang and 200 Jap plainclothesmen five miles southeast of city.

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29 March 1945


All this through Chinese American Composite Wing rated C 2.

4000 Japs with 60 tanks, 400 trucks, and heavy field artillery reported arrived Yungcheng (11055-3505) from Mongolia during past ten days. Their rating D 2 comment this report if true is first indication of increase in Jap strength in Yellow River bulge area presenting a direct threat to Sian from the northeast which would by pass Chinese strongpoint at Tungkwan. Same source rated B 2 stated three Mip divisions with 500 trucks, 1000 cavalry, 150 tanks and armored cars, 100 artillery, moving south from Chenghsien on Pinghan railroad.

Comment: Although movements along this route to the south are generally accepted, these numbers are at present thought to be greatly exaggerated and rated only C 3. Chungmow (11120-3445) bridge still intact.

"Being serviced.

ACTION: G-2


CM-IN-31202 (30 Mar) D70: 29/1215Z ngr

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    CG, U S Army Forces in the Far East, Manila, Philippines
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Nr: CFX 34867 27 March 1945

Bissell, WDGBI pass to BJSN, Sultan, Cannon, Chennault, McClure, Middleton, Cheves, Heart, Ramey, Stratemeyer, MacArthur, COMINTFOA CFEX 34867, book mag nr 272 from 0-2 afd Chennai.

Office Strategic Service report 25th March rate C-1 on morning of 25th March unestab number of Japs with tanks were reported to be 15 miles southwest of Nanyang.

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Subject: Crossings of the Pai River

27 March 1945

On 25 March, a group of Japanese soldiers were observed crossing the west bank of the Pai River near Nanyang. The river was reported in flames.

14th Air Force 26th March rated B-2 states Chinese engaged with Japs north of Haiacho (113 05-31 46). 30,000 in Shahe Ten (113 43-33 02) and Kioshan (114 06-32 48) area.

Nanyang by-passed, and small groups believed filtering through on cart roads to Lao Ho Kou.

400 Cavalry with some Infantry at Wulingtuan (113 06-30 47).

On 26th March Lao Hu Kou airfield evacuated by Allied Forces.

Report of 26th March by Office Strategic Services said Japs plan to evacuate the entire West River area within one month. Comment: Rate C-4 since this is one of Japs best and most dependable communication links it would seem unlikely that they would evacuate entirely and leave area ungarrisoned.

On 21st March 30,000 arrived at Cheung Muk (114 03-25 55) rated B-3 according to ground reports through Air Force.

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27 March 1945

Pan Tee Hua (104 52-13 12) attacked by small force of Nips on 25th March.

Ground sources dated 26th March reports movement of 3000 infantry and 30 tanks from Kwelin to Hengyang on 19th March; 12,000 toward Changsha having passed through Hengyang during first half of month, rated C-3.

End

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

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    CG, Y Forces, Rear Echelon, Kunming, China
    CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

Nr: CPBX 34790
   26 March 1945

Bissell WEOBI pass to BJSW, Sultan, Cannon, Chennault, McClure, Middleton, Cheves, Weart, Ramey, Stratemeyer, MacArthur, COMGENFOA CPBX 34790 book message number 271 from 0-2 signed Chennault.

In Nanyang area following reports from Chinese rated O 2 dated 25 March: Jap column from Hanchao (11240 east 3333 north) reached a point 62 miles north of Chenping (11220 east 3310 north); column from Yangchon (11305 east 3300 north) reached a point 11 miles northwest of Nanyang (11242 east 3305 north) on 24 March, since say Nanyang expected to fall within 24 hours (Chinese were

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observed moving guns from Nanyang in direction of Laohokou; 4-5000 Japs reported at (11214 east 3115 north) and 5-6000 at (11153 east 3115 north), thought to be elements of the 39th Division in the Kingsen (11205 east 3058 north) area. Air recon reported that field in Nanyang vicinity appeared to be in excellent condition. Comment little apparent resistance being offered by Chinese Forces in the area and Japs taking full advantage of terrain to advance rapidly over broad front exploiting use of armored cars, tanks and horse cavalry. Present forces available have capability of taking Nanyang-Laohokou area in matter of days.

In south China report of 24 March rated F-2 as 5,000 reinforcements have been added to Swatow garrison and that 10,000 additional troops are now in the Pinghan (11420 east 2240 north) - Hoi Fang (11520 east 2255 north) - Lufeng (11540 east 2255 north) area bringing total for Swatow-Waichow area to 75,000.

French on 22 March report 30,000 Nips arrived in Nanning (10810 east 2245 north) area from northeast. Comment: These numbers thought to be excessive and may possibly be a reoccurrence of old reports however additional elements of the 34th Division from the area north of Kweilin may be moving to this area. Some source on 24th March reports Jap motorized column now moving from Yen Chan (10416 east 2103 north) towards Sonla (10354 east 2130 north). No details given.

ACTION: G-2
INFORMATION: CC/3, CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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Nr: CPBX 34758 25 March 1945

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Chennault, McClure, Middleton, Cheves, Weart, Ramsey,
Stretesmeyer, MacArthur, CONGENPAC CPBX 34758, book mag
nr 270 from G-2 agd Chennault.

Total number of troops actually involved in drives
in Nanyang area presently estimated at 25,500.

Chinese reports rated C-2 say 1500 Jeps with
artillery and armored elements have surrounded 2000 Sinos
at Fengcheng (11305 east -3305 north) where heavy fighting
From: CG US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China

GFX 31758

25 March 1945

was in progress on night of 23rd March. Column moving north from Kinmen (11204 east - 3101 north) occupied Icheng (11209 east - 3144 north) on afternoon of same day, this column reported to be 2000 Infantry and 500 Japs.

Nanchao (11240 east - 3333 north) also occupied on 23rd March.

Air recon of 23rd March spotted 100 plus trucks and tanks in camouflage revetments in immediate vicinity of Hsiangcheng (11325 east - 3350 north) and reported that roads west of Wuyang (11396 east - 3325 north) were jammed with civilians.

In Indo China Japs previously reported to have crossed the border into China at 100 dog, 34 min east, returned to Indo China on 22nd March and Pualong (10315 east - 2350 north) now said to be in Jap hands according to French B-2 report.

Recon of 23rd March observed French flag at Sonla and said Thao Ret (10628 east - 2215 north) and Dong Duc (10642 east - 2156 north) appeared almost completely deserted.

ACTION: O-2
INFO: CG/J; CG AAF; OPD; Col Park; Log

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Manila, Philippines
CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas,
Fort Shafter, T.H.

No: CP/BR 34731 24 March 1945

Bissel WDGBI pass to BJSM, Sultan, Cannon, Chennault,
McClure, Middleton, Cheves, Weart, Ramsay, Strattemeyer,
MacArthur, COMGENPOA CP/BR 34731 book msg nr 268 from 92 sgd Chennault

Situation critical in area north of Tungting Lake,
south of Yellow River and west from Pinghan Railroad. Following
info from sources rated C and generally confirmed by
air recon but strengths mentioned rated only two.

Japs pushing westward in six columns as follows:
2400 in three groups moving north from Kingman (11204-
3101) said to be elements of 39th Division.

CM-IN-26305 (25 Mar 45)
From: CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China

5000 moving west from Shehohien (11343-3302) attacking Shehohien (11303-3308). 30 tanks and armored cars just south of Faqunohen (11317-3326) with six tanks said to be moving on Fanghchen (11305-3320).

4000 at Chiakou (11240-3342) with 3000 headed toward Nanchao (11240-3333). 1000 from Iyeng (11228-3410) moving to Loning (11463-3423) and 3000 from Loyang (11225-3443) also reported at Loning. A "large force" was also said to be at Miyang (11325-3245).

Chinese further report we rate CG: 117th Division has moved to Loyang from Sinstang; strength at Wuyang is 2000; 240 armored vehicles moved from Hsiangchung (11325-3350) to Yehsin (11317-3351); 10000 reinforcements arrived at Hsiangchung and Loyang has been reinforced by 20000.

Comment. The threat to Hanyang and Lachokou is obvious. The possibility of a threat west from Loyang Area toward Hsian (10650-3419) must not be overlooked, however, as previously pointed out the greatest and most immediate loss would be Allied air facilities at Lachokou. Best estimate of present indications are that Japs have sufficient strength in these moves to successfully take Lachokou and occupy the entire area west of the line Hsian-Kibkyen.

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Nr: CPBX 34731 24 March 1945

In South China Chinese now have Knachow (11455-2550) completely encircled and claim they have captured Tayu (11415-2523) rate C 2. 5000 of the 137th Regt of 40th Division arrived Canton from Kukong recently according to ground reports thru Air Force rate 03.

IndoChina: Monday (10750-2131) now in Jap hands according to Chinese and ground sources say Japs completely occupy Hacoi (10756-2127) rate C2.

British report that French claim Son La (10355-2120) will fall by 24th March and French will move west to Bien Phu rate F2.

Other areas nil change.

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   CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
   CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
   CG, Services of Supply, Kuningming, China

Nr: CRAX 7104
23 March 1945

0-2 SITREP, Bissel WDQ8I CRAX 7104 info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Weart, Chennault, Richardson, Nimitz, Timberman, Ramey, OG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan

XV Corps front - Period ending 1800 hours 22 March - Enemy opposition west of an F2 1707 stiffened past few days. Previous contact near Sabyin FY 3223 overcome.

14th Army front: IV Corps ending 1000 hours 22 Mar. Locals report estimated 300 enemy moving into area 4 miles south of Kazunma PO 6553, comment: Probably reinforcements for 153rd Regiment in Sekgyu area. Japs continue to be active Letse area PO 9659 on 21 March; estimated enemy company on hill just southeast Letse repulsed British attack, 19 Japs killed. Enemy fighting stubbornly in Myingyan PK 7704; Intendence Lieutenant from headquarters 33rd Division who surrendered states garrison in Myingyan is 300

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strong with orders to fight to last man.

Another prisoner states 33rd Division was to assemble in Natogyi area LL 0899 on 10 March and then move east through Fyinzi LL 3293, comment: This may account for identifications of elements 33rd Division south of Mandalay.

75 Japs killed and 2 guns destroyed in area 4 miles south Meiktila.

XXXIII Corps - Period ending 2200 hours 22 March - British report strong enemy positions covering Kyaukko LF 6320, 213th Regiment identified. 2nd Battalion 215th Regiment identified east of Myitnao LF 5750; some Japs reported escaping east into hills.

On 21 March 70 Japs killed, 8 prisoners and 11 guns captured in area south and southeast Mandalay.

NOAC front - Period ending 1800 hours 22 March - British troops reached outskirts Monglong SS 4430 from the northwest against light machine gun and grenade fire.

After 24 hour fight at ST 0903 Japs withdrew southwest on 21 March leaving 72 dead. Chinese in contact with estimated 2 companies in positions on hill at ST 3014; contact also reported at ST 3109; 15 Japs killed this sector.

Japs at Nalang ST 4725 withdrew southwest along road, contact now reported at ST 4521; 56th Division Hospital.

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New Delhi, India

Sr: CRAX 7104 23 March 1945

identified. No contact southeast Lashio.

Delayed report states all permanent houses remaining in Lashio were mined with bombs fused with electrical detonators with concealed wires leading to central point; comment: Apparently Japs intended to blow up town after Allied occupation.

Report dated 21 March states all natives cleared from Taunggyi and that many Japs and several hundred Burma traitor Army personnel are in area.

End

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INFO: CG AAF; OPD; Col Park; Log

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- CG, US Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas Administrative Hickam Field, T. H.
- CG, US Army Air Forces, India Burmas Sector Calcutta India

Nr: CRAX 7031 22 March 1945

G-2 SITREP 21 March, Bissell W/DGBI CRAX 7031 info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Weart, Chennault, Richardson, Nimitz, Timberman, Ramsey, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

14th Corps front-Enemy situation unchanged.

Fourteenth Army front-after all night shelling Japs attacked British positions at Letae PO 9559, 14 miles northwest Sekpyul, early hours 20 March; attack repulsed after severe fighting, 210 Japs killed and 2 captured; all three companies of 1st Battalion 153rd Regiment identified and POW states balance of regiment is in area three miles south. 3rd 4th 6 companies of 61st Regiment 72nd IMB identified and 11 Japs killed in British recapture of Mulaunyga six miles north of Chauk. Northern part of Myingyan in flames; comment:

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Mr : CRAX 7031 22 March 1945

Believe enemy thinned out this area with main force enroute eastward. No major change enemy situation in Meiktila area; additional 93 Japs killed, four .50 caliber guns destroyed and three machine guns and large number mines captured; also five car motor train fired. British armored thrust from Chaunggwa LP 3922 south to Pindale LL 2968, twenty miles north Meiktila, met little resistance; comment: Apparently Japs unprepared or unable to counter this thrust. Fort Dufferin in Mandalay now clear of enemy; Japs remaining in Mandalay now split into small groups attempting to escape southward. Enemy troops generally south of Mandalay becoming disorganized and several instances of Japs discarding arms and equipment and fleeing reported.

MEAC front-British reached point six miles northwest of Monglong SS 4430 in advance from Mogok with no enemy resistance. Chinese report contact with small enemy groups east and northeast of Haipaw; three prisoners captured by seizure of Namshin SS 1306, six miles southwest Haipaw. Japs still blocking crossing of Namma River at Nalang SS 4726, 16 miles northeast Haipaw; comment: Chinese crossing now in progress five miles further south will render enemy positions Nalang untenable.

Prisoner from 5th Company 146th Regiment states 2nd Battalion moved from Lashio to Haipaw early March leaving balance of regiment in Lashio; estimates strengths as follows; 1st Battalion 200, 2nd and 3rd Battalions 150 each; comment: Strengths considered generally correct. Trend of movement

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From Mongai appears southwestward to main road running south to Loilem. Increased traffic eastward over Tahaw ferry LO 5269, 80 miles east Loilem, reported by natives. Comment: Dispositions Jap forces this front believed as follows:

114th Regiment delaying southeast along Monglong Kyaunkme road,

113th Regiment plus 2nd Battalion 146th Regiment south of Heipaw;

1st and 3rd Battalions 146th Regiment delaying southwest on Lashio-Heipaw road;

1st Battalion 148th Regiment delaying southeast of Lashio toward Mongai, balance 148th Regiment unlocated possibly Mongai area;

Strength all units listed equals three effective combat battalions; divisional and Army Headquarters already withdrawn from forward areas.

End

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INFORMATION: CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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To: War Department

Fr: DA 13 21 March 1945

From Graybeal for Bissell DA 13.

Following internal India summary dated 15 March 1945:

1- Generally considered satisfactory is the three years and ten months repatriation plan however further reduction after defeat of Germany is expected likely high hopes of early peace raised as a result of the war situation on all fronts.

   Morale unchanged of British troops.
   Unchanged is morale of Indian troops.
   British personnel of Indian Army is most dissatisfied class. Many now paid less than equivalent British service though not receiving Jap campaign pay.
   Not qualified also for repatriation and certain home leave privileges.

   2- AO in agreement.

3- Demanding inclusion of leaders of major political parties as delegates in San Francisco Conference is the Nationalist Press.

   Regarded as beginning of last and decisive phase of European war is a result of latest Allied successes in Europe.

   Welcomed with enthusiasm but tempered by realization before final victory Japan can still put up a stiff fight

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is the Allied entry into Mandalay.

4. Very difficult in Bengal still is the cloth and coal situation.

Due to lack of storage space procurement of grain is being held up in Bengal.

Apart from usual criticisms in Nationalist Press the annual budget was generally approved.

Due to weather conditions and removal of movement restrictions resulting in high prices and black market some deterioration in Bihar food situation is reported.

Mainly due to bad distribution and difficult administration on part of small states a scarcity of grains and high prices prevail locally in Kathiawar.

5. DIB in agreement.

6. If the government will release congress leaders Ghandi apparently is not opposed to various moves for political settlement and for formation of national government on terms already set out by him.

After recent illness his health is almost recovered.

While waiting for suitable moment to intervene in political situation it is believed that his present policy is to allow constructive programme to proceed without interference.

In face of growing Hindu opposition to compromise with Moslem League and owing to divergencies of opinion the Sapru Committee is still progressing slowly.

Hidayatullah has formed new League Ministry in Sind

and Doctor Khan Sahib has now formed Congress ministry in
From: U.S. Military Observer, New Delhi, India.

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NWFP Province.
As result of pressure from League Opposition Party and Myndate from Jinnah Hidayatullah Ministry in Sind resigned.
Also as a result of no confidence motion sponsored by Congress NWFP Province League Ministry resigned.
No Comment by military observer.

End.

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   CG, US Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Administrative, Hickam Field, Territory of Hawaii
   CG, US Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

No: CRAX 6925

G 2 SITREP March 20th, Bissell, WDGBI CRAX 6925 info Weydemeyer, Cheves, Waer, Chennault, Richardson, Nimitz, Timberman, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

XV Corps front - Enemy contact established near Sabyin FF 3223, 16 miles north Teunigup. Further reports received of eastward truck movements toward Minbu FF 1551.

Fourteenth Army front - Estimated Jap Company reoccupied positions just north of Milungbya, six miles north Chauk, now being subjected British artillery fire; enemy artillery also active. Stubborn enemy resistance being met just south Myingyan and Jup artillery fired 250

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Rounds on British position in southern outskirts of town. Enemy casualties continue to mount in Meiktila area. No major change in Mandalay. Many fights south from Mandalay to Kyaukse LF 6320, 25 miles to the south. Prisoners captured vicinity Mandalay identify elements of 51st and 60th Regiments; one states strength of 2nd Battalion 51st Regiment is 100; another states 60th Regimental Headquarters is in Mandalay.

Three prisoners, six miscellaneous guns and much bridging material captured and 40 Japs killed in clearing Sagaing and Sagaing hills.

MCAC front - Only light resistance to British occupation of Mogok, all bridges on road southeast to Monglong reported destroyed. Chinese report enemy contact at two points just southeast Haipaw. Severe fighting in progress near Nalang ST 4726, 16 miles northeast Haipaw; Japs destroyed all boats on Namme River this vicinity and actively patrolling south bank.

South of Lashio on Mangyai road Chinese have reached Namme River ST 8526, 30 road miles south Lashio, without contact.

Japs in Kyaukme area SS 9203, 17 miles southeast Haipaw using main trail south through Kyawkeu LG 5343 and Leikawawk LM 4575 as main withdrawal route to Toungyi; this trail not suitable for trucks and heavy equipment which must use road south through Namlan LH 0795, 25 miles south of Haipaw.
From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

No: CRAX 6925 21 March 1945

March 18th traffic tally south of Namlan shows 230 loaded trucks southward bound and 75 empties returning north.

Comment: Believe Japs have written off northeast Burma and are withdrawing to general Taungyi-Lollem area to protect Jap Fifteenth Army flank and vital line of communication to southeast.

End

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INFO: CC/3, CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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No: CRAX 6867 20 March 1945

0 2 SITREP March 19th Bissell WOGBI CRAX 6867 info Stratmeyer Cheves, Weart, Chonnault, Richardson, Kimmert, Timberman, CG Hickam Field and Stratmeyer from Evans. XV Corps front noticeable decrease enemy activity March 16th and thinning out Jap forces south of Mawnum PX 9697, 4 miles south Ruywa appears in progress with movement trend toward An. Air recce reports Taungup appears deserted and airstrip trenched. Ground sources also state Taungup only lightly held, possibly by small Naval force.

Main Jap forces, probably elements 121st regiment are concentrated 4 to 8 miles east of Taungup. Fourteenth Army front -94 Jap bodies recovered and 5 artillery and antitank guns destroyed in heavy fighting near Milanginya, 6 miles north of Chauk, scrap still in progress. Disc recovered northwest Seikpyu identifies 54th divisional artillery, this coupled with troop movement reported near Tabwin PO 3515, 45 miles west southwest Seikpyu, presumably

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From Arakan coast, is first indication Japs reinforcing this area with elements 54th Division. Near Setsutoyo FF 4755, 15 miles north Kyaukpadaung, 15 wounded and 36 unwounded Jifs captured in flight with mixed party Japs and Jifs; Jifs fought determinedly until arrival of tanks and did not surrender willingly.

Comment: Formerly Jifs had no desire to fight and surrendered easily; elements 2nd Ima Division, possibly the 2nd regiment believed in Kyaukpadaung area. No major change Meiktila, British operations killed 218 Japs on March 18th. All organized enemy resistance cleared north and west of Irrawaddy river in Sagaing area including Sagaing hills. Fighting continues in Mandalay centered mostly around Fort Dufferin, the Catholic church and Gaikwai station. Prisoner states "Jap garrison ordered to fight to last and die gloriously as no relief in sight". Much fighting along rail line south of Mandalay, no details NAC-Front-road northeast from Mogok now clear and British patrols reached Mogok without opposition, no information regarding disposition enemy troops formerly resisting on road near Pinyit 6 miles northeast of Mokok. Nantu-Haipaw road open and area north of Nantu river in Haipaw area believed clear except for small isolated enemy groups bulk of enemy force having withdrawn. Four prisoners taken and additional 153 Japs reported killed. Equipment captured Haipaw area totals 9 tanks, 2 of which are serviceable, 3 trucks, 1 heavy mortar, machine guns and rifles; part this equipment abandoned by Japs.

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No: CRAX 6867 20 March 1945

Chinese advance to Kawngke ST 8332, 16 miles south southeast Lashio on road to Mongyai met no opposition, many Japs reported in two positions astride road 3 and 9 miles further south.

Comment: General withdrawal southward continues and now includes movements south from Mongyai; except for rear guard parties believe entire Jap force moving to Loilem-Taungyai area.

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Nr: CRAX 6707 18 March 1945

G-2 SITREP 17th March, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 6707 info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Weart, Chennault, Richardson, Nimitz, Timberman, Ramsey, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

XV Corps front-reliable source places estimated enemy battalion along road 11 miles northeast of An and 200 Japs five miles south of same village. Southward movement enemy troops from Yebok FY 0087 southward through Kyewu noted.

No opposition British beachhead in Letpan area except for skirmish with five Jap tankettes four miles south Letpan. Natives report 200 Japs and 11 tankettes in Seabaung area FY 2830, nine miles farther south.

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Nr: CRAX 6707 18 March 1945

Fourteenth Army front—two enemy attacks repulsed in Tetma-Shawbin area FF 3346, 9 miles northeast Chauk. Captured operations order dated 5th March shows Jap plan of attacking north in three columns with Nyaungu FF 2375, four miles northeast Pagan, and Nyitoke on opposite bank of Irrawaddy River as objectives; two columns consisting of the 1st and 3rd Battalions 61st Regiment east of the river and third column composed of 153rd Regiment on west bank.

Comment: D Day not stated but due to enemy activity this area, believe operation has been in progress, units considered normal this area. No changes reported Taungtha and Nyingyan areas.

Normal identification 3rd Battalion 151st Regiment made in former area. Nothing new Maltella area except for further details enemy operations night of 15th March: Several attacks supported by artillery launched from northwest, north and northeast, all repulsed with heavy enemy casualties.

Captured documents show 56th Regiment with 1st Battalion 119th Regiment attacked conducted these operations.

Comment: Other documents identify 2nd and 3rd Battalions 119th Regiment but not clear what proportion regiment is present. Addition to above an attack launched from east on main airfield gained some success initially, but British tanks and infantry restored situation inflicting heavy casualties.

CM-IN-19288 (18 Mar 45)
From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi, India

No: CRAX 6707 18 March 1945

All battalions 106th Regiment now identified south of Meiktila plus personnel same regiment in Fifteenth Army special raiding force. Fighting in progress in Ava on south bank Irrawaddy opposite Sagaing and continues in Mandalay. Prisoner states part of Fifteenth Division garrison in Mandalay escaped to south and patrols report considerable movement to south and east.

Comment: All routes from Mandalay-Sagaing area closed and evacuation supplies and equipment believed impossible but foot troops able to evade blockade: Kyaukze LF 6320, 25 miles south Mandalay appears to be assembly point.

NCAC front aided by very difficult terrain enemy still holding British advance in Pimpit area six miles northeast Mogok. Haipaw area Chinese troops in contact with Japs three miles to west northwest and have captured Mannmek, six miles north northeast from withdrawing Japs. Chinese troops in Haipaw repulsed attack from southwest by 50 Japs and five tankettes, 32 enemy killed. No enemy contact south and southwest Lashio.

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    Fort Shafter, T. H.
    CG, US Army Forces, Lado
    CG, US Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector
    Calcutta, India
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    Leyte, Philippines
    General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Advance
    Manila, Philippines
    CG, South Pacific Base Command, Noumea, New Caledonia
    CG, Y Forces, Rear Echelon, Kunming, China
    CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

No: CRAX 6609

17 March 1945

Sultan to Marshall pass to BJSM info MacArthur,
CONGENSOPAC, McClure, Chennault, CONGENFOA, Bostner,
Timmerman, CONGEN Hickam Field, CRAX 6609.

Operational summary for 16 March.

Correct page 2 line 6 to read:

and are now being dealt with tanks doing good job
of clearing Japs in area. Fly in of 9th Brigade halted un-
til situation improved.

CM-IN-19157 (18 Mar 45)

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New Delhi, India.

No: CRAX 6609 17 March 1945

Correct page 2, line 21 to read:

NGAC: Leading battalion of 26th Brigade still in contact at Pinyat at SS 3651 with remainder of Brigade closing on leading elements.

End

NOTE: Supplementary copy of CM IN 18612 (18 Mar 45)

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/S, CG AAF, G-2, Colonel Park, Log

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

Nr: CRAX 6653 17 March 1945

O-2 STTREP 16th March, Bissell WXBY CRAX 6653 info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Heart, Chennault, Richardson, Hams, Timberman, Ramsey, CG Hissam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

XV Corps front-Jap positions 3 miles northeast Tamandu cleared but resistance still being encountered further northeast. No Jap reaction to new British beachhead vicinity of Lefshan PM 3052, 34 miles north Taungup reported. No other change this front.

Fourteenth Army front- 30 Japs killed in fight with

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estimated 150 enemy 2 miles south Letae P0 9659, 14 miles north northwest Siskpyu. Some enemy movement to west side of Irrawaddy in Siskpyu area.

In Mekmila area Jap resistance stiffening and uncoordinated heavy attacks from several directions launched night of 15th March.

Comment: No details these actions as yet but believe Japs unable to coordinate attacks due to fact they have no adequate means of countering rapid thrusts of British armor. New suicide tactics to combat tanks noted - Japs squat in narrow foxhole with aircraft bomb between knees with fuse uppermost, when tank over hole Jap bungs fuse with hard object, no tanks lost.

Indications Jap withdrawing southward in Myotha area and thinning out Sagaing Hills continues. Later report states main road south from Mandalay cut near Sigon LF 5443, 12 miles south Mandalay.

Comment: This completes blockade all escape routes for Japs remaining in Sagaing-Mandalay area.

NOAC front - Japs north of ferry at ST 2625, 7 miles north northeast Haipaw broke through Chinese lines and escaped to south Bani, Haipaw occupied by Chinese from

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northeast without opposition.

Traffic tally south of Namlan LH 0795, 25 miles south of Haipaw, nights of 14th and 15th March shows 287 truck loads supplies to south and 162 empty trucks to north; several hundred Japs reported in Namlan area.

Belated report states 7 heavy guns moved east from Takaw LO 5269, 80 miles east Loilem, to Kengtung.

End

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Nr. CRAX 6467  15 March 1945

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Wademeyer, Weart, Cheves, Chezmaul, Richardson, Nimitz,
Timberman, Ramsey, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

XV Corps front - British troops still meeting stiff
resistance near Tamandu P3 9016, seven miles north Ruywa.
Only light opposition met against new British landing near
Letop Pan 3952, 34 miles north Taungup, comment: Preliminary
reports indicate Japs completely surprised by this operation.
Reliable report states 400 Japs moved east along road from
Padan PT 7725 toward Minbu.

Fourteenth Army front - Jap company which attacked
unsuccessfully near Letae P0 9659, 14 miles north northwest
Seikpyu, now reported withdrawn southward. Night of 12th
March 32 Japs killed near Oilaungya, six miles north of
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Mr. CRAX 6467 15 March 1945

Chauk. Enemy activity increased and night of 13th March number of enemy probing attacks made around perimeter. Melktila area, comment: Believe enemy looking for a soft spot and strong attacks imminent. Only spotty but stiff enemy opposition to expansion of Ngazum bridgehead to east and southeast, comment: British capture of road junction near Tadau LF 4S46, four miles south of Sagaing, closes further escape route leaving only main road south through Kyaukme available to Japanese; consider evacuation of heavy equipment and supplies now impossible. Enemy still resisting stubbornly in Mandalay, north portion of city reported clear. Jap resistance collapsed just east of city and offered no resistance to British advance south of Tonbo located on main road and rail line ten miles southeast Mandalay.

NOAC front - Japs withdrawing from Mongnit have reached general Mogok-Minglong-Mangkung area; additional report states 200 tired and ragged enemy troops from Mogok reached the vicinity of Maywo; comment: They will find Maywo is not a Jap rest camp. Chinese report killing total of 40 Japs in skirmishes with small groups withdrawing south from Pangling, 14 miles northeast Hapow. Decided decrease in enemy artillery noted south of Lashio, 17 Japs killed in minor clashes. Night of 12th March 300 enemy troops were near Hnpyen ST 7438, 10 miles southeast Lashio on road to Mongva. Air officer observer reports three spans Gokteik viaduct completely destroyed.

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CG AAF, OPD, Colonel Park, Log

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   CO, South Pacific Base Command, Noumea, New Caledonia
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XV Corps front:

1st Brigade engaged in heavy fighting in PS 9730 area.

Troops 74th Brigade occupied hill feature in PS 9016 area after artillery preparation. Elsewhere patrolling for no change.

No major change 28th East African Brigade and 7th Division sectors. In Meiktila area patrolling continued. 20th Division troops pushed south and occupied Myotha LF 1531. Other troops reached LF 1040 northwest of Myotha.
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Elements operating east occupied Auktaw LF 2751 and Thaman LF 2944 joining with 2nd Division.

Troops of 2nd Division reached Tawkyakon LF 3045 and captured Letpantsin LF 2856.

Patrols to Nyaugon LF 3146, Leingon LF 3245, and Thayetkon LF 3244 saw no enemy. Clearance of Mandalay continues by 98th Brigade.

Elements of 64th Brigade reached LF 6960. Maymyo believed clear of enemy. Successful ambush netted 46 trucks and 75 MM guns.

Other troops reached Anisjban LF 9645. No contact reported.

NCAC:

36th Division units moving south on Mogok contacted no enemy. Runhavt ST 0733 was occupied by 2nd Battalion of 1st Regiment while 3rd Battalion occupied Tawlaw 58 9139.

Patrols to south encountered no Japs. Remainder 1st Regiment moving to Rundaw. 148th Regiment captured Ponglong ST 2837 and pushed on to mile 15 on Heiraw Road ST 2783. Company occupied Kvangsha at ST 2733. No change 149th and 150th Regiments.

Advance CP of 50th Division opened at Hnamsan. No

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change Mars. 88th Regiment holds general line from road junction at ST 6345 to ST 6543 to ST 6540 against scattered opposition. No other change 30th Division.

113th Regiment passed thru 112 and occupied Loilsen ST 6246 under artillery fire.

112th Regiment moving to garrison Lashio area. No other change 38th Division.

End
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   General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area
   Advanced Echelon, Manila, Philippine Islands

Nr: CPBX 34256
   14 March 1945


French report rated B2 on March 9 code numbers belonging to 2 and 4 Jap Divisions as having been identified from Pnom Penh (10455-1135).

Japs now in complete control at Langson (10655-2150). OSS reports of 12th March rated B3 says Pnom Penh garrison surrendered 10th March. Same source and date info rated 2 that over 20 of the 100 tanks in Bankok moved out to the north at 2000 hours 9 March. destination unknown. Comment:

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Those tanks described as being 7 and 10 ton Chinese Second Area Army Commander now says that 22nd Division moved to FIC late in February and that Cavalry Unit of 13th Division identified in Tienho (10942-2450).

Comment:
22nd Division was reported by Chinese in Manning Area on 19th February and again on 10th March while between these dates they reported identification of 22nd Division east of Canton. It is possible that Units of this Division were sent to Canton Area but movement of the Division as a whole seems unlikely and may well be the Units reported as 2 Regiments moving toward FIC from Manning in book mag number 94 this Headquarters.

500 Japs remain in Suichuan (11425-2622) and street fighting still going on according to 13th March report through Air Force.

Chinese Headquarters says that 27th Division has taken over Tayu-2525(-Kukong)(11315-2455) area from 40th Division. Air Force reports now state 20,000 reported in Namyung (11413-2512) was in error, that it is 2,000 in Namyung with 3,000 in Kukong.

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INFO: CC/3; CG AAF; OPD; Col Park; Log

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Nr: CRAX 6373 14 March 1945

G-2 SITREP 13th March, Bissell WDGBI CRAX-6373 info Wedemeyer, Cheves, Weart, Chennault, Richardson, Himeiz, Tisberman, Ramsey, CG Hickam Field and Wedemeyer from Sultan.

XV Corps front-heavy fighting in progress just south of Delet and no details. Japs have mined mouth of An Chaung FY 0471 according to patrols. Six enemy guns 75 millimeter, reportedly from Taungup, observed being moved from Kywega FY 0781 northeastward toward An.

Comment: Further indicates Jap attempts to replace heavy losses artillery guns and of defense plants east of An.

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Nr:  CRAK 6373  14 March 1945

Fourteenth Army front:

Estimated company Japs unsuccess fully attacked
British headquarters near Letse PO 9659 and 14 miles north
northwest Seikpyu. Prisoner of war and documents place
151st Regiment in general Taungtha area. Captured map shows
112th Regiment of 55th Division in Kyauk padaung area with
boundary between this regiment and 151st running east
southeast through Welaung PP 7667, 10 miles south southwest
of Taungtha.

Comment: Location 151st Regiment considered normal
and arrival on regiment 55th Division from south expected.

Engineers have recovered 140 enemy mines in oper-
ations toward Sinyingan and Taungtha. Fighting continues at
varying distances from Meiktila but to date Japs have not
committed any large forces.

Documents captured near Yindaw LL 3813, 12 miles
south Meiktila identify 1st and 3rd Battalions 106th Regi-
ment and show plan of 106th Regiment to move to vicinity
of Kokkogaing LL 3722, 7 miles southeast Meiktila;

Comment: British preparing suitable reception.
Only slight opposition to British capture of Myotha and
Letpanzin, 15 miles south and 8 miles east of Ngazun re-
spectively.

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Fighting continues in Mandalay and Maymyo reported as "Believed clear". Mandalay brewery captured intact but machinery rusty and vital parts missing. 36 trucks and 9 staff cars captured just southwest Maymyo.

Comment: Documents and prisoner statements indicate apparently Japs plan to hold general line Chauk-Weiung-Myinyen while operating against Maltile area with 16th Division and 106th Regiment, 49th Division.

NCAC front-only small delaying groups being met south of Mawjat and no contact south and southwest of Mahaan and south of Namtu. 60 fresh graves found and 133rd Regiment identified at Fanglong ST 2837, 14 miles north northeast of Haipaw. 150 foot troops observed south of Fanglong moving toward Haipaw. Japs reported burning villages north of ferry across Namtu river ST 2625, 7 miles north northeast Haipaw.

Only scattered opposition and artillery fire to Chinese advances south of Leshio; two Jap artillery pieces destroyed by our counter fire.

140 foot troops in very small groups, 17 truck loads supplies, 75 loaded elephants and 50 loaded mules moved southwest from Maymyo night of 10th March.

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Source considered reliable estimates present enemy
strength in Moeygal at three week battalions. All enemy
anti-aircraft guns reported withdrawal to Gokteik viaduct
LB 4607, 33 miles northeast Maymyo.

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No: CFX-34214  13 March 1945


Fighting between French and Japs reported 11th March at Vientiane (10237 east 1758 north) with French in Laos expected to resist 1500 Japs reported at Udum (10246 east 1727 north).

French garrison at Phnom Penh (10455 east 1135 north) surrendered on afternoon of 10th March.

French say Japs now occupy Hanoi (10746 east 2126 north) and Talung (10635 east 2230 north), latter place IRRATIZED

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occupied on afternoon of 11th March.

A C 3 report says two Jap Regiments from Hengning area were moving via Ningsning (10705 east 2210 north) Pinghsiang (10745 east 2205 north).

Comment: All above reports rated B 2 except where indicated.

OSB says crux of resistance lies with 100,000 native troops depending on whether or not they remain loyal to French. Comment: This figure is believed to be excessive, our best estimate would be 60,000 of which only half are armed.

Reports of 11th March rated C 2 says since now partially occupy Suichuan (11427 east 2645 north) and fighting was still going on.

Ground report thru Air Force rated C 3 states 20,000 troops most of which are puppets are located at Namying (11410 east 2511 north).

Reports of strengths in south China coastal area indicate a general build up and possible move further inland in Swatow area.

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Nr: CRAX 6210

12 March 1945

This is G 2 SITREP for 11th March. Bissell WDGI CRAX 6210 info Wedemeyer, Choueas, Weart, Chennault, Richardson, Nimitz, Timberman, Rayley, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan. This is weekly G 2 summary for week ending 11 March.

XV Corps front enemy troops with high proportion automatic weapons hold road blocks two miles north and five miles south Ruywa.

Fourteenth Army front enemy attacks against British advances near Ywahtit PO 9853, nine miles northwest Seikpyu, repulsed but fire from estimated 2 companies in position on reverse slopes held up further advances; 105 Japs were killed and 153rd Regiment identified.

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Jap road block 6 miles northwest Meiktila broken but Japs later reoccupied position; over 200 Jap bodies counted, 4 guns captured and element's 56th Regiment identified.

Patrol clashes north and northeast Thazi netted 5 Japs killed and 55th Regiment identified near Wundviz LL 4958, 17 miles north Thazi.

Comment: Reinforcement this area by 18th Division was expected; believe 114th Regiment left in Mongmit area for delaying purposes.

An estimated 1,000 Japs with artillery are in the Pyawbwe area T4 5197, 17 miles south of Thazi.

Comment: Believed to be 106th Regiment.

Stiff opposition encountered in capture of Gly and Natthadav, both in area 8 miles south Ngazun, large ammo dump and 9 guns including 3-150 millimeter captured. 100 Japs unsuccessfully attacked Allied positions in area 6 miles east of Ngazun, comment: This attack in daylight without artillery support may have been cover for withdrawal other troops. No change Mandalay area.

NCAC front-confirmed reports states Japs moving supplies northeast of Mogok to south. Enemy troops reported along ridge 9 miles south Mongmit reported to have left that area.

No contact south Namtu, reinforced enemy platoon near Gsamhks BT 3246 has withdrawn to south.

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No change south of Lashio, some enemy artillery including 150 millimeter active.

On southwest coast of Burma Japs have continued to delay toward An and apparent 54th Division intends to delay toward Minbu rather than toward Taungup. Appears that 55th Division responsible for Prome-Taungup road and that elements of this Division have moved north of Prome.

In Yenangyaung area Japs have moved some of their garrison toward Chauk where identifications of 61st Regiment 4th Division and 34th IMB made. These units believed to compose 72nd IMB and move forward indicates more active defense in this area.

In front of British 20th Division bridgehead in Myinsu area persistent but abortive Jap attacks have ceased. Probable however that resistance will continue to gain time to bring forces to bear against Meiktila and Thazi. 2000 Japs killed and much equipment captured in Meiktila. No large concentrations of enemy yet contacted but indications Japs concentrating a force east of Taungha which may be used against British ground LOC to Meiktila.

First identification of 106th Regiment made northeast of Meiktila and elements of 2 Regiments 18th Division identified north of Meiktila as was expected.

Also expect elements of 18th Division to assist disorganized 15th Division in Mandalay fighting.

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From prisoners statement 168th Regiment on way to Meiktila at end of Feb but apparently caught before move completed—only one complete Battalion plus other elements arrived before British struck. In northeast Burma large scale withdrawal continues and now appears Japs do not intend to defend Haipaw area.

Comment: Japs have probably evacuated bulk of troops and supplies necessary from this area already. The movements toward Mandalay coupled with move of 53rd Division to southwest of Mandalay, the withdrawal of 15th Division and presence of 31st and 33rd Divisions have probably increased enemy local reserves in Mandalay-Myingyan-Meiktila area.

Believe Japs will attempt to extricate these forces southeastward though a stiff fight can be expected in the Meiktila area.

Japs in Central Burma are in a critical position and 14th Army has opportunity to wipe out half of Jap forces in Burma.

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G-2 SIGINT 10 March, Bissell WOSL ICRA 6128 info
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Timberman, Ramey, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from
Sultan.

XVth Corps front—enemy thinning out east of Dalat
but British estimate 200 in general area. No other change
reported.

14th Army—No change in enemy situation in Taungtha
or Seikpyu areas. 100 Japs with mules and cart seen in
area 10 miles east of Seikpyu, comment: Natives in area
say these Japs came from Singu area PP 1644 (4 miles north
of Chauk). Unknown number of Japs still hold position at
PP 8581 (2 miles southeast of Taungtha) and some enemy
artillery active against Taungtha. Unreported number of
Japs hold roadblock at PK 7691 (1 mile south of Myingyan) and

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road mined in this area. Estimated 100 Japs resisting at
IL 1644 (9 miles northwest of Meiktilla). British patrol
ambushed by unreported number of Japs at IL 3152 (11 miles
north of Meiktilla) 16 Japs killed but British forced to
withdraw. Numerous small groups of Japs totalling a
battalion in strength located in area north of Pyaybwe
probably with role of screening force while another
battalion believed in Pyaybwe, comment: Both units probably
from 106th Regiment; resistance in general area increasing.
Along perimeter of Myinnu-Ngasun bridgehead strong opposition
met in LF 1855 area but quickly overcome and Japs withdrew,
some enemy artillery continues active against bridgehead.
Prisoner from 128th Regiment states he was part of 300-man
force made up from 18th, 31st, 33rd and 53rd Divisions,
comment: Believe this force consisted mainly of ex-hospital
patients from Myotha area. 100 Japs killed during fighting
in north Mandalay on 9 March Japs east of Mandalay opened
canal gates flooding general area around Pathinjyi LF 6768
and Kyaukthanbat LF 6573 (just east and northeast of Mandalay
respectively). Unreported number of Japs resisting in
Fort Dufferin (in northern part of Mandalay). No air front-
slight opposition, felled trees and mines only opposition
to British capture of Mongmit and Bawyn 1 mile southwest.
As all recent identifications have been 114th Regiment
apparent 56th Regiment has withdrawn. Both air and ground
recon report fresh digging along ridge BS 4564, 9 miles
south Mongmit where previous report placed 200 Japs with
anti-tank guns. Chinese report contact with reinforced
enemy platoon near Hguhka BT 3246, 13 miles south Westu.
Jap 75 millimeter battery active from positions 3 to 4 miles

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Nr: CRAX 6128 11 March 1945

south of Lashio and contact with 100 Japs made same area. Traffic tally south of Fanglong ST 2837, 14 miles north northeast of Haipaw, nights of 6 and 7 March shows 150 foot soldiers and 3 light tanks moving toward Haipaw; 200 Japs with 15 light machine guns also from Fanglong moved east 10 miles to Mansam Falls ST 4636.

End

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Calcutta India

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces India Burma Theater New Delhi India
CG, Air Command Southeast Asia Command Kandy Ceylon

Nr: CABX 3786 10 March 1945

Arnold, Merrill, Mountbatten and Park from Stratemeyer
CABX 3786 AOI.

Chennault advises this is Indo China situation:

A. First report from French stated that Japanese
forces at Langson had attacked the local French garrison at
1330 hours (Greenwich time) on 9 March.

B. On morning of 10 March CG Hq headquarters reported
that according to Chinese sources 1,000 Japanese troops had
taken Hockou, opposite Lackay on the Indo China border, and had
advanced 27 miles up the railroad. Japanese troops were
thought to be from 226th Regiment (37th Division).

C. Another message 10 March, indicated that Japanese
forces had attacked French military positions at Moncay.

D. French military mission reported on morning of
10 March that Japanese attacked the citadel in Hanoi at
2000 hours on 9 March. Detachments of French troops were
retreating westward and were to cross the Black and Red rivers
on 10 March.

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10 March 1945

E. Dosei broadcast on 10 March an imperial announce-
ment that Japanese forces were taking over French garrisons
in Tonking. Japanese seized the Saigon radio facilities at
2400 hours on 9 March, and on the morning of 10 March Saigon
went off the air. The Japanese were aliens occupying gov-
ernment buildings in Saigon.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/74
From:  US Military Attache, Chungking, China
To:    War Department
Nr:    23795  10 March 1945

To MILID 23795 from Wasser
Estimate situation 4 to 10 March.

Japs abandonment several newly won towns and apparent
stalemate Hunan Kwangsi and Kwangtung area indicates
possible change plans and temporary halt drive east in favor
move west toward Kunming. Sources info G-2 rated C-3

However, Japs in Nanchang and Kinhs are as greatly
increased and sufficient to occupy remainder southeast
China.

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To: War Department
CG, US Forces India Burma Theater New Delhi, India
CG, Northern Combat Area, Forward Echelon, Bhamo, Burma
CG, 16th Air Force Kunming, China
CG, Y Force, Forward Echelon, New Delhi, India
CG, Services of Supply, Kunming, China
CG, U.S. Forces Rear Echelon, China Theater, Kunming, China
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, U.S. Army Air Forces India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India
CG, U.S. Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas, Fort Shafter, T.H.
General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Manila, Philippine Islands

Nr: CFBX 34086 10 March 1945

Bissell WDIB pass to BJSN, Sultan, Cannon, Chennault
McClure, Middleton, Cheves, Weart, Ramey, Stratmeyer, MacArthur, COMENPOA CFBX 34086 book message nr 251 from G-2 signed Chennault.

French report received to the effect that Japs have attacked French garrison at Uangson 106000 50 at estimated 1300 hours. French suspect an overall attack on their units since other radio contact are lost. French estimate their ammunition will last two days. This report is rated B2 or higher. Comment this attack probably reflects the desperate situation on the Japa in FAC who fear allied landings and

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From: CO, U.S. Army Forces China Theater, Chungking, China

Nrr: CPAX 34086 10 March 1945

are now taking drastic action to deprive French of their
arms. Motor troop movements also reported in FIC with
arrival of 300 Japs in Saigon from Cambodwa on 3rd Mar and
another 600 on 4th March. 14th Air Force Ground information
received on 8th March reports 500 Japs at Surchwan (11430-
3624), Japs retreating from Yungahlen (114 27-2653) and the
remaining Japs at Surchwan being moved to Kanchow (11454-
2550). Rated F2. Another 14th Air Force Ground report of
8 March stated 2000 Japs were recently moved to Kweilin
from Chuanhsien (11058-2559) rated B3. Same source in
AC 3 report stated that 800 Japs were moved west from Szelo
(10735-2210) on 5 March.

Further troop movements also occurred at Munchang
where Jap veteran troops were replaced by 10,000 recruits,
message received by 14th Air Force on 8th March and rated
B 3. Same source and same rating stated that 40,000 Japs
moved from Shanghai to Hamcheow and that 30,000 Japs were
at Kashing (12055-3051).

Minor activities and troop movements continued in
the Nanyang area according to unrated reports. Comment
these reports of troop movements continue to reflect the
slow Jap concentration on the coastal regions as well
as small tactical regroupings in the west but the alleged
movements of Jap veterans from Munchang might have a bearing
on the repeated reports that the Japs are planning a drive
down the Kan River to the former allied airfield region.

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Nr: CPFX 34066 10 March 1945

14th Air Force Liaison reports of 9 March stated that there were positively no Jap paratroops in Vengyang after close investigation near the city. Comment this represents a strong denial of former reports concerning the presence of paratroops in this area. 14th Air Force reports that bridge east of Kanchow east gate was washed out by flood and not demolished by enemy as previously reported.

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To: War Department
   CG US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China
   CG Rear Echelon, 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 TH
   CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
   CG US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
   CG Army Air Forces Pacific Ocean Area, Administrative
   Hickam Field T H
   CG Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta India

No: CRAX 5933
    9 March 1945

G-2 SITREP 8th March, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 5933 info Wedemeyer, Weart, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson, Himitz, Timberman, Ramey, CG Hickam Field and Stratmeyer from Sultan.

   XV Corps front – enemy strength southwest of Dalot appears to have increased and resistance stiffening. British estimate Jap strength north of Ondoe FS 9424 (4 miles south of Dalot) at 3,400. Estimated two Jap Companies attacked British positions in FS 9116 area (just east of Tamanu). Numerous small groups of enemy totalling two companies continue to resist British advances in areas six to eight miles northeast of Ruywa.

   Fourteenth Army front – estimated Jap company with machine guns holding positions at FO 9555 (12 miles northwest

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of Seikpyu), comment: Resistance this area believed to be elements of 1st Bn 153rd Regt which moved in from Sawai area. Local reports indicate that a relief of 2nd Bn 153rd Regt
is taking place in area north of Chauk. Comment: Since 188th Independent Inf Bn 34 IMB recently identified this area, believe this unit effecting relief.

No change in areas south of Myingyan. Some Jap artillery active against Taungtha, further 15 Japs killed during mopping up in area. Contacts with small groups continue to be reported in Maiktila area. Jap mine field covered by small area fire encountered just southwest of Sadaung LL 4309 (16 miles south southeast of Maiktila).

Possible identification of 106th Regiment 49th Div made in area north of Pyabwe LL 5097 (23 miles south southeast of Maiktila), but details lacking. Comment: First identification of this unit.

Only enemy patrols active along Myinnou-Ngazon bridgehead perimeter, some enemy artillery active against Ngazon sector. Enemy resistance being met in area of hill southeast of OTP 5970 (4 miles north of Mandalay), comment: Strength and rapidity of British advance surprising Japs and opposition appears very disorganized. Our estimate of 15th March for fall of Mandalay now appears slightly conservative.

NOCF front - skirmishes with * * * * only enemy contacts on this front. Reliable source states Japs have ordered movement of ammo and supplies in Haipaw area to Namlan 25 mi S. Further report states Japs in Haipaw area

CM-IN-9803 (9 Mar 45)
From: CO US Army Forces, India Burma Theater, New Delhi India

No: CRAX 5933

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will withdraw 38 miles south southwest Manli LH 1577 and Kyaukme Japs south through Haikwi, 14 miles south of Kyaukme; several enemy groups are reported already in these areas.

Japs troops at Taunggyi LH 6418 moving to nearby villages according to highly rated report. Comment: More and more indications of no defense of Haipaw area.

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CG Services of Supply Kunming China
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CG US Army Forces in the Far East Advanced Manila Philippines
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CG Air Transport Command Karachi India

Sr: CPBM 33049 9 March 1945


The following report from Air Force rated F 2:

75 tanks 1 mile east of Yinkiao (11334 east 3346); 13 tanks and 300 Japs reported 2 miles southwest of Yinkiao; 12 tanks and 34 trucks reported west of Yehsien (11317 east 3336 north) and 5 tanks and 15 armored cars 1 mile southwest of Yehsien; also reported was 1300th Cavalry at Hewt (11337 east 3302 north) and it was reported that this unit was being reinforced by 2500 Japs from Naochang (11346 east 3400 north). Comment: The 154 vehicles listed above part of which tanks may have given rise to the report of 200

CM-IN-9711 (9 Mar 45)
From: CO US Army Forces China Theater Chungking China

9 March 1945

In the central China area contact continues according to reports dated 6th March rated B 2: 16 miles north of and along the river bank southwest of Suichuen (114°28 east 26°25 north) it was reported by same source that the 8th Division was to be replaced gradually by units of the 58th Division, the 40th Division moving toward Chenshian (112°40 east 26°47 north). In the Paoching-Hengyang area air recon observes no activity. Movement south along Changsha-Siangtan (112°48 east 27°52 north) road continues to be reported. Above column on troops moving south along railroad tracks was attacked by air killing one. Comment: All above rated C 2 or better however no estimate of troops involved in this southward movement was given.

Office of Strategic Service reports rated B 3 again report 10,000 Japs in area northeast of Paoching. From same sources with same rating 1st March report saying units of the Thirtieth Army are scheduled to move to Linhai (121°07 east 28°53N) Ninghai (121°25 east 29°18 north), Kuangyen (121°15 east 28°41 north) and Luching (120°57 east 26°08 north). Comment: This said to be in keeping with reported Jap plans to occupy all free areas along the Chikoang Coast.

Navy group report 6th March rated B 2 that 1st Armored Div Brigade and 3rd Korean Divisions are now ready to move.

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Nr: CIP2X 33949 9 March 1945

assembled at Pusan (12901 east 3505 north), 2 divisions reported to be slated for north Kuriles. Comment: It is not clear whether the 2 divisions are a part of or in addition to the 3 divisions at Pusan.

Late reports from 24th Group Army rated C 3 say 500 Japs with 6 AT guns and 6-75 millimeter guns moved to pocking from Hengyang on 1st March. Same source reports 5,000 Jap para troopers in Hengyang. Comment: Latter item seems to bear out previously reported Jap proposed plans to move to the west of the Hengyang-Luchow corridors.

End

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To: War Department.
Nr: CDA 12 8 March 1945.
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Internal India summary dated 1 March 1945. 1-Making little progress are moves by Sapru and Bhulalchhai Deol for political settlements. There is no place for mass civil disobedience in present congress plans said Gandhi commenting in press on restrictions on 5 Bihar congressmen but should government thwart "Constructive Programme" the right of individual resistance exists. Mollins remain antagonistic and indifferent while most Hindu Mahasabha and congress leaders expressed scepticism.

2-DIB agrees.

3-In regard to early end of Japanese war public confidence has increased due to events in Pacific Theater. General approval is indicated by reactions to Yalta conference. Belief however that owing to divergent ideologies differences ultimately will arise between western democracies and Russia. Temporarily checked is tendency to look for signs of Allied disunity.

4-AG agrees,

5-At food conference recently in Delhi the main findings were (1) attention chiefly being directed to other foods such as milk poultry vegetables and fish which remains scarce and expensive in most places. From Bengal and else-

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From: U.S. Military Observer, New Delhi, India.

Mr: CDA 12 8 March 1945.

where is report of shortage of cloth and believed in some places due to inefficient distribution control and transactions on black market. No hoarding or panic has resulted unlike last year although there has been a sudden rise in grain prices in Bihar.

(2) As much if not more food will be had by Indian civilians due to successful policy of price control distribution of food grains and procurement.

6 Main concern of BOR's still reduction of tour overseas and repatriation. British troop morale remains high. Limitation of short home leave are realized but slightly more popular is scheme. Post War benefits system accepted by majority as reasonable but gratuity in cash is considered too small by many individuals. Equal gratuities are demanded for all ranks by some and it is felt by some officers that gratuities should be comparable to those of 1919. Indian troops anxious for Japanese campaign pay decision. Military observer has no comment.

End.

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To: War Department
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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,
Ft. Shafter, T. H.
CG, US Army Liaison Section, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Khargpur, India
CG, Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Administrative,
Hickam Field, T. H.
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

Nr: CRAX 5861 8 March 1945

02 SITREP 7th March, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 5861 info Wedemeyer, Heatt, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson, Himitz,
Timberman, Ramay, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from
Sultan.

XV Corps-no change in the enemy situation.

Fourteenth Army-British patrols report 100 Japs in
PO 4554 area (six miles east of *). No change in Ywathit-
Seikpyu area. Local reports indicate that Japs withdrawing
southward from the Singu area PP 1644 (4 miles north of Chauk).

* - Division states whole regiment moved into
Myingyan-Tauntha area one week ago, gives strength of 1st
Battalion as 100, comment, Indicative of shift south from
Myinnu-Ngasun bridgehead area to meet new threat farther south.

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Mopping up continues in Meiktila area, prisoner from 1st Battalion 215th Regiment taken in Meiktila says whole Battalion moving to Meiktila area. Two Jap hospitals taken first day of fighting in Meiktila, comment: Since majority of 47 prisoners captured in Meiktila were hospital patients this explains unusually large number taken.

American observer just back from Meiktila area states that British estimate of 2000 Japs killed in Meiktila is not overestimated.

Preliminary translation of order of battle document not yet received here shows strength of Fifteenth Army as slightly less than 30,000 all troops on 7th January, comment: This figure confirms strength estimate of this headquarters.

General comment: Believe British can impose worst defeat Japs have suffered in Burma if present gains exploited now since Jap position north of Meiktila deteriorating rapidly. Except for artillery action Japs relatively quiet along Myinn-Ngasun bridgehead, comment: Indications that reaction to Meiktila thrust causing some thinning out in Myinn-Ngasun bridgehead area.

North of Mandalay British have advanced to Malaya and possibly farther south, Japs withdrawing in face of British advance and only scattered resistance being met.

15th Division countering this advance still appears completely disorganized.
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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
      New Delhi, India

Mr: GAX 5861 8 March 1945

NCAC front-only enemy contact on entire front is
with 50 Japs with machine guns in positions along road six
miles south southeast of Nyalson. Fire from three artillery
pieces 75 millimeter only opposition to capture of Old Lashio
on 6th March.

On 7th March above pieces knocked out and new
Lashio also occupied without opposition.

Report dated March states 600 Japs from Haipav
arrived in Mongyi area LC 7915, 40 miles south southeast
Lashio. Over 600 foot troops, four artillery pieces, 640
horses and 187 truckloads of troops and supplies moved southwest
from Haymyo on 4th and 5th March, some traffic to northeast also but consisted mainly of empty trucks.

Comment: All indications now point to a complete
withdrawal from northeast Burma and believe that, under
pressure, the Japs will not fight for Haipav.

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To: War Department
Nr: 23794

7 & March 1945
To MILID 23794 from Wasser

Lienhwa, Chaling and Yunghahin on Kiangsi front abandoned by Japs occupied by Chinese 23, 26 Feb and 1 March respectively. Source Sino G2 rated G3. 4,000 of Jap 17th Div from Rabaul reported landed Tourane in French Indo China.

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       CG, Air Service Command, India Burma Sector
       Calcutta, India
       CG, US Forces China Theater, Chungking, China
       CG, Southeast Asia Command, Rear Echelon
               New Delhi, India
       Supreme Allied Commander, Southeast Asia Command
               Kandy, Ceylon

Nr: OCH 1353

7 March 1945

TOP SECRET to Marshall for Joint Chiefs of Staff info
Marshall for Wedemeyer, Evans, Reese, Timberman, Gross, Weart,
McClure, Stratemeyer, Tunner from Sultan OCH 1353 HQ SEAC
please pass to USA Liaison Section Kandy.

Supreme Allied Commander stated in conversation at
Myitkyina on 7th March that he had offered to transfer to
China cadres from Mars Brigade to the equivalent of a battalion
in strength because he thought cadre would be of greater use
to China. When he was told that a battalion as such would
be more acceptable to China and would injure the remainder of
the brigade less, he agreed to transfer of one battalion of
Mars Brigade immediately.

ACTION: GEN HULL
INFO: JCS, ADM LEAHY, GEN ARNOLD, ADM KING, C OF S
ON-IN-7151 (7 Mar 45) DSG 7005397

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    CG, US Army Liaison Section, Rangoon, Burma
    CG, Army Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas, Administrative, Hickam Field, T.H.
    CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Calcutta, India

Nr: CRAX 5774 7 March 1945

G-2 SITREP 6th March, Bissell WDGBI CRAX 5774 info Wedemeyer, Heart, Cheves, Chennault, Richardson, Nimitz, Timberman, Ransay, CG Hickam Field and Stratmeyer from Sultan.

XV Corps Front.

No change in the enemy situation reported.

Fourteenth Army Front.

Jap position astride Saw-Seikpyu road at PF 9552 (two miles west of Ywathit) captured without opposition

CM-IN-7444 (7 Mar 45)

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From: CG, US Army Forces, India Burma Theater,
New Delhi, India
Mr: ORX 5774 7 March 1945

following Allied airstrike, Eight Japs killed during British attack on position at FO 9852 (one mile southwest of Ywathit), estimated enemy platoon still in position. Jap strength in Singu area FF 1644 area (four miles north of Chauk) increasing, two columns troops reported moving north from Singu, comment: Build up expected as depleted 2nd Battalion, 153rd Regiment requires immediate reinforcement.

Identity disc found Mondaing PP 23/4 (eight miles northeast of Chauk) identifies 188th Independent Infantry Battalion 34th IMB, comment: Supports statement of prisoner from this unit captured at Meiktila that 188th in Yenangyaung area. Japs driven out of position one mile northeast of Shwega PP 7397 (four miles south southwest of Nyingyan) but some snipers still active. 160 Japs killed, four prisoners taken and five guns captured during elimination of enemy roadblock at LL 4143 (eight miles northeast of Meiktila).

Along general line Mahlaing-Meiktila seems to be increase in number of Japs and also increase noted in Taungtha-Mahlaing area, comment: This supported by native reports of many Japs in area and British patrols being ambushed in areas southeast of Mahlaing. A strong Jap counter attack can be expected in the Meiktila-Thanzi area in the near future.

The 17th Division plus 255th Tank Brigade have taken Japs by surprise in this thrust and as it threatens their best escape route east they must fight for it. Only enemy patrol activity along British 2nd and 20th Divisions
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bridgehead but Jap artillery continues active. During capture of Magwaya IA 6116 (13 miles north of Madaya) enemy resisted stubbornly. Estimated two platoons of enemy contacted at IA 5808 tenaciously holding positions. No strong resistance reported by British troops pushing south of Chaung-wa-wadi in Udin area LF 2399 (six miles north northwest of M Madaya).

NCAC Front.

Several hundred Japs and a hospital are reported in Mansat SS 4960, five miles south Mongnit, comment: Mansat is believed a supply center for remaining troops to north and west. Chinese troops captured 11 unserviceable locomotives and 24 cars on small two foot gauge rail line near Sookman ST 3927, 11 miles southeast Namtu.

Wells found poisoned in villages of Hokho ST 3652 and Pang-lav ST 2546 in area 10 to 13 miles south Namtu. Namyo ST 5249, 10 miles southwest Lashio, and the neighboring villages clear of enemy; old Lashio and airstrip captured apparently without opposition 6th March; comment: Except for small delaying groups believe enemy have completed evacuation of Lashio area.

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Number: CRAX 5755
7 March 1945


XV Corps front: 1st Brigade of RG West African Div is concentration in Dalet P5 9631 with no other details given. 4th Brigade minus five NR is at Samonn FT 58933. 5 NR advanced to FT 5898 making contact with 25 Div troops. 74 Brigade troops captured Tamandu. 53 Brigade elements patrolled to Mawhun FX 9197 without contact. Leading element of two West African Brigade moving north from Sabagyi to PT 0412. Elements still in contact with Jap position at PT 0406 east of Sabagyi. Morning up continued on Ramree Island.

XIV Army front: 28 East African brigade occupied position on Saw-Seidkyu road after air strike near milestone 12 at PO 9533. An enemy group at PO 9655 was engaged with 15

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Casualties to Japs. Patrolling continued in area south and southeast of Pagan by 89 Brigade troops. Battalion of 33 Brigade cleared Jap opposition in Shwe area and advanced to FF 7499 road junction two miles southwest of Nyingyan meeting some Jap sniper fire. Battalion on west reached point at five miles southwest of Nyingyan. 17 Div troops cleared enemy pocket at Okahtikon LL 3834. Others moving to Wundwin liquidated Jap road block at Thadan LL 4143. 20th Div bridgehead extended by link up of 32 Brigade troops that crossed from islands to east bank.

100 Brigade troops attacked Japs in LF 0151 area and drove them south to LF 0149. 20th Div Hqrs moved to A'ethaung FK 9756. 2nd Div patrols were active. Jap position contacted at LF 1050 near Myinta. Fayadu LF 1756 and Letpantabin LF 1757 reported clear of enemy. 19th Div advance continued to south against some stubborn opposition encountered by 64 Brigade at LA 6116 which was cleared. Division has reached line of Chaungmargi River. Hqrs 19th Div opened at Myahinta LF 5402. Hqrs 62 Bde in LA 5704 area. 64 Brigade in LA area. 6604. Battalion on island crossed to south bank and wiped out enemy at Udein LF 5299 and pushed south to LF 5195 area.

ECAC: Battalion of 26 Bde moving on Mawmil road reached SS 3979 after dispersing Jap outpost. 72 Bde units closed on leading elements. Lead troops of 29 Brigade advanced to milestone 15 SS 2368 after a sharp action with Japs in area. Patrol from 1st Chinese Regt to Loe Ya SS 7791 saw no Japs. 148 Regt moved * without opposition. Regt Hqrs and 3rd Battalion are at ST 4671. 1st Battalion at ST 5063 and 2nd Bn at ST 4661. 149 Regt Hqrs in Naksai ST 4490 area. 150 Regt patrols were active. 2nd Serial of 124 Cavalry closed in 50 9603 area.

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HQs 275 Infantry and 1st Bn reached 80 7612 area. 88 Regt crossing Nam Yao river into ST 8260 area with leading elements at ST 7958 without contact. Leading elements of 112 Regt reached Nam Yao River at ST 7062. 113 Regt reached Mankang ST 6567 enroute to Inai Long ST 5660. 114 Regt advanced to ST 7878 area.

Flash: Airfield and town of old Lashio captured and occupied by 1st Army on 6th March.

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No: CRAX 5675

6 March 1945

G-2 SITREP 5th March, Bissell WDB ECRAX 5675 info
Wedemeyer, Weart, Chaves, Chennault, Richardson, Timberman,
Ramey, CG Hickam Field and Stratemeyer from Sultan.

XV Corps front - enemy artillery active against Ruywa
area. On night of 27 February Japs made four artillery
supported attacks on British positions in PT 0406 area (8 miles
east of Ruywa) all attacks repulsed but artillery shelling
continued all night. In Mechaung bridgehead area much
bridging material, weapons and ammunition captured.

Fourteenth Army front - now reported Jap positions
abrade Sekkyu - Baw road at PT 9552 (2 miles west of Ywathit)
strongly held. Jap position has bunkers and machine gun
posts, no strengths given. At least 300 Japs attacked
British position one mile east of Ywathit PT 1749 (6 miles
north northeast of Chauk) on 4th March, Japs repulsed by

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British artillery fire and air support, 39 dead Japs counted so far. Some small numbers of enemy found in FP 7784 area (3 miles west of Taungtha). Estimated company of Japs holding positions in area one mile northeast of Shwega FP 7397 (4 miles south southwest of Myingyan). 800 dead Japs counted following capture of Meiktila but estimated count will reach 1,000. Trying to break through British roadblock at LL 3538 (4 miles northeast of Meiktila) 200 of unknown number of Japs killed.

At Cehitkon LL 3834 (5 miles east of Meiktila) 65 Japs killed and more enemy reported resisting in area. Prisoner captured at Meiktila from 168th Regiment states he was member of 250 man advance party made up from all battalions and regimental headquarters which arrived in Meiktila area late in February and that remainder of regiment was to follow.

Comment: We expect Japs will react strongly to operations in Meiktila - Thazi area since bulk of Burma area Army threatened.

Enemy patrols and artillery active against Myinmu bridgehead, locals say Japs running short of food this area. Jap artillery continues active against Zalokma area LF 1151 (3 miles south of Ngazun). Village at LF 1757 (4 miles east southeast of Myinmu) recaptured by Japs and some enemy reported active in hills running from LF 1956 to LF 2155 (4 miles east of Ngazun). Enemy opposition in areas south and southeast of Singu reported as disorganized and no longer coordinated.

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6 March 1945

British troops meeting opposition from enemy holding features north and south of Magwetaya LA 6116 (13 miles north of Maday). British troops reported at IA 5400 (20 miles north of Mandalay) but details lacking.

NCAC front - British troops regained enemy contact along trail 14 miles west of Mongnit. Nothing reported south of Namtu and no opposition along road north of Lashio. 200 Japs with artillery confirmed along ridge four miles northwest Lashio on 4th March. Air photos indicate defense positions at new and old Lashio unoccupied and give impression whole area has been evacuated.

Fairly reliable report dated 25th Feb states high Jap Officer ordered slow withdrawal from Lashio to Haipaw and Tamggeyi LA 6418. Number Jap troops in Kyaukme SS 9203 varies greatly from day to day indicating continuous arrivals and departures. Traffic toward Mandalay from Maymyo continues but on reduced scale; on 3rd March 37 truck loads supplies, 150 foot troops and four guns 105 millimeter drawn by half tracks moved southwest and 29 empty trucks went northeast.

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5 March 1945

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Following is G-2 SITREP for 4th March - XV Corps
Front - no change in enemy situation.

Fourteenth Army Front - Jap positions astride Seikgyu - saw road at PO 9552 (2 miles west of Ywathit) lightly held. 36 of 70 Japs holding positions in PP 0054 area (1 mile east of Ywathit) have been killed during recent British attacks. British patrols approaching Singu PP 1546 (4 miles north of Chauk) fired on from all directions.

Further identification of 2nd Battalion 153rd Regiment made in Ywathit PP 1749 (6 miles north northeast of Chauk) where 7 Japs killed. Between 30 and 50 Japs killed at Nyaunggan PP 7293 (6 miles south southwest of Myikgyan), comment: before Myikgyan captured stiff opposition likely. British estimate Heiktila held by estimated 2,500 Japs of which at least

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1,200 killed and 43 prisoners taken. Captured documents show that Meiktila Force expected to make suicide stand. Count of guns captured Meiktila area now reached 35-40 all types and sizes. JIC prisoners referred to in SITREP of 2nd March state that Japs exploiting local manufacturing to supplement weapons and ammunition supply, comment: this evidenced by captured 3 inch mortar and hand grenade in Meiktila area which were apparently home-made. British estimate 150 Japs hold positions astride road just east of Thasai LL 5228 (13 miles east of Meiktila) and estimated enemy company with 75 millimeter and 2 anti-aircraft guns hold dug-in positions astride road 2 miles southwest of Thedaw LL 3804 (6 miles northeast of Meiktila). Japs quiet along Nyinmu bridgehead perimeter. British in Zolama area LF 1151 (3 miles south of Ngamus) receiving sporadic artillery fire and small enemy infiltration patrols active this area. Approximately 50 enemy contacted in LF 1755 area (2 miles east of Ngamus), comment: Jap reaction to British 2nd Division bridgehead increasing. Estimated 50 Japs attacked Saya on 3 March last attack had artillery support, 15 enemy killed, no identifications reported. Unknown number of Japs raided Wetlet LA 2613 (35 miles north of Sagaing) on 2 March firing some buildings, they are believed to have captured some British personnel. No chance in areas southeast of Singu.

EACOG - Only light enemy opposition on all sectors this front, 4 Jap 75 millimeter artillery pieces active north of Lashio. Reports indicate main Jap forces in areas west, north and northeast Mongmit began withdrawal about 20th February leaving covering screen of patrols armed with light machine guns. Estimated 700 Japs with 100 elephants successfully attacked by Allied air strike near Kankak SG 5722, 8 miles southeast Mongmit. Kachik patrols entered

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Hamtao rail station ST 5289, 10 miles west southwest Lashio, without sighting enemy; comment: strengthens estimate Japs will not fight for Lashio. Check southward traffic between Maymyo and Mandalay night of 2nd March shows 53 truck loads troops and supplies, several 75 millimeter artillery pieces and about 1,100 marching troops; 37 empty trucks to the northeast.

This is G-2 summary for week ending 4th March -

During week Japs continued resistance in Myinsu bridgehead but in other sectors have given ground. Little change on southwest coast. 55th Division inactive but slight evidence regiment this division may be in Yenangyaung vicinity. 54th Division still resisting north and west of An and indications Japs will attempt to hold positions astride An-Minbu road 6-8 miles east of An. However, 54th Division considerably reduced in strength and not capable of sustained defense although will resist British push toward Minbu and Irrawaddy. Although the Japs have been active in the Seikpyu area there are indications that they are thinning out. Direction of movement not known but logistical that should move east of river to meet drive of British 7th Division south from Pagan. Japs were evidently completely wrong in their estimate of British intentions as evidenced by success of 17th Divisions drive operating toward Meiktila. Only service troops identified and no apparent reaction to meet British threat which will completely disrupt communication centers of Meiktila and Thazi. South of Myinsu on British 20th Division front enemy fighting back strongly. Identifications show 16th Regiment doing the fighting which probably indicates that 53rd and 31st Divisions moving to meet more serious

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threat from British 2nd Division pushing east from Rangoon. North of Mandalay weak 15th Division, only fall back but will delay British advance as much as possible. In northeast Burma 18th Division withdrawing south. This move together with much movement from Maymyo Mandalay probably indicates that 18th moving to assist in countering threat to Mandalay. No indications Jap intend to make a stand for Lashio. Lashio will soon be made untenable due to the potential threat to the enemy flank from the Namtu area.

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INFO: CG AAF, OPD, Colonel Park, Log

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Delayed air operations for 1 March: 4 P 40s reconne
Naning area and dropped leaflets.

Now follows 2 March operations. Photo mission covered
targets * and Fingsiag (10644 - 2205) 2 P 51s found weather
non operational in Ishan area (10858 - 2433). Photo mission
covered vicinity of Naning with trikes. 2 Sharks reconne
road Wuming - Hangyang - Pinyang observing no activity.
2 P 40s reconne West River from Wungshun (10854 - 224 -
10 - 2235). 2 P 38s reconne Red River valley in French-

CM-IN- 4100 (4 Mar 45)
From: CG, US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China

Nr: CFBX 33770  4 March 1945

Indo China. 7 fighters patrolled Burma Road. 5 Lib Liberators attacked 1 SB and 2 unidentified at (10900 - 2005) with SB claimed sunk; attacked 7 unidentified vessels at (10525 - 2031) with 1 damaged; attacked 4 unidentified at (11100 - 2*) with no claims.

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XV Corps front- Estimated Jap company holding positions in PT 0506 area (6 miles east of Ruywa). Some slight resistance met 1 mile northeast of Mawun PT 9697 (4 miles south of Ruywa). Some indications Jap reinforcements arrived Daleit area. Natives report 2,000 enemy in PT 2307 area (4 miles east of An), comment: numbers believed exaggerated but believe this may be part of main defenses of pass area.

XIV Army front - No change in enemy situation in Seikpyu area. No change enemy situation north and south of

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From: CG US Forces India Burma Theater New Delhi India  
Nr.: CRAX 5417  
3 March 1945  

Pagan at Kyao PP 1651 meeting some slight resistance from machine gun positions and 20 miles east northeast of Pagan meeting no opposition. 4 JIP staff officers surrendered at Kyaw PP 4862 (19 miles east southeast of Pagan), stated Jap regiment moving into Khaupdaung from south and 2 battalions already arrived, comment: with surrender of JIP officers may expect large surrenders of JIPS in future. 100 Japs killed at Meiktila during fighting on 1 March; 41 unserviceable Jap planes on Meiktila airfields, 16 guns all types and 3 truckloads of signal equipment in good condition captured in Meiktila area.

Strong Jap positions contacted in PK 9049 areas (8 miles southwest of Myinku) but no strength given. During action to clear Inya PK 9350 and Yein PK 9451 (6 miles south of Myinku) on 28 February 149 Japs killed and further 40 killed during unsuccessful counterattacks on villages following morning. Accurate Jap shelling of Inya on 1 March killed 3 British officers. Enemy now quiet in Myinku bridgehead area.

Kalaywa LF 0356 (3 miles south southeast of Myinku) captured against strong enemy resistance, 29 dead Japs counted. British troops extending bridgehead in area 5 miles southeast of Ngazun LF 1357 meeting only sniper fire and Kyautalison LF 2157 (5 miles east of Ngazun) reported clear of enemy, comment: No signs enemy buildup against this bridgehead area. Strong Jap resistance to British capture of Tongyi LA 5200 and Togying (8 miles south southeast of Singu) and strong opposition still being met just south of

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villages, no strengths given.

NCAC front - No major change enemy situation this front. Reliable report places 200 Japs with radio in positions on high ground 4 miles southwest Lashio and 700 Japs 3 miles east of Kyakme ST 9702. Recent traffic between Mandalay and Myayyo continues on reduced scale but 3 groups of about 400 each marched toward Mandalay during period 25-28 February.

Additional information regarding ammo dumps captured vicinity Namsapalas ST 7346. All ammo dumps could be located from road by slash marks on trees which bore Jap character for tree followed by a number. 1 dump contained 2,000 rounds artillery ammo including 8spigot mortar 32 centimeter projectiles.

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SENT TO THOSE PLACES THE 2ND AND 4TH FLOTILLAS OF COMBINED FLEET CONSISTING OF 4 CRUISERS 1 DESTROYER 28 SUB CHASERS 3 SUB SUPPLY SHIPS AND 41 SUBS. REMNANTS OF JAP SOUTH SEAS FLEET HAVE BEEN ORDERED NORTH AND TOLD TO RAM ANY ALLIED SHIPS THEY MEET ENROUTE. B 3.

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CONTINUING EXPLOITATION OF JAP APPARENT RELUCTANCE STRONGLY
TO DEFEND RECENTLY CAPTURED KIANSI AIR BASES CHINESE UNITS
FRESH FROM RECONQUEST OF SUICHUAN PRESSSED TOWARD KANHSIEN.
ON 17TH REPORTED WITHIN 1 MILE OF SHUITING ON EAST SIDE OF
KAN RIVER OPPOSITE KANHSIEN. INDICATIONS JAP THAT AREA
CONTINUING WITHDRAWAL TOWARD CHUCHLIANQ. IN HUNAN CHINESE
REPORTED THEIR TROOPS HAD SURROUNDED ANJEN AND SOME ELEMENTS
ENTERED CITY. ALSO CONTINUING DRIVE ON YUHSIEN. INCREASED
JAP ACTIVITY NOTED IN KIANGSI AROUND LIUCHOW AND KHELIN
MIGHT MEAN SAY CHINESE NEW ENEMY DRIVE IN LIUCHOW HOCHIH
CORRIDOR. ON COAST JAP GARRISON REPORTED BEING BUILT UP
FROM YUNGHIA SOUTH TO LIMOU SAUING AND SHANTOU. REPORTS
OF SHIFTING OF ARMORED UNITS IN PINHACHAIRL CORRIDOR MIGHT
PRESS STRIKE TOWARD NANYANG ELSEWHERE CHINA FRONTS QUIET.

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South Hoi Tong Hotel

116.29

Kowloon to Kowloon

114.50

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**NAVAL MESSAGE**

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**INFORMATION**

- **PRIORITY**: PRRR
- **ROUTINE**: DEFERRED
- **CODE**: AB46
- **OPERATIONAL CHECK**: 
- **DEPARTMENT**: COMINCH
- **UNIT**: COMNAVGRP CHINA
- **SHIP**: COM 7TH FLT
- **AIRCRAFT**: VCNSPA

**ORIGINAL FILL IN DATE AND TIME: DATE TIME**

**ACTION**

| F-0 | F-00 | F-01 | F-02 | F-03 | F-07 | F-1 | F-2 | F-30 | F-3 | F-30 | F-31 | F-32 | F-33 | F-34 | F-4 | F-5 | F-6 | F-7 | F-8 | F-9 | F-10 | F-11 | F-12 | F-13 | F-14 | F-15 | F-16 | F-17 | F-18 | F-19 | F-20 | F-21 | F-22 | F-23 | F-24 | F-25 | F-26 | F-27 | F-28 | F-29 | F-30 | F-31 | F-32 | F-33 | F-34 | F-35 | F-36 | F-37 | F-38 | F-39 | F-40 | F-41 | F-42 | F-43 | F-44 | F-45 | F-46 | F-47 | F-48 | F-49 | F-50 | F-51 | F-52 |
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**RECEIVED REENCIPHERED AS 161612**

*(FROM CINCPAC ADV HQ. ACTION TO COMINCH INFO TO COMNAVGRP CHINA COMGEN CHINA COM 7TH FLT CINCSPWA)*

**COMNAVGRP CHINA DIS 151B23. IN VIEW URDIS 271B06**

**NOVEMBER BELIEVE ILE DE LA CABIA WITHIN JURISDICTION COMGEN CHINA. NOT OF ANY MILITARY VALUE TO CINCPAC. NO ACTION BEING TAKEN BY CINCPAC.**

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FROM: ALUSNA CHUNGKING

RELEASED BY: 10 MARCH 1945

DATE: 1825

TOR CODE ROOM: JOSTEN/MONROE

DECODED: BRALOWE/LAPE

TYPED BY: TELSHOW

ROUTE BY: CASE 1 OF 2

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FRENCH GARRISON AT LANGSON INDO CHINA HEARD BY FRENCH MILITARY MISSION IN CHINA IN EN CLAIR RADIO APPEAL FOR URGENT AIR INTERVENTION FOLLOWING ATTACK BY JAPS 0600Z 9TH. SAYS SITUATION DIFFICULT. GARRISON HAS 4 BATTALIONS ABD 3 BATTALIONS OF ARTILLERY TOTAL 5000 TROOPS SAYS CHIEF OF FRENCH MISSION WHO CONCEDES JAPS STRIKING AT FRENCH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN ESTABLISHMENTS THROUGHOUT INDO CHINA. DOME FROM SAIGON ON 10TH CLAIMS ALL FRENCH MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS IN HANOI SEIZED. FRENCH MISSION SAYS 35000 FRENCH COLONIAL TROOPS NOW IN INDO CHINA INCLUDING 10000 FRENCHMEN OF WHOM HALF COMBAT FORCES AND HALF STAFF AND SERVICE TROOPS. SAME SOURCE REPORTS JAP 37TH DIVISION NORTH OF RED RIVER. 21ST DIVISION SOUTH OF RIVER IN TONGKIN NORTHERN ANNAM AND LAOS. 34TH IMB IN CENTRAL ANNAM BETWEEN QUANG TRI AND QUANG NGA. 4TH IMB SOUTHERN ANNAM. FRENCH BELIEVE TROOPS IN RED

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Part 1: 101005 NCR 2834
Part 2: 100945 NCR 2839

French garrison at Langson Indo China heard by
French Military Mission in China, in en clair radio appeal
for urgent air intervention following attack by Japs 0600Z, 9th. Says situation difficult. Garrison has 4 battalions
ABD, 3 battalions of artillery, total 5000 troops, says
Chief of French Mission, who concedes Japs striking at French
military and civilian establishments throughout Indo China.

Domei from Saigon on 10th claims all French Military
establishments in Hanoi seized. French Mission says 35000
French Colonial Troops now in Indo China, including 10,000
Frenchmen of whom half combat forces and half staff and
service troops. Same source reports Jap 37th Division north
of Red River. 21st Division, south of river in Tongkin,
northern Annam and Laos. 34th IMB in central Annam between
Quang Tri and Quang Ngai. 4th IMB southern Annam.

French believe troops in Red River Delta, will have
little change against Japs but those inland can escape to hills
for guerrilla operations though since Japs hold initiative,
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From: ALUSNA Chungking
DTG: 100945  NCR 2839  10 March 1945

French cannot hope to do much. My serial S 18 of 24 Dec to DNI. Existing French Intelligence net in Indo China will be badly hurt by this development.

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ACTION: G-2

INFO: CO AAF, OPD, Log

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