MR 300 SOUTH PACIFIC AREA - Sec. A-1 - WARFARE

May 1942 thru Dec. 1943

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OSD letter, May 1, 1972
By DBS Date MAY 21 1973
COMSBPAC SENDS ACTION COMINCH INFO HYDRO WASHINGTON

HYDRO WASHINGTON Ø31440 I REPEAT I PERSONALLY FEEL THAT TO REJECT THE NAME "THE SLOT" IS TANTAMOUNT TO DENYING A MONUMENT TO ONE OF THE BLOODIEST AND FIERCEST VICTORIES OF THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN ARMS. TO THE HALF MILLION MEN OF ALL ARMS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC THAT DEARLY BOUGHT BODY OF WATER IS "THE SLOT" AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE SHOULD BE PERPETUATED ON THE CHARTS AND SO REFERRED TO IN FUTURE OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

HALSEY

COMINCH...ACT

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NLR 101
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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM COMAIRSOPAC TO CTF 57: INFO COMAIRSOPAC, COMAIRSOLS, COMAIRPAC, CONDEN 13TH AIR FORCE.

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These are November averages your 292251 under conditions minimum air opposition heavy AA opposition. Army heavy bomber crews flight time 75 hours, airplanes 95 hours. Average mission 425 miles radius 6.5 hours. 12.5 squadron missions by each of 4 squadrons averaging 10 airplanes per squadron mission. This excluded 4 reserve squadrons maintained rear area. 2 navy liberator squadrons with no reserve fly search missions. Crews average 115 hours, airplanes 115 hours. 15 daily missions average 110.5 flight hours are flown with 28 airplanes. Catalina crews fly 110 hours, airplanes 125 hours. Army medium bomber crews average 60 hours, airplanes 75 hours. Mission radius...
AVERAGE 275 MILES 4 HOUR. 3 SQUADRONS AVAILABLE, 2 USED DAILY. CREWS 2 NAVY PV-1 SQUADRONS AVERAGE 90 HOURS, AIR-PLANES 1000 HOURS. MISSIONS INCLUDE 275 MILE ATTACK MISSIONS SIMILAR TO ARMY AND 5 DAILY 40 MILE RADIUS SEARCH MISSIONS. FIGHTER PILOTS ALL SERVICES AVERAGE 77.5 HOURS PER MONTH. 85 PERCENT OF FIGHTERS IN COMBAT AREA USED DAILY. HALF AVAILABLE FIGHTERS MAINTAINED IN REAR AREAS TRAINING AND REHABILITATING.

* PASSED TO CONMEM FOR INFO AS RDO HONOLULU'S 341834
SECRET

(P N O T E : O N E 0 F T W O COPIES OF THIS MESSAGE ARE TO BE DESTROYED IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT OF THE OTHER COPY)

CONGOPAC

IN AN EFFORT TO FIND SOME WAY TO EFFECTIVELY USE HIS DETERIORATING AIR STRENGTH THE JAP HAS NOW RESORTED TO GREATER USE OF NIGHT FLYING AND THE RESULTS ARE PROVING COSTLY TO OUR SIDE. OUR CONTEMPLATED FUTURE OPERATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO AFFORD THE ENEMY GOOD OPPORTUNITIES FOR ATTACKING OUR SHIPS AND FORCES BY AIR AT NIGHT.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT AN EFFECTIVE NIGHT FIGHTER BE DEVELOPED AT ONCE AND MADE AVAILABLE. FROM EXPERIENCE GAINED IN THIS AREA IT IS BELIEVED A SUCCESSFUL NIGHT FIGHTER SHOULD BE AT LEAST 2 PLACE, MUST HAVE HIGH RATE OF CLIMB, SERVICE CEILING OF 33,000 AND TOP SPEED AT ALTITUDE

M. C. HUTCHINSON

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/1979

MAJ.渉14262, Sec. (2)(A) NAVCIRC) letter, May 1, 1978

By DBS Date May 1, 1978

180650 300 Sopae
OF 350 KNOTS. ALSO AS ENEMY NIGHT ATTACKS
ON SHIPPING WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE PRIMARILY
LOW LEVEL BOMBING OR TORPEDO ATTACKS THE DEVELOPMENT
OF AIRBORNE DETECTOR EQUIPMENT EFFECTIVE AT
LOW ALTITUDES IS MANDATORY. POSSIBILITY USE
HIGH INTENSITY LIGHT OR NIGHT FIGHTERS ALSO SUGGESTED
AS DEFENCE AGAINST LOW ALTITUDE ATTACKS.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM COMSOPAC

RELEASED BY

DATE 2 NOVEMBER 1943

TOR COCKPIT 1837

DECODED BY RINDS

PARAPHRASED BY RINDS

ROUTED BY

CTF 39

CINCSONESPAC COMINCH CINCPAC ALL TFC's SOPAC

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COMSOPAC ACTION COM TASKFORCE 39 INFO CINCSONESPAC COMINCH CINCPAC ALL TFC's SOPAC

YOUR EFFECTIVE BOMBARDMENT OF BUKA AND YOUR DETERMINED DRIVING BACK OF JAP SURFACE FORCES NEAR ANOTHER TWO NIGHT RECORD OF SUCCESS FOR SOPAC.

I AM PROUD OF TASK FORCE 39.

HALSEY

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/23/44
(CINCSOPAC GIVES ACTION TO CTF 38, INFO CINCSOWESPACE
COMINCH CINCPAC ALL TFC'S SOPAC)

WELL DONE ON YOUR FIRST AND SECOND STRIKES. AS
A RESULT OF YOUR BOMBING AND TF 39 BOMBARDMENT, BUKA
IS NOT CONTRIBUTING PRESENTLY TO THE JAPS WAR EFFORT.

HALSEY.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM   CONTRAGROUP 3RD PHIB
       (TIMEF CALL)
RELEASED BY _______________________
DATE 27 OCTOBER 1943
TOR CODE ROOM 1327
DECODED BY SAPP
PARAPHRASED BY SAPP
ROUTED BY _______________________

PRIO REJ 4K
COMDIV 2
COMDIV 8
CONTRANSPO RT DIV 13
CTF 31
COMGEN 1ST MARCOPS

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

INFORMATION FOR ACTION

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MASTERS (* ) MAILGRAM ADDRESSES

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THE SECOND ASSAULT WAVES WILL LAND AT H PLUS THREE MINUTES. SUCCEEDING WAVES LAND AT FIVE MINUTE INTERVALS THEREAFTER. FIRST BOATS FROM AKA WILL LAND AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE AT H PLUS THIRTY BUT NOT BEFORE. COMGEN THIRD MARDIV CONCURS. PASS TO COMMANDING OFFICERS AND CO'S EMBARKED TROOPS.

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(CTF 31 SENT TO COMAIRSOLS HAS INFO BY TM)

F-0-A-1-N-T-E-R-C-E-P-T

ABOUT 2230L TONIGHT EVACUATION FORCE UNKNOWN NUMBER ENEMY DESTROYERS 3 PT'S AND SIX SUBCHASERS EXPECTED BE OFF NORTHWEST VELLA LAVELLA, EMBARKATION ABOUT 1 HOUR LATER. RETIREMENT OF EVACUATION FORCE EXPECTED TO BE IN DIRECTION OF TREASURE ISLANDS. JAPANESE TROOPS NOW VICINITY MARQUANA BAY. OUR BOMBING PLANES OPERATING TO WESTWARD OF 155-30.

CAPTAIN WALKER IN SELFRIE OBANNON CHEVALIER RENDEZVOUS
WITH COMDR LARSEN IN RALPH TALBOT TAYLOR LAVELLE
AT 2300 IN POSITION 10 MILES WEST OF SAUKA POINT.

INTERCEPT AND DESTROY ENEMY. IF RENDEZVOUS DELAYED COMDESRON 21
WITH HIS DESTROYERS INTERCEPT ENEMY AND COMDESIV 8

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V. K. REAGAN, DEPUTY COMMS. OFFICE
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**SUPPORT AT EARLIEST ARRIVAL, IF NO CONTACTS COMDESRON 4 RETIRE FROM VICINITY VELLA AT 030° WEST OF SIMBO AND THROUGH BLANCHE CHANNEL. COMDESDIV 8 REJOIN CONVOY. DO NOT PASS TO WESTWARD OF BOMBING LINE ABOVE.**

1 COPY TO 2JG.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COLEMAN, 1ST WARPHIBCORPS

RELEASED BY: 

DATE: 16 Sept 1943

TOR CODEROOM: 2293

DECoded BY: YORK

PARAPHRASED BY: BLACK

ROUTED BY: RYMAN

ADDRESS(es): NARCORPS, CINCPAC, CINCPAC, CINCPAC, GHQ, COAST W/AREA, GHQ, SOUTH WEST PAC AREA, COIGEN, SOPAC, VARCOP, 2ND, ARDIV, 1ST, ARDIV, GHQ, 2NO, ARDIV, PASS TO UNITS JERK AND YELP BY MAIL.

COORDINATE: POST 1ST WARPHIBCORPS CLOSES EPIC OPENS

DEVY 2001L/16 SEPTEMBER. RDO 260**GUARDS.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPUTY AND ADMINISTRATION REMAIN EPIC. ADDRESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS FANC (ADMIN) RDO CALL SIGN A7V. RDO NOUMEA GUARDS.

NARCORPS...ACT

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From: NAVY
To: BOSCO
No. 33 23 August 1943

Our serial number 33. HC121, from COMSOPAC to
CINCPAC into COMINCH as 810111.

"Reply to your 190317 depends on action taken on
my 201000 to CINCPAC to CINCPAC and COMINCH."

Following CINCPAC 190317 to Com 3rd Fleet for
action COMINCH into "How many APA and AKA can you fur-
nish COMW 2nd MARDIV at Wellington by 15th October
for GAVANIC?"

Note: 201000 is BOSCO-IN-182 (81 Aug 43) Adm King.

ACTION: Adm King

Information: White House
Adm Leahy
Adm Cooke
Adm Willison

BOSCO-IN-240 23 Aug 43 1710Z

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94

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From: NAVY
To: BOSCO
No: 28, 202305Z

COMSOPAC sent 1 called 201000 to MacArthur for action and CINCPAC and COMINCH for info. which we slip you para-phrased as our serial 28. In view of your OSO901 I feel that following should be brought now to your attention.

On assumption target date for Bougainville assault is 15 October, with shipping available to me in continuous employment for forward movements only, there will remain to be transported on 1 October 19000 personnel and 420000 cubic cargo. All the foregoing comprise units participating in assault and should be in forward area at least 15 days prior to target date.

To complete movements required by 1 October I will need 6 medium troop ships from on this area for about 1 month each. Inadvisability of requesting use of troop-ships from west coast runs is shown by present condition wherein units are arriving 1 to 2 months late thus in turn making unavailable certain units I need for the Bougainville attack.

I have 9 APA and 5 AKA including APA Allen now with COMSOPAC and AKA Algerab under orders to COMSOPAC. Date of return both unknown. This does not include AKA Alchiba presumably to be returned after repair on west coast. To make target date I need during September 4 additional APA and 2 AKA.

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OCD letter, May 1, 1973
By OBS

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/7/94
From: NAVY
To: BOSCO
No: 29, 802305Z

From D minus 15 day to D plus 5 day I need total 14 APA and 6 AKA. All this additional to all landing craft which are now or will be in this area.

The above does not consider move of 2nd Mar Div, rearward movement of 25th Division which is being exhausted and depleted in New Georgia, possibility that 2 Acors may have to be transhipped in this area, movement of replacements or probably small intra area movements.

Provided I retain present ships of transport group or their equivalents all forward movements necessary of 25th Division which is being exhausted and depleted for the assault can be completed by 30 October.

A request from CINCPAC just received indicates I may also have to furnish APA and AKA to transport 2nd Mar Div from New Zealand commencing 15 October for Galvsnic.

In view close relation between S0PAC and S0WEPTAC advances and necessity for resurvey of theatre shipping requirements I feel the questions involved require decision from outside SOPAC regarding relative importance of meeting present target dates, reallocation of shipping and allocation of combat leaders from outside this area to meet our requirements.

ACTION: Adm King

INFORMATION: White House
Adm Leahy
Adm Cooke
Adm Willson
Gen Marshall
Gen Handy
Gen Wademeyer
Col Ritchie

BOSCO-IN-182 (21st Aug 43) 01462 EMK

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From: NAVY (relay from New Calédonia 2134)
To: BOSCO
No: 8, 1714512

Attn Admiral Cooke and Capt Alexander. This is our serial number 8.

Action WAP QPD. Information ASF COMINCH VCNO (attn Capt Abbot). Number 2134.

As result of battle attrition including malaria divisions engaged in New Georgia are seriously depleted in strength details of requirements to remedy this condition are contained in my 2132 of 15 August. 6000 ground combat fillers are needed at earliest practicable date.

From COM 3 South Pacific. Action AGAR (QPD). Information CINCPAC COLSOPAC. Number 2132.

To date have not been advised that shipment is enroute of enlisted ground force replacements requisitioned by 6th Replacement Depot requisitions numbered 3 and 6 totalling 3050 for shipment in August. Also there is a balance of 845 enlisted replacement still due on requisitions for July shipment. Enlisted personnel requisitions for July shipment. Enlisted personnel requisitions for ground force replacements numbered 13 and 14 totalling 3022 for September shipment were forwarded to AGAR 15th July. In addition to and over and above the personnel presently requisitioned for August and September request 2000 additional ground force fillers as follows: 1600 Infantry, 250 Field Artillery, 50 Engineer, 40 Medical, 40 Signal, 10 Quartermaster. To bring Infantry division employed in New Georgia to effective combat strength and without taking into consideration further attrition as campaign continues all of above personnel required to meet present needs and to provide

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From: NAVY (Relay from New Caledonia 2134)
To: BOSCO
No: 8 171431

a reserve cushion. These figures reflect not only campaign attrition including malaria but also the fact that units when committed were under-strength. It is understood that for many projected units shipping shortages may delay movements as set up on the priority list by at least 1 month. Since combat strength in this area must be maintained as first essential it is urged that movement of above ground combat fillers be not delayed and that immediate steps be taken to ship all of the fillers mentioned above at the earliest practicable date and as a matter of first priority. Requisitions now being submitted for October shipment and all future requisitions are and will be in addition to the above. COMSOPAC concurs.

ACTION: Adm King
INFORMATION: White House
Adm Leahy
Adm Cooke
Adm Willson
Gen Marshall
Gen Handy
Gen Wedemeyer
Col Ritchie

BOSCO-IN-106 (17 Aug 43) 1623 Z md

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QSD letter, May 1, 1972
By DBS
Date: MAY 21 1973

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COPY No.
CULMINATING TWELVE DAYS BITTER OFFENSIVE FIGHTING
OUR GROUND FORCES TODAY WRESTED MUNDA FROM THE JAPS
AND PRESENT IT TO YOU AS OF 1500L AS THE SOLE OWNER.
ALL MAJOR ENEMY ORGANIZED RESISTANCE AT MUNDA HAS
CEASED BUT MOPPING UP OF SMALL PARTIES IS STILL
CONTINUING VIGOROUSLY TO THE NORTH. THIS MAY RESULT
IN FUTURE CONTACT WITH LARGER FORCES ON THE NORTH
COAST. THIS OPERATION TO DATE HAS SEEN INTEGRATED
USE OF NAVAL BOMBARDMENT, ALL FORMS OF AIR BOMBARD-
MENT, THE USE OF TANKS, FLAME THROWERS AND SUPERB
ARTILLERY, ALL IN CLOSE SUPPORT OF THE INFANTRY
WHICH HAD STILL TO CLOSE AND PHYSICALLY WREST THE
GROUND FROM A DETERMINED FOE. OUR MUNDA OPERATION
THUS IS THE FINEST EXAMPLE IN ALL MY EXPERIENCE OF
A UNITED ALL SERVICE ALL AMERICAN TEAM. MAY I
EXPRESS FOR THE TROOPS AND FOR MYSELF TO YOU, COMMEN-
sopac, CTF 31, AND TO ALL TACTICAL BRANCH AND LOGISTICAL
HEADS OF THE FOLLOWING OUR VERY SINCERE APPRECIATION
FOR ASSISTANCE RENDERED VIA NAVY, AIR, ARMY, MARINE
CORPS, SOS, AND SOUTH PACIFIC SCOUTS. 1671 KNOWN
JAPS KILLED TO DATE, 28 TAKEN PRISONER OF WHICH
1 DIED. 7 CHINESE AND 1 MALAY REPATRIOTS RECOVERED.

*PASSED BY RADIO NOUHEA FOR ACTION.
**INTERCEPT**

**COMM 3RD FLEET ORIGINATES.**

MY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL HANDS ON HAZARDOUS JCB BELL DONE. I AM (2 CARDED GROUPS) YOU.

HALSEY.

Completion of **Mining + Bombardment Operation**

Shortlands Area

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/16/64
NAVAL MESSAGE  

**FROM** COMSOPAC  
**RELEASED BY**  
**DATE** 10 JUNE 1943  
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**DECODED BY** SALISBURY  
**PARAPHRASED BY** YARNELLE  
**ROUTED BY** ROONEY  
**ADDRESS** COMINCH  
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COASTWATCHER SAW SMALL STEAMER PLUS 1 ESCORT
VESSEL DEPART FAISI COURSE SOUTHEAST AT 1532L 4TH.
AT 2345L THAT NIGHT BLACK CAT 2 LIBERATORS
CONTACTED THESE SHIPS EAST OF VELLA LAVELLA
UNSUCCESSFULLY BOMBED AND SUBSEQUENTLY LOST THEM.
IN SMALL HOURS TODAY 5TH QUARTET OF B17'S VISITED
KAHILI DISTRIBUTING 21 MEDIUM SIZE BOMBS OVER
DROME AND MULIKO RIVER AREA. NORTH BOUGAINVILLE
WATCHER SAYS REPORT INDICATES SMALL COASTAL VESSEL
SANK AS RESULT EVENING RAID ON TINPUTZ 2ND. THIS
ADDITION TO 2 SIMILAR CRAFT DESTROYED TINPUTZ AND TEEP EVENING 3RD. AT 1900 3RD NOISE OF MOTOR HEARD SOUTHEAST ANEITYUM NEW HEBRIDES. THIS ISLAND LONG A SUSPECTED NIP SUB RETREAT FOR CHARGING BATTERIES.
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CONOPAC ACT ON INFO COMINCH CONENSOPAC FROM CINCPAC.

Proposal to reduce PNP area.

Your CINCPAC AFFIRMATIVE. THIS IS IN CONFORMITY WITH
CINCPAC POLICY OF REDUCING DEFENSE FORCES AT BASES IN
REAR AREAS TO MINIMUM REQUIRED BY CURRENT SITUATION
IN ORDER TO MAKE AVAILABLE ADDITIONAL UNITS FOR OFFEN-
SIVE Employment. THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY REDUCTION
OF BASE DEFENSE AREA TO CLOSE DEFENSE OF BASE INSTALL-
ATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF BEACH HEAD FOR REINFORCEMENT
OF GARRISON IN EVENT HOSTILE LANDINGS ARE EFFECTED IN
UNDERDEFENDED AREAS.

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FROM
COMSOPAC

RELEASED BY
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COMSOPAC SENDS ACTION CINCPAC INFO COMINC. COMSOPAC HAS INFO.

ON HARMONS RECOMMENDATION PROPOSE TO REDUCE BORA BORA ARMY GARISON TO ONE HARBOR DEFENSE BATTALION TYPE DOG (NOW ENROUTE FROM US), ONE INFANTRY RIFLE COMPANY, ONE AA AUTOMATIC GUNS BATTERY (FROM BATTALION TO BE SHIPPED FROM US IN JUNE) AND SERVICE UNITS AS AT PRESENT. ABOVE REDUCTION WOULD RESULT IN ADDITIONAL UNITS AVAILABLE FOR OFFENSIVE EMPLOYMENT.

PASSED BY COMINC TO OPNAV
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TOR NCR $141/4

[Signature]
With set of sun, Mike search opens gun,
Cat covers TU 31-point-4-point-1,
From 1630L until rise of sun.

At 2045 24 avengers and 3 Fortresses strike Kihili Strip,
And 1 Black Cat illuminates over Vella Lavella to guide their home trip.

Cactus night fighters are expected to fly,
And knock Jap night bombers out of our sky.
COMAIRSOLS SENDS RDO CLEANSULATE PASS TO COMGEN FOR INFO.

WITH SET OF SUN MIKE SEARCH OPENS GUNS CAT COVERS TU 32.4.1 FROM 1830L UNTIL RISE OF SUN AT 2045 24 AVENGERS AND 3 FORTRESSES STRIKE KIHLI STRIP AND 1 BLACK CAT ILLUMINATES OVER VELLA GAVELLA TO GUIDE THEIR HOME TRIP CACTUS NIGHT FIGHTERS ARE EXPECTED TO FLY AND KNOCK JAP NIGHT BOMBERS OUT OF OUR SKY.

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DRAFTER: COMSOPAC (RDO NOUMEA)

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DATE: 11 FEB 1943

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RADIO HONO GIVE CINCPAC FOR ACTION. RDO AUCKLAND PASS TO NXNB. COMSOWESPAC ALSO INFO.

FEBRUARY 9TH MARKED COMPLETE DEFEAT JAP FORCES GUADALCANAL. MAIN BODY ATTACKING BLUE TROOPS JOINED FORCES WITH ENVELOPING DETACHMENT JUST EAST ESPERANZA CAPTURING OR KILLING RESISTING NIPS. ISOLATED CASES RESISTANCE BEING HOPPED UP.

9 DAUNTLESSES WITH BIGVF ESCORT HIT MUNDA 1730 L 9TH STARTING LARGE FIRE TARGET AREA. 15 MINUTES LATER 2 MARAUDERS 9 FIGHTERS RAIDED VILA.

P-39'S STRAFED SANK BARGE OFF HOOPER BAY RUSSELLS 9TH.

2 TRANSPORTS 1 DD ARRIVED BUKA FROM SOUTH NOON DECLASSIFIED

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OSD letter, May 1973

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9TH ACCORDING WATCHER. 1 DD 1 AP 1 SMALL AK DEPARTED NORTHWEST 1711 L SAME DAY.

CATALINA HARRASSED MUNDA NIGHT 9TH-10TH.

CACTUS SEARCH PLANE SHOT DOWN TWIN MOTORED MEDIUM BOMBER OVER NORTH CHOISEUL TODAY 10TH.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/21/94
ARMY G-2 ESTIMATES FOLLOWING JAPANESE FORCES GUADALCANAL PARTS 2ND DIVISION COMMANDED BY YAMIO NASU WITH CHIEF OF STAFF POSSIBLY OKI. 3RD INFANTRY BRIGADE COMPRISING 4TH INFANTRY REGIMENT COMMANDER NAKAGAWA TADAMASU. 29TH INFANTRY REGIMENT PARTS OF KAWAGUCHI DETACHMENT CONSISTING 35TH INFANTRY BRIGADE OF 124TH INFANTRY REGIMENT COMMANDER BY OKA PLUS POSSIBLY 114TH INFANTRY REGIMENT COMMANDER WAKIYA. FOLLOWING PARTS OF ICHIKI FORCE (FROM 7TH DIVISION) EITHER 25TH AND 26TH OR 27TH AND 28TH INFANTRY REGIMENTS BELIEVED LANDED AT REDUCED STRENGTH OF 2,000 EACH. DETACHMENTS FROM 7TH ENGINEERS 7TH FIELD ARTILLERY 7TH TRANSPORT REGIMENT LATTER THREE UNITS TOTAL PROBABLY 600. ADDITIONALLY DETACHMENTS FROM 10TH AND 15TH MEDIUM ARTILLERY REGIMENTS. ALSO INDICATIONS KORI DETACHMENT (1ST BATTALION)
228TH INFANTRY REGIMENT OF 38TH DIVISION) SCHEDULED
LAND SHORTLY, FOLLOWING UNITS IN RABAUL AREA AND OR IN
TRANSIT SOUTHEASTWARD. REMAINDER 2ND AND 38TH DIVISIONS
PLUS AKATSUKI FORCE COMPOSITION UNKNOWN TENTATIVELY
ESTIMATED ONE POSSIBLY TWO DIVISIONS OR AUXILIARY CORPS OR
ARMY TROOPS. THE YAMAGATA FORCE COMPOSITION UNKNOWN ALSO
IN RABAUL AREA. 1/2 OF HORI DETACHMENT (UNIDENTIFIED
DIVISION) BELIEVED SCHEDULED FOR NEW GUINEA. YOUR
EVALUATION AND CORRECTIONS APPRECIATED. G-2 ASKS FOLLOWING
QUESTIONS IS THIS 2ND DIVISION THE COMBAT 2ND FROM MAN-
CHURIA OR THE DEPOT 2ND FROM SENDAI. IS OKI NAME CHIEF OF
STAFF OR CODE NAME DIVISION. IS ICHIKI DETACHMENT COMBAT
7TH FROM SAGHALIEN OR DEPOT 7TH FROM ASAHICAWA. WHERE IS
REMAINDER 7TH. WHAT DIVISION DO CODE NAMES AKATSUKI, NUMA
AND ISAMU REFER TO. DESIRE CODE NAMES UNIT NUMBERS AND
COMMANDERS DOWN TO REGIMENTS.
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THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE DAMAGE INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY IN THE BATTLE OF SANTA CRUZ ON OCT 26 1942 AS COMPILED FROM BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE:

(A) DAMAGE TO ENEMY SHIPS BY AIR GROUP 1 ENTERPRISE.
2 HITS 500 LB BOMBS ON NO. 3 ELEVATOR SHOKAKU CLASS CV.
2 HITS 1000 LB BOMBS (1 ON TURRET NO. 2 AND 1 AMIDSHIPS STARBOARD SIDE) KONGO CLASS BB. ONE POSSIBLE TORPEDO HIT 1 POSSIBLE 500 LB. BOMB HIT AND STRAFING FROM 4 VF ON CA OF ATAGO CLASS.

(B) DAMAGE TO ENEMY SHIPS BY AIR GROUP 6 HORNET.
4 TO 6 1000 LB. BOMB HITS ON SHOKAKU CLASS CV. 1 1000 LB. BOMB HIT ON STARBOARD SIDE STERN UNIDENTIFIED BB. 5 500 LB. BOMB HITS (1 FORWARD OF BRIDGE STARBOARD), 2 BETWEEN THE 3X STACKS, 1 AFT OF STACKS AND 1 ON Stern) ON TONE CLASS CA.
2 TORPEDO HITS (1 EACH SIDE) MACHI CLASS CA.

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IT IS ESTIMATED THAT WELL OVER 15% ENEMY PLANES (PROBABLY THE AIR GROUPS OF OUR CARRIERS) WERE IN THE ENEMY ATTACK GROUPS ON 26 OCTOBER OF WHICH 125-135 ACTUALLY GOT IN AND MADE THE ATTACKS ON THE HORNET AND ENTERPRISE. THE ENTERPRISE WAS ATTACKED BY 84 PLANES AND THE HORNET BY 49 PLANES. SOME OF THE PLANES SHOT DOWN BY OUR PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN OVER THE ENEMY FORCES (NOT INCLUDED IN ENEMY ATTACK GROUPS). OTHER ENEMY PLANES WERE DOWNED BEFORE DURING AND AFTER THE ATTACKS ON OUR CARRIERS.

NOTE: LATER REPORT ADDS 4 1000 POUNDERS ON A SECOND TONE CLASS CA; CHANGES 1000 LB. ON UNIDENTIFIED BB TO 500 ON CL; ADDS 1 ADDITIONAL TORPEDO HIT ON PORT SIDE OF NACHI CLASS CA.
EMERGENCY SITUATION

ENEMY OFFENSIVES SINCE SEPTEMBER 15 HAVE FOLLOWED THE SAME GENERAL PATTERN WITH CARRIER GROUPS AND SUPPORTING FORCES OPERATING NORTHEAST OF MALAITA IN APPROXIMATE RECTANGLE FORMED BY LATITUDE 06-30, LAT 09-00, LONGITUDE 163, LONG 165. TRANSPORTS APPROACH NORTHERN ENTRANCE TO INDESPENSABLE STRAITS FROM NORTH THROUGH NORTHWEST. WE USUALLY HAVE 2 OR 3 DAYS WARNING OF AN IMPENDING ATTACK. WITH THAT NOTICE, YOU CONSIDER PRACTICABILITY CONDUCTING COORDINATED SEARCH AND ATTACK OPERATIONS BY UNITS YOUR FORCE ON STATION. SUBMIT COMMENT AND PROPOSALS BY EARLIEST AIR MAIL.

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FROM INFORMATION AVAILABLE LOCAL AGENT CONCLUDES THAT THE GERMANS HAVE LOST THE INITIATIVE IN RUSSIA. HE SAYS GERMANS NO LONGER ARE ABLE TO MOVE THEIR FORCES FREELY FROM ONE PART OF THE LINE TO ANOTHER BECAUSE OF THE RUSSIANS HOLDING THEM TO PRESENT POSITIONS. HE BELIEVES RUSSIAN FUTURE RESISTANCE WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON MATERIAL RECEIVED FROM BRITAIN AND THE U. S. BECAUSE THEIR SOURCES OF RAW MATERIALS AND THEIR INDUSTRIES HAVE BEEN DANGEROUSLY REDUCED.

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**TEXT**

COMBPAC FOR ACTION COMINCH FOR INFO FROM CINCPAC.

PASSED BY RDO HONOLULU TO COMINCH FOR INFO.

AM CONCERNED OVER LACK OF DEFENSES OF BUTTON AND

DESIRE TO ASSIST YOU IN EVERY WAY TO IMPROVE THEM.

AS THERE WAS NO BASIC JOINT PLAN FOR ITS ESTABLISHMENT

SUGGEST YOU HAVE ONE DRAWN UP FOR ITS DEFENSES AND I

WILL SUBMIT IT TO COMINCH FOR APPROVAL AND

IMPLEMENTATION. EN ROUTE TO YOU IS COPY OF JOINT

CHIEFS OF STAFF AIRCRAFT PLAN WHICH SETS BUTTONS

AIRCRAFT COMPLEMENT BY JANUARY 1ST AS 13 ARMY MEDIUM

BOMBERS, 25 ARMY FIGHTERS, 18 VSB, 8 VOS AND 18 VF.

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O. S. Defense, May 3, 1972

By DBS Date MAY 21 1973
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**ORIGINATOR COMSOPAC.**

**FAIR NUMBER INSTANCES OF ATTACKS BY SHARKS IN SOLOMON WATERS INDICATE SHARKS ATTRACTED TO NAKED BODY, WHITE CLOTHING, ALUMINUM CANNISTERS.**

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E.O. 11652, Sec. 3(D) and 5(D) or (E)
OSD Letter, May 31972
By DBS Date MAY 21 1973
FROM: CONUSOPAC 203233 NCR16692 19 OCT 42 KN

ACTION: CTF 02 - ZEILIN - MCCAMLEY - GO 104TH REG INFANTRY
INFO: COMINCH - CINCOPAC - CONGENSOPAC - CONGENPOPPO - CONGEN
1ST MAR DIV - COMAIRSOPAC - COS ARMY, MAR CORPS

ACCOMPANIED BY CONGEN SOPAC AND CONGEN POPPO I HAVE JUST COMPLETED AN
INSPECTION OF THE MCCAMLEY AND ZEILIN WITH 104TH REGIMENT INFANTRY AND
MARINE AVIATION AND CASUALS EMBARKED READY TO PROCEED TO REINFORCE OUR
GROUND FORCES IN THE FRONT POSITIONS X YOU PROCEED IN NAVY SHIPS UNDER
NAVY SURFACE PROTECTION AND UNDER AIR PROTECTION OF ARMY NAVY AND MARINE
CORPS PLANES X THE ARMY WILL JOIN THE MARINES IN ACTIVE LAND COMBAT

TRANSports THE PREPARATIONS FOR SAILING AND THE SPLENDID APPEARANCE OF
OFFICERS AND MEN OF ALL SERVICES INDICATE CLOSE AND EFFICIENT COOPERATION
ON THE PART OF ALL HANDS AND A SINGLENESS OF PURPOSE TO REACH ACTIVE
COMBAT IN THE SHORTEST TIME POSSIBLE X WELL DONE TO ALL ARMS X GOOD
LUCK AND A STRONG PUNCH TO ALL OF YOU XX PUBLISH TO OFFICERS AND MEN X

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COS ARMY... MAR CORPS...10/11

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UNSIGNED AGREEMENT CONCERNING NEW HEBRIDES RECEIVED BY HAND FROM MR FOLSOM OF UNDER SECRETARY'S PARTY APPARENTLY UNEXECUTED TENTATIVE DRAFT FURNISHED BY COMMANDER HEPBURN.

ADVISE STATUS THIS DOCUMENT.

YOU ARE AUTHORIZED AS NECESSITY ARISES TO ENTER INTO WORKING AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES. IN ENTERING INTO ANY SUCH AGREEMENTS, THE PRINCIPLES SET DOWN IN MY SERIAL 7613 SHOULD BE USED AS A GUIDE.

COPIES OF AGREEMENTS MADE WILL BE SENT TO WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS.

REFERENCE: COMINCH SECRET SERIAL 7613 OF AUGUST 16 1942:
"FORM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNITED KINGDOM AND UNITED STATES REGARDING THE DEFENSE OF FIJI AND TONGATATUABU."

REFERENCE:

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"FORM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNITED KINGDOM AND UNITED STATES REGARDING THE DEFENSE OF FIJI AND TONGATATUABU."

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PHOTOGRAPHS OF PINGAMARANGI ISLAND (GREENWICH) TAKEN ON 2 OCTOBER JUST RECEIVED. SHOW NO AIRCRAFT, NO LANDING STRIPS - NO BUOYS. ONLY TWO WASTED AUXILIARY SOUNDER APPROXIMATELY 125 FEET LONG ANCHORED LAGOON. THIS SHIP HAS EXTENSIVE RADIO WIRE VISIBLE AND FIRED ON B-17 WITH MACHINE GUNS. NO OTHER AA FIRE ENCOUNTERED OR INSTALLATIONS VISIBLE IN PHOTOGRAPHS. ONE OTHER SHIP 75 FEET LONG PLUS SEVERAL SMALL BOATS IN LAGOON. TWO RADIO TOWERS AND SMALL ADJACENT BUILDING ON SOUTH RIM LARGEST ISLAND BETWEEN UERU AND NUNKITSU. THREE SMALL WHARFS IN AREA. NUMEROUS HUTS SCATTERED OVER ISLANDS RESEMBLING NATIVE CONSTRUCTION BUT ISLAND SOUTH AND IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO GERUHAS APPROXIMATELY 66 BUILDINGS VARIOUS SIZES CLOSELY GROUPED WHICH HAVE APPEARANCE OF STANDARDIZED CONSTRUCTION WHICH IS DEFINITELY NOT NATIVE. DETAIL REPORT WITH PHOTOGRAPHS FOLLOW.

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May 21, 1973

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 75 (4) NAVREGS.)
For High Commissioner Western Pacific, CINCPAC sends COMSOPAC for Info Cominch informed.

Consider release of material contained your 242232 to COMSOPAC might result in increasingly harsh treatment of native population by Japanese in areas under their control. Also might furnish enemy with some information of value as to nature of services being rendered our cause. Suggest you withhold publication until you have opportunity to discuss matter with Admiral Nimitz. Form of release should be such as not to compromise your coded despatch.
September 25, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR LT. COL. CHESTER HAMMOND, WHITE HOUSE MAP ROOM:

Subject: Status of U.S. Troops in New Guinea.

   a. 1 Infantry Battalion has already reached this area.
   b. 2 additional Infantry Battalions will be there by September 27.
   c. 1 additional Infantry Regiment will be there by September 26.
   d. 1 Battalion Coast Artillery (AA)

   a. 1 Battery Coast Artillery (AA)

   a. 1 Bombardment Squadron Heavy
   b. 2 Bombardment Squadrons Medium
   c. 3 Bombardment Squadrons Light
   d. 5 Fighter Squadrons

   a. 3 Bombardment Squadrons Medium
   b. 2 Fighter Squadrons

WALTER S. TODD,
Col., G.S.C.,
Acting Chief of Southwest Pacific Theater,
Theater Op., OPD, G.S.

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OSD letter, May 4, 1973
By DBS Date MAY 21 1973
COLONIAL OFFICE ARE ANXIOUS TO RELEASE TO BRITISH PUBLIC, WHICH NATURALLY KEENLY INTERESTED, SOME NEWS OF SOLOMONS SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE.

(1) FOLLOWING HAS BEEN PREPARED BY INFORMATION OFFICER AFTER INTERVIEW WITH MARCHANT. BEGINS -- LIEUTENANT COLONEL W.S. MARCHANT, OBE, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE, WHO WITH 5 YOUNG DISTRICT OFFICERS MAINTAINED CIVIL ADMINISTRATION IN SOUTHEASTERN ISLANDS OF GROUP THROUGHOUT JAPANESE OCCUPATION, HAS TOLD STORY OF EXTRAORDINARY LOYALTY OF NATIVE CIVIL SERVANTS AND OF ISLANDERS GENERALLY. AFTER TULAGI AND OTHER PLACES IN VICINITY HAD BEEN SEIZED BY JAPANESE, SOLOMON ISLAND VOLUNTEERS, UNDER COLONEL MARCHANT DIRECTION, CARRIED OUT NUMEROUS PATROLS INTO ENEMY HELD TERRITORY AND BROUGHT BACK INFORMATION WHICH LATER PROVED TO BE REMARKABLY ACCURATE AND NAB OF GREATEST
VALUE TO ALLIED COMMAND IN PLANNING COUNTER OFFENSIVE.
TRAVELING IN TWOS AND THREES IN NATIVE CANDIES THEY PENE-
TRATED TIME AFTER TIME RIGHT INTO JAPANESE LINES. ONE
ISLANDER ACCEPTED JOB AS LABOURER WHEN JAPANESE WERE
BUILDING AIRFIELD ON GUADALCANAL, AND, AFTER WORKING FOR
SEVERAL DAYS REESCAPED AND BROUGHT BACK DETAILED ACCOUNTS
OF JAPANESE DISPOSITIONS IN THE AREA.
(2) PEOPLE AS A WHOLE REMAINED STAUNCHLY LOYAL AND GAVE
HELP TO INVADER ONLY UNDER DURESS. IN ORDER FIND LABOUR
FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKS JAPANESE HAD TO THREATEN TO EXTERMI-
NATE ENTIRE VILLAGES. MARCHANT AND OFFICERS FREQUENTLY
RECEIVED REPORTS THAT JAPANESE INTENDED TO ROUND UP ALL
EUROPEAN OFFICERS IN THE PROTECTORATE BUT ON EACH OCCASION
EARLY INFORMATION WAS GIVEN BY NATIVES WHICH ENABLED THEM
TO CONTINUE SUCCESSFULLY TO EVADE CAPTURE.

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(3) OF MANY STORIES OF INDIVIDUAL HEROISM, OUTSTANDING IS THAT OF BARGENT MAJOR VOUXA OF SOLOMON ISLANDS ARMED CONSTABULARY, RELATED IN PREVIOUS TELEGRAMS, THERE HAVE BEEN MANY OTHER Instances OF OUTSTANDING BRAVERY ON PART OF SOLOMON ISLANDERS. GUADALCANAL 8 NATIVE POLICEMEN ARE PROUD OF FACT THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY BETWEEN THEM ACCOUNTED FOR 7 JAPANESE. A VILLAGE HEADMAN FROM FLORIDA ISLAND ROUNDED UP FIVE JAPANESE SINGLE HANDED AND MARCHED THEM INTO ALLIED HEADQUARTERS AT TULAGI.

(4) JAPANESE ATTEMPTS TO INGRATIATE THEMSELVES WITH ISLANDERS AND TO AROUSE ANTI EUROPEAN FEELING ENTIRELY FAILED. OF THE MANY EUROPEANS WHO REMAINED IN THE ISLANDS, INCLUDING ANGLICAN AND CATHOLIC BISHOPS AND THEIR STAFFS, NOT ONE WAS CAPTURED BY THE ENEMY, DESPITE THREATS TO NATIVES FOR CONCEALING INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR WHEREABOUTS, THE

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WHOLE EPISODE 18 STRIKING DISPROOF OF AXIS PROPAGANDA CLAIM THAT COLORED SUBJECTS OF EMPIRE HAVE NO INTEREST IN FIGHTING FOR ITS PRESERVATION. ENDS.

STORY OF VOXOA HAS ALREADY BEEN ON SAN FRANCISCO RADIO. DO YOU CONSIDER REMAINDER CAN BE PUBLISHED. GLAD OF EARLY REPLY AS LONDON WANTS TO PUBLISH 29TH SEPT.

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GILBERT ISLANDS. ALMOST DAILY AIR RECEIPTS OF UN- 

OCCUPIED ISLANDS AND SIGHTINGS OF MERCHANT AND WARSHIPS 

DURING PAST 3 WEEKS. ABEMAMA OCCUPIED 2/9. TARAWA FINALLY 

OCCUPIED 3/9. 2 SEAPLANE TENDERS AND 5 CRUISERS REPORTED 

TO HAVE CONDUCTED ORIGINAL LANDING ABEMAMA OF WHICH 1 

SHIP, 1 FLYING BOAT. 150 JAPANESE REMAINED 4/9. ROMAN 

CATHOLIC PRIEST DEPARTED IN LAUNCH FROM MAIANA 2/9, DEST- 

INATION UNKNOWN, BELIEVED ENEMY AGENT. JAPANESE LANDED 

MAIANA 24/9 FROM 1 MERCHANT SHIP AND 1 WARSHIP. BERU 

ATTACKED BY 3 WARSHIPS AND BELIEVED OCCUPIED 25/9. STILL 

IN DAILY CONTACT KURIA AND REPORTS THAT JAPANESE LANDI- 

NGE 13/9 NOT CORRECT.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/1974
AMPHIBIOUS COMBINED WITH JUNGLE WARFARE IN SOUTH PACIFIC SHOWS FOLLOWING, NEED FOR RAPID MEANS TO CUT TRAILS CLEAR FIELDS OF FIRE AND CONSTRUCT FIELD FORTIFICATIONS IN DENSE UNDERGROWTH. JAPANESE ARE MAKING MAJOR ATTACKS AT NIGHT BY RUSE INFILTRATION AND DIRECT ASSAULT. JAPANESE CONTROL IS EXCELLENT DUE TO EFFECTIVE USE OF SMALL PORTABLE RADIO TRANSMITTERS AND RECEIVERS WHICH ARE MUCH SUPERIOR TO OUR OWN. OUR YELLOW PAINTED MUNITIONS ARE EASILY SPOTTED BY ENEMY. AVIATION BOMBS ARE HARD TO CONCEAL. JAPANESE SEE OUR BRIGHTLY PAINTED GRENADES EITHER DAY OR NIGHT AND THROW THEM BACK. NEED FOR REDUCING VOLUME OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TO BE TRANSPORTED.

IN VIEW OF FOREGOING RECOMMEND FOLLOWING: (A) PROVIDE FOLLOWING TOOLS EACH COMPANY 3 DOUBLE BITTED AXES, 9 HEAVY DUTY PACK MATTOCKS, 9 HEAVY DUTY SHORT HANDLED

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/94
6 heavy duty long handled shovels, 1/2 post hole diggers, 2 cross cut saws 2-man.

(b) Double present allowance brush hooks.

(c) Provide 2 commercial machetes with broad heavy blade for each squad.

(d) Increase allowance nails assorted by 1 ton per division.

(e) Provide trip flares of at least 1 minute duration and long burning illuminating projectiles for use in 60 and 81 millimeter mortars.

(f) Replace portable radio transmitters and receivers with efficient waterproof lightweight type.

(g) Increase allowance of these radios so platoon leaders have them.

(h) Provide efficient portable receivers for squad leaders.

(i) Eliminate yellow, red and other bright colors. Paint bombs, grenades, fuel drums and vehicles with nonreflecting paint. Army combat vehicle paint suitable except color
SHOULD BE ORCHID GREEN.

(J) PROVIDE 1 SMALL PORTABLE SAWMILL WITH POWER UNIT PER REGIMENT.

(K) DOUBLE PRESENT ALLOWANCE HAND CARTS M3 UTILITY.

FOR SECOND MARDIV RECOMMEND AS FOLLOWS:

(L) LEAVE SCOUT CAR COMPANY AND 1 50 MM HOWITZER BATTALION IN US.

(M) GROUPS 3 AND 5 EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL BAGGAGE PARTICULARLY WINTER CLOTHING BE REDUCED TO MINIMUM.

(N) VEHICLES BE ONLY THOSE SUITABLE FOR ROUGH TERRAIN NO REPEAT NO SEDANS OR STATION WAGONS.

(O) PLAN FOR 5 UNITS OF FIVE FIFTY DAYS RATIONS ACCOMPANY TROOPS IN LANDINGS PLAN FOR EQUAL AMOUNTS IN RESERVE WITH SECOND BASE DEPOT LONGBOW.
COMGEN SAMOA GROUP SENDS FOR ACTION CONSOPAC INFO CINCPAC COMINCH.

ON OCCASION RECENT VISIT FRENCH SHIP TO WALLIS GUARD OF FRENCH SAILORS THERE WAS REDUCED FROM 23 TO 10 MEN WHICH WAS GRATIFYING TO ORIGINATOR AS THIS DETACHMENT SERVES NO APPARENT USEFUL PURPOSE.

RESIDENT MATTEI THIS DATE FILES MESSAGE TO HIS SUPERIOR NOUMEA REQUESTING INCREASE BY TWO SECTIONS OF TROOPS SEVENTY MEN GIVING HIM A TOTAL OF 80. HE STATES THIS INCREASE "IS INDESPENSIBLE TO MAINTAIN FRENCH PRESTIGE."

ANTICIPATED THESE TROOPS WOULD BE COLORED COLONIALS ADDING ONE MORE PROBLEM TO ALREADY COMPLEX SITUATION.

ORIGINATOR CATAGORICALLY DISAPPROVES AND IS OF OPINION THAT PRESENT GUARD OF 10 MEN FULFILLS EVERY REQUIREMENT.
FOR SECURITY RESIDENT AND HIS FAMILY AND PRESTIGE OF FREE FRENCH SOVEREIGNTY.

AM STALLING BY LETTER TO MATTEI INVITING ATTENTION TO PROBLEM ADDITIONAL RATIONS AND SUPPLIES AND HAVE NOT FORWARDED HIS MESSAGE.

REQUEST THIS MATTER BE TAKEN UP WITH VIEW TO DECISION THAT PRESENT GUARD IS ADEQUATE.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFIED MESSAGE CENTER
INCOMING MESSAGE

From New Caledonia
To: WAR
No. 222 September 8, 1942

Rely your war zero five one zero three nine. Now in Cactus area, ten P four hundreds. Ready for combat last report, four. Repairable two. Damaged beyond repair four. Total of fourteen have been put in area. Average ready for combat, four after loss of four and damage to eight in first combat. As movement of fighters by boat within this area is entirely impractical the only fighters that can be moved Cactus are ten P four hundreds now Poppy. This would leave Poppy with two P three nine and three P four threes all limited combat. Part of fifty eight P three nine now at sea will be available future movement Cactus. Interceptions by P four P type at twenty two to thirty thousand feet and majority of combat above twenty thousand feet characterize fighter activity this area. Harson to Marshall. P four hundred losses at lower altitudes have proved excessive. Typical Jap operations against Cactus cover eighteen bombers with twenty fighters at twenty five thousand feet and above. Neither the P three nine or P forty series is suitable for operations against Jap bombers and fighters as neither has the necessary performance characteristics. If we are to maintain the morale and plan of our fighter pilots, obtain desired effectiveness of our army fighter effort, and avoid losses out of proportion to results obtained, a reasonable proportion of army fighter units this area must be equipped with P three eight or P four seven types. As to comparative suitability of P three nines and P forties opinion is definite and I am convinced that P forty series embodying improved high altitude characteristics and more appropriate armament is better suited operations this area. Of this series are P forty with Rolls Royce is preferred due to better high altitude characteristics Martin.

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**headquarters and service units, comsopac admin.**

**con duct necessary negotiations with new zealand government in my name. keep me informed. colonel schneider of general harmons staff now in fulcrum available for ultation consxrrrax.**

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Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (6) NAVREGS.)
To: London

No. 3314 Aug 30 1942

War Office says communication stopped with Mauur on twenty fifth and Ocean Island twenty sixth. That both had been attacked by air and sea shortly before last message therefore probable both occupied by Japs.

McClure

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: New Caledonia
To: War

No. 711, August 25th, 1942

Unknown number of Japs ashore at Gizo from G dash two Necal to G dash two Hawaii and WDMIS and G dash two USAFIA and G two Fiji eighteenth.

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