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

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

Nr: CRAX 2435 30th April, 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD, info
MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, Ferris, Chennault, Boatner Lindsey,
Dorn, Cranston, Egan and Timberman; CRAX 2435.

Situation report from North Burma not received.
On Assam front British Second Division still in contact with
enemy. 5th Brigade attacking northwest Kohima 6th Brigade
fighting in Kohima and 4th Brigade moving to cut Imphal road
south of Kohima. 161st Brigade moved to position several
miles west Kohima. Columns of 23rd Brigade moving southward
from Mokokchung. On 4th Corps front 1st and 37th Brigades
operating in Shongphel and Aishan area north of Imphal
Ukhrul road. 23rd Division Headquarters 13 miles northeast
Imphal. General advances made north and northeast of Imphal.
Some fighting near Bishenpur and Tengnoupal. On Arakan
front 81st Division east of Buthidaung is pushing to south-
west. In Buthidaung area British repulsed several Jap
attacks.

ACTION: OPD

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INFORMATION: CC/S (BJSM)
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From: Allied Air Forces India Burma Sector Calcutta

To : War Department
CG 14th Air Force Kunming China
CG 20th Bomber Command Kharagpur India
CG Services Supply USAF China Burma India
New Delhi India
CG US Army Forces China Burma India Forward
Echelon Chungking China
CG 10th Air Force, Calcutta India

No : CABX 905 30th April 1944

Marshall for Arnold signed Stratemeyer info Sultan, Somervell, Hearn, Covell, Chennault, Davidson, Wolfe CABX 905 PLXX.

Summary of action taken this theater for 20th Bomber Command 24th April through 30th April. First of very long range bombers landed in China at Kharagpur with Wolfe aboard 24th April. Hand made China runway withstood load perfectly. Did not even show wheel marks. Gasoline storage installations completed at Hsinching, Kwanghan, and Pengshan. Awaiting radio confirmation from engineers that completion date of 1 May for all very long range China Fields has been met. In India reallocation of air fields has been made because of diversion of one wing from this theater as follows:

Kharagpur, Chakulia, Dudhkundi, Kalaikunda for B-29's with Chharra to be used as a transport field.

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ACTION: General Arnold

INFO : OPD, Col Park, 20th Air Force, Log

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FROM: SACSEA

TO : War Office (For DDIP) (Pass MINIFORM and JOYCE and
HINGSTON INDIA OFFICE)
JSM BAD Washington (Pass to G2 and HENNESSY INDIAN AGENT
GENERAL)
M.A. China (Pass to MINIFORM and MENON)
GHQ India for IMI (Pass to VICEROY and DPR)
PAIFORCE (Pass BHATIA)
TEHERAN (Pass ARIF IAPRLO)
PRETORIA for UNION Defence Force Pretoria
LHQ Australia for BRITISH Liaison Staff Melbourne
AFHQ Algiers (and for HQAA I for HOWARD IAPRLO)

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Burma Front. Publicity week ending Friday 28 April. Part 2
confidential guidance not for publication begins situation.
(1) General situation continues to improve. Highly important
event attack Odsabang by aircraft from carriers working with
strong task force under comd Eastern Fleet. This indicates
possible trends of future amphibious operations under SAC
also wide scope of unified strategic plan of SEA comd. On
land front same unified strategy in evidence. On Salween
front Chinese continue to constitute effective threat to
Japanese. In North Burma pressure by Stilwell's troops is
maintained adv in Mogaung Valley continues. They are not
only 10 air miles from Kamaing and 25 miles from Mogaung
both important Japanese base strong points. Their advance
endangers Japanese base and railhead at Myitkyina. In Central
Burma General Lentaigae's Forces continue vigorous harassing
operations and contain an increasing number of the enemy.
In Arakan activity continues and there has been some fairly
heavy fighting near Buthidaung. Enemy purpose here doubtless
to contain as many of our forces as possible during the Assam
effort. It would be wrong to assume that enemy interest in
this area has in any way diminished. Manipur Front situation
is as follows. Imphal area an enemy force from the direction

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of Kohima is moving southward to some probable area of concentration West of Imphal when they no doubt intend to join with the formation moving northwards on the Western side of the road Imphal-Tiddim. Our forces in and around Imphal are secure. No setpiece attack having been yet directed against them. To the north east of Imphal we have extended our front to localities on the road leading to Barul. Patrolling in this direction continues. To the northwest of Imphal the enemy have disposed about 2/3rd of a Div. It would appear that the enemy plan is to attack Imphal from the north and west while holding our troops south of Imphal and in the Kohima area. Tamu area. Enemy appear to be digging in on their positions north of Tamu Tagnonpal area. Kohima. The original garrison has been relieved and our forces in this area still hold the road Dimapur-Kohima. Bishenpur. The enemy is still operating in this area.

(2) Air. Sorties totaled nearly 5000 with a daily average of 700. Troop Carrier Comd maintaining its high effort has been reinforced by 5 US Dakota Squadrons. PRU aircraft for the first time covered areas in French Indo China. A new long range Mustang P5B now in operation with SAC. 9 Vengeance and Hurri Bomber Squadrons a strong proportion of which are IAF are now in the Imphal area AM Hurri Bomber Squadrons have made over 1000 sorties in a fortnight. General Publicity. Vigorous efforts should be made to present overall view of Burma Front as a whole and greatest stress laid on fact that there is one strategic plan underlying all operations this theater. Entire public concentration on one sector without reference to others throws whole picture out of focus. Emphasis should be given to Stillwell's continued advance in Mogaung Valley but it should be pointed out that by the vigorous containment and probable immobilization large Indian Forces Mahipur area and Arakan and protection of communications in Brahmaputra Valley 14 Army making a notable contribution Stillwell's fine effort. To this must be added the ever present threat of General Lentaig's Forces to the rear of the enemy confronting General Stillwell. Continue to avoid any complacent reference to Monsoons effect on campaign or its assistance in terminating operations in our favour. Present Monsoon is difficult to be overcome and not a factor of vital importance to conduct of campaign.

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(4) Special Points. (A) In view continued serious underestimation of part played in campaign by Indian Army and irresponsible mischievous suggestions that Allies contemplate not using Indian Armed Forces in major operations against Japanese strongest emphasis should be laid on fact that 80% of total number of Divisions and overwhelming number of troops these Divisions are in Dets all of line battalions recruited voluntarily from all over India. Over 50% of Vengeance and Hurri Bomber Squadrons operating on Imphal area are IAF.

(B) Stress that morale all forces engaged is of the highest. This is an Army and Air Force with its tail up. Publicize and reiterate all statements of SAC and C in C India on return from tours.

(C) At no time in this campaign and certainly not now have the province of Assam and this complex system of communications been endangered by Japanese attack. And behind Assam Bengal industrial hub of India and vital area of war communications and preparations remains undisturbed. Stress stated confidence of C in C India that Assam never in peril has been well justified.

(D) Stress that Calcutta 2nd largest city in British Empire has not suffered single air raid during whole present phase of campaign. This long immunity due to great superiority of Allied air forces this theater. Superiority bound to increase as more powerful and number our air units detailed this theater.

(E) Finally strongest possible emphasis to be used to wide view whole front and recognition of the fact that all operations conform to single overall strategic plan.

T.O.O. 291223

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Rear Echelon New Delhi, India.

To: War Department.
OG, US Army Forces, China, Burma, and India,
Forward Echelon Chungking, China.

NR: CRAX 2387

29 April 1944.

Sultan to Marshall, information Stilwell, Hearn,
Timberman, Stratemeyer, TOP SECRET CRAX 2387, reurad 23614,
dated 16th April and ourad CRAX 1764, dated 21st April.

Returning AXIOM party members have stated opinion
that War Department may envisage road direct from Myitkyina
to Tengchung rather than via Bhamo and Wanting. Planning
in this Theater has been based on assumption that a motor-
able road must go via Bhamo since present information indi-
cates construction of Myitkyina - Tengchung Road would be
major undertaking which could not be completed in time to
help your overall plan. We consider it might be possible to
construct pipeline along direct route from Myitkyina to Teng-
chung.

The possibilities of this route for both pipeline
and road are being urgently studied and fresh reconnaissances
are now under way. Pending this report, we wish to make it
clear that we now consider the motor road must go via Bhamo
and that this is also the preferable and possible the only
route for pipeline.

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Rear Echelon New Delhi, India.

NR: CRAX 2387

29 April 1944.

The matter is of considerable importance because of scale of operations required in North Burma to secure trace of road. Minimum line required to secure Bhamo-Wanting Road is Katha-Shweli River-Hsenwi Hsenwi.

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Note: Ref is CM-OUT-23614 (15 Apr 44) OPD
1764 is CM-IN-16022 (22 Apr 44) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFD : General Arnold
General Somervell
Colonel Park
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From: CG AACB Kharagpur, India

To: War Department
CG Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector
Calcutta, India

No. 2574E

29th April 1944

TOPSECRET. Arnold info Stratemeyer from Wolfe
2574E.

Readiness of the field at Kwangan in forward area enabled cargo operations to be initiated 24th April when 2 B-29's were dispatched on pioneer flight. Flights was completed satisfactorily excepting for increased gasoline consumption of 5% more than calculated. Both aircraft returned to rear area on 25th April. Two additional B29's loaded with organizational equipment were dispatched on 26th April and returned on 28th April. One of the airplanes dispatched on 26th April was intercepted by 12 unidentified Jap fighters at 16000 feet in the vicinity of Kuan Hein, lat 25 degrees 4 minutes north long 95 degrees 27 minutes east. Preliminary reports indicate a 20 minute running battle in which Jap attacks were made from the rear and rear quarters. Guns of tail and upper and lower rear turrets were able to be brought to bear. Gunners claim 2 fighters were seen to disappear into the undercast smoking. Our damage consisted of 4 holes by bullets of approximately 50 caliber, 2 holes by 20 millimeter high explosive, and 1 hole by 7.7 millimeter. Right elevator, number 4 engine and nacelle damaged slightly. Rear pressurized cabin hit twice with 1 crew member sustaining slight wound on leg. This plane returned to rear area 28th April as indicated above. As of 0600Z 29th April a total of 7 B-29's have been dispatched to Kwangan and 4 returned. Operation to Kwangan continues. Promised by 1st May are the 3 other air fields in forward area for limited B-29 cargo

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To: War Department
CG Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector
Calcutta, India
No: 2574E 29th April 1944

operations, from that date all available aircraft will be engaged in stocking those fields for combat operations. C-46's are already so engaged. Effective 1st May remaining C-47's assigned MATTERHORN in January will be operated over Hump by ATC in exclusive support of XX Bomber Command.

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ACTION: Gen Arnold

INFORMATION: OPD
20th Air Force
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From: CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

To: War Department
CG, AAF, India Burma Sector
Calcutta, India

Nr. 2574E 29 April 1944

2574E. TOPSECRET. Arnold info Stratemeyer from Wolfe

Supplementary copy. Line 5, page 1 should read
as follows:

Consumption of 5% more than calculated. Both
aircraft returned.

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Supplementary copy of CM-IN-22662 (30 Apr 44) General Arnold.

ACTION: General Arnold

INFO : OPD
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From: CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma & India,
Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

To: War Department

No. CRAX 2213, 27 April 1944

G2 report 26 April Bissell CRAX 2213 info Hearn,
Dorn, Timberman, Chennault, Granston, Egan and Lindsey
from Cresswell signed Sultan.

Imphal area, increased enemy activity Tengnoupel
area, 300 Japanese reported moving west between Tengnoupel
and Sita, probable intention of by-passing British posi-
tions this area and attacking Palel; Japanese made short
gain in Hvor 2 miles south Bishenpur; suspension bridge on
Silochar track 17 miles west northwest Bishenpur burned out
and unserviceable. In Kohima area, enemy reported hold-
ing northeast and southeast outskirts of Kohima and control
water supply, air supply including water required for some
units; no further information received on movement of ele-
ments of 31st Division from Kohima to Imphal. On Arakan
little change, British report killing 99 Japanese on Kalsadan
River during recent skirmishes for loss of 5 killed. Other
sectors nothing.

ACTION: G-2

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INFORMATION: CG AAF

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Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia
Commander in Chief, SWPA, Brisbane Australia

No. CRA 224, 27 April 1944

From Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD,
information MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, Hearn, Chennault,
Boatner, Lindsey, Dorn, Cranston, Egan and Timberman
CRA 224.

Fighting to cross Lohkraw in Mogaung Valley 38th
Division meeting strong enemy resistance. 22nd Division
driving against enemy in Inkangahtawng area on Tain Road.
On east flank 1st Battalion, 112th Regiment occupied Kauri
and 3rd Battalion, 112 Regiment holds Manpin.

On Assam front British troops fighting Japs at
several points near Kohima. Elements 2nd Division moving
to Araçura, 2 miles south Kohima on Imphal Road. 23rd
Brigade continues patrols south of Wokha and Mokokehung.

Headquarters 33rd Corps moved Dimapur from Jorhat.
33rd Brigade of 7th Division, less 1 battalion in Dimapur
moving from Golaghat to Eokojan. 18th Mahrattas near
Mahur, on railroad 64 miles southwest Dimapur.

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On 4th Corps front fighting continues in Bishenpur Area, along Bishenpur-Silchar track and near Kungpi. Patrol actions only in areas north and northeast of Imphal.

On Arakan British troops made some gains south of Maungdaw-Buthidaung road. Fighting reported area north Buthidaung. Bawli Bazar present location of 7th Division Headquarters.

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ONE Arakan

By RAIP Date 12-22-72

April 25 two to three hundred enemy digging in PM6636. Two to three hundred entrenched hills area PM5939-PM6038 with picquets on all Chavangs leaving from hills between Kindaung PM5939 and PM 5553. In recent fighting area PT176 PM4035 8 Hybed lost 19 killed 34 wounded but inflicted many cas on enemy. Slight progress made by 4 Bde tps in ops to capture PT551 PM4342 and 22 Japanese killed this area April 25. Hq 36 Bde PM463521. 8 FF Rif area PM4548 PM4948 1/8 GR area PM4552 PM4652. 5/16 Punjab area PM4551 PM4651. Hq 5 (WA) Bde PM651467. 7 GCR on 6447. Hq 7 Div Bawli Bezaer.

TWO Kaladan

Estimated one coy enemy PM7693 April 19. 7/16 Punjab area Lanka1 PG8514. 1 Gambia area Mangsan PG8426.

THREE 4 Corps.

(A) Area Bishenpur. Increased enemy activity on track Silchar-Bishetpur. 23 and 24 April patrol met approx seven hundred enemy between RK0243 and R19843. Three hundred enemy area Khoiro RK1145. 32 Bde posns area Kungpi RK0939 attacked night 25/26 April by estimated one coy enemy.

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(B). Area Palel-Tamu. 300 enemy with 3 guns general area RK6515. No enemy RK4505. No further developments.

(C) Area Imphal. No change. No enemy seen on hills flanking rd area RK6478 RL5348. Possibly some enemy RK6082. Considerable east to west MT mov reported 24/25 April area Sangshak RK7988 Sangjing RK8289 where again reported 1000 enemy repairing old poons. Undated map Round rd Imphal-Ukhrul RE80 shows 1 Bn 67 Regt east of Irrawaddy. 153 Para Bn under comd 5 Div area RK4075.

FOUR 33 Corps.

(A) Area Kohima. Locals report April 25 no enemy west of rd Bokajan MZ 1408 - Kohima. Main enemy str north of Kohima apparently concentrated vicinity Cheavema RE47. April 25 enemy on occupation Naga village RE5168 hospital RE509670 FSD RE497665 rifle range RE487658. Elements 6 Bde in occupation SW outskirts Kohima area operating to clear enemy from area rifle range and FSD. 1 RS 2 Norfolk moved night 25/26 April for Aradura RE5064 via Kohonoma RE4265.

(B) Area Dirapup. 33 Bde less 1 Queens moving from Golaghatm MZ36 to Bokajan MZ1408 April 26.

(C) 23 Bde. Enemy attempt to infiltrate into 44 56 Colns poons area RE4292 Apr unsuccessful. 60 Coln MZ835. 88 Coln MZ8273.

FIVE Hukawng

1/64 Regt have captured enemy poons area SC2290 while tps of 114 Chinese Regt area advancing on Tigrawmyang SC3490. Elements 112 Regt occupied Manpin SC4078 American Ranger relieved by 1/112 Regt area SC5393 moved to area SC5298.

SIX North Burma

Our tps still engaging enemy area NY2321.

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FROM: Main 11 Army Group SEA

TO : Usual addressees

NO : 963/OPS

April 26, 1944

SITREP 104

ONE. ARAKAN. 14 BALUCH continue to move on PT 551 PM 4349 from South. 4 Bde tps advancing from North on PT 551 against stiff resistance captured feature FM 435430 25 April. Fighting continues area PT 121 PM 5048 where enemy str estimated 1 coy plus. 63 enemy bodies counted after fighting this area 24 April. Our cas 8 killed 41 wounded. 8 GOR securing HTINELA FM 6046 with fwd patrols PM 5648 PM 5643. 4 NR moving on area KINDAUNG PM 5937.

TWO. KALADAN. D4 report. 22 April 50 JIPS moved North from PALETWA. During recent OPS our tps killed 99 enemy for 5 killed.

THREE 4 Corps

- Post if pertinent*
- (A) Area BISHENPUR. Enemy a tk ditch across TIDDIM rd area MS 21. Coy 1/4 GR with tk SP attack attacked NINGTHOUKHONG RK 1733 25 April but withdrew after entering Western part of village. Own tks 2 destroyed 2 damaged. Enemy guns this area believed incl 11 105 MM. 6 Coy 213 regt identified NINGTHOUKHONG 25 April where estimated enemy str 1 coy. Patrol MAHINDRA DAL regt report track SILCHAR RJ 06 BISHENPUR clear of enemy to RK 0242.
- (B) Area PALEL-TAMU. Villagers report 22 April enemy str unknown moved eastwards through area CHAKPI TUREL RK 40. 60 mixed JAPANESE and JIPS encountered this area. Enemy have 9 dug in posns on East end of feature RK 5919. Elements 80 Bde holding West end this feature.
- (C) Area IMPHAL. Patrols to LONGA RK 4689 24 April and to area RK 1370 25 April saw NO enemy. 1 Seaforth consolidating LAMU RK 7288. MAPAO RK 3579 captured by 3 JAT 25 April. 35 enemy dead counted. Elements 63 Bde established on feature RK 3383.

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FOUR. 33 Corps. Villagers saw 3 guns REKROMA RE 5474. KOIO MZ 7122 clear of enemy 23 April. NO activity KOHIMA except local patrolling. 161 Bde area MS 32 rd DIMAPUR-KOHIMA. 4 Bde area JOTSOMA RE 4668. 5 Bde area RE 4672.

FIVE. HUKAWN. Leading elements 66 regt reached area SO 2690 SO 2291. 112 regt (less bn) encountering by arty fire area WARONG SO 4982*. 1/112 Regt SO 5298. 2/148 Regt PABUM NX 55. 3/148 Regt SHINGEWIYANG NW 79. 150 Regt WESU GA NX 3250.

SIXTH. North Burma. Our troops still held up by enemy poans TAINGZUP NY 2321

* Check reads 4992

T.O.O. NIL

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From: CG U S Army Forces, China, Burma & India
Near Echelon New Delhi, India

To: War Department

Re: CRAX 2042

25 April 1944

Weekly G-2 report to 23 April Bissell CRAX 2042
info Hearn Dean Timberman Chennault Cranston Egan and
Lindsay from Cresswell signed Sultan.

Stiff fighting in Arawakan but no marked change in
enemy situation; some indications of enemy relief in
Buthidaung area but no new identifications made; on Kaladan
River Japs have advanced north to vicinity of Palewa.
Severe clashes vicinity Tengnoupal on Palel Tama road;

First Battalion 60th Regiment identified in enemy
attack on Site 7 miles northeast Tengnoupal, attack re-
pulsed 120 enemy dead counted; continuous fighting south
of Bihampur and Kungpi, Japanese efforts to join with
elements 15th Division west Imphal non successful;

British troops gaining ground northeast and north
of Imphal against Japs 15th Division which appear still
shifting to west;

Shift to west may have triple purpose, to attack
Imphal from the west in conjunction with 33rd Division,
to join with 33rd Division to relieve possible ammunition
shortage and to make way for elements 31st Division reported
moving south from Kohima area to reinforce enemy theater

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Rear Echelon New Delhi, India

No: CRAI 2042

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against Imphal.

British situation improved vicinity Kohima, road to Dimapur opened and all casualties and noncombatants evacuated. Japs penetrated defense positions slightly from the north but suffered heavy casualties; captured documents and enemy troop movements indicate following plans:

Attack Imphal from the south and southwest with 33rd Division less 1 battalion; 15th Division less 3 battalions to attack from west to northwest and 124 Regiment plus 1 battalion 138 Regiment (from 31st Division) to move south and attack Imphal from north; this leaves 5 battalions of 31st Division to operate against Kohima and oppose our advance from Dimapur; consider possibility Japs will attempt reduce Imphal and perhaps Kohima prior to large scale thrust against Assam line of communications;

Latest estimate 4900 enemy killed since start of Japanese offensive this area; 29 prisoners of war taken.

Along Salween River contacts by small units only at widely separate points; reliably reported a regiment possibly the 113 has moved westward into Bhamo area; if true, this leaves 56th Division less 5 battalions along Salween from Hpimaw south to Kunlong a matter of 175 airline miles; enemy may expect some assistance from puppet troops and Thai troops farther south in Kengtung

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area; Japs have very limited capability of defense by establishment of positions at avenues of approach from the east at river crossing and mountain passes. In North Burma determined enemy resistance supported by strong artillery slowed Allied offensive; advances made to east - west line about 4 miles south Wakawng, 100 Japs reported killed; otherwise little change in enemy situation.

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WITHIN PAST 7 DAYS ALL OR PARTS OF 3 JAP
DIVISIONS PLUS 1 CAVALRY BRIGADE HAVE DRIVEN
70 MILES SOUTH OF YELLOW RIVER DOWN PINGHAN
RAILWAY ALONG A 70 MILE FRONT. THERE IS A
JAP CONCENTRATION OF UNKNOWN STRENGTH AT
HSINYANG NORTH OF HANKOW ON SAME RAILWAY.
THE FIGHTING IN ANHUI PROVINCE IS MINIMIZED

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From: CG AACS Kharagpur India

To: War Department

No: XB1863

24 April 1944

To Arnold info Stratemeyer signed Penre XB 1863.

Answering reburd war 25671 following is form in
which daily status report will be submitted.

Part 1 B 29 status,

Column A aircraft arrived at group, column B
combat operational, column C transport operational only,
column D total not combat operational, column E require
maintenance, column F awaiting parts, column G not combat
operational for miscellaneous reasons, column H: be made
combat operational in less than 1 weekly, column I one to
2 weeks, column J over two weeks.

Part 2 combat crew states,

Column A arrived at group, column B available,
column C total not available, column D sick or wounded,
column E detached service, column F on leave or furlough,
column G unavailable for miscellaneous reasons. Combat
crew figures will include both integral and composite
crews. Crews will be considered available even though
they lack a radar observer.

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By RDP, NARS Date 12-21-72

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From: CG AACs Kharagpur India

No: YB1863

24 April 1944

Part 3 will include gains and losses of crews or aircraft during the previous 24 hours. Following is the report as of 1800 hours 23rd April.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Part 1, 40 Group:										
27	4	15	23	14	7	2	23	0	0	
444 Bomb Group:										
30	0	23	30	6	1	22	30	0	0	
(G) Most of which are loaded with cargo.										
462nd Group:										
10	0	7	10	3	0	7	10	0	0	
(G) Most of which are loaded with cargo.										
468th Group:										
6	0	5	6	1	0	5	6	0	0	
(G) All of which have cargo aboard.										
Aircraft in the car unassigned to group:										
3	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
(G) Which ship is not combat modified.										

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From: CG AACs Kharegaon India

No: YB1863

Total all units:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H		
76	5	51	70	24	8	38	69	0	0

Part 2 Combat Crew Status, 40th Group:

35	35	0	0	0	0	0			
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444 Group:

43	43	0	0	0	0	0			
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462nd Group:

20	20	0	0	0	0	0			
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468:

19	19	0	0	0	0	0			
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Total all groups:

117	117	0	0	0	0	0			
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Part 3 negative.

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April 24, 1944

FROM:- Main 11 Army Group Sea

TO:- Usual addresses

NO:- 917 OPS

SITREP 102.

ONE.

ARAKAN. JAPANESE heavily shelled 4 bde posn pm 4443 PM 4543 22 APR. Enemy active in area PM 4842 PM 6941* night 21/22 Apr inflicting slight cas on our tps. Several enemy attacks on posn PM 497487 night 22/23 Apr and early 23 Apr repulsed with cas to enemy. Night 22/23 Apr enemy lost NOT less than 20 killed and many wounded in unsuccessful attack on our posn PM 121 PM 5048. Several other enemy attacks area PM 5056 early 23 April repulsed. 5(WA) bde clearing area PYINGXAUNG PM 6542.

1. WILTS area PM 4443 - PM 4442. 2 MF Rif area PM 4344. 2. RAJPUT area PM 4544.

TWO.

KALADAN. 7/16 PUNJAB 1 GAMBIA area PG 9005 PG 8908.

THREE.

4 CORPS. (A) Area BISHENPUR. Enemy evacuated KUNGPI RK 0939 and one of two posn PT 5846 RK 1040 and moved west. 10 Coy 214 Regt identified this area. Total 30 enemy guns located area RK 1733. 84 enemy bodies recovered area KUNGPI Hill RK 0939 21 April. Enemy attacks on our posn this area 22 Apr and night 22/23 Apr repulsed.

(B) Area PALEL-TAMU. After determined attack 22 April preceded by intense arty concentration enemy occupied two features North and South of TENGNOUPAL RK 6013. Fwd posns 80 bde 23 Apr RK 587132.

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(C) Area IMPHAL. Enemy Bn reported diggin in at SANGJING RK 8189. One bn believed 51 Regt located RK 5183. Two bns plus located area SENGMAI RK 2878 - MAPO RK 3979. 9 Coy 67 Regt identified SENGMAI. Unconfirmed party enemy with MTN gun moving South in area RK 16. 50 enemy dead counted in SOKPAO RK 7184 21 April. Bn 9 bde engaging enemy area RK 3784 and elements this bde have occupied feature RK 3581. 63 bde operating North from area SENGHAI RK 2878 with fwd elements at RK 3281.

LOCATIONS. 1 bde. (1) SEAFORTH AREA RK 6983. 1/16 PUNJAB area RK 6582. 37 bde. NO change. 123 bde.

(2) SUFFOLK AREA RK 4276. 2/1 PUNJAB RK 4875. 1 DOGRA RK 4179 29 bde. 3.14 PUNJAB RK 4080. 49 bde.

(4) MAHRATTA RK 4973. Bde HQ 6 MAHRATTA RK 4969. 5 RAJRIF RK 5862.

FOUR.
33 Corps. Captured documents show task main force 138 Regt "As well as cutting rd KOHIMA-DIMAPUR will assemble area CHESWEMA and recce to the North of the place to prepare for future mov".

22 April reduced enemy activity KOTSOMA RE 4567 and NO enemy KOHOMA RE 4265. Relief of KOHIMA grn by 6 bde. successfully completed without enemy interference.

2 DLI consolidating feature RE 4968. NO further developments area KOHIMA.

23 bde. Attack by 4456 colns area RE 4292 21 Apr held up. HQ 33 Corps closes JORHAT and opens DIMAPUR 24 Apr.

FIVE.
HUKAWNG. 1/65 Regt repulsed light enemy attack area MANSUM SB 89. In recent engagement North of PANGLU HKA SC 2595 100 enemy killed. 22 Div on West and 38 Div on East of MCGAUNG HKA continue adv slowly due stiffening enemy resistance and by arty fire.

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From: Chiefs of Staff
To : S.A.C.S.E.A.
Info: Joint Staff Mission

April 24, 1944

Number: COSSEA 90

Following from Chiefs of Staff.

1. Reference SEACOS 134. We are concerned about the maintenance situation on the Burma front especially Imphal and Ledo forces in particular the stock reserve position.

2. Please furnish an urgent report stating:

- (a) position of reserve stocks forward of L. of C. in the Ledo, Imphal and Arakan fronts expressed in terms of days for the forces concerned including all reinforcements.
- (b) estimate of reserve stocks as in (a) above on 1st June, 1st July.
- (c) percentage of daily tonnages on Assam L. of C. allocated to building up stock reserve.

T.O.O. 241700Z

SEACOS 134 is CM-IN-11046 (15 Apr 44) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Gen Arnold
OPD
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From: CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma & India
Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

To : War Department

No : CRAX 1895 23 April 1944

G2 report 22nd April Bissell CRAX 1895 info Hearn, Dorn, Timberman, Chennault, Cranston, Egan, Lindsay from Creswell signed Sultan.

Imphal Area, sharp fighting continues vicinity Kungpi 44 miles west Bishenpur; Enemy concentrating and moving supplies in area 4 miles south Bishenpur.

Japanese activity decreased in Kohima Area; Latest reports indicate 300 Japs at Sulhapi 20 miles north east Kohima and no large forces north of that area; Rapid preliminary translation of captured document indicates 124th Regiment (not identified or located as yet but believed in area) and 1 battalion 138th Regiment to be committed against Imphal leaving but 515 Battalions in general Kohima Area.

No changes on Arakan and North Burma fronts. Unconfirmed report of 113th Regiment of 56th Division moved to vicinity Bhamo; If true 56th Division now minus 5 Battalions on Salween front.

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To: War Department
CINCPAC, Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia
CG, US Army Forces in South
Pacific Area Noumea, New Caledonia

Nr. CRAX 1890 23 April 1944

To Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD, info Mac-
Arthur, COMUSOPAC, Hearn, Chennault, Boatner, Dorn,
Lindsay, Cranston, Egan, and Timberman from Sultan CRAX
1890.

Little change of Mogaung Valley situation as
Chinese encounter stiff enemy resistance. Allied patrols
covering trails in hills east of Mogaung Valley. On Taro-
Lonkin trail on west flank Chinese repulsed small Japanese
attack on Assam front elements 23rd Brigade advancing south-
ward from Kokokohung and Wokha. Heavy fighting continues
in Kohima Area, and troops of 2nd Division now holding
strongpoints in west of town after relief of original
Kohima garrison. In 4th Corps Area along road to Ukhrul
northeast of Imphal British continue to make good progress.
37th and 1st Brigades linked up on road, and jeep convoy
moved through to Bokpo. Fighting also reported in Teng-
noupal and Sita in Palel Area, and near Bishenpur. Arakan
quiet.

ACTION: OPD

No Sig.

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

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see page 2 re Ledo Road
From: CG US Army Forces in China, Burma and India,
Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

To: War Department

No: CRA 1849 23 April 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD CRA 1849.

Weekly summary for week ending 19th April:

1. Chinese Air: nil for period.
2. Chinese Ground:

At Menghsantow, south of the Yellow River Bridge, the Japs attacked on April 19th with 4,000 troops in an attempt to enlarge the bridgehead on the Peiping-Hankow railroad. The bridge is reconstructed and carrying light tank and truck traffic. Jap strength is reported at 50 to 60 light tanks and 10,000 troops. The Japs attacked April 17th on the south bank of the Yellow River opposite Chungmow ferry with 3,000 troops. The Chinese counterattacked with some success. Jap troops are moving toward Mengsien on north side of Yellow River. Chinese expect crossing and movement to Loyang. In the Yangtze Valley there are large movements of Jap troops. Japs are now in vicinity of Anking. Other sectors are quiet.

3. US Air:

13th April, 4 Mitchells attacked enemy shipping in Bakli Bay, causing possible damage to one 150 foot steamer.

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Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

No: CRA 1849 23 April 1944

14th April, 9 P51's and 10 P38's on mission to intercept 13 Jap planes over Namyung failed to make contact.

15th April, 3 Mitchells bombed 2 bridges in the Viet Tri Area. The south span of the Viet Tri Bridge was destroyed. Approaches and track of bridge northwest of Viet Tri were destroyed. Barracks area at Viet Tri was strafed.

16th April, 22 Liberators were detailed on mission to Samah Bay, the mission was unsuccessful due to weather.

17th April, 4 P40's on sweep over north French Indo China, destroyed 1 radio shack.

18th April, 4 B24's on sea sweep from Saint Johns Island to southern Formosa sighted no boats and dropped no bombs. 27 Fighters on mission to intercept Jap planes could not make contact. 12 P40's failed to make contact on mission to intercept enemy planes.

19th April, 3 Mitchells on railroad sweep in northern French Indo China damaged bridge at Than Moi. Also damaged the track and 1 building south of the bridge. 4 P40's sank one 50 foot ferry at Takaw in Burma.

4. US Ground: No operations reported.

5. Ledo Road and Pipeline progress report of 10th April:
The unfinished road between Tagap and Shing-buiyang extends from mile 97.6 to mile 102.8 beyond here the

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road is complete through mile 115. Grading is complete through mile 140 and for 3 1/2 miles between mile 140 and 150. Clearing is complete through mile 150. The lead dozers are at mile 170.5. The survey party is at Tingkaw Sakan, mile 173. The pipeline clearing is complete through mile 124. Pipe is through to mile 120 and coupled to mile 119. Line is in operation to Shingbiyang, mile 110. 9 pump stations are operating, 20 tanks are complete, totalling 22,500 barrels.

6. British Troop disposition changes:

1. 4th Corps Front:

32nd Brigade at Bishenpur, 80th Brigade at Shenam (8 miles southeast Palel), 100th Brigade at Kakehing (4 miles north Palel), 1st Brigade at Sokpao (24 miles northeast Imphal), 37th Brigade at Yainganpoki (12 miles northeast Imphal), 49th Brigade at Tumkhong (12 miles east Imphal), 123rd Brigade 10 miles northeast Imphal.

2. 33rd Corps Front:

2nd Division 16 miles southeast Dimapur, 4th Brigade at Priphema (12 miles northwest Kohima), 5th Brigade at Aubza (6 miles northwest Kohima), 6th Brigade at Jotsama (2 miles northwest Kohima).

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From: CG, US Forces, Ledo, India

To: War Department

Nr: CAC 730 23 April 1944

Joint Chiefs of Staff reurad WARX 25703 from Stilwell
CAC 730.

Without delay coordination directed will be effected.

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ACTION: JCS

INFORMATION: Gen Arnold
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AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

1. WHAT WAS GREATEST DISTANCE OF DAMAGE TO UNDERWATER
PORTION OF DOCKS AND OTHER STRUCTURES. HOW FAR APART
WERE 2 SHIPS.

2. WHAT WAS GREATEST DISTANCE OF SEVERE STRUCTURAL
DAMAGE DUE TO BLAST.

3. IF ANY MARKED DIRECTIONAL EFFECTS WHAT WERE DETAILS
OF EXPLOSIVE POSITION IN RELATION TO BARRICADING AND
ORIGIN OF EXPLOSION.

4. WAS EXPLOSIVE LOAD FIGURE FOR FIRST SHIP GROSS WEIGHT
OF AMMUNITION OR NET WEIGHT OF EXPLOSIVES.

5. HOW MUCH EXPLOSIVE CARRIED BY SECOND SHIP

6. SCENES OF AREA BEFORE AND AFTER EXPLOSION.

7. ACCURATE PLOT TO SHOW LOCATIONS AND AREAS INVOLVED

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IN THESE QUESTIONS.

8. WHAT PART OF DAMAGE WAS DUE TO FIRE RATHER THAN EXPLOSION.

9. WERE DEATHS CAUSED BY BLAST, FIRE, FRAGMENTS OR COLLAPSE OF STRUCTURES. MAXIMUM DISTANCES FOR EACH TYPE OF DEATH. NUMBER OF DEATHS IN DOCK AREA OR ON SHIPS AS COMPARED WITH TOTAL.

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MALET BASINS EITHER LEVELED GUTTED OR DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR EXCEPT PRINCES DOCK PUMPING STATION WHICH

FUNCTIONING. F AND K QUARRIES WHICH OF LIGHT OPEN CONSTRUCTION WITHSTOOD BUSTION. WERE WHETHER DRYDOCK

PUMPING STATION NOT LORON C* APPEARS REPAIRABLE. VICTORIA DOCK PUMPING STATION SUFFERED MAJOR DAMAGE.

ALSO RUINED RICE MARKET BLDGS BOTH SIDES CANADIA ROAD. FROM CARNAC ROAD TO KALYAN STREET TO RIGHT

OF FRERE ROAD ALL WAREHOUSES AND BUILDINGS ARE RUINED. CONSULT PLAN OF DOCKS PORT OF BOMBAY. CONSIDERABLE FIRE

CONTINUES IN COMMERCIAL WAREHOUSE AND TENEMENT AREA BUT IS UNDER CONTROL.

*GARBLED GROUP.

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From: SACSEA
To: Chiefs of Staff
Info: J.S.M. Washington
Dated: 22nd April 1944

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By RAP Date 12-22-72

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Following for Prime Minister repeated Chiefs of Staff and Joint Staff Mission from Mounbatten.

1. General.

During week 13-19 April there have been no major changes in the situation but heavy local fighting has continued on all fronts. The main road to Dimapur to Imphal remains out in several places. The concentration of our reinforcing formations is now almost complete. The situation by fronts is described in succeeding paragraphs.

2. Arakan.

The tunnels are now in our possession but fighting still continues along the ridge opening to the south and the road Maungdaw to Buthidaung cannot yet be used for through traffic on account of enemy activity. The enemy are also still active in the hills to the south of Buthidaung on the east bank of Kalapanzin River.

81 West African Division still concentrated in Kaladan village area.

3. Imphal Area.

4 Corps are maintaining a firm hold of the Imphal Plain where they are being attacked by 33 Japanese Division

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from the south and 15 Japanese Division from the north east and north. The position now is that the 20th Division is holding the Tiddam Road some 7 miles south of Imphal with one Brigade and the Imphal-Tamu Road with the rest of the Division. The 23rd Division is operating against the enemy to the northeast of Imphal and the 5th Division is to the north. A brigade of the 17th Division is in position across the main road from Kohima some 10 miles north of Imphal. The Corps commander intends first to clear up the enemy in the Imphal Plain and then operate along the main road towards Kohima.

4. Kohima Area.

The 2nd Division who are operating from Dimapur to open the road to our troops in Kohima have now made contact with them but the road is not yet open. Heavy fighting is still going on in and around Kohima. The tracks leading from Kohima to the railway are being watched by a long range penetration brigade - the 23-42 of 3rd Indian Division. The enemy 31st Division in this area originally appeared to be keeping part of their force for exploitation towards the railway but there are indications that the strength of our resistance has compelled them to concentrate the bulk of the division against Kohima itself.

5. North Burma.

The Chinese American force has made slight advances and are about 18 miles north of Kamming. Further east our levees have had successful ambushes some 40 miles north of Myitkyina.

The Japanese 56th Division facing the Chinese armies in Yunnan is thought to have withdrawn five of their battalions for operations against the Chinese Americans and 3rd Indian Division (Long range penetration force), leaving four battalions only to contain Y Force. We have

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just had news from De Wiert that the Generalissimo will order an advance by four divisions with objectives Tehgchung and Lungling. Date of advance not stated. This will at least pin remainder of 56th Division and may accomplish more but it is too early yet to know.

6. 3rd Indian Division (Long Range Penetration Force) in Upper Burma.

Four out of five brigades are now operating in support of the Chinese American force and have continued their guerilla activities. Their main successes have been the destruction of two railway bridges southwest of Indaw and one road bridge on the Bhamo-Myittha Road. Several strong enemy attacks on our stronghold of White City near Mawlu have been successfully repelled. It is estimated that up to 15 enemy battalions may be operating against 3rd Division but probably only one or two of them belong to formation attacking Kohima and Imphal. It does not appear that the operations of 3rd Division have yet had any substantial effect on the Japanese offensive across the Chindwin but it must be remembered they are intended primarily to help Stilwell's advance.

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

No. CRAX 1847, 22 April 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OFD, info
MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, Hearn, Chennault, Boaxter, Lindsay,
Dorn, Cranston, Egan and Timberman CRAX 1847.

Troops of 22nd Division have reached positions
11 miles south southwest Shadusup killing 100 Japs in
advance. East of Mogaung River, 114th Regiment in con-
tact with enemy along Labkraw Hka. 112nd Regiment, less
1st Battalion, now 17 miles southeast Shadusup. 88th
Regiment, less 1st Battalion, has arrived Tate Ga, 18
miles east Shadusup. Kachin Levies carried out successful
ambush near Nsopzup in Fort Hertz Valley on Assam front
original Kohima garrison has been relieved. Patrol of
23rd Brigade contacted enemy at Sakhalu, 25 miles south
Mokokehung. 55 column of 23rd Brigade arrived
Mokokehung, and 76 column 8 miles north Wykha. 33rd
Brigade of 7th Division in Golaghat, less 1 Battalion in
Dimapur. On 4th Corps front, British troops successful in
several encounters northeast Imphal. 63rd Brigade in con-
tact with enemy at Bengmai, 10 miles northwest Imphal.
Fighting continues in Dimapur area. On Arakan front
British troops repulsed several small attacks 2 miles
southwest Ledvedet. Most of 81 West African Division
has moved from Kaladan Valley to positions 8 miles east

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Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

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of Buthiyaung. One battalion of 81st Division and 1
Indian Battalion remaining near Uaijtwa in Kaladan
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J.S.M. Washington (Britman pass)
Hq. Fourteenth Army (For ADPR)
Rptd. Adv Hq SACSEA (For DPR)

Number: 870/PR

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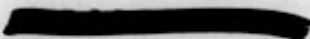
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CG, AAGS Kharagpur, India
CG, US Army Forces Central Pacific Area
Ft Shafter, T.H.

No : CAXK 1144 22 April 1944

This operations and intelligence report for April 21st. To Arnold, Stilwell, Stratemyer, Egan, Wolfe, Sultan, Davidson, COMUSMACV pass to CINCPAC, info MILID, AFABI and AFDis CAXK 1144 signed Chennault.

Sharks 8 off Yunnanyi, divided into 2 flights of 4 each, on offensive recon roads east and west of Takaw strafed small buildings in Takaw area and a bridge and building at (98 degrees 35 minutes east 21 degrees 20 minutes north). Off Yunnanyi 4 Sharks on offensive recon to Bhamo, Loiwing, Kutkai, Hsenwi and Lashio encountered heavy ack ack and accurate at bridge over river at Loiwing. 3 steam rollers along the road between Bhamo and Kutkai were strafed and severely damaged. A truck was strafed about 60 miles south of Loiwing. The truck was destroyed. 1 truck loaded with boxes on road near town of Loiwing was strafed with unknown results. Also strafed and destroyed a truck between Kutkai and Hsenwi. Flight strafed 2 steam rollers on landing strip at Hsenwi destroying them. Just south of Hsenwi a truck was strafed and destroyed, a few soldiers were strafed with unobserved results. Strafing

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To: War Department Book
No: CAEX 1144

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and destroyed another truck 5 miles south of Hsenwi. About 26 miles north of Lashio, flight strafed 2 trucks and a gas truck setting them on fire. 10 miles north of Lashio, a large motor pool including about 15 trucks and large fuel dump was noted. One part of the fuel dump, containing about 25 barrels, was strafed and left smoking but entire flight ran out of ammunition before hitting the well dispersed and camouflaged trucks and returned to base. Total sorties were 12 Fighter.

Routine ferry trips by 308th group with 5 over and 9 back.

34-774-113-55

Chinese Air Force reports the Japs occupied Chengchow on 21st April. From southern Yellow River bridgehead Jap Forces moved west reaching Soeshui. Japs now reported north side of river at Mangsien. Drive from Chungmow crossed Ingdsan railroad penetrating to Yuh sien and Kehhsien.

Air strength Yuncheng (31),
Sinyang (11),
Sinsiang (27),
Kaifeng (12),
Anyang (36),
Hsuechow (9) okgY.

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To: Chiefs of Staff
Rptd: Joint Staff Mission, Washington
From: Rear HQ SACSEA
Dated: 21st April, 1944

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By RHP Date APR 2 1973

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Following for Chiefs of Staff.

Seventh report on MATTERHORN for two weeks ending April 15th, 1944.

1. Kharagpur

Operational. Concrete runway ready. 3434 feet concrete taxi strips ready. 30 concrete hard standings ready. Housing ready for 439 (? 409) officers and 2,522 enlisted men. Storage tank facilities completed. Distribution system 80% complete. Estimated date of completion 30 September 1944.

2. Chakulia.

Operational. East and west concrete runway ready. North and south concrete runway 4,800 feet completed. 300 feet concrete taxi strip ready. 45 hard standings steel plank ready. Housing ready for 240 officers and 1,339 enlisted men. Storage tank facilities 80% complete. Distribution system 10% complete. Estimated date of completion 30 September 1944.

3. Dudichundi

North and south concrete runway 2,800 feet ready, both ends under construction. Housing ready for 100 officers and 1,000

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enlisted men. Storage tank facilities 35% complete. Estimated date of completion September 30, 1944.

4. Kalaitytda

Concrete runway 6,000 feet ready. Housing ready for 100 officers and 1,000 enlisted men. Estimated date of completion September 30, 1944.

5. Piardoba.

Concrete runway ready 6,000 feet. 32 temporary steel mat hard stands completed. Tankage is 10% completed. Housing ready for 250 officers and 2,500 enlisted men. Estimated completion date September 30, 1944.

6. Charra

East and west concrete runway ready 6,000 feet. North and south concrete runway ready 4,800 feet. Temporary hard standings ready 35. Taxi strip reinforced with steel mat ready 2,900 feet. Housing ready for 250 officers and 2,000 enlisted men. Estimated completion date December 31, 1944.

7. Agra and Karachi

Operational. Runway extensions are 60 and 100% completed. Estimated completed date of Agra is June 1, 1944. Estimated completion date of Karachi is April 30, 1944.

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ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: Gen. Arnold
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To : War Department
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Forward Echelon Chungking, China
CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector
Calcutta, India
CG, 10th Air Force, Calcutta, India
CG, US Army Forces China, Burma and India
Rear Echelon New Delhi, India
CG, AACF Khatnagar, India
CG, US Army Forces Central Pacific Area
Ft Shafter, T.H.

No : CAXX 1068 21st April 1944

To Arnold, Stilwell, Stratemeyer, Davidson, Egan,
Wolfe, Sultan, COMSOPAC pass to CINCPAC, info MILID,
AFABI, AFDIS CAXX 1068 signed Chennault.

Details unavailable at this time regarding mission of
2 Mitchells off Kweilin to Hongkong Harbor. Other operations
negative due to weather. This operations and intelligence
report for April 20th.

Japs heavily bombed Anking (32 degrees 30 minutes
north 100 and 9 degrees 18 minutes east) and Hanchung (33
degrees north and 107 and 7 degrees 13 minutes east). On
20th April the Chinese Air Force states that over 40000
Jap troops and 60 Jap tanks involved in ground offensive
across the Yellow River. Crossings of river at Menghsien,
Northwest of Loyang, and Chungmow, East of Kaifeng, and
tank offensive from Jap defense positions south of river at

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From: CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

No : CAEX 1068 21st April 1944

Yellow River Bridge due north of Chengchow. Total sorties
19 fighter, 2 bomber and routine ferry trips by 308th Group
with 7 over and 3 back.

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From: CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma & India
Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

To: War Department
CINC, Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia
CG, US Forces in New Caledonia

No: CRAX 1759 21 April, 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD, info
MacArthur, COMSOPAC, Hearn, Chennault, Boatner, Lindsay,
Dorn, Cranston, Egan and Timberlake CRAX 1759.

Advancing slowly Chinese troops move down Mogaung
Valley. West of river elements of 22nd Division are
enveloping Jap positions south of Warazup. East of river
114th Regiment in contact with enemy along the Labraw Hka.
First Battalion of 88th Regiment reached Maingkvan enroute
Pabum. In Fort Hertz Valley Kachin levies continue to harass
enemy. On Assam front Kohima-Dimapur road clear of enemy
but fighting continues in Kohima area. British increasing
strength in Wokha and Mokokchung areas. On 4th Corps front
British successful in actions northeast Kohima. Sakpao,
24 miles northeast Kohima occupied by 1st Brigade 23rd
Division. Wakan, 13 miles north northeast Imphal also
occupied and mopping up of Jap groups northeast Imphal in
progress. Fighting continues Bishenpur area and British
now hold Kungpi. Also fighting near Tengnoupal. On Arakan
front skirmishes and patrolling in Godusara and Buthidaung
areas, along Maungdaw-Buthidaung road.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CG AAF, G-2, 061 Park, Log

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Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

To : War Department

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No. CRAX 1756, 21 April 1944

G-2 report 20th April Hissell CRAX 1756 info Hearn, Dorn, Timberman, Chennault, Cranston, Egan and Lindsey from Creswell signed Sultan.

An estimated enemy company with artillery reported moving north northwest from Lonkin toward Mansum; 2 Companies Japanese moved by rail Myitkyina to Mogaung, destination unknown; 30 enemy killed vicinity Warazup where fighting continues. In Arakan 2nd Battalion 112th Regiment identified in fighting on west bank Kalapanzin River 2 miles north Buthidaung; on Kaladan River small enemy party reported in Paletwa. Japanese captured Field Supply Depot area vicinity Kohima night 17th April. Exact location and amount of supplies therein not reported; enemy attack on Kohopa from west advanced to positions 2½ miles southwest Kohima; indications what follow is a paraphrase of AMMDEL message to you.

"Enemy may use bulk of 2 Regiments (58th and 138th) in effort to reduce Kohima garrison; no further enemy movements to north or northwest Kohima reported; estimated 400 Japanese killed Kohima area past several days. Imphal area, enemy attack supported by tanks vicinity Tengnoupal repulsed; British hold Fiddim road 8 miles south Bishenpur and Kungpi 4 miles west Bishenpur but enemy bypassing Kungpi in the west; elements all 3 Regiments 33rd Division identified this area where main push is developing; British advances northeast on road toward Unkrul caused sharp fighting but encountered no determined enemy resistance which may

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Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India
To : War Department
No. CRAX 1756, 21 April 1944

indicate Japanese 15th Division shifting main strength
westward.

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Headquarters, 20th Air Force
Gen Hansell - 3648

April 21, 1944

Commanding General
20th Bomber Command
Kharagpur, India

Number WAR 26378

TOPSEC to Wolfe from Hansell signed Arnold

B79 project

In view of the fact that your target directive number 1 calls for 1st priority on certain targets requiring visual precision attacks, it is highly desirable that SHAKEDOWN should provide maximum formation combat experience and daylight precision visual bombing in preparation for that type of mission. Only experience will show what the capabilities of your command are, however the deployment of your unit was predicated on the destruction of certain vital precision targets. Although we must develop flexibility of tactical methods including use of radar and night attack, these methods do not appear to be as productive of satisfactory results against precision targets as visual day bombing therefore we are reluctant to start out that way. You must yourself judge present obstacles to night takeoff and rendezvous enroute. It appears that your initial operations against your primary precision objectives will involve night takeoff and bombing attack at the target in early daylight. If this is the case, suggest you reconsider your plan for SHAKEDOWN so as to duplicate as far as possible the conditions that will govern your operations against your primary targets. Further details of your plan are desired.

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Gen Letter, 5-8-78

INFORMATION: Gen. Arnold
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From: CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma & India
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To : War Department
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific
Area, Brisbane Australia
CG, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia

Post
No : CRAX 1676 20 April 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD, info
MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, Bearn, Chennault, Boatner, Lindsey,
Dorn, Cranston, Egan and Timberman CRAX 1676.

Elements of 114th Regiment occupied Ngungahtawng, 11
miles southeast Shadusup, and balance this Regiment advancing
10 miles south Shadusup. West of Mogaung River Chinese
troops in contact with enemy in Warasup. West of Warasup
part of 2nd Battalion 64th Regiment crossed Wora Hka, and
remainder this regiment on north bank this stream. First
Battalion 148th Regiment arrived Taro.

On Assam front 2nd Division has cleared Dimapur-
Kohima road northwest of Kohima. Heavy fighting in area
and situation not clear. 2 Battalions of 161st Brigade
which have been cut off in Kohima reached Jotsimo, 2 miles
northwest Kohima and evacuation of casualties from Kohima
garrison in progress. On 4th Corps front British troops
made advance northeast Imphal. Fighting reported Sengmai,
10 miles northwest Imphal; along Pail-Tamu road near Teng-
noupal; and at Kengbi, near Bishenpur. 2 Battalions 17th
Division have moved to Bishenpur area. On Marakan front pat-
role of 25th and 26th Divisions were active in Godusara,
Htindav and Buthidaung areas. 50 Japs killed in encounter
north Buthidaung on west bank Kalapanxin River.

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March 20, 1944.

FROM: Main 11 Army Group Sea

TO : War Office

Rptd. Force Nairobi
NZ Hq Force New Zealand
G.H.Q. Persia & Iraq Force
Military Attache China
Middle East
B.A.D. Washington
Hq Brisbane (Pass COIC GHQ)

Number: 830/OPS

SITREP 98

1. Arakan. Elements 71 Bde with TK SP captured enemy posns PT 121 PM 5048 April 18. More than fifty enemy dead counted. Own casualties three killed thirtyfour wounded. Two small enemy counter attacks this feature night 18/19 April repulsed. Documents captured PT 121 identify elements 2 N 112 Regt. Approx one Coy enemy Regt arrived Area PT 121 from North. 2 S Ian R joining 114 Bde in replacement 1 SOM LI.

2. Kaladan. 7/16 Punjab Area FM 9396. 1 Gambia Area Paletwa FM 9094.

3. 4 Corps. (A) Area Palel-Tamu. No fresh developments are RK 6011 except April 18 our patrol successfully blew up enemy water point this area. (B) Area Imphal. April 17 no enemy seen Nungba RJ 7853. Enemy Area Kungpi RK 0939 identified as belonging to 1 Bn 214 Regt attempting move North. Fwd elements in contact with our Tps 3 miles NW of Bishenpur. April 19 locals report one hundred and fifty enemy PT 1310 RK 0559. Two enemy attacks on our posns Area Kungpi night 18/19 Apr both repulsed. Enemy rd block established MS 25 Rd Imphal-Tiddim. 1/4 Gr 4 Fwr under comd 32 Bde Area Biphempur. April 18 enemy Rd block Kanglatongbi RK 2883 unoccupied but approx three enemy coys seen Area RK 3683. Night 18/19 Apr enemy attack on 1/3 Gr posns RK 317. repulsed.

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One enemy Bn reported April 18 moving to Sokpao RK 7184 from North and April 19 one Bn moved Westwards from Sokpao. Hq. Sdukeul Bde 3/3 Gr Yaingangpokp RK 5575. 49 Bde less 4 Mahrattis RK 5763.

4. 13 Corps. Night 17/18 April enemy captured area Pwd at Kohima. Kohima grn now comprises 4 MWK 1 Assam Regt anere Regt. Locations. 161 Bde less one Bn 1 Bde 2 Norfolk area MS 42 Rd Dimapur-Kohima. 5 Bde MS 36. 4 Bde less one in area MS 28 MS 32. 1 Queens Dimapur. 33 Bde less one Bn Hautley MZ 2278 33 Coln left Mariani MZ 6987 for Wokha MZ 6420. 55 Coln MZ 8375 enemy reported digging in Kilami RE 8492. April 19 four hundred to six hundred enemy moved North from Chesvema RE 4876. Comment. Probable intention block Rd Bokajan-Kohima. Intercepted message from Sathazumi RE 7979 states "have passed the new mission to Masuda Butai". Masuda is Bn Comd 124 Regt.

5. Hukawng. Enemy withdraw from Warazup SC 2595. North Burma. Nothing to report.

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

To: War Department

No: CRA 1699

20 April 1944.

Marshall for Bissell cite WDQBI CRA 1669 from
Sultan.

Balance of March Casualty Report follows:

15 Corps area Japanese 1400 killed
1500 wounded
20 POW

4th Corps Japanese 2490 killed
2479 wounded
19 POW

For March casualties previously submitted.

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April 19, 1944

FROM: Main 11 Army Gp SEA

TO : War Office
Rptd: Military Attache China NZ Forces Hq New Zealand
Middle East Britman Hq Brisbane (pass COIC GHQ), Force
Nairobi, GHQ Paicforce

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Sitrep 97.

1. Arakan.

Our troops have made small advances on West and East slopes Mayu range elements 4 Bde occupied feature PM 448424 but elements 53 Bde were held up near feature PM 428388. Further reports small party enemy crossed Kalapanzin Westwards area PM 4855. April 18 estimated one weak coy enemy PM 4942. 1 Somli being withdrawn to India.

2. Kaladan.

Enemy active area PM 9580 PM 9880. Enemy with BTA reported moving up Pichauung from PM 9370. 7/16 Punjab area PM 9687. 1 Gambia area PM 9396.

3. Chin Hills.

Reports tend confirm few Japanese remain South Chin Hills which garrison by Indian irregulars.

4. Chindwin.

(A). Area Palel-Tamu. April 14 patrol saw enemy transferring stores Tp AT at Lokchanper IX 0008 also saw 3 it tks and 3 guna. 14 FF Rif ambushed 2 enemy parties April 14 area RP 4798 inflicting cas. Ref Sitrep 96. Three coys 3/1 GR counted 120 Japanese bodies after attack April 15 Sita RK 6822. April 16 hy enemy attack on our posns feature RK 6011 successful but enemy cas severe. Two enemy attacks on each nights 16/17 17/18 April in this area were repulsed. 12 coy 213 Regt identified in these actions. Enemy RK 6011 believed same is reported RK 6209 in Sitrep 95. 1 Devon RK 6012. 9 FFR RK 5513. 3/1 GR RK 5713.

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(B). Area Imphal. Locals report April 17 300 enemy Pukhao RK 4585 and other Hq strength unknown moved north. Estimated now one Bn plus 500 Japanese area Sadu RK 1234. Our attack Kungpi RK 0938 April 17 failed and fresh attack being made April 18. April 17, 123 Bde occupied feature RK 4973 without opposition. 37 Bde have captured features RK 5880 and RK 5977. Two coys 3/10 GR RK 5880. 3/5 RGR RK 5977. April 17 two coys 3 Jat occupied feature RK 3982 without opposition. April 18 our tps occupied Wakan RK 4183. Some enemy shelling 63 Bde posns area Sengmai RK 2878 April 18.

5. 33 Corps.

Fifty enemy reported April 16 MZ 7123 possibly from Wacha MZ 6420. Report indicates enemy previously reported area Pulomi RE 2955 moving towards Kohima. Our tps report 1000 enemy moving towards Kohima April 17 from Mullah just to SW of Kohima.

6. Lushai Bde. Bns concentrating as follows by approx May
1. 1 Jat area Darltnw RT 26. 7/14 Punjab Cwaiphai RT 79.
1 BI Hard RT 43.

7. Hukawng. Nothing to report.

8. North Burma. NTR.

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INFO : CG AAF
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Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

To : War Department

Nr : 1605

19 April 44

G2 report 18 April signed Sultan from Creswell
for Bissell info Hearn Dorn Chennault Cranston Egan Lindsey
and Timberman CRA 1605.

British Troops in contact with an estimated enemy
Battalion in vicinity Kungpi 5 miles Southwest Bishenpur;
additional 500 Japanese moving North 6 miles west Bishenpur;
22 enemy tanks reported near Tengnoupal on Palel-Tamu Road;
33 Division Headquarters vicinity Torbung 30 miles
Southwest Imphal

Nothing to report Kohima and north thereof. On
Kaladen River 300 Japanese reported moving North 5 miles
west Kaladen village; Arakan Front no change.

In North Burma considerable Enemy artillery fire
encountered in Manau Area (12 miles North Northwest
Lonkin) where our troops are in contact with enemy;
Warazup reported clear of enemy; 25 Jap killed in ambush
near Ritpong.

ACTION: G-2

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INFO: CG AAF

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

NR: 1598

19 April 1944.

To Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD, information
COMGENSOPAC, Boatner, Lindsay, Dorn, Egan, MacArthur,
Timberman, Chennault, Hearn and Cranston, from Sultan, CRAX
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Leading southward drive in Mogaung Valley, 2nd Bat-
talion 114th Regiment has reached Lahkraw Hka, 10 miles
south Shaduzup.

Elements of 66th Regiment fighting in Warazup on
road, while 2nd Battalion 65th Regiment is west of Warazup
on north bank of Wora Hka. On west flank 1st Battalion 65th
Regiment has been joined by company left at Taro and entire
Battalion now patrolling Taro-Lonkin trail, south of Mansum.
On East flank Galahad patrols reached Kauri without opposi-
tion. 112th Regiment moving to Galahad area now 12 miles
southeast Shaduzup.

148th Regiment of 50th Division, less 2 Battalions
in Shingbuiyang, 2nd Battalion of Regiment in Fabum and
1st Battalion moving Taro.

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On Assam front little change in Kohima situation
and fighting continues in area and along Dimapur Road to
northwest.

Elements of 23rd Brigade have not yet contacted
enemy south Kokokchung.

On Fourth Corps front Kungpi, 4 miles west Bishenpur
in Jap hands. British made slight advances northeast Imphal.
Along Palel-Tamu road British forced drop positions near
Tengnoupal by strong JAP attack. In Arawak troops of 25th
and 26th Division made slight advances.

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TO : Chiefs of Staff

FROM: Mountbatten
Rptd: Joint Staff Mission

SEACOS 141

Following for Chiefs of Staff. Fortnightly report for period
March 27 to April 9, 1944.

1. Comments on the Operational Situation

(1). I have commented in detail on the position in 4 Corps Area in SAC 1574 of April 10 and subsequently in SEACOS 134 and 138. I was most impressed with the high morale of all troops in this area.

2. Eastern Fleet

(1). No further operations have been possible in the Arakan but a few LCT are still being employed carrying stores from Calcutta to Chittagong via the Sunderbunds.

3. Army Group Operations

(1). Arakan

(a). Enemy 54 Div relieved of coast defense south of and including Sanoway, second regiment therefore available for North Arakan and indications may have arrived. Reports indicate up to two battalions available reinforce Kaladan and two battalions available for main front at Sinoh. Enemy intentions Arakan are offensive to pin troops.

(b). Own troops 7 Div less 33 Bde. responsible for area Teknaf and north of line running west to east approximately 3 1/2 miles south of Taung Bazaar. 25 Div taken over west Mayu front. Attack April 8 by approximately 40 Japanese on 25 Div. positions, 6 miles SE of Maungdaw halted with heavy casualties to enemy. East and west tunnels captured by 36 Div. 26 Div improved positions south of the road Maun Daw-Buthidaung and 29

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area 2 miles SSW of Buthidaung against strong Japanese resistance and inflicted heavy casualties. Japanese holding point 162 miles WNW of Buthidaung. 33 Bde 7 Div being flown to 4 Corps. 114 Bde 7 Div withdrawn to area Bawli Bazaar and (81?) Bde 2 Div to area Taung Bazaar-Goppe Bazaar.

(2). Kaladan own troops

81 (WA) Div moved north and cleared area Kaladan village. 6 (WA) Bde repulsed strong Japanese attack south of Mittawa night 4th/5th inflicting heavy casualties.

(3). Ghindwin

(a). Enemy 33 Div astride Tiddim Road main strength west of road, objective Imphal. One battalion 33 Div one battalion 15 Div Tank Regiment, Palel Road. Object, pin our forces. 15 Div less from 2 to 4 battalions NE of Imphal which is its objective. Japanese have stuck to original plan but probably considerably behind in area Kohima. As result supply difficulties should soon occur.

(b). Own troops Chin Hills. Lushai Bde under command 14th Army operation against enemy columns area south and SE of Aijal. 17th Div fight Northwards inflicting very heavy casualties concentrated area Imphal. 37 Bde reverted command 23 Div area Yairiek 8 miles SE Imphal. 49 Bde reverted command 23 Div. MS 30 Road Imphal-Tiddim. 4 Corps area Imphal-Tamu. Tamu evacuated 2nd April disposition April 10 80 Bde. Sibeng-Khangkhong 100 Bde. Shenam, 32 Bde. Palel-Wangjing, 1 Bde. Wangjing, 50 Para Bde. and 420 all ranks. 4 Hahratta reached Imphal from Sangahak 28 miles ENE of Imphal after inflicting 600 casualties on enemy. 50 Para Bde suffered 564 (534?) casualties this action. 5 Div less one Bde concentrated area Imphal Enemy astride road Kohima-Imphal on various stretches as

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far south as 14 miles north of Imphal. 33 Corps. Adv Hq 33 Corps established Jerhat troops disposed as follows: 16 Bde (5 div) 1 Assam Regt shere Regt area Kohdwa, 1 Burma regt and various detachments area Nichuguard; re 18 Hq 2 div Bn 5 Bde area Manipur road 5 bde (less one battalion) two columns 23 bde Bekajan-Jamugar 8 and 36 miles north of Manipur road respectively. Japanese commenced attack on Kohima 9 April and occupy southern outskirts with road block at MS 44 1/2 road Manipur-Kohima with second road block 5 miles north of Kohima on road Bekajan Kohima.

NORTH ASSAM. Hq American task force (Jasper Force) and Hq 89 Chinese regt established Bibrugarh troops disposed as follows: one infantry battalion and one tank company Jerhat; one infantry battalion, two tank companies Sibsagar 40 miles SSW of Bibrugarh; one infantry battalion Sepon 26 miles SSW of Bibrugarh.

4. Hukaung Valley. (a) Enemy. Japanese strength Meseaung Valley 7 battalions, 18 div actual strength not more than 3 battalions possibly plus one battalion 50 div. Only apparent source reinforcements third regiment 31 div.

(b) Own troops. Shaduzup captured 30 March Chinese troops in contact 6 miles south of this town. American rangers holding area 20 miles NE of Kamaing against enemy battalion attempting mov north. Hq 50 Chinese div 148 bulk of 149 Chinese regiments of 54 (64?) army arrived Maingwan by air.

5. North Burma. Our troops and levies continue advance with forward elements 42 miles north of Mitkynia.
6. 3 Ind. Div. (a) Enemy. In north central Burma Japanese build up ten to twelve battalions. To this they will probably add one more regiment from south Burma. Except that three battalions 15 div may be in this area. No evidence

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forces diverted from Jap offensive by our airborne operations.

(b). Own (?) troops. Fly in 14 Bde to Aberdeen completed. three stronghold battalions of 3 (WA) Bde also flown in. Bdes now disposed April 10 as follows: 14 Bde area 10 to 15 miles south of Aberdeen moving SW. 16 Bde reorganizing area Aberdeen. 77 bde White City with garrison battalion and 2 columns area Broadway. 111 bde less three columns blocking road area Pinlebu-Pinbon 25 miles NE of Pinlebu. 3 columns 111 bde area 25 miles east and SE of Bhamo striking north at enemy columns between Bhamo and Myitkynia. Railway bridges 8 miles NE and 20 miles south of Wuntho also those 26 miles and 32 miles north of Indaw destroyed as well as two bridges over Meza and Ferry 6 miles NW of Indaw on road Indaw-Pinbon (also) 80 ft bridge on road Namkam-Bhamo 25 miles SE of Bhamo. 77 bde block at White City attacked on several occasions by Japanese who suffered heavy losses. Broadway attacked but situation restored. 3 div. estimate 850 enemy casualties 22 March to 7 April. 3 div. battle casualties since operations started to 3 April 78 killed 84 wounded 73 missing.

4. Air Command

General: Effort rose slightly. 4 corps area was still the focus of operations. Total sorties RAF 5725; USAAF in EAC 2986. 14th USAAF 261. On 27 March defensive fighters of NASF claimed 24-6-2 in the Disboi area. On 4 April US Mustangs (P 51) and Lightnings (P 38) attacking Aungmyan and Anisakan airfields made a combined score on ground of 33-5-8 for the loss of two Lightnings. Owing to recent heavy losses only 120 enemy sorties India-Burma and 60 in China. Information received that a ferry launch hit a mine in January in the Moulmein-Martaban area 500 Japs being killed. 6 other craft also hit mines with additional loss of life.

Strategic Airforce. The sorties flown by USAAF bombers fell to 142, 97 short tons being dropped. The best raid

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by Liberators (B-24) was on the Burma Siam railway, three bridges were destroyed, five probably destroyed, four Locomotives and 43 rolling stock heavily damaged and 35 direct hits made on track. The dumps at Kamaing and oil installations at Yenangy Anung and Chauk were also attacked, mines were dropped in Mergui Harbour and the Menam River. Medium bombers concentrated on communications road and rail. The RAF components in 172 sorties dropped 308 short tons. The heaviest raids were again against the the Victoria Lake dumps (Rangoon) and the Jap headquarters and transit camp at Nagorn-Savarn.

Third Tactical Air Force. The great majority of the 826 bombing sorties flown by Vengeances and 815 by Hurricanes were rail tactical targets in the 4 corps area. The total destroyed or damaged by ground attack fighters was M/T 107 (including 15 AFV) Locomotives, 27 rolling stock, 162 rivercraft, 467 (40 mm HE shell very effective) and one aircraft. Since (then?) activity decreased. RAF flew only 1051 defensive Fighter sorties. Fighter Recce Squadrons flew 622 sorties and often took offensive action. Of the 914 sorties made by American Fighter-Bombers the majority were against tactical and communication targets in and behind the battle areas. In combats and on the ground they claimed 6-0-5 against the loss of one Lightning (P-38). American ground attack fighters flew 127 sorties. 12-1-0 were claimed in attacks on Meiktila and Hehoederfelds. Defensive fighters flew 502 sorties.

2. Other activities. Troop carrier Command flew 1934 sorties dropped or landed 5560 tons 10031 troops 592 mules also transported and 3700 casualties evacuated. Two USAAF Squadrons and detachment of No. 216 Squadron RAF have arrived ex MAAF. Another brigade of Third Div. flown in to Aberdeen strip ATC Commandos (C 46 still on loan with TCC. Pr Force flew 135 sorties. Car Nicobar Island was covered by Mosquitoes for first time a round

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trip of /GR 1800 miles 249/sorties were flown.
The 14th USAAF carried out 261 sorties defensive fighters
claimed 9-3-3 Combined Allied claim CBI Theatre for
period was 89-19-16 losses totalled 27.

5. Administration. ASSAM LOFC (a) Despatched by all
agencies 25-31 March 28888 tons including Pol. Daily
average despatched of through military tonnage during
March 3631 tons per day including POL.

(b) Despatches by all agencies dry stores only 1-11
April 29349 tons giving average 2668 tons per day POL
by all agencies 1-4 April averaged 1368 tons per day.
POL figures since 4 April not available.

(c) Deliveries 1-31 March by Chandranathpur Manipur road
pipeline 1177770 Galls. Deliveries 1-10 April 685919
Galls

(d) 5 Ind. Div. completed arrival Manipur Road 9 April.

(e) Final stage railway emergency scheme put into
operation 11 April provides full military control over
section Silohar-Badapur-Lumding and section Fkndu-
Tinsukia and branches.

ARAKAN LOFC. Total March imports through Chittagong
62600 against targets. Re 62930 tons supply dropping.
During period 22/31 March 41200 18 ft. parachutes or
equivalent in larger sizes expended by US and British
forces. Medical 1000 casualties evacuated by air to
Calcutta from Chittagong and Comilla to make room for
casualties from Assam front.

Organization 11 Army Group SEA by arrangement with MAG
GHQ (I) have taken over all pay allowances and finance
questions of British Military Mission Chungking WEP 1
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Repatriation. Operations prevent repatriation from 4 Corps on grounds long service. All those desirous of repatriation in 15 Corps who have completed 5 years service abroad as at 1 April and in other 11 Army Gp formations 4 and 3 quarters years are to be repatriated next sailing.

6. Review of Planning. During the period the attention of Planners was mainly directed to a study of COSSEA 80 the reply to which was despatched as SEACOS 137. Study of CULVERIN continues.

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Footnote SEACOS 138 is CM-IN-11045 (15 Apr 44) CC/S

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INFORMATION: General Arnold
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To: War Department

Nr: CRAX 1537, 18th April 1944

Weekly G-2 report to 16th April to Bissell CRAX
1537 info Hearn Dorn Chennault Cranston Egan Lindsay and
Timberman from Creswell signed Sultan.

Quiet along Salween from during week, fighting
reported in Hpimaw area and opposing forces in contact at
Kangpang 9 miles north Hpimaw, patrol contacts also made
vicinity Hpawnghseng 35 miles south southwest Lungling;

Unconfirmed report enemy may be diverting more
than 1 regiment from 56th Division;

Also that responsible sector of this division may
now include Myitkyina;

Present enemy capability one of defense only with
some possible assistance from Puppet and Thai troops.

In North Burma there is little change, Japanese
resistance stubborn and Allied advances short;

Over 300 enemy reported killed during week;

Estimated enemy battalion moved westward from
Nacpup via Ritpong and our troops in contact vicinity

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Sharavkavng 40 miles northeast Kamaing;

This increases estimated Japanese strength this area 5 battalions strong in artillery but capable only of delay and defense and relatively small counter offensives.

Arakan sector, enemy suffered 300 casualties in fighting 2 miles southwest Buthidaung and 6 miles south and southeast Maungdaw, estimated 1300 enemy killed this sector since 8 April; No change of importance in front line positions;

Japs are using ancillary troops in front line indicating a shortage of replacements;

Reinforcements previously indicated have not materialized although 54th Division not committed except for battalion Kaladan River;

Enemy capable only of defense but consider 5 battalions 54th Division available for counter offensive.

In the Kohima area fighting has continued, enemy attacks by the 58th Regiment from both east and west repulsed after a slight penetration into British positions;

2 battalions 138th Regiment now believed north of Kohima Dimapur Road about 6 miles northwest Kohima with

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From: CG US Army Forces China, Burma and India Rear
Echelon, New Delhi, India
To: War Department
Nr: CRAX 1537, 18th April 1944

3rd Battalion 5 miles west of Kohima, objective
this regiment believed Kimpur area;

British troops in contact with 150 enemy at
Wokha 24 miles southwest Mokokchung;

Nothing further on 3rd Regiment (124th) of the
31st Division nor of its northward movement.

The enemy 33rd and 15th Divisions are threatening
Imphal;

The 15th disposes between 5 and 7 battalions from
the north of which 5 battalions have been identified and
the 33rd Division disposes about 7 battalions from the
south and southwest;

Japs are getting supplies to the 33rd Division
from the south but some indications of the 15th having
difficulty, ammunition is reported low;

Both Divisions have gotten some artillery forward;

15th Division offers most immediate threat but
to date has not launched a sustained drive, possibly it
is not strong enough to advance or that it is waiting for
the 33rd Division to advance to within striking distance of
Imphal.

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CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma & India Forward Echelon, Chungking, China.
CG, 10th Air Force, Calcutta, India
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India.

No: Nr. CABX 657 18 April 1944

Marshall for Arnold signed Stratemeyer info Sultan, Somervell, Hearn, Covell, Chennault, Davidson, Wolfe CABX657.

Delayed by movement of Headquarters to Calcutta is this weekly radio of progress of VLR bomber fields of XX bomber command from 9 April through 16 April Cgina. Unprecedented rains and movements by labor back to farms have caused some delay in Chengtu area but no serious setback is expected. Readiness date on Kwanghan is 20 April and other bomber fields are expected to be ready about 10 days later. Fighter fields are ready.

India. Kharagpur, completed this week 2600 feet of concrete taxiway and additional tented accommodations for 342 officers and 1810 enlisted men. Chakulia, completed this week 1150 feet taxiway and additional tented accommodations for 300 officers and 1596 enlisted men. Dudhkundi 2000 feet of runway ready and tented accommodation for 108 officers and 1660 enlisted men. Kalaikunda, no change, extension as VLR field cancelled, will use as transport field for which purpose it is practically satisfactory.

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From: CG, Army Air Forces, India Burma Sector, Page 2
Calcutta, India
No. Nr CABX 657

Gas tanks are reduced to 400,000 gallons. Piardona, tented accommodations added for 970 enlisted men and 38 officers. Chharra, no change. Pipelines complete to Chakulia, testing branch to Piardoba.

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Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

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

No. CRAX1541 18 April 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD, info
MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, Hearn, Chennault, Boatner, Lindsay,
Born, Cranston, Egan and Timberman CRAX 1541.

After being held up by stubborn enemy resistance
Chinese troops are starting to advance again in Mogaung
Valley. 22nd Division operating along road and on west
flank, while 38th Division moves east of road. Chinese
patrols report no enemy in Warakup. On Assam front situation
around Kohima still confused. Troops of all three Brigades
of 2nd Division operating on Dimapur-Kohima road between 4
and 12 miles Northwest Kohima. Elements of 23rd Brigade
moving to area south of Mokokchung, and slight contest with
enemy at Wokha. One Company Chinese 89th Regiment from
Sibsagar to Wokhing. On 4th Corps front, fighting in
Kungpi, 22 miles southwest Imphal. Further withdrawal of
British Troops in Jalel Area. In Arakan notations of
importance. (nothing?)

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION:

CG AAF
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For MR files

From: SACSEA
To: Chiefs of Staff
Info: Joint Staff Mission, Washington
SAC 1669

Reference SEACOS 138 Paragraph 10 (B).

Read 20,000 for 26,000

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Time of Origin 181301Z

NOTE: SEACOS 138 is CM-IN-11045 (15 Apr 44) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Gen Arnold
OPD
Gen Bissell
Col Park
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April 17, 1944

FROM: Main 11 Army Group KFA

TO: Usual Addressees

NO: 761/OPS

SITREP 95

ONE. Arakan. One hundred and eighteen enemy dead counted after capture of enemy posns area PM 4443 15 April. Own cas 23 killed 86 wounded attack by 1 bn 4 bde on enemy posns area PM 4343 held up. Enemy patrols active night 15/16 April area PM 4944. Indications up to 1 coy enemy in area PT 162 PM 4946. Approx 1 enemy coy moving north in area PM 5258 15 April. 14 Baluch under command 53 Bde area PM 4137. 12 FFR area PM 3443.

TWO. Kaladan. Reported 1 coy Japs and BTA area PM 0266 and 300 Japs area PM 9169. Own tps contracted 1 enemy coy area PM 0180. 7/16 Punjab moving area PM 9882 to engage.

THREE. Chin Hills. 15 April much enemy activity Churachandpur RK 0504 where 1 bn with tankettes is reported. Reliable indication HQ 33 Div Churachandpur.

FOUR. Chindwin

A. Area Palel-Tamu. 300 enemy with 2 or 3 guns reported RK 6509. 22 enemy tks reported area Tengnoupal RK 6013. 16 April reliable report 1 enemy bn moving south from RK 6209. Comment. Possibly intention outflank Tengnoupal and move on Palet. Ref SITREP 94. Our coy posn at Sita RK 6822 repulsed enemy attacks 15 April and 3/1 gr now moving to Sita. 15 April enemy Sp by Med arty captured hill RK 607105.

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B Area Imphal. Hq 32 Bde 9/14 Punjab Bishdnpur RK 1640 3/3 gr area NW of Bishenpur. 1 Northhamptons RK 0938. 1 coy 7 Baluch RK 1040. Withdrawal of 49 Bde through 32 Bde to area Imphal proceeding without enemy interference. Det 7 Baluch engaged enemy PL at RK 0208 15 April inflicting 9 cas mopping up continues area RK 4475 where PW states 3 Bn 51 regt suffered 400 cas. Combined Str 9 10 11 coys 3 Bn 51 Regt now 150. Our tps with tk sp compelled enemy evacuate posn area RK 2983. Enemy blocking track Imphal-Tamdingyong RJ 8684. 2 West Yourks area RK 4075. 3 Jat RK 4044. 3/14 Punjab RK 4476. 2 Suffolk RK 4973/1 Dogra RK 4670. 2/1 Punjab RK 4871. 1 Bde LP less 2 Bns RK 6975 1 Seaforth's 1 Patiala area RK 7083. Hq 37 Bde 4 Mahrattes RK 4869. 3/5 Rgt RK 4468. 3/10 gr RK 5575.

FIVE. 33 Corps.

A. Area ^{Dimaapur} Imdpur Kohima. 1,000 enemy reported area Thakpazen. RD 3370. Reports confirm large body enemy area R Zubza. Paybook identifies 3 MMG coy 138 Regt, Zubza Re 4473. Re Dimaapur-Kohima cleared to MS 20. Comd 5 Bde met Comd 10 Bde April. Counter attack our posns North of MS 32 repulsed. Area MS 36 enemy patrols repulsed with hy cas. Enemy posn Re 442708 occupied and hy cas inflicted. 1 RWF under comd 161 Bde.

② B. Area Mokokchung. ^{contact} Enemy str WOKHA MZ6420 reported 150 and PL 33: In contact 15 April 76: Eight miles north of Wokha. 55: Advancing on Wokha. Patrols 44: Moving to Keruma Re 4582 and Chevwema Re 4879.

C. Captured Documents. From order of day dated 19 March by Col Miyamoto Comd 124 Regt issued on banks of Chindwin "our lives depend on food taken from enemy".

③ SIX. Hakawng. Enemy attempts to move north area NHPUM Ga Sc 5394 completely checked. 113 Regt Hos occupied Tigring Sc 3297. Elements 1/65 Regt have reached Mansum SB 8592. 50 Div. Concentration 148 149 Regts completed and 150 Regt in progress Maingkwan NX 1957. Elements 14 Div (Chinese Yunnan Forces) have arrived upper Assam by air. CM-IN-13178 (18 Apr 44)

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SEVEN. North Burma nothing to report.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO: CG AAF
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Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

To: War Department
CG US Army Forces, China, Burma and India
Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

Number CFBX 16265, 17 April 1944

To Bissell WDGBI and Sultan CFBX 16265 from G-2 and
Stilwell.

Since concluding the Tung Ting Lake campaign in December the Japanese have not conducted any major campaign in China. Reurad CRA 1169 April 12 and WARK 23080. There are many reports from Chinese sources of heavy and extensive troop movements. A total of 239 troop trains having been reported as passing through Sinsiang (113 deg 59 min - 35 deg 17 min) Anking (114 deg 15 min - 36 deg 08 min) and other cities. While some of these reports are duplications, it cannot be overlooked that there have been troop movements of major proportions. It must be pointed out here that nearly all information furnished us is from the Chinese National Military Council and only a few outside sources can substantiate occasional reports. Accepting all of these troop movements they have a very logical meaning if ourad nr CFBX 16164 dated April 15 is examined. The 35th Division has departed, the 37th or at least a major portion has already debarked, and the 22d Division is reportedly concentrated in Shanghai preparatory to moving. Taking over the areas vacated we have the 69th Division moving south to Puchow (110 deg 15 min - 34 deg 50 min) to occupy the area of the 37th Division. The 69th Division area taken over by the 62d and 63d Divisions which were recently organized from the 3d and 4th DMB respectively. The 1st DMB has extended southward to

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absorb the northern portion of the former 35th Division area while the 5th IMB was brought down from Tsingtao to take over the southern portion of 35th Division area. The 65th Division newly organized from the 13th IMB has moved from the Feng Ying (117 deg 35 min - 32 deg 54 min) area northward to the Hsuehoh area (117 deg 10 min - 34 deg 17 min) thus relieving the 32d Division of its southern territory. The 61st Division has recently arrived from Japan and taken up a position on the Yangtze around Anking (117 deg 02 min - 30 deg 31 min) while the 116th Division has moved from this area to the vicinity of Yochow (113 deg 05 min - 29 deg 28 min). The 13th Div is reported concentrated at Wuhan. Further proof we must accept these moves which certainly account for great troop activity. In addition the changing of 3 IMB to divisions would necessitate the bringing in of at least 20,000 additional troops. The sum total of all these moves increases the strength in the Wuhan area by one division but decreases the total number in China by two divisions. This change is accounted for by departure of 27th Division to Kuriles, 35th Division reportedly to Palau, 37th Division to South Seas and arrival of 61st Division from Japan proper. The change of IMB's to divisions seem to be in line with Japan's policy of concentrating on divisions as the tactical unit instead of IMB.

Reports are also on hand of Jap concentration of supplies of an unknown nature along the Yellow River and in the Wuhan area (114 deg 20 min - 30 deg 35 min). The bridge over the Yellow River on the Pinghan Railroad has been repaired and is in use for trucks and four-car trains. Stores of ties and rails are reported stored at Sinsiang and Sinyang (114 deg 00 min - 32 deg 10 min).

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All these preparations would indicate a Jap drive to open the Pinghan Railroad between Sinsiang and Sinyang. This is quite a logical assumption and one in which the Japanese might well embark since the terrain is relatively easy. The best indication is the additional division in the Wuhan area. I believe Japan could have done this at any time in recent years and believe that she did not previously want to expend the troops on the guard duty that would be required in order to control the line. However, if she desires to do so now, what can we expect besides questionable Chinese resistance aided by the 14th Air Force?

A drive to open the Hankow-Canton line would involve heavier commitments due to greater distances and the rugged terrain. The Chinese would probably fight to keep the Japs out of the Changsha (113 deg - 28 deg 12 min) area. The Japs could take the railroad, however, if they deemed it necessary and their shipping losses might decide them to use an inland line for troop movements. No real indication of this has been noted, however, up to the present time. There is no troop concentration in the Hongkong-Canton area which would indicate a two pronged drive up and down this railroad.

No drive on Sian can be determined reurad WARK 23080. It could be made easily but what would it gain the Japanese unless a drive is intended on the Chengtu (104 deg 04 min - 30 deg 40 min) area. This is difficult territory from Sian to Chengtu and the Japs would have difficulty there. No troop concentrations are known which would indicate such a drive.

The Japs could easily drive on the airfields in Chekiang Province. One or two divisions could do the job

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Echeloa, Chungking, China

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easily, but indications are that troops are being withdrawn from this area as the 22nd Division is now reported gone. Any such limited drive could come quickly and without warning.

Conclusions: The Japs appear to be concentrating on a drive to open the section of railroad between Sinyang and Sinsiang. No other offensive action appears imminent in China at the present time. The imponderable in any estimate of this kind is-- What will the Chinese do? If they fight the Japs need more troops but based on past performance the Japs now have plenty of troops to open this stretch of the railroad or they might possibly reopen the Hankow-Canton section as well. Do not believe that Chinese could stop a determined thrust against either or both objectives.

It must not be overlooked that the time approaches for Japanese spring maneuvers. They will undoubtedly attack somewhere if only for the experience gained but may very well retire when it is over as they have been doing in the past. Am of the opinion that most of these divisions in China are here because of the ease of feeding them and the unexcelled training ground provided. They could take almost any point which they desire. The big question to them is the attrition of forces imposed in guarding and maintaining these areas.

The general trend now appears to show a release of Japanese troops by increased use of puppet auxiliaries for garrison duties.

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Kobelon, Chungking, China
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ACTION: G-2

INFO: CG AAF
OPD
Colonel Park
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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, D. C.

17 April 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

A message from Stilwell dated April sixteenth has just been received in which he reports the receipt by him of a radio from the Generalissimo asking for details on the Imphal situation and stating that since in the Mogaung Valley the terrain is "good for attacking and defending", he, Stilwell, is to use great caution from now on in handling the operation. Stilwell states that judging from the recent actions of his Chinese division commanders he strongly suspects that they have received orders direct from the Generalissimo either to slow down the advance or to stop it entirely right where they now are.

The resistance in Wakawng has, in Stilwell's opinion, been broken and he anticipates little trouble in moving rapidly to Kamaing. For Myitkina they have set up a surprise attack which has a good chance for success, he feels. If for any reason this attack should be sabotaged Stilwell believes it would cheat us of the opportunity to attain some of the main objectives and would have a very damaging effect on the whole campaign.

Whether the action of the Generalissimo is the result of failure to appreciate the situation or the result of a lack of determination along with an excuse for not using the Yunnan Force, or even a desire to see the British in trouble, he (S) does not know. But he is unable otherwise to explain the increasing peculiar attitudes of his division commanders and must assume that they have received orders from the Generalissimo direct to slow down activities.

Stilwell states he will of course endeavor to handle the situation but he wants us to be prepared for eventualities. He feels that the Generalissimo acts on the basis that he is entirely free to give orders direct to his people without reference to anyone else, including Stilwell, and in effect ignores the fact that exclusive of our important Air Force there are 34,000 Americans involved in the effort and that the U.S. has a big stake in the enterprise.

Stilwell urges that a message be sent by you to the Generalissimo to the effect that you feel you should be consulted before drastic action is taken regarding Chinese troops which would seriously affect the U.S. forces in that region.

At the moment my recommendation is that you do not, repeat not, send any message to the Generalissimo. It may be that events of the next few days will make other action appear desirable but I am inclined to think in view of the numerous messages you have already sent that further action at the time would weaken somewhat the effect of what you have already done and to a greater extent what you may wish to do later.

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BY RHP NARS Date 12-22-82

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Chief of Staff.

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From: CG, Services of Supply, USAF, China, Burma,
and India, New Delhi, India.

To : War Department

Nr. : CSA-963 17 April, 1944

To Somervell from Covell CSA-963. TOPSEC.

Port of Bombay explosions on 14th April rendered Victoria dock and Princess dock unusable, and destroyed all sheds and warehouses. Fire started on HMS Fort Stikins, believed caused by spontaneous combustion of 4100 bales of cotton in hold of ship. Cotton was stored immediately over large amount of 20 and 40 millimeter ammunition. On deck was large amount of high explosive celonite.

Explosion destroyed bulk of fire fighting equipment, and fire fighting personnel who were engaged in fighting the fire.

As a result of the explosion, many fires were started throughout the dock area, 1 fire causing the second explosion of HMS Jalapadma.

No American vessels were lost and damage to American property was slight, only 2 Americans injured, and they only slightly.

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Reports to date indicate total 128 killed and
over 1,000 injured. Following ships were blown up and
totally destroyed:

HMS Fort Stikine
HMS Jalapadma
HMS Iran
HMS Rose
HMS Mascot.

Following ships are still burning in the dock
area:

HMS Jalapama
HMS Rod-Kl-Parasq
HMS Fort Crevier
HMS Kingyuan

and the following ships badly damaged, but still afloat:

HMS Braganza
HMS Belray
HMS El-Hind
HMS Graciosa

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and India, New Delhi, India.

Nr. : CSA-963 17 April, 1944

HMS Baroda
HMS Empire Indus
HMS Horse Trader
HMS C.V. Svidem
HMS C.V. Heydn

Stevedoring gear of all docks has been declared unsafe for use until thorough check made, operations continuing with use of ships gear.

Desire American vessels originally destined Bombay continue as scheduled, as they can be handled there. //

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ACTION: Gen Somervell

INFO : OPD
Adm. King
Col. Park
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From: CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

To: War Department

No: E1634

17 April 1944

Reurad War 23723 TOPSEC for Arnold from Wolfe

E1634.

to WH
Shake down mission plan follows: (First B-29 mission)

A. Target is Bangkok including arsenal and aircraft assembly plants, dock and shipping area, railroad repair shops and central terminal, and Marshalling Yards.

B. All groups of 58th Wing will participate from VLR bases in Calcutta area with at least unit aircraft; bombs will be 500 pound demolition and incendiaries if latter arrive in time, with each airplane carrying maximum load practicable under existing conditions.

C. By arrangements made with Davidson, Strategic Air Force Eastern Air Command will furnish diversion by bombing airdromes at Rangoon coincident with passage of VLR air craft over that area with all available mediums and by bombing airdromes at Bangkok with all available heavies just prior to and during our attack on that place.

D. Mission will be performed during hours of darkness.

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F From: CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

No: E1634

17 April 1944

Reasons for night attack are:

A. Target is beyond range of fighter protection for aircraft of Eastern Air Command.

B. Because of existing limited airdrome facilities of our bases in Calcutta area, consider it desirable to take off before darkness and land after dawn thus obviating danger of operational losses in base area, and also providing maximum deceptions to enemy as to nature of our aircraft.

Date of mission is dependent upon arrival of at least 25 airplanes per group, time required to put them in operating condition, and necessary preparation of crews. As soon as probable date can be predicted information to you will be communicated.

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ACTION: 20th Air Force

INFORMATION: Gen Arnold
Gen Handy
Col PARK
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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM ALUSLO BOMBAY		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
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DATE 17 APRIL 1944			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROM 172044			DEFERRED
DECODED BY MANUEL		CS/PSF	
PARAPHRASED BY TOUPASZ /HZ		ALUSNA MELOURNE	PRIORITY PPPPPP
ROUTED BY MUTCHINGSON		JONAV NEW DELHI	ROUTINE
		ALUSLO COLOMBO	DEFERRED
		ALUSLO KARACHI	
		ALUSLO CALCUTTA	
		ALUSNO BADEN	
		ALUSNA CAIRO	
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PASS TO CS/PSF FOR INFO.)

NY 190345.

INITIAL SURVEY BOMBAY PORT FIRES REVEALS 15 SHIPS BUTTED

AND CONSIDERED TOTAL LOSS 2 BADLY DAMAGED BUT SALVAGEABLE

5 IN FAIR CONDITION. FIRES STILL BURNING IN SOME SECTIONS

WAREHOUSE AREA AND SOME SHIPS BUT COMPLETELY UNDER

CONTROL. MILITARY AUTHORITIES RUSHING CLEARANCE DOCKS.

PORT NOT CLOSED.

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Nr: CRAX 1415 16 April 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD info
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Lindsay, Dorn, Cranston, and Egan CRAX 1415.

Along the East of main road in Mogaung Valley Chinese troops occupied several villages. The 3rd Battalion 64th Regiment advanced to position 8 miles South Southwest of Shaduzup. The 112 Regiment less 1st Battalion is now 11 miles Southeast Shaduzup. Other units 22 and 38 Divisions moving forward behind advance elements. In Fort Herta Valley levies forced to withdraw from Woihtup. On Assam front heavy fighting continues around Kohima with Japanese holding native village and water supply. British holding other sections. Several Japanese attacks on Kohima garrison repulsed. The Gaspar Force is patrolling trails leading Northwards into its area. Elements of the Second Division are moving from Dimapur to reinforce the Kohima garrison. Leading elements of Second Division in contact with enemy and being held up 5 miles Northwest Kohima by strong Japanese bunker positions. The 44 column of 23 Brigade is now at Mohumi, 17 miles East of Dimapur, and the 34 column is

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patrolling South of Mokokchung.

On Fourth Corps front British captured Numshigum 8 miles Northeast of Imphal and other enemy positions in area. Small enemy attacks repulsed along Imphal-Tiddim Road 27 miles South of Imphal and a British Company at Sita has been heavily attacked by enemy.

On Arakan front minor skirmishes and patrolling reported Northeast of Godusara and in the Letwedet area. British successful in several engagements in Dongyaung vicinity.

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Nr: CRAX-1409 16 April, 1944

G-2 report 15th April from Crewswell signed Sultan
for Bissell, CRAX 1409, info Hearn Dorn Chennault Cranston
Egan and Lindsay.

Local small scale enemy attacks with some artillery
fire on Arakan front, Japanese active East of Kalapanzin,
estimated enemy company reported in area 3 miles Southeast
Taung Bazar. In Chin Hills and Chindwin area, 500 mules re-
ported moving North from Tiddim, this with previous reports
of motor column moving North same area indicates enemy are
getting supplies North to sustain operations; suspension
bridge destroyed 18 miles West Northwest Bishenpur on trail
to Silchar; enemy attacks on Kohima from both West and East
repulsed; reported no groups of enemy north of 26 degree line.
Nothing new in other areas.

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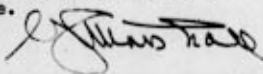
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Attached are two messages which are self-explanatory. I hope I have not taken an undue liberty in the use of your name.



Chief of Staff.

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MESSAGE TO HO YING CHIN, CHIEF OF STAFF CHINESE ARMY
AND MINISTER OF WAR, FROM GENERAL MARSHALL

WDR
M.P.
A.

Please deliver following to Ho Ying Chin Begin: I was delighted to receive your message announcing your decision for the advance of the Y Force to seize Tengchung-Lungling areas. This may well be the decisive blow in the campaign to regain control of North Burma. I am confident of the success of the movement if you can get it under way immediately and aggressively. I am sending your message on to the President who is in the south at present, for I know he will be greatly pleased to learn of your decision. End.

I leave to your (Stilwell's) judgment whether readjustment of Hump tonnage is warranted to assist Yunnan Forces.

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Radio to Gen. Marshall from Gen. Hearn
April 14, 1944

Yo Ying Chin requests the following message be transmitted for your information:

"China has been working on plans for offensive action against Japanese with full intention to put them into effect, using troops which have not received American equipment as well as Y Force. China has always realized her position with regard to offensives by United Nations, and it has only been because of time and lack of essential equipment that such action has not taken place before this time. You can rely on China doing her share, but it is hoped that you understand her difficulties. Decision to move part of Y Force across Salween was made on initiative of Chinese without influence of outside pressure, and was based on realization that China must contribute its share to common war effort."

Plan as explained to me is as follows: Move four divisions of Y Force across Salween with first objective capture of Tengchung, second objective capture of Lungling, with subsequent action and move of further troops dependent on development of situation. One additional Army being ordered from Indo-China Border to area east of Salween, and one additional division to Indo-China Border. It will take between two and three weeks to place troops in jump off position.

This office makes no comment on above message of Ho Ying Chin, except that it is felt Chinese military leaders in all probability feel they have lost much face by failure to act. Above message appears to be attempt to convince War Department that Chinese are capable of making necessary military decisions. Suggest that you acknowledge Ho Ying Chin's message with appropriate reply. Such message from you would restore his lost face.

During March Y Force received 429 tons only, and are scheduled for 400 only during April. With projected operation west of river it will be necessary to restore tonnage to Y which during these two months has already been diverted to 14th Air Force.

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Radio to Gen. Marshall and Gen. Stilwell
from Gen. Hearn
April 15, 1944

Definite statement by Ho Ying Chin regarding plan for use of Y Force as follows: first objective by capture of Tengchung in order to provide assistance for Chinese troops now in North Burma: Y Force units involved have been ordered to complete preparations by end of April: movement across Salween will start as soon as preparations are complete, exact date to be dependent on circumstances in India and North Burma. If X Force approaches Mogaung or railway in that general vicinity and before Y Force preparations are completed, Y Force will move as quickly as possible. Ho Ying Chin stated the plan will be executed.

Necessary tonnage to insure success of operations being restored to Y Force.

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Chungking, China

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Rear Echelon
New Delhi, India

Number WARX 23614

TOPSEC personal attention Sultan info Stilwell from Marshall

Contemplated acceleration of Pacific campaign requires maximum practicable assistance from China in early 1945. With this end in view and based on information received from SEAC and CBI representatives who visited Washington in March the projects which follow appear to be timely and feasible. For successful completion it is necessary that Myitkyina be captured and a protective zone to the south secured. Target dates are based on the assumption that this will be accomplished by January 1, 1945. 1/47

1. Highest priority to be accorded to the increase of ATC lift to 20,000 tons per month as soon after capture of Myitkyina as practicable.
2. Completion of a 6 inch light pipeline from Calcutta to Dibrugarh; target date January 1945.
3. Completion of a 4 inch pipeline from Dibrugarh to Kunming along the trace of the Leco Kunming Road in advance of road construction; target date May 1945. This will require the highest order of advance planning and preparation but from information at hand appears practicable.

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4. Completion of a gravel all weather road, track with turn outs, from Ledo to Myitkyina in the wake of advancing forces and expeditious development into a 2 track gravel all weather road.

5. Minimum road construction necessary from Myitkyina to Kunming to permit trucks and artillery for equipping Chinese forces to be moved into China as early in 1945 as practicable; followed by expeditious development into a one track gravel all weather road with turn outs.

6. Consistent with the above priorities and without special provision of additional resources for the purpose, construction of a 4 inch invasion type pipeline from Kunming to Tushan to permit delivery of 100 octane gasoline to Kweilin; target date May 1945 or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Your comments on these proposals are desired by radio to include a statement of troops and major items of supply required over and above those already furnished or allocated to you and necessary for the accomplishment of these projects by the dates indicated. Your comments are also desired as to the necessity for the use of bituminous paving on any portion of the Ledo Kunming Road.

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INFORMATION: General Somervell
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To: War Department
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, Bris-
bane, Australia
CG, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area Noumea,
New Caledonia

Nr: CRAX 1379 15th April, 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD, info
MacArthur, COMSOPAC, Hearn, Chennault, Boatner, Lindsay,
Dorn, Cranston and Egan CRAX 1379.

Operating east of main road in Mogaung Valley near
Tingring the 113 Regiment advanced against strong enemy
opposition wiping out several Jap positions and moving to
envelop others. On west flank first battalion of 65 Regi-
ment advanced south and reached Mansum, 12 miles northwest
Lonkin. Headquarters and 3rd Battalion of 88 Regiment en-
route from Maingkwan to Pabum, 23 miles east Maingkwan on
Assam front 5th Brigade with effectively we send you this
paraphrase "Supporting troops attached located on Dimapur-
Imphal Road, 6 miles northwest Kohima. Situation in Ko-
hima still obscure. On 4th Corps front British troops in
heavy fighting improved positions in Munshigum, 8 miles
northeast Imphal. Contact with enemy also reported several
points north of Imphal, along Tiddim Road and on Bishenpur-
Siloahar track. In Arakav, 2 miles southwest Buthidaung,
British cleared enemy from positions.

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Echelon, New Delhi, India

To War Department
Commander in Chief in Southwest Pacific Area,
Brisbane, Australia
CG U S Army Forces in South Pacific Area, Noumea
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Nr: CRAX 1307 14th April 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD, info
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Dorn, Cranston and Egan CRAX 1307. Rolling to you is follow-
ing paraphrase.

Fighting continues in Mogaung Valley with only minor
local gains. Chinese troops carried out successful ambush
killing 80 Japs. On west flank First Battalion 65th Regi-
ment advanced 6 miles south Pumsen and captured Korsuashtavng.

In Fort Hertz valley 4¹/₂ Companies Kachin Levies
harrassing Japs in Neopzup area. Enemy also engaged in
Tiangzup, on Assam front, situation still confused in Kohjma,
and fighting continues. Elements of 3 Brigades of British
Second Division now in road between Dimapur and Kohima and
in contact with enemy near Koyimr. Elements of 23rd Brigade
patrolling trails running northwards into their sector from
Mokokchung.

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Echelon, New Delhi, India

Nr: CRAX 1307 14th April 1944

Troops of American-Chinese Gasper Force patrolling trails running northwards into their sector from Mokokchung and on 4th Corps Front fighting continues in Imphal area.

British troops repulsed in attempt to capture Ningshigum but successful in Sengmai area. Skirmishes took place in Tengnoupal, Sita, and Shuganu in Ejlel-Tamu area. 80th Brigade withdrew to 6 miles east Palen. In Arakan fighting along Maungdaw-Buthidaung Road, and in Buthidaung area all of minor nature.

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From: SACSEA

To: Chiefs of Staff

Info: Joint Staff Mission
Washington

Dated: 14th April, 1944

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Reference para. 2 of COSSEA 87 of 10th April.

1. (A) In Arakan. Are actively continuing to exploit our success of March. The object is still to secure the road Maungdaw-Buthidaung before the monsoon. Our forces comprise 7 Div. less one Bde. Group 25 Div. 26 Div. and 36 Div. disposed in depth. Fighting is still quite severe. There are indications that the Japanese may stage another out-flanking offensive before the monsoon.

(B) In the Kaladan. The present intention is that 81 (WA) Division will advance south towards area Kyauktav and at the beginning of the monsoon this division will be withdrawn westwards.

(C) An appreciation of prospects on the Hukawng front is included in my SEACOS 137.

(D) West of the Chindwin the Japanese offensive is on a considerably larger scale than anything he has yet attempted since his occupation of Burma. British position was tactically difficult owing to Japanese front running parallel to our L. of C. and the number of tracks that run westwards from his front. Possession of Imphal Plain is of great importance. In Japanese hands it would provide an excellent base for attacks against our L. of C. to Upper

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Assam. Therefore security of Imphal Plain is essential. My subsequent paragraphs describe the position here in detail.

2. Enemy plans. Objectives appear to be (A) Imphal (B) Kohima (C) cutting of railway north and west Dimapur.

3. Enemy orders of battle.

(A) Against Imphal. 33 Div. of which two regiments exerting pressure northwards on Tiddim Road with main strength on west whilst approximately one regiment is operating from south and southeast against road Tamu-Palel. 15 Div. comprising approximately two regiments disposed against Imphal from north and northeast with one battalion operating from north against road Tamu-Palel.

(B) Against area Kohima. 31 Div. One regiment investing Kohima-one regiment having by-passed Kohima appears to be moving on railway. Third regiment not yet identified in area but reports of enemy movement towards Mokochung indicate presence elements third regiment 31 Div. that area.

4. Own Troops.

(A) 4 Corps. Imphal Area. 254 Indian Tank Brigade (two regiments) 5 Div. less one brigade 17 Div. 20 Div. 23 Div. 50 Parachute Bde. less one battalion.

(B) 33 Corps. Corps H.Q. Jorhat. 161 Bde. 5 Div. 1 Assam Regiment where regiment and detachments Kohima. 5 (British) Brigade 2 Div. advancing towards Kohima from Dimapur. 1 Burma Regiment Nichuguard. Advanced H.Q. 2 Div. One battalion of 4 Bde and leading troops 6 Bde Dimapur

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23 L.R.P. Bde. 3 Ind. Div. on Mokokchung and Wokha and Bokaian tracks covering approaches to railway between Mariami and Dimapur. One battalion 33 Bde. 7 Ind. Div. moving to Manipur Road. Mahindra Dal Regt. Silchar.

(C) Lushai Bde. with H.Q. Aijal under direct command 14th Army.

5. Concentration of formations to arrive. See para. 2 of SEACOS 134 of 11th April.

Further reinforcements. H.Q. 3 Special Service Bde. 5 and 44 Commandos and one infantry battalion concentrating Silchar.

6. Chinese Army India (Stilwell's forces) responsible protection area east of an including Nazira.

7. 4 Corps Plan to destroy Japanese 15 and 33 Div. as follows:

- 1 ✓ (A) Prevent Japanese entering Imphal Plan
- 2 ✓ (B) Establish a force in the area Ukhrul to cut enemy L. of C. from East.
- (C) Use largest possible force offensively against either 15 or 33 Divs. in turn.

Present intention to operate first against 15 Div. north and northeast Imphal.

8. 33 Corps Plans. Protect Manipur Road base Dimapur and Ls of C. and operate against Japanese 31 Div. as follows:-

- 3 ✓ (A) Cover Manipur Road base (Dimapur)
- 4 ✓ (B) Hold Kohima as starting point for offensive operations
- 5 ✓ (C) After concentration of forces operate offensively

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along Axis road Dimapur-Imphal.

9. 23 IRP Bde. after concentration 2 Div. completed may operate under command 4 Corps against enemy L. of C. west of Chindwin having been flown into Imphal Plan.

10. Qualifications to 4 Corps Plan.

- (A) Possible shortage of transport aircraft as detailed in para. 12.
- (B) There are still some 26,000 labour and non-combatant personnel in Imphal and not 10,000 as previously reported. These will be evacuated as situation permits.

11. Qualifications to 33 Corps Plan.

- (A) Possible shortage of transport aircraft as detailed in para. 12.
- (B) 2 Div. is a M.T. Div. This tends to confine 2 Div. to operations close to roads.

12. Air.

See para. 3 of SEACOS 134 of 11th April. Close nature of country makes troop movement very difficult to detect from the air and very few targets present themselves.

Transport aircraft.

Over and above normal requirements present situation will necessitate maintenance by air of 4 Corps at about 500 tons per day from 21st April by which date their reserve

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stocks will have been reduced to 15 days only. Maintenance of 3rd Tactical Air Force in 4 Corps area will require 60 tons per day. Two brigades of 33 Corps will also require total of 60 tons per day and 23 Bde. has to be flown in and maintained. These are the principal abnormal commitments of the immediate future. Whole question minimum transport aircraft essential for operations up to and during monsoon now being reexamined and will be subject of further signal near future.

13. Conclusions.

All reliefs and future plans hinge on the course of fighting in the next two months and on the extent to which the enemy offensive is overcome. Morale of all our formations in forward areas is very high. Air transport has already been a very important factor and will continue to be so.

14. Request copies of this signal may be passed to Axiom.

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Info: J.S.M. Washington
Dated: 14th April, 1944

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Following for Chiefs of Staff rptd Joint Staff Mission from Mountbatten.

Your COSSEA 80.

The capture of the Mogaung-Myitkyina area is already the object of the Ledo Force from the north and the 4 Long Range Penetration Brigades from the south.

2. It is confirmed that the 4th Corps cannot "seize the area Shwebo-Monywa before the next monsoon". The problem of holding it after the monsoon will not therefore arise.

3. The statement that I did not "anticipate that the Ledo Force could capture Myitkyina in time to complete the road across the Hukawng Valley or that if they did so it would be possible for them to hold it" required modification as follows.

(a) The good advance of the Ledo Force which is being assisted by the operations of 4 L.R.P. Brigades and the diversion of Japanese forces to the major offensive against the Dimapur-Imphal Front makes it probable that an all-weather road across the Hukawng Valley will be completed as far as Tingkyauk Sakan which is 12 miles north of Shaduzup and is itself linked to Myitkyina by a road that state and capacity of which during the monsoon is not known.

(b) We think we can reach Mogaung with the aid of the L.R.P. operations and of the reinforcement of two Chinese divisions flown in from China. These latter however are not

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up to strength, have no organic transportation or artillery and are not of the quality of those trained at Ramgarh. The capture of Myitkyina is still doubtful and may well depend on the scale of cooperation by the Yunnan Forces.

- (c) The possibility of continuing to hold the Myitkyina Area during and after the monsoon (depends?) on the decisive defeat of the Japanese divisions on the 4th and 33rd Corps Front and on the advance of at least a part of the Yunnan Forces. Every possible means of carrying out the defense of Myitkyina is under consideration but the problem is largely affected by what forces the enemy will be able to spare to operate in the Mogaung-Myitkyina Area at the end of the monsoon. Nor is it by any means certain that any British/Indian formation will be available to reinforce this area by the time that the Japanese build-up might begin.

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16. Request Air Ministry pass copies of this signal to AXIOM.

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To: War Cabinet Offices
From: SACSEA
Info: J.S.M. WASHINGTON
Dated: 14th April, 1944

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Following for Chiefs of Staff rptd Joint Staff Mission from Mountbatten.

Your COSSEA 80.

The capture of the Mogaung-Myitkyina area is already the object of the Ledo Force from the north and the 4 Long Range Penetration Brigades from the south.

2. It is confirmed that the 4th Corps cannot "seize the area Shwebo-Monywa before the next monsoon". The problem of holding it after the monsoon will not therefore arise.

3. The statement that I did not "anticipate that the Ledo Force could capture Myitkyina in time to complete the road across the Hukawng Valley or that if they did so it would be possible for them to hold it" required modification as follows.

- (a) The good advance of the Ledo Force which is being assisted by the operations of 4 L.R.P. Brigades and the diversion of Japanese forces to the major offensive against the Dimaapur-Imphal Front makes it probable that an all-weather road across the Hukawng Valley will be completed as far as Tingkyauk Sahan which is 12 miles north of Shaduzup and is itself linked to Myitkyina by a road that state and capacity of which during the monsoon is not known.
- (b) We think we can reach Mogaung with the aid of the L.R.P. operations and of the reinforcement of two Chinese divisions flown in from China. These latter however are not

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New Delhi India

To: War Department
CINC Southwest Pacific Area Brisbane Australia
CG US Army Forces in South Pacific Area Noumea,
New Caledonia

No: CRAX 1307 14 April 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD, info MacArthur
COMGENSOPAC, Hearn, Chennault, Bohtner, Lindsay, Dorn, Cranston
and Egan CRAX 1307.

Fighting continues in Mogaung Valley with only minor local gains. Chinese troops carried out successful ambush killing 80 Japs. On west flank First Battalion 65 Regiment advanced 6 miles south Pansen and captured Korashtawng. In Fort Hertz valley 4 companies Kachin Levies harassing Japs in Nsozup area. Enemy also engaged in Tiangzup on Assam front situation still confused in Kohjma, and fighting continues. Elements of 3 Brigades of British Second Division now in road rolling to you is following paraphrase "between Dimapur and Kohima and in contact with enemy near Koyimr. Elements of 23 Brigade patrolling trails running northwards into their sector from Mokokchung. Troops of American-Chinese Gasper forced patrolling trail running northwards into their sector from Mokokchung and on 4th Corps front fighting continues in Imphal area. British troops repulsed in attempt to recapture Ningshigum but successful in Sengmai area. Skirmishes took place in Tengnoupal, Sita, and Shuganu in Ejel Tamu area. 80th Brigade withdrew to 6 miles east Palen. * fighting along Maungdaw-Buthidaung Road, * in Buthidaung area all of minor nature.

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To: War Department
CINC Southwest Pacific Area Brisbane Australia
CG US Army Forces in South Pacific Area Noumea,
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No: CRAX 1307 14 April 1944

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

Nr: CRAX 1300 14 April 1944

Estimated 4,000 enemy killed Chin Hills and
Chindwin River areas since start of Japanese offensive
early in March. In Arakan enemy destroyed bridge on
main road between tunnels 1 mile southwest Htindaw;

Estimated 1,200 Japanese killed on this front since
8 April;

No new identifications made to date. Nothing to re-
port on enemy situation in North Burma.

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THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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April 13, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

The following from Stilwell has just come in:

"The Japs made a tough fight of it seven miles south of Shaduzup, but we have broken it up and I hope we can get going again. We tried to get on a wider front, and I believe we can do it.

"There have been four months of plugging along this rat hole and the boys are tired mentally. Our hardest job is keeping the stiffness in the Division Commanders' backbones. They would like to rest on their unexpected success.

"There has been no change in the attitude of the Chinese rank and file. They can keep going indefinitely. There has been considerable bayonet and grenade work and the Chinese have had the best of it. Although some replacements have been received, casualties now amount to 20%.

"All American personnel are doing a fine job. General Merrill (Commander of the United States Long Range Penetration Group operating against the rear and flanks of the Japanese opposing the Chinese) is sick, but I think perhaps he can still hold on. Galahad (LWPG) has been a life saver. We have a couple of shots left in the locker, in spite of the recent slow progress. A chance to do something still exists if the rains hold off, if the Yunnan Force jumps off, and if the British make good. There are a good many 'ifs' in this, but you can depend on our trying. Stilwell."


Chief of Staff.

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

To : War Department
CG, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma and India
Forward Echelon, Chungking, China
CG, Fourteenth Air Force, Kunming, China

No. CRAX 1244, 13 April 1944

Bissell CRAX 1244 info Hearn Dorn Chennault
Cranston Egan and Lindsay G2 report 12 April from Creswell
signed Sultan.

Estimated 500 Japanese reported moving west through
Sharakawng 40 miles northeast Kamaing; Chinese in contact
with reinforced enemy platoon defending Pumsin area 25
miles west northwest Shaduzup.

Heavy casualties inflicted on 200 Japanese in un-
successful attempt to outflank our positions on Tiddim
Road 33 road miles south Imphal; Severe fighting 8 miles
northeast Imphal and opposing forces fighting Kohima for
possession of village; Japanese destroyed culvert 5 miles
northwest Kohima and established road block 8 miles north-
west same village both on main road; 700 Japanese report-
ed moving north vicinity of Aochagalimi, 40 miles north-
east Kohima.

Japs now have artillery on Tiddim Road 35 miles
south Imphal and in Imphal and Kohima areas; Air reconn-
aissance report enemy tracked vehicles, possible light tanks,
8 miles southeast Kohima.

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ACTION: G-2

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

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(ALUSNA CHUNGKING SENDS)

THERE IS BEING ESTABLISHED BY THE GENERALISSIMO A CENTRAL PLANNING COMMITTEE WHICH IS TO PREPARE PLANS FOR POST WAR CHINA. CHEN KUANGPU PRESENTLY CHAIRMAN STABILIZATION BOARD IS TO BE CHAIRMAN AND CONSULTANT ON FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. SUNFO IS TO BE CONSULTANT ON POLITICAL AFFAIRS. OTHER MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED FOR OTHER FIELDS. CHEN IS NOT ENTHUSED AND PERSONALLY BELIEVES GENERALISSIMO IS SO IMPRESSED WITH RUSSIAN MILITARY SUCCESSES WHICH IS BELIEVED BASED ON SOVIET ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN THE YEARS PREVIOUS TO HOSTILITIES THAT HE WISHES TO START 5 AND/OR 10 YEAR PLANS COVERING INDUSTRIAL MILITARY AND OTHER FIELDS SIMILAR TO THE SOVIETS. CHAIRMAN ALSO BELIEVES THIS WILL PERMIT A GROUP OF ILL EQUIPPED ECONOMISTS OPPORTUNITIES TO CREATE DISRUPTION. RATED B 2.

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

To: War Department
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific
Area, Brisbane, Australia
CG US Army Forces in Central Pacific
Area, Noumea, New Caledonia

No: CRAX 1228 13 April 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD, info
MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, Hearn, Chennault, Boatner,
Lindsay, Dorn, Cranston, and Egan CRAX 1228.

Along Molaung Valley road south Shaduzup, Chinese
troops continue attack against strong Jap resistance,
with only small local gains. On west flank First Battal-
ion, 65 Regiment captured Nip position at Pumsin. In
Fort Hertz Valley Levies harrassing enemy communications
northwest of Nsopsup. On Assam front fighting continuing
in Kohima for possession of town. 5th Brigade having
moved from Dimapur is attacking Jap road block 2 miles
northwest Kohima. On 4th Corps front fighting reported
8 miles northeast Imphal and British withdrew from Nungshi-
gum. Other skirmishes in Imphal area, in Shuganu area and
along Tiddim Road. In Arakan slight fighting near
Buthidating only action.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: CC/S (BJSM) CG AAF G-2 COL. PARK LQQ
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CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, Ledo, India
CG, US Army Forces, Chabua, India

No : CRAX 1181 12 April 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD, info
MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, Hearn, Chennault, Boatner, Lind-
say, Dorn, Cranston and Egan CRAX 1181.

Village of Tingring, 7 miles south southwest
Shadusup occupied by 113 Regiment. Elements of 22nd
Division in contact with enemy along road south Wakawng
and west Warasup. 2nd and 3rd Battalions 112 Regiment
moving from Shadusup to Anche-Warong area, 16 miles
northeast of Kaxring. Headquarters 38 Division opened
Shadusup. GALAHAD force active in Kauri-Wopun Ga area
on assam front, situation on Kohima obscure, and not
definite whether British or Japs hold town.

2nd Division less 2 Battalions now in Manipur
road area. Elements of 5th Brigade moving to clear
Jap road block on Dimapur-Kohima road. 1 Battalion of
33 Brigade moving from Gopaghat to Manipur road and
1 column of 23 Brigade reached Mohumi, 16 miles east
Dimapur. In 4th Corps area further contact on Imphal-
Tiddis road 32 road Mizek south Imphal, and in area 8
miles northeast Imphal. Bishenpur-Silchar track trav-

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Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India
No : CRAX 1181 12 April 1944

elled by British vehicles without enemy opposition.
British cleared Jap road block at Tengnoupal, on Palel-
Tamu road. ✓

On Arakan front British captured positions 6
miles east southeast Maungdaw, and fighting reported in
Buthidaung area. ✓

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ACTION: OPD

INFO : Gen Arnold
Gen Bissell
Col Park
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April 11, 1944

To: Chiefs of Staff
From: SACSEA
Info: Joint Staff Mission, MACHIN

IMMEDIATE

SEACOS 133

Following for Chiefs of Staff repeated Joint Staff Mission MACHIN from SACSEA.

Reference SEACOS 118 of March 17th - *sent to W/H*

It was original intention to introduce one Chinese division of strength 7,000 reinforced up to 12,000 from another division. Am informed this arrangement proved impracticable and General Stilwell proposes to bring in from China an additional division of 11,000 thus making two additional divisions with total of 18,000. These figures are subject to correction and may well be on high side.

2. Major part of both these divisions will however be staged at once to Northern Burma and only rear elements will be in India consequently total of 12,000 within India will not be exceeded.
3. This change in arrangements is not considered to be outside the understanding with Viceroy but GHQ India and Viceroy are being informed.
4. Request Air Ministry (Special Cypher Section) pass copies of this signal to AXIOM.

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ACTION: CC/3

INFO : Gen Arnold
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TO: AIR MINISTRY SPECIAL CIPHER SECTION
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H.Q. SWPA (L.H.Q. AUSTRALIA PASS)
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C-IN-C MIDDLE EAST
M.A. CHUNGKING

NO: SAC 1589 of 11th April.

Headquarters of Supreme Commander South East Asia will move from Delhi to Kandy (Ceylon) as from 0001 15 April.

- (2) A small rear headquarters will remain in Delhi. ✓
(3) Necessary arrangements for routing of signals have already been made. ✓

Time of Origin 11N11.

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: CG AAP ASF OPD G-2 ADM. KING
COL. PARK WDCMC STATISTICS LOG

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To: Joint Staff Mission
From: Chiefs of Staff
Dated: 11th April, 1944

C.O.S.(W) 1274

Following is text of SEACOS 134 for Chiefs of Staff from SACSEA.
Reference Paragraph 3 of COSSEA 87, 10th April.

1. Following reinforcements completed arrival at destinations on dates shown. 5 Ind. Div. 123 Ind. Inf. Bde. GP 31 March. 9 Ind. Inf. Bde GP 4th April. Div. Tps 5 April. 161 Ind. Div. Bde GP 9 April. Above dates refer arrival Manipur Road. Majority personnel arrived by air earlier. Present locations. Div Hq 9 Bde GP 123 Bde GP Imphal. 161 Bde GP Kohima. 23 Inf. Bde of 3 Ind. Div arrived Mariani 9 April. Lushai Bde formed Aijam 4 April includes 7/14 Punjab 1 Bihar 1 Rjt. 15 Sikh arrived Imphal by air from Agartala 31 March. 1 Bur regt arrived Manipur Road from India 26 March. 1 Sqn 45 Cav. (lt.tks) arrived Manipur Road 8 April.

2. Remaining formations expected arrive as follows. 33 86 Ze of 7 Div Qm majority personnel already arrived by air concentration of remainder expected complete 17 April Hautley MZ 2678. 2 Div. concentrate Manipur Road. 5 Bde now complete except a few vehicles. 6 Bde 3 trains arrived remainder expected complete personnel 14 April vehicle 25 April. 4 Bde and Div Tps will complete personnel 19 vehicle 3 May. Hq 33 Corps Jorhat now complete except a few vehicles. 1 Sqn. 45 Cav. Manipur Road no date yet fixed. 11 Cav. expected complete Manipur Road 15 April. 149 RAC (less one Sqn) expected complete Manipur Road 23 April. One Sqn. 150 RAC crews already flown Imphal tanks expected Manipur Road 13 April. Following Chinese and American formations practically completed concentration. Hq 89 Chinese regt 30 Div. Dibrugarh. 1 American engineer Bn with detachments area Chabua. 1 Bn 89 regt. 1 mortar coy Sepon Nq 2545. 1 Bn 89 Regt. 1 mortar coy 1 tank coy. Pibisagar Nq 0329, 1 Bn 89 Regt 1 Tank coy Jorhat

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3. Present air situation on the Imphal front and over Upper Burma as a whole continues satisfactory. We have complete air superiority. Enemy air activity confined to occasional small and singularly ineffective raids against Military objectives in 4 corps area. Jap army is operating virtually without any air support. Eastern Air Cmd. fighter and Bomber strength and dispositions on NE frontier are adequate and no air reinforcements of Kohima-Imphal area is necessary.

4. Stocks.
Imphal Area supplies full scale for British troops until 11th May, Indian troops 5th May, Animals 26th May. In addition civil population have rice for some 5 months in hand.

Ammunition.
All Formations have 1st and 2nd line scales and 6 to 11 2nd line lifts in all defended positions.

P.O.L.
Fifty gallons for every vehicle left in plain.

5. Full appreciation follows shortly.

T.O.O. 111947Z

ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: GEN ARNOLD
GEN BISSELL
ADM KING
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From: CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma, and India,
Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India'

To: War Department
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area,
Brisbane, Australia
CG, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area,
Noumea, New Caledonia
CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma, and India,
Forward Echelon, Chungking, China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Troops, Lede, India

Mr: CRAX 1112

11 April 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD, info
MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, Hearn, Chennault, Boatner, Lindsay,
Dorn, Cranston, and Egan CRAX 1112.

✓ Village of Hakawng in Mogaung valley captured by
Chinese troops of 65th and 66th Regiments. 64 Regiment
in contact with enemy west of Warasup, 9 miles south Shadu-
sup

On west flank below Tasubum, 1st Battalion 65 Regi-
ment forced enemy groups south to Pumsin. Galahad force
still in Nhpum Ga area and have killed 200 Japs attempting to
move north. In Fort Hertz valley 2 companies of Levies
harrassing Jap supply line at Ritposg 38 miles northeast
Myitkyina.

On Assam front 1 column of 23rd Brigade moved Wokha,
and 1 column to Mokokchung. 2 other columns of 23rd Brig-
ade protecting Assam railway north of Dimapur. Headquarters
and 1 Battalion in 33 Brigade arrived Hautley, 8 miles
northwest Golaghat from Arakan.

Headquarters 5th Brigade of 2nd Division at Bokajan,
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To: War Department
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CG, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area,
Noumea, New Caledonia
CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma, and India,
Forward Echelon, Chungking, China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Troops, Ledo, India

Re: CRAX 1112

11 April 1944

8 miles northeast Dimaapur with 2 Battalions protecting
railway. 161 Brigade still holding out in Kohima.

On 4th Corps front British troops contacted Jap
platoon 32 miles south Imphal on Tiddim Road. Scattered
fighting northeast Imphal. In Arakan fighting British
forces northeast Godusara made slight withdrawal.

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ACTION: :OPD

INFORMATION: CG/S
Gen Arnold
Gen Bissell
Col Park
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From: CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma & India
Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

To: War Department

No: CRAX 1104 11 April, 1944

Weekly G2 summary to 9th April from Creswell
signed Sultan to Bissell CRAX 1104 info Dorn, Hearn,
Chennault, Egan, Cranston and Lindsay.

General fighting continues west of Mayu range; 200 Japanese reported killed during unsuccessful Japanese attacks southwest Buthidaung on 8th April; fairly reliable reports indicate the enemy are reinforcing both Kapadan and Arakan fronts, this supported due to lateness of season Japanese may feel they can reduce coastal garrisons to the south. Chin Hills, enemy made some progress northwest along Tamu-Palel road using 1 Battalion from each of 33rd and 15th Divisions and 14th Tank Regiment; no enemy pressure to north on Tiddim Road proper but Japanese closely followed British withdrawal, now in contact 30 miles south Imphal; main thrust 33rd Division apparently northwestward with objective of cutting Silchar-Bishenpur jeep trail and incircling Imphal from the west; leading elements reported vicinity of LaGairong and Nakal, 25 and 40 miles southwest Imphal. In the Japanese 15th Division sector the enemy advanced to about 8 miles northeast of Imphal and captured Kanglatongbi village 12 miles north Imphal; 15th Division less 4 Battalions believed in area between main road and Ukhrul-Imphal road with role of operating west or southwest against Imphal. Enemy road blocks north of Imphal and north-west Kohima still in effect; in enemy 31st Division area British situation in Kohima restored but attack by Jap 58th Regiment appears imminent; part and possibility all 138th Regiment may be bypassing Kohima to carry out attack on our lines of communication vicinity Dimapur; enemy food supply apparently sufficient but report received that ammunition is running low; still no information about 124th Regiment.

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Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

No: CRAX 1104

11 April, 1944

North Burma, Japanese resisting in area 2 miles south Laban; also in contact with strong enemy force vicinity Kaulin GA 18 miles east Shaduzup; estimate total enemy strength in this area at 4 Battalions strong in Artillery; reports of enemy concentrations south of Gorgwng and Myitkyina confirmed. Opposing forces in contact 40 miles north Myitkyina; believe only 1 battalion 114th Regiment in this area; no indications enemy withdrawal from Lankhaung-Htawgaw area, probably taken over by 56th Division and route south is open if cut off from Myitkyina. Along Salween River fighting in progress vicinity Hpimaw and the Sima PA-Lungebum Area 40 miles northeast Bhimo; believe 1 Regiment of this Division diverted other areas and Division area extended to north; very unlikely Japanese can divert anything more from this sector.

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INFO: CG AAF
OPD
Colonel Park
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FROM: Main 11 Army Group SEA

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M. A. China
Middle East.
GHQ Persia and Iraq Force.
Nairobi
British Army Staff Washington.
HQ Brisbane (pass COIC GHQ)

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SITREP 88.

ONE: ARAKAN.

Documents identify 1 Bn 144 Regt area PM 3932.
Estimated seventy enemy killed area PM 3932 8 Apr. Enemy
attack PT 1267 PM 4239 night 8/9 April repulsed 53 Bde
with under comd 2 RWF 10 Glosters arch tunnels. 2/2 PUNJAB
moving area BAWLI. Main HQ 26 Div PM 427508. Local report
one hundred JAPANESE looted cattle area PM 5057 night 8/9
Apr Japanese streight unknown reported 9 Apr. area PAUNG-
DAWBYIN PM5154 and some reported crossed R KALAPANZIN
Westwards.

TWO: KALADAN.

Documents identify elements 3 Bde 111 Regt area MIZAWA
PN0471 Elements 6 (WA) Bde inflicted by cas on enemy area
PN 0570 night 7/8 Apr. 6 (WA) Bde less one Bn Area KALADAN
village.

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THREE: CHINHILLS.

Ref SITREP 87 Para THREE.

Document also shows one coy 60 Regt intended to move on track SILCHAR-BISHENPUR from North. 9 Apr two coys enemy reported moving North area RK 0010. Enemy MT operating to MS 36 and enemy attacking our posns area MS 35 rd IMPHAL-TIDDIM. Thirty three enemy dead already counted. Patrol in contact approx fifty enemy area RJ8545 inflicted twelve cas. 3/3 GR MS 33.

FOUR: CHINDWIN.

(A) Area PALEL-TAMU. 7 Apr ESWOICHING RP 4893 reported clear of enemy. 14/13 FF RIF Apr 7th inflicted fourteen cas on enemy PL RP 2101. Own cas NIL.

(B) Area IMPHAL. Escaped PW reports 8 Apr six hundred JAPANESE area North of *(NUNGSHIM)* RK 4475 elements 1 Bn 51 Regt identified RK4993 and elements 3 Bn 51 Regt RK4475. Night 8/9 Apr. forty five JAPANESE killed PT 4057 RK 4973. 37 Bde less 3/3 GR RK 4848.

(C) AREA KOHIMA. PW states Regt HQ land 2 Bns 58 Regt in vicinity KOHIMA 3 Bn at MAO SONGSANG RE5548. Escaped PW reports one thousand JAPANESE at PULOMI RE2955 whilst locals state five hundred moved West through KHONOMA RE4364 7 Apr. Escapee says immediate objective 138 Regt NICHUGUARD gorge RE 1582 and PRIPHERMA RE3577. JAPANESE who infiltrated one sector four positions at KOHIMA eliminated. Forty nine enemy bodies counted and four PW taken.

FIVE: HUWANG VALLEY.

Possible identification elements 1 Bn 114 Regt area KAMAING SC36. All Bns AMERICAN Rangers attacking area SC5292.

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1/113 Regt attacking area SC 3199 TK and INF attack on
WARAZUP SC 2695 8 Apr. Elements HQ to Div 149 Regt
(CHINESE YUNNAN forces) arrived MAINGWAN NX 1957 by air.

SIX: NORTH BURMA.

Tps in contact with enemy TIANGZUP NY 2321. Enemy cas
inflicted in three successful ambushes areas NY2321 NY
4501 SD4098. Own cas NIL.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG AAF
G-2
Col. Park
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Letter, 7-5-72

By RHP Date APR 2 1973

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To: SACEA

Information: J.S.M. Washington
for U.S. Chiefs of Staff

From: Chiefs of Staff

Dated: 10 April 1944

COSSEA 87

1. We feel inadequately informed on the situation in Burma particularly with regard to Dimapur-Kohima-Imphal front.

2. Please send earliest possible a full appreciation of the situation on the whole front giving your plans and intentions.

3. Pending the completion of this appreciation we would like information most immediate on the following:

(A) Present and future situation regarding reinforcements on the Dimapur-Kohima-Imphal front both in troops and aircraft, specifying as far as possible estimated time and place of arrival.

(B) Supply situation of formations in Imphal area whose land L. of C. is now cut.

T.O.O. 101555Z

ACTION: CC/S
INFO: General Arnold
OPD
General Bissell
Admiral King
Colonel Park
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From: CG US Army Forces, China, Burma & India Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

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

No. CRAX 1058, 10 April 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD, MacArthur, COMCENSOPAC, Hearn, Boatner, Dorn, Cranston, Egan Chennault, Orr and Lindsay CRAX 1058.

Coming your way is a paraphrase of AMMDEL message.

"Elements of 64 regiment moved around west flank and advanced to positions 9 miles Southwest Shaduzup and 2 miles West of Main road where they are in contact with enemy. Main force continues attack down road and Wakawng virtually surrounded. Galahad Force successfully attacked Japs in Nhpun Ga Area. Most of 50 Chinese Division Headquarters, entire 148 Regiment, and large part of 149 Regiment arrived Maingyan after movement from China. On 4th Corps front British troops in Kohima eliminated Jap party which infiltrated our positions. More fighting in Imphal Area, and our forces attacked Jap group 9 miles East North-east of Imphal. In Arakan our forces repulsed enemy attack

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From: CG US Army Forces, China, Burma & India Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India.

No. CRAX 1058, 10 April 1944

Northeast Godusara. Other Arakan and Kaladad action limited to patrolling and few minor clashes."

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ACTION: OFD

INFORMATION: General Arnold
General Bissell
Colonel Park
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From : SACEA
To : Miniform, London
JSM, Washington
Number: SAC 1566 10th April, 1944

Stop immediately any further reference additional
Airborne landing Burma.

ACTION: CCS

INFO : Gen Arnold
OFD
Gen Bissell
Adm King
~~Col Park~~
Gen Surles
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From: CG US Army Forces China, Burma & India Rear Echelon
New Delhi, India

To: War Department

No: CRAX 1009

9 April 1944

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Bissel CRAX 1009 info Hearn, Dorn, Chennault, Cranston, Egan and Lindsay from Cresswell signed Sultan. Shooting to you is a paraphrase of message from AMMDEL.

Arakan, enemy attacks 4 miles north east Godusara repulsed but forced slight withdrawal of British troops; Japanese suffered heavy casualties during unsuccessful attack south west Buthidaung; these enemy operations indicate possible reinforcements in front lines although no identifications made. Chin Hills and Chindwin River, Japanese Company in contact with British rear guard 37 road miles south Imphal; indications continue of north westward trend of enemy force with possible objective of encircling Imphal from the west; small enemy parties are operating toward Aplel from south and east; Japanese have established "Road block on main road 2 miles northwest Kohima, nothing more available on situation vicinity of Kohima and to north. G2 report 8th April. North Burma, contact made with enemy in some strength vicinity Kaulun GA 18 miles east Shaduzup.

No Sig

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CCS
CG AAP
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From: CG U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma & India
Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

To: War Department
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific
Area, Brisbane, Australia
CG U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia
CG U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma & India
Forward Echelon, Chungking, China
CG 14th Air Force, Kuming, China
CG U.S. Troops, Ledo, India
CG U.S. Army Forces, Chabua, India

Nr: CRAX 1015 9 April 44

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD,
MacArthur, COMSOPAC, Hearn, Boatner, Dorn, Cranston,
Egan, Chennault, and Lindsay CRAX 1015.

Local advances only made by Chinese troops in
Mogaung Valley south of Shadunup. In Fort Hertz Valley
our forces in contact with enemy at Tiansup, 42 miles
north Myitvina on Assam front 161 Brigade in Kohima
fighting enemy on outskirts of town. Kohima garrison out
off from Dimapur by Jap Road block. British company in
Mokokohung, 36 miles southeast Jorhat, and column 23
Brigade moving Wokha, 46 miles south Jorhat.

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

Nr: CRAX 1015 9 April 44

On 4th Corps front entire 17 Division in Imphal area. 37 and 49 Brigades of 23 Division 37 road miles south Imphal in slight contact with enemy. Fighting at several points only few miles from Imphal.

In Arakan considerable fighting 6 miles southeast Maungdaw.

South of Buthidaung additional fighting.

? On Salween front 2 Battalions Chinese Guerrillas attacking Jap positions in Heipaw area.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO : CCS
CG AAF
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From: CG, U S Army Forces, China, Burma & India
Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

To: War Department
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific
Area, Brisbane, Australia
CG, U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific
Area, Noumea, New Caledonia
CG, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma & India
Forward Echelon, Chungking, China
CG, U.S. Army Forces, Laddo, India
CG, U.S. Army Forces, Chabua, India

Re: CRAX 969 8 April, 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic section OPD, info
MacArthur, COMUSMACV, Hearn, Boatner, Dorn, Cranston,
Egan, Chennault, and Lindsay CRAX 969.

Little change on situation in Mogaung Valley, but
Chinese continue to attack Jap positions. In Fort Hertz
Valley our troops advance and killed 47 Nips in 3 ambushes.
161 Brigade was moved to Kohima, and in Dampur 45 Cavalry
Squadron has arrived. Other troop movements in progress
this area. No new developments on Tiddim-Imphal Road and
37 Brigade is 35 road miles south Imphal. One battalion
our troops near Sakok, 23 miles east northeast Imphal.
3 other columns moving eastward from Palel and Imphal
towards Jap line of communications. Fighting continues
around Imphal, and our forces evacuated Kanglatongbi. In
Arakan 2 villages 2 miles southwest Butthong captured.

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

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

To : War Department
CG, 14th Air Force, Kuoming, China
CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India
Forward Echelon, Chungking, China
CG, US Army Forces, Chabua, India

No. CRAX 958 8th April 1944

G2 report 7th April from Cresswell signed Sultan for
Bissell CRAX 958 info Hearn Dorn Chennault Cranston Egan and
Lindsay.

No evidence of enemy reinforcing attack on Kohima
although at least 1 additional battalion is believed
immediately available; attack from south gained outskirts
of Kohima while area to west reported clear of Japanese;
enemy snipers active along road toward Dimapur (13 miles
northwest Kohima); small enemy groups 25 miles north and
35 miles northeast of Kohima, may be right flank protection
for troops in Kohima Area or advance elements of possible
northward movement. Kanglatongbi Village 12 miles north
Imphal captured by 3rd Battalion 60 Japanese Regiment.
Elements Japanese 215th Regiment identified on Tiddim Road
60 miles south Imphal, this regiment possibly relieving
enemy 215th Regiment for movement to northwest; uncon-
firmed report of 1,000 Japanese near Nihal 40 miles west
southwest Imphal. In north Burma some indications of
elements Japanese 188th Regiment (56th Division) in
Myittha Area.

ACTION: G-2
INFO : CCS, CG AAF, OPD, COL. PARK, LOG

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From: OO US Army Forces China, Burma and India Rear
Hoboken New Delhi, India

To: War Department

Fr: CRA 948, 8 April 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD CRA 948.

Weekly summary for week ending 5 April 1944

(1) U S Air:

30 March, 1 B 24 strafed and badly damaged 1
300 foot freighter in gulf of Tongking, southwest of Fort
Bayard.

1 B 24 attacked spinning mills at Nam
Dinh, all bombs were on target, many buildings are
believed to have been destroyed.

31 March, No operations reported.

1 April, no operations reported.

2 April, 2 B 24's on a seasweep from Hong Kong
to Formosa sank 1-125 foot boat and damaged 1-50 foot
launch.

3 B 24's off Yangkai were forced to
return due to weather.

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From: CG US Army Forces China Burma and India Rear
Echelon New Delhi, India
To: War Department
Fr: CRA 948, 8 April 1944

3 April, 3 B 24's laid 15 mines in Songibach river.

4 April, 3 P 38's strafed 12 gas trucks near Shinpa Hse, also strafed and set afire 2 gas dumps in vicinity of Wao Mong Pang.

5 April, no operations reported.

(2) U S Ground and Chinese Air nil for period.

(3) Chinese ground:

Minor activities by regulars in Suiyuan province and guerilla forces in Chekiang province.

(4) Changes in British dispositions as follows:

(1) Arakan (15 Corps):

25 Division 10 miles south Maungdaw,
51 Brigade 3 miles southeast Maungdaw,
26 Division $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east Ngakyedauk.

(2) Imphal (Fourth Corps):

50 Parachute Brigade at Imphal,
17 Division 3 miles north Imphal,
48 Brigade 36 miles northwest Tonzang,

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Echelon New Delhi, India
To: War Department
Re: CRA 948, 8 April 1944

- 63 Brigade 10 miles northwest Imphal,
- 20 Division 7 miles north Palel,
- 32 Brigade 9 miles north Palel,
- 37 Brigade 48 miles north Fousang,
- 49 Brigade 60 miles north Fousang,
- 9th Brigade 6 miles east Imphal.
- (3) 33 Corps at Jochat,
2nd Division at Dimapur,
5th Brigade at Dimapur.
- (5) Ledo Road progress report;
No report received.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CG/S
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Echelon, New Delhi, India
To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma & India Forward
Echelon, Chungking, China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Troops Chabua, India

Nbr: CRAX 897 7th April 1944

G-2 report 6 April from Creswell signed Sultan for
MILID CRAX 897 info Hearn Dorn Chennault Cranston and Egan.

Japanese force in Tamu area appears shifting West toward Tiddim road, westward motor traffic from Chindwin River indicates new troops may be moving into Tamu area; 45 enemy killed in skirmish 8 miles Northeast Imphal; Japanese attack gained portion of British position 12 miles North Imphal; estimated enemy battalion attacked Kohima from South and West, no details on progress made; small groups Japanese also reported near road North of Kohima; Japanese can reinforce attack on Kohima with an estimated 5 additional battalions believed in area to South and East. North Burma, Japanese 55th Regiment of 18 Division during middle of March received 200 replacements.

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FOOTNOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-5036 (7 Apr 44) G-2

ACTION: G-2

INFO: CGAAF, OPD, Col. Park, Log

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April 7, 1944

From: SACSEA
To : War Office
BAS Washington
No : SAC 1531

FOR JSM.

Present situation on ASSAM Front is such that newspaper correspondents when speculating on progress of campaign as outlined in daily communiques seem unable to avoid reference to possibility of JAPANESE advance or infiltration in large numbers into ASSAM Plains, particularly with object of cutting ASSAM BENGAL railway. Unjustified speculation of this type has most unsettling effect on population of INDIA where it is invariably regarded as form of Official warning. It must therefore be avoided until present somewhat indefinite Military situation is clarified. Correspondents have consequently been notified at request INDIA Command that at present speculation involving these possibilities will be excised in censorship.

Grateful you will bring this urgently to notice of editors and broadcasting authorities and endeavour to secure their co-operation.

T.O.O. 07MIL

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INFO : CG AAF
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From: CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma & India
Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia
CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India
Forward Echelon, Chungking, China
CG, US Army Forces, Ledo, India
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, Chabua, India

Number ORAX 912, 7 April 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD,
information MacArthur, COMSOPAC, Hearn, Boatner,
Dorn, Cranston, Egan, Chennault, and Lindsay, ORAX
912.

Little change in situation in Nagaung Valley,
as Chinese Troops continue attacks on Jap positions,
6 miles south Shadurup.

In Assam 33rd Corps Area, 2 Battalions, 161st Bri-
gade have moved to Kohima. 23rd Brigade moving to Mariani.
5th Brigade of 2nd Division now concentrated at Dimapur.
On Fourth Corps front at Kanglatongbi, 10 miles north Im-
phal, our troops evacuating stores and preparing attack
against enemy, who occupied our positions. Other fight-
ing north and northeast of Imphal. Four columns of our
troops moving against Jap line of communication, 25 miles
east Imphal. Along Imphal-Fiddim Road our withdrawal
continues, and rear guard operating 62 road miles south

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Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

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Number ORAI 912, 7 April 1944

Duphal. In Arakan our forces captured east tunnel
on Maungdaw-Buthidung Road.

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From: Main 11 Army Group Sca

To : War Office
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B.A.D. Washington
M. A. China
N. Z. Force HQ. New Zealand
Concentric
G. H. Q. Paiforce
HQ Brisbane (Pass COIC GHQ)
GHQ Middle East Forces
Army Bangalore
Army Rawalpindi

Number 570/OPS

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ONE. ARAKAN.

4 Bde Bn attack on feature PM436430 5 APRIL repulsed. 36 Bde mopping up small parties JAPANESE which infiltrated area PM458443 and raided our Posns PM 4844 night 3/4 APR. 33 Bde (Less one Bn) now withdrawing from ARAKAN. Enemy attack unknown strength on 114 Bde Posns area PM 536475 morning 5 APR repulsed.

TWO KALADAN.

Elements 55 Div Cav Regt identified area ATAWN NORTH PM 9967. 5 WA Bde astride river area - KALADAN Village. 6 WA Bde moving NORTH to contact 7/16 PUNJAB. 7/16 PUNJAB in area KATWA PM 9783

THREE. CHIN HILLS.

2 Bty 33 Mtn Arty Regt identified MS 92 during recent fighting. CM-IN-4849 (7 Apr 44)

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Withdrawal 17 Div proceeding satisfactorily. HQ 17 Div RK 3668. 63 Bde RK 2878. 37 Bde MS 41. 14 PF RIF killed 30 JAPANESE in two ambushes area RP 2550 RP 4153 2 APR

FOUR.

CHINDWIN.

(A). Area PALEL-TAMU. JAPANESE attack on SITA RK 7821 night 4/5 APR repulsed. Cas enemy 20 killed own two wounded. HQ 20 Div RK 4731. 32 Bde Area WANGJING RK 4737 RK 5731 RK 5647. 100 Bde (Less Bn) SHENAM RK 5313.

(B). Area IMPHAL. Enemy attacked our Posns KAMENG RK 4970 night 3/4 APR fighting continued following day and to date seventy JAPANESE dead counted. Patrol report two JAPANESE aircraft landed MS 104 night 3/4 APR. Evening 5 APR enemy reported to be attacking KANGLATONGBI RK 2983 from NORTH and EAST. One of our Armcd cars destroyed while investigating fresh JAPANESE Rd block MS 117 night 4/5 APR

(C) Area KOHIMA 0845 hrs 5 APR estimated one enemy Bn attack developing on KOHIMA from SOUTH and WEST and at 0700 hrs some enemy reported 2 to 3 miles NORTH of KOHIMA on Rd KOHIMABOKAJAN MZ 1408.

(D) Area MANIPUR. Advance HQ 2 Div established and 5 Bde concentrated this area 5 APR.

FIVE.

HUKAWNG VALLEY.

CHINESE forces moving SOUTH to trap enemy area LABAN NX 2901 encountering stiff resistance from JAPANESE Inf and Arty. 1/112 Regt reached NX 2909. 2/88 Regt 30 CHINESE Div has arrived PABUM NX 55

SIX.

NORTH BURMA.

Our forces have occupied NINGCHADGYANG NY 4804 SANKA GA NY 2435.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG AAP, G-2, Col. Park, Log

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

To: War Department
CG US Army Forces China Burma and India,
Forward Echelon Chungking, China
CG Fourteenth Air Force Kunming China
US Army Forces Chabua India

No: CRAX 839, 6th April 1944

G-2 report 5 April from Creswell signed Sultan
for Bissell CRAX 839 info Hearn Dorn Chennault Cranston
and Egan.

All mileage figures given in these reports are
airline unless otherwise stated. Chin Hills and Chind-
win River, Japanese closely following British with-
drawal North toward Imphal Plain, enemy has now reached
point on road about 65 miles South Imphal; estimated
5 Battalions of Japanese 15 Division in area generally
12 to 15 miles Northeast Imphal, 2 enemy attacks in
this area repulsed; Japanese captured Jessami and ad-
vanced West, elements 138 Regiment of enemy 31st
Division identified in this area and not 124th Regiment
as previously reported, 124th Regiment not identified
or located to date; 150 Japanese reported about 4 miles
South Kohima; total of 3,300 enemy reported killed in

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To: War Department

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Chin Hills and Chindwin River area since start of Japanese offensive early in March. North Burma, enemy continue stubborn resistance south of Laban using much artillery, reinforced enemy company in strong position 3 miles West Southwest Laban. Nothing to report in other areas.

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INFO : CGAAP
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Rear Echelon New Delhi, India

To : War Department
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane, Australia
CG, U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific
Area Noumea, New Caledonia
CG, U.S. Troops Lado, India
CG, 14th Air Force Kunming, China
CG, U.S. Troops Chabua, India
CG, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma, and
India, Forward Echelon Chungking, China

No. CRAX 848 6th April 1944

From Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD,
info MacArthur, COMSOPAC, Ream, Boatner, Dort, Chanston,
Egan, Chennault and Lindsay CRAX 848.

Steady drive southwards in Mogaung Valley continued
by Chinese troops and 2 small villages were occupied 6 miles
south Shadusup. On 4th Corps front 17th Division continues
to withdraw to Imphal Area from Tiddim. Fighting continues
in Pail-Tamu Area and Thirty Second Brigade withdrawing to
position north of Pail. Fighting also in areas north of
Imphal and our forces attacked Japs near Kameng, 10 miles
northeast Imphal and in contact with enemy at new road
block on Imphal-Dimaasur road 14 miles northwest Imphal.
Patrol contact reported Araduar, 2 miles south Kohima.
Action in Arakan and Kaladan Valley limited to patrolling.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/S (BJSM)
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April 5, 1944

FROM: Main 11 Army Gp Sea

TO : Usual Addressees

Number 551/OPS

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SITREP 83.

ONE.

ARAKAN.

Local report states some movement of stores to SEINNYINBYA PM5231 from area BAGUNA PM5140 but NO large scale TP movement. 44 Command occupied ALEHTNOYAN PM4021 3 APRIL. BN 72 BDE captured feature PM4242 on third APR after heavy Arty preparation. Elements 114 BDE with air and Tk Sp gained Pt 109 PM5246 4 APRIL but withdrew later to permit Arty concentration on PM531464. 25 enemy dead and many booby traps found in KYAUKYIT Posns PM5247.

TWO.

KALADAN.

JAPS from Area KALADAN believed crossed to EAST bank. Large numbers JAPS seen crossing MI CHAUNG to area PNO172 on 2 APRIL. Enemy reported withdrawn from area PM9783. Gas inflicted on Coy INA with some JAPS area PNO366 1 APRIL.

THREE.

CHIN HILLS.

Captured JIFS state large party JAPS at MELTONJANG RP0062. 2 APRIL small parties reported this area. Unconfirmed small enemy coln moving NORTH via RF6359 towards track BISHENPUR RKL640- SILCHAR RJ0862. Route HTINZIN RP6550-HOLKOM RP5549 -HIANGZANG RP4450 - LENIKOT RP2353 reported JAPS regular L of C. AT convoys majority WESTBOUND reported this route. 37 BDE shelled in area MS82 on 2/3 APR but successfully removed or destroyed all stores and Tpt before moving area MS72 leaving patrols at MS82. 48 BDE MS62. HQ17 Div

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63 Bde MS41. 49 Bde reversed Comd 23 Div area MS30.

FOUR.

CHINDWIN.

(A) Area PALEL-TAMU. Two attempts to reduce enemy Posn TANGHROUPAL RK6214 unsuccessful. Enemy party established small blocks on road area RK 6309 which were all cleared by 1230 hrs 4 APR.

(B) Area IMPHAL. PW captured 4 APR area RK5069 states belongs 3 Bn67 Regt 15 Div. States he last heard other two Bns were at MANDALAY. Elements 67 Regt tentatively identified 4 APRIL MAUNGKAN SG1402. Identity Disc found 2 APR at RK5667 identifies Regt Gun Coy 51 Regt. Local reports suggest two JAP Bns between MS105 and MS114 Rd DIMAPUR-IMPHAL. Local saw three hundred JAPS KARONG RE4523 1 APRIL. Night 3/4. 123 Bde BOX KANENG RK5069 NORTARED. Attack on KANGLAENGGBI BOX RK2983 by small enemy party repulsed. P1 Posn MAPAO RK3579 overrun. Enemy now occupy PT4950 RK3478.

(C) Area KOHIMA. Probable identification elements 138 Regt obtained JESSAMI RE9563. Captured documents show 3 BN138 Regt crossed CHINDWIN at TAMANTHI as right hand force and 138 Regt less 3 BN at MAUNGKAN as centre force. 58 Regt under Comd Inf TF Comd shown as left hand force. NO mention 124 Regt. Own Tps withdrawing along Rd JESSAMI RE9563 -KOHIMA.

FIVE

HUKAWNG VALLEY.

PW states 22 Cav Bn part of 18 Div now broken up and distributed to other units. Enemy strength area WARONG SC4883 MPHUM GA SC5292 believed two recently arrived Bns. Three thousand INA reported arrived area MOGAUNG SC6336 MAR. Comment. If true strength undoubtedly exaggerated.

T.O.O. 051835

ACTION: OPD
INFO : CG AAF

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To: War Department
CG, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma, and India,
Forward Echelon Chungking, China
CG, Fourteenth Air Force Kunning, China
CG, U.S. Troops Chabua, India

Fr: CRAX 788 05 April, 1944

G-2 report April 4th from Creswell signed Sultan
for Bissell CRAX 788 info Hearn Chennault Dorn Cranston
and Egan.

Post
Anakan and Kaladan River Areas, enemy previously
reported in Kaladan Village believed moved East of Kala-
dan River. Chin Hills and Chindwin River, enemy road
block 9 miles Southeast Palal reinforced; 2 enemy battal-
ions in area of road block 22 miles North Imphal and 1
battalion at road block 12 miles South Kohima; elements
of 51st and 67th Regiments of 15th Japanese Division
identified in area 10 to 15 miles generally Northeast of
Imphal, some fighting and much enemy activity in this
area; 15th Division Headquarters now believed 25 miles
Northeast Imphal; possibly 2 Regiments of 31st Division
East and Northeast Kohima with 58th Regiment on the left
and 124th Regiment on the right; no change in enemy capa-
bilities. Nothing to report on the Nukawng Valley.

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INFO: OPD
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Colonel Park
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To: War Department
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific
Area, Brisbane, Australia
CG, US Army Forces in South Pacific
Area, Noumea, New Caledonia
CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India
Forward Echelon, Chungking, China
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, U.S. Troops in Chabua, India
CG, U.S. Troops in Leda, India

No. GRA 791 5th April 1944

From Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD, info
MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, Hearn, Chennault, Boatner, Dorn,
Cranston and Egan GRA 791.

Elements of Chinese 22nd and 38th Divisions continue
to move south down Mogaung Valley south of Leda against
enemy resistance. On east flank 2 battalions of American
Infantry still engaged in heavy fighting in Hsuanhsingyang
and Nhpum Ga Areas. British troops and levies in Fort Hertz
Valley continue advance, and patrols reached Tiangsup, 43
miles south Sumpabum. On Salween front minor clash re-
ported on 29th March in Hsimiv Area when two companies
Chinese attacked Jap column. In Arakan British troops
captured hill feature in tunnel area on Maspedaw-Buthidaung
Road. Other fighting on small scale in Buthidaung Area.
Troops of 25th Division occupied Alathangray on Arakan
Coast South Maungday. Along Imphal-Tiddim Road 17th
Division continues to withdraw, all brigades moving about

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

No. CRA 791 5th April 1944

10 miles nearer Imphal. No change in our situation on
Imphal plain or along Dimapur-Imphal Road. From Jessami,
our garrison is withdrawing.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/S
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Rear Echelon New Delhi, India

To: War Department
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Area Noumea, New Caledonia
CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma, and
India, Forward Echelon Chungking, China
CG, US Troops Ledo, India
CG, 14th Air Force Kunming, China
CG, US Forces in Chabua, India

No: CRAX 725 4 April, 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD, info
MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, Hearn, Chennault, Boatner, Dorn,
Cranston * CRAX 725.

Continuing advance down the Mogaung Valley the 22
Chinese Division occupied Laban, 4 miles south Shaduzup,
and now operating 1 mile south Laban. 2 battalions of Amer-
ican Infantry GALAHAD force in continuous action against Japs
20 miles northeast of Kamsing. In Arakan situation remains
quiet with some fighting in Buthidaung area. Kyaukyit, 24
miles northeast Buthidaung occupied by our troops. In Kala-
dan Valley, 5th Brigade, 81 Division occupied Kaladan Village
and 2 other small towns. On British 4th Corps Front with-
drawal of 17 Division from Area north of Tiddim to Imphal
Plain progressing without enemy interference. Fighting con-
tinues in Tamu-Palel areas and northeast of Imphal. No change
in situation along Dimaapur-Imphal Road. British garrison
has evacuated Kharasom E of Kohima. In Assam American Chinese

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Rear Echelon New Delhi, India

No: CRAX 725

4 April, 1944

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forces have assumed responsibility for protection of railway
from Margherita to Nazira, inclusive, and 89 Chinese Regiment
with 1 Chinese Tank Battalion and 1 Heavy Mortar Battalion
made available for this purpose.

from reserve Div at Lado (31st?)

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INFO : Gen Arnold
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TO: WAR OFFICE

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New Zealand, Military Attache China, Britman,
Middle East, GHQ Persia & Iraq Force, Army
Bangalore, Army Ravalpindi, HQ Brisbane
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ONE ARAKAN

Locals report 30 Mar three to four hundred Japanese moved from area BUTHIDAUNG to SEINHYINBYA PM 5321 also five to six hundred Japanese crossed KALAPANEIN en route KINDAUNG PM 5937. Comment. Consider numbers exaggerated. West of range and area tunnels quiet. Elements of 4 Bde have occupied feature PM 430422. Units of 36 Bde captured enemy poen PM 515426 2 Apr but subsequent attacks on PM 515424 held up. Our cas slight enemy NOT known. Bn of 33 Bde captured feature PM 483462 now actively patrolling PT 162. Elements 114 Bde captured KYAUKIT PM 5247 3 Apr. HQ 53 Bde 4 GARH RIF arrived BAWLI BAZAAR HQ 26 Div 5/9 JAT PM 458430.

TWO KALADAN

5(WA) Bde has cleared area GRANKHAZI PN 0069 ATAWN NORTH PN 0068 KALADAN VILLAGE PN 0070. DET own tps inflicted several cas during hand to hand fighting with mixed coy JIF and Japanese 1 Apr area PN 030662. 11 EA Scouts poen PN 0460 attacked by pl INA 31 Mar. Details awaited.

THREE CHIN HILLS

1 April four JIF deserters report one Bde INA divided between AKYAB and area PALAM HAKA and area TIDDIM. One Bn each area. 1 Apr three hundred Japanese reported TANGSIH RP 1958 three hundred HIANGZANG RP 4450. Japanese force following up our tps in contact with regard area RP 0045. CM-IN-3360 (5 Apr 44)

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Withdrawal 17 Div proceeding satisfactorily with NO enemy interference between RP 0045 and IMPHAL. 37 Bde 4/12 OFR MS 82. 48 Bde MS 60 with dets MS 68 to MS 82. 63 Bde 7/10 BALUCH MS 56. 49 Bde 1 JATS MS 50. HQ 17 Div 1 W YORKS MS 41. 2 HYBAD RK 1112.

FOUR CHINDWIN

(A) AREA PALEL-TAMU. 3 Apr small enemy party encountered area LEIBI RK 7213. TENGNOUPAL Rd block NOT yet cleared. 2 Apr our tps successfully ambushed one enemy pl moving west from RP 4695.

(B) AREA IMPHAL. Unconfirmed report approx two coys enemy east of rd MANIPUR-IMPAL area THANGALARK 4093. Enemy still at MS 105. 1 Apr unconfirmed report strong party JIFS KARONG RE 4523. Night 2/3 Apr approx fifty enemy ambushed. Area RK 5676 enemy cas thirty own nil.

(C) AREA KOHIMA. Estimated one enemy Bn area TUPHEMA RE 5444 2 Apr. Japanese patrol reported 2 Apr 2 miles east of KOHIMA.

FIVE HUKAWNG VALLEY

Chinese tps continue increase pressure area LABAN NX 2903 2/65 Regt making flanking move reached NX 2901 while 3/65 Regt advancing against enemy resistance reached NX 2601. Second and third Bns American Rangers repulsed enemy attempted move north area MAHKYETHAWNG NX 5402 NEPUMGA SC 5192. 1/112 Regt occupied NAUBUM NX 6828.

SIX NORTH BURMA *30mi S of Sainprabum*

Levies reported within 10 miles NSOPZUP NY 1905 and 8 miles south of KADRANGYANG NY 1838.

SEVEN AREA MYITKYINA

Large enemy concentration reported KAZU SD 3049.

T.O.O. 041710

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CGAAF, G-2, Col. Park, LOG

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To: CG, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma, and India,
Forward Echelon Chungking, China
CG, Fourteenth Air Force Kunming, China
CG, Tenth Air Force Calcutta, India

No: CRAX 722

4th April 1944

G2 report 3rd April from Creswell signed Sultan for
Bissell CRAX 722 info Hearn, Dorn, Chennault and Egan.

Changes in Chin hills and Chindwin river areas are only minor. North Burma, consider enemy strength in forward areas 8 battalions 1 of which arrived recently from 56th Division; other 7 battalions of 18th Division badly depleted by heavy casualties suffered in recent fighting, total effective strength about 5 battalions; some indications of enemy concentrations south of Myitkyina and Mog-aung. 1 battalion of 114th Regiment believed responsible for road north from Myitkyina; delay and defense only enemy major capability.

Japanese position on Burma Yunnan border weakened by transfer of 2 battalions, possibly a full regiment, to other sectors.

1114 + 66 Des. ?

In north central Burma British airborne troops are opposed by the 5th Japanese Railroad Regiment and 1 battalion from each of the 15th and 18th Divisions generally in the Katha-India-Nopin area; farther east 1 battalion

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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma and India,
Rear Echelon New Delhi, India
No : CRAX 722 4th April 1944

56th enemy Division is in contact with British Troops
near Mahpav, 40 miles southeast Myitkyina. 77th x ?

In Arakan dispositions of enemy are:

1 weak battalion in reserve with 7 half strength
battalions on main front line;

On Kaladan river elements of 2 battalions of 55th
Division, 1 battalion of 11th Regiment and 55th Cavalry
Regiment in area north of Kyauktaw.

Division Headquarters Seinayinbya;

Balance of 11th Regiment at Akyab; no evidence of
arrival of more of 54th Division in area but several in-
dications of another regiment may be moving up. Until
arrival of reinforcements in forward areas enemy capable
of only defense except for relatively small counter at-
tacks.

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ACTION: G-2

INFO: CG/S
CG AAF
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From: SACSEA

To: Chiefs of Staff

Info: Joint Staff Mission

No: SEACOS 131 April 3, 1944

Following for Chiefs of Staff repeated Marshall from Mountbatten (agreed Stilwell).

6th report on MATTERHORN for 2 weeks ending 1st April 1944.

1. Kharagpur. Runway ready. 1,000 feet concrete taxi strip ready. Hardstandings 28 completed. Housing completed for 340 officers and 2,522 men. Storage tank facilities 95% completed. Distribution system 80% completed.
2. Chakulia. East-West concrete runway ready. North-South concrete runway 4,800 ft. completed. Concrete taxi strip 300 ft ready. Hardstandings steel mat 19 completed. Housing completed for 225 officers and 1,350 EM. Storage facilities 80% completed. Distribution system 10% completed.
3. Kalaikunda. Concrete runway 6,000 ft ready. Housing completed for 100 officers and 1,000 EM.
4. Piardoba. Concrete runway 6,000 ft ready. Housing ready for 250 officers and 2,500 EM.
5. Dudhkundi. Concrete runway 2,800 ft ready, both ends under construction. Housing completed for 100 officers and 1,000 EM. Storage tank facilities 30% complete.
6. Charra. North-South concrete runway 4,800 ft completed. East-West concrete runway 6,000 ft completed. Taxi strip reinforced with steel mat 2,900 ft complete. Concrete hardstandings 16, measuring 95 X 50 ft., completed and 16, measuring 105 ft in diameter, completed. Housing

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completed for 250 officers and 2,000 EM.

7. Agra and Karachi. Runway extensions are 60 and 100% complete.

T.O.O. 031503Z

ACTION: CCS

INFO: General Arnold
OPD
General Bissell
Admiral King
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Operations Division, WDGS,
Asiatic Theater, WDOPD WHW 2057

April 3, 1944

Commanding General
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Chungking China

Commanding General
USAF China, Burma and India
Rear Echelon
New Delhi, India

Commanding General
Army Air Forces
India-Burma Sector
New Delhi, India

Commanding General
20th Bomber Command
Kharagpur, India

Number WARX 18613

TopSec from Marshall for information to Stilwell, Sultan,
Stratemeyer and Wolfe.

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Range*

Now agreed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff is creation
of a VLR Strategic Army Air Force (designated 20th AAF)
to operate directly under the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The
CG Army Air Forces will command the 20th Army Air Force
with headquarters in Washington, and will act as the
executive agent of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in implementing
their directives for the employment of VLR Bomber Forces.

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Accordingly further amendment of your directive as set forth in Book Message 4916, CG AQUILA, New Delhi, and 4701, CG AMMISCA, Chungking dated March 7, 1944 as further amended by Number WARX 14270 March 25th is under study, decision on which will be transmitted to you as soon as reached. Continue operation under present directive until revision is received there.

ORIGINATOR: OPD

INFORMATION: Gen Arnold
JC/S
Col. Park
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CG Antilles Department San Juan, Puerto Rico
OG U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma, and India, Forward Echelon Chungking, China
OG Fourteenth Air Force Kunming, China
CO U.S. Army Forces Lado, India
CO U.S. Army Forces Chabua, India

Rr: CRAX 666 3 April 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic section
OPD, info MacArthur COMSOPAC, Hearn, Boatner,
Dorn, Cranston and Egan CRAX 666.

Activity in Arakan by our forces limited to several small attacks both unsuccessful in 4th Corps area Tiddim-Imphal road clear and convoys moving from present 17th division positions approximately 40 miles north of Tiddim into Imphal.

Our troops have evacuated Moreh in Tawu area and 32nd Brigade now in Pail.

50th Parachute Brigade has completed withdrawal from Ukhrul to Imphal. No change in situation along Imphal-Dimapur Road. Advanced Headquarters of Mesani Division, Headquarters 5th Brigade, and 1 battalion of 5th Brigade have arrived at Mimapur town.

*(2)
By Col
Park*

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ACTION: OPD
INFO: CC/S, CG AAF, G-2, Colonel Park, LOG

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April 2, 1944

FROM: Main 11 Army Group SEA.

TO: Usual Addresses.

NO: 500/OPS 2nd April.

SITREP 60.

ONE: ARAKAN.

1/BGR replused enemy attack area PM 5243 31 Mar.

LOCATIONS. 25 Div. 6 OXF BUCKS PM 3744 PM 3844
PM 3833* 26 Div. 4/15 PUNJAB reverted
comd 7 Div 31 Mar. 1/8 GR PM 5144.
1/18R GAPH RIF PM 4652. 8/13 FF RIF PM
5044.

TWO: KALADAN. JIF captured KHABAW PN 0556 30 Mar states
saw approx one Bn JAPANESE MYOHAUNG on 25 Mar and
three coys at KHAUNG-DOK PN 0543 and both proceeding
North. Also states large party JIFS reached KHABAW
from South. ADF prisoners states number of JIFS ex
SINGAPORE recently at MYOBAUNG. HQ 6 (WA) Bde
PNO43672. 1 SAL R PN 0471. 4 NR PN 0371. 1 GAMBIA
PN 0467.

THREE: CHIN HILLS.

Identifications obtained show tps VANGLAI RIDGE RO
9755 come from area LENIKOT RP 2352. Our tps report
enemy strength unknown occupying high ground area MS
75. Enemy still in posns area East of MS 72. Reliable
indication adv HQ 33 Div at MUALKAWI RP 0624 on 30
Mar. 14 FF RIF 29 Mar attacked enemy party area
LENIKOT killed twenty-five wounded ten. Our cas 2
killed eight missing.

LOCATIONS. One Bn 37 Bde MS 91. 37 Bde less one Bn
MS 83. 63 Bde area MS 82. 48 Bde MS 75.

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Number 500/OPS (2 April 44) Page 2

FOUR: CHINDWIN.

- (A) Area PALEL-TAMU. Rd block TENGEKUPAL RK 6012 NOT yet clear. 32 Bde evacuated MOREH BOX 1 Apr.
- (B) Area IMPHAL-COHLIMAE 58 regt operational order captured SANGSHAK shows 58 Regt directed at MAO SONGSHANG RE 5548 operating as left hand thrust of 31 Div. Reference made to "Advance of main forces of Div" which from context does NOT include 58 Regt. This suggests all three Regts 31 Div involved and that one Regt may be directed on KOHIMA and other possibly on ASSAM Rly to NE. Small enemy parties located MS 16 rd IMPHAL-UKHRULRUT main trend of movement still seems to be North Westwards. Night 30/31 Mar enemy established rd block MS 70 rd MANIPUP-IMPHAL fifty JAPANESE reported killed in fighting area MAKIEL RE 54. Rd still cut at MS 105** Close fighting reported SW of JESSAMI RE 96 31 Mar. 2 W YORKS concentrated 9 Bde Box RK 4066.

FIVE: HUKAWNG VALLEY.

Air recon 30 Mar saw long enemy coln moving North towards TUMTONGHKA SC 55. 1/112 Regt moving to FATEGALGIWNG NX 6110. 3/65 Regt covering track West of SHADUZUP. Units 64 and 65 Regts advancing South astride rd to LABAN NX 2902.

SIX: NORTH BURMA:

Four coys Levies advancing astride rd between KODADTANG YANG NY 1838 MYITKYINA.

T.O.O. 021620FG

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** " " 405

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG AAP G-2 Col. Park LOG

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P R I O R I T Y

From: U S Military Attache San Salvador

To: War Department

No: 12346

2 April 1944

Book message Commanding General Caribbean Defense
Military Attache Guatemala City Guatemala Chief Military
Intelligence Division War Department Washington, D.C.
American Intelligence Service Miami 12346.

Revolution started 1400 today. Military barracks
communication systems taken with almost no casualties.
San Salvador, El Salvador political prisoners freed. Situation
is quiet with sporadic gunfire account of National Police
Barracks still holding out 2100. President Martins believed
to be in San Salvador, El Salvador. Revolution supported by
3 tanks, air force, militia. Advise Navy.

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CG AAP
OPD
Adm King
Col Park
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Port
From: CG US Army Forces China Burma and India
Rear Echelon New Delhi India

To: War Department
CG US Army Forces in South Pacific
Area Noumea New Caledonia
CG US Army Forces Kuming China
Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific
Area Brisbane Australia

Nr: CRAA609

2 April 1944

Report for 1 April Sultan for MILID CRAA609 info
NECAL CINC SWPA Dorn.

Nothing of importance in Arakan and North Burma,
Chinese troops advanced to Laban Area, 4 miles South
Shadusup, being shelled by enemy artillery;

Other troops clearing and consolidating newly
gained ground;

On Allied left flank American Troops in contact
with enemy along Warong Kauri-Nhpum Ga Trail, 15 miles
Southeast Laban;

Long enemy column reported moving North 12 miles
Southeast Kamaing.

Chin hills and Chindwin river, enemy road blocks
reported cleared 9 and 14 miles Northwest Tonsang;

British withdrew from Moreh, 3 miles North North-
west Tamsu, and are surrounding enemy road block at
Tengnoupol, 9 miles Southeast Palel;

Several small enemy groups reported in area 14
miles Northeast Imphal;

Enemy road blocks on Imphal-Kohima road at points
21 and 35 miles North Imphal;

Japanese also raided road 12 miles South Kohima
where they damaged bridge;

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

Mr: CRAA609

2 April 1944

Severe fighting reported vicinity Kharason and Jessami 25 miles East and Southeast Koushvoi; Estimated 2,600 enemy casualties since start of Japanese offensive on 7 March;

Japanese 33rd Division less 2 Battalions committed North of Tonsang and Northwest Tamu, Division right boundary generally along Tamu-Palei road with Division Headquarters believed in Tiddim area;

15 Division on 33rd Division right with 2 Regiments committed Northwest and West toward Imphal and toward Imphal-Kohima road, Division right boundary believed line through Ukhrul-Homalin with Headquarters North of Paungbyin;

31st Division has committed 1 Regiment toward Kohimaland another farther North with 3rd Regiment possibly following up, main thrust may be toward Jorhat, Division Headquarters in area 35 miles West Thananthi.

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INFO : CG AAF
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Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

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Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area,
Forward Echelon, Brisbane Australia
OG US Army Forces, Central Pacific Area,
Fort Shafter T H
OG US Army Forces in South Pacific Area,
Mouree, New Caledonia
OG US Forces in European Theater of Operations,
London, England
OG 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
OG Headquarters US Army Forces China Burma India
Kunming, China
OG US Army Forces, China, Burma, and India,
New Delhi, India

No: 23459 1 April 1944

To MILID, CINCSWPA, OG CENTPAO, Hecal, USFOR,
COGUK, AMBUD, AMBUDL CPBX 15558 book msg nr 23459 from
AMILAT Chungking.

Part 33rd Division Chin Hills 10th March captured
Singer and Fort Pai. Japanese claimed main Force 31st
Division, part 15th Division started operations area
Tamanthi Howilin conjunction puppet Indian Nationalist
Troops entered India 21st March Mantpur area. Statement
POW 31st Division Rangoon ordered Gomalin Myitkyina area.

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From: CG US Army Forces, China, Burma, and India Page 2
Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

No: 23459 1 April 1944

Passenger traffic Pinghan railroad Sinyang
Hankow suspended 12th March. Unconfirmed report 2nd
Division transferred Malaya to Rangoon. Sinyang(?)

80 mi N
of Hankow
10,000 Japanese troops arrived Sagyang part 116th
Division. Unconfirmed report 10,000 Japanese 40 tanks
arrived Sinyang middle March. Japanese reported repair-
ing Yellow River iron bridge south Siaoohi northern
Honan. Main Force 35th Division assembled Kaifeng Sinciang
area transhipped Tsingtao overseas duty. All this in-
formation from Chinese G2 rated Q3. Vacated sector
occupied 110th Division located Shikriachuang.

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Corrected copy of CM-IN-1418 (2 Apr 44) G-2

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CC/S
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From : Main 11 Army Group SEA.

To : War Office.

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N.Z. Forces Hq N. Zealand
Middle East
GHQ Persia and Iraq Force
Army Bangalore
Army Rawalpindi
British Army Staff, Washington
Hq Brisbane (pass COIC GHQ)

Number: 492/OPS 1st April

SITREP 79.

ONE : ARAKAN. Own tks advancing eastwards along rd reached PM 425421 reporting all bns intact. 6 SWB captured posn PM 420413 30 March. Hq 25 Div Maungdaw. 6 OXF Bucks (74 bde) now under comd 29 bde relieved 2 RWF area PT 731 PM 3943 PT 1301 PM 4144. 2 RWF area Chaukmaingya PM 4139. Fighting continues feature PM 4242. 36 bde encountering stiff resistance in hills area Kanbyin PM 4141 but captured feature PM 519422 enemy cas 16 own 19, 4/5 Rgr with *(tks)* captured features PM 528475* PM 536476. Enemy area Taragu PM 5560 successfully dispersed by fighter attack. Party now believed moving south.

TWO : KALADAN. D4 ADF prisoners state hearsay 700 Japanese due Tinka PN 0360 1000 others due Thazi PN 0550. Comment. Possibly Japanese inspired but consider possible. 5(WA) Bde closing in on Japanese posns area Kaladan village PN 0070 Grakharai PN 0069. Whole 6 (WA) Bde successfully crossed Kaladai River and securing area Kyauktan PN 0367 Mizawa on 0671 7/16 Punjab area Limpu PN 9393.

THREE: CHIN HILLS. Area Haka 30 March Japanese aircraft dropped propaganda leaflets. 31 March 6 Mahrattas in contact approx 300 enemy area MS 72.

LOCATIONS. 37 Bde areas MS 19 MD 93. 49 Bde less 2 Bns MS 83.

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FOUR : CHINDWIN.

(A) Area Palel-Tamu. Rd block Tengnoupal RK 6012 not yet clear.

(B) Area Imphal. MS 105 br still down and patrol saw no enemy but other sources suggest approx one bn still in area probably Bn 51 Regt 15 Div. 10 50 para Bde reports enemy area Sangshak approx one regt strength with one PL IND Jifs and one PL Gurkha Jifs also report 50 para Bde killed not less than 600 Japanese in fighting area Ukhrul-Sangshak approx 422 all ranks 4 Mehrahtes reached 123 Bde and more Tps from 50 Para Bde coming in. 15 Sikh arrived Imphal by air.

(C) Area Kohima. No comm from 1st Assam Regt but firing heard area Jessami RE 06** night 29.30 Mar. Small enemy party contacted area Makhrenoi RE 54 30 Mar.

FIVE : HAKAWNG VALLEY. On left 1/65 Regt has occupied Punsin NW 8612. In centre mopping up area Shaduzup continues. Block area NX 2902 held by first Bn American Rangers 1/113 and 2/113 Regts. Second Bn American Rangers holding area Hsamshihyang SC5399 while third Bn covering Kauri SC 5289 Nhpum GA SC 5293 against Japanese attempting move North.

SIX : NORTH BURMA. PW from Myitkyina rd identified 6 coy 2 Bn 114 Regt. PW states sup situation bad morale low also his Bn responsible DEF Myitkyina and 1 Bn 114 Regt in area Hppmaw NZ 43 Htaugaw NZ 12. Comment. Consider latter only elements.

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INFO : CG AAF
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Rear Echelon New Delhi, India.
To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces in New Caledonia
CINC Southwest Pacific Area Brisbane, Australia
CG Fourteenth Air Force Kunming, China
No: CRAX 558 1 April 1944
Sultan for MILID CRAX 558 info NEGAL CINC SWPA
Doru.

Upper Burma, 2 enemy attacks of unreported strength against American troops repulsed in Kauri area, 17 miles southeast Shadusup; Chinese troops continue advance south from Shadusup. Chin Hills and Chindwin River, Japanese shelling Moreh (3 miles north northwest Tamu) intermittently, enemy attack on Moreh appears imminent; Japanese party with mortars reported vicinity Makhremei (12 miles south Kohima); no details on fighting reported west of Kharasom, 25 miles east southeast Kohima.

Report 31st March estimated 2 enemy companies 3 miles east of Taung Bazar dispersed by air attacks and reported driving south; British meeting strong resistance 1 1/2 miles south Buthidaung. No action reported on the Kaldan.

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INFO : CGAAF, OPD, Col. Park, Log

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P R I O R I T Y

*Post
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From: CG US Army Forces China Burma India Rear Echelon
New Delhi, India

To : War Department

Re : CRA 540 April 1, 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD CRA 540.

Summary for week ending 29th March (1) US Air:

23rd March, 2 B25's destroyed 2 locomotives and 11 trucks at Van Trai.

24th March, no operations reported.

25th March, 6 B24's partially destroyed motor pool and fuel dump West of Mangshin.

1 B25 destroyed 1 rolling stock North of Vinh and destroyed 4 distillery buildings at Thanh Hoa.

26th March, 4 B25's sank a 150 foot vessel and a 200 foot vessel at Bakli Bay.

4 P40's on sea sweep sank a 100 foot boat and damaged 4 barges.

27th March, 6 B25's destroyed 1 factory and damaged 1 factory, 1 bridge, 1 locomotive and 15 rolling stock near Vinh Wen.

3 P40's bombed and strafed troops and buildings in Seihning Area.

11 P40's strafed and dive bombed Anyi.

10 P38's damaged bridge at Kienchang.

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From: CG US Army Forces China Burma India Rear Echelon
New Delhi India

No : CRA 540 April 1, 1944

25 P40's bombed Mawbhang airfields, hitting control tower and causing many fires in nearby village.

28th March, 4 B P5's bombed and strafed Vinh Yen barracks, hit 4 buildings.

29th March, 7 P40's damaged railroad yards and buildings at Mawbhang.

(2) US Ground and Chinese Air and Ground nil for period.

(3) Changes in British dispositions as follows:

(1) Arakan: (15th Corps)

51st Brigade is 5 miles Southeast Maungdaw

53rd Brigade at Bawli Bazar

74th Brigade at Kanyindan (1 mile Southeast Maungdaw)

36th Brigade is 1 mile West Buthidaung

71st Brigade is 5 miles North Northwest Buthidaung

81st Division at Ngandaung (14 miles North Kyauktaw)

5th Brigade is 15 miles North Kyauktaw

6th Brigade at Ngandaung (14 miles North Kyauktaw)

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From: CG US Army Forces China Burma India Rear Echelon
New Delhi India

No : CRA 540

April 1, 1944

7th Division at Sinsweya.

33rd Brigade at Sinsweya

89th Brigade at Taung Lasay

(2) Imphal: (4th Corps)

50th Parachute Brigade is 15 miles Northeast Imphal

17th Division is 34 miles North Northwest Tiddim

48th Brigade is 8 miles Northwest Tonzang

20th Division at Shanaw (6 miles Southeast Palel)

32nd Brigade at Moreh (2 miles North Tamsu)

100th Brigade at Shanaw (6 miles Southeast Palel)

23rd Division at Lilong (5 miles South Imphal)

5th Division is 6 miles North Northwest Imphal

9th Brigade is 8 miles Northeast Imphal

123rd Brigade is 5 miles Northeast Imphal

161st Brigade at Dimapur

(4) Road progress report follows as of March 25th:

Forward survey party and lead bulldozer are now 48 miles Southeast of Shingbuiyang on new road trace. The road is metalled complete to mile 96.4 and from 103.6 through 120. Convoys moving as far as Malawbum.

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CCS, CG AAF, G-2, Col Park,
CM-IN-572 (1 Apr 44) 1820Z mcs

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April 1, 1944

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Rptd: Joint Staff Mission
SACSEA HQ MAAF

From: Chiefs of Staff

COSMED 78

Following for General Wilson from Chiefs of Staff.

Your MEDCOS 80.

We realize that these moves will leave you seriously short of transport aircraft for the next month and we appreciate the action you have so promptly taken to meet the emergency in S.E.A.

2. We agree R.A.F. Squadron may be dispatched at a reduced strength of 15 R.A.F. Dakotas.

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FOOTNOTE: MEDCOS 80 is CM-IN-105 (1 Apr 44) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Gen Arnold
CPD
Gen Bissell
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CM IN-1048 (2 Apr 44) 1032Z jb

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From: CG, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces
Caserta, Italy

To : War Department

No. M 13089, 1 April 1944

SACSEA for Mountbatten Arminia pass (R) Air Ministry
for British Chiefs of Staff (R) Britman Washington for US
Joint Chiefs of Staff (R) MAAF Algiers (R) Freedom from
Headquarters, MAAF M 13089 1 April.

Further to MEDCOS 81 F 25796 March 31st.

Fifteen aircraft of RAF 216th Group are departing
from Cairo April 2nd and are expected to arrive Karachi
April 4th.

Eighteen aircraft of USAAF 51st Troop Carrier Group
expected to arrive Cairo April 2nd. Additional 46 air-
craft are being dispatched for Cairo April 3rd and 4th.
First echelon is expected to arrive in Karachi April 5th.
Entire move to Karachi should be completed April 8th.

No Sig.

FOOTNOTE: MEDCOS 81 is CM-IN-423 (1 Apr 44) CC/S *to W/lt*

ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Gen Arnold, OPD, Gen Bissell, Adm King,
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CM-IN-1039 (2 Apr 44)

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