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

To: War Department

Nr: CRAX 4659 31 May 1944

Weekly G-2 report to 28th May. Bissell CRAX 4659
info Ferris, Dorn, Chennault, Cranston, Egan, Lindsay,
Wessels and Wolfe from Creswell signed Sultan.

Mogaung Valley: Allied troops by passed Malakawng
isolating enemy there and eliminated a number of strong
points west and south of village; to the east our troops
killed 100 Japanese during capture of Warong and continue
advance to southwest; fighting continued throughout week in
Myitkyina, approaches to town covered by our troops with
blocks across Mogaung road and railroad and north and south
of town; reports of up to 800 Japanese along Mogaung rail-
road followed by attack from west which was repulsed; 8th
Company 4th Regiment identified in Myitkyina fighting
indicating enemy troops along railroad may be from second
division; bulk of 2nd battalion 114th regiment in Nsopzup
area reported moving south to reinforce Myitkyina garrison,
this battalion believed considerably understrength.

Salween Front: Enemy offered stiff resistance to
Chinese advances and remained on defensive during week; no
identification of reinforcement although enemy strength
along front indicative of more than 5 battalions; despite
possibility that whole 113th regiment may be back on this
front strength considered not sufficient and reinforcement
likely in near future. Little activity along Palel-Tamu

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road; in this area the enemy force comprises 2 battalions detached from each of 15th and 33rd division operating under infantry commander of 33rd Division; also in this area but inactive lately are elements of 14th Tank Regiment and 2 battalions of Indian National Army.

Bishenpur: 2 weak enemy battalions which infiltrated British positions north and west of Bishenpur were dispersed and suffered 300 killed, British mopping up remaining small parties; enemy 1st battalion 67th Regiment and 2nd Battalion 154th regiment were new identifications in this area. Not much change north of Imphal, enemy has reoccupied Kason 28 road miles northeast Imphal and offer strong resistance at Kanglatongbi; identification of 2nd Battalion 67th regiment in vicinity Kanglatongbi completes commitment of 15th division with 1 battalion in Bishenpur area; 2 on Palel front and 6 on north Imphal front; improvement of Humine-Ukhrul trail may have alleviated enemy supply difficulties.

Not much change in Siegotion on Kohima front where indecisive fighting occurred; elements 124th Regiment probably providing relief for 58th regiment south of Kohima.

Prakan group: Nothing important developed during the week but enemy remains active north and south of tunnels area west of Haingaw and may attempt to capture this area before start of monsoon, slight withdrawal on enemy left

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flank took place near Godusara and Kanbyin; along Kaladan valley enemy still continuing unsuccessful attempts to move westward from Labawa, being held 5 miles southwest and 3 miles west of Labawa; some evidence that during April 55th Division received 2,500 replacements practically counterbalancing their losses for same period.

Comment: identification of 1st and 3rd Battalions of 151st Regiment (53rd Division) of the Hopin area were reported by ground sources which also reported northward movement of approximately 2 battalions toward Myitkyina from Myothit 15 miles northeast Bhamo; probable that a higher headquarters and 2 regiments of 53rd Division have arrived north of Mandalay. Reinforcements offer only solution for problems that confront the enemy; the deteriorating situation in Mogaung valley aggravated by events at Myitkyina and northwards advance by British troops toward Mogaung, the Chinese threat along the Salween front and the situation west of Chindwin. If enemy continues efforts to capture Imphal the 2 divisions involved will require substantial reinforcements; at Kohima the 31st Division considered unable to block Imphal road, protect L of C and detach any adequate reinforcement to Imphal.

Threat of Allies in North Burma is immediate and likewise to a lesser degree the Chinese threat on Salween. Japanese believe probability of sea or airborne attack lessening is indicated by movement of a battalion from

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lower Arakan coast to the Bishenuur area; part of 3
Regiments of 54th and 2nd Divisions are available for
disposition elsewhere depending on appreciation by Japanese
of possibility of such an attack. Consider North Burma
sector will be reinforced by troops of th 53rd Division;
elements of 54th and 2nd Divisions move to the north for
later disposition. Rain has slowed operations on all
sectors.

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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 in South Pacific Area
Noumea New Caledonia
Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane Australia

NO: CRAX 4673 31 May 1944

Operational summary for May 30 from Sultan to Marshall, info MacArthur, COMUSOPAC, Chennault, Ferris, Wessels, Lindsey, Boatner and Dorn CRAX 4673

Attack on Myittha continues with main effort being drive on town from southward.

112th Regiment 6 miles south east Kamaing attacking positions of Japanese and has captured more booty.

65th Regiment continuing flanking movement west of Mogaung River and advance elements this force moving to cut Mogaung/Kamaing Road.

On main front 149th Regiment north of Malakawng along Hvelon Hka, and 2 battalions of 64th Regiment just north Inkgahtawng.

In Assam front elements of 33rd Brigade made slight progress north of Kohima.

South of Kohima 2nd Division stopped in drive on Aradura.

Headquarters 7th Division now Jodsoma and 161st Brigade moving from Dimpur to 5 miles northwest Kohima.

23rd Brigade Headquarters Khuxami, 11 miles northwest Jessami.

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

NO: CRAX 4673

31 May 1944

On 4th Corps front fighting in Ningthoukhong as 48th
Brigade continues move to northward on Tiddim Road.
British repulsed small Japanese attacks near
Tengnoupal.
North of Imphal 5th Division made slight gains east
of Kanglatsongbi.
No reports of activity on Arakan.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO : CGAAF, G-2, Col Park, Log

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

To: War Department

Nr: CRA 4671 31 May 1944

Y Force operational summary for 29th May, Sultan
to Marshall CRA 4671.

Elements 36th Division are continuing towards
Watien. Chinese forced from Chiaotou by Japs who are
attacking northeast on Utail to Mamien Pass. Japs also
hold Chi Kung Tang near Mamien Pass which is being attacked
by 198th Division. East of Ta Tang Tsu 116th Division
repulsed enemy counterattack. 2 Regiments of 87th Division
bypassed Pingku and reached Tinglungssu, 15 miles southeast
Lungling. Supply dropping successful and 32 tons food
and ammunition dropped in Mamien Pass Area.

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ORDER OF BATTLE - CHINA

CHINESE

South China - 19 Infantry Div's.
2 Independent Brigades
Central China - 145 Infantry Div's.
7 Independent Brigades
North China - 119 Infantry Div's.
13 Independent Brigades
16 Cavalry Div's.
3 Independent Cavalry Brigades

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JAPANESE IN CHINA

South China - 1 Division (Infantry)
2 Independent Brigades (Infantry)
Central China - 14 Infantry Div's.
1 Independent Brigade
North China - 9 Infantry Div's.
7 Independent Brigades
2 Cavalry Brigades
1 Armored Regiment

JAPANESE IN MANCHURIA

14 Infantry Div's.
1 Cavalry Brigade
8 Armored Regiments

JAPANESE IN FORMOSA

32,000 (1 Depot Division - Inf)

JAPANESE IN KOREA

2 Infantry Div's.
2 Depot Brigades

JAPANESE IN JAPAN - 503,000

6 Infantry Div's.
14 Infantry Div's (Depot)
2 Armored Regiments

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ORDER OF BATTLE - RUSSIANS

OUTER MONGOLIA

2 Motorized Inf. Div's.
3 Cavalry Divisions
5 Armored Brigades
3 Motorized Inf. Brigades

NORTH RUSSIA

5 Inf. Div's
5 Cavalry Div's.
4 Inf. Brigades
2 Armored Brigades
1 Motorized Inf. Brigades

EAST RUSSIA (North of Vladivostock)

14 Inf. Div's.
3 Cavalry Div's.
5 Inf. Brigades
6 Armored Brigades
1 Motorized Inf. Brigade

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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

Re: CRAX 4595

30 May 1944

Operational Summary for 29 May Sultan to Marshall
info MacArthur, COMSOPAC, Ferris, Chennault, Boatner,
Lindsey, Dorn and Vessels CRAX 4595

✓ Another 600 yards gained by 88th Regiment and 2d
Battalion 89th Regiment in drive on Myitkyina.

✓ Third Battalion 89th Regiment repulsed Japanese
counter attack after heavy fighting.

✓ 209th and 236th Engineer Combat Battalions now in
Myitkyina attached to GALAHAD Force as Infantry.

✓ Southeast of Kamaing 112th Regiment captured four
Japanese 75 Millimeter guns, 6 horses, 6 warehouses full of
food and ammunition and 32 trucks. First Battalion 112th
Regiment attacking Japanese position 7 miles southeast
Kamaing.

✓ On main front west of Mogaung River 65th Regiment
on flanking move crossed Lonkin Kamaing Road and now three
miles southwest Nanyaseik.

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Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

Re: GRAI 4595

30 May 1944

✓ In Fort Hertz Valley two companies Fourth Burma
Rifles unsuccessful in attack on Tiangsup.

✓ On Assam front operations south of Kohima to clear
Japanese from Aradura not successful.

✓ On Fourth Corps front 48th Brigade continues north-
ward move on Tiddim Road and at Singthoukhong unknown num-
ber of enemy trapped between 48th Brigade and forces to
north.

✓ Slight fighting around Bishampur and to north
British have eliminated Japanese around 17th Division Head-
quarters.

✓ British repulsed several enemy attacks near Ten-
gnoupel.

North and northeast of Imphal patrolling only.

On Arakan front no activity along Mayu Range.

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

Mr: CRAX 4595

30 May 1944

Elements of Sixth Brigade 81st Division moving from
Chiringa to Nowkek Area to reinforce troops along upper Pi
Chuang.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO : CGAAF
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To: War Department

Nr: CRA 4594

30 May 1944

Y Force Operational Summary for 28 May, Sultan
to Marshall CRA 4594

Holding Chiaotou 32 miles ENE of Tengchung
against Japanese attacks are elements 198th Division.
Other units this Division captured town near Namien Pass
and are attacking Chai Lung Tang in same area 36th Division
attacked area 7 miles northwest Tatang Tsu with unknown
results. 130th Division occupied Changpo 2 miles southeast
Chiang Tuo. Elements 116th Division attacking west of Ta
Tang Tsu.

Two more battalions of 87th Division crossed Salween
5 miles south of Burma Road. Newly arrived troop carrier
squadron dropped 15 tons of food and ammunition to Chinese
troops in Namien Pass Area.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO : CGAAP, G-2, Col. Park, LGO

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

Re: GRAX 4517 29 May 1944

Operational summary for 28th May Sultan to Marshall
info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, Peoria, Chennault, Bostner,
Idesky, Dean and Weesels GRAX 4517.

Supported by Artillery and 4.2 inch mortar American
and Chinese troops advanced 500 yards in drive Myithyia.
South town 1st Battalion 89th Regiment made additional gains
and 3rd Battalion 150th Regiment blocked Japanese escape
route to Southeast. 112th Regiment which outflanked Kaming
captured 2 trucks loaded with supplies at Achen 6 miles
Southeast Kaming. This regiment now advancing North to
Kaming. On main Moguang Valley front 11th Regiment cap-
tured Araw, and this Regiment less 3rd Battalion now mov-
ing to Gangung Hm 10 miles Southeast Kaming. In Fort Hertz
valley Machin Levis ambushed Japanese near Nip North of
Hoopang on Araw front British repulsed Japanese attack in
Northern part of Kohima. South of Kohima British launched
attack to clear Araw but made only slight progress. On
4th Corps front 4th Light Brigade continues to move North
of Tiddin Road and advance elements reached Ningshokhong
4 miles South Bishanpur where they contacted other 17th Dis-
vision troops who entered town from North. North of Bishanpur

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Re: GRAX 4517

29 May 1944

scattered fighting reported. North of Imphal near Kanglat-
onghi there were patrol actions. Minor fighting near Ten-
gaoupe and 1st brigade now 10 miles Southeast Paleli. In
Arakan patrolling took place along Mayu Range. Troops of
81st Division captured Japanese position 2 miles Southeast
Taung Bazar.

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ACTION: OPD

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To: War Department.

Wt: CASIG 176

28 May 1944.

Personal for General Ingles. ~~Personal for General~~
Ingles from Page CASIG 176.

Urgently needed with General Stilwell, is a Radio Engineer who is an expert on FM tank radio sets, also a competent adviser on moisture proofing for jungle use of all types of radio sets.

Send me the best possible officers by air priority
1. I have just returned from General Stilwell's Headquarters and the condition of mud and rain are unbelievable. In my opinion General Stilwell's Valley Campaign someday will be more famous than Stonewall Jackson's Valley Campaign, but his communications are lousy due to the most difficult terrain and the worst weather conditions in the entire world to say nothing of enemy action.

The maintenance set up for CDS supply for the Stilwell forces needs your personal attention.

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Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

To: War Department
CG U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Noumea New Caledonia

Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane Australia

Re: CRAX 4466 28 May 1944

Operational summary for 27 May Sultan to Marshall
info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC Ferris Chennault Boatner Lindsey
Dorn and Wessels CRAX 4466

Advancing from south 1st Battalion 89th Regiment now
fighting in southern part of Myitkyina town. 150 Regiment also
south of Myitkyina preparing to attack town. North of Myitkyina
our troops prevented further Japanese attempts to reinforce
Myitkyina from West. 112 Regt which has been moving around
east flank of main Mogaung Valley front crossed to west bank
of Mogaung river 6 miles southeast Kamaing. Flanking movement
by 65 Regiment west of main front; progressing and troops
moving south along Lasi Hka. Elsewhere minor gains
reported by 22 and 38 Divisions in spite of heavy rains. On
Aitum front increase in activity around Kohima. Second
Division Headquarters now Jctsona. Within Second Division

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Nr: CRAX 4466 28 May 1944

sector, running southwest from Kohima, left flank held by 268th Brigade, center by 4th Brigade and right flank by 6th Brigade. Elements 5th Brigade in Division reserve. Headquarters 23rd Brigade now Rungsumi 13 miles east northeast Kohima and columns of this Brigade continue to hold blocks on Kohima-Jessami trail and have established a block on trail running through Kharasom, 12 miles southwest Jessami. On 4th Corps front 248 Brigade moving northward on Tiddim Road towards Bishenpur from Moirang. Heavy fighting reported and much enemy equipment captured. Other 4th Corps sectors and Arakan front quiet.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CGAAF
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Colonel Park
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From: CG, U. S. Army Forces, China, Burma and India Rear
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To: War Department

Hr: CRA 4467

28 May 1944

Y Force operational summary for 26 May Sultan to
Marshall CRA 4467.

After capture of Tatangtsu, elements of 36, 116,
and 130 Divisions all moving westward. Combat team of 29
Division attacked Japs 2 1/2 miles northwest Hungmoshu but were
unsuccessful and driven back. Chinese forced to withdraw from
Kaitou and Japs occupied village and continued north and
attacked Chaitou, 32 miles north northeast of Tengchung.
198 Division repulsed Jap attack there. Considerable
fighting in Pingka area. Heavy rains and ice causing
trouble on mountain trails and rising Salween river hindering
troop crossings.

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ACTION: OPD
INFO : CG AAP
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To: War Department

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28 May 1944

G2 report 26th May. Bissell CRAX 4441 info Ferris Dorn, Chennault, Cranston, Egan, Lindsay, Wessels, and Wolfe from Cresswell signed Sultan.

[Considerable indecisive fighting in Kohima area, Japanese continue construction defense positions northeast and south Kohima, indications of possible relief of weakened 58th Regiment in vicinity Aradura just south Kohima by elements of 124th Regiment. Imphal: estimated 2 Companies Japanese infiltrated into British 17th Division Headquarters area 10 miles southwest Imphal have been dispersed with casualties, area not yet cleared. Bishanpur: British road block on Tiddim Road moved north to Moirang and reestablished, 36 Japanese killed in capture of Moirang and Second Battalion 154th Regiment (54th Division) identified, other elements 154th Regiment may be in area. Ground source reports identification of a Bn 151st Regiment of 53rd Division in the Fopin area, this is first identification of 53rd Division and probable that additional elements are in central Burma. One Company Second Battalion Fourth Regiment of Second Division identified in fighting Myitkyina there enemy strength is estimated up to 2

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

Re: GRAX 4441 28 May 1944

battalions, additional enemy movements toward Myitkyina from the west reported. Due reinforcements in north central Burma and failure to locate 113th Regiment consider possibility this regiment may be returning to Salween.

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From: U.S. Military Attache Chungking, China
To: War Department
Nr: 23518 28 May 1944
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Operations Honan: Japs in 4 columns originally moving westward now inactive. Loyang captured though fighting still exists city. Japs burning Sunghsien west of Iyang from Sin G2 rated G3. Believes Japs will leave Loyang soon also-burning indicates withdrawal.

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To : War Office
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GHQ East Africa, GHQ Persia & Iraq Command,
NA Force HQ New Zealand, GHQ Middle East,
Hq Brisbane, (Pass COIC GHQ)

Number: 1460 OPS

SITREP 136.

One: ARAKAN: Minor activity.

Two: KALADAN: Enemy reported digging about 3 miles
SW of Labava PG 63. No further enemy attacks.

Three: 4 CORPS: A. Area Bishenpur. PW of 6
Company 214 Regiment captured 26 May state Company strength
now 48. 48 Brigade. 26 May 48 Brigade captured Village
RK 1624. Considerable enemy equipment captured including
10 MT. Night 26/27 May enemy attacked with TK SP our
positions RK 1624. One MED one LT TK knocked out. Enemy
casualties heavy, own considerable. One 75 MM gun and much
ammunition abandoned by enemy captured. Leading BN 48 Bri-
gade area RK 1628. Other BNS RK 1624. 32 Brigade report
enemy position RK 112420 deserted containing 15 corpses, 28
dead mules. Night 26/27 May enemy blew large hole MS 16 RD
Imphal-Tiddim. Bulldozers repairing damage knocked out by
enemy artillery. 17 DIV HQ Area. Night 26/27 May 6 enemy
attacks on our positions area RK 2249 repulsed.

B. Area PALEL-TANU. 5 and 8 Companys 51 Regiment
identified on feature SW of Tengnoupal 25 May. One enemy
Company dug in on NE slopes hill RK 6014. After enemy attack
25 May on 23 Div forward positions reported SITREP 135. 26
enemy bodies counted. Night 26/27 May quiet with heavy
continuous rain.

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C. AREA IMPHAL. Estimated one company Japanese RK 3986. Enemy in bend of Iril River in hills west of line ANGAM RK 5294 Sadang RK 5187 but appear to have thinned out further east. Kangvatongbi area quiet.

Four. 33 CORPS. A. Area Kohima. Locals report enemy party approximately one company STR MEREMA RE 4873 25 and 26 May. This confirms slight build up previously reported here: 100 enemy with two guns at PT 5129 RE 5472. Steady arrival enemy area RE 5246 from MS 6 RE 5566 present total approximately 500. Chakhabama RE 6164 now evidently important centre and dumping area. Night 26/27 May enemy launched determined attack with artillery SP on our positions area RE 5168. Attack repulsed with heavy enemy casualties 2 Divs OPS to capture Aradura SPUR commenced 27 May. No details so far received except heavy rain making going exceedingly difficult. 6 Brigade with under Command 1 BUR Regiment 1 Assam Regiment Area including RE 483647, excluding RE 490613. 4 Brigade area including RE 490613, including RE 496656. 268 Brigade area excluding RE 496656, including RE 500668, including RE 502669. 1 Camerons Area RE 4567. Hq 5 Brigade 7 WORC R 2 Dorset in RES Area RE 482657.

B. 23 Brigade. Det 60 coln 23 May attacked enemy positions Area PT 5611 RE 957593. Approximately 8 enemy killed, own casualties 7. Det 60 COLN 23 May inflicted 5 enemy casualties RE 971662. Det 88 COLN met small enemy party SA 003453 killing 2, 34 COLN less DETS RE 8264. 55 COLN less DETS RE 8264.

Five. NORTH BURMA. 2/112 Regiment captured Warong SC 48 killing over 100 enemy. Subsequently Troops 38 Div reached Area SC 4271.

MYITKYINA. OPS continue to eliminate remaining enemy strong points.

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May 27, 1944

From: Main 11 Army Group SEA

To : Usual Addressees

No : 14550PS

SITREP 135.

ONE: ARAKAN.

Minor activity only. DODAN PM 3253 KANYINDAN PM 3623.
Engaged by our 2 PRS and NMOS from boats off shore night
25/26 May. Results NOT known.

TWO: KALADAN.

Consequent on constant enemy infiltration and extreme fatigue
of our tps our fwd posns West of LABAWA PG63 considered un-
tenable. New posns adopted 26 May. 1 GAMBIA area PG 6130 PG
6330. 7/16 PUNJAB area PG6029 PG 6129 1 TRIPURA (*RIF*) area
PG5827 PG6227. Enemy interfered with move by attacking 7/16
PUNJAB posns with two JAP Coys plus INA 25 May. Attack re-
pulsed and move completed without further interference 26 May.
Cas enemy minimum twenty five own fifteen. HQ 6 (WA) Bde 1
SA LR now moving to area MOWDOK PG 5929.

THREE: FOUR CORPS.

A. Area BISHENPUR. 6 Coy 154 Regt identified MOIRANG RK1824.
25 May one Coy enemy at RK 1948 may have been reinforced air
25 May saw several three tonners on and beside rd IMPHAL-
TIDDIM between MS64 and MS33. In recent fighting a Lieut
acting Bn Comd 1 Bn 214 Regt killed. Consider Bn practically
annihilated. 48 Bde established rd block RK 1724 and cleared
MOIRANG and village RK 1624. Thirty six enemy killed in
fighting this area 25 May. 48 Bde cas in present ops slight.
63 Bde repulsed enemy attacks area RK 1134 nights 24/25 May
and 25/26 May killing thirty enemy incl three ofrs. Area
17 Div HQ. Night 25/26 May our tps unsuccessfully attacked

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spur RK2249 and enemy counter attacked our posns in village RK 2248. Ops to clear this area continue.

B. Area PALEL-TAMU. Elements 215 Regt identified RK6116. Air 25 May saw rd TAMU to APNTHA RP 7681 water logged in places and sec PANTHA to WITOK RP 7166 wet but recently used. Some diversions constructed. Enemy attacks 25 May and night 25/26 May on 23 Div fwd posns RK5812 repulsed and twenty enemy killed. 1/16 PUNJAB RK 6115. 1 PATIALA area RK 5725. 6 MAHRATTAS RK 3000.

C. Area IMPHAL. Estimated two PIs enemy West of road area RK 3090. Unconfirmed report received 26 May states some JAPS RE 2414 - RE 3317. 24 May our tps engaged one hundred and fifty JAPS RK 5191 killing nine.

FOUR: 33 CORPS.

A. Area KOHIMA. Slight increase enemy activity mostly shelling area KOHIMA - ARADURA but reports still suggest trend minor move Southward to MAO SONGSANG RE 5448. Report suggest 124 Regt may have relieved 58 Regt. Path (+CHEDEMA*) RE 5568 RE 5364 widened and apparently used to by-pass KOHIMA. Track CHAKHABAMA RE 66-MAO SONGSANG probably could be converted to take jeeps but NO evidence any work done. Ref SITREP 134. After attack on 4 Bde posns night 24/25 May six enemy bodies recovered. Own cas two killed thirteen wounded. Tps 7 Div 25 May attacking feature RE 514681 met opposn.

B. 23 Bde nothing to report.

FIVE: North BURMA.

Hy rain slowing adv of 38 Div West of MOGAUNG HKA 12 miles North of KAMAING. Units of 22 Div have broken enemy resistance area SC 2685 and are advancing South along rd.

MYITKYINA. 3 Bn AMERICAN Rangers repulsed enemy attack North of city killing fifty two for loss of two. NW of city 88 Regt making progress. 209 Combat Engr Bn flown into MYITKYINA.

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

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

NR: CGHX 17867 27 May 1944

Bissell WDGHI info Sultan CPMX 17867 From G 2 and
Stillwell Reurad War 40394 May 23

Accepted here are Chinese reports of reoccupation of
portion of Pinghan railway and portion of railroad between
Siping (114 degrees 14 minutes east-33 degrees 08 minutes
north) and Mingkiang (114 degrees 18 minutes east-32 degrees
25 minutes north) now controlled by Chinese. To date no
other portions reported held by Chinese.

Believe Japs sent only a column of about 2,000 down
the railroad while a column of about 1,000 moved up the
railroad. Meeting allowed Japs to announce occupation of
entire stretch of railway in a quick campaign. Japs then
withdrew voluntarily or under slight pressure to points now
held by them. Believe it probable that no serious opposition
has been offered the Japs at any time during the campaign.
Chinese claim Japs rebuilding railway south from Chengchow
(113 degrees 40 minutes east-34 degrees 45 minutes north)
but no proof here yet. Am asking for aerial reconnaissance.
Japs can close the gap on the railway any time they desire.

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FROM: CG US Army Forces China Burma and India Forward
Echelon, Chungking, China

NR: CGBX 17867

27 May 1944

Purpose of Jap operations in Loyang-Tungkuan area
obscure. Many reasons offered:

1. To test out the newly created Third Mechanized Division. Everything has been centered about the thrust by this force.
2. To drive west in order to secure rails from the Sian-Loyang railway bed for use on the Pingnan or Hankow-Canton line. If the Japs retire to the east and tear up the rails as they retire, this is a distinct possibility.
3. To test the Chinese defenses and training and to see if any American equipment was coming into the area.
4. To seize the wheat crop ready for harvest about June 1st. Reported to be the best harvest of recent years.
5. Drive may possibly be coordinated with Ispahel campaign. Ispahel objective to cut line of communication to China, Honan drive to get Chinese and American Air Forces to use up their stock on hand of gas and ammunition. This may be prelude to a larger drive elsewhere such as from the Hankow-Wuhan area. The reported moving of Jap troops in this area cannot be overlooked.

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

RE: CGX 17867 27 May 1944

Reports from our observers in Loyang just before start of campaign state Loyang not defensively prepared. This leads one to believe Japs never attacked Loyang very strenuously. Merely bypassed the town and took it at their leisure. Conclusion: If the Japs again enter Lu Shih (110 degrees 44 minutes east-34 degrees 00 minutes north and continue toward Sian along the railroad then it would appear that Tungkuan is the objective with a further drive on Sian area in order to neutralize the Chengtu air fields. Pending commitment to this action, the views expressed in ourds CFBX 16265 April 17 and CFBX 17005 May 5 are still adhered to.

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References are: CM-OUT-40394 (23 May 44) G-2
CM-IN-13041 (18 Apr 44) G-2
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✓ From: CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India
Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India.

To: War Department

No: CRA 4404 27 May 1944

Y force operational summary for 25th May. Sultan
BG Marshall CRA 4404.

✓ Fleeing from Tatangtau are Japanese. Pursuing them
are 388th and 389th Regiments of 130th Division.

346th Regiment and 1 Battalion 347th Regiment of 116th
Division just north of Chiangso, 20 miles northeast Teng-
chung.

198th Division advancing, and 1 battalion 593rd
Regiment occupied Kaitou, 25 miles northeast Tengchung.

6th Regiment of 2nd Reserve Division crossed
Salween and now west of Haipo.

On southern flank combat team of 33rd Division took
Hobang and advanced on Kunlong.

Completely across Salween now are 5 divisions, 108th,
36th, 116th, 130, and 88th.

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To: CRA 4404 27 May 1944 page 2

Also across are elements of 2nd, 39th, 87th, 76th,
and 33rd Division.

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From: CG, US Army Forces in 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,
Houma, New Caledonia

Re: CRAX 4406

27 May 1944

Operational summary for 26th May Sultan to Marshall
information MacArthur, COMSOPAC, Ferris, Chennault,
Boatner, Lindsey, Dorn and Wessels CRAX 4406

Attack on Myitkyina continues and our forces made
some progress against stiff enemy resistance. On main front,
East of Mogaung River, 2nd Battalion 112 Regiment captured
Warong. 22nd and 38th Divisions made local gains on both
sides of river. Double flanking movement in progress with
112th Regiment going around East side and 65th Regiment
reinforced going around West flank.

On Assam front both 2nd and 7th Divisions engaged
with enemy in Kohima, but no change in general situation.

On 4th Corps front 48th Brigade completely cleaned
enemy from Moirang and hold road block there on Tiddim
Road. Other fighting near Bishanpur and to North in 17th

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

Hr: CRAX 4406 27 May 1944

Division headquarters region. On Arakan front, British patrols active along Mayu range. British force in upper Kaladan valley withdrawing to Mowdok, where it will be reinforced.

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Near 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.

Ref: ORAX 4319. 26 May 1944.

Operational summary for 25th May Sultan to Marshall,
information MacArthur, COMSOPAC, Farris, Chennault, Boat-
ner, Linsay, Dora and Vessels ORAX 4319.

Fighting continues in Myitkyina region and north of
town 66th Regiment and 3rd Battalion Galahad made progress.
At Namwi our forces stopped Jap attempt to reinforce
Myitkyina from West. 209th Engineer Combat Battalion has
been flown into Myitkyina. On main front 2nd and 3rd
Battalions 66th Regiment advancing along West road South-
west of Malakwang and 2nd and 3rd Battalions, 65th Regiment
and 1st Battalion 66th Regiment advancing on flanking
movement to West.

On Aungmye front 7th Division in region Northeast
Kohima, and 2nd Division Southwest Kohima. Only minor
activity in Kohima region. Headquarters 23rd Brigade
Tusani, 11 miles Northwest Jessami. Column 23rd Brigade
maintain blocks on Kohima-Jessami trail and continue
moving south of this trail.

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Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India.

Gr: CMAT 4319.

26 May 1944

On IV Corps front 48 Brigade moved North on Tiddim Road to Moirang 10 miles South Bishenpur. 63 Brigade repulsed enemy attack 1 mile Southwest Bishenpur. 6 miles Northeast Bishenpur British rounding up small groups of enemy. Elsewhere on IV Corps front line on Arakan front, only patrolling and a few minor skirmishes.

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From: SACSKA

To : Chiefs of Staff

Info: J. S. M. Washington

SEACOS 168

Following for Chiefs of Staff repeated Joint Staff Mission from Mountbatten. My SAC 2591 dated May 21.

The Viceroy has now agreed to an increase in the total number of Chinese Troops in India and Burma to 102,000. This will permit the introduction of an additional Chinese Regiment and reinforcements to bring all present formations up to strength. At Chinese end, troops are now at airport ready to start and will move in at once. This will provide very useful reinforcements for defence of Myitkyina Area.

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

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to West. On Aungmye front 7th Division in region Northeast
Kohima, and 2nd Division Southwest Kohima. Only minor
activity in Kohima region. Headquarters 23rd Brigade
Kuzami, 11 miles Northwest Jessami. Columns 23rd Brigade
maintain blocks on Kohima-Jessami trail and continue moving
South of this trail. On IV Corps front 48 Brigade moved

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

Nr: ORAX 4319 26 May 1944

North on Tiddim Road to Moirang 10 miles South Bishenpur.
63 Brigade repulsed enemy attack 1 mile Southwest Bishenpur.
6 miles Northeast Bishenpur British rounding up small groups
of enemy. Elsewhere on IV Corps front line on Arakan front,
only patrolling and a few minor skirmishes.

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FROM: Main 11 Army Group SEA.

TO: War Office, and usual addresses.

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Date APR 4 1973
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SITREP 134.

ONE: Reliable info indicates 43 Div less one Regt has arrived BURMA and is CONC North of MANDALAY. Rate of CONC difficult to assess but consider between one and two Regts now North of MANDALAY and that one Regt was concentrated there early May Move 15 Army to INDAINGGYI RU 67 any continuance control 18 Div and 56 Div from MAYMYO suggests presence new army.

TWO: ARAKAN.

Our MED arty destroyed four enemy bunkers area PM 4443. Ref SITREP 133. Attack by tps 81 WA Div on enemy posns PM 5258 23 May unsuccessful. Second attack 24 May penetrated enemy posns but failed to dislodge enemy.

THREE: KALADAN.

Enemy attacked 7/16 PUNJAB posns West of LABAWA PG 63 throughout night 24/25 May. Attack repulsed with minimum sixteen enemy cas. Coy 1 GAMBIA attacking enemy posns from South held up area PG 63932; 24 May and withdrew after suffering twelve cas. Thirteen cas inflicted on enemy PL by 1 TRIPURA Rif in ambush PG 6223 22 May.

FOUR: 4CORPS.

- (A) Area BISHENPUR. Two ten inch Spigot Mortars recovered POTSANGBAN RK 1836. Preliminary examination shows weapon three and a half feet high with barrel one foot long. Projectile three and a half to four feet long in three parts with maximum diameter fourteen inches consisting of a head a main body with fins and a separate rear charge portion screwing on to main body. Patrol 22 May reports RK 0956 clear. 48 Bde 25 May reached MOIRANG RK 1824 and fighting continues in North end of Village.

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63 BDE.

Night 24/25 May small enemy attack Area PK 1135 easily repulsed and enemy raid track June RK 1640 repulsed with fifteen enemy killed. Area 17 Div HQ 24 May our Inf and tks moving North from MS 8 West of rd rounded up enemy remnants. Fourteen enemy killed one MMG captured. Enemy still holds centre of village RK 2248 and spur to North. Going difficult for tks. One enemy Coy also reported village RK 1848.

- (B) Area PALEL-TAMU. 26 May KHONGNMA SJ 5201 clear. Ref Sitrep 133. In enemy attack area TENGNOUPAL RK 5812 night 23/24 May now known our cas one hundred and forty NOT two hundred. LMGs captured were eight NOT five. All Coys 1 Bn 60 Regt identified this area. 5 RAJ RIF area RK 5412. 3/10 GR area RK 5713.
- (C) Area IMPHAL. Enemy preparing new posns RK 3784. Villages RK 6086 RK 5586 RE 5194 clear. 24 May 1 SIKH patrol to RK 3585 met two enemy parties killed nine wounded twenty.
- (D) Up to 25 May over eight thousand five hundred JAPANESE killed and sixty two PW taken in present ops.

FIVE: 33 CORPS

- (A) Area KOHIMA. Approx sixty to seventy JAPANESE at MEREMA RE 4872. Enemy apparently using track SOMRA SA 1432-KHARABOM RE 9244 via SA 0436 - SA 0228 - RE 9639. Many JAPANESE with Jeeps reported rd RE 7348 RE 7553. 24 May 7 Ind Div assumed responsibility for OPS on left flank of 2 Div East of INCETNALA RE 4769 excl RE 503669 incl RE 531659. 33 114 and 161 Bdes under comd 7 Div. 4/5 RGR arrived RE 4273. 4 Bde night 24/25 May repulsed attack area RE488642. 1 RWF RE 4865.
- (B) 23 BDE. Bde TAC HQ 32 Coln RE 9180. 33 Coln RE 7074 dets 34 Coln RE 8754 RE8659. 55 Coln RE 8367 with dets RE 8159 RE 8165. 56 Coln 23 May attacked enemy posn SE of NERHEMA RE 5280 and overran two pl posns but later forced to withdraw. Enemy cas sixteen killed two wounded. Own one killed four missing 76 Coln RE 6760. 88 Coln SA 0057.

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SIX: NORTH BURMA

Our tps making satisfactory progress in MYITKYINA CITY.
Additional tps being flown MYITKYINA 24 May.

SEVEN: SALWEEN

AMA KUNMING reports 198 Div 23 May began attack on
KUITOU SE 4961. Hy fighting TATANOTZU SE 7048. Town
changed hands four times now held by CHINESE. CHINESE
cas hy. 130 Div has lost twenty per cent. Comment.
Last infm Sitrep 126 refers was this Div in res. JAPANESE
cas NOT known.

EIGHT: STOP PRESS

Ref Sitrep 133 para three. Documents captured MS 33 rd
IMPHAL TIDDIM on 20 May TACL orders issued SHWEO on 2
May for 1 Bn 67 Regt. Orders state. "TIRMA area Army
will as soon as possible increase the str of 15 Army by
despatching further tps to annihilate rapidly the main
forces of enemy in vicinity IMPHAL". Three paybooks and
two envelopes captured MS 33 identified BANAKA TAI and
IWASAKI TAI of MEI 10114. Code name TSUWAMONO appears in
same document.

T.O.O. 261830

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Rachon, Chungking China

To: War Department
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Rachon New Delhi India
CG, US Army Forces in Central Pacific Area
Ft Shafter, T.H.
CG, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Houma New Caledonia
CG, US Forces in European Theater of Operations
London England
CG, 14th Air Force Kunming China
CG, Rear Echelon GHQ Southwest Pacific Area
Brisbane Australia

Fr: CFEK 17828

26 May 1944

MILID, CINCWPAC, CG COMTPAC, HRCAL, USFOR, COGUK,
AMKUN and AMDEL CFEK 17828 book msg nr 76 from G-2 AMNISCA.

Honan situation: Information from air recon and ground sources indicate that Japanese may have started withdrawal to east. Chinese claims of a beginning counteroffensive tends to confirm this. Sino G-2 states Ta Ying (111 degrees 05 minutes east-34 degrees 47 minutes north), Lushan (112 degrees 54 minutes east-33 degrees 48 minutes north), Van Lei (110 degrees 54 minutes east-34 degrees 06 minutes north) and Yeh Hsien (113 degrees 20 minutes east-33 degrees 40 minutes north) have been recaptured and Pao Feng (112 degrees 59 minutes east-33 degrees 52 minutes north) is now being attacked. Japanese have announced capture of Loyang on 25 May but Chinese claim Loyang still in Chinese hands.

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Kobelon, Chungking China

Nr: CFBX 17828

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Chinese claim Japanese announced the establishment of puppet regime at Chang Kuo (111 degrees 17 minutes east-34 degrees 37 minutes north). Chinese state that the Pingnan railroad is being rebuilt from Cheng Chou (113 degrees 40 minutes east 34 degrees 45 minutes north) to Hsin Cheng (113 degrees 44 minutes east-34 degrees 23 minutes north).

New Subject: Sino G-2 states that latest information indicates following disposition of units:

16 Division in Philippines, 52nd Division in Mandate Islands, 9th Division at Hongkong now at Hongkong enroute to South Seas or Malaya, 10th Division French Indo China or Thailand, 11th Division French Indo China, 27th Division Hankow area, 71st Division Shansi Province.

Chinese claim prisoners confirm location of 27th and 71st Divisions but state information regarding other units obtained from agents.

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

To: War Department

NR: CRAX 4305

26 May 1944

Bissell CRAX 4305 information Ferris, Dorn,
Chennault, Cranston, Egan, Lindsey, Vessels and Wolfe from
Creswell signed Sultan

Japanese artillery shelling Mawm in North Burma;
enemy resisting strongly in Myitkyine. 80 Japanese killed
in northern edge of town. Enemy battalion identified as
1st battalion 60 Regiment gained initial success in attack
on British positions just south of Tengnoupal Palel Tamm
road, British later restored position, 128 Japanese killed
including 9 officers, British casualties 200; British
captured 2 mortars and much small arms ammunition vicinity
Potsangbam just south Bishenpur; enemy active around British
road block 33 road miles south southwest Imphal and suffering
heavy casualties; now estimated 8500 Japanese killed and 62
prisoners of war captured in British Fourth Corps region (Imphal)
since start of offensive. G 2 report 250 May. Kohima quiet;
Japanese reported constructing additional defense positions
south of Kohima in vicinity of Mao Songsang.

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INFORMATION: CG AAP, OPD, Col Park, Log

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

To: War Department

Re: CRA 4320 26 May 1944

Y Force operational summary for 24 May Marshall from Sultan
CRA 4320

Local gains reported by 198th Division, 32 miles
northeast of Tengchung. Large part of enemy forces en-
circled in Ta Tang Tzu broke through Chinese lines, and
elements on 16th Division pursuing them to west. Japanese
remaining in Ta Tang Tzu being mopped up by Chinese forces.

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May 25, 1944

FROM: Main 11 Army Gp Sec
TO : War Office and usual addressees
NO : 1445 OPS
SITREP 133.

1. Arakan. Estimated 100 enemy in bunker posns FM 4245. Enemy activity reported FM 3556 but no enemy seen further north and NE this area. 81 (WA) Div tps attacked small enemy party FM 5258 May 23. No details. Main Hq 26 Div closed Kyungyaung FM 2769 and reopened Ukhsa FM 19. TAC Hq remains Kyungyaung.

2. Kaladan. NTR.

3. 4 Corps.

(A). Area Bishanpur 48 Bde. Three enemy tks seen moving north RU 2282 Genta FM 0174. PW previously captured at MS 33 RK 1214 belongs 4 coys 67 Regt states 1 Bn less 3 coys present. 12 identity discs of 8 coy 154 Regt found amongst papers at MS 33.

Comment. Method of finding suggests discs have been withdrawn from replacements originally intended for 54 Div or even for prospective deception scheme rather than any unit of 54 Div is on this front. May 23, 48 Bde repulsed enemy attack on rd block MS 33. So far 80 enemy bodies counted. Night May 23/24 quiet.

63 Bde. PW captured at 63 Bde adm box belongs Hq 1 Bn 214 Regt states 1 Bn less 1 coy plus 10 coy here with total STR 350. Also says 1 coy with Regt Hq 63 Bde May 24 cleared remnants enemy force from adm box area. Bulldozer digging Japanese graves lost count after 160 buried. Estimated at least 250 enemy now killed this area.

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Area 17 Div Hq. Further enemy attack night May 23/24 on our posn RK 2248 repulsed. Approx 100 enemy remain this area. 52 enemy corpses counted so far.

32 Bde. Bde clearing mines from track Silchar-Bishenpur. Enemy has mined rd Imphal-Tiddem just north of Bishenpur.

(B). Area Palel-Tamu. YAPO RK 4504 clear May 22. Night May 23/24 one enemy Bn attacked 23 Div fwd posns area Tengnoupal RK 5112. Counter attack by 5 RAJ RIF and 3/10 Gr captured posn. Enemy dead so far counted 9 offrs and 119 OR's. Three MMGS five LMGs and complete eqpt RAP captured. Own cas approx 200. 1 Bde captured enemy posn str approx 1 coy plus track Junc RK 6110. Own cas estimated 50. Detail follow.

(C). Area Imphal. Increased enemy patrol activity noticed last few days area Kasom RK 6983 Yengdoupok RK 5382. Unconfirmed local report large numbers enemy RK 7977 and Japanese in three villages area RK 7075.

Comment. Consider numbers exaggerated and parties foraging. May 23 quiet day area Kanglatongbi RK 2983.

(D). Up to May 23 estimated enemy killed in present ops total 7700.

4. 33 Corps.

(A). Area Kohima. Enemy activity continues area Aradura spur to RE 4864 but local reports suggest some thinning out south of Kohima. Locals confirm following air strafing enemy moved from area south of Kigwema RE 5359 to RE 5450 and some beyond RE 5448. North Kohima locals report 1000 Japanese area RE 5271.

Comment. Consider str north and ENE Kohima still one weak regt and reports suggesting frequent enemy local changes in disposn. Relief 5 Bde by 33 Bde completed.

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2 Dorset RE 4865. 7 Wore R RE 4567. Hq 33 Bde 1 Queens
4/15 Punjab RE 5168. 4/1 GR RE 5069. 1 Med Reg less one
Bty arrived and in action area RE 4272. 7 Punjab RE 3874.

(B). 4 Rajput Dimapur.

(C). 23 Bde nothing to report.

5. North Burma. Ref SITREP 130. Purple Force OP cancelled.
Force in res area Warazup SC 29. Elements 112 Regt reached
BC 5773.

Myitkyina. Reported no Japanese move east of Myitkyina
between 20 and 23 May and no mov on rly Mogaung-Myitkyina on
May 23. 3 Bn American Rangers ops area SD 1055 continue.
2/88 and 1/89 Regts have repulsed enemy counter attacks
in city area.

6. Salween. AMA Kunming reports 76 Chinese Div now four
miles west of Kunlong 80 miles south of Lungling.

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

To: War Department.

Nr: CRA 4235 25 May 1944.

Bissell CRA 4235 from Creswell, signed Sultan re-
urad WAR 39991, dated 23rd May.

There have been no identifications or other confirma-
tion of Chinese claims of elements of Japanese 37th Division
being on Salween front; However there are some indications
that the Japanese garrison has been reinforced.

This is being investigated together with additional
Chinese claim that Japanese 57th Division is also in Area.
Advised you will be kept.

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From: CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India
Forward Hobeon, Chungking, China

To: War Department

Rr: 23512 25 May 1944

Our 23512.

No movement 10,000 Japs across Yellow River south Shansi. Loyang still Chinese. Main body which attacked Luhan retiring toward Loyang. Japs retiring from Luhan toward Chengchow. Guerrillas retake Nyushih, Weichuan, Changkehsien all south east Chengchow. Japs on Pinghan retiring toward Chengchow. From Chinese G-2 rated C 2 Comment: Operations appear concluded and expect Chinese counter-attack after Japs retire former areas. Success guerrillas indicate enemy does not plan hold Chengchow.

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Rear Echelon New Delhi, India.

To: War Department.
CG, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area
Houmae, New Caledonia.
CG, 5th Air Force, Brisbane, Australia.

Hr: ORAX 4239 25 May 1944.

Operational Summary for 24 May Sultan to Marshall,
info MacArthur, COMUSMACV, Ferris, Chennault, Boatner,
Lindsey, Dorn and Wessels ORAX 4238.

Satisfactory progress being made against Japanese in Myitkyina region. North of town 88th Regiment repulsed several Japanese attacks. Japanese patrols attempting to reach airdrome also driven back. On main front, east of Mogaung River 112th Regiment continues flanking movement to east through NARA. West of river 64th and 66th Regiments made local gains. 65th Regiment advancing around west flank. On Asean front no change in Kohima situation British continue regrouping of forces in this region. On Fourth Corps front heavy fighting occurred at several points on Imphal-Tiddim road. Fifteen miles south Bishampur 48th Brigade repulsed attacks on road block positions. Three miles southwest Bishampur, 63rd Brigade consolidated positions. Six miles northeast Bishampur British dispersed Japanese group near 17th Division Headquarters. Near Tangnoupal British troops after heavy fighting regained hill position which they had previously lost. No change in situation on Arakan front.

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MEASURES IMPENDING. HOWEVER GROWING LARGE SCALE JAPANESE
CONCENTRATION WUHAN AREA PLUS REINFORCEMENTS CANTON REGION
BELIEVED TO PRESAGE ATTEMPTS TO CONTROL RAILWAY FROM CHANG
SHA (NEXT PROBABLE TARGET) TO CANTON

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From: Chiefs of Staff

To : SACSEA (Please pass to CG, USAF, CBI and CG, AAF, IB Sector)

Info: J.S.M. Washington

Number: COSSEA 140

May 24, 1944

Following is from Combined Chiefs of Staff

Reference SEACOS 161.

We concur in the arrangement made between you and General Stilwell for the transfer of 1 Troop Carrier Squadron from India to China. We appreciate that this transfer will temporarily increase your deficiency of air lift, but the early arrival of the 1st Combat Cargo Group will serve to relieve the situation.

T.O.O. 241610Z

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ACTION: General Arnold

INFO : OPD
General Bissell
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Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

To: War Department
CG, US Forces in the European Theater of Operations,
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Houma, New Caledonia

Re: 75 24 May 1944

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COGUX, AMMKON, AMMDL CPEX 17743 book msg nr 75 from G-2
AMMISCA.

Situation Honan fighting: along Loyang Sian rail -
road Chinese still holding Loyang against increased pressure.
Street fighting in some sectors and some fires reported.
To west Japanese forces have reached Ling Pao (110 degrees
45 minutes east-34 degrees 45 minutes north). Further south
main mechanized column reached Lushih (110 degrees 45 minutes
east-34 degrees 00 minutes north) 22 May, made 1 attack and
then withdrew to east. Large fires reported Lushih. Chinese
report eastward movement of armored vehicles along road east
of Lushih with numerous vehicles parked dispersed along this

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road. Third column moving west still at Shih Miao (111 degrees 20 minutes-34 degrees 05 minutes) 22 May. Sino G-2 does not feel reported eastward movement of Japanese forces indicates end of campaign or retreat. Lack of activity past 48 hours may be due to reaching of objective or for regrouping, probably latter. 2000 cavalry reinforcements reported arrived Ta Ping (110 degrees 55 minutes-34 degrees 45 minutes) 22 May.

Chinese forces still attacking Pingnan railroad area now claim control of approximately 50 miles of railroad from Chueh Shan (114 degrees 05 minutes-32 degrees 47 minutes) north. Chinese also claim recapture of Lu Shan (112 degrees 48 minutes east-33 degrees 47 minutes north) on 22 May. Japanese forces retreating from Chao Tsun (112 degrees 18 minutes east-33 degrees 45 minutes north) in direction of Lu Shan.

New Subject:

Sino G-2 states 5 prisoners captured vicinity of Chueh Shan belong to 27th Division and claim that at least 2 regiments of 27 Division now Hankow area. This unit transferred from north China to Japan earlier this year has now been transferred to Hankow area according to POWs. Chinese G-2 states their agent near Hankow has captured document indicating that 66-Division on way to or at Hankow. Check has been requested. Sino G-2 states POW Yoshimoto Shinsaburo captured near Nanchang (115 degrees 55 minutes-28 degrees 43

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minutes) gave following information regarding 7 Independent Infantry Brigade: this unit commanded by Major General Matsunoo Katsuaki, former Commanding General Infantry Group Commander 116 Division. Unit has taken over area formerly occupied by 34th Division with Headquarters at Manchang. Unit consists of 4 Battalions numbered from 215 to 218. Code numbers 5592 to 5596. Unit organized from 1500 men from the 34th Division and approximately 1 battalion from the 68th Division.

New Subject:

12th Independent Infantry Brigade also located this area with headquarters probably at Kinkiang (116 degrees 05 minutes-29 degrees 40 minutes) has taken over 68th Division area. Code numbers this unit 7744 to 7748. No rating can be given here.

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HQ AAI
No: 1442 OPS May 24, 1944.

SITREP NO. 132

ONE ARAKAN

Slight enemy activity area PM 4242 and considerable activity area PT 305 PM 4345 approx 40 enemy attacked and occupied our fwd posns area PM 5558 night 21/22 May. Our troops with able support successfully counter attacked 22 May reoccupying posns. Slight cas both sides.

TWO KALADAN

Patrol 1 Tripura Rif inflicted minimum 12 cas on enemy party area PG 6423 22 May own cas 200.

THREE 4 CORPS

(A) Area Bishenpur. 48 Bde. Enemy MT move observed from South and from North towards MS 33 RK 1214. Some enemy shelling 48 Bde block RK1214 23 May but no further enemy attacks. 63 Bde. Ref Sitrep 139*. Now known some enemy holding posns in 63 Bde mule lines and our animal cas heavy. 90 enemy bodies so far counted 63 Bde Adm area. 32 Bde. Confirmed local report enemy occupied posns RK0956. Another report 4 enemy pls moving east from RK1153 area 17 Div. HQ. Unwounded PW taken RK2248 belongs 5 Coy 214 Regt states 2 Bn 214 Regt committed in attack 17 Div HQ

* Presumably intended as 129

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22 May our tps attacked and occupied village RK2248. Night 22/23 May 4 enemy counter attacks repulsed. 23 May mopping up this area continues. One Coy 1 Devon RK2552.

(B) Area Palel Tamu. Estimated 2 enemy Coys at Laibi RK7213 but villages RK6615 RK7418 clear. Captured documents now show that since crossing Ohimwin 1 Bn 60 Regt has issued operations orders as 73 Div naming Inf Coys 919293 and 94 Regt respectively and HQ Coy and ATT Units as 73 Div Tps. Consider this measure intended primarily for security rather than deception. Night 22/23 May minor enemy activity 37 Bde fwd posns area Tenguapal RK5812. 1 Bde forth RK5318. 3/5 RGR area RK5812. 4 Mahrattas area RK4511.

FOUR 33 CORPS

(A) Area Kohima. 22 May enemy L/Cpl deserted to our patrol at RE5166 belongs 12 Coy 138 Regt. Our tps occupied posn vacated by enemy RE 487642 Main HQ 7 Div arrived MS32 rd Dimaapur Kohima. Rear HQ Dimaapur. HQ 114 Bde 2 S LAN R arrived MS34. 4/14 Punjab 4/5 RGR 7/2 Punjab Dimaapur. 2 Bombay Gns joined 268 Bde. HQ 5 Bde 1 Camerons now area RE4865 having been relieved by HQ 33 Bde 1 Queens 1 R Berks area RP49691 RE49621

(B) 23 Bde. 34 Coln area RE 9180 30 Coln area RE 615768 55 Coln RE 830680.

FIVE NORTH BURMA

Captured documents show 1 Bn 55 Regt total str 221 area SO4983 SO5085 on 21 April. Chinese tps continue mopping up ops area SO2385. Many enemy claimed killed. 113 Regt now on outskirts of Shraw SO3585.

Myitkyina. Hy fighting continues in city. 3 Bn American Rangers have made some progress in effort to cut rd Myitkyina NEOPZU? MY10. 3/88 Regt still blocking track NSOPZUP RITPOMO RK9312.

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From: US Military Attache, Chungking, China

To: War Department

Nr: 23511

24 May 1944

Our 23511

Jap operations Honan subsided last day with Chinese pushing back third column retaking Lushan. Jap prisoner Faktufoq Chumation stated First Third regiment with supporting artillery and engineer units from 27 Division operated south end Pinghan. Division stated come from Teitsihar where Second Regiment remains. Seventh Infantry Brigade composed four battalions tentatively Nanchang area commanded by Matsuno. From Sino G 2 rated C 3 Comment: Identification division and brigade too weak but may increase threat from Wuhan area.

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INFO : CGAAP

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Noumea, New Caledonia

To: War Department

No: CRAX 4095 24 May 1944

Bissell CRAX 4095 info Ferris, Dorn, Channault,
Cranston, Egan, Lindsey, Vessels and Wolfe from Creswell
signed Sultan.

Strength Japanese forces along Salween estimated
5 battalions consisting of 148th Regiment and 1 battalion
from each of other 2 regiments; bulk of this force believed
west river between points 50 miles northeast and 40 miles
south southeast Tengchung, front farther south garrisoned
with puppets strengthened by small elements Japanese;
Chinese report elements of other divisions in and enroute
this front but unconfirmed to date; enemy weakness here
and urgent need in North Burma indicates Japanese will
make every effort to reinforce. Q 2 weekly up to 21st May.
In North Burma enemy strength estimated up to 8 battalions
consisting of 18th Division at less than half strength
equaling 4 battalions, 2 battalions 140th Regiment and
possibly 2 battalions 113th Regiment; 1 company 148th
Regiment tentatively identified vicinity Myittha; this
strength not considered sufficient to allow Japanese
undertake offensive. In Arakan no changes of importance;
enemy active on Mayu range west of Htindaw and on high
ground to south; west of Kalapansin. Japanese following
up British movements to monsoon positions; still no evidence
of new troops in forward areas other than replacements;
54th Field Artillery now reported in Akyab. Fairly quiet

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along Palel Tamu road; in Bishanpur Area main fighting in village of Potsangbam where enemy suffered 300 killed; bulk of all 3 regts of 33rd Division in this area but actual infantry strength probably does not exceed 1 regiment most of which is astride main road. North of Imphal British captured 2 of 3 enemy road blocks vicinity Kanglatongbi; no evidence enemy. 15th Division has been reinforced here; strength there is 5 battalions all of which have suffered heavy casualties. At Kohima the Japanese 31st Division had a bad week, lost several important features, suffered heavy casualties and lost much equipment; disposition appear as follows: bulk of 138th Regiment Northeast and east Kohima with main strength at Chedema and forward posts to North; 58th Regiment just South and Southwest Kohima, all companies involved in Kohima fighting and suffered heavy casualties; 124th Regiment vicinity Aredura 3 miles South Kohima in strong defensive positions astride road; all indications here point to enemy intention of blocking road to Kohima and protection of their line of communication. Japanese resisting strongly in Manipur Area but positions continue to deteriorate due casualties, supply difficulties and British strength. All 3 divisions now definitely on defensive and none of them have any indications of being strong enough to do otherwise.

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From: US Military Attache, Chungking, China

To: War Department

NR: 23510

23 May 1944

Our 23510

Honan 21st: Jap pocket 10,000 troops North Yellow River between Fungkuo and Tsing. Column on Lo River reached Lushih, other columns no progress. Southwest Sinyang Jap elements 39th 58th and 3rd Divisions extending to Chungsiang on Han River. On Pingnan Chinese control Kaiping to Kichan. From Nine O 2 rated O 3. Embassy observer Sian states Yenching and Futschi plan launch offensive in Shensi and Suiyuan also Chinese reported ordered Shensi hold all sorts. Rated O 4 Comment Small confidence offensive power of Yen and Pa. Believe purpose new Jap bulge outflank Chinese attacking Pingnan. Nothing new Wuhan area.

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INFORMATION: CGAAP

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

To: War Department

No: CRA 39888

22 May 1944

Y force Operational Summary for 20th May Sultan to
Marshall CRA 39888

Still continuing attack on Ta Tang Tzu is 116th
Division. No change in 198 or 130 Divisions. 36th
Division moving towards Lengshuikou, and 2 companies
already in this town and moving toward Chiangtso. After
securing pass near Laochai elements of 39th Division
combat team are moving southwest to take Kanlanchai village.

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ACTION: OPD

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FOR GENERAL MARSHALL'S EYES ONLY

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From: CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma & India
Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

To: War Department

No. CHC 1097 22 May 1944

Eyes alone Marshall from Stilwell CHC 1097.

Had hoped by this time to have good news for you about Myitkyina, but we have run into snags. Merrill is in hospital. Bad weather through the whole area, intermittent heavy rains. And just as we were in the town and about to clean up, a panic hit the Chinese Regiment, which had to be pulled out completely. Now it has to be done all over again. GALAHAD is at half strength from casualties, sickness and fatigue. I will probably have to use some of our Engineer Units to keep an American flavor in the fight. Can not make any predictions, except that we have a scant week or 10 days before the monsoon to do whatever we are going to do.

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ACTION: General Handy

INFO : General Arnold
General Bissell
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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
Nr: CRAX 3989, 22 May 1944

Operational summary for 21 May Sultan to Marshall,
info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, Ferris, Chennault, Boatner,
Lindsey, Dorn and Wesels CRAX 3989. Paraphrase of an
AMMEL message dated May 22.

"Fighting continues in Myitkyina area, with Chinese
and American forces making progress. 150 Regiment
heavily engaged near railway station center of Myitkyina.
North of town 88 Regiment holds line Nankvi to Charpate,
with two companies blocking road and railway to Mogsung.
Third Battalion GALAHAD moving to cut Nsoprup-Myitkyina
road. First Battalion 89 Regiment in Zipyun. Balance
of forces in general area of air field. On main Mogsung
Valley front both 38 and 22 Division continued attack and
made local gains on Assam front British made local gains
in Kohima area. Relief and reorganization of British
troops in progress. 60th column of 23 Brigade in Jessami
area, and elements 89 Regiment southeast Jessami. Blocks
still held on Kohima-Jessami trail. On 4th Corps front
48 Brigade holding block on Tiddim road 15 miles south
Bishenpur repulsed heavy enemy attack. 63 Brigade west

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Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

Re: CRAX 3989, 22 May 1944

of Potehgham, and 32 Brigade on Stilcher trail west of
Bishanpur both made progress. Scattered fighting in
Kanglatongdi and Tengmoupal areas. In Arakan headquarters
81 Division now 3 miles northwest Thung Bazar. Fighting
near point 551, and British regained all lost ground.

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From: US Military Attache
Chungking, China

To: War Department

No: 23506

22nd May 1944

Our 23506

Japs in Honan have been four columns moving westward:

First. Thrust operating Lunghai captured Fayin 18th,

Second. Along Lorie took Fanlichian 19th,

Third. Originating Iyang advanced to Sumiao west of Sunhsien,

Fourth. By Lushan went west about 50 kilometers.

On Pinghan Chinese recaptured Kioshan 19th. Loyang still holding. No new Jap units. Jap radio traffic Wuhan area still active. From Sino G-2 rated 0 3. Comment: Chinese complacent on Honan operation but stress Jap movements Wuhan. I think Honan action screen for Wuhan activity. Chinese seem aware this for their armies do not heavily engage enemy.

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Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India.

To: War Department

Fr: CRA 3095

21 May 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD CRA
3905.

Weekly summary for week ending 17th May 1944.

1. US Air: 11th May-2 B25's and 4 P40's attacked communications from Yenshih to Tangfeng. Concentrations of armored cars, motor transports and troops were strafed. 5 motor transports were destroyed and many other vehicles damaged. 6 B25's and 12 P40's bombed the railroad area in Sinyang. Several fires were started. In area from Hankow to Sinyang 12 P40's attacked troops, installations and communications. They damaged 4 warehouses, fired 5 barracks, sank 3 motor boats and 1-150 foot freighter and report 100 casualties among troops strafed. 2 P51's and 3 P40's damaged 4 enemy planes over Hanyung. In Cat Bai Island area 4 P40's sank several junks 1 damaged several others. In Dong Dang area in north French Indo China 2 P40's damaged several buildings and 12 railroad cars. 6 P40's detailed to bomb a dam west of Cao Bang were unsuccessful. 4 P40's detailed to attack shipping in Cat Bai Island area saw none. They attacked a radio station doing considerable damage to the building and also started several fires. Mienchiu was bombed and fired by 6 P40's. 7 Japanese attacked this flight and 2 were destroyed. Boats in the Itu area on the Yangtze were strafed by 4 P40's. 1-80 foot boat was destroyed and 1 other 80 foot and 1-30 foot boat damaged. 6 P40's strafed troops in the Hsiangchang area. Estimated casualties are 300 to 500 killed or wounded. 13 P40's bombed 20 supply boats near

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Hosueh on the Yangtze river. 5-50 to 60 foot boats were destroyed and 10 were damaged. 6 P40's on mission to bomb communications and stores in the Yellow river area met 7 enemy aircraft 4 of which were destroyed and 1 damaged. 12th May-2 P40's slightly damaged a hydro electric dam at Cao Bang. 6 B25's bombed Tengchung with results unobserved. Other B25's bombed the Lungling area causing heavy damage. 4 P40's bombed Hongmoshu ridge firing several buildings. 4 P40's bombed Tating. Many fires and much damage reported. 2 B24's detailed on sea sweep of south China Sea to Formosa sighted no boats. 4 P40's bombed a bridge at Sienning causing considerable damage. 2 B25's attacked a naval boat in Hong Kong harbor with unobserved results. 3 B25's and 4 P40's bombed tank concentrations near Loyang damaging many vehicles. Japanese installations north of Loyang were bombed by 6 B25's. Direct hits caused large explosions. On sweep of Cat Bai Island 2 P40's sighted no shipping. They attacked a radio station destroying several buildings. The railroad yards of Phu Lang Thung were attacked by 6 P40's. 20 to 30 cars, 1 locomotive and a roundhouse were seriously damaged. 40 to 50 junks were strafed and many destroyed. The P40's went on to Lang Gai damaging about 30 cars and buildings there. 13th May-2 B25's bombed Lungling. Many fires reported started. 2 B25's with 4 P40's as cover bombed a motor transport and tank concentration near Loyang. " " strafed motor transports and tanks at Yingyangohen. 9 motor transports were destroyed, 1 motor transport and tank were damaged. 4 B25's bombed Hsenwi bridge causing slight

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damage. Warehouses at Mangshih were hit in an attack by 5 B25's. Fires were started in stores areas at Lungling in an attack by 6 B25's. 1 B25 is missing. 4 P40's strafed a village north of Kaitu with unobserved results. 4 P40's attacked a bridge near Mangshih with causing damage. 4 P40's on reconnaissance to Lungling area saw no activity. Positions near Mengta were bombed by 2 P40's with unobserved results. 8 P40's bombed Tatang causing large fires and considerable damage. 14th May-8 P40's escorting 2 B25's on a mission to the Yangtze area damaged 4 motor transports near * * This flight encountered 22 Japanese aircraft destroying 2 and damaging 13. Our aircraft were undamaged. 16 P40's on a second mission to the Lochow area destroyed 1 locomotive started many fires and damaged 1 launch and 24 trucks. 12 P51's bombed storage areas at Shayang with good results. On a river sweep of the Sianning area 12 P40's sank 1 launch and fired a gasoline barge. 12 P40's attacked Mengta and Tatangsu with unobserved results. 4 P40's strafed the Haipo area with unobserved results. In an attack on the Wan Pa Hsa area 16 B25's hit warehouses, motor transports and barracks areas. Supply and fuel dumps were destroyed. A bridge was also damaged. 4 P40's attacked Pingka causing considerable damage. 4 P40's on a reconnaissance of the Hsueh and Lungling area observed no activity. 15 May - on river sweep of the Sinti and Uioanng area 12 P40's destroyed 1 locomotive, several motor transports and 1 launch. 1-100 foot boat, 8 launches and 80 box cars were damaged. 6 B25's bombed Kenghluank bridge. All bombs missed. Stores in the
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Wan Pa Hsa area were bombed by 9 B 25's. Many buildings were destroyed and fires started. 31 fighters attacked Japanese installations in the Pingka and Mengta areas. The results were good. Sixteen May - 2 P 40's destroyed 1 enemy plane northeast of Loyang. 4 P 40's strafed area southwest of Loyang. This flight contacted enemy planes, destroyed 2 and damaged 1. 8 B 24's attacked targets in the Salween area and hit warehouses and a motor pool in Mangshih. 17 May - 15 fighters and 3 bombers on missions in the Loyang area were turned back by bad weather. 41 fighters attacked Japanese troops in the Salween area in support of our ground forces. Most important missions were: 4 P 40's bombed Schweili bridge and troops in the Luchianpa area. The bridge was damaged. Japanese troops in the Thtangtsu area were strafed by 5 P 40's. Fires were started. 4 P 40's attacked Japanese troops in the Haipo area. 4 P 40's made a coordinated attack on Namien pass in support of ground troops. 7 B 25's with 13 P 40's attacked a barracks area in Shayang with unobserved results also strafed an area north east Abghasi, firing 8 trucks and causing considerable casualties among Japanese troops. The P 40's were attacked by Japanese aircraft. They destroyed 4 and damaged 14. (2) Chinese Air: The Chinese Air Force has flown a number of missions against armored force columns and has reported considerable damage. (3) US ground: nil for period. (4) Chinese ground: The Chinese claim the recapture of Suigiang north of Shayang on the destroyed section of the Peiping - Hankow railway. The Chinese state

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that Japanese forces are being driven back on both sides of the recaptured breach. In the fighting south of the Yellow River the Japanese are moving westward leaving forces to attack Loyang. Three Chinese Divisions are in Loyang in good defensive positions awaiting the Japanese attack. Other Chinese Forces are deployed at Chiashih, Loyang and Sunghsien and plan to make a determined stand in the mountains east of the general line between towns. Japanese Armored Forces are now opposite Longing and further westward, movement will be hampered by a mountainous terrain. A Japanese Force of over 5,000 is reported north of the Yellow River at Feavlingtu apparently preparing to cross the river and move southward through Wenhsing and Lushui to cut off the supply line of the Chinese Force operating to the east. The Chinese are moving troops to oppose this threat. (5) project progress reports follow: Lado road as of 9 May 1944: forward survey party at milestone 192. Lead bulldozer at mile 192. Final grading through mile 159 except for 2-mile gap. Final retailing through mile 133 except for short gaps totalling 13 miles. 4 inch pipeline as of 9 May 1944: pipeline clearing at milestone 149.28. Pipe strung to mile 137.28. Pipe coupled to mile 131.78. Pipeline in operation - Digboi to Tarubw River (mile 122.28). Pumping stations - 9 pumping stations completed and in operation. Pipeline tankage - 20 tanks completed with capacity of 21,500 barrels. 1-2000 barrel tank under construction. (6) changes in British troop dispositions follow: (4) 17 Division - 48 Brigade is 14 miles south southwest Bishanpur. 63 Brigade, 3 miles southwest Bishanpur.

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20 Division is 3 miles south Imphal: 80 Brigade at Kamang
9 miles northeast Imphal; 100 Brigade, 16 miles northeast
Imphal. 23 Division is 7 miles north Palel: 1 Brigade is
6 miles northeast Palel; 7 Brigade, 7 miles southeast Palel;
40 Brigade, Kokoching, 3 miles north Palel. (15 Corps)
26 Division - 4th Brigade, 4 miles southeast Ukha. 36
Division, moving from Corps area; 29 Brigade, moving
from corps area 72 Brigade, moving from corps area. 81 div-
ision, 3 miles east Taung Bazar; 5th Brigade 3 miles south-
east Taung Bazar; 6th brigade, Chiringa. (33 corps) 2nd
division - 6th Brigade at Dimapur; 161 Brigade at Dimapur.
Special brigades; 268 Brigade at Kohima and 23 Brigade at
Nagutoto 20 miles south Kokoching.

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May 21, 1944

SITREP 129.

ONE: ARAKAN.

Documents found area PT 1267 PM 4239 night 18/19 May identify 5 Coy 143 Regt. 19 May 1 Coy enemy operating area PM 5556. 18 May Adengri PM 6267 reported clear. Night 19/20 May enemy captured crest PT 551 PM 4342. Our counter-attacks same night regained all lost ground with enemy retreating in confusion throwing away arms. Our casualties so far reported: 21 wounded. Enemy casualties not known.

TWO: KALADAN.

19 May patrols report area PG 6422 clear. two enemy Coys 19 May attacked 1 Gambia poens west of Labawa PG 63. Attack repulsed with estimated 55 enemy casualties. Own casualties slight.

THREE: 4th CORPS.

(A) Area Bishenpur. Night 19/20 May two enemy attacks on 48 Brigade positions area RK 1212 repulsed. Enemy left 226 dead in front our positions. Own casualties slight. 32 Brigade killed 43 enemy area MS 21 track Bishenpur-Silchar RK 1240 and forward elements reached area MS 24.

(B) Area Palel-Tamu. 19 May patrols report Japanese dug in RK 6115. No shelling of Palel area since 17 May. TAC R 20 May reports new Bashas much track activity area Namleik SL 0779 Sittaung SL 1087. Ref SITREP 128. Now

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known 40 enemy killed in attack area RK 5812 night 18/19 May.

(C) Area Imphal. Enemy remain dug in area PT 3813 RK 3383. Patrol clash 19 May Makong RK 4499 identity 9 and 10 Coys 60 Regt. Patrol reports between 15 and 19 May suggest enemy STR squares RK 48 and 58 equivalent 2 Bns.

COMMENT: Consider these 1 and 3 Bns. 51 Regt. Escaped PW reports 500 enemy of which 250 wounded from Kohima in hospital area RK 8199. Ref SITREP 128. In our attack area Kanglatongbi 19 May 2/1 Punjab killed 32 enemy and our tks destroyed 1 75 MM gun. 3/14 Punjab 20 May twice unsuccessfully attacked feature RK 3683. 2 Suffolk west of MS 118 RK 2983. DET 2 KOEB RK 3183.

FOUR: 33 CORPS.

(A) Area Kohima. 18 May 5 to 600 Japanese area Chedema RE 5568 also many Japanese on rd east to RE 7055. 18 May estimate 500 to 1,000 Japanese wearing Samurai badge denoting 124 Regt. area Kigwema RE 5359. Many Japanese Kezoma RE 6159. 7 WORC R with Tk sup 19 May destroyed 7 enemy bunkers area PT 5120 RE 516680.

(B) 23 Bde. Nothing to report.

FIVE: NORTH BURMA.

150 Regt occupied Myitkyina rly station. Enemy still holding out in parts of town. 1/42 Regt (14 Div) arrived by air area Myitkyina.

SIX: SALWEEN.

Ama Kunming reports. Hpimaw NZ 4333 captured 19 May by units of 2 Res Div. Japanese captured Pingka SK 9132 19 May. Retaken by Chinese night 19/20 May.

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No. CPBX 17640

21 May 1944

To MILID, CINCSWPA, CG CENTPAC, NECAL, USFOR,
RELOT, COGUK, AMMKUN and AMMDEL CPBX 17640 book msg nr 74
from G-2 AMMISCA.

Situation Honan fighting follows: main drive continuing westward in 3 main columns. One column driving along Loyang-Sian railroad occupied Chang Mao (111 degrees 17 minutes east - 34 degrees 37 minutes north) on 15th May and Ta Ying (110 degrees 55 minutes east - 34 degrees 40 minutes N) on 18th May. Main force consisting of 3000 cavalry, 3000 infantry, 80 tanks, over 100 armored cars and 200 trucks, proceeding west from Luning (111 degrees 57 minutes east-34 degrees 30 minutes north) occupied Ku Hsien (111 degrees 03 minutes east-34 degrees 18 minutes north) on 18th May.

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Third column proceeding west from Sung Hsien (112 degrees 00 minutes east-34 degrees 08 minutes) occupied Shih Miao (111 degrees 22 minutes east-34 degrees 05 minutes north) on 18th May. Immediate objective of these drives appears to be Lu Shih (110 degrees 45 minutes -34 degrees 00 minutes north) where headquarters of 1st War Zone is temporarily located. Along Pinghan railroad Chinese continue to attack Japanese positions but no further cities occupied. Reported but not confirmed that Chinese have surrounded 1000 Japs near Kioshan (114 degrees 00 minutes -32 degrees 50 minutes north).

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From: US Military Attache in Chungking, China.

To: War Department.

Mr: 23503

21 May 1944

Chinese attacking along Changchow Hankow line north from Suiping and south from Chumtien, other attack from west threatens line between Kioshan and Mingkiang. Moving west along north bank Lo River reached Changsuichen 17th, Tungkwan believed objective. Small force 69 Division moving west along Lungshai reached Changsuichien 15th. Our 23503. Honan operations not considered critical. Radio activity Hankow increased indicating probably 2 unidentified divisions. 104 Division assembled Canton duties taken over by Puppets and Hong Kong troops. New unit arrived Hong Kong 7 April from Formosa. Radio stations Hankow Shanghai Nanking working Fukoka Japan now using words "most urgent" such words always used before large operations. 3rd, 13th, 94th and 116 Divisions in Wuhan area. 1 new radio station northern area Army net. From Sino G 2 rated C 3 comment do not accept report 104 Division assembled Canton till confirmed. Jap reverses and radios homeward on growing American air power here believed to demand heavy south China air bases. Hence large operations south Hankow not unlikely with Changsha objectives but do not believe capable restoring Canton Hankow railway.

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INFORMATION: CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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May 20, 1944

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By RMP Date APR 4 1973

ONE. ARAKAN.

Documents captured May 18th PM/417428 identify 7 Coy 413* Regt. Estimated 300 enemy area Hkamme PM 6852 patrolling from Richaung northwards and eastwards. Active patrolling by both sides with noticeable increase of enemy patrols along Nanyu Ridge. Enemy det area PM 4240 mortared and dispersed with some cas. Enemy party has occupied PT 1301 PM 4144. Hq 6 (WA) Bde 1 SA LR moving to corps res area Chiringa PG 0554. 7 GCR area PM 5351.

TWO. KALADAN. REF SITREP 127.

Enemy suffered at least 60 cas in their attack on 1 Gambia posns west of Labawa PG 63 May 17. Patrol 1 Tripura RIF killed 9 enemy 17 May area PG 6423. Own cas Nil.

THREE. 4 CORPS.

(A). AREA BISHENPUR. Enemy area track Bishenpur-Silchar appear in considerable confusion and without orders but no general southward withdrawal. Small parties south of track withdrawn Bumaathers north and south of tract resisting. 32 Bde is advancing westwards to take over posns vacated by enemy. 1 Northhamptons in contact night 18/19 May MS 25 RK 0821*. Tps 63 Bde have captured 2 70 MM guns area Potsangbam RK 1836. Hq 63 Bde 1/10 GR RK 1336. 9 Border RK 1137. 1/3 GR RK 1135. 48 Bde less 9 Border in contact RK 1212 but no major enemy attack has yet developed. Two CM-IN-16555 (22 May 44)

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irregulars captured near MS 33 RK 1112 state rfts have arrived at MS 38.

(B). AREA PALEL-TAMU.

Night 18/19 May small enemy attack area RK 5812 repulsed. Hq 49 Bde 4 Mahrattas RK 4124. One Coy 6 Mahrattas area RK 3000.

(C). AREA IMPHAL.

Two wounded PW taken RK 3179 belong 6 Coy 60 Regt and 9 Coy 67 Regt. Latter states 1 and 2 Bns 67 Regt not in area and no rfts have arrived. PW taken RK 4489 belongs 12 Coy 67 Regt states remainder Coy at Kanglatongbi. 19 May Tps 5 Div attacked in area Kanglatongbi after successful air strike. Limited objectives captured and consolidation continues. Our cast lt. Hq 20 Div 4 Madras area RK 3556. 1 Devon RK 4970. 14 FF Rif moving to RK 5575.

FOUR. 33 CORPS.

(A). AREA KOHIMA.

PW surrendered 18 May belongs MG Coy 1 Bn 58 Regt states deserted as had reached limit of endurance and believed Japanese could not win. States his Bn now at Aradura RE 5064 and all Coys str not exceeding sixty. Offr cas by. Also Bn guns without amn. Locals reports large numbers Japanese with food dump and hospital at MS 28 RE 7255. 18 May patrol activity. Night 18/19 May enemy attacks areas RE 505673 RE 502668 repulsed. 19 May 5 Bde attacked in area RE 538680 with limited success due to fire from defiladed bunkers which tks could not reach. 2 Recce Regt established area RE 453631 with one Sqn RE 466647.1/1 PUNJAB area RE 497658 moving to Dimsapur have been relieved by 17 Rajput.

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(B). 23*** BDE.

44 and 56 Colns repulsed two minor attacks Nehrema RE 5281**** nights 14/15 15/16 May. 33 Coln RE 640790. 34 Coln killed seven enemy 18 May RE 7862. 76 Coln RE 7374. 55 Coln RE 7673 has established rd block MS 38 RE 7957. 17 May 60 Coln attacked Jessami RE 9863 killing sixteen enemy wounding five. Own cas 1. 17 May 88 Coln killed 15 Japanese in their successful attack on Khanjang SA 0554.

(C). HQ 44 ARMD DIV ON REDUCED ESTABLISHMENTS REDESIGNATED.

HQ 21 IND DIV

Hq 21 Ind Div Jorhat MZ 59 with following tps under comd wef 7 May. 268 Motor Bde. 3 SS Bde comprising 5 and 44 Commandos Mahindra Dal Regt 18 Mahrattas area Silchar. For ops only tps of 202 L of C area. Wef 16 May 268 Bde less 1 Bn under comd 2 Div.

FIVE. NORTH BURMA.

FW captured Warong SC 48 belongs 2 Bn 56 Regt states 300 rfts arrived 15 May from Siam via Mandalay. Also str 8 Coy now only 30. Elements 148 Regt identified Myitkyina.

Comment. Consider only very small elements. A Coln attacking Myitkyina from west. One Bn American Rangers occupied Zigym SD 1443. Units of 22 Chinese Div have repulsed 4 counterattacks area SC 2486 SC 2686. 2/113 Regt moving on Meran SC 3485.

SIX. SALWEEN. AMA KUNMING REPORTS.

(A). 198 Div held up at Chiaotou SE 4968 owing shortage of amn.

(B). Hy fighting at Tatangtzu SE 7048 holds up adv this area.

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- (C). No adv area Laochai SE 6913.
(D). Japanese have practically surrounded Pingka BK 9132.

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To: War Department

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G-2 report 19th May for Bissell CRAX 3833 info Ferris, Dorn, Chennault, Cranston, Egan, Lindsay, Timberman and Wolfe from Creswell signed Sultan.

Kaladan Valley, British troops engaged with estimated 3 Japanese companies west of Labawa. On Arakan Japanese moved west of Kalapanzin River 4 miles north Buthidaung following British voluntary evacuation.

Imphal: Enemy evacuated several forward positions just south Bishenpur Silehar Trail, general situation this area appears enemy somewhat disorganized but no indications of general withdrawal, over 60 enemy killed and several light tanks and 8 trucks with 300 rifles and ammunition destroyed; 81 Japanese killed Kanglatongbi on 16th May where enemy positions extend east and west of road.

Kohima: Some movement south of Kohima noted, concentration enemy troops 8 miles south Koyima reported; increasing reports Japanese short of rifles and ammunition; morale affected by lack of air support, shortage of ammunition and strength of opposition.

North Burma: 38 Japanese killed in engagement south of Malahawng on main Kemaing Road; 91 killed including

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3 officers in Manpin area; enemy still hold Warong 8 miles northeast Manpin and enemy artillery active; no important enemy reaction to Allied advance to Myitkypna reported, identifications this area include 15th Airfield Battalion and various 18th Division Medical Units; bulk of 113th Regiment 56th Division not definitely located, may be available to Myitkypna Garrison.

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To: Chiefs of Staff

From: SACSEA

Rptd: J.S.M. Washington

SEACOS 165

May 19, 1944

Following for Chiefs of Staff, info. Joint Staff Mission, Washington from Mountbatten. Your COSSEA 90.

Following give maintenance and reserve stock position of Assam, Burma and Arakan, fronts excluding CBI forces for which separate signal follows. Calculations based on following assumptions. Road Manipur-Imphal remaining closed for regular maintenance convoys until July 1st and Imphal garrison maintained by air. Strengths as at present planned including reinforcements less units/formations certain to be withdrawn during period under review. Working and forward depot stocks have been regarded as reserves for purpose this review.

2. For maintenance 14th Army divide into 4 groups as follows:

- (A) Under 33 Corps and 202 L of C area in Manipur Road/Gauhati area.
- (B) Under (74) Corps in Imphal area.
- (C) 3 Ind. Div. and formations covering airfields in Surma Valley including Lushai Bde.
- (D) Under 15 Corps and 404 L of C area in Arakan.

Following figures on reserve stocks are approximate only due to regrouping of stocks necessitated by operational situation and difficulties intercom.

3. Position of maintenance and reserve stock holdings 1st May expressed in days showing dependent strength by groups as follows:

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<u>Group</u>	<u>Strengths</u>	<u>SUPS</u>	<u>POL(AV)</u>	<u>POL(MT)</u>	***
A	BT 73000 inclsv. to 31 May 37000 Americans part- ially rationed from BMIT stocks IT 208000	63	64	16	
B	BT 30000 IT 125000	20 (Approx)	20 (Approx)	20 (Approx)	
C	BT 20000 IT 54000 WA 3500	51	69	21	
D	BT 46000 IT 135000 WA 19000	40	54	24	

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Group	ASN (At Intense rates FFC)	Ord. Stores	Route and Method or Stocking	Present method Maintenance
A	55	99	Assam L of C by rail and river.	Rail and Road
B	20 (Approx)	20 (Approx)	No further stock- ing at present possible pending opening of Imphal Road.	Air from NE Bengal Airfields
C	12	33	By rail from Mani- pur Rd. depot over hill section and from the west via Tistamukh Ferry and Chittagong.	Air, Rail and Road
D	52	94	By rail from the west via Tistamukh Ferry and by sea through Chittagong.	Air, Rail, River and Road

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4. Estimated position June 1st. Groups A and B.

Total stock supplies--Ordnance and Ammunition--
109,000 tons or about 68 days (Omission)

Pol--5 million gallons or about 45 days aviation
and 35 days MT spirit for troops forming those
groups at that date totalling BT 72,000--IT 345,000.
(Omission).

Estimated of above stocks Group B will have approx-
imately 7 days reserve.

Group C will in general remain unchanged for pre-
sent strength less Indian 3000.

Group D No tonnage available for stocking due to
heavy loads re stores airfield construction of high opera-
tional priority but reserves will in general remain unchanged
for present strength less British 3,000, less Indian 10,000
plus East African 6500.

5. Estimated position July 1st, Groups A and B

Total stock supplies Ordnance and Ammunition--
123,000 tons or about 78 days.

Pol--6 million gallons or about 50 plus aviation
and 40 days MT spirit for strength as June 1st.

Of above target for Group B is 15 days but no def-
inite estimate can be given but this entirely dependent on
number transport aircraft available and extent to which non
fighting troops can be evacuated by air.

Group C Strengths and reserves in general unchanged
but if 3 Ind. Div withdrawn reserves available for Group B.

Group D No storage available for stocking but re-
serves should in general remain unchanged with same strengths
as June 1st plus additional East Africans 13,500.

6. Stock position forecast in 4. and 5. based on assumption

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Assam L of G railway not breached during Monsoon.

7. Assam L of G impractical quote percentage allocated stocking owing fact actual monthly despatches have never yet reached allocated target. Such shortfall automatically falls on stocking. Forward estimate stock positions June 1st, July 1st, based on best forecast tonnage expected to be carried and allowing for fact that air supply to Imphal is from airfields partly fed by Arakan L of G.

T.O.O. 191020Z

Footnote: COSSEA 90 is CM-IN-18546 (25 Apr 44) CC/S

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INFO: CG AAF
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Log
Colonel Park

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TO : Chiefs of Staff
INFO : J.S.M. Washington
FROM : SACSEA
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By RHP Date APR 4 1973

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

Report on operations for period 27th April - 15th May. Army.

1. General. Hard fighting has continued all over the Assam front but there is very little material change except for determined attempts to break our resistance on the Tamu-Imphal Road and thus clear the all weather road leading into Imphal Plain, the enemy has been on the defensive everywhere. In our attempts to mop him up, however, we shall be faced with his well known tactical tenacity in defense which is bound to make our progress slow.

2. Arakan. With the capture of point 551 an important height dominating the road from Buthidaung where it enters the eastern side of the Mayu Range, our clearance of the alignment of the road was completed. After our successful actions in Buthidaung on the 5th and 6th May when some 400 casualties were inflicted on the enemy, 15 corps move to Monsoon dispositions was begun and has been almost unopposed. 7th Indian Division has left and is now going to the Kohima area except for one brigade which was flown into Imphal and has joined 5th Indian Division there. 36th Indian division is moving to Shillong into reserve. We have withdrawn our forces from the Kaladan River and now hold positions just west of Labawa in contact with the enemy who have followed up. This leaves 25th and 26th Indian Division and 81st WA

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division in the Arakan.

3. Imphal Area. 20th Indian Division has held the block on the Tamu Road against several determined enemy attacks. They are now being relieved by 23rd Indian Division from N.E. Imphal. On the Tiywim Road 17th Indian Division has captured the village of Potesangbam against stiff opposition and is continuing operations against the enemy, 33rd Division. North of Imphal 5th Indian Division is operating against the enemy 15th Division along the Kohima Road. Rain has started here and is hampering movement. The reinforcement of 15th Japanese Division from the Kohima area was not carried out as the enemy originally planned and this formation is now on the defensive.

4. Kohima Area. After long and difficult mopping up operations against enemy bunker positions strengthened by anti-tank mines and booby traps. 2nd Division with a brigade each from 5th and 7th Indian Divisions has almost cleared the town area. The enemy 31st Division has been reduced in strength to about 9000 and has lost the initiative. He has prepared a lay back position some 3 miles south on the road to Imphal, onto which he can fall when completely dislodged from the outskirts of Kohima.

5. North Burma. The main body of the Chinese American forces has advanced and is now some 10 to 14 miles north of Kamsing. Meanwhile the American rangers under command of Merrill with two Chinese regiments have moved eastwards towards the Irrawaddy, and I have just heard that they have captured the southern airfield at Myitkyina. Action to clear up the town is proceeding satisfactorily.

6. 3rd Indian Division. (Long range penetration brigades in upper Burma.) I have put this force under Stilwell's operational command to help in the capture of Mogaung and Myitkyins. With this object the division had moved north of the White City position near Mawlu has been abandoned and a new road block and air strip called Clydeside has been

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established at Hopin about 25 miles S.W. of Mogaung. 16th Brigade has been flown out.

7. Air Force. Royal Air Force and 10th U.S.A.A.F. continued to give support to our land forces in an ever increasing scale of effort which reached its peak on 10th May when Eastern Air Command flew over 1000 sorties.

8. The strategic Air Force was continuously employed on tactical targets by day and night in close support of our troops on the Imphal front, whilst railway installations, road and rail bridges and oilfields were also attacked and mines successfully dropped in Gulf of Siam, Martaban and Mergui.

9. Our complete air superiority has enabled Beaufighters to continue their prowls by day and night along enemy lines of communication by rail, road and river, flying as far south as Moulmein. Good dividends were paid in destruction and damage to locomotives, rolling stock and river craft and firing of Yenang Yaung oil pipe line. On 27th April one Beaufighter was intercepted by 9 Oscars at 3000 feet, accepted combat and shot down one and probably destroyed a second. In the melee two other Oscars collided and crashed in flames.

10. Troop carrier command continued to meet very heavy commitment of supplying the Army, which during the four days (11th to 14th May) amounted to 1618 sorties, carrying 3616 short tons of supplies, 9775 men and evacuating 1046 casualties.

11. The enemy air force has been making more frequent appearances presumably in an effort to encourage his own troops, mainly by day, but although the over-running of our warning system in depth makes interception difficult in forward areas, his raids have been most unsuccessful. Intruder Mustangs and Lightnings P-38 have had very good scores, claiming a total of 46-13-28 in period 10th - 15th May. Results are between 27th April and 9th May - Claims 17-2-12, Losses 16. Between 10th and 15th May - Claims 54-15-47, of which 3-2-4 were by anti-aircraft and 13-2-5 on the ground. Losses - Nil. Total

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Allied claims in air and on ground from 1st Jan to 15th May -
353-77-171.

12. General Reconnaissance Wellingtons from East Africa
found, bombed and pursued one German submarine which then
beached itself off Socotra and blew up on approach of our
Naval Forces.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO : CC/S

Gen. Arnold
Gen. Bissell
Col. Park
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To: Chiefs of Staff
Rptd: Joint Staff Mission
From: Rear HQ SACCEA
No: SEA 206 May 19, 1944.

Following for Chiefs of Staff, repeated to Marshall from Mountbatten agreed Stilwell. Ninth Report on MATTERHORN for 2 weeks ending May 15.

1. KHARAGPUR Operational runway concrete 7500 feet, Taxi strips concrete 8296 ft, hardstandings concrete No. 56, housing officers 931, housing enlisted men 6397, technical accommodation 20%, petrol storage tankage completed. Petrol distribution system 95% estimate completion date September 30, 1944.
2. CHAKULIA Operational runway concrete 7500 ft., taxi strips concrete 6600, nil hardstandings concrete, No. 18 steel plank, No. 45 Housing Officers 700, Housing enlisted men 5084, petrol storage tankage 99%, petrol distribution system 98%. Estimated completion date September 30, 1944.
3. KALAIKUNDA Operational runway concrete 6000 ft., taxi strip nil, hardstandings nil, Housing Officers 500, Housing enlisted men 2000, petrol storage tankage 46%, estimated completion date September 30, 1944.
4. PIARDOBA Operational runway concrete 7500 ft., taxi strips concrete 850 ft., hardstandings steel mat No. 40., Housing Officers 475, Housing enlisted men 3100, Technical accommodation 5%, petrol storage tankage 90%, petrol distribution system 50%. Estimated completion date September 30, 1944.

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5. DUDHKUNDI Runway concrete 2800 ft., taxi strips nil, hardstandings nil, Housing officers 260, Housing enlisted men 1539, technical accommodation 5%, petrol storage tankage 92%, petrol distribution system 15 percent. Estimated date completion September 30, 1944.
6. AGRA Runway extension 75%. Hardstandings 95% estimated completion date June 1, 1944.
7. KARACHI Runway extension complete. Hardstandings complete.

T.O.O. 191047Z

ACTION : CC/S

INFO : Gen Arnold
OPD
Gen Bissell
Adm King
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GHQ Persian and Iraq Force
Hq AAI
BAD Washington
N.Z. Force Hq New Zealand
Military Attache China
GHQ Middle East Forces

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SITREP 127.

1. Arakan. Some enemy patrol activity area Kanbyin PM 4036.
4 Bde conc area Taungbro PM 1585.
2. Kaladan. 1 Gambia repulsed further attack by approx 3 enemy
coys west of Iabara PG 63 May 17. Enemy cas believed by own
7.
3. Chin Hills. Our Levies withdrew westwards to Klanolang
RT 80. After engaging approx 150 enemy mostly Inf.
4. 4 Corps.

(A). Area Bishanpur. Following and IFBU broadcast May 17,
12 Japs in Potsangbam RK 1836 got out of Trenchmts apparently to
come across but returned to their lines. Japanese Tankette
General appearance type 98 but fitted with 37 mm gun and no second-
ary armament found intact but bogged in Potsangbam. 48 Bde
attacking May 17 succeeded in getting astride RD Imphal Tiddim MS
33 RK 1214. May 18 our tps digging in. 2 enemy LT Tks and 8 MT
destroyed eqpt captured includes 300 rifles. Enemy cas 67 dead
already counted. Believed many more killed and wounded. Own
cas 4 wounded.

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(B). Area Palel Tarnu. Comd Gandhi Bde gone back to discuss problem arising from our leaflet dropping. Small scale enemy attacks night May 16/17 area RK 6821 and night May 17/18 RK 5712 repulsed. 14 FF Rif have occupied Sawaiching RP 4893. Hq 23 Div RK 4623.

(C). Area Imphal. Single Japanese killed Kanglatongbi indentifies 9 coy 67 Regt. Villagers report 300 Japs Sangjing RK 8289 Japanese reported making new tracks from Sangshak RK 7888 to Sokpao RK 7184 and improving RD Humine SF 0454 to RK 9191. Many elephants at RK 9191 and TPT at SF 0454. Night May 17/18 by enemy attacks on 1 Sikh posn area RK 3284 repulsed with approx 100 enemy cas.

(D). Japanese FW in present ops now total 51.

5. 33 Corps.

(A). Area Kohima. Locals report enemy southward move from Kigwema RE 5359 last seven days. General trend appears to be to Maosonrsang RE 5548 but reports continue to show strengthening of dets between Kohima and RE 5355. 300 Japs at Kigwema. Numerous ungraded reports Japs short of amm and rifles and morale affected by this and lack of air support. Documents and reports show Gaziphema RE 5347 as Fwd Sup Depot. Reported Jeeps in use between Gaziphema and Tuphema RE 5444. May 17 quiet day with extensive patrolling. 2 DLI relieved 4 RWK area RE 4567. 17 Rajput rejoined 268 Bde relieving 1 R Berks. 4 RWK 1 R Berks Dimapur. 4 Rajput area RE 497658. 4/1 Gr RE 5067.

(B). 23 Bde. 44 coln RE 5381. 33 coln RE 548817. 76 coln RE 778769 34 coln RE 9185 with Dets RE 9661 and RE 970688.

6. North Burma. GRN Myitkyina estimated 250 mostly (*Japs*) Tps.

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Now known H coln captured airfd near Myitkyina May 17 and 89
Regt Conc this area May 18. Can have occupied part of the
outskirts of Myitkyina. M coln established RD block area SD
0071. K coln advancing on Myitkyina from North. 1/65 Regt
repulsed several local enemy attacks area Mansum SB 8592.
Fort Hertz tps redispersed. 1 coy Levies plus Det 10 Bur Regt
NY 6210. 1 coy Levies each NY 4705 NY 1710. 3 coys Levies
NY 2613. 1 coy Levies plus Dets 10 Bur Regt NY 2016.

7. Salween. No infm received.

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

To: War Department

Nr: CRA 3738, 19th May 1944

Y Force operational summary for 17 May Sultan to
Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD CRA 3738.

N Elements 198 Division captured Chiaotou, 32 miles
north northeast of Tengchung. Balance of 198 Division
fighting in Mamien Pass area. Chinese lost Hummoshu after
Jap attack. Pingka in Chinese hands, but heavy fighting in
progress around town. Combat Team from 33rd Division now
operating vicinity Hopang, 8 miles east Kunlong. Te Tang
Tzu changed hands 4 times on 16 May and Japs last reported
holding town. Chinese planning another attack. Other elements
of Y Force continue to cross Salween River. *2*

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From: CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur India

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

Nr : E 3070 18 May 1944

Arnold attention Hensell information Strategem
from Wolfe E 3070.

Comes information of shakedown 27th May is D-Day to
be used.

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ACTION: Gen Arnold

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From: CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India or AACCS
Kharagpur, India

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

No: E 3039 18 May 1944

Arnold attention Hansell information Stratemeyer
from Wolfe E 3039

Appears no major changes in plan for shakedown
outlined our E 1634 dated 17 April. Primary targets are
Makason railway shops, Teyminus railway Station, Military
Arsenal and Aeronautical workshops Bangkok. Secondary
targets are Malagon rail yards and shops, Central Station
and yards, Pegu RR junction and yards in Rangoon. XXEC
Field order on way to you by courier. D-Day will be
given in next message which follows this. Full report on
mission including operational data will be submitted on
completion thereof.

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FOOTNOTE: 1634 is CM-IN-12674 (18 Apr 44) 20th AF

ACTION: Gen Arnold ✓
INFO : OPD, Col. Park, 20th AF, C of S

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FROM: Main 11 Army Gp SEAC

TO : Usual Addressees

NO : 521/OPS

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1. Arakan. Night 16/17 May firing heard PM 4144. C 2 report 100 Japanese digging PM 4850. B 3 enemy posns area PM 5049 lightly held. Some enemy shelling night 16/17 May area PT 551 PM 4342 but no cas.

2. Kaladan. May 14 approx 30 enemy raided mail and ration boats PG 3875. Comment. Possible Arakan Def Force tps. Locals report 100 Japanese at PM 6589 and 100 at PG 7212 moving to PM 5388. 2 enemy pls attacked 1 Gambia posns west of Labawa PG 63 May 16 and were repulsed with cas. Own cas nil.

3. Chin Hills. May 11 V Force S 100 rd Imphal-Tiddim destroyed one enemy 3 ton lorry and inflicted 5 cas.

4. 4 Corps.

(A). Area Bishenpur. Enemy still holds SE outskirts Potsangbam RK 1836.

(B). Area Palel-Tamu. 3 Jifs carrying our leaflets surrendered area RK 4505. 50 Japanese some Jifs seen RP 4992 coming from (South?) 50 Japanese reported at RP 4894 and 50 Jifs RK 5201. May 14 patrol 14 FF Rif attacked one coy Jifs RK 5201. Jif cas 15 killed 10 wounded. Night 16/17 May several small attacks on 80 Bde fwd posns RK 5812 repulsed. Hq 1 Bde 1 Patiala area RK 5725. 1/16 Punjab RK 5819. 1 Seaforth area RK 4505.

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(C). Area Kraglatongbi. May 16, 12 coy 67 Regt identified Kraglatongbi. May 15 small parties enemy still between Khamen Lok RK 5083 and Sadang RK 5087. May 17 reported Japanese Hq and 2 coys at RK 5389. May 16, 7/2 Punjab counted 50 enemy dead and estimated 31 wounded area RK 2984. Subsequently inflicted further cas when counter attacked. Later ordered to withdraw. May 17, 2 coys 2 KOSB gained foothold on ridge west of PT 3813 FR 3383. Enemy still hold PT 3831 and west end of Spur. 1 Sikh RK 2284 3/1 Gr RK 4970. 4/10 Gr area RK 5576?

(D). ^{4th Coy} Total enemy killed present ops now estimated 6600.

5. 33 Corps.

(A). Area Kohima. 4 new bunkers RE 4965. May 15, 2 CW unit ATT 58 Regt identified Kohima. Attempt by 5 Bde to infiltrate into area PT 5120 RE 516680 unsuccessful. May 16 Hq 6 Bde 1 RWF 2 Dorset moving to Dimapur on relief B/Hq 268 Bde and 2 Bombay Grs. 1/2 Punjab 1 Berks 4 Rajput now under comd 268 Bde. 4 Bde area incl RE 483647 incl RE 49756. 268 Bde area excl RE 497656 incl RE 500668. 2 Recce Regt with under comd 1 Bur Regt moved May 16 to occupy high ground RE 4763.

(B). 23 Bde. WTR.

(C). 3 SS Bde. Petrol dispersed enemy recce party track Silcharbisenpur RK 0241.

6. North Burma. Following infm received from Hq Rear Ech USAF Cai. May 17 American Rangers assisted by elements Cai captured against slight opposn one airfd near Myitkyina. Subsequently American Engrs and Cai Rfts flown in to captured airfd. Believed Cai now attacking Myitkyina.

7. Salween. Following infm received from AMA Kunming about adv of Cei.

(A). 198 Div 54 Army area Laokai SE 5067.

(B). 264 Regt 88 Div unsuccessfully attacked Pingka SK

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9132. Subsequently Pingka captured by one Regt 76 Div.
May 15 33 Div and 116 Div by-passing Tatangtzu SE 7048.
130 Div in res.

(C). 53 Army crossed Salween behind 198 Div. 87 Div and
one Regt 39 Div area just East of Laochai SE 61.

(D). Japanese cas reported to be over 300 killed and 2 PW
captured.

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To: War Department
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Ft Shafter, TH
CG, US Army Forces in the South Pacific Area
Noumea, New Caledonia
CG, US Army Forces in the European Theater of
Operations, London, England
CG, US Troops, Ledo, India
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India,
Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India.

Nr: CFBX 17460

18 May 1944

To MILID, GINCSWPA, CG CHETPAO, NEGAL, USFOR, RELOT,
COOPI, AMBUN and AMDEL CFBX 17460 book msg nr 72 from
G-2 AMNISCA.

The Chinese claim improvement in situation Honan
area fighting. Heavy fighting along the Lo River north and
south of Iyang (112 degrees 09 minutes-34 degrees 37 minutes)
with Chinese holding against 4 pronged Japanese attack by
force of 10,000 men and 100 tanks. Chinese now claim
Iyang Sung Hsien (112 degrees 02 minutes-34 degrees 07
minutes) not occupied by Japanese.

Loyang still in Chinese hands on 14th May. Chinese
claim counter attack along Pinghan railroad with recapture
of Suiping (114 degrees 03 minutes-34 degrees 15 minutes)

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

Re: OPM 17460

18 May 1944.

on 13th May and Chumamien (114 degrees 06 minutes-33 degrees 00 minutes) on 15th May.

Japanese withdrawing to north and south. Chinese attacking in force at Chueh Shen (114 degrees 04 minutes-32 degrees 49 minutes) and Ning Kang Cheng (114 degrees 07 minutes-32 degrees 28 minutes).

In northwest a small Japanese force reported advancing west from Ying Hae (111 degrees 35 minutes-34 degrees 47 minutes) along railroad.

Sino G-2 feels Japanese reinforcements Suichang (110 degrees 40 minutes-34 degrees 45 minutes)-Pushov (110 degrees 13 minutes-34 degrees 47 minutes) area for purpose of immobilizing Chinese forces that area and not for purpose of offensive drive. Missionary recently evacuated from southern Hsuan area states Chinese in area convinced Japanese here to stay this time. Doppo radio announced General Hata arrived combat area 8th May, left area 12th May. Sino G-2 feels General Okamura in charge of operations but no proof of this.

Above situation report from Sino G-2. No more.

ACTION: G-2

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INFORMATION: CG AAF, OPD, Col Park, Log

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May 18, 1944

From: Chiefs of Staff

To : SACSEA repeated AFHQ
and JSM Washington

OZ 2626

Following from British Chiefs of Staff.

Reference SEACOS 162 (not to A.F.H.Q. para. 4 of our 2590 of May 16th refers).

It is confirmed that June 15th is last date for leaving Indian Theatre and not date for arrival in Mediterranean.

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T.O.O. 181540Z

FOOTNOTE: SEACOS 162 is CM-IN-13790 (18 May 44)

ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Gen. Arnold
OPD
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

Nr: CRAX3638 18 May 1944

Operational summary for 17 May Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD, info MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, Ferris, Chennault, Boatner, Lindsey, Dorn, Cramston, Egan and Timberman CRAX 3638.

Elements of Galahad Force supported by Chinese troops captured southern airdrome in Myitkyina. Airfield cleared of obstacles and reinforcements flown in. Town of Kyitkyina under attack by our forces. In Mogaung Valley east of river 38th Division continues drive west of Tarongyang. West of river 22nd Division repulsed 4 attacks by Japs trapped in Malakavng area. On east flank 2nd Battalion, 112th Regiment making progress in attack on Warong. On Assam front Kohima situation unchanged. 6th Brigade moved back to Dimapur after relief by 268 Brigade. 60 and 88 columns of 23rd Brigade established stronghold 6 miles northeast Jessami, near Kohima-Tamnanthi trail. On 4th Corps front fighting continues around Kanglatongbi, North of Imphal, with little change in situation. Other sectors quiet with only patrol activity. 1st Brigade of 23 Division now 6 miles northeast Palel. Arakan Front also quiet with reports of only few skirmishes.

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INFO: CC/S, CGAAF, G-2, SGS, Col Park, Log
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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma and India
Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India.

To: War Department.

No. CRA 3615 18 May 1944.

Y Force operational summary for 16th May Sultan to
Marshall CRA 3615.

Regiment of 198th Division reached Shweli River at
Laokai, 34 miles north northeast of Tengchung on 15th May.
Combat team of 39th Division captured Hungmoahu 21 miles
east of Tengchung. Supply of food and ammunition becom-
ing difficult in Fingka, Namien and Hungmoahu areas.

New Subject. Elements of Galahad and Chinese re-
giments occupied the southern airdrome at Nyitkyina on 17th
May. Details will follow in regular summary.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG AAF

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Col. Park

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

To : War Department

Re : ORAX 3608 18th May 1944

Sultan to Marshall ORAX 3608 TOPSEC.

Now comes answers to questions A and B raised in WAX 36700 dated 15th May. See also our CRA 3594 dated 17th May. Regarding affect on 14th Air Force (your question A), Troop Carrier Squadron in China will require hump tonnage to provide approximately 450 tons of gasoline per month, 60 tons per month for squadron maintenance, and certain air dropping equipment the amount of which will depend upon percentage of parachute drop required and the availability of packing materials in Yunnan. Air supply to Yunnan Force will consist primarily of food and ammunition, of which food will be free dropped. Plan also calls for movement of portion of supply from rear to forward airfields, which involves no supply dropping. Thus, effect on tactical operations of 14th Air Force cannot be exactly assessed; much will depend upon allocation of hump tonnage. However, it appears that 700-800 tons per month of hump tonnage will be consumed which might otherwise go to Y Force, 14th Air Force, or for stockpiling.

Paragraph regarding your question B, General Stratemeyer has recommended against an attempt to supply

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

No : CRAX 3608 18th May 1944

Yunnan Force direct from India. He considers it more practical from operational point of view to base this squadron at Yunnan; this takes into account weather, communications, and coordination of many operational details.

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ACTION: OPD

INFO : JC/S
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Gen. Bissell
Adm. King
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From: SACSEA
To : Chiefs of Staff
Info: J.S.M. Washington
SEACOS 163

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

Fortnightly report for period April 27 to May 9, 1944.

Section I - Comments on the Operational Situation.

1. In the Arakan as a result of our successful actions on May 5th and 6th the move of our troops to Monsoon dispositions has been almost unopposed. In 4 Corps area stiff fighting continues. The enemy's objective remains Imphal but their forward movement has been checked and they have shown little offensive action of late. We are attacking Japanese 33rd Division near Bishenpur also Japanese 31st Division around Kohima with troops of 33rd Corps.

Section II - Eastern Fleet

2. Nothing to report.

Section III - Army group operations.

3. Arakan - Kaladab.

- (A) Enemy 54th Division still not committed but enemy offensive possible.
- (B) Own troops east of Mayu range have as planned withdrawn from Buthidaung to Monsoon dispositions. Forward Brigades 15th Corps on general (corrupt) Odusara Taung Bazaar.

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4. Chindin.

- (A) Enemy. Enemy has not implemented intention to reinforce 15th Division probably owing to our offensive in Kohima area. 15th Division now inactive. 33rd Division (corrupt) generally inactive except in Palel area where enemy still show enterprise. Enemy probably consider capture of Imphal before Monsoon essential. May make final effort with fresh troops up to 2 regiments operating against Palel and bulk of 31st Division operating south from Kohima with balance blocking Kohima Imphal road. Consider on evidence rate of replacement of casualties in Arakan Japanese will not be able to replace casualties in Manipu.
- (B) Own Troops.
- (1) General heavy fighting confined to Palel and Kohima areas.
- (11) Palel. Enemy making determined effort to reach Imphal and heavy attacks have forced 20th Division to withdraw slightly. Area reinforced by 2 brigades from (NE) Imphal.
- (111) Remainder Imphal area 17th Division making progress south from Bishenpur. Slight advance by 7th and 23rd Divisions north of Imphal.
- (IV) Kohima. General attack to clear town by 2 division with under command 33 and 161 brigades² making progress, but heavy fighting in SW outskirts. 4 columns 23 brigade operating immediately north of Kohima remainder operating against communications east of Kohima.

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5. North Burma.

(A) Enemy. 18 Division still resisting strongly has probably received some replacements by now and may be reinforced by regiment from Bhamo.

(B) Own Troops. Chinese forces still advancing slowly in Mogaung Valley left flank 9 miles north of Mamaing. American rangers moving SE in action 34 miles NNW of Mhitkyina.

6. Salween.

Enemy. Some reports of presence of ^puppet or Thai troops but regular garrison does not exceed 4 battalions.

7. North Central Burma.

(A) Enemy. Concentrations against 3 (WDT?) Division reduced by 2 battalions moved to Pabel sector and moved 1 to Mogaung Valley.

(B) Own Troops. 16 Brigade evacuated 111 Brigade moved from Pinbon area blocking railway 30 miles SW of Mogaung. 177 Brigade moving NE 36 miles SW of Mogaung. 14 Brigade in Mawlu area. Three columns 111 Brigade continue demolitions on road Bhamo-Myitkyina.

Section IV - Air Command.

8. General. First Thunderbolts now being delivered will take up role of long range counter air offensive and fill long standing gap in this command. Will enable RAF to penetrate more deeply to attack enemy on his airfields and further the intruder policy which has been proved so successful in this theatre. First Hurricane Squadron begins re-equipping June 1. Further consignments of Mosquitos to implement conversion of Vengeance Squadrons awaited.

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9. On May 9th air command effect for first time exceeded 1000 sorties. Included attacks by 48 strategic air force aircraft against village north of Meirang by 77 Vengeances and 100 Hurribombers on 4 Corps area.

✓ 10. Operations during period maintained a high rate of (effect) in spite of pre-monsoon bad weather. RAF flew 5176 sorties 10th USAAF in Eastern Air Command 3135, and 14th USAAF in China 720. Reported greater proportion of air command sorties were flown in support of the army in northern Burma and on Manipur front.

11. Strategic Air Force. Wellingtons, Mitchells and Liberators all carried out light tactical bombing on 4 Corps front along Imphal-Tiddin Road and Kalewa area 204 sorties. RAF night bombers attacked Prome 38 sorties, Maymo 25 sorties, Mandalay 14 sorties. At Prome dumps were fired and blaze visible for nearly 100 miles. Wellingtons by night also carried out 12 intruder sorties along lines of communications, results unspectacular but valuable since excellent Japanese blackout discipline ensures that M/T convoys close lights and are held up when aircraft overhead.

12. USAAF Liberators attacked Yenangyaung oil installation, Mandalay railway yards and Halewa dumps. Mitchells attacked a total of 11 bridges of which 9 are claimed out of action. Now established that railway from Manywa to Yeu and Mandalay to Shwebo out of commission as result of bridge bombing. 3 successful mining missions accomplished in Gulf of Siam, Gulf of Martaban and Mergui. Total 75 mines laid. Strategic Air Force flew 519 sorties dropping 872 short tons of bombs.

13. Over running of warning system SE of Imphal makes interception in forward areas difficult and renders intruder tactics best method of destroying Japanese. The one squadron of Lightnings operating in this theatre claim 10-2-9 on and over Central Burma airfields. Spitfires with LR tanks also took up intrusion and claim 1-0-0 in an action in which Tojos were encountered. Spitfire interception of Manipur battle front yielded claims of 3-0-1 total which would have been higher

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with earlier warning, better weather and less cautious enemy tactics.

14. Hurribombers flew 508 sorties against enemy positions in Kohima-Thaungdut-Morirng triangle. Detachment of 40 Hurricanes moved from Arakan to Manipur in first encounters with tanks scored successes. Remainder of squadron in Arakan now able to attack (? group missing) communications south of Akyab due arrival of modified aircraft with extra internal tankage. Total score of ground attack aircraft was 8 rolling 106 MT and 503 river craft destroyed and damaged. 16 locomotives (some possibly derelict) and 5 AFVS were damaged.

15. Air Commando Mustangs scored direct hits on Shweli by Plus River bridge. Original bridge destroyed last fortnight still down. American fighter-bombers with total of 534 sorties continued support of Sino-American Force operation in Hukawng Valley.

16. Other activities. Troops carrier command come under control of Commander 3rd Tactical Air Force as from April 29th. Continues to meet enormous commitments supplying 4 and 33 Corps and forces operating in Keladan Valley moving troops and stores in and behind battle zone and withdrawing elements of 3 Ind. Division. Total sorties 3209 transported 694 short tons of supplies and 18,109 men 9346 casualties also evacuated. Figures for May 5th are outstanding.

17. PRFC flew 112 sorties and covered certain airfields in PIC for first time. 17 PI GR Wellingtons under this command operational control attacked German submarine for over 24 hours off Socotra. Submarine beached and fired by crew.

18. 160 of 231 enemy sorties sighted or plotted were over Manipur area but largely ineffective. Bulk of remainder were fighters airborne in defense of own airfields against intruders. Large numbers of Dakotas over battle areas led to unavoidable interceptions by enemy sneak raiders and 5 Dakotas were lost.

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19. Total Allied claims in air and on ground India-Burma theatre January 1st to April 26th 282-60-112. April 27th to May 9th 17-2-12. Allied losses this fortnight 16.

Section V - Administration.

20. Assam LOFC.

- (A) Dispatches military stores by all agencies for period 21st to 30th April 61773 tons including POL giving daily average 6177 tons per day against target 4745 tons.
- (B) Deliveries 21st to 30th April by Chandranayhpur-Manipur Road pipeline 1156500 gallons.
- (C) Dispatches military stores by all agencies for period 1st to 8th May 42929 tons including POL giving daily average 5398 (? 5388) tons per day against target 5354.

21. Arakan LOFC. Total April imports through Chittagong 67504 tons against target 75000 tons.

22. Supply dropping. During period 1st to 3rd April 97600 18 feet parachutes or equivalent in parachutes or parachutes of large sizes expended by US and British forces.

23. Assumption of Command. With effect from 1st May, 1944, HQ 11 Army Group assumed full control of 14th Army and Ceylon Army Command with certain exceptions.

24. Hospitals. A general rearrangement and reorientation of hospitals has been made in 14th Army so that a central group of hospitals in the Comilla-Agartala-Sylhet area has been created to which casualties and sick may be conveyed by road, rail or air. The hospital holding capacity in Imphal has been reduced to 3200 beds. This necessitates a daily evacuation by air of 100-160 cases.

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25. Medical evacuation. This has proceeded satisfactorily. During the period January to April 14360 cases have been evacuated by air. An armoured ambulance has been used in the Kohima area with most satisfactory results.

26. Battle casualties. Battle casualties from the medical aspect have been varied. Mortar bomb wounds have predominated. The standard of surgery has been high and the standard of medical treatment good.

27. Malaria. This is much in evidence amongst the sick returning from long range penetrations. There were 5 deaths from cerebral malaria amongst the British sick in Sylhet.

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Ft. Shafter, T.H.
CG, US Army Forces in New Caledonia
CG, US Forces in the European Theater of
Operations London, England.
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China.
CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma & India
Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India.
Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command
Leda, India.

Re: CPEX 17444 17 May 1944.

To MILID, CINCSWPA, CG, CENTPAC, MACAL, USFOR, RELOT
COPIR, ANMKUN, AMMDEL CPEX 17444, book msg nr 71 from
G-2 ANNISCA.

Situation Yellow River fighting as follows:

Junction Japanese forces along Pinghan
railroad at Chu Ma Tien (114 degrees 06 minutes-33 degrees
00 minutes) on 9th May confirmed. Entire Pinghan Railroad
now in Japanese hands.

Situation at Loyang critical. Japanese have city
surrounded and attack concentrated on east, north and west
gates. A force of 300 with tanks passed to south of Loyang
and occupied Iyang (112 degrees 09 minutes-34 degrees 37

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Forward Echelon, Chungking, China.

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minutes) on 12th May.

Another force occupied Sung Hsien (112 degrees 02 minutes-34 degrees 07 minutes) on 11th May.

2 crossings of Yellow River west of Loyang. Force of 3,000 crossing on 9th May at Pei Lang (111 degrees 33 minutes-34 degrees 58 minutes) driving southeast occupied Ying Hao (111 degrees 35 minutes-34 degrees 47 minutes) on 11th May. From here force has divided 1 part driving east along railroad, the other driving south. These movements may indicate a drive on Loning (111 degrees 40 minutes-34 degrees 20 minutes) from north and east.

Force of 2,500 crossing on 9th May at Yuanchu (111 degrees 50 minutes-34 degrees 47 minutes) split into 2 forces and occupied Sheng Chi (111 degrees 40 minutes-34 degrees 48 minutes) and Teh Men, along Tungkwan-Loyang railroad on 11th May.

No additional information available regarding forces Hankow Sinyang area. Reliable source reports General Chen Cheng has left for Honan area to assume overall command Chinese Troops that area. This not confirmed.

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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.

Re: CRA 3586 17 May 1944

Operational summary for 16 May from Sultan to
Marshall for Asiatic section OPD info Macarthur,
COMCHNSOPAC, Ferris, Chermault, Gatzner, Lindsey, Dorn,
Cranston, Egan and Timberman. CRA 3586.

Post

Paraphrase of a message dated 17th May from
Amndel.

"Elements of 64th Battalion cut main road south of
Malakwang in Mogaung Valley as other 22nd Division troops
advanced in this area. East of river 38th Division con-
tinues advance and blocked trail west of Tarongyang lead-
ing from main Jap Mogaung Valley positions to Manpin area.

First Battalion GALAHAD and 150th Regiment reached
Nankvi HKA, 9 miles northwest Myitvyna, and 3rd Battalion
GALAHAD and 88th Regiment moving to Siengneing, 17 miles
northwest Myitvyna with 2nd Battalion GALAHAD in Arang.
On Assam front Kohima situation remains unchanged.
268th Brigade moving to join 2nd Division in Kohima.
Columns of 23rd Brigade continues southward drive, and

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Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India.

Nr: CRA 3586

17 May 1944

platoon 34th column blocked Kohima-Jessami Trail 5 miles west southwest Jessami. Headquarters 23rd Brigade Nagutot, 20 miles south Mokokchung. On 4th Corps front confused fighting around Kanglatongbi, north of Imphal, with 5th Division making some progress. Near Bishampur British occupied small village. Elements of 48th Brigade moving from Palel area reached Tiddim-Imphal Road, 15 miles south Bishampur. 80th Brigade of 20th Division moved from Palel area to Kawang, 9 miles northeast Imphal. On Arakan front only minor fighting."

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TO : Usual Addressees

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memo, 1-17-73
By RAVP Date APR 4 1973

1. Arakan. Approximately thirty enemy unsuccessfully attacked our positions PM 412363 15 May. Ten enemy killed, our casualties two. TAC R reports 200 enemy, 100 mules area Ngakyedauk PM 4452. Hq 29 bde PM 3445.
2. Kaladan. Small enemy attack on our positions west of Labava PF 63 15 May repulsed.
3. Chin Hills. Two INA escapees report total two Coys Japs, four Coys INA and 500 Jap chin levies divided between Haka Ruco-Falam RUI3-KLAU RUO 137. 14 May 200 enemy composition unknown moving west in square RT 90.
4. Four Corps.

- (A) Area Bishenpur. Elements 215 regt identified Potsangbam RK 1836. 15 May one Coy enemy entered RK 1764 from east. 15 May our troops occupied village west of RD Imphal-Tiddim area Potsangbam. Approximately one enemy PL still holding out eastern outskirts Potsangbam. Enemy casualties this area now estimated 303 A/tk guns captured. TAC R 16 May reports forward elements 48 brigade reached area PT 3404 RK 1313.
- (B) Area Palel-Tamu. Enemy positions for approximately two companies at Phalbung RK 5818 found clear 15 May. In small actions 80 brigade forward positions area RK 587122 13 May now known at least 36 enemy killed. 3/5 RGR Shanam RK 5313. 5 RAJ RIF RK 5515.

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- (C). Area Imphal. May 15 small parties enemy observed Chepu RK 6485. Hq100 Brigade 2 Border RK 4878 Hq 80 Brigade RK 4970.
- (D). Area Kanglatongbi. In attack May 15 reported SITREP 124. Three small enemy counter-attacks were repulsed and casualties inflicted. Further heavy rain night 15/16. May 16 strong opposition met in Area Kanglatongbi Village. Enemy still hold PT3813RX3383. 1/11 Sikh RK 3984.

5. 33 Corps

- (A). Recent identifications indicate 2 and 3 Battalion 138 Regiment and small elements 124 Regiment North and East of Kohima 58 Regiment and 1 Battalion 138 Regiment Area Kohima and 124 Regiment Aradura RE 5064 and South. Estimated STR 31 Div now 9000 maximum. Reports suggest Area Phakekedsumi RE 9167 Jessami RE 9863 lightly held. Enemy activity believed mine laying observed RE 5065. Large herd cattle seen moving South towards RE 5445.
- (B). Area Kohima. No major activity May 16.
- (C). Hq 268 and 2 Bombay Gns moving to SW outskirts Kohima coming under Command 2 Div on arrival.
- (D). 23 Brigade. 88 ~~coln~~ coln BA063570 with Det moving to 3A0554. 34 ~~coln~~ coln RE 842735 with RD block established RE 8659. 55 ~~coln~~ coln North Chozumi RE 7375 with Det moving to establish RD block West Phisami RE 85. 33 ~~coln~~ coln RE 587886. 76 ~~coln~~ coln RE 641792.

6. North Burma. May 15 4 Company 2 Battalion 114 Regiment identified at NY 0504. This company identified at NY 2015 May 10. 2/112 Regiment increasing pressure Wangng SO 48. 2/64 Regiment surrounded enemy positions SO 2386. H ~~coln~~ coln captured Sienynieng SD04/5

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

To: War Department

No. CRA 3591, 17 May 1944

For Marshall from Sultan CRA 3591.

Y Force Operational Summary for 15th May.

Troops of 36th Division were driven to east by
Japs in Tatangtru and Tapingtru areas on night 13th May.

Morning 14 May Chinese attacked and forced Japs
into area of the two villages. Elements of 36th
Division now widely dispersed south and north of Tatangtru.
Combat Team of 76th Division captured Pingka on 15th May
and Japs being driven to northwest.

Combat Team of 88th Division fighting 3 miles
east Pingka.

Elements of 39th Division Combat Team separated
and out of contact with each other.

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INFO : CG AAF

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May 17, 1944

To: Chiefs of Staff
Rptd: J.S.M. Washington,
Air Command S.E.A.C.,
Main 14th Army Group,
AMMDEL
14th Army Eastern Air Command,
3rd T.A.F.

From: SACSEA

Dated: 17 May 1944

SEACOS 162.

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By Authority of JCS
memo 8-12-71
By RHP Date APR 4 1973

Following for C.O.S., rptd. J.S.M., Peirse, Giffard, Stilwell, Sultan, Stratemeyer, Slim and Baldwin.

1. I am so grateful to Combined Chiefs of Staff's 2590, 16th May, which has greatly relieved my anxiety.

2. I read C.C.S. telegram to mean that (?15th) June is last date for leaving theatre and not date for arrival in Mediterranean.

3. Now that departure of Mediterranean aircraft is delayed, I accept temporary transfer to 14th U.S.A.A.F. of one (?) Squadron C 47's from Troop-carrier Command for supply Yunnan Force as suggested by General Stilwell. I have (corrupt group) for moves to take place immediately. We are ~~is-examining~~ examining whole position to see how we can best meet deficit arising from this move and any possible additional deficit that may arise before all the new arrivals are completely operational.

T.O.O. 172249Z

2590 is CM-IN-12800 (17 May 44) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: Gen Arnold, OPD, Gen Bissell, Adm King, Col Park, CofS.

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

To: War Department

No. CRA 3594 17 May 1944

To Marshall CRA 3594 TOP SECRET from Sultan.

Coming now is information just received from Theater Liaison Officer at SEAC Headquarters. In view of fact that transport aircraft now on loan from Mediterranean will be available here as late as June 15th Mountbatten agrees to temporary transfer of one Troop Carrier Squadron suggested by Stilwell for supply of Y Force. He is sending message to such effect to British Chief of Staff to be repeated to JSM Washington and has given orders for the transfer.

New subject: This information answers the first of your 3 questions in your WAX 36700.

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FOOTNOTE: See CM-IN-12800 (17 May 44) CO/S

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INFO : JC/S
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Gen Bissell
Adm King
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May 16, 1944

To : SACSEA.

From: Combined Chiefs of Staff

Info: AFHQ Joint Staff Mission

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By RHP, NLR, Date

MAY 15 1974

Following is from The Combined Chiefs of Staff.

The pilots of the 100 aircraft of the First Combat Cargo Group departing United States May 22 have been selected from personnel having a minimum of 500 hours flying time. As a result the length of time required to make these crews operational in India should certainly be not over one week. (Reference your SEACOS 156 May 10th and SEACOS 157 May 11th).

2. The 79 crews now in your theatre on loan from the Mediterranean are troop carrier trained crews belonging to troop carrier units and any attempt to replace these troop carrier crews by combat cargo crews would result in having troop carrier units in the Mediterranean who are unable to perform their primary mission.

3. We fully appreciate the serious situation confronting Chennault in China and the effect that diversion of A.T.C. aircraft from Hump lift would have.

4. It has been agreed that the return of the 79 aircraft now in India on loan from the Mediterranean shall be further delayed for such additional period not extending beyond June 15 as would allow the aircraft and crews of the First Combat Cargo Group to arrive in India and become operational.

5. Due to requirements of Mediterranean Theatre we feel that you should dispatch portions or all of 79 aircraft to Mediterranean without waiting till June 15 as Combat Cargo aircraft become available and are operational.

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SHACCS 196 is ON-IN-2396 (12 May 44) OS/B

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TO : War Office

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New Zealand, Military Attache China, GHQ Middle

East GHQ, East Africa, Hq Brisbane (pass COIC GHQ)

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memo, 1-17-73
By RGP Date APR 4 1973

1. Arakan. PW captured PM 5357 states he belongs reinforce-
ment UNIT located Chengmai QD 8275. Hq 81 (WA) Div PM
515612. Hq 5 (WA) Bde PM 537606. 5 GCR area PM 5262 PM
5361. 7 GCR PM 5359. 8 GCR PM 5460. Hq 6 (WA) 1 Sal R
PM 5158. 4 NR PM 5259. 8J (WA) Recce Regt PMB 5162.

2. Kaladan. Enemy str one coy plus sp by mtrs and MMG
unsuccessfully attacked 7/16 Punjab 1 Gambia posns west of
Labawa PG 63 May 14. Enemy cas minimum 20 killed and 3 MMGS
destroyed. Own cas 6 wounded.

3. 4 Corps.

- (A). Area Bishenpur. Night 14/15 May 20 enemy active
area MS 11 4 rd Imphal Bishenpur. Small enemy
attack area Potsangbam RK 1836 repulsed night
14/15 May. May 15 no enemy seen PK 0742 but
slight mov observed area RK C937.
- (B). Area Palel Tamu. Jifs captured May 13 report
large numbers Ina RK 5205. 14 FFR Patrol contact-
ed 40 Jifs RK 4901 killing 15 wounding 5. Hq
Bde RK 5412. 3/10 GR area RK 5514 3/3 GR RK
5812.
- (C). Area Imphal. May 15 5 Inf Div started offensive
ops area Kanglatongbi RK 2983. Fy rain night
14/51 May made going difficult. Two enemy rd

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blocks at Kanglatongbi cleared and 123 Bdes less 1 Bn moving west of rd Kohima Imphal have cut rd at MS 117 RK 7186 1 Bde is attacking enemy posns area PT 3813 RK 3383. Hq 100 Bde RK 551. 4/10 GR area RK 5382. 9 FFR 4571.

4. 33 Corps.

- (A). Escaped PW stated Hq tps about to move from RE 5374 eastwards possibly to Phakeked Zumi RE 9167.
- (B). Northern outskirts Kohima. May 12 PW captured RE 5069 belongs A tk coy 124 Regt. May 14 active patrolling by 5 Bde resulted in at least 32 enemy cas. Night 14/15 May 5 Bds with assistance 33 Bde made successful adv with tk sp clearing 1 enemy rd block and few tps now in area rd junc RE 506678.
- (C). SW outskirts Kohima. Ref SITREP 123. Now known in mopping up ops May 13 at least 310 enemy killed and 2 Bn and elements 1 Bn 58 Regt also 2 Bn 138 Regt identified. Captured material includes 1 75 mm gun 3 70 mm guns and 4 MMGS. Captured 58 Regt 00 dated January 6 orders Regt to put up "desperate def and crush counter attacks". Night 13/14 May no enemy counter attacks. May 14 our tps made further adv encountering little enemy opposn. 1 RS RE 496649. 1 Bur Regt 2 coys 1 Assam Regt under comd 4 Bde with role of liquidating enemy area ring contour RE 484647.

5. North Burma. 2/122 Regt attacking enemy at Warong SC 48. 1/114 Regt area Taringyaung SC 4080. American Rangers operating in 3 cols H and K and M.

Composition.

- (H). 150 Regt 1 Bn American Rangers.
- (K). 88 Regt 1 Bn American Rangers.
- (M). 1 Bn American Rangers.

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- (H). Coln SC 9694.
- (K). Coln attacking Tingkrakawng NY 0404
- (M). Coln BX 8611. Levies attacking enemy sup routes North and South of Neopsup NY 10

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

To: War Department

No: CRA 3511 16 May 1944

Y Force Operational Summary for 14th May to Marshall
from Sultan CRA 3511.

Forward elements of 198th Division advancing on
Mamien Pass, west of Meng-Kuon Salween River. 116th Div-
ision 5 miles north Mee Lu, and 130th Division near Mengta
in process of crossing river.

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INFORMATION: CG AAF

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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 New Caledonia.

Nr: CRAX 3509 16 May 1944.

Daily Operational Summary for 15th May from Sultan
to Marshall, info MacArthur, COMUSOPAC, Ferris, Cushman, Boatner, Lindsey, Dorn, Cranston, Egan and Timberlan CRAX 3509.

Following deep thrust made by 114th Regiment in Taro-
ngyang Area, other elements of 38th Division are advancing
east of Mogaung River and clearing out groups of enemy. West
of river 22nd Division making slow progress.

1st Battalion Galahad and 150th Regiment still in Sang-
neing, 17 miles northwest Myitkyina. 3rd Battalion Galahad
and 18th Regiment moving towards Hpahka, 16 miles southwest
Nopkxup.

On Assam front heavy fighting continues in Kohima
Area and British have improved positions. On 4th Corps
front British repulsed Jap attack in Potsangbam. Patroll-
ing only in Palei Area. North of Imphal British 5th Division
launched attack near Kanglatongai.

Several enemy road blocks cleared in Kanglatongai,
and 123rd Brigade holds road 2 1/2 miles north Kanglatongai.

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

Nr: CRAX 3509

16 May 1944.

100th Brigade of 20th Division moved from Palel Area to Yaingangkpi, 14 miles northeast Imphal while 37th Brigade of 23rd Division moved from Northeast Imphal to 7 miles southeast Palel. Arakan front quiet with only patrol actions reported and skirmishes west of Labawa in Kala Valley. 81st Division now concentrated 1 mile east Taung Baxar

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

To: War Department

No. CRAX 3514, 16 May 1944

Coming your way is a paraphrase of message from
Headquarters USAF CBI.

Weekly G2 report to 14th May. Bissell CRAX 3514
info Ferris, Dorn, Chennault, Cranston, Egan, Lindsay
and Timbermag from Cresswell signed Sultan.

Indecisive fighting continues west Mayu range in
the Arakan. Enemy have been active against British pos-
itions 1 mile south Htindaw, but all their attacks have
been repulsed. Further north the enemy hold their pos-
itions on west bank Kalapansin in the Sinohbyin area, be-
lieve this force composed of battalion 112th Regiment re-
inforced by 200 men from 14th Anti-tank Battalion operat-
ing as Infantry. East Kalapansin remainder 112th Regi-
ment continues patrols north to Taragu and some elements
have been disposed to meet threat of British which have
moved into this area from Kaladan Valley. In Kaladan
Valley enemy patrols reported in Kaletwa. To date no ad-
ditional troops of 54th Division identified in forward
areas. Some strengthening evidenced on prisoners who
arrived Arakan 30 April. This prisoner from party of re-
placements intended for 154th Regiment 54th Division.
Date of arrival and fact replacements for 54th Division
have gone to 55th Division points to difficulty in making
up losses. Elements of 146th Regiment believed Second
Battalion have been identified vicinity Mawpin in Mogaung
Valley. Enemy strength southeast Ritpong is variably es-
timated from 2 to 4 companies, 300 Japanese having been
reported moving up from southwest. Near Tiangrup on

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

No. CRAX 3514, 16 May 1944

Sumprabum Road enemy have been more aggressive, making several attacks on Waka, all repulsed; Second Battalion 114th Regiment identified this fighting. Enemy strength this area somewhat confused. Third Battalion 146th Regiment identified for first time this Sector, the Battalion previously identified Mohnyin in north central Burma. Also enemy force located Kaxu, 20 miles southeast Myitkyina, thought to be bulk 113th Regiment was reported to have moved in Myitkyina-Mogaung area leaving 300 Japanese just north Kaxu. There are no indications this regiment having been committed or whether intended for north Burma north central Burma. It is apparent enemy reinforcing in this Sector and will make determined effort to hold his positions to north Myitkyina and Mogaung and protect I. of C between them. In Chindwin River and Chin Hills enemy activity continued in Palel area but with much less success than previously. Concentrations in Langgol and Kumbi, 5 miles east Palel-Tamu road, were dispersed, 60 enemy killed. On Tamu Road southwest of Tengnoupal enemy attacks cost them heavy casualties without achieving anything. These attacks supported by tanks 2 of which were destroyed. On one occasion contact made with Gandhi Brigade of INA, they did not fight well and 14 surrendered. In Bishenpur Area enemy have gained no ground and a deserter surrendered and 6 prisoners captured. It is probable a detachment 60th Regiment operating northwest of Imphal has been withdrawn to vicinity Kanglatongbi, 12 miles north Imphal. Japanese have 3 road blocks just north Kanglatongbi and identifications of 2 companies 15th Engineer Regiment 16 miles northwest of Imphal suggest they are being used as Infantry. Kohima area the main Japanese strength appears to be in area 3 miles south Kohima where they have constructed strong positions. Next largest concentration of 3000 reported 3 miles east Kohima. Remainder 31st Division probably in immediate vicinity of Kohima and reports point

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

No. CRAX 3514, 16 May 1944

to reduction in enemy strength on Bokajan and Wokha trails. The enemy offensive on Imphal has failed to develop and Japanese attacks have been on a relatively small scale and local in nature. Thirty third and 15th Divisions showed little initiative and have suffered heavy casualties. Entire Japanese situation has continued to deteriorate. Their supply situation also bad and expected to get worse during Monsoon. Six thousand one hundred estimated killed in 15th and 33rd Divisions up to 10 May and 3031 killed in 31st Division and judging from replacement difficulties in Seakan there should be same difficulty for replacements in these divisions. It appears therefore Japanese must either withdraw from Imphal and Kohima or put everything into an attempt to capture Imphal. Unlikely they will withdraw committed as they are by propaganda to capture Imphal and necessity of scoring success somewhere. To capture Imphal it would be necessary to block the Kohima-Imphal road and move bulk of 31st Division to Imphal area. This would create additional supply difficulties, but recent thinning out north of Kohima and construction of strong defenses astride road south Kohima may indicate some such plan. Even this is unlikely to give them reasonable chance of success. If they can produce any reinforcement the most likely area of employment is the Palel Sector.

ACTION: G-2
INFO : CG/3, CG AAF, OPD, Col. Park, Leg
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ALUSNA SENDS TO CNC

CHINESE CLAIM GE OCCUPATION SUIPING AND CHUMATION ON
PEIPING HANKOW RAILWAY ON 15TH.

SOURCED RATED C 3.

JAP FORCES EXTENDING OCCUPATION TO SOUTHWEST OF
LOYANG AND HAVE CUT RAILWAY 60 MILES WEST THAT CITY.

SOME AREAS IN ESSAP.

REMAINING OFFICIALS IN SIAM.

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To: WAR OFFICE

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By RAMP Date APR 4 1973

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May 15, 1944

SITREP NO. 123

ONE

ARAKAN

Monsoon reorg continues without enemy interference.
81 (WA) Div COMC areas TARAGU FM5560. HQ 36 Div closed BANLI
BAZAAR 13 May. 29 Bde now under comd 26 Div. 4/14 Punjab left
ARAKAN 13 May. 10 Glosters left ARAKAN 14 May. 87 Rif FM3852
5/16 Punjab FM2974. 1/8 GR area FM3166.

TWO

KALADAN

1 Tripura Rif inflicted approx 35 cas on one enemy coy
area PG5423 13 May.

THREE

4 CORPS

(A) AREA BISHENPUR. Documents identify HQ 2 Bn 213
Regt with 5 and 7 coys this Regt at POTSANGBAM RE1836 where
night 13/14 May two enemy counter attacks repulsed. 14 May 63
Bde attack with Tk up made further progress this area but enemy
posn SE outskirts POTSANGBAM not yet captured. Ref 1/4 GR counter
attack on feature RE1040 night 12/13 May reported Sitrep 122.
Enemy cas approx 40 own 14 killed 26 wounded.

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(B) AREA PALML TAWU. Captured JIP states HQ 1 Gandhi Bde RE5495 and 40 to 50 JIPs there. Two JIPs surrendered state with 9 others decided to surrender after reading leaflets. Unwounded Japanese belonging to 4 Coy 60 Regt captured RE4161*. 13 May NO major fighting area 80 Bde fwd posns RE 587122. Our cas this area 13 May 10 killed about 50 wounded mostly due enemy arty. HQ 48 Bde 1/7 Or 2/5 RGR area GAIKHWANG RE 3615.

(C) AREA IMPHAL. Ref Sitrep 122. PW captured RE1968 deserted at KANGLATONGBI RE2983 approx 5 May. Night 13/14 May our patrols active north and NNE of IMPHAL and report enemy standing patrol and another post RE2981 and encountered enemy RE 3083 recent reports suggest one strong enemy Bn area RE3799 RE 6489 RE 6796.

POUR

33 CORPS

(A) AREA KOHIMA. Local reports suggest enemy reorganized on line CHEDAMA RE 5569 KOHIMA ARADURA RE 5084 KIWEMA RE 5359 with posts DIXONL* RE 6175 RE5473 and MEREMA RE 4873. Enemy build up ARADURAS-KIWEMA continues. Japanese at RE 5 rd KOHIMA MEREMA RE 5281 reinforced night 11/12 May. Locals report Japanese area RE 5554 have collected sufficient food for 3 months Night 11/12 May enemy northward MT mov observed through KIWEMA. Locals killed 2 starving Japanese foraging area RE4990. 5 Bde patrolling successfully northern outskirts KOHIMA and enemy cas this area 13 believed by. 4 and 6 and 33 Bde with tk ap engaged on extensive mopping up ops in SW outskirts KOHIMA 13 May. Several enemy posns now cleared by enemy still held posn area RE 494649.

(B) 23 Bde. Raiding tps to PHAKKHEDZUNI RE 9167 now returned report Japanese dead seen on rd apparently died of starvation. 12 JIPs surrendered RE 6485. Dets 60 Cqn area SA0271. 88 Cols SA 0072. Dets 55 Cqn at RE 5673* and RE 7557.

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FIVE NORTH ASSAM

Ref para five Sitrep 86. 89 Chinese Regt (30 Div) less
3 Bn with 1 hy tk bn area SEPON KQ 24 SUMAN NZ 95. 3 Bn 89 Inf
Regt 1 coy 2 tk Bn JORHAT NZ 59. 2 tk Bn less 2 coys DIBRUGARH KQ
38. 1 coy 2 tk Bn SIBSAGAR KQ 02.

T.O.O. 151830

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

To: War Department
CG, U.S. Army Forces in Far East,
Brisbane, Australia

Re: GRAI 3439 May 15, 1944

Operational summary for 14th May from Sultan to Marshall
GRAI 3439 info MacArthur, COMUSMACV, Ferris, Chennault,
Boatner, Lindsey, Dorn, Cranston, Egan and Timberman.

Slow progress being made by 22nd Division west of river
in Mogaung valley. East of river 38 Division advanced to
positions 4 miles East Malakawng elements 114 regiment capture
Tarongyung, and established contact with 112 regiment in
Mampla area. Continuing with second battalion 112 regiment
within 250 yards of village. Third battalion Calahad and 88
regiment in contact with Japs at Tinghrakawng, 9 miles west
Hsopau. Second battalion Calahad at Arang, 8 miles south-
west Ritpong. First battalion Calahad and 150 regiment occu-
pied Seingneing, 17 miles northwest Myitkyina. On Assam front
fighting continues around Kohima, with British troops making
some gains. Headquarters 23 brigade now Aochagalimi, 14 miles
south Mokokchung. On Fourth Corps front 32 brigade engaged
on Silchar track west of Bishedpur. Six three brigade con-
tinued attack in Patsangbam with local gains. Scattered
fighting in Palel area, and 48 brigade now Waikhong, 6 miles
west southwest Palel. Patrolling only north of Imphal.
Arakan front quiet with no important action. British continue
to withdraw to monsoon positions. Eight one division concen-
trated 3 miles east Taung Bazar, and 36 division moving from
Araka area.

ACTION: OPD

No sig.

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May 15, 1944

From: SACSEA

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By Authority of FCS

To: Chiefs of Staff

Repeated, Joint Staff Mission

memo, 8-12-71

Re: SEACOS 161

By RAP Date APR 4 1973

For Chiefs of Staff repeated Joint Staff Mission from Mountbatten.

1. Following is paraphrase of General Stilwell's signal to me.

I have asked permission of US Joint Chiefs of Staff to transfer to China from India on temporary basis 1 troop carrier squadron. This request was made under provisions of paragraph 3, CCS 308/8. Squadron would be attached 14th Air Force and would be intended for supply of Yunnan Force. To insure advance by important elements of Yunnan force this step is considered absolutely essential. Measure is an emergency one without which it is possible that impetus of the advance on the Salween Front will be lost very quickly.

2. I agree with Stilwell that it is essential that the Chinese should be supplied by air. They knew that Stilwell's advance and the successful defence of the Arakahraji Imphal have been conditioned by air supply and as their conditions are much the same as Stilwell's I do not think they will go far without it. 1 Squadron will not meet their full requirements which were placed at 50 tons a day.

3. Transport aircraft now at my disposal under troop carrier command are not sufficient for requirements and are already operating at a rate greatly exceeding that which they can maintain continuously. This request if approved by the US Chiefs of Staff therefore increases the deficit in transport aircraft given in SEACOS 157 and by 13 C-47's or 10 C-46's.

4. It was always part of the agreement regarding the in-

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regation of the air forces that the US Chiefs of Staff should be at liberty to transfer aircraft from this theatre to China, although I assume they will consult me before making any transfer. In this case I agree that the division is necessary, but I request that the US Chiefs of Staff should be asked to consider this problem in combination with COS(W) 55* and that they may take note that our deficiency will now be increased to the equivalent of 78 C-46 aircraft.

T.O.O. 152120Z

*Incorporated in COS 494/14

ACTION: QCS

INFO: General Arnold, OPD, General Bissell, Admiral King
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From: CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma & India
Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

To: War Department

Nr: 23497

15 May 1944

Msg Ser Nbr 23497.

Situation Honan midnight 14th: Chinese counter-attack re took Siping on Pinghan railroad and continues drive Japs back towards Chumtien, other Chinese Forces attacking Chumtien from west heavy rains Loyang no change there, Japs advanced from Linju to Iyang to Mao-tien. Troops west of Loyang hold Heinyang on Lunghai east of Kuanyintang. No reinforcements noted either northern southern forces. From Chinese 2 rated B 2:

Comment: Chinese complacency belies tone communique believed indication little opposition Japanese, suggests Chinese counterattack absence reinforcements from Hankow area leads us believe Japs commence retire former garrison areas near future.

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INFORMATION: CG AAF

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

To: War Department

Nr: CRA 3391 15 May, 1944

Sultan to Marshall CRA 3391.

Across Salween River Chinese Y Force Troops continue to move. One regiment 198th Division reached Pingko, 7 miles northwest Mengku and balance division occupied Haipo, 5 miles west northwest Mengku.

✓ Leading regiment 116th Division crossed Salween south Mengta morning 12 May and remainder division that night. Advance elements 116th Division occupy positions 7 miles northwest Tatangtsau.

36th Division unsuccessful in attack on Tatangtsu on 12th May.

Combat teams 76th and 88th Divisions engaged with enemy 2 miles southeast Pingka, 24 miles southeast Mangshih.

39th Division combat team made some progress after crossing but were counterattacked by Japs and driven back towards river at Manou.

② Now across river are 198th, 36th and 116th Divisions and combat teams of 1 regiment and 1 battalion each from 39th, 88th and 76th Divisions.

ACTION: OPD

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May 14, 1944

From: Main 11 Army Group

To : War Office and usual addressees

Re : 423/CPA

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By RAP

Date APR 4 1973

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1. May 11 enemy captured small rd post @ MYAD area FM 4136.
16 BALCON completed move to Monsoon dispensary area FM 3544 night
12/13 May without enemy interference.

KALADAN

2. Small enemy attacks on 7/16 FURJAN rd poons area PG 6632
repulsed. Twenty one enemy killed many more believed wounded.
Own cas 4.

4 Corps. A.

3. Area Bishampur. Night 11/13 May air force reported 60 to
70 enemy HF rd Imphal Tiddin majority between areas RF 0385
and area RF 9660. In our attack Poteangben HK 1836 May 12
estimated 70 enemy killed. Our cas this area to May 13 140.
Enemy still hold SE outskirts Poteangben and poon Astride Tiddin
rd this area. Night 12/13 May after by fighting enemy captured
feature HK 1040. 1/4 Gr counter attack partially successful
1/3 Gr 1/10 gr 1 W Yorks Poteangben. 9 Border HK 1838.

B. Area Palai-Tam. May 12 one identity disc 3 coy 213 Regt
found HK 5912. Comment. First identification liba 203 Regt
this front may be isolated individual. Patrol 4 PFR May 12
inflicted cas on 50 Jife and 4 Japanese at enemy food dump HK
4802. In patrol encounters May 13 area enemy blocks HK 6116 22
enemy killed. Our cas 2 killed 4 wounded. 3/10 Gr under comd 80
Bde HK 5514. 1/16 FURJAN HK 5725.

C. Area Imphal. Patrols report May 12 much enemy mov HK 3285.
Also approx one PL HK 4591 approx one coy HK 5087 and two coys
with possible strong def poons area HK 5585. HK 5888 HK 6086
HK 6485 HK 7284 reported clear. PW captured May 12 HK 1968 belongs

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3 km 60 Regt states deserted from patrol 10 coy 60 Regt states deserted from patrol 10 coy 60 Regt some days ago. Also states majority of Regt area Kunglatanghi RE 2983. Command. No other evidences more than 3 km 60 Regt present. Villagers state enemy carrying rations using RD Hume SP 0453 Chosod RE 9063 Sangmak RE 7807 from Kabaw valley. Large feed dump reported between Hume and Heiti RE 9030.

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33 Corps.

A. Area Kohim. Recent evidence suggests enemy build up at Aradura RE 4463 from Phoson RE 5180 Elgrom RE 3039. Heavy T3 M1 gun captured RE 493634. 12 May unrounded Japanese deserters taken RE 3039. Locals report large enemy now lost 3 days Chosvora RE 4076 to area Dihomark RE 6075 via Rahrom RE 5074. TAO R reports enemy minor def posn RE 6060. Tps 5 bde met strong oppoon 11 May area RE 306070. Heavy lines cleared night 11/12 May and our tps with 12 up 12 May made further adv area SW outskirts of Kohim. 1 Bur regt under comd 2 div area RE 470077.

B. HQ 268 bde 17 Rajput RE 1308. 2/4 Bombay Gre ("Highguards") RE 18.

C.	23 Bde.	34 Coln	RE 8074	25 Coln	RE 7979
		44 Coln	RE 5077	26 Coln	RE 5180
		33 Coln	RE 5305	76 Coln	RE 5088

North Burma.

5. Thirty enemy killed in unsuccessful attack on our posn Humpin SO 4070. HQ 3 km 146 Regt and 3 BND coy and 9 coy this km identified this area. Elements American Rangers occupied Arang SO 9099.

T.O.O. 14172070

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

To: War Department

No. CRAX 3347 14 May 1944

Bissell CRAX 3347 info Ferris, Dorn, Chennault,
Cranston, Egan, Lindsay and Timberman from Creswell signed
Sultan

Japanese attacks near WAXA 6 miles North Nsapsup
in North Burma repulsed, normal identification second
battalion 114th regiment obtained; element 3rd battalion 146th
regiment identified vicinity Manpin 10 miles Northeast
Kamaing, doubtful entire battalion present. Little action
on Arakan, enemy artillery fire continues on main front;
in Kaladan valley small enemy units occupied Labawa 9
miles West Dalaetme and patrols were in Kaletwa farther
North. G2 report 13th May. Japanese continue determined
efforts to gain control Palel-Tamu road prior to monsoon.
Enemy positions strongly held South of Bishanpur, anti-
tank mines being used. North of Imphal enemy have 3 road blocks
vicinity Kanglatongbi. Japanese strengthening defense positions
along Aradura ridge 3 miles South Kohima, extensive use of
mines limiting British tank actions. No report from Salween

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INFORMATION: CG AAF

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

To : War Department

No : CRAX 3358 14th May 1944

Sultan to Marshall CRAX 3358.

① Troops of Y Force crossed Salween River 11th May starting offensive this front. Combat team of 1 Regiment and 1 Battalion of 76th Division crossed at Chihatcho and same sized combat team of 88th Division crossed at Tahai Ferry. These combat teams met no opposition and were advancing when last reported. Most of combat team of 1 Regiment and 1 Battalion of 39th Division crossed at Man Lu against slight opposition. 36th Division completed crossing at Mengta, and 1 Regiment of 198th Division crossed at Man Lu, with balance of Division expected to follow. Combat team of 1 Regiment and 1 Battalion of 33rd Division advancing on Lunlong but report not received from this group.

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From: CG, US Army Forces, China Burma & India Near 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

No. CRAX 3301, 13 May 1944

Sultan to Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD, information MacArthur, COMGENSOPAC, Ferris, Channault, Boatner, Lindsey, Dorn, Cranston, Egan and Timberman CRAX 3301.

Operation east of Mogaungk River 38th Division continues to advance. West of river 22nd Division repulsed enemy counterattack and 66th Regiment in contact with enemy on flanking move to cut road south of Malakavng. On east flank 112nd Regiment fighting in Manpin area and south of Aucho. In Fort Hertz Valley British troops penetrated outer defenses of Tiangzup and fighting reported along road north Naopzup. First Battalion Galahad and 150th Regiment occupied Arang 8 miles southwest Ritpong. Third Battalion Galahad and 88th Regiment east of Maram Sheta 3 miles southeast Ritkong. Second Battalion Galahad at Pala 6 miles west Ritpong on Assam front British troops continue fight in Kohima area with little change in situation. 23rd Brigade columns continue southward move on Kohima-Jessami trail. Headquarters and one Battalion of 268th Brigade arrived Dimapur. On 4th Corps front 63rd Brigade successful in attack on Potsangbam 2 miles south Bishanpur. Some fighting near Tengnoupal and patrolling east of Palel and north and northeast of Imphal. Arakan front quiet with slight action 6 miles southeast Maungdav. Movement of British troops to monsoon positions continues without enemy interference.

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Operations Division, WDGS
OPD 319.1 CTO (12 May 44)
Asiatic Theater, WD OPD
72578-LOBJR-3C-828

May 12, 1944

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

Number: WAR 36244

To Sultan from Marshall.

Operational summaries example CRAX 3055 dated May 9, 1944
would be clarified if dates of operations or period covered
by summary were included in message. Present summaries
create doubt as to time operations occurred.

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To : War Department
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Brisbane, Australia
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CG, US Army Forces in New Caledonia
CG, US Forces in the European Theater of
Operations, London, England
CG, Fourteenth Air Force, Kunming, China
CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India
Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

No. CFBX 17285, 12 May 1944

To MILID, CINCSWPA, CG CENTPAC, NECAL, USFOR,
COGUX, AMMKUN and AMMDEL CFBX 17285 book msg nr 70 from
G-2 AMMISCA.

It is reported but not officially confirmed that
the situation Honan area follows:

Japanese forces driving north and south along
Pinshan railroad met on evening 9th May at Chumatian (114
degrees 03 minutes-32 degrees 58 minutes). Chinese American
Wing info obtained Chinese sources indicates large amounts
of railroad materials being shipped from Hankow to Sinyang
and that labor is being conscripted. This additional evidence
of probable Japanese intention to rebuild Pinghan railroad.

On 9th May approximately 1 brigade of 69 Division
crossed Yellow River near Peilang (111 degrees 03 minutes-34
degrees 48 minutes). Immediate objective appears to be Sheng
Chia (111 degrees 05 minutes-34 degrees 45 minutes) along
Tungkwan-Loyang railroad but expected they will proceed direct-
ion Loyang. Fighting still continues south of Loyang but fall
thought imminent. Chinese troops in mountains east of this

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Forward Echelon, Chungking, China
No. CFBX 17285, 13 May 1944

area evacuated to west of Loyang to prevent encirclement. Sino G-2 states that captured documents indicate the following units are present or being moved into Honan area from North China. Identified in area: 110, 59, 69 and 65 Divisions, 4 KB, 15 IMB, 12 Tank Regt, 5 Heavy FA Regt, 11 Heavy FA Regt, Engr Regt of 63 Division and 3 Mechanized Division (This unit newly organized from 1st Cavalry Brigade formerly located PAO TOW in Suiyuan Province consists of 1 Tank Regiment and 1 Mechanized Cavalry Brigade). Not identified in area but indicated as on the way: 5 IMB, 6 IMB and 63 Division. This information based on 2 captured 110 Division orders dated 2 May and 22 April and captured diary. Documents have not been seen by us. Fou Yang (115 degrees 50 minutes-32 degrees 58 minutes) has been reported captured by elements of 65 Division and later recaptured by Chinese. Correct status uncertain but evidence of activity in this area.

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From: Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command,
New Delhi, India.

To: War Department.

Nr: CRAX-3157 11 May 1944.

CGAAP information APABI MILID and Stillwell CRAX-3157, signed Mountbatten PAOI.

Please make following corrections:

Page 3- Line 19:

3 F-51 Shwebo-Anisakan, 1 loco damaged, 23 trucks strafed several left smoking.

Page 4- Line 6:

One Hurrico Thaungdut-Tamu areas, motor trucks 4 rafts damaged. 2 Beau Nyaungyan-Tangon areas, 2 locos damaged, 70 rolling stock strafed destroying 2 damaging 20 plus, 1 truck damaged. Four Hurrics 1 Beau patrols White City area, 3 trucks Kabav Valley damaged.

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ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION:

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To: War Department
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CG, U.S. Army Forces, China, Burma, and India,
Forward Echelon, Chungking, China
CG, U.S. Army Forces, Chabua, India

Nr: CRAX 3223, 12th May 1944

G 2 report 11th May. Bissell CRAX 3223 info Ferris,
Dorn, Chennault, Cranston, Egan, Lindsay, and Timberman
from Creswell signed Sultan.

Palel area:

2 platoons of 1st Battalion 60th Japanese Regiment
annihilated 5 miles northeast Palel; prisoner captured
from same Battalion states his company reduced to 30 and
Battalion to 300.

Imphal:

Elements of the First Independent Anti Tank Battalion
identified south of Bishenpur; Japanese suffered 35 casual-
ties in skirmishes 16 miles northeast Imphal; enemy have re-
established road block at Kanglatongbi but appear to be los-
ing their aggressiveness.

Kohima:

Several severe clashes in immediate vicinity Kohima;
main enemy strength appears concentrating defensively east
and south of Kohima.

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Rear Echelon, New Delhi, India

Nr: CRAX 3223, 12th May 1944

Salween:

Chinese report estimated regiment of Japanese 57th Division moving into Mangahih area on 8th May from Siam; this may coincide with earlier report of troops thought to be Thai Troops moving west on Kengtung Takaw road during April, identity of these troops unknown but will check further.

Arakan:

Nothing new; on Kaladan River British inflicted over 100 casualties on enemy included over 40 killed in skirmishes vicinity Paletwa.

No changes of importance in Mogaung Valley.

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

To: War Department

Nr: None, 11th May 1944

To Marshal, Stilwell, Stratemeyer, Evans, Ferris, from
Sultan.

Following this sentence is a paraphrase of our radio
message SEACOS 157 sent May 11th at 1235Z hours by Mountbatten
to British Chiefs of Staff, info to British Military Staff,
Washington.

Paraphrase begins: this refers to your radio COSSEA
101 dated May 9th.

" In order to make up a backlog of deliveries to forward
troops resulting from bad weather in Burma, I am now being
compelled to call on the 20 C 46 aircraft referred to in Paragraph
1 (C) of Combined Chiefs of Staff Signal 2313 (2413) dated 6th
May. If you withdraw the 79 transport aircraft borrowed from
the Mediterranean before replacement from outside Southeast
Asia Command, I shall be compelled to request a further 48 C46
aircraft of the equivalent from Air Transport Command. I will
probably need to retain them until the first combat cargo group
aircraft can be accepted as operational under monsoon conditions
in Southeast Asia Theater. Thus we shall have diverted a total
of 68 C46 aircraft from operations of the Air Transport Command.

I press the solution advanced in Paragraph 4 of SEACOS
156 and earnestly request your vigorous support of this proposal.
In order that executive action can be taken, the firm decision
of the Combined Chiefs of Staff is required in this Theater by
May 18th."

Paraphrase end.

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

To : War Department

Nr : None, 11th May, 1944

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

To: War Department

Nbr: CRAX3173, 11 May 1944

To Marshall for Asiatic Section OPD info MacArthur,
COMGENSOPAC, Ferris, Chennault, Boatner, Lindsey, Dorn,
Cranston, Egan and Timberman from Sultan CRAX3173.

Along Mogaung front east of river 1st Battalion
114th Regiment occupied Hlagyi, and 2nd Battalion this
regiment reached edge of Wala. West of river 22nd Divi-
sion driving on Malakawng against stiff resistance. 66th
Regiment making flanking move to west to assist this oper-
ation. On east flank 2nd Battalion 112th Regiment within 1
mile Warong in contact with enemy. First Battalion 112th
Regiment now in Auche. 3rd Battalion Galahad and 88th Reg-
iment cleared enemy from Ritpong area and advanced to Laxu
2 miles south Ritpong. First Battalion Galahad and 150th
Regiment now in Ritpong on Assam front fighting continues
in Kohima. Along railway British have relieved Gasper Force
guarding railroad from Maxira to Safrai and are preparing
to relieve balance of Gasper Force. On 4th Corps front some
activity 8 miles west of Bishenpur. British making progress
in Potsnegbam 2 miles south Bishenpur. Brigade now 2 miles
southeast Bishenpur and attacking south. Some fighting in
Tengnoupal area and British withdrew slightly. Forward pos-
itions 20th Division now 8 miles southeast Palei. North
and northeast Imphal minor activity and 89 Brigade arrived
10 miles north northwest Imphal. On Arakan front situation
quiet. 71st Brigade Headquarters now Goppe Bazar. 81st
Division moving Taung Bazar. Division Headquarters 9 miles
southeast Taung Bazar and 6th Brigade 6 miles east same town.

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May 11, 1944

TO : Chiefs of Staff
Rptd: Joint Staff Mission
FROM: SACSEA
NR : SEACOS 157

Following for Chiefs of Staff from Mountbatten, repeated Joint Staff Mission.

Your COSSEA 101 ^{attached} dated 9th May. I am now being compelled to call on the 20 C.46's referred to in para 1 (c) of C.C.S. signal 2413 dated 6th May, in order to make up a backlog in deliveries to forward troops resulting from the effects of bad weather in Burma. If you withdraw the 79 aircraft borrowed from the Middle East before replacement from outside SEAC, I shall be compelled to ask for a further 48 C.46's of, or equivalent, from ATC and will probably need to retain them until aircraft of the 1st Combat (? Cargo Groups) can be accepted as operational under monsoon conditions in this theatre. Thus we shall have diverted a total of 68 C.46's from ATC operations. I (? press the) solution put forward in para 4 of SEACOS 156 and earnestly request your vigorous support of this proposal. The firm decision of the Combined Chiefs of Staff on this matter is required in this theatre by 18 May in order that executive action can be taken.

COSSEA 101 is CM-IN-8997 (12 May 44) CC/S.
SEACOS 156 is CM-IN-8996 (12 May 44) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Gen. Arnold
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