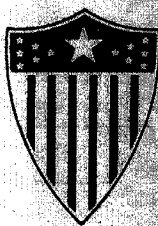


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 By KK NARA Date 7-25-08

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S E C R E T
 Auth: CG25D
G-3
 C. B. S.

H25D
 Fwd Bch
 0900, 9 Aug 43

NOTE: This order is published to confirm verbal orders issued during the period Aug 3 - 8 (incl) 1943.

MAPS: Cicsopac Photomap, 1/20,000.

1.
 - a. See current summaries.
 - b. (1) The XIV Corps with the 25th Div (-) in assault, will continue the attack north from BIBILO HILL in order to destroy all enemy resistance on the NEW GEORGIA mainland.
 - (2) The 43d Div (-) will establish a beach head defense of the MUNDA area south of the 40.0 grid line.
 - (3) The 37th Div (-) will protect the supply route of, and be prepared to assist the 25th Div (-).
2. The 25th Div (-) supported by 136th FA Bn, 140th FA Bn, one (1) plt tanks of 11th Mar Def Bn, and Det South Pacific Scouts will advance to the north from the vicinity of BIBILO HILL, secure the MUNDA-BAIROKO ROAD, locate and destroy enemy resistance, and make junction with the LIVERSEDGE force. Boundaries and formation: See Opns Overlay.
3.
 - a. The 27th Inf will attack north up the ZIETA-BAIROKO TRAILS and destroy all resistance between PIRU PLANTATION and SUNDAY INLET. Not to exceed one (1) Bn will advance up the BAIROKO TRAIL to MT. BAO. From that location it will turn west along the trail and join the remainder of the Regt at MT. TIROKAMBIA.
 - b. The 161st Inf will advance north up the BAIROKO TRAIL in rear of one (1) Bn, 27th Inf. When it arrives at MT. BAO it will continue the advance and will in conjunction with the LIVERSEDGE force destroy all enemy resistance between SUNDAY INLET and ENOGAI INLET.
 - c. (1) The Div Arty will support the defense of the Div from present locations and will be prepared to echelon forward in order to extend this support to the north and west shore.
 - (a) 89th FA Bn in direct support of 27th Inf.
 - (b) 140th FA Bn in direct support of 161st Inf.
 - (c) 136th FA Bn in general support.
 - d. The 65th Engr Bn will furnish Engr support to front line Regts and assist the Arty in its displacements. Every effort will be made to construct and maintain roads in rear of the columns advancing on the ZIETA and BAIROKO TRAILS.
 - x. (1) Units will habitually establish an all around defense during the hours of darkness.
 - (2) There will be no movements of troops or supplies during the hours of darkness.
4. Administrative details - To be issued later.
5.
 - a. Signal Communication: See current SOI.
 - b. CP's:
 - (1) 25th Div - (88.4-36.3).
 - (2) Others - To be reported.

1 Incl: Overlay

(SIGNED) J. Lawton Collins,
 (TYPED) J. LAWTON COLLINS,
 Major General, U. S. Army
 Commanding.

FIELD ORDER

NUMBER IHQ 27th INF
Fwd Echelon
1200, 9 Aug 43S E C R E T
Auth:CO 27th InfS-3
A. M. S.

NOTE: This order is published to confirm verbal orders issued by the Commanding Officer, 27th Infantry, during the period Aug 3 - 8 (incl) 1943.

MAPS: Cicsopac Photomap, 1:20000

1. a. The enemy is believed to be evacuating the BIBILO HILL - MUNDA area to the NW toward BAIROKO and the PIRU PLANTATION - SUNDAY INLET Areas.
- b. The XIV Corps, 25th Division in assault, will continue the attack to the N and destroy all enemy resistance on the New Georgia mainland.
2. The 27th Inf supported by the 89th FA Bn will attack N up the ZIETA and BAIROKO Trails and destroy all enemy resistance between PIRU PLANTATION and SUNDAY INLET. The 148th Inf will protect the supply route of and be prepared to assist the 27th Inf.
3. a. The 1st Bn with the AT Co atchd will advance N along the BAIROKO TRAIL to MT. BAO. The Bn will seize the RJ at MT. BAO and proceed W. The AT Co will hold the RJ until relvd by the 161st Inf. The Bn will rejoin the regt at MT. TIROKIAMBIA.
- b. The 3rd Bn 27th Inf will advance generally NW along the ZIETA TRAIL. The Bn will destroy any enemy resistance along the trail.
- c. The 2nd Bn 27th Inf will initially move into regtl reserve in the vicinity of former 148th Inf CP W of RJW. The Bn will follow and maintain contact with the rear of the 3rd Bn 27th Inf.
- d. The 89th FA Bn will be prepared to furnish artillery support to the ZIETA column.
- e. The 140th FA Bn will be prepared to furnish artillery support to the BAIROKO column until the 1st Bn 27th Inf moves W from MT. BAO.
- f. Co. "B" 65 Engr will furnish Engr support to the leading Bns. Every effort will be made to push jeep roads to the forward supply dumps of the leading Bns.
- g. Co "C" 25th Med Bn will maintain collecting station in vicinity of RJW.
 - (1) Units will habitually establish all-around-defense during the hours of darkness.
 - (2) There will be no movement of troops or supplies during the hours of darkness.
4. a. Ration and Ammunition DP will be established approx 300 yds S of RJW. Water DP will be located at LAMBETI PLANTATION until more advanced DP is established.

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4. b. Evacuation of wounded will be from Bn Aid Stations to the collecting station in vicinity of RJW.
5. a. Signal Communication: See current SOI.
- b. CP 27th Inf will be located at RJW. Upon my orders, CP will follow the route of the ZIETA column.

By order of Lt-Col. BUSH:

ALAN M. STROCK,
Major, 27th Infantry,
S-3.

DISTRIBUTION:

COMGEN 25th Div	2
CO 148th Inf	1
CO 89th FA Bn	1
CO 140th FA Bn	1
CO 1st Bn 27th Inf	1
CO 2nd Bn 27th Inf	1
CO 3rd Bn 27th Inf	1
S-3 File	1
S-2 File	1

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OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER

1)

HEADQUARTERS

TWENTY-SEVENTH INFANTRY

Forward Echelon

1200, 19 August 1943

NOTE: This operations memorandum confirms the oral orders of the Commanding Officer, Twenty-Seventh Infantry, issued 17 August 1943.

1. The 2d Bn 27th Inf will move from its present location early on 18 August to make a vigorous reconnaissance with a view to occupying PIRU PLANTATION at the earliest practicable date and denying the use of DIAMOND NARROWS to the enemy. Direction of March: N to a point 900 yds N of the present location of Co "F" 27th Inf, thence NW on Mag Az 330°, thence following solid ground to the N end of PIRU PLANTATION.

2. The 3d Bn 27th Inf will leave its present location on August 19th. It will follow the route of the 2d Bn 27th Inf, maintain contact with and forward supplies to the 2d Bn.

3. The 3d Bn 148th Inf (atchd) will leave its present location on August 20th following the route of the 3d Bn 27th Inf. It will maintain contact with the 3d Bn 27th Inf and forward supplies for the two leading battalions to the 3d Bn 27th Inf.

4. Base of supply until further orders in the vicinity of ZIETA VILLAGE. Thereafter, upon my orders, vicinity of MT. TIROKIAMBA.

5. C. R. 27th Inf: Present location until further orders.

By order Of Colonel SUGG:

ALAN M. STROCK
 Major, 27th Infantry
 S - 3

DISTRIBUTION: CG 25th Inf Div 2
 CO 2d Bn 27th Inf 1
 CO 3d Bn 27th Inf 1
 CO 3d Bn 148th Inf 1
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OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM)

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HEADQUARTERS
 TWENTY-SEVENTH INFANTRY
 Forward Echelon
 21 August 1943

NOTE: This operations memorandum confirms the oral orders of the Commanding Officer, Twenty Seventh Infantry, issued 21 August 1943.

MAPS: Cicsopac Photomap, 1/20000.

1. The 2d Bn 27th Inf will move approximately 1800 yds S of its present position to the junction of the Cutter Point Trail and the trail leading N from Zieta. From this point the Bn will proceed along the Cutter Point Trail E of the PIRU PLANTATION. This move will be made early 22 August, and the Bn will bivouac for the night on the solid ground. At dawn 23 August the Bn will assault PIRU PLANTATION.
2. The 3d Bn will move from its present position 23 August. The Bn will proceed N to the Cutter Point Trail. From this point the Bn will generally follow the rout of the 2d Bn 27th Inf and bivouac the night of August 23 in the area previously occupied by the 2d Bn 27th Inf. The Bn will enter PIRU PLANTATION the morning of 24 August and be prepared to support the attack of the 3d Bn 27th Inf.
3. The 3d Bn 148th Inf will remain in its present location.
4. A patrol consisting of the Regtl Recn Co, Regtl Wire Sect, and a cutting party from the 3rd Bn will precede the 2d Bn and cut and mark the Cutter Point Trail.
5. Forward C. P. 27th Inf: C. P. 3d Bn 27th Inf.
 Rear C. P. 27th Inf: Present location until further orders.

By order of Colonel SUGG:

ALAN M. STROCK
 Major, 27th Infantry
 S - 3

DISTRIBUTION: CG 25th Inf Div 2
 CO 2d Bn 27th Inf 1
 CO 3d Bn 27th Inf 1
 CO 3d Bn 148th Inf 1
 CO 148th Inf 1
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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX

COMBAT REPORT 27TH INFANTRY

CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE JAPANESE, NEW GEORGIA, B.S.I.

PERIOD: 31 July to 10 September 1943.

ENEMY UNITS ENCOUNTERED:

a. 229th and 230th Infantry (38th Division). Both of these Regiments were stationed at New Georgia at the time of the original American landing.

b. 13th and 23rd Infantry Regiments (6th Division). Neither of these units were stationed at New Georgia at the time of original American landing, and only small detachments were sent to reinforce the other enemy troops stationed on that Island after the fighting had started. Captured documents indicated that units of the 13th Infantry came from Kolombangara and units of the 23rd Infantry from Santa Isabel, 3 August 1943.

ENEMY KILLED:

a. RJ-W - Area	26
b. Zieta and Zieta Trail Area	105
c. Bairoko Area	<u>12</u>
TOTAL	203

ENEMY CAPTURED:

None

EQUIPMENT CAPTURED:

a. RJ-W Area:

1 Light machine gun.	1 Grenade discharger.
6 Rifles.	Large quantities; food, communication, and personal equipment.
1 Small arms dump.	

b. Zieta and Zieta Trail Area:

7 Light machine guns.	5 Chests of documents.
3 Heavy machine guns.	3 Small arms ammunition dumps
35 Rifles.	Large quantities; food, personal equipment as knapsacks, shoes, etc.
3 Grenade dischargers.	
1 81 mm mortar.	

c. Bairoko Area:

1 50 cal. machine gun.	2 Water pumps.
2 Knees mortars.	1 Case 40 watt bulbs.
1 20 power naval scope.	42 Truck tires.
60 Rifles.	36 Inner tubes.
4 Motor cycles.	2 Ammunition dumps.
11 Trucks.	Hundreds of gas masks.
1 Automobile.	Large quantities; supplies, tools, and personal equipment.
100 Bags of rice.	

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STAFF JOURNAL 27TH INFANTRY

CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE JAPANESE

ARUNDEL, BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS

AND OCCUPATION OF KOLOMBANGARA ISLAND

TO

MESSAGE

12 September 1943

C.G. 43rd Div.	Attack jumped off as scheduled. No enemy resistance yet encountered.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	0730
C.G. 43rd Div.	Forward elements had advanced 800 yards at 0830 and met no resistance. Advance is continuing.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	0850
G-3, 43rd Div.	Reached point 200 yards east 61 Grid Line at 1030. Passed extensive Jap bivouac of estimated 200 Japs. We continue to advance. No enemy contacted as yet. We hear extensive rifle and machine gun fire estimated 800 yards east.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	1030
C.O. 172nd Inf	Have advanced 400 yards east of 61 Grid as of 1110 and am continuing advance. Will join with you today.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	1124
C.O. 3rd Bn	Place a trail block of 1 rifle company across Jap trail running north - south near the 61 Grid. They will face north along the shore and cover the north end of the trail with IMG's. Their mission will be to block the trail and secure the rear of the 2nd Battalion.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	1130
C.G. 43rd Div.	Our advance units have met slight enemy resistance strength undetermined in vicinity of 62 Grid. Assault companies are continuing to advance. Urgently request information of location of 172nd forward units.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	1300
C.G. 43rd Div.	Our assault companies crossed 62 Grid at 1350 and are continuing to advance. We are receiving some enemy rifle fire probably from rear guard units. We have suffered some casualties. Have passed through another Jap bivouac area larger than the first. Abandoned ammunition and other supplies indicate enemy withdrew hastily.	
	C. O. 27th Infantry	1400
C.O. 172nd Inf.	Our assault companies crossed 62 Grid at 1350 and are continuing to advance in front of enemy rifle fire. Request accurate report of dispositions of your assault units and enemy situation on your front.	
	C. O. 27th Infantry	1407

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C.G. 43rd Div. At one four five zero we had advanced about four hundred yards east of grid 62. Had four men wounded.

C.O. 27th Infantry 1500

G-3, 43rd Div. 2nd Battalion holds line from east end of lagoon to east end of Stepping Stone Island. No contact now. Critical points blocked. Continues attack 0730 tomorrow. Three of outer islands to be reconnoitered tomorrow. Urgent 172nd patrol down river to contact right flank daylight. Advise this plan.

C.O. 27th Infantry 1714

13 September 1943

G-3, 43rd Div. Leading companies reported continuing advance. No report present position. No contact with enemy.

C.O. 27th Infantry 0915

G-3, 43rd Div. Present plan Third Battalion occupy Stepstone Island and assembly area south prior to move to Sagekarasa tomorrow. Reconnoitered Island 4 today. One, Two, and Three daylight tomorrow.

C.O. 27th Infantry 0930

G-3, 43rd Div. 2nd Battalion 27th Infantry advanced two hundred yards. Hit resistance three IMG's on left. Continuing advance. Islands five, six, and seven reported negative.

C.O. 27th Infantry 1010

G-3, 43rd Div. 2nd Battalion advanced another hundred yards. Now holding to consolidate and try contact 172nd Infantry. Four casualties. Artillery getting range on Pete.

C.O. 27th Infantry 1115

C.O. 172nd Inf. You are directed to move out immediately on an azimuth of 30 degrees. This will bring you in rear of our forward units. Be careful not to fire on our troops.

C.O. 27th Infantry 1500

C.O. 27th Inf. We are north of river, azimuth of 30 degrees will not take us in rear of our forces will have to move on azimuth of 190 degrees then cross river and move up to old able co.

1540

C.G. 43rd Div. Hartford patrols - Grant Island - Negative. Patrol from B Company to C Company negative. Patrol from C Company to rear elements 27th negative. OP 15 on Islands four, seven and ten. 27th Infantry patrol from stepping stone island to north of Sagekarasa went through old Jap bivouac area and established outpost on north coast. No Jap contact. No more enemy artillery fire since first incident. Enemy dispositions unknown.

C.O. 27th Infantry 1800

14 September 1943

G-2, 43rd Div. 2nd Battalion 27th Infantry firing during night. Still firing. Heard Japs cutting and digging in front of them. Trail on

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Sagekarasa runs east - west, 1st Battalion Companies I and K have block running to north coast from Stepping Stone Island. Believed they killed several Japs about midnight. No word from them this morning as yet. Shots from PT at Azimuth 90 degrees at 2000. Will send more when obtained. No reports from OP's.

	C.O. 27th Infantry	0730
G-3, 43rd Div.	2nd Battalion 27th Infantry now holding and feeling out front pending contact Naylor. Drew some fire last night. Patrols from Sagekarasa block report organized resistance west less on east. Plan rest of 2nd Battalion 27th Infantry. Cross to Sagekarasa less Love Company, clean west and first.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	0750
G-3, 43rd Div.	Situation still developing. No report. Apparent stiff resistance Sagekarasa. Plan use mortars there. No contact yet.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	1010
C.O. 27th Inf.	Executive Officer at 2nd Battalion CP at 1000. Patrol from 2nd Battalion to contact 172nd 400 yards from them. No Physical contact. Requests Band to assist 2nd Battalion.	
	Executive Officer, 27th Infantry	1005
G-3, 43rd Div.	27th patrol contacts 172nd. Reports it is right flank sixty four four dash sixty eight seven. Telephone from 2nd Battalion to 172nd Infantry.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	1130
G-3, 43rd Div.	Plan now 172nd extend left around to southwest. Join on to right flank. 2nd Battalion 27th Infantry. 27th also going get ration ammo him.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	1145
G-3, 43rd Div.	K Company maneuvering 1 platoon around right of Jap position to west on Sagekarasa. Others no change.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	1240
G-3, 43rd Div.	Islands one through nine now clear. Hit resistance again (172) to his front so plan now to bring whole force around to join 27th Bt. Artillery to be placed in his present position then.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	1315
G-2, 43rd Div.	Enemy approximately six four point zero dash six nine point zero. Well organized apparently all around defense. Plan as sent to G-3, 43rd Division. Sagekarasa enemy west force reported flanked on north by K Company. As yet no identifications. Such been removed by enemy. Doing best to obtain important small chain islands. Nearly all occupied by friendly.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	1320
C.O. 27th Inf.	One block now in trail at six, six point seven dash six, six point eight. No force available to reduce. G-3, 43rd Division to CP 27th, pass to Wing. 3rd Battalion 27th advancing unopposed on finger.	
	G-3, 43rd Division	1325

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G.O. 27th Inf.	Has 27th 2nd Battalion received any machine gun fire to its front today. Big air strike at Vila at one six three zero.
	C.G. 43rd Division 1345
G-2, 43rd Div.	Sagekarasa patrol going around Jap right flank westward advanced 200 yards then turned north and ran into occupied Jap bivouac area. Killed three Japs. Drew Machine gun fire and withdrew. Now placing mortar fire on bivouac. Company advancing very slowly to west. Resistance on Bomboe peninsula strong.
	C.O. 27th Infantry 1455
G-2, 43rd Div.	Intermittent HMG, LMg and rifle fire received by 2nd Battalion 27th Infantry during the day. C.O. Bn. 172nd Infantry moving to join 27th 2nd Battalion at one four three zero. Has received only one small burst of fire so far on route.
	C.O. 27th Infantry 1512
G-3, 43rd Division	Two companies block clear across Sagekarasa from Stepstone Island. No contact with enemy there. Second Battalion same as before. No actual contact but A.M. in radio. No mention of his being surrounded (172nd). Plan contact him tomorrow.
	C.O. 27th Infantry 1715
	<u>15 September 1943</u>
G.O. 3rd Bn 27th Infantry	The Japs are strongly counter attacking 3rd Battalion on Sagekarasa. They were reinforced last night.
	C.O. 27th Infantry 0900
G-2, 43rd Div.	K Company on Sagekarasa receiving heavy machine gun fire this morning.
	C.O. 27th Infantry 0935
G-3, 43rd Div.	Apparent reinforcement west half Sagekarasa. Strength undetermined. Four to six barges, one large. Status of counter-attack west Sagekarasa unknown.
	C.O. 27th Infantry 1010
G-3, 43rd Div.	L Company 27th Infantry and two platoons 169th Infantry on way to aid block Sagekarasa.
	C.O. 27th Infantry 1015
G-3, 43rd Div.	Artillery now firing east of 27th 2nd Battalion preparatory to attack. Japs counter attacking K Company. Are getting around south flank to cut off Stepping Stone.
	C.O. 27th Infantry 0932
G-3, 43rd Div.	Situation west Sagekarasa under control. Block holds reinforced by L Company and two platoons 169th Infantry. Some Japs killed. No report.
	C.O. 27th Infantry 1053

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C.O. 27th Inf.	1st Battalion 27th Infantry will move from Stima with artillery support if necessary. No artillery west of sixty-five. Estimate arrival with Sugg late this afternoon.
G-3, 43rd Division	1006
G-3, 43rd Div.	C.O. 27th Infantry wants 1st Battalion 27th brought in at Bomboe. What communication will he have with 1st Battalion.
C.O. 27th Infantry	1150
S-2, 27th Infantry	One man right flank K Company observed last night a large barge come in and anchored off shore. Two small collapsible landing boats loaded with troops landed on Sagekarasa.
C.O. 3rd Bn., 27th Infantry	1235
G-3, 43rd Div.	Terrain OK. Rush four or more tanks.
C.O. 27th Infantry	1220
G-3, 43rd Div.	2nd Battalion 27th Infantry is reported to have made attack and got nowhere. 3rd Battalion 27th block secure now. Pete fired on island three one round one zero one two. 1st Battalion move clear to us. Artillery on west Sagekarasa.
C.O. 27th Infantry	1310
G-3, 43rd Div.	Important send one company 1st Battalion 27th with I Company one seven two to west end of that peninsula to block Jap supplies. 1st Battalion 27th less company advance as planned.
C.O. 27th Infantry	1435
G-3, 43rd Div.	2nd Battalion 27th reports Jap attack penetrated right center of line. Quick counter attack has driven Japs out and now line is solid. 3rd Battalion 27th block secure. Claim killed 25 Japs on west side.
C.O. 27th Infantry	1450
G-2, 43rd Div.	Japs have been aggressive all day both at Sagekarasa and at 2nd Battalion 27th. Our lines holding. Believe Jap casualties pretty heavy.
C.O. 27th Infantry	1500
G-3, 43rd Div.	Tanks here. 1st Battalion 27th being transshipped at Arty Beach to Division Beach now.
C.O. 27th Infantry	1810
G-3, 43rd Div.	Units in same position as last night except reinforcement of block Sagekarasa. Two Sections Chemical Mortars in north shore Bomboe vicinity Step Stone. Artillery set to work on barges tonight. Ready and waiting tanks and 1st Battalion 27th Infantry.
C.O. 27th Infantry	1700
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G-3, 43rd Div.	Plan today 1st Battalion 27th on right flank. 2nd Battalion extend around to coast and encircle enemy. Tanks to assembly

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area rear 2nd Battalion to attack tomorrow. 3rd Battalion to feel out east and west Sagekarasa. Occupy if practical.

	C.O. 27th Infantry	0740
S-2, 3rd Bn.	A reconnaissance patrol left 3rd Battalion CP at 0700. Proceeded 400 yards east along a Jap trail which followed the high ground in center of the island. They went through a Jap bivouac area consisting of about 12 shacks. In two of the shacks found a total of 4 dozen life preservers which were dry. Bivouac had't been occupied for some time. Patrol continued another 100 yards to east and returned at 0830.	
	S-2, 3rd Battalion, 27th Infantry	0840
G-2, 43rd Div.	S-2, 27th reports fourteen Japs killed the 14th and forty killed the 15th by 3rd Battalion. 1st Battalion 169th Infantry OP is number eleven at Bomboe.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	0925
G-3, 43rd Div.	3rd Battalion 27th Infantry patrol went east on Sagekarasa five zero zero yards. Encountered no Japs. Passed one old bivouac thirty shacks. Returned. Six man OP left out. Our line advanced fifty yards west. Still moving.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	1016
S-2, 27th Inf.	An outpost of 6 men is established with phone communication 500 yards east of K Company. Rest of 3rd Battalion advanced 50 - 100 yards to the west.	
	C.O. 3rd Battalion, 27th Infantry	1000
S-2, 27th Inf.	Bomber landing procedure observed at Vila: 1. White light flashed at 63.0 - 72.7, approx. coord., vicinity Vila Point. 2. Seaplane took off and circled. 3. A bomber circled Vila. 4. MG tracers came from 66.1 - 74.2. 5. Bomber then circled between Devil's Island and Vila, and dropped a white flare which turned green before hitting water. Then went over field and dropped another flare of same type. 6. Bomber then circled over MG tracer position and fired a burst of tracers. 7. Then two or three other bombers joined the first one and landed 8. Meanwhile, the seaplane flew over Piru, drawing AA fire. 9. The bombers took off from Vila about midnight.	
	S-2, 3rd Battalion, 27th Infantry	1000
C.O. 27th Inf.	Effective 15 September 43 the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry is relieved from attachment to the 161st Infantry and is attached to the 43rd Division.	
	Commanding General, 25th Division	1310
G-3, 43rd Div.	Plan as reported for tomorrow changed. Now 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry will pass through right flank 2nd Battalion behind tanks. Artillery will pen in behind. Two fifty caliber and one AT being put in north shore Sagekarasa.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	1321

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S-2, 27th Inf. 1 Officer and 7 men wounded, 3 of whom were evacuated - 3 sick evacuated. -- 13 Japs killed.

S-2, 3rd Battalion, 27th Infantry 1720

G-3, 43rd Div. 1st Battalion 27th Infantry closed in position behind 2nd Battalion. No change in situation.

C.O. 27th Infantry 1550

G-2, 43rd Div. Japs with many HMG surprised by tanks. Now advancing in two waves. Nip forces split. Tanks mopping up left group.

C.O. 27th Infantry 0921

17 September 1943

G-2, 43rd Div. Japs on Sagekarasa very lightly equipped. They carry no canteens. Weapons only equipment they carry.

C.O. 27th Infantry 0905

G-2, 43rd Div. Five barges attempted landing on west end of Sagekarasa at twenty one thirty one believed to have unloaded. Two believed knocked out by 4.2 mortars. Remaining three moved east near shore. All were taken under fire by fifties HMG.

C.O. 27th Infantry 0935

G-3, 43rd Div. Strong point taken. Japs pulled out to parts unknown. First Battalion left FL at sixty four seven dash sixty eight seven. Perimeter bends around to southwest and ties on to old one. Plan to hold and occupy coast. Two companies 27th to Sagekarasa tomorrow to push west.

C.O. 27th Infantry 1510

18 September 1943

C.O. 27th Inf. Small group Japs west end of Sagekarasa blasted by mortar at zero one five five. Truck stuck on strip. One plane overhead now.

0207

S-2, 27th Inf. Anti Tank Company pushed off from OP K Company at 0930.

S-2, 3rd Battalion, 27th Infantry 0950

G-3, 43rd Div. Anti Tank Company to push east on Sagekarasa till meets resistance. Two companies 1st Battalion 27th Infantry to Sagekarasa to push west tomorrow. 1st Battalion and 2nd Battalion to clean up machine gun to right front this morning then hold. When west Sagekarasa cleaned up both forces push east and south.

C.O. 27th Infantry 0845

S-2, 27th Inf. Last mortar barrage killed two Japs (observed) and possible two more. One of the Japs killed appeared to have been previously wounded.

OP # 1 1020

S-2, 27th Inf. At 1000 Anti Tank Company had progressed 600 yards east of

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3rd Battalion, 27th Infantry.

	C.O. 3rd Battalion, 27th Infantry	1030
C.O. 27th Inf.	Push attack to east and assist C.O. 172nd Infantry who is hard pressed. See my 0530. Acknowledge action.	
	C.G., 43rd Division	0920
G-3, 43rd Div.	27th Infantry is pushing east with both forces.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	1100
G-3, 43rd Div.	Attack on West Sagekarasa one four zero zero today by 3rd Battalion 27th Infantry plus two companies 1st Battalion. Anti Tank Company now nearly at east tip Sagekarasa. Will push across and down peninsula. 2nd Battalion and 1st Battalion minus pushing down mainland now.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	1130
G-3, 43rd Div.	2nd Battalion 27th Infantry plus working with tanks to eliminate resistance at right front. Strength undetermined. Have not moved far yet. Confident can get under way soon.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	1230
C.G., 43rd Div.	C.O. 27th's message of 1230 latest information. C.O. 27th Infantry now here. Anti Tank Company has reached east tip Sagekarasa. Plan is to move east on peninsula and mainland as per Commanding General's order. Will get latest before return.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	1250
G-3, 43rd Div.	Attacking companies west Sagekarasa have hit automatic fire. Situation developing.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	1540
G-3, 43rd Div.	Trying withdraw Anti Tank Company back to east tip Sagekarasa then put mortar and artillery on tip peninsula. Assault companies 3rd Battalion advanced total of fifty yards. Still advancing slowly in face heavy automatic fire. Two tanks knocked out front 2nd Battalion. One unusable to enemy.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	1630
G-3, 43rd Div.	Anti Tank Company back on east tip Sagekarasa with K Company. 3rd Battalion attack stopped cold fifty yards from start. Heavy resistance. 2nd Battalion plus has moved approximately one zero zero yards. All day. Prospects for relief of C.O. 172nd Infantry ^{soon} poor in my estimation.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	1730
C.G., 43rd Div.	Japs on shore of Sagekarasa being mortared.	
	C.O. 27th Infantry	2003
C.O., 27th Inf.	Heavy resistance between neck of peninsula and 1/2 way up.	
	C.G., 43rd Division	2105

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C.O. 2nd Bn. 27th Inf Number Japs killed on 16, 17, and 18 September by 2nd Battalion -- 45.
C.O. 1st Bn. 27th Inf Number Japs killed on 18 September by 1st Battalion - 5.

S-2, 27th Infantry

0845.

19 September 1943

Activity report. (From 1830 - 18 September 43 to 0630 19 September 43)

- 1925 - OP #3 report two Jap mortars still active on Sagakarasa Island 200 yards inland on northern slope one on southern slope.
- 1950 - OP #1 reports light showing Devils Island: OP #1 reports splashing around in water northern tip of Sagekarasa Island.
- 1957 - One volley layed on to Devils Island: Mortars fired.
- 2150 - OP #3 Barge activity near point: one volley on Vila Point.
- 2200 - Barge activity at Bere Cove, to Major Brott from OP #1: 2 Volleys. 1 Volley to Kuli Kuli Point.
- 2217 - Barge activity OP #7 from Cpl Justin.
- 2225 - Barge near plantation across from OP #7.
- 2230 - Trucks active on Air port.
- 2234 - From Bivvinar - concentration 176 activity there two volleys.
- 2345 - OP #1 Plane circling will notify if it lands.
- 2355 - OP #1 to OP #4 Both could hear a barge but could not see it.
- 2400 - OP #4 to OP #1 Barge is passing OP now going east toward Cove.
OP #1 Barge entering cove - fire.
- 0003 - OP #1 Barges at the edge of Cove.
- 0004 - OP #1 concentrate on 210 Barge moving towards Vila Point following same course as last night.
- 0007 - Barge is headed towards Devils Island.
- 0009 - Barge is at Vila River.
- 0010 - Range 205 to 201 near Devils Island two barges headed there.
- 0011 - 3 Barges near Devils Island.
- 0014 - Change range 200 right and 100 over.
- 0016 - 2 Barges moving towards Vila Point. One still at the Island.
- 0020 - Fire on Vila Point.
- 0031 - Plane reported in the distance.
- 0035 - Think one barge is crippled at beach. Other two apparently went up Vila River a lot of truck activity on Kolombangara. Barge being repaired near Air Field. Boat being towed in and is unloaded on point.
- 0115 - Artillery fire made a hit on something believed to be munitions. A very big blaze was started.
- 0120 - One of the barges is pulling out of the river.
- 0130 - Two boats spotted. One to Devils Island and one to the Point. Barges have headed back towards the Point.
- 0135 - Firing mediums on the river at barges. Barges have cut motors near river mouth. Seeking dover. Barges moving out agains and keeping close to shore making a hard target.
- 0145 - Plane is heard overhead. Mortar barrage to be directed at tip of Island. Movement is believed to be there. Plane believed to be a twin engine bomber is flying up and down coast possibility of pictures being taken no bombs or parachutes were dropped.

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- 0210 - Seaplane reported just coming in headed towards New Georgia mainland.
- 0230 - Pistol Pete fires three rounds no damage. Guns located just across from OP #3 size of guns believed to be large artillery piece. Our guns returned fire. Plane overhead.
- 0300 - Artillery opens fire again short but hit in general vicinity.
- 0320 - OP #4 to OP #3 inquiring if he heard barge motors said he heard it coming from vicinity of OP #3. Negative.
- 0345 - OP #4 to OP #1 and #3 query if barge or truck on point is barge and it pulls out all will check in and follow her direction together. Negative.
- 0620 - OP #1 pulled men back.
- 0630 - Everything O.K.

3-1, 27th Infantry

G-3, 43rd Div.

27th Infantry to make concentrated push down mainland this morning to try relieve 172nd Infantry. Also pushing again west Sagekarasa. Send large scale photo area.

C.O. 27th Infantry

0720

C.G., 43rd Div.

2nd Battalion killed forty five Japs from sixteenth to eighteenth. 1st Battalion got five yesterday. Japs may be used armor piercing small arms yesterday. Trucks busy at strip last night. Small party explosive fishing Webster Cove this A.M. At zero one four five two motor plane reconned in Blackett.

C.O. 27th Infantry

1001

G-3, 43rd Div.

2nd Battalion has been unable to advance so far. Strong resistance. Some ninety mortar fire. Now coordinating fresh tank platoon to try push on.

C.O. 27th Infantry

1055

G-3, 43rd Div.

3rd Battalion stopped three hundred yards west of StepStone by strong position. 1st Battalion plus jumped off again at one three zero zero. All lines communication to them out now. We will never reach 172nd Infantry by tonight in my estimation.

C.O. 27th Infantry

1400

G-3, 43rd Div.

Communication to front 2nd Battalion plus still out. Heavy firing heard there. 3rd Battalion still held up three zero zero yards west StepStone. Anti Tank Company plus still on east tip of Sagekarasa. C.G. knows dive bomb target.

C.O. 27th Infantry

1512

C.G., 43rd Div.

Captured order shows supplies arrived by submarine six seven September. 1st Battalion charged holding Blackett.

C.O. 27th Infantry

1547

G-3, 43rd Division

2nd Battalion knocked out enemy position with eleven tanks. Captured one anti tank gun and some our rifles. Flank advance nearly to six five grid. Orders stop for night. No resistance now. No change 3rd Battalion.

C.O. 27th Infantry

1625

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S-2, 27th Inf.

3rd Battalion killed three Japs today.

C.O. 3rd Battalion

1820

20 September 1943

G-3, 43rd Div.

Pete quite active during night. Some activity small boats results undetermined. 2nd Battalion patrolling this morning to locate enemy dislodged yesterday. 3rd Battalion pushing again west Sagekarasa. Don't understand conflicting reports Gillespie position.

C.O. 27th Infantry

0825

Activity Report. (From: 1830, 19 Sept 43 to 0630, 20 Sept. 43)

- 1910 - Pistol Pete heard firing from Kolombangara. Cannot locate his position. All OP's watching for flash.
- 1934 - One flash from Pistol Pete seen at 358 degrees from OP 1, approximately 800 yards inland.
- 2020 - OP 1 reports sound of motors in vicinity of Devil's Island.
- 2027 - Motors getting louder. Coming from direction of Devil's Island.
- 2030 - OP 1 reports Pistol Pete firing again. From left edge of cove, 500 yards short.
- 2035 - OP 1 reports Pistol Pete's location dead center behind cove about 500 yards inland. Estimated to be one battery of guns. Barges coming down toward Bere Cove. Our artillery fired counter-battery. OP 1 directs that fire be directed 200 yards right, 400 yards in.
- 2040 - OP 3 reports artillery hitting in target area.
- 2045 - OP 1 reports a red flare came from Sagekarasa.
- 2049 - OP 1 Forward reports Jap mortar on north-west tip Sagekarasa fired one round. Fired again 2250. 155's fired on mortar.
- 2050 - OP 4 reports no sign of barges.
- 2057 - Barges between Sagekarasa and Devils Island. Artillery firing at Devils Island.
- 2059 - OP 3 saw a light on Devils Island. Seemed to be signaling.
- 2112 - Mortar fire from Kolombangara.
- 2120 - Mortar fire at mouth of Vila River.
- 2121 - OP's 1 and 3 reports no barge activity at present.
- 2122 - Plane approaching from west - OP #1.
- 2123 - OP 3 reports 1 boat landed near our position and was blasted by 37mm.
- 2125 - Light seen blinking at Devils Island.
- 2126 - Two barges between Devils Island and Kolombangara.
- 2127 - OP 3 sees one barge on way to Devils Island.
- 2130 - OP 3 reports mortar fire neutralized Jap mortar at mouth of Vila River
- 2130 - OP 3 reports mortar fire scared two boats back to Kolombangara.
- 2133 - OP 3 reports one barge entering Bere Cove.
- 2140 - Pistol Pete opened up again - from Vivinar.
- 2143 - Barge fired on by 37 mm was sunk.
- 2145 - OP 3 reports one barge nearing Vila River.
- 2152 - Above barge not seen anymore.
- 2156 - 1 Red flare on Devils Island toward Sagekarasa.
- 2202 - Jap mortar fire coming from Sagekarasa.
- 2210 - OP 3 reports boats at Devils Island.
- 2215 - OP 3 reports Pistol Pete firing from back of Bere Cove.
- 2225 - OP 1 hears voices in Blackett Straits.
- 2245 - OP 1 reports Pistol Pete firing.
- 2255 - OP 1 reports barge seen at Devils Island.
- 2315 - Co. C. 169th Inf. has two casualties from artillery fire.
- 2320 - Light seen on Sagekarasa in middle of island by OP 3.

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2321 - OP 3 reports above light now out.
 2335 - OP 1 reports barge nearing Vila Point.
 2345 - OP 1 reports barge at Devils Island.
 0015 - Providence reports plane overhead.
 0030 - OP 1 reports 2 barges entering Devils Island.
 0032 - Pistol Pete firing from Bere Cove, fired three shots.
 0035 - Plane now overhead.
 0052 - 2 boats leaving Kolombangara toward Devils Island.
 0107 - Plane flying overhead.
 0130 - OP 1 reports barge going toward Vila Point from west.
 0215 - 2 Barges coming back from pointhead toward Kolombangara.
 0425 - OP 3 reports lights came up from ground at 300 degrees.
 Seems to be some kind of signal.
 0555 - Call for OP 3 from another OP, no answer.
 0605 - Continuous calls for OP's 3 and 1, but no answer.
 0612 - OP 1 answers, told to look for something floating in water.
 0615 - OP 1 and 3 calling switchboard but gets no answer.
 0624 - OP's 1 and forward 4 want mortar fire on point but cannot get switchboard.
 0630 - 4.2 mortar fire requested on point, Jap activity there - from OP 4.
 0632 - OP 1 reports barges coming in and leaving continuously at 0203 near Devils Island toward Sagekarasa. Could not tell whether or not the boats were empty.
 0635 - Forward OP 1 reports that their OP has been moved back because of troops being so near them.
 0640 - OP 1 reports dead body floating in water, asks OP 4 for positive identification.
 0700 - Closed out, line clear.

S-1 27th Infantry

G-3, 43rd Div.

Requests air strike on located artillery positions on Vila.
 Target can be located by smoke shells.

C.O. 27th Infantry

0850

G.G. 43rd Div.

Enemy artillery of at least fifteen pieces shelled us heavily last night. Strongly recommend two additional Battalions of Artillery be made available to me for counter-battery. Also deem it essential wire communication be established between us as soon as possible. Supply of four point two and eighty one mm light ammunition is critically low. Request that facilities be made available for speeding up delivery. Request air liaison officer be permanently assigned to me.

C.O. 27th Infantry

1015

G-3, 43rd Div.

3rd Battalion attack started. No resistance first five minutes. 3rd Battalion patrol now vicinity of six six grid on mainland. Plan to go on to one seven two today. Bradt taking care of artillery will you stop mortar query.

C.O. 27th Infantry

1100

G-3, 43rd Div.

2nd Battalion patrol now at base of Peninsula on mainland. Will try contact one seven two. No resistance. Located Nip wire curving around and up peninsula.

C.O. 27th Infantry

1138

G-3, 43rd Div.

Our patrol at six seven seven dash six six one has met rifle and machine gun fire. Could it be one seven two query.

C.O. 27th Infantry

1225

G-3, 43rd Div. Sagekarasa west end cleared one four zero zero. No resistance.
C.O. 27th Infantry 1401

G-3, 43rd Div. 2nd Battalion patrol returned. No contact one seven two. 2nd Battalion same position as last night. Plan tomorrow 2nd Battalion push down mainland, 3rd Battalion down peninsula. If not much resistance, should go east. Please tell C.O. 172nd Infantry.
C.O. 27th Infantry 1510

G-3, 43rd Div. Three Nips found west Sagekarasa. Two killed one wounded and captured.
C.O. 27th Infantry 1645

C.G. 43rd Div. Prisoner denied Japs. evacuated. Nothing further. All quiet.
C.O. 27th Infantry 2100

C.G., 43rd Div. Prisoner stated belongs Third Rapid Fire Company. Says came here from Rabaul eleven day ago. More tomorrow.
C.O. 27th Infantry 1950

S-2, 27th Inf. Japs killed in second bivouac area estimated at 65, absolute minimum.
C.O. 27th Infantry (2nd Battalion) 0805

21 September 1943

G-3, 43rd Div. C.O. 27th Infantry wants ten round burst every fifteen minutes fired from beach head. six eight one dash six six seven. Beginning at one two zero zero. Patrol will contact and further coordination from there.
C.O. 27th Infantry. 0710

G-3, 43rd Div. Lateral line being established by 27th Infantry patrol to beach head will take wire in with it.
C.O. 27th Infantry 0715

Activity Report from 1900 20 Sept 43 to 0700 21 Sept 43.
1950 - Plane overhead.
2025 - Heavy fire from Vila River. Large Caliber (6 inches)
2100 - Plane overhead.
2102 - To Major Bratt: Receiving fire from Bere Cove. The Battery from Bere Cove and the one from Vila, both, are firing. They are landing in our area.
2110 - He is still firing from Vila.
2140 - Pistol Pete fires from Vila Point about every 8 minutes. Still firing from Vila.
2205 - From Blane. Bere Cove firing again. Landing near me.
2225 - Plane overhead.
2245 - OP 1 reports a motor between Sagekarasa and the peninsula. Loud voices also.
2255 - OP 1 reports a big light east of Sagekarasa on east tip. Another on tip of Koli Point. Blane says he saw some lightning near his place but hasn't been watching the water for the last few minutes and could have missed the big flash.
2350 - A light is seen similar to the one last night. Also, jabbering and whistling coming from the Peninsula believed to be signaling.

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2352 - Pistol Pete opens fire from Bere Cove.
0004 - Enemy's big gun has stopped firing.
OP 3 to OP 1: Sound like barges going toward Koli Point.
0445 - OP 1 reports plane in vicinity of Vila Point.
0500
to
0700 - No activity reported. Intermittent firing by our artillery.

S-1, 27th Infantry.

G-3, 43rd Div. Combat patrol of 3rd Battalion 27th Infantry has crossed to tip of peninsula. Advanced one five zero yards. No resistance.

C.O. 27th Infantry 0850

G-3, 43rd Div. 3rd Battalion three zero zero yards down peninsula. No resistance. Sugg wants left flank of block so placed and smoked that first contact will be with 3rd Battalion right flank. Resistance then will be pocketed.

C.O. 27th Infantry 1105

G-3, 43rd Div. 2nd Battalion patrol on mainland near six seven grid. Will proceed to try contact Beachhead, Welsh patrol to Wana Wana yesterday negative.

C.O. 27th Infantry 1120

C.G. 43rd Div. Prisoner leaving Twenty Fifth Hospital Lambeti fourteen hundred Tanaka escorting. PW says seventy men third Independent Fire Co. half Thirteenth Infantry Sagekarasa. About six thousand on Kolombangara. Two Artillery Battalions. Pompom and AA units.

C.O. 27th Infantry 1206

G-3, 43rd Div. 2nd Battalion patrol going east along base of Peninsula. 3rd Battalion advanced to six six four dash six eight zero.

C.O. 27th Infantry 1340

C.G. 43rd Div. All organized resistance on Northern Arundel has been crushed. Few individual remaining enemy are being rounded up.

C.O. 27th Infantry 0717

22 September 1943

Activity Report (From 1900 21 Sept 43 to 0700 22 Sept 43.
1950 - OP 7 reports searchlight 300 degrees thinks it is near Vella LaVella.
2355 - Barge moving around Vila Cove.
2400 - Barge just off Vila Point.
2407 - Boat is west of Kulu Kulu Point; voices are heard.
2410 - Boat now going east toward Vila Cove.
0700 - Closed out - Line clear.

S-1, 27th Infantry

G-2, 43rd Div. Prisoner states entire 13th Infantry evacuated to Kolombangara night of twentieth. Present strength four hundred. Morale poor. Commander Tomari killed on eighteenth. Present commander Kobaski. Two Battalion Commanders killed here.

C.O. 27th Infantry 1040

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C.O. 27th Infantry Current reports indicate that organized Jap resistance on Arundel has ceased I congratulate and commend you in your effort to bring about this most desired result.

C.G. 43rd Division 1845

C.G. 43rd Div. Present disposition of Battalions: 1st Battalion out-posting Peninsula from Dunning to tip 1161. 1st Sagekarasa and islands one to nine. 27th Infantry 2nd Battalion and 3rd Battalion in bivouac vicinity Zimmers Beach.

C.O. 27th Infantry 1655

G-3, 43rd Div. Tanks used against strong point north Arundel on one seven one eight. And one nine. Five tanks used first day. Too much fire for Infantry support. Tanks drove Japs out of left of strong point. Four tanks used second day again without close support of Infantry. Two tanks out by four seven A.T. gun.

C.O. 27th Infantry 1900

23 September 1943

Activity Report: From 1900 22 Sept 43 to 0700 23 Sept. 43.
 1900 - OP's 3, 4, and 7 tied in with Lion 11.
 1943 - Light past Vila Point (over the point), and looks like something burning (from OP 3).
 2045 - OP 3 reports some boats around the other side of Vila Point.
 2120 - Motor is heard running over on the point and is believed to be a truck.
 2125 - Artillery fire is being directed there, shells landing near point.
 0215 - OP 3 reports barge 50 degrees from them, hears voices on it. Possibly from Lady Lever going east to Vila Point. Circled around there.
 0230 - OP 3 reports barge at Vila River. Seems to be loading crates and making trips up Vila River and back. Fire direction control notified.
 0340 - OP 3 reports plane flew over Kolombangara but did not land.
 0350 - Plane returning going west, flying low without lights.
 0700 - Net closed. Line clear.

S-1, 27th Infantry.

24 September 1943

Activity Report: from 1900 23 Sept. 43 to 0700 24 Sept. 43
 1955 - OP # 3, 4, and 7 reports firing over Vila Point.
 2000 - Bell River Battery firing at Pistol Pete.
 2046 - OP 4 reports sound of barge in front of position, but can't see it.
 2135 - OP 3 reports Pistol Pete firing east of Vila Point 45 degrees.
 2140 - Three guns were firing.
 0130 - OP 3 reports flares went up over Vila Point.
 0140 - Boat going west from OP 4.
 0300 - Possible enemy sub activity on Kolo. Possibly landing supplies.
 0615 - OP 3 reports P-38 plane strafing enemy positions.
 0700 - Closed out.

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C.O. 27th Inf.

One squadron of Mitchell Bombers, Two squadrons Dauntless Dive Bombers, one squadron Peter Baker Fox Avengers will make a strike on Vila Sector at one six zero zero two four September. Alert your outpost to observe results.

C.G. 25th Division

0845

S-2 27th Inf.

Report of OP # 0 2400 22 Sept to 23 Sept 1943.
0245 Motor heard at east end of Vila.
0830 42 degrees - 5 enemy observed walking in area.
0840 42 degrees - 4 enemy observed, 1 carrying box
0900 Bombs dropped on south shore of Vila Point. Started to very little anti aircraft fire.
0930
0930 Artillery barrage. Covered extensive bivouac area. Azimuth to 37 degrees to 43 degrees. Ammunition dump set on fire
0955 considerable damage done to bivouac area.
1030 Artillery barrage on bivouac area azimuth 37 degrees - 43 to degrees little damage done
1045
1250 Artillery barrage on bivouac area azimuth 37 degrees - 43 degrees.
1325 Machine guns fired on our plane from vicinity of Vila field. Plane unharmed.
1645 44 degrees. Artillery barrage on two barges tied up to landing. Fire started and barges believed destroyed.
1745 346 degrees. Artillery barrage in bivouac area. Approximately 12 enemy observed in area at time projectiles exploded. Believed to have killed all enemy in area. 2 dougouts destroyed.
2030 27 degrees and 41 degrees. Enemy artillery fired from Vila Plantation. Fired for approximately 15 minutes. Our artillery fired into area of flashes for approximately 10 minutes. Jap artillery ceased firing.
2200 27 degrees to 41 degrees. Enemy artillery fired for approximately 5 minutes. Our artillery fired into area of flashes. Jap artillery ceased firing. Believed to be only two enemy guns firing.

Regtl.Reconnaissance Platoon.

28 September 1943

G-3, 25th Inf Div. During Vila strike one plane strafed our positions. Hung bombs also have fallen close. Request that air be notified of our disposition and requested not to pass over on completion of run.

C.O. 27th Infantry

1055

C.G. 25th Inf. Div. OP's report heavy AA noted during air strike this morning. Locality of fire undetermined. One direct hit on pill-box. Two fires started 300 yards inland on Grid azimuth 354 degrees and 8 degrees from OP Zero. OP Zero located 62.9 - 70.4 on GICSOA6 Photo Map.

C.O. 27th Infantry

1130

S-2, 27th Inf.

Report of OP - 0 2400 26 Sept to 2400 27 Sept. 1943.

Time	Azm. Deg.	Remarks
0845		4.2 mortar fire landing on Kolombangara.
0905		AA fire from Kolombangara open on friendly plane. Locality of AA unknown.
1015	319	One smoke shell dropped by friendly artillery.

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1247 Air strike at Lady Lever Plantation area. No detail seen from this OP

1250 350 Small fire on beach. Appears to be brush fire.

1315 350 Above mention fire burned itself out.

1316 Light air strike near Lady Leve Plantation. Nothing observed from this OP.

1340 Artillery barrage inland to the north of OP. Nothing observed.

1400 Plane, presumed to be friendly, flew over Kolombangara from east to west. Very low cloud ceiling. Received no AA fire.

1750 2 burst of AA heard to south east of this position.

1930 Motor heard towards Kolombangara. Observed nothing.

2000 Pistol Pete (2 guns) one to left fired 13 shots. One to right, one shot.

2120 Pistol Pete (onleft) fired about 9 shots.

2210 Apparently same motor heard again as one at 1930. Observed nothing. Seemed to come generally from towards Kolombangara.

0830 Artillery barrage on Kolombangara. Shells landing around inland beyond our vision.

0910 346 Explosion and large cloud of black smoke.

0935 1 plane strafed area. east and west of Vila River. Jap AA was light and ineffective. Strafing was followed by artillery in the suspected AA area.

1100 OP 2A reports artillery or mortar fire landing 150 yards to the right front of their positions. Nothing was seen or heard to indicate source of weapon.

1110 390 Artillery barrage on large camouflaged object. Artillery bracketed target. No fires or explosion were seen.

1135 345 Artillery barrage on Japs camouflaging area. Shells landed in area. Results unknown.

1140 OP 2A reports shelling the same as of 1100. (The shells landing near OP 2A are friendly mortars zeroing in.

1200 43 Artillery barrage on east end of Kolombangara. 12 rounds on concentration.

1233 360 4.2 mortars being zeroed in on Capra dryer.

1300 Air strike at Lady Lever Plantation area. Actual operation unobserved due to thick vegetation. 2 planes returned after first strike and raised a large cloud of smoke at an azimuth of 310 degrees.

1450 25 Artillery barrage laid down on suspected AA position.

1510 3 2 Japs seen in vicinity of Capra Dryer.

1512 350 1 Jap carrying rifle - green foliage in uniform.

1700 345 Friendly artillery barrage in general area.

2025 Jap artillery, 2 guns fired about 12 rounds.

2040 Jap artillery, 1 gun fired about 6 rounds.

2040 Plane overhead.

0800 27 Artillery barrage on area from which Jap artillery was observed.

0930 High level bombing of Vila Plantation by B-25's.

1000 43 Artillery barrage on supposed supply dump. Small fires were strated, and one pillbox destroyed.

1140 Dive bombers bombed and strafed Vila airstrip, but the location of guns was unobserved.

1745 345 Artillery barrage on area where OP A1 reported seeing 7 Japs.

2015 27 Jap artillery fire from at least two guns with probably a third. Our artillery shelled the area. Results unknown.

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2120 27 Jap artillery fire from same area as of 2015. Our
Artillery again shelled the area.
0030 Motor launch heard. Seemed to travel from Bere Cove
to east end of Vila.
0630 One P-38 airplane strafed Vila airfield. No return
fire.
1115 41 Artillery barrage on supply dump. Large fire started.
to Several explosions.
1200
1210 Call from S-3. Dive bombers attack Vila 1600. Observe
for locality of AA fire.
1308 340 Artillery barrage. Small fire started.
1530 346 Artillery barrage. 4 enemy believed killed. Two
to dug outs destroyed.
1545
1620 Dive bombers struck Vila Point. Little AA fire. To
to far inland to be observed.
1630
1700 346 Artillery barrage on bivouac area.
1800 41 Artillery barrage on supply dump. No damage.
2015
to
2030 27 Enemy artillery piece fired nine rounds.
2015 42 Enemy artillery piece fired four rounds.
to
2030
2030 Artillery barrage on both enemy artillery guns.
to
2045
2215 27 Enemy artillery pieces fired four rounds.
to 42
2230
2225 Artillery barrage on both enemy artillery pieces.
to
2245
2400 43 Motor launch heard. Believed to be P.T. boat.

Regimental Reconnaissance Platoon.

C.O. 27th Inf. Eight Jap Destroyers at Buka headed this way. Capable of
arriving Kolombangara tonight.

C.G., 25th Division

1800

S-2, 27th Inf.

C. Company patrol of five men went to small island east of Halls
Point for reconnaissance. Troops have been stationed here and the
island is large enough to accommodate a platoon. Island is flat
and swampy. From this island patrol went to the next island to
the east, which has had troops stationed on it, and would accommo-
date a Company. It is fairly well drained and has a double apron
barbed wire fence around it. No water on either island but "C"
Company water hole is close enough for use. From the second island
could observe larger island to the east and heard sounds of 4.2
mortar firing that appeared to be from that island. The only
equipment found was some empty ration boxes, discarded equipment
of no value etc.

C.O. 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry

1100

S-2, 27th Inf.

Activity Report OP # 0 2400 27 Sept to 2400 28 Sept. 1943.

Time As Deg

REMARKS

0300

Light flashed three or four times. Treetop level.
About 250 yards east of Capra Dryer.

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0450 Plane overhead followed by firing of our AA. Pistol Pete also fired at this time.
 0605 Pistol Pete fired. Silenced by 6 rounds counter-battery.
 0830 3 Air strike on Vila Plantation area.
 0900 4.2 Chemical mortars fired on Pillboxes in Vila area.
 1040 Big air strike on Vila Plantation. Dive bombers and high level bombing 30 - 50 planes. Direct hit on one pillbox. Some AA noted.
 1105 2 Dive Bombers struck in vicinity of Vila airstrip.
 1150 Friendly barrage laid down Vila area.
 1750 Small fire in crotch of tree. 15 feet height. az. 4 dg.
 1940 Pistol Pete 5 rounds east end of Kolombangara. 5 rounds Vila area.
 2020 Pistol Pete in 2 areas mentioned in 1940 report. No counter battery directed due to hostile plane heard.
 2215 Pistol Pete 8 rounds.
 2300 Pistol Pete 3 rounds.

Regimental Reconnaissance Platoon.

S-2, 27th Inf.

Activity Report OP # O 2400 Sept 28 to 2400 Sept 29, 1943

0400 Pistol Pete fired from Vila River area. Our artillery countered.
 0420 Pistol Pete again fired from Vila River. Our artillery countered.
 0545 4 rounds of Jap light artillery from vicinity of Kuli Kuli Point, heard but not seen.
 0600 Pistol Pete fired from Vila River Area.
 0710 Our artillery shelled bivouac and supply area east of Vila River area. One fire resulted destroying Jap ammunition. Fire out at 0905.
 0910 Artillery barrage and 4.2 mortar fire along entire shore, 340 degrees to 41 degrees.
 0955 1 round presumably 4.2 landed about 50 yards north west of OP O. checked and found short round.
 1040 Pistol Pete opened two rounds from Vila River area, his shell landed by no. 7 anti tank gun at Bustling Point. 192nd Field Artillery counter battery opened.
 1105 Sounds resembling machine gun fire coming from east presumably on New Georgia. Sounds like heavies.
 1135 2 smoke shells landing to right of Devils Island. 2 HE shells also.
 1300 2 Japs seen in Pillbox area east of Vila River.
 1330 AA friendly fire heard.
 1440 Heard machine guns far off toward New Georgia. Observed nothing.
 1445 360 Pistol Pete firing from apparently west of Vila River area, fired about 10 rounds. 4.2 chemical mortars fired barrage along beach.
 1500 Pistol Pete fired 16 rounds from Vila River area. Our artillery countered.

Regimental Reconnaissance Platoon.

C.O. 27th Inf.

1 October 1943

I Company patrol of Grant Island reports negative.

C.O. Company I, 27th Infantry

1130

C.O. 27th Inf.

From 1100 to 1130 General Harmon and Staff visited OP #O. Corps fired all concentrations with all artillery. A small arms ammunition dump was set ablaze at grid azimuth 36 degrees from OP O. Fire still burning as of 1240.

OP "O"

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Activity Report OP - 0 - 2400 29 Sept to 2400 30 Sept. 43.

Time	Az Deg.	Remarks
S-2, 27th Inf.		
0310		Pistol Pete (2 guns) fired 5 rounds.
0035		Pistol Pete (2 guns) seven rounds.
0050		Pistol Pete (2 guns) five rounds.
0110		Pistol Pete (2 guns) about seven rounds.
0415		Pistol Pete (2 guns) six rounds.
0445		Pistol Pete (2 guns) four rounds.
0500		Patrol boat east of Blakett Strait.
0700		Pistol Pete (2 guns) about 4 rounds.
0945		Friendly artillery barrage on eastern end of Vila
to		Plantation also friendly 4.2 mortars fired further
1015		west.
1030		Artillery barrage on eastern portion Kolombangara.
1145		4.2 mortars in area of air strip.
1445		4.2 mortars in area of air strip.
1450		1 - B-24 dropped bombs in Vila Plantation area. No AA
1705		Friendly artillery barrage east of mouth of Vila River
1845		Intermittent firing by Jap 90 mm mortars along shore
to		of Kolombangara. from eastern edge air strip clear-
2400		ing to western bank of Vila River.
2000		Flashes appeared from north of Kolombangara.
to		Probably naval gun fire.
2200		
2130		Whitish flare over Kolombangara. 3 seconds.
		Probably fired from naval battle area.

Regimental Reconnaissance Platoon.

Time	Az Deg.	Remarks
S-2, 27th Inf		
Activity Report		OP - 0 - 2400 30 Sept to 2400 1 October 1943.
0315	42	Pistol Pete 8 rounds from east end Kolombangara.
0425		Pistol Pete (2guns) fired. One on left over Vila
		River area fired 2 rounds. One on right near point
		fired 3 rounds.
0426		Light (maybe flare) observed over Vila River area,
		about 2 or 3 second duration. Seemed to descend
		slowly and go out gradually. White in color.
0445		Jap plane (sounded like seaplane) flew over from
		north over eastern end Kolombangara, then flew
		towards Piru Plantation where it received our AA fire.
0530		One Pistol Pete from about Kuli Kuli Point area fired
		about 5 rounds over our heads. (might be dual purpose
		gun)
0810		Air strike. 1 B-24 plane bombed Vila Field from
		high altitude.
0830		Flight of B-24's dropped bombs on vicinity of Vila
		Field and clearing. No AA observed.
0900		Friendly artillery and mortar barrage intermittently
		during period lasting until 1700.
1715	7	Small fire started from our artillery; looks like
		oil fire.
2030		Unidentified plane (sounded like Jap seaplane) flew
		over Sagekarasa west to east.
2145		Light seen over Vila River area. Seemed about 100
		feet over trees; drifted slowly down until out.
2200		Light seen at approximately, it seemed, on a line
		about 30 degrees west of Vila River area. Looked
		about like one seen at 2145.
2230		Another light about in same place as that seen at 2200
		and above trees. Light appeared to have same charac-
		teristics as those of 2145 and 2200. Acted like flare.
2200		Flashes to north of Kolombangara seemed to indicate
to		naval gun fire. A dull report could be heard after
2315		each flash. A steady light (flood like) seemed to
		light the area where gun fire was observed.

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2300 One white, one green flare in same area as above.
Green flare burned about twice as long as white (or
about 1 minute 30 seconds)
2300 AA fire bursting over extreme western portion of
Kolombangara. No reports heard.
2350 Pistol Pete (both) guns fired about 10 rounds.

Regimental Reconnaissance Platoon.

S-2, 27th Infantry

Two patrols from Company I patrolled Grant Island and
Islands 8, 9, 10, and 11. Negative report.

C.O. Company I, 27th Infantry

1555

Activity Report OP "O" 2400 1 Oct to 2400 2 Oct 43

Time	Az	Deg	Remarks
0120			Pistol Pete (both guns) fired about 10 rounds.
0130			Jap small artillery piece heard to come from inland of Bere Cove area. No flashes were ob- served.
0210			Pistol Pete (both guns) fired about 8 rounds.
0245			Artillery barrage to the south east of Devils Island.
0510			Pistol Pete (one gun) fired about 4 rounds.
0605			Pistol Pete (both guns) fired 8 rounds.
0830			1 - P38 strafed Vila air strip. No AA observed.
0835			Artillery registered on Vila Plantation beach area.
1100			Artillery and 4.2 mortars fired at objectives on Vila Plantation beach area for 30 minutes. General Harmon observed this firing from OP "O".
1120	36		Small fire in small arms ammunition dump caused by artillery.
1240			Artillery barrage on pill boxes east of Vila River.
1315			Artillery barrage on Devils Island.
1425			4.2 barrage in pill box area west of Vila River.
1530			Artillery barrage in area where Pistol Pete is believed to fire from.
2000 to 2400			Intermittant artillery fire throughout Vila Plantation area.

Regimental Reconnaissance Platoon

S-2, 27th Infantry

Activity Report OP "O" 2400 2 Oct. to 2400 3 Oct. 1943.
No enemy activity of any kind observed in this 24 hour period.
Friendly artillery and mortar barrages hit Kolombangara inter-
mittently during this 24 hour period. No results of friendly
fire observed.

Regimental Reconnaissance Platoon.

S-2, 27th Infantry

Activity Report OP "O" 2400 3 Oct to 2400 4 Oct. 1943.
0830 4 - P40's flew over Vila airfield at treetop
level. They received no AA fire. They did not
strafe. 1 P-38 then strafed general area men-
tioned above. No AA fire.
No enemy action noted during this period.

Regimental Reconnaissance Platoon.

S-2, 27th Infantry

I Company patrolled Grant Island and Islands 15-19 incl.
Negative report.

C.O. Company I, 27th Infantry

1450

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S-2, 27th Inf.

No enemy activity heard or observed during the period
2400 4 October 43 to 2400 5 October 1943.

OP # 0

1400

C.O. 27th Inf.

Companies in position and have tied in with each other.

C.O. 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry.

1900

C.O. 27th Inf.

Corps desires information whether Japanese remaining on Kolombangara. I desire that you dispatch patrols up east and west coast. Reconnaissance will have to be by both marching and boat. I will obtain two LCP's for the purpose. One LCP for each patrol. 25th Division G-2 will be made available to you to conduct one of the patrols. I will endeavor to get Lt. Ferriter who is now over on Kolombangara on a patrol mission for Corps released to you for purpose of conducting the other patrol. Do not do more than local patrolling tomorrow (7 October). Be sure that no Jap equipment is destroyed on Kolombangara. Your defensive line around the Vila airfield will have to run along the north side of the high ground there. Division G-3 is directed to get two LCP's for 27th Infantry. Colonel Dick called Corps for release of Lt. Ferriter. Reply later.

C.G. 25th Division

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C.G. 25th Div.

Division G-2 now at Hamberi Cove. Found extensive Jap bivouac area. Killed one Jap. More details when lines come in.

C.O. 27th Infantry

9 Oct 53

1538

10 October 1943

C.O. 27th Inf.

Have reached northern Point of Island stop returning tomorrow.

G-2, 25th Division.

1345

G-3, 25th Div.

Ferriter has encircled the entire island stopped at following points: Hombu Cove, to Pora Pora River to Peli Peli River to Tent Island.

C.O. 27th Infantry

1400

Officers and Men of
the 27th Infantry

1. Every officer and soldier of the 27th Infantry can take great personal pride and credit for the successful operation on North Arundel which earned the very fine commendations quoted below.
2. I am filled with pride and affection for all of you and with the utmost admiration, reverence, and respect for those of our comrades who paid with their lives.

Douglas Sugg, Colonel, 27th Infantry, Commanding

"Commanding Officer

27th Inf (thru Channels)

1. It is my pleasure to commend you and through you the officers and enlisted men of your regiment for the splendid work you have just completed in the difficult operations on Northern Arundel.
2. Your regiment entered the combat area at a critical moment to take part in a coordinated operation with elements of the 43rd Division. You inspired all units of the division that

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came in contact with you by your soldierly and efficient conduct.

3. During the operation in which your regiment made the main effort, you showed superior tactical skill in the use of all military means, thereby insuring the successful execution of your mission.

4. I consider that your action exemplifies the highest tradition of American Infantry and should serve as an example for all to follow.

Leonard F. Wing, Brigadier General, US Army Comdg. 43rd Div.

C.O. 27th Inf. (thru
C.G. 25th Inf Div).

It is with gratification that I transmit to you this expression of appreciation from the Commanding General, 43rd Infantry Division.

O.W. Griswold, Major General, U.S. Army, Comdg XIV Corps.

C.O. 27th Inf.

I am greatly pleased and gratified to transmit this fine commendation from the Commanding General, 43rd Infantry Division, and desire to add my commendation to that of the Corps Commander.

J. Lawton Collins, Major General, US Army, Comdg 25th Div."

Fiji Bn and 1st Bn
27th Infantry.

Effective midnight 13 October 1943 the Fiji Battalion will assume the responsibility of Kolombangara Island.

C.O. 27th Infantry

1905

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Auth: Comgen, 43d Div.
Init:
Date: 10/9/43

HEADQUARTERS 43d INFANTRY DIVISION
A.P.O. 43, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California
10 September, 1943

FIELD ORDER

NO.....19

1. a. Estimated enemy strength in NORTH ARUNDEL area, two rifle companies reinforced, approximately 200 troops. Enemy is dug in in commanding terrain SOUTH of SAGEKARASA ISLAND astride the neck of the peninsula leading to BOMBOE village. Other enemy elements hold the peninsula SOUTHEAST of SAGEKARASA ISLAND.

b. 27th Infantry Regiment, (less 1st Bn. and A.T. Co.) with Engineer and Medical elements attached, is attached to the 43d Infantry Division 1000, 10 September.

2. 43d Infantry Division at H-hour on D-day, will attack and destroy all enemy strength on ARUNDEL and adjacent small islands.

3. a. The 27th Infantry Regiment, (less 1st Bn. and A.T. Co.) assisted by the 172d Infantry (less 2d Bn.) making the main effort, will advance EAST ON BOMBOE peninsula, attack and destroy the enemy on northern ARUNDEL.

b. (1) 172d Infantry will initially contain enemy in present position and will assist the 27th Inf. in its attack on D-day.

(2) It will furnish one battalion to be attached to the 25th Division. This battalion will move to PIRU PLANTATION (vicinity of CUTTER POINT) and report to Executive Officer 27th Inf. by 1200, 11 September.

c. (1) 1st Bn., 169th Inf. will secure the Division left flank and line of communications through WANA WANA lagoon and the Division beachhead at 51.5 - 66.5.

(2) It will furnish necessary personnel to assist in supply and evacuation of the 27th Inf. during the operation.

d. 43d Division Artillery, (Co. B, 82d Mortar Bn. Attached for operations) will:

1. Furnish direct support of the division effort.

2. Be prepared to deny HATHORN SOUND TO the enemy as a water approach to the ARUNDEL-DIAMOND NARROWS area.

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L (1) Commanding Officer, 27th Infantry will assume operational control of the ARUNDEL sector 1200, 10 September.

(2) H-hour and D-day will be announced by 1200, 10 September.

4. a. Administrative:

The 43d Division beachhead at 51.5 - 66.5, Will include Class I and V dumps.

b. Water point: Vicinity beachhead area above.

5. a. Signal Communication:

(1) 43d Division advanced Message Center vicinity of 43d Division beachhead.

(2) Regimental command posts to be reported.

b. 43d Division Signal Company will augment and maintain present telephone communication to the NORTH ARUNDEL area in addition to existing radio and telephone installations.

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MARLAND
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FIELD ORDER

NUMBER 2

HQ 27th INF
 Fwd Echelon
 0900, 12 Sept 43

S E C R E T
 Auth: CO 27th Inf

S-3
 A. M. S.

NOTE: This order is published to confirm verbal orders issued by the Commanding Officer, 27th Infantry, during the period Sept 10-12 (incl) 1943.

MAPS: Cicsopac Photomap, 1:20000.

1. a. Estimated enemy strength in NORTH ARUNDEL area: two rifle cos, reinforced; approximately 200 troops. Enemy is dug in on commanding terrain S of SAGEKARASA ISLAND astride the neck of the peninsula leading to BOMBOE VILLAGE. Other enemy elements hold the peninsula SE of SAGEKARASA ISLAND.
- b. The 43rd Inf Div with 27th Inf atchd will attack and destroy all enemy resistance remaining in the NORTH ARUNDEL area.
2. The 27th Inf (less 1st Bn and AT Co), assisted by the 172nd Inf (less 2nd Bn) will attack to the E on BOMBOE PENINSULA and destroy all enemy resistance on NORTHERN ARUNDEL.
3. a. The 2nd Bn 27th Inf will attack to the E along the BOMBOE PENINSULA. Line of Departure: N - S block of Co "C" 172nd Inf approx Grid Line 57.8. Time of attack: 0730, 12 August 1943.
- b. The 3rd Bn 27th Inf will land at (57.5 - 69.2) and initially remain in this vicinity in Regtl Reserve. The Bn will maintain contact with and be prepared to support the attack of the 2nd Bn 27th Inf.
- c. Can Co 27th Inf will forward supplies to the 2nd and 3rd Bns.
- d. Co. "B" 65th Engr will improve the landing point at (57.5 - 69.2) and push a jeep road to the 2nd Bn.
- e. Co. "C" 25th Med Bn will maintain collecting station at (57.5-69.2).
 - (1) Units will habitually establish all-around-defense during the hours of darkness.
 - (2) There will be no movement of troops or supplies during the hours of darkness.
4. a. Forward Ration and Ammunition DP at (57.5 - 69.2). Water DP at BUSTLING POINT and WANA WANA ISLAND.
- b. Evacuation of wounded will be from Bn Aid Stations to collecting station at (57.5 - 69.2).
5. a. Signal Communication: See current SOI.
- b. CP 27th Inf will be located at BOMBOE VILLAGE.

By order of Colonel SUGG:

DISTRIBUTION:

COMGEN 43rd Div	2
COMGEN 25th Div	2
CO 172 Inf	2
CO 2nd Bn 27th Inf	1
CO 3rd Bn 27th Inf	1
S-3 File	1
S-2 File	1

ALAN M. STROCK,
 Major, 27th Infantry,
 S-3.

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 By KK NARA Date 7-25-08

FIELD ORDER

NUMBER 3

HQ 27TH INF
 Fwd Echelon
 1200, 16 Sept 43

S E C R E T
 Auth:CO 27th Inf

S-3
 A. M. S.

MAPS: Ciesopac Photomap, 1:20000.

1. a. The enemy resistance on SAGEKARASA ISLAND remains active. The enemy holds a 600 yd generally semicircular beach-head on NORTH ARUNDEL ISLAND. Center of beach-head approximately (64.0 - 69.3).
- b. Same.
2. The 27th Inf assisted by the 172d Inf, 169th FA, 192d FA, 1st Plt, Co "B" 82 CWS Bn, and the 9, 10, 11, Tank Plts will attack and destroy the enemy beach-head on NORTH ARUNDEL ISLAND.
3. a. The 1st Bn 27th Inf, preceded by six tanks, will attack to the NE and destroy all enemy resistance contained in the beach-head. Line of Departure: Line held by 2d Bn 27th Inf W flank of beach-head; Tank attack: Point where Co "E" and Co "F" flanks join. Time of ATTACK: 0800 17 September.
- b. The 2d Bn 27th Inf will remain in its present position contacting the enemy 1st flank. The bn will maintain contact with the 1st flank of the 1st Bn 27th Inf. The bn will be prepared to concentrate heavy firepower on any enemy withdrawal to the SE.
- c. The 3d Bn 27th Inf will continue present operations on SAGEKARASA ISLAND.
- d. The 1st Bn 172d Inf will remain in its present position.
- e. Both artillery batteries and the CWS plt will initially fire a SW - NE lateral barrage through (65.0 - 68.0) to the E of the beach-head to prevent a withdrawal to the E.
- f. Bat "A" 192d FA will be prepared to shift its fire to the area (64.5 - 69.5) in the event of a withdrawal to the N.
- g. 1st Plt Co "B" 82d CWS Bn will be prepared to shift its fire to close-in support of bns.
- x. Same.
4. Same.
5. Same.

By order of Colonel SUGG:

ALAN M. STROCK
 Major, 27th Infantry
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 COMGEN 25th Div 2
 CO 172d Inf 1
 CO 1st Bn 27th Inf 1
 CO 2d Bn 27th Inf 1
 CO 3d Bn 27th Inf 1
 CO Bat "A" 169th FA 1
 CO Bat "A" 192d FA 1
 S-3 File 1
 S-2 File 1

INTELLIGENCE ANNEXCOMBAT REPORT 27TH INFANTRYCAMPAIGN AGAINST THE JAPANESE, ARUNDEL, BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDSAND OCCUPATION OF KOLOMBANGARA ISLAND

PERIOD: 10 September to 12 October 1943.

ENEMY UNITS ENCOUNTERED:

13th Infantry (6th Division): Information obtained from captured documents and prisoners indicated that practically the entire 13th Infantry (known as the "Pride of South Japan") with the 3rd Independent Rapid Fire Company, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Independent Machine Gun Companies, and supporting artillery from Kolombangara participated in the fight on North Arundel, a total of at least 1000 men. The 13th Infantry had, at the time, only recently arrived from Bougainville to Kolombangara, thence to Arundel.

ENEMY KILLED:

a. Arundel: 600 by Infantry and Artillery action. It is impossible to estimate the number killed by artillery and mortar. In the devastated area of North Arundel and Sagekarasa numerous shallow graves were found all along the trails and at one point along the coast 25 bodies were floating in Blakett Strait.

b. Kolombangara: 3 killed by Infantry. No estimate of enemy killed by artillery.

ENEMY CAPTURED:

a. Arundel 2
b. Kolombangara 2

EQUIPMENT CAPTURED:a. Arundel:

1 77 mm gun and 200 rounds of ammunition.	30 Rounds 40 mm anti tank shells.
1 90 mm mortar.	4 Cases knee mortar shells.
2 37 mm AT guns and 180 rounds of ammunition.	30 Light machine gun magazines.
1 Heavy machine gun.	200 Rifles.
4 Light machine guns.	100 Bayonets.
3 Grenade dischargers.	25 Pistols.
2 40 mm Anti tank guns.	400 Hand grenades.
5 Bangalore torpedoes.	7 Bivouac areas.
150 Anti tank mines.	30 Pill boxes.
3 Cases 90 mm mortar shells.	Large quantities of food and personal equipment.

b. Kolombangara:

50 Trucks.	4 Water pumps.
3 Automobiles.	4 Search lights.
6 Motor cycles.	6 AA guns (40 mm).
9 Airplanes.	16 Dual purpose guns (.31 Cal).
60 Bicycles.	2 Naval range finders.
8 Tractors (Valley).	1 15 power scope.
1 Caterpillar tractor.	Large quantities; food, ammunition, personal equipment, tools, etc.
1 Bulldozer.	

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120	Auxiliary gas tanks.	30	Cases 90 mm mortar ammunition.
50	Bombs.	27	Cases 20 mm ammunition.
4	Water pumps.	27	Cases small arms ammunition (both
5	Motor cycles.		6.5 mm and 7.7 mm).
5	Zero fighters (poor condition).	14	Cases of fuzes for 20 mm guns.
1	Bomber. Mitsu 97 (poor condition).	1	Four wheel engine for carrying
10	20 mm guns.		tools.