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MAPS: CICSOPAC Photo Map no. 102, NEW GEORGIA ISLAND (Group of 4)

I. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. PIRU PLANTATION was occupied on the afternoon of 23 August by the 2nd and 3rd Bns. of the 27th Inf. Resistance was negligible and no evidence of prepared positions was found.
- b. A patrol from the 27th Inf. sighted a small party of Japs on MAURO ISLAND across from DIAMOND NARROWS. The patrol opened fire killing one Jap and probably wounding several others.
- c. Patrols from the 161st Inf. reached the West side of BAIROKO HARBOR. No indication of Jap activity on either peninsula on the West Shore of the Harbor. Listening posts set up on East edge of the peninsulas to interdict barge traffic.
- d. A patrol from the 1st Bn., 27th Inf. located a Jap OP at (90.0-58.5). No contact was made. However, there were signs of small Jap parties having been in the area recently.

II. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. Unknown number of barges entered BAIROKO HARBOR night of 22-23 August at 2320. Six barges were seen leaving at 0155. PT's engaged barges at 0210. Shore batteries from ARUNDEL and KOLONBANGARA fired on PT's from positions previously reported. A shore battery from an undetermined position inside BAIROKO HARBOR fired 14 rounds at PT's at 0400. The results are unknown.

III. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

- a. To fight a delaying action at BAIROKO HARBOR while evacuating to VILA.
- b. To hold beachhead at BAIROKO and bring in reinforcements from VILA.

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a. LION WHITE arrived at jungle's edge just East of PIRU PLANTATION and opposite CUTTER POINT, the afternoon of 22 August. They moved off in attack early morning of 23 August. Jap mortar or artillery fire received from PINNACE ISLAND located 600 yards off the West shore of PIRU PLANTATION was encountered. Counter-battery measures were apparently effective. LION WHITE is following the attacking battalion prepared to assist if called upon.

b. All LYNX patrols covering BAIROKO approaches reported negative, except for one patrol which went West to the inlet East of TUNGUARILI POINT. This patrol heard a launch and found a possible Jap OP; signs of construction, and also reported that the trail previously thought to run from BAIROKO HARBOR to SUNDAY INLET actually leads to TUNGUARILI POINT.

c. A strong LIVERSEDGE combat patrol encountered Nips at (89,1-62.1) the morning of 22 August. This position is believed to be in a Jap outpost line. Nips are well dug in.

d. Position of SCHULTZ'S Bn. remains unchanged.

2. Enemy Activities:

a. Night of 21/22 August LYNX BLUE outpost heard several barges unloading or loading in BAIROKO area. Heavy MG fire and large caliber, probably 40mm, gun fire also heard in the same area.

b. Routine Barge activity in BAIROKO HARBOR was engaged off TUNGUARILI POINT at 2114 and 2122 the night of 21 August by PT's. Shore batteries fired on PT's from ARUNDEL and KOLUMBANGARA. No damage to either side reported.

c. Condition Red was sounded twice during the period of 0520 to 0625. No report of damage or casualties.

3. Enemy Capabilities:

- a. Resistance at PIRU PLANTATION and to the NORTH.
- b. Resistance at BAIROKO HARBOR.
- c. Attack on ENOGAI in view of the barge activity in BAIROKO HARBOR.
- d. General evacuation from BAIROKO area in view of same barge activity.
- e. Resistance at BRANGA ISLAND.

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1. Enemy situation at end of period:

a. A LYNX patrol to a point within 300 yards of BAIROKO HARBOR returned in late afternoon of 21 August and reported no enemy contacts or activities. Another LYNX patrol to H-3 encountered no Japs.

b. LION patrol led by LT. KOONTZ succeeded in blazing a trail from a point 3000 yards NORTH and slightly WEST of ZIETA to the high ground on the EAST edge of PIRU PLANTATION and nearly opposite CUTTERS POINT. LION WHITE is following this trail.

c. SCHULTZ Bn. has 2 platoons at the wharf on LULU CHANNEL to the WEST of ZIETA.

2. Enemy Activities:

a. Night of 20/21 August five (5) barges left BAIROKO HARBOR at 0115/L. Engaged by PT's with unknown results. PT's subjected to heavy fire from shore batteries on ARUNDEL and VILA.

b. RICE ANCHORAGE was bombed and strafed by om plane at 0205/L the night of 21 August.

c. Condition RED was in effect between 1905 and 1925. No report of bombs being dropped.

3. Miscellaneous:

a. The 43rd Division upon reaching the wharf on the WEST COAST of BAANGA ISLAND found 30 Japs dead. They were unable to determine if the Japs had moved NORTH or had evacuated by a small boat found there. Evacuation appears more logical in that no evidence of a NORTHWARD movement was found.

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Map : CICSOPAC Photo Map (Group of 4).

1. Enemy Situation at end of period:

a. Essentially no change at end of period.

2. Enemy Capabilities:

a. Night of 19/20 Aug 43, routine barge traffic in and out of BAIROKO HBR with two barges in at 2140/19, and five putting out at 0220/20. KELLY engaged them briefly on way out. Fire directed at PT boats from barges and shore batteries located at LAMBETI-KOPI and ARUNDEL ISLANDS. Observers say apparently no damage to either side.

b. LYNX White OP on TURKEY MOUNTAIN sighted unidentified boat in BAIROKO HARBOR between 1530 and 1600 20 Aug 43. Resembled PT boat, but could not be definite.

c. Condition RED was sounded twice during the period 1155 to 0330. No report of damage or casualties.

3. Patrol Activities:

a. An overnight patrol from LION Blue consisting of 30 men and 1 officer seeking a trail over high ground from a point 600 yds North of ZIETA HILL to PIRU PLANTATION reported negative findings. A second patrol from LION Blue was sent West for the purpose of blazing a trail into the swamp.

b. LION White patrol to TURKEY MOUNTAIN 20 Aug 43, stayed overnight and will try to discover possible high ground by observation from LIZARD OP there. Another patrol was sent W from present "G" Co. position 21 Aug 43.

c. LION Blue has one patrol working South, then to the West trying to find a Western route to PIRU PLANTATION. Also sent a patrol NE to TURKEY MOUNTAIN and found a route which they think a road can be built through, but two streams will have to be bridged.

d. LYNX sent a patrol to the West and then North to area of small lagoon between SUNDAY INLET and BAIROKO HARBOR. This patrol will also attempt to capture prisoner.

2. Observers note that barges leaving BAIROKO area seem to run heavier than those coming in.
 3. There appears to be a greater amount of talking on barges leaving BAIROKO area than on those coming in.
 4. There has been less evidence of Jap patrol activity in the past 24 hours.
- b. A PW who was a member of a replacement Unit said that Regular Army men treat replacements roughly and that there was much internal discord among the Units on MUNDA.
- c. Instructions to Jap soldiers during U.S. Artillery bombardment:
1. Hide between two large trees.
 2. Advance towards U.S. lines.
 3. Take cover in dugout.
5. Enemy Capabilities:
1. Resistance at PIRU PLANTATION.
 2. Resistance on BAANGA ISLAND.
 3. Resistance at SUNDAY INLET.
 4. Organized resistance at BAIROKO HARBOR.
 5. Attack on EBOGAI in view of the barge activity in BAIROKO HARBOR.
 6. General Evacuation from BAIROKO area in view of the same barge activity.

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1. Enemy situation at end of period:

- a. LION White advanced 600 yds morning of 19 Aug 43 when leading elements reported they had reached a large bog. Patrols were sent out (approximately the size of one platoon) with the purpose of finding a suitable route to the high ground North of PIRU PLANTATION. One patrol went to the North, a 2nd to the Northwest, and a 3rd to the South. LION Blue made a similar advance and is now bivouacked in a square formation approximately 700 yds North and slightly West of ZIETA (NW of ZIETA Hill). "K" Co. is on the North, "I" Co. on the West, "L" Co. on the East, "M" Co. on the South, and Hqrs Co. and LION Blue in the center.
- b. Evening of 19 Aug 43, LION White patrols returned with negative reports. Each patrol ran into bogs and were unable to find any high ground suitable for passage of troops. Patrols continuing morning of 20 Aug 43. LION Blue also sent out patrols. First one being to the West for security which reported no enemy activity encountered, and a 2nd one for the purpose of finding a trail from the Bn's present position to TURKEY MOUNTAIN. A trail was discovered in the late afternoon.
- c. SCHULTZ's Bn. has moved out from ZIETA to gain physical contact with the rear elements of LION.
- d. Morning of 20 Aug 43, an attempt is being made to co-ordinate the position of LION White with the ridge running N - NW from the TURKEY MOUNTAIN area, by identifying that Units position from the air, and thus obtaining an azimuth.

2. Enemy Activities:

- a. Condition RED was in effect twice between 0150 and 0515 early morning of 20 Aug 43. Bombs were dropped both times with the second stick falling in the LIGHTNING CP area. Four casualties were suffered, three minor and one serious.

3. Patrol Reports:

- a. LYNX patrols in the area of the SUNDAY INLET, BAIRKO HARBOR trail show the following findings:

0530. At 1800, 40, 44, and 20-mm fire was heard to the North. At 0530, 19 Aug, plane bombing to the North and Northwest. Three bombs dropped, some exchange of fire.

4. Miscellaneous:

a. The road leading to TURKEY MOUNTAIN will be referred to as "TURKEY ROAD."

b. Elements of the 43rd Division advanced 500 yds 19 Aug 43, making no contact with the enemy. Further advances were contemplated for 20 Aug 43.

c. The following was translated from a Nip diary found on NEW GEORGIA:

"Upon landing at MUNDA I noticed the faces of the troops there to be pale. I was surprised at their appearance. Then again, the frequent squalls, the jungle area, bad roads and the frequent air raids. Labor battalions are working every day and making roads. Every time the squalls come we all perspire and because of this perspiration and the rain, our feet become heavy as we drag along. We are doing our utmost in laboring for the cause of the Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere. When I think of the time when I was at TRUK, why it is exactly the opposite here. So this is the Marines!"

5. Enemy Capabilities:

1. Resistance at PIRU PLANTATION.
2. Resistance on BAANGA ISLAND.
3. Resistance at SUNDAY INLET.
4. Organized resistance at BAIROKO HARBOR.
5. Attack on ENOGAI in view of the barge activity in BAIROKO HARBOR.

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1. Enemy Situation at end of period:

- a. Traveling toward PIRU PLANTATION, "G" Co. is now 2000 yds. NW of ZIETA with "E" and "F" Co's. midway between them and the LION RED CP. "F" Co. is in the lead, and "H" Co. with LION WHITE CP are 600 yards north of ZIETA. LION BLUE was following LION WHITE morning of 19 Aug 43, with 3rd. Bn., 148th Inf., remaining at ZIETA. Twenty additional dead Nips were found around the trail-block 17 Aug 43, where 10 were previously reported killed 15 Aug 43.
- b. No further contact has been made between the "E" Co., 172nd. Inf., patrol and Nips reported as being in vicinity of (97.0 - 42.0).

2. Enemy Activities:

- a. A message from LIVERSEDGE stated the Japs maintained a continuous aerial patrol of KULA GULF from 2000 to 0500 night of 17-18 Aug 43. Apparently covering their barge traffic and searching for our PT's. Barges from the TUNGURILLI side entered BAIROKO HARBOR at 2210 and departed in the same direction at 0130. LIVERSEDGE also reported a total of 23 barges having entered BAIROKO HARBOR in the last six (6) nights.
- b. At 2400, 17 Aug 43, ENOGAI was bombed with no damage or casualties reported.

3. Miscellaneous:

- a. In the future MT. TIROKIAMBA will officially be known as TURKEY MOUNTAIN.
- b. The Japanese lines on BAANGA ISLAND have been identified and troops of the 43rd. Division have forced their way around the right flank of this line. This morning, following the artillery barrage, the troops made a general attack. It is estimated there are approximately 100 Japanese well dug in.

- d. Documents taken from the body of a Jap killed by a LINA patrol near BAIROKO indicates that he was a member of the 6th Special Naval Landing Force. The last journal entry was dated 3 Aug 43. The following Units were mentioned:

✓ FUJI	- TAI	TSUGOKU	- TAI
EZAKI	- TAI	ITAGAKI	- TAI ✓
OKAJIMA	- TAI	NAGAI	- TAI
KORIYAMA	- TAI	KIMURA	- TAI ✓

KIMURA - TAI is the 2nd Co. of the 6th SNLF. Size or nature of the other units was not indicated.

- e. The following is a farewell speech found among documents of a prisoner of the 229th Infantry:

"Long live Japan! Long live the Emperor! All the members of the section and I fought with determination a hopeless battle to the bitter end. We wandered through the jungle without food, feeding solely on buds of trees and fought until today. Destroy all the code books! We shall die and become demons for our country! I express my deepest gratitude to those who rendered kindness to me up to this day. We are departing for enemy territory and will destroy as many as we can."

"On the 30th, at about 0400, a thousand enemy troops landed. It is my fault that I did not follow the same action as the 7th Co. and I deeply regret this. There is no explanation to the families of the members of this section. All of my men fought for their country and Emperor. Oh God, witness our final battle. Long live the Emperor! Please take revenge for your comrades!"

4. Enemy Capabilities:

- a. Resistance at PIRU PLANTATION.
b. Resistance at BAANGA ISLAND.

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1. Enemy Situation at end of period:

- a. With ZIETA Village now being in our hands, LION Blue is at ZIETA, and "K" and "L" Co's are maintaining a beach-head 300 yards south of the ZIETA River. LION White, less "G" Co. completed the relief of the 3rd Bn., 148th Inf., which has been withdrawn to ZIETA Village. LION White and Blue are initiating reconnaissance patrols to the North and Northwest of ZIETA Village. LION CP is at (83.7 - 44.5).

2. Enemy Activities:

- a. Afternoon of 16 Aug 43, 2 CB's were wounded by fragments of three shells which landed at the Eastern end of MUNDA Airfield. The calibre was unknown and apparently came from the direction of BAANGA Island. At 0625, 17 Aug 43, shells also fell in the 89th and 140th FA Bn. areas. At 0715, shells were reported falling in the LYNX RSO area, and additional shells landed on MUNDA Airfield and the CB area.
- b. An American Naval officer who was stranded on ARUNDEL Island since 4 July 43, was rescued 15 Aug 43. He was located opposite CUTTER Point and stated that he had observed barge activity nightly up until the night before his rescue. Barges numbering from 5 on some nights, to 20 on others unloaded near CUTTER Point.
- c. Night of 14 - 15 Aug 43, RICE Point was bombed twice, and ENOGAI was bombed three times. No damage or casualties were reported.

3. Patrol Reports:

- a. Patrols from LYNX have made further reconnaissance of the trail from BAIROKO to SUNDAY INLET with the following findings:

The trail, at least the eastern portion, is not log corduroy or coated with coral as previously reported. It has a well packed dirt surface. Natives estimate that between twenty and thirty Nips had passed on the trail during the preceding 24 hours. Travel being in both directions.

A patrol while investigating H-3 (Marine Map) observed five Nips in two canoes which came downstream on the BAIROKO River, turned into

4. Miscellaneous:

- a. Three hundred and thirty Jap prisoners have been taken on VELLA LAVELLA. Forty that were captured at BILCA stated that they had escaped from VILA, where bombings and a food shortage had induced 700 to attempt escape.
- b. A LIGHTNING G-2 patrol investigated the area of the trail-block West of ZIETA where 10 Nips were killed 15 Aug 43 with the following findings:

The bodies included one 1st Lieutenant and nine men, including one knee mortar operator. All carried full equipment and U.S. rations. Clothing was new and in good condition. The officer wore cotton breeches, shirt and blouse, leather puttees and hobnailed shoes. There was a name strip on the right breast-pocket of his blouse. Above this was a circular cloth badge sewn to the uniform with the following emblem in red.



Three of these emblems were found among the group and it is thought that it may be the Regimental insignia.

Some of the rifles and bayonets were new with the bluing still present. Wooden portions of the rifles were stained dark mahogany instead of the usual light oak. Helmets were cloth covered, over which there was a finer mesh camouflage net than previously seen.

All the men wore leather shoes but carried a new pair of TABI (rubber sneakers) in their packs. Each man carried a haversack and mess kit. Aside from the usual spade and hand pick with removable handle, most of the men carried the following tools: (1) Wire snippers with detachable handles in case. (2) Saw with detachable handle and tooth protected by a leather guard. (3) Small hand axe. (4) A curved short-handled pruning hook, much heavier in weight than the usual KAMA or sickle. (5) Some of the men carried Semaphore flags and grass camouflage capes. (6) Each man had a supply of quinine, exoosote pills, chlorinating kit, and mosquito repellent.

Clothing included a complete change of uniform, clean underwear, and clean towels. Packs included knee length raincoats, and shelter halves. No evidence of shorts or any other tropical clothing was found. All haversacks carried MOTOYAMA Unit of the 23rd Infantry Regiment identification. Code Number AKIRA 9019. Some addressed but unmailed postcards showed that #109 BUTAI had been crossed out and #9019 BUTAI

have also run across 23rd Regimental identifications. Three different Co's. have been identified on ARUNDEL Island). 229th and 230th Regimental identifications were found in the bivouac area near where the ten men were killed. This bivouac area was large enough to hold approximately one company and was probably where the troops were quartered while the headquarters were located at ZIETA Village.

5. Enemy Capabilities:

1. Resistance at PIRU Plantation.
2. Resistance on BAANGA Island.
3. Resistance at SUNDAY INLET.
4. Organized resistance at BAIROKO HARBOR.

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1. Enemy situation at end of period:

- a. At 1428, 15 Aug 43, this office received a message from LION that stated the natives attached to LION White declared the clearing into which that unit had advanced was ZIETA Village.
- b. LION White is now in bivouac NW of ZIETA, LION Blue is at ZIETA Village, one platoon of "E" Co. is on the NW flank of LION White, "G" Co. is NE of ZIETA between SCHULTZ and LION, and "M" Co. is moving into LION Blue reserve at ZIETA Village.
- c. Morning of 14 Aug 43, a road-block consisting of one platoon from "H" Co., LION White, was established on a trail approximately 400 yards, and running west, from ZIETA Village. 15 Aug 43, approximately one hundred fleeing Japs stormed the road block seeking escape from our forces closing in on ZIETA. Ten of these were killed at the road-block. A platoon from "H" Co. was sent to reinforce the block but arrived after the "E" Co. platoon had withdrawn. The bulk of Japs encircled them and fled on Westward. "K" and "L" Co's were sent after them in hot pursuit, killing four in the afternoon of the 15th. Morning of 16 Aug 43, "H" and "I" Co's had reached an inlet approximately 1000 yards West of ZIETA. 300 yards South was found a wharf. Saw 2 or 3 Japs and killed them, however the main force was nowhere to be seen. It is believed the remainder of the force evacuated by boat via this inlet and went either to PIRU Plantation or BAANGA Island.
- d. Our forces landed on VELLA LAVELLA morning of 15 Aug 43 meeting only slight resistance. Upon proceeding towards their destination, a Jap force was encountered in which forty Japs were killed and twenty-five were captured. Our forces suffered no casualties. The convoy was attacked enroute and on return but no damage was inflicted. An estimated 15 to 18 Jap planes were shot down with no known to our own.

2. Enemy Activities:

- a. Condition RED was sounded ten times during the period between 1213 and 0610. Between four and six bombs were dropped with the only damage being one "latrine" destroyed on MUNDA Point. No casualties were reported.

2. A patrol sent out by LION contacted a 12 man Japanese patrol in the vicinity of (92.4 - 59.8) morning of 16 Aug 43. A Japanese 1st Lt. was killed. No casualties were suffered by our patrol.

4. Enemy Capabilities:

1. Resistance at PIRU Plantation.
2. Resistance at BAANGA Island.
3. Resistance at SUNLAY INLET.
4. Organized resistance at PAIROKO HARBOR.

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1. Enemy situation at end of period.

- a. LION advanced only a short distance 14 Aug 43. 81-mm Mortars were used for approximately 3-hour, and 4 Tanks moved forward to spearhead an attack at 1545. "I" Co. is on the right, with "K" Co. on the left. "E" Co. is forward and around the East flank firing on the Japs East flank in front of "I" and "K" Co's. "L" Co. is following "I" and "K" Co's -- then comes "F" Co., remainder of "H" Co., and the Bn. CP. 3 Japs killed 13 Aug 43, and 13 Japs killed 14 Aug 43.
- b. SCHULTZ reports his Bn. as being on ZIETA Hill, just North of ZIETA Creek. The Japs are digging in on both ends of a ridge running SW to NE of ZIETA. Estimated strength of Nips on this ridge is 200. SCHULTZ has attacked both strongpoints but as yet has been unable to break through. Movement to the West is impossible due to a deep swamp.

2. Enemy Activities:

- a. Determined resistance near and around ZIETA.
- b. Two barges identified as Enemy, entered BAIROKO HBR. at 2130 13 Aug 43 and departed at 2220. Followed the coast of LAMBEETI-KOPI (Mahaffy Is.), closely in and out at a speed of about 5 knots.
- c. An advance patrol which landed on VELLA LAVELLA 2 days ago captured 1 prisoner from a construction company who stated there were approximately 500 Japanese on VELLA LAVELLA. Most of this number were survivors from sunken barges and are unarmed.
- d. During the period of Condition RED, night of 14 - 15 Aug 43, two enemy aircraft were reported knocked down by our AA and two bombs dropped, causing no damage or casualties.

3. Patrol Reports:

- a. Results of four patrols out of LYNN and LIVERSEDGE covering the area around BAIROKO HARBOR show the following results:

The area S and W of BAIROKO HBR. is mostly swamp and Mangrove. In some places crossed by the patrols the water was waist deep and the

constructed log trail, about 4 1/2 feet wide, covered with coral. This trail was crossed in three places and ran NW crossing swampy terrain. The Westernmost patrol followed this trail westward and found it to lead to SUNDAY INLET. They approached close enough to observe Jap activity, including Ack-Ack fire, in this area. It is thought that the Japs are still working on this trail in the direction of BAIROKO as wood chopping was heard in the area.

The positions of MT. TIROKAMBIA and MT. BAO have been established fairly accurately. MT. TIROKAMBIA is located about (84.8 - 48.6). MT. BAO is located about (88.2 - 48.6). In addition, MT. PAZUA is located at (93.0 - 57.3).

4. Enemy Capabilities:

1. Continued resistance covering trails.
2. Resistance at ZIETA.
3. Organized resistance at BAIROKO.
4. Withdrawal and evacuation at BAIROKO.
5. Rear Guard defense activity covering withdrawals.

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1. Enemy situation at end of period:

- a. SCHULTZ has one platoon deployed against the Japs previously reported located south of the MARGARITA River.
- b. "I" Co., LYNX Blue, moved $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles SSW from (83.0 - 50.0), then $\frac{3}{4}$ miles SW, reaching ZIETA Hill. Estimated to be 500 yards NE of Arty impact area of 14 Aug 43.

2. Enemy Activities:

- a. Determined resistance along ZIETA Trail.
- b. Two barges were sighted entering BAIROKO HARBOR at 2300, departing towards ARUNDEL ISLAND at 2345.
- c. Condition RED was sounded six times during the period between 1448 and 0600. No reports of damage or casualties.

3. Patrol Reports:

- a. A patrol from LYNX Blue found a $4\frac{1}{2}$ foot coral trail, new and well-made, running East and West about 4000 yards North of MT. TIROKAMBIA. Trail apparently runs from SUNDAY INLET to BAIROKO. Patrol was on this trail, near SUNDAY INLET, when our air attacked, and had to take cover. They heard Jap commands and Pom-Poms. Reported MAHAFFY ISLAND as being rough terrain -- and swampy with Mangrove.

4. Miscellaneous:

- a. Examination of Jap equipment left behind in area occupied by "I" Co., LION Blue, showed all of the knapsacks to be new and without any identifications written in them. This probably indicates recently outfitted members of the 13th Infantry Regiment. As Japs almost always put at least their name, if not unit, in the space provided for this.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

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1. Enemy situation at end of period:

- a. After the Artillery barrage, the tanks went into the resistance on the ZIETA Trail only to find the Nip positions evacuated. No pillboxes were found, but emplacements along side of trees showed where the Nips had been. Not being "dug in", the Artillery barrage was too much for them. LION advanced approximately 1500 yards during the previous 24 hour period ending 1645, 12 Aug 43. Positions form a box-like formation across the trail with LION Blue on the left, LION White on the right, "I" Co. on front facing North, and "M" & "H" Co's on bottom of the square. LION CP and "Cannon Co." are in the center.
- b. LION White completed their envelopement and reached the trail with no resistance. LION Blue then advanced along the trail in the lead, followed by LION White. The head of the column was estimated to be at (83.0 - 44.5). LION Blue advanced 1000 yards NW along the trail beyond the stream crossing (?) and met light resistance at 1645, stopping there and closing on the loading company, continuing the advance morning of 13 Aug 43.

2. Enemy Activities:

- a. Continued resistance along ZIETA Trail.

3. Patrol Reports:

- a. A native patrol led by Lt. Barrows and Lt. Koontz returned to LION CP around 1800, 12 Aug 43. Their route took them to TIROKAMBIA where they contacted SCHULTZ, and from there directly East to PIRU Plantation. Native scouts with SCHULTZ stated that there were no traveled trails between TIROKAMBIA or ZIETA to PIRU. All communication between PIRU and other points on NEW GEORGIA was by boat. Our patrol ran across one trail running N and S a few hundred yards west of TIROKAMBIA.. No other trails were encountered until PIRU was reached. The plantation area is open with very little overgrowth. There is a rise between the eastern margins of the plantation and the beach, so that the beach area is not visible until this rise is crossed. All activity is in the beach area. Because of the activity in the area a night reconnaissance was made. There are numerous Japs in the area and much barge activity was heard off the coast going N and S. No evidence of evacuation. There is a good road running N and S through the plantation area. Other trails are present, running in various directions and all in good condition.

4. Enemy Capabilities:

1. Continued resistance covering trails.
2. Rear Guard defense activity covering withdrawal northward and westward.
3. Resistance at ZIETA.
4. Organized resistance at BAIROKO.
5. Withdrawal and Evacuation at BAIROKO.

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1. Enemy situation at end of period:

- a. 11 Aug 43, SCHULTZ's Combat Patrol, leading his Bn. by 600 yards, met Nip defensive positions astride trail with 400 to 500 yard front facing North. (Sheet G - 81.3 - 46.5). Patrol drew no fire but saw Nips in position and spent time in finding the flanks. Patrol will hold position they are now at and prevent any Japs from getting out to the NW.
- b. Two Tanks are ready to advance on ZIETA Trail resistance following this morning's Artillery barrage. LION Blue reports 15 Nips killed, and 1 light MG captured, plus maps and documents.
- c. A patrol sent out by the 43rd Div. around LULU CHANNEL, SWACI CHANNEL, DIAMOND NARROW, and BAANGA ISLAND, ran across 6 Japs at BAANGA ISLAND.
- d. PT boats off KOLUMBANGARA sunk two (2) 100 foot barges.

2. Enemy Activities:

- a. Continued resistance along ZIETA Trail.
- b. OP at BAIROKO sighted 2, possibly 4 Nip barges at 2250 moving out of BAIROKO HARBOR in the direction of ARUNDEL ISLAND. Lost sight of barges at 2305.
- c. 9 Aug 43, a photographic plane covering NEW GEORGIA reported lights and flashes at reef SW of FERGUSON PASSAGE at 0750. At 0815 there was activity in BAIROKO HARBOR with patrol boats going in and out.

3. Patrol Reports:

- a. Lt Koontz patrol contacted SCHULTZ 11 Aug 43 and is proceeding on to PIRU Plantation area.

Map : CICSOPAC Photo Map (Group of 4)

1. Enemy situation at end of period:

- a. Opposition on ZIETA Trail still continues. LION White advanced 100 yards on west side of Trail and ran into a bivouac area and resistance in the form of MG and grenades. "F" and "H" Co's are cleaning up this small pocket and "G" Co. is following on the right flank. LION Blue met a small pocket on the east side which appeared to be moving west. "C" Co. is waiting in position and looking for this enemy movement.
- b. LYNX Red and Blue, and LYNX CP are at the BAIROKO River. LYNX White is 3500 yards North of the BAIROKO River. Ryneska's Bn. has passed through LYNX White and has position immediately in front.

2. Enemy Activities:

GROUND:

- a. Continued resistance along ZIETA Trail.

AIR:

- a. Condition RED at 1542 with condition GREEN at 1625. Reports of damage negative.

3. Patrol Activities:

- a. All reports negative except "I" Co., LION Blue to the south, which reported a small trail to the West half way between LION Blue and RJW.

4. Enemy Capabilities:

1. Continued resistance covering trails.
2. Organized resistance at BAIROKO.
3. Rear Guard defense activity covering withdrawal northward and westward.
4. Withdrawal and Evacuation at BAIROKO.
5. Resistance at ZIETA.

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1. Enemy situation at end of period:

- a. "G" Co., LION White, after cleaning up resistance at (82.1 - 44.9) went around "F" Co's left flank and ran into more resistance in the form of pillboxes. This resistance still continues. "E" Co. advanced 200 yds, running into resistance all the way.
- b. Liversedge, Dalton and Ryneska are at the BAIRKO River. Operational control of Liversedge has passed to CG LIGHTNING. Ryneska's Bn (LION Red) has been attached to Dalton (LYNX).

2. Enemy Activities:

GROUND:

- a. Aerial reconnaissance shows Nip positions both north and south of river north of ZIETA.

AIR:

- a. At 0753 condition RED was sounded, lasting until 0840. No bombs were reported as dropped.

3. Patrol Activities:

- a. Patrols were sent out from "L", "I", and "M" Co's. "L" Co's patrol to travel one hour East and return. "I" Co's patrol to travel one hour West and return. "M" Co's patrol to travel one hour South and return. All three patrols reported negative in areas reconnoitered.
- b. A native patrol has skirted the resistance near ZIETA and will reconnoiter the area between PIRU Plantation and ZIETA.

4. Miscellaneous:

- a. Previously reported 6th Div Code numbers have been found to represent the following units:

AKIRA	9017	--	6th Inf Div Hqs
"	9018	--	13th Regiment

Map : CICSOPAC Photo Map (Group of 4).

1. Enemy situation at end of period:

- a. FM of 8 Aug 43, LION White passed through LION Blue. "G" Co. in advance met resistance at (82.1 - 44.9) in the form of a MG in a pillbox. Killed 10 Japs, lost 1 man. Some resistance remained. "P" Co. moved around on "G" Co's left flank coming in from the West. Ran into second MG nest which was knocked out. Morning of Aug 9th "G" Co. killed 6 more Japs, lost 1 more man.
- b. At (89.5 - 44.9) a Jap patrol of about one platoon was observed proceeding along the BAIROKO Trail in a north-easterly direction. One Company from LYNX Blue was sent out to cut them off. 9 Aug 43, no further contact of this patrol had been made.
- c. Morning of 9 Aug 43, "E" Co., LION White, proceeded northward to the west of the ZIETA Trail meeting no resistance. "P" Co. passed "G" Co. and proceeded northward to the East of the ZIETA Trail but ran into resistance which held them up. At 1200 they were still held up but plans were being laid to by-pass the resistance in order to proceed northward and contact a group of Japs, about one company in strength, reported to be digging in along a river north of ZIETA. This group of Mps reported by a patrol from 3rd Bn., 146th Inf.
- d. LION Blue sent "K" Co. forward to tie in with "H" Co. and will continue to feed out companies to maintain this contact.

2. Enemy Activities:

GROUND:

- a. Fijiin patrol which left LIGHTNING morning of 7 Aug 43 to patrol area around ZIETA returned at 1000 9 Aug 43. Reported reconnaissance of area East, North and West of ZIETA. Many Jap trails were crossed showing recent travel in NE direction. Jap transport patrol of 20 men observed on one trail heading in south-easterly direction carrying large boxes of supplies. Apparently headed for ZIETA.
- b. A few pillboxes have been encountered on the ZIETA Trail. Approximately one company of Japs digging in along river north of ZIETA.

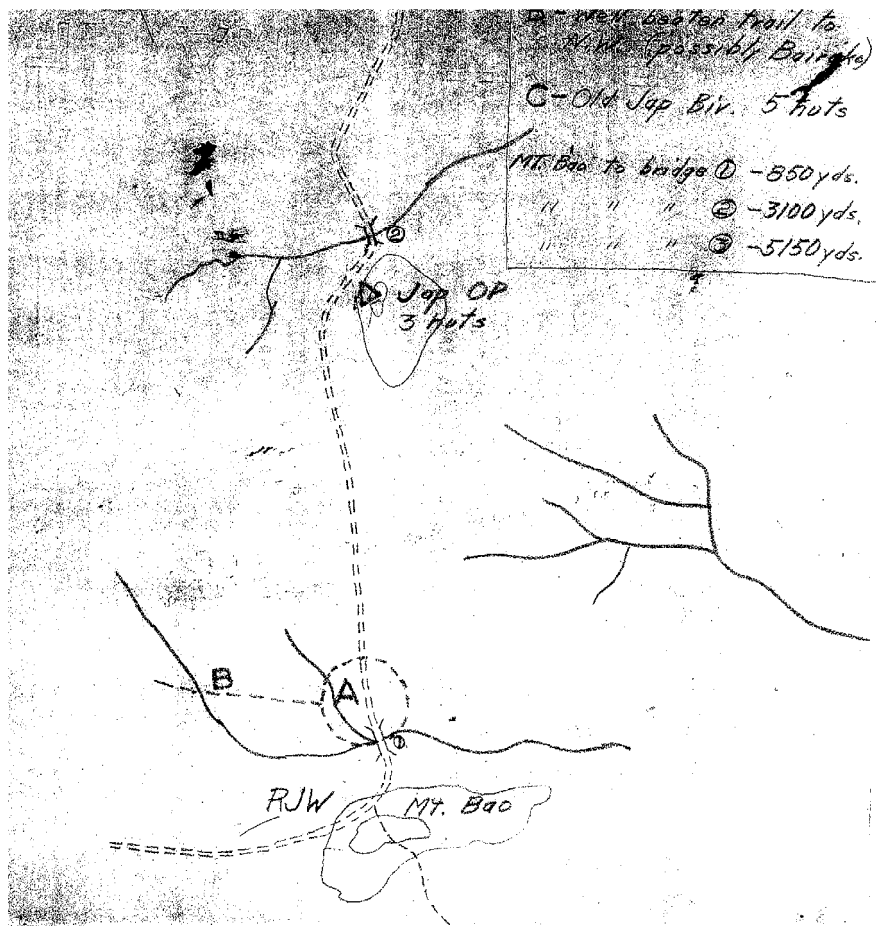
- a. At approximately 2345, condition RED was sounded and lasted until 0045. All reports on damage to personnel and/or equipment are negative.

3. Patrol Activities:

- a. The Coral Hill reached 7 Aug 43, with Jap bivouac on top has been designated as "RJR" (Road Junction "R"). The afternoon of 8 Aug 43, a native patrol led by Major Clemens patrolled the area east of RJR about one-half mile, encountering a well traveled native trail running north and south. The southern branch ran into an evacuated hospital bivouac area and then continued south until it crossed a stream after 500 yds. North of this stream there was a large Jap bivouac area bordering the BAIROKO Trail.
- b. The patrol from "C" Co., LION Red, checking the trail to the West from "RJR" found it to run in a south-westerly direction, eventually running into the ZIETA Trail where elements of LION Blue were contacted.
- c. On the morning of 8 Aug 43, a patrol led by Capt. Emery and Lt. Koontz patrolled the trail to the north of RJR for a distance of 7000 yds (trail distance), returning with the following information: (a) From MT. BAO to the 1st bridge, a distance of 850 yds, was found a recently evacuated Jap bivouac area containing 58 huts. (b) From MT. BAO to the 2nd bridge, a distance of 3100 yds, was found a well beaten trail leading north-west. (c) From MT. BAO to the 3rd bridge, a distance of 5150 yds, was found another Jap bivouac area (old) with 5 huts.
- d. LYNX, moving through LION, proceeded northward along BAIROKO Trail encountering no enemy resistance.

4. Miscellaneous:

- a. Operations for LION Blue included the following: Captured 5 chests of documents and maps. Killed 47 Nips. Lost 1 officer and 6 enlisted men. Had wounded 6 officers and 44 enlisted men.
- b. According to an order issued by the 229th Infantry, an INDIAN AA UNIT composed of 28 men was sent to MUNDA on 7 May 43 with the 13th Infantry.



Map: OLSQPAC State Map (Sheet of 4)

1. Heavy fighting in and around:

- a. At 1800, 7 Aug 68, 1st Bn., 27th Inf., and 1st Co. were fighting near Jap bridge area thought to be on Mt. BAO. 2 Aug 68, 1st Co. is now monitoring the Mt trail to the West. A second patrol is reconnoitering to the North on the SAHONG TRAIL 3000 yds. Both patrols are for the purpose of determining if Mt. is now definitely abandoned. The latter patrol has so far received no opposition. 1st Co. is now leading off in westerly direction but is contacted by patrol.
- b. 1st Bn., 27th Inf., is bivouacked on a hill side on 21st TRAIL with 2nd Bn., 27th Inf., behind them. 1st Co. has advanced further up and is bivouacked on a hill overlooking a banana plantation. This may be ZIET. No opposition other than light sniping has been encountered. 7 Japs killed so far.
- c. A native patrol led by Lt. Roenky on 7 Aug 68, proceeded 700 yds further up the SAHONG TRAIL past Mt. BAO. There upon a wooden bridge constructed by abandoned Jap Division came with 22 Japs. 2nd Bn. 1 Co. is in this vicinity. Continuing on further, the patrol coming to fork in the trail leading W and NE. Reconnoitered on both trails 300 yds but was unable to definitely state which trail continued on to SAHONG. Patrol returned at 1800, 7 Aug 68.

2. Heavy fighting in and around:

Ground:

- a. Very light sniping fire along both SAHONG and 21st TRAIL.

Air:

- a. Afternoon, 7 Aug 68, 1st Bn. (4) 1st Bn. 27th Inf. contacted KANA POINT and started from there to MENDI POINT. No downing or casualties.
- b. At 2100, this date, condition red was ordered and one plane

Map : CICSOPAC Photo Map (Group of 4).

1. Enemy situation at end of period:

- a. At 1800, 7 Aug 43, 1st Bn., 27th Inf., and AT Co. were digging in in Jap bivouac area thought to be on MT. BAO. 8 Aug 43, "C" Co. is reconnoitering the EW Trail to the West. A second patrol is reconnoitering to the North on the BAIROKO TRAIL 3000 yds. Both patrols are for the purpose of determining if Bn. is now definitely bivouacked on MT. BAO. Neither patrol has so far received any opposition. "C" Co. found trail leading off in southerly direction but is continuing patrol.
- b. 3rd Bn. Hqs., 27th Inf., is bivouacked one-half mile up ZIETA TRAIL with 2nd Bn., 27th Inf., behind them. "L" Co. has advanced 1 mile further up and is bivouacked on a hill overlooking a banana plantation. This may be ZIETA. No opposition other than light sniper fire has been encountered. 7 Japs killed so far.
- c. A native patrol led by Lt. Koontz on 7 Aug 43, proceeded 700 yds further up the BAIROKO TRAIL past MT. BAO. Came upon a wooden foot bridge surrounded by abandoned Jap bivouac area with 58 huts. Killed 1 Jap in this vicinity. Continuing on further, the patrol came to a fork in the trail leading NW and NE. Reconnoitered up both trails 400 yds but was unable to definitely state which trail continued on to BAIROKO. Patrol returned at 1500, 7 Aug 43.

2. Enemy Activity:

Ground:

- a. Very light sniper fire along both, BAIROKO and ZIETA Trails.

Air:

- a. Afternoon of 7 Aug 43, four (4) Aichi Dive-bombers bombed LIANA POINT and strafed from there to MUNDA POINT. NO known damage or casualties.
- b. At 0530, this date, condition red was sounded and one plane

Japanese Unit Identifications:

- a. The following 6th Division Code No's have been identified on documents found in bivouacs on ZIETA and BAIROKO Trails.

AKIRA	9017 CG Dir Guf
"	9018 (13th Regt.)
"	9019 23rd Regt
"	9024 6th FA Regt
"	9025 6th Engr Regt
"	9026 6th Dir Sig Mnd
"	9027 6th T Regt

The nature of Units, other than 9018, is not known but it shows that a considerable part of the 6th Division is in the northern part of NEW GEORGIA.

- b. PW interrogation stated that each time U.S. Forces retired from a position they left enough ammunition behind to supply Jap forces with sufficient ammunition to operate captured U.S. weapons.

4. Enemy Capabilities:

1. Continued resistance covering trails.
2. Rear Guard defense activity covering withdrawal northward or westward.
3. Concentration in BAIROKO area for further defensive action.

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Map : GICSO PAC Photo Map (Group of 4).

1. Enemy situation at end of period:

- a. Lt. Kuntz conducted native patrol along Bairoko trail north of 1st Bn. position. Proceeded approximately 1000 yds and found signs of recent travel of considerable amount. One Jap sighted in vicinity of native huts. Took off in a northerly direction while being observed. Patrol returned about 1430.
- b. "A", "C", and AT Co's of 27th skirted strong point and proceeded along Bairoko trail in a northerly direction. Encountered slight sniping and killed 3 Japs. About two thousand yds from point of starting a large bivouac area on top of a hill was located. Japs had evacuated some days previously, leaving a considerable number of U.S. arms and much ammunition. From the bivouac area there was an 8 foot trail leading off in a south westerly direction. There was also a 3 foot trail, coral coated, leading in a northerly direction. There was evidence to widen this trail to 8 feet. No evidence of much traffic on either trail, but both trails in good condition and could stand considerable travel without showing much effect. It is believed that this hill may be Mt. Bao.
- c. No evidence of activity in strongpoint on Bairoko trail which is still surrounded.

2. Enemy activity:

- a. Slight delaying action along both Bairoko and Zieta trails.

3. Miscellaneous:

Japanese Unit Identifications:

1. Bairoko trail, Bao Hill bivouac area.

NUMA 8925	229th Inf. Regt.
Takeuchi Tai	1st. Co.
AKIRA 9018	13th Inf. Regt.
Mori Tai	? Probably a Co.

✓ OKI 6251 41st Field AA Unit
✓ OKI 9811 17th Army Communication Co.
✓ OKI 6930 6th Ind. Rapid Fire (AT Bn.)

2. ZIETA Trail.

✓ NUMA 6925 229th Regt.
Nakao Tai 3rd Co.
AKIRA 9018
Takeuchi Tai 1st Co.
Nakao Tai 3rd Co.
Kuroda Tai 1st Bn. MG Co.

(NOTE: 229th Inf. identifications were most numerous but this may be due to the fact that the 229th had been on New Georgia for some time while the 15th Regiment Units were sent in after combat started).

3. Japanese and U.S. equipment captured, consisted of rifles and MG's. One Chinese MG found in large bivouac area on Bairoko Trail.

4. Enemy Capabilities:

1. Continued resistance covering trails.
2. Rear Guard defense activity covering withdrawal Northward or Westward.
3. Concentration in Bairoko area for further defensive action.

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