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SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE

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BINDER OF THE 8TH COMBINED SPECIAL NAVAL LANDING PARTY

Staff Officer IMAI

DISPATCH RECEIVED

Date: Nov 6

Classification: Urgent - Confidential.

Transmitted from: 4th Communications Unit (TN: 4CG)

Received by: Chief of Naval Section 1, Imperial Hq (TN: DAI KAI 1 BU CHŌ).

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Chief of the Administrative Section, Navy Technical Dept (KAMPON)
Chief of the Bureau of Naval Stores (GUNJUKYŌKU)

Information: C of S, 11th Air Fleet

C of S, 8th Fleet

C of S, 2nd Fleet

KC 11010

File No: 491, 482.

COMBINED FLEET SECRET DISPATCH #06001013 1-2

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Sent by: C of S, Combined Fleet.

In view of the combat strength of the Army Forces stationed at GUADALCANAL, the chances of neutralizing the GUADALCANAL Air Base (TN: with artillery) are not only hopeless; but the fact is that cooperation from naval guns is required, even to make an attack on enemy positions. Therefore, we are making plans for the use of special gun units for preventing enemy debarkation at the anchorage and neutralizing the GUADALCANAL Air Base, besides shelling the GUADALCANAL Air Base and positions with large calibre guns during the general attack and during the approach of transport convoys. Immediate compliance with the following order is requested:

1. Completion of the following shells _____ (TN: ? - Garble) by the end of Nov and remainder by the last 10 days of Dec):

- a. 36cm Type 3 Shells - 1000 rds
Type 0 Shells - 1000 rds
Instantaneous Fuzes (TN: SHUMPATSU SHINKAN) - 1000 rds
- b. 40cm Type 3 Shells - 500 rds

2. Organize 4 special gun units and send them to GUADALCANAL:

- a. 2 Units with:
 - 4 - 15cm Guns
 - 4 - Field AA Guns
 - 8 - 25mm MG

- b. 2 Units with:
- 6 - Type 9, 12cm Guns
 - 4 - Field AA Guns
 - 10 - 8cm Guns
 - 12 - 25mm MG

Time received: 0710

Time Decoded: 0945

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DISPATCH

Date: Nov 11
Transmitted from: TOKYO
Sent to: C of S, Combined Fleet.
Information to: Comdr, 8th Base Force
C of S, 8th Fleet
C of S, 11th Air Fleet
Comdr, YOKOSUKA 5th SNLP
Comdr, SASEBO 5th SNLP
Comdr, KURE 5th SNLP

SECRET DISPATCH #09093126.

Sent by: Chiefs of Naval Sections 1 and 2, Imperial Hq.

In reference to your Secret Dispatch #060010:

1. The KURE 6th Special Naval Landing Party is to be reorganized. The SNLP at present being prepared is as follows:
 - (1) One Bn composed of two batteries (8 - 14cm Guns), one Fd AA Arty Battery (4 guns), and one MG Co (4 - 40mm and 20 - 13mm guns).
 - (2) One Bn composed of two batteries (8 - 12cm guns), one Fd AA Arty Battery (4 guns), one MG Co (four 40mm and twenty 13mm guns), and an 8cm gun unit (sixteen guns, of which eight will be allotted from /sources at the unit's/ present location).

2. Since there is difficulty of transporting, mounting, etc, the medium caliber guns mentioned above, it is necessary at least to have practical training with the equipment before departure, and, since the Naval Landing Party is to depart at the end of November, we request you consider using the SNLP and Army forces on the spot, (TN: ?). We recognize, moreover, the necessity of increasing our strength in the LAE and SALAMAU areas. The SNLP and related units which have recently been reinforced in the RABUL area are as follows:

- (1) Reinforcements for the YOKOSUKA 5th SNLP: - 500 men (6 mtn guns, 6 inf guns, 8 - 13mm guns).
Reinforcements for the KURE 3rd SNLP: - 4A Arty Co (KAVIENG);
MP (TN: ?) 4A Arty Co (RABUL).
- (2) Reinforcements for the SASEBO 5th SNLP - 700 men (6 mtn guns, 2 Antitank Guns, 12 - 13mm guns).

Moreover, at RABUL the installation of 4 mobile AA guns, racks, emplacements (mounts) is scheduled for the latter 10 days of November and the personnel for these is scheduled to depart JAPAN on board LYONS Maru on Nov 16.

3. Readiness of Ammunition -

(1) 36cm Gun/Shells/-

a. By the end of Nov /the following will be ready/:

Type 3 Shell - 300 rounds

Type 0 Shell - 30 "

Type 88 Armor-Piercing Shell - 600 rounds

(including Instantaneous Type Base Fuze (TN:
SHUMATSU SHIKI DANTEI SHINKAN)).

Total - 930.

b. By the end of Dec /the following will be ready/:

Type 3 Shell - 300 rounds

Type 0 Shell - 300 "

Capped Armor-Piercing Shell - 2400 rounds

Total - 3000.

(2) The 40cm Gun Type 3 Shell cannot be supplied for a while.

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Date: Nov 9.

Transmitting Station: 4th Comm Unit

From: C of S, Combined Fleet.

To: Chiefs of 1st & 2nd Naval Section, Imperial Hq.

Chief of Bureau of Navigation.

Chief of War Plans.

Information to: C of S, 8th Fleet

11th Air Fleet

Code: Ro-1.

COMBINED FLEET SECRET 09104786.

In consideration of the land operations on GUADALCANAL, a naval heavy gun unit will be organized; immediately complete AA and Anti-Surface defense at the landing point. It is desired that the following be immediately carried out in facilitating transportation to GUADALCANAL and gradually advancing and bombard- ing the enemy airfield.

1. Command - Mission of staff officer attached to unit.

2. A first advance force will be organized with the MAIZURU 4th SNLF (with 16 - 8cm guns, present property of the 8th Fleet) and the 1st AA Arty Unit of the 1st Base Force (after completing arrangements for the Army to take over defense of BALLALE, etc), they will complete the defense of TASSAFARONGA after the middle of this month.

3. Immediately a gun unit (4 - 12cm, 4 - 15cm guns (not personnel), present property of 8th Fleet, and in addition 8 AA guns and 8 - 25mm MGs as a basis) and a special gun unit (in accordance with Combined Fleet Secret No 0600102) will be organized successively and sent forward.

4. An Ordnance Repair Section, entrenching tools and gun transportation equipment (Equipment Officer considers SHYASU (シャス) used for loading and un-

loading planes as suitable) will be immediately assigned.

5. The above heavy gun units will be attached to 8th Fleet.

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NAVAL DISPATCH (TN: In pencil - NOTE: Cancelled by Imp Hq Navy Section No 16163694).

Date: Nov 13

IMPERIAL HQ Naval Staff Section Dispatch #16163694 - Cancelled.

Transmitted at: TOKYO Broadcasting Station (TN: TOHO)

Sent to: Comdr, 8th Base Force
Comdr, YOKOSUKA 5th SNLP
Comdr, 81st Guard Force
Comdr, 82nd Guard Force
Comdr, SASEBO 6th SNLP

Information to: C of S, 8th Fleet
C of S, Combined Fleet
C of S, all Naval Stations.

Sent by: Chief of Naval Section 1, Imperial Hq.

SECRET DISPATCH #12115237.

In connection with the organization of the 8th Combined Special Naval Landing Party, measures governing the YOKOSUKA 5th SNLP are now being worked out.

1. The Rifle Unit (JU TAI) and attached units (including the forces stationed at GUADALCANAL air base) which are part of the YOKOSUKA 5th SNLP Hq, will be transferred to the Hq of the 8th Combined SNLP.

2. The former KURE 3rd SNLP Fd AA Arty Co, former KURE 3rd SNLP and KURE 5th SNLP Rifle Units stationed in RABUL and KAVIENG, and the former 32nd Special Base Force Fd AA Arty Co will be assigned to the 81st Guard Force.

3. The YOKOSUKA 5th SNLP's Reinforcement Force (TN: ZŌ GŌ BŪTAI) (Mtn Arty Unit, with the 500 men that arrived at RABUL in the latter 10 days of Oct) will be assigned to the 82nd Guard Force.

4. Of the men from the former KURE 3rd SNLP and from the KURE 5th SNLP Rifle Units, those who are stationed at BOUGAINVILLE Island are to be assigned to the SASEBO 6th SNLP.

5. The date for this will be Nov 20. The YOKOSUKA 5th SNLP Comdr will immediately submit to the concerned forces a report of the number of personnel (rank and name of officers and WO, the number of NCO's and Pvts) and amount of ordnance belonging to the forces mentioned in Paragraph 1; the 81st Guard Force Comdr will submit a report of those mentioned in Paragraph 2; and SASEBO 6th SNLP Comdr, one of those mentioned in Paragraph 3.

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NAVAL DISPATCH:

Date: Nov 13.

Transmitted at: TOKYO

Transmitted to: C of S, Combined Fleet.

C of S, 8th Fleet.

Comdr, 1st Base Force.

Comdr, MAIZURU 4th SNLP.

Information to: C of S, 11th Air Fleet.

C of S, MAIZURU Naval Station

C of S, YOKOSUKA Naval Station

Comdr, 3rd Base Force.

IMPERIAL HQ Naval Section Secret Dispatch #12150638.

Sent by: Chief of the Naval Section 1, Imperial Hq.

The following matters concerning Naval Landing Parties are brought to your attention in compliance with Combined Fleet Secret Dispatch #09104.

1. The Ind AA Unit (FIYAKE Co) of the 1st Base Force mentioned in Para 1 of the above dispatch/ will be detached from the 1st Base Force and will be assigned to the MAIZURU 4th SNLP.

2. The Arty Unit mentioned in Para 3 cannot be organized readily on account of the lack of AA MG's and personnel. However, one rifle company each (190 men) has been assigned to the KURE 6th SNLP and YOKOSUKA 7th SNLP. In addition to the forces assigned to it in Imperial Hq Naval Section Secret Dispatch #090931, KURE Naval Station 6th SNLP will be reinforced with one 12cm Dual Purpose Gun Btry (4 guns - 190 men) and a Mtn and Inf Gun Plat (2 guns - 90 men); if necessary, request you consider allotting gun crews from the 12cm gun and 15cm gun personnel stationed at RABUL.

3. As the Ordnance Repair Section mentioned in Para 4, for the time being the Ordnance Section (Ord Lt and 40 men) of the 8th Repair Section will be allotted. /Along with/ the Entrenching Section will be organized as part of Hqs, 8th Combined SNLP, and will advance at the same time as KURE 6th SNLP.

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Date: Nov 13

Classification: Urgent - Confidential.

Sent to: C of S, Combined Fleet.

Information to: Comdr, 1st Base Force

Comdr, 7th Base Force

Comdr, 8th Base Force

C of S, 8th Fleet

C of S, 11th Air Fleet

C of S, 4th Fleet

Sent by: Chief of Naval Section 1, Imperial Hq.

IMPERIAL HQ Naval Section Secret Dispatch #12120122.

In reference to your Secret Dispatch #091047.

1. As of Nov 20, an 8th Combined SNLP (with a Comdr, an Adj, 2 Staff Officers) has been organized, comprising the KURE 6th SNLP, YOKOSUKA 7th SNLP (newly organized), and MAIZURU 4th SNLP. The YOKOSUKA 5th SNLP is being dissolved. Details of these things will be reported separately, and your requests in general will be met.

2. Because of the organization of the above unit, there has been a considerable decrease in the numbers of gunnery personnel aboard capital ships in JAPAN. In view of the fact that replacements (TM: for the ships) will inevitably be necessary, we call it to your attention in advance that for the present it will be difficult to dispatch any additional landing party forces.

In reference to the request from the 11th Air Fleet and 1st Base Force for an AA Artillery Unit, both arms and personnel necessary for the organization of this unit are lacking at present, but their transfer from the bases in other areas, etc, is being considered. Because of the present difficulty, do your best for the time being in adapting the forces on the spot to a suitable adjustment.

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NAVAL DISPATCH (Received)

Date: Nov 13.

Transmitted at: TOKYO #2

Transmitted to: Staff Officer, 4th Fleet
Staff Officer, 11th Air Fleet.
Staff Officer, 8th Fleet.
Information to: Staff Officer, Combined Fleet.
C of S, KURE Naval Station.
C of S, YOKOSUKA Naval Station.
C of S, SASEBO Naval Station.
Comdr, 6th Base Force.

KC - 18520

File No: 455. 519

Time Message Received: 1445.

Time Decoded: 0720.

Notes: 8th Base Force, 7th Base Force 0825 2/3

BUREAU OF MILITARY AFFAIRS SECRET DISPATCH #12181013 1.2

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SENT BY: Chief of the Bureau of Military Affairs and Chief of the Imperial Hq Naval Section 2.

Preparations are being made for sending forward the Pioneer Units to be transferred, as follows:

1. The 17th Pioneer Unit will be divided into 2 Sections in order to make it more suitable for use on separate missions.

a. The 1st Section (Unit Comdr and the engineers and supplies, etc, although appropriate for one Class B Unit; the guard strength makes up half of the total) will depart SASEBO on board the KEISHO Maru and the SEIL Maru on Nov 25 (carrying 4 large landing barges) for RABUL.

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b. The 2nd Section (a Technical Officer as its Section Comdr; except for the lack of the Pioneer Unit Comdr, its organization and equipment are the same as those of the 1st Section) will depart SASEBO on board the NANKAI Maru and KAKU Maru about Dec 5 (each carrying 2 large landing barges) for RABAU.

2. The 111th Pioneer Unit (organized and equipped for fortification work and called Class C) will depart TOKYO on board the SHOHET Maru and SHON Maru about Dec 10 (carrying 4 large landing barges) for KWAJALEIN (PQ).

3. Although the preparations for dispatching various Pioneer Units in the future are expected to be completed as given below, from the standpoint of bottoms it is not expected that they will be dispatched this year. It is requested that a method of cooperation to accelerate transportation be devised involving use of ships attached to the Fleet and return of transports in which the advance force is dispatched.

Temporarily Designated	101st Pioneer Unit, during 1st 10 days of Dec.
"	" 121st " " " middle " " " "
"	" 131st " " " 1st " " " Jan.
"	" 24th " " " latter " " " "

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NAVAL DISPATCH RECEIVED

Date: Nov 14.

Transmitted at: BUIN.

Transmitted to: Comdr, 1st Base Force
Chief of the Naval Section 1, Imperial Hq.
C of S, KURE Naval Station.

Information to: Staff Officer, 8th CSNLP
C of S, 8th Fleet.
C of S, Combined Fleet.
Comdr, SASEBO 6th SNLP.

Sent by:

KC: 8450

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File No: 94E.

Time Received: 1335.

Time Decoded: 1445.

Decoded by: SUZUKI (TAKAYA).

Notes: 8th Base Force, 7th Base Force, - 1910 2/3.

SASEBO 6th SNLP SECRET DISPATCH #14100005.

Reference: Imperial Hq Naval Section Secret Dispatch #12115237.

The KURE 3rd SNLP Rifle Unit (JU TAI) stationed at BOUGAINVILLE Island is composed of 283 NCO's and privates, but no WO or above. Its equipment is four 8cm Flat Trajectory Guns and personal weapons.

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NAVAL DISPATCH RECEIVED

Date: Nov. 15
Transmitted from: BUNA.
Transmitted to: Chief of the YOKOSUKA Naval Personnel Office
Chief of the KURE Naval Personnel Office
Chief of the Personnel Bureau.
Information to: C of S, Combined Fleet.
C of S, YOKOSUKA Naval Station.
C of S, KURE Naval Station
C of S, 8th Fleet.
Comdr, 8th Base Force.
Comdr, YOKOSUKA 5th SNLP.
Sent by:
KC: 4442.
File No: 267.
Time Received: 0227.
Time Decoded: 0245.
Notes: 8th Base Force, 7th Base Force - 0635 2/3.
SECRET DISPATCH #14225785.
Reference: Imperial Hq SECRET DISPATCH #12152.

Persons transferred to the 8th Combined SNLP Hq:
a. At BUNA (including those remaining behind at RABEUL).
(Naval) Capt Yoshihatsu YASUDA.
Lt (sg) Yasutaka SUZUKI
Lt (jg) Kiyoshi MORII
Ensign Katsu SHIMOMURA.
(TN: WO names omitted from translation).

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Date: Nov 17.
Transmitted from: TOKYO.
Transmitted to: C of S, Combined Fleet.
C of S, 8th Fleet.
Sent by: Chief of the Personnel Bureau.
KC: 8350.
NAVY DEPT's Personnel Bureau SECRET MESSAGE #161221.

Nov. 20th. The following assignments are scheduled:

8th Combined SNLP.	
Comdr	OTA (322).
Staff Officer	IMAI (1689).
" "	Lt Tetsu YUZUKI (2418) (Attd to 8th Fleet).
" "	ARIKAWA (Engineer 764) (ISE)
Adjutant	Lt Yasutaka SUZUKI (2779) (Attd to MAGATO)
Paymaster	Lt Comdr Yasuji SHIGEMUNE (Paymaster (SHI) 275) (Attd to KURE Navy Yard)
Asst to Paymaster	NAKAMURA (Paymaster (SHI) 2053).

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Date: Nov 17.

Transmitted from: TOKYO

Transmitted to: C of S, Combined Fleet

Information to: C of S, 8th Fleet

C of S, 11th Air Fleet.

KC: 18310.

SECRET MESSAGE #16194016.

Sent by: Chief of 1st Naval Section, Imperial Hq and
Chief of Bureau of Military Affairs.

Concerning your Secret Message #151903:

1. Dates set for the Pioneer Unit to move to the SOLOMONS Area.
"B"(Organization) 1 Unit (1st Section, 17th Pioneer Unit)(SASEBO).
Nov 25 "B" (Organization) 1 Unit (1st Section, 17th Pioneer
Unit (SASEBO).

First Period - Dec 5. One Fortification Pioneer Unit (TN: CHIKUJO SETSUET
TAI) (101st Pioneer TAI) Dec 5 (YOKOSUKA).

"B" (Organization) 2 Units (1st and 2nd Sections, 19th Pioneer TAI)
Dec 10 (via KURE) YOKOSUKA.

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Date: Nov 17.

Transmitted from: TOKYO

Transmitted to: C of S, 8th Fleet

C of S, Combined Fleet

Comdr, 8th Base Force.

Information to: C of S, YOKOSUKA Naval Station.

Comdr, YOKOSUKA 5th Special NLF.

Sent by: Chief of the 1st Naval Section, Imperial Hq.

KC: 181310

676.

Time Received: 1056.

Time Decoded: 1215.

IMPERIAL HQ SECRET MESSAGE #16163694.

Concerning the 8th Base Force Secret Telegram #151801.

Matter concerning the disbandment of the YOKOSUKA 5th SNLF ordered in
the Imperial Hq Secret Message #121712 (wartime organization) will be rescinded.
The Imperial Hq Secret Message #121152 is cancelled. /Plans/ are revised to
have the Hq Co of the 8th Combined SNLF organized in JAPAN.

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NAVAL DISPATCH (Copy)

Date: Nov 17.
Designation: UNI.
Transmitted from: TOKYO.
Classification: Urgent and Confidential.
#161659.
Transmitted to: C of S, Combined Fleet.
Received by: C of S, 8th Fleet.
C of S, 11th Air Fleet.
C of S, 2nd Fleet.
C of S, 3rd Fleet.
C of S, 6th Fleet.
File No: 275. KC: 12690
Time Received: 0748.
Time Decoded: 1830.

Imperial Hq NAVAL SECTION SECRET DISPATCH #16165908.

Sent by: Chief of the Imperial Hq Naval Section 1.

The following is a rough idea of the plan for operations in this area, which /plan/ is scheduled to be indicated soon by the Joint Board (CHUO KYOTEI) in the near future, in accordance with the present combat situation and with the organization of the 8th Area Army.

(1) Units in both the SOLOMONS and NEW GUINEA areas will protect the vital places in their areas during the period of preparation for the general offensive, and especially until the preparations for air operations progress, and prepare for the forthcoming operations.

(a) Thus, the units on GUADALCANAL Island in general will protect the important places in the vicinity of this area; those on NEW GUINEA will protect the important places in the vicinity of LAE, SALLAMANA, and BUNA.

(b) The military supplies necessary for carrying out the provisions of the foregoing paragraph and the smallest amount of troops possible to meet the necessity will be transported there; the rest of the troops and military supplies will wait in readiness near RABUL for the time being.

Furthermore, the sick and wounded of the Army forces in the GUADALCANAL and NEW GUINEA areas, as far as possible, will be collected and evacuated, thus cutting down the personnel to be supplied.

(c) Air bases, especially in the SOLOMONS Area, will be quickly equipped.

(d) In accordance with the preparations for the operation given in Paragraph 1, air activity in the GUADALCANAL area will be intensified as occasion permits. Seizing an opportunity, Army troops, etc, will be transported to GUADALCANAL, in one single effort, and the preparations for attack will be simplified.

2. The utmost effort to hasten the concentration of Army strength is being made. An outline is given below. It is possible that the opening of the attack on GUADALCANAL, which is dependent on the time of completing the air bases, will be the latter ten days of January. The whole strength of the 51st

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Div will arrive at RABUL in the latter ten days of Dec, and a unit with 1 regt of the 6th Div as its nucleus between the last 10 days of Dec and the first 10 days of Jan.

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Date: Nov. 17.
Transmitted from: TOKYO Broadcasting Station.
Classification: Urgent and Confidential.
Transmitted to: C of S, Combined Fleet.
Information to: C of S, 6th Fleet
C of S, 8th Fleet
C of S, 11th Air Fleet.

KC: 16700

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File No: 512,541

Time received: 1935.

Time Decoded: 2110.

Notes: 8th Fleet, 8th Base Force, 7th Base Force - 0605 2/2.

IMPERIAL HQ NAVAL SECTION SECRET DISPATCH #171000 12
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Sent by: Chief of Imperial Hq Naval Staff Section 1
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According to an investigation by the Naval Technical Dept of the ration-transporting capacity of submarines, the amount that can be loaded on a submarine in a submersible condition (TN: Diving trim), regardless of the specific gravity of sea water or of the existence or non-existence of temporary cargo is as given below. However, the restrictions given in Paragraph 2 must be observed:

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Subs.*
1. Plan for Submarines of the I-15 Class:
 - (1) Loading Capacity 50 tons.
(Explanation: Airplane Hanger Compartment - 8 tons; places from which spare torpedoes have been unloaded - 7 tons; other parts within the submarine - 35 tons).
 - (2) Restrictions:
 - (a) Spare torpedoes and airplane must be unloaded.
 - (b) Fuel - 300 tons or over.
 - (c) Lubricating Oil - 20 (?) (TN: ? in original) tons or less.
 - (d) 20 days' rations for the regular members of the crew.
 - (e) Cruising Radius - under 3000 nautical miles.
 2. Submarines of the I-16 Class:
 - (1) Loading Capacity 50 tons (within the submarine).
 - (2) Restrictions:
Same as those of I-15 submarines.
 3. Submarines of I-1 Class:
 - (1) Loading Capacity 40 tons.

- (2) Restrictions:
- (a) Fuel loaded to capacity.
 - (b) Lubricating Oil - 14 metric tons.
 - (c) Spare torpedoes will be unloaded.
 - (d) Others are same those given in Para "d" and "f" of I-15 Class Submarine.

The Army is expediting the manufacture of a large number of rubber pouches in which supplies and provisions can be packed. These can be stowed in the airplane hangar compartment, and be launched and easily towed. They will be distributed in a few days.

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Date: Nov 18.
Transmitted from: TOKYO Broadcasting Station #1 (第 一).
Transmitted to: C of S, Combined Fleet.
Information to: C of S, 8th Fleet.
C of S, 3rd Fleet.
Cs of S, All Naval Station.

KC: 16900. 936.
IMPERIAL HQ SECRET MESSAGE #17155357. 2/2
Sent by: Chief of the 1st Naval Section, Imperial Hq.

2. YOKOSUKA 7th SNLF (excluding 12cm Gun TAI).

a. Every effort was made to accelerate the equipping and organizing by Nov 20, its departure is scheduled for about the end of Nov (Field AA Arty Co already organized and undergoing training along with the KURE 6th SNLF).

b. Essential Personnel and Equipment - Sixteen 8cm Guns, four 7cm field AA guns, four 40mm guns, twenty 13mm guns, eight large landing barges, thirty motor trucks (4 code groups not clear).

Every effort is being made to hasten the equipping, testing and training of the 14cm Gun TAI (composed of 8 guns and 336 men and organized at KURE) and 12cm Gun TAI (organized at YOKOSUKA and composed of 8 guns and 310 men), but their departure is expected to take place about Dec 10.

4. It is expected that in transporting the foregoing SNLF cooperation will be given.

Time Received: 1545.
Time Decoded: 2200.
Decoded by: TANI (HAMAMOTO).
NOTES: 8th Fleet, 8th Base Force, 7th Base Force.

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Date: Nov 18.
Transmitted from: TOKYO Broadcasting Station No 1.
Transmitted to: C of S, Combined Fleet.
Information to: C of S, 8th Fleet.
C of S, 3rd Fleet.
C of S, KURE Naval Station.

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KC: 16700

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Time Received: 1520

Time Decoded: 2400

Decoded by: KASHIDA (NARUO).

Notes: 8th Fleet, 8th Base Force, 7th Base Force.

IMPERIAL HQ SECRET MESSAGE #17155347.

Sent by: Chief of 1st Naval Section, Imperial Hq.

Concerning the Combined Fleet's Secret Message #151440.

The situation of the Naval Landing Party which is undergoing preparation is as follows:

1. Half of the number (excluding 14cm Gun T4I).

(a) It is at present undergoing training at YOKOSUKA and TATEYAMA (preparation made for loading a part of the materiel). The preparation for departure is expected to be completed at YOKOSUKA on the 30th, at the latest.

- (b) Essential personnel and Equipment:

Four 12cm Dual Purpose guns, four 7cm field AA guns, two mtn guns, two inf guns, eight 40mm guns, twenty 13mm guns, eight large landing barges, thirty motor trucks, and personnel - 1280 men, besides the lookout personnel (code group missing) of the 8th Combined SNLF.

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NAVAL DISPATCH RECEIVED.

Date: Nov 13.

Transmitted from: TOKYO Broadcasting Station #2 (東二放).

Transmitted to: C of S, All Naval Stations

C of S, All Guard Forces.

C of S, All Fleets.

SECRET DISPATCH #12171233.

Sent by: Chief of the Imperial Hq Naval Section #1.

The following changes are being made in the Imperial Naval Wartime Organization for the last ten days of November:

1. On 15th (Annexed).

17th Pioneer Unit (B organization, 2 sections) has been organized and assigned to the 11th Air Fleet.

2. As of the 20th:

Assignments as follows:

AGMO to the 10th CruDiv.

NAGFM to the 4th DesRon.

26th SubDiv to the KURE Naval Station Force.

44th Mine Sweeper Div to the 10th Special Base Force.

5th Subchaser Div to the YOKOSUKA Naval Station Force.

85th Submarine Base Force to the 4th Base Force.

(2) Assignment of the 8th Combined SNLF which is made up of the KURE 6th SNLF, YOKOSUKA 7th SNLF (newly organized), and MAIZURU 4th SNLF to the Combined Fleet; dissolution of the YOKOSUKA 5th SNLF.

3. As of the 25th:

(1) Organization of the CHISHIMA Area Special Base Force and its

assignment to the OMINATO Guard District (KEIJI FU).

Assignment of #2 SHINKO Maru, the ISHIGAKI, KUNAJIRI and FARA-MUSHIRO Comm Units, and the 28th Mine Sweeper Div to the CHISHIMA (TN; KURILE Islands) Area Special Base Force.

(2) Assignments as follows:-

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~~CHUYO~~ to the Combined Fleet.

1st, 2nd, and 5th Picket Boat Divs to the 22nd Squadron (SENTAI).

No 5 Special Mine Sweeper and No 6 Special Mine Sweeper to the

41st Guard Force.

(3) Removal of YURA from the wartime organization.

4. On the 30th:

(1) Dissolution of CruDiv 9.

Assignment of the KITAOKI and the OI to the First Fleet.

(2) Assignment of ~~RYUHO~~ to the 3rd Fleet.

(3) Assignment of ~~YURISHIMA~~ to the SASEBO Defense Force; and No 9 Special Service Mine Sweeper and No 10 Special Service Mine Sweeper to the YOKOSUKA Defense Force.

(4) Dissolution of the 11th and 13th Pioneer Units.

(5) Removal of ~~SENKAI~~ Maru, ~~SEIKYO~~ Maru, ~~HAKKAIISAN~~ Maru, No 5 ~~KOTOBUKI~~ Maru, ~~KEIKO~~ Maru from the wartime organization.

Note against this "Removed from wartime organization" 13 Nov 1942

Date: Nov 20.

SECRET.

Transmitted by: 4th Comm Unit.

To: CO NISSHIN.

Information to: Comdr 8th Fleet.

Comdr 11th Fleet.

Comdr 2nd Fleet.

Head of General Board (SŌCHŌ)

YOKOSUKA Naval Station

Comdr 5th Fleet.

COMBINED FLEET SECRET NO 20104547.

From: Comdr Combined Fleet.

The NISSHIN will depart TRUK after the 21st for YOKOSUKA, with the duty of transporting the 8th CSNLF to TRUK. Special orders relating to transportation will be issued.

Date: Nov 15.

Transmitted to: Chief of 1st Naval Section, Imperial Hq.

Information to: C of S, Combined Fleet

C of S, 8th Fleet

C of S, 11th Air Fleet

Comdr, YOKOSUKA 5th SNLF.

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Sent by: Comdr, 8th Base Force.
8th BASE FORCE SECRET MESSAGE #151801.

In reference to the Imperial Hq Secret Telegram #12115237 (on the matter of organization of the 8th Combined SNLF) and YOKOSUKA 5th SNLF Secret Telegram #14225785.

252 men of the YOKOSUKA 5th SNLF (YASUDA TAI) which is scheduled to be transferred to the 8th Combined SNLF Hq compose the main strength of the Guard Force at BUNA (includes a part of 14th Pioneer Unit and the 15th Pioneer Unit, besides the YOKOSUKA 5th SNLF).

Considering the pressing battle situation and difficulty of transportation in this area and relief units for this Force, unless in addition a strong Army BUTAI is despatched, we cannot hold our ground in this area. Since immediately transferring this unit to another area will bring about a difficult situation, I hope this will be considered in regard to the organization /of 8th CSNLF/.

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Date: Nov 18.
Transmitted from: TOKYO.
Transmitted to: C of S, 8th Fleet.
Sent by: Chief of the Personnel Bureau.
PERSONNEL BUREAU SECRET MESSAGE #172027, of Nov 17.

KOB YASUHI (Air Force 337)

SUGIE (Air Force 1353?)

will be attached to the 8th Fleet Hq.
(The foregoing are scheduled to be attached to the 8th Combined SNLF).

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Date: Nov 19.
Transmitted from: 4th Communication /Unit/.
Transmitted to: C of S, Combined Fleet.
C of S, 6th Fleet.
C of S, 8th Fleet.
Information to: Comdr, 2nd DesRon.
C of S, 11th Air Fleet.

KC: 11010.
SECRET MESSAGE #18105566.
Sent by: Chief of 1st Naval Section, Imperial Hq.

1. In reference to the Imperial Hq Secret Telegram #170449, the amount listed will be consigned to the KUMANO, scheduled to depart the 22nd. (The quantity is a rough estimate).

- No. 1 (30cm Dia and 60cm long) - about 500.
- No. 2 (30cm Dia and 1m long) - about 400
- No. 3 (50cm Dia and 2m long) - about 420.

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2. The total weight of the above is above 20 tons. It is expected that rations for about 40,000 men can be transported with the above-mentioned rubber pouches (TN: ~~3~~¹²) (Lit, floating pouches). Forward them in accordance with the message which follows.

Time Received: 1040

Time Decoded: 1245

Decoded by: TSUCHIYA (MURASE)

Notes: 8th Fleet, 8th Base Force, 7th Base Force.

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NAVAL DISPATCH RECEIVED

Date: Nov 21.

Transmitted from: TOKYO Broadcasting Station #1.

Transmitted to: C of S, 8th Fleet.

C of S, Combined Fleet.

Sent by: Chief of the Personnel Bureau.

File No: 436.

SECRET DISPATCH #2015470.

As of Nov. 20th,

OTA (322), Comdr, 8th Combined SNLF

IKEDA (740), relieved from additional duty.

SAITO (755), attached to the 8th Fleet Hq. (scheduled to be comdr of WAKITAKA).

Capt Takeo HIRANO, Comdr of the 85th Submarine Base Force.

TAKEDA (1466), Comdr of the YOKOSUKA 7th SNLF.

IMAI (1689), Staff Officer of the 8th Combined SNLF.

NORITA (1933), appointed to the Naval General Board.

IKIHISA (2091), Comdr of the Submarine I-122.

YUNOKI (TN: or YUZUKI) (2418), Staff Officer of the 8th Combined SNLF,

Adj'l Duty: Adj (Orders naming SUZUKI as Adj cancelled).

ICHINOSE (2999), attached to the YOKOSUKA 7th SNLF, additional duty:

Div Comdr (TN: BUNTAI CHO).

FUJII (3180), Adj, YOKOSUKA 7th SNLF.

SOMEYA (TN: or SOMETANI) (3746), attached to the YOKOSUKA 7th SNLF;

additional duty: DIV Comdr (TN: BUNTAI CHO).

OTSUBO (4508), attached to the YOKOSUKA 7th SNLF.

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NAVAL DISPATCH RECEIVED

Date: Nov 30.

Transmitted from: TOKYO

Transmitted to: Comdr, 8th Base Force.

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Received by: C of S, 8th Fleet.
C of S, 11th Air Fleet.

File No: 462.

IMPERIAL HQ SECRET DISPATCH 2915166.

Sent by: Chief of Naval Section 1, Imperial Hq.

Chief of the Personnel Bureau

Reference: Your Secret Dispatch #271100 and #271846.

1. In connection with the organization of the 8th Combined SNLF and of the AA unit, /we bring it to your attention that/ dispatching personnel from JAPAN, either from ships or from shore, is extremely difficult at the present time; it is requested that every method be used for replenishing personnel as much as possible from men on the spot, except in the case of part of the AA installation control personnel. It is our opinion that, if necessary, replenishments may be made without any difficulty from the personnel left over from the KURE 3rd SNLF and KURE 5th SNLF (disbanded at the end of October). For this reason, we would like to know at once the present situation of the remainders of these units.

2. The personnel mentioned in Paragraph 1 of Imperial Hq Secret Dispatch No 021138 departed JAPAN on board the LYONS Maru on Nov 18.

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NAVAL DISPATCH (Sent)

Date: Dec 2

Transmitted from: TOKYO Broadcasting Station.

Transmitted to: Comdr, Outer South Seas Force.

Received by: C of S, Combined Fleet.

C of S, 11th Air Fleet.

Chief of the Naval Section 1, Imperial Hq.

Sent by: Comdr, 8th Combined SNLF.

8th COMBINED SNLF SECRET DISPATCH No 01162537.

The men of the forces leaving JAPAN are all approaching RABEUL in high spirits. In view of the fact that except for the partial training they received before their departure, the men are mostly recruits, and that their weapons are mostly untested, the following training will be given at your discretion during a period of at least 15 days, in the vicinity of RABEUL before conducting any operations.

1. Landing of material for each unit.
2. Transportation and installation of guns and MGs.
3. Construction, camouflaging, and changing of positions.
4. Handling, firing, and gunnery tactics.

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