はうして彼之し支信君此軍全が基上るしわジ四 配は等ののく職地陸ハルをや月決合不 る。は数空す濠の作被の滅及はンのる及二定軍 才千波る洲十戰害不的太海ボ西同证十 のす海軍八波波意攻平空ル方時タニま ス日べ南及軍三極打惠洋より約上十日新方 本ては米を1めでを船り湾五陸十二打二 聯人軍完ギであ加隊の地のをラ1惠孤語 合助西全二軽乍入所掩区の敢湾书 ア直空末ニアツのた。属護を埋行の二無 航下占ホし三アへて がの米囲岸あ有田宇領「今矣のた。る 15 E。 君 合 益 軍 0 軍 合 五 隊 位 軍 # 7 置 空 陸 哩 軍 1=

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AITAPE-HOLLANDIA LANDINGS

OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE JAPANESE ARMY:

The Allies have struck a new and deadly blow against your forces isolated in the South.

On 22 April Allied troops made a triple landing over a 150-mile front at Aitape, Hollandia and Tanahmerah Bay (New Guinea). They have now occupied the Humboldt Bay Area in which Hollandia is situated, on the northern coast of Dutch New Guinea, approximately 500 miles west of Saidor.

The landings were made under cover of naval and air bombardment and followed neutralising attacks by Allied land-based air forces and planes from carriers of the Pacific Fleet.

Complete surprise and effective support secured the initial land-ings with slight losses.

This operation encircles your 18th Army, dispersed along the northern New Guinea coast. To the east are the Australians and Americans; to the west the Americans; to the north the sea controlled by the Allied Naval forces; to the south untraversed jungle and mountain ranges; and over all is the Allied air mastery.

Such is the fate confronting many thousands of Japanese troops. These are the men who were destined for the invasion of Australia. Yet another rash dream of the militarists has come to disaster. And as usual it is the troops who have to suffer for it.