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の軍合き當左合軍せさ適鬪兩抵す
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BUNA AND GONA HAVE FALLEN!

Buna and Gona have fallen to Allied arms!

The stand made by the Japanese Army at Buna and Gona, although the troops fought bravely, was useless. The Kusunose and Yazawa regiments have been cut to pieces just as at Oivi Japanese troops were cut off and destroyed except for a few who took refuge in the forest and will, unless they are rescued by the Allies, die of starvation or disease. A few remnants are fleeing without thought of direction and are bound to suffer a similar fate.

All this is the logical outcome of sea and land communications insufficiently maintained. Why did the Japanese troops so rashly advance over the Owen Stanley Range? They were led into a trap by the Allied Army, who knew that the Allied navies by their attacks on Japanese war ships, troops ships and supply ships had made it impossible properly to supply the Japanese land troops. They knew, too, what misled Japanese troops have since learned to their cost, that the Japanese Army was deficient in means to maintain its lines of communication through the forests and swamps. Therefore they waited until your commanders put you into an untenable position and then began to push you back towards the sea.

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