Your leaders are concealing defeat from you. You were not told of the disastrous defeat of the Japanese forces in Papua. At Buna, Gona, Sanananda, thousands of your comrades lost their lives. The only survivors were those who surrendered to the Allied Forces. At the end of November last year Lt.General Horii perished whilst in retreat and not a single Japanese soldier is left in Papua.

At Wau Japanese forces advancing from Mubo were completely destroyed. Those who were not killed in action died of starvation in the jungle. The wiser ones came over to us. The Allied victory was made easier because the Navy at Salamaua failed to keep up supplies to the advance troops.

These reverses are only the beginning of the end. Each week ships trying to bring supplies to you are sunk by the Allied Air Forces. You cannot live on this wild country. Unless you become sick and are invalided home you will never get out alive.

(This leaflet is designed for use against Japanese troops on the New Guinea mainland, to bring home to them their isolated and hopeless position).

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