

WAKDE LANDING

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Officers and Men of the Japanese Forces:

In heavy raids during April and the early part of May, the Japanese air force on Wakde Island, off the coast of Dutch New Guinea, was destroyed. The few machines which escaped our bombings were withdrawn by the Japanese High Command and the ground forces abandoned to their fate.

On 18 May, Allied forces seized Wakde Island and a portion of the mainland opposite it.

Wakde Island is 125 miles west of Hollandia, the seizure of which by the Allies in April completely isolated the Japanese 18th Army. The seizure of the air strip at Wakde means that the Allies have an air base from which they can dominate the whole of Dutch New Guinea. Even the big Japanese base of Palau, in the western Carolines - an important stepping stone on the road to the Philippines - has been brought within only 695 miles range of our heavy bombers.

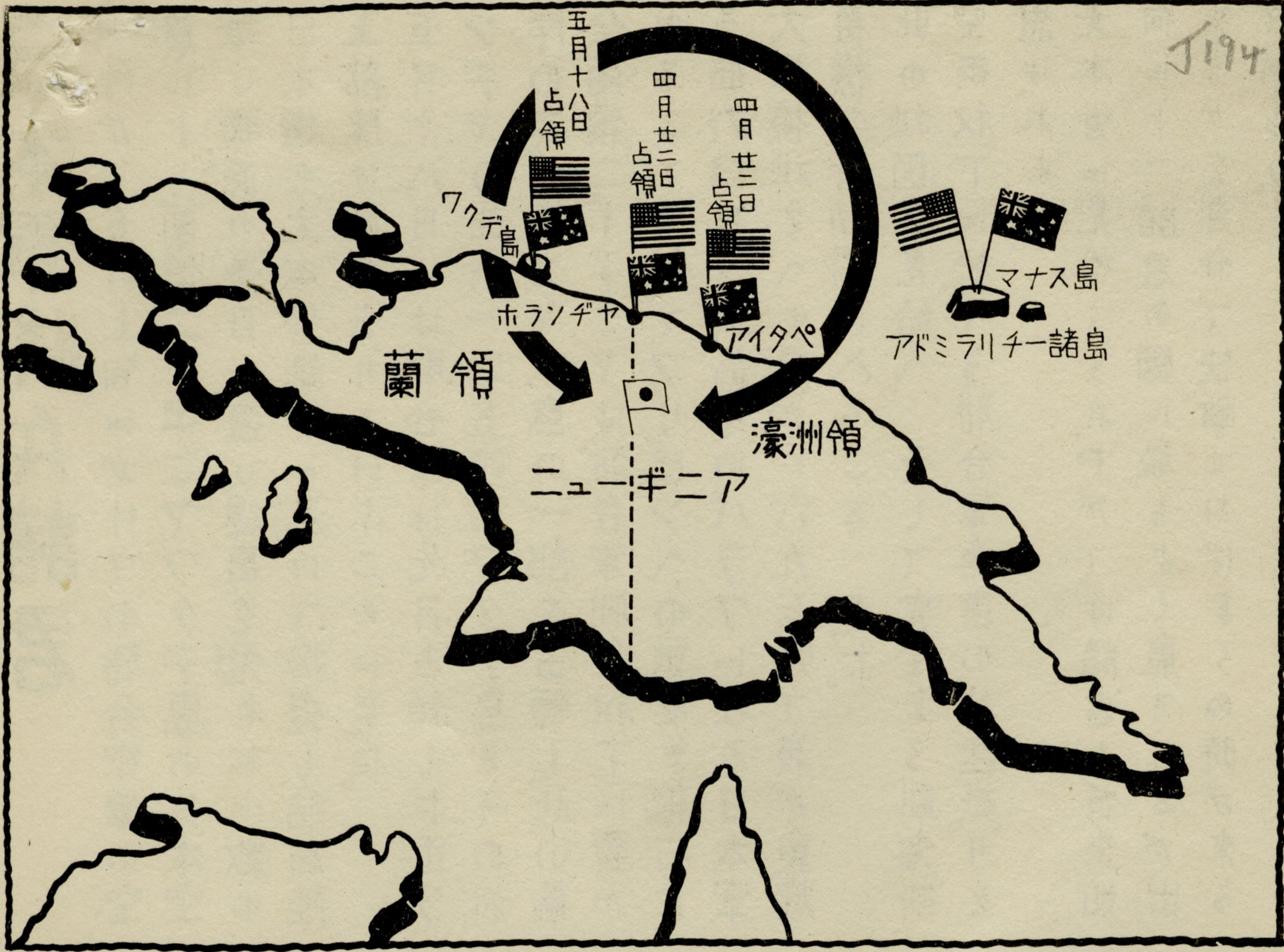
Look at the map. Think of the speed of the Allied advance, with complete superiority in the air and on the sea. Soon, left to yourselves by your High Command, you will have to make your own decisions how you can best be of service to your Country in the future.

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日本軍將兵諸君

四月から五月上旬にかけての聯合空軍の空襲により、蘭領ニューギニア、ワクデ島の日本空軍は殲滅の憂目に遭ひ、爆夷を免れた少数の日本機も大本営訓令に基いて撤退し、結局陸上部隊は置き去りといふことになった。

五月十八日には聯合軍は先月占領したホラシディヤの西方一二五哩のワクデ島とその対岸のニューギニア本島の一部を占領し、此の爲全蘭領ニューギニアは聯合軍制空権下に置かれること、また、フィリピンへの重要な飛石たる西カロリン群島中のパラウに在る日本軍大根據地さへも僅かに六九五哩で、我が重爆夷機の行動圏に入ること、また、

此の地図を見給へ。そして完全なる制海制空権下には於ける聯合軍進夷の快速振りを思はれよ。

大本営に見捨てられやがては諸君も將來如何にして諸君の國に最もよく盡すことが出来るかを、自命で決断せねばならぬ時が來るであらう。