



日本軍將兵諸君

去る七月廿日ニューギニア西端ボゲルコブは聯合國軍の占むる處となり、ノエムフルより三百セキロのサンサポルも亦海空陸協同作戰のまへに聯合軍の手に歸し、こゝにニューギニア方面戰は事實的に終焉をづけ、マノクワリ貴軍守備部隊の如きも全く無用の長物と化し去つた。この情勢は又ニューギニア諸地域に残存の日軍にもあてはまるもので、其諸部隊の存在も亦何等大局に交感を及ぼさず、其抵抗は今や全くの無益無役の流血となりをはつた。而してボゲルコブの回復は只單にニューギニア方面戰鬪の戰略的終焉を意味すると云ふが如き消極的なるものにとゞまらぬ。其半島がヒリッピン、ジャワ方面に突き出て居るとひとしく同方面に對する進攻作戰豫備連續大航空作戰の近く始まらんとして居る事を意味するもので、ハルマヘラ、セラム、アムボン等の如き今でも既に当方空軍の制圧下に置かれて居る。ヒリッピンはボゲルコブからは僅に七千キロで、アロエ、カイ、タニムバの如きこのため無用と化し、其守備軍も亦すて石となつた。日本本土よりする西南諸地、島々等に對する交通路が今や甚だしく不安なかつたものとなつた。關係上、南太平洋方面諸地域と同様此方面諸地、島々も亦孤立相望むも相援くる能はざる體のものとならんとして居る。而してこれ等多數遠隔の島々諸地、島々に對しては防禦にも補給にも日本本土方面内線防禦が直接聯合軍進攻の脅威を蒙つて居る。今日充分の艦船や航空機を向ける事は狀況が之を許さない。従つて当方面諸君も亦南太平洋方面貴軍諸部隊と同様無用の存在となる事になつた。

On July 30th Allied forces were established on the Vogelkop, the western tip of New Guinea. In another amphibious leap they have advanced to Sansapor, 320 km. beyond Noemfoor.

So the New Guinea campaign has been rounded off. Manokwari, already useless, has been by-passed and its garrison trapped. All New Guinea is now under the domination of Allied sea and air power. Further resistance by those Japanese troops who remain cut off in New Guinea is useless because it cannot affect the course of the war.

But the Allied advance to the Vogelkop means much more than the finish of a campaign which had already been decided. As the peninsula itself thrusts into the Indies, so Allied sea and air power is now projected into new areas.

Halmahera, Ceram, Ambon, etc. are now completely under Allied air domination. The Philippines, only about 1,000 kms. to the north west, are within closer range from the Vogelkop than from Saipan. The Celebes are within easy bombing range. The Aroe, Kai and Tanimbar Islands have been by-passed. They have become valueless and their garrisons impotent.

The long sea lines of supply which alone can maintain the Japanese positions in the western part of the Indies are imperilled. These positions are condemned to the same isolation that turned Japan's bases in the South Pacific into traps, and for the same reason. The Japanese command has not got enough ships or enough planes to defend and supply innumerable islands scattered over thousands of miles of sea, because of the imminent threats against the Inner Zone of homeland defences from other directions.

TARGET: Japanese Positions—particularly KAI, TANIMBAR, AROE Is.
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SUMBA, SUMBAWA.

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