

THE GREATER EAST ASIA WAR

FIRST SERIES OF SUMMARIES OF EXPLOITS From 1 December 1941 to 31 May, 1942.

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~~REMARKS: On 20 May, the Unit was ordered to land on Saipan Island and to occupy it.~~

On 20 May we had landfall at GUAM and on the 24th at SAIPAN ISLAND. where we trained continually in landing in the face of the enemy and encircling maneuvers to destroy ~~him~~ him, as well as in every kind of battle ~~training practice~~.

REMARKS: On 20 May the Unit was ~~named~~ renamed ^[Midway] the MI (Code Word) Attacking and Occupation Unit. As the training was heightened, each member of the Unit became overcome by the conviction that the MI Unit would successfully land in the face of the enemy, and the unshakeable belief grew in every heart of our certain victory.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished service A.

PERIOD: 28 to 31 May 1942.

The MI Attack and Occupying ~~Unit~~ Unit left Saipan Island ~~for the attack~~ for the attack.

(Signed) YAMAMOTO, ISOROKU

Commanding the Combined Fleet.

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(In red at the top right of the page) The Commanding Officer of the 2nd Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

(In red inside of the long narrow red rectangle) Kure Naval Base. 1st Special Naval Landing Party ~~(Unit)~~. Secret Exploits. No 6, Sub ~~number~~ number 79. (Large red letters in short large red ~~rectangle~~ rectangle at top of page) MILITARY SECRET.

GREATER

GENERAL REPORT OF THE EXPLOITS OF THE/EAST ASIA WAR (No.1)

FROM: 1 December 1941 TO: 10 March 1942.

Kure Naval Base. The 1st Special Naval Landing Party ~~(Unit)~~

(In black rectangle at top left of page) PERIOD: 13 January 1942 to 11 March 1942. The part which has to do with the LEGASPI Expeditionary Unit, Philippine Islands, The 1st Special Naval Landing Party of Kure Naval Base, and which is for the above-mentioned period, will be sent on later.

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GENERAL REPORT OF THE EXPLOITS OF THE GREATER EAST ASIA WAR (No.1).

Kure Naval Base. The 1st ~~Special~~ Special Naval Landing Party ~~(Unit)~~

Commanding Officer: Commander MORI, SEIJIRO.

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS, MILITARY DUTIES, ETC.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Meritorious service A.

PERIOD: 1 December 1941 to 7 December 1941.

The Unit set out for its advanced base, PALAO, on board the MATSUMOTO MARU. At PALAO it was engaged in ~~training~~ ^{many times} ~~training exercises~~ and in the preparations necessary for its further advance. and an

The Company ~~was~~ ^{which} commanded by 1st Lieutenant AJISAKA, /infantry gun detachment, ~~was~~ detached from the Unit on 7 December 1941 and became the POLO (PULO?) Expeditionary Unit.

8 December 1941. Southern Regions Unit. Philipping Islands Unit.
The 4th Raiding Unit.

8 to 11 December 1941. Advanced on to LEGASPI in the Philippine Islands on board the MATSUMOTO MARU.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Special Distinguished Service B.

PERIOD: 12 December 1941.

Landed at Legaspi in the Philippine Islands in the face of the enemy and occupied the Airfield. Repulsed enemy fighter planes which came to ~~attack~~ attack the airfield.

planned

REMARKS: The Unit attained its/objectives and ensured the airfield as a base for our air force. It is hereby acknowledged that this will be a great aid in ~~ensuring~~ ensuring the successful carrying out of our further operations.

Distinguished service A.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: ~~1st Distinguished Service B.~~ (Covers the succeeding 11 exploits).

PERIOD: 13 December 1941 to 13 January 1942.

While at LEGASPI in the Philippine Islands the Unit was engaged in the guarding of the defense district, the maintaining of the rule of law and order and the pacification of the district. Furthermore it was busily engaged in training for ~~the~~ succeeding advance operations and outfitting for same.

REMARKS: The Unit, less 1 company and 1 Platoon - Infantry Gun Detachment - , took part in guarding the district and in intensive preparations.

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PERIOD: 17 December 1941.

Made thorough reconnaissance in the area of the town of TABACO.

REMARKS: An Infantry Gun Detachment Platoon was dispatched ~~for~~ the above duty.

PERIOD: 20 December 1941.

The Unit which was guarding the ~~area~~ area of the town of NAGA was dispatched to made liaison with the Army forces.

REMARKS: A squad from the 2nd Platoon ~~of~~ of the 2nd Company was ~~sent~~ dispatched

PERIOD: 22 December 1941.

Troops were dispatched to guard MARAKBARAK (MARAGACLAC?).

REMARKS: A squad of the 1st Platoon of the 2nd Company was dispatched.
PERIOD: 26 December 1941.

In order to guard the town of TABACO troops were dispatched there to be stationed there.

REMARKS: A squad of the 2nd Platoon of the 2nd Company was dispatched.
PERIOD: 30 December 1941.

OCCUPY AND
A raiding party was sent to LAPULAPU Island to examine the copper mine there.
PERIOD: 2 to 4 January 1942.

Captured an enemy (American) merchant vessel off the northeast shore of CHICAO Island.

REMARKS: To capture this 400 ton merchant vessel we dispatched the 3rd Platoon of the 2nd Company and the 3rd Squad of Headquarters Platoon.

PERIOD: 6 to 8 January 1942.

Made a raid on MASBATE Island to liberate ~~the~~ our countrymen and the Germans who were imprisoned there.

REMARKS: The 3rd Platoon of the 2nd Company was dispatched for the above operation and captured one prisoner (an American soldier) and some booty. We liberated 47 of our countrymen and 15 German nationals.

PERIOD: 8 January 1942.

About 5 kilometers south of the town of ALBAY we captured some 10 anti-Japanese Chinese nationals.

REMARKS: For this operation we dispatched the ~~Machinemen rifle~~ automatic rifle Platoon of the 2nd Company and the 3rd Platoon of the same Company (less 1 squad).

PERIOD: 13 January 1942.

A unit was dispatched to reduce and occupy the island of ~~AMBOINA~~ ^{AMBOINA} which was held by a Dutch East Indies Unit.

REMARKS: Only 2 Platoons and some accessory units were left at Legaspi.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: ~~IXXEXXXXXXXXXIXXX~~ Meritorious service ~~IXA~~.

PERIOD: 14 to 22 January 1942.

Arrived at the advanced base of DAVAO via Transport KIRISHIMA MARU. Trained intensively at Davao.

REMARKS: There also was on board the same ship the WAKABAYASHI Company which had been commanded by Lt. Colonel FUJIMURA ~~IX~~ and which was

provisionally commanded by Captain HATAKEYAMA.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Meritorious service B.

PERIOD: 25 to 27 ~~January~~ January 1942.

While at BANGA trained intensively.

REMARKS: Met the Commanding Officers of the 2nd and 4th Yokosuka Units SNLT and their staffs. A part of the JOLO Unit of the Kure Naval Base 1st ~~Marines~~ SNLT, 2 platoons of the Combined ~~Marines~~, were added to our Unit.

PERIOD: 28 to 30 January 1942.

{AMBOINA}

Headed towards ~~AMBOINA~~ Island, the Unit advanced ~~on board~~ on board the KIRISHIMA MARU

REMARKS: At 1600 hours 30 January 1942 the Unit received Order ~~XXXXX~~ No. 10 from Special Naval Landing Party Headquarters to make preparations for landing at ~~XXXXX~~ Anchorage No. 2230.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Special Distinguished service A.

31, January 1942.

At Hitorama ~~(2)~~ on AMBOINA Island the Unit landed in the face of the enemy and occupied the place.

1. The first ~~contingent~~ contingent was carried successfully ashore in the landing boats.

2. Rapidly ~~putting in order~~ *arranging itself in* crossing formations and laying smoke screens the first contingent ~~successfully landed at its landing points at 0155 hours.~~ *(1.2.3.)* ~~successfully landed at its landing points at 0155 hours.~~ (The landing points on the shore were all covered with wooden piles linked together with wire entanglements; but unheeding these obstacles, ~~and~~ thrusting them aside and breaking through them ~~the Unit went ashore.~~) At 0220 the enemy opened with fierce cannon and machine gun fire from the shore.

3. As the Unit cleared out the village of HITORAMA of all enemies the sun rose, and preparations were ~~made~~ completed to make the necessary defense positions along the road leading to WAKAARA ~~(2)~~.

4. At 0330 the Commanding Officers were safely landed and in turn the 2nd and 3rd contingents were successfully carried ashore.

5. A unit was formed to root out the wooden piles and the steel wire entanglements and ~~were~~ *was* engaged at this work, but the ebb tide caused 6 of the landing boats to become grounded and the remaining three were used to land the remaining units ~~successfully~~ *hastily*.

At ~~the~~ *a* 0340 the Army Unit and ~~the~~ *the* Platoon of Infantry Gun Detachment (H0 - Code Word) ~~advanced~~ *advanced* to the landing points.

REMARKS: The battle for the possession of the RAHA Airfield.

The Unit Landed ~~in~~ in the teeth of the enemy and successfully attained ~~all~~ all planned objectives.

Forces: The Command Platoon of the Battalion, including 2 Machine gun squads.

The Second Company, composed of 5 rifle platoons and 1 Machine gun platoon.

The Infantry Gun Unit.

The Attached Unit (T.N. Evidently a miscellaneous unit).

WAKABAYASHI

The ~~ARMY COMPANY~~ Army Company - also called the Army Itō Detachment, composed of 3 rifle platoons and 1 machine gun platoon.

Grand total: ~~745 officers and men.~~ 745 officers and men.

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2 Platoons, less 2 squads, under the command of a Platoon leader were left at the landing points as a guard and also to take care of the remaining war materiel.

Captured materiel: (as a result of the battle) 20 rifles, 45 grenades, 500 rounds of small arms ammunition and 15 knapsacks.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: ~~Special~~ Special distinguished service A.

PERIOD: 31 January 1942.

Operational

(Naval Landing Party ~~Exclusion~~ Order ~~Number~~ No 11, Sub 1.)

1. At AMBOINA advanced on the Airfield and gave battle.
2. 0810. Arrived at the shores of the town of AMBOINA ^{at} ~~by~~ three ~~roads~~ ^{points}
0825. Gave battle as mentioned above (~~Reference~~ ^{Reference} ~~to the~~ action units.)
3. 1430 Arrived at SOWAKODO ().
4. 1500 The Second Company ^{made up} ~~with~~ the advance guard (The 3rd Platoon ~~in~~ ^{the} ~~advance~~ ^{advance} ~~soldiers~~ ^{soldiers} ~~the~~ ^{the} 4th Platoon ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ the rear guard and the ~~main body~~ ^{main body} remaining forces ~~the~~ ^{the} main body). While on ~~the~~ guard along the road to the AMBOINA Airfield, advanced to it.

(NAVAL LANDING PARTY OPERATION ORDER No. 11, Sub 2.)

5. 1515. The ^{sharpshooters} ~~point men~~ discovered some of the enemy and attacked them and forced them to retreat.
6. 1550. The advance sharpshooters ~~were some 200~~ found themselves some 300 meters in the vicinity of the enemy's line and advanced on it.
7. 1600. The advance guard and the Main ^{Force} ~~body~~ (less the 1st and 5th Platoons) started to attack the ^{TANK} ~~enemy~~ village defense line. The enemy who was well entrenched answered with 15 centimeter ~~guns~~ ^{defense} ~~guns~~ and attack guns of all kinds, 43 millimeters, 23 millimeters, 7.7 millimeter machines guns.

(Naval Landing Party Operational Order No. 11 Sub 3.)

- REMARKS: We reached our objective of a stubbornly held fortress-like defence position. (Amboina, RAHA Airfield Battle).

Forces employed: ~~1st Regiment~~ Command Platoon, The 2nd Company (3 rifle Platoons and a half and 1 machine gun Platoon), the Infantry Gun Detachment, The Army WAKABAYASHI Company (Army Ito Detachment) composed of 3 rifle Platoons and 1 machine gun Platoon, and the Attached Unit, ~~(b)(7)(C)~~

PERIOD: 1 February 1942.

(Naval Landing Party Operational Order No. 11, Sub 4.)

1. 0100. Four men from the Command Platoon were made up into a scouting unit and were dispatched along the 1,500 meters of ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ road from AMBOINA to ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ RAHA ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ airfield to reconnoitre along it and look for bridges. At 0700 the scouting party came back to its unit bringing along 10 enemy scouts it had picked up. ^{his}
At 0400 each officer scout had returned to ~~the~~ Unit (See bound-~~ed~~ reports No. 1 and ~~2~~ No. 2)
2. ~~XXXXX~~ 0600. Due to the fact that we were being cannonaded from the direction of AMBOINA town, we moved a part of our forces. ~~We~~ had no means at all to reply in kind. ³
of ten
3. 0900. An officer patrol/led by Warrant Officer SASAKI was dispatched to the rocky ~~hillside~~ hill(s) ^{near} the Airfield. At 1750 it returned.

(Naval Landing Party Operational Order 11, Sub 5)

4. 0915. An officer patrol ~~was~~ of 24 led by Warrant Officer YOSHIKAWA scouted in the vicinity of the Airfield and worked to get in touch with units of our air force.
5. 1000. At KATA (S) in the area of AMBOINA, 3 Australian soldiers who were escaping from AMBOINA were made prisoner.
6. The officer patrol returned. (See bound reports Nos. 2 and 4).
7. 2100 The ~~WAKADAYASHI~~ WAKADAYASHI Army Company took a roundabout way and occupied the hill(s) to the north of the RANA airfield at Ambon.

(Naval Landing Party Operational Order No. 12, Sub 1.)

8. 2200. In accordance with the above we broke through the steel wire entanglements to the east of the enemy's defense line and cut through a way for a sudden attack and sent in an assault unit.

(Naval landing Party Operational Order No.12, Sub 2.)

9. 2235, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ The advance scouts of our assault unit were received by a violent enemy cannon and automatic rifle fire.

10. 2300. The special assault force, led by the officer commanding the 2nd company, was sent to the hilly area. At 0130 hours the unit under the command of the leader of the 2nd Platoon cut a road through the steel wire entanglements, after which ~~they~~ rejoined the main force.

REMARKS: The objective of ^{the} attacking ^{on} the ~~the~~ ^{enemy} fortress-like defense position was successfully attained. (The battle for the RAHA Airfield at Amboina.)

Forces taking part: The WAKABAYASHI Army Company and the Naval Landing Party, a ~~part of the~~ unit made up of ~~the~~ part of the ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Signal Unit and ~~the~~ part of the medical unit.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Under the Commanding Officer's direct command: Battalion Command Platoon (less 1 squad)

The 2nd Company, composed of the Command ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~, the 2nd, 3rd and 5th Platoons (each ~~less~~ less two squads)

We took 13 prisoners.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Special Distinguished Service A.

PERIOD: 2 February 1942.

1. ~~at~~ 0210. A request was sent ~~by the 2nd Platoon Unit~~ to the SAKAMOTO Unit (Commanded by Special Duty Lieutenant SAKAMOTO) ~~at~~ which was waiting its opportunity at WAKODO, that the ~~Unit~~ ^{rearguard} be dispatched to the Commanding Officer ~~in~~ in order to lead the way.

2. 0345. The ~~Unit~~ ^{rearguard} left Wakodo and started to attack in the ~~TODOKU~~ Tauri area. Vice Admiral(?) (Illegible) HATAKEYAMA and his 3--(Illegible) staff unit took the same action.

3. The Main Assault Unit (The Commanding Officer, ~~then Commanding Officer~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 2nd and 3rd Platoons of Headquarters Command and the 2nd Platoon ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~TRANSLATOR's~~ NOTE: there is no close to this parenthesis---) attacked through the breakthrough that had been made ~~XXXXXX~~ in the area to the north of the TAURI Unit.

4. 0415. ^{the} Arrived in the vicinity of AUESA river and although we were attacked with mortar fire from the enemy positions we daringly advanced ~~to~~ the attack.

5. 0430. The unit under the command of the leader of the 3rd Platoon

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ an enemy attacked and occupied a strong point in the jungle north of the village of TAURI and fought continuously with the enemy in his TAURI village position until the sun went down.

6. 0500. The unit under the command of the leader of the 2nd Platoon assaulted the enemy position north of TAURI village and destroyed one enemy mortar. Whereupon an enemy tank appeared which the unit attacked and destroyed.

7. 0500. The Unit under the command of the leader of the 2nd Company broke through the steel wire entanglements near the portion of the ridge and attacked the enemy, fighting furiously with him ~~until~~ in the hilly region until the sun went down.

8. 0515. The Unit under the command of Special duty Lieutenant SAKAMOTO dispatched the ~~unit~~ ^{rear guard} unit to the vicinity of the steel wire entanglements. In order to ~~get in touch with the forces under the Commanding Officer~~ have liaison with the forces under the Commanding Officer, this unit sent out ~~three~~ 3 scout bodies and while feeling around ~~the enemy positions and mortar positions and field artillery positions~~ they were subjected to heavy mortar and field artillery fire and this is ~~the reason~~ why they returned to their ~~unit~~ unit. After many difficulties they ~~were~~ able to deploy east of the steel wire entanglements. unit was

9. 0530. The ~~unit~~ ^{rear guard} Unit was for a time halted in its breakthrough to the enemy position. However, they kept up ~~the~~ attack against the enemy mortar and cannon positions and thus covered the assault unit.

10. 0600. The Main Unit of the ~~Assault~~ ^{Dr. Senior Grade (sic)} Assault ^{main} forces under the command of ~~Colonel~~ HATAKEYAMA which were within the TAURI village enemy positions, while attacking the enemy mortar positions there, came upon an enemy ~~strong point~~ ^{strong point} and ~~was attacked by~~ two tanks or armoured cars ~~and the platoons of the~~ supported by about two platoons which it attacked and continued fighting until the sun went down.

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11. 0800, Three seaplanes of the 11th Attack Seaplane (Unit) came flying ^{by}.

12. From 0830 to 1630 Twenty-one seaplanes of the 11th Attack Seaplane (Unit) ~~and~~ came and bombed the north and eastern parts of the enemy positions.

13. 1500. As the bombs from our planes fell in the vicinity of the extended lines, the ~~unit~~ Unit retired for the time being.

14. 2200. The ~~unit~~ ^{rear guard} Unit reassembled in the vicinity of SOAKODO.

15. 2300. The assault Unit under the command of Lieutenant ~~Colonel~~ ^{senior grade} HATAKEYAMA retired in order to make liaison with ~~the~~ ^{rear guard} the Unit.

REMARKS: (Battle for the occupation of RAHA Airfield, AMBOINA). We attained our objective which was the breaking through by assault of the enemy's serried fortresses. We captured 10 prisoners.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Special distinguished service A.

PERIOD: 3 February 1942.

0115. The entire Force advanced to the attack.

1 Special Landing Party Operational Order No. 12, Sub 3.)

1. At 0215 our skimmers[~] reached the area in front of the enemy positions and the attack on the enemy positions was started.

2. 0500. The fire of the enemy having weakened, the whole Force rushed to the assault.

3. At ~~0525~~ 0530 in the vicinity of the RAHA/remaining bridges ^{river} ~~many~~ ^{numbers of} enemy soldiers were found, and just as we ~~were about to start~~ started to attack them the enemy forces raised ~~the~~ ^a white flag and surrendered.

4. In view of the fact that the enemy swore to an acceptance of unconditional surrender, the ~~enemy~~ ^{disarming} of the enemy was ordered and those who had slipped away into the roads were ~~gathered~~ ^{rounded} up.

5. ~~At 0615~~ ⁰⁶¹⁵ At ~~0615~~ the large battleship flag was hoisted ~~at the~~ over the hilly region to the north.

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6. At 0630 Vice-Admiral HATAKEYAMA entered the citadel. The Airfield was fully occupied.

REMARKS : (Occupation of the RAHA Airfield at AMBOINA). The objective of our assaults was reached.

Results of the battle:

1. Corpses left on the field: 150 ^(T.N.) (Evidently of the enemy)
Lightly and ~~heavily~~ heavily wounded: 100
2. Prisoners: 250 (Australian and Dutch soldiers)

^{two} 2. Captured materiel: 4 Tanks, 2 armored cars, 7 mortars, ~~4mm~~ ^{Vickers} ~~Machine guns~~, 2 40mm Machine guns, ~~3~~ ¹³ 13 mm Machine guns, 12 Lewis type 7.7 mm, 14 ~~Krupp~~ ^{Krupp} type 7.7 mm, 4 Mauser type 7.7, 470 rifles, 7 pistols, 6 signal pistols, 2 range-finders, 10 telephones, 1 telegraph instrument, 1,500 grenades, 750 mortar bombs, 5,600 ^{rounds} 40mm machine gun ~~rounds~~, 21,000 rounds for 13 mm machine guns, 250,000 rounds for machine guns, 280,000 rounds ~~for~~ rifle ammunition, 2,500 rounds pistol ammunition, 5 trucks, ~~and~~ 2 ox-carts and 375 containers of ~~fuel~~ fuel (200 liters each).

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CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Special distinguished service B.

PERIOD: 4 February to 10 March 1942.

Disposal of the war dead and of the prisoners. Putting into shape of the battlefield and the guarding of the occupied districts. Instituting the rule of law and order, ~~pacification and the remaining~~ ^{carrying out} and the remaining pacification operations.

REMARKS: We successfully ~~performed the~~ carried out the pacification objectives. (This sentence heads this and the following 5 REMARKS. T.N.)
On 5 February the WAKABAYASHI Army Company returned to its original unit.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished service A.

PERIOD: 8 to 9 February 1942.

(ALDEN?)

Subjugation and cleaning out of enemies from the ARONG ~~(ARONG)~~ area.

The 1st

REMARKS: ~~The 2nd~~ platoon of the 2nd Company was dispatched for the above duty. Results: Enemy corpses left on the field, 3. Captured materiel: 3 rifles and 1,000 rounds for same and some miscellaneous booty.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished service A.

PERIOD: 13 February 1942.

Subjugation and cleaning out of enemies from the SORI area.

REMARKS: The 3rd Platoon of the 2nd Company was dispatched for this duty. 38 (enemy) soldiers surrendered. Captured materiel: 37 rifles and 1,912 rounds for same, and a few odds and ends.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished service A.

PERIOD: 17 February 1942.

Subjugation and cleaning out of enemies from the TOREU (TOREFU?) area.

REMARKS: The 2nd Platoon of the 2nd Company was dispatched for this duty. 36 soldiers captured. Also 50 rifles and 2,500 rounds for same and -----7 (illegible) mortar shells ~~(mortars)~~ and a few other odds and ends.

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CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished Service A.

PERIOD: 21 February 1942.

Subjugation and cleaning out of enemies from the WAAI area.

REMARKS: The 3rd Platoon of the 2nd Company was dispatched for this duty. 90 Soldiers captured. Captured materiel as a result of this operation: 2 heavy machine guns and 2,600 rounds for same, 102 rifles and 200 rounds for same and a few odds and ends.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished service A.

PERIOD: 23 February 1942.

Subjugation and cleaning out of enemies from the TEAU area.

REMARKS: The 3rd Platoon of the 2nd Company was dispatched for this duty. 20 Soldiers surrendered as a result of this operation. Captured materiel: 16 Rifles and 685 rounds for same.

PERIOD: 10 March 1942.

Subjugation and cleaning out of enemies from the ORIMESHIN area.

REMARKS: the 2nd Platoon and the Attached Unit were dispatched for this duty.

PERIOD: 10 March 1942.

The Kure Naval Base 1st Special Naval Landing Party (Marines) was disbanded and ^{(the elements} as of ~~that~~ date were incorporated into ~~the~~ Unit under the command flag of the 24th Special ~~Base~~ Base Unit.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Meritorious service A

PERIOD: 1 December 1941 to 16 December 1941.

On board the MATSUMOTO MARU, the Unit set out for the advanced base (PALAU). In accordance with the order issued by the Kure Naval Base 1st Special Naval Landing Part ~~(the Unit)~~ the Unit was ~~assigned~~ with the task of occupying JOLO and following the issuance of Orders Nos 36 and 37 ~~(the Unit)~~ and Boats ~~arrived~~ and arriving at PALAU trained intensively as well as made the necessary preparations for the further advance. (Transferred to the ~~the~~ MARU).
ZUNAN

REMARKS: The Unit was made up of the 1st Company, ~~and~~ 1 Platoon of the gun Unit and a section of the Attached Unit, and went under the name of the JOLO Detached Unit.

Page 171 CLASS OF EXPLOIT: ~~Meritorious~~ Meritorious service A .

PERIOD: 17 to 24 December 1941.

The Southern Regions Unit, the Philippine Islands Unit and the JOLO ~~Detachment~~ ^{attack} Unit left their base and advanced to DAVAO on board the No. 2 ZUNAN MARU. Arriving at DAVAO they ~~waited for their opportunity~~ waited for their opportunity to advance ~~forward~~. The JOLO Detachment was transferred ~~to the~~ on board the PATROL ~~boat~~ ^{Patrol Boat} Nos. 36 and 37 and left DAVAO for JOLO. On the 24th at 1930 hours 7 enemy planes of the enemy's bombing unit ~~attacked~~ attacked, and the Unit took part in the ensuing anti-air ~~battle~~ battle.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Special distinguished service B.

PERIOD: 25 December 1941.

14 Kilometers to the northeast of the town of JOLO on JOLO Island, the Unit joined forces with the MATSUMOTO Army Detachment and, undeterred by the attack of the enemy, landed and attacked the town of JOLO, securely occupying the adjacent airfield.

REMARKS: ~~We~~ Successfully ~~completed~~ attained ~~the~~ ^{our} planned objective.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished service A.

PERIOD: 26 December 1941 to 10 March 1942.

While at JOLO the Unit was engaged in guarding the occupied area, setting up the rule of law and order, pursuing the duty of pacification and subjugating and cleaning out all enemies.

On 27 December 1941 at 0730 hours 6 enemy bombing planes came and attacked, and the Unit fought them off with heavy machine guns until friendly attack planes came and routed them, downing four.

On 10 January 1942 at 0358 hours an enemy bomber attacked, and was repulsed by the Unit's anti-air attack.

As the 146 men who were under the command of the leader of the 1st ~~Detachment~~ were incorporated into the Kure Naval Base 1st Naval Landi

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they were relieved of their guard duty at JOLO and went to BANGA.

REMARKS: The whole Unit took over the guard duties. Four enemy planes were shot down. On 12 January the MATSUMOTO Army Detachment left.

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CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished service A.

PERIOD: 3 January 1942.

(SIRANGAN?

(MABINGAN)

MAIMBUNG

Carried on operations ~~for~~ re the subjugation and the pacification of the of the SHIRANGAN ~~and~~ mountain and the ~~MINDANAO~~ ^{remaining} mountain area.

Having received intelligence to the effect that enemy American soldiers of the Philippine Army were hiding in the vicinity of the ~~XXXXXX~~/hilly district the Company leader with 96 men ~~in~~ took part in the following operations:
0700. Left ~~the~~ JOLO Barracks, in trucks and went along the automobile road.

Got off the trucks at a point about 2 kilometers north of MAIMBUNG and started an attack, climbing up Mt. Sirangan and Mt. Mabingan.

and started an attack, climbing up Mt. Srikandinan and Mt. M... At 1030 we assaulted the central hilly region, the 2nd Platoon forming the left wing, the 3rd Platoon forming the right wing and the rest the Main Body. The enemies who were hiding in the jungle were swept cleared out and those who remained there were annihilated.

At 1425 the Unit was assembled and at 1520 it was back at JOLO Barracks.

REMARKS: We successfully attained the objectives of our mission of subjugation. Results: Enemy corpses left on the field: 25. Captured materiel: 1 light machine gun, 13 rifles, 7 swords, and 130 rounds rifle ammunition. Our forces: 96 men under the command of the Company leader.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished service A.

PERIOD: 2

25 January 1942.

Engaged in the subjugation of ^{THE} ROKU (Rock?) district.

Engaged in the subjugation of ROKU (Rock?) district.
Upon receiving intelligence to the effect that there were remaining American soldiers of the Philippine Army in the ROKU district ~~in~~ in the eastern part of JOLO Island, who were being aided in their operations by unruly mountain tribes (Moros), a force composed of ~~a detachment from the 1st Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 7th Division, 1st Cavalry Division, and the 1st Machine Gun Platoon, 1 Rifle Platoon~~^{from the 1st Machine Gun Platoon, 1 Rifle Platoon} 56 men, from the Special Naval Landing Party of the HOYO MARU, ~~arriving at Jolo~~^{under the command} of the leader of the 1st Company left JOLO Barracks at 0707.

While ~~searching~~ ^{searching} ~~in the~~ ^{in the} ~~ROKU District~~ ^{ROKU District} ~~about 3 kilometers~~ ^{about 3 kilometers} ~~along the road~~ ^{along the road} ~~in the~~ ^{in the} ~~vicinity of~~ ^{vicinity of} ~~CAMPANDORES~~ ^{CAMP ANDREWS} ~~(CAMP ANDREWS?)~~ ^(CAMP ANDREWS?) we discovered a house where there was being held a meeting by a mountain Moro tribe. We surrounded the place and annihilated ~~the enemy~~.

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At 1310 we learnt from a native that at a place north of CAMPANDORES, near the seacoast, there were remaining escaped soldiers assembled there. We attacked at once along the ~~the~~ tortuous ways, ~~which led to the~~ to the designated point, about 1 kilometre distant from the nearest hamlet. One platoon ~~was~~ composed our right wing, and the Naval Landing Party from the HOYO MARU composed our left wing and at 1440 hours the attack began. ~~The~~ The enemy who was at the sea coast was annihilated, his weapons were ~~annihilated and~~ ~~the~~ houses which ~~had~~ been ~~used~~ by him were burned down.

At 1650 the Unit was assembled, and at 1825 had returned to JOLO Barracks.

REMARKS: The objectives of our operation of subjugation were attained.

Our forces: 81 men under the command of the Company leader.
Results: Enemy corpses left on the field: 27. 7 houses burned down.
Captured materiel: 8 rifles, 3 automatic rifles, 3 pistols and 630 rounds of all kinds of small arms ammunition.

PERIOD: 10 March 1942.

^{Kure Naval Base}
On the above date the 1st Special Naval Landing Party was disbanded and reconstituted under the banner of the 32nd Special Base Reex Unit.

I certify the above as being correct.

(~~Kure Naval Base~~)
TAKAHASHI, ~~Kure Naval Base~~ 130.
Commanding Officer of the 2nd Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

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BOUND REPORTS OF SCOUTING OPERATIONS.

Scouting Report No. 1.

Warrant Officer OSADA, SHUZO.

Report of the Officers' Patrol (0400, 1 February)
follows

1. The enemy defense line ~~is~~ ~~along~~ the ~~left~~ banks of the RAHA river. The enemy wire entanglements are strung in a double line, and in front of them there are placed ~~xxxx~~ log barricades to ~~stop~~ ^{halt} storming parties.
eastern edge
2. To the ~~west~~ of TAURI village there are scouts (sentinels) along the linked lines and a strict watch is kept. When we come close to the wire entanglements we are fired on.
3. Due to the strict watch which the enemy is keeping it is not possible to get close to the wire entanglements.
4. Inside of the enemy positions there seem to be only the scouts. Otherwise everything is hidden and still, and they do not ~~seem~~ appear to have any desire to come out and attack us.

SCOUTING REPORT No. 2

Army Second Lieutenant, ~~TAKENOUCHI~~
TAKENOUCHI, KOICHI.

Army Officers' Scouting Report (0400, 1 February ~~1942~~).
northeast

1. To the east of the AMBOINA Airfield the terrain ~~is~~ grows gradually into hilly upland, it is covered with dense jungle, impeding any movement. Towards the hills to the northern part, it is impossible to get near to them and ~~it~~ one cannot get a general view of the enemy positions.

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2. The enemy's defense line runs along ^{the} RAHA river and is covered with wire entanglements. In the northern hilly part there are more than ten

pill boxes. Along the west line of the RAHA river there are sentinels scattered about who are on the ~~out~~ alert.

3. ^{When} our scouts ~~would~~ try to remove any of the wooden barricades, the enemy ~~would~~ opens fire with machine guns and it is not possible to get close to the wire entanglements.

Scouting report No. 3.

Navy Warrant Officer SASAKI, TSUNOTARO.

Report of the Officers' ~~Scouting~~ Scouting Party

(1730, 1 February).

(the main paths in ~~of~~ up to

1. For five hours and more we scouted the vicinity ~~of~~ the hilly terrain ~~of~~ upstream from the RAHA river and found only dense jungle and no roads. This would be very difficult ground from which to launch an attack.

2. ~~From~~ From ~~the~~ the hilly region upstream RAHA river ~~one can get a view of the Airfield, but this is about as much as one would see through the openings in the jungle. The surrounding jungle is dense and from this direction the attack on the enemy's position would be very difficult.~~

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3. The AMBOINA Airfield is about 560 meters wide and some 600 meters long and its runways are in the shape of a "rice" letter (St. ~~George's~~ George's cross and St. Andrew's cross), but even in the runways of the Airfield there are many wire entanglements planted all over which would prevent an attack into the Airfield.

4. The enemy positions in the hilly district north of the Airfield have wire entanglements all around them and there is a large pillbox with a circular head with ~~something~~ what appears ~~like~~ ^{to be} spotter soldiers which are *always* on guard.

5. The enemy positions in the area of TAURI village are girded around with dense jungle and it is impossible to make reconnaissance.

6. No enemy soldiers were seen in the area reconnoitered.

Scouting Report No. 4.

Navy Warrant Officer YOSHIKAWA, AKIYOSHI.

Report of the Officers' Scouting Party. (1300, 1 February).

1. About 200 meters distant from the Jungle fringe east of the village of TAURI, ~~following~~ along the banks of the RAHA river, there are ~~openings~~ ~~in the~~ clearings in the coconut jungle and there is unobstructed vision.

2. In the above-mentioned clearings and open spaces, following along RAHA river, there are at least two lines of ~~the~~ wire entanglements. ~~In the coastal~~

areas the wire entanglements are set up much more thoroughly.

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3. In front of the wire entanglements (Eastern side) there are felled trees which are placed without any special order as ~~these~~ obstacles to any attack.

4. On the further side of the wire entanglements (Western side), along the ~~xxxxxx of the xxxxx of the RAHA xxxxx river~~ wire entanglements which follow the flow of the RAHA river, there are strong looking entrenchments. The edge of the jungle near

5. ~~The~~/TAURI village is ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ on somewhat higher ground, and following the fringe of the jungle we definitely found three pillboxes, and at intervals of about 50 meters there are things resembling pillboxes.

6. As we followed the fringe of the jungle ~~we observed what seemed like~~ ~~xx there were 12 things which~~ appeared and disappeared, and ~~which~~ seemed like sentinels. ~~person~~ *suddenly*

7. As we scouted along the fringe of the jungle the enemy would ~~pour out machine gun fire~~ *pour out machine gun fire from their pillboxes.*

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CLASSIFIED. Kure Naval Base. the 1st Special Naval Landing Party
Operational Order No. 11, Sub 1.

Dated at HITORAMA, 0530 hours, 31 January 1942.

Commanding Officer of the 1st Special Naval Landing Party *Naval Base.* of Kure

HATAKEYAMA, ~~KUNINORI~~ KUNINORI.

SPECIAL NAVAL LANDING PARTY ORDER.

1. *who will check our landing* Though the number of the enemy defense forces ~~at~~ HITORAMA is some 300 soldiers, they are to be attacked and driven back to LUMACHIGA.

2. The objective of the Special Navy Landing Party is to occupy RAHA Airfield, and with this in mind the enemy should be pursued. ~~xxxxxx of the xxxxx of the~~ We are thus to pass through LUGACHIMA and advance to guard the ~~SOAKODO~~ SOAKODO area.

3. (a) The leader of the 2nd Platoon of the 2nd Company, Warrant Officer OSADA, will lead his unit as advance skirmishers, guarding and advancing 200 metres ahead of the main body.

(b) The leader of the 4th Platoon of the 2nd Company, Warrant Officer YAMASHITA, will lead his unit as a rearguard and be continuously on the watch 150 metres to the rear of the main body.

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X (c) The leader of the 1st Platoon of the 2nd Company (Special Duty Lieutenant FUKUDA) will command the 1st Platoon, the 5th Platoon, part of the Signal Unit and the Transport Unit and remain at HITORAMA to guard the HITORAMA ~~coast~~ coast and will engage in the duty of taking care of the baggage.

(d) The remaining units will form the main body, and will advance in the following sequence: The main body of the Special Navy Landing Party,

the Attached Unit, the ~~Second~~ 2nd Platoon and the Army WAKABAYASHI Company.
leader of the coming
(f) The/Infantry Gun Detachment will command the Section/after the
Second contingent to be landed and will follow and unite with the main
body.

4. *I shall be* ~~for the most part~~ in the van of the main body.

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KURE NAVAL BASE. The 1st Special Naval Landing Party, Operational Order
No. 11, Sub 2.

SOAKODO

Dated at ~~YASAYEN~~, 1500 hours, 31 January 1942.

Kure Naval Base, 1st Special Naval Landing Party, ~~OFFICER COMMANDING~~,

Commanding Officer: HATAKEYAMA, KUNINORI.

Special Naval Landing Party Order (Attack on the TAURI area).

1. According to the ~~report of the 2nd Platoon~~ *what the* enemy prisoners, there are ~~some~~ *all together* 700 Australian and Netherlands Indies troops ~~altogether~~ defending the RAHA Airfield, and there are ~~four~~ *four* defense positions about the airfield. The eastern part, the vicinity of TAURI village, and the northern hilly area are both protected ~~by~~ *by* wire entanglements and pillboxes, especially the northern part where there are gun emplacements and ~~spotting positions~~ lookout positions and where a very strict watch is kept.

2. The Special Naval Landing Party - including the Army WAKABAYASHI Company - on whom devolves the duty of occupying RAHA Airfield, will have as ~~their~~ *its* objective, the northern and eastern areas of the enemy defence positions which ~~they~~ will take by assault. ~~The advance~~ *will* The advance to this attack will start at the RAHA river area.

3. ~~The leader~~ (a) The leader of the 2nd Company will command the 2nd and 3rd Platoons as an advance guard and will lead his unit ~~at~~ *will* 300 metres ahead of the main body.

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(b) The leader of the 4th Platoon of the 2nd Company will command the rear guard and will ~~continuously~~ *be* guard ~~the~~ 200 metres in the rear of the main body.

(c) The remaining units will form the main body. The main body will advance in the following formation: The main body of the special naval landing party, ~~the 2nd company~~ what is left of the 2nd Company, the Attached Unit and the WAKABAYASHI Army Company.

I shall be generally
4. ~~for the most part~~ in the van of the main body of the Special Naval Landing Party.

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Kure Naval Base. The 1st Special Naval Landing Party, Operational Order No. 11, Sub 3.

Dated at UESATSU, 1600 hours, 31 January 1942.

Commanding officer of the 1st Special Naval Landing Party, Kure Naval Base.

HATAKEYAMA, KUNINORI.

SPECIAL NAVAL LANDING PARTY ORDER (Attack on the TAURI area).

1. According to the reports of the Officers' Patrols, the first line of the defence positions east of RAHA Airfield consist of the wire entanglements laid along the RAHA river. The hilly terrain, northern part, due to the dense jungle, is a very difficult area in which to make an encircling movement.

2. The Naval Landing Party will therefore ~~will~~ deliver an assault on the western position in the TAURI area.

3. (a) The leader of the 2nd Company with his command (less the 1st, 4th, 5th and the Machine Gun Platoons) will attack the ~~positions~~ ~~positions~~ west of the central TAURI area.

(b) The Army WAKABAYASHI Company will attack the ~~positions~~ positions north of TAURI village.

(c) The remaining units will form a reserve and will take up their position 500 metres to the ~~rear~~ rear of the 2nd Company.

I am to be found at about the center
4. ~~between the 2nd Company and the reserve.~~ between the 2nd Company and the reserve.

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Kure Naval Base. The 1st Special Naval Landing Party, Operational Order No. 11, Sub 4.

Dated at SOAKODO, 31 January 1942.

Commanding Officer of the 1st Special Naval Landing Party, Kure Naval Base.

HATAKEYAMA, KUNINORI.

SPECIAL NAVAL LANDING PARTY ORDER.

1. The ~~southwestern~~ enemy defence positions east and north of RAHA Airfield have now no ~~defence~~ defence equipment. ~~The enemy has withdrawn~~
The Special Naval Landing Party, after having made many linked reconnaissances of the enemy, decided to attack. In order that the next operations may be prepared for and concerted, we shall bivouac for the night in the vicinity of SOAKODO.

3. (a) The leader of the 2nd Company will designate an officers' patrol from the officers in the two units under his command and send it to make reconnaissance of the conditions of the enemy held terrain in the ~~xxxx~~ eastern area of ~~KAKI~~ village.
~~TAUR~~

(b) The leader of the WAKABAYASHI Army Company will make up an officers' patrol from the officers under his command and send it to the ~~northeastern~~ area northeast of RAHA Airfield to find out the conditions in the enemy held terrain there.

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(c) The remaining units will bivouac and mount guard in the vicinity of SOAKODO.

(1) The commander of the 2nd Company and the troops under him will guard the eastern sector (East of the PIKEDJI river), the southern sector (the seacast) and the area where they are bivouacked.

(2) The WAKABAYASHI Army Company will guard the northern sector and the western sector (West of the PIKEDJI river).

(3) The leader of the Battalion Headquarters Platoon and his command will, in the bivouac area, construct boats.

4. The main body of the Special Naval Landing Party will take its position in the very centre of the ~~bivouac~~ bivouac area and the Commanding Officer will be at the main body of the Special Navy Landing Party.

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Kure Naval Base. The 1st Special Naval Landing Party Operational Order
No. 11, Sub 5.

Dated at SOAKODO, 1 February, 1942.

Commanding Officer of the 1st Special Naval Landing Party, Kure Naval Base.

HATAKEYAMA, KUNINORI.

SPECIAL NAVAL LANDING PARTY ORDER.

1. While the disposition of the enemy forces defending RAHA Airfield is not clear, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ according to the attack made by our forces yesterday, it would appear that they are defending the positions to the north and to the west.

2. As we shall deliver an assault to-night which will break through the enemy positions and pierce through to RAHA Airfield, we shall have to make daylight reconnaissances of the enemy's positions.

3. (a) Warrant Officer SASAKI will form an Officers' Patrol composed of one squad which he will lead, and taking a roundabout way ~~through the northern~~ ~~xxxx~~ to the north will advance upstream to the hilly terrain beyond the RAHA river and will reconnoitre the Airfield and the north-eastern portion of the enemy's positions.

~~SS~~

(b) Warrant Officer YOSHIKAWA will command two squads, thus making up the 2nd Officers' Patrol and will advance to the seacoast of TAURI village and will reconnoitre the enemy's defence positions.

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(c) The Commander of the WAKABAYASHI Army Company will form two Officers' patrols (~~each comprising~~ of a squad each) and will send them out to reconnoitre the western and middle areas of the enemy positions to find out the condition of the enemy and of the terrain there.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ must be made known to the Special Navy Landing Party.
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ is to return at the latest by 1700 to the

(d) Each Officers' Patrol is to return by the latest by 1700 to the
to the main body. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

(e) The main body will remain in its present position and prepare for to-night's assault.

4. ~~There is no~~ ^{I shall be} with the main body.

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CLASSIFIED.

Kure Naval Base. The 1st Special Naval Landing Party Operational Order No.12,
Sub 1.

Dated at SOAKŌDO, ¹February 1942.

Commanding Officer of the 1st Special Naval Landing Party, Kure Naval Base,

HATAKEYAMA, KUNINORI.

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SPECIAL NAVAL LANDING PARTY ORDER.

1. According to the battle that was fought yesterday and the reports of the Officers' Patrols of to-day, the enemy has a great deal of wire entanglements ~~there~~ in the area east of the Airfield and has dug entrenchments there, and depending on his pillboxes has built up a strong position which he has obstinately defended.

2. ~~Next~~ The Special Naval Landing Party will deliver an attack to-night and occupy the eastern area of the enemy's positions.

3. The WAKABAYASHI Army Company at 2100 hours will attack the enemy's northern hill positions from the rear (North rear) by ~~ammunition~~ an encircling movement, and will occupy the said positions.

If by dawn it has not been possible to occupy them, stop making any strong attack during the daytime ~~and circling~~ to the northwestern area and at 0300 hours on 2 February, carry out a sudden attack.

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(a)
4. The leader of the Signal Unit shall dispatch two members of the said Unit and one portable wireless telephone to the WAKABAYASHI Army company to be under the orders of that leader.

and assault and break through the enemy ~~its~~ defense line to the northeast of TAURI village. He will occupy the ~~position~~ enemy position north of TAURI village.

(c) The leader of the 3rd Platoon will lead his two squads and ~~act~~^{acting} in concert with the 2nd Platoon will demolish the enemy defense line in the middle part of TAURI village. After demolishing it ~~then remaining~~ he will take the remaining men and join the 2nd Platoon, at once.

~~(d) The remaining men~~ I shall myself ~~command~~^{lead} the Battalion Headquarters Platoon (less 1 squad) and command the whole assault units. In general I shall ~~be~~ lead the assault from the middle ~~part~~ area and shall establish the occupation of the northern part of the enemy positions on a firm basis.

(e) The remaining units will be commanded by Special Duty/Lieutenant SAKAMOTO ~~(The Officer commanding the assault men)~~ and should they ~~in~~ receive the report from the Officer Commanding the assault on the enemy position, they should at once drive on the enemy positions north of TAURI village and together with me should fall on the enemy.

4. When I start my assault on the enemy position ~~and~~^{flaming} arrow will be the signal. When the commander of the 2nd company starts his attack he will shoot a green light from a signal pistol. The passwords for to-night are END and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ NAGOYA.

5. I shall, in general, advance along the central area, and the plan is to ~~advance~~ advance towards the occupation of the hilly region north of the enemy positions.

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Kure Naval Base. The 1st Special Naval Landing Party Operation Order NO. 12, Sub 3.

Dated at SOAKODO, 3 February 1942.

Commanding Officer of the 1st Special Naval Landing Party, Kure Naval Base,
HATAKEYAMA, KUNINORI.

SPECIAL LANDING PARTY ORDER.

1. Thanks to our fierce attack of yesterday the enemy ~~has been~~^{shaken} and ~~feels~~^{is greatly agitated} that he has lost the battle.

2. Although we have not yet been able to get in touch with the WAKABAYASHI Army Company which circled around in the attack on RAHA Airfield, it is planned that this be accomplished at the time of the ~~0300~~ carrying into execution of the 0300 attack of this morning.

3. Our Special Naval Landing Party, leaving one Platoon to ~~protect~~^{guard} the wounded, will at once send all its forces into the assault on the enemy position ~~at~~ to take place at 0300 hours, and occupy the Airfield.

4. ~~XXX~~ (a) The 3rd Platoon of the 2nd Company will be the advance guard

of skirmishers and advance 300 metres ~~to~~ ahead of the main body.

(b) The 4th Platoon of the 2nd Company will constitute the rearguard and will keep strict watch 150 metres ~~to~~ to the rear of the main body.

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(c) The remaining units will form the main body. The main body will be commanded by Special Duty 1st Lieutenant NAKAGAWA.

5. The password and counterpassword ~~to~~ remain the same as those of last night.

6. The ^{Commanding} Officer ~~to be~~ will be with the Battalion Headquarters Platoon, and, in general will ~~synchronize~~ synchronize his movements with that of the skirmishers.

Page 193 (MAP) (Inscription at the top left of the ~~Map~~ map) AMBOINA ISLAND, HITORAMA.
Map in connection with the landing in the face of the enemy and the subsequent battle.

(~~Translation~~ In the ~~map~~ box at the right of the map)
{1} Explanatory notes.

{2} Trenches ~~holding~~ held by skirmishers.

{3} ~~Wire entanglements~~

{4} Wire entanglements.

{5} The positions held by the main body in its attacking advance, as well as the landing point of each unit and the road, ~~that~~ ^{each one} took in ~~their~~ ^{its} advance to the attack.

{6} Pillbox positions.

{7} Mortar or Field Artillery Position.

{8} ~~Positions~~ The positions held by each unit at the time of the occupation.

{9} Destroyed pillboxes.

{10} Wooden piles used as obstacles to prevent landing.

{11} January 31st, five o'clock in the morning. Showing the position of the 2nd Company's 4th Platoon.
(Almost directly below the box) Coral reefs.

Page 194 (MAP) (Inscription at the top right corner) ~~MAP TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSAULT ON~~ AMBOINA AIRFIELD.

(Translation of ^{the} ~~the~~ explanations at ^{the} lower right corner)

1. Wire entanglements.
2. Trenches ^{held by} ~~holding~~ skirmishers.
3. Pillboxes in ~~the~~ linked positions.
4. Field artillery gun or mortar.
5. Tank or armored car.
6. Land mines.
7. Net of mechanical mines.
8. Enemy resistance lines.
9. (No explanation).
10. (No explanation).
11. Lines along which each unit advanced to the attack.
12. Place occupied or thing destroyed.
13. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Stands for ~~the~~ the 2nd Company's 3rd Platoon.
14. Indicates February 2nd, 0300 hours.
15. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Breakthrough in the wire entanglements, place where a passage was cut through.

~~The~~ (Central inscription) Runway.

(Inscription among the closely drawn parallel lines in the left top center)
Military barracks, fifty buildings.

(Translator's note: The writing scattered over the extreme right center is mostly the names of the different units according to the leaders who commanded them at the time of the attack, as, for example, NAKAGAWA Unit, ISHIKAWA Unit, YOSHIMURA Unit, etc.)

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(In the red rectangle at the top right of the page) Kure 1st SNLP Classified exploits No. 6, Sub 83.

From 14 January 1942 to 10 March 1942.

General report of the exploits of the Greater East Asia War (No.1)

Kure Naval Base, the 1st Special Naval Landing Party.

~~These are the~~ (On the sticker at the top left of the page) Kure Naval Base, the 1st SNLP. Classified exploits, No. 6, Sub 79 Part pertaining to the LEGASPI Expeditionary Unit, which ~~was~~ ~~XXXXXXXX~~ reported later.

Kure Naval Base. The 1st Special Naval Landing Party.

Commander MORI, SEIJIRO.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished service A.

PERIOD: 14 January 1942 to 10 March 1942.

Being at LEGASPI in the Philippine Islands, the Unit was engaged in guarding the defense district, the pacification of the district and the ensuring of the rule of law and order, as well as the maintaining of the Air base and the guarding thereof.

REMARKS: The total force for the above duty was composed of 86 men under the ~~leadership~~ command of 2nd Lieutenant MIYAMOTO.

On 13 January the Main Unit was dispatched to AMBOINA in the Dutch Indies and ~~there~~ attained their objectives there.

PERIOD: 1 February 1942.

Subjugated MASBATE Island. Secured the ~~goldmine~~ raw materials (gold mine) there.

7 February 1942.

Subjugated MASBATE Island, Secured the raw material (gold mine) there.

10 March 1942.

The Kure Naval Base, 1st Special Landing Party was disbanded,
Incorporated into

REMARKS: ~~Reassigned to~~ the 31st Special Base Unit.

Acknowledged as correct and proper,

proper, 180
TAKAHASHI, YASUOCHI

Commanding Officer of the 2nd Southern Expeditionary Fleet.

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GENERAL REPORT OF THE EXPLOITS OF THE GREATER EAST ASIA WAR(No. 1)

Kure Naval Base. The 2nd Special Naval Landing Party

[illegible]

Commanding Officer: MAKINOCHI, TADAO.

(Translation of attached sticker) The ~~classified~~ ^{classified} ~~is~~ exploits of the

period 8 December 1941 to 25 December 1941 ^{is given} ~~was reported~~ in the ^{Attack} report ~~submitted by the 11th Air Force~~ transmitted by the 11th Air ~~Force~~ Unit (Not yet received).

STRATEGIC OPERATION ~~XXXXX~~, DUTIES, ETC.

PERIOD: 8 to 12 December 1941.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

The Unit was in the process of being enrolled in the 4th Assault Unit, and was under the orders of the Commanding Officer of the 11th ^{Attack} ~~Attack~~ Unit and took part in the subjugation of LEGASPI.

PERIOD: 8 to 12 December 1941.

Entered CABAGAO bay and landed in the face of the enemy. Occupied all of BATARAO and engaged in the destruction of the wireless station.

PERIOD: 18 to 20 December 1941.

Being under the command of the ~~5th~~ ^{Attack} Assault Unit (The 11th Air ~~Attack~~ Unit), the Unit landed in the face of the enemy ~~of~~ ^{TAMORON} TAMORO (TAMORONG?) coast, and together with the daring Army Unit(s) occupied the district.

PERIOD: 23 to 25 December 1941.

orders

Being under the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ of the Commanding Officer of the 11th Air ~~Force~~ ^{Attack} Unit, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the Unit took part in the JOLO operation and landed on PATA Island in the face of the enemy and occupied the island and the wireless station there.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished service B.

PERIOD: 1 January 1942.

The Unit was engaged in clearing MATENA village of all enemies.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Special Distinguished service A.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

PERIOD: 10 to 13 January 1942.

In conjunction with Army Units, the Unit took part in the subjugation of TARAKAN in the Dutch Indies.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished service A.

14 January 1942.

RINGAS (LINGAS?)

Cleared all enemies out of the/district from the ~~of~~ ^{AMAR RIVER} AMAR RIVER river line, as well as PUNINQUI village.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished Exploit A.

PERIOD: 16 ~~January 1942~~ to 17 January 1942.

Cleared all enemies out of the JIUWATA ~~(is given in the book)~~ jungle district

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished service A.

PERIOD: 17 to 19 January 1942.

remaining
Cleared all/enemies out of the district south of the GARONGAN river and north of the NEGINTAN river.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT Distinguished service A

PERIOD: 25 to 29 January 1942.

Cleared all remaining enemies out of the upstream district of the AMAR RIVER as well as from out of the oil storage district of ~~KINKASA~~ RINCASA.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished service A.

PERIOD: 29 January 1942.

Cleared all remaining enemies out of the RINCASA oil storage district.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished service B.

PERIOD: 17 to 23 February 1942.

~~Rubythaxocapthimmsix~~ Made secure the gains acquired through the attack on and occupation of BRONGAN.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished service A.

PERIOD: 4 to 6 March 1942.

Ensured the occupation of BUNOABURU in cooperation with an Army Unit.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished service A.

PERIOD:
7 March 1942.

Advanced swiftly on TENGARON and in cooperation with an Army Unit and carried out a bracket attack and annihilated the enemy.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished service B.

PERIOD: 7 to 10 March 1942.

Went upstream on the MAHACAM river to ~~aid~~ aid in the operations there. The Unit waited to the west of the CODABANGUN attack across the enemy's line of retreat in order to intercept him, and in cooperation with the Army unit made a sudden attack on the enemy gunboats. Due to our daring attack 2 enemy gunboats and 1 boat were sent to the bottom. One gunboat was captured and some 30 enemy river boats were ~~annihilated~~ destroyed. CODABAGUN was fully occupied.

On
~~PERIOD~~ 10 March 1942, the Kure Naval Base 2nd Special Naval Landing Party was disbanded, ~~as usual~~.

GENERAL REPORT OF THE KURE NAVAL BASE 3rd SPECIAL NAVAL LANDING PARTY
EXPLOITS IN THE GREATER EAST ASIA WAR.

Kure
Officer Commanding the Naval Base 3rd Special Naval Landing Party

AMANO, MINORU.

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS, DUTIES, ETC.

On ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~PERIOD~~ 1 February (No year, but ^{evidently} 1942.T.N.)
the Kure Naval Base 3rd Special Naval Landing Party Unit was constituted.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Meritorious service A.

PERIOD: 1 to 17 February.

The Unit spent this time in the homeland awaiting its opportunity and organizing and outfitting *for war*.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished ³⁹ service A.

PERIOD: 23 February to 23 March.

The Unit spent the above time undergoing training in the Southern Pacific archipelago of TRUK, as well as in other wartime duties.

REMARKS: Arrived there on board GOYO MARU and AZUMAYAMA MARU.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished service A.

PERIOD:
29 March to 31 May.

~~RABBAUX~~
The Unit ~~guard duty on the island of New Guinea~~ was on guard duty on the Island of New Guinea, at RABAU, TULAGI, ~~XXXXXXXX~~ BUTEVIA (BATAVIA?), etc.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Special distinguished service B.

PERIOD: 8 to 9 April.

~~The~~ TAKAMURA Unit
landed on the Admiralty Islands and took part in the battle there. The islands were fully occupied.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Special distinguished service B.

PERIOD: 8 to 11 April.

~~The~~ KIRIYAMA Unit ^{participated}
landed at TARASHI and ~~participated~~ in the battle there. ~~The~~ It was fully occupied. ^{by us.}

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Special distinguished service A.

PERIOD: 2 to 4 May.

~~The~~ MARUYAMA Unit
landed at ~~XXXXXXXX~~ GABUTSU in the SOLOMON Islands and aided in the battle there. The Island was fully occupied ^{by us.}

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Special distinguished service A.

PERIOD: 2 to 4 May.

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MAKIMURA

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While at TULAGI in the SOLOMON Islands the Unit was attacked by ~~many~~ enemy planes which attacked very efficiently; ~~and~~ the Unit ~~finally~~ ~~was~~ routed them while preparing for the landing battle. REMARKS: The Unit left the AZUMAYAMA MARU. CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Special distinguished service A.

PERIOD: 2 to 4 May.

YOSHIMOTO

The Unit took part in the landing and the battle of TULAGI in the Solomon Islands. The island was entirely occupied by us.

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CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Special distinguished service B. PERIOD:

5 to 9 May.

YOSHIMOTO (less the KAGEYOSHI Unit)

the enemy Fleet

The Unit participated in ~~the~~ operation MO, checking ~~it~~ with deceptive ~~feints~~ feints.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Special distinguished service B.

PERIOD: 6 to 9 May.

Participated in operation MO. ~~Forwarded~~ Advanced on DEBOINE (DEVOINE?) and gave battle.

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KURE NAVAL BASE, the 5th SNLP CLASSIFIED DOCUMENT.

THE 1st GENERAL REPORT OF THE EXPLOITS OF THE GREATER EAST ASIA WAR.

Kure Naval Base. the 5th Special Naval Landing Party

Commanding Officer: Commander MORI, SEIJIRO.

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS, DUTIES, ETC.

PERIOD: 1 to 14 May 1942.

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On 1 May the unit was constituted and ordered attached to the Combined Fleet. The above period was taken up with the pressing business of organization and extraordinary preparations for warfare.

Especially, ~~were~~ the members of the Unit ~~occupied~~ in the ~~execution of~~ carrying out of basic training and in the assembling of the necessary weapons and military supplies. ~~hasty~~

On 10 May ~~left~~ the Unit boarded the SHINTO MARU and the ARGENTINA MARU at Kure.

REMARKS: 1. Along with the ~~business of getting~~ organized, ~~each member~~ it was inconvenient to get official approval for all the members of the unit, - took special swimming exercises ~~etc.~~

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Distinguished service A.

PERIOD: 15 to 27 May 1942.

Left Kure on 15 May and headed for the ^{place of} assembly pt.

Subsequent to 21 May practised landing ~~in the face~~ of the enemy and made other preparations for combat. *under the guns*

PERIOD: 28 to 31 May 1942.

As the MI Island Occupation Unit, left SAIPAN Island to advance to the attack.

REMARKS (To all of the above):

1. Along with the business of getting organized, each member of the unit, - for it was inconvenient to get official approval for all the members at the same time, - took ~~swimming exercises~~ turns at swimming exercises.

2. Experiments were carried ~~on~~ out with regard to new weapons, and training in marksmanship was carried on.

3. On 20 May the Unit was renamed the MI (Code Word) Subjugation and Occupation Unit.

4. After May 21 ~~received from the 2nd Combined Special Landing Party Unit~~ received from the 2nd Combined Special Landing Party Unit ~~collapsible rubber boats and folding type boats with which experiments~~ collapsible rubber boats and folding type boats with which experiments ~~and training~~ were carried out, and in the use of which the unit was trained.

Officer Commanding the Combined Fleet: YAMAMOTO, ISOROKU.

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MINISTRY OF THE NAVY.

SASEBO NAVAL BASE 1st SNLP Classified No. 5, Sub 90.

GENERAL REPORT OF THE EXPLOITS OF THE GREATER EAST ASIA WAR (No. 1).

Sasebo Naval District. The 1st Special Naval Landing Party

Commanding Officer: Commander SHIGA, MASANARI.

STRATEGIC OPERATIONS, DUTIES, ETC.

Embarked on the KINAI MARU and the NANKAI MARU, the Unit arrived at PALAU on 4 December, and there was engaged until the 31 December ~~the~~ making preparation for combat and undergoing all kinds of training.

CLASS OF EXPLOIT: Special distinguished service A.

PERIOD: 1 December 1941 to 9 March 1942.

During the period of 11 January 1942 to 9 March 1942 the Unit was engaged in subjugating MANADO, KENDARI, MAKASSAR and clearing out all enemies from the neighboring districts. Furthermore it cleaned out all enemies from the entire CELEBES districts.