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II. 1) North Pacific theatre (the Attu situation).

Since the 27th our garrison has suffered daily losses amounting to a total of 150.^b Therefore Colonel YAMAZAKI concentrated his forces in the central strategic point to prepare for the enemies assaults. Every man was filled with a glorious determination to show his true worth and stand to the last. Later conditions are not known, but judging from intercepted enemy communications, the Imperial troops are continuing to inflict losses on the enemy maintaining their unsullied record to the last.

2) The American 7th Tank Division which carried out the attack at Attu under the command of LANTRUM, had a strength of not less than 20,000 and their losses were over 6,000. This will have a psychological effect on the American people.

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III. The South Pacific area.

1) New Guinea areas.

a) In East New Guinea the enemy is ****indefinite** number of groups **un**** in which are the 5th and 11th Australian divisions. It also appears that the 6th and 7th divisions in ****1 group ga**** have at last (?joint operation?).

b) The enemy is gradually expanding toward the northwest his air bases along the south slope of the central mountain range in New Guinea. Air bases discovered since May 20th now follows: At Kainantu two (40 km. southeast of Benabena) ****indefinite** number of groups **mi****. At Garoka one (10 km. southwest of Benabena), at the foot of Mt. Wilhelm one, and one each at Wahgi and at the foot of Mt. Hagen to the southeast.

c) According to aerial reconnaissance on May 23rd 30 large and small motor vessels^c are in the Buna and Habay area.

d) The MOTO unit has routed the enemy west of Salamaua and on the 19th recovered its original positions.

e) The YO aerial unit, in addition to cooperating with sea transport along the northeast coast of New Guinea has carried out attacks against the air bases which the enemy is constructing. The record of this unit's fighting (from May 3rd

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to 26th) is 8 B-24's and one B-17 shot down.

- a - Parts 1, 2 and 3 cannot be read.
- b - This figure is as given in the original but is probably a mistake for 1500.
- c - The Japanese is HATSUDOTEI which literally means boat or ship with engine.

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