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NOTE:

These reports refer to nine Menadonese inf's - all former soldiers of R.N.I. Army - released by Allied Forces on Luzon Island and on Halmahera Island during Oct 44.

As their information for the greater part is identical with that in interrogation reports issued previously, this compilation deals only with additional information, which is considered to be fairly reliable.

The places covered in this report are all situated on Halmahera Island (0°45'N., 127°50'E).

III. TACTICAL DATA ON ENEMY MILITARY FORCES.

Dispositions and Strength of Organizations and Units:

Wasile Bay (1°10'N., 128°00'E):

- a. Area between Foelie River and Dodaga Village, Nov 43 - Aug 44:
A number of 75mm A/A guns were seen by inf located at intervals along the coast between the Foelie River and Dodaga Village. In the same area the Japanese were engaged in the construction of quarters from tree trunks and atap with the assistance of 200 Menadonese, and a large unit of the Taiwan Labour Corps, some of whom were armed with rifles.
- b. Foelie Village (1°15'N., 128°09'E), Dec 43: Another inf stated that approximately 1,000 Japanese Army personnel were stationed in the vicinity of Foelie Village. He saw approximately 50 barrack buildings, some of which were 30 m x 10 m and others 10 m x 5 m. Considerable numbers of Japanese Air Force personnel were also seen at Foelie, presumably from the airfield at Hatetabako (1°15'N., 128°05'E). In Sep 44 an observation post was seen between Lolabata and the pier at Hatetabako.
- c. Lolobata (1°15'N., 128°06'E), Jun 44: In the direction of the coast north of the airfield, inf located 50 offices and barracks occupied by about 400 Air Force personnel. On the coast east of the airfield he saw Air Force and Naval units quartered in barracks, each of which measured about 50 m x 20 m, and he estimated the total strength of these units at about 1,000 men. Twenty heavy A/A guns and approximately 24 searchlights defended the airfield. Japanese troops also patrolled the area, equipped with 7.7 mm machine guns.
- d. Hatetabako (1°15'N., 128°05'E), Jun 44: Japanese infantry were quartered along the coast north of the Hatetabako airfield, in addition to M/T units attached to the Air Force and the Japanese Navy.
- e. Dodaga River (1°10'N., 128°10'E), Aug 44: Along the north and south banks of the Dodaga River, about 6 km from the coast, approximately 300 Japanese infantry were quartered. At other points about 1 km from the coast, also on the north and south sides of the river, Japanese telephone units and some infantry were located, in total about 80 men, according to inf.
- f. Titilegan River Area (1°13'N., 128°11'E), Aug 44: Inf stated that about 5,000 Japanese personnel were quartered in a

Enemy:

Morale of Enemy Forces:

Attitude Toward War: In the opinion of one inf, Japanese morale was not particularly high. He stated that a number of Japanese personnel had deserted and were still hiding in the jungle.

Rumours Affecting Morale: Japanese were heard to state that 300 planes were about to be sent from Tokio to Halmahera. They boasted that they had aircraft superior to Allied Liberators. They also claimed that a grenade had been manufactured in three parts, each one exploding in succession to the other. Inf was also told that the greater part of Australia had been conquered by the Japanese.

Effect of Air Raids: From the commencement of Allied Air attacks the Japanese lived at their shelters during the day and returned to barracks at night.

XIII. GENERAL.

Prostitution: Foelie River Area (1°15'N., 128°09'E), Wasile Bay, Jun 44: One inf stated that he had seen 100 Javanese, 90 Chinese, 30 Menadonese and 30 Japanese women who were employed as prostitutes.

Europeans at Large: Boelie Bay (1°30'N., 128°20'E), Sep 44: An inf was told that four Europeans, including one Dutchman and one Englishman, had been hiding in the Boelie Bay area. He also heard at a later date that two of them, including the Dutchman, had been captured and executed by the Japanese.



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