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Re your 181552. IsCom Peleliu obtained Japanese report which shows that Reynold B Mooney and Hilary Gilbert, Jr., (both sergeants U.S. Army) were placed aboard Japanese cruiser KINU on 19 August 1944 at Palau for transfer to Manila via Cebu, and that Howard Livingston Roeder (WO, USN), John C. MacMahon (CPO, USN), and Robert Armstrong Black, First Class Petty Officer were placed aboard Special Sub-chaser URUPPU MARU on 2 September 1944 at Palau for transfer via Davao to Manila. Japanese further report 1st Lieutenant Grant Roy and Sergeant Earl Curry both U.S. Army bailed out B-24 over Palau 25 August 1944, were captured same day and on 2 September placed aboard URUPPU MARU for transfer via Davao to Manila. 1st Lieutenant Arthur Shumaker and Sergeants John Moore and Alexander Bick, all U.S. Army, bailed out B-24 over Koror 1 September 1944, captured and on 5 September placed aboard HANSHIN MARU which departed same day for Davao. No information what happened to these 10 POWs after leaving Palau.

2nd Lieutenant Wallace J. Kaufman bailed out B-24 NE Koror 4 May 1945, captured and on 24 May executed by Japanese 1st Lieutenant Katsuyama who later committed suicide. Details of Japanese reports in my letter serial 003013 of 25 Oct to CNO. Investigations continuing. (Com Marianas Area/200407 Dec '45) (Carded only 26 Dec '45 mmc)

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Allied POW
22 AUG 1944

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22 Aug 44/1525 ✓

TERU/SHOO/TFRASH (14th Division)* Staff Message #974, Part 1, 3. *Sight*
On the 20th, 3 Americans were taken prisoners under a gun
emplacement at Tomil on Yap Island. Results of questioning them:
1. The three men are all seamen, Second Class. They were not
part of the submarine crew but members of the 5th Naval
Combat Demolition Party, which is stationed at Maui Island *Allied*
in Hawaii. They left Hawaii on August 4th by submarine, and *JAA*
headed for Yap Island by direct route via Midway Island.
Part 2 missing

We returned after completing the reconnaissance. However,
we lost sight of the submarine. (They arrived at the
Saiyuu lighthouse (at dusk?), and were captured while
in hiding.

4. Besides reconnoitering the _____ unit, we blew up the high
part of the reef. (Time needed for the operation- 10
minutes).

(JAP ARMY J-22868-DI) ✓

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3 SEP 1944

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To : Menado

3 Sep 44/2240

TERU (14th DIVISION)* Staff Message #1035, Parts 1, 2, 4, 5, 11.

A. As reported, we captured 3 prisoners on the evening of 19th August. The following are the results of our cross examination of them:

AAJ 19 Aug

Allied POW

1. The prisoners _____ Hawaiian Islands and around Mawi Bay. Navy 5th _____ Unit: (Naval Combat Demolition Base, Fifth Amphibious Force, Navy, 900)

Part 3 missing

5. The prisoners (escaped?) by swimming and submerging for over 10 nautical miles _____. They were able to swim about 40 feet at a time under water.

The prisoners then proceeded by submarine to Shinji Bay (from 9 degrees north of Maui Island (Pearl Harbour?))

After being supplied with fuel at Midway, and after carrying out (Reconnaissance?) duty from two to two and a half miles off shore _____, we returned but could not discover the submarine (in question?).

Parts 6-10 missing

_____ by submarine to _____ and concerning the plan for reconnaissance of the beaches _____ we think that here after more and more _____

C. _____ has been entrusted to (this Group?), and we have sent (it) to central Headquarters.

(JAP ARMY J-14848 - DI) ✓

CARDED 25 MAY '45/jma

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