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ACTIVITIES OF UNITED STATES OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE TEAM IN
NORTHERN BURMA AUGUST 12 TO AUGUST 24.

REPORT NO. 5.

LEAFLET OPERATIONS

The current news leaflets on the fall of Myitkyina, the fall of the Tojo Cabinet, and the leaflet on the invasion of Japan, have been combined with regular good treatment to prisoner material in two weeks of light-dropping activity.

On August 16, OSS intelligence was received that the Japanese were spreading word among the Burmans in the Namma-Kyungon-Mohnyin area, that the Allies would be in vengeful mood about the 1942 evacuation, and that the Burmans had better evacuate. To forestall an evacuation, a friendly message was drafted (Namma Warning ~~134-33~~) warning the Burmans not to feed, work for, or follow the Japanese. On August 17, 10,000 leaflets were dropped by B-25 over Mohnyin, Kyungon and Namma from under 200 ft. level. Total time from receipt of Intelligence to dropping of leaflets was less than 24 hours.

LIAISON WITH THE 36TH INDIAN DIVISION.

Following initial contacts with the Intelligence Officer 36th Indian Division, on August 21 a request was received from Divisional Headquarters at Mogaung for dropping of surrender and surrender preparational materials in the Pinbaw area, and general background material in Japanese and anti-evacuation propaganda in native languages along the railroad from Pinbaw to Katha.

PRISONERS OF WAR AND PW.

The large number of prisoners taken at Myitkyina have offered good opportunity for interrogations which have included a Japanese propagandist and 21 Korean Comfort Girls. On August 14, POWs in the stockade arranged an entertainment of their own, which offered opportunities for photographs, motion pictures and recordings. Later a group of these prisoners were taken to PWT Headquarters for additional photographs and recordings.

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