

RETRANSLATION FROM JAPANESE

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Top: FELO Leaflet J-24, "Disastrous Losses in Japanese Navy"

OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE JAPANESE ARMY

The Japanese forces in the New Guinea area are now entirely isolated and unsupported. In the four days between November 12th and 15th, during several engagements near the Solomon Islands, the Japanese Navy escorting a convoy which was trying to reinforce the attacking Japanese units at Guadalcanal has suffered the following disastrous losses, chiefly as a result of U. S. bombings:

Sunk: 1 battleship (Kongo class), 3 heavy cruisers,
4 light cruisers, 5 destroyers, and 8 transports.

Damaged: 1 battleship, 6 destroyers, and 4 transports.

The Japanese Navy has been poisoned by the military faction, and has already suffered great losses at the battles of Midway, Coral Sea, and also in a series of engagements in the Solomon Waters. In these engagements their losses were:

3 battleships, 6 carriers, 27 cruisers (large and small),
36 destroyers, 27 submarines, 139 transports and merchant vessels.

All these losses have affected the lines of supply to the Japanese forces in New Guinea, and have caused the Japanese forces there to suffer great privation and hardship, and have left them entirely without support.

Now your lines of communication are entirely cut off. Your days are numbered. There is no other course for you but to die like dogs in the jungle.

Bottom: FELO Leaflet J-89, "Returning the Ashes of Japanese Soldiers Killed in Action."

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY

It is the usage of civilized nations to respect the traditional sentiments of other nations, even though they may be at war with them.

It is in pursuance of this conviction that we, as members of the Allied forces, have resolved to do what we can, in difficult circumstances, to respect the traditional regard of the Japanese soldiers for the return to the homeland of the ashes of those who have been killed in battle.

At Buna and Soputa the bodies of some of the Japanese dead were collected and respectfully cremated. The cremation was supervised by two officers of the Imperial Japanese Army who are now with us.

Unfortunately it was impossible for us to cremate more than a very few of the dead as most of the bodies could not be identified. We are, however, sending you the ashes of those who could be identified and ask you to return them to their relatives so that they may rest in their native land.

