Exploring the WWII Relics of Melanesia

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s/v Soggy Paws 2019

SE Asia Base: Oceanview Marina

Samal Island, Mindanao, Philippines

s/v Soggy Paws
Florida to the Philippines 2007–2019

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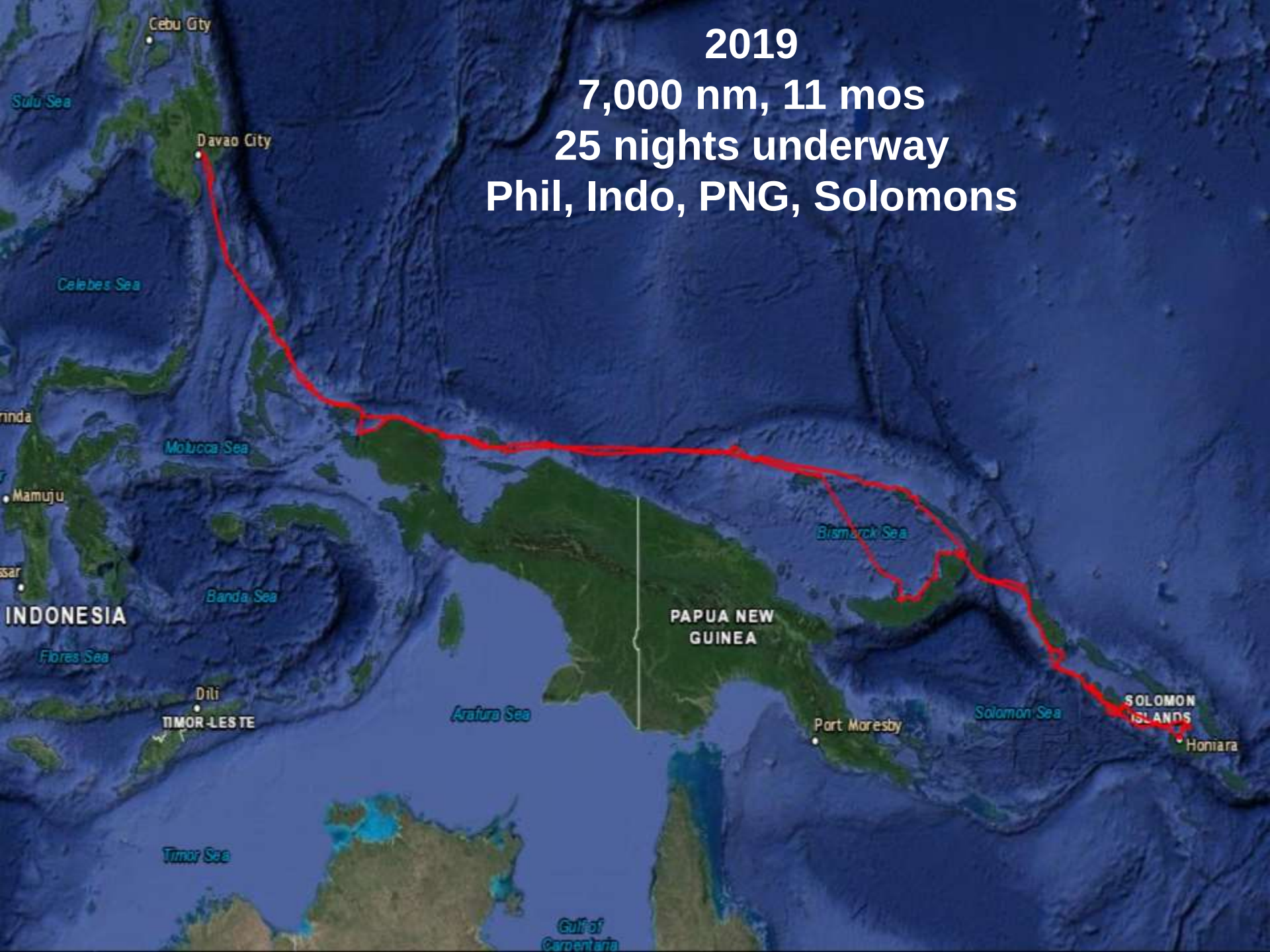
4 years cruising in SE Asia from the Philippines

2018 Cruise Route

2,000 NM 6 Months
No overnights

2019
7,000 nm, 11 mos
25 nights underway
Phil, Indo, PNG, Solomons



Why Melanesia?

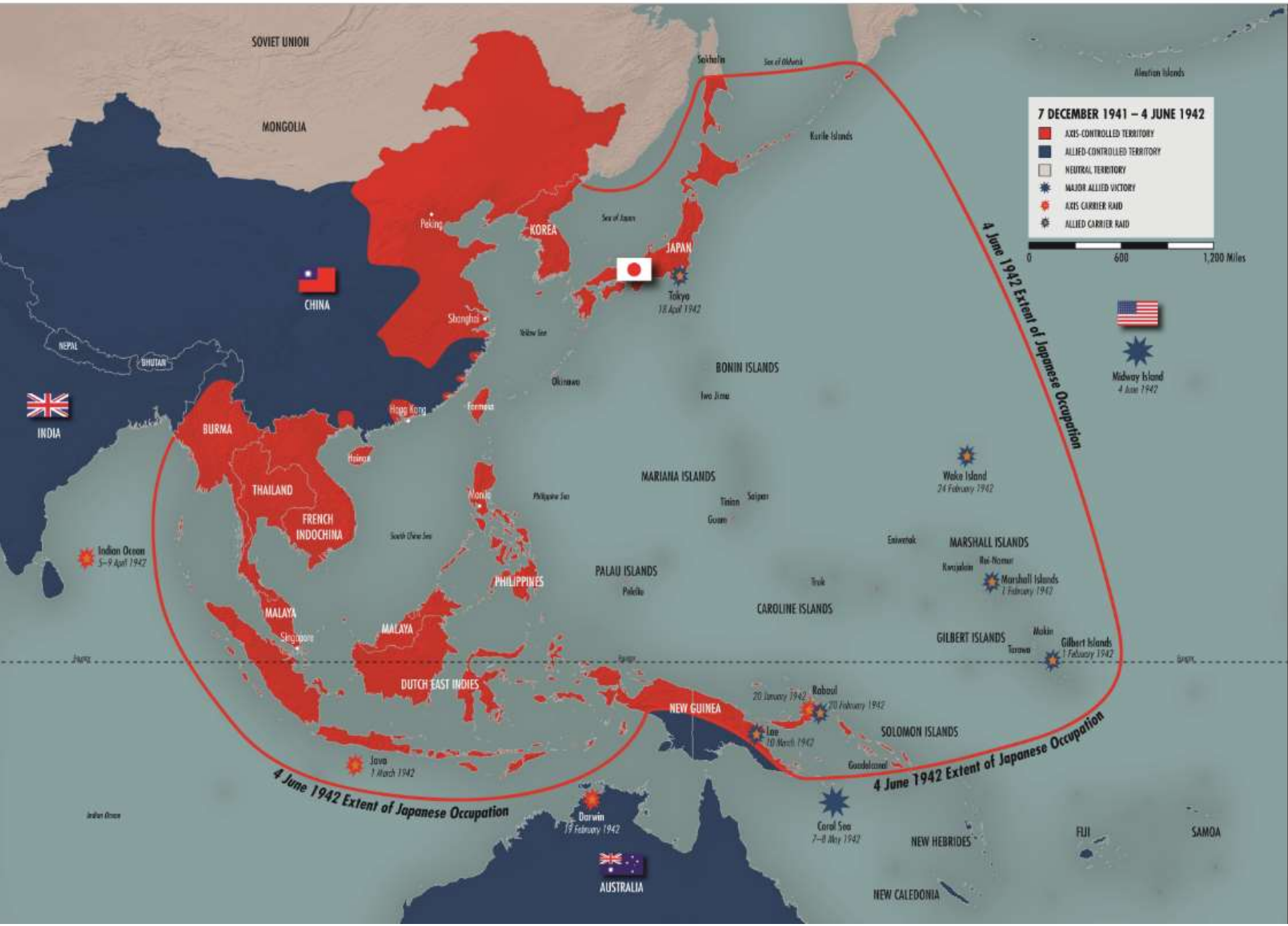
- **Indonesia**
  - Past cruising history
  - Best SCUBA diving in Pacific
  - World War II History
- **Solomon Islands (SI)**
  - Spectacular World War II History
  - Good SCUBA Diving
  - Exotic Culture- islands, highlands, rivers, tourism
  - Scattered boat accessible islands
- **Papua New Guinea (PNG)**
  - Spectacular World War II History
  - Better SCUBA Diving
  - Exotic Culture- islands, minimal tourism

Why are we WWII Enthusiasts?

A6M Zero
engine
Sherry sez: Where are we
and what the heck is this?

World War II Pacific Theater 1941-45

(Fleet tracks- blue Major assaults- yellow)


7 DECEMBER 1941 – 4 JUNE 1942
AXIS-CONTROLLED TERRITORY
ALLIED-CONTROLLED TERRITORY
NEUTRAL TERRITORY
MAJOR ALLIED VICTORY
AXIS CARRIER RAID
ALLIED CARRIER RAID
0
600
1,200 Miles
SOVIET UNION
MONGOLIA
CHINA
KOREA
JAPAN
Peking
Shanghai
Tokyo
18 April 1942
Sakhalin
Sea of Okhotsk
Kurile Islands
Aleutian Islands
Sea of Japan
Yellow Sea
Okinawa
BONIN ISLANDS
Iwo Jima
Midway Island
4 June 1942
NEPAL
BHUTAN
INDIA
BURMA
Hong Kong
Formosa
Hainan
THAILAND
FRENCH INDOCHINA
Manila
Philippine Sea
MARIANA ISLANDS
Tinian
Saipan
Guam
Wake Island
24 February 1942
MARSHALL ISLANDS
Eniwetok
Kwajalein
Roi-Namur
Marshall Islands
1 February 1942
Indian Ocean
5–9 April 1942
South China Sea
PHILIPPINES
PALAU ISLANDS
Peleliu
Truk
CAROLINE ISLANDS
MALAYA
Singapore
MALAYA
GILBERT ISLANDS
Makin
Tarawa
Gilbert Islands
1 February 1942
DUTCH EAST INDIES
NEW GUINEA
20 January 1942
Rabaul
20 February 1942
Lae
10 March 1942
SOLOMON ISLANDS
Guadalcanal
Java
1 March 1942
4 June 1942 Extent of Japanese Occupation
4 June 1942 Extent of Japanese Occupation
4 June 1942 Extent of Japanese Occupation
Indian Ocean
Darwin
19 February 1942
Coral Sea
7–8 May 1942
NEW HEBRIDES
FIJI
SAMOA
AUSTRALIA
NEW CALEDONIA

THE PACIFIC AND ADJACENT THEATERS 1942
Japanese Limit of Advance
0
1600
Miles at the Equator
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
USSR
BERING SEA
ALEUTIAN ISLANDS
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AUG 42
MAY 42
JUN 42
MONGOLIA
MANCHURIA
CHINA
KOREA
JAPAN
TIBET
NEPAL
BHUTAN
INDIA
BURMA
FORMOSA
Hong Kong
NORTH PACIFIC AREA
CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
PACIFIC OCEAN
Iwo Jima
Battle of Midway
MIDWAY ISLANDS
HAWAIIAN ISLANDS
Pearl Harbor Strike
Adm Nimitz
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
SOUTH CHINA SEA
LUZON
PHILIPPINES
THAILAND
FRENCH INDOCHINA
MARIANA ISLANDS
MARSHALL ISLANDS
Guam
Truk
MINDANAO
NORTH BORNEO
SARAWAK
MALAYA
Singapore
SUMATRA
BORNEO
CELEBES
PALAU ISLANDS
CAROLINE ISLANDS
Makin
CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA
BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO
GILBERT ISLANDS
Canton
SOUTH PACIFIC AREA
INDIAN OCEAN
NETHERLANDS INDIES
NEW GUINEA
PAPUA
JAVA
SOLOMON ISLANDS
ELLICE ISLANDS
Guadalcanal
Vadm Ghormley
British
Battle of Coral Sea
CORAL SEA
SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND
Gen MacArthur
AUSTRALIA
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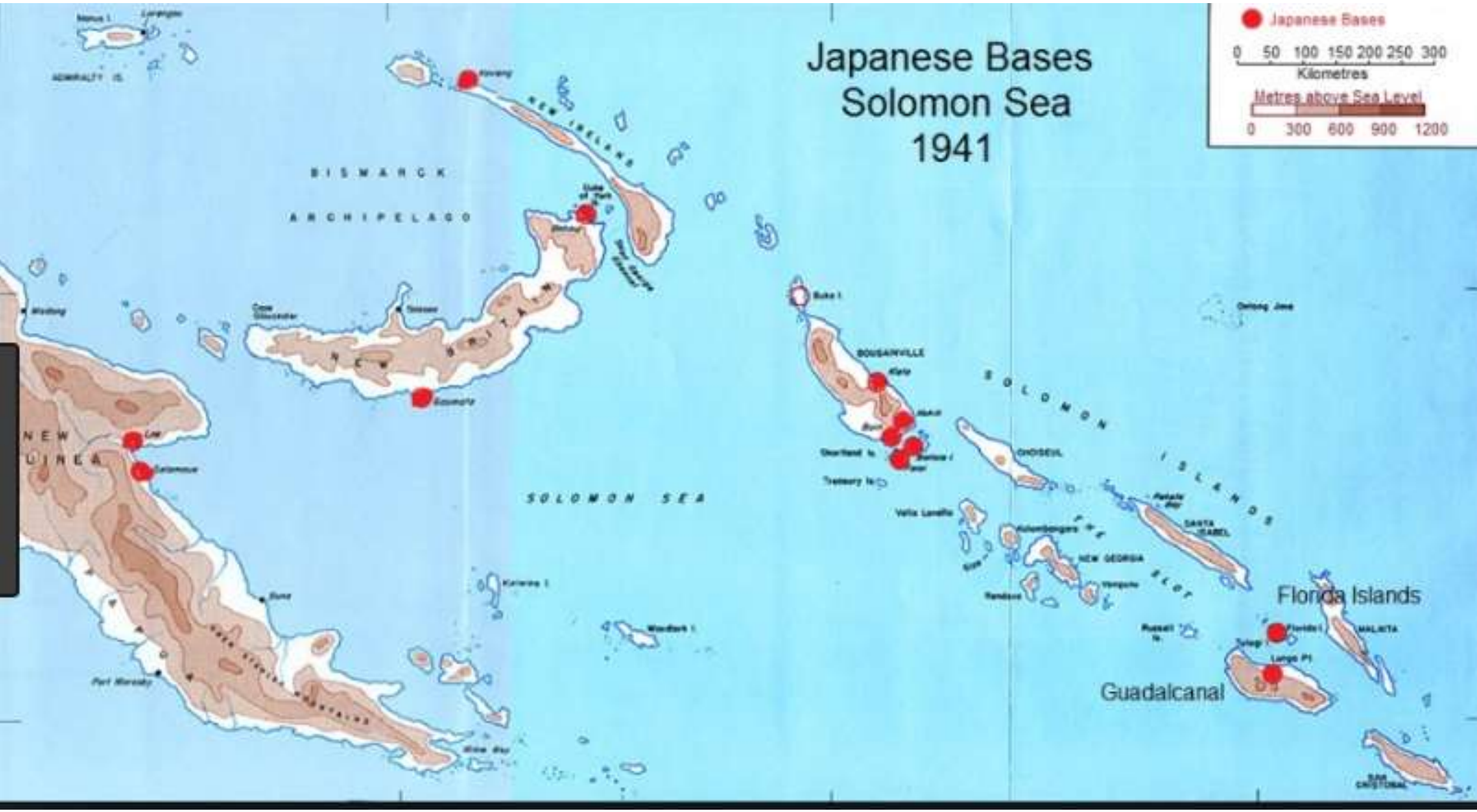
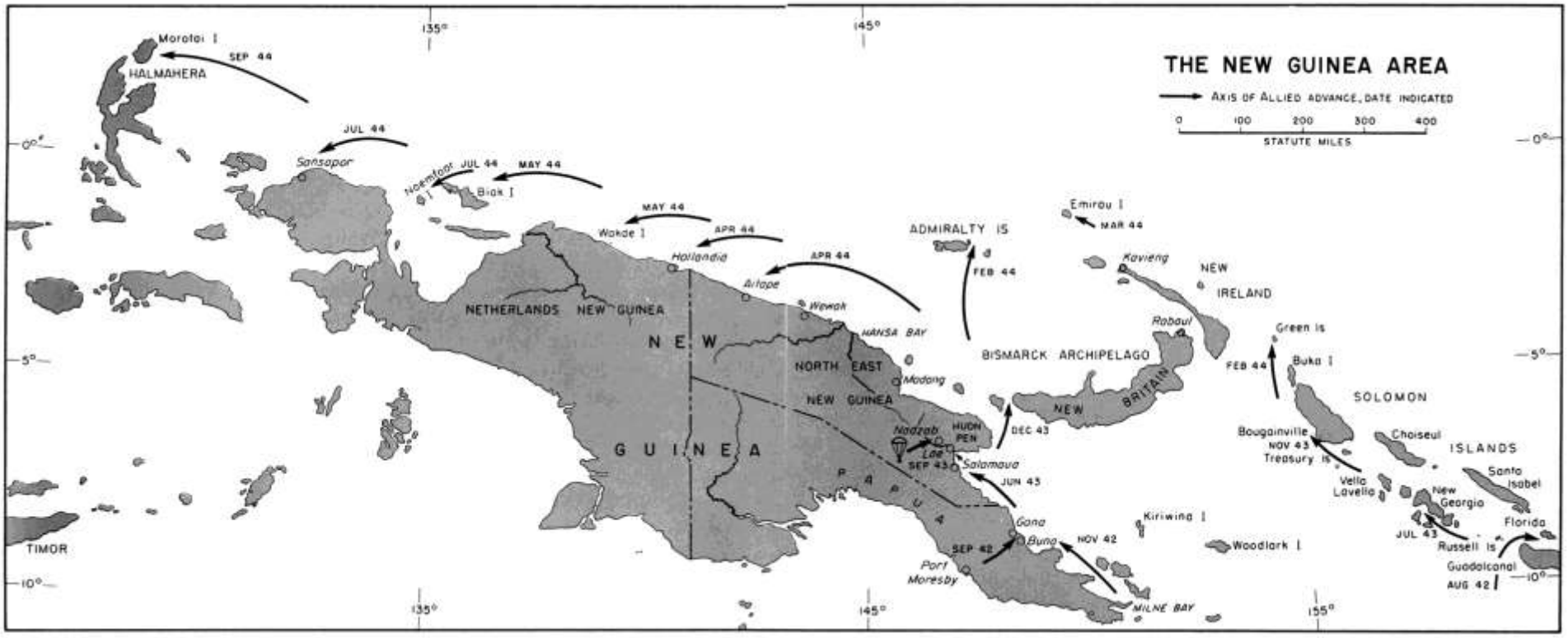
TONGA ISLANDS
NEW CALEDONIA

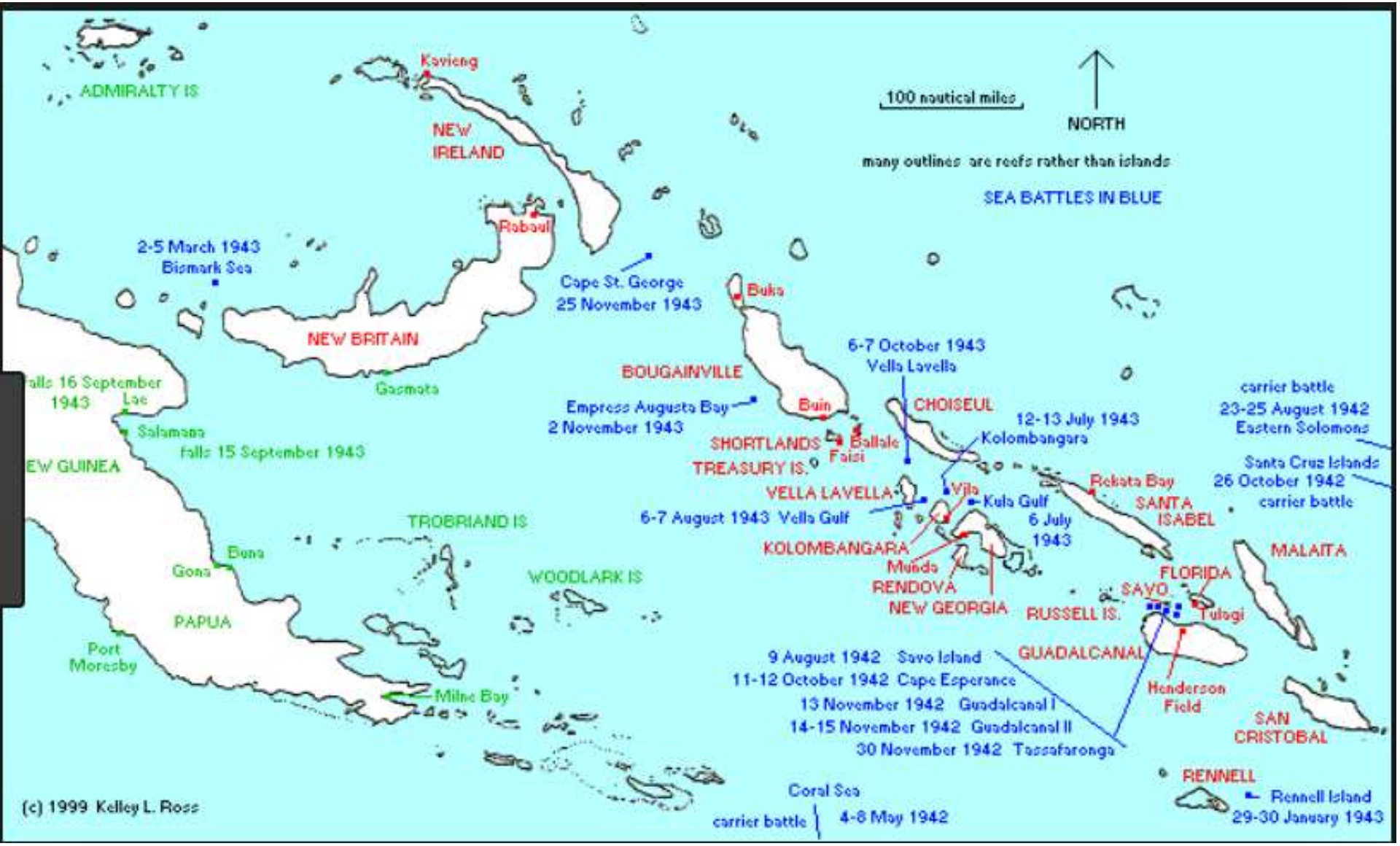
Major Jap Bases PNG & Solomons
Start of WWII



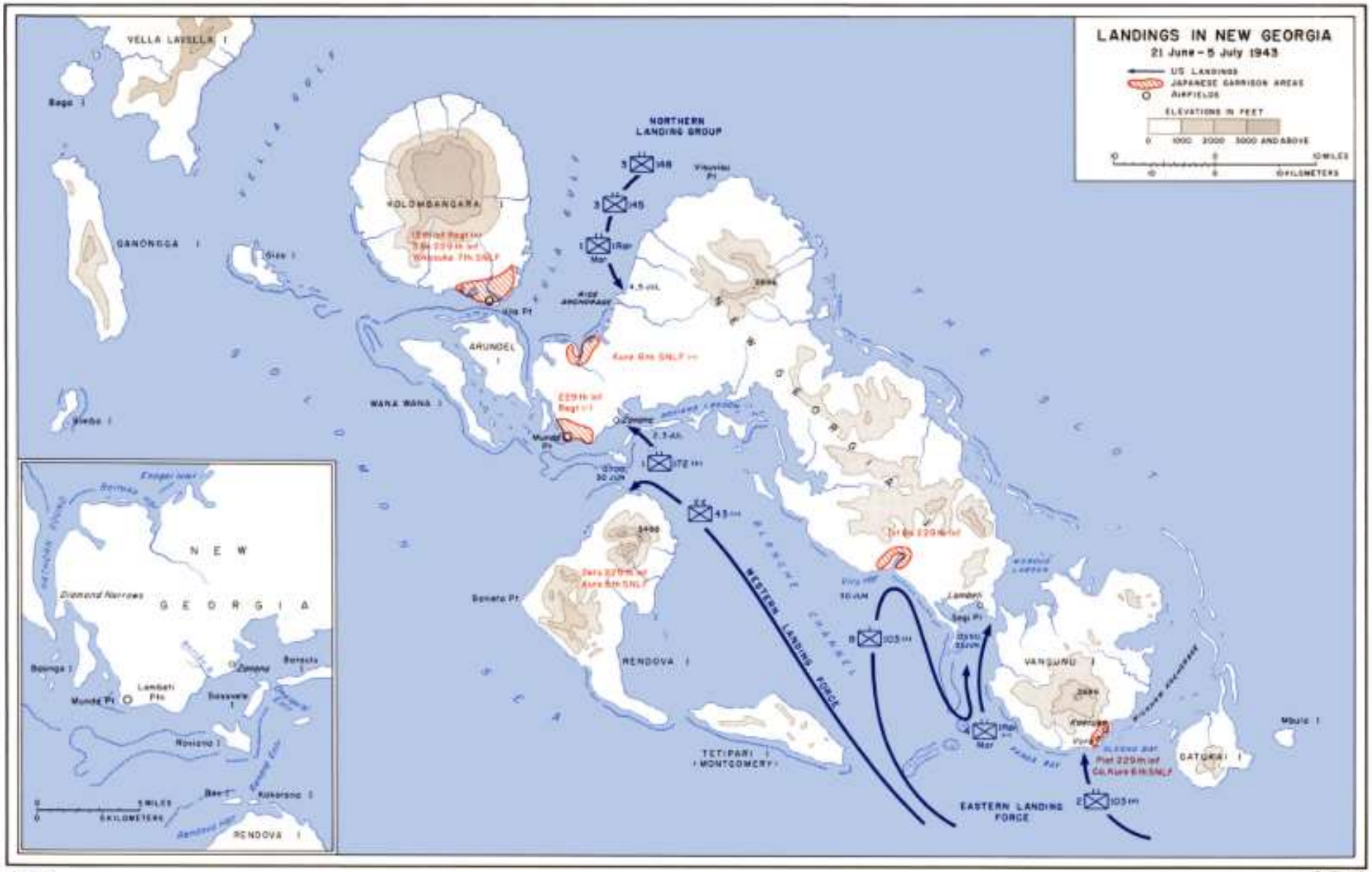
WW II Allied Movement up PNG & Solomons 1942-1944



Major Sea Battles PNG & Solomons 1942-43



Allied Landings in New Georgia June & July 1943



Step 1:
Meeting our buddy boats in Raja Ampat

3 overnights, 550 Miles in 12 Days

A Quick Stop in Wayag
On the way down
Jan 2019
Nov 2019
& More rudder repairs
On the way back

Biak
Indonesia
(Check-out Port)
Cebu City
Sulu Sea
Davao City
Celebes Sea
Molucca Sea
Mamuju
Bismarck Sea
Banda Sea
INDONESIA
PAPUA NEW
GUINEA
Flores Sea
Dili
TIMOR-LESTE
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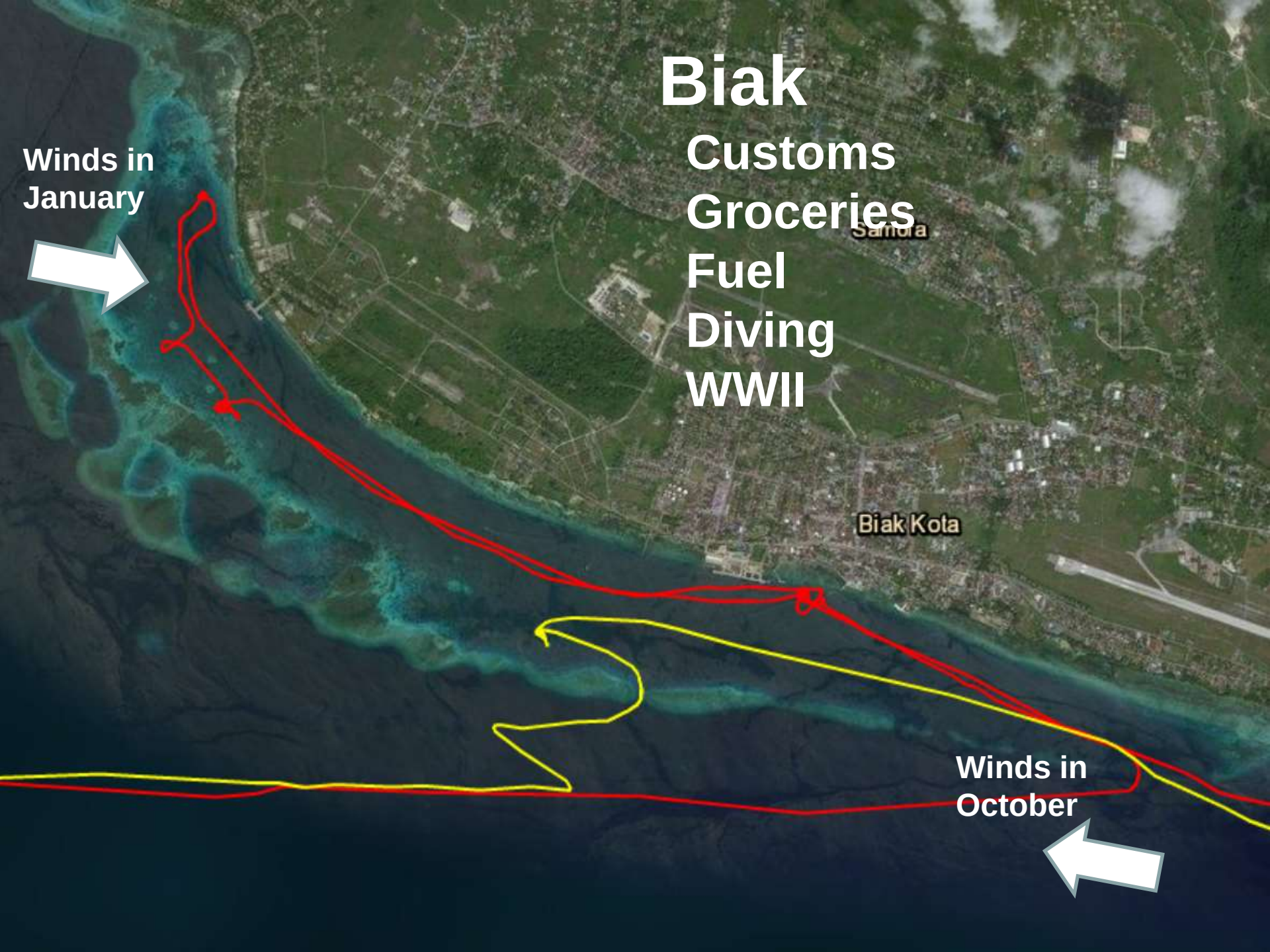
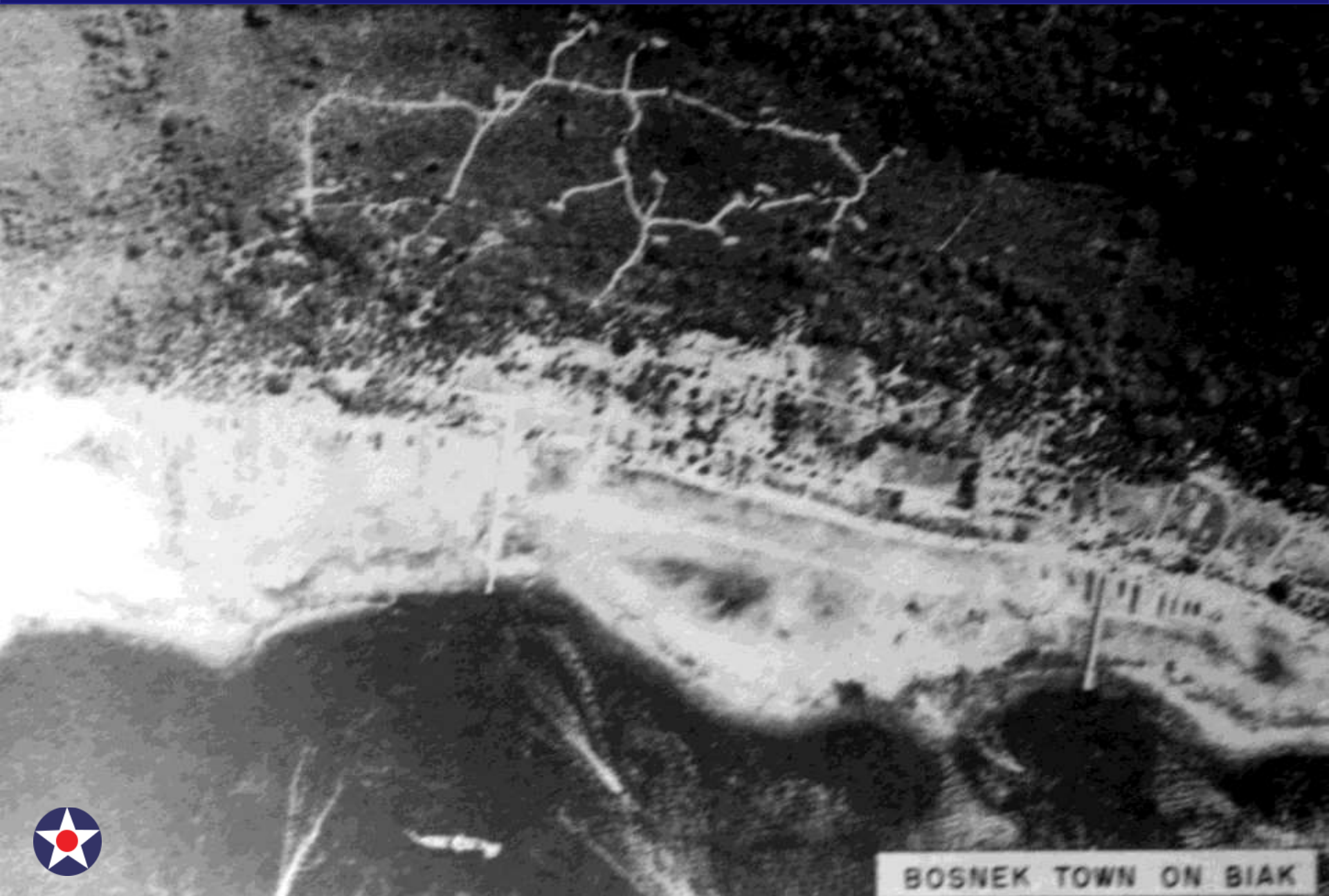
SOLOMON
ISLANDS
Honiara
Timor Sea
Gulf of
Carpentaria


Biak
Customs
Groceries
Fuel
Diving
WWII
Winds in January
Winds in October
Biak Kota

Biak, WW2

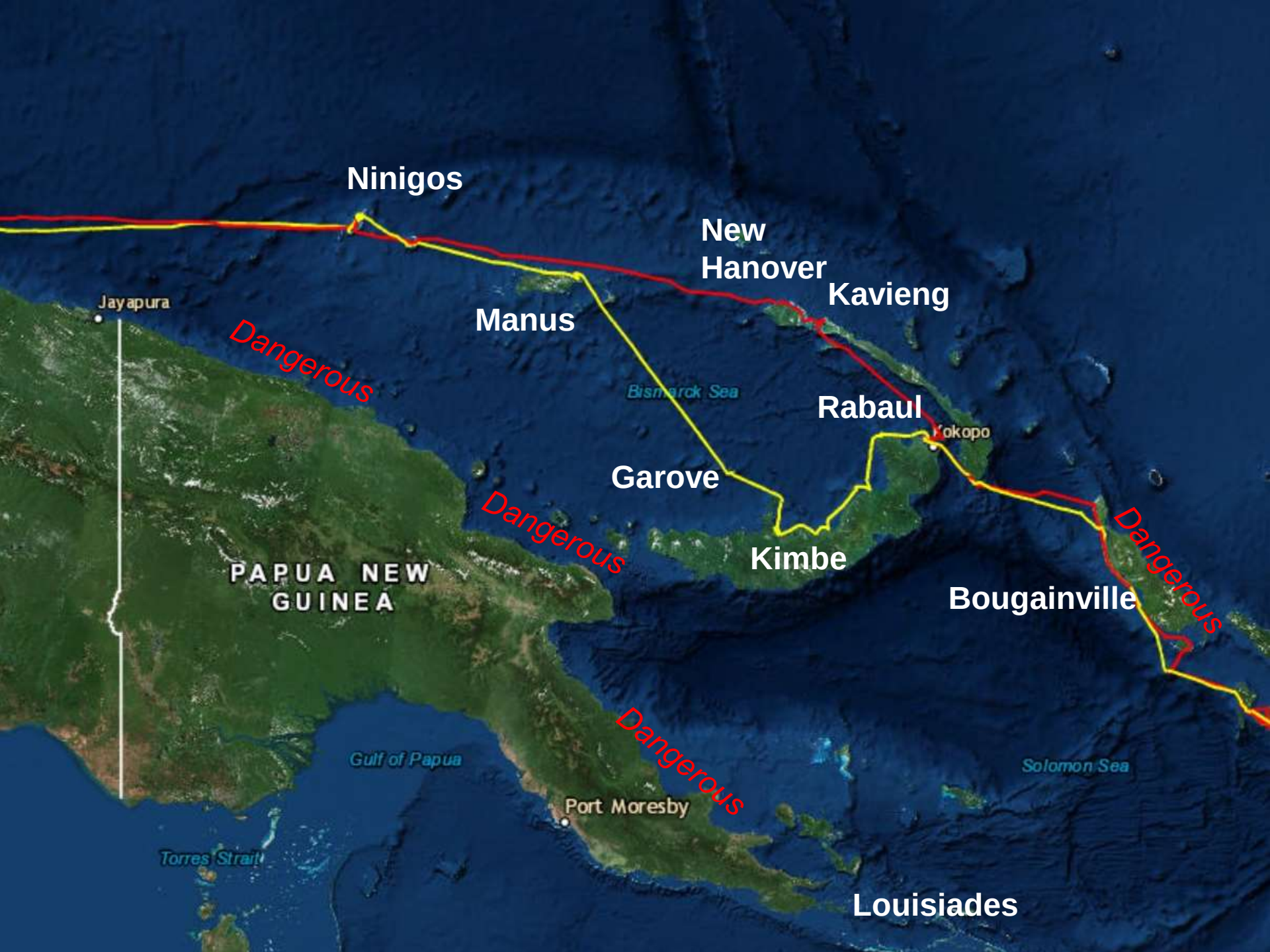


Biak, Indonesia

Consolidated PBY5A Catalina Maritime Patrol Amphibian Bomber

Consolidated PBY-5 *Catalina* Flying Boat

Biak, PNG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New Hanover
Kavieng
Manus
Jayapura
Dangerous
Bismarck Sea
Rabaul
Kokopo
Garove
Dangerous
Kimbe
Dangerous
PAPUA NEW GUINEA
Bougainville
Dangerous
Gulf of Papua
Solomon Sea
Port Moresby
Torres Strait
Louisiades

Cebu City
Philippines
Davao City
4 days, 3 nights
Biak to Ninigos Islands
Ninigos
Papua
New Guinea
Molucca Sea
Bismarck Sea
Banda Sea
PAPUA NEW
GUINEA
Dili
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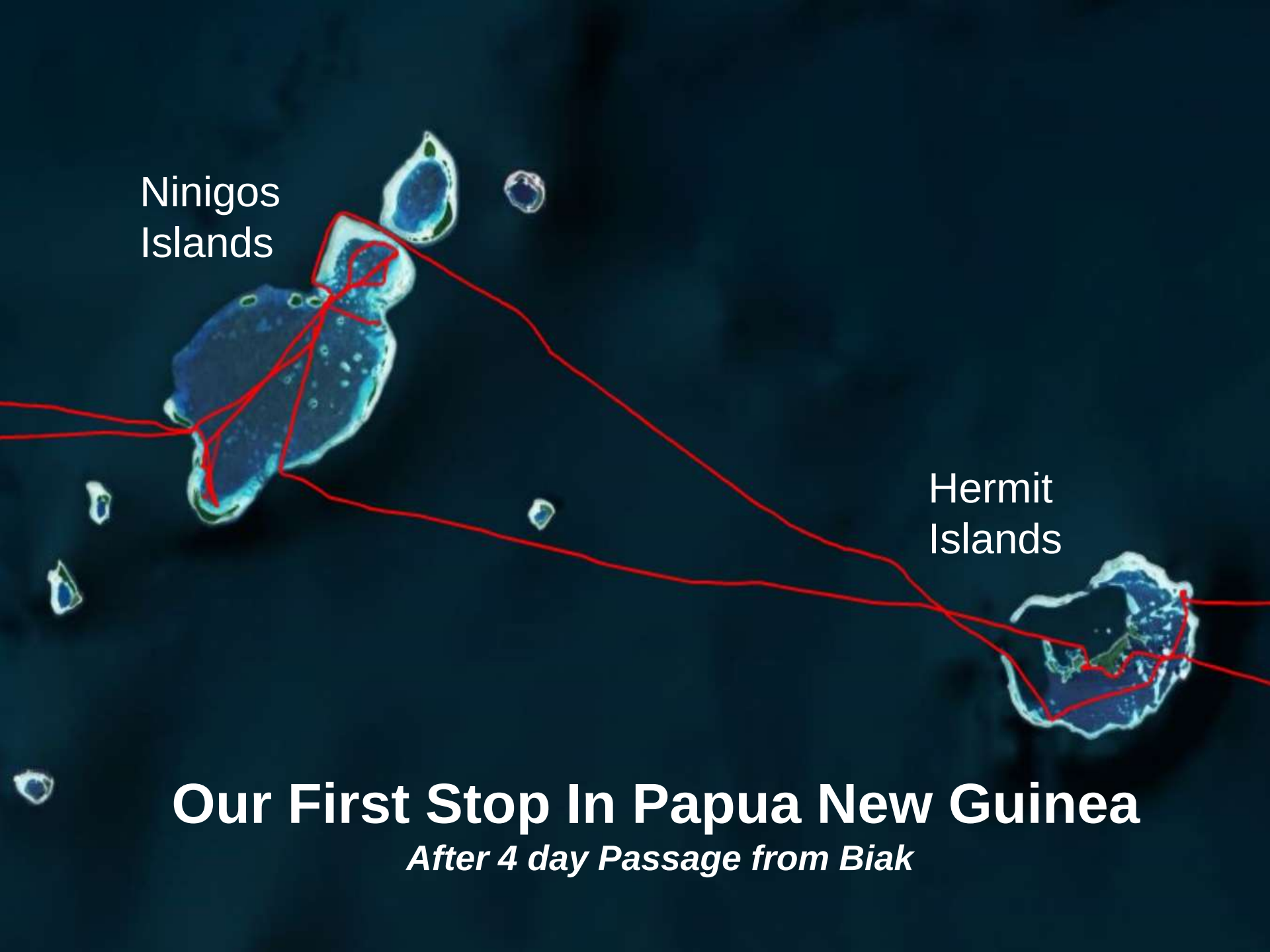
SOLOMON
ISLANDS
Honiara
Jan-June
July-Nov
Vanuatu



Our First Stop In Papua New Guinea

After 4 day Passage from Biak

Ninigos Islands, PNG

S E C R E T

APPENDIX 1

ANNEX "B" TO TASK FORCE SEVENTY-SEVEN OPERATION PLAN No. 6-44

ROUTES

ABLE - SEEADLER to HOLLANDIA N. of NINIGOS (GUN-HOE-PET-KID).
SEEADLER to KID - 430 mi.

BAKER - CRETIN to HOLLANDIA (or AITAPE) - coast route N. of LONG Is. (AXE- BOX-COW-NUT-MAN-(WOW)-KID)
CRETIN to "WOW" - 475 mi. CRETIN to "KID" - 575 mi.

CHARLIE - SEEADLER to HOLLANDIA S. of NINIGO Gp (GUN-KID)
SEEADLER to KID - 400 mi.

DOG - AITAPE to HOLLANDIA - 112 mi. (WOW-APE-BOY-KID).

EASY - HOLLANDIA to WAKDE - 127 mi. (KID-CUB-ELK-ICE)

FOX - TANAHMERAH BAY to WAKDE (JUG-IVY-JAW) obsolete.

GEORGE - HOLLANDIA to BOSNIK - 308 mi. (KID-CUB-DEW-ERG-FOG-GEM)

GEORGE - WAKDE to BOSNIK - 199 mi (ICE-KEY-DEW-ERG-GEM)

GEORGE-HOW - HOLLANDIA to BOSNIK - 304 mi (KID-KEY-LAP-ORB-GEM)

HOW - WAKDE to BOSNIK - 196 mi (ICE-KEY-LAP-ORB-GEM)

GEORGE-ITEM -HOLLANDIA - KAMIRI -411mi(KID-DEW-ERG-MOB-NIB-QUE)

GEORGE-ITEM - WAKDE - KAMIRI - 303 mi (ICE-KEY-ERG-MOB-NIB-QUE)

GEORGE-HOW-ITEM - HOLLANDIA - KAMIRI- 400 mi(KID-KEY-LAP-NIB-QUE)

HOW-ITEM - WAKDE - KAMIRI - 292 mi (ICE-KEY-LAP-NIB-QUE)

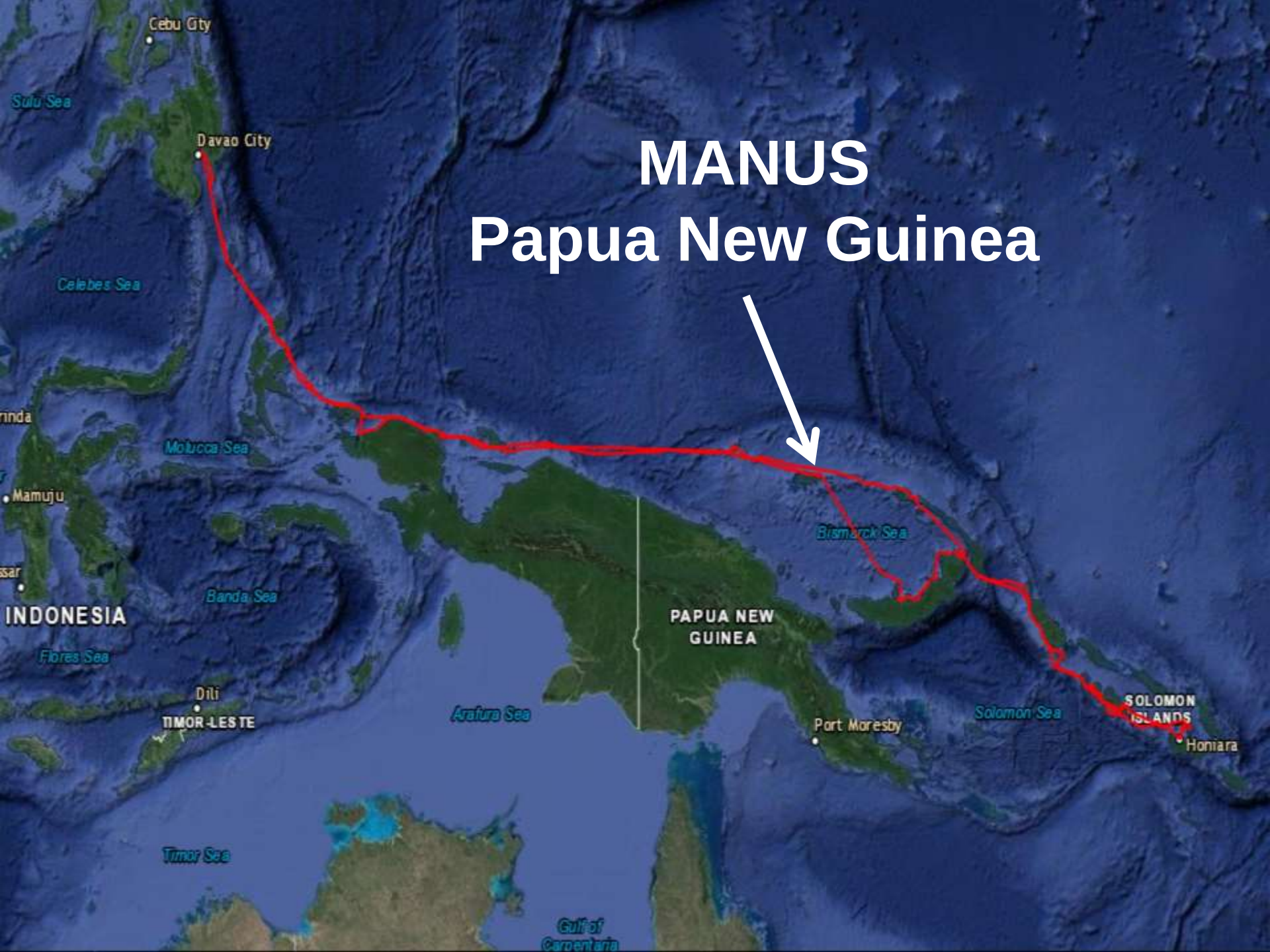
CTF 76 secret serial 00526 of 15 May 1944 describes the tie-in of MADANG and SAIDOR with Route BAKER. Briefly:

CRETIN to SAIDOR - 135 mi. (AXE-BIT-CAB-FEE).
CRETIN to MADANG - 115 mi. (AXE-BIT-EEL).
SAIDOR to HOLLANDIA - 460 mi. (FEE-HEN-NUT-MAN-KID).

The Whole Village Singing a Welcome

1985

Soggy Paws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Cebu City
Sulu Sea
Davao City
Celebes Sea
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PAPUA NEW GUINEA
Flores Sea
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Arafura Sea
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SOLOMON ISLANDS
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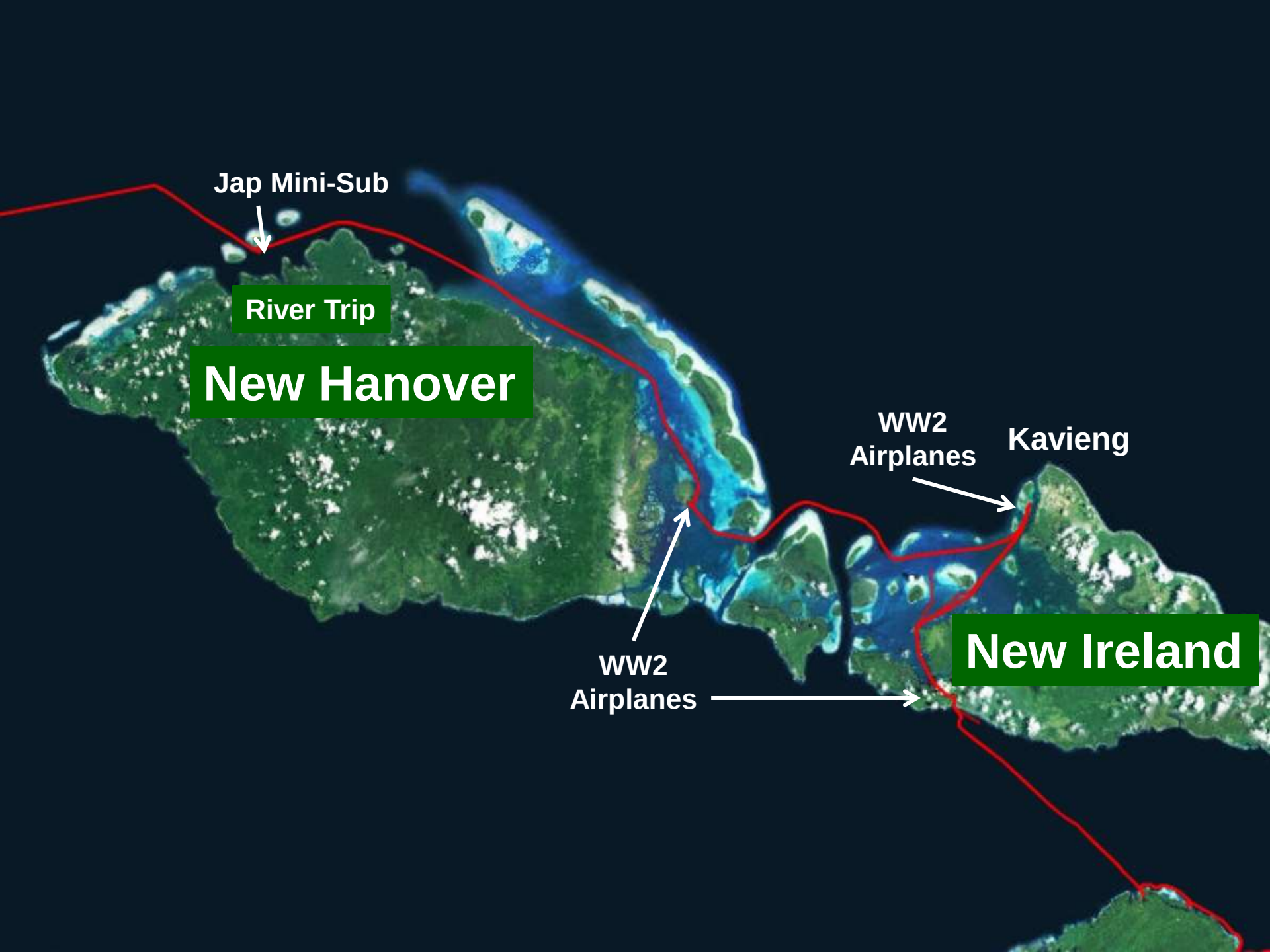
Timor Sea
Gulf of Carpentaria

Manus PNG

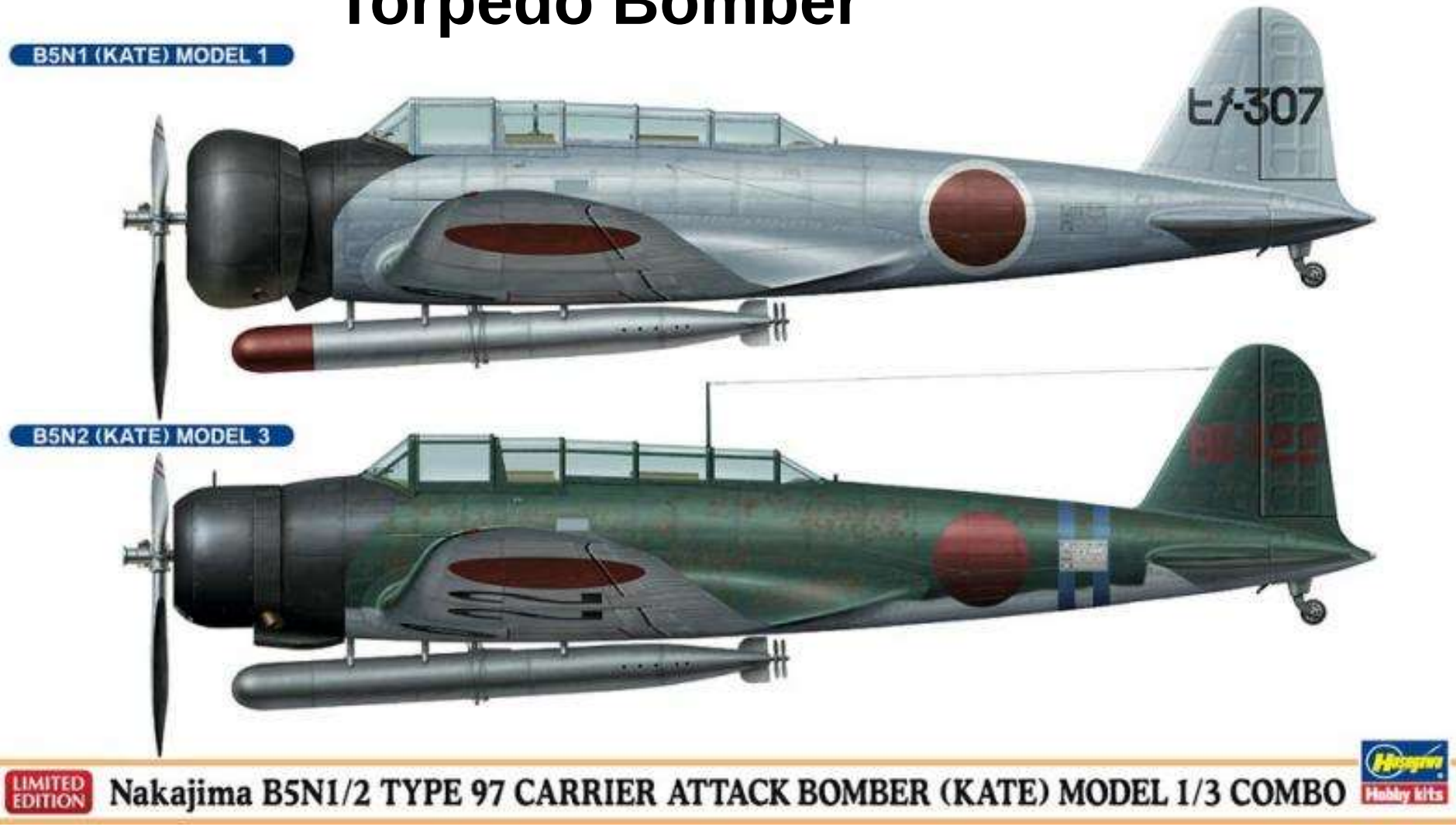
Lombrum
Anchorage

Manus, WW2


Jap Mini-Sub
River Trip
New Hanover
WW2
Airplanes
Kavieng
New Ireland
WW2
Airplanes

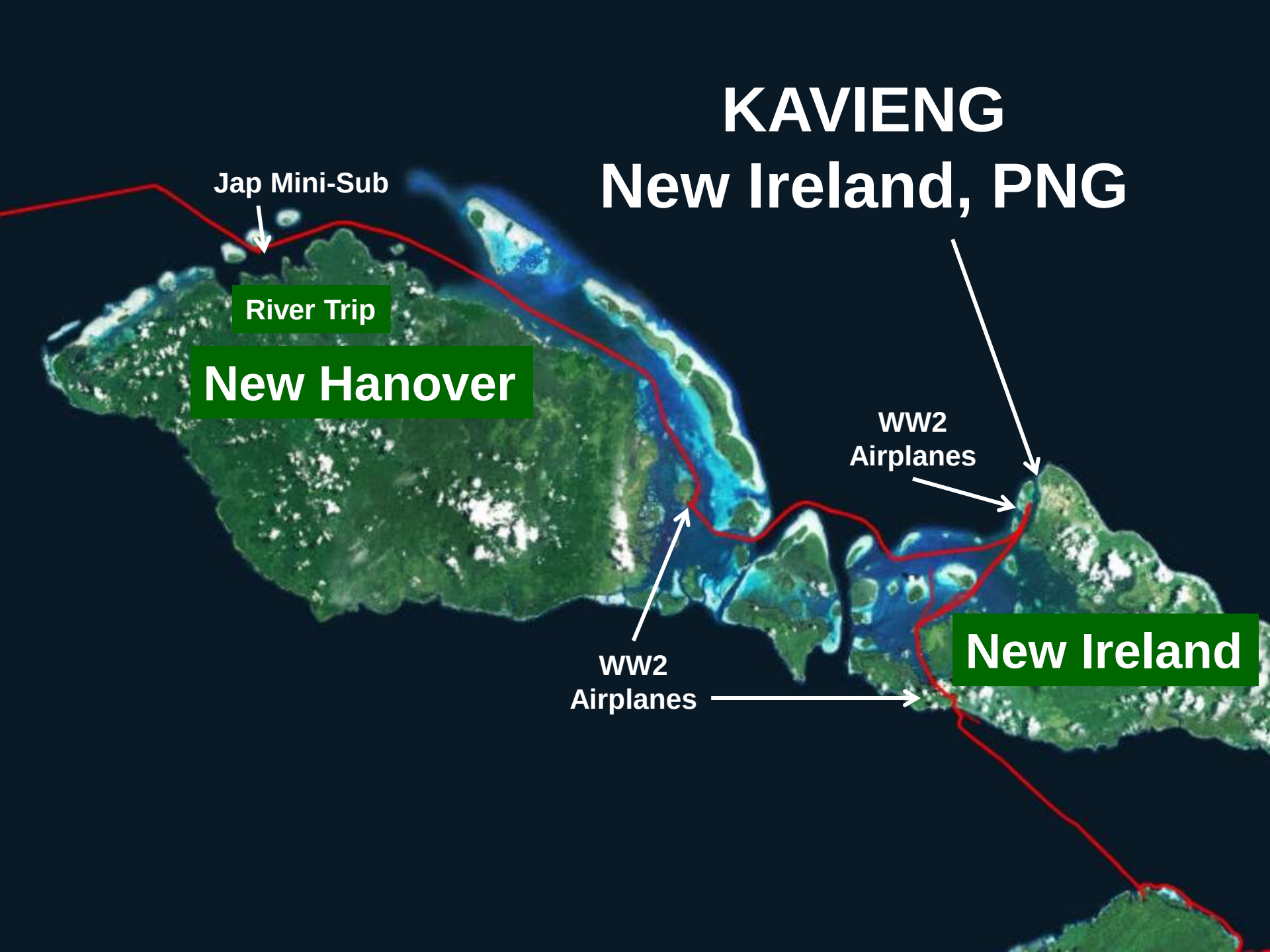
NE New Hanover, PNG

Nakajima B5N Kate Torpedo Bomber



3 crew, 235 mph, 27k, 1240 mi, 1x7.7 gun, torpedo/bombs

Nakajima Type 97 Carrier Attack Bomber B5N *Kate*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New Ireland, PNG
Jap Mini-Sub
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WW2
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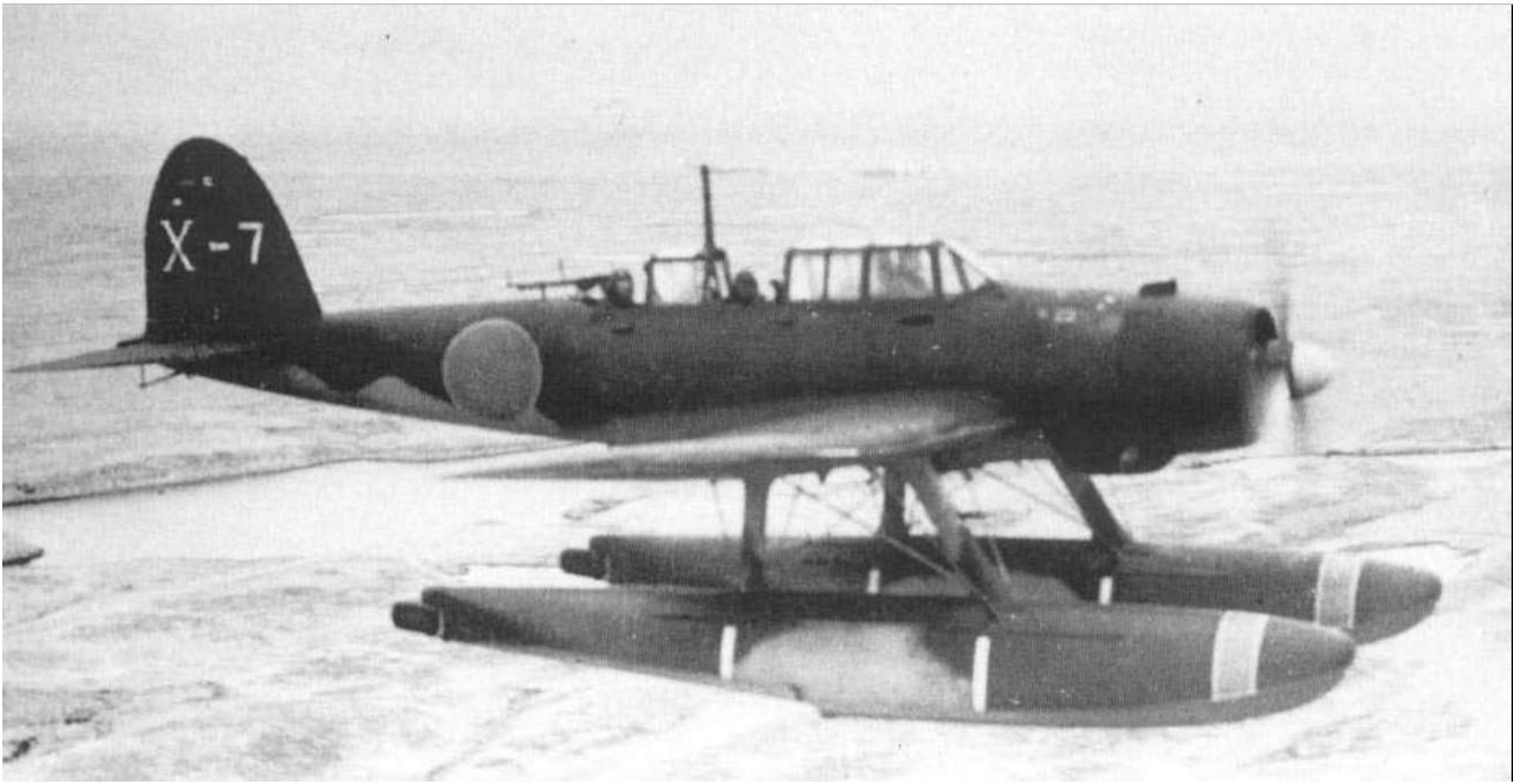
Airplanes
New Ireland

Kavieng, New Ireland, PNG

Kavieng,
New Ireland,
PNG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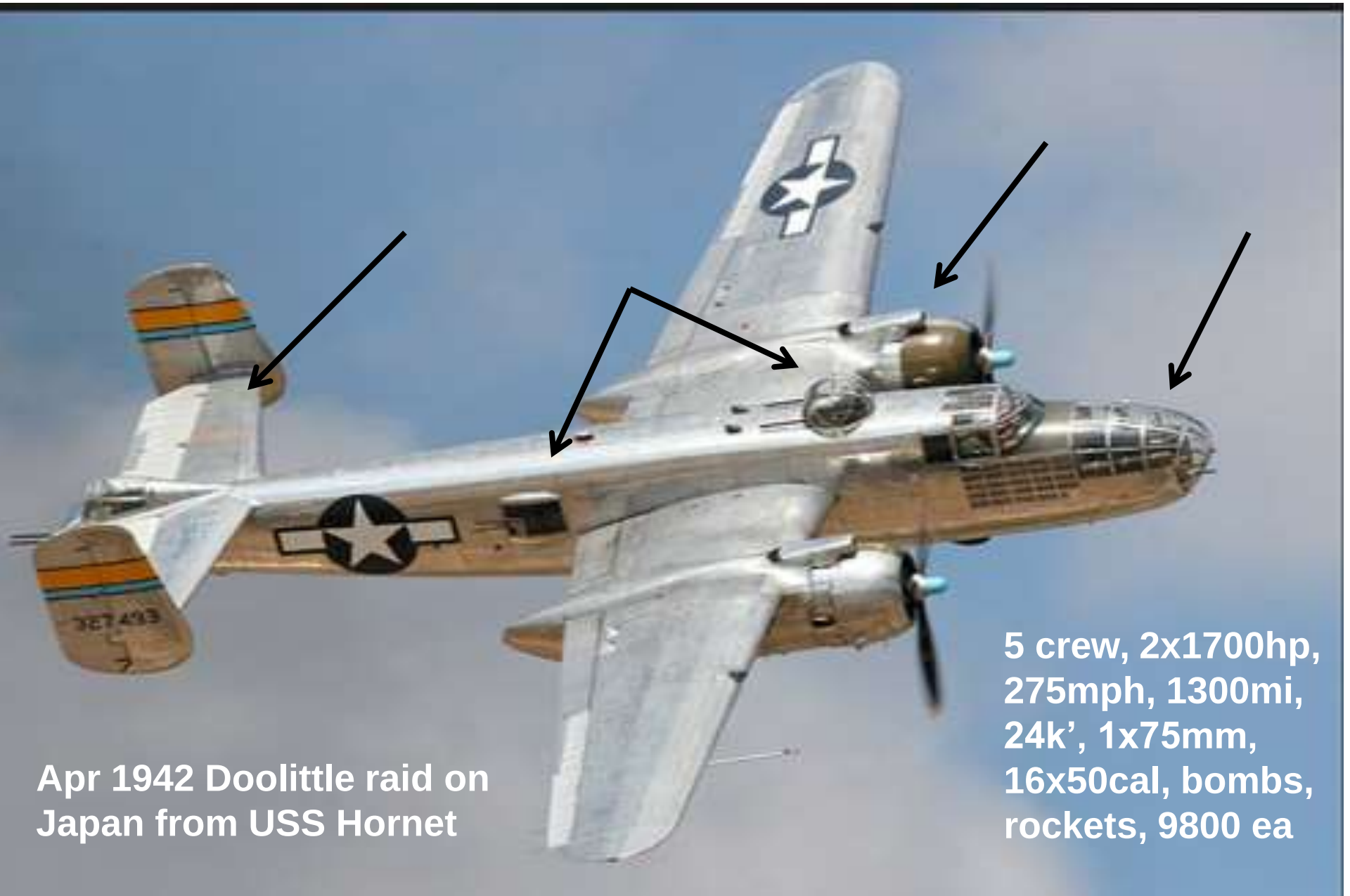
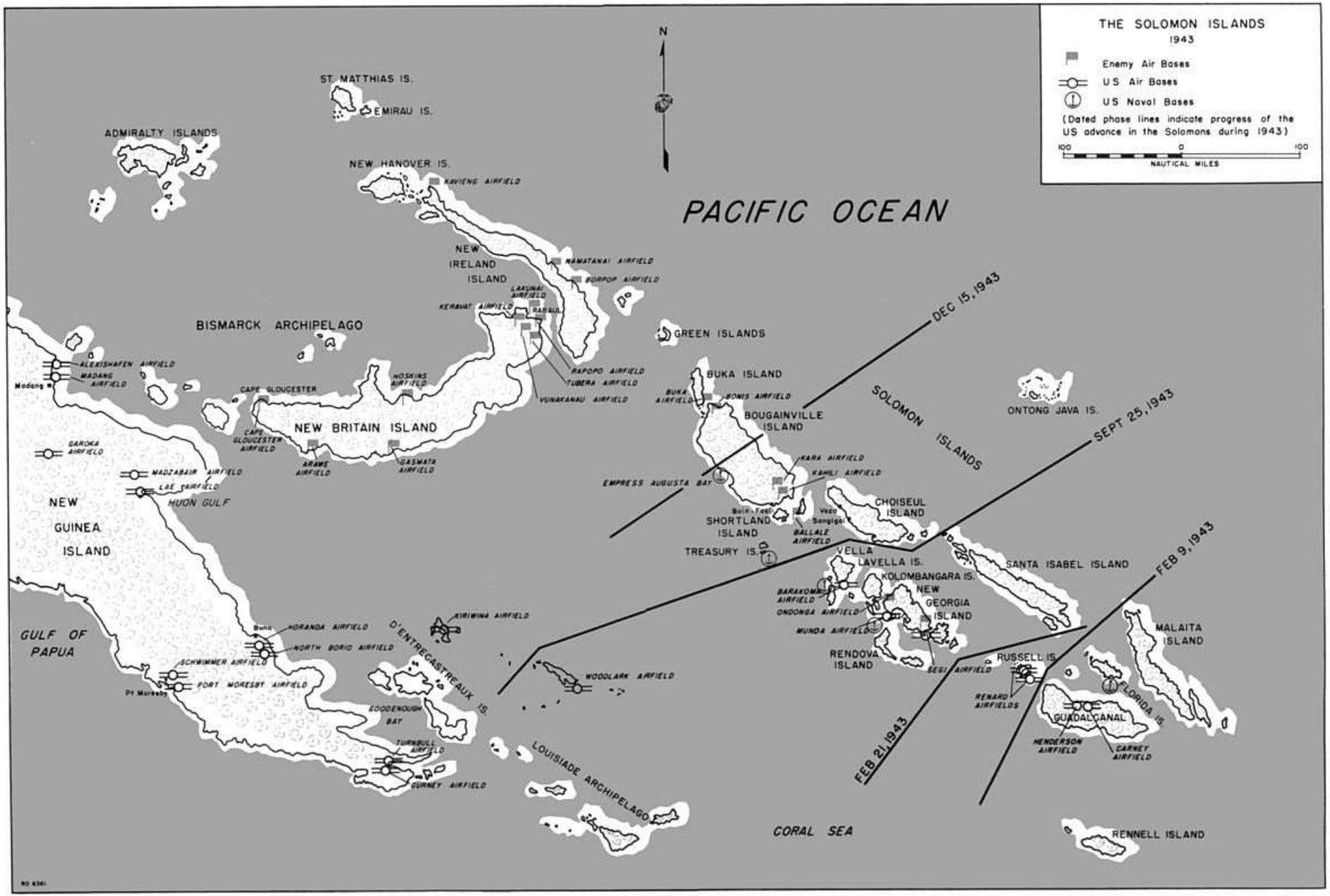
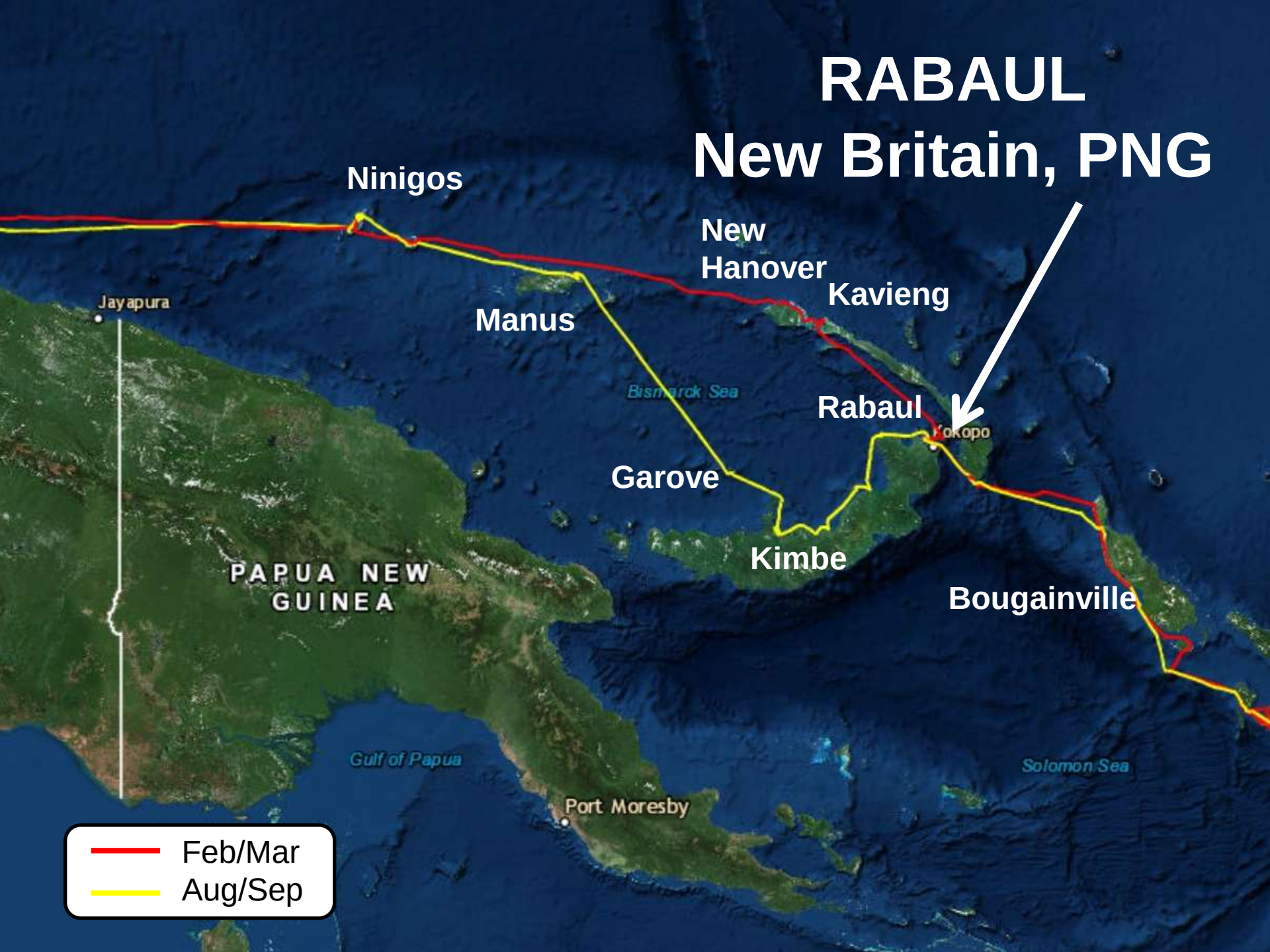
North American B-25 Mitchell Bomber



Allied Advance Thru Solomons



Rabaul, New Britain, PNG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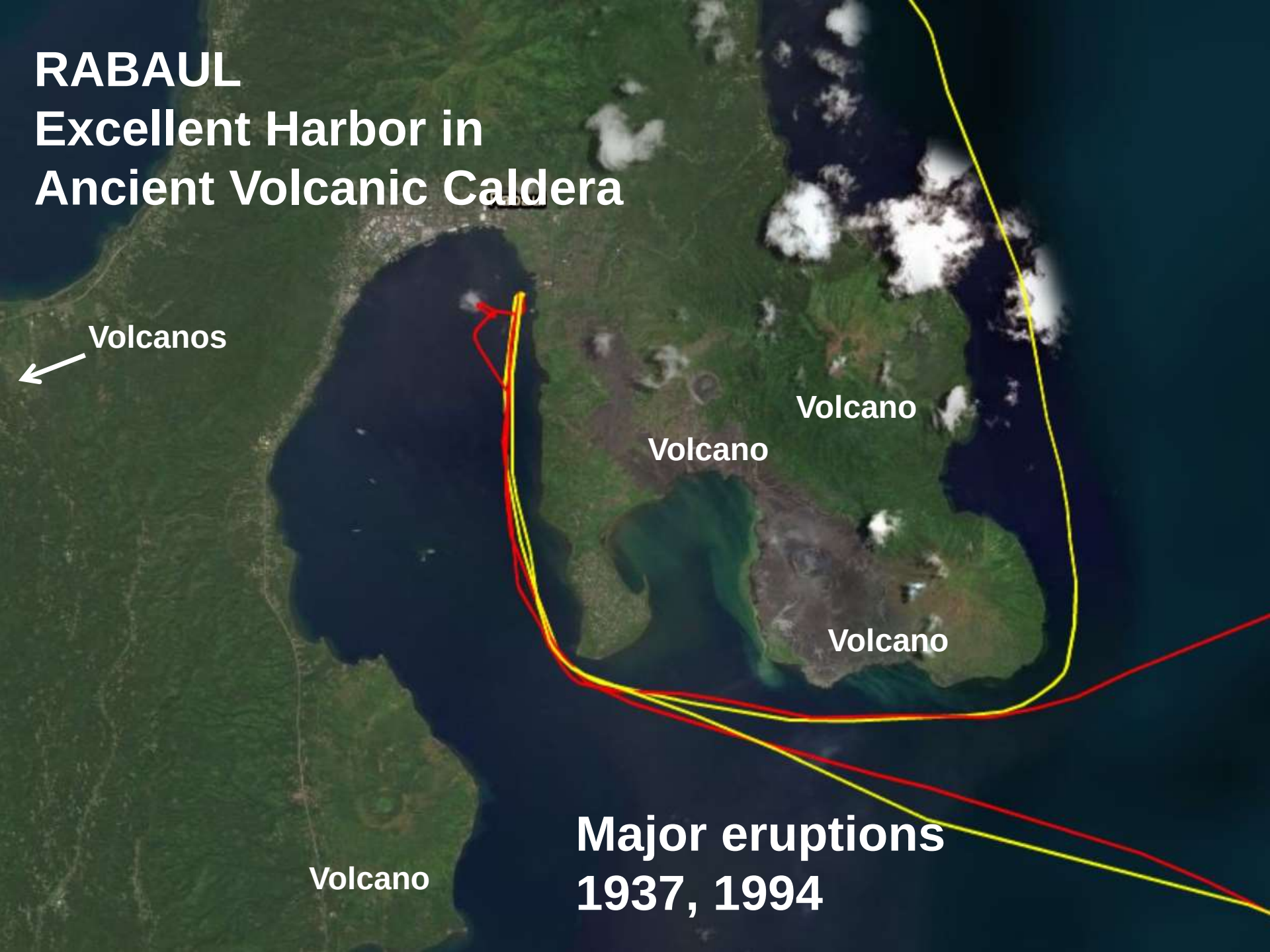
Gulf of Papua
Solomon Sea
Port Moresby
Feb/Mar
Aug/Sep


RABAUL
Excellent Harbor in
Ancient Volcanic Caldera
Volcanos
Volcano
Volcano
Volcano
Volcano
Major eruptions
1937, 1994

Rabaul,
New Britain,
PNG

Rabaul Yacht Club
(note volcanic ash in foreground)

ADMIRAL
YAMAMOTO'S BUNKER
NEW GUINEA CLUB
& MUSEUM
gogo
cola
PNG
MADE
Made here in
Rabaul

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EAST NEW BRITAIN
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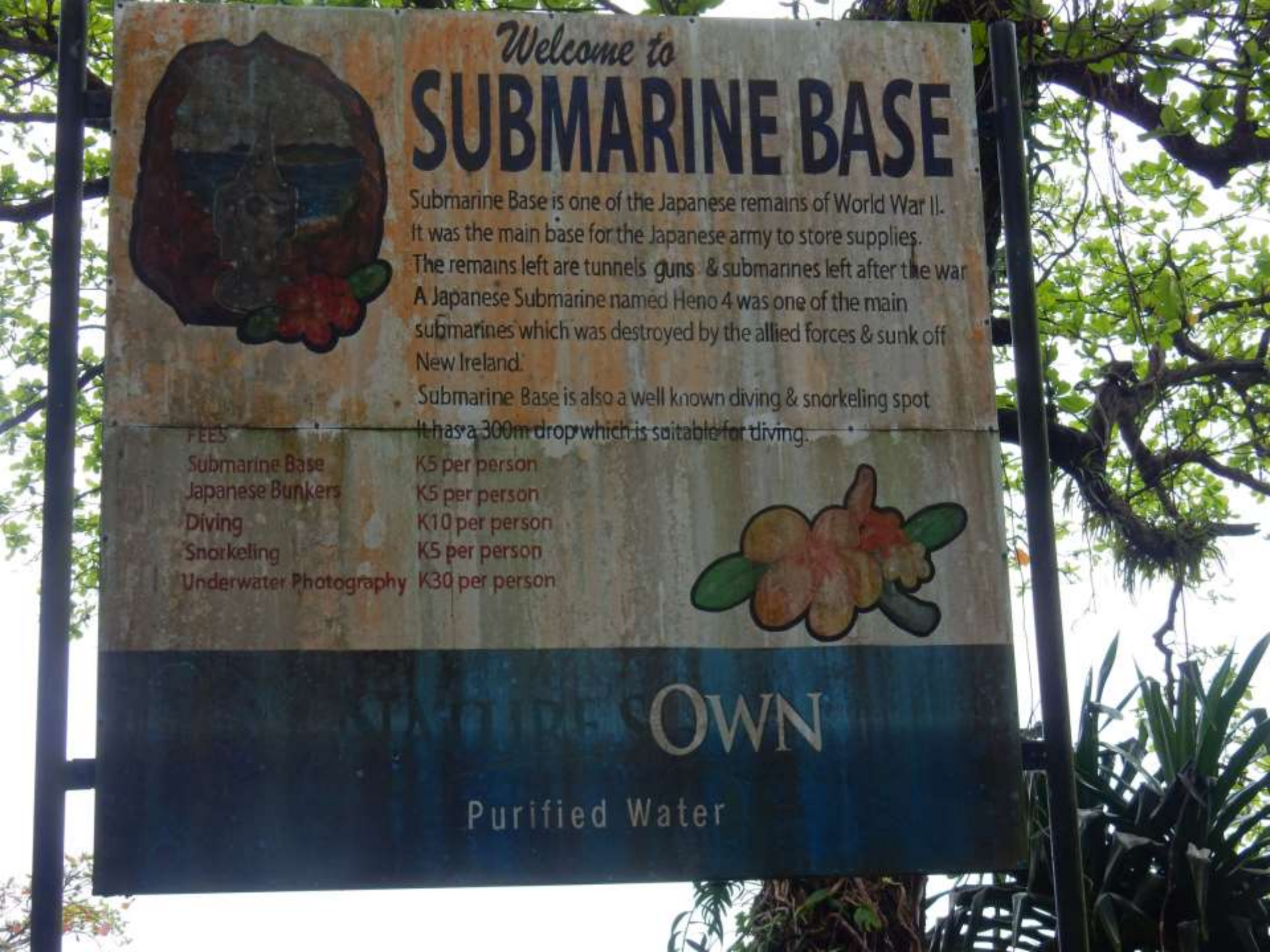
JAPANESE MODEL 97 (1937)
MOTORCYCLE PRE-WAR
MILITARY MOTORCYCLE
WERE MADE UNDER LICENCE
TO HARLEY-DAVIDSON


Welcome to
SUBMARINE BASE
Submarine Base is one of the Japanese remains of World War II.
It was the main base for the Japanese army to store supplies.
The remains left are tunnels guns & submarines left after the war
A Japanese Submarine named Heno 4 was one of the main
submarines which was destroyed by the allied forces & sunk off
New Ireland.
Submarine Base is also a well known diving & snorkeling spot
It has a 300m drop which is suitable for diving.
FEES
Submarine Base K5 per person
Japanese Bunkers K5 per person
Diving K10 per person
Snorkeling K5 per person
Underwater Photography K30 per person
OWN
Purified Water

Japanese Barge Tunnels

ENGLISH HARBOR
New Ireland, PNG
Cebu City
Sulu Sea
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SOLOMON ISLANDS
Honiara
Timor Sea

English Harbor, New Ireland, PNG

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English
Harbor
Buka
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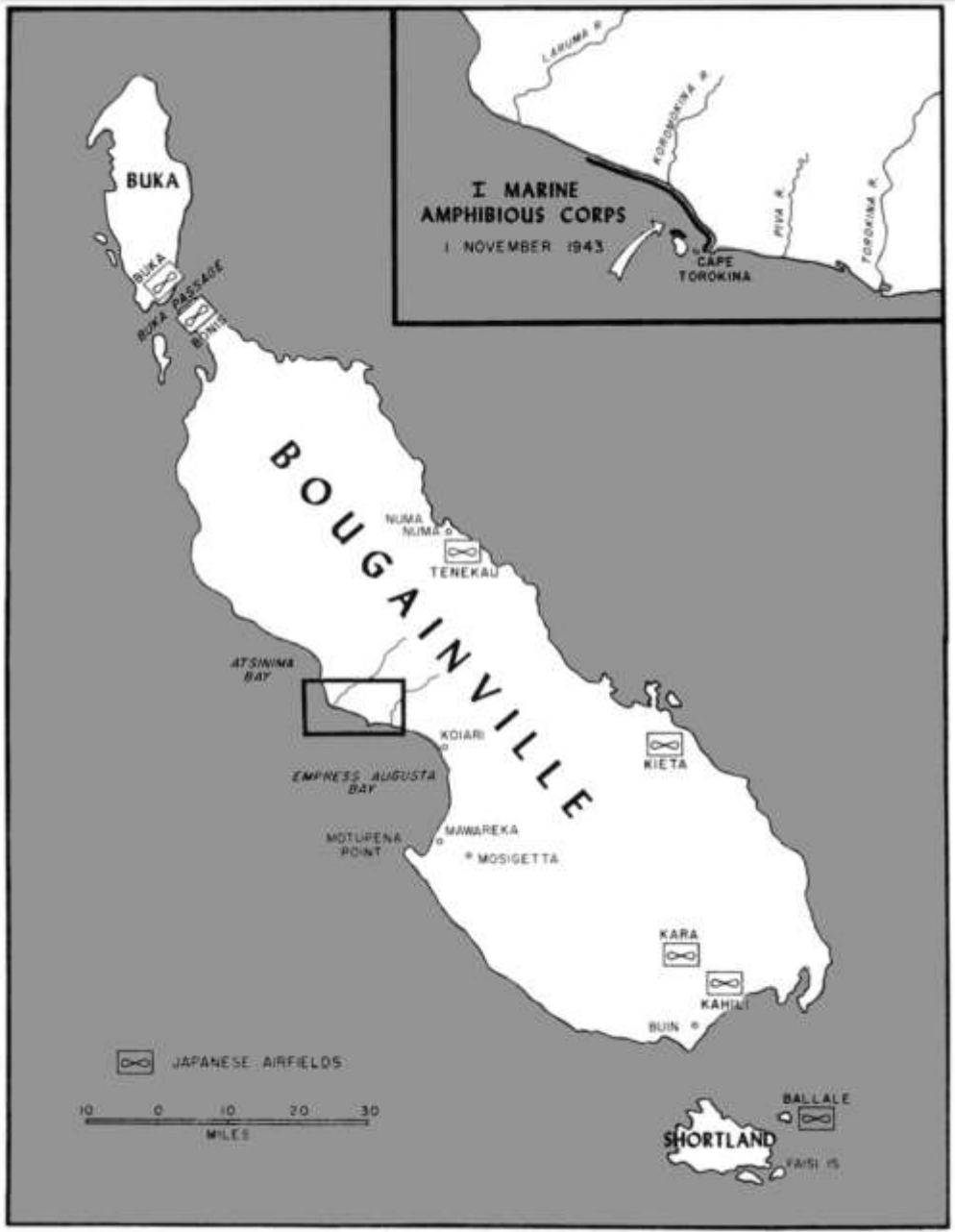
Shortlands/
Treasuries
Vella Lavella

Overnight in
Ramun Bay, Buka

Torokina, Bougainville, PNG



Torokina Bougainville, PNG

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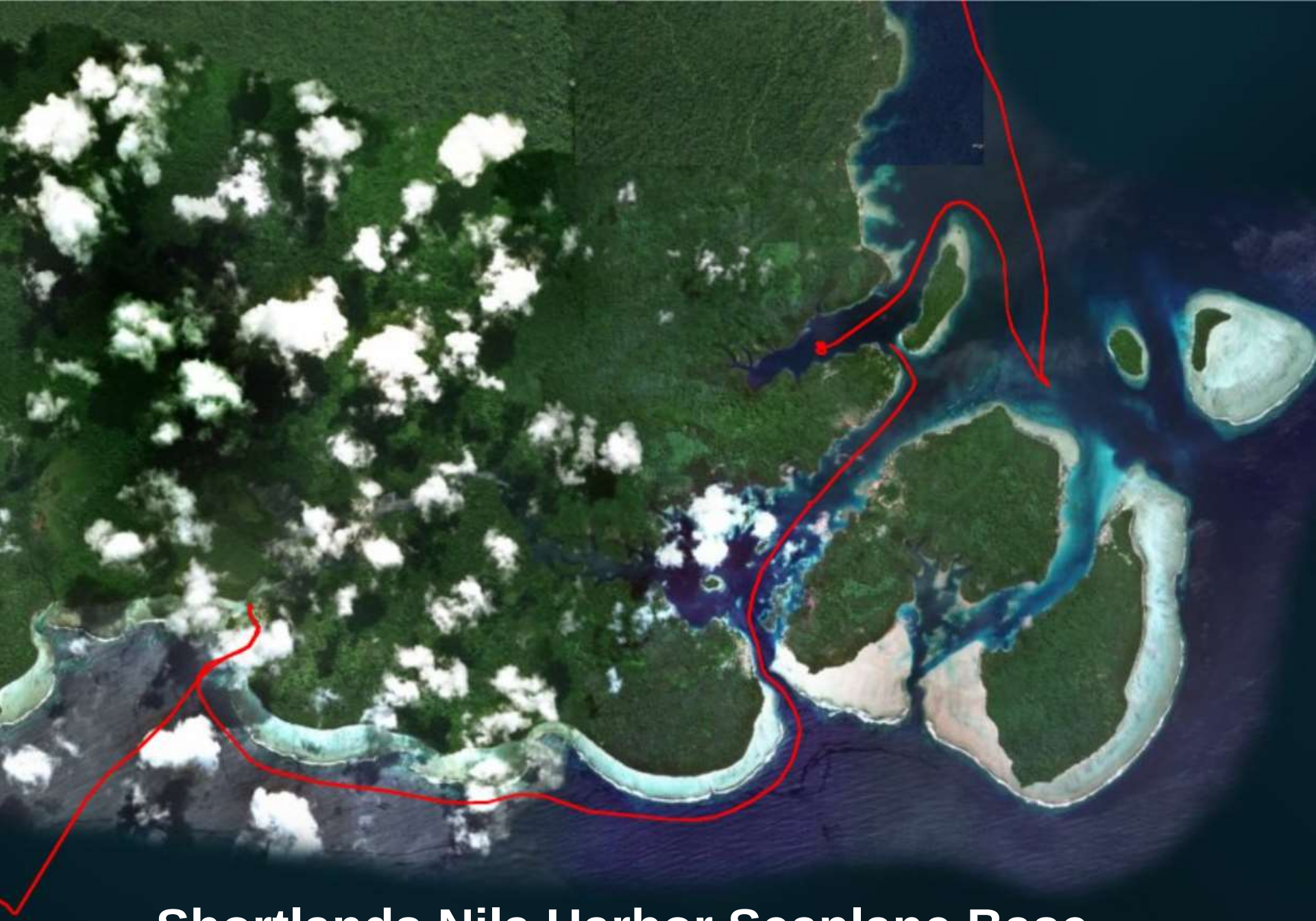

Shortlands Nila Harbor Seaplane Base

Shortlands, Solomon Islands

Shortlands, Solomon Islands

Shortlands Islands, Solomons

Nila Ridge
Trail

NO SMOKING AND CHEWING
OF BETEL NUT, DUTTERING
OF ANY PLASTIC OR EMPTY
BOTTLE IS PERMITTED IN
AND AROUND CLINIC
AREA

Aichi E13A Jake Reconnaissance Seaplane

3 crew, 1100hp, 234mph, 29k', 1300 mi, 1x20mm & 1x7.7mm guns, bombs, depth charges, 1418 ea

Kawanishi H6K Mavis Large Flying Boat

Mangled H6K Mavis
in Shortland Harbor
on Nila side

Ballalae Chart/Map

WELCOME TO
BALLALAE AIRPORT
SHORTLAND ISLANDS
FLYSOLOMONS
...TIMAI DESIGNS.

Mitsubishi G4M Betty Bomber

7 crew, 265 mph, 29k, 3750 mi, 1x20 mm & 4 7.7 mm guns, bombs or torpedoes

Soggy Paws

Torokina
Bouganville
Arawa
Shortlands
Treasuries

Mono
Island
Stirling Island
- Airfield
- PT Boat Base

Stirling Airfield, Solomon Islands

Treasury Islands,
Solomons

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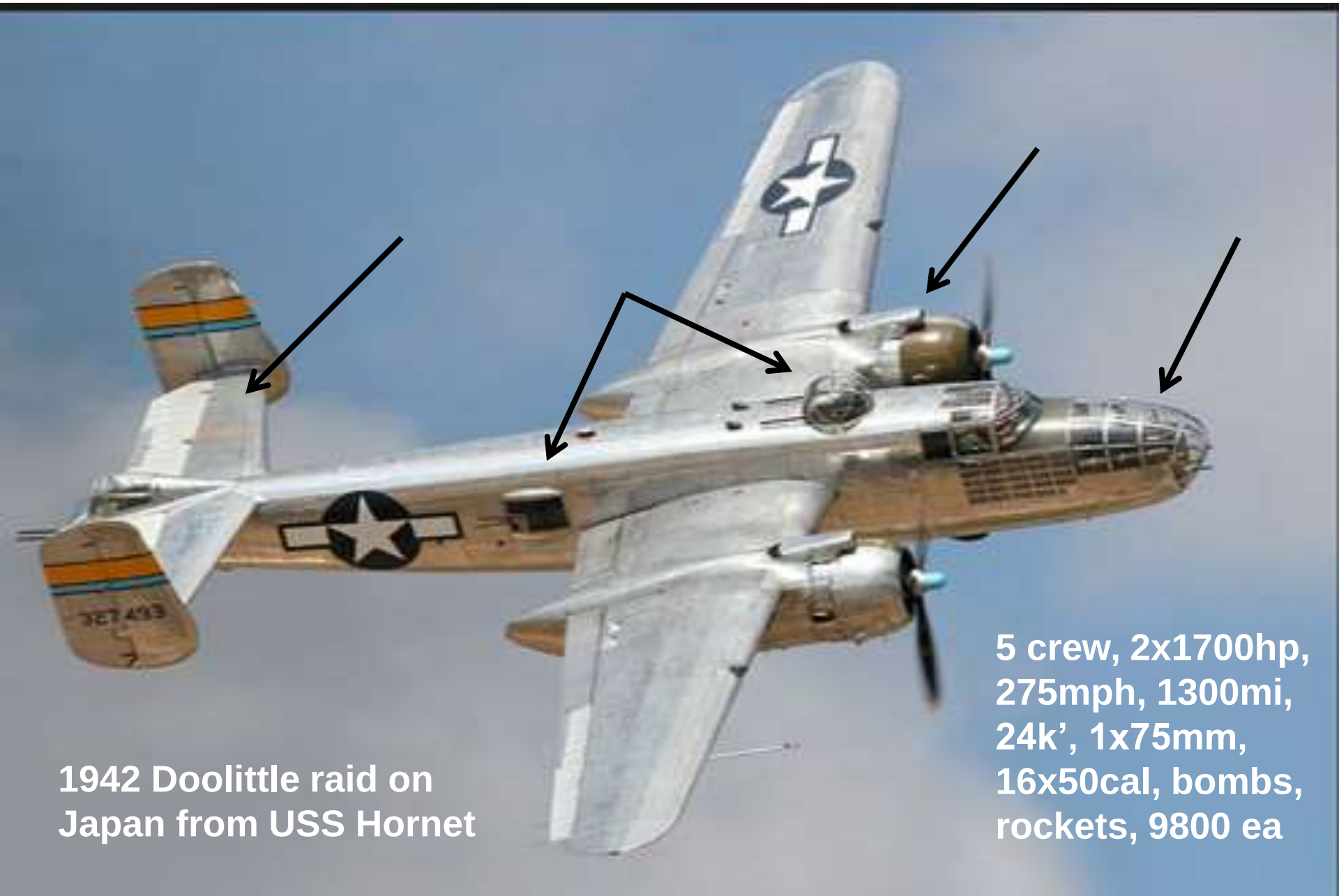
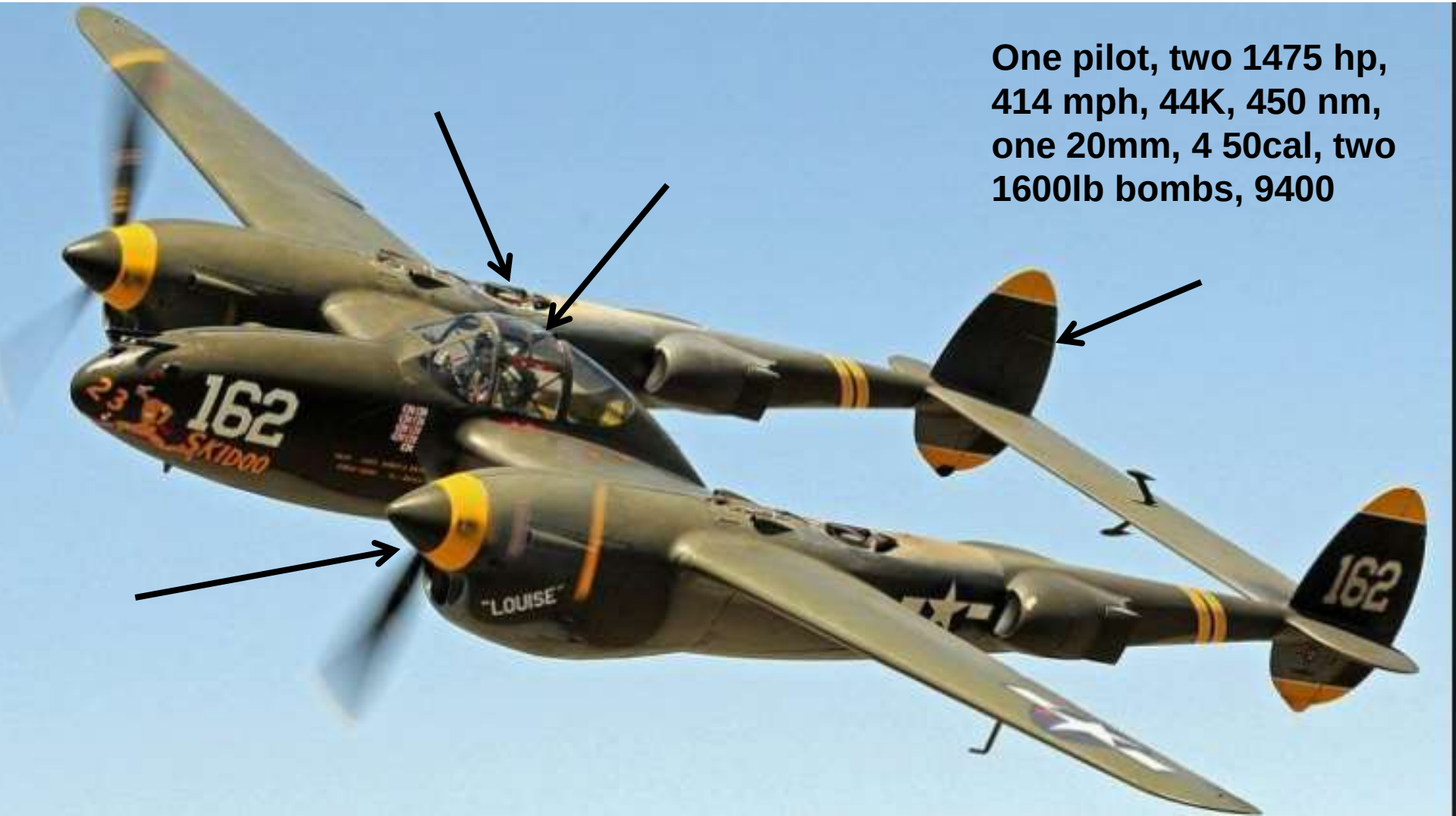
North American B-25 Mitchell Bomber



P-38 Lockheed Lightning Fighter Bomber



One pilot, two 1475 hp, 414 mph, 44K, 450 nm, one 20mm, 4 50cal, two 1600lb bombs, 9400

Grumman TBF/M Avenger Torpedo Bomber

3 crew, 1700hp, 270mph, 22k’, 1200mi,
3x50 cal, internal torp, bombs, 9839ea

RHEEM
16 55 44
ICC-5 B
"U.S.N."

BOYCO

Vella LaVella, Solomon Islands

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Vella Lavella, Solomons

Vella Lavella
Mbava

Susu the cat on watch at the helm

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
JOSEPH KITNEY BINSKIN
AGED 72 YEARS

AI. C.F. ELIZABETH BINSKIN
ALSO THEIR MOTHER UNCA,
WERE MURDERED SEP 23RD 1909

Douglas Navy RFD Skytrain (DC-3 Mod) Troop & Cargo Transport

4 crew, 28 troops,
2x1200hp, 224mph,
1600mi, 26.4k', 10,174 ea,
many variants

Swag

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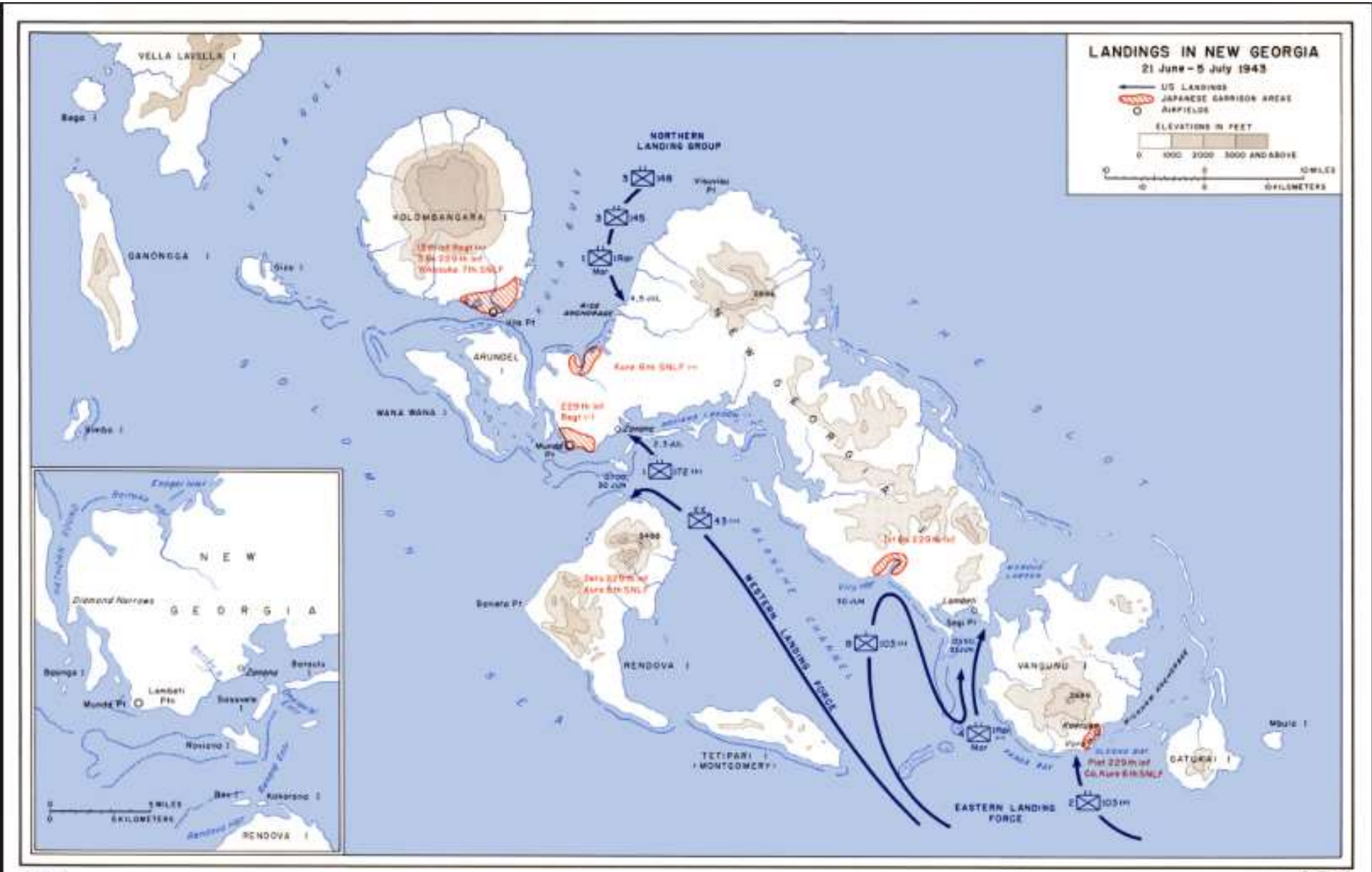
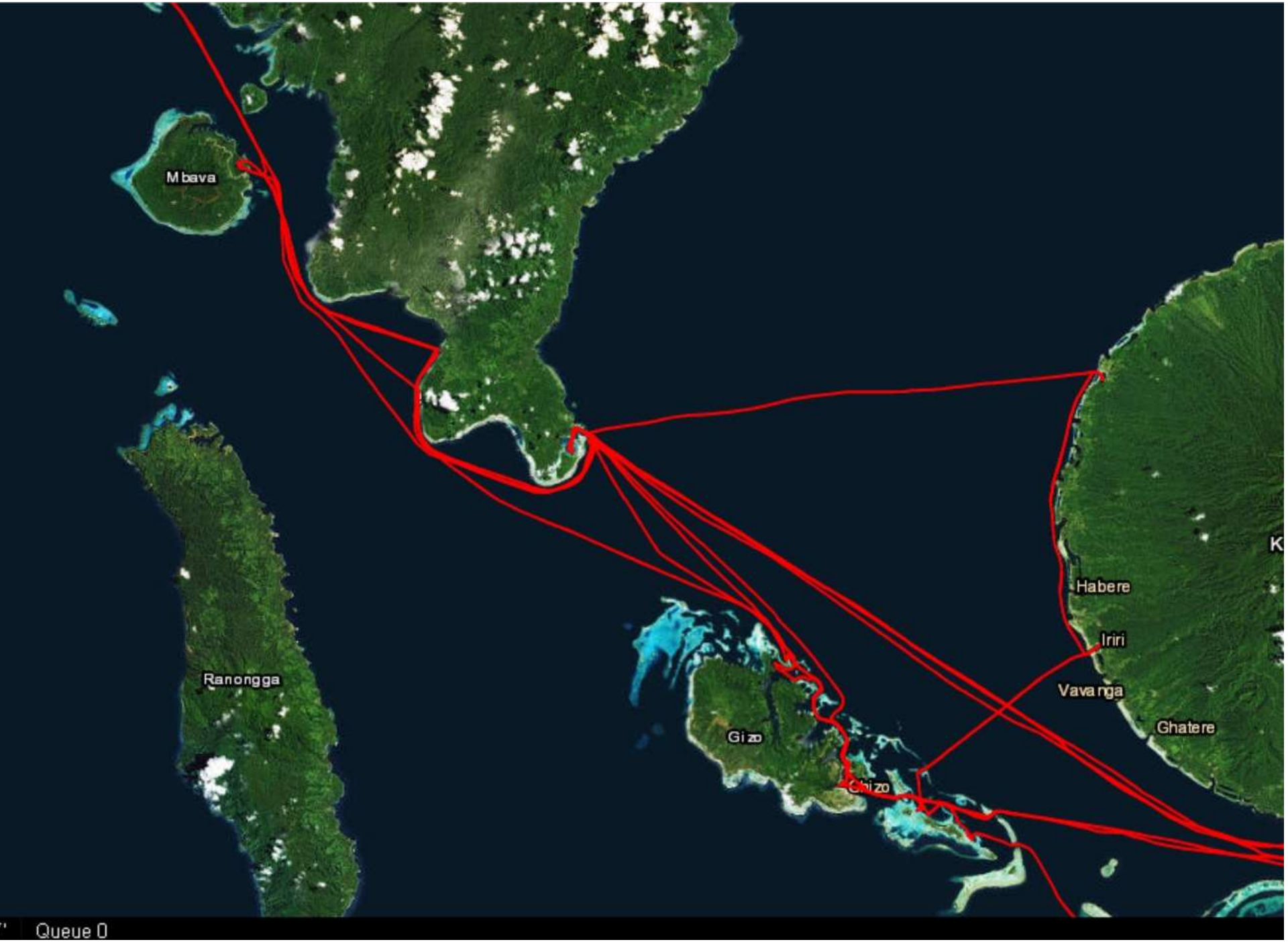
Allied Landings in New Georgia June- July1943




Mbava
Ranongga
Gizo
Ghizo
Habere
Iriri
Vavanga
Ghatere
Queue 0

Ghizo
Solomons

AQUA

Kolombangara
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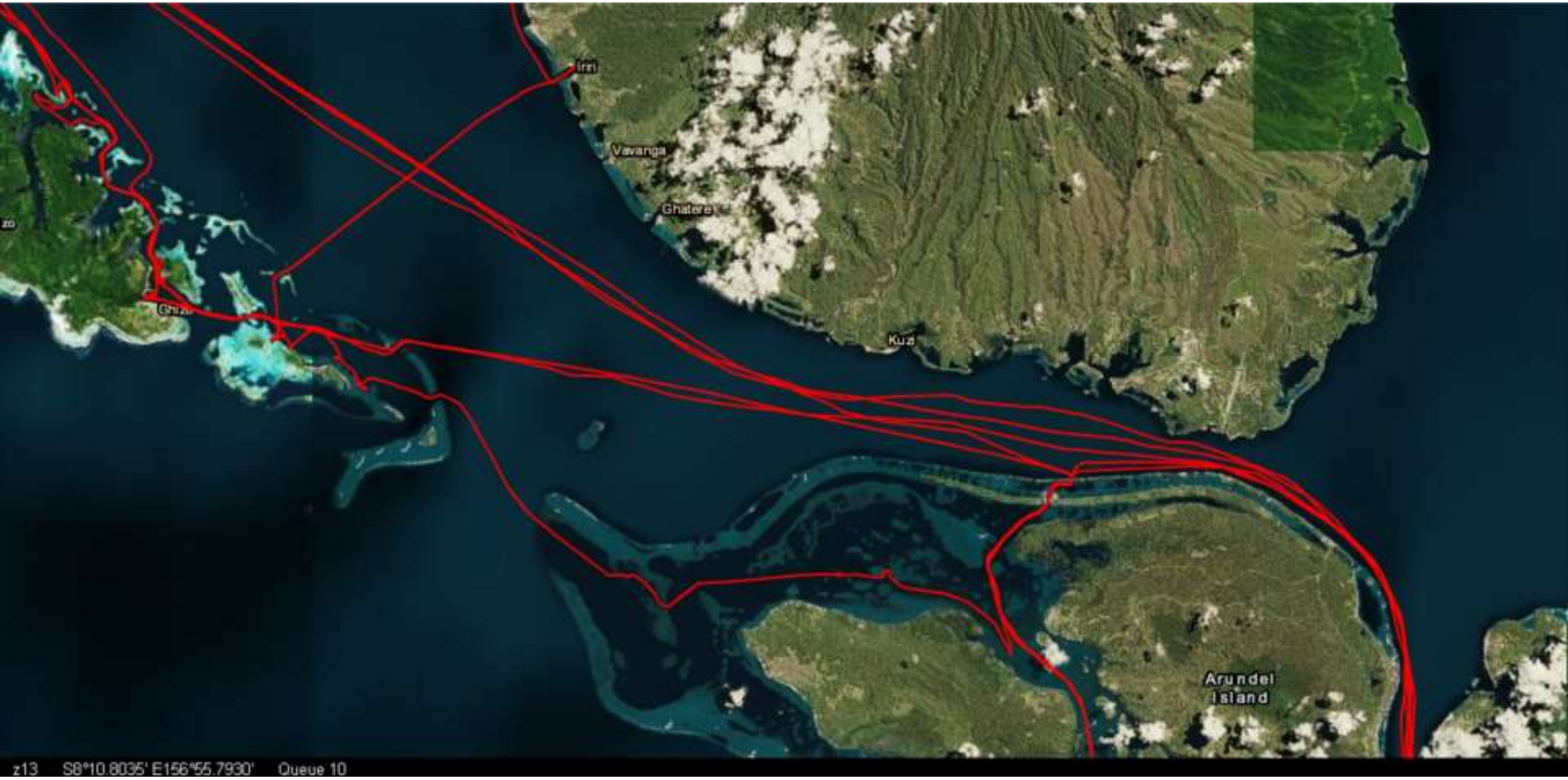
Ghizo
Arundel
Island

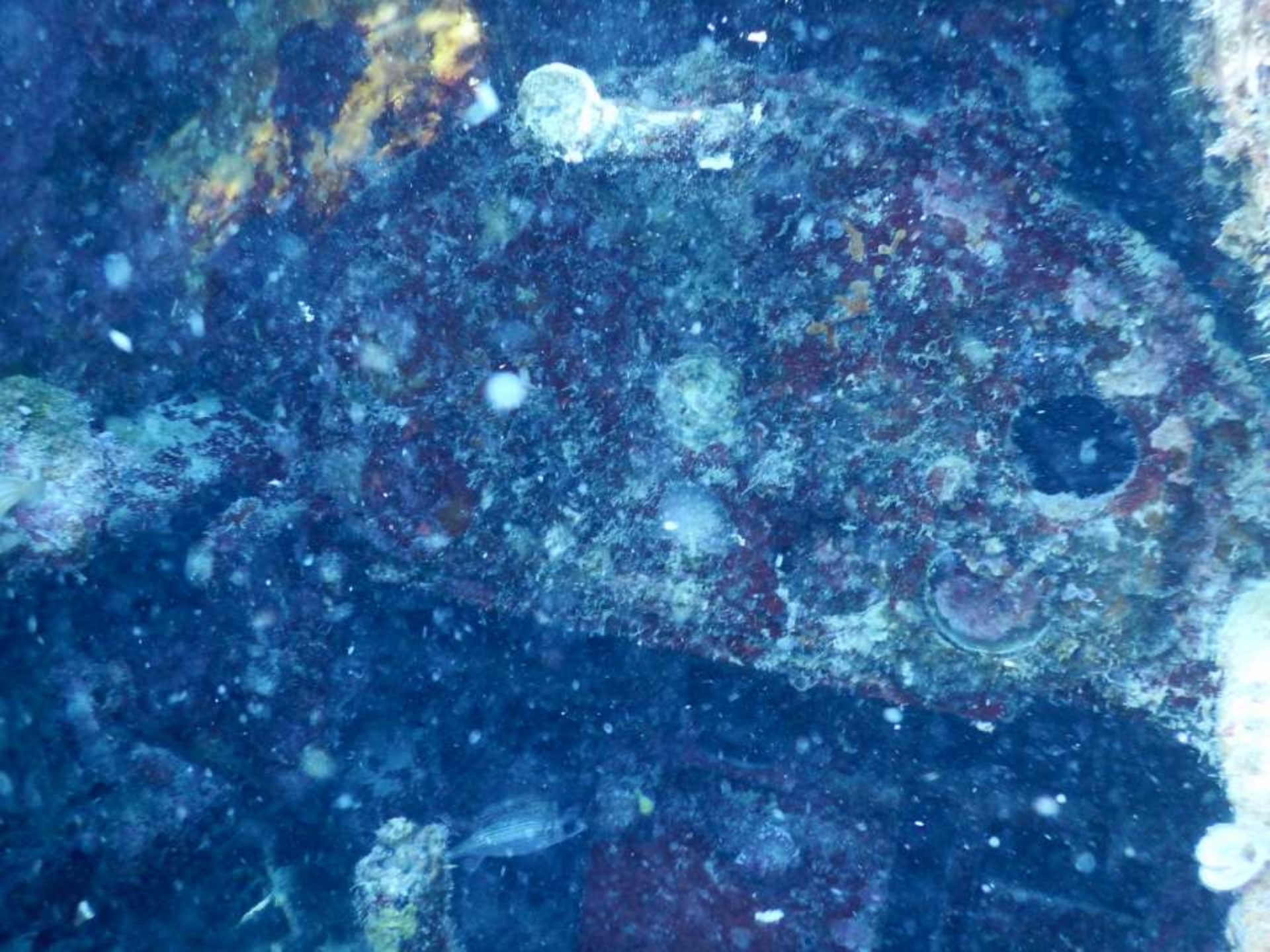

Irri
Vavanga
Ghatere
Ghizo
Kuzi
Arundel
Island
z13 S8°10.8035' E156°55.7930' Queue 10

WELCOME TO
BOBOE SDA
COMMUNITY

SolomonPowe

N.Y.P.D

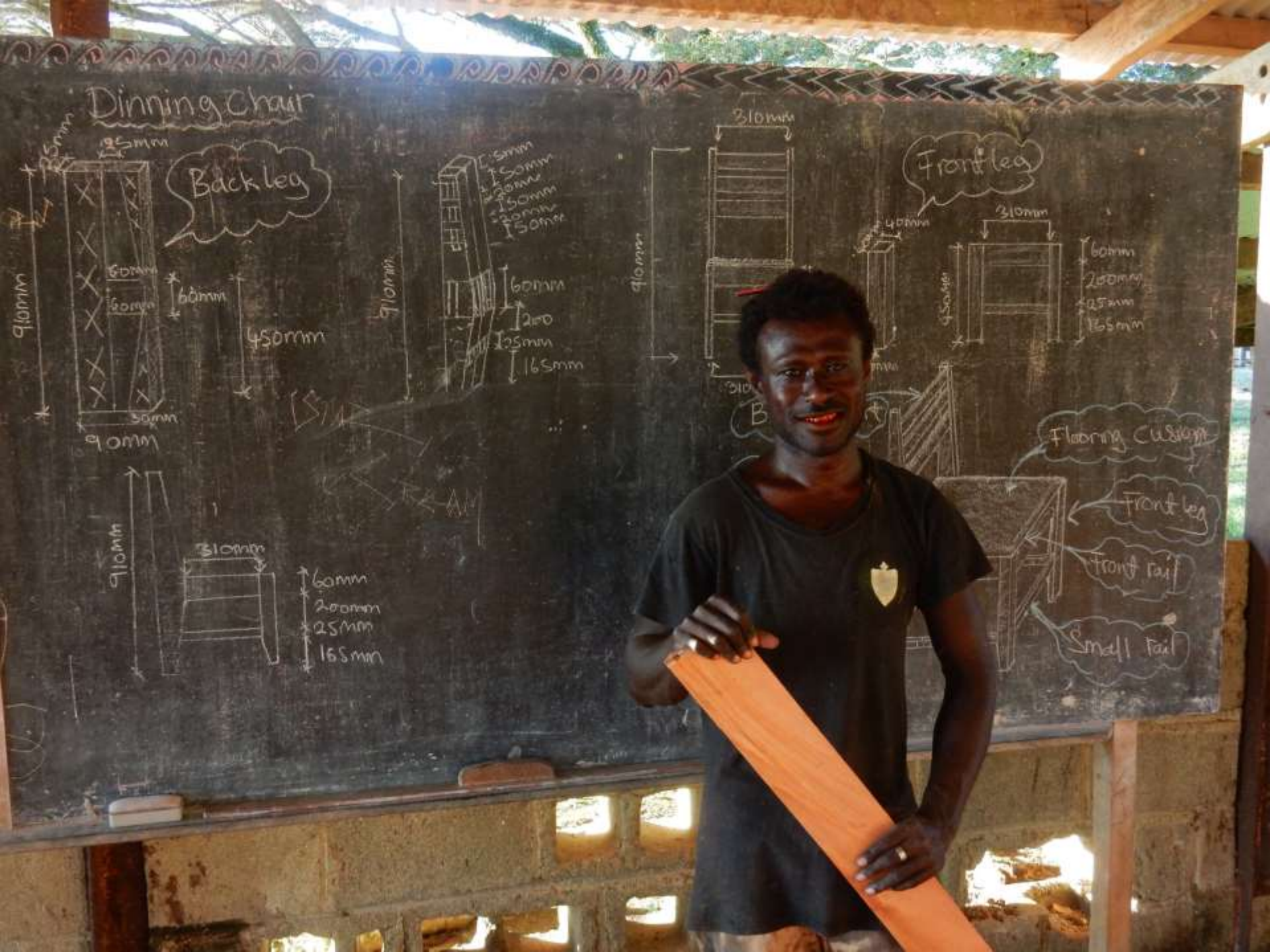
WATER



BAG

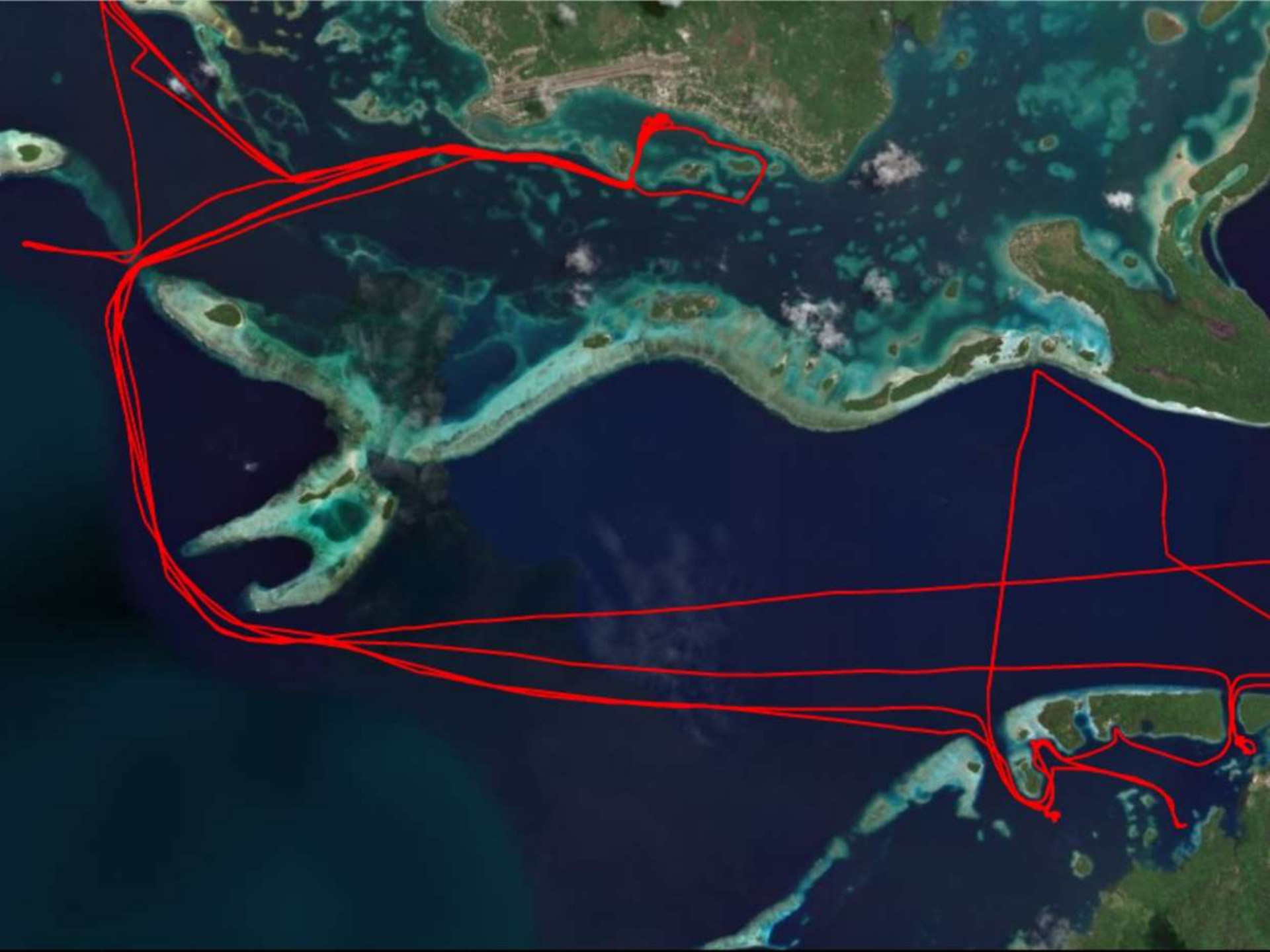
VARIVATO

Wel Come
ST DOMINIC'S
RURAL TRAINING CENTRE
VANGA POINT
FAITH WITH COURAGE


Dinning Chair
Back leg
Front leg
Flooring cushion
Front leg
Front rail
Small rail

Soggy Paws

Munda, New Geogia, Solomon Islands



z16 S8°19.9079' E157°15.9571' Queue 24

DIVE MUNDA
NORD LIGHT HOUSE
DREAM ISLAND
WILD CAT
GIZO
YOU ARE HERE
DIVE MUNDA
BASAVELE DUMPSITE
HELI CAT
CORSAIR
NELL BOMBER
AMERICAN DUMP SITE
DOZER AT THE BAR
MUNDA BAR
CORSAIR
MARLONS CRACK
BIGOBIGO
PATU QOQO
BLUE PATAMAS
KUDUKUDU IS.
THE POND
EAGLE NEST
BARRYS BREAKFAST
SHARK POINT
SUSU HITE
TOP SELF
TOBATUNI POINT
AUSSIE POINT
CUSTOM SHARK CAVE
CORAL CONER
TURTLE EYE
PINNACLE
MUSHROOM IS.
DOKEDOKE IS.
BILIKIKI
LANGARANA IS.
SECRET SPOT
NUSA ROWANA WALL
BELOBELO IS.
HILLS OF HAEPE
RAINBOW WALL
HAEPE REEF
MIAS CONSOLATION
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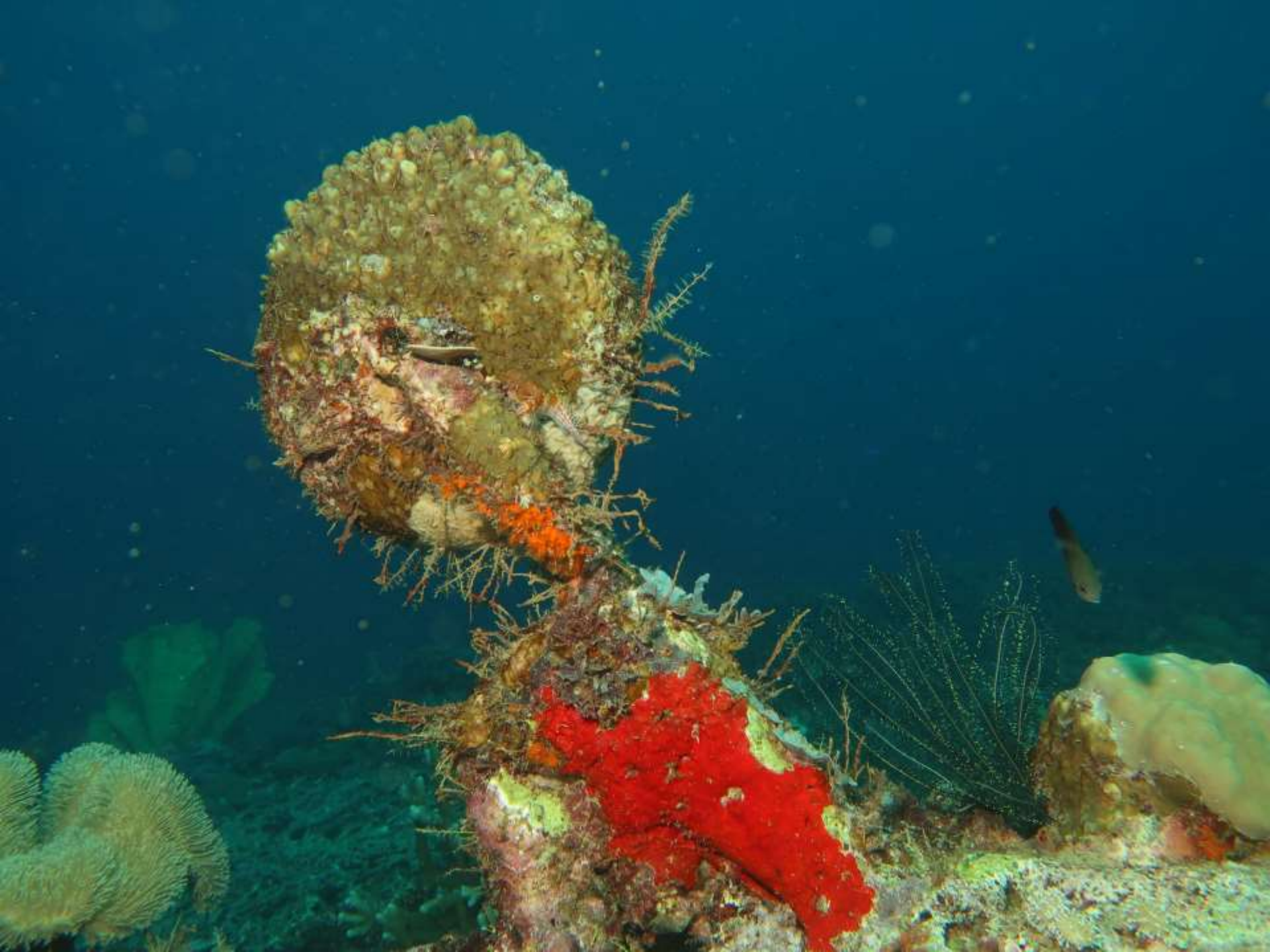
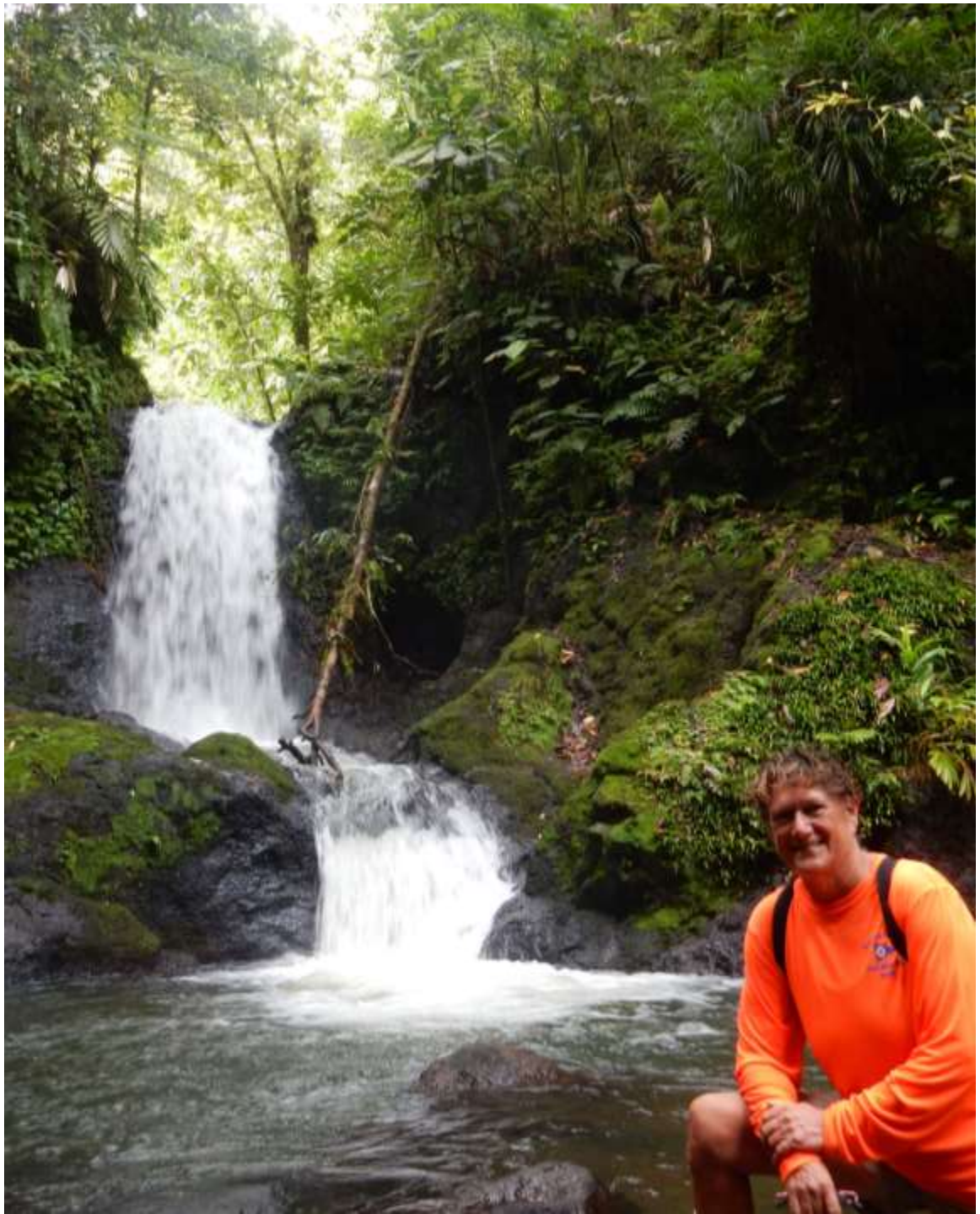
B-39 AIR COBRA
TITIRU
TETEPAPARE IS.
YAMAHA ENTRANCE
BABATANA PASS & TAIYO

MERCURY





PETER
JOSEPH
PALATINI
224-57-32
T-
USN

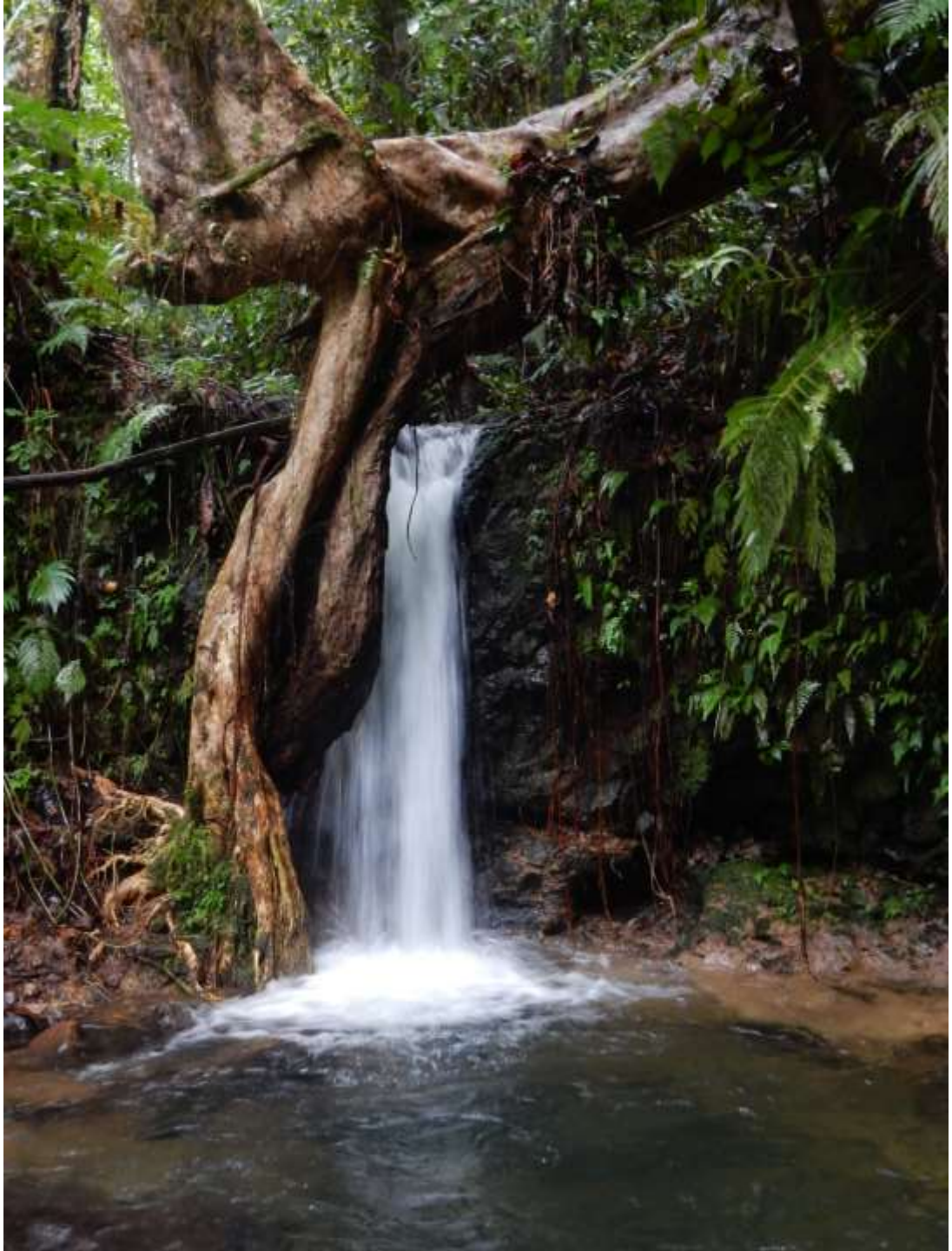
Rendova Island, Solomon Islands

NE Rendova

SALVATION

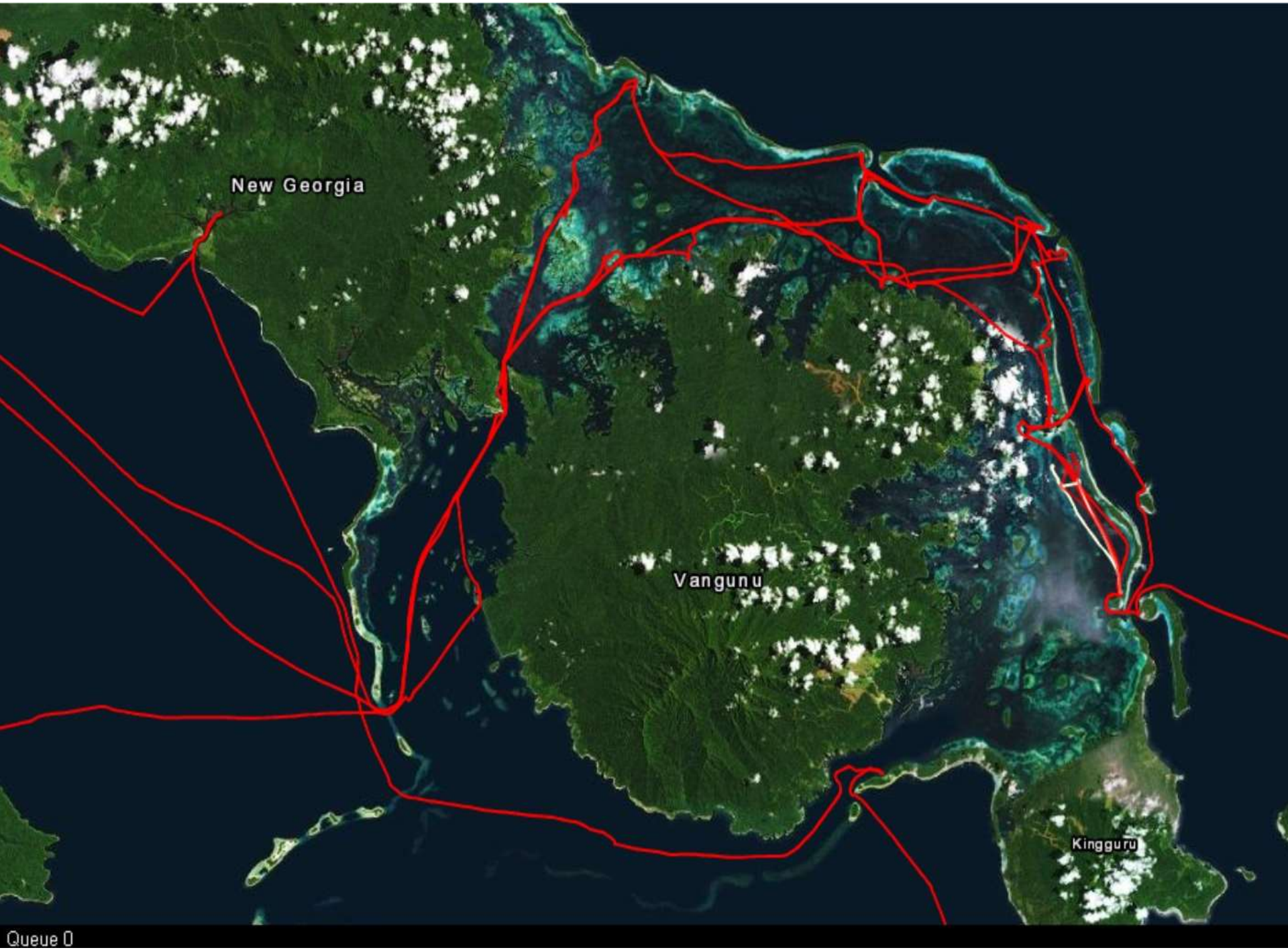
HITACHI
163
K161

z16
S8°24.1038' E157°22.9370'
Queue 18



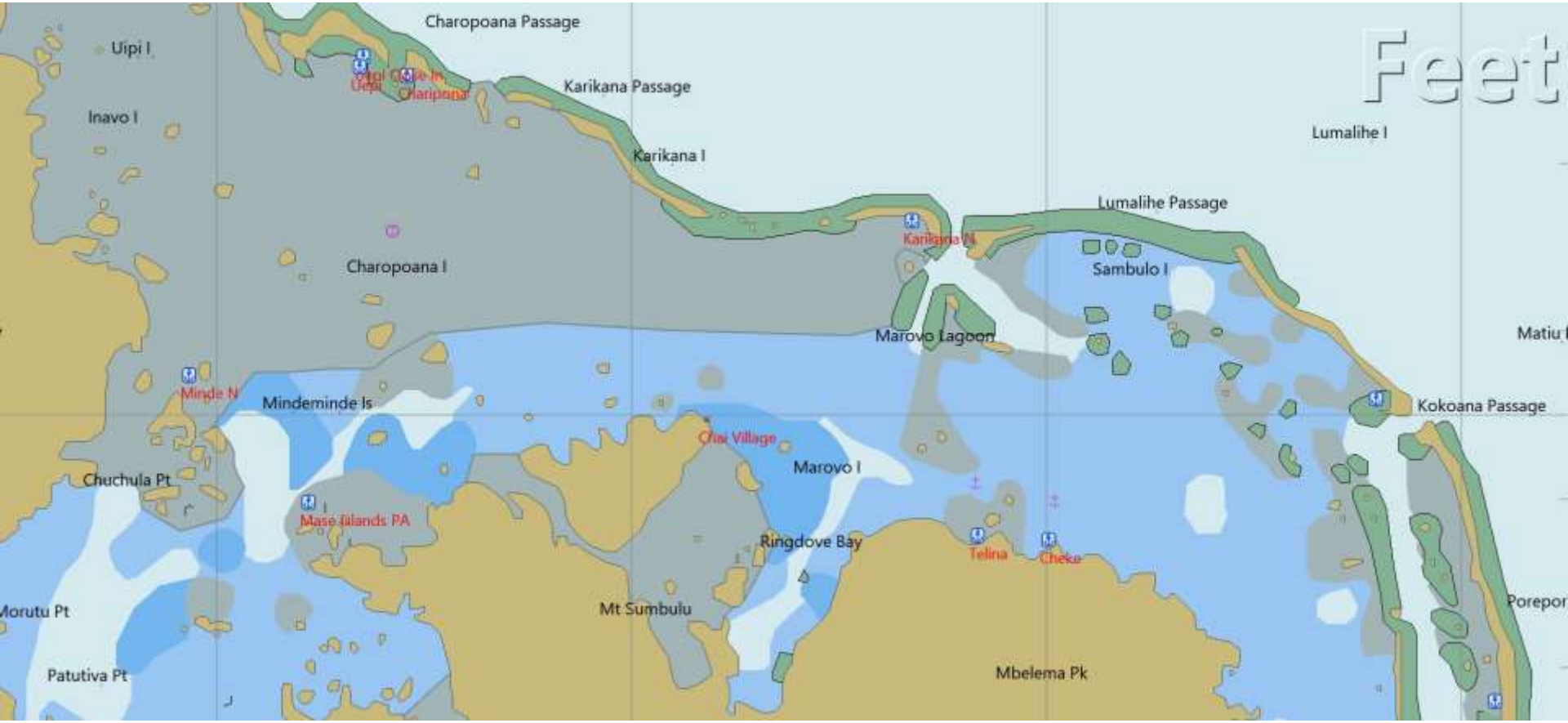
Tetepare

Seghe (Segi) New Georgia, Solomons

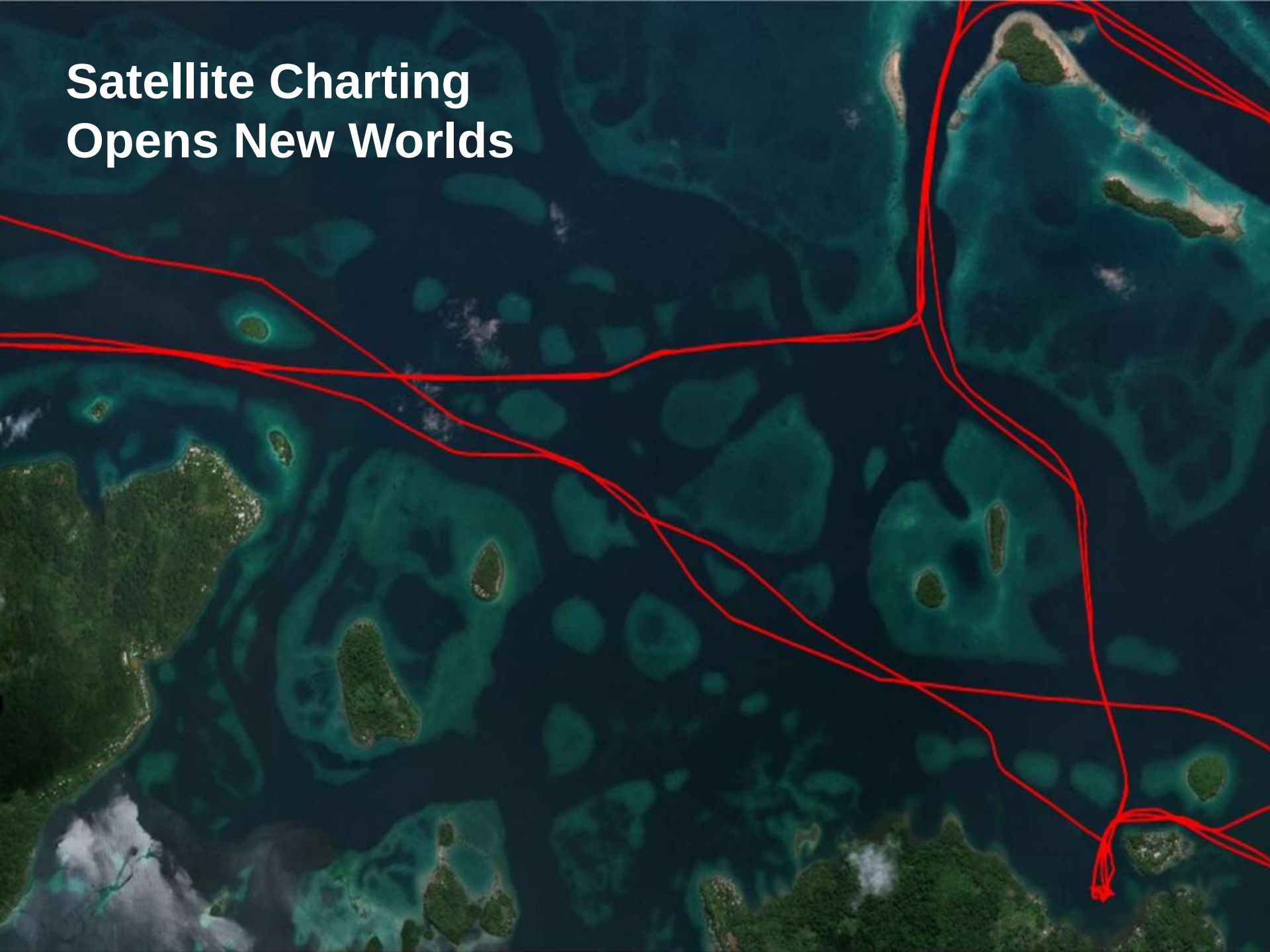

New Georgia
Vangunu
Kingguru
Queue 0

Charting Challenges

- **Where are the depth soundings?**
- **Where are the markers?**

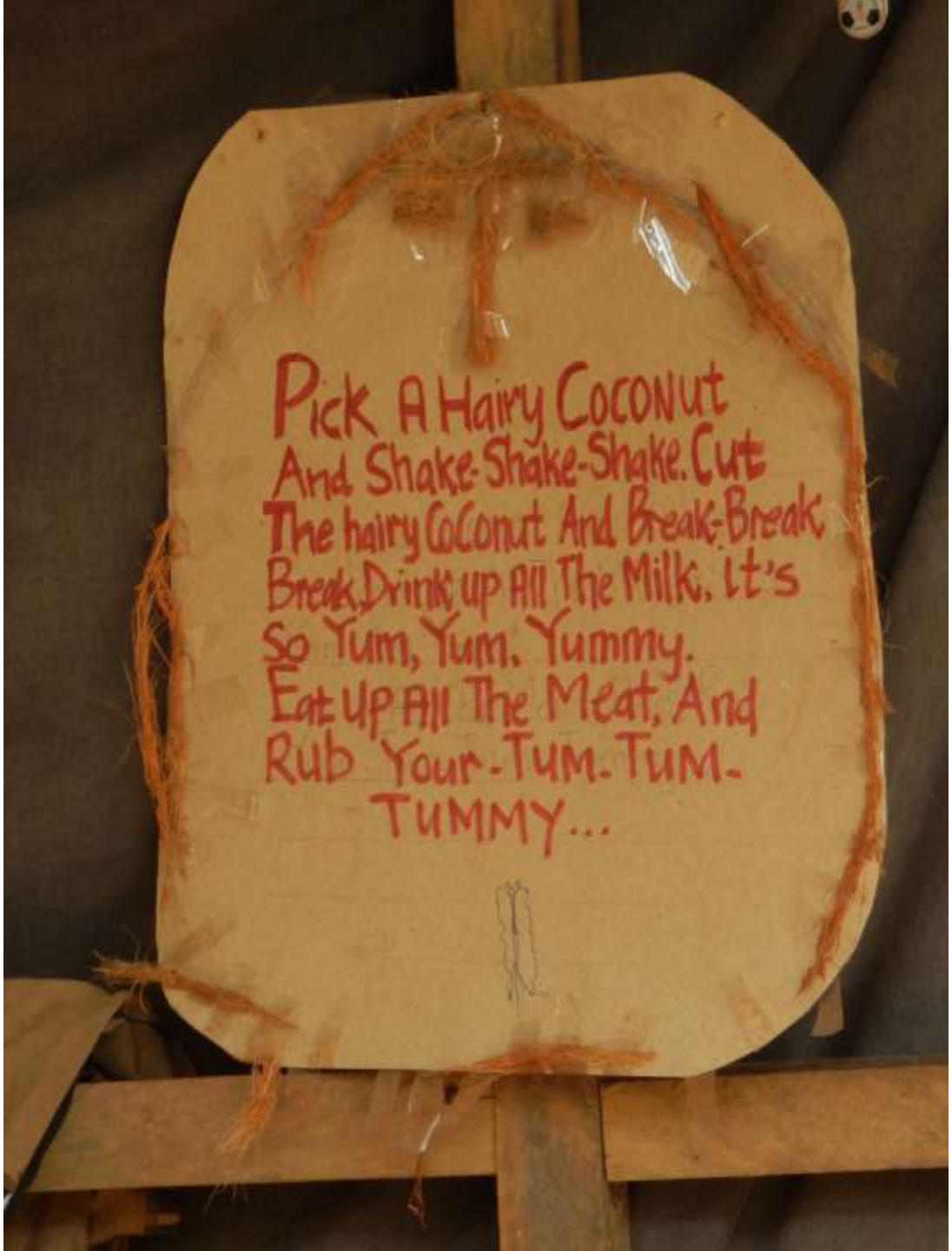


Satellite Charting Opens New Worlds



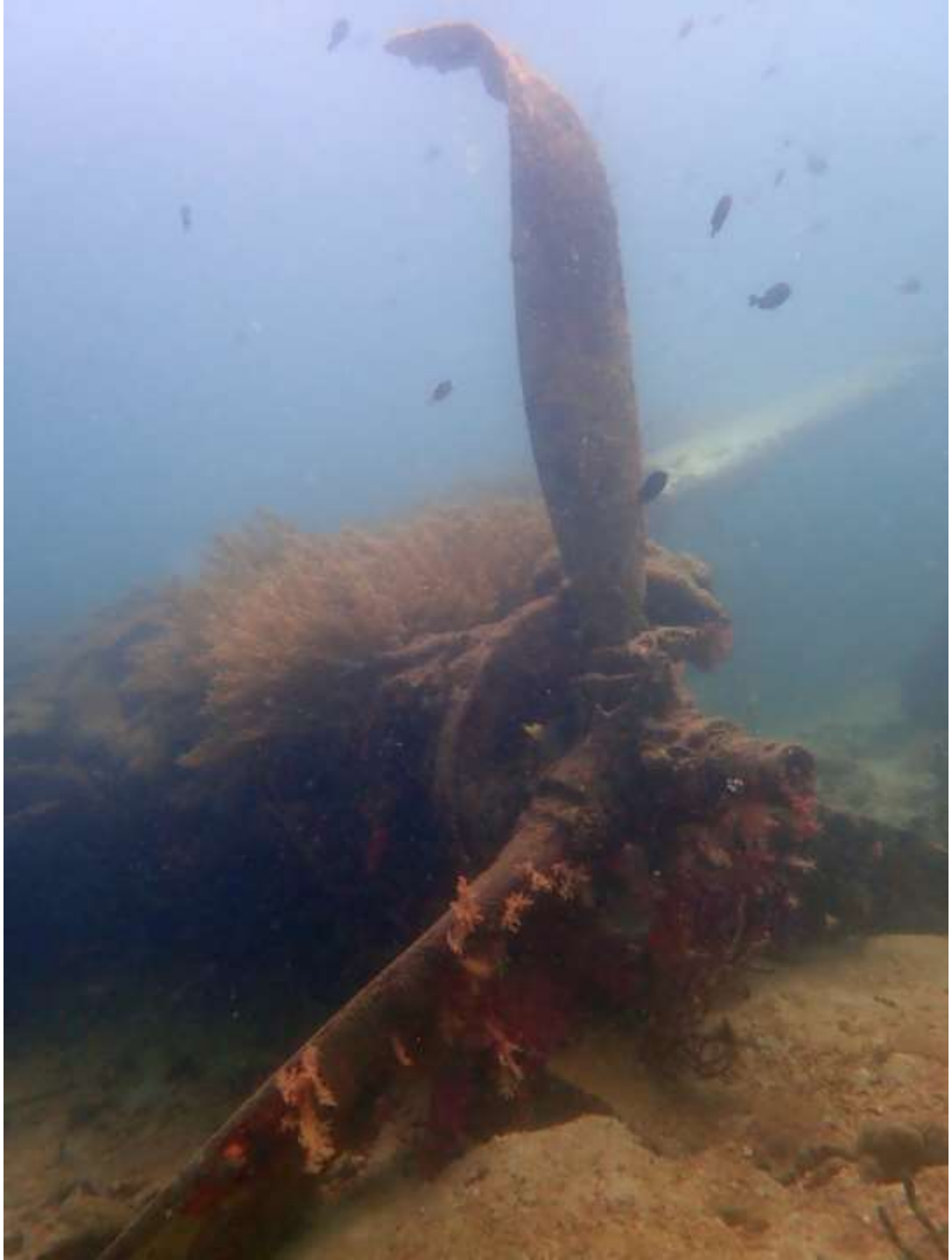
Marovo Island
158°03.6712'
Queue 12

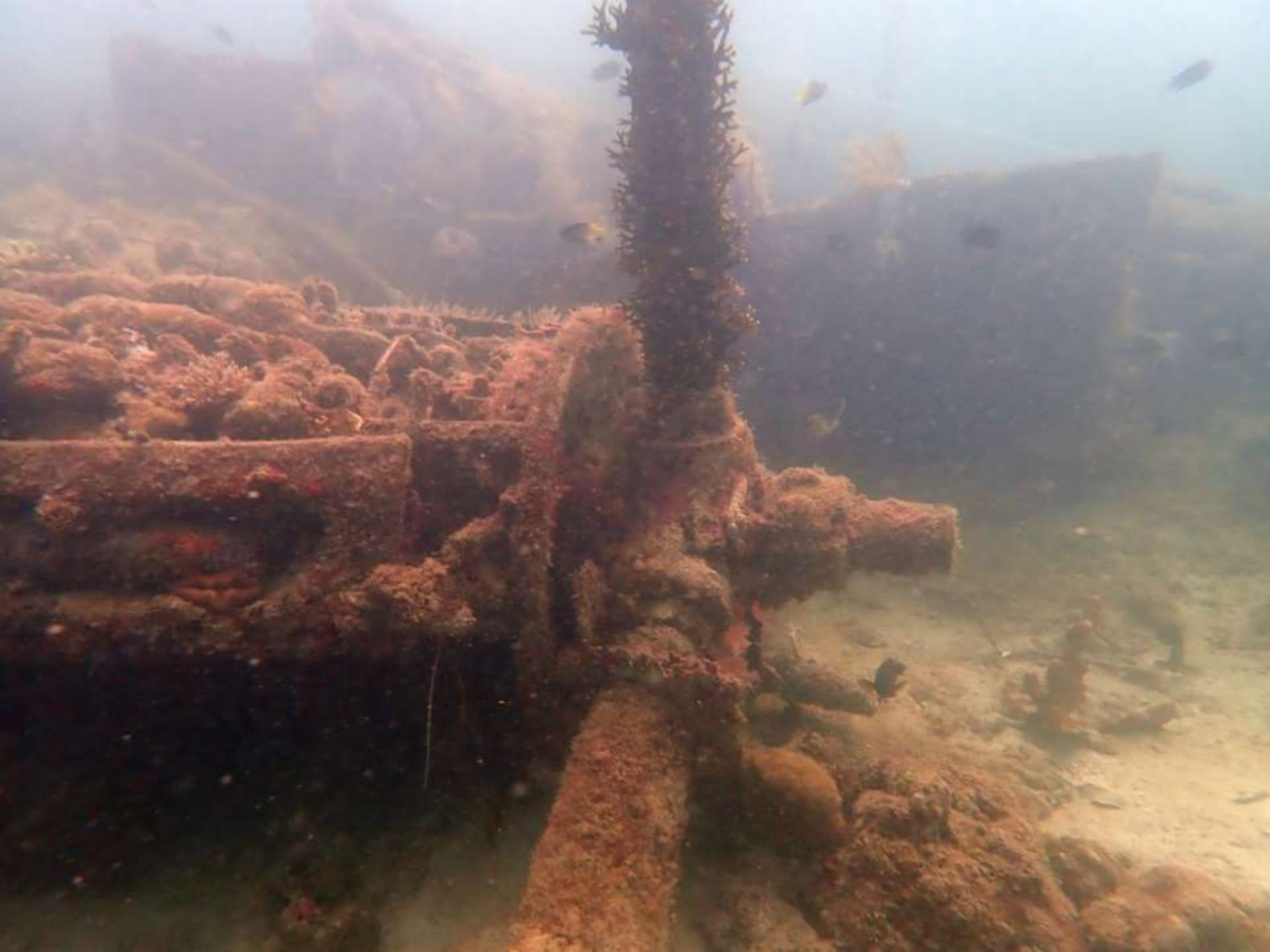
B24-D NO. 7631
ENGINE
BOTTOM


Pick A Hairy Coconut
And Shake-Shake-Shake. Cut
The hairy Coconut And Break-Break
Break. Drink up All The Milk. It's
So Yum, Yum, Yummy.
Eat Up All The Meat, And
Rub Your-Tum-Tum-
TUMMY...

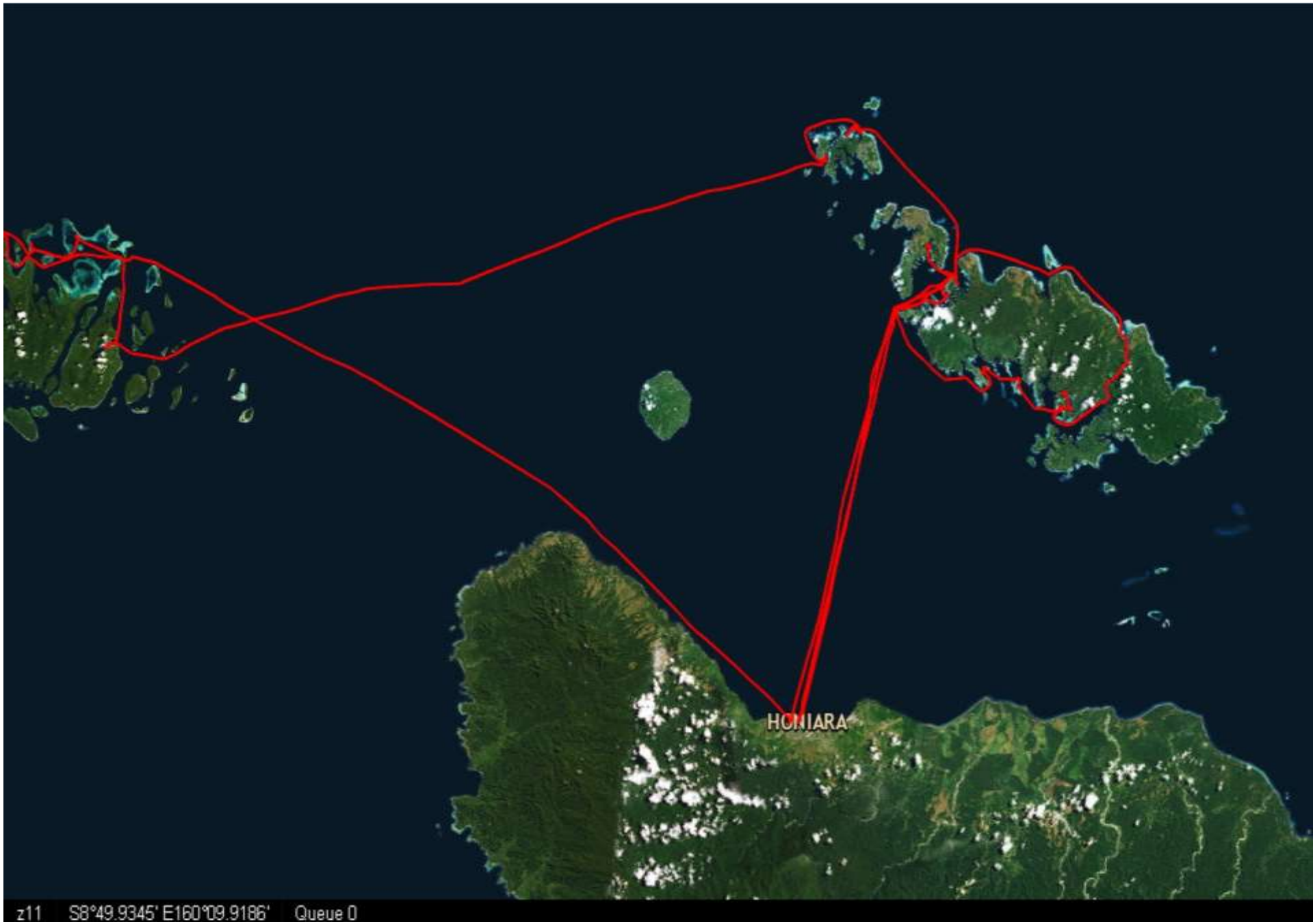
GIANTS

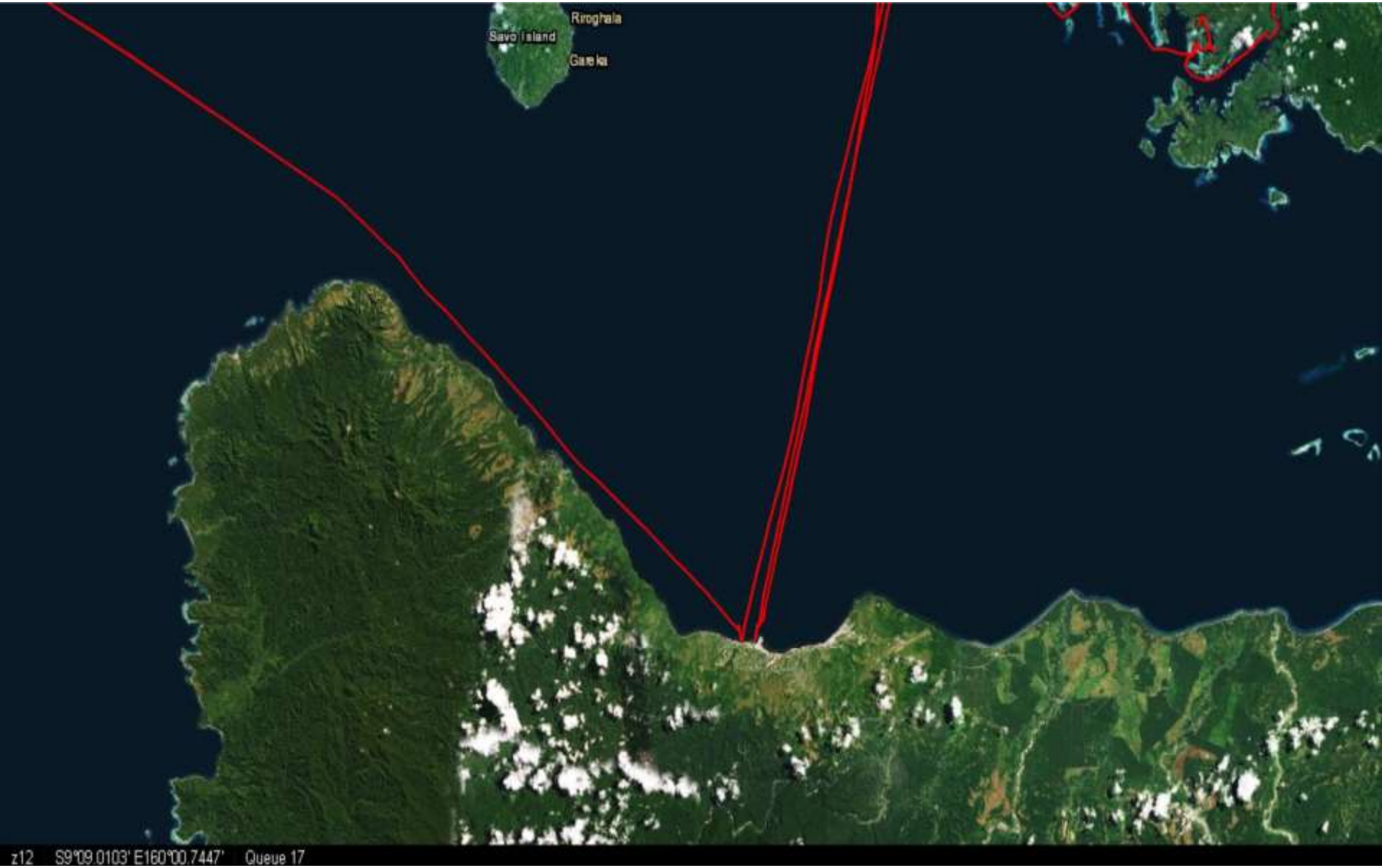
ORIENTAL HERO





Pavuvu
Mbanika


HONIARA
z11 S8°49.9345' E160°09.9186' Queue 0


Riroghala
Savo Island
Gavekia
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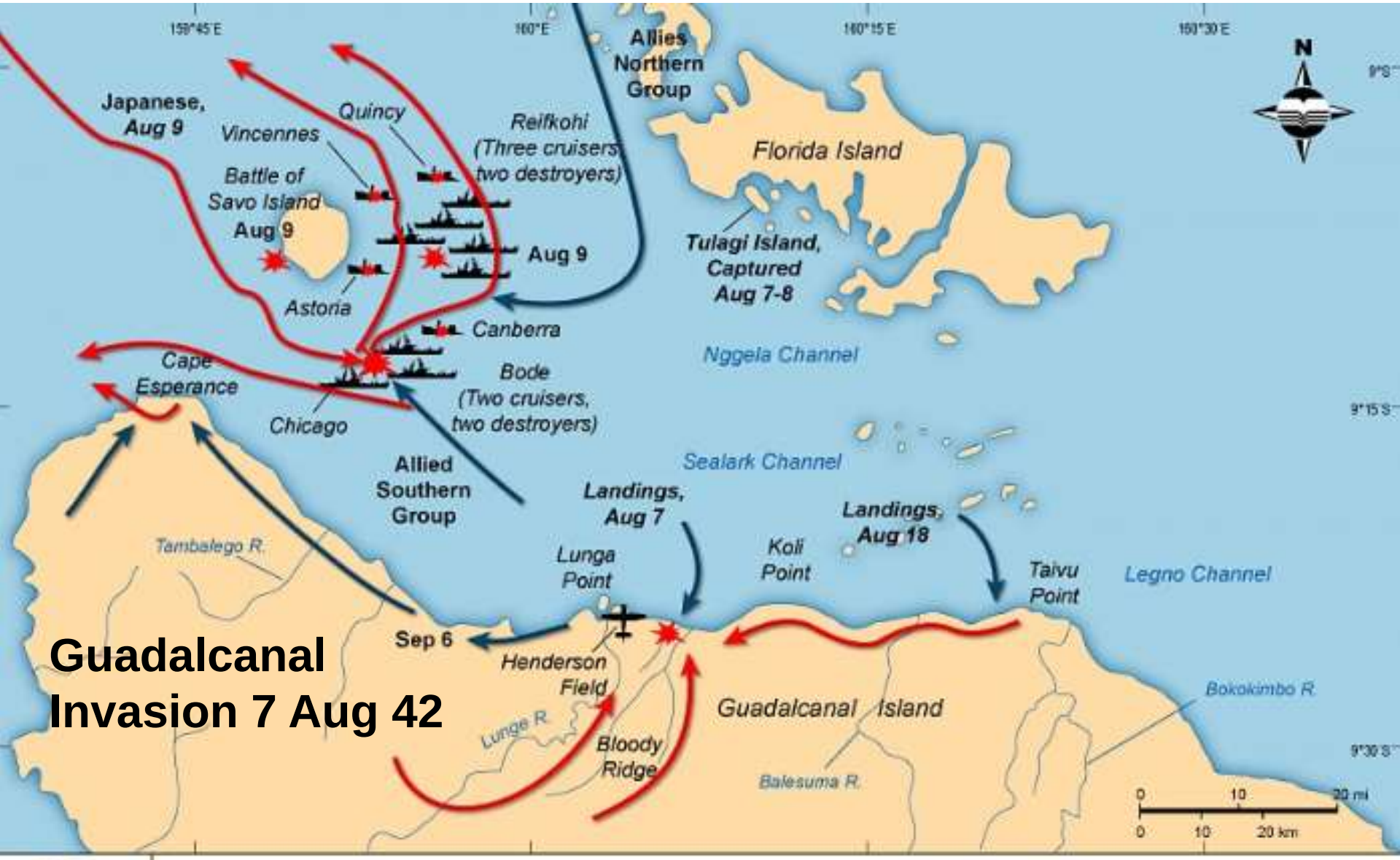

Tulaghi Island, Solomon Islands

Florida Islands, Solomon Islands

ueue 13

Tungi

Kimbe & North New Britain PNG

Kimbe, New Britain, PNG

Kokopo
Kimbe
z10 S5°05.0006' E151°18.4164' Queue 22

Kimbe
Bulum
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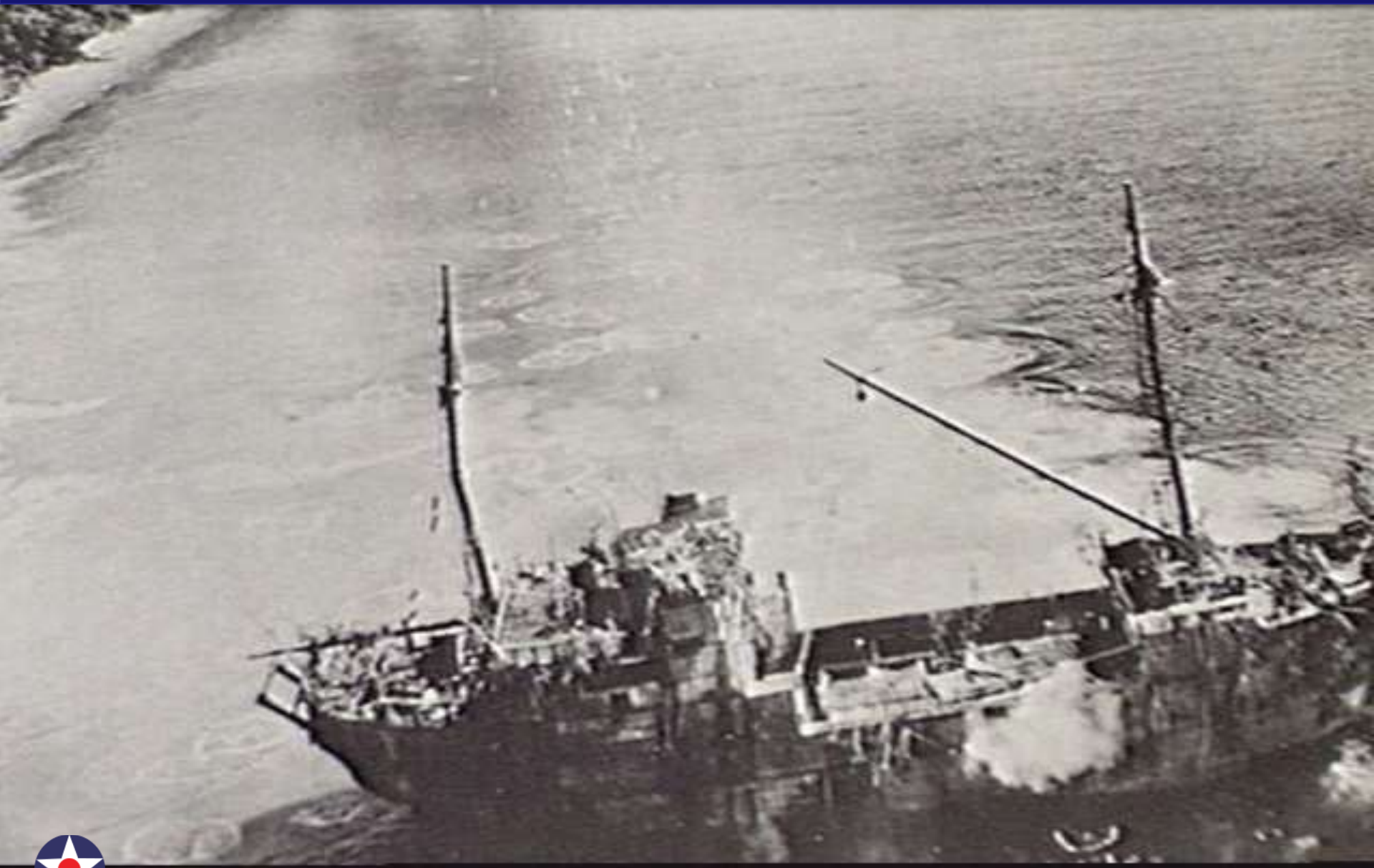
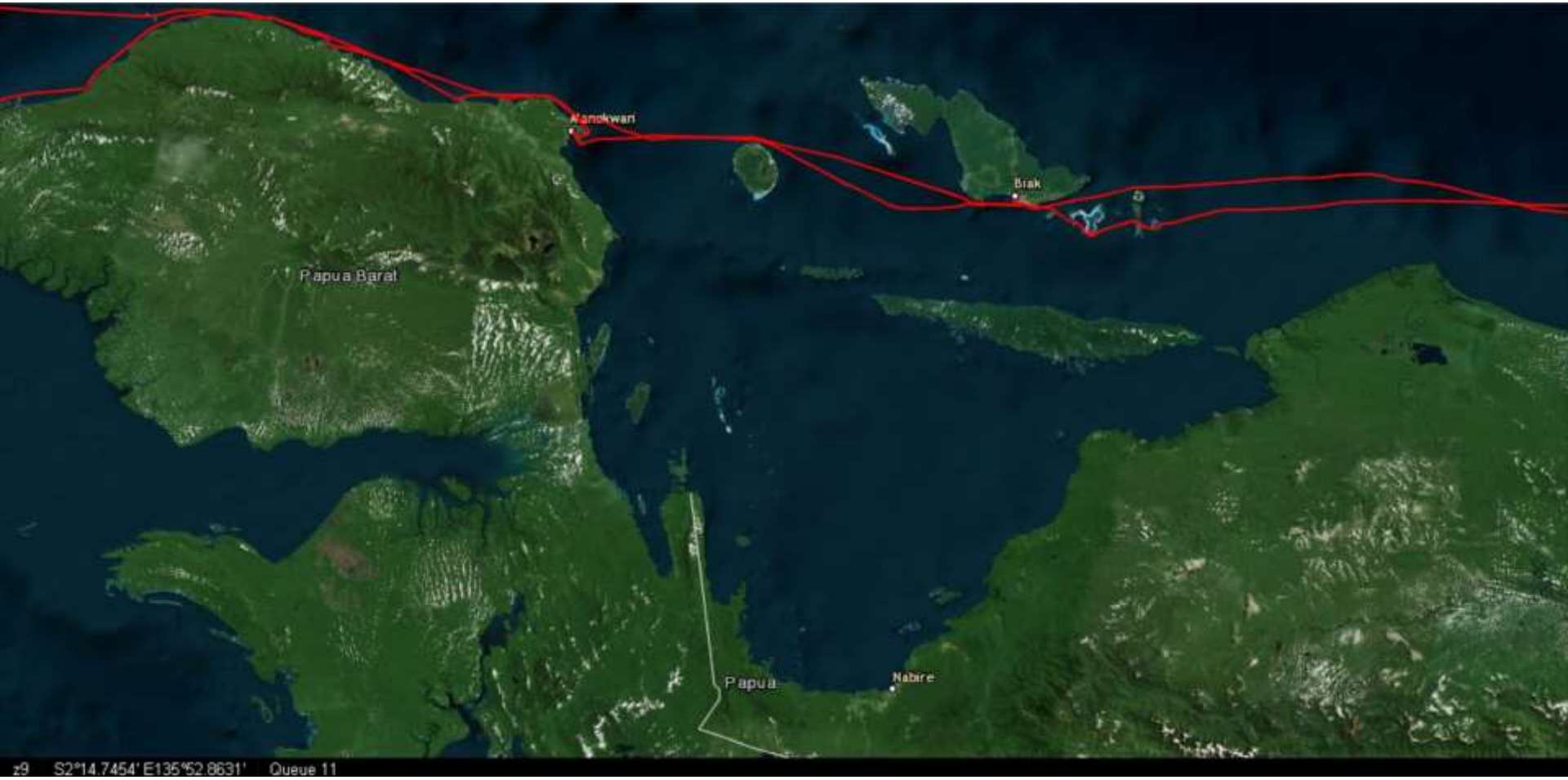
Anchored in a caldera
Garove Island

Manokwari Indonesia

Manokwari, Papua, Indonesia




Manokwari
Biak
Papua Barat
Papua
Nabire
z9 S2°14.7454' E135°52.8631' Queue 11

z14
S0°50.6193' E134°06.6219'
Queue 24

Soggy Paws
anchored in Wayag,
Indonesia
On the final leg home
Soggy Paws

Cruising in Melanesia
Exploring South Pacific World War II Relics

The End

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