EIGHTH ARMY VICTOR OPERATIONS

After commencing some operations on Luzon, General Eichelberger's Eighth Army turned its attention to the remainder of the Philippines. From February to August 1945 Eighth Army secured the majority of the Japanese occupied islands there. General Doe's 41st Division conducted the operation to clear Palawan (VICTOR III) area during period 28 February - 16 April and secured the Zamboanga Peninsula on Mindanao and Sulu Archipelago (VICTOR IV) during the time period 10 March - 20 June.

While Australian troops contained and mopped up by-passed Japanese in the Solomons, on New Britain, and near Aitape, General Morshead's I Australian Corps executed OBOE I, II & VI. General Sibert's X Corps secured Mindanao with the help of Filipino guerrillas during period 17 April - 11 August. Elements of approximately 2-1/2 Japanese divisions opposed the Americans.

During the period 19 February - 8 May troops from General Irving's 24th Infantry Division, General Arnold's American Division and Filipino guerrillas secured the islands circled to clear the Visayan Passages for allied shipping.

CLEARANCE OF THE VISAYAN PASSAGES

General Bruch's 40th Division secured Panay and most of Negros during period 17 March - 9 June. (VICTOR I) General Arnold's American Division secured Cebu, Bohol, and the southern tip of Negros (VICTOR II) during the period 26 March - 10 June.

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AUSTRALIAN OBOE OPERATIONS

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