

Lingayen
 JM: ...afterwards, yes. But when Bonner came down with this big map and all like that - I can remember - he was trying to tell me all about the Lingayen landing that they were planning, you know, the other sweep in the Philippines. But anyhow, I can remember Bonner pointing all of this stuff out to me on the map. We couldn't mark anything, you know, he just was explaining to me what it was and everything.

Bob: So you were well informed in advance.

JM: Yes, I knew exactly.

Bob: ...island hopping...

JM: And I remember that I knew exactly when the General's plane - when the General got on the cruiser and the kamikazes hit it - I can remember I knew about - the General was on it. Was it, no, was the General's plane hit - I mean, the kamikaze hit - I know that some people were killed on that - I don't know whether the General was on that ship or not, but I remember that General Lumsden who was Roosevelt's - not Roosevelt- but Churchill's liaison with my General - was killed by kamikazes. And I think the General may have been on that boat, I've forgotten. But, of course, the General wasn't hurt, but the kamikazes hit some things and, you see, I knew all this was going on, you know.

Bob: During those - that period in Brisbane, did you have Stars and Stripes? Was there any newspaper....

JM: No, uh, huh. All I had was the BBC news and the Australian news.

Bob: ...on radio...

JM: ...on radio...

Bob: So, you heard that every day?

JM: Um, hum. And I remember I said after the war was over - I remember I said to the General, every night I would turn - just before I went to bed - I would turn on the BBC news to get the latest news. I said, I would always go to bed with this - Japanese fleet off the shores -- Japanese fleet being sighted off shore. I go to bed with that. I'd hear that almost every night, you know. But I must tell you, too, that when we were in Brisbane, which was the Bismarck sea battle - and that was the battle - I don't know whether this is Manchester's book - but this is when they first hit the cruisers with the air, the Japanese cruisers. And the General began getting those messages during the night. And I can remember the General pacing back and forth - back and forth and back and forth - he was so delighted. And I can remember he would turn to me and he would say, Billy Mitchell. Billy Mitchell. You

