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Timeline

- 21 July 1942: Japanese advance from New Guinea to Gona
- 22 July: The Papuan Infantry Battalion and the Australian 39th Battalion ambush the Japanese at Soroputa
- 26 July: Japanese take Kieta
- 29 July: Americans land on Guadalcanal
- 7 August: Australians briefly recapture Kokoda
- 8 August: Australians withdraw from Vila to Balikpapan
- 14–16 September: Australians recapture Kokoda
- 20 September: Australians defeat Japanese at Isurava
- 21 September: Australians defeat Japanese at Buna
- 25 September: Australians withdraw from Milne Bay
- 1–5 September: Australians defeat Japanese at Efogi
- 7–8 September: Australians defeat Japanese landing at Milne Bay
- 11–15 October: Australians defeat Japanese at Battle of Eora Creek
- 16 November: Australians defeat Japanese at Gona
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