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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 31 July 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

On 29 July, a Jap landing barge, which appeared to be empty, was sunk 4 miles E. of Sobaka Rock (about a mile S5 of Vega Point, Kiska) at 1015 W by a U. S. DD. At 1200 W, the same day, Kiska was bombed by a single B-17 which dropped 4 500-lb. bombs on the main camp with unobserved results. Early the following morning, a DD fired 100 rounds on Gertrude Cove while another DD fired 100 rounds on the main camp area. The fire was not returned by the Japs. Unfavorable weather prevented air attacks against Kiska during the day.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

On New Georgia Island, the 43rd Division made some progress all along the Hunda front on 29 July, using tanks and flame throwers. Jap counter-attacks were repulsed by the 145th Infantry, occupying the center of the U. S. line, while the 146th Infantry, on the right flank, continued patrol activity to the N. and W. The following morning at 0845 L, 4 Jap gun positions on the W. shore of Bairoko Harbor were attacked by 18 SBD's which dropped 18 2,000-lb. bombs, and 18 TBF's, which dropped 18 1,000-lb. bombs. Many good hits were scored.

(B) New Britain

Escorted by 3 Beaufighters, 8 RAAF P-40's strafed Jap buildings and probable personnel in the vicinity of Arawe on 29 July. The same morning, 4 B-25's escorted by 13 P-38's sank a Jap DD at Cape Gloucester where, the day before, other Allied planes had left a DD and AK burning. The DD sunk was in addition to the one destroyed on 28 July.

(C) New Guinea

In the Salamaua area, on 29 July, Jap installations on the isthmus and at Kela were attacked by 18 B-25's, 12 B-17's and 12 B-24's which dropped 96-tons of bombs. An A/A position and a defense post were destroyed and a number of fires caused.
N.E.I.

Lingat and Larat, Jap-held villages in the Tenisbar Islands, were bombed and strafed on 29 July by 6 RAAF Beaufighters which dropped 2 100-lb. bombs. No results were reported.

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I. Northwestern Pacific

In Kiska Harbor, a reconnaissance plane on 27 July observed a 200-foot moored vessel. Positive identification was thwarted by poor visibility but it is considered possible that the vessel is newly arrived. On 28 July, all air attacks against Kiska were cancelled by adverse weather. Early 29 July, at 0850 H, a plane made a radar contact on 7 unidentified objects about 160 miles W. of Attu. The contact was lost and a search begun.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

On the night of 26-27 July, 2 of 4 Jap barges intercepted in Blackett Strait by U. S. light surface craft were sunk. On 27 July, the situation of the 37th Division at Munda was described as generally favorable and 14 more Jap pillboxes have been destroyed. On the N. flank advance patrols of the 148th Infantry approached Bibolo Hill. The next day, little progress along the entire U. S. line at Munda was reported. The strength of the Jap defense positions is making advance most difficult. No word has been received from our forces at Enogai Inlet, N. of Bairoko. At Bairoko Harbor itself, extensive Jap barge activity was observed during the evening of 28 July.

From 0810 to 0830 L on the morning of 28 July, Jap positions at Munda Point, Gurasi and Bibolo Hill were attacked by 23 TBF's and 36 SBD's escorted by 31 F4U's and 16 F4F's. 22 1,000-lb. and 36 2,000-lb. bombs were dropped from 2,000-feet.

On 29 July, off the W. coast of Kolombangara Island, 4 B-25's under escort of 8 F4U's sank 2 Jap barges - one near Vovohe (Webster) Cove and one at Hambri Cove. The same planes bombed and strafed Vovohe Cove and strafed Parapora Village, Sandfly Harbor. A building was damaged and fires started after 4 250-lb. bombs had been dropped at Vovohe.

(B) New Ireland

On 28 July, 3 Jap DD's headed NNE 28 miles SE of Cape St. George, were unsuccessfully attacked by a single B-24 on reconnaissance. 2 1,000-lb. bombs fell 50-yards off.
(C) New Britain

Off Cape Gloucester, an enemy DD and an AK were attacked and left burning by Allied aircraft. A Jap transport plane on the Cape Gloucester air-drome were also destroyed.

In Rein Bay, about 55 miles N of Cape Gloucester, 11 B-25's escorted by 9 P-38's destroyed 7 Jap barges and 2 launches. 6 of 12 intercepting Jap fighters were destroyed and 2 probably destroyed. 4 500-lb., 8 300-lb. and 60 100-lb. bombs were dropped.

Jap buildings on Unea Island, Vitu Group, were bombed by a single B-24 on reconnaissance which dropped 2 1,000-lb. bombs. No results were observed.

(D) New Guinea

On 27 July, from Pommern Bay along the Huon Peninsula to Finschhafen, 17 B-25's bombed and strafed Jap barge hideouts, dropping 141 100-lb., 4 500-lb. and 6 300-lb. bombs, destroying 3 barges and damaging 3. 8 villages were also strafed. That night, 4 Jap barges were destroyed 40 miles E. of Lae by Allied surface vessels.

It is reported that Jap casualties in the Salamaua area from 30 June to 25 July total 1,084.

(E) N.E.I.

On 28 July, Manokwari, NE corner of the Vogelkop, was attacked by 3 B-24's which dropped 7 500-lb. bombs, scoring near misses on a small anchored AK and on the jetty. These same planes later dropped 9 500-lb. bombs on Larat, Larat Island, Tanimbar Islands. Lautem, Cape Chater, Penfoei and Koepang were also bombed 28 July. 2 RAAF A-29's dropped 18 100-lb. demolition bombs and 60 4-lb. incendiary bombs on Penfoei, starting a number of fires. 3 RAAF A-29's dropped 27 100-lb. demolition bombs and 90 4-lb. incendiaries on Koepang, starting fires visible from 40 to 50 miles at an altitude of about 9,000-feet. 3 Dutch B-25's dropped 46 100-lb. bombs and 4 clusters of incendiaries on the Cape Chater air-drome, starting a number of fires; while 2 Dutch B-25's dropped 30 100-lb. bombs and 4 incendiary clusters on Lautem; 1 fire was started.

Boela, Ceram Island, was attacked by 6 B-24's which dropped 56 500-lb. bombs and 12 clusters of 4-lb. incendiaries on the air-drome, workshops, dumps and fuel tanks. A number of fires were observed.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 29 July 1943

I. Southwestern Pacific
(A) Solomon Islands

On the night of 26-27 July, a single Allied PBY on reconnaissance bombed Jap barges just W. of Kahili airfield in the Bougainville area and another single PBY on reconnaissance bombed Vila airdrome with unobserved results.

At Rekata Bay, Santa Isabel, 3 probable Jap DD's discharged cargo to barges during the night of 26-27 July, while 10 Jap planes covered their activities. It is believed these same 3 DD's were those unsuccessfully attacked by Allied planes as they were headed NW by W 135 miles NW of Cape Alexander, Choiseul Island, later in the morning of 27 July.

Before dawn Kahili airdrome, in the Bougainville area, was attacked by 5 B-17's and Ballale airdrome was attacked by 1 B-17. Results were unobserved. 1 B-17 was lost when Jap night fighters intercepted over the area.

Later that morning, photographs of the Bougainville area at 0740 L, revealed 55 planes in the Kahili-Ballale vicinity and 3 AK's, 1 FG, 7 80-foot vessels, several barges and 1 unidentified vessel. Later the same morning, at 0840 L, 34 TBF's and 18 SB's under a heavy fighter escort, dropped 35-ton bombs on Jap positions in the Munda area. Allied ground forces in the area were reported to have pushed beyond the native coastal village of Tetere, a little over 2,000-yards from the E. end of the Munda runway.

From 1614 to 1820 L, 28 July, Vuvoco (Webster) Kolombangara Island, was bombed and strafed by 23 B-25's under cover of 12 F4U's. 125 300-lb. bombs were dropped and 10,000 rounds of 50 calibre expended. Trenches and a building were hit and 14 fires started. 20 heavy M/G and 20 mm. fire was experienced N. of the target.

(B) Pacific Islands

Wake Island was attacked, between 1020 and 1100 L 27 July, by 8 Midway B-24's. 36 500-lb. bombs and 80 fragmentation clusters were dropped, an estimated 35% of them finding targets on the W. tip of Wake Island and in the center of Peale Island. 7 of 20-25 intercepting Jap fighters were destroyed, 5 probably destroyed and 3 damaged. All our planes returned safely but 3 were damaged. We suffered no casualties.
(c) New Britain

On 27 July, at Cape Cunningham, 2 Jap vessels, driven ashore by Allied plane attacks the previous day, were bombed and strafed by 4 Beauforts and 6 Beaufighters. 24 250-lb. general purpose delay bombs were dropped and both vessels set afire. Enemy buildings on Umaa and Munda Islands in the Vitu Group, were bombed by a B-17 on reconnaissance which dropped 4 500-lb. instantaneous demolition bombs. No results were reported.

(D) New Guinea

During the night of 26-27 July, Woodlark Island was attacked by a single enemy plane without success.

During the forenoon of 27 July, 6 B-26's attacked Lae, dropping 36 300-lb. instantaneous bombs. Fires were started in the dump area. 4 Jap planes in the air over the target made no attempt at interception. About the same time, Salamaa and nearby villages were attacked by 18 B-24's and 35 B-25's which dropped 123-tons of bombs. A hangar on the Salamaa airfield and buildings were destroyed and the wireless station suffered further damage.

In the Komitat area, on 27 July, patrol crashes N. of Mt. Tambu were reported but no details were given.

(E) N.E.I.

On the night of 27-28 July, an RAAF A-29 dropped 9 100-lb. demolition and a number of incendiary bombs on what it estimated was Koepang, SW Timor. No results were reported.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0000, 28 July 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

U.S. surface vessels shelled 3 radar targets about 70 miles SW by S. of Kiska for half an hour beginning at 0016 W on 26 July. The targets, shelled at ranges from 12,000 to 25,000-yards were not seen before they vanished.

The same day, Kiska was attacked by 2 missions from Adak totaling 13 B-24's and 11 missions from Amchitka totaling 16 B-24's, 32 P-38's and 42 P-40's. 106-tons of bombs were dropped on North and South Heads, the main camp, the runway, the SS base, Gertrude Cove and Little Kiska. Fires were observed. 1 P-40 was shot down but the pilot was rescued.

The following day, 2 missions from Adak consisting of 11 B-24's and 4 missions from Amchitka consisting of 10 P-40's and 12 P-38's, dropped 22.6-tons of bombs through the overcast on the main camp, North Head and Little Kiska, Kiska. 3 hits on the main camp were observed.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Allied PT's sank 1 and damaged 2 Jap supply laden barges in Kula Gulf on the night of 23-24 July.

On New Georgia Island on 26 July, Allied ground forces had made a general advance of from 200 to 500-yards against Jap positions just E. of Munda. The farthest advance was made on the N. 1 battalion in about the middle of the Allied line, flanked the Japs, turned S. and reached the beach about a mile and a half E. of Munda.

Photographs taken during the morning of 28 July, revealed 8 AK's and 20 small vessels and 36 Jap planes in the Buin-Kahili-Bellale area. 30 Jap fighters, which followed our planes to Kolombangara after the raid the same morning on the area, probably came from this vicinity and were absent at the time of the pictures.

The same day, Yorohe Cove, Kolombangara Island, was bombed and strafed at 1445 L by 9 B-25's escorted by 20 P-40's. A direct hit was scored on a warehouse and 3 fires were started after 24 500-lb. bombs had been dropped. At 1520 L, Simbo Island was strafed by 4 B-25's under an escort of 7 F4U's. Jap huts and warehouses in the bivouac area were set afire.
(B) New Britain

On 26 July, off Cape Cunningham, Jacquinot Bay, 2 small Jap supply vessels were driven ashore by 2 RAAF Beaufighters on patrol and 1 of the vessels was left in flames. During the afternoon of the same day, a single B-24 on reconnaissance unsuccessfully dropped 6 500-lb. bombs on Gasmata and huts and buildings in the area were strafed by 8 RAAF Beaufighters. No results were observed.

(C) New Guinea

A B-24 on reconnaissance bombed the Lae airdrome area during the morning of 26 July. 6 500-lb. bombs were dropped on the target with unobserved results.

The Salamaua-Mololo area was attacked by 10 B-24's and 15 B-17's which dropped over 66-tons of bombs, scoring direct hits on Jap installations and buildings. During the afternoon, in the same area, 30 to 50 Jap fighters were destroyed and 5 were probably destroyed. 1 of our planes was lost.

In the Komiatum area, on 26 July, 18 B-24's dropped 70-tons of bombs on Jap gun positions and defenses. Heavy damage was reported. During the same afternoon, Allied positions in the Nassau Bay area were attacked by enemy bombers. No details were reported.

(D) N.E.I.

During the night of 25-26 July, Larat, an enemy-occupied village on Larat Island, Tanimbar Group, was attacked by 5 RAAF A-29's which dropped 20 250-lb. bombs and 50 4-lb. incendiaries, scoring direct hits on the village and jetty area. The same night, a Jap-held village in the Kai Islands was the target for 16 100-lb. bombs and 2 incendiary clusters dropped from a Dutch B-25 on reconnaissance.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U. S. SS returned from a 49 day patrol reports sinking an 8,600-ton AK.

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I. Northwestern Pacific

In addition to the 9 missions previously reported attacking Kiska on 24 July, 2 more P-40's dropped 2 500-lb bombs on the runway, making the 10th attack for the day. The following day, 10 missions totalling 40 P-40's dropped 60 500-lb bombs on the runway and North Head A/A positions, scoring hits on the runway and near the batteries. The planes also strafed North Head and Little Kiska. A/A fire was heavy against the first missions but less so against subsequent ones.

About 150 miles SE of Cape Loppola, a reconnaissance plane unsuccessfully bombed and strafed a 200-foot Jap vessel.

On 28 July, a single PBY made 3 runs over Kiska, dropping flares and fragmentation and incendiary bombs on the main camp and at Gertrude Cove where fires were started.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Munda, New Georgia Island, was bombarded by 7 Allied DD's from 0607 to 0645 L on 25 July. Slight return fire from shore batteries was silenced. Early the same morning, Vila airfield was bombed by 2 PB4's on reconnaissance. No results were observed. During the afternoon, a B-24 un-successfully attacked an AF travelling in a convoy, which also included 2 small AF's and 5 probable sea trucks, 36 miles NW of Cape Henpan (Suka Island). The convoy was headed SE by S.

Over Bougainville Island, the same day, a B-24 on reconnaissance shot down 1 of 7 intercepting Zeros. The remaining Japs were driven off by our fighters.

At 0730 L on 26 July, Jap positions N. and NW of Bibolo Hill, N. of Munda, were attacked by 37 TBF's and 24 SBD's. 1,000-lb. bombs were dropped and 7 direct hits started fires and silenced A/A positions. 2 SBD's and 2 TBF's were hit and 1 TBF was downed in the water but the crew was rescued.

The same morning, at 0930 L, 14 B-24's under an escort of 6 P-38's, 9 F4U's and 20 P-40's, dropped 280 120-lb. fragmentation bombs at Kahili. Hits were reported in bivouac areas and a few on the runway which held many planes. 21 F4U's swept the area prior to the attack. The B-24's and their escort were intercepted by 30 Zeros, following the force to Kolombangara. 1 F4U was shot down off Vella Gulf but the pilot was saved. Another F4U, en-route to Kahili, crashed into the sea off Simbo Island, S. of Ganongga Island.

Vila airfield was also bombed during the morning of 26 July by a single B-24 which failed to reach Kahili. 20 120-lb. fragmentation clusters were dropped with unobserved results.
(B) Pacific Islands

Late reports of the attack on Wake Island 25 July, state that 8 B-24's participated instead of the 6 previously reported. Of these, 2 were lost (1 in combat), 4 were badly damaged by enemy A/A fire and 2 were slightly damaged. In addition to the 5 casualties already reported, 11 men are missing.

(C) New Britain

50 miles S. of Cape Orford, a PBY on reconnaissance, 25 July, scored near misses on an SS with 2 250-lb. anti-sub bombs dropped from a height of 40 feet.

(D) New Guinea

Finschhafen was bombed at midday, 25 July, by a single B-24. No results were observed.

(E) N.E.I.

3 RAAF A-20's dropped 10 100-lb. demolition bombs on Adoet and 20 100-lb. demolition bombs on Lingat, Jap-held villages on Selaru Island, Tanimbar Islands, on 25 July. No results were observed.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 26 July 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

All combat missions from Adak, Amchitka and Attu were cancelled by adverse weather conditions on 23 July. The following day, Kiska was attacked by 9 missions from Amchitka which totalled 60 P-40’s. The planes dropped 6,500-lb. bombs scoring hits on the runway and also strafed the runway, gun positions, North Head and Little Kiska. 1 P-40 was shot down by A/A fire and 2 planes suffered some battle damage.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Early on the morning of 23 July, an SS was attacked by a PBY about 10 miles NE of Vella Lavella. There were no details or results reported. The same day, at Buin, 2 AK’s, 1 of them burning and 7 possible MTB’s were observed during the morning. A surfaced SS, headed NW about 30 miles off SW Bougainville Island, was attacked by a PBY on patrol. No results were observed.

The following day, Allied ground positions in the Enogai area of New Georgia Island, were bombed by 3 Jap planes. There were no casualties and no damage was done. Jap positions in the Bairoko area were bombed by 37 TBF’s and 36 SBD’s under an escort of 40 P-40’s in support of our ground forces. No results were observed. Midday photographs over the area showed 2 fighters, 3 medium and 1 dive bomber at Ballale; 94 fighters, 5 medium and 10 dive bombers at Kahili; 36 floatplanes at Faisi, and 2 AK’s and 1 AO at Buin.

At 1,000 L, 25 July, 30 Jap dive bombers and 30 Jap fighters which had strafed and bombed our positions along the beach at Rendova, were intercepted by 7 P-39’s, 7 P-40’s, 8 F4U’s and 7 F4F’s. 8 Zeros were destroyed. 2 P-39’s were lost but 1 pilot was rescued. 4 P4F’s were lost. 2 were operational losses and 2 pilots were saved. 53 SBD’s, 52 TBF’s, 32 B-24’s, 24 B-25’s and 10 B-17’s under an escort of 78 fighters dropped 63 1,000-lb., 52 2,000-lb., 210 500-lb., 144 200-lb. and 680 fragmentation cluster bombs on the Lambeti-Hunda area of New Georgia. 1 B-24 is missing. Riblo Hill was attacked by 10 B-17’s escorted by 8 P-38’s, 14 F4U’s and 8 P-40’s which dropped 200 fragmentation clusters, 120-lb. and 50 250-lb. bombs on Jap gun positions. No results were observed.

(B) Pacific Islands

Wake Island was attacked by 6 B-24’s between 1150 and 1230 M on 25 July. The planes dropped 330 30-lb. fragmentation bombs, 12 500-lb. bombs.
and 3 650-lb. depth bombs. 1 500-lb. bomb was in the target as were all the fragmentation bombs. 9 Japs were destroyed, 4 were probably destroyed and 5 were damaged out of 20-30 planes which intercepted. 1 B-24 crashed after colliding with a Zero. Our casualties were 1 dead, 1 seriously wounded and 3 slightly wounded. A/A fire was heavy and the enemy appeared thoroughly alert to the raid.

(C) New Britain

Near Cape Busching, Jap barges were bombed and strafed by 7 B-25's. 2 barges and 1 launch were set afire, and another barge believed loaded with oil, exploded. Small fires were started in nearby villages.

(D) New Ireland

After dark on 23 July, an SS headed S. 8 miles off Cape St. George was attacked by a PBY. No results were observed.

(E) New Guinea

Lae was attacked repeatedly during 24 July by B-24's. No results were reported. Bena Bena was attacked the same day by 11 Jap bombers and 10 fighters. No details were reported.

(F) N.E.I.

Foiloro and Lautem were bombed on 23-24 July by 4 Dutch B-25's. Fires were observed in both targets. Dili was attacked by 4 A-29's and Kupang by 4 B-25's the same night. Large fires were also observed after these bombings. Taber Samp, Aroe Islands, was strafed by 12 Beaufighters on 24 July. 3 Jap floatplanes were damaged. Other floatplanes intercepted and a Beaufighter is missing.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U. S. SS returned from patrol in the Southwest Pacific has reported attacking a 500-ton ship with shellfire. The ship started burning, was beached and possibly exploded.

Another U. S. SS reports scoring hits on a large whaler-tanker. One good explosion resulted.

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I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

On the night of 21-22 July, 4 Jap barges in Vella Gulf were intercepted by Allied PT's. 2 of the barges were set afire.

Allied positions at Snaqai Inlet, New Georgia Island, were bombed before dawn on 23 July by 2 Jap planes. 1 man was killed and 3 wounded. At 0940 L the same morning, 16 SB2's in support of our ground forces in the area, attacked gun positions at Munda. No results were observed. 1 of our planes was forced down off Rendova Island, but the crew was rescued. That afternoon, Rakala Bay was attacked by 12 B-25's escorted by 16 P-40's. 30 500-lb. bombs were dropped and several fires observed. There was no A/A fire and all our planes returned safely. Shortly before midnight, 23 July, 3 Jap DD's were sighted 30 miles N. of Vila, Kolombangara Island, heading SE. Previous observation of these vessels indicated they ran from Rabaul to New Georgia non-stop.

On 24 July, the land situation on New Georgia Island was unchanged. Supplies were landed and wounded evacuated at Snaqai Inlet. From prisoners, it is learned Jap reinforcements from Vila have landed at Sunday Inlet, about 3 miles S. of Bairoko Harbor. At Bairoko, the enemy has dug in along the NE side of the harbor.

18 SB2's and 16 TBF's under a cover of 22 fighters, dropped 18 1,000 and 16 2,000-lb. bombs on Jap gun positions on Biblo Hill, about 100-yards N. of the E. end of Munda runway. No results were observed. The crew of 1 TBF bailed out after A/A fire hit the plane and the men were believed rescued.

(B) New Britain

On 23 July, an HNFP FBY bombed the dispersal area at Cape Gloucester with unobserved results. The same day, 12 enemy barge were destroyed and 13 more damaged in the vicinity of Cape Busching and along the E. shore of Huon Gulf (New Guinea) when attacked by 8 B-25's under an escort of 10 P-40's.

(C) New Guinea

On 23 July, an HNFP FBY bombed and strafed 5 Jap barges near Saibai, forcing some of the barges ashore and destroying 1. The same plane strafed villages on the Huon Peninsula. At midday the same day, 12 B-24's and 13 B-17's under an escort of 34 P-38's dropped over 60-tons of bombs on
Jap installations in the Bogadjim area (15 miles S. of Madang). Large fires were observed. Our escorting fighters downed 13 intercepting Jap fighters and probably destroyed 5 more. 1 P-38 was lost. In this clash, were 3 Jap fighters reported resembling Hurricanes.

After bombing Voco Point, Lae, on 23 July, 6 B-26's were intercepted by 7 to 9 Jap fighters and in the ensuing engagement, 1 B-26 was damaged and crash landed upon its return.

In the Salamaa area, Malolo Village (a few miles N.E. of Salamaa town) was attacked by 10 B-26's under an escort of 36 P-38's. Fires were caused and buildings destroyed in the attack. 60 Jap fighters in two formations clashed with the P-38's and 7 Japs were destroyed, 5 probably destroyed and 8 damaged. 1 of our planes was lost. Later the same day, 1 B-24 on reconnaissance bombed the town of Salamaa and 19 B-26's and 1 B-24 attacked enemy positions in the Komiatum area. No results were observed.

(D) N.E.I.

On 23 July, 4 RAAF A-20's dropped 40 100-lb. demolition and 120 4-lb. incendiary bombs on Viqueque (S. Timor), scoring direct hits on buildings.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 24 July 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

Additional details of the air attacks and bombardment of Kiska on 22 July indicate that, prior to the bombardment, 8 B-25's and 17 B-24's heavily bombed enemy positions on the island. 2 B-25's and 6 B-24's were damaged by heavy, intense and accurate A/A fire. 120 - 14 inch, 400 - 8 inch, 300 - 6 inch, and 2000 - 5 inch shells were expended by our heavy and light surface vessels during the bombardment which lasted from 1457W to 1615W. A total of 17 B-25's, 20 P-38's and 13 P-40's made additional bombing and strafing attacks on enemy targets following the bombardment. 6 P-38's and 4 B-25's were damaged by A/A fire and 1 B-25 was shot down but the crew was rescued by a Catalina. 83 tons of bombs were dropped on Kiska by our planes during the day and the entire area was reported afire.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Gun positions were silenced when a force of 36 SBD's and 19 TBF's, escorted by 16 F4F's, bombed Munda on 22 July.

(B) New Britain

On 22 July Gasmata airdrome was bombed by Allied planes and a wireless station was reported destroyed.

(c) New Guinea

Allied positions at Duali (6 miles S of Salamaua) were raided at noon, 21 July, by 9 enemy bombers. No casualties or damage resulted. The following morning an Allied force of 41 B-25's and 11 B-24's heavily bombed and strafed the Komiatum area and trails leading to Salamaua. 169 - 1000 lb. bombs were included in the load dropped on enemy positions.

The same day, a B-24 on reconnaissance dropped 5 - 1000lb. bombs on Salamaua Isthmus but results were not observed.
(D) N. E. I.

Surabaya was attacked before dawn, 22 July, by 6 B-24's. 36
500 lb. bombs and light incendiaries scored hits on railway yards, docks and
an oil refinery, starting large fires. The enemy dock area was still lighted
when our planes first arrived.

The same day, 2 Dutch B-25's bombed and strafed villages on
Selaru Island (Tanimbar Group).

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I. Northwestern Pacific

Kiska was attacked by 9 B-24's from Adak at 1330 W on 21 July. 8 500-lb. bombs were dropped on Little Kiska; 12 500-lb. bombs on North Head, and 88 500-lb. bombs on the Main Camp and runway. Hits were reported in all the target areas. 2 of our planes were damaged by A/A fire and 1 bomber crew member was wounded.

The following day at 1600 W, under exceptionally favorable weather conditions, Kiska was heavily shelled by a U.S. force consisting of BB's, CA's, a CL and DD's. The Main Camp, North and South Head, Gertrude Cove, the SS base and Little Kiska were the targets. The Japs returned our fire but no casualties or damage resulted. Before and after the surface vessel shelling, the same targets were subjected to air attacks.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

On the night of 19-20 July, 2 loaded Jap barges were set afire by 4 Allied fighter planes NW of Vella Lavella Island.

On New Georgia Island, Allied ground forces began an attack against the Japs at Haireko early 20 July. The enemy, estimated at 500 to 600 men, were equipped with heavy mortars and at least 1 battery of artillery on the W. side of the harbor. Further details are lacking. The following day, Rendova was attacked by 16 Jap dive bombers under an escort of 40-60 Zeros. 1 of our landing craft was hit and 1 man was killed and 10 wounded. There were no additional details reported. Photographs taken at midnight the same day, of the Buin area revealed 1 beached AO and 1 AO and 10 small auxiliaries in Buin Anchorage. At Kahili were 70 fighters, 10 dive bombers and 8 medium bombers. At Faisi were 2 floatplanes and at Ballale 30% coverage revealed 1 fighter and 2 medium bombers.

During the early morning hours of the next day, 22 July, 6 to 8 bombs were dropped over Rendova by a procession of single Jap planes. There were no casualties. That afternoon, off Cape Friendship, at 1800 W, a possible Jap AV and 4 DD's were attacked by 18 TBF's, 16 SBD's and 12 B-24's under an escort of 120 fighters. The AV was reported sunk and 1 DD was hit. 5 Zeros were destroyed and 3 of our fighters are missing. A few hours later, S. of Gema Island in the same area, 1 Jap CL or DL and 2 DD's were attacked by 8 B-17's and 8 B-24's. No results were observed and all our planes returned safely.

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Regraded Unclassified
(B) Elice Islands

Funaafuti was attacked in the early morning hours of 22 July by 4 flights of Jap bombers. 2 bombers were reported shot down. Our casualties were 2 killed and 6 wounded. No further details were reported.

(C) New Ireland

Over Cape St. George, an Allied Beaufort on reconnaissance was attacked by 4 Zeros. 1 of the Zeros was probably destroyed.

(D) New Britain

During the night of 20-21 July, a single B-24 on reconnaissance dropped 20 100-lb. incendiary clusters on the town of Rabaul. Fires were started. During the early morning hours of 21 July, a FBY bombed Cape Gloucester airdrome, dropping 2 250-lb. bombs. No results were observed.

(E) New Guinea

Delayed reports of activities for 20 July, reveal additional Allied air activity in the Madang-Bogadjim area. 17 B-25's attacked bridges over the Gogol, Gum and Gori Rivers. 30-foot of the bridge over the Gogol was destroyed.

Over the Bena Bena area, a B-24 on reconnaissance was tackled by 9 Zeros. 2 of the Zeros were reported destroyed, another probably destroyed and the B-24 was downed also.

The following morning, photographs of the Wewak area showed 5 1,000-ton AK's, 3 2,000-ton AK's and 23 luggers in the harbor, while the 4 airdromes in the area, Boram, Bub, Wewak and Dagua held a total of 110 fighter planes and 39 bombers.

About the same time the following day, Madang airdrome was bombed by 8 B-25's which also strafed probable Jap patrol vessels in the harbor.

Construction camps, supply depots and installations in the Bogadjim area were bombed and strafed by 47 other B-25's. Results were unobserved. During this attack, 2 groups of enemy aircraft, totaling more than 50 Zeros and 4 or 5 twin-engined probable fighters, were encountered by P-38's escorting our bombers. In the engagements which ensued, 19 Jap fighters were destroyed, 11 were probably destroyed and 2 were damaged. 2 of our planes were lost but 1 pilot was rescued.

Considerable Jap air activity was observed during the day over Lae airdrome. The waterfront was attacked before noon by 5 B-26's which dropped 32 500-lb. bombs on barges, jetties and buildings. No results were observed. On the same day, 21 July, Finschhafen airdrome was bombed by a single B-24 which dropped 4 500-lb. bombs with unobserved results. Bulolo was attacked by 18 Jap fighters and 8 bombers. No results were reported.
On the night of 20-21 July, Penfes was bombed by 4 RAAF A-29's. 1 night fighter unsuccessfully attempted interception. 40 100-lb. demolition bombs were dropped. No results were observed. Early in the morning of 21 July, 2 RAAF A-29's dropped 10 100-lb. bombs on Kaukenau, scoring direct hits on buildings and supplies. The same day, an Allied B-24 on reconnaissance over Makassar, was attacked by 4 Jap fighter planes. In the engagement which followed, 2 Jap planes were destroyed and 1 was damaged. 2 DD's, 1 3,500-ton AK, 5 small AX's, 80 fighters and 7 floatplanes were photographed in the harbor and 5 medium bombers and 12 fighters on the airfield.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U. S. SS returned from patrol, reports sinking 2 enemy AO's and 3 coastal vessels for a total of 17,247-tons and damaging an AK of 4,100-tons.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 22 July 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

Due to adverse weather conditions there were no air attacks on Kiska on 20 July.

Preliminary study of photographs taken over Paramushiro and Shimushu on 16 July, shows 2 Jap seaplane bases at Lake Bettobu, at the SW end of Shimushu. 9 twin-float and 19 single floatplanes were beached or anchored there. 3 airfields were observed: 1, 4,000 by 800-foot under construction at Kataoka, Shimushu, a usable field 3,700 by 165-foot at Kashiwabara, Paramushiro, and another field, 3,600 by 200-foot under construction at Imainak, Shimushu, at the N. entrance to the strait. No planes were seen on these fields.

At Kataoka, 6 DD's or PC's, 6 AK's and over 75 100-foot fishing boats were seen, while S. of Kashiwabara, 1 CA, 3 CL's, 10 DD's or PC's, and 4 AK's were observed.

Both at Kashiwabara and Kataoka, building construction appeared heavy - heavier than elsewhere along the strait.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

In the Lambotu Plantation area, E. of Munda airfield, 36 SBD's, in support of our ground forces, bombed Jap gun emplacements during the afternoon of 20 July. Considerable enemy activity is reported, on an unreported date, on the N. flank of our ground forces just E. of Munda airfield.

In support of our reinforced ground forces in the area, Bairoko Harbor was bombed a number of times during 21 July by 90 SBD's, 84 TBF's, 22 B-25's and 34 fighter sorties. 133-tons of bombs were dropped on enemy positions and the area was strafed. 5 fires were started and 1 H/G position was destroyed. All our planes returned safely.

(B) New Ireland

On 20 July, 120 miles NE of Kavieng, 2 large AK's with aircraft on their decks were sighted on a Southerly course during the morning. 1 of these ships was left burning after attack by an Allied reconnaissance plane.

(C) New Britain

At midday on 20 July, Arawe, a Jap base W. of Gasmata, was...
bombed by a single B-24 on reconnaissance. Four 500-lb. bombs were dropped. No results were reported. On the afternoon of the same day, 3 CL's and 6 DD's were reported on a westerly course off Cape Orford.

(D) New Guinea

During the morning of 20 July, 9 Jap bombers, escorted by 20 to 30 fighters, bombed and strafed Bena Bena. Damage was slight and there were no casualties.

In the Komiatum area, during the morning of 20 July, 6 A-20's attacked Jap positions. 1 A-20 was lost. At the same time, a village in the Salama area was strafed by a single B-25. A fire was started. At midday, the same day, Alexishafen airdrome was bombed by 5 B-25's. Large fires in the fuel dump and revetment areas were reported. About the same time, Madang was attacked by 24 B-25's and Bogadjim, about 15 miles S. of Madang, was bombed by 3 other B-25's. Fires were reported at Madang after the attack but no results were observed at Bogadjim.

(E) N.E.I.

During the night of 19-20 July, 3 B-25's attacked the airdrome at Cape Chater, N.E. Timor, while 3 other B-25's bombed dump and supply areas at Lautem, in the same area. A single B-25 bombed Dili, N. central Timor, and 7 A-20's bombed the barracks area at Kopeang, SW Timor. Fires and explosions were observed following all of these attacks.

During the afternoon of 20 July, 2 B-24's unsuccessfully bombed a DD and a medium sized AX near Sorong. The planes reported observing 14 small vessels along the coast in the vicinity of Sorong.

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Japanese Naval Activities  
Summary as of 0800, 21 July 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

Additional details of the attack reported in the Summary for 20 July as having occurred at 1620 W, 18 July, revealed that a B-24 dropped 3 500-lb. bombs, scoring 2 hits in the tent area NW of Salmon Lagoon, Kiska. On the morning of 20 July, at 0200 W, the main camp and Gertrude Cove areas on Kiska were shelled by 2 DD's. The Japs returned no fire.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

In the Santa Isabel area, 2 B-24's on reconnaissance unsuccessfully bombed 5 Jap floatplanes in Rokata Bay on 19 July.

In the Bougainville area, photographs over Buin and vicinity taken in the forenoon of 19 July, revealed 10 small auxiliaries and 1 small A0 in Buin Anchorage, while 50 fighters, 10 dive bombers and 3 medium bombers were on the field at Kahili. 17 floatplanes were at Feisi and partial coverage showed 1 fighter and 4 medium bombers at Ballale. The following morning, between 0030 and 0258 L, Kahili was attacked by 18 B-24's which dropped 170 500-lb. bombs on the runway. 4 fires were observed. The same planes dropped 10 500-lb. bombs on Ballale with unobserved results. 7 of the B-24's were attacked by Jap night fighters. 1 Jap 2-engined fighter was destroyed and 1 B-24 is missing. 1 Jap fighter followed the B-24's as far as Russells Island.

In the New Georgia area, 179 Japs were killed during the night of 17-18 July when Allied ground forces enlarged the beachhead they had previously established at Lillo, E. by S. of Munda airfield. On 19 July, 18 SBD's and 19 TBF's bombed Jap positions in the Bairoko area as designated by Allied ground forces, and later the same day, the Bairoko beach area was bombed and strafed by 8 B-25's.

On the night of 19 July, shortly before 2400 L, Allied planes sighted a Jap force believed to consist of 3 CL's, 6 DD's and 2 AP's. The ships, 10 miles NW of Vella Lavella, were apparently heading for Vila through Vella Gulf. At 0300 L, 20 July, the 2 AP's and 3 DD's headed for Vila via Slokett Strait, leaving the rest of the force in Vella Gulf to cover their flight. Both groups of ships were bombed for the remainder of the night and early morning by B-17's, B-25's, TBF's and SBD's. 1 CL and 2 DD's were sunk, 1 DD was probably sunk, 1 DD was hit and 1 AP was hit. 2 B-25's and 2 TBF's are missing.
(B) **Ellice Islands**

Funaafuti was raided by 3 Jap bombers at 0057 M on 20 July. 8 bombs were dropped but no particular damage resulted and none of our personnel was injured. 2 of our fighters unsuccessfully attempted interception.

(C) **New Guinea**

A single B-24 bombed the dispersal area of the airrome at Finschhafen on 19 July and, in the Salamaua area, a B-25 on reconnaissance in the forenoon of the same day, destroyed 40 feet of dock bridge over the Francisco River. At the same time, 7 A-20's supporting Allied ground forces bombed Jap positions in the Komiatum area.

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Japanese Naval Activities

Summary as of 0800, 20 July 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

The Kure-Chiru-Shimushu area was bombed about 1120 W on 18 July, by 8 B-24's from Adak. 3 of the planes dropped 12 500-lb. bombs on Jap ships in the strait. 9 of the bombs were near misses. The other 3 planes dropped 18 500-lb. bombs on the runway at the airfield. No direct hits were observed but buildings E. and S. of the field were set afire. The runway was estimated to be 5,000-feet long. Another strip, about half finished was seen across the strait at Katsuka, Shimushu, where the base itself was estimated to cover about 1 square mile. Some installations were seen at Cape Miyagawa and Cape Arakata, S. of the harbor. The planes over the strait met 4 to 6 bursts of A/A fire which were all short. 4 Jap planes in the air made no attempt to intercept. The weather was good with ceiling and visibility unlimited although there was haze over the harbor.

At 1620 W the same day, the main camp and Gertrude Cove areas were bombed by 16 B-25's, 2 B-24's and 1 B-34 from Adak. Using radar, the planes dropped 12.75-ton bombs through the overcast. A/A fire was meager.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

In the Bougainville area, Kahili airstrip and shipping in the vicinity of Buin were attacked on the morning of 18 July. 15 B-24's bombing the field while 6 B-24's, 18 TBF's and 17 SBD's covered by 64 P-40's, 44 P-47's, 20 P-40's and 6 P-39's attacked the shipping. 1 AK was sunk, 2 DD's and 1 AK were damaged. 21 intercepting Zeros were shot down. Our losses were 6 P-40's, 3 P-47's, and 1 TBF. Kahili and Ballale airstrips were attacked during the early morning hours of the following day. 6 B-17's dropped 48 500-lb. bombs on the Kahili runway with unobserved results. 2 B-17's dropped 16 500-lb. bombs on Ballale, starting a large fire. 1 B-17 is missing. An hour or so later, Ballale was again attacked, this time by 7 B-25's which dropped 42 300-lb. bombs. 2 fires were reported.

During the early hours of 18 July, 6 Jap DD's were intercepted by Allied PT's off the W. coast of Kolombangara Island. 1 torpedo hit on 1 DD was reported. A little later, 3 enemy DD's, possibly of the same 6 previously attacked, were engaged by Allied surface vessels off the W. coast of Kolombangara. Hits were observed on all the ships but results could not be definitely determined. However, at least 1 of the DD's was believed sunk.
In the Manda area on 19 July, 20 TBF's and 10 SBD's, supporting ground troops, attacked the Japs N. of the Munda runway at 0830 L. 1 fire was started. All our planes returned safely.

(B) **Pacific Islands**

During the early morning of 18 July, a flight of 3 or more Jap planes raided Canton Island. 6 to 8 bombs were dropped but no damage resulted. 2 U. S. fighters in the air were unable to contact the enemy planes.

(C) **New Britain**

A small Jap AK anchored about 15 miles SW of Cape Orford was attacked by 3 B-25's on recco on the morning of 18 July. The AK was sunk by 2 direct hits. The same planes strafed enemy barges along the coast between Cape Orford and Gasmata and also unsuccessfully attacked a Southbound surfaced SS 50 miles SW of Gasmata.

(D) **New Guinea**

Early on 17 July, an Allied surface vessel on patrol destroyed a large Jap barge 6 miles N. of Salamaua.

In the Salamaua area, 6 A-20's bombed and strafed enemy positions in Bobdbi during the morning of 18 July, 7 B-25's simultaneously bombing the coast area S. of Salamaua Isthmus, the airdrome area was attacked by a B-25 and a B-24 and hits were scored on possible ammunition dumps. The B-24 earlier strafed a village near Salidor.

Between Lee and Salamaua, on the early afternoon of the same day, 6 P-38's intercepted approximately 30 Jap planes including 17 fighters. 2 of the enemy fighters were destroyed, 1 were probably destroyed and 2 were damaged. All of the P-38's returned safely.

(B) **E. I.**

At midday on 18 July, 2 A-29's on reconnaissance bombed Kaukenau with unobserved results. That night, 13 B-24's attacked Macasser. Fires were reported as a result of the attack.

(F) **Australia**

On the morning of 18 July, Spitfires destroyed 1 of 2 Jap reconnaissance planes which appeared over the Darwin area.

(C) **Ceylon**

On the early morning of 19 July, a single Jap plane approached the E. coast of Ceylon. There was no report of any bombs dropped.
III. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS reports sinking a Jap cannery ship similar to the Taihoku Maru type, 8,200 gross tons.

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I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Photographs of Buka, taken at 0840 L on 17 July, revealed 4 medium bombers and 4 fighters on the runway. Photographs taken at the same time in the Buin area, revealed 2 medium bombers, 10 dive bombers and 32 fighters at Kahili, 5 medium bombers and 5 fighters at Balila, 17 floatplanes at Faisi and between Buin and Kahili 1 CL, 3 PC's, 6 DD's, 3 AK's and 2 AO's.

During the night from 2100 L, 16 July, to 0537 L, 17 July, Kahili airport was attacked by 17 B-24's, 8 B-17's and 6 PB4Y's which dropped 600 fragmentation clusters in the area starting 1 large and a number of small fires. Zero night fighters intercepted and 1 PB4Y is missing. Later the same morning between 0920 and 0940 L, 15 TBF's, 37 SBD's and 7 B-24's under an escort of 114 fighters bombed shipping in the Buin area. 1 CL or UL, 2 DD's, 1 PC, 2 AK's and 1 AO were sunk and 1 AK was beached. 44 Zeros and 5 floatplanes were destroyed. 2 P-38's, 1 P4U and 1 SBD are missing.

In the New Georgia area, Allied positions at Enei Inlet were unsuccessfully bombed by Jap floatplanes during the night and early morning of 16-17 July. At 1500 L on 17 July, 18,000-lb. bombs were dropped in the Bairoko area by 18 TBF's. No results were observed. All our planes returned safely. The Japs are believed to have consolidated their positions SW of Bairoko Harbor.

Off Pakoi Bay, NW of Vella Lavella, a small Jap AK was strafed and set on fire at 2100 L, 17 July, by a PB4Y after another PB4Y had unsuccessfully bombed the vessel. At 0145 L, 18 July, 6 Jap DD's were intercepted by our PT's off the W. coast of Kolombangara Island. A torpedo hit was scored on 1 enemy DD. At 1445 L the same day, the Lambeti area (about a mile N. of Munda airfield) and Jap gun positions N. of the field, were bombed by 36 SBD's and 26 TBF's which dropped 26,000-lb. and 36,000-lb. bombs with unobserved results. All our planes returned safely.

Guadalcanal was attacked by Jap planes on 17 July. 11 bombs were dropped and 9 men were wounded.
(B) New Britain

On 17 July, a small AK was strafed in Wide Bay, Eastern New Britain, by a B-25 on reconnaissance and 2 probable Jap cruisers were later sighted in the same vicinity heading NE.

(c) New Guinea

Salamauna was attacked in the forenoon of 17 July by 20 B-25's which bombed and strafed the airfield, buildings and fuel and ammunition dumps. 30-tons of bombs were dropped and hits scored in the fuel and ammunition stores. At noon the same day, Las was bombed by a B-24 on reconnaissance. 4 500-lb. bombs were dropped with unobserved results.

(c) N.E.I.

10 miles SE of Pak Pak, a small Jap AK was strafed by 1 of 2 B-34's on reconnaissance on 17 July. Both planes then bombed A道士 village, Selaru Island. 3 250-lb. bombs were unsuccessfully dropped on the AK before it was strafed. 7 250-lb. bombs were dropped on the village with unobserved results. That night, Lautem, NE Timor, was attacked by 8 Dutch B-25's which dropped 26 500-lb. demolition "daisy cutters", 14 500-lb. instantaneous demolition bombs and 2 incendiary clusters on the runway and the town. A large explosion was observed in the fuel dump and fires were seen. 3 500-lb. demolition "daisy cutters" were also dropped over Dili, with unobserved results.

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Japanese Naval Activities

Summary as of 0800, 16 July 1943.

I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Photographs of the Roi area the morning of 16 July revealed 5 DD's, 2 PC's, 2 AO's, 4 AK's and 4 auxiliaries. There were 61 fighters and 15 bombers at Kahili, 4 bombers and a fighter at Ballale and 23 floatplanes at Faisi.

The same morning, the Munda area was heavily bombed by 37 SBD's and 37 TBF's, and during the afternoon 18 SBD's and a like number of TBF's again bombed targets in the Munda area. Results were not reported.

Off the NW coast of Vella Lavella, an enemy barge was strafed and set afire by 4 F4U's the same day.

Before midnight 16 July, enemy planes made 3 attacks on our positions in the Guadalcanal area. Some hits were reported on fuel dumps and in a camp area. Savo Island received 3 bombs but no damage resulted.

(B) Caroline Islands

An enemy naval force including 2 CV's, 1 ACV, 1 Av, 2 cruisers and DD's was reported heading S. at 0700 K, 16 July, at a point approximately 170 miles N. of Truk.

(C) Nauru Island

Nauru Island was bombed by 6 Allied planes at 2354 L 16 July. Numerous small fires and a large one were started as a result of 18 500-lb. "daisy cutters", which fell on the target area. All our planes returned as enemy A/A fire was ineffective.

(D) New Ireland-New Britain

At 2000 K, 16 July, an enemy AP and AO with escort were sighted heading S. at a point approximately 210 miles N. of Kavieng. The following day at 1300 K, 5 enemy AP's escorted by a DD were seen moving around Cape St. George towards Rabaul.

(E) New Guinea

It was reported that a large number of Jap troops arrived at Aitape (80 miles W. of Newak) on 15 July.
During the morning of 16 July, 4 enemy planes attacked Lasanga Island (10 miles SE of Nassau Bay). The planes were reported driven off by A/A fire.

The following day, a B-24 on reconnaissance bombed Salamaus starting 2 large fires, while 6 A-20's bombed and strafed enemy positions near Bobdue.

(F) N.E.I.

At dawn, 16 July, 3 Beaufighters strafed villages and the coast of Trangan Island (Aroe Islands). Enemy floatplanes from the Taberfane sea-plane base attempted interception and 1 enemy plane was reported damaged.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 17 July 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

The Gertrude Cove and North Head areas of Kiska were attacked 4
times during the day of 16 July. 8 B-25's and 1 B-24 from Adak and 3 missions
from Anchorage, totaling 6 B-24's, 6 B-25's and 2 P-38's, dropped 31.9-tons of
bombs. Hits in both target areas were reported and fires were observed near
A/A positions at Gertrude Cove. 1 of our planes was damaged by A/A fire. There
were no air attacks on Kiska the following day.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Marshall Islands

A preliminary study of photographs taken over Jaluit on 11 July
indicate that there is a seaplane base there and ship anchorage at the E. end
of the island. 1 small and 2 large hangars and 2 seaplane ramps were observed
and 3 medium AK's, 4 small AK's, 2 auxiliaries, 4 flyingboats and 8 floatplanes
were seen in the lagoon.

(B) Solomon Islands

In the Choiseul area, an SS was sighted during the morning of
15 July 10 miles WSW of Choiseul Bay.

In the New Georgia area, Lilo, approximately 2 miles E. by S.
of Munda, was reached by Allied ground forces on the evening of 13 July and they
were joined by additional troops landed there the following morning. That
night, a Jap counter-attack was repulsed by the ground forces and our artillery
destroyed 4 enemy guns. Allied ground troops in the Enogai and Rice anchorage
areas, NE of Munda, were bombad at 1930 L, 14 July, by 2 Jap planes but there
was no damage and no casualties. Very early the following morning, 2 Jap planes
again unsuccessfully bombed the same areas.

Vila was attacked by 36 TBF's and 36 SBD's the afternoon of 15
July. Heavy fires were started. Later in the day, 2 Jap floatplanes were seen
taking off from this base. That morning, off the W. coast of Baga Island, 2
small Jap AK's were attacked by 4 B-25's escorted by 12 F4U's. 1 AK was sunk
and the other left in flames. The same planes strafed Jap positions on N.
Ganongga Island. A barge was left burning near Pako Bay, NE Vella Lavella,
at noon 15 July, after it had been strafed by 2 F4U's. During the same after-
noon, 4 B-25's under cover of 8 P-38's and 8 P-40's attacked 2 Jap barges off
NE Ganongga Island, leaving both in a sinking condition.
Jap barges at Bairoku were bombed and strafed by 18 SBD's on the afternoon of 16 July as Allied patrols pushed towards the area from Enogai.

(C) New Guinea

Approximately 950 Jap troops were killed during the occupation of Kubo which was completed on 13 July. Allied positions in the Nassau Bay area were attacked before dawn on 14 July by 9 Jap bombers and shortly thereafter, 6 Jap bombers raided our positions in the Kubo area without success. During the early afternoon, trails in the Komatim area, between Kubo and Salamaua, were strafed by 7 A-20's.

Shortly before dawn on 16 July, 1 PBY on reconnaissance strafed Finschhafen. There were no results observed.

(D) N.E.I.

2 A-23's bombed Keaukwa, a Jap-held village in the Kaukenau area, on the afternoon of 15 July. No results were reported. Early that morning, a PBY strafed Jap installations at Dobo and Taberfane, and that night a seaplane base was attacked by 4 A-29's. No results were observed.

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Regraded Unclassified
I. Northwestern Pacific

Kiska was shelled at 0500 W on 15 July by a U. S. DD which fired 100 rounds into the area around Gertrude Cove. The Japs did not reply.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Buka airdrome was bombed by 9 B-24's which dropped 180 fragmentation clusters on the airdrome between 2042 and 2330 L on 15 July. No results were observed. The following morning, photographs revealed 6 Jap fighters and 6 bombers on the field.

In the Bougainville area, the airdrome at Kahili was attacked between 2042 and 2400 L on 15 July. 9 B-24's and 8 B-17's dropped 64 500-lb. bombs and 320 fragmentation clusters. A fire in the dispersal area was observed. Photographs made the following morning showed 54 Jap fighters and 16 dive bombers on the field. Photographs of the Shortlands Islands area the same morning revealed 10 Jap DD's, 4 PC's, 4 A.K's (3 of them small) and 6 probable sea trucks.

Over Rendova, in the New Georgia area, at 1430 L on 15 July, 44 U. S. fighters intercepted 27 Jap bombers escorted by an estimated 40-60 Zeros and at least 1 twin-engined fighter. In the ensuing engagement, 15 Jap bombers and 30 Zeros were shot down. 3 of our pilots are missing.

(B) New Guinea

Over Salamaua, on the morning of 14 July, 3 Jap dive bombers were intercepted by 11 Allied P-40's on patrol. All 3 Jap planes were destroyed. 1 P-40 was lost.

That afternoon, a single Allied B-24 on reconnaissance dropped 4 500-lb. bombs on Lae with unobserved results.

Allied positions in the Nassau Bay area were attacked during the morning of 15 July by 9 Jap dive bombers. There were no casualties or damage.
During the night of 14 July, a Jap runway at Cape Chater, NE Timor, was attacked by 4 Dutch B-25's which dropped 8 500-lb. instantaneous demolition, 16 500-lb. telescopic nose top instantaneous demolition bombs and 6 incendiary clusters. No results were observed. The same night, 3 RAAF A-29's bombed the runway at Lautem, NE Timor, dropping 25 100-lb. demolition bombs and 94 100-lb. incendiaries. 2 large explosions and several fires were observed.

Koepang, NE Timor, was also attacked that night. 7 B-24's dropped 135 100-lb. demolition bombs and an unreported number of incendiaries. Fires and explosions were observed. The planes reported that the searchlights in the area appeared to be radar controlled.

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Japanese Naval Activities  
Summary as of 0800, July 15, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

The Gertrude Cove area of Kiska was bombarded at 0100 W on 14 July by a U. S. DD which encountered no return fire from the enemy. 4 more Japs were found in the Cape Khlebnikof area, Attu, but they escaped.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Partial photographic coverage of Kahili, Bougainville area, on the morning of 12 July, reveals 34 fighters and 13 dive bombers while 3 medium bombers, 2 DD's and a small A0 are revealed at Balisle. That night, between 2110 and 2310 L, Balisle was attacked by 17 B-17's. 96 500-lb. bombs were dropped and fires were started.

The next day off Buin, photographs of the area at 0835 L revealed 7 Jap DD's. 4 more were possibly in the general vicinity but not at Buin at that time.

In the New Georgia area, a large Jap SS was reported sunk by an Allied DD in Kula Gulf on the night of 11-12 July. The following night, Vila, Kolombangara Island, was attacked by 2 B-17's which dropped 24 500-lb. bombs with unobserved results.

Late reports of the surface vessel engagement in Kula Gulf early the morning of 13 July state that 3 Allied CL's and 10 DD's engaged 6 Jap ships N. of Kolombangara Island. 1 Jap CL was sunk, 3 Jap DD's were sunk and 2 more DD's were probably sunk. 4 Jap DD's engaged later, retired to the N. 4 Allied ships were damaged by torpedoes and a DD sank while under tow.

Passing through Blackett Strait, 4 Jap DD's arrived at and departed from Vila before dawn on the morning of 13 July.

Supporting ground forces in the area, 18 TBF's and 28 SBD's dropped 32-ton bombs on Jap A/A positions and bivouac areas at Munda on 13 July. A large fire was reported. The same morning, over Langedale Point (Visuvisi), NE of Munda, 18 Jap dive bombers under an escort of 10 Zeros, were intercepted by 8 P40's and 7 P-38's. 4 Zeros were destroyed and the bombers forced to jettison their loads. 1 Allied fighter was lost but the pilot was saved. On the NE coast of Vanuatu Island, 3 Jap barges containing 150 men were destroyed by Allied shore batteries.

At 1705 L on 14 July, 2 large Jap barges, of a new type, were bombed and strafed at Hunda Cove, SW Kolombangara Island, by 7 B-25's escorted by 18 P-40's. 1 barge was left burning. 1 P-40 was forced down but the pilot was saved. Later the same morning, in Beagle Channel, SW Vella Lavella, a small Jap AK was destroyed by 9 B-25's under an escort of 14 P-40's. These planes later sank another barge at Hunda Cove.
(B) **New Guinea**

4 Jap positions in the Mubo area, SSW of Salamaua, were captured by Allied ground forces on 12 July. The following morning, a B-24 on reconnaissance bombed and strafed 3 loaded Jap barges in the Salidor area, on Vitiac Strait. 2 barges were set afire after 4 500-lb. bombs had been dropped.

17 Jap bombers, escorted by 15 fighters, attacked the Bena Bena area during the morning but no damage was reported. The same morning, 3 B-17's bombed Lae, dropping 44 100-lb. bombs, 71 20-lb. fragmentation bombs, 68 4-lb. incendiaries and 24 100-lb. "daisy cutters". Several fires were started and hits scored on revetment areas. Shortly afterwards, the town and runway were bombed by 4 B-17's which dropped 523 20-lb. fragmentation bombs and 12 500-lb. "daisy cutters". Later the shore area was bombed by 4 B-24's which dropped 56 500-lb. bombs.

46 B-25's bombed the Salamaua area the early morning of 13 July. 50-tons of bombs were dropped on the town and airstrip. Observation of the results was prevented by heavy smoke over the area.

(C) **N.E.I.**

During the night of 12-13 July, 2 RAAF PBY's attacked Langgoer, Kai Islands, dropping 8 500-lb. 8 250-lb. and 62 20-lb fragmentation bombs. No results were reported. Dobu, N. of Tabarvane in the Arac Islands, was attacked by a single RAAF PBY on the same night. 4 500-lb., 4 250-lb. and 23 20-lb. fragmentation bombs were dropped. Results were not observed.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, 14 July 1943.

I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Off the Russell Islands, NW of Guadalcanal, an Allied night
fighter destroyed a Jap bomber during the night of 11-12 July. The following
morning, photographs partially covering the area, revealed 34 fighters and 13
dive bombers at Kahili and 5 medium bombers, 2 DD's and a small AO at Ballale.

During the Allied advance to Enogai Inlet, on New Georgia Island,
the Jap casualties are reported as 150 known dead and many wounded.

(B) New Britain

On the morning of 12 July, Lakunai and Rapopo airdromes and the
town of Rabaul were attacked by a total of 15 B-24's. The planes dropped over
20 tons of bombs which started fires in the town and at both airfields. A/A
fire was heavy and accurate. 1 of our bombers is missing. The same morning,
on Carove Island, Vitu group N of New Britain, 4 500-lb. bombs were dropped
on buildings by a single B-17 on reconnaissance. No results were observed.

(C) New Guinea

Allied positions in the Mubo and Nassau Bay areas were attacked
on the morning of 12 July by a formation of Jap light bombers under an escort
of fighters. No damage was reported. Ground forces continued active in the
Mubo and Bobdabi area during the day.

(D) N. E. I.

Keaukwa Village, near Kaukenau, was bombed at noon on 12 July.
9 100-lb. bombs were dropped by 2 RAAF A-29's. The same morning, Selaru,
Taniiter Islands, was attacked by 2 Dutch B-25's which bombed the airfield and
strafed areas in the vicinity. 12 500-lb. bombs and 2 incendiary clusters
were dropped.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, July 13, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

3 missions from Amchitka, consisting of 6 B-24's and 6 B-25's, led by B-34's, attacked Kiska on July 11. Through solid overcast, 29.6 tons of bombs were dropped on the main camp and North Head. Light A/A fire was encountered by 1 of the missions. The B-25 reported missing after the attack on I Jap AK's SW of Attu on July 10, has returned safely.

There were no air attacks on Kiska on July 12 because of adverse weather, fog and low ceilings.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) New Britain

On July 11, the town of Rabaul and the Vunakanau and Hapopo airdromes were attacked by a total of 8 B-24's and 10 B-17's which dropped over 34 tons of large bombs in addition to small fragmentation and incendiary bombs. Moderate A/A fire was encountered over the target. All our planes returned, but 1 B-17 crashed in the water before landing. The crew was saved.

(B) New Guinea

On July 11, enemy positions on Bobdubli Ridge were attacked by 32 B-24's which dropped over 43 tons of bombs in an area which had been outlined with mortar smoke bombs by Allied ground forces. The bombers were under an escort of 8 P-38's, 7 P-39's and 5 P-40's which destroyed 5 intercepting Jap fighters and probably destroyed 2 others. 2 of our fighters are missing.

Some of these planes observed about 80 beached Jap barges between Kela Point and the Franciscoo River during the morning. 12 B-25's and 7 A-20's were unable to locate them, however, in the afternoon and, instead, bombed and strafed the Salamaua Isthmus, the airdrome and nearby villages.

(C) N. E. I.

On the night of July 11, Penfoei, SW Timor, was bombed by 6 Dutch B-25's which dropped 8 250-lb. incendiaries and 28 500-lb. instantaneous demolition bombs. Fires in the area were reported.
PBY's strafed 2 Jap flying boats and 6 floatplanes at Taberfane, Aroe Islands, on the same night. Hits were reported on 3 of the floatplanes and 1 of the flying boats. The PBY's also strafed the town of Dobo, N of Taberfane, and a floatplane at Kaimana, S coast of Dutch New Guinea.
I. Northwestern Pacific

In the Holtz Pass - Massacre Bay area on Attu, 4 more Japs were captured on July 10. 8 B-25's from Attu bombed Paramushiro at 1045W. Bombs were dropped through heavy overcast which prevented observation of results. Neither A/A fire nor fighter opposition was encountered and all our planes returned safely. That night, approximately 300 miles SW of Attu, 4 Jap AK's were attacked at 2035W by 6 medium and 7 heavy bombers. 1 ship was reported sunk, 1 badly damaged and 2 hit. 1 medium bomber is missing.

The following morning, in the pre-dawn hours, Kiska was bombarded by a U.S. DD which concentrated its fire on the Gertrude Cove area and Little Kiska. There was no return fire by the Japs.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Kahili, in the Bougainville area, was attacked between 1910 and 2200L the night of July 10, by 16 B-24's which dropped 160 500-lb. bombs. An explosion and a number of fires were reported. 3 Jap planes, 1 of which was using a searchlight, were met over the target but no damage resulted from the exchange of fire. 1 B-24 is missing and is believed an operational loss. Kahili was bombed again on the following day by 9 B-17's and 9 B-24's which dropped 354 fragmentation clusters on the airfield with unobserved results.

On New Georgia Island, Allied ground forces, on July 9, reported the Enogai Inlet area secure and the Jap trail running from Bairoko NE to Munda effectively blocked. 2 groups of Japs, attempting to reach Munda from Bairoko, were turned back. 60 were killed. Our casualties were light.

Over Rendova, an unknown number of Jap fighters and bombers were intercepted at 1150 L, July 10, by 8 F4U's. 1 Jap bomber was destroyed and 3 F4U's are missing. At 1510L, another unknown number of Jap fighters and bombers were intercepted over Rendova. 2 Zeros were destroyed while 2 F4U's and 1 P-39 were shot down. 1 pilot was recovered.
The following day, July 11, 2 small AK's and 3 barges were seen arriving at Vila, Kolombangara Island, and Jap floatplanes are reported to arrive there regularly every night at dusk. During the night, Rendova had 6 alerts and 19 bombs were dropped on Allied positions during the first run with no reported damage. Munda was bombarded the same night by U.S. surface vessels but there were no results observed. On July 12, at 0955L, Munda was attacked by 49 TBPs and 37 SBD's, under a cover of fighters. Bombs were dropped on A/A positions and bivouac areas but no results were reported. The same morning, Vila was bombed by an unknown number of U.S. bombers which dropped 72 100-lb. bombs and 72 incendiary clusters. Several fires were observed. All our planes returned safely.

During the night of July 11 - 12, Koli Point, Guadalcanal, and nearby areas were attacked 3 times by enemy planes. Incomplete reports indicate that 1 man was wounded.

(B) N. E. I.

Boela, Ceram Island, was attacked on the night of July 10, by 2 B-24's. Heavy fires were reported started in the oil installations. Babo, on Bintuni Gulf, Dutch New Guinea, was bombed by 4 B-24's. Fires were reported started among buildings. The bombers were intercepted by 10 Zeros of which 4 were destroyed, 1 probably destroyed and 1 damaged. 1 B-24 was destroyed and another was missing.

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Summary as of 0800, July 11, 1943

I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

On July 10, Munda was attacked by 38 SB2C's and 48 TBF's. Dumps, AA positions and bivouac areas were hit.

During the night of July 10-11, a PBY on patrol discovered an enemy force of 1 CL and 3 DD's about 20 miles W. of Vella Lavella. The patrol plane was in contact with the ships for about 2 hours before losing them, but the group was contacted by other patrol planes during the night. No further details are yet available.

4 - 500 pound bombs were dropped on Vila by a patrol plane during the same night with unobserved results.

Munda was again attacked by 34 SB2C's and 35 TBF's at 1035L on July 11. One ton and half ton bombs were dropped on bivouac areas, and AA positions but with unobserved results.

(B) New Guinea

Allied positions in the Nassau Bay area were attacked by 3 enemy planes during the morning of July 9. 1 man was wounded in the strafing attacks.

The Salamaua area was bombed repeatedly by Allied planes during the day on July 10. Enemy troop concentrations, installations and supply lines to the east and west of Salamaua, and on the isthmus, were the targets.

(C) Pacific Islands

On July 9, a PBY on patrol encountered an enemy 4-engine flying boat about 400 miles W. of Canton Island. The enemy plane broke away after an 18 minute engagement and went westward. Our plane was not damaged and there were no casualties.
II. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS has reported probably sinking a 5400 ton enemy AK and damaging a second. The SS also reported 3 torpedo hits on a 10,000 ton AO and possibly 2 hits on an ACV.

A second U.S. SS has reported sinking 8500 tons and damaging 8600 tons of enemy shipping.

A third U.S. SS reports sinking 24,000 tons and probably sinking 6000 tons of shipping.

A fourth U.S. SS reports 5 torpedo hits on 3 enemy AK's.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, July 10, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

Due to adverse weather, there were no combat or reconnaissance flights in the Western Aleutian area on July 8. Very early the next morning, however, Kiska was bombarded by a U.S. DD which concentrated its fire on the Gertrude Cove area. The shelling continued from 0140 to 0325W. Light and inaccurate fire was returned by the Japs.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

In the Bougainville area, about 40 miles E of Buin, 4 Jap CL's and 4 DD's were unsuccessfully attacked at 2155L by a PBY which dropped 2 600-lb. bombs. Photographs at 0915L, the next morning, revealed 1 CA, 1 CL, 6 DD's, 2 PC's, 3 AK's, 1 AO and 6 auxiliaries in the Buin-Mahili area and 1 AK off Ballale.

Rendova, in the New Georgia area, was attacked by 40 - 45 Zeros at 1445L on July 9. The attackers were intercepted by U.S. P4Fs which shot down 4 Zeros. 1 P4F is missing.

In the Rice Anchorage area, New Georgia Island, N of Mundie, the situation involving our ground forces is not clear but it is possible that these troops have made contact with the enemy about 3-4 miles E of Enogai Inlet which is 5 of Rice Anchorage. The Viru Harbor situation is reported as normal with some sniper and patrol activity.

Early on the morning of July 10, the same Jap force which had been unsuccessfully attacked 40 miles E of Buin at 2155L the night before, was again unsuccessfully attacked in Rula Gulf, about 10 miles E of Vila, when a PBY dropped 4,100-lb. bombs on the ships at 0140. Between C245 and 0355L this Jap force was again attacked by 44 PBY's which claimed 2 hits, although no fires were observed. The same morning, 1 of the PBY's which had failed to contact the Jap ships bombed Vila. 8 500-lb. bombs were dropped but no results were observed.

A Jap DD beached on SE Kolombangara Island was bombed and strafed by 5 B-25's early the same morning and 3 other B-25's strafed Bari, NW tip of Ganongga Island. All our planes returned safely.
(B) New Guinea

Buildings at Finschhafen, approximately 75 miles NE of Salamaua, were bombed by an Allied B-24 on reconnaissance over the area on the morning of July 8. The results were not observed. The following morning, Jap positions in the Salamaua area were attacked by 8 B-25's. The results were not reported.

(C) N. E. I.

3 B-25's bombed the airfield at Dili, N Central Timor, on July 9, concentrating on the dispersal area. No results were reported. 5 other B-25's bombed the runway at Cape Chater, N.E. Timor, but the results were not observed because of adverse weather. The same day, 2 A-20's unsuccessfully attacked the runway at Timika, where no Jap planes were seen.

III. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS reports damaging and probably sinking an AO.

Another U.S. SS, returning from patrol, reports sinking a 5,500 ton AK, damaging and probably sinking an 8,700 ton AO, sinking a 40 ton schooner by gunfire and a 75 ton junk by gunfire.

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I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

In the Bougainville area, Kahili was attacked by 3 B-24's at 0001 on July 8, and about the same time 4 other B-24's attacked Bain and Poporang in the same area. 30 500-lb. bombs were dropped on Kahili and 40 were dropped on Bain and Poporang. There were no results observed over any of these targets. All our planes returned safely.

In the New Georgia area, Vila was attacked by 18 SBD's and 19 TBF's, under an escort of 16 P40's, on July 6. 28 tons of bombs were dropped but no results were observed. The following day, 9 B-25's attacked Vila, starting 6 fires. No other details of the attack were reported.

On July 9, Munda was shelled from 0500L to 0600L by U.S. DD's but no details of the bombardment were reported. U.S. planes bombed the Bougainville area, in the vicinity of Baroko Harbor, at 0800L. Our land forces were reported making progress on New Georgia Island in the Munda area.

(B) New Britain

On July 7, an Allied B-27 bombed an enemy camp near the Cape Gloucester airfield. Results were not reported.

(C) New Guinea

On July 7, Jap positions at Labu Lagoon, just SW of Lae, were attacked by 3 B-25's. No results were observed. The same day, Bobibi, in the Salamaua area, was raided by 3 A-20's but no results were reported. Enemy positions in the Kubo area were also attacked on the same morning. 45 B-25's, 11 B-24's and 7 A-20's dropped over 100 tons of bombs. After these air attacks, Allied troops occupied Observation Hill, 1 mile W of Kubo.

On July 8, 2 of 10 attacking Jap Zeros were shot down by 4 intercepting Allied P-38's over the Bena Bena area. There were no Allied planes lost.

In the Kubo area, on the morning of July 8, Jap positions were bombed and strafed by 20 B-25's. No results were observed. The same day, a total of 34 B-25's and 6 A-20's attacked the Salamaua area, dropping almost 50 tons of bombs on enemy installations at Kela Point and Malolo Village (both NW of Salamaua) and trails in the Logui vicinity (S of the town and E of the airfield). Direct hits on buildings and a number of fires were reported.
(D) N. E. I.

Selaru Island, Tenimbar Islands, was attacked during the morning of July 7 by 2 Dutch B-25's which dropped 12 500-lb. bombs and 4 clusters of incendiaries on the airfield. No results were reported. That night, Penfoei airfield, SW Timor, was attacked by 7 Allied A-20's and a number of fires, some of which were believed to be burning planes, were started. At dawn, on July 8, the same area was attacked by 6 Allied B-24's which started fires among hangars and buildings. The heavy bombers were met by 14 Zeros of which 3 were destroyed and 5 probably destroyed.

(E) Australia

A revised tally of the Japanese plane attack of July 6, on the Darwin area, as reported in the Summary of July 8, reveals that 10 of the attacking bombers and 2 fighters were destroyed and 3 bombers and 1 fighter were probably destroyed. Revised figures also show that 7 of the 28 intercepting Spitfires were lost although 3 of the pilots were recovered.

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Summary as of 0800, July 8, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

Kiska was bombarded during the evening of July 6, by 3 CA's, 1 CL and 4 DD's. Beginning at 1705W, 300 rounds each of 8-inch and 6-inch and about 1800 rounds of 5-inch, all totalling about 100 tons, were expended chiefly against Jap batteries on North and South Heads, the main camp, Gertrude Cove and Little Kiska. The targets were somewhat shrouded in fog and a low ceiling made spotting by air difficult. There was no return fire from the Japs. Simultaneously with the bombardment, 6 B-24's from Amchitka dropped 15 tons of bombs on the main camp. Overcast prevented observation of results. The planes encountered only light A/A fire.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

On July 5, Allied forces landed at Rice Anchorage, 4 miles E of Vaeveko, after shelling of enemy positions in Kula Gulf by supporting surface vessels. During the engagement, a U.S. DD was torpedoed and sunk by a Jap SS.

On July 6, in Kula Gulf, at least 8 Jap ships, attempting to quit the area, were sunk by our surface forces. In the first phase of the engagement, 4 or 5 Jap DD's received a broadside from our ships and within 5 minutes all of them had either been destroyed or were afloat. Changing course, our ships then attacked a group of 3 or 4 Jap CL's, sinking or setting fire all of these, except 1 which was believed to have been beached, within 15 minutes. 2 or 3 more Jap ships endeavoring to flee the gulf were later attacked by 2 U.S. DD's which were engaged in rescuing survivors of a U.S. CL previously sunk by the Japs. 2 of these enemy DD's were destroyed and 1 was damaged.

Enogai Inlet, Baeroko Harbor, was attacked on July 6 by 18 TBF's and 17 SBD's which dropped more than 25 tons of bombs on enemy positions. The results were not reported.

At Buka, in the Solomons, photographs taken at about 1000L on July 7, revealed 11 fighters, 4 medium bombers and 1 dive bomber on the field there. Pictures taken about the same time at Kahili and Bellale, in the Bougainville area, showed 80 fighters, 15 dive bombers and 1 medium bomber at the former and 21 medium bombers at the latter. Coverage of all 3 fields was incomplete.
On the same day, at 0600L, an undetermined number of Jap planes attacked Rendova, dropping 2 bombs which caused some casualties and some damage. Later, at 1345L, an unknown number of Jap bombers, under an escort of 56 Zeros, attacked Rendova. 3 of the attacking bombers and 9 of the fighters were destroyed by intercepting P4U's. One of our planes is missing.

On July 7, on the N tip of Gamorna Island, Jap forces were reported to have established an observation post and an A/A position. The following day, July 8, Vila, on Kolombangara Island, was attacked at 0800L by 16 TBF's and 12 SB2C's under an escort of 16 P4U's. 12 1000-lb. and 15 2000-lb. bombs were dropped on bivouac areas and dumps. There were no results reported.

The same day, at Viru Harbor, New Georgia Island, small Allied and Jap patrols continued to clash and enemy snipers were reported active.

(E) New Guinea

The airfield and trails in the Salamaua area were bombed and strafed by 7 B-25's on July 5. Results were not reported.

The following day, 9 Jap bombers and 4 fighters attacked villages in the Bena Bena area. The results of this raid were not reported. Jap planes, 8 medium bombers and 7 fighters, also attacked Allied positions in the Nassau Bay area shortly before noon the same day.

During the morning of July 6, Jap positions at Labu Lagoon were bombed and strafed by 3 B-25's which dropped 16 500-lb. delay bombs. The results of the attack were not reported. Jap and Allied ground forces continued to clash in the Bobdubi Ridge area during the day.

(C) N. E. I.

On the evening of July 6, Penfors, SW Timor, was attacked by 5 Dutch B-25's. There were no details reported. In the evening, Bato, on Sintuni Gulf, Dutch New Guinea, was attacked by 2 B-24's which dropped 18 500-lb. demolition bombs and a number of incendiaries on the runway. Results were not observed. Also on the evening of July 6, an enemy-held village in the Kaukenau area, S coast of Dutch New Guinea was bombed by 2 RAAF A-29's. 9 100-lb. demolition bombs were dropped with unobserved results.

In the Arafura Sea, 3 Jap floatplanes, attempting to attack a small Allied convoy, were driven off by a single Beaufighter escort.

(D) Australia

The Darwin area was attacked at noon on July 6, by 27 Jap bombers under an escort of 21 fighters. 100 bombs were dropped, destroying 1 B-24 on the ground and damaging 3 others. 26 Spitfires intercepted the attackers and destroyed 5 bombers and 2 fighters, probably destroyed 4 bombers and damaged 2 others. There were no other results reported.
III. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS has reported sinking a 17,000-ton enemy AP on July 4. 2 additional large ships were reported possibly sunk by this SS on the same day.

Another U.S. SS has reported sinking 2 enemy 10,000-ton AO's. In addition, an enemy DD was hit with 2 torpedoes and a large AO and an 8,000-ton AK were damaged.

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Japanese Naval Activities  
Summary as of 0800, July 7, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

    July 5, all attacks on Kiska were prevented by adverse weather conditions.
    From a partial survey of Semisopochnoi Island, 30 miles N of Amchitka, it is believed that there has been no Jap occupation of the island.

II. Southwestern Pacific

    (A) Solomon Islands

    Buka was attacked at 1930L, on July 6, by 7 B-24's which dropped 192 fragmentation clusters and 10 500-lb. bombs. A large fire was seen SE of the runway. All our planes returned.
    In the Bougainville area, on July 6, Kahili was attacked at 1827L by 15 B-24's which dropped 500-lb. bombs. Several fires were started near the runway. Heavy J/A fire was reported. The same afternoon, Ballale was attacked by 9 B-17's at 1905L. 100 fragmentation clusters were dropped and 4 large fires were reported. Some Jap Zeros were seen but they did not intercept our planes, all of which returned.
    20% photographic coverage of the area, at 1010L, on July 6, revealed 37 Jap fighters and 14 dive bombers at Kahili and 5 medium bombers at Ballale. The following morning, photographs at 1000L showed 6 DD's, 3 FC's, 2 small AO's, 6 small AK's and a number of small craft in the vicinity of Kahili. Off N Shortland Island a CL or a DD was seen at the same time.
    In Shortland Harbor a lone AK was seen.
    In the New Georgia area, Baeroko was bombed on July 6, by 10 B-17's which dropped 140 300-lb. bombs with unobserved results. The same area was bombed the following afternoon by 18 SBD's. Fires were started but no other results were reported.
    Over Rendova, during the afternoon of July 5, 16 F-40's intercepted 40 Jap fighters and 2 Jap planes were destroyed in the ensuing engagement. 1 of our planes was destroyed but the pilot was rescued.
    About 14 miles NE of Kolombangara Island, during the morning of July 6, a PBY on reconnaissance was attacked by 5 Zeros. 2 of the enemy fighters were destroyed and another probably destroyed. Our plane returned to its base with 1 member of the crew dead, 3 wounded and 1 engine destroyed. The same day, 14 miles NW of Kolombangara Island, a Jap DD was sighted heading N.
Near Bambari Harbor, SE Kolombangara Island, a beached Jap DD was attacked at 1427L on July 6, by 3 B-25's which dropped 9 500-lb. bombs, scoring 3 direct hits. Heavy explosions and fires resulted.

Our ground forces in the Bunda area were reported, on July 6, to have been reinforced. "Kunda" was reported being shelled by field artillery.

(B) New Guinea

On July 5, 3 B-25's bombed Kela Point in the Salamaua area. 9 1,000-lb. bombs were dropped and hits were reported near the enemy HQ building.

(C) N. E. I.

An RAAF Beaufighter strafed and set afire an 80-ton Jap power barge 80 miles W of Dobo, W Arce Islands, early on June 5.

III. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS reports sinking a 4,000-ton AP.

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Summary as of 0800, July 6, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

Adverse weather on July 4, prevented attack missions throughout the western Aleutians area. As a result of complete reconnaissance of Rat Island it is reported that no Japs have been there for at least 6 months.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

On July 4, a lone Jap DD was sighted and unsuccessfully bombed at midday by a B-24 on reconnaissance 50 miles W of Buna.

The following day, 9 B-24's attacked Ballale at 1830 L, dropping 80 500-lb. bombs which started 8 fires. 1 of our planes was hit when 12 Zeros intercepted, but all returned safely. Photographs taken at 1030L, the same day, revealed 78 fighters and 14 dive bombers at Kahili while there were 9 medium bombers at Ballale.

In the Buna area on July 6, 3 AK's, 2 AO's, 3 CL's, 2 DD's and 2 auxiliaries were seen, while 2 DD's were observed 20 miles SE of Shortland Island.

Allied positions along the Rendova shore were bombed and strafed during the afternoon of July 4, by 16 Jap bombers under a cover of fighters. 12 of the attacking planes were reported shot down by A/A guns. The same day, 20 of our SBD's and 18 TBF's dropped 25 tons of bombs on the Jap bivouac areas at Munda. While this raid was in progress, Baeroko was attacked by 10 B-17's. No results were reported.

On the night of July 4-5, an Allied patrol was ambushed by the Japs at Ugalii Village, NE Rendova Island, who escaped into the bush. The village is, however, now ours. Early the next morning, 14 boatloads of Japs were landed at Vila by a DD.

(B) New Britain

On the night of July 3-4, Talasea, on the E. Willsunes Peninsula, was attacked by a PBY on patrol.
(C) New Ireland

On the morning of July 4, a B-24 on reconnaissance unsuccessfully dropped 6 500-lb. bombs on a medium Jap AK escorted by a DD, 85 miles SW of Kavieng. Later the same day, July 4, a B-24 unsuccessfully attacked 1 AK, 1 DD, and a DE about 85 miles N of Kavieng.

(D) New Guinea

In the Salamaua area clashes between patrols continued on July 4, but the situation was reported quiet in the vicinity of Nassau Bay. Jap losses, since the initial Allied landing, include 50 counted dead but are believed to represent only a small part of the total casualties.

On the morning of July 4, a small cargo vessel in Vanimo Bay, NW Northeast New Guinea, was left burning and sinking by a B-24 which dropped 8 500-lb. bombs on the vessel, scoring 3 hits.

III. U.S. Submarine Reports

U.S. SS's report 3 torpedo hits on an enemy CV which was smoking heavily and was listing 25° when last seen. A DD and 28,000 tons of other shipping were also reported sunk by these SS's.

Another SS reports having sunk 3,000 tons of enemy shipping and damaging 9,000 tons.

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I. Northwestern Pacific

On July 3, 6 B-24's from Adak dropped 18 tons of bombs on the main camp area at Kiska but bad weather prevented any observation of results. No Jap activity was seen at Segula. All our planes returned safely.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

On July 3, Vura Village, SE Vangunu Island, in the New Georgia area, was captured by one of our landing forces. Of the resisting Japs, 300 were killed and the rest were routed.

The following day U.S. planes met an estimated 18 Jap bombers escorted by 20 Zeros over Rendova Island in the New Georgia area. Of the enemy planes 5 bombers and 4 Zeros were shot down. Our losses were nil. At Viru Harbor, on the same day, isolated patrols of the enemy were being sought by our forces. At Wansawana Island, SW of Munda, no Japs were reported.

On July 5, in the Shortland Islands, Bougainville area, 18 Jap vessels were sighted at about 1000L. Of this number, one was believed to be a CA, 3 were believed to be CL's, and 5 were believed to be DD's. The same morning, Vila and Bae-roko, in the New Georgia area, were attacked by 4 PBY's spotting for U.S. surface craft shelling the same target. Fires were observed as a result of the shelling and the dropping of 500-lb. bombs by the PBY's.

Also on the same morning, Reketa, Santa Isabel area, was attacked at 0915L by 6 A-29's. 24 500-lb. bombs were dropped but no results were observed.

(B) New Britain

On July 3, the old strip at Cape Gloucester was bombed during the morning by a single B-17 which dropped 3 1000-lb. bombs with unobserved results.

Lakunai, Rappo and Vanamanau airdromes, in the Rabaul area, were attacked by 13 Allied B-24's which dropped over 21 tons of bombs on runways and dispersal areas. A number of fires were started and 2 searchlights put out of action. Despite heavy A/A fire and interception by night fighters, all our planes returned safely.
(C) New Guinea

At Nassau Bay, on July 3, 8 Jap bombers, under a cover of 9 Zeros, endeavored to attack Allied ground positions in the area. They were driven off by 14 Allied fighters which destroyed 1 Jap bomber and 4 fighters and probably destroyed another fighter. We suffered no losses.

South of the south arm of the Bitoi River the area has been cleared of Japs and the situation was generally quiet on July 3. A native village in the Bena Bena area was attacked by 8 Jap bombers but no damage was reported.

(D) N. E. I.

Kendari, Jap base in the SE Celebes, was attacked at midday on July 3 by 9 U.S. B-24's which dropped 16 tons of bombs on the airfield and town. A direct hit was scored on a grounded plane and buildings and barracks were damaged.

Penfoei airdrome, at Koopang in SE Timor, was attacked by 3 B-25's after dark the same day. Observation of the results was prevented by heavy clouds. Earlier the same day, in the Arafura Sea, 1 of 3 Jap fighters attempting to attack an Allied convoy was damaged by the Allied air escort and the other 2 planes were also driven off.

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In the early morning of June 26 Mauo Island was attacked by 2 B-29's. Interception by 13 Jap fighter planes appeared reluctant and 2 of them were believed destroyed. 126 30-pound fragmentation bombs were dropped on A/A positions, dispersal areas and warehouses with unobserved results.

Repopo and Vunakanau airstrips in the Rabaul area were attacked by B-17's and B-24's before dawn on July 2. Many fires and explosions were observed and 5 searchlights were put out of action as the result of the dumping of 33 tons of bombs on the runways and dispersal areas. 3 fortresses encountered Jap night fighters but all our planes returned safely.

On July 2 reconnaissance planes spotted 2 enemy vessels in Newak Harbor during the morning and 8 small craft in Hansa Bay, where 8 AK's were seen in the afternoon.

At Hansa Bay on July 2 Allied units moved overland from Rabo and consolidated Allied positions at the mouth of the south arm of the Biloie River after contacting our forces which had previously landed at the Bay.

During the day 10 Jap planes raided Allied positions in the area but there were no results reported. Enemy positions at Kela Point (N of Salamaua) and along the trail to Logui (N of Salamaua) were attacked by 9 B-25's during the day. A/A positions were silenced and explosions and fires started. The same day a B-24 on reconnaissance bombed the Rabaul Isthmus area.

In the Arafura Sea an A-29 escorting an Allied convoy destroyed one of 2 attacking Jap float planes in the afternoon of July 2.

Morning photographs on July 2 revealed a 50,000 ton AK or AP in the harbor at Dilli (NE Timor).

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U. S. SS, returning from patrol, reports sinking a 10,000 ton AK in the southwestern Pacific.

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**Japanese Naval Activities**

**Summary as of 0800, July 3, 1943.**

**I. Southwestern Pacific**

(A) **Solomon Islands**

On July 1, Munda airfield was attacked by 25 B-25's, 18 SBD's and 16 TBF's. The same day, an enemy force of planes was encountered by Allied fighters in the Rendova area. 14 enemy fighter planes and 3 dive bombers were shot down by Allied planes, bringing a total of enemy aircraft shot down to 153 in the area during the current landing operations. Allied losses in the same encounter were reported as 3 planes, 3 of the pilots being saved. Rendova was attacked again at 1240 L the same day, without damage to Allied positions; 1 enemy fighter was destroyed.

Wickham Anchorage was bombarded by U. S. surface forces at 1330 L on July 2. Enemy positions and installations were the targets. Rendova was attacked by 16 enemy bombers with fighter cover during the afternoon of the same day. There is no report on possible personnel casualties but fuel and food dumps were damaged. During the day, a small camouflaged enemy AK at Bairoko Anchorage, N. of Munda, was attacked by 4 B-25's with F4U's as cover. The ship was bombed, strafed, burned and sunk.

At 2225 L July 2nd, 5 enemy ships were reported sighted heading S. off Guadalcanal Island. An enemy force probably the same, but reported to consist of possibly 3 CL's and 4 DD's, later bombarded the vicinity of Rendova Plantation from the region of Rendova Cove at 0245 L July 3. U. S. ships returned the fire and by 0505 L July 3, the enemy ships were reported retiring.

No further details are yet available.

Enemy troops have been reported landed from barges in the Rokata Bay area where some activity has been noted.

Reports as of July 2, indicate that 65 enemy troops were killed at Rendova on June 30, and 1 additional Jap was killed on July 2.

(B) **New Britain**

Lakuei, Vunakanau and Rapopo airfields were bombed by 13 B-24's before dawn on July 1. The majority of the planes concentrated on Lakuei where fires were started. 2 enemy night fighters were encountered. No report was received of any damage or loss to our planes.
(C) New Guinea

On June 29, in the Bobdubi area, an Allied patrol was attacked by Japanese. 12 enemy troops were killed. On June 30, near Komiatum, enemy positions were unsuccessfully attacked. Another attack was made on the same enemy positions on July 1, when 14 of the enemy were killed and several were wounded, with 5 Allied soldiers being killed and 7 wounded. Lee airdrome and vicinity was bombed by 12 A-20's the afternoon of the same day. 6 A-20's attacked the Dusui area during the morning and enemy installations in the Salamaua vicinity were attacked by 17 B-25's operating in 2 groups.

(D) N.E.I.

Selaru airdrome (Taninbar Islands) and enemy-held villages in the vicinity were strafed by 6 Beaufighters on July 1. A small vessel offshore in the vicinity was also strafed and was sunk.

II. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS returning from patrol in the Southwestern Pacific area has reported sinking a 4,500-ton enemy AK, and damaging a second AK of approximately 7,400-tons.

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The following day at 0633 L, an enemy patrol plane overflying the task force area, was attacked by the Japanese. A medium bomber was shot down by our planes. The enemy was engaged by 2 DD's and 2 SB's. The enemy returned fire with small arms, machine guns, and antiaircraft guns. The enemy was driven off by our planes. The enemy was engaged by 2 DD's and 2 SB's. The enemy returned fire with small arms, machine guns, and antiaircraft guns. The enemy was driven off by our planes.

I. Northwestern Pacific

A. Solomon Islands

The Japanese made an attempt to land troops on Guadalcanal. The attack was repulsed by our planes and destroyers. The Japanese lost 1 aircraft sunk and 3 damaged. A total of 300 Japs were killed. The Japanese were forced to withdraw from the area.

B. New Ireland

At a point about 150 miles N. of Kavieng, 9 small Jap vessels were attacked by 1 of our planes with the result that 1 vessel was sunk and another damaged on June 30. The total number of Japs killed in the Attu operation is now estimated to be 2,350.

II. Southwestern Pacific

A. New Britain

The Japanese made an attempt to land troops on New Britain. The attack was repulsed by our planes and destroyers. The Japanese lost 1 aircraft sunk and 3 damaged. A total of 300 Japs were killed. The Japanese were forced to withdraw from the area.

B. Guadalcanal

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D. New Georgia

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U. New Guinea

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The following day at 0700 K, an enemy CA and 2 DD's were sighted heading S. approximately 180 miles NNE of Kavieng.

(C) New Britain

Lukumi and Vunakanau airfields, in the Rabaul area, were attacked on June 30. The latter was bombed by 4 B-17's which dropped over 6-tons of bombs. Small fires and 1 large fire were started. Over 13-tons of bombs were dropped on Lukum by 6 B-24's and 2 B-17's. Large fires were started in the target area and 1, following an explosion, was visible for 100 miles.

In Dampier Strait (Cape Gloucester area) a B-17 attacked 3 Jap 1,000-ton AK's, leaving 1 in a sinking condition and another deserted.

(D) New Guinea

On the afternoon of June 30, 10 A-20's heavily bombed and strafed enemy shore positions and installations in the Kassau Bay area, while 6 B-25's bombed and strafed Jap positions along the S. bank of the Ritoe River in the same area. These attacks preceded the successful landing in the area by Allied forces who subsequently made contact with the Japs.

The following day, Bobbubi Ridge and buildings in the Salamaua Isthmus were bombed by 5 B-25's, while the same morning 9 B-25's bombed Logui, at the mouth of the Francisco River. There was no report of the results of these attacks nor of those made on the Salamaua runway and Logui later the same day by 9 more B-25's.

The occupation of the Trobriand and Woodlark Islands by Allied forces was completed on June 30.

(E) B.E.I.

On the night of June 30, 6 A-20's attacked the new runway at Fijiloro while 7 B-25's attacked the one at Cape Chater near Lautem. In S. Timor the same night, 4 RBT's attacked the Ferefu airdrome. Fires were reported as a result of all these attacks.

(F) Australia

The Darwin area was attacked at midday on June 30 by 27 Jap bombers under cover of 21 fighters. 3 unserviceable B-24's and 1 Falcon were destroyed on the Penton airdrome, while 7 other B-24's were damaged but not report repairable. The enemy was intercepted by 32 Spitfires which destroyed 6 enemy bombers and 2 fighters and damaged 7 bombers and 1 fighter. 6 of the Spitfires were lost while only 2 pilots are missing.

III. U.S. Submarine Reports

The U.S. SS reported in the Daily Summary of July 1 as having sunk and damaged 47,000-tons of Jap shipping is now reported to have sunk 15,000-tons and damaged 32,000-tons of the total.
Another SS reports sinking an AX.

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(3) New Guinea

On June 29, 3 DD and 2 small enemy AA's were sighted on a north-south approach 40 miles S of Cape St. George at midnight.

(4) For Britain

During the night of June 28-29, Furneaux in the Russell
I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

3 DD's, heading E, were reported 40 miles W. of Buin on June 29. At the same time, a single DD, on an undetermined course, was observed 20 miles N. of the other 3.

On the same day, our planes strafed 4 Jap floatplanes in Rekata Bay. 4 ships were observed in the bay at Bates Island, NW tip of Santa Isabel. A small Jap vessel was probably sunk in the Buin-Shortland Island area on June 30 by our planes. Results of the bombing could not be determined because of bad weather. In the same area on the same day, 3 Jap planes were met by 1 of ours on reconnaissance. When last seen, smoke was pouring from 2 of the enemy planes.

12 SBD's and 16 TBF's attacked Vila at 1120 L on June 30. 16 2,000-lb. and 12 1,000-lb. bombs were dropped on dump, the runway and camp areas. 6 of the SBD's have not returned but it is thought that their loss is due to bad weather or errors in navigation rather than to enemy action. 1 crew is safe on Wanawana Island.

At 1615 L the same day, Munda was heavily attacked by 18 SBD's, 18 TBF's, and 25 B-25's. 18 2,000-lb., 16 1,000-lb. and fragmentation cluster bombs fell on the camp area and A/A positions starting a large fire. 1 of the TBF's is missing.

Vila Harbor, in S. New Georgia Island, has been captured according to marine raiders who effected a landing there on June 30-July 1. Casualties are unknown. Although no details are available, a Navy communiqué and a SFPAC communiqué report that Allied troops landed on Rendova Island on June 30 and are now engaging the enemy. A Japanese communiqué claims that their Naval Air Force has sunk or damaged 6 AF's, 3 cruisers and 1 DD of a force which partly effected a landing on Rendova Island on the morning of June 30. The Japs also claim to have shot down more than 30 of our planes.

(B) New Ireland

On June 29, 1 DD and 2 small enemy AK's were sighted on a Northwesterly course 55 miles S. of Cape St. George at midday.

(C) New Britain

During the night of June 29-30, Yunakanau in the Rabaul area
was bombed by a lone B-24. Further study of pictures taken over the general area on June 25 reveals completion of a new 2,700-foot runway at Lakunai. It is apparently surfaced with concrete.

(D) New Guinea

On the afternoon of June 27, Jap barges in Labu Lagoon at Lae, were attacked by 6 A-20's. The results were unobserved.

II. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U. S. SS returned from patrol reports sinking 1 4,400-ton AK, 1 6,600-ton AK and 1 6,000-ton AK.

Another SS reports sinking and damaging 47,000-tons of enemy shipping.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, June 30, 1943

I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands
Kahili was attacked by U.S. heavy bombers at 0400 L on June 30.

(B) New Britain
Rapopo airfield, in the Rabaul area, was bombed on the night of June 27 by 1 B-24. 16 20-lb. fragmentation clusters were dropped but the glare of searchlights prevented observation of results.

The following morning, 1 B-17 on reconnaissance dropped 4 500-lb. bombs on the old runway at Cape Gloucester.

(C) New Guinea
The Salama area was bombed by a single B-24 on June 29.

(D) N.E.I.
Nabire, Timika and Fak Fak (Dutch New Guinea) were each attacked at noon on June 29 by a single B-24.

(E) Australia
9 Jap bombers escorted by 9 fighters conducted a daylight raid over the Darwin area on June 28. There was little damage. The attack was intercepted by 42 Spitfires which destroyed 2 Jap fighters and probably destroyed 2 other fighters and 2 bombers. 2 of the Spitfires were destroyed but only 1 pilot was lost.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, June 29, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

On June 27, Kiska was attacked 6 times by a total of 5 B-34's, 21 B-25's and 15 B-24's from Adak and Amchitka. 343 tons of bombs were dropped on North Head, the main camp and the Gertrude Cove area and hits were observed on the main camp and North Head. Light A/A fire was encountered but our planes suffered no damage.

The next day, Kiska was bombed by 6 B-25's and 1 B-34 from Adak which released 92 100-1lb. demolition bombs and 4 500-1lb. bombs on the main camp, Gertrude Cove area and Little Kiska. Hits were reported on buildings at Little Kiska but overcast prevented further observation of results.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

About 45 miles SW of Buka Passage, 5 small enemy surface vessels, possibly PC's, were reported at 1900 hours on June 27.

At 0030 L in the early morning of June 28, a PBY unsuccessfully attacked 5 enemy DD's in Blakett Strait and 4 TBF's and 8 F-58's sent out later were unable to locate the DD's.

At 1630 L on the same day, Munda was attacked by 18 SBD's and 12 TBF's under escort of 30 P4F's, 18 1,000-1lb. and 43 500-1lb. bombs were dropped on enemy A/A positions, bivouac areas and dumps, and several fires were started. All our planes returned safely.

Rekata was also attacked on June 23 at 1800 L by 18 SBD's and 12 TBF's under cover of 32 P4F's. Smoke and dust rising from the target area prevented observation of results after 18 1,000-1lb. bombs and 44 500-1lb. bombs had been dropped on A/A positions. All our planes returned safely.

(B) New Guinea

On June 27, the town and airstrip at Salama were bombed and strafed by 8 B-25's. Fires were started and buildings destroyed.

On the morning of the same day, enemy-occupied villages in the Markham and Ramu River valleys were bombed and strafed by B-25's. Heavy explosions, fires and destruction of buildings was reported.
Also on the morning of June 27, enemy positions in the Nubo area were bombed and strafed by 6 A-20's.

(C) N.E.I.

Laha airstrip (Ambon), Meloe Island (N. Tanimbar Islands), Boeroe Island and Saumlaki were each bombed by a single B-24 after dark on June 27. Adverse weather prevented observation of the results of the attacks.

In Eastern Timor photographs revealed 4 new enemy runways. One, extending 4,000-feet, is about 1,000-yards SW of the old Fulloro strip. 9 Jap fighters and 5 medium bombers were on the strip at the time of the photographs but no planes were seen on Fulloro.

Another new 5,000-foot long runway, heavily protected by A/A positions, is located W. of Cape Chater on the N. shore of Eastern Timor. 5 Jap medium bombers and 7 fighters were seen here.

Two other new runways were visible near the shore at Lautem but neither held any aircraft.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U. S. SS, returned from patrol in the Southwest Pacific area, reports sinking 2 6,000-ton AK's, 1 5,700-ton AK and 1 4,400-ton AK. The same SS possibly sank 1 7,000-ton AK and damaged 1 7,000-ton AK and 1 6,300-ton AK.

Another U. S. SS in the Northwest Pacific area reports destroying 3 large Jap sampans by gunfire.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, June 28, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

The total number of attacks on Kiska June 26, was 6 instead of 2 as previously reported.

On the following day, a total of 8 B-24's, 8 B-26's, 12 P-38's, 14 P-40's and 6 Venturas made 7 attacks on enemy positions at Kiska. 30.8 tons of bombs were dropped on A/A positions, North and South Head, the runway, Gertrude Cove and Little Kiska. Hits were reported in all target areas and 8 fires were started. 4 of our planes were damaged but all returned safely and there were no injuries to personnel.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

On June 26, a Beaufighter on reconnaissance sighted a 1,000-ton enemy AK escorted by a DD at a point approximately 50 miles SW of Buka. The vessels were heading SE. The plane bombed the ships scoring a near miss on the AK and later strafed both vessels.

At 1330 K June 27, a reconnaissance plane sighted 3 DD's heading SE at a point approximately 50 miles SW of Buka Passage. Another report listed 1 CA and 4 DD's SW of Buka and enroute to Buin. These 2 reports possibly refer to the same vessels.

Before dawn June 27, Kahili was again attacked by 7 B-24's and Ballale by 5 PB4Y's. Fragmentation clusters were dropped at the enemy airfields.

A B-24 bombed Munda before dawn June 27. At 0815 I. the same morning, Munda was again attacked by 13 SB2's and 9 TBF's. 13 2,000-lb. "daisy cutters" were dropped by the TBF's after all but 1 A/A position had been silenced by the SB2's. Bomb hits were observed on the runway and a large explosion was seen on Munda Point.

At the same time, 12 SB2's and 11 TBF's dropped 2,000-lb. bombs on the runway, A/A positions and the camp area at Vila. 24 F4F's escorted these attack missions on Munda and Vila, and all our planes returned safely.
2 TBF's dropped 4 250-lb. bombs on A/A positions at Rekata before dawn June 27.

In air combat over the Solomons, 4 P-38's encountered 30 Zeros and 9 of the Jap planes were shot down and another probably destroyed. The exact location of this fight was not reported.

(B) New Britain-New Ireland

Rabaul Harbor and waterfront and Vunakanau airfield were bombed by 7 B-17's and 3 B-24's before dawn June 26. Several small fires were started but results for the most part were unobserved. A/A fire was heavy and 1 enemy night fighter attempted interception. 2 B-17's are missing.

The following day at 0800 K, an enemy ACV was reported heading NW at a point approximately 170 miles NE of Kavieng. This is probably the same vessel which was previously sighted in Rabaul Harbor.

(C) New Guinea

Salamaua and Finschhafen were bombed by a B-24 on reconnaissance June 25.

Lae was bombed before dawn by a B-24 the next day, and at noon a force of 20 B-25's again attacked the area. The runway, hangar, and barracks area were the target of this attack but results were not observed. Intense A/A fire was encountered. There were 21 barges in the area but no serviceable aircraft on the field.

(D) N.E.I.

Dili and Keopang airfields were bombed after dark June 26, by 6 Hudsons and 8 B-25's respectively. Fires resulted at both targets.

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I. Northwestern Pacific

During the afternoon of June 25 Kiska was twice attacked by our planes. 6 B-24's, 16 B-25's, 4 B-34's and 2 P-38's dropped 28-tons of bombs on North Head, the main camp and the Gertrude Cove area. Hits were observed. Generally inaccurate A/A fire was encountered. Later, 6 B-24's and 8 B-25's released 25 600-lb. bombs and 328 100-lb. incendiaries scoring hits on A/A positions on Gertrude Cove and South Head. At South Head an unidentified building blew up also. This attack encountered fairly accurate heavy A/A fire.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Early in the morning of June 26, Ballale was attacked by 18 B-24's which dropped 364 fragmentation clusters in the target area. Several fires were observed. About the same time, 5 other B-24's dropped several hundred clusters on Poporang Island, SE of Shortland Island, with unobserved results.

Munda was attacked at 0834 L on June 26 by 15 SBD's and 13 TBF's escorted by 24 F4F's. Enemy gun positions and the airfield area were the targets for 15 1,000-lb. and 13 2,000-lb. bombs. The same morning, 12 SBD's and 12 TBF's under escort of 23 F4F's attacked Vila, releasing 12 1,000-lb. and 48 500-lb. bombs. Dense black smoke was seen rising from the area following the attack. All our planes returned safely.

(B) New Britain

Forenoon photographs of Rabaul Harbor on June 25 show 1 ACV, approximately 475 feet long; 1 CL of the "Yubari" class; 2 CA's of the "Hogami" class; 13 DD's, including 1 identified as of the "Teratsuki" class; 5 SS's, and merchant ships totaling 150,000-tons. At the same time, 4 medium AK's were sighted 20 miles N. of the harbor headed SE and a DD was seen heading towards these vessels.
Photographs of Vunakanau and Lakunai airfields in the area for the same day show 85 fighters, 80 medium bombers, 12 light bombers and 23 twin-engined bombers. At Tobara, 8 miles SW of Rapopo, a new strip under construction was observed.

(C) New Ireland

65 miles S. of Cape St. George, S. New Ireland, near misses were scored on an enemy AK by a medium reconnaissance bomber which attacked on June 25.

(D) New Guinea

Jap occupied villages in the Ramu River valley, SW of Madang, were bombed and strafed by 7 B-25's on June 25.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, June 25, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

On June 24, a total of 6 B-24's, 8 B-25's and 3 Venturas in 3 attacks dropped over 24 tons of bombs on North Head and the Main Camp at Kiska. Neither the target nor the results of the bombing could be observed because of heavy fog. 2 enemy barges off Vega Point (S.W. Kiska) were strafed and the vessels were possibly hit. No A/A fire was encountered.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Before dawn, June 25, a force of 7 B-24's dropped fragmentation clusters on the Kiska airdrome area. At the same time 13 other B-24's raided Kahili airdrome and scored hits on the camp areas and near the runway with fragmentation clusters. 3 fires were started at Kahili.

An enemy barge in Wichaun Anchorage (S. New Georgia Group) was strafed by P4P's the afternoon of June 24.

The following morning a force of 25 SBD's and 24 TBF's, with a fighter escort of 32 P4P's, heavily bombed the Munda area. Over 36 tons of bombs were dropped on the target and all our planes returned safely.

From 0415L to 0455L, June 25, enemy planes were over Guadalcanal and the Russell Islands. Approximately 16 bombs were dropped on the Russell Islands, setting fire to 12 oil drums and some fuel tanks. A few men were wounded but no other damage or casualties were reported.

Shortly after noon the same day, one of our light surface vessels was attacked by a enemy twin-engined bombers south of the Solomons. 3-4 bombs fell approximately 600 yards from the vessels but no damage resulted.

(B) Fiji Islands

An enemy SS was attacked at 0645L, June 25, by one of our patrol planes S.W. of the Fiji Islands. No details were reported.

SECRET
(C) New Guinea

Salama and villages in the area were attacked during the morning of June 24 by a total of 17 B-25's in two flights. The airfield was strafed and many large fires were started throughout the area.

The same day enemy positions in the Naibo area were bombed and strafed by 4 A-20's.

Attacks on our positions on Leebia Ridge up to June 23 have cost the enemy 204 casualties while our losses total 12 killed and 12 wounded.

(D) E. E. I.

2 enemy light bombers were destroyed on the ground when 6 Beau-
fighters attacked the airfield at Salaru Island (Tanimbar Islands) during the morning of June 24.

III. U.S. Submarine Reports

A U.S. SS returning from patrol in the S.W. Pacific Area reports sinking an enemy AK and a motor sampan. 3 torpedo hits were scored on a large
enemy AO and another enemy patrol vessel was damaged.

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I. Northwestern Pacific

On June 23, 7 additional Japs who refused to surrender were killed on Attu. All air attacks were cancelled by bad weather.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) New Guinea

The enemy made a second attack on our positions on Lababia Ridge (W. of Hubo) at noon June 22. Enemy casualties totaled 54 while 3 of our personnel were wounded.

The following day, a B-24 bombed Lae airdrome but no further details were reported.

(B) N.E.I.

At noon June 23, Makassar town and wharf area were attacked by a force of 17 B-24's. Heavy bombs and incendiaries were dropped and 2 direct hits were reported on a probable CL and other hits on an AK. 1 B-24 and an enemy fighter were destroyed in a collision. Enemy shipping in the harbor included 4 CL's, 1 DD, 4 AK's, and an AO.

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I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

At 0920 L June 23, 6 B-25's and 6 TBF's with a fighter escort of 24 F4U's bombed and strafed a native village on Ganganja Island, W. New Georgia Group. 6 2,000-lb. bombs were dropped and strafing started 1 fire. 1 B-25 is missing.

The same morning, Rekata Bay was attacked by 18 SBD's and 12 TBF's under escort of 24 F4F's. 500-lb. bombs fell on A/A positions and 1 fire was started. All our planes returned safely.

W. of Savo Island, 1 enemy plane unsuccessfully attacked a DD escorting an LST during the night of June 20-21.

During the early hours of June 23, 2 of our PT's NW of the Russell Islands were bombed and strafed by an enemy floatplane but no damage resulted.

(B) New Guinea

The enemy suffered 100 casualties during an attack on the afternoon of June 21, on our positions in Lababia Ridge, E. of Mubo. Enemy troops were driven back and our casualties were reported as light.

The following day, enemy positions in the Mubo area were bombed and strafed by 5 A-20's.

(C) N.E.I.

The enemy seaplane base at Taberfane, Aroa Islands, was attacked during the afternoon of June 22 by 3 B-24's followed by 9 Beaufighters. The B-24's bombed the target but results were not observed. The Beaufighters damaged 2 beached floatplanes by strafing and 1 barge was destroyed and a lugger damaged in the harbor. Enemy floatplanes intercepted both attacks and 1 was destroyed and 2 damaged by our heavy bombers, and 2 others were damaged by our fighters, while none of our planes were reported lost.
(D) Gilbert Islands

Beru, Nukumau, and Nonuti, Southern Gilbert Islands, were reconnoitered by our planes. At Nonuti, the Northernmost of the 3 islands, construction work and 2 planes were observed. No enemy planes attempted to intercept this reconnaissance mission.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0900, June 23, 1943.

I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) New Guinea

During the morning of June 20, our positions in the Guadalcanal area (S. of Mubo) were attacked by a single enemy plane followed shortly afterward by 14 dive bombers and 9 fighters. The afternoon of the same day, an additional 20 bombers raided the area scoring hits on an ammunition dump, and the following morning, another 10 enemy bombers attacked. No further details have been reported.

Other enemy aircraft strafed gun positions at Morobe Harbor the early morning of June 20.

In air combat over Lae the morning of June 21, 14 P-38's shot down 14 Zeros and probably destroyed 9 others, while we lost no planes. The enemy force consisted of 30 fighters and 6 bombers.

The same day, 12 A-20's bombed and strafed Lae and Malahang airstrips starting 1 fire, and 10 B-25's strafed Salamaua town and airfield but details of damage were not reported. A B-24 on reconnaissance dropped 6 500-lb. bombs on Salamaua destroying 1 building with a direct hit and damaging others.

6 other A-20's bombed and strafed enemy positions N. of Mubo the same day.

There was increased ground action in the Mubo area on June 20-21. An enemy attack on our positions in Lababia Ridge, E. of Mubo, was reported as unsuccessful.

(B) N.E.I.

Before dawn June 21, Senfogi airbase and the town of Koepang were bombed by 6 Catalinas, 4 Hudsons, and later by 6 B-25's. Bomb hits were scored on A/A positions and barracks starting fires and 2 large explosions were observed in the hangar area. Other large fuel fires were reported visible 50 miles from the target. An ineffective attempt at interception was
made by 1 enemy fighter. Reconnaissance over the area at daybreak revealed 1 8,000-ton vessel and 5 barges in the harbor and only 7 serviceable fighters on the airdrome. 1 runway was being extended approximately 5,000-feet and other new revetments were under construction.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, June 22, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

In the vicinity of Vega Bay, S. of Kiska, 1 of our surface vessels established contact with an enemy vessel at 1935 W June 20. Although the enemy target was not observed, our vessel fired at a range of about 2,650-yards. The enemy vessel was believed hit and headed for Gertrude Cove but apparently ran aground on the E. side of Bukhti Point. Kiska shore batteries ineffectively opened fire.

On June 21, there were no air attacks on Kiska because of fog.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

During the early evening of June 20, 4 B-24's dropped a load of 4 1,000-lb. bombs on Kiska and Kahili but results were unobserved.

The same day, 16 F4F's searched the S. coast of Vangunu and New Georgia Island. 1 enemy barge was strafed off the S. coast of Vangunu.

Munda was attacked by 18 SBD's and 12 TBF's escorted by 32 F4F's at 1600 L June 21. 12 2,000-lb. and 18 1,000-lb. bombs were dropped on the runway and revetment area. Several A/A positions were silenced. All our planes returned safely.

At the same time, 3 F4F's intercepted and shot down a Jap bomber at a point approximately 20 miles N. of Florida Island.

(B) Gilbert and Marshall Islands

During the night of June 17-18, 10 B-24's carried out an offensive reconnaissance mission over Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands and Jaluit and Mili in the Marshall Islands. 1 enemy bomber was seen on the ground at Mili and 3 planes were at Jaluit. 8 bomb hits were scored on the runway at Tarawa where 7 enemy Zeros were observed in the air but only ineffective attempts at interception were made. Inaccurate A/A fire was encountered at Tarawa and Jaluit, and all our planes returned.
A reconnaissance mission was over Nauru Island at 0730 June 20, where 1 dooked AK was observed. 3 enemy fighters attempted interception and some A/A fire was encountered but no damage was reported.

(C) New Britain

Before dawn June 20, a B-24 bombed Rapopo airdrome and 15 B-24's arrived over the Rabaul area shortly afterward and centered their attack on Yonukamau, but Rapopo and Keravat were also hit. Fires were started throughout the area and 1 plane reported an entire dispersal area at Yonukamau in flames. A/A fire was encountered and 1-2 night fighters attempted interception but none of our planes were reported missing.

The evening of the same day, 4 barges off Cape Gloucester were attacked by 3 B-25's and 1 A-20. 1 barge was sunk and the other 3 were damaged. 1 of our planes is missing.

(D) New Guinea

On June 18, the Bena Bena area (approximately 70 miles S. of Fadang) was raided by enemy aircraft which dropped 49 bombs causing damage to the landing field.

The morning of the next day, 2 enemy fighters covered by 15 others strafed the airdrome at Wau and later 7 medium bombers attacked the same area. 1 enemy fighter was damaged by A/A fire, while we suffered no damage or casualties.

Kela village, across the bay from Salamaa, was attacked at dawn by 4 A-20's. No further details were reported.

During the late afternoon of June 20, 9 A-20's covered by 24 fighters bombed and strafed Lae airdrome. Fires were started and 1 enemy fighter was destroyed on the ground.

The same night, Finschhafen was bombed by the same B-25's and A-20 which had previously attacked Cape Gloucester.

(E) N.E.I.

At noon, June 20, a single B-24 strafed barges at Fak Fak and bombed Kaimana causing fires.

Over the Arafura Sea the same day, 2 Hudsons attacked and damaged an enemy floatplane.
Australia

An enemy force of 23 bombers and 20 fighters raided the Darwin area during the morning of June 20. Interception was carried out by 49 Spitfires which destroyed 9-12 enemy planes and 2-3 others were probably destroyed and 10 damaged. Our ground personnel casualties totaled 5 killed and 11 injured, and installations and equipment were slightly damaged. 2 Spitfires are missing.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, June 21, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

On June 20, 6 Venturas dropped 15 500-lb. bombs on the main camp at Kiska but neither the target nor results were observed because of weather conditions. A/A fire was encountered but none of our planes were damaged.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Kahili airfield was bombed by 10 B-24's between 2026 L and 2126 L June 19. 7 fires resulted. Little A/A fire was encountered and all our planes returned.

At 0805 L the following day, 18 SBD's and 18 TF's escorted by 26 fighters dropped over 25 tons of bombs (including 1,000 and 2,000-pounders) on A/A positions, the runway and fuel dumps at Vila. Hits were observed on the targets and a fuel dump was set afire. All our planes returned safely.

(B) New Britain

Vunakana airfield, Rabaul, was attacked by 15 B-17's and 3 B-24's before dawn June 19. Many large and small fires resulted in fuel dumps and dispersal areas. 3 Jap night fighters unsuccessfully attempted interception.

(C) New Guinea

Buna Bena (70 miles S. of Nadang) was strafed by 6-8 Jap planes June 18 and a single enemy plane attacked Morobe and a small Allied vessel in the harbor. No damage was reported from either raid.

The same day, barges off Finschhafen and villages in the vicinity were attacked by 2 B-25's and 1 A-20.
Dobodura and the Buna area were each twice raided by enemy planes during the night of June 18-19. 2 casualites were reported at Dobodura and 4 Allied personnel were injured and 1 killed in the Buna area. No damage was reported.

Finschhafen was bombed by a single B-24 the morning of June 18, and 6 A-20's bombed and strafed barges in Hanisch Harbor (36 miles E. of Lae). The barges were forced to the beach.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U. S. SS in the Southwest Pacific area reports sinking an 8,600-ton enemy AK.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, June 20, 1943

I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

At 2110 L, June 18, 9 B-24's dropped 290 fragmentation clusters on Kahili. Explosive fires which could be seen 20 miles away were started. At about the same time 2 B-25's loosed 6 500-lb. bombs on Ballale. Evening reconnaissance by 4 TF's and 1 PBY along the S. coast of Bougainville and around the Shortlands revealed no enemy shipping.

6 barges at Wilson Straits, in the New Georgia area, were strafed by 1 of 6 B-25's on reconnaissance between Shortland Island and Munda during the evening of June 18. 1 barge was left burning. Another of the B-25's bombed Vila about the same time. Results were unobserved.

(B) New Britain

Early on the morning of June 18, a B-25 strafed 3 enemy barges off Cape Gloucester. A jetty on Umea Island (Vitup Islands) was destroyed on the morning of June 18 by a direct hit from a B-17.

Rabaul photographs, taken on June 17, revealed 52 vessels, including 1 large AP and 25 merchant ships totalling 120,000 tons, and the usual warships plus 5 SS's in the harbor. Coverage of the airfields was incomplete but 2 fighter planes were seen on barges in the harbor.

(C) New Guinea

Jap positions in the Mubo area were bombed and strafed on the morning of June 18 by 8 A-20's which dropped 12 500-lb. bombs and 12 250-lb. bombs.

It was reported on June 17 that Japanese forces had occupied Wasa and Waimiri villages, NE of Bena Bena. Twice during the day, on June 17, Japanese reconnaissance planes were reported over Milne Bay, Wau, Bulolo, and Bena Bena.
(D) N. E. I.

Three (3) PBY's attacked Laha airdrome (Ambon) early in the morning on June 18, starting 1 large and other smaller fires in the building area. 17 Allied planes bombed and strafed enemy occupied villages on Selaru (S.W. Tanimbar Islands) on June 18, also. The same morning, 1 of our reconnaissance planes attacked and shot down an enemy floatplane over the Arafura Sea.

Photographs of Boela (N.E. Ceram Islands), taken on June 17, revealed 1 4,000 foot runway ready for use and another 3,000 foot runway nearing completion. No planes were observed. Evidence of reconstruction was also noted, 18 oil derricks having been restored and a number of buildings repaired.

(2) Nauru Island

Nauru Island was twice attacked by our planes during the night of June 18-19. Before midnight 6 PBY's dropped 18 500-lb. "daisy cutters" and 11 incendiary clusters on the target. A large fire was started by a direct hit on a fuel tank and dispersal and living quarters were also damaged. A few hours later 6 B-24's dropped 24 500-lb. bombs on the same target, scoring hits on the building area.

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I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

At 1640 L June 17, a force of 19 SBD’s escorted by 16 F4F’s attacked the Nekata Bay area. The SBD’s each dropped a 1,000-lb. “daisy cutter”, and A/A positions and the main installation area were reported hit.

Our surface vessels claim 16 additional enemy planes destroyed during the large enemy attack on the Guadalcanal area the afternoon of June 16. Land-based A/A claims 1 more Jap plane shot down, however, some of these planes may be included in the 77 shot down by our fighters. If not, the total enemy losses would number 94.

Allied casualties resulting from the raid, both ashore and afloat, total 25 killed, 29 injured and 22 missing.

Another Jap twin-engined bomber on reconnaissance SE of San Cristobel was shot down the same day.

Guadalcanal and Tulagi were under attack the night of June 17, but only 3 bombs were dropped which fell in the water causing no damage or casualties.

(B) New Britain

Photographs of the airstripes in the Rabaul area June 17, revealed a total of 238 planes including 136 fighters, 97 bombers and 6 transports. There were also 3 flying boats and 4 floatplanes in the harbor. There was no particular change in shipping in the harbor except that 4 SS’s were observed.

During the night of June 16-17, Cape Gloucester and Marian Harbor (SE Roko’s Island) were bombed and strafed by 2 B-25’s and 2 A-20’s. The following morning, a B-24 on reconnaissance again bombed Cape Gloucester.

(C) New Guinea

It was reported that approximately 500 Japs were moving S. along the Kowitat trail June 15.
A force of 18 enemy bombers covered by 22 fighters bombed and strafed Bena Bena (70 miles S. of Madang) and other villages in the vicinity at noon June 16. Only slight damage resulted.

The same planes which attacked Cape Gloucester at night, bombed and strafed villages and barges in the Huon Gulf area. Of 20 barges observed, 5 were destroyed, 3 probably destroyed and another damaged.

The following morning, Madang airdrome and town were bombed and strafed by 10 B-25's but results were not reported. 1 plane bombed Salamaua on the return trip.

The evening of the same day, Port Moresby was attacked by 4 enemy planes but bombs fell 16 miles W. of the harbor causing no damage. 1 enemy plane was probably destroyed by A/A fire.

(D) N.E.I.

Langgeri airdrome was bombed by 4 Catalinas during the night June 16-17. Several A/A positions were hit and silenced, and other bombs started fires which were visible for 40 miles from the target.

The following day, Boela (NE Ceram) received 18 500-lb. bombs from 2 B-24's which damaged buildings and started fires. At the same time, a single B-24 bombed Sorong (NW Dutch New Guinea).

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, June 18, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

On June 16, 5 more Japs were captured in the Khebnikof area. This makes a total of 24 enemy prisoners captured on Attu. Bad weather prevented all air attacks on Kiska June 17.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

It is reported that Kiska (E. coast of Bougainville) has been evacuated by the Japs.

During the night of June 16-17, 8 B-24's bombed the airfield at Ballale but results were unserved. 1 B-24 has failed to return.

Approximately 200 Japs were reported to have occupied Huhurangi (approximately 40 miles SE of Rekata Bay) and there are indications that they intend to move into other areas along the coast SE of Rekata.

The enemy raid over Guadalcanal June 16 which cost them 77 planes resulted in very little damage to us. Only 1 AK and 1 LST were reported damaged by bombs.

(B) New Britain

During the night of June 16-16, Cape Gloucester was bombed by a Catalina. No details were reported.

Photographs of the airfields in the Rabaul area before noon, June 16, revealed a decrease of approximately 160 planes indicating that the aircraft which raided the Guadalcanal area came from these fields.

(C) New Guinea

Kainantu and Aiyura (approximately 90 miles NW of Lae) were bombed and strafed by 6 enemy bombers and 6 fighters the afternoon of June 16, and during the evening 3 enemy bombers bombed Cape Sudost (7 miles S. of Buna). No damage was reported.
A powerboat in Hanisch Bay (35 miles E. of Lae) was bombed and strafed by a B-25 on night reconnaissance.

On June 16, Boana (20 miles NW of Lae) and villages in the Markham River Valley were strafed by 6 Beaufighters while 6 A-20's bombed and strafed enemy positions in the Mubo area.

(D) N.E.I.

Photographs of Solaru Island (just SW of the Tanimbar Islands) indicate a new enemy airstrip under construction.

The waterfront at Koepang was bombed during the evening of June 16 by 6 B-25's and fires resulted.

Kendari (SE Celebes) was raided at 2226 K June 16, by 8 B-24's but no further details were reported.

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I. Northwestern Pacific

On June 15, Kiska was attacked by 7 Venturas which dropped 66 tons of bombs on A/A positions, the runway and buildings in the main camp area. Enemy A/A fire was heavy but no planes were reported lost.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

At 0745 L, June 15, a force of 16 SB2C's and 12 TBF's which were covered by 24 F4F's bombed the Bairoko area (approximately 16 miles N. of Munda). Heavy bombs including 2,000-pounders were dropped causing explosions and fires.

The following day at 0830 L, Sangigai (W. Choiseul Island) was raided by a force of 12 SB2C's and 18 TBF's with a covering escort of 24 F4U's. 1,000-lb. and 600-lb. bombs fell in the target area causing considerable destruction and fires of heavy black smoke.

A large force of enemy planes estimated at 60 bombers and 60 fighters but probably even larger, was intercepted by 104 of our fighters at 1407 L, the same day. Although not stated, the action probably took place in the Southern Solomons. 32 enemy bombers and 45 enemy fighters were destroyed and 12 others were damaged. Only 6 of our planes are missing, of which 1 pilot has been saved.

(B) New Britain

Before daybreak June 15, an Allied force of 20-22 B-24's attacked Rabaul. 1 plane bombed Rapopo airdrome and the others concentrated on Lakunai. Many fires and explosions resulted and no Allied planes were reported lost.

The same morning, a Catalina bombed Cape Gloucester airdrome starting fires.

(C) New Guinea

Bena Bena and Kainantu (approximately 70-80 miles S. of Madang) were raided June 14, by 27 enemy bombers accompanied by 30 fighters. Some supply dumps and buildings were hit and destroyed but only 1 man was injured.
The following night, 9 enemy planes attacked Dobodura (10 miles SN of Buna) and minor damage resulted to ground installations.

Boana and other enemy-held villages in the Markham River valley were strafed by 7 Beaufighters the morning of June 16. No details were reported.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U. S. SS on patrol in the Northwestern Pacific reports scoring 2 hits on a 10,000-ton enemy AP.

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1. Southwestern Pacific
   
   (A) Solomon Islands
   
   9 B-24's and 4 B-17's dropped 280 100-lb. bombs on Kahili between 1940 L and 2025 L June 13. No further details were reported.

   The following night, 11 more Allied planes raided Kahili air-drome and the Shortland Island area. 1,000 and 2,000-lb. bombs were included in the load dropped over enemy targets but extent of damage was not known.

   At 0830 L June 14, Vila was attacked by 18 B-25's escorted by 18 F4U's. 180 100-lb. bombs were dropped on the runway and A/A positions, and all our planes returned safely.

   Koli Point (10 miles E. of Henderson Field, Guadalcanal) received 5 bombs from 3 Jap planes during the early morning of June 16. No damage was reported.

   (B) New Guinea

   5 enemy barges moving along the Huon Peninsula were attacked by 3 B-25's the night of June 13. Bombing or strafing destroyed or badly damaged all the barges.

   At approximately the same time, 2 enemy planes dropped bombs on Goodenough Island but damage, if any, was not reported.

   Enemy installations on Guadalcanal (Vitiaz Strait, 9 miles S. of Rocke Island) were bombed by a B-17 on reconnaissance the following day. The Japs probably have a radio station on the island.

   (C) N.E.I.

   During the night of June 13-14, a single Catalina bombed the air-drome at Babo and other Catalinas raided Ralikana town and airfield.

   Air reconnaissance over Wadke Island (110 miles NW of Hollandia) reports an enemy airstrip of 10,000-feet, of which 6,000-feet has been surfaced.
Photographs of the Humboldt Bay area, Hollandia, taken 2 hours after the attack, revealed an AK similar to the one reported probably sunk during the attack of June 15.

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Summary as of 0800, June 16, 1943.

I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

At 2055 L June 13, Guadalcanal was under attack and 3 bombs fell near Kokumbona (approximately 10 miles W. of Henderson Field). No casualties or damage resulted.

(B) New Britain

Before dawn June 13, a force of 4 B-24's and 21 B-17's set out to attack Vunakanau airdrome, Rabaul area. 1 B-17 failed to reach the target, another attacked Rappo airfield and another bombed the field at Gazmata destroying an enemy bomber on the ground. Heavy bombs including 40 1,000-pounders were dropped on Vunakanau starting many fires. 3 B-17's are missing and 2 of them are believed to have fallen in the Rabaul area.

Photographs of Rabaul Harbor the same day, revealed a total of 46 enemy vessels including 31 AP/AK's aggregating 128,000-tons, 1 CL, 4 DD's, 5 FC's, 1 AO, 1 AD, 1 AS, 1 CM, and 1 hospital ship. On the 3 airdromes in the area, there were 181 fighters, 103 bombers and 7 transports. There were 3 floatplanes and 2 flying boats in the harbor making a total of 271 planes.

An enemy SS S. of Gazmata was attacked by a Catalina during the early morning of June 13. Depth-charges and 250-lb. bombs were dropped near the stern of the vessel but details of damage, if any, were not reported.

(c) New Guinea

6 enemy barges moving S. off Finschhafen the evening of June 12, were attacked by 2 B-25's. When last observed 1 barge was probably on a reef and the other 5 were beached.

The following morning, Malahang airdrome, Lae, was raided by a B-24 on reconnaissance, and 5 A-20's strafed trails and tracks in the Komiatum area.

During the evening of June 13, Port Moresby was attacked by 4 Jap bombers but no damage or casualties resulted.

(D) N.E.I.

Enemy shipping in Humboldt Bay (Hollandia) was attacked at noon.
by a B-24 on reconnaissance. 2 hits and a near miss with 500-lb. bombs were scored on a 2-4,000-ton AX which probably sank the vessel as it could not be located 3 hours after the attack.

Dili and Koepang (Timor) were each bombed by 2 B-26's the night of June 13. 2 fires resulted at Koepang and it was reported that recent raids have destroyed approximately 50 buildings.

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I. Southwestern Pacific
(A) Solomon Islands

During the night of June 12-13, 7 B-24's and 3 B-17's dropped fragmentation clusters and 130 100-lb. bombs on the airfield at Kukila but results were unobserved. No U. S. planes were lost.

In the air battle of the Russell Islands the morning of June 12, 3 additional enemy planes have been reported destroyed making a total of 28 Zeros shot down and 8 probably destroyed.

During the night of June 10-11, and the following day, Japanese bombers followed and unsuccessfully attacked Allied convoys S. of the Solomon Islands.

(B) New Guinea

On June 12, over the Ramu River area (S. of Madang) 12 P-38's encountered 20 Zeros. In air combat 1 Zero was shot down and another probably destroyed.

Shortly afterwards, Kainantu (65 miles S. of Madang) was attacked by enemy planes. No details were reported.

Cape Killerton and the Gona area were raided the same night by 3 enemy planes. Results of the raid were not reported.

(C) N.E.I.

7 Beaufighters raided the Taberfane seaplane base (Arue Islands) June 12. 6 enemy floatplanes were destroyed and 2 were damaged by strafing. Another floatplane attempting interception was shot down.

The same day, 3 B-24's bombed Nabire airdrome damaging buildings near the field. On the return trip the planes attacked shipping in Kainana Harbor and scored near misses on an AK. While bombing the airfield at Langgoer (Kal Islands) 8 enemy fighters attempted interception and 1 of the enemy planes was probably shot down.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, June 15, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

Kiska was attacked by 5 missions from Amchitka on June 11. 6 heavy and 6 medium bombers escorted by 20 P-38's and 8 P-40's bombed North Head, South Head, the main camp, runway and Gertrude Cove area. Hits were reported on all the targets and a great explosion was seen. 3 B-25's were slightly damaged by A/A fire and 2 P-38's were lost. However, the pilot of one of them, which crashed on Tanaga Island, was saved. A Ventura crashed at Ogliaa but the personnel escaped injury.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

W. of Buka on June 11, 2 reconnaissance B-24's were attacked by 2 Jap bombers. 1 of the Japs was shot down. In Buka Passage 1 ship was sighted but none were seen along the SE coast of Bougainville nor around Isabel by other reconnaissance B-24's.

NE and W. of the Russell Islands on June 11, our planes intercepted 40-50 enemy planes and destroyed 22 Zeros and probably 8 more. Our losses were 1 F4U, 4 P4F's, and 1 P-40 but only 2 pilots are missing.

Kahili airfield was bombed by 7 B-17's during the night of June 10 and a small fire was started. 8 TBF's which accompanied the B-17's, failed to locate any enemy shipping. 1 B-17 is missing and 1 TBF was forced down by engine trouble.

(B) New Britain

Vunakanau was bombed at noon on June 10 by a lone reconnaissance B-24. On June 11, 12 B-24's bombed Vunakanau. Clouds prevented checking the results but some fires and explosions were seen. Later in the day, photographs revealed about the normal number of planes on the field with work continuing on the new Karavat strip but no planes there. Cape Gloucester was bombed by an RAAF PBY on June 11.

(C) New Guinea

The Salamaua area was bombed and strafed by B-25's on the morning of June 11. Pictures indicate a probable hit on a fuel dump and confirm a direct hit and 3 near misses on the 5. end of a bridge over the - 1 -

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Francisco River, SW of Salamaua, which was attacked by B-25's at the same
time as was Salamaua. 4 Beaufighters which were unable to reach Mubo be-
cause of bad weather strafed Komiatum at noon the same day, and a single
B-17 strafed enemy positions at Madang and Bodagim (15 miles S. of Madang).

Pictures indicate the possibilities of a secret Jap float-
plane base at Rooko Island, off the Western tip of New Britain.

At Newak on June 11 there were 1 PC, 3 small AK's of 1,000 or
less tons and 65 barges while an incomplete survey of the fields revealed
83 planes including 21 unfit for service. Great activity and large quantities
of stacked supplies were seen in the wharf area.

(D) N.E.I.

Koepang (SW Timor) was attacked on the night of June 11 by
15 B-24's. A power house was believed to have been destroyed. At the
same time the field at Dilli was bombed by a B-25 which also observed 2
small AK's off Lae Temi.

4 FBY's bombed Babo on the night of June 11 and 1 of the
planes also attacked Kaimana on the return flight.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0000, June 12, 1942

I. Northwestern Pacific

During the night of June 8-9, 66 additional Japanese troops were killed and 1 captured in the area between Cape Khlebnikof and Sarana Bay, Attu. There was no enemy activity on any other part of the island.

During the afternoon of June 10, a total of 6 B-24's, 8 B-25's, 12 P-40's, and 8 P-38's made 4 attacks on installations at Kiska. Over 30 tons of bombs fell on North Head, South Head, Little Kiska, Gertrude Cove and the runway. Barges in the harbor were bombed and strafed and hits were observed on gun positions.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) New Britain

Allied planes were over the Rabaul area for approximately 3 hours before dawn, June 10. A total of 3 B-24's and 18 B-17's heavily bombed Vunakanau, Lakunai and Rapopo airdromes. Many large and small fires were started indicating possible burning aircraft. Heavy explosions were also observed possibly from hits on ammunition dumps. Enemy A/A fire and searchlights were active and 3 fighters attempted interception. Some of our planes were damaged but none were reported lost.

Gasmata was bombed the early morning of the same day by a Catalina but results were not observed.

A second report of enemy air strength at Rabaul June 7 revealed a total of 225 fighters and bombers at the fields in the area.

(B) New Guinea

There were 3 5,500-ton AK's and 2 1,500-ton AK's in the harbor at Newak at dawn June 10. 4 of the vessels were observed leaving the harbor later the same morning. 1 DD covered by 12 enemy planes was also reported in the area.
(C) N.E.I.

Single B-24's on reconnaissance June 10 bombed a 3-4,000-ton enemy vessel at Kokas Harbor (60 miles N. of Babo) and a 3,000-ton vessel at Sorong. Near misses with 500-lb. bombs damaged the larger vessel which was stationary in the water when last observed. The other vessel was not hit but bombs fell among buildings causing an explosion and a fire.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, June 11, 1943.

I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

At 1030 L June 9, 2 B-24's strafed an enemy AK at a point approximately 45 miles NW of Buka Passage. The ship, when last seen, was listing 30 degrees.

The same day, when no shipping could be located in the Buin area, 2 B-24's dropped 4,100-1b. bombs on both Ballale and Kahili airdromes, but results were not observed. There were 28 fighters and 11 bombers on the two fields and 20 floatplanes and a 4-engined flying boat at Faisi.

Flying at 22,000 feet, 10 B-24's escorted by 15 fighters bombed Vila with unobserved results June 10. All our planes returned.

Over N. Malaita Island the same day, our fighters intercepted 4 Jap bombers heading SE. Between 1100 L and 1126 L, F4U's brought down 3 of the enemy planes and P-38's accounted for the other.

(B) New Britain

Buildings on Uneta Island (80 miles NE of Cape Gloucester) were bombed by a B-17 on reconnaissance June 10. Results were not reported.

(C) N.E.I.

Single B-24's on reconnaissance, attacked Manokwari and Nabire at noon, June 10. 1 building was destroyed at Manokwari and at Nabire a large explosion and fires resulted from direct hits on 2 large buildings.

It is reported that the Japs are building an overland route from Timika to Nabire.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, June 10, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

On June 9, 19 additional Japs were killed and 5 others taken prisoner at Attu.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

At 1603 L June 9, a force of 7 B-17's escorted by 16 fighters raided Munda. Bombs fell on the runway and in the dispersal area. The Bairoko area (N. of Munda) was also bombed causing fires. All our planes returned safely.

(B) New Britain-New Ireland

A B-24 on reconnaissance June 8, sighted and unsuccessfully bombed an enemy convoy of 4 medium AK's and 1-2 FG's at a point approximately 35 miles SW of Kavieng.

During the early morning of the same day, a Catalina bombed Cape Gloucester but the bombs failed to explode.

(C) New Guinea

Enemy positions in the Komatua area were strafed by 6 Beaufighters the afternoon of June 8.

(D) H.E.I.

During the night of June 7-8, Babo airfield and building area were bombed by 4 Catalinas causing a large explosion. Kairama was attacked by 1 of the same planes on the return trip and a large fire was started.

The following day, enemy shipping consisting of 2 3,000-ton AK's, 1 5,000-ton AK, and 1 AM at Waingapoe, Soemba Island, was attacked by 3 B-24's. 27 500-lb. bombs were dropped and 2 near misses were scored on the 5,000-ton AK.

The towns of Dili and Koepang (Timor) were each bombed the night of June 8 by 2 B-25's. Fires were started at Koepang.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0600, June 9, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

On June 8, 8 additional Japs were killed raising the total enemy dead on Attu to 1,832. 15 enemy prisoners have been captured.

Due to bad weather conditions, no air attacks were made on enemy positions at Kiska.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) New Britain

Photos of Rabaul Harbor June 7, revealed a total of 39 enemy vessels including 22 AK's aggregating 93,000-tons, 1 CL, 6 DD's, an 8,600-ton AO, 3 SS's, 1 AD, 1 AS, 1 PC, 1 CM, and 2 possible FG's or AM's. There were 110 bombers, 29 fighters, and 4 transport planes at the 3 airbases in the area and 3 flying boats and 11 floatplanes in the harbor. The number of fighters at the same airfields June 4, totaled 146, indicating that the enemy fighters over the Russell Islands the same day were probably from the Rabaul area.

(B) New Guinea

A force of 7 B-17's and 6 B-24's set out to attack the airbases in the Wewak area before dawn June 7. Only 1 B-17 and 1 B-24 reached the target, while more than one-half of the planes returned to their base because of bad weather, and the others bombed Madang and Lae where fires were started.

A B-24 on reconnaissance the same day, strafed 3 loaded enemy barges at the mouth of the Sepik River (60 miles SE of Wewak). 2 of the barges were set afire. The same plane later bombed the jetty at Madang.

Enemy supplies and personnel in the Mubo area were thoroughly strafed by 6 A-20's the morning of the same day.

(C) N.E.I.

The Wessel Lakes area (50 miles N. of Timika) was reported to be occupied by approximately 180 Jap troops.

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I. Northwestern Pacific

On June 7, 10 additional Japs were killed on Attu raising the total known dead to 1,826. 11 of these killed themselves with grenades between the two lakes on the floor of Chichagof Valley, while 7 others were destroyed in the area to the W. of Chichagof Harbor. On other parts of the island there was no evidence of enemy parties. There were no air attacks reported on enemy positions at Kiska June 6-7.

During the afternoon of June 7, several unidentified planes were reported over Attu but no attack was made. A PBY on reconnaissance observed a four-engined Jap bomber at a point approximately 275 miles E. of Cape Lopatka.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

At 1110 L June 7, an enemy force of 40-60 fighters and bombers were intercepted by our fighters between the Russell Islands and Murray Island (Burai). 19 Zeros were destroyed and 6 others were damaged, while our losses totaled 7 planes in combat and 2 others through operational losses due to bad weather. These 2 pilots were saved as were 3 of the pilots shot down in combat.

(B) New Britain

Air reconnaissance reported 6 AK's proceeding N. toward Rabaul in St. Georges Channel before noon June 6. Incomplete coverage of Rabaul Harbor revealed 4 AO's, 2 DD's, and 2 PC's.

(C) New Guinea

Before noon June 6, an enemy force of approximately 16 light bombers escorted by 4 fighters bombed and strafed Sau airfield causing light damage to 1 plane on the ground and to the runway, but no casualties resulted. 1 enemy plane was damaged by A/A fire, and when last seen was smoking and losing altitude.

There were 103 enemy bombers and fighters at the 4 airfields in the Fowak area, the same day. 17 of these planes were damaged or unserviceable.
(D) N.E.I.

36 500-lb. bombs were dropped on Peleliu airfield and the town of Koping by 4 B-24's the morning of June 6. Fires and explosions resulted in the barracks area and along the waterfront. Interception was attempted by approximately 6 enemy fighters of which 3 were shot down.

(E) Indian Ocean

On June 6, a Jap bomber reconnoitered Cocos Island (approximately 720 miles SW of Batavia, Java). This is the first report of enemy planes over this island since December 6, 1942.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U. S. SS in the Northwestern Pacific area reports sinking an enemy AE. Another SS in the same area reports damaging and possibly sinking a Jap sampan by gunfire.

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I. Northwestern Pacific

On June 6, 11-ton bombs were dropped on North Head, Kiska, by 6 B-24's and a Ventura. Weather conditions prevented any observation of results.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

8 P-40's and 10 P-38's strafed Kakasa Village (S. coast of Choiseul Island) at 1545 L, June 6. Light A/A fire was encountered which was later silenced and all our planes returned safely.

At 1050 L the same day, a force of 9 SBD's and 12 TBF's with an escort of 32 F4F's attacked the Munda area. All our planes returned but the results of the raid were not observed.

E of Vella Lavella, a small enemy steamer with an escort vessel was sighted and unsuccessfully bombed by 2 B-24's and a Catalina at 2045 L, June 6.

(B) New Guinea

Several small AK's and many barges or motor launches were observed June 5 at the mouth of the Sepik River (60 miles SE of Wewak).

The same day, a Catalina bombed and depth-charged an enemy SS at a point approximately 60 miles E. of Lae. Results were unobserved.

(C) N.E.I.

While carrying out an attack on the seaplane base at Tabefane (Arce Islands) the afternoon of June 4, 5 Beaufighters were intercepted by 8-9 enemy floatplanes. 1 enemy plane was probably destroyed and 2 others damaged.

The following night, 4 Catalinas set out to bomb Laha airdrome, Ambon. Because of bad weather, only 1 plane reached the area to bomb the target. 3 fires were started. The other 3 planes bombed and strafed Langgoer airfield (Kai Islands) and Dobo (Arce Islands). A lugger in the river at Dobo was hit by a light bomb.
(D) Australia

An Allied AK and an enemy SS on the surface exchanged gunfire off Brisbane June 4. The AK reached port but further details were not reported.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U. S. SS returned from patrol reports scoring 2 hits on an XCVS of the Kamikawa Maru class. The same vessel, stationary in the water, was again attacked at night and 2 more hits were scored, causing a large explosion.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of O800, June 6, 1943

I. Northwestern Pacific
(A) Attu - Kiska

On June 4, Little Kiska and North Head and the main Jap camp on Kiska were attacked 5 times by U. S. bombers escorted by fighters. The weather was bad. 20 tons of bombs were dropped and hits on building areas and gun positions were reported.

II. Southwestern Pacific
(A) Solomon Islands

On June 4, 18 SBD's and 12 TBF's, covered by 26 P-40's, 21 P4Y's and 6 P-38's attacked shipping off Bougainville Island. Hit by several 500-lb. bombs, a DD was believed sunk while a corvette and an AK were set afire. Our planes were intercepted by an unknown number of enemy planes. 15 enemy planes were shot down and 3 damaged. 4 of our planes were lost and 1 crash-landed in the Russell Islands, killing 1 man.

On June 4, 2 B-24's unsuccesfully bombed 2 Jap ships E of Vella Lavella.

On June 5, 4 B-17's dropped 21 medium sized bombs on the Kahili airdrome and Muliko River area.

(B) New Guinea

On June 4, B-17's and B-24's bombed Wewak, Boram and Degua airdromes and the town of Wewak.

(C) N. E. I.

On June 4, a single bomber attacked Timika and Kaukenau (W Dutch New Guinea).

An oil dump was set afire at Babo (W Dutch New Guinea) the night of June 3 - 4 by 4 PBY's which strafed Kaimana (S of Babo) and Wokam (Aru Islands) on the return flight.
On June 4, Koepang (SW Timor) and Lautem (NE Timor) were bomb-
ed by B-25's. Heavy, inaccurate A/A fire was met at Koepang.

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I. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

On June 3, 2 B-24's attacked a small enemy AK off Timputs Harbor (NW of Kieta on Bougainville Island). 2 direct hits were made on the ship with 500-lb. bombs and it was reported destroyed. A second AK was located at Teop, just SE of Timputs, by the same planes. The AK was set afire by strafing and was abandoned by its crew.

(B) New Britain

The morning of June 3, 5 B-24's set out to attack Rabaul. Bad weather forced 4 of the planes to return. The fifth plane bombed Jacquinot Bay, dropping fragmentation clusters, oil bombs, incendiary clusters and flares.

(C) New Guinea

On June 3, it was reported that the hills back of Nassau Bay (SE of Salamaua) were filled with enemy troops.

(D) N.E.I.

2 B-24's attacked enemy shipping at Lautem (NE Timor) at dawn, June 3, with unobserved results. 4 enemy planes intercepted and 1 was destroyed.

The same day, 3 B-24's bombed Babo (Dutch New Guinea) and the Dobo area (Arce Islands). At Tabefane (25 miles SW of Dobo) 4 to 6 enemy floatplanes intercepted our bombers. 1 enemy plane was destroyed and 1 was damaged.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, June 4, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

On June 2, security detachments on Attu were combing the entire island in search of remaining enemy troops. A party of approximately 20 Japs made a raid on Sarens Beach but they were repulsed. Other small parties still remain in the Khlebnikof area. 11 enemy prisoners have been captured.

Air reconnaissance was carried out over the Western Aleutian area but no air attacks were made on enemy positions at Kiska because of bad weather conditions. Also, no major changes were reported of our ground forces at Attu.

General Landrum reports that the enemy counter-attack of May 29, was not a "mass suicide" but a definite military plan to seize our artillery positions and supplies. The Japs fought hard and most of them were killed by our troops. Those who committed suicide did so only when they realized that their position was hopeless and this figure would not exceed 100.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

Photographs of Tukula airfield June 2, show 14 bombers and 6 fighters on the field but 9 of these planes are damaged or unserviceable.

(B) New Britain

During the early morning of June 2, a Catalina bombed Cape Gloucester but results were not reported.

(c) New Guinea

Goradjin village (15 miles S. of Madang) was thoroughly bombed and strafed by 5 B-25's the morning of June 1.

Photographs of Newak Harbor June 2, revealed 1 PC, 1 500-ton AK, and 15 luggers or small harbor vessels. A total of 7 B-17's and 4 B-24's attacked the 4 airdromes in the Newak area at dawn, the same day. Many fires were started and an ammunition dump and aircraft on the ground were possibly destroyed.

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The airstrip at Bulldog (40 miles SW of Wau) was raided by 16 enemy planes at noon, June 2. 1 Allied plane was damaged and 5 men were wounded.

(D) N.E.I.

Tanahmerah (150 miles N. of Merauke) was reconnoitered by enemy aircraft May 23, 25, and 26.

The morning of June 2, 2 B-24's bombed shipping at Lautem (NE Timor) and a near miss was scored on a medium AP/AX. 1 of 5 intercepting enemy fighters was probably destroyed. The afternoon of the same day, 4 B-25's unsuccessfully attacked the same vessels. 1 B-25 is missing. 4 Beaufighters intended to raid Puluro Airdrome at the same time, but because of bad weather, were unable to locate the target.

Barges in the harbor and the town of Hollandia (NE Dutch New Guinea) were strafed by a B-24 on reconnaissance. Results were not reported.

(B) Australia

It appears that 3 enemy SS's are operating along the E. coast of Australia. 1 SS is watching for shipping in and out of Brisbane; another works the area between Coffs Harbor and Newcastle; and the 3rd operates the approaches to Sydney.

III. U. S. Submarine Reports

A U. S. SS in the Northwest Pacific area reports sinking a 3,000-ton enemy AX.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, June 3, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

On June 1, our forces were mopping-up remaining enemy troops at Attu and 130 additional Japs either killed themselves or were wiped out by our troops throughout the island. 56 of these were annihilated in the Khebnikof area.

A total of 1,791 enemy dead have been counted, of which 1,041 were killed during the counter-attack of May 29, and since that time. These totals do not include those killed by air attacks, naval gunfire, or artillery, or those buried or burned by their own troops.

The same day, a total of 8 B-25's, 18 P-38's and 22 P-40's made 8 raids on enemy installations at Kiska. North Head, Gertrude Cove, the main camp, and the runway received over 22-tons of bombs, and our planes strafed enemy personnel and other targets starting fires. 5 Venturas also dropped 17 500-lb. bombs on gun emplacements at Little Kiska. A/A fire throughout the day varied from light to very heavy.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

During the evening of May 31, 3 B-24's bombed and strafed the NE coast of Bougainville at Tinputs Harbor and Numa Numa. Large fires were started which were later reported spreading. 2 small coastal vessels were attacked and bomb hits forced 1 to the beach and the other was thoroughly strafed. Air reconnaissance the same day, reported 4 DD's and 1 AK heading S. off W. Bougainville, and 2 DD's, 10 AK's and 4 small unidentified vessels in the Buin area.

(B) New Britain

Photographs of Rapopo airdrome (Rabaul area) June 1, showed 48 medium bombers, 9 light bombers, and 2 fighters on the field.

(C) New Guinea

A B-17 on reconnaissance over Finschhafen the afternoon of May 31, was attacked by 16 enemy fighters, 5 of which were destroyed and another probably destroyed. Our plane, though badly damaged, returned to its base.

The following morning, 72 1,000-lb. bombs were dropped on Lae airdrome by 9 B-24's, and another B-24 on reconnaissance bombed the airfield at noon.
This plane reported craters in the runway.

The same day, Bogadjim (16 miles S. of Madang) and villages in the area were strafed by 7 Beaufighters.

A small enemy AK, 40 miles N. of Wewak, was strafed by a reconnaissance bomber, June 2.

(D) N.E.I.

20 enemy planes were observed on the airdrome at Kendari (SE Celebes) when a B-24 bombed the field, June 1.

The evening of the same day, Laha airdrome (Ambon) was raided by 2 B-25's, but results were unobserved.

Air reconnaissance reported 3 medium AK's and a FG in the harbor at Lautem (NE Timor).

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Japanese Naval Activities  
Summary as of 0800, June 2, 1943.  

I. Northwestern Pacific  

Mopping-up operations were continuing on Attu May 31, with only 40-50 enemy troops left in the Cape Khlebnikof area, and 1 party of about 30 W. of the Sarana-Massacre Pass. 1,500 Japs have been killed and 4 were taken prisoner.  

U.S. planes were instructed to discontinue all attacks on Attu because there were no longer any suitable targets and our troops were scattered throughout the island.  

7 attack missions by a total of 5 B-24's, 10 B-25's, and 37 P-40's dropped over 25-ton of bombs on Kiska installations including the runway and North Head, while fighters strafed Gertrude Cove and Little Kiska, starting fires.  Gun batteries and the beached ship at Gertrude Cove were hit.  A/A fire damaged 2 B-24's.  

II. Southwestern Pacific  

(A) New Britain  

During the night of May 31st, a Catalina bombed Gasmata but results were not reported.  

(B) New Guinea  

9 B-24's bombed Lae during the morning of May 31. 72 1,000-lb. bombs were dropped and buildings were destroyed.  

The same day, a B-24 bombed Finschhafen but results were un-observed.  

Photos of Wewak, Boram, But, and Dagua airfields taken May 31, showed a total of 72 fighters, 16 bombers and 11 unidentified planes. 13 of these planes were damaged.  

(C) N.E.I.  

On May 31, the airfield at Langgoor (Kai Islands) was strafed by 5 Beaufighters. 1 enemy bomber on the ground was destroyed and a fighter was damaged. 6 Zeros attempted interception, 1 of which was shot down.  

Photographs of Kendari (SE Celebes) taken May 30, show a 10,000-ton AV of the "Kamoi" class just off the harbor.  At Malang airdrome (40 miles S. of Soreabaya, Java), 23 enemy bombers, 27 fighters, and 59 revetments were...
indicated. The runway is surfaced and extends more than 4,000-feet.

The Wissel Lakes area (45 miles N. of Timika), was reported to be in the hands of the Japanese.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, June 1, 1943.

I. Northwestern Pacific

During the evening of May 30, 3 forces of Allied troops moved forward and reached the waterfront at Chichagof Bay. The main force moved N. down Chichagof Valley; the second force crossed and descended the E. spur of the fishhook-shaped ridge W. of the lakes in the valley, and a third smaller force made its way down the steep and rugged valley lying E. of the E. arm of Holzk Bay. Enemy resistance has been broken and small parties of Japs are moving E. along the coast toward Cape Khlebnikof. Enemy casualties for May 29 will exceed 400.

The same day, a total of 7 B-24's, 4 B-25's, and 12 P-40's bombed and strafed enemy installations at Kiska. Over 17-tons of bombs were dropped on the runway and Gertrude Cove areas, starting 2 fires.

II. Southwestern Pacific

(A) Solomon Islands

An Allied reconnaissance plane bombed 2 enemy DD's moving S. from the Buin area during the night of May 29-30. The ships were not hit. The following day, a B-24 strafed an AK off the W. coast of Bougainville Island. 8 enemy AK's and 3 escorts were sighted by air reconnaissance in the Buin area and photos of air bases in the vicinity revealed a total of 5 enemy bombers, 15 fighters, 22 floatplanes, and 1 flying boat.

(B) New Britain

Single Allied reconnaissance planes bombed and strafed barges along the N. coast of New Britain, and the airdrome at Gasmata, May 30-31. Some barges were destroyed.

(C) New Guinea

Enemy planes attacked the airdrome at Mt. Hagen (approximately 120 miles NNW of Madang), on May 23. Damage was reported as slight. Prior to December 7, 1941, this was a government emergency airfield.

Finschhafen and Madang airfields were bombed by single B-17's May 30. Details were not reported.
Before dawn the same day, 7 B-17's heavily bombed the airfields at Boram and Wewak causing fires and explosions in dispersal areas and fuel dumps. 5-5 searchlight positions were destroyed.

(D) N.E.I.

On May 30, 3 B-24's attacking the dock area and a 3,000-ton AK at Kendari (SE Celebes). Bad weather prevented accurate observation of results.

Two B-24's on reconnaissance the same day, were unsuccessful attacks by an enemy fighter at a point approximately 100 miles W. of Sourabaya. Our planes reported a small enemy convoy NE of Sourabaya.

Photographs of Makassar Harbor (Celebes), revealed a total of 18 vessels in the harbor including 1 17,000-ton AF/AK, 1 8,000-ton AK, 2 3,000-ton AK's, 12 small vessels, 1 PT and 1 CM.

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