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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The following additional strikes on 28 August, by CINCPAC aircraft, have been reported:

Seven Liberators bombed IWOJIMA airfield encountering meager AA fire. Although enemy planes were airborne they did not intercept.

PAGAN airfield installations were bombed by 4 Liberators. A small fire started. Meager AA fire was encountered.

Corsairs and Dauntless attacked gun positions on MILLE and started a number of large fires.

NAURU runways were attacked by Venturas, encountering meager AA fire.

Throughout the night a Navy Catalina harassed TAROA and WOTJE.

The following missions were completed on 29 August by CINCPAC aircraft:

Gun emplacements on TAROA and MILLE were struck by Corsairs and Dauntless. AA fire was meager.

PONAPE airfields were pounded by 12 Mitchells, encountering meager AA fire.

Sixteen Thunderbolts strafed PAGAN ISLAND AA positions but did not encounter any enemy fire.

Twenty-one Liberators hit both airfields at MOEN, TRUK ATOLL. One grounded enemy fighter plane was destroyed. About 7 airborne enemy fighters caused damage to a Liberator. AA fire was meager.

During the night of 28-29 August, night flying Catalinas scored several hits on a large freighter in MENDANO BAY (13 degrees north, 124-50 East). A small freighter was set on fire by a PB4Y off MINDANAO COAST. Later, this plane set on fire and probably sank a lugger in the vicinity.

During the night of 29-30 August, PT's attacked targets on the southwest coast of BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND and strafed shoreline areas along the Northwest coast of NEW GUINEA.

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9 a.m. 30 August 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

During the nights of 26-27 and 27-28 August, motor torpedo boats, operated along the northwest coast of NEW GUINEA, strafed enemy personnel, shelled shoreline targets and destroyed two barges.

The submarine COD returned from patrol of the PHILIPPINES AREA after sinking one AK 4,000 tons, one AK 2,000 tons, one Naval auxiliary 2,000 tons, one auxiliary transport 1,000 tons, for a total of 9,000 tons, and damaging one freighter 4,000 tons.

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9 a.m. 29 August 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The following additional strikes by CinCPac aircraft on 25 August have been reported:

TRUK was attacked by 29 Army Liberators. Of 7 to 9 enemy interceptors, one was damaged. Three Liberators were damaged by enemy fighters, two by AA fire. Meager, but accurate, AA fire and phosphorous bombs were encountered.

The building area at MILE was bombed by 46 Corsairs and 40 Dauntless, encountering meager and inaccurate AA fire.

Gun positions at WOTJE and the seaplane ramp area were bombed and strafed by 20 Corsairs.

During the night, WOTJE, MALOELAP, JALUIT and MILE were harassed by night flying planes.

The following attacks by CinCPac aircraft on 26 August were reported:

MALOELAP installations were bombed and strafed by Corsairs. Meager and light antiaircraft fire was encountered.

Corsairs and Dauntless attacked the bivouac area, radio station and gun positions at MILE.

Army Thunderbolts heavily bombed AGUIJAN ISLAND in the MARIANAS. A number of fires were observed.

Venturas bombed runways and personnel areas on NAIRU ISLAND through meager AA fire.

PONAPE airfields were attacked by 11 Mitchells. AA fire was meager.

Navy Catalinas harassed MILE and JALUIT throughout the night.

INWJIMA, MARIANAS GROUP, was attacked by 19 Army Liberators. Bombs fell on airfields and other installations. Of 8 or 10 enemy interceptors, 2 were destroyed, 2 damaged and one probably damaged. Enemy AA fire was intense and accurate. 12 Liberators returned damaged.

A reconnaissance plane dropped bombs on YAP and WOLEAI ISLANDS.

The following strikes by CinCPac aircraft on 27 August have been reported:

Gun positions on MILE were bombed by Corsairs and Dauntless. No AA fire was encountered.

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9 a.m. 28 August 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The following CinCPac press communique is quoted for information:

"Liberators of the 7th AAF bombed the airfield and defense installations at IWOJIMA in the VOLCANO ISLANDS on 25 August (west longitude date). More than 42 tons of bombs were dropped while the Liberators fought off 8 to 10 enemy fighters. Two fighters were destroyed and two damaged, and several Liberators were damaged. Anti-aircraft fire was intense.

"A single 7th AAF Liberator bombed YAP and WOLEAI ISLANDS on 25 August. There was no opposition at WOLEAI, and only light anti-aircraft fire at YAP.

"TRUK ATOLL was bombed by Liberators of the 7th AAF on 24 August. 64 tons of bombs were dropped on defense installations. 8 enemy fighters intercepted, and one fighter was damaged. All of our planes returned.

"In the MARSHALL ISLANDS, WOTJE and MILLE were attacked on 24 August by Corsair fighters and Dauntless dive bombers of the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing. Harassing raids were carried out during the night of 24-25 August against WOTJE, MALOELAP, JALUIT, and MILLE. On 25 August, Corsairs again bombed and strafed MILLE and MALOELAP.

"AGUIJAN ISLAND in the MARIANAS was bombed and strafed by our aircraft on 25 August, starting several fires.

"PONAPE and NAURU ISLANDS were attacked on 25 August, PONAPE by Mitchell medium bombers of the 7th AAF and NAURU by Ventura search planes of Group One, Fleet Air Wing Two."

On 24 August, the runway area on NAURU ISLAND was bombed by Navy Venturas. AA fire was moderate. On the same day, ROTA installations were attacked by Marine Corsairs.

The following missions completed by CinCPac aircraft on 25 August were reported:

Gun positions and the bivouac area on MILLE were strafed and bombed by Marine Corsairs.

The runway area, gun emplacements and town on NAURU ISLAND were heavily pounded by 3 Navy Venturas and 30 Army Mitchells. Meager AA fire was encountered.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The submarine PCMPON, operating in the OKHOTSK SEA, sank a freighter, damaged a tanker and shelled a trawler.

The submarine CABRILLA, returned from patrol of the PHILIPPINE ISLANDS area, and reported as follows:

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1 AO	10,000 tons
2 AK's	4,000 tons each
	<u>18,000 tons</u>

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1 AP	9,900 tons
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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The following CINCPAC release is quoted for information:

"Forty-seven tons of bombs were dropped on IHOJIMA in the VOLCANO ISLANDS by Liberators of the 7th AAF during daylight on 24 August (west longitude date). Three of approximately ten intercepting enemy fighters were destroyed, and one was damaged. Two Liberators were damaged. Antiaircraft fire ranged from moderate to intense.

"In the MARIANAS, ROTA ISLAND was attacked by our aircraft on 23 August, and PAGAN and AGUIJAN ISLANDS were bombed on 24 August. Gun positions and other defense installations were the targets.

"A single 7th AAF Liberator bombed barracks on YAP ISLAND in the western CAROLINES on 24 August, encountering meager anti-aircraft fire.

"NAURU ISLAND was attacked by Ventura search planes of GROUP ONE, FLEET AIR WING TWO, on 23 August, and on 24 August, Venturas and 7th AAF Mitchells again heavily bombed the runways, gun positions, and the town.

"In the MARSHALLS, Corsair fighters of the 4th Marine Aircraft wing bombed and strafed barracks and gun emplacements at MILLE Atoll on 23 August."

The following additional missions were completed by CINCPAC aircraft, on 22 August:

Twenty Thunderbolts attacked runways and AA gun positions on PAGAN ISLAND. Intense and accurate AA fire damaged three Thunderbolts, injured one pilot. One Thunderbolt failed to return.

Army Mitchells bombed both airfields on PONAPE ISLAND. AA fire was meager.

NAURU airfield and installations were attacked by Army Mitchells. AA fire was slight.

During the night of 24-25 August, PT's strafed an area near KIETA, BOUGAI NVILLE, while other PT's shelled targets along the northeast and northwest coasts of NEW IRELAND.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (CONT'D)

As no other information has been received, the following CinC
Pac press communique is quoted for information:

"Iwojima, in the BONIN ISLANDS, was bombed by Liberators of
the Seventh AAF during the night of 23-24 August (west longitude dates).
Meager anti-aircraft fire was encountered and there was no interception.

"PAGAN and AGUIJAN ISLANDS in the MARIANAS were attacked on
23 August. Gun positions, storage facilities and buildings were bombed.
Several fires were started.

"PONAPE ISLAND was bombed on 23 August by Mitchell medium
bombers of the Seventh AAF, and on 22 and 23 August Navy Ventura search
planes of Group One, Fleet Air Wing 2 attacked enemy installations at
NAURU ISLAND. A search Liberator of Fleet Air Wing 2 bombed PONAPE on
22 August.

"WAKE ISLAND was bombed on 22 August by a Fleet Air Wing 2
search plane, and further neutralization raids were carried out against
enemy objectives in the MARSHALLS by Dauntless dive bombers and Corsair
fighters of the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, and by Seventh AAF Liberators."

During the night of 23-24 August, PT's strafed targets along
the central east coast of NEW IRELAND, a bivouac area at MAPIA ISLAND
(SAINT DAVID'S ISLAND) and damaged a 150-foot schooner.

The submarine REDFISH, operating north of LUZON, damaged a
tanker.

The submarine SPADEFISH, operating north of LUZON, sank a
transport and damaged two tankers.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The submarine HADDO, on a war patrol in the waters west of LUZON, reports sinking one oil tanker and one destroyer and damaging another destroyer. It is also stated she probably sank an oil tanker.

During 23 August, motor torpedo boats strafed enemy targets in the KAVIENG AREA, NEW IRELAND, and coastal points in southern BOUGAINVILLE.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 23 August, additional neutralization raids were carried out by CentPac aircraft:

On MILLE, the gun positions and bivouac area were given a substantial bombing by Marine Corsairs and Dauntless dive bombers.

The same island was bombed by 5 Army Liberators.

Gun emplacements on NAURU were hit by Navy Venturas.

Search planes of Fleet Air Wing 2 struck the airfields on WAKE ISLAND and PONAPE.

On 23 August, the personnel area and air installation on YAP were bombed by 19 Army Liberators. The AA fire was meager.

On 24 August, the following missions were completed by CentPac aircraft:

During the night, IWOUJIMA was attacked by two Army Liberators. There was no AA fire.

Meager AA fire did not prevent Marine Corsairs from dive bombing gun positions on MILLE.

A fire was observed in the warehouse area as 12 Mitchells of the 7th Army Air Force dropped bombs on the new airfield and AA positions at PONAPE. The enemy's flak was light.

Finding the AA fire weak, Navy Venturas bombed NAURU's runways and gun positions.

PAGAN ISLAND gun positions were blasted by 18 Thunderbolts. Fire bombs were also dropped on the island. One plane was damaged by the enemy's intense and accurate AA fire.

AGUIJAN ISLAND, southwest of TINIAN, was hit by 18 Thunderbolts whose bombs demolished buildings and registered near misses on gun positions. Small fires were started in the storage area.

(Recent policy advises to neutralize this island with view to possible occupation.)

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

During the night of 22-23 August, enemy coastal targets, NEW IRELAND, were strafed by motor torpedo boats from GREEN AND EMIRAU ISLANDS.

During the same night, enemy positions on the southeast coast of BOUGAINVILLE were strafed by motor torpedo boats from TREASURY ISLAND.

Motor torpedo boats from WOENDI strafed a barge at MANDIMAN.

Motor torpedo boats from AMSTERDAM ISLAND, VOGELKOP, NEW GUINEA, sank, in SELE STRAITS, a barge loaded with stores. They also strafed the bivouac area at WARPAPERI.

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4 p.m. 24 August 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 22 August, neutralization raids were carried out by CinCPac aircraft as follows:

Encountering no AA fire, three Army Liberators bombed the airfield at PAGAN ISLAND.

No enemy fire was received when Army Thunderbolts struck gun positions and buildings on PAGAN ISLAND.

In spite of moderate AA fire, Marine Corsairs dropped bombs on the runway on ROTA.

Venturas of Fleet Air Wing 2 struck the airstrips at NAIRU. The enemy's AA fire was meager.

Gun positions on WOTJE were hit by Marine Corsairs.

Navy patrol planes harassed the personnel areas on TAROA and WOTJE. The enemy's AA fire was meager.

On MILLE, the AA and coastal defense guns were heavily bombed by teams of Corsairs and Dauntless dive bombers of the 4th Marine Air Wing. The flak was light.

WOTJE gun positions were bombed by Marine Corsair fighters.

In spite of moderate AA fire, two Navy Venturas continued the blasting of the airfields on NAURU.

The command post on AGRIGAN ISLAND, MARIANAS, was demolished by Thunderbolts.

Gun positions on ROTA were hit by GUAM-based Corsairs.

The submarine RONQUIL (SS396), on a war patrol near FORMOSA, reports sinking a large enemy freighter and damaging another one.

During the night of 21-22 August, enemy bivouac areas east of the battle perimeter at AITAPE, were strafed by motor torpedo boats from AITAPE.

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9 a.m. 24 August 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 23 August, at 11:00 a.m., just off the southwest coast of CHICHIJIMA, BONIN ISLANDS, an enemy convoy of 2 destroyers, one large freighter and two small freighters was attacked by 2 Navy Liberators. Bombing at masthead height, the large freighter and a small freighter were sunk. The remaining freighter was left smoking. During the melee, one Liberator crashed with all hands, 2,000 yards north of the convoy.

On 22 August, at 1:04 p.m., Army Liberators blasted the barracks and air installations west of the airfield at YAP. The AA fire was meager. ASOR, in ULITHI ATOLL, was bombed by a Liberator. The enemy did not offer any resistance here.

The mouth of the TAMBAKAR RIVER, southwest NEW IRELAND, was shelled by motor torpedo boats from GREEN ISLAND, during the night of 21-22 August.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The battleships TENNESSEE and CALIFORNIA, while proceeding to ESPIRITU SANTO ISLAND, at 15 knots, collided with each other on 23 August at 4:40 a.m. The former lost steering control and hit the latter on the port side forward. No personnel casualties were suffered on the TENNESSEE, but she was damaged above the waterline on the starboard side from frames 3 to 10. Her No. 1 five-inch mount was put out of commission. The CALIFORNIA incurred damage above the waterline from port side frames 19 to 30. Her chief petty officers' storeroom and chain locker were flooded, and her No. 8 five-inch mount was put out of commission. The damage received necessitates docking her. The accident resulted in casualties to her personnel as follows: six dead, eight injured, one seriously and two missing.

The submarine CROAKER (SS246), on a war patrol south of KOREA, states that she has sunk a Kuma class cruiser (5,100 tons), a small freighter, a large ore ship or fleet tanker and a coastal patrol vessel.

The submarine TAMEOR (SS198), on a war patrol in the OKHOTSK SEA, reports sinking one freighter and getting two torpedo hits in another unidentified Jap ship.

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9 a.m. 23 August 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 21 August, at 2:41 p.m., 20 Liberators caused a large fire and explosions when they hit the barracks and air installations on YAP. The AA fire was meager.

The submarine ASPRO (SS309), returning from her fourth war patrol in the MOLUKKAS and PHILIPPINES, reports the following damage to the enemy:

<u>Sunk</u>		<u>Damaged</u>	
2 medium AK's	4,000 tons each	1 AK	2,000 tons
1 small AP	4,000 tons	1 medium AK	<u>4,000</u> tons
1 large AK	<u>7,500</u> tons	TOTAL	6,000 tons
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9 a.m. 23 August 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The following additional missions were completed by CinCPac aircraft on 20 August:

The airstrip at PONAPE and WAKE ISLAND were bombed by Navy patrol planes.

Other Navy patrol planes, in a night harassment, bombed the personnel areas at TAROA and WOTVE.

Gun positions on ROTA were bombed and strafed by Marine Corsairs.

On 21 August further neutralization raids were carried out by CentPac aircraft:

On MILLIE gun emplacements and the radio station were bombed and powder stores set on fire by Dauntless planes and Corsairs of the 4TH MARINE AIR WING.

The airfields at PONAPE were struck by Mitchell bombers of the 7TH ARMY AIR FORCE. The enemy's defensive fire was meager.

The runways at NAURU were hit by Venturas of GROUP ONE, FLEET AIR WING TWO.

Fire bombs and quarter-tonners were dropped on the AA positions on PAGAN ISLAND by 19 Army Thunderbolts. Only meager and inaccurate AA fire was met.

Two Navy Liberator search planes of GROUP ONE, FLEET AIR WING TWO, discovered two enemy ships, one of 2,000 tons and another of 750 tons enroute MARCUS ISLAND. The planes carried out a bombing and strafing attack at mast-head height, which resulted in leaving the larger ship in flames, listing and unable to make way. The smaller ship was set afire and noticeably slowed. One Liberator was damaged by AA fire from the enemy.

A Navy reconnaissance plane bombed the airfield at PONAPE.

On 21 August at 9:30 a.m. TRUK Atoll; the warehouse area on DUBLON ISLAND and the AA positions and radio station on MOEN were attacked by 27 Army Liberators. Three explosions were seen. Seven to nine enemy fighters intercepted, two of which were damaged. The enemy's AA fire damaged two of our bombers.

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9 a.m. 22 August 1944

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The submarine HAMMERHEAD, returning from her first war patrol in the area south of FORMOSA, reports as follows:

8 July - 30 miles north of CAPE BOJEADOR, southern LUZON ISLAND, sank a coastal patrol boat by gunfire.

30 July - in a twilight attack 45 miles west of IBAYAT ISLAND, LUZON STRAIT, sank a large AK, damaged two other AK'S.

A summary of her cruise indicates the following damage inflicted:

Sunk: 1 large AK 8600 tons
 1 coastal patrol vessel - 100 tons

Damaged: 2 AK's - 6,200 tons each

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 18 August, the KAVIENG AREA and the SAINT GEORGES CHANNEL AREA, NEW IRELAND, were shelled by motor torpedo boats.

On 19 August, six Venturas of FLEET AIR WING 2 bombed the runways and gun emplacements at NAURU. The AA fire was intense.

On 20 August the following missions were completed by CentPac aircraft:

Gun positions on WOTJE were blasted by Corsairs of the 4TH MARINE AIR WING. No flak was observed.

The AA positions and coastal defense batteries at MILE were pounded by teams of Corsairs and Dauntless dive bombers. The enemy AA fire was meager.

The runways and gun positions at NAURU were struck by Venturas. One Ventura received minor damage by the enemy's meager AA fire.

Army Thunderbolts secured direct hits on AA positions and a dock on PAGAN ISLAND, MARIANAS GROUP.

ALAMAGAN ISLAND, MARIANAS GROUP, was bombed by a lone Liberator.

✓ The submarine DARTER (SS227), returning from her third war patrol off HALMAHERA and SOUTHERN MINDANAO, reports as follows:

29 June - northwest of MOROTAI ISLAND, HALMAHERA GROUP, sank a coastal mine layer (Okinoshima class).

✓ The submarine SAND LANCE (SS381), returning from a war patrol in the CELEBES, reports as follows:

14 July - east of SALEIER ISLAND, southern CELEBES, sank one AK; damaged another.

1 August - south of LEMBEH ISLAND, northern CELEBES, damaged one AK.

A resume of her cruise indicates the following damage inflicted:
Sunk: 1 large AK - 7,500 tons; damaged: 2 medium AK - 4,000 tons each.

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4 p.m. 21 August 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

In the mopping-up operations that are still in progress on GUAM, SAIPAN and TINIAN, the following is reported for the period 12-18 August:

- GUAM - our casualties have been 12 KIA and 61 WIA. 593 Japs were killed and 14 POW taken. Enemy killed on GUAM to 18 August now totals 14,067, with 119 prisoners of war.
- SAIPAN - our casualties were 5 WIA and 1 MIA, with 187 Japs killed and 15 prisoners of war. Through 16 August, total enemy buried is 25,144.
- TINIAN - our casualties were 5 KIA and 11 WIA. 201 Japs have been killed, and 15 prisoners of war taken.

The air installations and barracks west of the airfield on the island of YAP were bombed by 20 Army Liberators on 20 August at 12:16 p.m. The enemy did not intercept the flight. The AA was meager.

During the night of 18-19 August, motor torpedo boats from EMIRAU shelled a plantation in northeast NEW IRELAND.

The mouth of the TAMBAKAR RIVER, in southwest NEW IRELAND, was bombarded by motor torpedo boats from GREEN ISLAND, during the night of 19-20 August.

Trucks in the coastal village of DAGUR, northwest of HEWAK, northeast NEW GUINEA, were strafed by motor torpedo boats from AITAPE.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 17 August, PT's destroyed two barges at WINDESI, VOGELKOP and sank three of eleven damaged barges at MANSIMAN ISLAND, south of MANOKWARI. Other motor torpedo boats strafed targets along the northwest coast of NEW GUINEA.

During 18 August, Thunderbolts attacked antiaircraft positions on PAGAN ISLAND. Moderate to intense AA fire was encountered.

On 18 August, 4 Venturas attacked NAURU ISLAND runways and dispersal areas. Meager AA fire was encountered.

During the night of 19 August, the submarine STERLET sank a large freighter and probably sank a medium freighter in the BONIN ISLAND area.

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9 a.m. 19 August 1964

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

During the night of 16-17 August, PT's shelled an area on the southeast coast of NEW IRELAND. Other PT's shelled points on the NEW GUINEA coast between AITAPE and WEMAK, starting a large fire, while others covered two Army amphibious landings at the CAPE of GOOD HOPE, north VOGLERF. About 11 of 18 enemy barges observed at HANSELIN ISLAND, south of MANOKWARI, were badly damaged by PT's.

On 17 August, the First Battalion of the 186th Infantry, supported by Naval and air forces landed near WARDU, RIAM ISLAND.

The submarine SAILFISH, operating west of LUZON, sank a mine layer and one escort, probably a destroyer.

The submarine GREENWING, apparently operating in the LUZON Area, sank a trawler.

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UNITED STATES FLEET
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4 p.m. 18 August 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

Additional reports received on the attack by the submarine HAIKHEAD, reported in this morning's summary, indicate that 10 possible torpedo hits were scored on the battleship at 3:00 a.m., 18 August. Breaking-up noises and disappearance of the target during a subsequent daylight approach indicated that the battleship possibly sank.

On 16 August, the WOTA airstrip and gun positions were attacked by 24 Marine Corsairs.

During the night of 16-17 August, one Army Liberator harassed IWOJIMA, VOLCANIC ISLAND GROUP.

The following attacks were made by CinCPac aircraft on 17 August:

MIIE coastal defense positions were hit by Marine Corsairs and Dauntless.

PACON ISLAND aa positions were attacked by 20 Thunderbolts. Intense aa fire was encountered.

NAURU airstrips were bombed by 3 Venturas. AA fire was meager.

19 Army Liberators struck the building and storage areas and airfield installations on IWOJIMA, in the VOLCANIC ISLAND GROUP. Four enemy fighters were damaged. AA fire encountered was meager and all our planes returned without damage.

The DUELON warehouse and storage areas, TRUK ATOLL, were bombed by 24 Liberators. Fires and large explosions were observed. Of six intercepting enemy fighter planes, one was destroyed and three were damaged. Two Liberators sustained minor damage. AA fire was moderate and inaccurate.

A reconnaissance plane bombed the PONAPE TOWN AREA, but results were unobserved.

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9 a.m. 18 August 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The following missions have been completed by CinCPac aircraft on 16 August:

Runways and aa positions on PAGAN ISLAND were struck by 20 Thunderbolts. Light aa fire damaged 5 Thunderbolts. Later, the area was bombed by a Liberator, which encountered heavy aa fire.

MAUG ISLAND, in the northern MARINIAS, was attacked by two Liberators. Bombs fell on the radio and weather stations which were probably destroyed. Light aa fire was encountered.

CHICHUJIMA, in the ROBIN ISLANDS, was bombed by Army Liberators. Bombs were dropped on the seaplane base and air installation. Moderate to intense but inaccurate aa fire was encountered.

The shelter area on TARCA was attacked by Marine Corsairs.

Runways on MAKU ISLAND were bombed by 4 Navy Ventura's, which encountered heavier aa fire.

On 17 August, 25 Army Liberators started large fires and explosions in the DUNLON warehouse and storage area, TRUK ATOLL. Six enemy fighter planes were intercepted and of these one was destroyed, three damaged. Two Liberators were damaged by the fighters and aa fire.

On 16 August, the enemy bivouac area between BUT and DANVA airdromes in northwest NEW GUINEA was bombarded by two destroyers. About 30 huts were destroyed.

During the night of 15-16 August, PT's strafed enemy positions on the north coast of VOCHLONF and targets east of AITAPA. Other PT's shelled a number of points on the southeast and southwest coast of BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.

At 5:45 a.m., 18 August, the submarine HARDHEAD damaged and slowed to three knots an enemy battleship 415 miles northwest of FALELUU.

The submarine BOHEFISH returned from patrol of the PHILIPPINE AREA, after sinking one AK, one AO, plus small craft for a total of 12,800 tons and damaging a 7,500 ton oiler.

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9 a.m. 16 August 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The following additional strikes by CinCPac aircraft on 13 August have been reported:

Gun positions on MILLE were attacked by Corsairs and Dauntless. Meager AA fire was encountered.

The runways on MAURU ISLAND were attacked by 3 Navy Venturas. Moderate AA fire was encountered.

The following missions were completed by CinCPac aircraft on 14 August:

Four Navy Venturas bombed the runways on MAURU ISLAND. AA fire was moderate.

MILLE gun emplacements were attacked by Marine fighters and dive bombers.

AA positions on ROTA ISLAND were bombed and strafed by Army Thunderbolts. No AA fire was encountered and no gun emplacements in the target area were observed.

Gun positions and runways on PAGAN ISLAND were bombed by 12 Mitchells. Moderate AA fire was encountered.

Airfields and adjacent installations on IWOJIMA were bombed by 22 Army Liberators. AA fire was meager and inaccurate. Our bombers were intercepted by 3 to 6 aggressive enemy fighters, using phosphorous bombs. One Liberator was damaged and crashed; another sustained damage and was forced down. Four crew members were rescued.

During the night of 13-14 August, motor torpedo boats strafed enemy shore positions on both sides of ST. GEORGE'S CHANNEL, northeast NEW BRITAIN. A frigate bombarded enemy installations in the SCHOUTEN ISLANDS.

The submarine FLUNDER scored 2 torpedo hits on a 4,000 ton empty enemy freighter aground on MINTO REEF, TRUK ATOLL.

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9 a.m. 15 August 1944

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 13 August, a Liberator bombed an enemy convoy 70 miles west of CHICHI JIMA. Due to weather, results were unobserved.

During the night of 12-13 August, motor torpedo boats strafed targets along northwest NEW GUINEA and northeast NEW IRELAND.

The submarine LAPON returned from patrol of the SOUTH CHINA SEA and reported as follows:

<u>Sunk</u>		<u>Damaged</u>	
2 medium AK's	- 4,000 tons each	2 AK	- 19,400 tons
1 AC	- 10,000 tons	1 medium AK	- 4,000 tons
Total	- <u>18,000 tons</u>	Total	- <u>23,400 tons</u>

The submarine CREVALLE returned from patrol of the FRENCH INDO CHINA coast and reported as follows:

<u>Sunk</u>	
1 AK	9,300 tons
1 AK	7,600 tons
1 AK	8,800 tons
1 AK	6,700 tons
Total tonnage	<u>32,400 tons</u>

The submarine BARBEL reported sinking 3 AK's, 1 whale factory ship and damaging 1 AP for a total tonnage of 41,000 tons.

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9 a.m. 14 August 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

During the morning of 12 August, an Australian aloop bombarded the bivouac area at MILIM, WIDE BAY, NEW BRITAIN.

Motor torpedo boats were active during the night of 11-12 August, along the northwest coast of NEW GUINEA and northwest NEW IRELAND. Six enemy barges were destroyed and a number of shoreline targets strafed.

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13 August 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On GUAM ISLAND mopping up continued. A total of 11,502 enemy dead have been counted, 102 POW captured, 8 Jap civilians interned and 14,502 civilians placed in camps. Our casualties to-date: KIA 1227, MIA 5752, MIA 327.

During 11 August, a reconnaissance plane dropped bombs on Airfield No. 1, PONAPE ISLAND. Results were unobserved.

During the night of 10-11 August, motor torpedo boats operating off the Northwest coast of NEW GUINEA and Northeast NEW IRELAND, probably destroyed two enemy barges and shelled a number of shoreline targets. A bridge at the mouth of the SALAMINERA CREEK, between AITAPE and WENAK, NEW GUINEA, was destroyed by two destroyers bombarding the area.

The submarine FLASHER, returned from patrol of the FRENCH-INDO-CHINA coast, and reported as follows:

<u>SANK</u>		<u>DAMAGED</u>	
1 CL KUMA class	5,100 tons	1 AK	8,800 tons
1 large AP	10,000 tons	1 AK	6,500 tons
1 large AK	7,500 tons		15,700 tons
1 medium AK	4,000 tons		
1 large AO	<u>10,000 tons</u>		
	36,600 tons		

reports sinking ^{during July} one light cruiser of the Kuma class (1920 ^{5000 tons}), 1 transport, 1 tanker, and 2 cargo ships for a total of 36,600 tons sunk. Two additional AKs of 15,200 were ~~torpedoed and~~ damaged by torpedoes.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

Between 300 to 400 dead Japanese were found in a concrete cave structure on GUAM ISLAND. Total enemy dead counted - 11,121, POW - 87, civilians interned - 7. A total of 14,862 captives are in camps, others have returned to their homes. Our casualties: KIA-1,219, MIA-5,726, MIA-327.

At 10:00 a.m., 10 August, 68 Corsairs and 57 Dauntless struck gun positions at MILE. Meager and generally inaccurate AA fire was encountered. One Corsair sustained major damage.

Between 5:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., 10 August, six Venturas bombed the two airstrips on NAURU ISLAND. Accurate AA fire damaged one Ventura.

During the night of 9-10 August, three Catalinas harassed JALUIT, MILE and WOTWE.

On 9 August, a PBMY damaged a 1,000 or 1,500 ton freighter in the vicinity of the TALAUD ISLANDS.

Motor torpedo boats, operating off the northwest coast of NEW GUINEA destroyed three and damaged one enemy barge. In addition, targets along the shoreline were strafed and a number of fires started. Other PT's, operating along the northeast coast of NEW BRITAIN, destroyed one barge and strafed shore installations in the vicinity.

Land-based aircraft struck at targets near RABUL, NEW BRITAIN, and KAVIENG, NEW IRELAND.

The submarine BALAO, operating in the vicinity of YAP ISLAND, sank a sampan carrying 50 enemy troops.

11 The submarine PAROO, returned from patrol of the CELEBES SEA, after sinking one 6,600 ton freighter and damaging two freighters of 4,000 tons each. 27 June (previously reported).

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

During the night of 7 August, a Navy Catalina harassed TAROA, dropping bombs on the personnel areas. A Liberator bombed No. 2 airfield on PONAPE.

The following missions were completed by CinCPac aircraft on 8 August:

Nine Venturas dropped bombs on runways and the central sector of NAIEHU ISLAND. Moderate and inaccurate AA fire was encountered.

Eight Corsairs attacked NOTVE. Light, meager and inaccurate AA fire was encountered.

JALUIT gun positions were bombed by 12 Dauntless and 8 Corsairs.

TAROA coastal defense positions were attacked by 12 Corsairs, 19 Dauntless and 2 photo Hellcats. Antiaircraft fire was light, meager and inaccurate.

A Navy Liberator bombed radar installations at TEUK. No interception nor AA fire was encountered.

A reconnaissance Liberator strafed WAKE ISLAND installations. Medium AA fire of varied accuracy was encountered.

A Liberator bombed No. 1 airfield on PONAPE ISLAND.

At 10:30 a.m., 10 August, 20 Thunderbolts bombed the airfield area on PAGAN ISLAND. Intense AA fire damaged one plane.

Between 11:19 and 11:25 a.m., 10 August, 18 Liberators struck airdrome installations on ENOJIMA. A number of fires started, and one enemy aircraft was destroyed, plus several probably destroyed on the ground. Our bombers were intercepted by about seven unwilling enemy fighters, using phosphorous bombs. Moderate to intense AA fire caused slight damage to three Liberators. 40 to 50 enemy aircraft were observed.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

of NEWAK, respectively. The Northeast and West Central coast of NEW IRELAND were shelled during the night by motor torpedo boats from EMIRAU.

During the night of 7-8 August, enemy spots east of AITAPE were bombarded by destroyers.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 10 August, at 11:31 a.m., organized Japanese resistance on GUAM ceased. The 1st Provisional Marine Brigade, 3rd Marine Division and the 77th Infantry Division, are engaged in mopping up operations, seeking to prevent scattered enemy groups from reorganizing.

As of 9 August, GUAM casualties were as follows:

3rd MarDiv KIA 11 WIA 47

77th Inf.Div. KIA 17 WIA 30

1st Prov.Brig. KIA 2 WIA 1

TOTALS // KIA 1214 WIA 5704 MIA 329 //

GRAND TOTAL - - - - - 7247

// ENEMY DEAD COUNTED 10,971. POW 86. JAP CIVILIANS INTERNED 7. //

Final figures covering our casualties on the TINIAN ISLAND operation indicate: KIA 190, WIA 1515, MIA 24. On TINIAN our troops have buried 5544 enemy dead to-date and have taken more than 400 prisoners of war.

On 9 August from 0150 to 0418, 3 Venturas of Group ONE, FLEET AIR WING TWO, harassed NAURU, dropping bombs on gun positions on the north tip of the island. The enemy's AA fire was moderate and inaccurate. Later, in the morning, 2 search Liberators and 2 Venturas hit the island's runways, creating a large explosion. The AA fire varied but was inaccurate.

On 9 August, at 0843, 12 Mitchells of the 7th Army Air Force blasted PONAPE's air strips and adjacent installations.

TAROA was bombed on 9 August, at 10:10 a.m., by 2 Navy photo Liberators.

Towards midnight, 8 August, a patrol plane annoyed TAROA, by dropping bombs in the personnel areas.

In the Southwest Pacific, during the night of 8-9 August, motor torpedo boats from AMSTERDAM ISLAND, DUTCH NEW GUINEA and AITAPE, Northeast NEW GUINEA, strafed FAMBEMOEK ISLAND (west of the entrance to DAMPIER STRAIT, between VOGELKAP and WAIGBO, northern NEW GUINEA), and enemy targets west

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

In the TRUK Atoll, on 9 August at 10:03 a.m., 26 Liberators of the 7th Army Air Force struck as targets the ETEN airfield, and DUSLON TOWN and its antiaircraft installations. The flak was meager and inaccurate. The bombing was observed only on ETEN but the results were not reported. Two Liberators were damaged when eight to twelve enemy fighters pressed home an interception. It is stated one Zero was destroyed and two damaged.

During 9 August, a patrol plane bombed the eastern edge of the new airfield at PONAPE.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

// With the exception of a small area inland from FATI POINT, on the east coast of GUAM, all of the island has been occupied by U. S. forces on 9 August. This remaining pocket of enemy resistance is surrounded and is under heavy pressure. It is believed that the Naval patrol maintained off the northern coasts of GUAM since our troops began their northward drive has frustrated enemy attempts to escape. //

Action reports from the SOUTHWEST PACIFIC by motor torpedo boats state:

During the night of 6-7 August, those from EMIRAU strafed several points in northwest NEW IRELAND. Others from AITAPE, NORTHEAST NEW GUINEA, strafed and rocketed enemy coastal targets west of WEVAK.

At CAPE SCORONG, boats from AMSTERDAM ISLAND, NORTHERN VOGELKOP, destroyed a lugger after recovering documents from her. Later, along the VOGELKOP COAST, they strafed enemy shore positions.

During the night of 7-8 August, TROP ISLAND, off northeast BOUGAINVILLE, was shelled by boats from GREEN ISLAND.

On the east coast of NEW IRELAND, EMIRAU boats strafed three enemy positions.

// The submarine SHOKK (SS-279), on a war patrol off waters of the Japanese Empire, reports that on 9 July she put one torpedo into a 6,500 ton enemy freighter off SHIO MISAKI, HONSHU. //

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9 a.m. 9 August 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

At 8:35 a.m. on 7 August, the radio station and dispersal area on NOTVE received an attack from two Army Liberators. AA fire from the island was noticed, but not observed in the air.

On 7 August, at 10:15 a.m., AA and coastal defense positions on MILLE, were struck by 10 Corsairs and 29 Dauntless dive bombers of the 4th Marine Air Wing. Two photo Hellcats were also in the flight. One Dauntless plane received minor damage from the enemy's light and meager flak.

A patrol plane harassed MILLE shortly after midnight on 7 August.

16 Corsairs and 17 Dauntless dive bombers dive bombed the command post at MILLE, as also gun emplacements during the night of 7 August.

The phosphate plant, AA batteries and runways on NAIRU were blasted by 21 Mitchells of the 7th AAF, at 8:58 a.m., on 7 August. One plane and one crew member received minor injuries from the enemy's defensive fire.

Another patrol plane bombed the personnel areas on SHIW, JALUIT Atoll, shortly before midnight on 6 August.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

A rapid advance by the center of our line on GUAM, during 8 August, practically cut the Jap defenders into two groups. Most of his forces have now been driven into the extreme northeast corner of the island. In the day's forward push, MT. SANTA ROSA was wrested from the enemy, and with its loss, went the Japs' main source of water. Our line runs from RITIDIAN POINT, at the northern tip of the island to ANAO POINT, on the east coast. The center of our line, running in a generally southeasterly direction from RITIDIAN POINT to ANAO, curved sharply inward, and is less than a mile from the shoreline at the point of deepest penetration.

Navy carrier aircraft of fast Carrier Task Group 58.4 on 8 August supported ground operations on GUAM by bombing, strafing and firing rockets into enemy troop concentrations and installations.

GUAM casualties to date: KIA-1,154, WIA-5,497, MIA-326. Enemy dead numbers 10,100.

On 5 August, at 4:52 p.m., a Liberator bombed PONAPE, encountering light but inaccurate enemy fire.

On 7 August, at 1:20 p.m., 11 Army Mitchells hit the No. 2 airfield at PONAPE. There was no AA fire.

Early in the evening of 7 August, a search Liberator and a Navy Liberator dropped bombs on PONAPE's airfield. The AA fire was from medium to light but inaccurate.

On 7 August, at 8:00 a.m., a recon Liberator put bombs on WAKE ISLAND's airfield intersection. It also strafed three small craft in the harbor, one of which was left burning and sinking. The enemy's AA fire was intense but inaccurate.

The runways at MARU were struck by two Liberators on 6 August at 2:45 p.m., and 5 p.m., respectively. One plane was damaged by the moderate and accurate AA fire.

MARU was also bombed on 5 and 6 August by two Venturas. The planes hit the runways at 9:05 p.m. and 10:20 a.m., respectively.

On 7 August, two Venturas of Group One, Fleet Air Wing Two, bombed MARU. The inaccurate AA fire varied from heavy to medium.

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4 p.m. 8 August 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

A report of Task Force 58's air and surface units' sweep of the BONINS and VOLCANO ISLANDS on 4-5 August 1944 is attached hereto:

Task Group 58.1, under command of Rear Admiral Clark was composed of:

HORNET	CV	BILOXI	CL
FRANKLIN	CV	DENVER	CL
CABOT	CVL	OAKLAND	CL
SANTA FE	CL	12	DD
MOBILE	CL		

Task Group 58.3, under command of Rear Admiral Montgomery was composed of:

BUNKER HILL	CV	HOUSTON	CL
LEXINGTON	CV	MIAMI	CL
SAN JACINTO	CVL	12	DD
VINCENNES	CL		

The SAIPAN and TINIAN capture and occupational phase has been completed.

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TASK FORCE 58 BONIN & VOLCANO ISLANDS SWEEP
4 - 5 AUGUST 1944

<u>AIR</u>		<u>SURFACE</u>	
<u>Sunk</u>	<u>Damaged</u>	<u>Sunk</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
	1 CL (Possibly sunk)		
3 ODD or DE	1 DE	1 DD	1 DE
1 DD or AI			
4 AK (4,000 tons ea.)	3 AK	1 AE	
9 barges	1 small steamer 1 sub chaser 5 barges (loaded with troops)	1 AO	
2 small craft			
1 landing ship dock	2 landing ship docks		
1 lugger	3 luggers		
2 Sampan	3 Sampan		
<u>23</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>

AIRCRAFT DESTROYED OR DAMAGED

	<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	
	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
IWO JIMA	6	
CHICHI JIMA	0	
Totals	<u>6</u>	-

	<u>GROUND</u>	
	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
	6	5
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	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>

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16 planes
 12 pilots
 7 aircrewmembers

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9 a.m. 8 August 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The area held by the enemy on GUAM was reduced by one-third in a substantial advance by our troops on 7 August. The village of YIGG, just southwest of MT. SANTA ROSA, was captured in our forward movement at 1:00 p.m. Enemy stocks of wood and ammunition and 23 pieces of transportation were seized there. Heavily fortified positions in the vicinity of YIGG were taken. In the area covered by our advance, a large graveyard, indicating recent mass enemy burials was found. Our line, as of 6:00 p.m., 7 August, is anchored near HAFUTO POINT, on the west coast, and on the east coast at LUMUNA POINT.

Supporting our ground troops, carrier-borne aircraft from Task Force 56.4, bombed and strafed enemy positions and troop concentrations near MT. SANTA ROSA.

Enemy counted dead now numbers 8,833. Our casualties to date: KIA-1,128, MIA-5,373, MIA-331.

It is reported that our patrols in the southern part of GUAM find no more enemy.

During 6 and 7 August, the re-embarkation of assault elements and the unloading of garrison troops and equipment are proceeding concurrently in the SAIPAN-TINIAN Area.

As of 6 p.m. 7 August, our casualties on TINIAN were: KIA-291, MIA-1,520, MIA-24. Enemy dead buried - 5,527. There were 9,703 civilians interned. We have 178 prisoners of war.

During the night of 5-6 August, motor torpedo boats from AITAPE strafed enemy bivouac areas west of YAKMUL, NEW GUINEA. Gun positions were also strafed in the DAGUA and DANMAP Areas, in coordination with aircraft, which in turn bombed these positions. Motor torpedo boats from AMSTERDAM ISLAND, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, heavily strafed and rocketed bivouac areas east of GOOD HOPE. They also destroyed one enemy barge on the beach at CAPE SAOKRIS. Coastal villages in the vicinity of northern VOGELKOP were strafed.

The submarine GABILAN (~~SS-352~~), ^{on} ~~on a war patrol~~ ^{in English Waters} in the waters off the Japanese Empire, reports sinking an enemy destroyer early in the morning of 17 July.

On 7 August, at 5:10 a.m., the USS LCT-182, while enroute from TOROKINA, BOUGAINVILLE, to the RUSSELLS ISLANDS, sank 9 miles south of PAPURI POINT, MANAWANA ISLAND. It is believed this disaster was caused by heavy seas. There were no personnel casualties.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 5 August, a reconnaissance Liberator dropped bombs on TRUK.

At 9:55 p.m., 6 August, ten attack and eleven photo Liberators were over TRUK. Meager and inaccurate AA fire was encountered. Of about eight to ten enemy airborne fighters, two were shot down. Two Liberators sustained damage.

On 6 August, shortly after midnight, the submarine BARBEL, on a war patrol in the EAST CHINA SEA, sank a freighter south of TOKUNO SHIMA.

The submarine TAUTOG, on a war patrol in the waters off the JAPANESE EMPIRE, sank, on 18 July, a 200-ton coastal vessel. She also sank a small freighter.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

During 6 August, further gains were made by our troops driving northward on GUAM ISLAND. On the left flank, they advanced more than two miles to about 1500 yards below HAFUTO POINT. Little progress was made on the right flank and our positions there remain near LUSUNA POINT.

In the advance, the towns of BURUDU and LIGGUAN were occupied. Many strong defensive positions, centered mostly along roads, were encountered and reduced. Two enemy tanks and nine field guns of three-inch or larger caliber were destroyed. Artillery fire destroyed several trucks loaded with enemy troops. Fighters of the 4th Marine Air Wing are now operating from the GROTE airfield.

During the night of 4-5 August, 2 Catalinas harassed NOTJE and TARCA.

The following missions were completed by CinCPac aircraft on 5 August:

Four reconnaissance Venturas dropped bombs on MAIRU runways. Moderate AA fire of varied accuracy was encountered.

NOTE gun emplacements were hit by 12 Corsairs. Meager, but accurate, flak damaged one Corsair.

12 Mitchells hit airfield installations on PONAPE. AA fire was meager and inaccurate.

A Liberator dropped bombs along the runway on WAKE ISLAND. Light and inaccurate AA fire was encountered.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The following CinCPac press communique is quoted for information:

"Air and surface units of a fast carrier task force on 3 and 4 August (west longitude dates) virtually wiped out a Japanese convoy and raided airfields, towns and ground installations in the BONIN and VOLCANO ISLANDS Groups. On 3 August our planes sank four cargo ships of approximately four thousand tons each, three escorting destroyers or destroyer escorts and four barges. One cargo vessel and the balance of the escorting warships were damaged. On the same day, our surface vessels sank one large destroyer, one cargo ship, one small oiler and several barges. One damaged escort vessel escaped. On 4 August, our forces continued the sweep. Carrier-based planes sank one escort vessel and two other small craft. Damage was inflicted on five barges, two of which were carrying troops, one landing craft and three smaller vessels. One light cruiser and five smaller vessels were possibly sunk. All six of these ships were left burning. Also damaged were one destroyer escort and ten small craft. Two landing ships were grounded and a large cargo vessel damaged in the preceding attack was hit again. In the attack on ground installations, our surface craft shelled shipping and shore facilities at CHICHI JIMA. Omura Town on CHICHI JIMA was destroyed. Ground installations on MUKO JIMA, ANI JIMA, HANA JIMA and IWO JIMA were hit. At IWO JIMA, six airborne enemy planes were shot down and six others were destroyed and five damaged on the ground. One plane was destroyed on the ground at CHICHI JIMA. We lost from enemy antiaircraft fire sixteen planes and nineteen flight personnel."

No further information is available at this time.

During the night of 4-5 August, Catalinas sank one and damaged two small freighters west of the TALAUB ISLANDS (about 140 miles north northwest of HALMAHERA). In addition, a large sailing vessel was sunk south of OBI MAJOR (south of HALMAHERA), a small sailing vessel strafed west of CERAM, and a small freighter and a large lugger sunk off southern HALMAHERA.

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9 a.m. 6 August 1944

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

During 5 August, troops of the 77th Division advanced about three miles northward to LUMUNA POINT on the eastern shore of GUAM ISLAND. On the western coast, Marines pushed ahead more than 1½ miles northward to AMANTES POINT. A minor counter attack by enemy Navy troops, during the night of 4-5 August, was repulsed with 11 of the Japanese killed. Enemy dead now number 8,129. Our casualties: KIA-1,107, WIA-5,286, MIA-330. 22,000 civilians are now within our lines.

Mopping up on TINIAN ISLAND continues. 5,124 enemy dead have been buried and 178 taken prisoner. 8,491 civilians have been interned. Our casualties: KIA-277, WIA-1,491, MIA-26.

Since 15 July, a total of 1,748 Japanese soldiers have been killed on SALPAN ISLAND and 158 captured. 850 civilians have been killed or interned.

On 4 August, 57 Marine Corsairs pounded WOTJE AA positions and coastal defense batteries. Meager and accurate AA fire was encountered.

During the night of 4-5 August, 4 Navy Liberators harassed enemy positions in the BONIN ISLANDS. Bombs were dropped on HANAJIMA, CHICHIJIMA, and IWOJIMA. Overcast prevented observation of results. AA damaged one plane. Another Liberator, bound for CHICHIJIMA, failed to return.

During 4 August, a destroyer escort, in support of ground troops, bombarded enemy positions near the JABA RIVER, EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY, BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND. A number of fires were started.

Throughout 4 August, Allied planes bombed enemy positions in the SUKA AREA, north BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND and CHOISEUL BAY, CHOISEUL ISLAND.

Motor torpedo boats shelled a number of places along the northwest coast of NEW IRELAND, during the night of 4-5 August.

The submarine COBIA, operating in the BONINS AREA, sank a 500-ton patrol craft loaded with Marines.

The submarine STERLET, operating in the BONINS, sank a small freighter.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

Our troops on GUAM made slight gains on the left flank and secured better control of road junctions around FINEGAYAN. The right flank and center advanced further. MT. BARRIGADA was occupied against light opposition. On the east coast, our line is anchored one mile south of SASSAYAN POINT. Carrier planes continued to operate in close support of ground troops. Our casualties to date: KIA-1,091; WIA-5,211; MIA-315. Enemy dead counted-7,945; POW-71.

[Mopping up operations on TINIAN continue. It is reported that Japanese military personnel are changing into civilian clothes and mingling with civilians.] It is now estimated that 5,734 of the enemy have been killed, and 7,964 civilians interned. Our casualties: KIA-262, WIA-1,399; MIA-25.

On SAIPAN, in the past 24 hours, 168 enemy military personnel have been killed and 91 captured.

At 6:51 p.m., 5 August, 27 Army Liberators attacked DUBLON Naval base, barracks area and KOEN airfield installations, all in TRUK ATOLL. A number of fires and explosions were observed. A cargo vessel was left burning. No interceptors were encountered, and the AA fire was meager and inaccurate.

During the night of 2-3 August, motor torpedo boats supported troop landings in MORIM BAY, north coast of BIAK ISLAND. PT's sank a loaded power vessel in the SANSAPOR AREA, NEW GUINEA, while others shelled targets on the northeast shore of NEW IRELAND and TROP ISLAND, off the north coast of DOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.

[The submarine GUAVINA sank a 5,800 ton cargo vessel in the vicinity of PALAU.

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A Catalina strafed and badly damaged an enemy submarine chaser off the north coast of CERAM, and, in addition, strafed three small sailboats.

During the night 1-2 August, motor torpedo boats shelled targets on NEW IRELAND, and the northwest coast of NEW GUINEA.

Allied aircraft, during 3 August, struck targets in the RABAUL AREA, NEW BRITAIN, and in the KAVIENG AREA, NEW IRELAND.

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Additional gains, averaging nearly two miles, were made on GUAM ISLAND by our forces during 3 August. On the west coast, our line was advanced further along the shores of TUMON BAY, and on the east coast, we are about 1½ miles from SASSAYAN POINT. Stiffened enemy resistance is being encountered. Our troops are supported by low-flying aircraft, using bombs and rockets. As of 3 August, 7,893 enemy dead have been counted; POW-68. 7,000 civilians interned. Our casualties: KIA-1,058; WIA-5,066; MIA-306. GROTE airfield now suitable for all types of planes.

During 3 August, TINIAN troops conducted mopping up operations against groups of Japanese hiding in caves and ravines. It is now estimated that 5,334 of the enemy have been killed. An increasing number are reported committing suicide. A total of 3,973 civilians have been interned. Use of the loud speaker system has given good results in persuading civilians to surrender.

According to prisoner of war reports, Vice Admiral Kakuta (Commander First Air Fleet) and Colonel Ogata were killed by artillery fire on the night of 24 July. 2,683 enemy dead have been buried; P.O.W.'s - 53. Our casualties: KIA-235, WIA-1,310, MIA-27.

The following missions were completed by CinCPac aircraft during 2 August:

12 Mitchells attacked runways and installations on PONAPE ISLAND. AA fire was meager and inaccurate.

WOTJE was struck by 12 Corsairs. No enemy AA fire was encountered.

6 Dauntless and 4 Corsairs attacked TAROA. Two Dauntless sustained minor damage from meager but accurate AA fire.

16 Dauntless and 11 Corsairs pounded JALUIT. AA fire was meager and inaccurate.

The submarine STEELHEAD, operating north of LUZON, sank a freighter, damaged a tanker, a transport and a freighter.

The submarine PERCH, operating north of LUZON, sank one transport, two tankers, and one tanker or freighter.

The submarine TARPON, operating off TRUK, probably sank a fishing boat and damaged three patrol vessels by gunfire.

During the night 1-2 August, a night flying Catalina badly damaged one enemy destroyer or destroyer escort, north of BOEROE ISLAND. The same plane damaged a 200-ton lugger.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

During the night 31 July - 1 August, a Catalina probably sank a four or six thousand ton freighter off LEMBEN ISLAND, northeast CELEBES.

The submarine PADDLE returned from patrol of the CELEBES SEA, after sinking a 1,200 ton DD (Minekaze class) and damaging a 7,500 ton freighter.

The submarine PERMIT sank an 800-ton freighter near YAP.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (cont'd.)

During 2 August, our troops on GUAM ISLAND, despite dense jungle, made substantial gains all along the line against mounting enemy resistance. The towns of SAJCIO, TOTO, TIKONENG and the airfield at TIYAN were occupied. Our line is anchored on the west coast on the southern shore of TULON BAY, and on the east coast it is anchored approximately three miles south of SASSAYAN POINT. Our casualties as of 2 August: KIA-1,022, WIA-4,946, MIA-305. 7,419 enemy dead have been counted.

Carrier aircraft strafed enemy troop concentrations and attacked enemy installations on GUAM with bombs and rockets.

Mopping up operations on TINIAN ISLAND are in progress. Remaining enemy troops and civilians are holed up in caves along the beach. Estimated enemy casualties as of 1 August - 4,858. 2,075 enemy dead have been buried and many remain unburied. 2,468 civilians have been interned. Our casualties as of 2 August: KIA-208, WIA-1,121, MIA-32.

On SAIPAN ISLAND, mopping up continues with a total of 147 Japanese soldiers killed in the last 24 hours. About 50 Japanese have been killed each day since the island was secured.

During the afternoon of 2 August, SAIPAN-based planes struck PAGAN ISLAND with unreported results. One P-47 was forced down on the water off PAGAN ISLAND.

On the afternoon of 1 August, 24 Liberators struck AA positions on DUBLON and airfield installations on ETEN in the TRUK ATOLL. Of about eight enemy interceptors, three were destroyed and three damaged. One Liberator was damaged, while four others sustained damage from AA fire. Later, on the same day, another Liberator dropped bombs on DUBLON TOWN. No AA fire nor interception was encountered. Airfield and gun installations on NAURU ISLAND were bombed by 21 Mitchells. Moderate AA fire slightly damaged three Mitchells.

During the early morning of 1 August, a Catalina harassed MILLE and JALUIT. Later, on the same day, four Venturas bombed MILLE. Meager AA fire was encountered.

WOTJE runway and personnel areas were bombed on 1 August by two Mariners. AA fire was meager and inaccurate.

PT's, operating during the night of 31 July - 1 August, along the north-west coast of NEW GUINEA and southeast of BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND, sank three and damaged three enemy barges. TEOP ISLAND, off northeast BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND, was shelled by PT's.

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MILLE AA and coast defense positions were struck by 20 Dauntless, 12 Corsairs and 2 photo Hellcats. Medium and light, but meager, AA fire damaged 1 dive bomber.

During the night 29-30 July, enemy positions in the MARSHALLS were harassed by 2 Navy Catalinas.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

Gaam:

" During 31 July, our forces have cut completely across ~~the~~^{the} ISLAND and established a line from AGANA BAY on the west coast to PAO POINT on the east coast. Enemy resistance was light. Patrols reconnoitering the southern half of the island have only encountered scattered enemy patrols and stragglers. //

As a result of these advances, our shore operations are now being supported by gun-fire from surface units off both sides of the island. (6,205 enemy dead have been counted, 48 prisoners captured and 775 civilians interned.) //

Timian:

At 8:30 am. 31 July, our troops on ~~TINIAN ISLAND~~ attacked after 2½ hours of Naval gun-fire and air preparation. Although opposition was moderate, our advance was slow due to difficult terrain. //

The enemy has been forced into a small pocket near LALO POINT at the southern tip of the island. Our troops are dug in along the high ground in this area in preparation for a possible counter-attack.

// As of 30 July, our casualties: KIA-140, WIA-682, MIA-31. 2,800 Japs have been killed and 909 civilians interned. Prisoner interrogation indicates that there are about 2,600 effective enemy troops left on the island. //

The following missions were completed by CinCPac aircraft on 30 July:

12 Mitchells bombed JOKAJ ISLAND (PONAPE). AA fire damaged one bomber.

10 Corsairs and 12 Dauntless hit gun positions on EMIDJ. Accurate AA fire damaged one Dauntless.

5 Venturas twice bombed JALUIT AA emplacements and block houses. Light AA fire damaged one Ventura.

A reconnaissance Ventura dropped bombs on the NAURU radio station. Meager AA fire was encountered.

WOTJE gun positions were attacked by 34 Corsairs. One Corsair crashed into the ocean from an unknown cause and another was damaged by light AA fire.

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On the morning of 30 July, 7,500 troops of the First U.S. Infantry landed unopposed on CAPE SANSAPOR, NEW GUINEA. The landings were supported by one CA, two CL, twenty DD.

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Targets on the southern coast of NEW IRELAND and northern BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND were strafed by PT's. A village on the north shore of BIAK ISLAND was strafed by PT's.

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Dauntless and Corsairs attacked targets on northern NEW IRELAND, destroying and damaging a number of buildings.

At 10:25 a.m., 30 July, 25 Liberators bombed ETEN airfield, DUBLON TOWN and the waterfront areas in TRUK ATOLL. A number of fires and explosions were observed. Of about 7 interceptors, one was shot down, one probably shot down and two were damaged. Four Liberators returned damaged.

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A reconnaissance Ventura dropped bombs on NAURU ISLAND.

Two Navy Liberators, on a special anti-shipping strike, strafed four small craft in TRUK LAGOON. Two of five enemy interceptors were damaged. The Liberators then proceeded to POMAPE and dropped bombs on the headquarters building and AA positions. Medium and accurate AA fire damaged one Liberator, causing it to crash land upon returning.

During the night of 28-29 July, two Navy Catalinas harassed TAROA and WILLE.

The KAVIENG Area, NEW IRELAND, was bombed by 10 Corsairs, while the WUNAPOPE AREA, NEW BRITAIN, was attacked by 16 Corsairs. A number of fires were started.

Eighteen Dauntless and 13 Corsairs bombed and destroyed 15 small buildings between MALAGUNA and RABAU, NEW BRITAIN.

Motor torpedo boats were active along the northwest coast of NEW GUINEA, where one enemy barge was destroyed and shoreline targets strafed.

The submarines DRUM and BALAO each sank a motor sampan loaded with Japanese Marines, near the PALAU ISLANDS.

The submarine PERCH shelled and sank a small trawler in the PHILIPPINE Area.

The submarine BASHAW damaged a medium transport east of MINDANAO.

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On TINIAN ISLAND our troops launched an attack at 7:45 a.m., 30 July, and advanced rapidly against increasing opposition. During the afternoon, TINIAN TOWN was captured by the 4th Marine Division.

The enemy is now contained in an area of about five square miles at the southern tip of the island. Casualties as of 29 July: KIA-124, WIA-594, MIA-33. Enemy casualties have not been reported, but 181 prisoners have been captured and 494 civilians interned.

Guam:

Activity on GUAM during 30 July, was limited to clearing local pockets of resistance. Some of our patrols have crossed the island to NIG and TOGCHA BAYS without meeting resistance. Our casualties on GUAM, as of 30 July: KIA-958, WIA-4,739, MIA-260.

MAJOR ADVANCE ENSTWARD STARTED DAWN 31 July.

Our ships are now using APRA HARBOR on the west coast of GUAM, reporting conditions excellent & available for operations and several of our aircraft have landed off from a section of the GROTE airfield, which is, however, limited to emergency use.

More complete information develops that in the enemy attack from the east against the 3rd Marine Division, during the morning of 26 July, only scattered Japanese penetrated to the division command post area or to the vicinity of beaches. The rear area troops quickly disposed of these penetrations. The front lines were never broken, although they were strongly engaged.

The following missions were completed by CinCPac aircraft on 29 July:

WOTJE was bombed by 20 Corsairs, which encountered meager AA fire.

14 Dauntless and 12 Corsairs started fires on JALUIT. Light, medium and inaccurate AA fire was encountered.

20 Dauntless, 11 Corsairs, plus two Hellcats, struck MILLE gun emplacements. AA fire was meager and inaccurate.

JALUIT was hit by 4 Venturas. Intense, light caliber AA fire damaged one Ventura.

EMIDJ was bombed by a Ventura. Medium AA fire damaged the Ventura, killed one crew member, wounded one other.

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was shot down. Two of the crew parachuting from the stricken bomber, were strafed by an enemy fighter. Three Liberators returned damaged.

The following missions were completed by CINCPAC aircraft on 28 July:

Two Mitchells bombed JALUIT at 10:20 a.m., and three at 12:58 a.m. Meager AA fire damaged one Mitchell.

AA positions and the building areas on JALUIT were bombed by 3 Venturas. Enemy AA fire was light and inaccurate.

A reconnaissance Ventura dropped bombs on NAURU ISLAND. Moderate AA fire damaged our bomber.

20 Corsairs bombed AA batteries on MOTJE. Meager AA fire was encountered.

MILLE AA positions were bombed by 18 Dauntless and 10 Corsairs. Light and inaccurate AA fire encountered.

During the night of 27-28 July, motor torpedo boats shelled targets on the northwest coast of NEW IRELAND and northeast BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.

On 28 July, 15 small buildings in the RABAU area, NEW BRITAIN, were reported destroyed by ALLIED aircraft.

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Tinian:
According to a communique released by CINCPAC, Marine forces on ~~TINIAN ISLAND~~ continued their advance throughout 29 July, and compressed the enemy into the southern area of the island.

On the west coast of the island, our troops are nearing TINIAN TOWN. In the center, additional gains of nearly two miles have been made. On the east coast, progress has been slowed due to difficulty of operations in the high ground near MASALOG POINT. However, our eastern line was advanced about a half mile.

Ground operations on TINIAN were supported by Thunderbolt fighters, based on SAIPAN ISLAND. Enemy troop concentrations, supply areas and gun positions were heavily bombed and strafed. A number of fires and explosions were observed. ~~One of our fighters failed to return.~~

No recent report of our own or enemy casualties, on ~~TINIAN ISLAND~~, has been received. Three thousand feet of the USHI POINT air strip was reported useable. Enemy coastal guns, south of TINIAN TOWN, were taken under 14 " gun-fire. Two enemy guns were definitely destroyed.

Guam:
ROTE PENINSULA, on ~~GUAM ISLAND~~, was captured by the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade on 29 July. Organized resistance ceased at 6 p.m., 29 July. The sweeping and clearance of APRA HARBOR has already begun. Light units patrolled the harbor to prevent Japanese from swimming across to the mainland. "

" There has been no material change in our GUAM front lines, but patrols have penetrated 2,500 yards ahead of the entire front, meeting few Japanese. //

On GUAM ISLAND, a large quantity of enemy equipment and ammunition has been captured or destroyed. A total of 28 enemy tanks has been definitely destroyed, plus six probables. Thirty-seven 75-millimeter guns, 20 guns of 5" or 6", 15 guns of 8" caliber have been captured or destroyed.

A number of motor vehicles and 50,000 gallons of gasoline have been seized. Our casualties as of 4 p.m., 29 July, KIA 918 (probably incomplete), WIA 4380, MIA 324.7

At 11:30 a.m., 28 July, 25 Liberators attacked airfields and AA installations on PARAM ISLAND, TRUK ATOLL. Hits were observed on revetments and runways and a number of fires started. AA fire encountered was meager and inaccurate.

Our bombers were intercepted by six to eight enemy fighters. Of these, two were destroyed, one probably destroyed and two damaged. One of our bombers

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A Liberator scored two bomb hits on a freighter in TRUK LAGOON. Additional bombs were dropped among a group of LCT's in the area. AA fire was inaccurate.

A Ventura dropped bombs on a radar installation on NAURU ISLAND. No AA fire was encountered.

48 Corsairs and one Ventura bombed MILLE. Meager AA fire damaged 1 Corsair.

A Liberator dropped bombs on WOTJE and encountered no AA fire.

17 Dauntless and 12 Corsairs raided JALUIT. Meager and inaccurate AA fire was encountered. Later, the same area was again attacked by 12 Corsairs and 15 Dauntless. One Dauntless was damaged by AA fire.

37 Dauntless and 2 Corsairs attacked MILLE. AA fire was meager and inaccurate.

JALUIT was bombed by two Venturas. No AA fire was encountered.

Two Navy Catalinas harassed WOTJE, TAROA and MILLE during the night of 26-27 July.

The Destroyer Escorts WYMAN and REYNOLDS, operating in the MARIWAS AREA, attacked, on 28 July, and probably sank an I-class Japanese submarine.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The following CinCPac press communique is quoted for information:

"Our forces on GUAM ISLAND made substantial gains in all sectors on 27 July (west longitude date).

"Northern forces extended their beachhead east to a point near the outskirts of AGANA TOWN, and advanced several hundred yards along the entire northern front.

"In the central sector Marines drove inland more than two miles from AFRA HARBOR, and occupied MOUNTS TENJO, ALUTAM, and CHACHAO. In the South our troops advanced more than a mile in an easterly direction. The southern terminus of our beachhead remains at a point on the west coast opposite ANAE ISLAND.

"Marines driving northwest on OROTE PENINSULA against stubborn enemy resistance secured an estimated 500 additional yards.

"Conservative estimates indicate that our forces have killed 4700 enemy troops on GUAM.

"On TINIAN ISLAND MARINES, pivoting on our eastern anchor above MASALOG POINT, advanced more than 3 and one half miles along the west coast, capturing the airfield above GURGUAN POINT. Coastal batteries on TINIAN were shelled by battleships on 27 July.

"On SAIPAN ISLAND our troops have now buried 21,036 enemy dead. Of our own troops previously listed as casualties, 5,434 have now returned to duty." *In addition to communique information progress on road & harbor is reported*

Practically all assault shipping has now been unloaded on GUAM. ~~Island~~. The 77th Division shipping is 85% unloaded. DADI BEACH is now prepared and in use as a major unloading point for airfield and garrison supplies.

Due, apparently to our artillery and air bombardment, information obtained from prisoners indicates that the enemy has been forced to use ravines instead of roads for the movement of men and supplies. Enemy resistance on OROTE is stubborn. It has been conservatively estimated that 4,700 Japanese have been killed on GUAM, and 27 prisoners captured.

The following missions were completed on 27 July by CinCPac aircraft:

12 Mitchells raided PONAPE heavy gun positions and other installations on the island. Meager AA fire was encountered.

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During the night of 25 July, about six battalions of Japanese troops infiltrated our lines near the northern beaches on GUAM ISLAND. Although our lines held, the enemy infiltrated to within 100 yards of RED BEACH (near ADELUP POINT). The Japanese attempted to roll TNT charges downhill on our artillery emplacements.

The following morning, after heavy fighting, the attack was repulsed and our lines were reinforced by rear area troops. It was estimated that about 2,000 of the enemy were killed.

On 27 July, our troops advanced slowly in the northern sector against strong emplacements and stubborn opposition. Our attack on GROTE continues, but the advance is slow in the face of numerous pillboxes, dugouts and mines backed by about 2,300 Japanese with much artillery, mortars and automatic weapons.

Operations for the clearance of the harbor are proceeding satisfactorily. PITI CHANNEL and PITI HARBOR are now clear and the removal of a sunken ship at the oil dock is well along.

Aircraft attacked and cratered the ROTA and AGANA airfield, while Naval gunfire, including rockets from LCI gunboats, supported ground operations.

During the night of 26-27 July, motor torpedo boats shelled SELIK PLANTATION, NEW IRELAND, and strafed targets in the vicinity of WEWAK, NEW GUINEA. A PC, in cooperation with Army aircraft, destroyed an enemy barge near NOEMFOOR ISLAND.

On 26 July, allied aircraft destroyed 16 buildings northeast of TOBERA, NEW BRITAIN.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

After a quiet night on TINIAN, our troops attacked at 7 a.m., 27 July. Rapid advance was made against light opposition. We now control the northern third of the island, including MT. LASSO, the island's commanding height. Our lines extend diagonally southeast across the island from a point about 1,300 yards south of SAN HILO POINT on the west coast, to a point about 3,000 yards north of MASALOG POINT on the east coast.

Our casualties on TINIAN as of 26 July: KIA-159, WIA-441, MIA-32. 2,089 Japanese dead have been counted. 62 Japanese have been captured and 80 civilians interned.

The work on USHI POINT airfield is progressing and a strip 150 by 2,500 feet is now ready.

Carrier planes of Task Force 58, on 25 and 26 July, attacked enemy installations on ARAKABESAN, PELELIU, ANGAUR, MALAKAL and EDROR, in the PALAU GROUP, and YAP and ULITHI ISLANDS, all in the western CAROLINE ISLANDS.

On the first day, five enemy airborne aircraft were shot down, 21 were destroyed on the ground and others damaged. No airborne enemy fighters were seen the second day.

Enemy shipping was scarce, but our planes sank one DD, one AO, one DE or DM, seven small AK's, one probable landing ship, plus small craft. We lost five planes in combat, but recovered four pilots.

At 11:16 a.m., 26 July, 24 Liberators bombed DUELON Naval Base and the adjacent barracks area in TRUK Atoll. A large explosion and damage in the warehouse area was observed. One of at least eight intercepting enemy planes was damaged. Five of our bombers sustained damage.

A Catalina harassed JALUIT and MILLE during the night 25-26 July.

WOTJE was attacked by 31 Corsairs on the early afternoon of 26 July.

On the morning of 26 July, a reconnaissance plane dropped bombs on NAURU ISLAND. Meager AA fire was encountered.

On 26 July, 6 Venturas attacked a convoy consisting of one 1500-ton AK, three luggers and one gunboat, 160 miles south of TRUK. One vessel probably sank and three were left burning.

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During the night of 25-26 July, the enemy launched a heavy attack in an attempt to break out of the OROTE PENINSULA, GUAM ISLAND. The attack was broken by artillery fire. Four hundred of the enemy were killed.

The next morning, following preparation by Naval gunfire and bombing, which destroyed 12 tanks, our troops attacked and drove forward into the peninsula, about 3,000 yards. Our forces now control the southern half of the peninsula, with the remainder of the Japanese in the northern portion. The corps commander moved ashore and assumed command at 1 p.m., 26 July.

Our casualties as of 6 p.m., 26 July, KIA-587, WIA-2,798, MIA-191. Enemy known dead-2,783.

ROTA airfield was bombarded and bombed during the night of 25-26 July.

On 26 July, the submarine SAWFISH sank an enemy submarine with three torpedo hits south of FORMOSA.

The submarine STERLET probably sank a small coastal vessel off INOJIMA.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

Guam: The radar station on NAURU was hit by a Ventura.

② { Carrier Task Group 58.4 continues to pour bombs on GUAM in support of our landing operations. On 26 July, planes from this group blasted the AGANA runway and the area adjacent thereto. Planes from this group also hit ROTA ISLAND and concentrated on its runway, the village and ammunition dumps. }

During the night of 24-25 July, motor torpedo boats from GREEN ISLAND shelled TEOP ISLAND radio station. BELEM PLANTATION, on the east central coast of NEW IRELAND, was bombarded by motor torpedo boats from EMIRAU. Motor torpedo boats from AITAPE strafed trucks on the coastal highway west of BUT. They also fired a fuel dump near NODMI PLANTATION. Two of the boats received minor damage from enemy shore fire.

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9 a.m. 26 July 1944

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The airfield on ROTA was again hit by carrier-borne air. The field now is fairly well holed.

On 24 July at 12:43 p.m., 27 Army Liberators, of the 7th Army Air Force, bombed waterfront installations, antiaircraft batteries and the airfield on the eastern side of DUBLON ISLAND.

The MOEN and ETEN airfields were also attacked. A fire and an explosion were seen. The antiaircraft fire was meager but damaged two Liberators. Four to eight enemy fighters made a faint hearted interception. Three were damaged and one probably destroyed.

On 23 July, at 10:07 a.m., 12 Mitchells, of the 7th Army Air Force, struck JOKAJ ISLAND of the PONAPE GROUP. AA positions were hit. The town and waterfront installations were strafed. One warehouse was destroyed. A small barge was also strafed and her crew abandoned her. The enemy's moderate and light AA damaged one plane.

The submarine CAVALLA, on a war patrol off the east coast of LUZON, reports sinking, on 24 July, one sampan with gun-fire.

During the night of 24-25 July, in a night operation off AITAPE, a destroyer and motor torpedo boats destroyed one barge and beached two other. West of BUT, motor torpedo boats damaged two sea trucks. Motor torpedo boats from BIAK during the same night, destroyed a barge and strafed enemy small boats south of MANOKWARI. Enemy positions along the east central coasts of NEW IRELAND and BOUGAINVILLE were shelled by motor torpedo boats from GREEN ISLAND and TREASURY ISLAND.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

Despite a desperate enemy counter-attack about 4:30 a.m. on 25 July, when many Japs and five of their tanks were destroyed, the TINIAN beachhead was further broadened and deepened during the day. Our troops' advance was preceded by heavy artillery and Naval gun-fire. On 25 July, various sorties were also made on enemy targets by Thunderbolts and carrier-borne aircraft from Carrier Task Group 58.4. One plane and pilot were lost in combat, from the latter group.

Generally speaking, the opposition by the enemy on the ground was light. [One-half of the northern end of the island is now in our possession and the coastal area under our control has been widened to a distance of 3½ miles. As of noon, 25 July, there were 1,324 dead Japs. Our casualties at 4 p.m. on 25 July were 15 killed in action and 225 wounded in action.]

On 25 July, at 6 p.m., patrols from the Northern and Southern forces on GUAM were in contact with each other on the eastern shore of APRA HARBOR. Progress in the northern sector has been accelerated. Enemy pockets of resistance inland from ADELUP POINT are being overcome. Enemy resistance has been encountered across the base of the GROTE PENINSULA, with some Japs on near-by NEYE ISLAND.

Guam
[In the north, our lines now extend from ADELUP POINT in a general southwesterly direction to the mouth of the AGUADA RIVER. In the southern sector, our lines extend across the base of the GROTE PENINSULA to a point opposite ANAE ISLAND.]

Little resistance is being met in the extreme south. The advance in this sector is hampered not so much by opposition, but rather by over-extension.]

Carrier aircraft and Naval surface units continue to bomb and shell selected targets on GUAM and are interfering with troop movements in the rear of the enemy lines. Carrier Task Group 58.4, while carrying out this assignment, lost one plane.

[As of 4 p.m., 25 July, our casualties were as follows: Killed in action - 443, wounded in action - 2,366, missing in action - 209. The enemy known dead: 2,399.]

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The U.S.S. BUSH (DD-529), now in the PACIFIC, reports that she sustained a serious gun casualty on 24 July. The accident resulted in killing five with one fatally injured and two seriously wounded.

Enemy shore guns on the WENAK coast were silenced by destroyers and PTS during 23 July. These surface craft also strafed KAIRIRU and UNEI ISLANDS.

Motor torpedo boats strafed coastal positions off the coast of NEW IRELAND.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The following CINCPAC ~~press~~ communique released at 2:30 a.m., CCT, of 24 July, is quoted for information:

Tinian
A firm beachhead has been secured on the northwest shore of TINIAN ISLAND by troops of the 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions. Our forces control approximately two and one-half miles of coastline, extending from a point twenty-five hundred yards south of USHI POINT to a point twelve hundred yards north of FAIBUS SAN HILO POINT. During 23 July (west longitude date) enemy resistance was confined largely to machine gun and rifle fire. Our casualties through 23 July were light. The situation is considered well in hand."

As of 24 July, 6:00 p.m., enemy resistance on the eastern flank of our north sector on GUAM, continued heavy and progress was slow. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy by our troops and by intensive naval gunfire and naval bombing.

In the southern area, excellent progress has been made. Enemy forces on the OROTE PENINSULA have been completely cut off by troops of the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade. This was done despite considerable opposition. The entire shoreline of the harbor between the northern and southern areas has been covered by patrols and few enemy are reported remaining.

Guam
In the north sector our lines extend northeast from the mouth of the SASA RIVER to ADELUP POINT and extend inland approximately 2900 yards at the point of deepest penetration.

In the south our lines extend from the inner reaches of APRA HARBOR to a point opposite ANAE ISLAND. The greatest depth of advance is approximately 5000 yards.

Beach unloading continues well with landing craft discharging directly onto piers in both attack areas. The channel to PITI Navy Yard has been blocked by hulks but is being cleared.

As of 24 July, 4:00 p.m., our casualties were as follows:

<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
365	1850	262

The submarine SHARK, on a war patrol in the BONINS Area, states that on 24 July, she probably sank an enemy freighter.

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4 p.m. 24 July 1964.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The OEB COLORADO of the naval fire support group covering the landing operations at TINIAN, on 24 July, received about 15 hits from what is believed to be 6-inch coast defense guns. As a result of this attack, two officers are dead and one seriously wounded. There are 35 enlisted men dead and 77 wounded. Material casualties to the ship was as follows, damaged, (1) 5"/51, (1) 5"/25 and (6) 20 millimeter guns. Two underwater hits punctured two of the ship's blister fuel tanks and caused a leak in a third. The chief petty officer's quarters was flooded due to a hit near the waterline. The ship's catapult was damaged by a direct hit.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

As of this date, a total of 20,720 of the enemy have been buried. Prisoners of war consist of 879 Japanese and 828 Koreans. There are 10,009 Japanese civilians interned, 1,144 Koreans, 2,261 Chamorros and 778 Carolinians.

On 22 July, at 10:46 a.m., 27 Liberators of the 7th Army Air Force, bombed the PARAM, MESECON and north MOEN airfields on TRUK. They also hit the warehouse on DUBLON and the dock area there. The bombing caused a fire and explosions on the PARAM airfields. A gathering overcast prevented further observation of the bombing. The enemy's AA was meager and inaccurate. No interception was encountered from two airborne enemy fighters.

In support of the AITAPE ground troops, one CA and five DDs are now standing by. One of these DDs, cooperating with motor torpedo boats, shelled the SONAM supply area near WEWAK. Two NORTH SOLOMON gunboats sank motor launches and barges in MAKUDUKUDU BAY, SOUTHWEST NEW IRELAND. PRAWAI ISLAND was strafed and attacked by rockets from motor torpedo boats.

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9 a.m. 24 July 1944.

Local Trail against light opposition.
SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

Assault troops of the 2nd and 4th Marine Division established beachheads on the northwest side of TINIAN ISLAND, near USHI POINT, on 24 July, at 07:50 ~~hrs.~~ (ELT). The ~~opposition from the enemy was light.~~ By 09:30 ~~the~~ Marines had advanced inland ~~to the extent of 600 yards.~~ ~~It is reported~~ progress ashore is satisfactory, with casualties light.

Our naval surface demonstration group supporting the landing operation received heavy enemy fire ~~from~~ coastal batteries on SAN HILO POINT. The OBB COLORADO was hit by 6-inch shells and had put out of commission two double duty guns. She also suffered some underwater damage. It appears a Navy Yard availability will be required before she is fit for further duty. The NORMAN SCOTT (DD-690), was also hit with resultant heavy casualties. Her commanding officer was killed.

Amphibious operations against TINIAN ISLAND are being directed by Rear Admiral Harry W. Hill, U.S. Navy, commander Group TWO, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet.

Expeditionary troops are commanded by Major General Harry Schmidt, U.S.M.C., Commanding General, 5th Amphibious Corps.

Carrier Task Group 58.4, Rear Admiral Harrill, (1 CV, 1 CVL, 3 CL, 2 CLS(AA) and 14 DD), struck TINIAN ISLAND, on 23 July. Targets were ammunition dumps, artillery positions and enemy barracks. Four planes were lost in combat. Two pilots were lost.

During the night of 22-23 July, harassing fires were laid down on TINIAN TOWN and some of the landing beaches by two destroyers. On 23 July, two cruisers and three destroyers bombarded designated targets on TINIAN. Twelve Thunderbolts, during the day, made two air strikes on the island.

A brief of a communique released by CINCPAC indicates that during the night of 22 July and during the day of 23 July, substantial gains were made by our forces on GUAM. In the northern area all of CABRAS ISLAND and PITI TOWN were captured. In the southern area, OROTE PENINSULA has been nearly cut off by our forces. It is stated that in the first three days of land fighting, our casualties are 1958 ~~including~~ 348 KIA, 1500 WIA, 110 MIA

Total revised casualties up to 22 July, 6:00 p.m., on SAIPAN ISLAND, indicates:

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
Marines and Army	3,049	13,049	365
Personnel returned to duty from hospital, total	5,016.		

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

[On 3 July, the submarine STURGEON, on a war patrol in waters off the southern part of the Japanese EMPIRE, sank a troopship of 9,200 tons.

On 22 July, the submarine COBIA, on a patrol in the BONINS, sunk by gunfire, one 600 ton patrol vessel and two trawlers.

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9 a.m. 23 July 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

It is reported that our forces are making satisfactory progress on GUAM. On the southern beaches, after intermittent rifle and mortar fire throughout the night, an attack by the enemy was repulsed with losses to them of five tanks and 268 dead, which were left within our lines.

The northern beaches were also under mortar fire throughout the night which interfered with our unloading. At dawn, on the eastern section, a critical situation occurred, but shortly after daylight effective air, naval and artillery gunfire threw the enemy back.

In the southern sector, MOUNT ALIFAN has been captured. The beach-head now extends from ^{BAING-I} ~~BAIT~~ POINT to the north of AGAT. In this sector, the unloading of supplies is progressing favorably over the beaches. Two-thirds of the artillery corps have been landed.

CARRAS ISLAND, in the northern sector is half captured. Because of mortar and artillery fire the unloading over the beaches has been slow. The roads from AGANA to PITI and those up towards MOUNT TENJO, are now in our hands.

Our casualties up to 21 July, ¹⁶³⁰ ~~426 p.m.~~, were: 22 killed, wounded 523.

TINIAN, during 21 July, was under a continued harassment by Thunderbolts. During the night of 20-21 July, night fighters were also over the island. A greatly increased volume of naval and artillery gunfire continues to destroy enemy gun and troop positions on TINIAN.

On 22 July, Task Group 58.2 (2 CV, 2 CVL, 2 EB, 3 CL and 14 DD), continued to support and abet landing operations on GUAM, attacking artillery, machine gun and troop concentrations.

SAIPAN based planes on 22 July, struck PAGAN ISLAND. The enemy's AA was heavy and accurate.

Naval gunfire support from two heavy cruisers and six destroyers is aiding our ground forces at AITAPE, NORTHEAST NEW GUINEA. One of the destroyers of this force, operating with motor torpedo boats during the morning of 21 July, bombarded a bridge and enemy gun positions on a coastal highway near AITAPE. Motor torpedo boats from BIAK and AITAPE, during the night of 20-21 July, destroyed trucks and houses along the coast in the vicinity of AITAPE.

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9 a.m. 22 July 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The aerial and surface bombardment of TINIAN continued on 21 July. Use of incendiaries has been increased in order to burn cane fields and the wooded area.

A CinCPac press release informs that good beachheads have been secured on GUAM ISLAND and that additional troops are being landed against light initial enemy resistance. Enemy resistance is increasing as the troops advance inland. Preliminary estimates indicate that our casualties are moderate. Aerial bombing and Naval gun-fire continue to support our troops.

The bivouac area at YAKAMUL, east of AITAPE, NEW GUINEA, was bombarded on 20 July by two CA's. These cruisers, plus six DD's, are in the area to provide support for our ground troops.

During the night of 19-20 July, motor torpedo boats and a destroyer destroyed four barges and damaged one on the NEW GUINEA coast between AITAPE and WEWAK. The destroyer also shelled enemy positions along the coast. PT's shelled various targets on northeast BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.

The submarine ROCK, operating south of FORMOSA, probably damaged a tanker and a transport.

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4 p.m. 21 July 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

At 8:30 a.m., 21 July, U. S. Marines and Army troops landed on prescribed beaches on GUAM ISLAND. Opposition was reported light, most of it being encountered on the southern beaches. Further information is not available at this time.

On 21 July, Task Group 58.1 (2 CV, 1 CVL, 3 CA, 2 CL(AA) and 14 DD) and Task Group 58.3 (2 CV, 2 CVL, 5 BB, 16 DD) attacked GUAM targets in support of landing operations. Task Group 58.2 and 58.4 probably operated in the area, but operational reports for these groups have not been received.

The submarine GUARDFISH, operating south of FORMOSA, sank a 6,100 ton freighter and damaged a 4,000 ton freighter.

The submarine TINOSA, operating in the YELLOW SEA, sank a large transport and a freighter. In addition, one schooner, one trawler and one sampan were sunk by gunfire.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

As no official report has been received, the following CINCPAC press communique, released at 1100, GCT, is quoted for information:

[UNITED STATES MARINES AND ARMY ASSAULT TROOPS ESTABLISHED BEACH HEADS ON GUAM ISLAND ON 20 JULY PAREN WEST LONGITUDE DATE UNPAREN COMMA WITH THE SUPPORT OF CARRIER AIRCRAFT AND SURFACE COMBAT UNITS OF THE FIFTH FLEET X ENEMY (50) DEFENSES ARE BEING HEAVILY BOMBED AND SHELLED AT CLOSE RANGE X PARA AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS AGAINST GUAM ISLAND ARE BEING DIRECTED BY REAR ADMIRAL RICHARD L CONOLLY COMMA US NAVY X PARA EXPEDITIONARY TROOPS ARE COMMANDED BY MAJOR GENERAL ROY S GEIGER COMMA USMC COMMA COMMANDING GENERAL COMMA THIRD AMPHIBIOUS (100) KORPS X PARA [THE LANDINGS ON GUAM ARE CONTINUING AGAINST MODERATE GROUND OPPOSITION"]

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9 a.m. 21 July 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

Destruction of shore defenses on GUAM ISLAND by close range gunfire and bombs is proceeding as scheduled. Enemy opposition has been negligible.

On 20 July, attacks by Task Force 58 against GUAM continued. Carrier planes bombed and strafed enemy installations, while surface units bombarded selected targets.

Between 4:20 a.m., and 4:50 a.m., 19 July, three PB4Y's made low level attacks against CHICHIJIMA and HAHAJIMA, BONIN ISLANDS. The barracks, naval installations, radio station and seaplane base, on CHICHIJIMA, were bombed and strafed. Several fires started. A bomb hit was scored on a 5,000 ton freighter and three coastal vessels were strafed and left burning. In addition, 11 enemy seaplanes were damaged. At HAHAJIMA, a 2,000 ton freighter and four of nineteen coastal vessels were set on fire. Strafing started fires among buildings and other installations. Moderate AA fire slightly damaged one bomber.

Twenty-two Liberators bombed the DUBLON naval base and storage area, TRUK ATOLL, on the morning of 19 July. Due to weather, results were unobserved. Two of eight unaggressive enemy interceptors were damaged. Moderate to intense AA fire slightly damaged six and badly damaged one Liberator, but all of the bombers returned.

At 9:30 a.m., 19 July, 5 Liberators bombed AA gun positions on WOTJE. Enemy AA fire was meager and inaccurate.

During the early morning of 18 July, a Navy Catalina harassed MILE. Later, on the same day, 16 Dauntless and 12 Corsairs, bombed the area. AA fire was meager and inaccurate.

On 19 July, the destroyer escort WYMAN, operating in the MARIANAS area, attacked and probably sank an enemy submarine.

During the night of 18-19 July, a destroyer shelled enemy transport traffic along the coastal road between AITAPE and WENAK, NEW GUINEA.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The submarine HADDO returned from patrol of the CELEBES SEA area after sinking, by gunfire, two miscellaneous vessels of 250 tons each and a landing barge.

The submarine COBIA, operating in the BONINS area, sank a large and a medium freighter.

The submarine PLAICE, operating in the BONINS area, sank a destroyer.

The submarine SNAWFISH (SS-276), scored two torpedo hits on a 10,000 ton tanker, and not the SWORDFISH as reported in the morning summary of 19 July.

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9 a.m. 20 July 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

Carrier planes of Task Groups 58.1, 58.2, 58.3, 58.4, made strong attacks on 18 and 19 July against defense installations on GUAM ISLAND. Damage on GUAM ISLAND is widespread. YONA and ALUTOM have been devastated and AGAT TOWN is eighty percent destroyed. AGANA TOWN and ASAN VILLAGE are badly damaged. Many ammunition dumps have been exploded and many fires started.

Although a direct report has not been received, CINCPAC's press release, indicates that GUAM was bombarded by battleships, cruisers and destroyers, on 18 and 19 July.

TAROA and WOTJE were subjected to harassment during the night of 17-18 July by two Navy Catalinas.

Forty-seven Army Mitchells attacked PONAPE, during the morning of 18 July. Bombs were dropped on AA positions on JOKAJ and MANUE ISLANDS. AA fire of varied accuracy damaged two Mitchells.

Fifty-six Corsairs hit AA and coastal batteries on TAROA, during the morning of 18 July. One plane sustained minor damage from meager AA fire. Three Corsairs failed to return due to bad weather encountered on the return flight.

At 6:45 a.m., and again at 2:10 p.m., 18 July, 100 Dauntless and 27 Corsairs struck coastal defense and AA emplacements on WOTJE. Moderate, but accurate AA fire damaged two Dauntless.

On 17 July, 2 Australian heavy cruisers bombarded enemy troop concentrations near AITAPE, NEW GUINEA. The area was also shelled by a destroyer and torpedo boats.

Daily attacks by ALLIED aircraft against various targets on NEW BRITAIN, NEW IRELAND and BOUGAINVILLE ISLANDS, continue.

The submarine JACK returned from patrol of the SOUTH CHINA SEA and reported as follows:

<u>SANK</u>		<u>DAMAGED</u>	
1 AO	10,000 tons	3 unidentified ves.	4,000 tons each
1 AK	7,000 tons		
2 unident. ves.	4,000 tons each	Total	12,000 tons
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4 p.m. 19 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 18 June, LCI-348 reported grounded on a reef off ASAN POINT, GUAM ISLAND, was refloated. Installations on GUAM ISLAND were subjected to Naval gun-fire and bombing. Opposition to these operations has been negligible.

The submarine GUARDFISH sank a 9,800 ton Naval auxiliary in an area south of FORMOSA.

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9 a.m. 19 July 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

✓ GUAM beach defenses were shelled by units of Task Force 53 on 17 July. LCI-348 grounded off ASAN POINT, GUAM ISLAND, while engaged in reconnaissance of surrounding reefs. Attempts will be made to float the vessel.

On SAIPAN ISLAND, anti-sniper activity and mopping up continues. Progress is being made in the unloading of garrison shipping. A total of 156 pieces of field artillery are in position to fire on TINIAN. ~~1,620 prisoners have been captured.~~

✓ During 17 July, TINIAN was subjected to destroyer gun-fire. SAIPAN shore artillery fired on the northern portion of TINIAN ISLAND, and air strikes by planes based on SAIPAN ISLAND continued.

✓ Planes of Task Group 58.1 attacked GUAM and ROTA on 18 July. Considerable damage to ROTA installations was reported. Fires and explosions were observed. One plane, one pilot and one crew member were lost.

On the early morning of 17 July, TAROA and WOTJE were harassed by a Navy Catalina. TAROA was attacked at 12:33 p.m. by 22 Dauntless and 10 Corsairs. Three Dauntless were damaged by meager, but accurate, AA fire.

At 12:45 p.m., 17 July, 16 Dauntless and 12 Corsairs struck MILLE AA and coastal batteries. No AA fire was encountered.

Thirty-four Corsairs and one Ventura struck WOTJE at 10:45 a.m. and again at 4:05 p.m., 17 July. Light, but accurate, AA fire damaged one Corsair.

Two heavy cruisers and four destroyers supported ground troops in the AITAPE Area, NEW GUINEA.

In operations
The following submarines, operating south of FORMOSA, achieved the following:

✓ The SWORDFISH scored two torpedo hits on a 10,000 ton tanker.

The ROCK damaged a tanker, transport and cargo vessel.

The TILEFISH sank a Fubuki class destroyer.

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4 p.m. 18 July 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC

On 17 July aircraft of Task Group 58.1 attacked antiaircraft positions, barracks and a radio station on GUAM. Due to poor visibility, results of the attack were difficult to assess. One dive bomber, one pilot and one crew member failed to return.

On the same day, aircraft from Task Group 58.2 struck airfield installations on ROTA. Hits were scored on barracks and other buildings. No losses were sustained.

The submarine HAKE returned from patrol of the CELEBES SEA Area and reported as follows:

<u>Sank</u>		<u>Damaged</u>	
1 DD	1,500 tons	1 XAV	10,000 tons
1 AK	5,500 tons		
1 transport	7,500 tons		
1 misc. craft	10 tons		
Total	14,510 tons		

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9 a.m. 18 July 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On the morning of 16 July, 16 Army Liberators bombed PARAM AA emplacements, TRUK ATOLL, with unobserved results. About 10 enemy fighter planes ineffectively intercepted our bombers and attacked with phosphorous bombs. One enemy fighter was probably shot down and three more were damaged. One Liberator sustained damage. AA fire was moderate to intense, but inaccurate. In an attack on a six ship convoy,

the submarine THRESHER sank three freighters, one oiler, one escort vessel and probably sank another escort vessel.

The submarine PLAICE, operating in the BONIN ISLAND area, sank an escort vessel.

The submarine PAMPANITO, operating in the EMPIRE waters, probably sank a 15,000 ton freighter.

The submarines GARPISH, THRESHER, PIRANHA, apparently in coordinated attacks, sank 7 AK's, 2 AO's and one escort vessel. In addition, one freighter and one escort vessel were probably sunk, and one freighter damaged.

The submarine REDFIN, returned from the PHILIPPINE area after achieving the following results:

<u>SANK</u>		<u>DAMAGED</u>
1 AO	10,000 tons	1 AP 9,300 tons
1 AP	6,100 tons	
	<u>16,100 tons</u>	

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PT-133, operating with four destroyers in support of ground troops in the AITAPE-NEWAK area, NEW GUINEA, was sunk by enemy shore batteries. One enlisted man is missing.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

4 p.m. 17 July 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 16 July, carrier planes of Task Group 58.2 attacked GUAM installations with bombs and rockets. Considerable damage was caused to buildings and personnel. One plane was shot down, but the pilot was rescued by a destroyer.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 15 July, planes of Task Group 58.2 attacked ground installations on ROTA. Poor visibility interfered with observation of results. One torpedo bomber, one pilot and two crew members were lost.

The following day, planes of Task Group 58.1 attacked ground installations on ROTA ISLAND. Fires were started and a direct hit scored on a concentration of automotive and railroad equipment. One plane, one pilot and one crew member failed to return.

✓ INOJIMA, in the VOLCANO ISLANDS, was attacked on 14 July, by two low flying Navy Liberators. A Japanese destroyer was hit by a 500 pound bomb. Fires and explosions resulted after one 6,000 ton and one 3,000 ton freighter were strafed. A destroyer escort, a coastal vessel and twelve smaller craft were heavily strafed. An oil dump was set afire and other fires were started. Three grounded enemy planes were possibly destroyed and ten possibly damaged by strafing. No enemy planes intercepted. Intense antiaircraft fire was encountered. One Liberator sustained slight damage.

At 8:15 a.m., 15 July, 8 Corsairs and 17 Dauntless attacked gun installations on TAROA. One Dauntless was damaged by light, meager, but accurate AA fire.

At 10:00 a.m., 15 July, WOTJE was attacked by 12 Corsairs and again at 3:45 p.m., by 13 Corsairs. Meager antiaircraft fire was encountered.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 15 July, GUAM ISLAND was bombed by carrier-based aircraft and shelled by two destroyers. Gun emplacements and the airfield at OROTE were the principal targets. Four enemy aircraft were destroyed on the ground. Moderate AA fire was encountered.

During the afternoon and night of 14 July, beach reconnaissance parties were landed on reef off the northern beaches of GUAM ISLAND with negligible opposition.

On the morning of 14 July, 9 Army Liberators dropped bombs on TRUK ATOLL, but due to overcast, results were unobserved. Meager and inaccurate AA fire was encountered. One of nine unaggressive interceptors was damaged.

The submarine SEALION, operating in the YELLOW SEA, reported sinking four freighters for a total of 20,000 tons.

The submarine POMFRET, operating in the Japanese EMPIRE waters, reported scoring three timed torpedo hits in a FUSO class battleship.

On the morning of 14 July, the destroyer escort W. C. MILLER, operating in the MARIANAS waters, in company with the destroyer transport GILMER and a search plane, probably sank a submarine. ✓

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9 a.m. 15 July 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC

Throughout 12 July, airfields in the RABAU Area, NEW BRITAIN, and targets at KAVIENG, NEW IRELAND, were heavily bombed by Allied aircraft.

During the night of 12-13 July, motor torpedo boats strafed enemy positions on the northwest coast of NEW IRELAND.

On 12 and 13 July, land-based aircraft bombed and strafed enemy installations on TAROA, WOTJE, MIILE and JALUIT.

At 11:32 a.m., 13 July, 18 Liberators bombed TRUK. Bombs were dropped on DUBELON TOWN and the Naval base. Moderate antiaircraft fire was encountered. Sixteen to nineteen enemy fighters attempted to intercept our bombers. Four enemy fighters were shot down, four were probably shot down and five sustained damage. Two of our aircraft were damaged by antiaircraft fire and two others by enemy planes.

On 13 July, two CA and four DD bombarded enemy gun positions, supply dumps and troop concentrations in the AITAPE Area, NEW GUINEA.

On 14 July, carrier aircraft attacked GUAM and ROTA. Bombs and rockets set fire to buildings and ammunition dumps, damaged store facilities, gun positions and other defense installations.

The submarine HARDER, operating in the vicinity of SIBUTU PASSAGE, northeast BORNEO, returned from patrol after sinking five fleet-type destroyers of 1,700 tons each.

The submarine FLOUNDER returned from patrol near HALMAHERA and reported sinking a medium freighter of about 4,000 tons.

The submarine FLYING FISH returned from patrol after sinking a medium freighter and damaging another north of PALAU.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC

✓ 1. ^{On} SAIPAN ISLAND small enemy groups, searching for food and water and harassing our troops, are being eliminated. Considerable numbers of ~~the~~ enemy ~~are~~ killed each day and prisoners ~~of war~~ taken. More civilians have been interned.

At 11:00 a.m., 13 July, elements of the 2nd Marine Division landed on MANAGASSA ISLAND (about two miles north of ~~SAIPAN ISLAND~~, SAIPAN ISLAND). The island was secured at 11:45 a.m., with 26 enemy dead and 5 prisoners of war. One Marine is missing.

Our casualties as of 6:00 p.m., 12 July, are as follows: Killed in action - 2,525; wounded in action - 11,555; missing in action - 1,025.

Enemy dead which have been buried amount to 15,978. In addition, many enemy bodies still remain unburied. We have captured 446 Japanese and 564 Koreans. A total of 10,415 civilians have been interned.

On 11 and 12 July, installations on GUAM ISLAND were shelled by cruisers and destroyers. Hits were scored in gun positions, block houses and warehouses. Five enemy barges were sunk.

Carrier aircraft attacked GUAM and ROTA ISLANDS on 12 and 13 July. A number of fires started. We lost one plane.

Enemy defense installations on TINIAN ISLAND are being neutralized by artillery bombardment and naval gun-fire.

Motor torpedo boats, on 12 July, sank a loaded coastal vessel, destroyed one and damaged three enemy barges off the northwest coast of NEW GUINEA.

During the night of 12 July, eight Liberators bombed TRUK. Results were unobserved. Several enemy planes were in the air, but did not attempt to intercept.

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The submarine COBIA sank a medium freighter west of CHICHI JIMA, and sank by gun-fire a 400-ton patrol vessel north of MARCUS ISLAND.

The submarine NARWHAL, returned from patrol of the CELEBES after damaging a 7,300-ton oiler and a miscellaneous vessel of 100-tons. In addition, a fuel storage center at BULA, CERAM, was damaged by gun-fire.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The submarine TAUTOG, operating in EMPIRE waters, reports sinking one small AK and one trawler, the latter by gunfire.

On SAIPAN, mopping up of enemy troops continues. On the 11th, the 2nd Marine Regiment killed 711. Prisoners of war, as of 1700, 11 July, totalled 1010.

Daily air strikes and surface bombardment of GUAM continued on the 11th and 12th. On the 10th, a sub beached in UMATAC BAY, was destroyed by gunfire from the destroyer HALFORD. On the 11th, a coastal lugger was sunk by the destroyer WADSWORTH.

On the 10th and 11th of July, Central Pacific aircraft continued neutralization strikes on enemy positions on MILE, JALUIT, TAROA and WOTJE. One Corsair was shot down at TAROA by AA.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On the morning of 11 July, 18 Army Liberators bombed the naval and seaplane base on DUELOW, TEUK. There was no interception and AA was meager and inaccurate. Explosions and fires were observed.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The submarine NAUTILUS on patrol in the southwest Pacific sank two schooners, totalling 120 tons, by gunfire.

On SAIPAN, mopping up of enemy forces continues. Casualties, as of 10 July, KIA 2359, WIA 11,481, MIA 1213; total 15,053. Enemy dead buried, as of 10 July, 11,948, with considerable numbers not yet buried. Civilians interned 9,006, prisoners of war, 756.

The destroyer McCALL, rescued from GUAM, Chief Radioman G. R. Tweed, who has been on the island since 1939.

Air and surface bombardment of ROTA and GUAM, by task groups of T.F. 56, continued on 11 July.

On the night of 10-11 July, 9 Army Liberators of the Central Pacific command, bombed enemy positions on TRUK. AA was inaccurate and meager, no enemy planes intercepted.

PT's continued harassing of shore positions and enemy barges in the southwest and south Pacific area.

On 7 July, the RABAUL area was bombed and strafed by a force of 30 Marine Corsairs and 1 Ventura, 10 Avengers, 24 Corsairs of the NEW ZEALAND air force. Seven Marine and 16 NEW ZEALAND Corsairs attacked enemy positions in northwest BOUGAINVILLE, on 7 July. Thirteen Army Lightnings struck the SHORTLAND area.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

H.N.M.S. K-14 (SS), operating in the southwest Pacific under operational control of Com. 7th Fleet, on 21 June, damaged an enemy minelayer (4,400 tons), and, on 23 June, destroyed a ten ton landing barge.

On 9 July, shore-based Central Pacific aircraft continued harassment of enemy positions on JALUIT, TAROA, MELLE and WOTJE.

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9 a.m. 11 July 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On the afternoon of 9 July, TRUK was struck by 15 Army Liberators. Fires and explosions were observed. One Liberator received slight damage from AA. Three or four fighters attempted unsuccessfully to intercept our planes.

On the 10th of July, task groups of T.F. 58, continued air and surface strikes against ROTA and GUAM. Various shore installations were destroyed or damaged. In UMATAO BAY, a camouflaged sub was strafed.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

During the night of 8 July, motor torpedo boats strafed enemy installations in BANIU HARBOR, northeast coast of BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND, and shelled BAGATEREE, northeast coast of NEW IRELAND.

On 9 July, Corsairs started fires in VUNAKANAU, RABAU area, NEW BRITAIN, and bombed the KAVIENG area, NEW IRELAND.

Three enemy barges were destroyed and five damaged, during 9 July, by PT's, off the northwest coast of NEW GUINEA.

The submarine BREAM, returned from patrol of waters near HALMAHERA, after possibly damaging three medium AK's of about 4,000 tons each.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

During the night of 7-8 July, TAROA was harassed by a Catalina.

The following missions were completed by CINCPAC aircraft, 8 July:

8 Dauntless struck TAROA coastal defense and AA batteries at 8:30 a.m., and again at 3:30 p.m. Meager but accurate AA fire damaged two Dauntless.

16 Dauntless and 4 Corsairs bombed JALUIT AA positions at 7:15 a.m. Two Dauntless sustained minor damage from moderate but accurate AA fire.

16 Dive bombers and 4 fighters attacked MILLE coastal defense emplacements at 11:35 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. A number of explosions and fires were started. AA fire was meager and inaccurate.

22 Corsairs bombed and strafed gun positions on WOTJE between 7:50 a.m., and 4:45 p.m. Moderate but inaccurate AA fire was encountered.

During the night of 8 July, 9 Liberators attacked naval installations on DUBLON, MOEN, TOL and MESECON, TRUK ATOLL. No enemy planes were encountered. Moderate and inaccurate AA fire was encountered.

Motor torpedo boats operating during the night of 6-7 July, destroyed 7 and damaged 3 enemy barges, along the northwest coast of NEW GUINEA. In addition, enemy targets southwest NEW IRELAND, northeast NEW IRELAND, and southeast BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND, were strafed.

The submarine SUNFISH, operating in the EMPIRE waters, sank a large freighter and probably sank a medium freighter.

The submarine TANG, operating in the EAST CHINA SEA, reported sinking 8 ships, totalling 50,000 tons.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

At 6:30 a.m. 8 July our troops on SAIPAN ISLAND launched an attack with the Second Marine Division in line on the left and the Fourth Marine Division on the right and the Twenty-seventh Infantry Division in reserve. The attack supported by Naval and Artillery bombardment forged ahead rapidly.

On the afternoon of 9 July all organized enemy resistance on SAIPAN ISLAND ceased.

During the night of 8 July a number of enemy planes dropped about 25 bombs on our SAIPAN ISLAND position without much damage.

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9 a.m. 8 July 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 6 July, ALLIED troops captured NAMBER air strip, NOELFOOR ISLAND.

The submarine BLUEFISH, returned from patrol of the N.E.I., after sinking 2 AK's, totalling 7,000 tons.

The submarine MINGO, operating in the Pacific ocean, sank a FUBUKI destroyer.

The submarine FLIER, returned from patrol of the SOUTH CHINA SEA, and reported as follows:

<u>SUNK</u>		<u>DAMAGED</u>	
1 large AK	7,500 tons	1 AK	4,000 tons
3 medium AK	<u>12,000 tons</u>	1 AO	<u>2,500 tons</u>
	19,500 tons		13,500 tons

The submarine SUNFISH attacked a sampan convoy north of SHIMUSHIRU, KURILE ISLANDS, sank 12 and left 2 in a sinking condition.

The submarine SKATE sank a FUBUKI class destroyer and probably damaged a freighter in the KURILES ISLAND area.

The submarine WHALE damaged a transport and a freighter about 270 miles west of HAHAJIMA.

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9 a.m. 8 July 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

1. At 5:10 a.m., 7 July, about 3,000 Japanese launched a heavy counter attack against our left flank on SAIPAN ISLAND. The first and second battalions of the 105th Infantry were overrun to a depth of about 2,000 yards. Our troops retired to TANAPAG POINT where some were forced to seek refuge on a reef after expending all ammunition. Naval units rescued a number of them.

2. At 1:00 p.m., our forces reorganized, stopped the enemy and made some advances during the afternoon. At nightfall it appeared that the Japanese attack was broken. It is estimated that our casualties were heavy. Preliminary reports indicate that the 105th Infantry killed 1,500 of the enemy.

3. The 4th Marine Division on the right flank continued its advance against light resistance.

ISELY FIELD, SAIPAN ISLAND, was shelled by enemy batteries from TINIAN. Destroyers and artillery subsequently silenced the guns.

During the night of 7 July, enemy planes in nine groups of two to three planes each, raided SAIPAN four times. No damage was reported. A night fighter shot down one enemy plane.

During 7 July, fighter and torpedo planes struck GROTE FIELD, on GUAM, and the ROTA runway, taxiway and buildings. Fires severely damaged or destroyed several buildings on GUAM.

The following missions were completed by CINCPAC aircraft, on 6 July:

23 Corsairs struck WOTJE four times, between 8:30 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. Meager AA fire was encountered.

8 Dauntless hit TAROA at 8:30 a.m., and 6 Dauntless at 4:34 p.m. Bombs fell on coastal defense emplacements. AA fire was moderate, light and inaccurate.

9 Dauntless and 8 Corsairs attacked MILLE, at 3:10 p.m., and AA fire was meager and inaccurate.

11 Dauntless and 8 Corsairs struck JALUIT heavy AA positions at 8:05 a.m. One Dauntless sustained damage from moderate, accurate AA fire.

10 Liberators attacked MOEN AA positions, TRUK ATOLL, from 8:35 p.m., to 3:54 a.m., 7 July. AA fire was meager and inaccurate. All planes returned without damage or casualties.

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9 a.m. 7 July 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

1. During the night of 5-6 July, activity on SAIPAN ISLAND was limited to patrolling and action against snipers. About 200 hundred enemy troops and civilians attempting to escape in barges on ~~the~~ northwest coast ~~of the island,~~ were dispersed by artillery fire.

2. On the morning ~~of~~ 6 July, our troops resumed ~~their~~ attack. ~~The~~ right flank assigned to the 4th Marine Division, made good progress. Stiff resistance ~~was~~ encountered by ~~the~~ 27th Infantry on ~~the~~ left flank. Pillboxes, caves, strong points and difficult terrain along the left flank slowed ~~the~~ advance. Two enemy tanks ~~were~~ destroyed. We lost four tanks.

3. Our casualties, as of 1800, 5 July, ~~KIA~~ 2008, ~~WIA~~ 9726, ~~MIA~~ 692. To-date 8914 enemy troops ~~were~~ buried and 409 captured. 6901 civilians ~~have~~ been interned. *write out*

4. Enemy planes ~~were~~ over SAIPAN ISLAND on the nights of 5 and 6 July, and dropped bombs on ISLEY FIELD without damage. Night fighters shot down two enemy planes ~~on the~~ early morning of 6 July. ~~A Hudson bomber~~ shot down a four-engined enemy bomber.

Our reconnaissance planes bombed and strafed enemy installations on MARPI POINT airfield, SAIPAN ISLAND, and heavy gun positions on TINIAN ISLAND.

On 6 July, Task Group 58.1 (2 CV, 2 CVL, 3 CA, 2CL(AA)), attacked ROTA ISLAND. Hits were scored on the CROTE airfield and dispersal areas and on installations at the ROTA airfield. A grounded twin-engined enemy plane was destroyed and two more damaged. We lost two fighters. One pilot is missing and the other is alive awaiting rescue.

5. On 5 July, United States troops, supported by naval bombardment, occupied MANIM ISLAND, southwest of NOEMPOOR ISLAND.

During the night of 4-5 July, motor torpedo boats cooperating with planes sank four barges, damaged nine, in the NEWAK, NEW GUDIEA area. Enemy installations on northeast NEW IRELAND, BOUGAINVILLE and CHOISEUL ISLANDS, were shelled by motor torpedo boats. One PT, struck by a 20 millimeter shell, sank.

Targets at KAVIENG, NEW IRELAND, and on BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND, were bombed by formations of ALLIED aircraft.

1. The submarine BLUEFISH, returned from patrol of ~~the~~ CELEBES SEA area after sinking two freighters, totalling 7,000 tons.

2. The submarine GUITARRO, returned from patrol of ~~the~~ waters in ~~the~~ vicinity of FORMOUSA and reported as follows: SANK: 1 AK 9,500 tons, 1 AO 10,500 tons, 1 DD 1,200 tons; total 21,200 tons.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

8 Dauntless bombed AA and coastal defense positions on TARCA at 9:03 a.m., and 2:55 p.m. Enemy fire was light, meager and inaccurate.

4 Corsairs attacked coastal defense batteries on WOTNE at 7:50 a.m., 10:40 a.m., and at 1:50 p.m. Meager AA fire was encountered.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 4 July, Task Group 58.1 (2 CV, 2 CVL, 3 CA, 2 CL(AA) and 14 DD), struck CHICHIJIMA, with the following results:

<u>SUNK</u>	<u>PROBABLY SUNK</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
1 small AO	1 DME	1 large AK
1 medium AK	1 trawler	4 medium AK
1 medium AE	4 luggers	2 small AK
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		1 DD
		1 DM

In addition, eight float planes and one heavy bomber were shot down and one medium bomber destroyed on the ground. A large hangar at the seaplane base was destroyed and radio installations damaged. We lost seven planes, five pilots and four crew members in combat.

On the same day, this task group struck HAHAJIMA, with the following results: DAMAGED: 3 small AK's, 8 luggers (Note: It is possible that some duplication of results exist with the HAHAJIMA strike by Task Group 58.2, which struck on the same day and was reported in the morning summary of 5 July). A fuel dump and a number of buildings on HAHAJIMA sustained damage.

A revision of results achieved by Task Group 58.1, in its strike against IWOJIMA, on 3 July, indicates 50 enemy planes shot down instead of 39 and 8 probables in place of 16.

On 5 July, Task Group 58.3 (2 CV, 2 CVL, 5 BB and 16 DD), attacked GUAM. Fires were started in the supply and troop housing areas. Further details are not available at this time.

The following missions were completed by CINCPAC aircraft, on 5 July:

18 Liberators attacked AA positions and airdrome installations on MOEN and the living quarters area on DUHLON, TRUK ATOLL. Meager and inaccurate AA fire was encountered. Five interceptors were airborne but did not press home an attack.

17 Corsairs and 20 Dauntless attacked MILIE AA positions at 9:30 a.m., and 1:45 p.m. Light, meager and inaccurate AA fire was encountered.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

During the night of 3-4 July, motor torpedo boats cooperating with aircraft, sank three barges and damaged four in the MEKAW area. Other motor torpedo boats destroyed three barges near MANOKWARI, NEW GUINEA. Enemy installations, on NEW IRELAND, CHOISEUL ISLAND and southeast BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND, were shelled by PT's.

During the night of 3-4 July, four LCI gunboats destroyed four barges in ST. GEORGE'S CHANNEL, between NEW BRITAIN and south NEW IRELAND.

Enemy installations in the RABAU area, northeast NEW BRITAIN, were subjected to heavy attacks by ALLIED aircraft.

KORNASOREN, airdrome on NOEMFOOR ISLAND, has been occupied by the 158th Infantry against disorganized enemy resistance.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

At 1:00 p.m., 5 July, a coordinated attack was launched by the 4th Marine Division and the 27th Infantry Division. Strong resistance was encountered by the 27th Division along the beach on the western side of the island. On the right flank resistance was mediocre. Our troops gained 500 yards. The 2nd Marine Division, held in reserve, is engaged in neutralizing remaining pockets of enemy resistance in captured areas.

SAIPAN land operations were supported by the usual naval gunfire and air bombardment. TINIAN was subjected to naval gunfire and bombing.

The destroyer D. W. TAYLOR and the destroyer escort RIDGLE, attacked and possibly sank a Japanese submarine, 110 miles east northeast of SAIPAN.

The following missions were completed by CINCPAC aircraft, on 4 July:

Eight Dauntless attacked TAROA at 8:30 p.m., encountering light, moderate but accurate AA fire.

Eight Corsairs and 11 Dauntless struck coastal defense positions on MILE at 6:30 a.m., again at 2:35 p.m. A large explosion was observed. Moderate but inaccurate AA fire was encountered.

Eight Corsairs and 11 Dauntless attacked JALUIT at 10:30 a.m. A large explosion was observed among AA batteries. Meager, but inaccurate AA fire was encountered.

Twenty-one Corsairs completed four daylight strikes against WOTJE, between 9:30 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. This area was subjected to night harassment by 6 Corsairs from 7:00 p.m., to 10:00 p.m. A number of fires were started.

The submarine GUAVIDA sank a medium freighter west of PALAU, on 4 July.

The submarine SUNFISH sank a small transport, 20 miles north northwest of CAPE LOPATKA, KAMCHATKA PENINSULA, and an unidentified freighter, 118 miles northwest of CAPE LOPATKA.

The submarine FLAICE, operating in the Pacific, sank a 9,500 ton freighter.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The submarine GAR, in the BONINS area, destroyed by gunfire, one vessel of 1,000 tons and another of 500 tons.

The submarine PARCHE, east of the BONINS, sank by gunfire a 300 ton patrol vessel.

The submarine ALBACORE, west of PALAU, destroyed a small diesel-powered vessel.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The following missions were completed by CINCPAC aircraft, on 3 July:

Between 8:30 a.m., and 10:00 p.m., Corsairs completed 15 sorties against WOTJE. Meager and light AA fire was encountered.

TAROA was attacked by 8 dive bombers at 7:40 a.m., and again at 3:55 p.m. Light, medium and inaccurate AA fire was encountered.

24 Liberators attacked TAROA at 2:00 p.m. No AA fire was encountered.

11 Dauntless and 8 Corsairs struck AA batteries on EMIDJ, at 8:40 a.m. Two Dauntless were damaged by light, moderate and accurate AA fire.

9 Liberators bombed DUBLON naval installations and airdrome installations on MESEGOON and MOENI, TRUK ATOLL. Results of the bombing were not observed. AA fire encountered was meager and inaccurate. One Liberator failed to return.

During the period 2-3 July, motor torpedo boats sank two barges south of MANOKWARI, NEW GUINEA, while other motor torpedo boats cooperating with Beauforts, sank five and damaged three barges near WENAK, NEW GUINEA. Destroyers bombarded targets on NOEMFOOR ISLAND.

On 3 July, an LCI gunboat destroyed a barge off CAPE LAMBERT, NEW BRITAIN. Motor torpedo boats shelled enemy installations on NEW IRELAND.

Throughout 2 July, 90 bombers attacked TOBERA, NEW BRITAIN, gun installations. Other targets in the RABAU area, NEW BRITAIN, were heavily attacked by ALLIED aircraft.

The submarine RASHER, operating in the CELEBES SEA, returned from patrol and reported as follows:

<u>SANK</u>		<u>DAMAGED</u>	
1 cruiser ASAMA class	9,240 tons	1 freighter	4,016 tons
1 freighter	4,180 tons	1 minelayer	1,700 tons
1 freighter	7,025 tons	1 freighter	4,000 tons
1 freighter	4,000 tons	1 transport	6,143 tons
1 small vessel (gunfire)	10 tons	1 transport	5,072 tons
	<u>24,455 tons</u>		<u>20,931 tons</u>

The submarine SEAHORSE, in the SOUTH CHINA SEA, sank a large and medium freighter on 3 July, and the following day, sank a large and a medium transport, both heavily loaded with troops.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

9 a.m. 5 July 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

During 4 July, our troops, on SAIPAN ISLAND, in a general advance along the entire front, captured TANAPAG and GARAPAN TOWNS. Our line extends inland from TANAPAG on the west coast, skirts the mountain village of ATCHUGAU, in the center, and is anchored on the east coast at a point four miles south of INAGSA POINT, on the northeast tip of SAIPAN.

A force of about a 100 Japanese attacked our lines from the rear during the night of 3-4 July. Twenty-five of the enemy were killed, including Colonel OGAWA, commander of the 135th Japanese Infantry Regiment. Our troops suffered no losses.

To date, 7312 enemy dead have been buried. Our casualties revised as of 4 July; killed in action, 1,870, wounded in action, 9,093, missing in action, 706.

On 3 July, planes of Task Group 58.1 (2 CV, 2 CVL, 3 CA, 2 CL(AA), 14 DD) attacked IWOJIMA ISLAND, in the VOLCANO ISLANDS. Thirty-nine enemy fighters which attempted to intercept were shot down and 16 more were probably shot down. Incomplete reports show 24 enemy aircraft destroyed or damaged on the ground. Bomb hits were scored on a fuel dump and two small vessels were strafed.

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On 4 July, Task Group 58.2 (2 CV, 2 CVL, 2 BB, 3 CL and 14 DD) struck IWOJIMA, in the VOLCANO ISLANDS, and HAHAJIMA in the BONIN ISLANDS. IWOJIMA was severely bombed and strafed by aircraft and shelled by cruisers and destroyers. Preliminary reports indicate three destroyers sunk or beached, a large freighter sunk and a medium tanker sunk, plus a number of small freighters sunk or damaged. One destroyer was set on fire. Twenty-five enemy planes were shot down and many on the ground damaged. We lost six planes. No damage was sustained by any of our surface units.

ROTA ISLAND was bombed by carrier aircraft and bombarded by light surface units of Task Group 58.4 (1 CV, 2 CVL, 2 CL(AA) and 14 DD), on 3 July. Hits were scored on runways and revetments. A large explosion was caused by a hit apparently in an ammunition dump.

During 4 July, GUAM and ROTA installations were bombed. Two dive bombers were shot down over GUAM by enemy AA fire. Four of the crew members were rescued.

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9 a.m. 4 July 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

Corsairs completed 27 sorties against WOTJE, between 9:00 a.m., and 10:50 p.m. Bombs were dropped on heavy AA batteries. Other installations were heavily strafed. AA fire was meager and inaccurate.

The submarine ARCHERFISH sank a destroyer off IWOJIMA, on 28 June. In addition, a large transport and a small cargo vessel, near IWOJIMA, were damaged.

The submarine BATFISH sank, by gunfire, a trawler and a patrol boat in the EMPIRE waters.

On the night of 1-2 July, motor torpedo boats destroyed an enemy barge northwest of MANOKWARI and bombarded KAIU PLANTATION, on the northeast coast of NEW IRELAND. Other motor torpedo boats bombarded BAUDISSION ISLAND, near KAVIENG, NEW IRELAND.

During the night of 1-2 July, a PB4Y shot down a four-engined enemy bomber near the SONSCRAL ISLANDS (south southeast PELILIU ISLAND).

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9 a.m. 3 July 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (cont'd.)

At 8:00 a.m., 2 July, approximately 8,000 troops were landed on NOEMFOOR ISLAND, GEELVINK BAY. The landings were covered by one CA, 2 CL and 10 DD's. Other than mortar fire, no enemy opposition was encountered.

Motor torpedo boats, operating from AITAPE, destroyed six enemy barges in the WENAK area. Other motor torpedo boats shelled installations on northwest and southwest NEW IRELAND, and the east coast of the GAZELLE PENINSULA. Enemy positions on the southeast coast of BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND, were also shelled by motor torpedo boats.

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9 a.m. 3 July 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On SAIPAN ISLAND, our troops supported by air, ship and shore artillery, pushed ahead on the entire front. The purpose of the present advance is to capture within the next two days the enemy line through MUTCHO POINT, GARAPAN and TANAPAG. Considerable enemy material and supplies have been captured, in particular, large quantities of food and ammunition.

Prior to dawn, on 2 July, about four or five enemy planes ineffectively attacked our transports and screening vessels. Two of the enemy planes were shot down.

TINIAN and ROTA ISLANDS received their scheduled air and ship bombardments. One of our planes was shot down by AA fire.

The following missions were completed by CINCPAC aircraft, on 1 July:

Fourteen Dauntless attacked coastal and AA guns on TAROA, at 9:25 a.m., and again at 2:50 p.m. Antiaircraft fire damaged and forced down one Dauntless, but the crew was rescued by a Navy Catalina. Another Dauntless sustained minor damage.

Fifteen Marine Corsairs and 30 Dauntless attacked coast defense and antiaircraft batteries on MELLE, at 7:03 a.m., and at 3:45 p.m. Light, meager AA fire caused minor damage to one Dauntless.

Eight Corsairs and 15 Dauntless struck JALUIT, at 11:40 a.m. One Corsair was damaged by moderate but accurate AA fire.

Four Corsairs harassed WOTJE from 7:30 p.m., to 8:45 p.m. Meager AA fire was encountered.

During the night of 30 June - 1 July, a Catalina harassed TAROA and WOTJE.

Between 9:02 p.m., 1 July and 4:49 a.m., 2 July, 11 Liberators attacked TRUK. Bombs were dropped on AA positions on the eastern tip of MOEN and on the airfield at MESEGON, with unobserved results. Moderate and inaccurate AA fire was encountered. Three and possibly more Japanese interceptors made ineffective attempts to attack.

The submarine SWORDFISH sank, by gunfire, a 100 ton enemy trawler, on 30 June, 230 miles northeast by north of MARCUS ISLAND.

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9 a.m. 2 July 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The submarine FLAICE, on patrol in Western Pacific, 30 June, damaged and possibly sank two AK's. The ALBACORE, in the same area, shelled the phosphate works on FAIS ISLAND, on 30 June.

On 1 July, on SAIPAN, the 4th Marine Division consolidated its lines and patrolled to the North. One patrol advanced 1,800 yards, meeting no resistance. The 2nd Marine Division and 27th Infantry Division attacked at 7:30 a.m., meeting heavy resistance, especially from small arms. A limited but steady advance was made. Strong naval gunfire and aircraft support of the troops continues. Morning and evening sweeps of ROTA were made. Shore party and port functions have been assumed by the garrison forces. Total prisoners of war total 227. Buried enemy dead number 6015. Eighty enemy tanks have been destroyed or captured.

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4 p.m. 1 July 1944

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On SAIPAN, morning of 30 June, our troops, with air, Naval and artillery support, attacked enemy positions. The 4th Marine Division held its present line, and strong resistance was met by the 2nd Marine and 27th Infantry Divisions, which made limited advances in the center. Pockets of resistance at three points in the rear of our lines have been eliminated.

A TBF, on an observation mission, was shot down by enemy anti-aircraft, two crewmen being killed and seven of our own troops casualties from the crash.

On the night of 30 June - 1 July, four air alerts were sounded and several enemy bombs dropped along the shore. One enemy plane was shot down by a night fighter.

220 enemy have been made prisoners of war, 4,866 civilians interned. Incomplete reports show burials of 5,692 enemy dead, including civilians. Our own dead buried totalled 1,624.

Strong air and surface attacks against enemy positions on TINIAN continued on 30 June, and HOTA was struck by fighter sweeps morning and evening.

A Navy flying boat, operating under General MacArthur's command, rescued 8 men of the 13th Air Force, from a raft in which they had been afloat for 18 days in the area south of the CAROLINES.

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9 a.m. 1 July 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

Reports have been received from the following submarines on patrol in the western PACIFIC:

- STURGEON - on 29 June sank one 9,000 ton AK.
- GROWLER - on 29 June sank a large tanker and one large escort out of a convoy composed of the tanker and four escorts.
- SWORDFISH- sank one trawler and damaged another on 30 June.

CENTRAL PACIFIC aircraft made the following strikes:

- TARCO - on 29 June, two flights of 7 Dauntless dropped 6 tons for one plane slightly damaged.
- WOTJE - on 29 June, 12 Corsairs dive-bombed antiaircraft batteries with 4 and 1/6 tons. Two Corsairs damaged.
- MIIE - on 29 June, 8 Corsairs escorted 10 Dauntless, which dropped 9 tons.
- JALUIT- One Liberator, on 28 June, dropped 1 1/2 tons on JOKAJ and a 900-lb. bomb on HARLAP.
- PT boats, on 29 June, gunned enemy positions along east coast NEW IRELAND.

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4 p.m. 30 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The submarine BANG, on patrol in the western PACIFIC, reports sinking, on 29 June, two large AK's and probably sinking another. The submarine GROUPEL reported sinking, on 24 June, a small AK and possibly damaging one or two smaller ships.

On SAIPAN, our troops attacked at 7:30 a.m., 29 June, advancing 1,000 yards in the center of the line against resistance which was stronger than during two previous days. A hill was occupied, giving excellent observation to the East and North. Enemy AA was active for a short period, shooting down one of our medium bombers and damaging another. Mopping up has been completed of enemy troops infiltrating from NAFUTAN POINT. Two hundred enemy dead, including one hundred civilians, were found on NAFUTAN POINT. Light enemy air action did little damage. Air action and gunfire against enemy points on TINIAN continued.

Casualties as of 6:00 p.m., 29 June, were as follows:

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
2nd Mar. Div.	653	3154	360
4th Mar. Div.	625	3171	462
27th Inf. Div.	185	1023	51
Corps troops	<u>11</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>5</u>
	1474	7400	878

Buried by our troops, were 4949 enemy dead.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 28 June, at 2:10 p.m., 9 Corsairs and 15 Dauntless dive bombers, of the 4th Marine Air Wing, dropped bombs on MILLE's antiaircraft fire positions and coastal defense guns.

On 28 June, at 9:00 a.m., 12 Marine Corsairs and 15 Marine dive bombers started fires and explosions at JALUIT. The flak was moderate and inaccurate.

WOTJE and adjacent islets were struck on three flights by 4 Marine fighters, on 28 June, from 10:00 a.m., to 2:15 p.m. The antiaircraft fire was meager.

On 28 June, carrier Task Group 58.3, under Rear Admiral Reeves, bombed the AGANA and GROTE air strips on GUAM. The task group's combat air patrol destroyed one enemy bomber and, during the night, its night fighters destroyed three out of four enemy planes.

Carrier Task Group 58.4, under Rear Admiral Harrill, reports that the area east of GROTE field, GUAM, was still seen burning at 6:00 p.m., as a result of an air strike at 3:00 p.m.

During the night of 26 June, motor torpedo boats destroyed 15 barges off MUSCHU ISLAND, and also set an ammunition dump on fire. On the next night, they destroyed two sea trucks and probably four others in the STOAM area. Other motor torpedo boats, from BLAK, sank two large ammunition barges off the south coast of MANOKWARI.

On 26 June, motor torpedo boats strafed HILJON PLANTATION, NEW IRELAND.

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9 a.m. 30 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

ASLITO airfield on SAIPAN ISLAND was today renamed ISELY FIELD in honor of Commander Robert Henry Isely, U.S. Navy, commander of Torpedo Squadron 16, who was shot down by Japanese antiaircraft fire as he was leading a bombing attack on the field.

On 27 June, 7:00 a.m., MILLE was heavily blasted by 12 Corsairs and 15 Dauntless dive bombers of the 4th Marine Air Wing. The antiaircraft fire was meager and inaccurate.

On 27 June, between 8:15 a.m., and 11:55 a.m., two strikes were made by seven Marine dive bombers on the antiaircraft and coastal defense guns on TARQA. The enemy's antiaircraft fire was light, meager and inaccurate.

On 27 June, between 2:55 p.m., and 5:00 p.m., 14 Marine Corsairs hit coastal defense positions at WOTJE. They were met by accurate and medium antiaircraft fire. One pilot is missing when his plane crashed and exploded. Another pilot made a crashed water landing, but was rescued. One plane received minor damage from the antiaircraft fire.

NAURU was bombed by 16 Medium Mitchells of the 7th Army Air Force, on 27 June, at 9:48 p.m. Antiaircraft fire positions were hit. Four Mitchells received minor damage from the enemy's accurate fire and another one, made a water landing 20 miles northeast of the island. One of our patrol planes rescued her crew.

JOKAJ ISLAND, PONAPE ATOLL, was hit on 27 June, at 10:10 a.m., by 6 Army Mitchells. The flak was meager and inaccurate.

On 27 June, carrier Task Group 58.3 struck the runways on GUAM's airfield. Between 7:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m., this task group was attacked by enemy bombers and one of our night fighters destroyed one of them.

During the night of 26-27 June, Task Group 52.14 (4 CVE's under command of Rear Admiral Bogan), was under attack by two enemy bombers. Two torpedoes were dropped. The CVE SWANEE avoided one by a turn and the second missed the stern of the CVE SANGAMON, exploding astern of the CVE WHITE PLAINS. Within the screen, one of the enemy planes was shot down by the destroyer ABBOTT and the PRESIDENT HAYES, APA-20.

On 28 June, at 9:30 a.m., 16 Army Liberators, of the 7th Army Air Force, dug craters in the air strips in the dispersal areas of the MOEN airfields, TRUK ATOLL. The enemy's antiaircraft fire was moderate with varying accuracy. Five enemy fighters attempted an interception, but the only aggressive one was probably destroyed.

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4 p.m. 29 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

Following a morning attack on 28 June, slight advances on the left flank were made during the day on SAIPAN. The enemy continues to contest our advance. Organized resistance on NAFUTAN POINT has ceased. Throughout the garrison area, anti-sniper patrols are now being conducted to eliminate remnants of enemy resistance.

To date, our total casualties are: KIA-1,363; WIA-6,806; MIA-843.

An approximate total of 4,040 dead JAPS have been buried by our troops.

During a BLUE air strike at TINIAN airfields, several JAP planes were discovered well concealed a good distance from the airfield.

During the morning and evening of 28 June, our aircraft hit ROTA, destroying three enemy planes in the revetment area. It is reported that the airfield will be out of commission during the night of 28 June.

Enemy planes in three groups bombed the SAIPAN Area 28 June around 9 p.m. The results of the attack have not been reported, but one enemy plane was shot down in flames by our shore antiaircraft defenses with another probable. In addition to supporting ground forces on SAIPAN, surface and air forces continue to neutralize TINIAN.

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9 a.m. 29 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

Up to 26 June, 4:00 p.m., our casualties ^{at sea} were as follows:

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
2nd Marine Division	556	2639	455
4th Marine Division	560	2893	421
27th Infantry (Army)	129	697	39
Corps Troop	<u>7</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>6</u>
	1252	6276	921

It is reported that 145 prisoners of war have been taken and 3,710 civilians are in our custody. Our troops have buried 1,943 enemy dead.

The submarine BATFISH, on a war patrol in the Central Pacific waters, reports sinking two more small enemy freighters.

During the night of 23-24 June, motor torpedo boats from AITAPE sank an enemy barge near BUT.

Motor torpedo boats from GREEN ISLAND, during the night of 26-27 June, strafed targets on the southeast and southwestern shores of NEW IRELAND.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

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On SAIPAN, further progress was made on 26-27 June, by our forces. An advance of nearly two miles was made by the 4th Marine Division along the east coast, passing the villages of DONNAY and HASHIGORU. There was only slight resistance. The center of the front line occupied by the 27th Infantry Division, sidestepped a strong point in their area, but continued to encounter heavy resistance with ensuing slow progress. The 2nd Marine Division, on the left, made further progress into GARAPAN and they now have complete control of MT. TAPOTCHAU.

Down at NAPUTAN POINT, during the night of 26-27 June, four hundred of the enemy broke through the lines of the 106th Regimental Combat team (27th Infantry), and pushed north to attack Hill 500. Two hundred of the enemy were killed in this charge and the remainder were scattered in the rear of our lines. On 27 June, strong attacks were launched against the enemy on NAPUTAN, and the attack forced them back to the extreme tip of the point.

TINIAN ISLAND is gradually being softened up by a daily bombardment.

During the night of 25 June, our LCI's were in action against enemy barges south of TANAPAG HARBOR, sinking one barge. Some material damage was done to LCI-438 and 456. Our personnel losses were one killed and four wounded.

During the afternoon of 26 June, 41 Thunderbolts made a thorough fighter sweep of ROTA ISLAND but did not encounter any enemy planes.

During the night of 26-27 June, enemy planes made harassing attacks on our transport area, but their bombs dropped in the water. In one attack, at 10:32 p.m., near misses by enemy bombs were reported by the U.S.S. CAMBERIA, APA-36, auxiliary attack transport, and although no material damage was done, one man was wounded.

Enemy planes also dropped about eight bombs amidst the living quarters at ASLITO field, killing one and wounding four. Enemy snipers attacked the airfield during the night of 26-27 June, burning one Thunderbolt and damaging two others. Thirteen of the snipers were killed.

Enemy antiaircraft fire damaged three of our planes on 26 June.

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4 p.m. 28 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC

The submarine PUFFER returning from a war patrol in the SOUTHWEST PACIFIC reports as follows:

- 18 May - near MADGERA STRAIT, JAVA, sank an escorted AK in 12 fathoms of water.
- 22 May - South of TAMI TAMI BAY, in a glassy sea, damaged one of two escorted CV's.
- 5 June - in the ZULU SEA, sank two and damaged one oil tanker of a 4-oil tanker escorted convoy.

Enemy tonnage sunk on her cruise totalled 24,336, and the damage inflicted consisted of the CV (Kaga class) and an oil tanker, for a total of 26,900 tons.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The submarine SEAHORSE, reports that at dawn, 27 June, while northeast of LUZON, PHILIPPINES, she sank one large oil tanker and a medium size freighter. One other medium size freighter was damaged.

The submarine RATON, returning from a war patrol in the Southwest Pacific, reports as follows:

- 23 May - In the SINGAPORE area, SOUTH CHINA SEA, sank one large and one medium size sea truck with gunfire.
- 24 May - In the same vicinity, sank one escort vessel and damaged a transport.
- 6 June - In the SOUTH CHINA SEA, sank a destroyer-type escort.
- 13 June - Sank a SINGAPORE bound junk.
- 17 June - Sank a small freighter.

A summary of her cruise indicates sinkings, totalling 7,238 tons and one large transport damaged for 10,000 tons.

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9 a.m., 28 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 25 June, 8:35 a.m., in three strikes, a total of 23 Corsairs of the 4th Marine Air Wing, dive bombed WOTJE's gun positions. The antiaircraft fire was meager and light.

At 9:35 a.m., 4 Navy Hellcats, covered by 7 Marine Dauntless dive bombers, struck TAROA's coastal defense gun positions.

Seven Dauntless dive bombers returned later and bombed the heavy anti-aircraft batteries. Two dive bombers, on each attack, received minor damage from a light but accurate enemy antiaircraft fire. There was no injury to personnel.

Apparently on 26 June, carrier aircraft from a unit of Task Force 58.4, made a sweep over ROTA and GUAM. In APFA HARBOR, GUAM, one small tug and two sampans were destroyed. On GROTE POINT, coastal defense guns were heavily attacked. There was no return fire from these batteries. On the south shore of APFA HARBOR, all the fuel tanks were blown up and one on the inshore end of the breakwater was left burning. The unit's combat air patrol reports destroying 10 to 12 planes on the ground at GROTE AIRFIELD. A large fire was started on the airfield. The enemy offered no antiaircraft fire or air opposition. At ROTA, a sugar mill was set on fire and a large metal building on the south shore was damaged. There was no shipping at ROTA.

On 27 June, our forces at SAIPAN were attacked by enemy planes about 6:54 p.m. It is reported that the enemy aircraft took off from ROTA. Results of the attack have not been reported.

During 25-26 June, Thunderbolt planes have been neutralizing enemy airfields on SAIPAN and TINIAN and have covered our troop activities on SAIPAN. Plans are being effected to coordinate ship and shore artillery gunfire for the general purpose of softening up and destroying enemy gun positions on TINIAN. Our night fighters, on SAIPAN, have been very active but because of evasive tactics of the enemy have not been able to engage them.

During the night of 26 June, enemy planes were very active and attacked our shipping off SAIPAN. One plane was shot down with another probable. One attack plane attempted to torpedo the U.S.S. MERCURY, AK-42, auxiliary cargo ship, but the torpedo hit the ship before reaching the water, killing one man and penetrating into the superstructure without exploding. However, the plane collided with the jumbo boom of the MERCURY and crashed in the water. A dead aviator was recovered.

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9 a.m. 27 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 13 June, the submarine BARB reports sinking a large enemy transport in the OKHOTSK SEA.

During 24 June, gunboats shelled enemy pillboxes at MAWARAKA, BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.

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UNITED STATES FLEET
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4 p.m. 26 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd)

On 25 June, as a result of a concerted attack launched at 7:30 a.m., the 2nd Marine Division entered the southern part of GARAPAN and are on top of MT. TAPOTCHAU, SAIPAN. Severe resistance was met by the 27th Army Infantry Division, but their enemy strong point is now being subjected to point blank artillery fire. The 4th Marine Division cleared their sector and now occupy the entire KAGMAN PENINSULA, southeastern SAIPAN.

On NAFUTAN PENINSULA only a small amount of ground has been gained.

In the overall advance, few prisoners were taken, but a number of civilians are in custody. No estimate of the enemy dead has been given. However, a total of 36 enemy tanks have been destroyed, with four captured. On the KAGMAN PENINSULA, three coastal defense guns were captured.

As of 24 June, 6:00 p.m., our casualties were as follows:

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
2nd Mar. Div.	350	1804	516
4 Mar. Div.	536	3041	662
27th Inf. Div. (Army)	81	362	22
Corps Troops "		2	
	<u>967</u>	<u>5209</u>	<u>1200</u>

Unloading of our assault shipping has been practically completed.

During the night of 24-25 June, SUNHARON HARBOR, southwestern TINIAN, was kept under illumination and harassing fire to prevent shipping from there landing to the rear of our lines on SAIPAN. GARAPAN TOWN and other SAIPAN areas were also kept under a heavy, harassing fire.

On 23 June, it was reported that the destroyer BENHAM and the high-speed minesweeper CHANDLER had possibly sunk a submarine in the MARIANAS Area. It is now stated that the sinking was erroneously credited to these ships when it was actually accomplished by the destroyer NEWCOMB.

A report from Carrier Task Group 58.4 (CV ESSEX, CVL LANGLEY, CVL COMPENS) reports that it met considerable fighter opposition at GUAM on 23 June. Three enemy fighters were destroyed, and we lost two.

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9 a.m. 26 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The submarine RAY, returning from a patrol in the vicinity of the PHILIPPINES, reports as follows:

21 May - Attacked a nine-ship convoy, screened by six escorts southwest of DAVAO GULF. One transport, one freighter, one tanker and one escort were sunk. This convoy was pursued and on the dawn of 23 May, was again attacked, and although four hits were heard, there is no confirmation of further sinkings.

A final report of the war patrol of the submarine PINADO, which was operated northwest of the MARIANAS, indicates that she sunk on her patrol, five loaded enemy freighters for a total tonnage of 37,000. This includes three freighters that was reported in a summary of 6 June.

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9 a.m. 26 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 24 June, further progress was made by U. S. Marines and Army troops on SAIPAN, resulting in advances of about 800 yards on our western flank around MT. TAPOTCHAU. The forward movement was pushed against strong enemy resistance and over terrain that is rough and precipitous. Subsequent to the advance, a heavy naval barrage and artillery gunfire was laid down. In addition, an aerial bombardment was made.

Around midnight, 24 June, enemy planes attacked our shipping off SAIPAN and caused minor damage to landing craft. No stores were lost, but the bombing resulted in naval casualties of 10 killed and 22 wounded.

At about 7:35 p.m., on 24 June, enemy aircraft bombed our shoreline on SAIPAN. As yet, no report has been received detailing the damage.

A later report, covering the fighter sweep made on IWOJIMA, on 23 June, by carrier aircraft of Task Force 58.1, now indicates the confirmation of 116 enemy planes shot down and 11 probable. We lost five fighters instead of four.

The following missions were completed by CINCPAC aircraft on 24 June:

At 9:01 a.m., 15 Army Liberators, of the 7th Air Force, hit landing fields and dispersal areas on MOEN ISLAND, TRUK ATOLL. The antiaircraft fire was intense but inaccurate. Three of five enemy fighters attempting interception were damaged. Minor damage was received by two of our planes.

About the same time, JOKAJ ISLAND, PONAPE, was bombarded by two Liberators. The gun positions on the island were hit. There was no antiaircraft fire from the enemy.

At 8:04 a.m., JOKAJ gun positions were hit by 9 Army Mitchells, which resulted in fires visible for 15 miles. The flak was meager and inaccurate.

WOTJE was bombarded by 12 Corsairs of the 4th Marine Air Wing. One of our Corsairs was damaged by the meager and accurate enemy fire while another one crashed in the LAGOON at WOTJE. This pilot was not recovered.

WOTJE was intensely strafed by a dawn and dusk patrol flight of 4 Corsairs.

A Navy patrol plane of GROUP ONE, FLEET AIR WING TWO, armoyed TARGA and WOTJE from 10:50 p.m., on 23 June, to 0045 a.m., 24 June.

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9 a.m. 25 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

About a dozen of them attempted to strike the carriers and the combat air patrol from the CVL HORNET made a little slam, shooting down eleven of the twelve bombers. The combat air patrol from the CVL BELLEAU WOOD closed the hand by getting the remaining bomber. The enemy shot down four of our fighters.

The airfields on TINIAN ISLAND were heavily bombed and shelled during the afternoon of 24 June.

A later despatch from the commander of the fast carrier task forces, T.F. 58, Vice Admiral Mitscher, covering the action of 19 June, increases the total enemy aircraft shot down by our planes, to 369. The total now stands as 402 planes destroyed in the air, with 18 destroyed by gunfire and 15 on the ground. Our combat losses are 27 planes, 18 pilots and 6 air crew men.

A late report also revises the score for the action on 20 June. The number of Jap planes shot down now totals 26. Our flight personnel killed or missing has been reduced by rescues to 22 pilots and 27 air crew men. Losses in aircraft were 95.

As a result of our attacks, damage to the enemy fleet is as follows:

SUNK

1 CV - HITAKA class
2 destroyers
2 large AO's

DAMAGED

1 CV - HITAKA class (last seen burning fiercely)
1 CVL (last seen dead in the water, burning and beyond salvage)
3 AO's (left burning)
1 CV - SHOKAKU class (hit by 3 or 4 bombs)
2 CA's - (one hit by torpedo, other by a one thousand pound bomb)
1 CVL (hit by 7-500 lb. pound bombs)
1 BB (hit by a 1,000 pound bomb)
1 CL
2 DD's

In the SOWAM area, DUTCH NEW GUINEA, our motor torpedo boats strafed enemy sea trucks. They also sank a loaded barge off the west coast of NOEN-FOOR ISLAND.

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9 a.m. 25 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 22 June, ROTA ISLAND was attacked by Task Force 52.14 (CVE's FANSHAW BAY and MIDWAY, plus DD's). An enemy freighter estimated in tonnage from four to five thousand tons was sunk by an aerial torpedo. At the air strip, two buildings were set on fire, while two others were set ablaze by strafing. No opposition was received by our planes and none were damaged.

The following missions were completed by CINCPAC aircraft on 23 June:

MOEN ISLAND, TRUK ATOLL, was hit by 14 Army Liberators of the 7th Army Air Force. The airfields and dispersal areas were bombed. A total of four to five enemy fighters attempted to intercept by using phosphorous bombs. One enemy fighter was probably shot down. Slight damage was suffered by one of the Liberators. The antiaircraft fire was moderate and accurate.

Gun positions on JOKAJ, PONAPE ATOLL, were bombed by an Army Liberator on 23 June, 9:38 a.m.

Seven Dauntless dive bombers of the 4th Marine Air Wing, escorted by 4 Navy Hellcats, struck TAROA on 23 June, at 8:15 a.m., and 1:25 p.m. The antiaircraft fire was meager and inaccurate. One Dauntless dive bomber received minor damage.

Between 9:00 a.m., and 2:25 p.m., 23 June, coastal guns at WOTJE, were struck by 29 sorties made by Marine Corsairs and a Ventura plane of GROUP ONE, FLEET AIR WING TWO. Installations were also heavily strafed. The antiaircraft fire was meager.

On 23 June, further progress on SAIPAN ISLAND was made by United States Marines and Army troops. A forward push, including gains along the northern shore of MAGICIENNE BAY, was made after enemy positions had been subjected to a thirty minute barrage, plus heavy surface bombardment and air support. The forward movement was hampered by the laying of mines and booby traps by the enemy. The enemy at NAPUTAN POINT is being subjected to a cleaning-up process.

During the night of 22-23 June, an enemy battery located on TINIAN ISLAND, at USHI POINT, began to drop shells sporadically among our transports and the beach on SAIPAN ISLAND. A hit was made on one of our LST's, but the ship is able to move under her own power.

Carrier aircraft of Task Force 58.1, made a fighter sweep on IWOJIMA, BONIN ISLANDS, on 23 June. A total of 60 enemy planes, principally fighters, were shot down. Some 10 to 20 enemy planes remained on the airfield there and were not destroyed because our task force was found by enemy bombers.

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9 a.m. 24 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC

The following missions were completed by CinCPac aircraft on 22 June:

Corsairs attacked WOTJE from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., scoring hits on heavy antiaircraft positions. Meager antiaircraft fire was encountered.

At 7:40 a.m., and again at 2:55 p.m., four Hellcats and seven Dauntless attacked the antiaircraft and coastal defense area on TAROA. Meager and inaccurate antiaircraft fire was encountered.

At 9:10 a.m., 13 Liberators caused much damage to the TRUK-PALAN airstrip. Although 9 enemy planes were airborne, they were not aggressive. One enemy fighter was probably damaged, and one Liberator sustained damage. Meager and inaccurate antiaircraft fire was encountered.

During the morning, FOMAPE gun positions were bombed by two Army Liberators.

Allied aircraft attacked the northwest coast of BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND and airfields in the vicinity of RABAUL, NEW BRITAIN.

The following additional information has been received concerning the strike by carriers against units of the JAPANESE fleet on 20 June:

One small carrier, previously reported damaged, received two aerial torpedo hits. One destroyer, previously reported damaged, sank. Two additional JAPANESE Navy twin-engine bombers were shot down.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC

During the night of 20 June, 2 Catalinas harassed enemy bases in the MARSHALLS. The following missions were completed by CinCPac aircraft on 21 June:

At 9:51 a.m., 9 Mitchells attacked FONAPS. Meager and inaccurate antiaircraft fire was encountered.

16 Liberators struck both airfields on MOEN ISLAND at 10:08 a.m. Much damage was caused to runways and dispersal areas. Five enemy planes, using phosphorous bombs, intercepted and damaged one Liberator. Two enemy planes were damaged. Heavy antiaircraft fire, varying in accuracy, was encountered.

Between 6:30 a.m. and 1:35 p.m., Corsairs completed 22 sorties against islets on WOTJE Atoll. Fires were started among gun positions. Antiaircraft fire was meager.

Antiaircraft positions and coastal defense guns on TAROA were attacked by 7 Dauntless at 5:28 a.m. and again at 12:15 p.m. Meager, but accurate, antiaircraft fire caused minor damage to one plane.

At 12:05 p.m., 23 June, Task Unit 16.7.12 (2 CVE and 2 DD) was attacked by 4 enemy dive bombers 50 miles southeast of GUAI. No damage was suffered and no apparent damage was inflicted upon the enemy.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

Supported by air and surface bombardments, our troops on SAIPAN ISLAND, made further advances along the shoreline of MAGICIENNE BAY to the town of LAULAU, and have advanced about a mile up MT. TAPOTCHAU. The heights of MT. NAFUTAN, on the east coast of the island, have been gained.

On 20 June, the enemy set fire to a gasoline dump which in turn spread to an ammunition dump and caused considerable damage.

During the night of 21 June, a number of enemy planes dropped bombs near our transports and along the shore, but did no damage. Intermittent firing by shore batteries against our transports was quickly silenced.

On 21 June, destroyers BENHAM and CHANDLER, attacked and possibly sank a submarine in the MARIANAS area.

At 7:55 p.m., 22 June, the battleship MARYLAND was struck on the port side by a torpedo or skip bomb. The damage has reduced the vessel's speed to about 10 knots. Two dead and one injured were reported. Further details are not available at this time.

Motor torpedo boats sank three troop and supply laden barges off the northwest coast of BIAK. An enemy encampment area, on the island, was also strafed. Other motor torpedo boats shelled targets along the east coast of NEW IRELAND, while gunboats bombarded enemy positions in southern EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY, BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.

On 21 June, destroyers bombarded enemy positions in MAFFIN BAY, NEW GUINEA.

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4 p.m. 22 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC

The following supplemental information has been received in connection with the enemy airstrike against our task force on 19 June and our carrier plane attack against enemy units on 20 June:

During enemy air attacks against Task Force 58, west of the MARIANAS, on 19 June, 335 Japanese planes were shot down by carrier aircraft and 18 by anti-aircraft fire. The SUNKER HILL and the WASP sustained superficial damage from near bomb misses. One officer and two men of the personnel were killed and 4 officers and 81 men injured. The SOUTH DAKOTA was hit by a bomb, but her military efficiency was not impaired. We lost 21 planes, 13 pilots and 6 airmen.

At 6:42 p.m., 20 June, carrier planes of Task Force 58, attacked a Japanese fleet of four or more battleships, five or six carriers, five oilers, plus attached cruisers and destroyers, about 640 miles west northwest of GUAM, with the following results: Sunk - 1 CV, 3 AO's; Damaged - 2 CV'S, 1 CVL, 1 BB, 1 CA, 3 DD's, 2 AO's. Fifteen to 20 enemy planes were shot down, and we lost 49 planes. Many of our planes landed in the water due to darkness and the extreme range of the targets. An undetermined number of air personnel have been rescued.

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9 a.m. 22 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

At 3:40 p.m., 20 June, carrier search planes contacted the Japanese fleet, 610 miles west northwest of GUAM. At 3:53 p.m., 20 June, Task Force 58 launched planes and delivered an air attack against 6 carriers, 4 battleships and 6 cruisers at 6:42 p.m., 20 June, about 640 miles west northwest of GUAM.

Our carrier planes had a flight to the target of over 300 miles and as a result many returning planes landed in the water. A number of pilots were recovered during the night. Search operations are underway for the remainder.

The following day, at 7:00 a.m., Japanese surface units were again contacted by search planes, but a strike launched at dawn, 21 June, failed to reach the enemy which was last reported in a position 790 miles west northwest of GUAM.

Enemy losses and our own losses have not been reported.

On SAIPAN ISLAND, heavy fighting continues. Our troops have made advances in a northerly direction along the western shore of MAGICIENNE BAY.

The submarine ASPRO, returned from patrol of the waters surrounding PALAU, and reported as follows:

SUNK

1 large freighter	- 7,500 tons
1 medium freighter	- <u>4,000 tons</u>
	11,500 tons

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9 a.m. 21 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

CINCPAC reported that radio bearings and our aircraft transmissions indicate the probability that the 5th Fleet, under command of Admiral Spruance, attacked enemy forces fueling, during the late afternoon of 20 June, in about 16 North 132 East. Further information is not available.

Our troops on SAIPAN, supported by aircraft, ground and naval artillery, continue to advance. Our forces now hold the entire southern portion of the island, from the southern outskirts of GARAPAN across to the center of the western shore of MAGICIENNE BAY. Enemy artillery fire is severe and late on 20 June, considerable troop concentrations were observed around MAGICIENNE BAY.

The ASLITO and CHARAN KANOA air strips are ready for emergency landings and it is expected to send in fighters on 22 June.

The following represents an estimate of our casualties on SAIPAN. The estimate of personnel missing in action may be high due to inability to check personnel on ships at sea.

	<u>KILLED</u>	<u>WOUNDED</u>	<u>MISSING</u>
2nd Marine Division	278	1526	488
4th Marine Division	291	2271	714
7th Infantry (Army)	<u>15</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>0</u>
	584	3875	1202

TINIAN airfields have been neutralized by air and surface bombardment. Two of our fighters and one bomber were shot down, but two of the pilots were recovered by a destroyer.

LST-84, sustained minor damage when hit by a bomb on 16 June.

The submarine GURNARD, returned from patrol of the waters surrounding MINDANAO, and reported as follows:

	<u>SANK</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
3 freighters	- 16,900 tons	1 Battleship (believed NAGATO)
1 oiler	- <u>10,000 tons</u>	- 32,700 tons
	26,900 tons	1 AK (freighter)
		- <u>4,000 tons</u>
		36,700 tons

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

ASLITO airfield, on SAIPAN ISLAND, was captured by our troops at noon, 19 June. Repair work is underway and it is expected that the field will be ready for a fighter squadron on 21 June.

Our troops have driven eastward across the island to MAGICIENNE BAY, where we hold the western shore. Two pockets of enemy resistance remain east of LAKE SUSUPE. The enemy continues to counter attack, but all attacks have been successfully repulsed.

The beaches on SAIPAN ISLAND are being improved and unloading is more rapid. Surf conditions are better. Our positions have been subjected to morning and evening enemy air attacks, daily, until 19 June. They have not, however, been particularly effective. Many enemy planes have been destroyed in the air and after landing on the MARIANAS airfields.

Antiaircraft positions, between RAPOPO and TOBERA, NEW BRITAIN, were bombed by dive bombers. Aircraft destroyed about 20 buildings on MATUPI ISLAND.

During the night of 17-18 June, motor torpedo boats assisted by Beau- fighters, strafed targets and silenced guns in the WENAK area, NEW GUINEA. Other motor torpedo boats strafed enemy positions along the northwest and north central and southeast coast of NEW IRELAND. Gunboats bombarded targets along the central west coast of BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.

On 18 June, motor torpedo boats 107 and 63 were totally destroyed by fire at a fuel dock on EMIRAU ISLAND. Forty of the personnel were lost. Further information is not available at this time.

During the night of 18-19 June, three BLUE destroyers bombarded 32 enemy positions in the WENAK area.

The submarine NARWHAL damaged one and probably two unidentified vessels of about 4,000 tons each, southeast of MINDANAO.

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4 p.m. 19 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC

At 12:15 p.m., 19 June, the submarine CAVALLA scored three torpedo hits on a Shokaku-class carrier about 515 miles southwest of SAIPAN. Heavy explosions were heard 2½ hours after the attack, and it is possible that the carrier may have sunk.

At 1:15 a.m., 19 June, a reconnaissance plane contacted a large force of enemy surface units, about 450 miles west of GUAM. An air search launched by Task Force 58, in position west of SAIPAN, at 5:30 a.m., failed to locate the Japanese.

Commencing at 10:45 a.m., enemy aircraft attacked Task Force 58 for several hours. Over 300 enemy planes were reported destroyed by our planes and anti-aircraft fire.

The SOUTH DAKOTA sustained one bomb hit in this attack, but her fighting efficiency was not impaired. Our aircraft losses have not been reported.

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9 a.m. 18 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

At dusk, 15 June, Task Group 58.2 (2 CV, 2 CVL, 2 BB, 3 CL and 14 DD) and Task Group 58.3 (2 CV, 2 CVL, 5 BB and 16 DD), sustained an aggressive aerial torpedo attack, but escaped without damage.

At 6:00 p.m., 17 June, Task Group 53.16 (2 XAP, 3 AK, 1 XAK, 2 DE), was attacked by four torpedo carrying medium bombers, 185 miles east of GUAM. LCI 468 was torpedoed and is under tow. Three of the four enemy planes were shot down.

On 18 June, the escort carrier FANSHAW BAY, was hit by a bomb. The ship is underway for ENIWETOK. Further details are not available at this time.

On 18 June, the U.S.S. NESHANIC (AO71), was attacked and set on fire by about ten enemy planes, 33 miles southeast of SAIPAN. The fires were brought under control and the vessel was able to make 15 knots. In a second air attack, the U.S.S. SARANAC (AO74), sustained a bomb hit and lost power. Temporary repairs are possible and the vessel is expected to make slow speed.

The following missions were completed by CINCPAC aircraft, on 16 June:

MILLE was attacked three times by 15 Corsairs, 27 Dauntless and 4 Hellcats. Moderate and inaccurate anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

At 8:55 a.m., 4 Hellcats and 7 dive bombers attacked the storage area and anti-aircraft positions on WOTJE. Intense anti-aircraft fire damaged one Hellcat and one dive bomber.

Six Dauntless and 4 fighters attacked coastal defenses on TAROA, at 3:45 p.m. Light anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

Throughout the night of 15-16 June, 2 Catalinas harassed TAROA, MILLE and JALUIT.

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4 p.m. 17 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC

The following missions were completed by CinCPac aircraft on 15 June:

Thirteen Liberators bombed airfields and other installations in TRUK ATOLL. Antiaircraft fire was meager, inaccurate and ineffective.

PONAPE was bombed by one Liberator at 3:26 a.m. No antiaircraft fire encountered.

Eight Corsairs and eight Dauntless bombed antiaircraft positions on EMIDJ, JALUIT Atoll. Antiaircraft fire encountered was inaccurate.

At 6:30 a.m. and again at 4:30 p.m., 4 Corsairs strafed TAROA.

Mille was bombed by seven dive bombers. Accurate antiaircraft fire damaged two dive bombers.

Between 6:50 a.m. and 2 p.m., five Venturas and 28 Corsairs bombed coastal defense positions on WOTJE. Adjacent islets were strafed. Meager, but accurate antiaircraft fire damaged one Ventura and shot down one Corsair. The pilot was recovered.

TAROA was bombed at 7:17 a.m. and again at 11:48 a.m. by 4 Hellcats and seven Dauntless. Moderate antiaircraft fire caused slight damage to three dive bombers.

Two Venturas bombed OCEAN ISLAND at 9:35 a.m. and NAURU ISLAND at 10:00 a.m.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC

During 13 June, antiaircraft positions between RAFOPO and TOBERA, NEW BRITAIN, were bombed by 93 bombers. Five Venturas set fire to a building at CAPE GAZELLE, NEW BRITAIN, and destroyed a jetty in KABANGA BAY, NEW BRITAIN.

Throughout 13 June, 43 fighter bombers were over BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND, and bombed the supply area on BUKA ISLAND. A number of fires and a large explosion were observed.

The submarine SWORDFISH, operating in the BONIN ISLAND Area, reported sinking one Fubuki class destroyer, and a 4,800 ton freighter.

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Enemy force at sea E of Philippine

Our estimate that it consists of 9 CV + CVL

5 BB HCA 2 CL 2 OCL 5 DL + 2 DD

SP-5 has joined TF 58 to westward
of Marianne that force augmented

consists of 7 CV 8 CVL 7 BB 8 CA

7 CL 4 CL (AA) 78 DD

Fleet engagement seems possible

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9 a.m. 16 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

Throughout the night of 13 June, CINCPAC Catalinas harassed enemy bases in the MARSHALLS.

The following missions were completed by CINCPAC aircraft on 14 June:

Four Venturas bombed antiaircraft positions and the barracks area on OCEAN ISLAND, at 4:55 a.m. Moderate and accurate antiaircraft fire caused minor damage to one Ventura.

The barracks area on NAURU ISLAND was bombed by two Venturas at 6:20 a.m. Meager antiaircraft fire was encountered.

Fourteen Mitchells bombed NAURU at 11:50 a.m. Results were not reported.

Seven Corsairs and 10 Dauntless bombed JALUIT at 10:30 a.m. Medium antiaircraft fire damaged one Corsair and one Dauntless.

Gun positions on MILLE were bombed by 6 Mitchells at 11:03 a.m. Meager and inaccurate antiaircraft fire was encountered.

TAROA was bombed at 8:30 a.m., by 4 Hellcats and 7 Dauntless. Antiaircraft fire caused light damage to one Dauntless.

Four Hellcats and 7 Dauntless attacked MILLE at 10:05 a.m. Hits were scored on magazines. Moderate and inaccurate antiaircraft fire was encountered.

Seven Dauntless and 8 Hellcats bombed antiaircraft positions and a beached vessel on WOTJE, at 2:50 p.m. No enemy antiaircraft fire was encountered.

Between 8:55 a.m., and 3:35 p.m., Corsairs strafed coastal guns and other enemy installations on WOTJE. Moderate and accurate antiaircraft fire damaged 2 Corsairs.

During the early morning, 4 Corsairs strafed and started a fire on AIRIK ISLET, MALOELAP ATOLL.

The submarine CERO, returned from patrol, and reported as follows: Damaged 3 freighters totalling 15,500 tons, off the southeast coast of HALMAHERA.

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4 p.m. 15 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

Aircraft of Task Group 58.4 (1 CV, 2 CVL, 3 CL, 2 CL (AA), 14 (DD), attacked the remainder of the previously attacked convoy escaping from SAIPAN (12 June), with the following results: One freighter sunk, one freighter wrecked, one freighter dead in the water and apparently abandoned.

At 1:30 p.m., 13 June, aircraft of Task Group 58.1 (2 CV, 2 CVL, 3 CA, 2 CL(AA), 14 DD), attacked a convoy about 300 miles southwest of GUAM. A large destroyer and a freighter were set on fire. One destroyer was damaged.

On 13 June, Task Group 58.3 (2 CV, 2 CVL, 5 BB, 16 DD), damaged 5 trawlers, 3 luggers and probably sank a trawler.

At 4:00 p.m., 13 June, a medium enemy freighter was set on fire by carrier aircraft 175 miles northwest of SAIPAN. When last seen, the vessel was being abandoned. Another freighter was attacked 95 miles northwest of SAIPAN and later abandoned. The following combat losses were reported:

Task Group 58.1

4 fighter planes
1 torpedo bomber
4 pilots, 2 crewmen, plus 1 pilot
still missing

Task Group 58.2

1 fighter plane
2 torpedo bombers
3 pilots, and 4 crewmen

Task Group 58.3

3 fighter planes
2 pilots, 1 observer
and five crewmen

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

fire from the light antisircraft guns from meager to moderate and inaccurate.

During the night of 12-13 June, 3 Navy LANDCATS arroyed the eastern MARSHALLS.

At 7:48 p.m., on 14 June, the submarine BANG damaged a northbound oil tanker, north of the MARIANAS.

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF
NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

9 a.m. 15 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

Our forces landed on SAIPAN ISLAND, 15 June, eastern longitude time, from 8:43 a.m., to 9:10 a.m. Despite opposition and fire from machine guns and mortars, troops were put ashore on RED, GREEN, BLUE and YELLOW beaches, on the southwest shores of the island, in the vicinity of CHARAN KANOA.

Generally, ineffective fire from the enemy shore batteries was ranged at our ships and in the approach areas. It is stated that the preparatory fire on enemy shore positions by our ships and planes was excellent. After landing, considerable shore opposition was met, but by 10:00 a.m., our advance troop elements seemed to have advanced halfway to the previously designated position. Heavy fighting is still going on in the vicinity of CHARAN KANOA TOWN. No report on casualties has been received, but it is stated they are believed to be moderate.

On 13 June, from 4:40 p.m., to 5:05 p.m., 19 Liberators of the 7th Air Force made a daylight attack on TRUK. The two airfields on MOEN ISLAND were blanketed with bombs and fires were started. Phosphorous bombs were dropped by ten to fifteen reluctant enemy fighters. It is reported that one enemy fighter was destroyed, two probable and four damaged in combat. Two enemy fighters were destroyed on the ground. The antiaircraft ground fire was from moderate to intense and generally inaccurate.

JOKAJ ISLAND, PONAPE ATOLL, was attacked by two Liberators who hit antiaircraft positions.

Four Venturas of Group One, FLEET AIR WING TWO, struck antiaircraft positions and barracks on OCEAN ISLAND, on 13 June, at 4:55 a.m. Two of the Venturas continued on to NAURU and at 6:20 a.m., made direct hits on the barracks. The antiaircraft fire was meager to moderate.

On 13 June, from 7:15 a.m., to 5:50 p.m., 20 Marine Corsairs and one Ventura bombed WOTJE. The antiaircraft fire was light.

MALOELAP was bombed by 12 Marine Corsairs, 8 Navy Hellcats and 14 Marine Dauntless dive bombers on 13 June, from 6:00 a.m., to 1:20 p.m. The heavy antiaircraft guns positions were the object of the attacks. The fire from the light antiaircraft positions was meager and generally inaccurate.

Heavy antiaircraft fire batteries at JALUIT were blasted by 7 Marine Dauntless dive bombers who had an escort of 9 Hellcats. The light and heavy flak was meager and inaccurate.

MILLE was battered by 8 Marine Corsairs and 24 Marine Dauntless dive bombers. The coastal defense guns were the object of their bombing. The

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

A total of 136 Dauntless dive bombers, Avengers, Mitchells, Airacobras and Lightnings, blasted flak positions south and southwest of RAPOFO, on 11 June.

The Commander, 5th Fleet, reports a surface bombardment and a minesweeping operation, assisted by air strikes, is being carried out in the MARIANAS group according to plan. It is stated that no mines have been encountered. It is also noted that the enemy has offered no opposition from shore batteries or from the air. Large fires have been started at TANAPAG HARBOR, GARAPAN and CHARAN KANOA, SAIPAN ISLAND.

Task Group 58.4 (CV ESSEX and CVL's LANGLEY and COWPENS), report that its losses (no other task group reporting) for 12 June, were 6 planes, two each pilots and crewmen, all in combat. Operational losses consisted of two planes and one pilot.

PAGAN ISLAND was attacked and three enemy bombers and one fighter were probably destroyed there. Sixty-six prisoners have been recovered from a Maru, sunk 15 miles northwest of SAIPAN. A Jap enlisted aviator, shot down on 13 June, has been recovered.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

During the night of 10-11 June, WUNAKANAU, RABAU, was bombed.

Corsairs, from TOROKINA, strafed a whaleboat off WOTAM ISLAND.

On the night of 11 June, minor damage was caused at the motor torpedo boat base on GREEN ISLAND, by a single-engined enemy plane.

On the morning of 11 June, 5 NEW ZEALAND Venturas demolished huts and buildings from CAPE ST. GEORGE to BORPOPO, NEW IRELAND.

The runway and revetments at RAPOPO, RABAU, were hit thirty times by 6 Liberators.

On 11 June, 44 sorties from BOUGAINVILLE strafed barges at TONCLEI and TENEKAU BAY. Large explosions, followed by fires, were seen at TSIROGEI. At KAKAURA, huts were wrecked. In the southern interior of BOUGAINVILLE, intense flak was encountered.

On the morning of 12 June, a total of 60 Dauntless dive bombers, Avengers and fighters, bombed the TALUM supply area, RABAU.

The following air strikes were made in the South Pacific area on 12 June:

The RAPOPO area was attacked.

The runways and revetments at TOBERA were bombed.

A sortie of forty-four Airacobras, from BOUGAINVILLE, resulted in a 1,500 foot smoke column on the BUKA strip, fires at TSIROGEI and TONCLEI and various other damage.

One Airacobra hit and strafed a barge at TONCLEI. The plane was forced to make a water landing but the pilot was rescued by a patrol plane.

A 20-foot barge at TONCLEI was damaged by strafing Corsairs.

In the forenoon of 11 June, DesRon 47 completed a bombardment of a tank repair area at FANGELAWA, NEW IRELAND. The enemy did not return the fire. It is reported that much damage was done and many small buildings were harmed. Enemy positions and adjacent plantations at CAPE SALI and SASS were also shelled.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The submarine CARRILLA, returning from a war patrol in the southwest Pacific, reports:

- 24 May - In MAKASSAR STRAIT, damaged a converted obsolete cruiser of 5,500 tons.
- 26 May - In MAKASSAR STRAIT, torpedoed and sunk an auxiliary sea-plane carrier of the SANYOO MARU class.
- 3 June - In MAKASSAR STRAIT, sunk one enemy laden schooner by gunfire.
- 4 June - In LOMBOK STRAIT, sank an enemy schooner by gunfire.

Tonnage sunk for the cruise totaled 8,480 tons. Damaged tonnage was 5,500 tons.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

Twelve Corsairs and 7 Dauntless dive bombers of the 4th Marine Air Wing, plus 4 Navy Hellcats, bombed and strafed shelter areas and gun positions on MALOELAP, 12 June, from 7:15 a.m., to 3:50 p.m. The anti-aircraft fire was meager and inaccurate.

On 12 June, from 6:40 a.m., to 3:10 p.m., 16 Marine Corsairs bombed coastal guns at WOTJE. They also strafed the island and adjacent islets. The enemy's anti-aircraft fire was meager and inaccurate.

Four Venturas from Group One, FLEET AIR WING TWO, struck NAURU on 12 June, at 5:35 a.m., and hit OCEAN ISLAND the same day at 6:45 a.m. The enemy's flak was moderate and accurate.

On 12 June, at 8:03 a.m., 6 Mitchell bombers of the 7th Air Force, deposited their full load of bombs on JOKAJ ISLAND, PONAPE. The anti-aircraft fire was meager and inaccurate.

On 13 June, from 3:05 a.m., to 5:58 a.m., 15 Liberators of the 7th Air Force hammered the air strips and seaplane bases at MOEN, the air base at ETEN and installations on PARAN and PEFAN ISLANDS, TRUK ATOLL. Three airborne enemy fighters intercepted and damaged one Liberator, killing one officer, wounding two others and two crewmen. The heavy to meager anti-aircraft fire was inaccurate while a dozen searchlights were ineffective. The returning planes saw large fires for 50 miles.

The submarine BATFISH, on a war patrol in EMPIRE waters, reports sinking to-date, one medium size freighter off BUNGO CHANNEL.

On 11 June, the submarine BARB, gunned and sank two enemy trawlers. She also sunk one large and one medium size enemy transports in the OKHOTSK SEA.

The submarine BLUEGILL, returning from her first war patrol in Central Pacific waters, reports as follows:

- 27 April - Sunk a YUBARI class cruiser of 2,900 tons near SONSORAL ATOLL, southwest of PALAU.
- 2 May - Sunk an enemy freighter of undisclosed tonnage with torpedoes and gunfire, west of SONSORAL ATOLL.
- 19 May - Northwest of HALMAHERA, N.E.I., sank a Maru of 1,900 tons.

Total tonnage sunk for her cruise was 13,600 tons.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

An amplifying report of the two air strikes by Task Group 58.4 (CV ESSEX and CVL's LANGLEY and CONFENS), carried out on an enemy convoy attempting to escape from SAIPAN on 12 June, indicates the following:

SUNK

1 large freighter
1 medium size freighter
3 small freighters
1 large oil tanker
1 new type destroyer
3 corvettes
10

DAMAGED

2 medium freighters - burning
3 medium freighters - dead in water
(of which one listing badly and
one down by stern)
1 freighter making 3 knots, but no
apparent damage
5 corvettes smoking and dead in
water

The last position of the convoy was approximately 110 miles northwest of SAIPAN, on course 000, speed 3.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

ENEMY LOSSES

PLANES

COMBAT

11 June	124 (about 75 in air)
11 June	1 (at night)
12 June	<u>16</u>
	141

SHIPS

<u>SUNK</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
10	10
1 small AO	
2 small frtrs.	
<u>13</u>	10

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9 a.m. 13 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

During the night of 11 June, several enemy intruders approached our task groups and dropped flares but made no attacks. One enemy plane was shot down by antiaircraft fire.

On 12 June, air strikes by our forces were carried out as planned, except Task Group 58.4 (CV ESSEX and CVL's LANGLEY and COMBENS), which deviated from schedule and sank ten and damaged ten enemy ships in a convoy attempting an escape from SAIPAN.

During 12 June, 16 enemy planes were shot down over SAIPAN and TENIAN. A small oil tanker was sunk, 15 miles northeast of SAIPAN, and at least two enemy freighters in TANAPAG HARBOR, SAIPAN.

Reports of losses have not been received from the task group as a whole, but task Group 58.3 (CV's ENTERPRISE and LEXINGTON, and the CVL's SAN JACINTO and PRINCETON) report combat losses of 1 Hellcat, 2 Dauntless dive bombers, 1 Avenger, with three pilots and four crewmen unaccounted for. Operational losses consisted of 1 Hellcat, 1 Dauntless dive bomber and 1 pilot.

No enemy air activity was reported by task groups north of SAIPAN, during the night of 12 June.

Shore bombardment by heavy surface units commenced on schedule and proceeded according to plan with no enemy air opposition interposing.

A tabulation of losses indicates:

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	<u>PLANES</u>		<u>PERSONNEL</u>	
	<u>COMBAT</u>	<u>OPERATIONAL</u>	<u>COMBAT</u>	<u>OPERATIONAL</u>
11 June -	11 Hellcats	1 Hellcat	8 pilots	
12 June -	1 Hellcat	1 Hellcat	3 pilots	1 pilot
	2 Dauntless	1 Dauntless	4 Crewmen	
	1 Avenger			
	<u>15</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>11 pilots</u>	<u>1 pilot</u>
			<u>4 crewmen</u>	

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

Two Venturas of the above group, after the attack on OCEAN ISLAND, continued on to strafe boats in the NAURU basin.

Corsairs and Dauntless planes from the 4th Marine Air Wing, dropped bombs on the coastal defense batteries at MILLE, at 7:12 a.m., on 10 June. The enemy's antiaircraft fire was light and inaccurate.

At the same time, Navy Hellcats, with Marine Dauntless dive bombers, struck the heavy antiaircraft batteries at JALUIT. One dive bomber received minor damage from accurate antiaircraft fire.

On 10 June, from 7:10 a.m., to 4:00 p.m., 20 sorties were sent over to WOTJE where Marine Corsairs dive bombed and strafed buildings and gun positions. One flight was subjected to light but accurate antiaircraft fire.

On 10 June, during the same period, 18 Marine Corsairs, with 26 Dauntless dive bombers, plus 8 Navy Hellcats, bombed TAROA's antiaircraft and coastal defense positions. TAROA and adjacent islands were also strafed. The enemy's antiaircraft fire was light, meager and inaccurate.

At 10:20 a.m., 11 June, 13 Mitchell medium bombers from the 7th Air Force, hit antiaircraft positions at NAURU and started fires which were visible for 20 miles. A heavy antiaircraft fire damaged 3 and downed one Mitchell, but the crew of the latter was rescued by one of our patrol planes. Previous to the foregoing strike, two Venturas of Group One, FLEET AIR WING TWO, attacked gun positions at NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS.

MILLE was hit by 3 Navy Ventura planes on 11 June, at 8:30 a.m. The antiaircraft fire was meager and inaccurate.

During the night of 10-11 June, Navy patrol planes harassed MILLE and TAROA throughout the night.

During the night of 10 June, a squadron of Liberators from the 7th Air Force, concentrated on the neutralization of air bases in the TRUK ATOLL.

A preliminary report of our carrier air strikes against SAIPAN, TENIAN, ROTA and GUAM, states that there was launched a flight of 212 fighter planes against these targets at 1:00 p.m., 11 June (East longitude time). The enemy was taken unawares and 124 Jap aircraft were destroyed of which 75% were lost in the air. In combat, we lost 11 Hellcats and 8 pilots. Operational losses consisted of 1 Hellcat.

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9 a.m. 13 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 10 June, Corsairs and Airacobras dropped 20 tons of bombs on targets at BOUGAINVILLE.

On the morning of 10 June, Lightnings did their best to deposit bombs in the storage tunnels at KERAVIA BAY, RABAU.

During the same day, the gun positions at RAPOPO, RABAU, were bombed.

KAVIENG, NEW IRELAND, on 10 June, was hit by fighter planes from EMIRAU ISLAND.

Motor torpedo boats, on 10 June, shelled EAST CAPE, southeast NEW IRELAND.

CAPE REIS was bombed and strafed by a patrol plane.

The escort carrier HOGGATT BAY and her escort group engaged a Japanese submarine on 10 June, at 1:38 p.m., in a position about 75 miles north of MUSSAU ISLAND. A plane from the carrier sighted the underwater craft and directed the destroyer TAYLOR to the scene. Two depth charge attacks were carried out by the destroyer and completed at 2:50 p.m. At 3:43 p.m., the submarine came to the surface at a 40 degree angle with the conning tower visible. The TAYLOR immediately opened fire with her five-inch and 40 millimeter guns, obtaining ten direct hits at ranges bearing from 1600 to 2400 yards. After two minutes the submarine sank stern first. The TAYLOR then carried out two more depth charge attacks. At 3:58 a violent underwater explosion was heard with planks and other debris coming to the surface, some of which was recovered. Oil was still bubbling over the same spot the next morning. The submarine was identified as one of the I-class and was painted brown.

At 9:45 p.m., 9 June, a squadron of Liberators from the 7th Air Force blasted the MOEN, PARAN and ETEN airfields at TRUK, starting several fires. The moderate but inaccurate antiaircraft fire was aided by 12 searchlights.

Poor weather diverted two Liberators of the above group and they struck PONAPE TOWN and gun positions at JOKAJ ISLAND, PONAPE.

On 10 June, at 11:05 a.m., 6 Venturas of Group One, FLEET AIR WING, hit gun positions and barracks at OCEAN ISLAND, where the moderate flak caused minor damage to one Ventura.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC

A preliminary report from Task Force 58 indicates that its carrier-based aircraft destroyed approximately 130 enemy planes in an attack on SAIPAN on 12 June.

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9 a.m. 12 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

Task Force 58 (7 CV, 8 CVL, 7 BB, 3 CA, 6 CL, 4 CL(AA) and 58 DD), struck SAIPAN, TENIAN and GUAM, in the MARIANAS, with carrier aircraft, at 1:05 p.m., 11 June.

The following missions were completed by SOPAC aircraft on 9 June:

RATAVAL, NEW BRITAIN, and the TALILI supply area in NEW BRITAIN, were attacked by 17 Dauntless, 23 Mitchells, 10 Avengers and 9 Lightnings.

Fighter planes set on fire an enemy barge in KABAIRA BAY, NEW BRITAIN, and another, near CAPE WANAWUNUR, NEW BRITAIN.

Venturas destroyed a number of buildings at ATALIKLIKUM BAY, NEW BRITAIN, and damaged a pier near MASSAVA, NEW BRITAIN.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The submarine RAPON, returned from patrol of the SOUTH CHINA SEA,
and reported as follows:

<u>SANK</u>		<u>DAMAGED</u>	
2 large freighters	7,500 tons each	1 large freighter	7,500 tons

The submarine SANDLANCE, returned from patrol of the MARIANAS, and re-
ported as follows:

<u>SANK</u>		<u>DAMAGED</u>	
1 freighter	5,800 tons	1 freighter	6,500 tons
1 freighter	4,400 tons	1 freighter	4,000 tons
1 freighter	4,000 tons	TOTAL	10,500 tons
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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC

During the night of 8 June, motor torpedo boats strafed enemy installations in TINIPUTS HARBOR, northeast BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.

Gunboats silenced enemy gunfire near the mouth of the PIRIAS RIVER, while motor torpedo boats shelled TAKI, southeast BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.

On 8 June, the following missions were completed by SoPac aircraft:

Airacobras, on 32 sorties, attacked installations on northwest BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND and BUKA ISLAND.

RATAVAL, in the RABAUL AREA, NEW BRITAIN, was bombed by 24 Mitchells. Anti-aircraft fire damaged one plane.

A number of buildings in the DOLOMAKAS BAY AREA, NEW IRELAND, were destroyed by Venturas.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC

On 8 June, one of our planes attacked and possibly damaged a submarine 245 miles northwest of KAPINGAMARANGI ISLAND.

The submarine FLYING FISH sank a 6,000 ton freighter and damaged another on 25 May, southwest of PALAU.

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9 a.m. 9 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The following missions were completed by SOPAC aircraft, on 6 June:

A convoy of 11 artillery pieces, on southwest BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND, was attacked by Airacobras and Avengers.

A pier at KAHILI, south BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND, was destroyed.

Gun positions at VULCAN CRATER, NEW BRITAIN, (RABAUL Area), TALILI and RATAVAL, were bombed. Two planes sustained damage from antiaircraft fire.

A barge and ten canoes were strafed near DUKE OF YORK ISLAND.

On 6 June, FIJI troops withdrew from MAWARAKA, BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND, following a reconnaissance of this area in which 27 of the enemy were killed and one captured.

During 6 June, LCI gunboats shelled LOSSUK BAY, northeast NEW IRELAND, and destroyed many huts on TAHAR ISLAND, off the east coast of NEW IRELAND.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

troops, supported by artillery fire, continued to advance southeast.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

On 5 June, the following missions were completed by SOPAC aircraft:

A large formation of Airacobras attacked a vehicle area at KOMAI, south BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.

Prior to dawn, Mitchells harassed RABAU, NEW BRITAIN.

Dive and torpedo bombers attacked VUNAPOPE, NEW BRITAIN. Large explosions were observed.

RATAVAL, RABAU area, NEW BRITAIN, was hit by 22 fighter bombers.

Lightnings attacked installations at VULCAN, NEW BRITAIN.

Vehicle parking parks at RABAU, were attacked by 23 Mitchells.

Targets at MULIAMA and EAST CAPE, on the east coast of NEW IRELAND, were bombed by 8 Venturas.

During the night of 5-6 June, motor torpedo boats and a Catalina attacked beached barges on the northeastern coast of NEW IRELAND and strafed buildings at LAMUSONG PLANTATION, north central coast of NEW IRELAND. On the same night, other motor torpedo boats strafed TEOP ISLAND and RAUA HARBOR, northeast BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.

The submarine HOE, returned from patrol SOUTH CHINA waters and reported as follows:

<u>SANK</u>		<u>DAMAGED</u>	
1 freighter	4,000 tons	3 freighters	4,000 tons each
		1 large freighter	7,500 tons
TOTAL	4,000 tons	TOTAL	19,500 tons

The following is an amplifying summary:

The submarine SHARF sank 1 oiler, 1 transport, 2 freighters and damaged one freighter.

The submarine PINADO sank 3 freighters.

The submarine GUITARO sank a Minelaze class destroyer.

On 6 June, an American infantry patrol was ambushed near the TOROKINA perimeter, BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND. Two men were killed and three wounded. Fiji

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The submarine BILLFISH sank a passenger freighter, on 21 May, southwest of GUAM.

The submarine SHARK sank one passenger vessel and two freighters, on 5 June, 315 miles northwest of TENIAN.

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Take - Coleridge
Part occupied - Saint James
Crest seems Broken

on Beaches small mortar + art fire
ft. limits 4 Regs ashore

no arty or AA ashore

Surf + unlined obstacles: many
scinded landing craft

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Good after progress ~~made~~ vital

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4 p.m. 6 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC

During the night of 4 June, gunboats and a Catalina attacked targets along the southeast coast of BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND and enemy concentrations along the coast of NEW IRELAND.

On 4 June, strong formations attacked and destroyed the southern part of KOMAI ISLAND, off the southeast coast of BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.

Aircraft, cooperating with ground troops, attacked targets outside of the TOROKINA perimeter on BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND. Fiji troops advanced southward to MAWARAKA. An infantry patrol killed 3 Japanese east of our lines.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The following missions were completed by CINCPAC aircraft, on 3 June:

WOTJE was bombed by 4 Corsairs at 6:15 a.m. Meager and inaccurate antiaircraft fire was encountered.

At 11:30 a.m., WOTJE was bombed by 15 Corsairs and 1 Ventura. Bombs fell on magazines and one was reported destroyed. Meager and inaccurate antiaircraft fire was encountered.

WOTJE was again bombed at 4:45 p.m., by 6 Corsairs and 1 Ventura. A magazine was reported destroyed. Antiaircraft fire was inaccurate and meager.

TAROA was attacked by 4 Hellcats and 6 Dauntless at 3:15 p.m. Results were unobserved. Prior to that, at 12:13 p.m., these planes attacked piers and the south half of TAROA. Results were not observed. Antiaircraft fire was meager and inaccurate.

NAURU ISLAND was bombed by 11 Mitchells. Fires started near a radio tower. Meager to intense antiaircraft fire was encountered.

Two reconnaissance Venturas dropped bombs on NAURU and OCEAN ISLANDS. Moderate antiaircraft fire was encountered at NAURU, but the fire from OCEAN batteries was intense.

Between 1:56 a.m., and 4:00 a.m., 4 June, 17 Army Liberators attacked the warehouse area on the north shore of DUEBON, airdrome installations on MOEN and ETEN. Several fires and explosions were seen and one of these was reported violent. Meager and inaccurate antiaircraft fire was encountered. Two enemy night fighters engaged but results were not reported.

The submarine COD, returned from patrol of the SULU SEA and MANILA Areas, and reported as follows:

<u>SANK</u>		<u>DAMAGED AND PROBABLY SUNK</u>	
1 destroyer	1,270 tons	1 transport	6,003 tons
1 transport or freighter	8,812 tons	1 transport or fr.	5,423 tons
TOTAL 10,082 tons		TOTAL 11,426 tons	

The submarine FLDER scored three hits in two medium freighters northwest of the MARIANAS.

The submarine TUNEY sank a 5,000 ton freighter in the MARIANAS area.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC

The reconnaissance plane attack mentioned in the morning summary of 5 June against six auxiliary vessels and a submarine occurred 60 miles west of PULUHAT ISLAND, instead of 16 miles as previously reported.

At 6:40 p.m., 3 June, a reconnaissance plane bombed and strafed a convoy of 7 armed auxiliaries, one destroyer, 2 medium and 1 large freighter, 90 miles east of TRUK. The large freighter was probably sunk.

Motor torpedo boats shelled TROP ISLAND, northeast of BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND on 3 June.

Airacobras destroyed trucks and armored cars near KOMAI, and attacked the KARA Area, southern interior BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC

The following strikes were made by CinCPac aircraft:

On 1 June:

From 6:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., WOTJE was attacked by 28 Corsairs, 12 Dauntless and 2 Venturas. Meager and inaccurate antiaircraft fire was encountered.

Between 8:55 a.m. and 3:55 p.m., 12 Hellcats and 21 Dauntless bombed the runways, coastal defense and antiaircraft batteries on TAROA.

JABOR TOWN, JALUIT Atoll, was attacked by 2 Venturas at 11:45 a.m. No antiaircraft fire was encountered.

On 2 June:

The runway on TAROA and antiaircraft batteries were bombed by 4 Hellcats, 8 Corsairs and 15 Dauntless from 6:42 a.m. to 2:27 p.m. Meager antiaircraft fire damaged one Hellcat.

Between 7:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., PONAPE airdrome installations, TOMARA district and Naval Headquarters were bombed by 9 Mitchells. No antiaircraft fire was encountered.

The bivouac area on MILE was bombed at 8:15 a.m., by 8 Corsairs and 9 Dauntless.

A company of Fiji infantry landed one mile south of the MUPEKA RIVER mouth in the TOROKINA sector, BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND. Ineffective artillery fire was the only opposition encountered. Patrol activity continued in other sectors of the perimeter.

During the night of 1-2 June, Mitchells harassed the RABAU Area.

On 2 June, dive, medium and fighter bombers attacked targets in the RABAU, NEW BRITAIN, and KAVIENG, NEW IRELAND, areas. Fighters swept the northern BISMARCKS. Airacobras attacked the BUKA airdromes and targets on south BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.

At 7:45 p.m., 4 June, a reconnaissance plane attacked six auxiliary vessels and a submarine sixteen miles west by north of PULUWAT ISLAND, CAROLINE ISLANDS. One auxiliary was sunk.

| The submarine PINTADO sank a large vessel northwest of the MARIANAS.

| The submarine SHARK damaged two vessels of unknown tonnage.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

At about 11:00 a.m., 4 June, approximately 10 to 20 Japanese planes attacked our shipping off BOSNEK, south BIAK ISLAND. The attackers concentrated on destroyers in the area.

The United States destroyer REID was attacked by 10 enemy dive bombers. The vessel sustained minor structural damage and shrapnel holes from several near misses. One of the personnel was killed and two wounded. The destroyers BACHE and MUSTIN were also attacked, but escaped damage.

On 3 June, a reconnaissance plane attacked an enemy freighter, 312 miles northeast of TRUK. No results were reported.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The submarine BONEFISH returned from patrol of the CELEBES SEA-SULU SEA area, after having achieved the following successes:

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1 freighter MYODI Maru class	4,124 tons
1 freighter similar HEITO Maru Class	4,468 tons
1 transport ADBASAN Maru type	8,612 tons
1 tanker GENYO Maru Class	<u>10,020 tons</u>
	27,424 tons

The submarine GUITARRO sank a 10,000 ton tanker and a large freighter on the night of 30 May, off the southeast coast of FORMOSA.

The submarine PICUDA scored two hits on a large freighter and one hit on a small vessel, off the southeast coast of FORMOSA.

The submarine BARB sank two freighters west of MATSUWA, KURILE ISLANDS.

The submarine BALO scored two hits on a 5,000 ton freighter northeast of HALMAHERA.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC

Motor torpedo boats, during the night of 1 June, strafed the bivouac area on the north central coast of NEW IRELAND, and killed about 30 Japanese. On the same night, other motor torpedo boats shelled TSOOP ISLAND, northeast coast BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND, and targets along the southeast coast of BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.

The following attacks were completed by SoPac aircraft on 1 June:

Fighter planes damaged a barge off the north coast of NEW BRITAIN.

TOBERA, NEW BRITAIN, was attacked by Mitchells.

VUNAPOPE, RABAUL AREA, NEW BRITAIN, was attacked by dive bombers.

Torpedo bombers attacked DUKE OF YORK ISLANDS and CAPE ST. GEORGE.

Fighter planes destroyed supplies at TALILI, NEW BRITAIN, and silenced a number of anti-aircraft guns on southeastern NEW IRELAND. One plane failed to return.

The area between CAPE ST. GEORGE and DUKE OF YORK ISLANDS was attacked by NEW ZEALAND Venturas.

Airacobras set fire to a barge in BUKA PASSAGE.

Due to weather, other air activities were limited.

During 1-2 June, the TOROKINA perimeter was further expanded when a Fiji infantry battalion landed on the south bank of the JABA RIVER. The landing was unopposed. Extensive enemy fortifications were found abandoned.

At 8:10 p.m. 2 June, a reconnaissance plane bombed and strafed TRUK Atoll, exploded a 7,000 ton freighter in TRUK HARBOR, and set fire to two small freighters. The seaplane bases on MOEN and DUBLON ISLANDS and the airfield at ETEN were strafed. Fires started and an ammunition dump exploded on DUBLON. Anti-aircraft fire encountered was moderate and accurate. One enemy interceptor ineffectively pursued for 15 miles.

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9 a.m. 3 June 1944

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC

At 7:35 a.m., 31 May, a destroyer escort probably sank a Japanese submarine north of EMIRAU ISLAND.

On 31 May, SoPac aircraft completed the following missions:

Lightnings attacked a barge hideout at VULCAN, RABAU AREA, NEW BRITAIN.

Dive and torpedo bombers attacked gun positions at KILILI, west coast of NEW IRELAND. One torpedo bomber failed to return.

Fighters swept over NEW BRITAIN, NEW IRELAND, and BOUGAINVILLE ISLANDS, sank a launch, attacked KAVIENG, NEW IRELAND and bombed TROP ISLAND, northeast coast BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.

New Zealand Venturas set a number of huts on fire and attacked other targets on the south central coast of NEW IRELAND.

On the night of 31 May, motor torpedo boats attacked and damaged a barge off the southwest coast of BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.

The submarine RABALO returned from patrol of the FRENCH INDO CHINA COAST, after probably sinking one tanker (7,500 tons).

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

GUAM ISLAND was bombed by 14 Liberators at 12:30 p.m., 30 May. Approximately 10 enemy fighters attempted to intercept. One fighter was probably shot down. Antiaircraft ranged from moderate to intense.

The following targets were attacked by CINCPAC aircraft on 31 May:

PONAPE airdrome installations were bombed by 10 Mitchells at 7:32 a.m. Meager and inaccurate antiaircraft fire was encountered.

TRUK was bombed by 7 Liberators at 9:15 p.m. Bombs fell on the old and new airfield at MOEN and PARAN ISLANDS. A fire started which was visible for 150 miles. One enemy plane was airborne; but did not attack. Meager and inaccurate antiaircraft fire was encountered.

At 12:07 p.m., 31 May, WAKE ISLAND was bombed by 18 Liberators. Hits were scored on PEACOCK and WILKS ISLANDS and HEEL POINT. Moderate antiaircraft fire slightly damaged one of our planes.

Nineteen Dauntless, 32 Corsairs and 4 Hellcats, plus 2 Venturas, attacked the barracks area and antiaircraft positions on WOTUE. Meager but accurate fire damaged one Corsair and one Dauntless.

TAONGI ATOLL was bombed by 1 Ventura on a reconnaissance mission. Results were not observed.

TARQA was bombed by 7 Dauntless at 7:02 a.m., and again at 3:30 p.m. Bombs were dropped on coastal defense gun positions and antiaircraft installations. Meager but inaccurate antiaircraft fire was encountered.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC

The submarine ANGLER returned from patrol and reported sinking a freighter (5,704 tons) in SOEMBA STRAIT.

The submarine FLASHER returned from patrol of the NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES and PHILIPPINE waters, after having sunk 12,565 tons of enemy shipping. In addition, a freighter (7,500 tons) was damaged.

The submarine CREVALLE returned from patrol of the NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES and PHILIPPINE waters, and reported sinking the following: one large tanker (16,764 tons), one freighter (6,989 tons) and probably sank a freighter (7,499 tons).

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4 p.m. 1 June 1944.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC

During the night of 30 May, 2 of our motor torpedo boats attacked three heavily armed enemy barges off western NEW IRELAND. Shore batteries and bombs from a float plane forced our boats to withdraw.

The following missions were completed by SoPac aircraft on 30 May:

Dive and torpedo bombers attacked the airstrip at KAVIENG, NEW IRELAND. Three dive bombers were shot down by antiaircraft fire, but two pilots and one gunner were rescued.

Twenty-three medium bombers and forty-three fighter bombers attacked the RABAU, NEW BRITAIN Area.

Forty-one Airacobras and Warhawks conducted offensive patrols over BUKA and BOUGAINVILLE ISLANDS. Other fighter planes strafed targets of opportunity.

On the early morning of 30 May, destroyers and destroyer escorts, attacked and probably sank a submerged submarine 200 miles north of KAVIENG, NEW IRELAND.

Throughout 30 May, patrols were active in the TOROKINA sector, BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND. A Fiji battalion landed 500 yards east of the TEKESSI RIVER mouth, and advanced inland without opposition.

The following attacks against remaining enemy bases in the MARSHALLS were made by CinCPac aircraft on 30 May:

MALOELAP was attacked by four Navy Hellcats and seven Marine Dauntless, at 8:00 a.m. and again at 12:55 p.m. Light, meager and inaccurate antiaircraft fire was encountered.

MILLE antiaircraft batteries were attacked at noon by four Corsairs. Later, three Corsairs and seven Dauntless bombed the MILLE runways.

WOTJE was attacked by twenty-four Corsairs, twelve Dauntless and three Venturas, between 8 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. Bombs fell on gun positions and other installations. WOTJE, OHEMED and TOTON were strafed. Meager, inaccurate antiaircraft fire was encountered.

On 31 May, a reconnaissance plane shot down a medium enemy bomber 150 miles south of TRUK.

On 31 May, a reconnaissance plane engaged and damaged a two-engined enemy float plane 195 miles west of GUAM. Our plane returned without damage.

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SOUTH AND CENTRAL PACIFIC (Cont'd.)

The United States submarine TAMBOR reports sinking, northwest of the MARIANAS, a 16,500 ton diesel freighter.