MR 300 Sec. WARFARE -- MID PACIFIC AREA
January - February, 1944

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DSO letter, May 1, 1972

By DBS Date 2/1/1973

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
CO'S TASK FOR 57 SENDS ACTION CINCPAC ALL TFC CENPAC INFO COMSOPAC COMAIRSOPAC CTC 57.2 CTC 57.3.

SEARCHES 28TH.
ALL SEARCHES NEGATIVE. V 253 ALL FULL DISTANCE 100 PERCENT COVER EXCEPT 9 V, 7 V AND 4 V 253 NOT MADE. 9 V AND 6 V 262 FULL DISTANCE 100 PERCENT. 7 V AND 3 V 262 AVERAGED 600 MILES 90 PERCENT. V 411 ALL FULL DISTANCE 100 PERCENT. NAZEU SEARCH DROPPED 1 TON ON AA POSITIONS. 7 LIBERATORS PHOTOGRAPHED, STRAFED AND HIT WAVE 29-293. 10 TONS FIRES STARTED. MEAGER INACCURATE AA. SAW 1 SMALL PATROL VESSEL 6 PLANES ON GROUND.

DELIVERED TO 24G.
PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO BY RADIO HONOLULU (NPM) AS SECRET.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
CRICLY: TOR IS CONTAKTASKOUP 51.11. RDO HONOLULU PASS INFO TO CHINCPAC AND CONAIRPAC.
FRAGILE FIELD WILL BE READY RECEIVE FIGHTER SQUADRONS 27TH.
THIS COMES FROM COMTASKFORCE 58 FOR ACTION COMCENPAC INFO CINCPAC.

BASED ON PHOTOGRAPH PRESENTLY AVAILABLE YORKTOWN TRUK CHANGE ESTIMATED DAMAGE ANACONDA AS FOLLOWS:

SUNK:

4 LARGE AO, 1 AO, 2 SMALL AO. NO CHANGE AK, AE, CL, DD, PG SUNK OR PROBABLY SUNK. AV NOT SUNK. 1 LARGE AO PROBABLY SUNK. BURNING FURIOUSLY 2 LARGE AO.

1 VERY LARGE AP. BURNING 3 AK. BURNING AND BEACHED

1 SMALL AO, 2 AK. BEACHED 2 AK.

RDO HONOLULU PASSED TO COMINCH AS 270544.

DELIVERED TO 2GO
**NAVY DEPARTMENT**

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**TOR CODEDOM** N141

**DECODED BY** TARR

**PARAPHRASING** BY DOWNEY

**ROUTED BY**

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE UNLESS ADMINISTRATIVE.

**FISHERP** 232-15 NCR 4337

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**INTERCEPT**

(CTF 57 SENDS ACTION CTG 51.1 INFO COM- CENPAC ISCON R01)

**SITE FILTERS ARE READY AT 001 TO FLY ENOUGH FIELD.**

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CTF 58 SENDS. ACTION COMCENPAC. INFO CINCPAC. NPW (RADIO HONOLULU) PLEASE PASS.

TASK FORCE 58'S GATEWAY REPORT: TASK FORCE CONTACTED AND ENEMY ALERTED AFTERNOON 21ST. TASK FORCE UNDER ALMOST CONTINUOUS AIR ATTACK THROUGHOUT NIGHT AND EARLY FORENOON. 14 PLANES SHOT DOWN BY OWN CUNIFIRE DURING THESE ATTACKS. TG 58.2 ACCOUNTED FOR 8 DURING DARKNESS AND 4 IMMEDIATELY AFTER DAWN. THIS BATTLE IS HISTORIC FOR COURAGE AND DETERMINATION OF PURPOSE. CONTACTED THE APPROACH AND LAUNCHED INITIAL STRIKES WHILE UNDER ATTACK. ENEMY AIR ATTACKS WERE POORLY EXECUTED. REPORTS INDICATE ENEMY Planes EMPLOYING BOTH TORPEDO AND LOW LEVEL BOMBING TACTICS AT NIGHT. NO COMBAT DAMAGE our ships. JABNA SUFFERED 5-INCH TURRET CASUALTY. 5
INCH MOUNT 9 FIRED INTO BACK OF MOUNT 5. KILLED 5, WOUNDED 11, 2 SERIOUSLY. MADE 2 AIR STRIKES BY BOTH GROUPS ON TARGETS, INCLUDING 12-PLANE FIGHTER STRIKE ON GUAM, AND 1 ATTACK ON SHIP IN CHITOSE POSITION. THIS DAMAGED SHIP WAS SUNK. PICTURES TAKEN SHOW IT WAS NOT AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER. RESULTS AS FOLLOWS: CAP SHOT DOWN 5 BETTYS IN ADDITION SHIPS AA SCORE. SHOT DOWN IN AIR OVER TARGETS 24 VF, 5 VBM. BURNED OR HEAVILY DAMAGED ON GROUND 76 VBM, VB AND VF, 3 DOUGLAS TYPE TRANSPORTS, 5 FLOAT PLANES, 3 VP. 1 AK AT TINIAN, 600 TONS, EXPLODED, BELIEVED SUNK. LARGE AK PREVIOUSLY DAMAGED, DON CONE, BELIEVED SUNK. AT SAIPAN A MEDIUM AK APPARENTLY GROUND ON REEF, 1 SMALL AK BURNING. 1 PC EXPLODED, 2 TUGS, 5 SMALL ESCORTS DAMAGED. BOMBED AND STRAFED AIRCRAFT INSTALLATIONS, FUEL OIL STORACES AND

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BERNER  25°13' NCR 4592 OPERA

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RADIO. ALSO ALL SMALL BOATS IN HARBORS. PHOTOS SHOW
ABOUT 15 VFN WERE LANDED TINIAN BETWEEN 1ST AND 2ND
STRIKES. THESE WERE ALL DESTROYED. OUR LOSSES 1 VFN,
4 VF, 1 TBF. ABOVE ESTIMATES CONSERVATIVE. PHOTOGRAP-
HIC COVERAGE CAIPAN AND TINIAN. COVERED GUAM VISUALLY.
STARTED RETIREMENT 1600. NO CONTACTS OR ATTACKS THAT
NIGHT. CAP SHOT DOWN SALTY FROM TRUK AFTERNOON 23RD.
PROCEEDING MAJURO NORTH OF MARSHALLS VIA 11-40 N 168-
33 E AND 14-30 N 168-33 E. ETA 0950 26TH.

1 COPY CP-22
(CTG 51.11 SENS FOR ROBERTS, RDO WASHINGTON GIVE CINCPAC AND COMGENCNPAC ACTION. RDO WASHINGTON PASS ACTION TO OPD FOR GENERAL BORDEN).

EKIOTOKOKE DEFENDED BY ARMY. UNDERGROUND FIELD FORTIFICATIONS AND DISTRIBUTED STRONG POINTS.

PRACTICALLY NO CONCRETE. NO BEACH MINES, UNDERWATER OBSTACLES OR FIRE. BEACH MINES DESTROYED IN DUMPS. RANDOM ANTITANK MINES INLAND.

PREPARATION LESS EFFECTIVE THAN KWAJALEIN AND LANDINGS OPPOSED. NO SMOKE USED. FLAME THROWERS INVALUABLE IN HOPPING UP. FOR THIS TYPE DEFENSE RECOMMEND DELAY BOMBS 100 TO 1000 POUNDS, CHIEFLY 100 POUND, ALSO DELAY FUZE HIGH ANGLE GUNFIRE. FOR ASSAULT PREPARATION USE 105 MM AND LARGER WITH AIRBURST BELOW TREE TOPS. DESTROYER CALL FIRE DESIRABLE FOR POINT TARGETS, FIELD ARTILLERY AND TANKS.
FOR INFANTRY CLOSE SUPPORT.
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PRIORITY

From: Fort Shafter
To: War
SSSWPA
New Caledonia

24 February 1944

Richardson's daily cable for MacArthur Harman and Marshall thru CINCPAC originating from HDOCS.

Search plane reports 21 Feb west longitude; barbed wire and trenches sighted near South Point Ocean Island where meager AA was received; single small boat off shore. Rongelap strafed and bombed. Utirik bombed and fire started; meager AA was received. Ventura search plane received moderate AA while dropping 1 ton on runways at Nauru; 4 small boats were observed.

4 P40's loosened 2 tons on Mille at 2300 Z the 21st and destroyed small boat by strafing. No AA.

21 B24's dropped 30 tons on Ponape between 2207 Z the 21st and 0110 Z the 22nd. Explosions and many fires started town and waterfront areas. 1 large AK plus many small craft in harbor; 1 medium AK off Langar Island. AA was meager.

3 Liberators dropped 4.5 tons on Kusaie 2240 Z the 21st starting 1 fire. Two medium and 1 small AK in Lele Harbor. There was no AA. Single Liberator dropped 1.5 tons on waterfront area Kusinabat 0745 Z the 22nd and reported intense AA par at 2205 Z the 21st, 3 B25's dropped 5 tons on Taros' causing 1 large explosion and fire.

5 Venturas dropped as many tons on runways and barracks Wotje at 0100 Z the 22nd. One explosion observed and there was no AA.

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To: War W543
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24 February 1944

Between 5 and 9 P40's sank 3 small boats by strafing and dropped 1.5 tons on Mille runways at 2130 Z the 22nd. AA was light and inaccurate.

None of our planes was damaged on any of these raids listed above.

At 2209Y the 21st our troops were still digging out Japs on Eniwetok Island and had shelled Parry Island all that day. Total prisoners by 2209Y the 21st were 25 Japs and 13 Koreans; many surrendered on loud speaker invitation. Unloading has commenced on Eniwetok and the air strip at Engebi estimated ready for emergency landings by the 22nd.

On the 22nd West Long Assault Forces landed on Parry Island and by 1930 same day its capture was complete and the Atoll was ours. Estimated garrison of entire Atoll is 3000. Captured documents, FW interrogations and examination of equipment and material indicate that this area would have been difficult to take had we delayed the attack for a few weeks.

On the same day (22nd Feb West Long) strong Pacific Fleet Task Force including several hundred carrier based planes struck Saipan and Tinian. Further details later.

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Adm King
White House
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By DB8 January 1, 1973

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CTG 51.11 passes to CINCPAC and info to other interested parties. This is 6th and last summary from downsle.

Major General Nishjia and his crack 1st Seaborne Mobile Brigade presented the keys of Ellinbetok Atol at 1930 tonight and passed to the realm of their forefathers.

Terrific pounding by naval and air bombardment and land artillery preceded and continued during assault by 22nd Marines on Heartstrings. Scraped the bottom of the barrel for ammunition of all types in view of indications that this island was the toughest of the lot.

I cannot praise too highly the spirit and combat efficiency of the troops participating in this operation. Several units have been called upon for two major

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/17/4.

Date MAY 21, 1943
ASSAULTS AND OTHERS HAVE HAD TO BE USED IN THE ENTIRE OPERATION WITH ONLY ONE DAY OF REST. THEY HAVE OVERCOME A STRONGLY ENTRENCHED AND WELL TRAINED OPPONENT WHOSE NUMBERS ARE NOW ESTIMATED IN EXCESS OF 3,146 MEN.

NPM (RDO HONOLULU) PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO 241815

COPY TO 25-G---
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From: Ft Shafter
To: War
COMGENSEPAC
SOS SWPA

No. W 465
No. M 1274
No. M 1274

22nd February 1944

To Marshall, Harmon and MacArthur signed Richardson at HDQGS.

During 19th Feb west longitude reconnaissance party to Neok Island (Kwajalein Atoll) contacted at least 5 armed persons believed to be Japs. 3 were shot and 1 of our men was wounded during the encounter. Next day reinforcements were sent to clean up all south sector Islands on E side of Lagoon.

BILS of US 106th Infantry (27th Infantry Division) landed abreast on Enivetok Island at 0900Y the 19th. Landings made on Lagoon side near southwest end of island against weak opposition. 1 BIL of 22nd Marines landed same area at 1330Y the 19th. Maximum ship and air bombardment preceded our initial landings. Japs well dug in and our advance was slowed down by considerable mortar and machine gun fire. Battery of 105th Field Artillery Battalion landed during afternoon and worked on Jap strong points. By 2000Y the 19th the southern half of island was in our hands except for one small pocket of resistance on extreme southwestern tip (ocean side). on 20th Feb all of Enivetok Island captured but our forces still mopping up. Approximately 1000 enemy on both Enivetok and Engebil; query of natives and captured documents indicate slightly greater strength on Parry Island which will be attacked 22nd Feb west longitude time.

Artillery registered and ready for attack. Naval and air bombardment Parry continues. Our Marine casualties Engebil approx 76 dead, 173 wounded, 2 missing; present estimate

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From: Ft Shafter
To: W 465
COMGENSOPAC
NO. M 1274
SOS SWPA
NO. M 1274

22nd February 1944

Eniwetok about same number casualties. 9th regiment (AA)
and 1st BN, 1st sea borne mobile brigade independent.

Eniwetok weather follows:

As of 1800Z the 19th: few altocumulus ceiling
unlimited visibility 12 miles wind 83 degrees 17
knots pressure 118.

As of 0001Z the 20th: cloudy one tenth swelling
cumulus base 2500 altocumulus six tenths visibility
30 miles wind direction 86 degrees 19 knots pressure
128.

As of 0600Z the 20th: partly cloudy seven tenths
swelling cumulus base 3000 visibility 12 miles wind
direction 81 degrees 21 knots pressure 120.

P40's dropped frags in barracks area Mille at 2255Z
the 19th.

Following strikes Feb 20th, all times Z:

6 Liberators dropped 9 tons Kusaie from 2000
feet at 0300; many hits and fires. No casualties or
losses to US planes. 9 Mitchells hit Wotje runways
and barracks area with 8 tons at 0102. Fonoap got
20 tons from 22 B24's at 0100; altitude 4-12000
feet. Heavy overcast prevented observation of results.

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From: Ft Shafter
To: War
CONGRESSOPAC
SOS SMF

No. W 465
No. M 1274
No. M 1274

22nd February 1944
but much shipping in harbor. Pilots reported no
AA at Mille Rusie or Wotje.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CGAFAF
General Vandegrift
White House
Adm King
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ENIWETOK ISLAND HAS BEEN OVERRUN BY OUR ASSAULT FORCES WHO ARE NOW ENGAGED IN DIGGING OUT REMAINING JAPS FROM THEIR NUMEROUS WELL CONCEALED AND INTER CONNECTED FOXHOLES MOST OF WHICH ARE SEVERAL MONTHS OLD. GOING HAS BEEN DIFFICULT, ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 1,000 TROOPS BOTH HERE AND FRAGILE. UNITS IDENTIFIED ARE 9TH REGIMENT PACK ARTILLERY AND FIRST WAFFENFIRST SEABORNE MOBILE BRIGADE. CAPTURED DOCUMENT AND INTERROGATION OF NATIVES...

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/8/64

Make original only. Deliver to Code Room Watch Officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVMAT 2155 letter, May 1, 1972

OPNAV-NCD-45

30, Mid Pac

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INDICATES SLIGHTLY GREATER NUMBER TROOPS ON HEARTSTRINGS.
3RD BATTALION 22ND MARINES AND MEDIUM TANK COMPANY
RECEIVED PRIOR SUNSET AND WILL REEKBARK EARLY TOMORROW.
IN ORDER TO PERMIT REHABILITATION AND REORGANIZATION OF
PERSONNEL AND REPAIRS TO MATERIAL HAVE DELAYED ASSAULT
ON HEARTSTRINGS UNTIL 22 FEBRUARY. ALL ARTILLERY
REGISTERED AND READY. REPORT NOW INDICATES CASUALTIES
FRAGILE 22ND MARINES 76 DEAD 173 WOUNDED 2 MISSING.
PRESENT ESTIMATES PRIVILEGE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME.
PRISONERS TO DATE 25. PERFORMANCE OF TROOPS HAS BEEN
OUTSTANDING X EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY IN GETTING LST ON
BEACH AT FRAGILE BUT BLASTING OPERATIONS ARE NON IN PROGRESS.
DEFENSE OF FRAGILE PASSED TO COLONEL OZNES USA
TODAY UPON REEKBARKATION 22ND MARINES. AERIAL AND NAVAL
BOMBARDMENT HEARTSTRINGS CONTINUES.
ATOLL COMMANDER (CTF 51)

RECEIVED BY

DATE
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TO

CINCPAC

ACTION

RELAYS ATOLL COMMANDER DISPATCH 2323\(\text{FEB} \quad 44\) RDO WAIHANA GIVE INFO CINCPAC. PASSED AS 219518 ACTION CONCENPAC INFO ALL TASK FORCE COMS 5TH FLT AND RDO HONO. PASSED BY CINCPAC INFO CINWINCH AS 219738)

Kwaibalan

PORCELAIN RECONNAISSANCE PARTY CONTACTED AT LEAST 5 ARMED PERSONS BELIEVED JAPS BISCOABE ISLAND

19TH FEB. EXCHANGED FIRE. SHOT 3. 1 OF OUR SOLDIERS WOUNDED. 5 OF OUR OFFICERS AND 5 ENLISTED MEN REMAINED BISCOABE OVERNIGHT. REENFORCEMENTS SENT TODAY TO CLEAN OUT ALL SOUTH SECTOR ISLANDS EAST SIDE LAGOON.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CINCPAC  
RELEASED BY:  
DATE: 21 FEBRUARY 1944  
TOR CORDEROM: £226  
DECODED BY: VALENTINE  
PARAPHRASED BY: MCCOMB  
ROUTED BY:  

ADDRESSER: COMINCH  
FOR ACTION:  
INFORMATION: CONCENTPAC

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ON OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT.

CINCPAC TELLS COMINCH INFO CONCENTPAC CONSMOPAC.

CENTPAC DAILY SUMMARY 19 FEBRUARY. ALL INFO ON TRUK STRIKES PASSED TO YOU IN SERIES OF DESPATCHES FROM CONCENTPACFOR. NO REPORT ON ENISETOK BEYOND CONTASKGROUP 51.1 DASH 191655 AND OTHER INFO PASSED TO YOU.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/14
CTG 51.11 SENDS TO TURNER PASS TO CINC PAC, CONCEN PAC, COM 5TH PHIB CORPS AND ALL TFC'S CEN PAC.

DAILY SUMMARY.

ATTACKED PRIVILEGE ON SCHEDULE WITH 2 BLT OF 1/6TH FOLLOWED BY 1 BLT OF 22ND MARINES WHICH WAS LANDED AT 1930. MAXIMUM GUNFIRE AND AIRCRAFT BOMBING PRECEDED INITIAL LANDING WHICH WAS WEAKLY OPPOSED AND CASUALTIES NEGLIGIBLE. ENEMY OPPOSITION IN DEEP FOX HOLES WITH CONSIDERABLE MORTAR AND MACHINE GUN FIRE SLOWED PROGRESS. SITUATION AT PRIVILEGE IN OUR POSSESSION WEST OF TARGET AREA 592 EXCEPT FOR POCKET OF RESISTANCE IN 596 AND 591. 1 BATTERY 1/4TH FIELD ARTILLERY BN LANDED ON PRIVILEGE AND REGISTERED DURING AFTERNOON NOW WORKING ON NORTHEAST TIP PRIVILEGE. 2ND SEPARATE PACK HOWITZER BATTALION BEING MOVED TO PRIVILEGE.

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SLIPPER TOMORROW. EXPECT COMPLETE CAPTURE PRIVILEGE TOMORROW AND TO PROCEED WITH ASSAULT ON HEARTSTRINGS ON 21ST LANDING 2 BLT OF 22ND MARINES ABREAST WITH 3RD MARINE BLT IN RESERVE AND 1 BLT OF 1/6TH IN GROUP RESERVE. ALL OTHER ISLANDS IN ATOLL ARE SECURE. CASUALTIES SO FAR REPORTED FRAGILE 64 DEAD 18 WOUNDED. CASUALTIES SO FAR REPORTED FROM PRIVILEGE 14 DEAD 58 WOUNDED. REGRET TO REPORT DEATHS INCLUDE MR JOHN BUSHNIEL OF YANK MAGAZINE. NEW SUBJECT.

WEATHER 1000Z/19 FEBRUARY FEW ALTOCUMULUS CIRROSTRATUS CEILING UNLIMITED VISIBILITY 12 WIND 089 17 KNOTS PRESSURE 118.

0000Z/20 FEBRUARY CUMULUS CUMULUS BAVE 2500 6/10 ALTOCUMULUS VISIBILITY 30 WIND 086 19 KNOTS PRESSURE 128. 0600Z/20 FEBRUARY PARTLY CLOUDY 7/10
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SWELLING CUMULUS BASE 3000 VISIBILITY 12 WIND 081 21 KNOTS PRESSURE 120.

PASSED TO COMMCH FOR INFO AS NPM'S (RDO HONO) 232347.

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OSD Letter, May 4, 1972

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CINCPAC FROM CONCENPACFOR INFO CONAIRC PAC CONINCH,
RDO HONOLULU PASS CINCPAC AND CONAIRC PAC. RDO WASHI PASS
CONINCH.

MY 27/614. RESUME OF VISUAL REPORTS TRuk STRike AS FollOwS:

**FOLLOWING FROM CTF 58 TOR 557/19**

"CONSERVATIVE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE. ENEMY AIRCRAFT
DESTROYED.

(A) SHOT DOWN IN AIR 127 OF WHICH 78 WERE FIRES.

(B) DESTROYED ON GROUND OR WATER 74 OF WHICH 4 WERE
FOUR ENGINED BOATS AND 17 WERE TWIN ENGINED LAND PLANES. OTHER AIRCRAFT OBSERVED ON GROUND 71 VARIOUS TYPES ESTIMATE 5% TO 7% PERCENT UNSERVICEABLE. GRAND TOTAL AIRCRAFT OBSERVED 272. NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED AIRBORNE OVER TARGET SECOND DAY. ABOUT 15 SIZEABLE AK OR AO DAMAGED OR UNDAMAGED REMAIN IN ANCHORAGES ON SECOND DAY. THESE WERE BOMBED AND FIVE REPORTED ON FIRE BUT REMAINED AFLOAT. TOTAL COMBAT OR SIZEABLE SHIPS OBSERVED 38. STRIKE AIRCRAFT SEARCHED TO DISTANCE OF 75 MILES WEST NORTH EAST FOR SHIPPING REPORTED LEAVING. AS FAR AS CAN BE DETERMINED NO LARGE SHIPS ESCAPED TO WESTWARD DURING DAYLIGHT. LAST STRIKE DAY SET FIRE TO THE FUEL OIL TANKS AND AN AMMUNITION DUMP SO APPARENT TO ALL HANDS BUT SAVED FOR DESSERT.

TOR 0953/18

REGRET I OMITTED ONE IMPORTANT PART OF MY MESSAGE REGARDING NET

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**LOSS ES. SHIP SUNK INCLUDING THOSE SUNK ON YOUR TOUR:**

- **TWO CL**
- **ONE AE**
- **ONE AV**
- **THREE DD**
- **TWO AO**
- **TWO PG**

**EIGHT AK GRAND TOTAL NINETEEN. PROBABLY SUNK ONE C OR**

**LARGE DD**

**TWO AO**

**FOUR AK TOTAL SEVEN.**

**NEXT WAS RECEIVED FROM CTF 58. TOR 73/18.**

**FOllOWING ARE LOSSES TOTAL FOR TF 58:**

**PLANES LOST:**

- **EIGHT VF**
- **SIX VT**
- **THREE VB**

**PILOTS MISSING...FOURTEEN.**

**CREW MEN MISSING...TWELVE.**

**CREW MEN KILLED...THREE.**

**THIS RECEIVED FROM CTO 58.1 DATE TIME GROUP 172125.**

**#D MINUS ONE SUMMARY. TASK GROUP 58.1 AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN**

**FORTY VP**

**TENNY ONE OTHER PLANES. DESTROYED AT LEAST 24**

**SINGLE ENGINE ELEVEN BETTY ON GROUND. ONE OR MORE BOMB**

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
HITS ON FOLLOWING:

ONE CA. THREE CL. TWO AD. EIGHTEEN AK.

VERY CLOSE MISSES:

* DAMAGED ONE CA. THREE DD FOUR AK.

ENSIGN LINTON FOX ENTERPRISE VF PILOT FELL OVER ENTR.

LIEUT. E. T. STOUFF YORKTOWN VF PILOT IN WATER NORTH OF

ATOLL.

JOHN HANCOCK ARM 1/C YORKTOWN VT GUNNER KILLED BY JAP. VF

FINAL STRIKE MOEN AND PARAN BELIEVED ALMOST 10% PERCENT

EFFECTIVE. OPERATIONAL LOSSES TWO ENTERPRISE VF ONE YORK-

TOWN".

QUOTING CTC 58.2. DATE TIME GROUP 172245.

*PRELIMINARY REPORT. THROUGH STRIKE D ONLY FOR INTREPID

AND CASAB. KATORI CLASS CL THREE BOMBS TWO TORPEDO HITS.

LEFT BURNING. ANOTHER CL THREE BOMB ONE TORPEDO HITS.
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ONE AE EXPLODED. 1-702N TON AK ONE HIT LEFT SINKING WELL DECK AKASH. 1½ MILES WEST OF NORTH PASS. 1-702N TON AK FOUR HITS LEFT SINKING 30 MILES BEARING 230 NORTH PASS.

TWO AK THREE HITS EACH. SIX AK TWO HITS EACH. ONE AK TWO HITS. ONE AK ONE HIT EACH. AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN 26 ZEKES THREE HAMPS ONE OSCAR TDC YALS FOUR KATES FIVE RUFES SIX PETS.

ESTIMATE 1½ TO 15 TWIN ENGINE 1½ SINGLE ENGINE 7 FLOAT PLANES DESTROYED PORT HOEN. 20 TO 25 TWIN ENGINE MESS STRAFED BUT DID NOT BURN ON PARAN. RUNWAYS BOMBED PARAN.

ETEN. OWN LOSSES COMBAT FOUR VF ONE VB THREE Y KIAEXV OPERATIONAL TWO VF ONE VT MISSING 8 OFFICERS 6 MEN.*

RESCUE OF VISUAL TRAFFIC FROM CTF 58.2 18°36'.

**D DAY PRELIMINARY REPORT. ESSEX ONLY. THREE AK OF 10,200**

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/64
TONS SUNK OF WHICH ONE EXPLODED AFTER TWO 1000 LB HITS.
SECOND SUNK BY SIX 5% POUNDERS. THIRD PREVIOUSLY HIT SUNK
BY SIX 5% POUNDERS. THREE AK OF 10,000 TONS HIT AS FOLLOWS:
ONE BY TWO TWO THOUSAND POUND SAFS. SECOND BY ONE SAFE.
THIRD BY TWO 5% POUNDERS, ANOTHER AK TONNAGE UNDETERMINED
HIT BY TWO 5% POUNDERS AND PROBABLY REACHED. SIX SINGLE
ENGINE PLANES BURNED ON ETEN. ONE VF COMBAT LOSS. PILOT
RESCUED BY BALTIMORE SEAPLANE UNDER VF COVER. TWO OPERAT-
IONAL LOSSES."

CTG 58.3'S 172100 OPERATIONS YESTERDAY.
"CVE 2-1000 BOMB HITS OFF HOEN ISLAND NOT PRESENT OR REPOR-
TED LATER POSSIBLY SUNK. ONE OR TWO TORPEDO PLUS 1-2000
BOMB HIT ON SENDAI CLASS CL 20 MILES SOUTHWEST OF LACOLL
LAST SEEN DEAD IN WATER WITH BRIDGE AWASH BELIEVED SUNK.
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2-50% BOMB HITS ON CL JUST OUTSIDE NORTH PASS BELIEVED THIS SHIP SUNK BY OUR BB'S LATER. ONE AO TIO TO FOUR TORPEDO HITS NOT PRESENT LATER BELIEVED SUNK. ONE AK ONE OR TWO TORPEDO HITS NOT PRESENT LATER BELIEVED SUNK. TWO AO 1-000 BOMB HIT EACH. ONE AO 1-1600 BOMB HITS EACH. THREE AK ONE TORPEDO HIT EACH. FIVE AK 1-1000 BOMB HITS EACH. AO'S AND AK'S ALL IN LAGOON EXCEPT ONE AO IN NORTH PASS. SHOT DOWN ONE HAP PLANE ONE ZEKE ONE KATE SIX VALS TWO JAKES. INDETERMINATE NUMBER PLANES DESTROYED HOEN AND ETEN STRIPS. OUR LOSSES COMBAT..1 SB2C 1 FOF LATTER PILOT RECOVERED. OPERATIONAL.........TWO SB2C ALL PERSONNEL RESCUED.

CTG 58.3 185339.

"SUMMARY TASK GROUP 58.3 OPERATIONS 17TH.

LARGE DD INSIDE NORTH PASS HIT AMIDSHIPS BY TORPEDO BROKE IN

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OSD letter, May 1, 1972

By DBS

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/28/94

By DBS

Date MAY 21 1973
2, SUNK IMMEDIATELY. 12,000 TON AO JUST SOUTHEAST OF TOL
EXPLODED AND SUNK WITH TORPEDOES. 2 AK, 1 PREVIOUSLY DAMAGED*
SOUTHEAST CORNER DUBLIN 1,000 POUND BOMB HITS. BOTH SANK. 1
LARGE, 1 SMALL AK WEST DUBLIN HIT HIGH 2 AND 1 TORPEDOES FE-
SPECTIVELY. FIRST PROBABLY SUNK. SECOND LEFT BURNING. 1
LARGE AO WEST FEFAS 2,000 BOMB HITS FOLLOWED BY TERROROUS
EXPLOSION POSSIBLY SUNK. 1 AO EAST SHORE TOL. 2 TORPEDOES
BLEW UP, BURNING FIERCELY. YOAK NORTHEAST AND WEST VIAH 2
5% BOMB AND 1 10% BOMB RESPECTIVELY HEAVILY DAMAGED. 1 PT
SOUTH FEFAS SET AFIRe BY STRAFING, 1 1000 BOMB HIT ETEN ISLAND
SERVICE APPR. NO FURY PLANES AIRBORNE. OUR LOSSES COMBAT
1 TBF MISSING PERSONNEL, OPERATIONAL 1 SB2C DECK CRASH, PER-
SONNEL UNINJURED. HEAVY A' FROM DUBLIN AND NOEN. AIR STRIPS
BEING REPAIRED APPEAR SERVICEABLE. STRIKE C CALLED JUST
PRIOR ATTACK REPORTS 4 POSSIBLY 3 BURNING SHIPS IN SIGHT AND

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LARGE EXPLOSION IN WATER BETWEEN PARAN AND FEI'AN ISLAND
APPEARENTLY FROM EXPLODING SHIP. LARGE FUEL FIRE WEST DUBLON
TOWN, SMOKE RISING 4000 FEET. DD PREVIOUSLY AGRewed ON KUOP
ISLAND NOT VISIBLE BUT IS REPLACED BY AN OIL SLICK. AND
YESTERDAY'S SUMMARY TO BE RENI SHIP KILLED BY AA. TORPEDOED
_LARGE BD JUST INSIDE NORTH PASS WHICH BROKE IN 2 PARTS. BLEW
UP 2 AA'S AND 1 AK WITH TORPEDO AND 2 AK'S WITH BOMBS.
ADDITIONAL 2 AK'S HIT BY TORPEDOES AND 3 BY BOMBS. FINAL RESULTS
NOT OBSERVED. OUR Combat LOSSES 1 AVENGER MISSING. NO AIR
OPPOSITION. WITH FEW BORTENILE SHIPPING TARGET REMAINING
WE ARE NOT RETURNING TO FUELING ENDEAVORS. BURNS NOW HAS G
JAP PRISONERS FROM SUBCHASER HE SUNK LAST NIGHT AROUND DUSK.

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PRIORITY

From: Ft. Shafter
To: War
CONGOSSOPAC
SC3-SFA

19 February, 1944

This is daily operational radio from Richardson at HDGSO to WDCSA MacArthur and Harmon, CINCPAC on orders.

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ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, White House, Adm. King, LOG
CM-IN-13480 (19 Feb 44) 15112

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ACTION COMINCH FROM CINCPAC UFO CONSOPAC COMCENTFAC.

CENPAC SUMMARY DAILY 17 FEB.
ON 16 FEB PENSACOLA HIT REUTER (SATELLITE ISLAND OF TARCA) WITH 6 AND 5 INCH AT MINIMUM RANGE 5400 YARDS INITIATING SERIES 19 EXPLOSIONS FLAMES REACHING 2655 FEET BY SEXTANT ANGLE. FIRES STILL BURNING 3 1/2 HOURS LATER, BELIEVE JAP ABDUCTION NOW CORE. NO APPARENT ENEMY ACTIVITY EXCEPT ATTEMPTS TO REPAIR RUNWAY A. SEARAVEN RESCUED 3 AVIATORS CLOSE TO TRUK NORTH-EAST PASS BURNING FEB 17. AS YET NO REPORT ON RESULT OF TRUK STRIKES NOR ON ENMETOK BEYOND CTG 51.11 184930 AND OTHER INFO PASSED TO YOU.

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182314 200 Mid Pac
CTG 50.15 SENDS.

AFTER COMPLETION SCHEDULED BOMBARDMENT 18TH PROCEED SUNDANCE. 1ST TU ARRIVE 88ØY 19TH. 2ND TU PRIOR MOON 19TH. 3RD TU CONTINUE OPERATIONS RETURNING SUNDANCE AS NECESSARY FOR LOGISTIC REQUIREMENTS.

3 CRUISERS AND 5 DESTROYERS REQUIRE FUEL AND AMMUNITION, DESTROYERS REQUIRE PROVISIONS.
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ON OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT

INTERCEPT

PASS TO ISCOM ROI FOR ACTION THIS MESSAGE AND CTG 51.15 181012, READDRESS TO YOU FOR INFO. SAYS CTF 51.

ISCOM ROI DELIVER TO ALL VESSELS DEPARTING ROI FOR ENMIETOK COMPLETE SET OF ENMIETOK CHARTS AND PARAPHRASED COPY OF CTG 51.15 181012. ADDITIONAL ENMIETOK CHARTS WILL BE FURNISHED YOU BY ORIGINATOR IF REQUIRED.

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182112
COMINCH GETS ACTION FROM CINC PAC.

ALTHOUGH NO REPORTS FROM SPRUANCE TURNER OR HILL IT APPEARS FROM INTERCEPTS AND INTELLIGENCE THAT OPERATIONS ALL PROCEEDING SATISFACCTORILY AND ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE EXCEPT FOR TORPEDOING OF INTREPID. SHE IS PROCEEDING AT 20 KNOTS TO ARRIVE MAJURO DAYLIGHT 18TH THEN TO PEARL. SPRUANCE PREPARING COMMENCE FUELING CARRIER GROUPS SOUTH OF KWAJALEIN AFTERNOON THAT DATE.

6 COPIES DELIVERED TO F34.
1 COPY DELIVERED TO 20G.
(CONCENPAC: ORIGINATOR. ACTION TO CINCPAC. INFO TO CTE 58, CTG 58.1, 58.2, 58.3.)

INFO TO COMINCH AS RDC HONOLULU'S 171536

REQUEST COMSOPAC NEUTRALIZE ANACONDA AIRFIELDS

BY STRIKES ON NIGHT OF D-3 HOURS 1-D DAYS AND

RIGHT OF D-D PLUS 1 DAYS.
URMAILBRIEF SERIAL $7N3444. UNITS PARTICIPATING:

2ND, 6TH, 8TH, 10TH, 18TH MARINES, DIVISION SPECIAL TROOPS AND DIVISION SERVICE TROOPS. ATTACHED UNITS PARTICIPATING, SPECIAL WEAPONS GROUP 2ND DEFENSE BATTALION, (C) COMPANY MEDIUM TANKS FIRST AMPHIBIOUS CORPS, AIR GROUND LIAISON TEAMS AND SHORE FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS FROM SIGNAL BATTALION 5TH AMPHIBIOUS CORPS.

UNIT NOT PARTICIPATING NONE.

MARCORPS...ACT ADDS COMINCH...BOARD OF DECORATIONS AND AWARDS...JAYAIDE...(PER MARCORPS)

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/74
(CINCPOA SENDS ACTION COMINCH INFO COMSOPAC COMCENPAC.)

CENPAC DAILY SUMMARY FEB. 13.
SINGLE B24'S WILL STRIKE NOTJE AND TAROA BETWEEN 2300Y AND 0300Y 14 FEBRUARY. SEARCH PLANES FROM GILBERTS HIT UJELANG AND UTRIK WITH 1 TON BOMBS STARTING FIRES AT EACH PLACE. CARRIER GROUP COVERING ENIWETOK STRUCK ENGEBI THRICE ON THE 10TH, TWICE ON THE 11TH AND ONCE ON THE 12TH. BELIEVE RUNWAYS NOW INOPERATIVE FOR PERIOD 48 HOURS. REPAIRS BEING MADE WITHOUT MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT. NO AA FIRE. SOME SLIM TRENCHES ADDED, OTHERS...
WISK NO SIGNS OF ACTIVITY. ALL VISIBLE INSTALLATIONS DESTROYED. ALSO BOMBED JAPTAN AND PARRY IN ENIWETOK TOLL, NO INSTALLATIONS NOTED ON THESE ISLANDS. ON 12 FEB. STRUCK UJAE AT 1600Y WITH 15 DAUNTLESS AND 12 HELLCATS, INSTALLATIONS NW POINT THIS ISLAND APPEARED TO BE DESTROYED.

1 AVENGER CREW DOWN RESCUED BY OWN DESTROYER. GUDUCEON REPORTS SINKING LARGE AP POSIT 27-38 N 121-15 E 1500Z 11TH, EXTENSIVE MINE SWEETING ACTIVITIES AND LACK OF FURTHER CONTACTS INSIDE 20 FATHOMS CURVE INDICATE COASTAL SHIPPING MAY BE TEMPORARILY ROUTED FARTHER OUT. HEAVY SHELLS DURING NIGHT CAUSED MACAW, (AGR 11) MOVE OFF REEF MIDWAY AND SINK ON EDGE EAST FLARE MAIN CHANNEL. REGULAR 400 FT CHANNEL AND WEST FLARE CLEAR FOR OPERATIONS UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS, MAST ABOVE WATER.

OCEANIC WALL, SOUTH E. 2 OF 3
SALVAGE OFFICER CONSIDERS FURTHER SALVAGE OPERATIONS IMPrACTICABLE BUT POSSIBILITY OF CLEARANCE PROBABLE UNDER FAVORABLE CONDITIONS. PRESENT ESTIMATES PERSONNEL MISSING MACAW COMMANDING OFFICER AND 4 MEN. NOB 3 MEN ENGAGED IN RESCUE OPERATIONS. EXISTING POSITION OF MACAW WILL NOT PROHIBIT SUBMARINE OPERATIONS.

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In these Richardson's daily to Marshall Harmon and MacArthur from HqCS CINCPAC concurs.

Search planes 11th Feb west longitude reported following: Runways Mille and Taroa operational; 1 ton dropped on AA position Kejift Island; 30 foot motor boat strafed near Kusaie; possible AA position observed east side Ebon; 5 native outriggers observed west side Maloelap. Same day photo mission bombed Wotje and received no AA.

Mille got 15 tons plus strafing at 2230Z the 12th. Twenty two A24's plus 4 P39's did job. Intense AA downed 1 Dauntless; another crash landed on return and 2 more were damaged.

Wotje received 6 tons from 7 B25's at 2347Z the 12th. Explosions and fires started; meager AA downed 1 Mitchell near target.

Taroa got 5 tons plus cannon strafing from 6 B25's at 0250Z 13th Feb. Moderate AA damaged 2 planes and injured 1 man.

By 0900Z 12th Feb Roi airfield was 15% complete. Believed ready for 1 fighter squadron by the 14th. Kwajalein airfield 10% complete by 0900Z the 12th and can probably operate 1 fighter squadron by 20th Feb.
By 0900Z the 12th 3260 Japs had been buried at Kwajalein and 3000 at Roi. Reference Navy Liberator which made successful forced landing at Roi; landing made at 1930Y February 10th after receiving damage from AA flying over Votje during photo mission. Waist gunner injured by AA but all others unhurt.

US planes got complete 6 inch photo coverage Ponape during 11th and 12th Feb west long. Runways appeared rough and unserviceable and no planes were present. There was no shipping at the main anchorage but 1 small ship observed off Ponepe Harbor entrance and 85 barges at Ponepe town. Four coast defense guns at Japutik Island, 3 at Jokaj Island and 2 heavy DP plus 3 automatic AA guns at Langar Island.

Believe Jap planes attacking Roi at 0230X 12th Feb used radar countermeasures.

ACTION: OI

INFORMATION: G-2, CG AAF, WHITE HOUSE, Adm. King, Gen. Vandegrift, LOG.

CM-1H-10441 (15 Feb. 44) 12582. 1bw

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February 15, 1944

FROM: COMTASKORCUP 51.2
ACTION: COMTASKFORCE 51
INFO: COMINCH, COMCENPAC, CINCPAC

CTC 51.2 sends action to CTF 51 and info to COMCENPAC and CINCPAC.

Raiding planes have retired. Fire of considerable proportions on Roi not yet under control. Am sending assistance.

No sig

NAVY DISTRIBUTION:
Received as RDO Honolulu 141910Z.

ARMY DISTRIBUTION:
ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
LOG

CM-IN-10451 (15 Feb 44) 1352Z 1bw

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OSD letter, May 14, 1973
By DBS Date: May 21, 1973
(CTF 51 SENDS. RDO HONO GIVE CINCPAC INFO.)

MY 121636 CORRECT AS FOLLOWS: MY PLOT INDICATED ENEMY CAME FROM DIRECTION ENIWETOK THOUGH 1 PLANE RETIRING TOWARD PONAPE. ENEMY CLOSED ON ROI ON COURSE 123. A SECOND SMALL GROUP PROCEEDED FROM 290 DISTANT 100 MILES COURSE 110 TO A POSITION 290 DISTANT 65 MILES FROM PORCELAIN WHERE DROPPED COUNTERMEASURE. THEN JOINED MAIN FORCE 15 MILES WEST OF ROI WHERE AGAIN DROPPED COUNTERMEASURE. AFTER ATTACKS A GROUP HEADED FOR PORCELAIN AND DROPPED 2 OTHER UNITS OF COUNTERMEASURE 1 BEARING 350 DISTANT 25 MILES FROM PORCELAIN AND 1 BEARING 300 DISTANT 30 MILES THEN DISAPPEARED BEARING 260 DISTANT 75 MILES ON COURSE.
244. RETIREMENT OF ATTACK PLANES FROM NOT OBSERVED. COUNTMEASURES GAVE SATURATION PIPS ON A-SCOPE AND STRONG WELL DEFINED INDICATIONS ON P-SCOPE. PLOTS OF COUNTMEASURES FOLLOWED COURSE OF WIND AND SLOWLY PULLED ON SCOPES BUT WERE SEEN ABOUT 1 HOUR.

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PASSED TO COMMRN FOR INFO AS RECHWOLU's 141545.
ESTIMATE 14 BANDITS MADE STRIKE ON ROI AT ABOUT 0245Y 12 FEBRUARY. BANDITS MAIN GROUP CONTACTED ON SCREEN BEARING 300° TRUE DISTANCE 132 MILES ANGELAS FROM ROI. SMALL GROUP BEARING 285° JOINED MAIN GROUP. SPEED OF ADVANCE 153 KNOTS. RETIREMENT TRACK 300° TO 330° TRUE SPEED 153 KNOTS. ESTIMATE BANDITS DEPARTED ROI 0030Y. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PLANES MAY BE HIGH DUE EVIDENCE OF USE OF WINDOW.

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- NLR 101
- By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/64
(CINCPAC SUMMARIZES FOR COMINCH. INFO COMSOPAC, CONCENPAC)

DAILY SUMMARY CENPAC 12 FEBRUARY.

ROI AIRFIELD 15% COMPLETE ESTIMATED READY TO RECEIVE 1 FIGHTER SQUADRON 14 FEBRUARY. KWAJALEIN 1 FIELD 15% COMPLETE ESTIMATED READY TO OPERATE 1 FIGHTER SQUADRON 21 FEBRUARY. COMMANDER KWAJALEIN ATOLL HAS ASSUMED MILITARY GOVERNORSHIP OF THIS ATOLL AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF CINCPOA. 8 NIGHT FIGHTERS VIF 532 PROCEEDING FROM TARAVA TO ROI 13 FEBRUARY. AVENGER FROM CORAL SEA MADE SUCCESSFUL FORCED LANDING ON KWAJALEIN ISLAND AIRFIELD AT 0725 LOCAL 11TH. SEARCH PLANES 11 FEBRUARY REPORTS TAROA AND MILLE RUNWAYS OPERATIONAL. JTJF PHOTO MISSION DROPPED HOSS RECEIVED.
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Deliver to Code Room Watch Officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVCIRC 11266),

By LBS Date May 21 1973

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STRIKES 12TH. 6 MITCHELLS HIT TARDO WITH
5 TONS AND CANNON 13*250Z. AA MODERATE 2 PLANES
DAMAGED; 1 CREWMAN INJURED. 6 MITCHELLS HIT NOTJE
WITH 7 TONS 122347Z CAUSING EXPLODING AND FIRES.
HEAGER AA. 1 PLANE SHOT DOWN NEAR TARGET. 22
DAUNTLESS 4 AIRACOBAS DROPPED 15 TONS STRAFED MILLE
122247Z. AA INTENSE. 1 DAUNTLESS SHOT DOWN 1
CRASH LANDED ON RETURN 2 DAMAGED.

RDC HOND PASSED AS 148129
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By RT, NARA, Date 4/14/74
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMAIRSOPAC
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 14 FEBRUARY 1944
TOR CODE ROOM: 2641
DECODED BY: JOHNSON
PARAPHRASED BY: FISHER
ROUTED BY:

TO: CONCENPAC
ADDRESSEES: CINCPAC, CONCENPAC ADVN, COMAIRSOLS,
INTERPROM 1, COMAIRCENTPAC

INFORMATION: FOR ACTION
PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE
PRIORITY: DEFERRED

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME:

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(COMAIRSOPAC THROWS ACTION TO CONCENPAC AND INFO
to CINCPAC CONCENPAC ADVN COMAIRSOLS INTERPROM 1
AND COMAIRCENTPAC.)

PONAPE PHOTOS 11TH AND 12TH.
COMPLETE 6 INCH COVERAGE. RUNWAYS ROUGH
APPEAR UNSERVICEABLE. NO AIRCRAFT. 4 COASTAL
DEFENSE GUNS JAPUTIK ISLAND. 3 COASTAL DEFENSE
GUNS JOKAJ ISLAND. 2 HEAVY DUAL PURPOSE AND 3
AUTOMATIC AA LANGAR ISLAND. NO SHIPPING AT MAIN
ANCHORAGE. NO SMALL SHIP OFF PONAPE HARBOR
ENTRANCE AND 85 BARGES AT PONAPE TOWN.

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From: Ft Shafter
To: WAR
COMSENSOPAC
SOS SWPA
7 February 1944

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not yet available. Eighteen planes struck Wake Island during 4th Feb; all planes returned but no further info yet.

Following strikes took place February 5th, all times Z; from 0645 until 0659, 3 B24’s plus 8 P40’s dropped 13 tons on Mille. AA light, entire island pitted with bomb craters and 1 large AK observed sunk in harbor. Four Ron P39’s over Mille from 2205 until 2225 received meager AA. Nine B25’s dropped 7 tons and shelled gun positions and installations Tjan Tar Olitheiji and Egeriben Islands (all Maloelap) at 0659. Intense and inaccurate AA damaged 2 Mitchells. At 0730, 12 Liberators dropped 36 tons on runways Taroc. Meager to non-existent AA caused no damaged. Nine Mitchells over Wotje at 0700 dropped eight tons and shelled. Smoke columns visible for 15 miles. Light but accurate AA damaged 4 planes and slightly injured 1 man. From 0730 until 0834, 16 B24’s dropped 48 tons on Wotje. Two fires started at runway intersection and ve suffered no casualties. Fourteen P40’s dropped 14 tons south end Jaluit Island at 2250 and strafed radio buildings; results were not observed. Each plane carried 2-500 pounds bombs plus belly tank. Medium moderate and accurate AA caused no damage.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CAAF, White House, Admiral King, Log. General Vandegrift

CM-IN-4931 (7 Feb 44) 21312 Ft

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By DBS

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date
ACTION COMINCH FROM CINCPAC. INFO CONSOPAC, COMCENPAC.

DAILY SUMMARY CENPAC 5 FEBRUARY:

ALL ISLANDS ON WEST COAST KIWAJALEIN ATOLL EXCEPT GODFREY, AND ALL ON EAST COAST IN OUR HANDS. OFFENSIVE OPERATION SOUTHERN HALF OF KIWAJALEIN ATOLL COMPLETED. PERSONNEL DATA IN CTF 52 96156. REEMBARKATION OF TROOPS AND DEPARTURE OF SHIPS PROCEEDING. ENI-BETOK ATTACKED BY CARRIER AIRCRAFT THIS MORNING. AFTERNOON AND NIGHT FEBRUARY 4 LAND-BASED AIR MADE STRIKES AS FOLLOWS: JOTJE HIT BY 16 B-24'S WITH 56 TONS AND 9 B-251'S WITH 7 TONS AND CANNON. TAROA HIT BY 12 B-24's WITH 36 TONS ON RUNWAY. MILLE HIT BY 3 B-24's AND 6 WARHAWKS WITH 13 TONS. ON 5 FEBRUARY 14 WARHAWKS DROPPED 14 TONS SOUTH JALUIT ISLAND. EACH WARHAWK CARRIED 2 HALF TONNERS PLUS BELLY TANK. OTHER INFO PASSED TO YOU.

SECRET
SOVIET REQUEST TO FISH AND WHALE NORTH OF 63 DEGREES YOUR 25 JANUARY IS UNDER ADVISEMENT BY STATE DEPARTMENT. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.
## NAVAL MESSAGE

**FROM:** CONCENPAC (IND CALL)  
**RELEASED BY:** 7 FEBRUARY 1944  
**TOR CODE ROOM:** 1520  
**RECIPIENT:** CONCENPACFOR  
**PARAPHRASED BY:** Fisher  
**PRAGMATIC:** Routine  
**ROUTED BY:** Unless otherwise indicated this dispatch will be transmitted with deferred precedence and as administrative.

### NAVY DEPARTMENT

**DATE:**  
**TO:** CTF 57 CINCPAC  
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### NPM INTERCEPT

**ACTION:**

**COMBAT/SENDING:** NPM (RADIO HONOLULU) PASS TO ACTION ADEE CONCENPAC AND TO INFO ADEES CINCPAC AND CTF 57.

**COMBATPAC ASSUMED DUTIES SOPA SUNDANCE AT 1400 ON 3RD. AIRMAIL SERVICE OPERATING FOR ALL FORCES PRESENT. ALL BERTHS IN DRAFTED AREAS NOT OCCUPIED. SWEETING DISCONTINUED ON DEPARTURE CONTASKGROUP 51.3 HAS RESUMED ON ARRIVAL BOUND CHICAGO TODAY, BUT PROGRESS SLOW IN EXISTING SWEETING CRAFT. FIRST 1 GROUPS OF TF 58 ARRIVED 4TH. MAINTENANCE RADIO SILENCE IMPAIRS COMMUNICATIONS AS PLANE SCHEDULE IS UNCERTAIN. RECOMMEND SOPA AND TF COMMANDERS PRESENT BE AUTHORIZED TO TRANSMIT URGENT OPERATIONAL DETAILS. ORIGINATOR SHIFTS FLAG TO NORTH CAROLINA ON 5TH.

RDO HONOLULU PASSED TO ALL ADEES.

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**Date:** MAY 21, 1972
CTF 57

RELEASED BY

DATE 6 FEB 1944

TOR CODE ROOM 0265

DECODED BY WOODWARD

PARAPHRASED BY BAKER

ROUTED BY

SIGNED STATION WE INDICATE THIS MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH RESERVED PRIORITY AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.

INTERCEPT 552F45 KGR 4345

ORIGINATOR: FILL IN DATE AND TIME:

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TIME

ACTION

CTF 57 S0NDS ACTION: ALL TFC CENPAC CINPAC IFD COOSOPAC COMAIRSOPAC 7TH AF HICKAM CTG 57.2 CTG 57.3.

16 LIBERATORS HIT LOTJE 557140Z TO 58342 WITH 46 TONS.

2 FIRES RUNWAY INTERSECTION. NO CASUALTIES. 9 MITCHELLS SHIELLED AND HIT LOTJE 55744Z WITH 8 TONS.

SMOKE COLUMNS VISIBLE 15 MILES. LIGHT ACCURATE AA.

4 PLANES DAMAGED 1 SLIGHT PERSONNEL INJURY. 9 MITCHELLS AT 557159Z SHIELLED AND HIT JANU TAR CRABAL ALLOT AND EGERIBEN ISLANDS MARCELAP WITH 7 TONS.

DAMAGED RUNWAYS AND GUN POSITIONS. AA INTENSE INACCURATE. 2 PLANES DAMAGED. 12 LIBERATORS AT 55732Z DUMPED 206 TONS ON TAROA RUNWAY AREA. AA MEAGRE TO NON EXISTANT. NO DAMAGE TO PLANES. 3 LIBERATORS AT 557645Z AND 6 BARHATS AT 557659Z DROPPED 13 TONS ON MILLE LIGHT AA. BOMB CRATERS PIT ENTIRE ISLAND. 1 LARGE AK BEEN IN HARBOR.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
PRIORITY

From: Port Shafter
To: COMUSOPAC
SOS SWPA
War

No #
M 339
W 9619

6 February 1944

Richardson book to WDCSA CQ SOPAC and CINCSWPA from HDOCS thru CINCPAC.

Capture and occupation Majuro completed by 1600 Y 4th February.

At 0030 Y the 4th our casualties in the southern area Kwajalein Atoll were 32 killed 239 wounded and 0 missing; Jap casualties were 1240 killed and 51 captured. By 1900Z 4th February, 7th Division completed capture of Kwajalein, Ebeye and Loi Islands plus the unnamed island between Ebeye and Loi. 17th RCT landed on southern end Ebeye in LOTS at 0935 Y 3rd Feb following heavy preparation fires. Landing unopposed but resistance met 300 yds inland. By 1800 Y the 3rd we occupied half the island. Same day the 2 small islands between Kwajalein and Ebeye were also occupied and a number of enemy were killed; preparatory bombing and shelling was maintained on all of Gugegre Loi and the island just south of Loi throughout the day. All these latter islands were defended.

8 P40's strafed and bombed Mille with 4 tons from 2230 until 2300Z 3rd February. Half bombs set for delayed action (2-6 hours). 80 percent bombs in target area. Runways were not being repaired and no operational aircraft observed.

6 Venturas over Emidj from 0010 until 0030 4th, destroyed 2000 ton AX. AA damaged 3 planes but caused no casualties.

GM-IN-4137 (6 Feb 44)

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From: Fort Shafter
To: War
No. W 9819, 6 February 1944

Search plane Feb 2nd west long bombed radio tower
Ronigto: another saw 3000 ton AK Wetje Lagoon 1 plane
observed at Eniwetok and the strip appeared operational.
Special Nauru search received heavy AA but saw no planes or
other activity.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
CC AAF
Gen Vandegrift
Adm King
White House
LOG

CM-IN-4137 (6 Feb 44) 15162 amr

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FROM CTF 52. RDO HONOL GIVE TO CINCPAC.

FLASH.

THE 7TH DIVISION TODAY COMPLETED THE CAPTURE OF PORCELAIN BURTON BURNET AND BLANKENSHIP ISLANDS TODAY.

DELIVERED TO 29-G...

*PASSED TO CIC INCH FOR INFO AS RADIO HONOLULU 851017.
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PRIORITY

From: Fort Shafter
To: COMENSOPAC
AGWAR
SOS SWPA

N 267
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5 February 1944

Attention WOCSA CO SOPAC and CINC SWPA signed
Richardson at HDOCS thru CINCPAC.

Noontime February 2nd west longitude 4 B24's dropped
7 tons on Rongelap. All bombs in target area; radio station
believed destroyed. AA medium and light. Weather GAVU;
photos taken.

Afternoon of same day 20 Dauntless with escort of
12 Fighters loosed 14 tons on AA positions and runway at
Mille. Some delay fuses used. Weather was 5/10 and no
planes or shipping observed. AA moderate.

Photo plane dropped 1 ton on Taroca at 0200Z 1st Feb;
another dropped 1 ton on Wotje same time.

On 3rd Feb west, Marines occupied the additional is-
lands of Ediggen, Dibuu, Edjall and Gagan (extending South-
east from Namur in the order named and continuing on from
the 4 small islands occupied on 2nd February) without op-
opposition. Operations continuing against islands east chain
to include the Lagoon entrance just south of Gegan Island
and east chain to include Ebodon Island. Carrier planes
hit Eniwetok while land based planes struck Wotje on 3 Feb.
Details not yet available.

Friendly sub sighted periscope 8½ miles south south
east Midway Island at 1900Z 1st February. Aerial search
proved negative.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: 2- CG AAF, ADM KING,

WHITE HOUSE GEN VANDEGRIFT, LOG

CM-IN-3495 (5 Feb 44) 1624Z mos

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PRIORITY

From: Ft Shafter
To: War
     CONGEBOPAC M 227
     SOS SNPA M 227

4 February 1944

Richardson calls WDGOA CG SOPAC and CINCPAC from
HDGCs CINCPAC concurs.

All organized resistance overcome at Roi and Namur
by 1400Y 2nd February and CG 4th Marine Division assumed
command on shore. Defenses being organized; unloading has
begun and beaches being cleared. Same day, Marines occupied
the next 4 small islands extending SE of Emnubirr without
opposition. We suffered light casualties at Roi but met
considerable resistance at Namur where many areas (ashore)
were mined and blockhouses on east and northwest shore
caused considerable trouble. Our casualties at Namur un-
determined at present.

At Kwajalein Island Jap counterattack during night
February 1st, 2nd wave long broken up by shore and air
bombardment. With 1st waves in lead, 7th Division resumed
advance following morning at 0715X; steady progress made
against increasing but not well organized opposition. By
1500Y 2nd February we had advanced an additional 1500 yards
and all but the northern one-third of the Island was ours.
Total Jap casualties to date this area include 1250 dead
(by count) and 53 prisoners. Initial estimate Jap strength
this area was 2000. US losses to date are 27 dead, 190
wounded and 19 missing. Following Jap units identified:

Mobile shipborne force "EU" 3133
7th Company 61st Naval Guard Force
6th Communication Unit

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From: Pt Shafter
To: War W9735
COMSOPAC M 227
SOS SWPA M 227

4 February 1944
4th Meteorological Unit
383rd Naval Unit.

Information from Majuro Forces indicates favorable Naval base location. Japs formerly had seaplane base here but abandoned it in favor of Mille. Natives reported friendly and 1 Naval Warrant Officer captured. Concerning 2 B24's previously lost, 1 down in Majuro Lagoon with 4 killed and 6 saved; other down in Arno Lagoon with 2 killed and 8 saved. Survivors sent to Maloelap.

At 2038Z 1st February, 6 B24's dropped 18 tons from 4000-6400 feet on Kwajalein Island in support of Expeditionary Force about to land. 14 tons definitely in target area caused fires and explosions visible for 20 miles. No losses or casualties to our planes. Search planes February 1st reported small AX beached at Taroa, SS at 9-10 north, 168-35 east, and 2 hits on 100 foot vessel beached at Namu Atoll.

January 31st west long, 1 heavy cruiser off Wotje and another off Taroa shelled radio towers and other installations starting fires and explosions. Both Islands appeared desolate and no planes or gunfire seen. Next day single cruiser attacked both targets. These strikes additional to those previously reported.

Troops in Marshalls have captured large number Jap secret HO Charts including all important Atolls of Marshalls Ponape Truk Hall Ruseke Lamotrek Nortlook Croluk and Palau in the Carollines and Tenien Saipan Rota Pagan and Guam in

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COMGENSOPAC M 227
SOS SWPA M 227

4 February 1944

the Marianas. Also several areas in the Bonins and Japan.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CO AAF
White House
Ada Ring
GEN VANDEGRIFT
Log

CM-IN-2935 (4 Feb 44) 2242Z msg
CTG 58.1 SUMMARY FOR D PLUS 2 DAY. VT PILOT SPOTTED SAIL SCAT WITH 1 JAP OFFICER 2 ENLISTED MEN 1 CIVILIAN. KNAPP TOOK ALL ALIVE AND DELIVERED TO CTF 58. ARE SUBMISSIVE BUT SILENT. ANTISUB PATROL SIGHTED UJAE WEATHER STATION. TARGETS ASSIGNED FOR BOMBING AND STRAFING WERE CONCENTRATED BETWEEN H PIER AND NORTH TIP PORCELAIN WITH 2 DROPS ON BURTON. 1ST 1 TONNERS FOR THIS OPERATION FURNISHED IN SPECIAL MISSION ON 30 MINUTES NOTICE AND MADE DIRECT HITS ON STUBBORN GUN POSITIONS. BOMB TOTAL FOR DAY 26 TONS. 146 SORTIES. OUR
PLANES NOW DRAWING FIRE FROM AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. SEVERAL RETURNED WITH BULLET HOLES. NO OPERATIONAL OR COMBAT LOSSES.

DELIVERED 2:36
ACTION ALL TFC's CENPAC AND CINCPAC. INFO CONSPAN, COMAIRSOPAC, COMAIRPAC, 7TH AIRFORCE HICKAM. CGT 57.2 CGT 57.3 HAVE INFO. CTF 57 SENDS.

4 LIDS DROPPED 7 TONS RONCELAP AT NOON 2ND. ALL HITS TARGET RADIO INSTALLATIONS ESTIMATED DESTROYED.

BOMBER NIGHT AA. PHOTOS TAKEN. WEATHER CAVU.

28 DAUNTLESS WITH 12 FIGHTERS OVER MILE IN AFTERNOON DROPPED 14 TONS SANE WITH DELAY FUSES ON AA POSITIONS AND RUNWAY. AA MODERATE. NO AIRCRAFT OR SHIPPING. WEATHER 5/10.

**PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS RDO HONO'S 342145 COPY TO 29-G
CTF 57 SENDS ACTION AIRCOM APAMAH MACKINAC CASCO AIRCOM HANKINS CURTISS CTG 57.2 AND 57.3.

INDICATIONS JAP SUBS MOVING INTO MARSHALLS. ATTENTION MY SERIAL 0045 GIVING RESTRICTED AREAS FOR ATTACK. SEARCH AND STRIKE PLANES ATTACK ANY SUBS OUTSIDE THIS AREA AND MAKE PROMPT REPORTS.

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From: Ft. Shafter, T.H.
To: War
CONGENSPAC
SOS SWPA

03 February 1944.

Richardson sends to Marshall Harmon and MacArthur from HDGCS 0263/001 concurs.

Marshall operations proceeding very favorably. Following ship and shore artillery bombardment US troops landed with 2 ROTS abreast on western tip of Kwajalein Island. First wave ashore by 0530Y 1st February (zone plus 12 time) and Fourth wave ashore by 0930Y. There was no opposition at beaches and leading battalions of ROT 164- and 32 (US Army 7th Division) advanced abreast rapidly for 300 yards to the east before meeting organized resistance. By 1130Y they had advanced 900 yards to the east and by 1500Y held a line running north-south across the island 1300 yards east of the beachheads. Last thousand yards of advance made under rifle and machine gun fire plus small amount of mortar and artillery fire from interconnected trench and pill box system. Our advance hampered somewhat by shell craters fire and debris resulting from our previous shelling. By 1830Y 11,000 troops including light and medium tanks were ashore Kwajalein Island and the attack continued. Our casualties were light, incomplete reports including those for D day list about 30 dead and 40 wounded in this area. One fifth of our tanks were drowned out in landing. About 45 prisoners have been taken including 25 Koreans. Pour Naval PWS captured on Embuj Island (1st island northwest Kwajalein island) said they left Wotje in fishing boat 29th January under orders. Estimated 600 Japs killed this area to date. We lost 2 planes in freak accidents this area February 1st Y cruiser scout plane downed

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44

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From:  Pt. Shafter, T. H.  
To:  War  
   COMGEN SOPAC  
   808 BMFA  
   03 February 1944  

when flying through shore artillery, a fighter plane destroyed by explosion of ammunition dump fired by planes immediately in front of it.

Fibes (Third island north of Kwajalein Island) heavily shelled from ocean and lagoon sides on 1st Feb; we expect to take this island 3rd Feb Y using RAT 17 which is now on Ennyabegan (Second island northwest Kwajalein Island). Storehouses on Ougevwe and all 9 magazines at Bigeji (8th and 10th islands north of Kwajalein Island respectively) blown up by bombing and gunfire February 1st Y time.

In northern part of Kwajal Atoll the 23rd and 24th RCTs of the Marine 4th Division landed on southern shore (lagoon side) of Roi and Namur respectively at 1145Y 1st February against light resistance. Gunfire and air support of landings were well coordinated and operations went according plan. Advance continued to the north and by 1855Y all of Roi and 3/4 of Namur were ours; mopping up continued.

At 1855Y 31st Jan 5 Venturas dropped 4 tons on Namur; also strafed. Fires and explosions in fuel storage area. Intense AA slightly damaged 2 Venturas but no interception there was. No shipping was observed.

Nineteen dauntless over Hilles from 1130 until 1725 Y 31st January dropped 13 tons and strafed installations.

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From: Ft. Shafter, T. H.  
To: War
COMINSOPAC
SOS SWPA
3rd February 1944

Runways definitely inoperational. Meager AA damaged 1 our planes.

Fighter planes over Jaluit at 1320 X 31st Jan received meager AA but saw no planes or shipping.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2
CG AAF
General Vandegrift
White House
Admiral King
Log

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OSD letter, May 1, 1972
By DBS 17 MAY 1973

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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CTF 52

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CTG 58.1

MAILGRAM ADDRESS

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CTG 52.9

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CTF 59

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INTERCEPT

(CTG 52 ORIGINATOR).

AIR SUPPORT BURTON LANDING 3 FEBRUARY WILL CONSIST OF SUPPORT AIR GROUP OF 12 HELLOCATS AND 18 AVENGERS OR DAUNTLESS ON STATION AT Y MINUS 1 HOUR FOR TROOP SUPPORT PROCEDURE AND TIMING SAVE AS D PLUS 1 DAY AGAINST BEACHES RED. Y HOUR 0920 PLUS 12. OTHER AIR OPERATIONS AS AT HUDSON.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM
CTF 53

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ADDRESS
ALL TFC'S FLINTLOCK
USS PALMER
USS SCHLEY
USS LAVALLETTES
USS AYLWIN
CTG 53.11
CTF 51
CTG 58.2

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(INTERCEPT)

(INFORMING ALARM ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS FLINTLOCK OBJECTIVE TF 53 FOLLOWS SIX LCI'S FROM CTF 53, ACTION (*) CARRTER GROUP, PLAEY SCHLEY LAVALLETTES AYLWIN, NORTHERN SUPPORT GROUP LESS LCI'S INFO TO CTG 53.11 CTF 51, CTG 58.2)

TASK GROUPS 53.14, 53.15 AND 53.16 DISSOLVED AT 0700 2 FEBRUARY AT WHICH TIME TASK GROUP 53.5 NORTHERN SUPPORT GROUP REAR ADMIRAL OLDENDORF ORGANIZED AS FOLLOWS: 53.56 BATTLESHIPS REAR ADMIRAL LINGMAYE 53.5.7 CRUISERS REAR ADMIRAL DUBOIS, 53.5.8 SUPPORT GROUP SCREEN ASSIGNED DESTROYERS PARTI TG 53.6 AS NOW CONSTITUTED. LCI'S AYLWIN WILL OPERATE WITH TG 53.5 UNDER TACTICAL COMMAND OF CTG 53.5 FOR BETTER SECURITY. BOTH GROUPS (17 GROUPS MISSING) THIS SUPPORTING DISTANCE OPERPAXESNRE BUT NOT IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY DEFINED (2 GROUPS MISSING), AND WILL ORA, SCREENING VESSELS WILL
NOT BE FUELED AT SEA BUT FROM TANKER IN LAGOON
BURLESQUE. DESTROYERS INITIALLY ASSIGNED TG 53.3.
WORRIS HARRADEN HUGHES MUSTIN RUSSELL STANSBURY HAMILTON
CTG 53.6 ASSIGNED FARRAGUT MONAGHAN DALE AYLWIN AND
BE PREPARED DETACH ON SIGNAL 2 FEBRUARY TO PROCEED LAGOON
TO FUEL. 3 RELIEF DESTROYERS WILL BE PROVIDED ON STATION
FOR DURATION OF FUELING PERIOD OF CARRIER GROUP ESCORTS.

(*) GROUPS MISSING
ABOVE MESSAGE BADLY GARBLED
Task Force SF - Southern Attack Force

R. Adm. R. J. Connelly

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T.G. 53.15溶解
T.G. 53.16溶解

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T.G. 53.5 - Southern Support Group
R. Adm. Oldendorf

T.V. 53.5.6 - Battleships
R. Adm. Longrange
(Tennessee, California, Maryland)

T.V. 53.5.7 - Cruisers
R. Adm. Alabans
(Sewinville, Indianapolis)

T.V. 53.5.8 - Screen
(19 DDs)
ACTION CTF 57; INFO CONCENTPAC, CTC 57.2, CTC 57.3. CTC 59.15 SENDS.

WILL PUT 25$ ROUNDS 8-INCH HC EACH IN TAROA AND NOTJE RUNWAYS ON AFTERNOON DOG PLUS 2 NEXT MORNING 15$ IN NOTJE AND THAT AFTERNOON 15$ IN TAROA.

WHEN THESE EFFORTS ARE COMPLETED I SHALL HAVE 30$ ROUNDS REMAINING IN PENSACOLA PLUS...AT NAJURO...PLUS THREE. THIS IS MY REMAINDER UNTIL REPLENISHED.

* GROUPS MISSING FROM CODE.
**Intercept**

**CTF 52 (INDEF CALL)**  
**Date** FEB 2 1944  
**TOR CODEDOM** 1216

**Decoded By** REA/KNOWLES  
**Paraphrased By** URNEWALD

**Information** COMCENPACFOR  
**CINCPAC ALL TASK FORCE CDRS 5TH FLEET TASK FORCE 51

**CTF 52 SEDS AND REQUESTS RDW HAHIANA GIVE INFO CINCPAC**

**Daily Summary.** My 120952. Kunjilin  
LANDING MADE 0930 4 WAVES ASHORE BY 0939. ADVANCE BY  
LEADING BNS OF RCT 164 AND 32 ABREAST RAPID AND WELL  
COORDINATED. NO ORGANIZED OPPOSITION FOR 300 YARDS.  
BY 1600 Y Troops had advanced 1300 yards to target areas  
153 and 156 against rifle and machine gun fire and  
small amount mortar and artillery fire from inter-  
connected trench and pill box system. By that time  
had landed 11,000 troops on porcelain. Light and  
medium tanks landed with 1/5th drowned. Action will  
continue during night aided by naval star shell.  

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ADVANCE HAUMPERED BY GREAT FIRES D.... ND. TD....... "HE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE BOMBARDMENT OF VARIOUS CATEGORIES. BEACH CONDITIONS POOR WILL SHIFT INSIDE LAGOON TOMORROW.

OWN CASUALTIES LIGHT, INCOMPLETE REPORTS INCLUDING YESTERDAYS ABOUT 3% DEAD 4% WOUNDED. ENEMY PRISONERS ABOUT 45 INCLUDING 25 KOREANS. ENEMY KILLED ESTIMATED FROM PARTIAL COUNT 6%. POSSIBLY SIGNIFICANT FACT IS THAT 4 NAVAL PINS CAPTURED CARLSON STATE LEFT WOTJE IN FISHING BOAT UNLDER ORDERS ON 29TH.

NO REEF MINES ENCOUNTERED.

COLAHAN IN TRANSPORT SCREEN APPROACHING DEBARKATION AREA DURING DARKNESS TODAY GROUND ON REEF NEAR CARLSON RUINED PROPELLERS DAMAGED ENGINES WILL SEND PEARL LATER
IN TOW OF AKA.

VOS FROM MINNEAPOLIS SHOT DOWN IN FLAMES WHEN FLYING THROUGH SHORE ARTILLERY CURTAIN, 1 VF DESTROYED BY EXPLOSION OF AMMUNITION DUMP FIRED BY GROUP LEADER AHEAD OF TIME.

ALL NINE MAGAZINES ON BENNET AND SEVERAL STOREHOUSES IN BERLIN BLOWN UP BY BOMBING AND GUNFIRE. BURTON PLASTERED FROM OUTSIDE AND INSIDE LAGOON.

EXPECT CAPTURE BURTON ON 3RD WITH RCT 17 FROM CARLOE.

WE ARE ALL MUCH PLEASED BY PRECISE AND ACCURATE COORDINATION OF ALL ARMS SERVICES AND UNITS IN YESTERDAYS AND TODAY'S OPERATIONS, AND BY EAGER FIGHTING SPIRIT DISPLAYED BY ALL HANDS.
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INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

From: Ft. Shafter
To: War
COMRENSOPAC
SOS Southwest Pacific Area

1 February 1944

Richardson books to WDCSA OG SCFAC and MacArthur from HDGCS to WDCSA CG USAFISP and CINCWS PA SR NR for last 2 M34 through CINCPAC CINCPAC coneurs.

FLINTLOCK operation underway. On January 29 west longitude US carrier based planes downed 4 Zekes over Taroa and repeatedly strafed 39 grounded planes. Photos show 8 destroyed and remaining 2/3 probably non operational. Lone Navy plane over Wotje downed 1 Kate taking off and destroyed 2 each fuel dumps and magazines. Our losses for the day were 6 fighters and 4 torpedo bombers but 1 fighter pilot and 1 bomber crew rescued. 2 other pilots believed safe.

Destroyers effectively shelled Wotje and Taroa 6 hours each during night 29-30 January west longitude; 2 heavy cruisers bombarded Taroa while another hit Wotje during day 30 January west. A 2nd naval striking force hitting Taroa 30 January reported excellent results from shelling. Airstrip thoroughly covered causing fires and explosions. Jap heavy seacoast artillery, reported accurate at 8000 yards and fairly accurate at 11,000, was silenced without damage to our ships.

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By DBS
Date: May 21, 1973

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From: Fort Shafter
To: War COMHOPSOPAC COW Southwest Pacific Area

1 February 1944

During 30 January, all times Z, following strikes were made:

9 B25s hit Oloa, Taroa, and 1 other small island (all Maloelap) at 0500 dropping 4 tons and strafing fishing boats. No interception but meager AA slightly damaged 2 Mitchells. 2 Catalinas dropped 1 ton on Taroa from 1030 until 1514. Searchlights used and AA meager.

At 0300, 12 P40s plus 18 A24s dropped 9 tons and strafed Emidj. Meager AA damaged 1 A24. Single B24 dropped 3 tons Jaluit at 1030.

9 B25s hit Wotje at 0526. Large fire started and single 25 foot vessel sunk. AA light and no interception. This formation (Reference my W-9605 January 31st) attacked by formation of Helicats. 5 crew members of downed Mitchell rescued; 1 man lost with plane. 1 other Mitchell crash landed at Tarawa. 8 Liberators dropped 9 tons on Wotje from 0802 until 1358 starting large fires.

3 Venturas and 5 Liberators hit Mille from 1030 until 1618 with 20 tons bombs. Incendiaries also dropped starting fires. AA meager.

7 B24s hit Roi from 0810 until 1330. 21 tons bombs caused large fires visible all night. From 0945 until 1600, 3 Liberators dropped 24 tons Kwajalein Island starting fires.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: G-2, CGAAF, Gen Vandegrift, Adm King, White House

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DAILY SUMMARY.

LAND BASED NIGHT STRIKES DOG MINUS 2 DAY ON ROI KWAJALEIN ISLAND WOTJE MILE TAROA AND ON JALUIT MORNING DOG MINUS 1. WOTJE AND TAROA UNDER CARRIER BASED AIR ATTACK AND BOMBARDMENT ON DOG DAY. TF 53 MAINTAINED HEAVY BOMBARDMENT ROI NAMUR THROUGHOUT DOG DAY AND CAPTURED JACOB IVAN ALTART ALLEN ALEXANDER AND LAND ON ABRAHAM ISLANDS OPPOSITION LIGHT. TF 52 HEAVILY BOMBARDED KWAJALEIN ISLAND AND CAPTURED CHAURCEY CECIL CARTER CARLOS AND CARLSON ISLANDS WITH FEW CASUALTIES. NO MILES IN LACOON ENTRANCES. MAJURO FOUND NOT OCCUPIED BY ENEMY. DEEP WATER ENTRANCE AND AMPLE ANCHORAGE READY FOR IMMEDIATE USE. CONSIDER AT PRESENT THAT SECRET.

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PASSED TO COMINCH INFO AS RDO HONOLULU 112/43.
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Naval Message

Date: 1 Feb 1944

From: CTF 53 [Hunt's Force]

Address: CTF 51

Subject: CONCENPAC and CINCPAC

Intercept

Action CTF 51. Info CONCENPAC and CINCPAC. Original CTF 53.

Jacobs Ivan Albert Allen and Abraham Secured. Casualties light. LSD's and LST's 2 DD's 3 M's 6 LCI's TransDiv 26 continues unloading outside. Air support and gunfire support successfully controlled and effective. Todays bombardment of tomorrow's main objectives appears thorough. No part combat teams 23 and 24 were employed today.

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By DBS

Data May 21, 1973

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CTF 57 SENDS ACTION CTC 57.15 INFO CONCENPAC CTC 57.2.

PLEASE KEEP ME INFORMED YOUR DISPOSITIONS AND OBSERVATIONS TARGA AND HOTJE AND IF QUIET AND WELL UNDER CONTROL PLAN TO REST SQUADRONS FOR 2 OR 3 DAYS.

(Slow - Land Bombers)
NAVY DEPARTMENT

INTERCEPT

(This from CONCENPACFOR action CTF 52, INFO CTF 58 and CTF 53)

The possibility of enemy air action at present time is extremely small.
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(CINCPAC SENDS ACTION COMINCH. INFO CONSPAC. CONCENPAC.)

CENTPAC DAILY SUMMARY. NINE B25 STRUCK MALOELAP WITH 4 TONS BOMBS AND 75MM CANNON EVENING 29TH. NO INTERCEPTION. NAEGER AA FIRE. TWO PLANES SLIGHT DAMAGE. AFTERNOON 29TH 18 DAUNTLESS 12 P401S DROPPED 9 TONS AND STENED EN1DIJ JALUIT. ONE DAUNTLESS DAMAGED BY NAEGER AA. NINE B25'S HIT NOTJE AND SHIPING SINKING 1 SMALL VESSEL STARTING LARGE FIRE. NO INTERCEPTION LIGHT AA. AS REPORTED MY 302345 THIS FLIGHT APPROACHED CARRIERS AT DUSK AND WAS ATTACKED BY DD CUNFIRE AND BY HELLCATS 1 SHOT DOWN 1 CRASH LANDED TARAWA SEVERAL DAMAGED. FIVE OF CREW SHOT DOWN RESCUED IMMEDIATELY

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BY CARRIER TASK FORCE 1 SENT DOWN WITH PLANE. VF PATROL OVER MILEE DAY 29TH SAW NO ACTIVITY. NIGHT STRIKES 29-30 JANUARY. SEVEN B24'S DROPPED 21 TONS ON ROI SAW LARGE FIRES STILL BURNING. EIGHT B24'S BOMBED KUJALEIN WITH 24 TONS STARTED FIRES. FOUR LIBERATORS OVER HOTJE DROPPED 9 TONS STARTED LARGE FIRES. FIVE B24'S AND 2 VENTURAS DROPPED 20 TONS AND INCENDIARIES ON MILEE SAW FIRES 'HEATER AA'. TWO CATALINAS ON TAROA DROPPED 1 TON 'HEATER AA' SEARCHLIGHTS USED. ONE LIBERATOR DROPPED 3 TONS ON JALUIT. EIGHTEEN CORONADES BOMBED TAHOE NIGHT 30-31 JANUARY ALL COME ON OR NEAR FIELD ALL PLANES RETURNED MIDWAY. NEW SUBJECT 7 PILOTS WERE FOUGHTY 2 STILL MISSING SEARCH IS CONTINUING.

TULLIBEE REPORTS SINKING SMALL AK OFF SAIPAN 31
NAVY DEPARTMENT

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ON OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT

JANUARY. NEW SUBJECT ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM OUR FORCES IN FLINTLOCK HAS BEEN PASSED TO YOU.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/64
NAVAL MESSAGE

CTF 52 (INDEF CALL)

FROM (SOUTHERN FORCE)

RELEASED FEBRUARY 1, 1944

DATE 2526

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**Action**

- NIGHT HARASSMENT 9 LIBERATORS 27 TONS INTO 31° 745Z TO 1425Z EXPLOSIONS AND ALL NIGHT FIRES SEEN AA LIGHT. 11 LIBERATORS OVER KWAJALEIN ROI AND NAHUR 31° 857Z TO 1425Z DROPPED 33 TONS. NO AA. SAE KOHE ISLAND KWAJALEIN AND 4 SHIPS IN LAOGOON ABLAZE ALSO FIRES NAHUR AND ROI. MARINERS AND CATALINAS OVER TAROK 31° 393Z TO 1600Z. FIGHTERS CONTINUE PATROL OVER MILLE 31° 2155Z TO 31° 545Z DROPPED 1 TON STRAFED. NO ACTIVITY. PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS DRO KOKO 011251. 1 COPY 23G.
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CTG 57.2

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(ACTION ALL TFC CENPAC AND CHICPAC, INFO TO COMAIRSOPAC CTF 57.2 AND 57.3 HAVE INFO, CTF 57 SENDS)

3/21/43

(V263 MARKERS FULL DISTANCE AND COVERAGE.

V263 VENTURAS FULL DISTANCE AVERAGED 85% EXCEPT BY WENT 45%.

V263 LIBERATORS FULL DISTANCE AVERAGED 95%.

7 & 6V 272 FULL DISTANCE AVERAGED 95%.

3 AND 9V 272 AVERAGED 425 WITH 5% DUE WEATHER.

V261 FULL DISTANCE AND CONVERAGE.

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CONGENPAC SENDS IN 2 PARTS. ACTION CINCPAC. INFO ALL TFC'S FLINTLOCK COMAIRPAC COMSOPAC COMAIRSOPAC COMINCH.

1ST REPORT FLINTLOCK.

TASK FORCE 56 MADE PRESCRIBED AIR ATTACKS ON TOTJE TAROA KIAJALEI IN ISLAND ROI AND ENIGETOK WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL. SURPRISE ATTACKS APPARENTLY RESULTED IN MINOR AIR OPPOSITION WHICH WAS PROMPTLY OVERCOME. ROI BOMBARDED INTERMITTENTLY (NIGHT OF 27TH- 28TH LOCAL TIME) 8TH OF DOG MINUS 2 DAY BY 1 BB 2 DD AND ON DOG MINUS 1 DAY BY 3 BB 5 DD. OPPOSITION NEGLIGIBLE DESTRUCTION SEVERE. KIAJALEI ISLAND BOMBARDED BY BATTLESHIPS DOG MINUS 1 DAY. NO REPORTS FROM OTHER CARRIER TASK GROUPS. TOTJE AND TAROA BOMBARDED DOG.
MINUS 2 AND 1 DAYS BY CRUISERS ACCORDING TO PLAN AND BELIEVED EFFECTIVE. BURNS OF TASK GROUP 58.3 ENGAGED NEAR UJAI ATOLL ABOUT 30°13'N 4 ENEMY VESSELS APPARENTLY ENDERING ESCAPE FROM KVAJAILEIN. 2 OBSERVED ON FIRE STOPPED. NOTHING TO ADD TO CTF 57 REPORTS. LANDING OPERATIONS NORTH END KVAJAILEIN ATOLL COMMENCING.

* PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS RDO HONO'S 312346. PART 1 PASSED AS RDO HONO'S 312145.
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(CTF 52 SENDS.)

H HOUR 3910 Y.

LANDINGS ON SMALL ISLANDS NEAR KWAJALEIN ISLAND BEGAN AT 1710 EWT, JANUARY 31.

A LATE DISPATCH FROM RAJM TURNER SETS THE HOUR FOR THE LANDING AT KWAJALEIN ISLAND AT 0930 Y, 1 FEBRUARY (1730 EWT, 1 FEBRUARY)
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CTF 57 SENDS ACTION TO CONCENPAC, CTF 58, CTG 58.1 AND CTG 58.4. INFO TO CINCPAC.

MY 31S31 DETAILS. 9 MITCHELLS RETURNING MOTJE, COURSE SOUTH, ALTITUDE 100 FEET, BROKE THROUGH FRONT, SIGHTED CV FORCE AHEAD 29 MILES, COURSE SOUTHWEST. LEADER RECOGNIZED FORCE AS FRIENDLY AND KNEW OF PRESENCE FROM BRIEFING. PLANES TURNED WEST TO AVOID ANY SENT LETTER H BY ALDIS. WHEN 5 MILES WEST OF SCREEN, TURNED SOUTH. WERE FIRED ON BY DD'S. NO DAMAGE. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER ATTACKED BY 6 TO 12 HELLCATS. MITCHELL LEADER CALLED ON ALL VHF CHANNELS AND SENT H'S BY ALDIS. ALL VF MADE 1 PASS. SEVERAL MADE 2 OR 3 PASSES CLOSE IN. 1 MITCHELL DOWNE AT 88-12 M 170-36 E DIRECTLY AHEAD OF CV FORMATION. 1 CRASHED NEAR MULLINIX. CREW RESCUED. 2 DAMAGED. 1 MAN SERIOUSLY HURT.

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9 MITCHELLS HIT TAR, GIJIBIA, OLLOT ISLANDS MALOELAP 3065'Z WITH 4 TONS AND CANNON. FISHING BOATS STRAFED. NO INTERCEPTION, MEAGER AA FIRE. 2 PLANES SLIGHT DAMAGE. 18 DAUNTLESS 12 WARHAWKS DROPPED 9 TONS AND STRAFED EMIDJ AT 3013'Z. 1 DAUNTLESS DAMAGED BY MEAGER AA. 9 MITCHELLS HIT SHIPPING AT NOTJE 306626'Z. SANK 125-FOOT VESSEL STARTED LARGE FIRE. NO INTERCEPTION LIGHT AA. ATTACKED BY HELLCATS 1 SHOT DOWN 1 CRASH LANDED TARAWA SEVERAL DAMAGED, 6 INJURED. NITE STRIKE REPORTS ROI KUAJALEIN MILLE NOTJE TAROA LATER. VF PATROL MILLE FROM 29159'Z TO 306636'Z

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By DWS Date MAY 21 1973
NO ACTIVITY. MY 310117 CANCEL MISSING MITCHELL.

PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS RDO HONO 311156.
RADIO HPM (RADIO HONOLULU) PASS TO CINCPAC COMCENPAC AND INFO ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS CENPAC. CTG 50.15 SHOOTS.

350 ROUNDS 8-INCH INTO NOTJE FROM 143° TO 163° RESULTS GENERALLY EXCELLENT MEAGER SHORE BATTERY FIRE FROM SOUTH END OF ISLAND. OBSERVED ONE DIVE BOMBER STRIKE OF DECKERS RESULTS EXCELLENT. ANOTHER CA AT TARA NO RESULTS REPORTED AS YET.

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Contaforce 57 shoots action all taskforce courrs, Cennac and Cinnac. Info Contafgrup 57.2 Contafgrup 57.3 both of whom have by Hand.

Daily close recce and recent photos of Majuro show no increased enemy activity since coverage of 10th December. Only military installations are previously reported "feather" and radio stations on Rita. No defense positions noted.


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**ACTION:**

1. 7 MITCHELLS HIT TAROA 204400Z WITH FOUR AND ONE HALF TONS AND STRAFING. 1 BETTY, 1 ZEKE, 9 SINGLE ENGINE PLANES DAMAGED ON FIELD. HIT BARRACKS HANGARS. 125-FOOT VESSEL ON FIRE 1 STORAGE DUMP EXPLOSION. AA INTENSE INTERCEPTED BY 6 ZEKES DAMAGED 1. 1 MITCHELL LOST OVER TARGET 2 DAMAGED 1 INJURED.

2. WEATHER 7/16 AT 2000. NIGHT STRIKES ON 801, KRAKALIEN, BOTJE, AND TAROA IN PROGRESS.

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CINCPAC GIVES ACTION TO CINCH AND INFO TO CONCENPAC AND CONUSPAC.

GENPAC DAILY SUMMARY.

AIR STRIKES ON 26 JANUARY. 9 B-25's BOMBED TAROA FROM LOW ALTITUDE AT 1447 LOCAL WITH 4 TONS AND 75 MM STRAFING OF INSTALLATIONS. LARGE FIRES STARTED. INTERCEPTED BY 20 ZEKES DESTROYED 6 IN THE AIR 5 TAKING OFF 1 PROBABLE. OUR DAMAGE 2 MODERATE 8 SLIGHT 1 CAN INJURED. ZEKES FOLLOWED FLIGHT 50 MILES SOUTH WHERE THEY WERE NOT BY 12 MAKIN P-47's AS PLANNED WHO DESTROYED 4 ZEKES 1 TONY 1 KATE PROBABLES 4 ZEKES 1 KATE. WE HAD NO LOSSES OR DAMAGE. 9 B-25's AT 1530 LOCAL DROPPED 7 TONS AND STRAFED WITH 75 MM EMILUJ (JALUIT) FROM LOW ALTITUDE. AA INTENSE RESULTS UNSUSPECTED. NO LOSSES OR
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1. CASUALTIES, LIBERATOR STRIKES ON RC1 CANCELLED DUE WEATHER. SKOORDISH REPORTS PROBABLY HITTING 7,000 TON FREIGHTER WITH 2 HITS 13 JANUARY. 3 HITS SANK 6,000 TON AK OR AP ON THE 15 AND 3 HITS SANK 8,000 TON FREIGHTER 17TH. RESULTS OF SEARCH rarfitron 422 AS REPORTED 29B00 ON 27TH 1 PILOT RESCUED, 12 LOCATED 150 MILES WEST SOUTHEAST FROM FUNAFUTI. 1 BODY RECOVERED. 16 ACCOUNTED FOR 7 STILL MISSING SEARCH CONTINUING.

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CTF 57 SENTS ACTION ALL TFC CEPAC AND CINCPAC. INFO COMOSOPAC, COMAIRSOPAC, 7TH AIR FORCE HICKAM. CTG 57.2 AND CTG 57.3 HAVE INFO.

STRIKES 27. BEFORE DARK ON MILLE 23 ARMY DAUNTLESS, 1 ST AICOBRA PLACED 14 TONS GUN POSITIONS, RADIO TOWER. NET BARRAGE TYPE AA AT 4000. 1 DAUNTLESS LOST OVER TARGET, 6 DAMAGED. NO INTERCEPTION, NO SHIPMENT. 6 TONS ON WOTJE AFTERNOON GIFT OF 9 MITCHELLS. LARGE FIRES. AA INTENSE AND ACCURATE PIN, 1 PLANE DOWN, CREW IN RAFF 1 1/2 MILES NORTH WOTJE ATOLL. SLIGHT DAMAGE 2 MITCHELLS. NO INTERCEPTION. NAURU RECEIVED 5 TONS IN MORNING FROM 6 MITCHELLS. RESULTS UNSEEN. AA MEAGER, INACCURATE. TAROA BARRACKS AREA GOT 21 TONS IN EARLY NIGHT FROM 7 LIBERATORS. 4 FIRES. AA MEAGER, NO INTERCEPTION.

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DAILY SUMMARY CINCPAC.

AIR STRIKES ON THE 25TH. 18 B-24'S BOMBED KWAJALEIN AT DUSK WITH 36 TONS FROM 10,000 FEET. TARGET AREA IN FLAMES, LARGE FIRES NORTH END. INTENSE AA, NO INTERCEPTION, 1 PLANE DAMAGED, NO CASUALTIES. SAW 1 TO 3 WARSHIPS, NUMEROUS AK'S AND SMALL CRAFT IN HARBOR.

9 B-25's DROPPED 5 TONS ON TAROA FROM LOW LEVEL AND AFTERNOON ON AIRFIELD AND INSTALLATIONS. FIRES STARTED, 1 GROUNDED BETTY DESTROYED. AA MEAGER, INACCURATE, INTERCEPTION BY 35-35 ZEKES AND HAMPS, 1 DESTROYED, 3
PROBABLES, 5 DAMAGED. 4 B-25'S DAMAGED, 1 KILLED, 5
SLIGHTLY INJURED. 23 DAUNTLESS, 12 AIRCROBAS OVER
MILLE FORBIDDEN DROPPED 14 TONS, STARTED 4 FIRES AND
EXPLOSIONS. AA INTENSE, NO INTERCEPTION. 4 DAUNTLESS
SLIGHT DAMAGE. DUMBO RESCUED 3 CREW CRASHED B-25
PREVIOUS STRIKE AT ARNO ATOLL. ALL INJURED, 2ND B-25
LOST RETURNING TO BASE. HARFTRON 422 LEFT TARAWA IN
FORMATION 25223Z FOR FUNAFUTI VIA HANUEA. I ARRIVED
FUNAFUTI, 1 SAFE LANDED NUTAQ. A NUMBER PARACHUTED
NEAR RAPAU UPON GAS EXHAUSTION. SO FAR REMAINDER AIRCRAFT
ARE MISSING. 2 DESDIVS AND MANY PLANES SEARCHING, NO
PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION YET. SEARCH PLANES SAW 5 FIGHTERS
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2 ESCORTS. 22 PLANES NEAR KWAJALEIN, 8 EAST OF JALUIT.

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(CINC PAC SENDS ACTION COMINCH INFO CONSOPAC COMCENPAC)

**SUMMARY DAILY CINC PAC.**

AIR STRIKES ON JAN 24. 24 ARMY DAUNTLESS 12 AIRCOBAS 7 WARHawks HIT MILLE IN AM WITH 17 TONS AND STRAFING OF STORAGE AND GUN POSITIONS. NO INTERCEPTION AA MODERATE 3 DAUNTLESS DAMAGED. 8 B25'S HIT NOTJE IN PM WITH 7 TONS AND STRAFING OF BARRACKS GUN POSITIONS HANGARS STARTING LARGE FIRES. AA INTENSE NO INTERCEPTION. 5 PLANES DAMAGED 3 INJURED. 9 B25'S STRUCK TAROA AND SMALL CRAFT WITH 9 TONS AND STRAFING IN LATE PM. STARTED FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS DESTROYED 1 GROUNDED ZEKES. AA INTENSE OF 3, INTERCEPTING ZEKES 1 DESTROYED 1 PROBABLE.

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AERIAL BOMBS USED BY ENEMY. 1 B25 CRASHED NORTH OF ARNO ATOLL 1 DAMAGED. NIGHT OF 24TH 13 B24'S DROPPED 24 TONS ON TAROA. MANY FIRES AND SEVERAL EXPLOSIONS. ESTIMATED SEVERE DAMAGE TO INSTALLATIONS AND STORAGE. AA MODERATE INACCURATE. NO INTERCEPTION NO DAMAGE TO OUR PLANES. SAME EVENING 1 B24 AT MILLE AND 1 AT WOTJE EACH DROPPED 2 TONS RESULTS UNKNOWN. SEARCH PLANE P34Y ON 24TH SIGHTED 2 DD'S 1 PC AILINGLAPALAP WAS ATTACKED BY 5 ZEKES SHOT DOWN 3. SPECIAL AIR STRIKE GROUP ARRIVED AT DAWN 25TH FAILED TO CONTACT THE DD'S. SEARCH PLANES 24TH ATTACKED MEDIUM AK WITH 3 ESCORTS [8-40] NORTH 165° EAST WITHOUT SUCCESS. ANOTHER SEARCH PLANE PLACED DEPTH CHARGE UNDER STERN 56½ TON VESSEL IN UJELANG LAGOON AND STRAFE'D. STURGEON REPORTS 2 FREIGHTERS 1 ESCORT POSIT 31-55
NORTH 139-33 EAST 25TH JANUARY. 1 POSSIBLY DAMAGED 2 TORPS REMAINING. [S]KIPJACK[Reports working on 2 AK CONVOY WITH 2 ESCORT 25TH POSIT 59-4 8 NORTH 157-44 EAST COURSE (55 SPEED 1%).

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**NAVAL MESSAGE**

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**COMINCH GETS ACTION FROM CINCPAC. INFO COMSOPAC, CONCENPAC.**

**CENPAC DAILY SUMMARY.**

**EVENING OF 23RD 24 B-24'S DUMPED 48 TONS ON PATHE FROM 8 TO 11,000 FEET. 98% ON TARGET. FIRES WERE STARTED. NO INTERCEPTION. AA MODERATE, INACCURATE. OUR DAMAGE NONE, STURGEON RETURNING FROM PATROL REPORTS SINKING 2 UNKNOWN SHIPS OF 3-SHIP, ESCORTED, INBOUND CONVOY HIGH 24TH. 1 7500-TON FREIGHTER SUNK AND 1 HIT ON LARGE, SINGLE-STACK DESTROYER ON 16TH. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED 1 HIT ON TANKER.**

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ALL TFC's GENPAC CINCPAC COMAIRPAC COMINC
7TH AIRFORCE AT HICKAM CONSOPAC COMAIRSPAC CTC 57.2
CTC 57.3 HAVE INFO. CTF 57 SENDS.

13 LIBERATORS NIGHT OF 24TH DROPPED 24 TONS ON
TARCA. MANY FIRES SEVERAL EXPLOSIONS. ESTIMATE
SEVERE DAMAGE TO INSTALLATIONS AND STORAGES. AA
MODERATE INACCURATE. NO INTERCEPTION NO DAMAGE
TO OUR PLANES. SAME EVENING 1 LIBERATOR AT MILLE
1 AT NOTJE EACH DUMPED 2 TONS. RESULTS NOT KNOWN.

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ALL TFG-9 CENPAC

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STRIKES 24TH. 24 ARMY DAUNTLESS, 12 AIRACOBAS, 7 TARMACKS HIT UILLS IN AN WITH 17 TONS AND STAFING ON STORAGE AND GUNS. 34 MODERATE, NO INTERCEPTION. 3 DAUNTLESS DAMAGED. 8 MITCHELLS HIT NOTE IN PM WITH 7 TONS AND STAFING ON BARRACKS, GUNS, HANGARS STARTING LARGE FIRES. AA INTENSE, NO INTERCEPTION. 5 AIRPLANES DAMAGED, 3 INJURED. 9 MITCHELLS HIT TARMAC AND SMALL CRAFT WITH 9 TONS AND STAFING LATE PM. STARTED FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS GOT ONE GROUNDED ZEKES. AA INTENSE, INTERCEPTED BY 30 ZEKES, GOT ONE SURE, ONE PROBABLY. AMMEL BOMBS USED. ONE MITCHELL CRASHED NORTH OF ARNO, 2 DAMAGED.

DEGELAT TO 26-9

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**FROM CINCPOA; ACTION COMINCH; INFO COMSOPAC, COMCENPAC.**

**CENPAC DAILY SUMMARY.**

AIR STRIKES 22 JANUARY. 10 B-24'S DROPPED 20 TONS FROM 17,000 FEET ON ROI AFTER SUNSET. 90% ON TARGET FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS OBSERVED AND SOME OF 26-25 2-ENGINE BOMBERS ON GROUND DAMAGED. AA MODERATE INTERCEPTED BY 12-15 ZEKES 1 DESTROYED 4 PROBABILES 3 DAMAGED. 3 B-24'S HIT BY AA MINOR DAMAGE 1 CREWMAN SLIGHT INJURIES. ANOTHER STRIKE 7 B-24'S AND 5 VENTURAS DROPPED 21 TONS FROM 10,000 FEET AND 4 TONS LOW LEVEL ON EMIRI, JALUIT LATE AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING. HITS OBTAINED ON 1 AA POSITION 1 SEAPLANE.
ON RAMPS BUILDINGS AND BARRACKS AREA. 3 FIRES STARTED. AA MODERATE INACCURATE NO INTERCEPTION NO DAMAGE NO INJURIES. 9 B-25'S HIT NOTE AT NOON FROM LOW LEVEL DROPPED 9 TONS BOMBS AND REFRAINED WITH 75 MM HITS RUNWAYS SEAPLANE HANGAR BUILDINGS AND 150 FOOT TANKER. PROBABLY SANK 1 MEDIUM AK. 2 LARGE FIRES. AA INTENSE FAIRLY ACCURATE NO INTERCEPTION. 3 PLANES MINOR DAMAGE. SAW 4-ENGINE SEAPLANE 3 FIGHTERS ON GROUND. ANOTHER STRIKE 12 B-25'S DROPPED 24 TONS FROM LOW LEVEL AND REFRAINED KAVEN ISLAND HANGAR BY MISTAKE FOR TAROA AT NOON. STARTED 2 FIRES NO OTHER OBSERVATIONS. 25-30 ZEKES AND HAMPS INTERCEPTED SOME WITH AERIAL BOMBS 2 DESTROYED 1 DAMAGED. AA LIGHT. 3 B-25'S LOST DUMBO RESCUED 1 CREW. 4 PLANES DAMAGED 2 CREWMEN MINOR INJURIES. 1 B-24 BOOMED MILLE EARLY EVENING WITH 2 TONS STARTING FIRES IN BARRACKS AREA. NO INTERCEPTION.
NO AA. AT NOON 23 JANUARY 21 B-25'S IN 2 WAVES BOMBED TARA WITH 14 TONS AND STRAFED SMALL CRAFT AIRFIELD PLANES AND INSTALLATIONS. EACH WAVE INTERCEPTED BY 25 ZEKE'S AND HACKS TOTALS SHOT DOWN 3 PROBABLES 2 DAMAGED 4. AA MODERATE. 1 OUR PLANE MAJOR 3 MINOR DAMAGE, 16 INJURED. SAW 20 ZEKE'S 2 BETTYS ON FIELD 1 AK IN NORTHEAST PART LAGOON. MORE DETAILS YESTERDAY SEARCH PLANE ATTACK. 3 HITS MADE ON BEACHED SHIP AND 1 DAMAGING MISS ANCHORED SHIP IN AILINGLAPALAP. AA FIRE FROM SHORE 1 PLANE DAMAGED NO INJURIES. 1 PLANE MADE CLOSE SEARCH EDON AND NATORI ATOLLS SAW NO ACTIVITY. SEARCH PLANE ON 23RD ATTACKED AND LEFT SINKING 8,000 TON AK ESCORTED BY 4 AUXILLIARIES 35 MILES SOUTHEAST KWAJALEIN. ARCHERFISH REPORTS 4 LARGE SHIPS 3 ESCORTS 22 JANUARY POSIT 23-45 N 121-24 E FIRED 4 QOT 1 HIT. 1 LARGE SHIP BLEN UP. OUT SUB HELD DOWN FOR ABOUT 3 HOURS.
CTF 57 SENDS ACTION CINCPAC INFORM CONAIRSOPAC CONSOPAC COMMARPC CTG 57.2 CTG 57.3 7TH AF HICKAM.

STRIKES 22ND. 16 LIBERATORS HIT ROI AFTER SUNSET WITH
21 TONS FROM 17,000 FEET. 86 PER CENT ON TARGET FIRES AND
TWO EXPLOSIONS OBSERVED AND SOME OF 26-28-ENGINE BOMBERS ON
GROUND DAMAGED. AA MODERATE INTERCEPTION BY 12-15 ZEKES
1 Destroyed 4 PROBABLES 3 DAMAGED. 3 LIBERATORS HIT BY AA
MINOR DAMAGE 1 CREWMAN SLIGHT INJURIES. 7 LIBERATORS AND
5 VENTURAS DROPPED 21 TONS FROM 10,000 FEET 4 TONS LOW
LEVEL ON EMID LATE AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING. HITS ON
1 AA POSITION 1 SEAPLANE ON RAMP BUILDINGS AND BARRACKS
AREA. 3 FIRES STARTED. AA MODERATE INACCURATE NO INTER-
CEPION NO DAMAGE NO INJURIES. 9 MITCHELLS OVER NOTJE AT
NOON FROM LOW LEVEL WITH 9 TONS AND 75 MM STRAFING HIT

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From: Ft. Shafter
To: War
CONGEN SOPAC
SOS Southwest Pacific Area

23 January 1944

This for REGAL SOWESPAC and Marshall signed Richardson at HOGCD GINCGA ONSUFB.

During 21st January west longitude, following air strikes were made: Jaluit hit during morning with 12 tons while installations Emidj and Tinie were strafed. 23 A24s plus 11 P40s participated. 1 escort vessel damaged, 2 small craft probably destroyed and fires started. Weather was good and light AA damaged 2 dauntless.

During early morning 15 B24s dropped 30 tons on Roi and Kwanelein Islands. 1 fire observed at Roi. Meager AA slightly damaged 1 plane; there was no interception. 2 planes crashed while taking off from Hawkins Field at midnight and 17 were killed.

At noon, 9 B25s let go 8 tons in low altitude attack on Mille. Planes also strafed. Targets were runways barracks gun positions and single Zeko on field. There was no interception but AA was intense. 3 planes damaged including 1 which crash landed on return. 1 man was injured.

10 Mitchells for Taroa (Maloelap) missed target but jettisoned on Aur.

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SOS Southwest Pacific Area

No: W-9329
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23 January 1944

Possible enemy submarine sighted at 2122Z
Jan 21st bearing 203 degrees range 12 miles from Barbers
Point Cahu. B4 reliability.

no sig.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2
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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
CINCPAC TALKS TO COMINCH INFO TO COMSOPAC COMCENPAC

CENPAC DAILY SUMMARY.
AIR ATTACKS 21 JAN. 15 B-24'S BOMBED ROI AND
KWAJALEIN ISLANDS WITH 36 TONS EARLY AM. STARTED
ONE FIRE ROI NO OTHER OBSERVATIONS. NO INTERCEPTION
AA LIGHT. SLIGHT DAMAGE ONE PLANE. 2 PLANES CRASHED
ON MIDNIGHT TAKEOFF AT HAWKINS FIELD 17 KILLED.
9 B-25'S BOMBED MILE AT NOON FROM LOW ALTITUDE
WITH 6 TONS AND STRAFING. NO INTERCEPTION AA FIRE
INTENSE. 3 PLANES DAMAGED BY CRASH LANDING ON
RETURN ONE INJURED, 23 ARMY DAUNTLESS WITH 11

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WARHAWKS HIT JALUIT AM WITH 12 TONS AND STRAFED INSTALLATIONS ON EMIDJ AND TINIER. FIRES STARTED. DAMAGED ONE ESCORT VESSEL AND PROBABLY DESTROYED 2 SMALL CRAFT. AA LIGHT 2 DAUNTLESS DAMAGED. 12 B-25'S DID NOT FIND TARGET TAROA AND SEVERAL JETTI\NED BOMBS AT AUR ATOLL. SEARCH PLANES STRAFED 3 SMALL VESSELS AILINGLAPLAP AND GOT ONE PROBABLE BOMB HIT. SMALL AK DAMAGED NEAR MALOELAP.


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CTF 57 SENDS ACTION CINCPOA INFO TO COMAIRPAC COMSOPAC CTG 57.2 CTG 57.3 7TH AF HICKAM.

STRIKES 21ST.

15 LIBERATORS HIT RO1 AND KHAFALEIN WITH 31 TONS EARLY AM. ONE FIRE RO1, NO OTHER OBSERVATIONS. NO INTERCEPTION AA MEAGER, SLIGHT DAMAGE ONE PLANE.

2 PLANES CRASHED ON MIDNIGHT-TAKEOFF AT HAWKINS 17 KILLED. 9 MITCHELLS HIT MILLE AT NOON FROM LOW ALTITUDE WITH 6 TONS AND STRAFING ON GUNS RUNWAYS BARRACKS AND ONE ZEKE ON FIELD, NO INTERCEPTION AA INTENSE, 3 PLANES DAMAGED ONE BY CRASH LANDING ON RETURN. ONE INJURED. 12 MITCHELLS DID NOT FIND TARGET TROA SEVERAL JETTI SHED AT WUR. 23 ARMY DAKTULES WITH 11 WARHAWKS HIT JALUIT AM WITH 12 TONS.

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AND STRAFING ON INSTALLATIONS TINET AND EMIDJ. FIRES STARTED. DAMAGED ONE ESCORT VESSEL AND PROBABLY DESTROYED 2 SMALL CRAFT. AA LIGHT. 2 DAUNTLESS DAMAGED. WEATHER GOOD.

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ACTION COMINCH INFO COMSOPAC COMCENPAC FROM CINCPAC.

CENPAC DAILY SUMMARY.

ON 18 JANUARY 15 ARMY DAUNTLESS 8 WARHAWKS DROPPED 16 TONS ON FUEL INSTALLATIONS JABOR ISLAND JALUIT. FIRE STARTED AA INTENSE. 2 DAUNTLESS LOST. 1 CREW RESCUED BY DUMBO 16 MILES SOUTH JALUIT. SAME DAY 12 B-25'S DROPPED 5 TONS AND STRAFED MILLE FROM LOW ALTITUDE ON GUN POSITIONS BARRACKS RADIO TOWERS RUNWAYS. ZEKE ON RUNWAY DAMAGED. 9 B-25'S MINOR DAMAGE 3 MEN INJURED BY AA FIRE. NO INTERCEPTION. MORNING 19TH 17 TARAWA B-25'S DROPPED 11 TONS ON MILLE FROM 1500 FEET ON INSTALLATIONS. GOOD FIRES STARTED. 6 PLANES ON GROUND 5 DAMAGED. NO INTERCEPTION AA IN-
TENSE ACCURATE. 2 B-25'S SHOT DOWN 3 MAJOR DAMAGE
4 MINOR. 5 WOUNDED. NO SHIPPING. SAME MORNING 9
MAKIN WARHAWKS SWEPT OVER JALUIT STRAFED LEFT BURN-
NING SMALL CORVETTE PROBABLY SANK SMALL SAILING VESSE-
L. NO AA NO AIRCRAFT. BATFISH REPORTS SINKING 1 AND
PROBABLY ANOTHER OF 4 HARUS WITH 2 ESCORTS IN POSIT
31-36 134-51 E 4 HITS OUT OF 6 TORPEDOES COURSE
325 SPEED 7. BATFISH MAKING SURE SECOND SHIP SINKS.

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INFO TO COMAIRPAC CONSOPAC COMAIRPAC AND 7TH AIRFORCE HICKAM. CINCPOA FROM CTF 57. CTG 57.2 AND 57.3 HAVE LOCAL INFO.

17 TARANA MITCHELLS DROPPED 11 TONS MILLE MORNING 19TH FROM 100 FEET. TARGET INSTALLATIONS. GOOD FIRES.

6 PLANES ON GROUND DAMAGED 5. NO INTERCEPTION AA INTERCESSION. 2 MITCHELLS SHOT DOWN 3 MAJOR DAMAGE 4 MINOR. 5 WOUNDED. NO SHIPMENTS.

9 WAHN HARPERS SLEPT JALUIT MORNING 19TH STRAFED LEFT BURNING SMALL CORVETTE. STRAFED PROBABLY SANK SMALL SAILING VESSEL. NO AA NO AIRCRAFT.

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DAILY SUMMARY CENPAC.
9 B25'S BOMBED MONDAY AFTERNOON 17TH HITTING RADIO TOWERS, RUNWAY AA POSITIONS AND WAREHOUSE. LARGE EXPLOSIONS AND 2 LARGE FIRES STARTED. NO AIRCRAFT SEEN. ACCURATE MEDIUM AA FIRE. 3 MITCHELLS DAMAGED NO CASUALTIES. 6 PHOTO PLANES ESCORTED BY 12 PB4Y'S OBTAINED VERTICAL COVERAGE AND BOMBED HARBOR INSTALLATIONS KUSAIE NOON 17TH. ENCOUNTERED NO AA NO INTERCEPTION NO SHIPPING IN HARBOR. AIRFIELD NOT OPERATIONAL. SAW 1 THIN ENGINE PLANE 35 MILES EAST OF KUSAIE. 1 3000 TON AK ANCHORED NORTH COAST. ALL PLANES RETURNED SAFELY. 3 ENEMY PLANES OVER HAWKINS.
2 OVER MULLINIX DROPPED 29 BOMBS IN TARAWA LAGOON EARLY EVENING 17TH FROM HIGH ALTITUDE. NO INTERCEPTION NO DAMAGE. **HADDOCK REPORTS 2 CV 1 CL SEVERAL DD 19 JANUARY POSIT 12-49N 146-23E IN NORTHWESTERNLY COURSE OBTAINED 2 HITS POSSIBLY 3 OR 4 IN 1 CV.**

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DATE: 25 JANUARY 1944

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25 ARMY DAUNTLESS 8 MARCHESH DROPPED 16 TONS FUEL INSTALLATIONS JABOR 18TH, FIRE STARTED. AA INTENSE. 2 DAUNTLESS LOST. 1 CREW RESCUED BY DUMBO 16 MILES SOUTH JALUIT.

NEW SUBJECT. 12 MITCHELLS FROM LOW ALTITUDE HIT MILLE GUN POSITIONS BARRACKS RADIO TOWERS RUNWAYS WITH 9 TONS AT 182317. XUUS ON RUNWAY DAMAGED. 9 B-25'S minor damage 3 MEN INJURED BY AA. NO INTERCEPTION.

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CINCPOA SENDS TO COMINCH INFO CONCENPAC COMSOPAC

DAILY SUMMARY CENPAC.

SEARCH PLANE HIT SMALL FREIGHTER AND WAS ATTACKED BY 4 ZEKES 15 MILES NORTHEAST KWAJALEIN ISLAND. 1 ZEKE PROBABLY DESTROYED.

AIR RAID ALARMS AT TARAWA MAKIN NO DETAILS.

SEAWOLF REPORTS THAT WHALE SANK THIRD SHIP OF CONVOY PREVIOUSLY ATTACKED BY SEAWOLF.

FLASHER REPORTS SINKING 6,000 TON FREIGHTER WITH 2 HITS ON THE 18TH POSIT 23-41 NORTH 151-32 EAST.
CTF 57 SENDS ACTION CINCPAC. INFO CONSOPAC, CONAIRSPAC, COMAIRSPAC AND 7TH AIRFORCE HICKAM. CTG 57.2 AND CTG 57.3 HAVE LOCAL INFO.

9 MITCHELLS OVERIPLE AFTERNOON 17TH HIT RADIO TOWERS, RUNWAY, AA POSITIONS, "WAREHOUSE. LARGE EXPLOSIONS, 2 LARGE FIRES. NO AIRCRAFT SEEN. ACCURATE MEDIUM AA FIRE.

3 MITCHELLS DAMAGE. NO CASUALTIES.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
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INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Pt Shafter
To: War
COMENSOPAO
SGS Southwest Pacific Area

18 January, 1944

This message booked for CO SOPAC WD08A and MacArthur signed Richardson HDCCS.

Mille hit noon time January 16 west longitude date by 8 P40's 25 A24's and 16 P39's (total of 49 planes). 90% of 21 tons hit target area and all planes strafed. Intense AA downed 1 P39 and forced pilot of another to bail out on return trip; 4 other planes were damaged and 2 men slightly injured.

At dawn same day 4 P39's from Makin destroyed 2 Bettys circling field over Mille.

At 0350Z Jan 16, 9 B25's from Tarawa dropped 8 tons at Maloelap from 50 feet. 1 medium and 1 small AK were possibly sunk and the runway, buildings, hangars and oil dump were damaged. 4 or 5 medium bombers were damaged on the ground we probably downed 2 of 40 or 50 intercepting fighters for a loss of 1 B25. All our planes were damaged and 2 men were injured.

CR-IN-11981 (19 Jan 44)

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/9/64
INCOMING MESSAGE

From: Ft Shafter
To: War
COMDESPAC
080 Southwest Pacific Area
18 January, 1944

Search planes 10 15 west longitude destroyed small
AK Likvep Atoll and left another sinking near Aluit.

During darkness of early evening and moonlight of
early morning (night January 15-16 west long) Makin was
bombed 3 times and Tarawa twice. 8 planes each raid
dropped many demolition bombs from 25,000 feet. 46 casualties
at Makin including 5 dead and 7 badly wounded. Makin in-
terception downed 1 Jap but Marine night fighters Tarawa
failed to score.

No Sig

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION:
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CM-IN-11961 (19 Jan 44) 0303Z mc

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By DBS
Date MAY 21 1973

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/94
CINCPAC SENDS ACTION COMINCH INFO COMSOPAC COMCENPAC.

CENPAC SUMMARY.

AT NOON 16TH 25 ARMY DAIMLESS 16 AIRCOBRAS 8 WARHAWKS DROPPED 96 PERCENT OF 21 TONS BOMBS ON MILLE. ALL PLANES STRAFED. AA INTENSE. ONE AIRCOBRA LOST OVER TARGET PILOT OF ANOTHER BAILED OUT RETURNING. 4 PLANES WITH MINOR DAMAGE 2 MEN SLIGHT INJURIES.

4 AIRCOBRAS FROM MAKIN WITH INTRUDER TACTICS DESTROYED 2 BETTYS CIRCLING FIELD AT MILLE DAWN 16TH. 9 B-25'S FROM TARAWA DROPPED 8 TONS BOMBS ON SHIPPING AND INSTALLATIONS MALOELAP FROM 50 FEET AFTERNOON 16TH.

ONE MEDIUM AK ONE SMALL AK POSSIBLY SUNK. OIL DUMP
HANGARS BUILDINGS RUNWAYS DAMAGED. 4 OR 5 MEDIUM BOMBERS ON GROUND DAMAGED. OF 45 OR 50 INTERCEPTING FIGHTERS 2 PROBABLY DESTROYED. ONE B-25 SHOT DOWN ONE MAJOR DAMAGE 7 MINOR. 2 MEN INJURED. SEARCH PLANES DESTROYED SMALL AK AT LIKIPEP ATOLL AND LEFT ONE SINKING NEAR JALUIT. RESULTS ENEMY AIR RAIDS NIGHT 15-16TH. MAKIN HAD 3 RAIDS TARAWA 2 IN DARKNESS OF EARLY EVENING AND IN MOONLIGHT EARLY MORNING FROM ABOUT 25,000 FEET. 8 PLANES IN EACH RAID. MATERIAL DAMAGE DONE CASUALTIES MAKIN 46 TOTAL 5 DEAD 7 SERIOUS. ONE RAIDER SHOT DOWN BY MAKIN FIGHTER. MARINE NIGHT FIGHTERS TARAWA HAD NEGATIVE RESULTS DUE MOSTLY MATERIAL FAILURES. ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE AND SEARCHLIGHTS
TARAWA GOOD. IN ANTICIPATION RAIDS WHITE PLAINS WAS SENT OUTSIDE LAGOON. SEAWOLF REPORTS MARU ATTACKED IN POSIT LAT 23-12 N 135-03 E PROBABLY BY WHAT. BEST GUESS IS 3 SHIP SUNK ONE SHIP STOPPED. SEAWOLF ENGAGED 3RD SHIP BY GUN FIRE AND GOT HITS STILL TRAILING.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COM TASKFORCE 57
RELEASED BY: JAN 17 1944
TOR CODEROOM: 1836
DECODED BY: KNAPP/GRUNEWALD
PARAPHRASED BY: GRUNEWALD
ROUTED By: UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AS ADMINISTRATIVE.

TO: COMSOPOA

INFORMATION FOR ACTION: COMSOGROUP 57.2 COMAIRPAC ISCOM TARAWA COMINCH

PRECEDENCE: 1

PRIORITY: ROUTINE

DATE: 1836

ADDRESS: CINCPAC

ACTION: EXECUTE

TIME: 162307

NUMBER: NCR 6748

IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW:


com taskforce 57 sends action cincpac info comsopac comsogroup 57.2 comairpac iscom tarawa.

Gilberts air raids night 15th-16th. Vakin 3 Tarawa
2. In darkness of early evening and moonlight early morning all about 25,000 feet. 8 planes each raid
material damage none. Casualties Vakin 46 total,
5 dead 7 serious. 1 raider shot down by Vakin Fitter.
Marine mine flitters Tarawa negative results due
hostile material failures. Many bombs dropped.
Anti-aircraft fire bad. Searchlights Tarawa good.
Had white planes outside.

Delivered to 200.
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172306.

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E. O. 11805, Sec. 3(D) and 3(D) (w)
OSD Letter, May 7, 1972

By DBS

Date: MAY 21, 1973

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/44

162307 300 Qin Hac
FROM CINCPOA ACTION COMINCH INFO CONCENPACFOR CONSPAC.

CENPAC DAILY SUMMARY.

AIR RAID ALARMS LAST NIGHT AT MAKIN TARAHA.

APANAMA NO DETAILS. SEAHORSE REPORTS SINKING LOADED MEDIUM TRANSPORT ESCORTED BY 2 PT'S AND 2 TRAWLER.

TYPE NIGHT 16TH POSIT 12-39 N 150-19 E. NUMBER OF ESCORT AND PERSISTENT DEPTH CHARGING INDICATED VALUABLE TARGET. VP CREW MISSING SINCE 12TH FOUND BY VP SEARCH LATE PM 14TH 44 MILES SOUTHWEST.

JALUIT ON RAFT IN ROUGH SEA. 1 DUMBO DAMAGED UNABLE TO TAKE OFF. SECOND DUMBO LANDED DECIDE DELAY TAKEOFF FOR SMOOTHER SEA. ID BLACK SENT TO
ARRIVE DAYLIGHT 15TH. PLANES ON WATER KEPT TOGETHER AND VP PATROLS REMAINED IN CONTACT.
SECOND DUMBO GOT OFF DAYLIGHT. DID MAKE PROMPT RESCUE. FIRST DUMBO SUNK. NO CASUALTIES ONE WOUNDED.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CTF 57
RELEASED BY: 17 JAN 1944
TOR CODE ROOM: 6928
DECODED BY: E. ROBERTS
PARAPHRASED BY: E. ROBERTS

FOR ACTION: CINCPAC
ADDRESS: COMSOPAC, COMAIRPAC, CINCPAC, COMAIRPAC, 7TH AIR FORCE, HICKHAM, OTC 57.18, OTC 57.3, COMINCH

INFORMATION

DATE: 161745
TIME: NCR 6585
PRECEDENCE: RRRRRRRRRR
PRIORITY: ROUTINE
DELETED: 11
IF OPERATIONAL: CHECK BELOW

(INFO TO COMSOPAC, COMAIRPAC, COMAIRPAC, 7TH AIR FORCE, HICKHAM. CTF 57 SENDS ACTION CINCPAC. OTC 57.18 AND OTC 57.3 HAVE LOCAL INFO.)

9 TARAWA MITCHELLS DROPPED 8 TONS ON SHIPPING AND INSTALLATIONS MAEDELAP FROM 53 FEET AT 160350Z.
1 MEDIUM AK 1 SMALL AK POSSIBLY SUNK. OIL DUMP HANGARS BUILDINGS RUNWAY DAMAGED, 4 OR 5 MEDIUM FLOWERS ON GROUND DAMAGED. INTERCEPTION BY 49 TO 50 FIGHTERS. 2 FIGHTERS PROBABLY DESTROYED. 1 B25 SHOT DOWN 1 MAJOR DAMAGE 7 MINOR. 2 WEN INJURED.

PASSED TO COMINCH AS RDO HONO 170230.

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161745 300m WAF PAC

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From: Ft. Shafter
To: COMSOPAC
SOS SWPA
WAR

M 778
M 778
W 9071

16th January 1944

Book message for CG SOPAC MacArthur and Marshall from Richardson at HDOCS through CINCPAC.

M Ile hit about dusk, January 13 Z time by 21 A 24's plus 16 P39's. 14 tons bombs started 2 fires Southern Barracis area and 4 twin engine bombers plus 2 fighters (all grounded) were strafed with unobserved results. Light AA caused minor damage to 1 A24.

Early morning January 14th Z time, 9 B25's from Tarava bombed and strafed installations at Wotje. Several small ships were hit. AA was light. DD observed in Southeast part of Lagoon after attack completed. Wotje again hit during day time January 14 west longitude by 3 B25's. 1 medium AK was sunk and 2 more were possibly damaged. Intense AA damaged 1 plane but caused no casualties.

12 B24's dropped 12 tons on Roi and Namur (Kwajalein Atoll) at 1600Z January 14th. Fires and explosions seen from 30 miles probably caused considerable damage. Moderate AA caused no losses or casualties. Fine weather from 500 to 11,000 feet.

There was no interception on any of these strikes.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: G-2

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OSD letter, May 1973

CH-IN-10692 (17 Jan 44) 0253Z msg

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
CINCPAC SENDS ACTION COMINCH INFO COL CENPAC CONSOPAC.

DAILY SUMMARY CENPAC.

12 LIBERATORS DROPPED 12 TONS OF 400 POUNDS SOME INCENDIARIES ON ROI AND NAMUR ISLANDS KHJALEI NIGHT 14TH FROM 500 TO 11000 FEET. GREAT DAMAGE JUDGING FROM MANY FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS SEEN 30 MILES. NO INTERCEPTION MODERATE AA NO LOSSES OR CASUALTIES.

3 B-25'S ATTACKED SHIPPING HOTJE DAYLIGHT 14TH. SUNK 1 MEDIUM AK FROM 75 FEET POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO 2 OTHERS.

1 PLANE RETURNED WITH JAP FLAG CAUGHT IN FUSELAGE.

AA INTENSE. 1 PLANE DAMAGED NO CASUALTIES. 9 B-25'S
FROM TARAWA BOMBED AND STRAFE D INSTALLATION'S WOTJE DUSK 13TH. SEVERAL SMALL VESSELS HIT. NO INTERCEPTION LIGHT AA. AFTER ATTACK OBSERVED DD IN SE PART OF LAGOON.

16 P-39'S 21 DAUNTLESS FROM APAMANA DROPPED 14 TONS ON MILLE MIDMORNING 13TH. 2 FIRES STARTED SOUTHERN BARRACKS AREA. 4 TWIN ENGINE 2 VF STRAFE D ON GROUND RESULTS UNOBSERVED. AA LIGHT NO INTERCEPTION. SLIGHT DAMAGE 1 DAUNTLESS.

ADDITIONAL MINING BY MARK 12 MOD 1 MINES LAID IN FOLLOWING ATULLS COMPLETING 2ND PHASE OF OPERATION.

IN VALOLEAP ATOLL 8. IN WOTJE ATOLL 8 IN ADDITION TO 8 ALREADY THERE. IN MILLE ATOLL 4 WITH 2 MORE PROBABLE BY PBY WHICH FAILED TO RETURN. TOTAL MINES EXPENDED
4Ø MARK 12 MOD 1 WITH M 3 MECHANISMS AND 24 WITH M 3 MOD 2. 72 MARK 1 3. COMPLETE REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED ON RECEIPT.

COPY DELIVERED TO OP 20G.
ACTION COMINCH FROM CINCPOA. INFO COMSOPAC, COWCENPAC.

DAILY SUMMARY CENPAC.

21 DAUNTLESS, 20 AIRCOBRAS FROM APAMAMA DROPPED 6 TONS ON NORTH END MILLE ISLAND STORAGE AREA AFTERNOON 12TH. STARTED 1 SMALL FIRE. NO INTERCEPTION. AA HEAVY. 2 DAUNTLESS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED. NO SHIPPING. PHOTOGRAPHS OF 8-25 STRIKE ON MALOELAP THE 11TH REVEAL 3000-TON IKUTA MARU CLASS AK ON FIRE, DD OF SHINONANE FUBUKI CLASS ON FIRE. SEAWOLF REPORTS BLOWING UP MEDIUM FREIGHTER LOADED WITH GASOLINE 14 JANUARY POSIT 28-30 N 133-42 E. ALL TORPEDOES EXPENDED. SEAWOLF IS TRAILING REMAINDER CONVOY 3 MARUS AND 2 ESCORTS.
THIS FROM COMAIRGENPACFOR ACTION CINCPAC; INFO TO CTO 57.3, COMSOPAC, COMAIRSOPAC, COMAIRPAC, CTO 57.2.

9 TARAWA MITCHELLS STRAFAED AND BOMBED INSTALLATIONS NORTHEAST DUSK 13TH. SEVERAL SMALL VESSELS HIT LIGHT AA AUDIO INTERCEPTION. AFTER ATTACK OBSERVED DD SOUTHEAST PART OF LAGOON.

NEW SUBJECT. 16 AIRACOBRA 21 DAUNTLESS DROPPED 14 TONS VILLE MIDMORNING 13TH. 2 FIRES STARTED SOUTHERN BARRACKS AREA. 4 TWIN ENGINE 2 VF STRAFED ON GROUND RESULTS UNOBSERVED. AA LIGHTS. NO INTERCEPTION. SLIGHT DAMAGE 1 DAUNTLESS.

DELIVERED TO 20-9.

* PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS CINCPAC'S 142330.
CINCPOA SENDS ACTION COWINCH. INFO COMCENPAC, COMSOPAC.

CENPAC DAILY SUMMARY.
9 0-25's FROM TARAWA ATTACKED SHIPPING AND INSTALLATIONS 4:05 EST. DUSK 11TH FROM LOW ALTITUDE. 1 5000-TON AK PROBABLY SUNK BY 2 5000-POUND BOMB HITS AMIDSHIPS. 1 DD OR CL DAMAGED BY 1 5000-POUND BOMB HIT AND BY 75 MM STRAFING. 1500-FOOT SLOOP SUNK. INSTALLATIONS ON OTHER ISLANDS OF ATOLL DAMAGED. 5 TO 7 ZEKE'S INTERCEPTED, 2 PROBABLY DAMAGED. AA MODERATE INACCURATE.

OUR PLANES, 2 SLIGHTLY DAMAGED. 8 PB4Y'S FROM APAMAVA COMPLETED LOW ALTITUDE STRIKE ON SHIPPING AT KWAJALEIN. PHOTRON 3 GOT LOW ORLICHE COVERAGE SOME LANDING REACHES KWAJALEIN ISLAND AND ADJACENT ISLETS. 4 MEDIUM AK'S
AND 2 150-FOOT VESSELS HIT AND LEFT BURNING. 1 500-
POUND BOMB ON BOAT DOCK, 1 ON SMALL CRAFT NEAR DOCK,
2 ON HEADQUARTERS AREA, 2 ON RUNWAY, ALL KWAJALEIN.
1 ON RADIO INSTALLATIONS ENUBUJ. PHOTRON 3 DROPPED
1 500, 1 300 AND 4 100-POUNDERS ON BUILDINGS AND PIER
ENNAYLAREGAN AND 4 100-POUNDERS ON TOWER ON GEA. AA
SPORADIC, NO ENEMY PLANES IN AIR. 8 ZEKES ON FIELD
NEUTRALIZED BY STRAFING. ALL PLANES RETURNED. SOME
MINOR DAMAGE. 4 P-39'S ON RECO FLIGHT OVER MILLE
ON 10TH. 1 PLANE DROPPED 2 QUARTER-TONNERS ON TARGET.
1 SHOT DOWN, PILOT RESCUED BY CATALINA. SAME RECOO
ON 11TH ALSO DROPPED 2 BOMBS AND STRAFED. TARAWA AT-
ACKED BY 12 TO 15 HIGH ALTITUDE BOMBERS LAST NIGHT.
DAMAGE AT HAWKINS FIELD, 1 DEAD, 2 WOUNDED; AIRCRAFT,
1 PV SEVERE, 6 PV AND 1 LB-3A MINOR. SMALL AMOUNT
DRUM GASOLINE BURNED. DAMAGE MULLINIX, GB MACHINE
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OPNAV-NCR-15
SHOP DESTROYED. 3 MINOR CASUALTIES ON USS SUMNER FROM BOMB FRAGMENTS.

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COMTASK FORCE 57 SENDS ACTION TO CINCPAC INFO TO COMSOPAC COMAIRSOPAC COMAIRPAC CTG 57.2 AND 57.3.

21 DAUNTLESS 26 AIRACOBRA'S DROPPED 6 TONS NORTH END MILLE ISLAND STORAGE AREA AFTERNOON 12TH. 1 SMALL FIRE. NO INTERCEPTION.-AA HEAVY. 2 DAUNTLESS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED. NO SHIPPING.

*PASSED TO CINCH FOR INFO BY NPH (RPO HONOLULU) AS 141810, DELIVERED TO 2GC.

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**Message:**

COMCHIN IS ACTION INFO ARE COMCENPACFOR AND COMSOPAC. CINCPOA SENDS.

TARGET HIT BY 16 B-24'S MY 122147 WAS TAROA.

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(CTF 57 SENTS, CTG 57.2 HAS INFO)

TARANA ATTACKED BY 12-15 HIGH ALTITUDE BOMBERS FROM
1300Z TO 1615Z.

DAMAGE HUMMIS 1 DEAD 2 WOUNDED.

DAMAGE 1 PY AIRPLANE SERIOUS 6 PV AND 1 LB-35 MINOR

SMALL AUGMENT DRUM GASOLINE BURNED.

DAMAGE HULL INX CD MACHINE SHOP DESTROYED. 3 MINOR CASUALTIES

ON USS SISER FROM BOMB FRAGMENTS.

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By DBS

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/64
9 TARUA MITCHELLS ATTACKED SHIPPING AND INSTALLATIONS
HALCEDON DUSK 11TH WITH 3500 G-P-S FROM LOW ALTITUDES.
TOOK AK PROBABLY SUNK FROM 2 X 500 AIRSHIPS, DD OR
CL DAMAGED BY 75 MM STRAFING AND 1 500 BOMB HIT, 150-FOOT
SLOOP SUNK. INSTALLATIONS ON BEI, TIAN, TAR AND OLLOT
ISLANDS DAMAGED. 5 TO 7 ZEKES INTERCEPTED. 2 PROBABLY
DAMAGED. AA INOPERATE AND INACCURATE. OUR PLANES, 2
SLIGHT DAMAGE.

RADIO HONOLULU PASSED TO COMINCH AS 130815 FOR INFO.
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By DBS Date MAY 21 1972
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121721 3 as Kinao
CTF 57 SENDS. CTG 57.2 AND CTG 57.3 HAVE INFO BY HAND. COM VB 198 AND 199, VD 3 HAVE INFO BY AIRMAIL.

16 PB4Y's INCLUDING 2 PHOTO PLANES SPECIAL LOW LEVEL STRIKE KWAJELIN ISLAND AGAINST SHIPPING AND TO GET MAQUIS HIT AT 1300 LOCAL. EXCELLENT WEATHER, NO INTERCEPTION, WEAK AA, SANK 2 AND DAMAGED 4 SMALL AA'S. BOMB HITS ON OUR POSITIONS.

EACH END ISLAND, 2 PLANES ON FIELD STAFFED, DOCKS, HEADQUARTERS RADIO STATION, ENABIL STORE HOUSES BURNED. BLUES OK. NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES. AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE.

*RED HONOLULU PASSED TO COMINCH AS 121730Z FOR INFO.

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OSD letter, May 4, 1972
By DBS Date MAY 21 1973

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CTF 57 SENDS ACTION CJICPOA. INFO CONSOPAC, COMAIRPAC, COMAIRSOPAC, CTG 57.2, CTG 57.3.

16 ELICICE LIBERATORS VIA TARANA HIT TAROA 111612Z WITH 31 TONS 10PS, INSTANTANEOUS FIRE, FROM 7 TO 12,000. 95% IN TARGET. MANY FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS. 2 TWIN ENGINE PLANES DESTROYED. FIRES VISIBLE 40 MILES. AA WEAK. GOOD WEATHER.

9 LIBERATORS STARTED 8 TO TAROA. WEATHER 3 TURNED BACK.

1 SALVaged. 5 BOMBER AT 111612Z ALTERNATE MILE WITH 5 TONS.

RESULTS OBSERVED. NO LOSSES OR CASUALTIES.

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RADIO NOHONULLU PASSED TO COMINCH AS 12214T FOR INFO.
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12 JANUARY 1944

**TOR CODEROOM**

133/12

**DECORATED BY**

ROBENTHAL

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CENPAC DAILY SUMMARY. CINCPAC SENDS TO COMINCH FOR ACTION AND INFO TO COMCENPACFOR AND COMSOPAC.

AIR RAID ALARMS LAST NIGHT AT TARAWA AND APANAHAMA NO DETAILS.

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112234 300 kid Pac
CTF 57 ORIGINATES. CTG 57.2 AND CTG 57.3 HAVE INFO BY HAND.

2 PHOTO PLANES ESCORTED BY 4 PB4Y'S GOT VERTICALS OF KWAJALEIN AND HIT WITH ONE-TON 9TH. NO INTERCEPTION.

AA LIGHT. 1 PLANE MINOR DAMAGE. 19 MEDIUM, 14 SMALL VESSELS KWAJALEIN ANCHORAGE. NEW SUBJECT. BELIEVE BOMBER BY 191200 MAY HAVE BASED NAURU OR KUSAIE. NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED NAURU BY SEARCH PLANE NOON 9TH.

*CINCPAC PASSED INFO TO COMINCH AS 112041

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#102254 NCR 2893

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CENPAC DAILY SUMMARY.

PART 1 IN 2 PARTS #102254.

17 8-24'S HANOMEA VIA TARANA FOR NOTJE HIGHT 15TH. 2 GOT THROUGH AND DAMAGED TARGET. RESULTS UNKNOWN. REMAINDER TURNED BACK BY WEATHER TO VARIOUS BASES. 4 SMALL AK'S IN HARBOR. AA MODERATE. 7 VP'S AND 7 PB4Y'S MADE GOOD DROPS MINING PROJECT AT NOTJE HIGHT SAME NIGHT. FIRST PHASE THIS PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION. 8 PLANES LINE ABREAST PASSED OVER ISLAND, ALTITUDE 1500 FEET WITH COMPLETE SURPRISE. INSTALLATIONS, PLANES AND VESSELS HEAVILY STRAFED. LARGE FIRES STARTED. DESTROYED 1 PLANE AND 1 PROBABLE, 1 SMALL TANKER, 1 PATROL VESSEL. NO LOSSES OR CASUALTIES. 2 PHOTRON 3 PLANES ESCORTED BY 4 PB4Y'S FROM ARAIMA ACCOMPLISHED PHOTO COVERAGE KWAJALEIN ISLAND.

TARGET CLEAR. NO INTERCEPTION. LIGHT TO MEDIUM AA. MINOR HITS 1 PLANE. ALL PLANES RETURNED SAFELY.

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By RT, NARA, Date 01/18/94.
THIS PART 2 AND FINAL IMM 102254.

DROPPED 17 100, 1 500-POUND BOMBS ON KWAJALEIN ISLAND.

ABOUT 1 MEDIUM SHIPS, 14 SMALL VESSELS IN KWAJALEIN
ANCHORAGE. IN JALUIT STRIKE ON 9TH, 2 B-25'S SCORED
1 NEAR MISS ON 2 115-FOOT VESSELS NEAR EMIDJ ISLAND WITH
500-POUND BOMBS. 2 150-FOOT VESSELS OBSERVED. COULD NOT AT-

ACK. AA INTENSE, ACCURATE. ALONE 1 B-25 DAMAGED, 1
MAN WOUNDED. SEATOLFL REPORTS ATTACKING 9-SHIP CONVOY
10 JANUARY, SINKING 1 FREIGHTER, ANOTHER IN TOW PLUS
DD ESCORT BEING ATTACKED TONIGHT. REMAINING SHIPS SCAT-
TERED. POSIT 27-39 N 127-39 E. FLYING FISH REPORTS
SINKING 1 FREIGHTER, 1 TANKER IN DECEMBER FOR 15,000
TONS. POSIT 23-06 N 128-06 E.

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OSD letter, May 4, 1972
By DBS Date: MAY 21, 1973
Naval Message

From: CTF 57
Released by: 
Date: 11 January 1944
Tor code room: 12227
Decoded by: C Strong
Paraphrased by: C Strong

Address: CINCPOA
Information for action: COMINCH, COMAIRPAC, COMSOPAC, CTG 57.2, CTG 57.3

101001 NCR 2599

(COMTASKFOR 57 SENDS ACTION CINCPOA INFO COMAIRPAC COMSOPAC COMTASKGROUP 57.2 COMTASKGROUP 57.3)

BY 100033. MORE DETAILS PB4Y MISSION WOTJE.

8 PLANES AT 150 FEET LINE ABBREAST ACROSS ISLAND COMPLETE SURPRISE. INSTALLATIONS, PLANES AND VESSELS HEAVILY STRAFFED. LARGE FIRES. DESTROYED 1 PLANE 1 PROBABLE. DESTROYED 1 SMALL TANKER 1 PATROL VESSEL.

PASSED BY RDO HONOLULU AS 101626

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CONSOPAC C T G 5 7.2 C T G 5 7.3

SEARCHES 8TH ALL NEGATIVE. 3 V 261 FULL DIS-
TANCE 97 PERCENT COVERAGE 7 V FULL DISTANCE 50
PERCENT. 10 V 425 MILES 49 PERCENT. 12 V 175 MILES
50 PERCENT COVERAGE RADAR. 5 AND 9 EACH 56 MILES
97 PERCENT. 6 V 262 100 MILES 100 PERCENT. 2 V 3,171
MILES 90 PERCENT. V 241 ALL FULL DISTANCE AND COV-
ERAGE.

NEW SUBJECT. JALUIT STRIKE 082225Z 2 B25'S
SCORED 1 NEAR MISS ON 2 1000 FEET VESSELS NORTH END
EW IAN WITH 5000 POUND BOMB. 1150 FOOT VESSELS OBSERVED
BUT COULD NOT ATTACK. AA INTENSE ACCURATE. 1 B25 DAM-

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AGED. 1 MAN WOUNDED.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM COHAIIR APAMATA
RELEASED BY
DATE 15 JANUARY 1944
TOR CODERoom 122119

TO CTG 57.3 CANTON ISLANDS
PHOENIX ISLANDS

DECODED BY FISHER
PARAPHRASED BY C. STRONG

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181905 NCR 2572

(NAVAIR APAMATA SENTS TO CTG 57.3 INFO CTF 57,
CINCPAC, COMPATRON 3)

2 PVTION-3 PLANES ESCORTED BY 2 BOMBRON-8 1 BOMBRON-9
1 PVTION-3 PLANES ACCOMPLISHED PHOTO COVERAGE
KEAULAI INLAND. TARGET CLEAR. NO INTERCEPTION.
LIGHT TO MEDIUM AA. MINOR HITS 1 PLANE ALL PLANES
RETURNED SAFELY. 17 1000-POUND 1 500-POUND BOMBS
ON KVAULAI INLAND. ABOUT 15 MEDIUM SHIPS 14 SMALL
VESSELS KEAULAI ANCHORAGE. LARGE OIL SLICK
OBSERVED 5257Z 172-35 EAST 01-25 NORTH.

PASSED BY RDO HONOLULU AS 191914

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By RT, NARA, Date
(CTF 57 SENDS ACTION CINCPOA INFO CTG 57.2, 57.3, COMSOPAC, COMAIRPAC.)

17 NAMOEA LIBERATORS VIA TARAMA PLANNED STRIKE WOTJE 100930Z. 2 BOMBED TARGET RESULTS UNKNOWN. OTHERS SCATTERED BY FRONT SOUTH PART ROUTE RETURNED VARIOUS BASES BELIEVE NO RESULT.

7 VP AND 7 PB4Y MADE GOOD DROPS PROJECT K SAME NIGHT WOTJE. 4 SMALL AK IN HARBOR. AA MODERATE. THIS PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION FIRST PHASE. NO LOSSES OR CASUALTIES.

PASSED BY NPM (RDO HONO) TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 101816

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44

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FROM CINCPOA. ACTION COMINCH. INFO COMCENPAC, COMSOPAC.

DAILY SUMMARY CENPAC.

22 ARMY DAUNTLESS, 17 HELLCATS DROPPED 9 TONS AND STRAFED EMILE (JALUIT) MORNING 7TH. 90% IN TARGET AREA. FIRES STARTED. NO AIR OPPOSITION. HEAVY AA.
3 DAUNTLESS DAMAGED. 3 ENEMY PLANES OVER TARAKA EVENING (6TH DROPPED 18 BOMBS. NO DAMAGE. MUSKALLUNGE REPORTS 2 HITS ON 1 TANKER ON 6 JANUARY, APPARENTLY DAMAGING ONLY. ON 26TH SANK SHIP SIMILAR MURATO CARRYING AMMUNITION. 1 PROBABLE HIT ON 7TH TON AK ON 22 DECEMBER. SILVERSIDES STILL TRACKING TANKERS WHICH PASSED THROUGH MUSKALLUNGE POSITION.
CINCPAC SENDS TO COMINCH FOR ACTION INFO TO COMCENPAC COMSOPAC.

CENPAC DAILY SUMMARY.

6 B-24'S FROM NUKUFETAU VIA TARAWA DROPPED 1½ 1/2 TONS ON TAROA AND 8 DROPPED 15 TONS ON TOTJE AT MIDNIGHT 6TH FROM 9999 FEET. 95 PERCENT HITS.

LARGE FIRES STARTED BOTH TARGETS. NO INTERCEPTION AND WEAK AA. NO DAMAGE TO OUR PLANES. SEARCH PLANES REPORT 599 POUND HIT ON SMALL STEAMER AT JABOR.

NAURU RECCO SAW BETTY 2½ MILES NE NO OTHER PLANES OR SHIPS. NO ACTIVITY ON NEW RUNWAY WHICH IS NOT OPERATIONAL. PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE RONGELAP AND AILINGINA ATOLLS COMPLETED. NO ENEMY ACTIVITY OR INSTALLATIONS OBSERVED. AIR RAID ALARM AT TARAWA.
AND PANAMA LAST NIGHT NO DETAILS.

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ORIGINATOR CTF 57, ACTION TO CINCPOA. INFO TO COMSOPAC COMAIRSOPAC COMAIRPAC CTG 57.2 AND CTG 57.3

22 ARMY DAUNTLESS 11 HELLCATS HIT EMID WITH 9 TONS AND STRAFFED A M 7TH. 97 PERCENT TARGET AREA FIRES STARTED. NO AIR OPPOSITION AA HEAVY. 9 DAUNTLESS DAMAGED. WEATHER GOOD.

NEW SUBJECT

3 PLANES OVER TARAWA 080745Z DROPPED 18 BOMBS NO DAMAGE.

PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS NPU 082530. (RDO HONOLULU)

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By DBS Date: MAY 2, 1973

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

FROM: CINCPAC

RELEASED BY: 8 JANUARY 1944

TOR CODEROOM: STONE

PARAPHRASED BY: STONE

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72250 NCR 973

COMINCH GETS ACTION FROM CINCPAC INFO COMCNPAC COMSOPAC.

DAILY SUMMARY CENTRAL PACIFIC.

MALEELAP STRIKE BY B-25'S AND MILLE FIGHTER SWEEP TURNED BACK BY WEATHER NORTH OF MAKIN. CLOSE RECO NAJURO SAW NO GUN IN DEFENSE POSITIONS. TARAWA HAD AIR RAID ALARM NO DETAILS.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/94

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NUKEFETAU LIBERATORS VIA TARAPA 6 DROPPED 13 1/2 TONS ON TARAPA, 8 DROPPED 15 TONS ON WOJLE, AT MIDNIGHT 6TH FROM 9000. 95% HITS. LARGE FIRES VISIBLE BOTH TARGETS. NO INTERCEPTION WEAK AA. OUR DAMAGE NIL.

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**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**FROM**
CINCPOA

**RELEASED BY**

**DATE**
7 JANUARY 1944

**TO CINCPAC**

**DATE AND TIME**

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**ACTION**
ACTION COMINCH INFO CINCPAC FROM CINCPOA.

**DAILY SUMMARY CINCPAC**

**NO COMBATANT ACTIVITIES.**

**PROGRESS SUMMARY:**

AT TARAWA HAWKINS FIELD MAIN RUNWAY 5600 BY 300 FEET WITH 12 INCH TOP SURFACING. WEST TAXIWAY IS 2500 BY 150 FEET WITH 6 INCH TOP SURFACING. EAST TAXIWAY IS 1600 BY 120 FEET WITH 12 INCH TOP SURFACING. 43 HARDSTANDS COMPLETED AVERAGE 80 BY 60 FEET. TANK FARM 27% COMPLETE. MULLINIX BOMBER TAXIWAY IS 3200, 60 FEET WITH 10 INCH SURFACING. FIGHTER TAXIWAY ROUGH GRADING IS 29% DONE. HEAVY AA EMPLACEMENTS 2ND DEFENSE BATTALION 87 SEA COAST 72 SPECIAL WEAPONS 85 AND

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**TOP SURFACING.**
INFANTRY 72% COMPLETE.

AT MAKIN BOMBER STRIP AND BOMBER TAXIWAY 70% COMPLETE GROUND DEFENSES ABOUT 82% COMMUNICATIONS 82% COMPLETE.

AT APAMANA LAGOON ROAD 25% TAXIWAYS 6% HARDSTANDS 25% PERMANENT COMM 20% COMPLETED.
CTF 57 TELLS CINCPOA AND COMSOPAC INFO COMAIRSOPAC CTC'S 57.2, 57.3.

SEARCHES 5TH.

V 261 FULL DISTANCE 10Y. 2v 262 265 MILES 9Y.
6v NOT MADE. 5V AND 9V 261 FULL DISTANCE 88Y.
3V, 12V, 7V, 1YV, 261 AVERAGED 455 MILES 8Y.
ALL NEGATIVE EXCEPT 10V 261 BOMBED SMALL AK AND
STRAFED 3 SMALL SAILING VESSELS JALUIT RESULTS
UNDETERMINED.

CLOSE RECO. MAJURI SAW MUSUN OR DEFENSE POSITIONS.
MAEDELAP STRIKE BY MEDIUM AND MILE FIGHTER SLEEP
TURNED BACK BY WEATHER NORTH OF MAKIN.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
No air opposition. No shipping. 1 Aircobra lost over target. Photo mission Khajalein got low obliques NW Point Atoll, attacked by 12 Zekes. 1 Liberator shot down. 3 small vessels anchored off Roil. Enemy bombers raided Gilberts evening 3 January. 1 over Tarawa 6 bombs. 1 over Makin 8 bombs. 8 over Apamama. 2 over Tarawa 8 bombs evening 4th. Minor damage Apamama only. Apamama tank farm in operation 15 Jan. with 4000 barrel capacity. Tabtoc reports sinking ship like Koryu Maru with 4 hits and 3000 ton freighter with 1 hit on 3 Jan. 2 hits on 8000 ton Ak or possibly 1 hit on this ship and 1 hit on 5000 ton Ap on 27 Dec. Results unknown due 100 depth charges.

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18 PHILISTINE B 24'S PREVENTED FROM REACHING KWAJALEIN BY WEATHER DROPPED 22 TONS FROM 10,000 FEET ON JALUIT AM 4TH. RESULTS NOT OBSERVED, NO INTERCEPTION AA MODERATE. 4 PLANES MINOR DAMAGE.

TARANA VENTURAS ATTACKED 2 MEDIUM AK'S JABOR JALUIT 3 JANUARY WITH 20 1/4 TONNERS, 2 HITS AND 2 NEAR MISSES ON 1st DROPS ON 2ND. NOT OBSERVED DUE WEATHER. 1 AK SANK.

CATALINA WITH 16 HELLCAT COVER ON RESCUE MISSION ARNO ATOLL FOR B 24 FOUND NO SURVIVORS, CREW PROBABLY CAPTURED, PLANE WILL BE DESTROYED.

24 ARMY DAUNTLESS WITH ESCORT 24 AIRCROBAS ATTACKED MILLE. 17 TONS BOMBS DROPPED.

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CTF 57 TELLS CINCPOA. INFO COMSOPAC, CTG 57-2 AND CTG 57-3.

NARRATION:
18 PHILISTINE LIBERATORS HIT ALTERNATE JALUIT INSTEAD KWAJALEIN ACCOUNT WEATHER WITH 22 TONS FROM 11,000' AM 4TH. RESULTS NOT OBSERVED. NO INTERCEPTION AA MODERATE. 4 PLANES MINOR DAMAGE. NEW SUBJECT. ENEMY BOMBERS, 1 OVER TARAWA, 6 BOMBS, 1 OVER MAKIN, 8 BOMBS, 8 OVER APAMAMA EVENING 3D. 2 OVER TARAWA, 8 BOMBS EVENING 4TH. MINOR DAMAGE APAMAMA ONLY. MY 81215 OBSERVED 1 AK SUNK.

RADIO HONOLULU PASSED TO COMINCH AS 851216 FOR INFO.

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**SHAFROTH**

FOLLOWED NEW YEAR'S AIR ATTACK ON KAVIENG BY CTF 37.2 WITH SECOND ATTACK YESTERDAY MORNING WHICH RESULTED IN DESTRUCTION OR SERIOUS DAMAGE 2 DESTROYERS EACH HIT WITH 1000 POUND BOMB AND 1 BY 3 TORPEDOES OTHER BY 1 TORPEDO, MAKING SHERMAN'S SCORE FOR JANUARY TO DATE 2 CRUISERS AND 4 DESTROYERS SUNK OR HEAVILY DAMAGED. 1 ZEKE AND 1 JAKE ATTEMPTING INTERCEPTION SHOT DOWN. ON RETURN TO CARRIER CAP ENCONTERED 1 MELL AND 6 ZEKES AND SHOT DOWN ALL. OUR LOSS 1 VF.

ALL HANDS WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94

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NAVAL MESSAGE
NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRATER: CINCPAOA

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 4-5 JAN 1944

TO: COMINC, COM 12 FOR ADMIRAL NIMITZ

FROM: CINCPAOA

PRIORITY: ROUTINE

FOR ACTION: CONCENPAC

ADDRESS: COMINCH

ADDRESSER: COM 12 FOR ADMIRAL NIMITZ

PARAPHRASED BY: WOODWARD

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FROM CINCPAOA TO COMINCH COM 12 FOR ADMIRAL NIMITZ INFO CONCENPAC.

CENTRAL PACIFIC DAILY SUMMARY.

16 ELLICE AND 6 CANTON B 24'S OFF TO STRIKE VOTJE ON 2ND. CANTON PLANES TURNED BACK BY WEATHER 2 OTHERS BY MECHANICAL TROUBLE. 5 BOMBED VOTJE AT NOON. 15 TONS DROPPED FROM 15000 FEET RESULTS UNOBSERVED DUE CLOUD COVER. 3 ZEKEs INTERCEPTED 8 DESTROYED 5 PROBABLE. 2 B 24'S BOMBED ALTERNATE TAROA 27 TONS FROM 17000 FEET HITS OBSERVED NW AREA. 3 ZEKEs ALSO INTERCEPTED THIS FLIGHT 2 DESTROYED 2 PROBABLE. 3 B 24'S LOST 1 EXPLODED 1 SPUN IN ON RETURN FLIGHT 1 WATER LANDED. DUMBO MISSION SENT ON 3RD. 4 PLANES SEVERE 3 MINOR DAMAGE. AT NOON 2ND B 25'S FOUND NO SHIPPING JALUIT ATTACKED SECONDARY SHORE TARGET WITH 75 MM AND STRAFING. FIRES SEEN. AA INTENSE. 1 PLANE

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LOST OVER TARGET 1 DAMAGED 2 MEN WOUNDED. AT APAMAMA 10 ENEMY PLANES ATTACKED NIGHT OF 3RD. 1 PB4Y DESTROYED 2 DAMAGED 2 DEAD. AIR RAID WARNINGS NIGHT 3RD AT TARAWA MAKIN NO DETAILS.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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(CTF 57 ORIGINATES, ACTION CINPOA INFO COMSOPAC,
CTG 57.2 AND 57.3)

TARANA VENTURAS ATTACKED 2 MEDIUM AK HABOQYAGRO
WITH 20 1/4 TONNERS. 2 HITS 2 NEAR ON 1. DROPS
ON 2ND NOT OBSERVED DUE WEATHER. CAT WITH 16
HELLCATS OVER ARNO DUMBO FOR LIBERATOR CREWS
SAW NO SURVIVORS. PROBABLY CAPTURED WILL DESTROY
PLANE. 24 ARMY DAUNTLESS AND ESCORT OF 24
AIRCOBRA ATTACKED MILLE. 17 TONS BOWS DROPPED.
NO AIR OPPOSITION. NO SHIPPING. 1 AIRCOBRA LOST
OVER TARGET.

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By DSB  Data MAY 21 1973

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM CINCPOA
RELEASED BY
DATE 4 JANUARY 1944
TOR CODEROOM Z117
DECODED BY KEENER
PARAPHRASED BY DUNLIT
ROUTED BY

CINCPOA SENDS ACTION COMINCH, COM 12 FOR ADMIRAL HINZ. INFO COMCENPAC.

SUMMARY CENTRAL PACIFIC DAILY:
USUAL AIR SEARCHES CARRIED OUT. SMALL AK 45 MILES NORTHWEST FROM HILLE ATTACKED. 1 NEAR MISS AND STREADED SHIP LEFT LOW IN WATER AND LISTING. Planes over JALUIT SAW 7240-TON CRAFT, 24,000-TON AK. AIR RAID ALARMS LAST NIGHT AT TANAPA, MAKIHI, APANAMA. NO DETAILS. PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE UJELANG COMPLETED. 1 NEAR MISS WITH 30-MM-POUNDER ON POSSIBLE RADIO INSTALLATIONS UJELANG ISLAND. RETURN FIRE BY LIGHT MACHINE GUNS.

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OSD Letter, May 1, 1973

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM CTF 57

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FROM CTF 57 TO CLINCOPAC INFO COUSOPAC CTG 57.2.

16 ELLICE 6 CANTON LIBERATORS SCHEDULED STRIKE OTJJE 2ND;
CANTON PLANES TURNED BACK BY WEATHER 2 OTHERS MECHANICAL.
5 BOMBED OTJJE HOOK 15 TONS FROM 15000 FEET. RESULTS
UNOBSERVED TRUE CLOUD COVER. AA HONERATE. 36 ZEKE INTERCEPTED 8 DESTROYED 5 PROBABLE. 9 BOMBED ALTERNATE TARA.
27 TONS FROM 17000 FEET HITS OBSERVED IN NORTHWEST AREA.
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By DBS Date MAY 8 1973

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/1994
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LOST OVER TARGET 1 DAMAGED. 2 WEN WOUNDED. APANAMA AIR RAID 2:30:00Z 16 PLANES 1 PB4V DESTROYED 2 DAMAGED. 2 DEAD.

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COMINCH, COM 12 FOR ADMIRAL NIMITZ. FROM CINCPACOF.

INFO CINCPACOF.

**DAILY SUMMARY CENTRAL PACIFIC.**

PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF BIKINI, KOTJE, UJAE AND LAE ATOLLS COMPLETED. DROPPED 900 POUNDS BOMBS ENYU ISLAND, BIKINI ATOLL.

PROGRESS REPORT: TARAWA TANK FARM HARKINS FIELD 75%. 49 HARDSTANDS, 16 INCH SURFACING COMPLETED. MULLINIX FIGHTER STRIP 100% BY 60 FT WITH 15 INCH SURFACING. APAMANA LST JETTY 45%, BOMBER STRIP 75%, TAXIWAYS 55%. MAKIN BOMBER STRIP AND TAXIWAYS 75%.

HEREFORD REPORTS SINKING 1 DD END OF OLD YEAR. THE SINKING 1 FREIGHTER PASSENGER 8000 TONS AND PROBABLY SINKING FREIGHTER 5500 TONS IN NEW YEAR.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/1998
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DAILY SUMMARY CENTRAL PACIFIC.
17 B-24'S MANDUERA VIA TARANA DROPPED 51 TONS ON KUJAREIN. 31 DEC. PRIMARY TARGET SHIPING. 49 PERCENT HIT ISLANDS. 1 NEAR MISS MEDIUM SHIP. NO INTERCEPTION AA MODERATE. OUR DAMAGE 1 PLANE SLIGHT. SHIPS PRESENT 2 CRUISERS, 2 DD'S, 3 MEDIUM AK'S, 12 TO 15 HARBOUR CRAFT. MILE HIT 31ST BY 24 P-39'S 25 TAUNTLESS DROPPED 14 TONS AND STRAFED AA POSITIONS. 2 FIRES STARTED. NO INTERCEPTION. AA WEAK NO SHIPING. 1 TAUNTLESS DAMAGED. 9 TARANA B-25'S HIT HARBOUR (JALUIT) AFTERNOON 31ST WITH 5 TONS 54# POUND DEMOLITION FRAG CLUSTERS AND 75MM SHELLING FROM 55 FEET. HITS MATE ON RADIO FUEL PUMP STORAGE. NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES OUR FORCES. GUNNELL REPORTS.

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SINKING 1 10,000 TONS UNIDENTIFIED PASSENGER FREIGHTER ON 3 DEC. 4 TORPEDOES FIRED 4 HITS.

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