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(CTF 58.4 SENDS TO NPM (RDO HOMO) TO PASS TO ALL ADEE'S ACTION TO COM5THFLT INFO CTF 58 GINOPAC.)

**ROTA Summary:***

**A 38**

**B 18 PLUS 2 VF (N) HECKLERS PLUS 2 PHOTO**

**C 48**

**D 16**

**E 9.5**

**U 3 BUILDINGS AT 136 U.**

**V 7 TONNERS, 1 QUARTER TONNER ON RUNWAY, OIL FIRE 190 N, HITS IN 191 E 192 A 192 K 177 ON ALL VERIFIED FROM PHOTOS. ALSO FROM INFRA RED PHOTOS TOTAL 12 CRATERS IN RUNWAY, 11 NEW SINCE 27TH. NO CAMOUFLAGE EVIDENT. NO CHANGE IN AIRCRAFT, NONE AIRBORNE. NO AA.**

(PASS BY RDO HOMO TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 11792.)

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/54
(RIO WAIANA GIVE INFO CINCpac. FROM CTF 51.)

SAIPAN SUMMARY. LITTLE ENEMY ACTIVITY DURING THE
NIGHT OF 29TH. WE LAUNCHED COORDINATED ATTACK AT
2700 WITH 4TH MARDIV HOLDING PRESENT LINES. STRONG
RESISTANCE MET BY 2ND MARDIV AND 27TH INFANTRY DIVI-
SION. INTENSE AIR NAVAL AND ARTILLERY SUPPORT GIVEN
TO ATTACKING UNITS. ADVANCES SLOW. FRONT LINES AS
OF 1800 TA 220 C 221 CJ 202 GT 203 PMO 214 EJJO 235
KMN 213 ROC 221 VQRSU 214 AE 215 AD. POCKETS OF RE-
SISTANCE TA 185 186 AND 195 OVERCOME BY 1423 AFB ON
OBSERVATION MISSION SHOT DOWN BY ENEMY AA FIRE.
RADIOMAN AND OBSERVER LOST SEVEN CASUALTIES OWN TROOPS
ON GROUND RESULTED FROM CRASH.

OWN DEAD BURIED TOTAL 1624. 220 PRISONERS OF
WAR CAPTURED. 4966 CIVILIANS INTERRED. INCOMPLETE
REPORTS SHOW 5692 ENEMY BURIED INCLUDING CIVILIANS.

NO AIR ALERTS 29TH. NIGHT OF 30-1 JULY FLASH RED FROM 1052K TO 2021K. 2046K TO 2149K. 2250K TO 2329K AND 2324K TO 2126K. ALSO BOGIE BEARING 215 DISTANCE 68 MILES AT 2330. ALL BOogIES SMALL SEVERAL DROPPED BOMBS ON SHORE. AT 2130 BLACK KIDOF SHOT DOWN ONE ENEMY PLANE.

CONYNGHAM HAD SOUND CONTACT 30TH 0318 NORTH OF MARPI POINT ATTACKED RESULTS NEGATIVE.

STRONG PLANE AND SHIP GUNFIRE ATTACKS THROUGHOUT DAY TINIAN. FIGHTER SWEEP OF ROFA MORNING AND EVENING.

TG'S 53.2 AND 53.17 ORDERED TO ENIVETOK TO WAIT ORDERS.

MINEEEPING MAGICIENNE BAY COMPLETED.

RCVD AS 11022 FROM CINCPAC TO COMINCH FOR INFO.

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**(CTG 56.4 GIVES NMP (RDO HONOLULU) TO PASS ACTION CONFIFHT FLEET INFO CTF 58 AND CINCPAC)**

**SUMMARY**

- **(A)** 29
- **(B)** 50
- **(C)** 48 PLUS DHMSO CAP 8
- **(D)** 16
- **(E)** NORTA 130 I BETTY TARGET V DIRECT HITS BUILDINGS TYPE 1224, PROBABLE 130U 192A F G H K

136 E I J N O, FIRES 194 J 191F, 2 TRUCKS SOUTHWEST REVETMENT STRAFED, BUILDINGS 168 C D E;

2 HITS ON RUNWAY, NO FIRE FROM STRAFING 194N, DOCUMENTS, NO AA OR OPERATIONAL PLANES, ADD TO

**BY 2045 P PARA F 1FOF, RESULTS QUAN-ROTA DESTROYER, SHIPPING SPEC 1220315.

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    CG, 20th Bomber Command Eharagar, India
    Supreme Commander Southeast Asia Command Kandy, Ceylon
Nr: RJ 20724  30th June 1944

This is Richardsons daily cable from HDQCS for SOPAC, Wolfe, USAF in SEAC, Marshall, Stilwell and SOWESPAC through CINCPAC msg nbr RJ 20724.

Activity in Marshall-Caroline Area comes in first part, all times are zone L:

Victims of daylight striking CENTPAC Virgraft 28th June here Mille, Wotje, Truk and Jaluit. Mille party consisted of 15 Marine Dauntless and 9 Marine Corsairs. 5.75 tons placed on CD and AA installations. Wotje raiders were total of 12 Marine fighters in 3 strikes. Concentrating on ack ack and coastal defense guns 1.4 tons released on Wotje Island; adjacent islands strafed. A/W fire was meager. 15 Army Liberators over Truk plastered both Noen Airfields with 45 tons puncturing air strips and dispersal areas. AA of varying accuracy was moderate. One Tony probably destroyed of 5 interceptors. 8.5 tons delivered Jaluit AA and CD gun positions by 15 Marine Dauntless and 12 Marine F4U's. Explosion and fire observed. Plak was moderate and inaccurate.

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Air searches 29th June were negative. Here ends first part.

Operations in Marianas-Nambo Photo follow as part 2, all time in some K;

On Saipan during 28th June slight advances made in center and on left flank by 27th Inf Div and 2nd Mar Div respectively. Enemy continued offering severe resistance. By same date all Nafutan Peninsula taken by our troops; organized resistance there had ceased. Our Anti Sniper patrols active throughout Garrison Area to eliminate isolated Nip harassers.

During 28th our planes hit Tinian Airfield and observed several well camouflaged Nip planes hidden in camfield. During morning and evening same date our planes hit Kota destroying 3 enemy planes in revetments and rendering airfield probably unserviceable.

Pagan Island attacked by Carrier aircraft on 28th June. Only 1 plane (grounded) observed and it was probably unserviceable.

Air and Naval support of our ground troops on Saipan and softening up of Tinian continues. Mistaking Mortar Flash for Marker Bomb 1 of our planes fired rockets into our troops killing and wounding several.

Nip aircraft, believed to have been seaplanes, attacked Saipan during night 28th. Raiders approaching from South.
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southeast attacked in 3 groups. Damage suffered not yet known.
One-2 of enemy planes shot down by our shore ack ack.

Beaches north shore of Kegman Peninsula reported mined.
Sweep of Magiciane Bay continues; mines found there were of
horned moored type and had been recently laid.

As of 28th June our combat casualties were--

Killed 1363
Wounded 6806
Missing 843

Approx 4040 enemy dead have been buried by our troops.

End.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CG AAP

G-2
Adm. King
Col. Park
Log

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ON SAIPAN FOLLOWING MORNING ATTACK 26 JUNE SLIGHT ADVANCES MADE DURING DAY ON LEFT FLANK. ENEMY CONTINUES TO CONTEST ADVANCE. ORGANIZED RESISTANCE SAFUTAN POINT HAS CEASED. THROUGHOUT GARRISON AREA ANTI SNIPER PATROLS BEING CONDUCTED TO ELIMINATE REMNANTS ENEMY RESISTANCE. TOTAL CASUALTIES TO DATE KIA 1363 VIA CODE VIA 643. APPARENTLY 4,846 DEAD JAP HAVE BEEN BURIED BY OUR TROOPS. DURING 26 JUNE AIRCRAFT HIT ROTA DESTROYING 3 ENEMY PLANES IN REVETMENT AREA. ENEMY PLANES IN 3 GROUPS BOMBED SAIPAN AREA 26 JUNE 2126. RESULTS UNREPORTED BUT ONE ENEMY PLANE SHOT DOWN BY SHORE DEFENSES WITH ANOTHER PROBABLY. IN ADDITION TO SUPPORTING TROOPS ON SAIPAN SURFACE AND AIR FORCES CONTINUE TO NEUTRALIZE TINIAN. ASLITO AIRFIELD ON SAIPAN HAS TODAY RENAMED ISELEY FIELD, GUAM AIRFIELDS STRUCK 27-28-29 JUNE BY CARRIER TASK GROUPS STARTING LARGE FIRES. 5 ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED IN AIR. ALLIED AIRSTRIKES HIT GUAHAPOK, JEGUINIL, NEW IRELAND NEW BRITAIN, ALLIED AIRCRAFT CONTINUES NEUTRALIZATION MARSHALLS, CAROLINES, SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC PT'S ACTIVE IN 2300.
DESTROYING MANY ENEMY BARGES AND STRAFING ENEMY TARGETS. NIGHT
26 JUNE ENEMY AIRCRAFT BOMBED ON AIRDROME DIAM. 26 JUNE WARHAWKS
HEAVILY BOMBED BOEING AIRDROPS.
FROM CTF 51.

SAIPAN SUMMARY.

BELIEVE ALL ENEMY TROOPS WHO INfiltrated FROM NAFTUM POINT HAVE BEEN MOPPED UP. DURING ENEMY AIR ATTACKS 27 JUNE BOMBS WERE DROPPED NEAR FRONT LINES AND IN ASLITO AIRFIELD AREA AND CORPS ARTILLERY AREA BUT NO CASUALTIES RESULTED. BOMBS DROPPED ON SHORE NIGHT OF 28TH NEAR ASLITO BOUNDARies 2 BUT DID NO MATERIAL DAMAGE. 280 ENEMY DEAD FOUND ON NAFTUM POINT INCLUDING 104 CIVILIANS.

TROOPS ATTACKED TODAY AT 0730 PUSHED FORWARD AGAINST STRONG RESISTANCE FOR AN ADVANCE OF 1,500 YARDS CENTER OF LINE. ENEMY RESISTANCE STRONGER THAN DURING 2 PREVIOUS DAYS. TERRAIN EXTREMELY ROUGH AND
VEGETATION DENSE. FRONT LINES AT 1800 TODAY TA 220 C 291
BJ 292 GT 293 PT 294 PT 295 PV 213 WPN 221 "VQRSY 215 D.
OUR OCCUPATION OF HILL 774 TA 221 GIVES EXCELLENT
OBSERVATION TO NORTH AND EAST AND ADVANCE TODAY CONSIDERED
VERY FAVORABLE. ATTACK CONTINUES 0700 30TH WILL BE
SUPPORTED BY HEAVY AIR AND SKIP BOMBARDMENT OF STRONG POINTS
IN TANAPAO.

75 LAND MINES FOUND ON PURPLE BEACHES. NUMEROUS
SHALLOW WATER ANTI BOAT MINES MAGICIENNE BAY. SWEEPING
TOMORROW WILL BE BY LCVP.

TODAY ENEMY HEAVY ANTIAIRCRAFT SAIPIAN ACTIVE FOR
SHORT PERIOD SHOT DOWN 1 TBM AND BADLY HOLED ANOTHER.
GUNS SILENCED FOR REMAINDER OF DAY.

CASUALTIES AS OF 1800 TODAY 2ND MAR DIV KIA 653 MIA 3154
MIA 367. 4TH MAR DIV KIA 625 MIA 3171 MIA 462. 27TH
INFANTRY DIVISION KIA 185 MIA 1723 MIA 51 CORPS TROOPS KIA
11 MIA 52 MIA 5. TOTAL ENEMY BURIED BY OUR TROOPS 4949.

CTO 52 14 REPORTED ENEMY SUBMARINE TORPEDO PASSED CLOSE
ABOARD DURING FORENOON. ABP PLANE REPORTS DROPPING SPECIAL
BOMB WHICH EXPLODED AFTER 1 MINUTE.

TONIGHT AT 2045K SAME TG REPORTED 3 TORPEDOES PASSED
THROUGH FORMATION.

GUNFIRE AGAINST TINIAN CONTINUES.

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MADE USUAL DAWN AND EVENING SWEEPS BY P47'S AGAINST TINIAN FIELDS AND MARPI POINT. TINIAN FIELDS STILL CRATERED. EVIDENCE FRESH ATTEMPTS TO REPAIR MARPI POINT FIELD. VFS AND VTS HIT 53 INCH OR 5 INCH GUNS ON TINIAN. NOTICEABLE DECREASE IN AIR ENCOUNTERED OVER SOUTHERN TINIAN.

P47's STRUCK ROTA STARTING FIRES FUEL DUMPS NEAR FIELD. FLIGHT LEADER REPORTS RUNWAY INOPERATIVE TONIGHT.

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CTG 58.4 ORIGINATES ACTION COM 5TH FLEET. INFO CTF 58, CINC PAC. NPRU PLEASE PASS

PAGAN SUMMARY

A 28

B 61 PLUS 12 OBSERVATION-SHIPPING SHEEP

C 48

D 16

E 8 PLUS 64 ROCKETS R1NELL PROBABLY INOPERATIONAL

STRAFED SECTOR ROCKETS FIRED INTO 5-6 BARGES PROBABLY ALREADY UNSERVICEABLE, 2 HALF-TONNERS IN 40E1, 3 IN 40C5, 2 IN 42E3, SOME HITS IN 50 56 57 59.

FROM EXCELLENT PHOTOS AIRFIELD AREA PRESENT STATUS AS FOLLOWS.

HANGAR 2 SHOPS 43D2 AND 3 DESTROYED (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED)
4 BARRACKS 4 SMALL BUILDINGS DESTROYED, 1 BARRACKS 2 SMALL BUILDINGS DAMAGED 56D2 AND 3. COVERED WATER RESERVOIR DAMAGED 56B4.

RADIO STATION 4 BARRACKS DESTROYED 56D3. RDF DESTROYED 5683. 8 BUILDINGS DESTROYED 3 DAMAGED IN VILLAGE 56 AND 58. 25 UNFILLED NO FILLED RECENT CRATERS ON RUNWAY, 20 CRATERS IN PARKING AREAS. 8 CRATERS ON BOTTOM, NO OTHER SHIPPING VISIBLE IN PHOTOS. FEW WORTHWHILE TARGETS REMAIN AND ISLAND APPEARS VIRTUALLY DESERTED. LIGHT AA OR 8G FROM 41E159 AND 51B4. PILOTS AND OBLIQUE PHOTOS NO MILITARY INSTALLATIONS MEDINILLA SARIGAN ANATHAN.

DELIVERED TO 2298

* RADIO HONOLULU PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 2921B4
GOYDESRON 12 SENDS.

GOYDESRON 12 IN LANG REPORTS TO CTG 58.4 ON SHIPPS SIEEP TO WTECK 29 JUNE. NO SHIPPS SIGHTED ROTA GUAM OR LAST NIGHT. AREA EAST OF OROTE FIELD SEEN STILL BURNING AT 1600 RESULT OF 1522 AIR STRIKE. 3 ROOGIES BETWEEN 2100 AND MIDNIGHT FROM SOUTHWEST ON COURSES TOWARD GUAM AND ROTA.

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CREATING CRATERS IN AIRSTRIPS AND DISPERSAL AREAS BOTH
MIDNIGHT AIRFIELDS WITH HALF TONNERS 16 ARMY LIBERATORS 7TH
OVER TRUK 272230 DROPPED 46 TONS. AA WAS MODERATE, ACCURACY
VARIED. 5 NIP FIGHTERS 4 TONY AGGRESSIVE, PROBABLY
DESTROYED. TARGETS FOR FOLLOWING ATTACKS ON ENEMY HELD
MARSHALLS WERE ABLE ABLE POSITIONS AND COASTAL DEFENSE GUNS
9 CORSAIRS AND 15 DAUNTLESSES OF 4TH WAVE OVER MILE 280312
DROPPED 53 QUARTER TONS. USING 8 ONE-HALF TONS 12 MARINE
CORSAIRS AND 15 MARINE DIVEBOMBERS STRUCK JALUIT AT 272240
EXPLOSION AND FIRE WITNESSED. MODERATE INACCURATE FLAK
DROPPING 13/8 TONS ON NOTJE AND STRAFING ADJACENT ISLETS 2
FLIGHTS OF 4 MARINE FIGHTERS FROM 272300 TO 280615 FOUND MEAGER
A/M FIRE.

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RECEIVED 200
PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS RDO HOND'S 282145.

TG 58.3 WILL STRIKE GUAM FROM EAST AFTERNOON 29 JUNE
OPERATING SOUTH GUAM EARLY EVENING RETIRING SOUTHEAST
DURING NIGHT. TG 58.4 OPERATING WEST MARINAS STRIKES
ROTA AFTERNOON 29TH AND WILL KEEP NIGHT FIGHTERS OVER
ROTA UNTIL 2300. TIMES MINUS 15. SUMMARY 28TH.
TG 58.3 PUT 37 TONS ON AGANA-OROTE STRIPS. 15 PLANES
AT OROTE & AGANA SOME POSSIBLY OPERATIONAL. GAP
SPLASHED BETTY NEAR OROE. NIGHT FIGHTERS SPLASHED
3 OUT OF 4 BOOGIES DURING NIGHT.

(ORIGINATOR CTF 58, ACTION COM 5TH FLT. INFO ALL TCG'S
TF 58 AND ALL TFC'S 5TH FLT AND CTF 51.)
From: CG, US Army Forces Central Pacific Area, Ft Shafter TH

To: War Department
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CG, US Army Services of Supply Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane Australia
Supreme Commander Southeast Asia Command, Kandy Ceylon
CG, 20th Bomber Command Kharagpur, India
CG, US Army Forces, China Burms and India
Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

Nr: RJ 20637 29th June 1944

Mag nr RJ 20637 from HDQS comes daily CENTPAC
Operational resume for Marshall, SOPAC, Macarthur, CG 20th
Bom Com, USA Forces in CBI and Sultan signed Richardson
thru CINCPAC.

Operations in Caroline-Marshall area comes now, time
in zone L:

Targets for daylight sorties 27th June were Wotje,
Mille, Taroa and Fonape. Wotje assailants were 14 Marine
Corsairs who claimed 3,4 tons on C/D installations through
accurate light and medium flak. One fighter crashed and
exploded; pilot is missing. Another fighter water landed;
pilot rescued. Third F4U received minor damage from ack ack.
In Mille raid were 15 Marine Dauntless and 12 Marine Corsairs.
Through meager inaccurate automatic weapons fire 10 tons
placed on gun positions. In 2 strikes total of 14 Marine
dive bombers hit Taroa CD and AA positions with total of 6
tons. Light Nip ground fire was meager and inaccurate.
Over Fonape 6 Army Mitchells released 3.6 tons on Ned Air-

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field Putap and Jokaj ack ack Etrys. Meager inaccurate flak
was thrown up.

16 Army Mitchells during night 27th worked over Nauru
antiair positions with 9.6 tons. Jap ground fire was accurate
inflicting minor damage on 4 bombers and causing 5th to
water land 20 miles off Nauru; crew rescued by Dumbo.

Here ends part 1.

Marshall-Caroline Summary.

Marianas-Nampo Shot operations follow, all times in
zone K:

Daily softening up bombardment of Tinian continues.

During night of 25th June our LMT's attacked Nip barges
south of Tanapag harbor sinking 1 barge; 2 of our landing
craft were damaged. Our casualties were 1 killed and 4
wounded.

During night 26-27 approx 400 Nips broke through our
lines on Nafutan Point, Saipan and pushing north approx 4
miles attacked hill approx 2200 yards east of Lake Sulupe.
About half of this Nip force was killed, remainder scattered
in our rear areas. Party of Jap snipers attacked Aslito
Field same night burning 1 Thunderbolt and damaging 2 others.
13 of this party were killed. Also that night Jap planes
dropped about 8 bombs on quarters area Aslito Field. Our
casualties were 1 killed and 4 wounded.
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Nr : PJ 20537
29th June 1944.

Our offensive drive on Saipan continued during 26 and
27 June. On our left (west) 2nd Mar Div advanced further
into Garapan town and gained control of Mount Tapotchau. On
our right (east) Fourth Marine Division continued their
rapid advance against only slight resistance. The 27th Inf
Div in the center bypassed a Nip strong point approx 1700
yards SE of Mt Tapotchau and made slow progress against
continued heavy resistance. On 27th June elements of 27th
Inf Div on Rafutan peninsula pushed south leaving Nips only
about 400 yards of the southern tip of the peninsula. By
evening of 27th our left and right flanks were anchored on
the west and east shores of Saipan respectively at south
Garapan and approx 700 yards NE of Hashigoro village (approx
4500 yards NNE of Leulau town). From both flanks the line
bends south forming a large salient in center of Saipan
approx 2000 yards deep and 2000 yards wide.

During afternoon 27th June 41 P47's thoroughly strafed
Rota encountering no enemy planes. Nip AA damaged 3 US planes
that day.

During night 27/28 our radar picked up enemy planes at
Rota apparently taking off. Later that night enemy planes
attacked Saipan area. Our ships sustained no damage from
the attack; near miss wounded 1 man. Our ships threw up
heavy smoke screen. No report yet as to whether our shore
was attacked.

Our minesweepers had picked up about 20 moored mines
in Magicienne Bay by 27th.

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Our casualties as of 1600 the 26th are:
Killed in action 1252
Wounded in action 6276
Missing in action 921

By same date 135 Hip prisoners of war were taken and 3710 civilians were in custody. Incomplete reports show 1943 enemy dead buried by our troops.

End.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CGAFP
G-2
Adm King
Col Park
Log

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/30/44
DURING 26-27 JUNE OUR FORCES ADVANCED NEARLY 2 MILES EAST COAST OF SAIPAN AGAINST SLIGHT RESISTANCE. CENTER OF FRONT LINE CONTINUED TO ENCOUNTER HEAVY RESISTANCE WITH ENSUING SLOW PROGRESS. FURTHER PROGRESS MADE INTO GARAPAN NOW HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL MT. TAPOTCHAU. DURING NIGHT 26-27 JUNE ENEMY BROKE THROUGH OUR LINES NAFTAN POINT. 200 KILLED REMAINDER SCATTERED BEHIND OUR LINES. STRONG ATTACKS LAUNCHED 27 JUNE AGAINST ENEMY NAFTAN AND ATTACK FORCED THEM BACK EXTREME END NAFTAN POINT. ENEMY POSITIONS TINIAN ISLAND BEING NEUTRALIZED BY DAILY BOMBARDMENT. ENEMY PLANES CONTINUED NIGHT HARASSING ATTACKS OUR TRANSPORT AREA SAIPAN BUT WITHOUT MUCH MATERIAL DAMAGE. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES FEL. ENEMY PLANES SNIPERS ATTACKED ASLITO AIRFIELD BURNING 1 PLANE DAMAGING 2 OTHERS KILLING 1 WOUNDED 4. 13 SNIPERS KILLED. OUR CASUALTIES 26 JUNE 16/KIA 1252 NIA 6276 MIA 921. 145 PRISONERS TAKEN. 3710 CIVILIANS OUR CUSTODY. HAVE BURIED 1943 ENEMY DEAD. SURFACE
FORCE WHICH BOMBARED SOUTHERN PARAMUSHIRU 26 JUNE REPORTS NO CASUALTIES TO SHIPS OR PERSONNEL. HEAVY FOG PATCHES PRECLUDED OBSERVATION OF DAMAGE INFlicted BUT EFFECTIVELY COVERED SURFACE FORCE RETIREMENT PREVENTING DETECTION FROM ENEMY AIR SEARCH EXTENDING OVER 13 HOURS. 5 ENEMY PATROL CRAFT PROBABLY SUNK DAMAGED OTHERS. ALLIED AIR STRIKES NEAR GUINEA GOUGAINVILLE NEW IRELAND NEW BRITAIN. ARMY MARINE AIRCRAFT ATTACKED ENEMY OBJECTIVES MARSHALLS. PT ACTIVITY ATTAPE AND SHORES OF NEW IRELAND. AT BIAK PATROL CLASHES REPORTED. 2642 ENEMY KILLED TO DATE. 13 PRISONERS TAKEN. AIRCRAFT BOMBER KOKER 26 JUNE MUNGING 4 PERSONNEL. 2 ENEMY AIRCRAFT STAFED AIRDROME MORNING 27 JUNE NIL DAMAGE.
OUR AIRCRAFT CONTINUE REDUCTION ENEMY DEFENSES CAROLINES MARSHALLS. ALLIED AIR STRIKES NEW GUINEA BOUGAINVILLE NEW IRELAND AND NEW BRITAIN. DURING NIGHT 25 JUNE 2 LIGHT AIR RAIDS VICINITY BIABAK. FEW CASUALTIES CARRIER AIRCRAFT SLEW 26 JUNE OVER ROTA GUAM RESULTED SINKING APRA HARBOR GUAM 3 SMALL VESSELS. OROTE POINT COASTAL DEFENSE HUNE HEAVILY ATTACKED FUEL TANKS SOUTH SHORE APRA HARBOR BLOK LU UP AND 1½ TO 12 PLANES DESTROYED ON GROUND OROTE AIRFIELD. ENEMY OFFERED NO OPPOSITION. AT ROTA BUILDINGS SET ON FIRE OTHERS DAMAGED. ENEMY AIRCRAFT CONTINUES HARASSING NIGHT ATTACKS OVER SHIPPING AREA SAIPAN LOSING 2 PLANES ANOTHER PROBABLE. AIRCRAFT DAMN 26 JUNE STARTED SEVERAL FIRES KASHITABA SHIMUSHI. SURFACE TASK.
FORCE COMPLETED BOMBARDMENT KURABU ZAKI SOUTHERN
PARAMUSHIRU 26 JUNE 1933.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CTG 58.4
RELEASED BY: 28 JUNE 1944
DATE: 1934
TOR CODED: DESTEMAR
DECODED BY: HERMITZ/HOCHSTEIN
PARAPHRASED BY: (A) 27
(B) 34 ROTA 16 OROTE AND CRUISER CAP 8 SEARCH
(C) 44
(D) 16
(E) 1½ ROTA V ROTA AKUEROTE FIELDS STRAFED.

SUMMARY

FROM PHOTOS 9 HITS ROTA RUNWAY, 1½ VF, ONLY 2 POSSIBLE OPERATIONAL AND ALL IN SAME POSITS AS PREVIOUS PHOTOS. LARGE BARRACKS 192 0 AND 2 FUEL DUMPS IN WOODS 19½ R DESTROYED. RESULTS OF ROTA - GUAM SWEET IN CTU 58.4.5 275420. CAP VERIFIES 2 MOTOR SAMPANS SUNK 5 OIL TANKS ON OROT PIER BLOWN UP, 9-1½ PLANES BURNED IN SOUTHER DISPERAL AREA.

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By: DERS Date: MAI 87 1973

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
REAR ADMIRAL DAVISON IN WASP WITH TG 58.2 WASP FRANKLIN
MONTEREY CABOT CRUDIV 1½ LESS BALTIMORE QUINCY PLUS
VINCENNES IF READY, SAN JUAN DESRON 52 AND TG 58.1
REAR ADMIRAL CLARK IN HORNET YORKTOWN BATAAN CRUDIV
13 LESS BIRMINGHAM PLUS DENVER OAKLAND DESRON 56
DESVIV 11 DEPART ENIWETOK IN COMPANY WHEN REPLENISHMENT
COMPLETED AND IN FIGHTING TRIM PROCEED MARIANAS AREA.
MAKE STRIKES ENROUTE ON TWO JIMA CHICHI JIMA UNTIL
AIRCRAFT FACILITIES ARE WRECKED. FUEL ON ARRIVAL
MARIANAS. ADVISE ALL HANDS ETD SCHEDULE ROUTE AND ETA
MARIANAS. COMMUNICATIONS CENTCOM 2 AND BY OP ORD 7-44.
I AM IN LEXINGTON. REAR ADMIRAL MONTGOMERY WITH BUNKER
HILL REMAIN ENIWETOK.
RDO HONOLULU PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS HIS 261443.
ON 25 JUNE A CONCERTED ATTACK RESULTED IN CAPTURE OF SOUTHERN PART GARAPAN, MOUNT TAPOTCHAU AND OCCUPATION OF ENTIRE KAGMAN PENINSULA SOUTH EASTERN SAIPAN. ON NAFOATAN PENINSULA SMALL GAINS MADE. IN ADVANCE FIVE PRISONERS TAKEN BUT NUMBER CIVILIANS IN CUSTODY.

TO DATE 36 ENEMY TANKS DESTROynchronization WITH 40% CAPTURED.

3 COASTAL DEFENSE GUNS TAKEN. AS OF 24 JUNE 18% OUR CASUALTIES TOTALLED KIA 967 VIA 52% MIA 12%. A CARRIER TASK GROUP REPORTS MEETING CONSIDERABLE FIGHTER OPPOSITION GUAM 23 JUNE. OUR AIRCRAFT CONTINUE REDUCTION ENEMY DEFENSES CAROLINES MARRSHALLS. SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC. DURING 24 JUNE GUNBOATS SHELD PILLOWS AT MAVARA BOUCAINVILLE. ACTIVE PATROLLING CONTINUES AT BIAK WITH FURTHER ENEMY POCKETS CLEARED.

NO ENEMY REPORTED 4 AND A HALF MILES NORTHWEST SORIDO.

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31 HAVOC BOMBED STREADED AIRDROMES AND STORES NOENFOOR ISLAND DUTCH NEW GUINEA. ALLIED AIR STRIKES NEW GUINEA BOUGAINVILLE NEW IRELAND NEW BRITAIN.

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SAIPAN SUMMARY.

DURING PAST 2 DAYS ATTACK HAS BEEN PROGRESSIVE ON LAND.

4TH MARDIV ON RIGHT 27TH INFANTRY DIVISION CENTER 2ND MARDIV ON LEFT. ADVANCE 4TH MARDIV RAPIDLY AGAINST ONLY SLIGHT RESISTANCE. CENTER BY-PASSED STRONG POINT THEIR AREA BUT MET CONTINUED HEAVY RESISTANCE AND MADE SLOW PROGRESS. 2ND MARDIV ADVANCED FURTHER INTO CARAPAN AND NOW CONTROLS VT. TAPOTCHAU. FRONT LINES NOW TA 298W 299W 1940Y 1950Y 1960U 215w 214E 215E.

40% ENEMY BROKE THROUGH OUR LINES ON NAFTAN POINT DURING LAST NIGHT AND PUSHING NORTH ATTACKED HILL 590 TA 151 SUSTAINING APPROXIMATELY 200 KILLED REMAINDER DISPERSSED IN OUR REAR AREA. OUR TROOPS TODAY OCCUPIED
NAFUTAN POINT TO LINTE TA 101J 102FJG,

SOFTENING UP BOMBARDMENT OF TINIAN PROCEEDING DAILY. NIGHT OF 25TH LCI 8 IN ACTION AGAINST ENEMY BARGES SOUTH OF TANAPAQ
HARBOR SANK 1 BARCE. 1 KILLED 4 WOUNDED SOME MATERIAL DAMAGE TO LCI 436 AND 456.

ACTION AGAINST ENEMY AIRCRAFT TO NOON 27TH NOTED IN SEPARATE
DISPACH. THIS AFTERNOON 41 P-47S MADE THOROUGH FIGHTER
SWEEP OF ROTA WITHOUT FINDING ENEMY PLANES. HOWEVER TONIGHT
BEGINNING AT 1845 PLANES SEEN BY RADAR TO BE CIRCLING ROTA
APPEARING TO BE TAKING OFF. HARRASING ATTACKS WERE MADE ON
TRANSSPORTS UNTIL 2000 WITH RED ALERT DURING ENTIRE PERIOD
EXCEPT FOR 45 MINUTES. SHORE BATTERIES IN ACTION 5 TIMES
GENNIOA RADAR PICKET TWICE. 6 BOMBS WERE DROPPED IN WATER
AT 2000 AND ABOUT 15 AT 2232 THE LATTER CLOSE ABOARD CAMBRIA
DOING NO DAMAGE BUT WOUNDED 1 MAN. BOMBS DURING OTHER
ATTACKS BELIEVED DROPPED ASHORE BUT NO REPORTS. SMOKE
EXPENDITURE BY SHIPS VERY HEAVY. BLACK WIDOW MADE 1 INTERCEP-
TION AND FIRED ON ENEMY WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. AT 262102
ENEMY PLANES DROPPED ABOUT 3 BOMBS AMONG LIVING QUARTERS
ASLITO FIELD KILLED 1 WOUNDED 4.

3 OF OUR AIRCRAFT DAMAGED BY AA TODAY. OF 12 PBM ASSIGNED
FOR NIGHT ASP ONLY 1 HAS BEEN OPERATIONAL FOR LAST 2 NIGHTS.
MINRON 4 SWEEPING MAGNIFICENT BAY ABOUT 20 MOORED MINES SWEEP
80 FAIN. SOME MINES FOUND NEAR SHORE IN 5 FEET OF WATER.

PLANNING FOR KODUK TO LAY ANTI-TORPEDO NET ON 28TH IN
APPROXIMATE ACCORDANCE FIRST 2 MILES OF CINCPAC PLAN.  ALL ASSAULT SHIPPING UNLOADED.  DISCHARGE OF GARRISON SHIPPING PROCEEDING.

PARTY OF ENEMY SNIPERS ATTACKED ASLITO FIELD DURING LAST NIGHT BURNING 1 P-47 PLANE AND DAMAGING 2 OTHERS.  13 ENEMY KILLED.

CASUALTY FIGURES TO 1600 26 JUNE 2ND MARDIV KIA 556, WIA 2639, MIA 455.  4TH MARDIV KIA 564, WIA 2893, MIA 421.  27TH INFANTRY DIV KIA 129, WIA 597, MIA 39.  CORPS TROOPS KIA 7, WIA 47, MIA 6.  135 PRISONERS OF WAR AND 371 CIVILIANS IN CUSTODY.  INCOMPLETE REPORT AS SHOWN OUR TROOPS HAVE BURIED 1943 ENEMY DEAD.

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**Rota—Guam Sweep.**

One small tug 2 sampans destroyed Apra Harbor. One medium gun on bottom when we arrived. Coastal defense gunsrote point heavily plastered. No return fire. All fuel tanks south shore Apra Harbor. BLOWN UP one inshore end breakwater burning. Cap reports 19 to 12 planes on ground. Orote Airfield destroyed. Large fire on airfield. No AA and no air opposition. No shipping at Rota. Sugar mill set on fire. One large metal building South shore damaged. Now proceeding south and westward on shipping sweep.

Delivered to 20-A...

*COMINCH received for info as radio Mono 286362.*
CTF 51 SENDS AND ASKS RDO HONO GIVE INFO CINCPAC.

ROUNDUP OF TF 51 AIR OPERATIONS AND ENEMY AIR ATTACKS LAST 2 DAYS. P-47'S HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN TROOP SUPPORT AND IN NEUTRALIZATION ENEMY AIRFIELDS SAIPAN AND TINIAN.

ARE NOW WORKING ON A CONTINUING PROGRAM COORDINATED WITH SHIP AND SHORE ARTILLERY GUNFIRE OF DESTROYING TINIAN GUNS AND GENERALLY SOFTENING UP DEFENSES. P-61'S ACTIVE EVERY NIGHT AGAINST ENEMY ATTACKING PLANES NO INTERCEPTION YET.

LAST NIGHT WHEN A KILL SEEMED SURE HERE FOILED BY ENEMY USE OF RADAR. REGRET REPORT ABOUT 25000'K WHEN 1 BLACK WIDOW TAKING OFF FROM ASLITO ANOTHER PLANE LANDED ON TOP OF IT BOTH PLANES DESTROYED PILOTS KILLED. NOW HAVE ONLY 5 P-61'S.

NIGHT OF 26TH ENEMY PLANES ACTIVE FROM 1945K TO 2300K.
BENNION RADAR PICKET SOUTH OF TINIAN PICKED UP PLANES TAKING OFF FROM AND LANDING ON TINIAN. SEVERAL DECOYS DREW OUR BLACK WIDOW TO WESTWARD THEN ATTACK PLANES CAME IN EAST OF SAIPAN. TOTAL NUMBER OF ENEMY PLANES IN AIR ABOUT 10.

ATTACK PLANES CAME IN HIGH ALTITUDE 1400 FEET 2 ATTACKED TG 52-4 FOR 1 HOUR DROPPING 2 TORPEDOES NO HITS 1 SURE SHOT DOWN. 2 ATTACKED BENJON WITH TORPEDOES 1 PROBABLE SHOT DOWN. AT LEAST 1 CAME OVER SAIPAN AGAINST TRANSPORTS. USS MERCURY CREDITED WITH A KILL WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT: ONE FRAN (PROBABLE) SLID DOWN THROUGH OUR SMOKE SCREEN DROPPED TORPEDO WHICH HIT MERCURY BEFORE REACHING WATER KILLING 1 MAN AND PENETRATING INTO SUPERSTRUCTURE WITHOUT EXPLODING BUT WITH PARTIAL DEFLAGRATION. BETTY COLLIDED WITH MERCURY'S JUMBO BOOM AND CRASHED IN WATER. DEAD AVIATOR AND SMASHED GAS TANK RECOVERED. DOCUMENTS IN POCKETS BEING TRANSLATED WILL BE FORWARDED.

IT IS DEFINITE THAT GUAM AND ROTA FIELDS BEING USED BY ENEMY.

ALL SENDING 40 P-47'S TO STRIKE ROTA THIS AFTERNOON.

*PASSED TO COMHICH FOR INFO BY RADIO HONOLULU AS 20318.
RADIO WAILANA PASS TO ALL ADDRESSES. ORIGINATOR COM-
TASKFORCE 58 WHO GIVES ACTION TO OTO 58.4 INFO TO
COME 5TH FLEET OTO 51 AND 59 AND CINCPAC.

OPPLAN JIMMY.

ENEMY CONTINUING SUPPLY GUAM ROTA BY SURFACE
SHIPPING. TASK GROUP 58.4 FORM DESTROYER ANTI
JAP SWEEPING UNITS TO CONDUCT SWEEPS AGAINST SHIPS
GUAM AND ROTA AND IN SOUTHWESTERN APPROACHES
THERE TO. DURATION OF EACH SLEEP 48 HOURS UPON
COMPLETION OF WHICH REJOIN TASKGROUP 58.4. UNITS
DESTROY SHIPS, HECKLE GUAM SHORE DEFENSES ON 1
NIGHT OF THEIR PATROL WITH SLOW DELIBERATE FIRE
OF ABOUT 50 ROUNDS 5 INCH PER SHIP. FIRST UNIT
PROCEED AT 0600 K JUNE 28 SECOND UNIT PROCEED AFTER
FIRST UNIT REJOINS. CONTINUE SWEEPS UNTIL TASKGROUP
LEAVES AREA OR IS OTHERWISE DIRECTED. TOP OFF

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DESTROYERS BEFORE THEIR PATROL. INFORM ALL TASKFORCE
COMDRS OF PROSPECTIVE ROUTE AND SCHEDULE. PLAN EFFECTIVE
UPON RECEIPT. COMMUNICATIONS MY OPPLAN 7-44. I AM IN
LEXINGTON.

DELIVERED TO BAO:
*PASSED BY RDO HONOLULU AP/280/304 TO COMINCH FOR INFO.
(COM 5TH FLEET FLIPS ACTION CTF 58 INFO ALL TFC’S 5TH FLT ALL TGC’S TASK FORCE 58 AND CINCPAC. RADIO WANIAPA PASS)

Radar plot of Bennion operating last night 15 miles south Tinian shore planes attacking ships at Saipan came from and returned to Rota. Believe Iwojima is filling with aircraft from Empire and these are staging through Rota and Guam to attack us. Your 26231C2. Desire you take strike on Iwojima leaving enough strength to deny Rota Guam fields to enemy aircraft. Do you consider night harassing fire by cruisers or destroyers would be effective to prevent night landings or take-offs these fields. If not use of night fighters seems indicated. Cancel support missions Saipan. Movements of one task group to Eniwetok prior to return to this area of two now there will depend upon developments of situation. If enemy air can be kept in hand will probably send Iwojima strike Back from there leaving remainder to follow when relieved here by task group 58.1 and 58.2. Your operating areas...
MAY BE EITHER EAST OR WEST OF MARIANAS AS YOU DEEM BEST TO AVOID SUBMARINES PROVIDED YOU KEEP CLEAR AT NIGHT OF SCHEDULED MOVEMENTS OF OTHER FORCES.
(CTF 51 SENDS THIS)

FORM TASK GROUP 52.14 RAD\ M BOGAN

A. TU 52.14.1 WHITE PLAINS MIDWAY KALININ BAY

B. TU 52.14.2 RADM SALLADA KITKUN BAY GAMBIER BAY NEHANTA BAY

C. TU 52.14.3 RADM RAGSDALE SANGAMON SURFACE.
ADD TO EACH OF FOREGOING ASSIGNED DD SCREEN.

CARRIER TASK ORGANIZATION MY OP ORDER A 11 DISSOLVED,
NEHANTA BAY EXPECTED TO ARRIVE OPERATING AREA ABOUT 30
JUNE, ENEMY INTENSIFYING SUB OPERATIONS THIS AREA TO 19.3
PROVIDING LIMITED A/S COVERAGE ETIER INFO CURRENT DESPATCH.

(A) (B) PROVIDE AIR AND A/S PLANE COVERAGE FOR SHIPS AT
SAIPAN AND AIR SUPPORT FOR TROOPS AND SUCH OTHER
MISSIONS AS DIRECTED BY CSA. OPERATE IN AREA
FOET AND SOBER DURING DAY. AT NIGHT CLOSE AS
PRACTICABLE COVERING GROUP 1 WHICH WILL USUALLY
RETIRE TO WESTWARD OF SAIPAN.

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(C) PROVIDE AIR COVER AND A/S PATROLS EASTERN RETIREMENT AREAS OPERATING UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED IN VICINITY OF UNITS IN AREA NEBRASKA

(X) THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE AT 0600H 20 JUNE.
FOLLOWING BASED ON FAIR TO GOOD COMPLETE PHOTO COVERAGE 1100 JIMA 16TH. INCLOSED A FIELD 1 RUNWAY 5000 FEET FROM GRID 401 TO 1201 BEYOND 4000 FEET 401 TO 1101, THIRD 2500 FEET 863 TO 701. SECOND FIELD 1 RUNWAY 4250 BY 200 1202 TO 1003. THIRD SARP UNDER CONSTRUCTION 1203 TO 1902. 4 HEAVY AA 1203, 3 TO 5 AUTO AA IN 864. 883, 402, 785, 1105, 1005, 1904, 2804, 3182. AMMO STORED 2 REVETTED BUILDINGS 862 AND 905. BARRACKS AT 864.

RADIO STATIONS AT 1204 AND 1902 RADAR 3102 RDF 1203. FUEL IN DRUMS IN SLIT TRENCHES THROUGHOUT AIRFIELD AREAS. JETTY AT 903. ALL POSSIBLE LANDING BEACHES LINED WITH PERSONNEL TRENCHES.

43 VF 32 VB-VMB 3 TRANSPORTS 8 UNID VISIBLE OF WHICH 14 VF 15 VB-VMB 1 TRANSPORT 2 UNID DAMAGED OR DESTROYED.

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Oceanographic Survey

By RT, NARA, Date May 4, 1973

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NLR 101
Richardson sends daily operations from HOGCs to Stilwell, Sultan, SOPAC, SOWSPAC, Wolfe and Chief of Staff WAR. This is msg brl number RJ 20354-26th.

Part 1. Resume of Marshall-Caroline operations came in first part, times used are Zone L.

During night 23-24th L Navy Helicat bothered Tarac and Wotje with 0.7 ton.

Navy searcher shot down Jap plane 24 June position 11-35 north, 154-34 east course 360. All other searches this date negative.

Daylight missions flown 24 June hit Wotje, Truk and Ponape. Wotje worked over from dawn to dusk by total of 20 Marine Corsair sortiea. 1.3 tons plowed up ack ack positions and installations were vigorously strafea. 15 meager accurate ground fire downed 1 Fighter in Wotje lagoon and damaged another; pilot of downed plane not recovered. Over Truk were 15 Army Liberators. 37.5 tons placed on Mocn airfields.

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and dispersal areas. Flak was intense but not accurate. 5 Nip interceptors our gunners damaged 3; 2 Liberators got minor damage. Conducting Fonsa raids were 2 Army B-24's and 9 Army Mitchells. Several direct hits scored Jokai gun positions and large fires started with 10.4 tons dropped. Ack-ack varied from meager inaccurate to none.

All searches 25th were negative.

Part 2.

Marianas-Nampo Photo operations follow, all times in zone K:

During night 22-23 June Navy patrol planes shot down 1 Betty and 1 other Nip plane (possibly Irving) in Saipan-Tinian area. Same night single Nip plane, approaching low undetected, hit our BB Maryland with torpedo.

On Saipan 27th Div minus 1 RCT put into line between 2nd and 4th Marways on 23 June. Remaining Regt combat team retained Nafutan Point to mop up remaining Nip resistance there. Following half hour preparation from ground sea and air, attack launched 1005 the 23rd. Advances of 1500 yards were made in some sectors. Excepting 3 Nip salients, the largest protruding approx 800 yards, by 15000 this date our front line extended generally from southern outskirts of Garapan Town to northeast shore of Magicienne Bay.

During night 23-24 June, 2 small groups of Nip planes
dropped sticks of bombs from high altitude on our inner transport area. 1 LST, 1 LCT and 2 PC's received minor damage; Navy casualties were 10 killed and 22 wounded. Same night enemy btr's on Ushi Point, Tinian sporadically shelled our transports and beach damaging 1 LST.

Coordinated attack launched 0800 the 24th by 27 Inf Div and 2nd and 4th MarDivs following ground sea and air preparation. Gains of approx 800 yards were registered against stiff resistance over rugged terrain. By 1400 this date the Nip salients remaining after our attack on the 23rd had been leveled off.

At 1935 the 24th over our shore 3 enemy planes dropped sticks of bombs. No damage reports yet received.

Additional information on our carrier based aerial attack of Tinian on the 24th now available. 5 twin engine Jap bombers were set on fire and the airfields were bombed.

3 aviation Prisoners of War state that the carriers Shokaku, Zuikaku, Hitaka, Hayataka, Zuiho and Ryuhu were in Nip fleet attacked by our carrier planes on 20th. Other Prisoner of War information indicates Tanapag Harbor is mined.

Re our carrier plane attack of Iwo Jima in Kazan Retto on 24th June final total score of enemy planes definitely shot down is 116; and additional 11 Jap planes were probably shot down. Our total losses were 5 Fighter planes.
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From: CG, US Army Forces in Central Pacific Area,
      Ft Shafter, T.H.

Nr: RJ 20354  26 June 1944


In Hawaiian Islands are at 2215Z 25th June friendly
minesweeper obtained contact on possible hostile SS 70 miles
south of Oahu; B-3 is reliability. Depth of the attack made;
results not yet known.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG AAF
      G-2
      Adm. King
      Col. Park
      Gen Vandegrift
      Log

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THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
ACTION TO COM 5TH FLEET INFO TO CINC PAC COM TASK FORCE 58 COM TASK FORCE 51. COM TASK GROUP 58.1 SENDS. NPM (RDO HONOLULU) PASS TO ALL ADEES.

COMPLETE SUMMARY FOR IWO JIMA SUPPLEMENTING MY 241224.

A. 24 JUNE

B. 50 INCLUDING 2 NAVIGATION RESCUE TBF.

C. 84 INCLUDING 52 SCRAMBLED FV.

D. 17 PLUS 18 ANTI SHOOP.

F. 5 FG.

G. 11 FG.

H. 5 PILOTS MISSING.

M. 57 ZEKES, 9 JUDY, 2 JILL AT IWO JIMA, 16 ZEKES, 26 KATES, 3 JUDY, 1 JILL BY CAP NEAR FORCE.

RECAPITULATION SHOWS TOTAL OF 114 SHOT DOWN

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RATHER THAN 116 PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

N. 6 ZEKES AT TARGET, 4 ZEKES NEAR FORCE.
O. 2 ZEKES TARGET, 2 ZEKES FORCE.

COMPLETE SURPRISE WAS EFFECTED. BELIEVE WE BROKE
UP A LARGE RAID ASSEMBLING AND IN PROGRESS OF HEADING
SOUTH. MANY PLANES LOADED WITH TORPEDOES WITH FIGHTER
ESCORT WERE AIRBORNE ON ARRIVAL OF OUR FIGHTER SWEET.
FOLLOWING OUR ATTACK WERE 3 LARGE RAIDS ON THIS GROUP.
OUR FIGHTERS WERE TRACKED BACK BY 12 KATES CARRYING
YELLOW NOSED TORPEDOES UNDER THE FUSELAGES AND WHAT
APPEARED TO BE STUB SING* TANKS UNDER THE RIGHT WINGS.
AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ALL IN THIS FIRST RAID WERE SHOT
DOWN. BELLEAU WOOD FIGHTER WHO GOT THE LAST ONE DOVE
THROUGH SHIPS GUNFIRE TO GET HIM. DURING LATE AFTERNOON
THE 2 OTHER RAIDS WERE COMPLETELY BROKEN UP BY OUR
FIGHTERS 6* TO 75 MILES A'WAY. DURING NIGHT RETIEMENT
ABOUT 2 BETTYS SHADOWED US CLOSING TO 15 MILES DROPPING
TANK BOMBS AND FLARES BUT THEY APPEARED TOO TIMID TO DRIVE
HOME AN ATTACK. SCREEN WAS CLEAR AT 2300K. DISTANCE WAS
TOO GREAT TO SEND ANOTHER STRIKE BUT CONSIDER TWO JIMA
FRUITFULL TARGET.

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(CTF 59 sends action to CTF 58.4 and INFO to COM 5th Fleet CTF 51 CTF 50 and CINC PAC. RADIO KAHANAVA PASS TO ALL ADDRESSES)

**Operation Plan Wilder. Enemy shipping has been sighted in and enroute to harbors of Guam and Rota.**

**General Task. Task Force will conduct sweep for destruction of enemy shipping task unit 56.4.5 rear.**

**Admiral Baker in Miami with CRDIV 14 and Desron 23. Depart TG 58.4 at 1600J 27 June 27 proceed on anti Jap sweep against ships in Guam and Rota and in southwestern approaches thereto. If practicable attack coastal.**

**Defense batteries and antiaircraft batteries on western end of Rota field. Keep clear of mines.**

**Return TG 58.4 by 0000J 28 June 28. Inform all Task Group COs of prospective schedule and route so pilots can be briefed. This plan effective on receipt. My Complan still holds. I am in Lexington.**

**Copy to TG 236.6.**

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HARD IV KIA 334 MIA 3741 MIA 662. 27TH DIVISION KIA 61
MIA 362 MIA 22 CORPS TROOPS KIA 2. CONSIDERABLE NUMBER
CASUALTIES RETURNED LOCALLY. NUMBERS OF MISSING REDUCED
THROUGH IDENTIFICATION. CASUALTIES EVACUATED TO SHIPS.

UNLOADING OF ASSAULT SHIPPING PRACTICALLY COMPLETE HAVE
STARTED ON FIRST CARRIAGE GROUP.

REPORT THAT SINKING OF OUR REPORTED IN BY 221946 WAS
ERRONEOUSLY CREDITED TO NEUTRAL BUT ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISHED BY
HERCULES.

SAILLED SHOE TRANSORTS AND 15 LSTS RELIEF AND SAMARITAN
LAST NIGHT

GUARDING HARD AND UNDER ILLUMINATION AND HARRASSING FIRE
THROUGHOUT NIGHT TO PREVENT SCATING TO REAR OF OUR LINES.

HEAVY-HARRASSING FIRE MAINTAINED IN SAIPAN SECTORS
PARTICULARLY SAMARITAN ISLANDS LAST NIGHTS AIR ACTIONS

REPORTED IN OTHER DISPATCHES. BOMBS FROM ATTACK AT 241936K
DROPPED HARMLESSLY IN WATER. HEARD BUT NOT SEEN DUE TO SMOKE
SCREEN WHICH HAS PROVED VERY USEFUL.

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SUMMARY REPORT.

A. 23 JUNE
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SUMMARY REPORT.

A. 24 JUNE ULTIMATUM STRIKE.
B. 128
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R. FURTHER DAMAGE TO BETTY. 2 DAMAGED ZEKES.
ONLY OTHER PLANES OBSERVED. RUNWAY WELL
PLASTERED AND TEMPORARILY INOPERATIONAL.
HANGAR AND BARROCKS LEVELLED, PHOTOS.
AA POSITIONS STRUCK PILOT.

PASSED BY RDO HONTO TO COMINCH INFO AS 251726.

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**ADDRESS: CINCPAC**

**PRECEDENCE: RR**

**RE: ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS**

**5TH FLT**

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Blackout: MAY 21, 1973
TO SE.7 JAS TO WESTWARD OF 3 CARRIER GROUPS AND TOOK BRUNT OF EARLY ATTACK. DAMAGE SOUTH DAKOTA REPORTED. MINNEAPOLIS DAMAGED BY 11 FOOT NEAR MISS. DETAILS BY AIR MAIL. INDIANA STILL DESTROYED BY CRASHING EVERY PLANE. HUDSON HIT BY 5 INCH SHELL DAMAGE NOT REPORTED YOU HAVE OTHER INFORMATION.
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**Naval Message**

**From:** COM FIFTH FLEET

**Released By:**

**Date:** 26 JUNE 1944

**To:** CTF 57 CTG 58.3; CTG 59.17

**From:** COMBATDIV 9 ALL TFC 5TH FLEET

**To:** CINCPAC SCOF A

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**(COM FIFTH FLEET SENDS INFO CINCPAC AND SCOF A.**

COMBATDIV 9 SHIFT FLAG SOUTH DAKOTA TO FRANKLIN AT ENIKETOK. SHIFT FLAG TO ALABAMA UPON ARRIVAL.

TG 58.3. CTF 57 SEND SOUTH DAKOTA MARYLAND BRAINE ENTERPRISE BELLEAU WOOD COMPS SABRANAC TO PEARL AS THEY ARRIVE ENIKETOK. REPAIR MESHANIC SAUGATUK VINCENNES ENIKETOK IF PRACTICABLE. RAINIC TFR OPSLDRS.

RP LEARY CUSHING RALPH TALBOT FOR ESCORT DUTY FORWARD AREA. DENVER REMAIN ENIKETOK AND AWAITS ORDERS. CTG 58.3.

SHIFT FLAG TO FRANKLIN UPON ARRIVAL ENIKETOK. TASK GROUP COMMANDERS PASS TO SHIPS IN COMPANY CONCERNED.

* RADIO HONOLULU PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 251622.

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**DAILY SUMMARY**

- **A** 24
- **B** 151
- **C** 60
- **D** 19
- **E** 47.5
- **F** 19
- **K** 1 landing barge loaded 48-50 soldiers 13-58 144-28
  - Left burning sinking abandoned
- **L** 1 large AK Apra Harbor
- **M** 2 Zeke's Rotas
- **P** 1 VMB Ogawa 5 VF orote from photos
- **U** 1 steam roller Rotas field

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300 West Pac
FIRES SOUTH OROTE FIELD RUNWAYS DISPERASAL AREAS AGANA AND OROTE FRAGS AND IT ENDS AREAS 452A-0 4518-0 450H TO 4738. 11 5-HUNDREDS ON SHOPS BUILDINGS AREAS 192EQM 1660E DE ROTA. FROM PHOTOS 24TH OROTE 98 PLANES OF WHICH 5V8 16 VF POSSIBLY OPERATIONAL BUT ONLY 1 BETTY 2 VF HAVE MOVED IN 24 HOURS. AGANA 8 PLANES OF WHICH 3 POSSIBLY OPERATIONAL. ROTA 7 OF WHICH 3 POSSIBLY OPERATIONAL.
Ft Shafter, TH.

To: CO, Services of Supply Southwest Pacific Area 
Brisbane Australia 
CO, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India 
CO, SEAC, Forward Echelon, Kandy, Ceylon 
CO, Ft Randall, Alaska 
CO, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area. 
Noumea, New Caledonia

Nr: RJ 20256 25th June 1944.

From Richardson RJ 20256 comes CENTPAC operations for Stillwell; CO 20th BOMCOM; USAF in SEAC, SOFAC and SWESPAC; and Chief of Staff War.

Operations in Marshall–Caroline area comes now, times are zone L:

Results all searches 23rd June were negative.

Daylight sorties 23rd hit Taroa, Wotje, Truk and Ponape. Four Navy Hellcats and 7 Marine Dauntless flying 2 sorties each plowed up Taroa ack ack batteries with total of 6 tons. One dive bomber received minor damage from accurate automatic weapons. In daylight attack 29 Mar's Corsair and 1 Navy Ventura sorties delivered total of 10.2 tons to Wotje AA and CD guns and heavily strafed installations. A/V fire was meager. Truk raiders continued neutralization of principal Moen Airfield with 14 Army Liberators dropping 35 tons on the strip and dispersal areas. One additional B24 bombed Falal Island. Flak was moderate and accurate.

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From: CC, US Army Forces Central Pacific area Ft Shafter TH
Nr: RJ 20256 25th June 1944.

4-5 intercepting Zekeas dropped phosphorous bombs. One Zeke was probably damaged; slight damage inflicted 1 Liberator. Single Army B24 over Pohnpe parked 2.5 tons on Jokaj gun positions through meager inaccurate AA.

Part 1, Marshall-Caroline area ends here.

Now follows second part.

Marshall-Nanpo Shoto operations; all times are zone K:

On Saipan Island enemy is using land mines and Booby Traps extensively.

In Saipan area 22nd June, 2 airborne Nip ships shot down by carrier fighters.

On 23rd our carrier aircraft attacked Pagan and Rota Islands. At Pagan our planes sank 4 small cargo ships and 1 sampan, damaged 2 small cargo ships and 12 sampans, destroyed 4-5 grounded Jap planes, and shot down 1 Nip twin engine bomber and 5 type o fighters airborne. In addition buildings and Pagan Airfield damaged and wharf and fuel dump on Pagan Island destroyed. Our losses were 1 Helicat fighter and 1 pilot. At Rota our planes concentrated on airfield and buildings. A medium cargo ship was sunk. Our planes were not damaged.

Next day, the 24th, our carrier planes hammered at 2 Jima in the Kaxan Retto. Large force of Nip aircraft attempted interception; at least 60 of interceptors shot down.

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From: CO, US Army Forces Central Pacific Area Ft Shafter TH
NR : RJ 20256 25th June 1944

An additional 12 enemy planes located our carriers and were also shot down. None of our surface ships was damaged; we lost 4 fighters.

On 24 June Tinian Island was bombed and shelled but details not yet available.

End.
FURTHER PROGRESS 23 JUNE ON SAIPAN MADE INCLUDING GAINS ALONG NORTHERN SHORE WACHTIENME BAY AFTER ENEMY POSITIONS SUBJECTED TO 3RD MINUTE BARRAGE PLUS HEAVY SURFACE BOMBARDMENT AND AIR SUPPORT. FORWARD MOVEMENT HAMPERED BY ENEMY MINES ROBLY TRAPS. ENEMY AT NAIFUTAN POINT BEING CLEANED UP. ENEMY BATTERY TINIAN SPORADICALLY SHELLING TRANSPORT BEACH AREA SAIPAN WITH LITTLE DAMAGE. FAST CARRIER FIGHTER SNEEP ON IWOJIMA 23 JUNE. TOTAL 69 ENEMY PLANES PRINCIPALLY FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN. 12 ENEMY BOMBERS ATTEMPTING ATTACK ON CARRIERS DESTROYED. OUT LOSSES 4 FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN. AIRFIELDS TINIAN HEAVILY ROWED SHELLED DURING AFTERNOON 24 JUNE. LATER DESPATCH COVERING ACTION 19 JUNE INCREASES TOTAL ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN BY OUR PLANES 369. TOTAL NOW STANDS
462 PLANES DESTROYED IN AIR 18 BY GUNFIRE, 15 ON GROUND.
OUR COMBAT LOSSES 27 PLANES 13 PILOTS 6 AIR CREWMEN.
LATE REPORT REVIDES TOTALS FOR ACTION 22 JUNE. NUMER
JAP PLANES SHOT DOWN NOW TOTALS 26. RESCHES HAVE
REDUCED OUR FLIGHT PERSONNEL KILLED MISSING TO 22 PILOTS
27 AIR CREWMEN.
THIS IS PART 2 OF BY 251624

OUR LOSSES AIRCRAFT 95, RESULTING FROM OUR ATTACK DAMAGE TO ENEMY FOLLIES: SUNK 1 CV HITAMTAKA CLASS 2

SOS 2 LARGE ADS. DAMAGE; 2 EACH CY CVL CAN DBS 3 ADS 1 EACH BB Cl. 22 JUNE ROYTA ATTACKED BY CARRIER AIRCRAFT

1 MEDIUM SIZE FREIGHTER SUNK BUILDINGS FIRED. NO OPPOSITION. OUR PLANES UNDAMAGED. CONTINUOUS

NEUTRALIZATION TRUK AIRFIELDS MARSHALLS. SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC. PTS STREALED CHIKY SEA TRUCKS SOME

AREA DUTCH NEW GUINEA ALSO SANK LOADED BARGE OFF WEST COAST NOOTFOOR ISLAND. ENEMY COUNTER ATTACKS REPULSED

BIAK. LIBERATORS BOMBEY 22 JUNE PALAU AND YAP DESTROYING LATTER PLACE 12 AIRCRAFT PROBABLY 6 TO 10 OTHERS ALSO

STARTING LARGE FIRES. NIL INTERCEPTION. ALLIED AIR STRIKES NEI COUNCIL BOUGAINVILLE NEW IRISH NEW BRITAIN.

NORTH PACIFIC. BEFORE DAWN 24 JUNE LIBERATORS SUNK Kurabu zaki southern Paramushiro with unobserved resulte.

VENTURAS STARTED LARGE FIRES KASHIKABABA KATAOKA PARAMUSHIRO SHIMAMU AREA. ALL PLANES RETURNED SAFELY.
CTF 51 SUMMARIZES.

AIRPLANES, A TACK N RU DI TI ON 2ND AND 4TH M Ar D IV S AN D 27TH INFANTRY DI VI S I ON LAUNCHED AT 0800. A TACK WAS PRECEDED BY NAVAL AND ARTILLERY GUNFIRE AND AERIAL BOMBARDMENT ON LOCATED ENEMY POSITIONS. RESISTANCE STIFF TODAY. TERRAIN ROUGH AND PRECIPITOUS. ADVANCES UP TO 800 YARDS WERE REPORTED BY 1400 AT WHICH TIME FRONT LINES T A 230 L, 242 K, 193 T, 186 G, 187 K, 196 O, 166 K.

AT 240030 K TWO SMALL GROUPS OF PLANES APPROACHED FROM NORTHWARD DROPPED STICKS OF BOMBS IN INNER TRANSPORT AREA FROM HIGH ALTITUDE. NAVAL CASUALTIES 10 KILLED 22 WOUNDED ON LST 222 LCT 999 PCS 1462, 1461. PHONON. MINOR MATERIAL DAMAGE. NOS STORES LOST.
AT 241935 K ABOUT 3 PLANES APPEARED APPARENTLY FROM GUAM DROPPED STICKS OF BOMBS ON SHORE. NO REPORTS YET AS TO DAMAGE. 1 NIGHT FIGHTER SCRAMBLED NO INTERCEPTION.

DUMBO SENT THIS NOON TO NORTH OF ROTA TO RESCUE PILOT WHO HAD BEEN ON RAFT SINCE YESTERDAY KNOCKED OFF KING TIP FLOAT LANDING CHOPPY SEA LATER TURNED TURTLE AND SANK.

HOPKINS SENT FROM SAIPAN RESCUED ALL HANDS LATE TODAY. RESCUED PILOT ENSIGN J 1 NURSE USS COMPENS.

ON SWEeps ON TINIAN BY CVE VF AND VTB SET ON FIRE 5 TEEN-ENGINE BOMBERS APPARENTLY OPERATIONAL DROPPED BOMBS RUNWAYS.

CVE TBE SANK WITH TORPEDO JAP TRANSPORT 4000 TO 5000 TONS UNLOADING ROTA.

POW STATES TANAPAG HARBOR MINED. 1 FLOATING MINE DESTROYED NEAR ENTRANCE. 1 FLOATING MINE DESTROYED MARICENNE BAY.

SAILED COLORADO 11 TRANSPORTS 19 LST AND SCREENS FOR ENIWETOK TO REMAIN THERE FOR ORDERS.

DELIVERED TO 29-G...

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**FINAL BOX SCORE FOR 24 JUNE 116 PLANES CONFIRMED SHOT DOWN AND 11 PROBABLE. OUR TOTAL LOSSES 5 FIGHTERS.**

L.T. COM. COLLA S LEMMON 5912 USN LAST SEEN AND SHOWED EMERGENCY LIGHTS IN MELEE VICINITY LAT 21-19 NORTH AND LONGITUDE 145-14 EAST AT 1740K WHILE ENGAGED WITH 12 ZEKES. REQUEST SEARCH THIS AREA AS PRACTICABLE.

ARCHERFISH NOTIFIED BY PLANES AT TARGET OF PLANES DOWN THAT VICINITY. BEING SHADOWED BY WINDOW DROPPING SNOopers NOW. BALTIMORE BEING RELEASED TO PROCEED ON DUTY ASSIGNED. SHOULD ARRIVE ENIWETOK FOR FUEL AFTERNOON 26 JUNE. WEATHER 4380 1524.

**PASSED BY RDO HONO TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 250354.**

**DEPRESSED TO: 2FG....**
(CTF 51 SENDS. RDC HCNO PASS INFO CINCPAC)

AT 2:243K TONIGHT ABOUT 13 ENEMY AIRPLANES WERE PICKED UP BY RADAR BEARING 313 DISTANT 63 MILES. APPROACHED DIRECTLY HOME PLANES DROPPING FLARES OVER SHIPS WHICH WERE COVERED WITH SMOKE SOME PLANES TAKING STATION BEARING 272 DISTANT 15 TO 30 MILES. FOR A TIME PLANES ALSO CIRCLED SOUTHERN TINIAN AIRFIELDS BUT APPARENTLY DID NOT LAND. SO FAR AS KNOWN NO BOMBS OR TORPEDOES DROPPED. LATE TODAY ALL TINIAN FIELDS HEAVILY BOMBED AND SHELLED MAY NOT BE USABLE TONIGHT. PLANES FINALLY RETIRED AT 2143K COURSE ABOUT 245. ONE NITE FIGHTER UP COT CLOSE BUT NO INTERCEPTION DUE RAIN SQUALLS.

(RDC HCNO PASSED AS 242357 TO COMINCH FOR INFO)

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FOR 24 CONTACTS FOR 51 ORIG TO TASK GROUP 58.1.
APM (RADIO HONOLULU) PASS TO ALL ADELS.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/8/94.
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Later Reports on Action 19 June raise total enemy aircraft shot down by our aircraft to 369 having received complete reports from CTF 564. Total for day 422 with 18 destroyed by gunfire and 15 on ground. Our combat losses 27 planes 18 pilots 6 aircrew. Later reports on 23 June raise total Jap planes shot down to 26.

Our flight personnel killed or missing reduced by rescues to 22 pilots 27 aircrew. Aircraft losses 95. Damage to enemy fleet. 1 Hitaka class CV 2 destroyers 2 large oilers sunk. 1 Hitaka class CV hit by four to seven thousand pound bombs and six to eight five hundred pounders last seen burning furiously 1 CV hit by 2 torpedoes and 3 bombs last seen dead in the water with explosions and fires both appeared beyond salvage evidence strongly.

Points toward sinking as enemy searchlights were operating until 0230K apparently rescuing survivors. 3 oilers left burning.
1 SHUKAKU CLASS CARRIER HIT BY THREE OR FOUR HALF TONNERS. 2 CA'S DAMAGED ONE BY TORPEDO OTHER BY ONE THOUSAND POUNDER. ONE CVL HIT BY SEVEN FIVE HUNDRED POUNDERS. 1 BB HIT BY THOUSAND POUNDER. 1 CL 2 DD DAMAGED, SEARCH PILOTS WHO TRACKED JAP FLEET ON 21 JUNE CONFIDENT SAW ALL SHIPS IN AREA OF 603 SQUARE MILES CENTERED AT 17-32 N AND 132-45 E AT 0645K. THEY WERE IN 4 GROUPS COMPOSED OF 2 YAMATO 2 KONG BB'S 12 CRUISERS ALL TYPES 16 DESTROYERS AND 3 CARRIERS. CARRIERS ARE SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN INDEPENDENCE BUT NONE HAD ISLAND. 2 HAD SQUARE STERN'S 3RD ROUNDED STERN. BOW OF EACH EXTENDED SMALL DISTANCE BEYOND FLIGHT DECK. SPEED ABOUT 20 KNOTS. NO EVIDENCE OF DAMAGE EXCEPT ONE LEAVING OIL SLICK BY WHICH PLANES TRACKED FLEET FOR 50 MILES.
CTG 52.14 REQUESTS RPM (RDO HONOLULU) PASS TO ALL ADEES WITH ACTION TO CTF 52 INFO CTF 58 CTG 52.11 CTU 52.11.2 CTG 53.7 CTG 58.3 CTG 58.4 ALL TFC FIFTH FLEET.

PHOTO MISSION QUAD BY G7SMO AND QUANTICO AIRCRAFT THIS MORNING COMPLETED. NEGATIVES SENT TO LONDON BASE. BELIEVE RESULTS FAIR BUT FLIGHT LEADER OF VE ESCORT ESTIMATES THOROUGH JOB TOUGHS UNTIL AREA NEUTRALIZED BY BOMBARDMENT. ALL CALIBRE AA INTENSE ACCURATE FROM DROME. AGAMA AND CABRAS ISLAND BADLY DAMAGED 1F6F HOLED 3 OTHERS. VE ESCORT KNOCKED OFF 1 ZEKE. NO OTHER AIRCRAFT IN AIR OR ON FIELD. 1 8000 TON AK AT CABRAS ISLAND. 20 SMALL CRAFT IN ADRA HARBOR.

*PASSED BY RDO HONOLULU TO COMINC FOR INFO AS 242354

COPY 2KG...
**Naval Message**

**From:** CTF 58.1  
**Released By:**  
**Date:** 25 June 44  
**TOR Code Room:** 3445  
**Decoded By:** McCLELLAN  
**Paraphrased By:** TAYLOR/McCORMICK  

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**DAILY SUMMARY**

**A.** 23 June

**B.** 131 ON PAGAN INCLUDING 4 VHF SPECIAL SEARCH.

**C.** 32 PLUS 6 DEAEAL *12 CAU.

**D.** 16

**E.** FLIRTIES 8 TONS.

**F.** 1 F6F

**G.** 1 PILOT

**H.** 1 SAMPAI 11 AND 4 SMALL AK

**I.** 2 SMALL AK 11 J, 12 SAMPAI SRAFED 11 I, O, J, 2 SAMPAI CONFIRMED BY PHOTOC.

**J.** BATAAN CAKAPALE GRAND SLAM SHOOTING 57 OF 1 BETTY AND 5 ZEKES. THESE INTERCEPTED 75 MILES F100.

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NLR 101  
By RT, NARA, Date 4/30/73

**May 21 1973**

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**Make original only. Deliver to Code Room Watch Officer in person. (See Art. 74 (A) NAVREG.)**
FORCE HEADINGS TO AND SAIPAN.

P. 1 TOPSY AND 3 VBM.
Q. 2 VBM

U. FUEL DUMP PHOTO AND WHARF 11 O.

V. RUNWAYS AND MORONS HEAVILY BOMBED, BUILDINGS 11 I, DOCK 11 J, AA POSIT 11 K AND 15 J END.

COMMENT PLANES LISTED IN P AND Q POSSIBLY PREVIOUSLY DAMAGED.

LT COHDE ROBERT H. PRICE, AIR GROUP COHDE CORPUS PICKED UP BY DESTROYER PICKET AFTER SPENDING 11 DAYS IN LIFE RAFT. CONDITION GOOD BB RX 4380 1532

* AS RECEIVED
FOLLOW SUMMARY NAVAL OPERATIONS PACIFIC. CENTRAL PACIFIC.

19 JUNE SUBMARINE SCORED 3 TORPEDO HITS PROBABLY SANK SHOKAKU CLASS CV. CONSIDER SUNK 1 JAPANESE DC PREVIOUSLY REPORTED DAMAGED IN 20 JUNE CARRIER PLANE STRIKE PLUS 2 MEDIUM BOMBERS SHOT DOWN. LAND BASED AIRCRAFT ATTACKED ENEMY BASES IN MARSHALL AND CAROLINE ISLAND. TROOPS ON SAIPAN SUPPORTED BY AIR SURFACE BOMBARDMENTS ADVANCED FURTHER ALONG MAGICIENNE BAY TO LIALAU AND ABOUT 5 MILE UP MOUNT TAPOTCHAU. HEIGHTS OF MOUNT RAFUTAN ON EAST COAST GAINED. ENEMY NIGHT HAPASSING AIR ATTACKS AGAINST TRANSPORTS AND SHORELINE INEFFECTIVE.

SPORADIC FIRE BY SHORE BATTERIES AGAINST OUR SHIPPING QUICKLY SILENCED. SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC. PT'S SANK 3 TROOP LANDING Barges OFF HIAK STRAFE Targets ON EAST COAST NEW IRELAND AND WEST COAST BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND. DD'S BOMBARDED ENEMY POSITIONS WAFFIN BAY NEW GUINEA. ALLIED

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OSD letter, May 1, 1973

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 1/2/1974
PLANEs STRUCK BASES NER GUINEA NEW BRITAIN NEW IRELAND DOUGAINVILLE. NORTH PACIFIC. MEDIUM BOMBERS STARTED FIRES ON SHIMISHU.
(CTF 51 Snds)

SUMMARY.

The 27th InfDiv today went into the front line between the 2nd and 4th MarDiv except 1 RCT retained to clean up Rabutan Point. Attack launched 1905 preceded by 30 minute barrage and supporting fires from ships and planes, at 1500 front lines 191 G, 291 R, 184 D, 186 S, 176 K, 166 F.

Numerous reports of enemy lines and booby traps.

Of our cargo AMTRACs 335 serviceable, 77 repairable here, 120 demolished missing or require major overhauls.

AMTRACs 66 operative, 59 lost or need major repair.

SECRET
AT 221134K A SANGAMAN TBF ON ASP SHOT DOWN A DETTY 35 MILES NORTH-
WEST SAIPAN AND AT 221734K A SANGAMAN CAP SHOT DOWN A FRAN OR
IRVING 45 MILES EAST ON TINIAN. AT 221953K A SINGLE LOW FLYING
PLANE MADE LOW APPROACH FROM WEST TORPEDOED MARYLAND FORWARD. PLANE
NOT DETECTED IN APPROACH UNTIL PASSING OVER PHELPS IN SCREEN. ALSO
SEEN BY PENNSYLVANIA AT TIME OF DROPPING TORPEDO. PLANE NOT FIRED
AT RETIRED TOWARD GUAM OR YAP.
BEGINNING 2324 AND UNTIL ABOUT 0200 HARRASSED BY 3 BOGIES 3 TO 5
PLANES EACH. 1 APPROACHED FROM NORTH AND 1 FROM SOUTH.
FLEW ANGELS 15 TO 20 MINUTES APART. APPARENTLY MADE NO ATTACK THOUGH TWICE
APPROACHED CLOSE ENOUGH TO BE TAKEN UNDER FIRE. RETIRED SAME
DIRECTIONS.
BATTERY BATTERY USHII POINT TINIAN CADE INTO ACTION DURING NIGHT DROPPED
SHELLS INTERMITTENTLY AMONG TRANSPORTS AND ON BEACH. HIT ON
LST 115, PUTTING OUT POWER STEERING BUT VESSEL CAN MOVE UNDER OWN
POWER.
ON 15 JUNE YU 323 HIT BY 6 ENEMY SHELLS WITH CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE
BUT TEMPORARY REPAIRS NOT NEARLY COMPLETED.
3 AVIATION POW NOW ENROUTE PEARL ON MONROVIA WERE PICKED UP NEAR
TINIAN BY EATON. STATE FOLLOWING CARRIERS WERE IN ENEMY FLEET
SHOKAKU, ZUKAKU, HATAKA, HAYATAKA, RYUHO, ZUTHO, WERE SHOT DOWN
TRYING TO LAND ON TINIAN.
9 MORE TRANSPORTS 15 LST SENT TO ENIVETOK TONIGHT.
PASSED BY RED NOHOO AS 241132 TO COMINCH FOR INFO.
HONO INTERCEPT

(RADIO HONOLULU PASS FOR ACTION TO COMAIRPAC
AND FOR INFO TO CINCPAC COMMON FED AREA
INTREPID AND COWDR MARSHALLS SUB AREA. CTF 58 IS ORIGINATOR.)

YOUR 2/2114 CINCPAC 2111/8 RECOMMEND AIR
GROUPS BE RELIEVED AT ENMETOK STARTING IN
EARLY JULY IN FOLLOWING ORDER. LEXINGTON
ENTERPRISE COMPENS. BELLEAU WOOD EXPECTED
PROCEED PEARL JULY FOR RELIEF AIR GROUP.
MAILGRAM

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS 11 TO 15 JUNE INCLUSIVE:

BOMB TONNAGE ON ENEMY TARGETS: TRUK 112, NAURU 25, MOTJE 23,
TAROA 19, PONAPE 16, MILNE 15, JALUIT 13, OCEAN 6.
PROPAGANDA LEAFLET DROPS CONTINUED. NIGHT HARASSMENT
MARSHALLS CASES CONTINUED. AN HOSTLY FEAKER TO MODERATE.
INTERCEPTORS AT TRUK MINOR EXCEPT FOR 1 APPEARANCE OF 7-12
INTERCEPTORS OF WHICH ARMY LIBERATORS GOT 1 SURF 2 PROBABLE
4 DAMAGED.

OUR CASUALTIES: 1 CORSAIR 1 MITCHELL LOST, CREWS RESCUED.
22 PLANES DAMAGED. 1 MAN KILLED.

SEARCHES: NAVY LIBERATOR DESTROYED PROBABLE IRVING 240
MILES ENE GUAM, OTHERS SAM KATE 28 MILES SE TRUK, UNIDENT-
IFIED PLANES 160 MILES NW TRUK, 310 MILES NNW TRUK, 58 MILES
SW PONAPE, AND OVER ATI ISLAND. VENTURA SANK 50 FOOT

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/44.
**SECRET**

Motorboat Kusaie. Submarine probably sunk by Bangust. 68 miles NE Po, 1 Sub damaged or sunk by Hastings 15-00H 163-00E. Evacuation of natives from Rotje nearly complete. 700 removed to Ambo, 2 Jap men 1 Roman prisoners taken. 1 Jap or Kazan captured on Aoleda Island Taraka. 4 Japs killed Bausowe Island, Kualaein.

Copy delivered to 22G.

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**NOTE:**

- MOTORBOAT KUSAIE: SUBMARINE PROBABLY SUNK BY BANGUST
  - 68 MILES NE POI, 1 SUB DAMAGED OR SUNK BY HASTINGS 15-00H 163-00E. EVACUATION OF NATIVES FROM ROTJE NEARLY COMPLETE, 700 REMOVED TO AMBO, 2 JAP MEN 1 ROMAN PRISONERS TAKEN, 1 JAP OR KAZAN CAPTURED ON AOLEDA ISLAND TARAKA. 4 JAPS KILLED BAUSOYE ISLAND, KUALAEIN.
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From: CG US Army Forces in the Central Pacific Area
Ft Shafter, T.H.

To: War Department
CG US Army Forces in the South Pacific Area,
Houmae, Nea Caledonia
CG Services of Supply in the Southwest Pacific Area,
Brisbane, Australia
CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG Southeast Asia Command, Forward Echelon,
Kandy, Ceylon
CG US Army Forces China Burma and India Forward echelon
Chungking, China

Nr: RJ 20044
23 June 1944

For US Army Forces in CBI SEAC SOMESPAC SOPAC Marshall
and CG 20th Bom Ccm comes daily intelligence and cpns from
Richardson HDOCV msg srl nbr RJ 20044. Part 1 which is Marshall-Caroline summary follows,
all times are L:

Night harassment of Marshalls continued during 20-21
with 2 Navy Catalinas releasing 1.3 tons over Nip personnel
areas.

Daylight strikes 21st covered Wotje, Taros, Ponape
and Truk. Wotje atoll raiders were Marine Corsairs. In 22
sorties islands of Wotje were strafed and 5.5 tons dropped
on gun installations; many small fires started. Nips offered
meager A/W fire. Fourteen Marine Dauntless plastered

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By DBS
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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/44
From: CG US Army Forces in the Central Pacific Area
   Ft Shafter, T.H.
   No: RJ 20044
   23 June 1944

Tarza C/D and AA gun positions with 6 tons. One dive bomber
took minor damage from meager accurate automatic weapons.
Nine Army Mitchells over Pompe parked 9 tons on Jokaj gun
positions; ground fire was meager and inaccurate. In Truk
strike 16 Army Liberators concentrated 40 tons on both Moen
airfields; runways and dispersal area badly damaged. Heavy
 ack  ack was moderate and of inconsistent accuracy. Five
interceptors dropped phosphorous bombs damaging 1 Liberator;
1 crew member slightly wounded. Our bomber gunners damaged
2 of the interceptors. Part 1 ends now.

This is part 2 covering Marianas operations. All times
are K Zone:

Additional information re Nip aerial attack on our
carrier task force on 19th June now available. Total of 353
airborne Jap aircraft from carriers were destroyed; Ships
 gunfire got 18 of this total. Only damage suffered our sur-
face vessels was superficial damage 1 BB and 2 carriers.
The BB received bomb hit while the 2 carriers received near-
misses which killed 1 officer and 2 men and injured 4 offi-
cers and 81 men. Our aircraft losses were 21 in combat 4
operational. Our air personnel losses were 13 pilots 6 crew-
men in combat, 1 pilot and 1 crewman operational.

Initial reports on our carrier based aerial attack
of 20th June on Jap task force follows now. Ships attacked
were 4 or more BB's, 5 or 6 carriers, 5 AOs plus cruisers and
From: CG US Army Forces in the Central Pacific Area
Ft Shafter, T.H.
Nr: RJ 20044 23 June 1944

destroyers. Nip surface craft casualties were: sunk 1 carrier (Hitaka class) and 3 oilers; probably sunk 1 carrier (Hitaka class) last seen burning furiously, and 1 destroyer; damaged 1 carrier (believed to be Xukikaku) with 3 or 4 semi tonner hits, 1 battleship (Kongo class) with 1 hit, 1 light carrier (Xuiko or Taiho class) with at least 1 hit, 1 cruiser, 2 destroyers, and 2 oilers last seen burning. Nip airborne aircraft losses were 15 or 20 destroyed. Our personnel losses were 49 planes with their pilots and 59 crew members killed or missing in action plus 2 officers and 5 men killed and others injured operational. Since many planes forced to make water landings due fuel shortage some of missing probably have been rescued. Jap fleet fled during night in direction Luzon Strait breaking off engagement.

ACTION: OPD
INFO : CG AAF
G-2
Adm King
Col Park
Gen Vandegrift
Log

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FOLLOWING IS DAILY SUMMARY OF PACIFIC THEATER NAVAL OPERATIONS. CENTRAL PACIFIC. DURING ENEMY AIR ATTACKS AGAINST CARRIER TASK FORCE WEST OF MARINAS 19 JUNE 38.

JAPANESE PLANES SHOT DOWN BY CARRIER AIRCRAFT 14 BY ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE. 2 BLUE CARRIERS 1 BB SUSTAINED SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE. WE LOST 21 PLANES. AT 2340 4K CARRIER PLANES ATTACKED JAPANESE FLEET OF 4 OR MORE BB'S 5 OR 6 CV'S 5 AC'S PLUS ATTACHED CA'S CL'S DD'S ABOUT 040 MILES WEST NORTHWEST GUAM. SUNK 1 CV 3 AC'S DAMAGED 2 CV 1 CVL 1 BB 1 CA 3 DD'S 2 AO. 15 TO 25 PLANES SHOT DOWN. BLUE LOSSES 43 PLANES MANY OF THESE LANDED IN WATER DUE DARKNESS AND EXTREME RANGE OF TARGETS. UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF PERSONNEL RECOVERED. ON SAIPAN HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUES. OUR TROOPS ADVANCED NORTH ALONG WESTERN SHORE OF MAGDACCIENNE BAY, SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC. BOROKOE AND SORIDO AIR STRIPS ON
BIAK ISLAND CAPTURED. PTS DESTROYED LARGE LOADED FUEL BARGE OFF BIAK AND STRAFED TARGETS ON TEOP ISLAND NORTHWEST OF BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.
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INTERCEPT

(This is FOR ACTION CTF 59. CTF 53 SENDS.)

IN ORDER TO MAKE EARLIEST N DAY PRACTICABLE PROPOSE LANDING

3RD HARDIV ON ASAN BEACHES AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED WITH 1ST PROVISIONAL BRIGADE IN RESERVE, BUT MAKING DEMONSTRATION ONLY ON AGAT BEACHES TO INCLUDE BOMBARDMENT AND DEMOLITIONS. BELIEVE THESE TROOPS ADEQUATE TO SIEZE HOLD AND DEVELOP THAT ONE BEACH HEAD AND TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS FOR CAPTURE OF OROTE PENINSULA AND HARBOR WITH SEIZURE OF HIGH GROUND AROUND MOUNT ALIFAN TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. ABOVE WOULD ELIMINATE NECESSITY FOR WAITING RELEASE OF 106TH REGIMENT WHICH, HOWEVER, WOULD STILL BE REQUIRED WHEN AVAILABLE. CO OF SOUTHERN LANDING FORCE AGREES AND REQUESTS YOU PASS TO CTF 56 HIS STRONG RECOMMENDATION.

CWRING: COPIES 1 TO 8 INCLUSIVE

ACTION: F-30

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By DBS Date MAY 21 1973

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
(FROM CTF 51.)

JAPANESE TRANSPORT AND 2 DE TYPES REPORTED
BY ASP PLANE UNLOADING TROOPS AT ROTA.
CTF 52.14 DIRECTED TO ATTACK THIS AFTERNOON.

PASSED BY RDO HONO TO COMINCH FOR INFO
AS 231732.

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SECRET

From CTF 51.

JAPANESE TRANSPORT AND 2 DE TYPES REPORTED BY ASP
PLANE UNLOADING TROOPS AT ROTA. CTG 52.14 DIRECTED
TO ATTACK THIS AFTERNOON.

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E. O. 12356, Sec. 3.3 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44
ACTION CTG 58.1, INFO COM 5TH FLT, SENT BY CTG 58.1.
WAHIWA PASS TO ALL ADEES.

SUPPLEMENTING MY SUMMARY FOR 25TH JUNE FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE THIS TASK GROUP FOR ACTION AGAINST JAP FLEET.

(F) 1 VF SHOT DOWN BY FRIENDLY VF AND 2 VIO'S SHOT DOWN BY ELEMY SHIP GUNFIRE PLUS 1 SB2C AND 1 VF STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR.

(C) 12 VF, 19 VT, 19 SB2C CAUSED BY GAS SHORTAGE AND DECK CRASHES DURING NIGHT LANDINGS.

(H) 3 PILOTS, 6 CREW PLUS 2 PILOTS AND 2 CREW STILL MISSING.

(I) 1 DECK OFFICER AND 1 AIRCREWMAN IN DECK CRASH.
(L) ADD THE FOLLOWING YORKTOWN CLAIMS OF JUST RETURNED SURVIVORS, 2 SURE TORPEDO HITS ON UNIDENTIFIED SMALL CARRIER NOT IN THE SHOKAKU FORMATION AND 1 DD SUNK BY STRAY TORPEDO. YORKTOWN GROUP ATTACKED INDIVIDUALLY. BELLEAU WOOD SURVIVOR JUST RETURNED REPORTS CARRIER HAYATAKA CLASS BURNING AND LISTING FROM 2 INTERNAL EXPLOSIONS AS SHE PASSED HIM. OBVIOUSLY REPORTED TORPEDO HIT IN CRUISER AKIZO CLASS BY HORNET GROUP NOW BELIEVED TO BE CA CHOKAI OR MAYA CLASS.

(M) ADD 1 ZERO OVER ENEMY.

(N) ADD 2 ZEROS OVER JAP FLEET.

WEATHER 0491 1133. *

DELETED TO 2CG...

*WEATHER NOT PASSED.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CTF 58.1
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 23 JUNE 44
TOR CODEROOM: 2112
DECODED BY: BAKER
PARAPHRASED BY: JOHNSON/ROBERTS
ROUTED BY: 

Naval Message

CTR 58.1 SENDS. RPM (RDO HONO) PASS INFO TO COM 5THFLT. CTF 58 HAS ACTION VISUALLY.

THIS IS MY 220000.

DAILY SUMMARY.

(A) 21 JUNE

(D) 79 NONE OF WHICH FOUND JAP FLEET, PLUS 6 SPECIAL SEARCH, 8 KINGFISHER RESCUE MISSIONS AND 8 RESCUE GAP.

(C) 45

(D) 20

(G) 1 F6F

(I) 1 PILOT

(M) 1 BETTY FORCE BY BATAAN VF AND 1 BETTY BY BELLEAU WOOD VF RETURNING FROM ATTACK MISSION AGAINST FLEET. END.

9 MEN RESCUED BY KINGFISHERS.

PASSED BY RDO HONO TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 231733.

D E C L A S S I F I E D

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NLR 101

By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/74
CTF 51 SENDS. RDO HONO PASS INFO CINOPAC.

SOME DELAYED INFORMATION:

CAPTURED ENEMY EQUIPMENT SOME NOW BEING USED AGAINST
HIM INCLUDES 2 3 INCH SEACOAST GUNS 500 RDS AMMO.
SMALL GAUGE RAILWAY CARS AND 4 LOCOMOTIVES. 1 NEW
BETTY 4 ZEROS VERY SLIGHTLY DAMAGED. 2 8 INCH MORTARS,
3 6 INCH CD GUNS. 41 GUNS 75 MM. 14 AT GUNS. 53
MG VARIOUS TYPES AND CALIBERS. MORTARS 13. NUMEROUS
LARGE AND SMALL AMMO DUMPS. SEVERAL SWEET WATER WELLS
IN OUR HANDS.

ON 20 JUNE ENEMY FIRED 1 OF OUR GASOLINE DUMPS. FIRE
SPREAD TO AMMO DUMP DID CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE. CAPTURED
DOCUMENTS INDICATE ABOUT 23000 ENEMY TROOPS NOT KNOWN
WHETHER THIS NUMBER INCLUDES 70000 RECENTLY LANDED

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
Without equipment from sunken ships, Guam Defense Plan captured dated 25th March has been translated several hundred copies will be sent to Connelly "with new photos about 26th. Info similar to our own but gives valuable additional data as to field artillery positions and concentration areas.

Today's summary estimate enemy tonight on main defense line Garapan - Tapotcham - Magicienne. Our troops attacked all along the previous line pushed forward steadily. Line late this afternoon 191 B, 192 O, 193 H 174 B, 175 L, 176 M, 165 L.

Coast line to 115 K, 114 O, 107 W but situation Nafutan Point not entirely clear. Steady bombardment by all means throughout day and night beginning to pay dividends. 1 Army VF squadron landed Aslito 0900 and at 1640 took over Saipan Gap.

Will land more tomorrow to make 3 squadrons have requested night fighters and land transports also.

Raided Pagan with VF at sunrise no reports last night 3 or 4 enemy air harassers between 0130 and 0330 dropped bombs on shore and near some ships no damage. Some firing by shore batteries on transports quickly silenced.

Yesterday 1 division of transports sailed for Enimetok and today 2 for pearl also about 24 LST for Enimetok. 2 ORR tonight enroute Enimetok for turret ammo. Presence Mazama has greatly improved overall ammo picture.

In latitude 15-50 longitude 147-05 Benham Chandler report at 1125K after 1 hour of attacks on definite sound contact brought
UP DIESEL OIL AND WRECKAGE. THEY CONSIDER CERTAIN THAT 1 YELLOW PIQ BOAT IS SCRATCHED.

FIRST SEAPLANE MAIL IN AND OUT TODAY 1 OR 2 OTHER POSSIBLE SUB CONTACTS IN AREA TODAY.

DELIVERED TO 20 G
*PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 230050 BY RADIO HONOLULU
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From: CG, US Army Forces in Central Pacific Area
       Ft Shafter, T H

To: War Department
    CG, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area,
    Noumea, New Caledonia
    CG, Services of Supply in Southwest Pacific Area
    Brisbane, Australia
    CG Southeast Asia Command, Forward Echelon,
    Ceylon
    CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
    CG, US Army Forces in China, Burma and India
       Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

Nr: DTC 2206002 22 June 1944

CENTPAC Operations from HDOC's for Marshall SOWESPAC
CG 20 Bom Com Stilwell Harmon and USAF in SEAC signed Rich-
ardson through CINCPAC.

This is Marshall-Carolines summary, with all times
in L zone.

In night harassment 19th-20th, two Navy land Cate-
linas strafed 0.7 tons on personnel areas throughout Mar-
shall Islands.

Daylight sorties 20 June waged against Wotje, Taroa,
Mille, Truk and Ponape. Wotje attacked by one Navy Ven-
tura 12 Marine Corsair sorties. Through light meager
ground fire 2.25 tons plus strafing concentrated on gun
positions. In two strikes total of 14 Marine dive bombers
and 8 Navy Helocats parked total of 6 tons on Taroa O/D
and AA positions. Nips threw up meager inaccurate flak.
One P-38 hit water off Taroa; pilot missing. Total of

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10.75 tons delivered Mille coastal defense and Anti-aircraft installations by total of 15 Marine F4U's and 20 Marine SB2C's. Flak was meager and inaccurate. On home trip one Corsair and pilot lost due weather. Truk airfields were targets as 17 Army Liberators released 33.9 tons during afternoon. Several fires set in dispersal area. Although heavy AA was intense and accurate there was no interception. Nine Army Mitchells over Ponape at noon plowed up Jokaj gun-positions with 9 tons.

Jokaj Island visited again 20 June at 1857 by 3 Army B24's. Nine tons raided on island through meager inaccurate flak.

During searches 21st Hnp SS attacked with special charge by Navy searchplane position 13-20 north, 156-15 east course 310 true time 0745. No effect observed from attack. Sub observed again same position 104 minutes later; no attack made. Another Navy searcher over Loisap Atoll sank 50 foot boat at Loaf Island and strafed reef hidden oceanside of Talap Island. Other searches negative.

This finishes Marshall-Caroline resume.

Now follows Marianas operations, all times are K.

Carrier Ron planes spotted a Hnp fleet which included battleships and carriers during afternoon of 20th approx midway between Lecon and Marianas Islands. Our
carrier planes made contact before dusk same day but details not yet available.

During 21st heavy fighting continued on all fronts on Saipan Island. Slight gains of up to 1000 yards registered by our forces in north east and SE sectors. Field artillery observation planes daily operating from Charan-Kanoa strip.

End

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CG AAF
G-2
Adm. King
Col. Park
General Vandegrift
LOG

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SAIPAN ISLAND
22 June 1944

TANAPAG HARBOR
GARAPAN

MT. TAPOTCHAU 01554'

CHARAN - KANGA
MAGICIENNE BAY

AGINOAN PT.

ASLITO AIRFIELD

NAFUTAN PT.

RED PART HELD BY JAPS
INTERCEPT

FROM COM 5TH FLEET TO CTF 58 FOR ACTION AND INFO TO CINCPAC ALL TFC'S 5TH FLEET ALL TGC'S TASK FORCE 58 CTF 58.4 AND SCOFA. RDO WAKIANA PASS TO ALL ADDRESSES.

DIRECT CTF 58.4 PROCEED WITH HIS TASK GROUP AS NOW CONSTITUTED TO VICINITY SAIPAN. DENY GUAM ROTA PAGON TO ENEMY AIRCRAFT. ASSIST IN AIR DEFENSE AND AIR SUPPORT SAIPAN. SEND 2 CARRIER TASK GROUPS WITH CRUISER AND DESTROYER SCREEN TO ENIWETOK. KEEP 3RD CARRIER GROUP WITH FAST BATTLESHIPS IN COVERING POSITION SAIPAN AREA WITH RESTRICTED AIR OPERATIONS.

REPAIR VINCENNES AT ANCHOR SAIPAN IF PRACTICABLE. UNLESS YOU ADVISE OTHERWISE WILL DIRECT FRANKLIN JOIN TASK GROUP 58.4. COM 5TH FLEET WILL PROCEED WITH TASK GROUP 58.4 TO SAIPAN.

SECRET
NEW SUBJECT.

RADIO DIAMARA ADVISE IF MY 170137 WAS DELIVERED TO ALL DEES. MY 84602 4381 2924.

WEATHER NOT PASSED.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM
COM 5TH FLT

RELEASED BY

DATE
22 JUNE 1944

TOR CODEROOM
212242

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211591
NOR 4826

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ACTION

LAST REPORTED POSITION ENEMY FLT LAT 17°34' N LONG 131°45' AT 2000Z. COURSE 360° SPEED NOT OVER 20.

CO POSITION 3 MEDIUM CARRIERS 1 LEAVING OIL SLICK ESCORTED BY 3 DESTROYERS. 11 CRUISERS 8 DESTROYERS TO NORTHWARD. 15 MILES SOUTH OF CARRIERS

4 BATTLESHIPS (2 OF WHICH WERE YAMATO CLASS).

6 DESTROYERS 35 MILES ASTERN OF BATTLESHIPS. 3 CV AND 2 FLEET OILERS SIGHTED DURING ATTACK NIGHT OF 23 JUNE UNLOCATED.

CA

3 CVL

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FROM CTF 51.

SUMMARY: HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUED TODAY ON ALL DIVISION FRONTS. BY 1415 27TH INFANTRY DIVISION ADVANCED TO LINE TA 106 E-116 AFIRM. 4TH MARDIV ADVANCED TO LINE TA 162-153 G. NO OTHER FRONT LINE REPORTS. TOMORROW 2ND AND 4TH MARDIVS ATTACK TOWARD HEIGHTS BACK OF VAGICHIENNE BAY AT 2200 H00K. WILL RECEIVE 1 ARMY VF SQUADRON ON 22ND AND NIGHT FIGHTERS AND TRANSPORT PLANES ABOUT THE 24TH. ABOUT 12 OF 1 ARTILLERY OBSERVATION PLANES OPERATING DAILY FROM CHARAN-KANOA AIR STRIP.

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†1 COPY OP-230"
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COH 5TH FLT
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 21 JUNE, 1944
TOR CODE: 211547
DECODED BY: JENKINS
PARA: FORCE/FISHER
Routed By:

CC: CPAC

ALL TFCS 6TH FLT
CC: AIRSOPAC

CC: AFASOVN 5

CC: TFCS 7TH FLT

CC: GINCSOPAC

IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW:
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PACIFIC

ORIGINATED IN DATE AND TIME: 211147 NCR 3742

CON 5TH FLEET SENDS RADIO MESSAGE PACE TO ALL ADDRESSEES
ACTION: CC: CPAC INFO ALL TFCS 6TH FLT CC: AIRSOPAC
CC: AFASOVN 5 CC: TFCS 7TH FLT AND CITIES TO
GINCSOPAC

CARRIER SEARCH Planes made contact with Enemy Fleet
211632K in LAT 15-35 N LONG 134-30 E. TF-58 launched
FULL DECK LOAD FOR ATTACK FROM LAT 14-55 N LONG
139-36 E at 211536K. Attack delivered 211632K, in
About LAT 15-35 N LONG 133-58 E. 6 Carriers 6 Cruisers
4 BATTLE GRIPS PRESENT. CARRIERS WITHOUT PLANES ON
DECK AND ONLY 615 AIRCRAFT. AS RESULT OF NOC FLIGHT
THESE PLANE LANDING IXIAYER. 600 PILOTs RECOVERED DURING NIGHT.
SEARCH AND RECOVERY PROCEEDING TODAY. CARRIERS SEARCH PLANES OVER
ENEMY FLEET AT 211632K BUT STRIKE LAUNCHED AT DAWN FROM LAT
15-30 N LONG 136-58 E FAIL TO REACH TARGET IN LAT
17-30 N LONG 134-30 E. CONTINUED TO WESTWARD DURING DAY AND SEARCHED FOR Cripples but WITHOUT RESULT.

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MLR 101

By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/74
DIRECTED RETIREMENT AT 211923, REQUEST CTF 58 REPORT BY DISPATCH INFO CINCPAC ALL TFC's 5TH FLEET ACCOUNT OF AIR OPERATIONS 19 AND 20 JUNE GIVING ESTIMATE OWN AND ENEMY LOSSES.
HONO INTERCEPT

SERIES OF WHITE PARACHUTE PROTECTIVE BEARING "TRUE" FROM 13-56 N 138-46 E AT 1200Z 20TH.
FOUND TeAR SHAPED METAL TANK ABOUT 7 FEET LONG AT
14-25 N 138-31 E AT 2100Z 22TH. ABOVE MAY INDICATE
PLACES DOWN TO SOUTH OF POSITION BEING SEARCHED.
PRESENT POSIT 15-52 N 136-33 E. 21 FISH.
76,000 FUEL. B BANG 3RD TO CONSUBPAC. 91633222.

CHOCPAC PASSED TO CON 5TH FLT AND COMMANDER ALL
TASK FORCES 5TH FLT AS 211625.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/17/1944
INTERCEPT

CTF 51 SENDS. CTG 56.1 HAS BY OTHER METHOD.

MY 201112. LANDING YOUR PLANES DELAYED 1 MORE DAY.

ARRIVE AT YOUR ORIGINAL OBJECTIVE ON 23 JUNE. LAUNCH
FIGHTRON 19 TO ARRIVE ASLITO FIELD SAIPAN 23/0000Z
READY FOR OPERATION.
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From: CG, U.S. Army Forces in Central Pacific Area
       Fort Shafter, T. H.

To: War Department
    CG, U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area,
       Noumea, New Caledonia
    CG, Services of Supply Southwest Pacific Area,
       Brisbane, Australia
    CG, Southeast Asia Command and Forward Echelon,
       Kandy, Ceylon
    CG, U.S. Army Forces in China, Burma and India
       Forward Echelon, Chungking, China
    CG, 20th Bomber Command, Karagpur, India

No. RJ 17814, 21 June 1944

To WDCA, CG USAFISPA, CINCUSWA, COPIR, 20th Bom Comd,
AMHOSA through CINCPAC from Richardson's G2 and G3 summary from
HDQGS for MacArthur CG 20th Bomb Com Chief of Staff WAR USAF
in SHAC and SOPAC and Stillwell. Sig nбр RJ 17814.

Special Navy anti-submarine search plane during night
18th June L time attacked submerging Rop SS position 12-35
north, 149-15 east. Results not observed. At 1215 L the
19th, Navy search plane spotted Jap sub on course 270 True
at position 12-40 north, 150-45 east. Another SS sighting
obtained same general area morning 20th June L time by Navy
search plane. Position was 10-30 north, 150-00 east course
110. Other search missions 19th and 20th L time were negative.

Marshall-Caroline neutralization continues: During
night 18-19 L, 2 Navy Catalinas scattered 0.7 ton over Mar-
shall Islands personnel areas. Daylight strikes 19th June
L included missions against Wotje Nauru Tarca Mille Truk and
Ponape. Wotje pounding was daylong operation accomplished
in 3 strikes by total of 23 Marine Corsair sorties. Total
of 5.75 tons penetrated through light meager defensive fire.

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From: CO, U.S. Army Forces in Central Pacific Area,
Fort Shafter, T. H.
No. RJ 17614, 21 June 1944

Eleven Army Mitchells punctured Nauru with 11 tons also 75
MM cannonading. Targets included bligs and ack ack positions;
large fires were started. Mips countered with heavy inaccurate
anti-air fire. Torpedo harassers were 8 Navy Wildcats and
7 Marine Dauntless with 6 tons for gun positions. Meager
accurate A.W damaged 1 Dauntless causing it to waterland on
home trip; crew rescued by Dumbo. Kille was objective of
10 Marine dive bombers and 8 Marine Corsairs. Five tons
released through heavy inaccurate flak. Fourteen Army Lib-
erators over Truk delivered 4.75 tons to Pohn Island air-
fields. Some strips rendered non-operational and large fire
started. Meager AA was inaccurate; no interception attempt-
ed. Lone Army Liberator dumped 3 tons on Ponape; negative
was enemy flak.

Marianas summary follows, all times K: During 20th
June under blanket of air, Naval and ground fire support our
troops registered slight gains on Saipan Island. Front lines
generally remain as reported for midday 19th June (see my
radio 200605Z RJ 1937). Enemy concentrating troops around
Maginot Line and still resisting strenuously in several
well organized centers East of Lake Susupe and at Hafutana
Point area on SE tip of island. Nip artillery still severe.

With landing of 105 Inf Regt on 20th June the entire
27th Inf Div is now ashore. On this date Aslito and Chalan-
Kanoa airstrips reported ready for emergency use.

Our own estimated casualties to 20th June are 584
killed, 1,202 missing and 3,875 wounded.

Tinian airfields bombed on 20th by our surface craft
and planes. We lost 2 fighters and 1 Torpedo bomber; 2 of
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Pilots rescued by destroyer.

Jap pilot crash landed on Aslito Field. Stated he did not feel U.S. troops were on island. Beach 1000 yards north of Cape Obiam (SW end of Saipan) found moved with nap anti-boat and beach mines; these being removed now.
CTF 52 ORIGINATES.

POSSIBILITY OF ENEMY SURFACE FORCE STEAMING SOUTH IN AREA EAST OF DOMINS. CONDUCT 2 SECTOR SEARCH 335 TO 325 FOR 250 MILES. ORIGIN POINT CRADLE. START SEARCH LATE AS PRACTICABLE PLANES TO BE ON BOARD BY SUNSET.

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CTF 51 SENDS RDO ENIWETOK PASS TO SOCOFA.

SAIL GARRISON GROUP NUMBER 1 TU 51.4 VIA ROUTE 15 MILES NORTH OF SPEEDWAY TO ARRIVE POINT ABALONE 2 BEARING 353 TRUE DISTANCE 15 MILES FROM POINT ABALONE 1000K EARTH DATE THENCE PROCEED TO SOUTHWEST BEACHES SAIPAN AND REPORT TO CTF 51. REQUEST IN SO FAR AS PRACTICABLE FUTURE SHIPPING FOR SAIPAN BE ROUTED ON ROUTE SPECIFIED HEREIN.

INTENTION IS TO USE PRESENT ROUTE SPEEDWAY AS A RETURN ROUTE.

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BEETH FORCES BELIEVED IN BATTLE GUNFIRE IN AREA I
REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.

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THIS FROM CINCPAC FOR ACTION ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS 5TH FLEET INFO TO CINCPAC COM 7TH FLEET.
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SUMMARY FOR 19 JUNE. ALL TIMES MINUS 9.

IF FIXES AND CONTACTS BY JAP PLANES HAVE BEEN REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, BASED ENTIRELY ON TRAFFIC ANALYSIS ENEMY TACTICAL DISPOSITION ON 19TH APPARENTLY AS FOLLOWS; MAIN BODY, BATTLESHIPS IN VISUAL COMPANY CONDRI STRIKING FORCE IN TAIHO.

VANGUARD FORCE, HEAVY CRUISERS UNDER CONDRI 2ND FLEET. DETACHED KING COMPRISING ZUKAKU (FLAG) PLUS SHOKAKU AND SAN YAMASHIRO.

IT APPEARS THAT ENEMY STRIKING FORCE OPERATING TO NORTHWARD OF YAP USING THIS BASE AS SERVICING BASE AND OPERATING WITH SHORE BASED AIR SEARCHES FROM.
YAP AND PALAU PLUS POSSIBLE TRACKING OF BLUE FORCES BY SUBMARINES WAS ABLE LOCATE BLUE FORCES MORNING 19TH AND CARRY OUT CARRIER BASED AIR STRIKES THEREON DURING THE DAY. CARRIER PLANES USING AIR BASES AT GUAM ROTA YAP AND POSSIBLY TINIAN AS NECESSARY. CINC COMBINED INDICATED AT SEA JAPAN AREA 19TH. OTHERS UNCHANGED. ASSOCIATION NUMBER 1 AND 2 REPLENISHMENT FORCES WITH STRIKING FORCE AT 192100 SUGGESTS FUELING ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEAR FUTURE FROM TANKERS OF THESE FORCES. THESE FORCES LAST NOTED IN MINDANAO AREA BUT ESTIMATE HAVE PROBABLY MOVED TO AREA NORTH OF GENERAL PALAU-YAP AREA. 1ST AND 2ND REPLENISHMENT FORCES CONSIST OF FAST TANKERS (15-17 KNOTS) NICHIEI MARU KOKUYO MARU SEIYO MARU GENYO MARU AND AXUSA MARU). THESE TANKERS ALL ABOUT 10000 T.
TONS WITH 930,000 BARRELS. A THIRD REPLENISHMENT FORCE COMPOSED OF TANKERS SUNOSAKI AND KOSEN MARU BELIEVED IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES. IN ADDITION 6 OR 7 MEDIUM TANKERS ARE BELIEVED AVAILABLE IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES. BATTLESHIP FUSO INDICATED PROBABLY IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES 19TH. INDICATION 19TH COMDR AIRFLOT 27 PLUS PART OF THE PLANES OF THAT AIR FLOT HAVE ARRIVED IROJIMA FROM JAPAN. BETWEEN 192356 AND 201556 SUBMARINE RO-115 ID'ED WITHIN 15 MILES OF 136 E SENDING 2 PART DISPATCH TO COMDR 1ST STRIKING FLEET CINC COMBINED AND COMDR 1ST AIR FLEET INFO IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS.

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1 COPY TO 25-G.
THIS IS SUPER FROM CINCPAC TO ALL TASK FORCE COMDRS 5TH FLEET. INFO CONSOPAC COM 7TH FLEET.

COMMENCING ABOUT 2010Z OLD RADIO TRAFFIC DATING FROM 15 JUNE BEGAN APPEARING ON MAIN BROADCAST CIRCUITS INDICATES JAPS FEEL OPERATIONAL PHASE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED AND STRENGTHENS SUGGESTION 1ST MOBILE FLEET RETIRING ON FUELING GROUPS.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM CTF 51 (INDEF CALL)

RELEASED BY

DATE 20 JUNE 44

TO CODEROOM 1745

DECODED BY WOLQUIXY

PARAPHRASED BY PARMENTER / HOCHSTEIN

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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A* MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

COM 5TH FLT ALL TFGS 5TH FLT CINCPAC

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ORIGINATION FILL IN DATE AND TIME.

DATE TIME

ACTION

FOX INTERCEPT

(COMMANDER TASK FORCE 51 ORIGINATES.)

SUMMARY.

LANDED 186TH INFANTRY TROOPS CONTINUE ADVANCE UNDER CONTINUOUS SUPPORT OF AIR, GROUND, AND NAVAL ARTILLERY. HAVE HAD SEVERE RESISTANCE IN S MOLX ALL ORGANIZED CENTERS SUCH AS 143, 151 AND NAFLULN POINT AREA. ENEMY ARTILLERY STILL CONTINUES SEVERE AND LATE TODAY ENEMY MADE CONSIDERABLE TROOP CONCENTRATIONS AROUND MAGICENIKE BAY. APPROXIMATE FRONT LINE 191 PY 183 M 161 E 151 AO 152 S COAST LINE TO 125 P 115 K 113 H 196 A ALISO AND CHARAN KANOA AIR STRIPS AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCY LANDINGS EXPECT SEND IN FIGHTERS 22ND.

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ESTIMATED AMMO EXPENDITURES SMALL ARMS AND 75 AND 105 HOW
2 1/2 UNIT FOX, 55, 1/2 UNIT FOX.

PRESENT ESTIMATES OWN CASUALTIES GIVEN IN ORDER KIA, MIA,
MIA. 2ND MARDIV 278, 1526, 486. 4TH MARDIV 291, 2271, 714.
7TH INF DIV 15, 78, 0. CONSIDERED ESTIMATES MIA MAY BE
HIGH DUE INABILITY CHECK AS TO PERSONNEL ON BOARD SHIPS
AT SEA.

JAP VF PILOT CRASH LANDED ON ASLITO DID NOT KNOW AMER­
ICANS WERE ON SAIPAN STATED HE AND 4 VF PILOTS HAD
LAST PLANES BASED AT SOUTHERN FIELD GUAMI.

NO AIR ALARMS. USED AIR AND SHIPS FIRE TO NEUTRALIZE
TINIAN FIELDS. 2 OWN VF AND 1 HTB SHOT DOWN 2 PILOTS
RESCUED BY DD . BEACH WHITE 1 HEAVILY MINED BY ENEMY
ANTI BOAT AND BEACH MINES, THESE NOW BEING REMOVED.
DISTILLERS OPERATING ASHORE. SUPPLY SITUATED ASHORE
SATISFACTORY.

LST 84 HIT BY BOMB 16TH DAMAGE NON VITAL 10 WOUNDED.
ON LST 128, 8 WOUNDED.

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To: War Department
CG, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area, Noumea, New Caledonia
CG, Service of Supply Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane Australia
CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India Forward Echelon, Chungking, China
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon

NR: RJ 19731, 20th June 1944

CPA summary for War Department C of 8 Harmon SOWES-PAC USAF in SEAC and CBI and Wolfe from Richardson HDOCS Srl NR RJ 19731.

Now comes Marianas situation:

By midday 19th June K time our troops had pushed eastward across Saipan from southern outskirts of Garapan to W shore of Magicienne Bay. We hold that part of island south of this general line except for extreme SE tip of island and large Nip pocket east of Lake Susupe. Continuous enemy counterattacks have been successfully repulsed.

On 19th K time our Carrier Task Force attacked by strong Nip aerial force. This attack effectively stopped by our ack ack fire and carrier fighters; more than 300 Jap planes estimated destroyed. Initial reports indicate only 1 of our surface units damaged; this damage was minor. No report yet available our aircraft losses. Believed that

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From: OC, US Army Forces in the Central Pacific Area, Ft. Shafter, T.H.

part of attacking Jap planes were carrier based using nearby shore bases as shuttle points. Morning and evening Jap air attacks have been the rule; many of these attackers were destroyed in air or after landing on Marianas airfields.

Unloading now more rapid due improved beaches. Aslito airfield captured by 1200 X 19th. Field now being repaired by our Seabees; expect to have operational by 21st June.

In Hawaiian Islands Area Navy searchplane spotted possible Jap submarine position 20–49 north, 158–28 west at 0350Z 19th June. B-3 reliability given CENTPAC aircraft in Marshall–Caroline Area directed efforts at Taroa, Jaluit, Ponape and Nauru during daylight hours 18th June L time. Taroa assailed in 4 missions by total of 8 Corsairs, 8 Hellcats and 13 Dauntless. Total of 5.5 tons delivered to 3/D and AA positions; small boats and installations were strafed. Meager accurate flak received by 1 mission inflicted slight damage on 2 Dauntless. In 2 strikes Jaluit pounded by total of 2 Navy PV's, 10 Marine SBD's and 8 Marine F4U's. Total of 5.25 tons concentrated on ack ack btry. Moderate accurate A/W and AA cause caused minor damage 1 dive bomber and 1 Ventura and slight injury to pilot and 1 crew of the Ventura; the Ventura crash landed Naeuta. Ponape worked over in 2 flights by total of 5 Army Liberators and 6 Navy Photo PB4Y's. Total of 8 tons released over AA areas,
From: CG U.S. Army Forces in the Central Pacific Area,
       Fort Shafter, T.H.
       No: RJ 19731, 20th June 1944

Waterfront installations and Jokaj gun positions; 1 warehouse destroyed. Photo planes received medium accurate flak; B24's took meager inaccurate ground fire. 10 Army Mitchells ploved up Nauru with 10 tons. Intense accurate heavy AA caused minor damage 1 bomber.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/74.
MY 131929 SUMMARY FOR TECK ENDING 17 JUNE. CENTRAL PACIFIC. DAILY STRIKES AGAINST JAPANESE POSITIONS IN MARSHALLS AND EASTERN CAROLINES BY LAND BASED AIRCRAFT CONTINUED. YAP NAURU AND OCEAN ISLANDS BOMBED. PACAN ISLAND MARSHALLS ATTACKED BY CARRIER AIRCRAFT. FOLLOWING AIR AND SURFACE BOMBARDMENTS OF SAIPAN THEI ROADGUAM AND ROTA WHERE 140 PLANES DESTROYED 13 SHIPS SUM 16 DAMAGED U.S. TROOPS LANDED SOUTHWESTERN END SAIPAN ISLAND. JAPANESE ENTRENCHED IN WELL ORGANIZED BEACH DEFENSE POSITIONS. MORTAR AND MACHINE GUN FIRE SOME WHAT SLOWED LANINGS. ENEMY ARTILLERY INEFFECTIVELY DIRECTED AGAINST SHIPS AND APPROACH AREAS. ADVANCE SUPPORTED BY SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT CONTINUED AGAINST STRONG RESISTANCE AND COUNTER ATTACKS. ON 17 JUNE BEACH HEAD 24/2 MILES DEEP AND 5 MILES LONG ESTABLISHED.
AND HELD. ENEMY SHORE BATTERIES AND AIRCRAFT CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE TO FIVE COMBATANT UNITS 2 AUXILIARIES, SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC. ARMY NAVY MARINE AIRCRAFT ATTACKED ENEMY BASES IN NEW BRITAIN NEW IRELAND AND NORTHERN SOLOMON DAILY. ON BIAK ISLAND OUR TROOPS CONTINUED TO ADVANCE SLOWLY TO THE WESTWARD OF MOXNER AIRDRONE. ENEMY RESISTANCE DETERMINED BUT HIS DEFENSES BEING GRADUALLY REDUCED. NO CHANGE SITUATION AITAPE HOLLANDIA. GROUND PATROLS ACTIVE. AIRCRAFT AND MTB'S CONTINUED ATTACKS AGAINST SHORE LIKE TARGETS NORTHEAST NEW GUINEA.

NORTH PACIFIC. CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS BOMBARDED KATSURA KURILE ISLANDS EARLY MORNING 14 JUNE. NO DAMAGE TO OUR SHIPS OR PERSONNEL. ARMY NAVY AIRCRAFT COMPLETED FIVE BOMBING MISSIONS AGAINST SHIMUSHU PARAHUSHIRU KATSURA AND SHIMUSHIRU WITH LOSS OF TWO PLANES.
HONOR FOX INTERCEPT

SENT BY CTF 31.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

BY 1200Z TODAY OUR TROOPS HAD CAPTURED AGU LITO AIRFIELD
AND SEABEE'S WERE WORKING ON IT. BEHOLD WESTERN SHORE
OF MACIGENNE BAY. FRONT LINE RUNS GENERALLY FROM TA
173 TO 124 TO 147 TO 192 TO 191. AT 1200 A LARGE ENEMY
POCKET IN 149, 150, HALF OF 143 AND 144 WAS HELD
BY ENEMY WITH OUR TROOPS PREPARING TO ATTACK. SEVERAL
HOSTILE COUNTERATTACKS WERE IREFFECTIVE.

SURF CONDITIONS BETTER. BEACHES BEING IMPROVED AND UN-
LOADING MORE RAPID. 15TH RCT STILL BE LANDING ON 25TH.
WATERBORNE COUNTERATTACK WAS CAUGHT IN A TRAP NIGHT OF
17TH AS INDICATED BY HULL, WORKING AND EVENING HOSTILE

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AIR ATTACKS DAILY UNTIL TODAY WITHOUT PARTICULAR EFFECT EXCEPT MANY ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED IN AIR AND AFTER LANDING KARIPNAS FIELDS. OUR CVE NIGHT FIGHTERS (NEVER DID IT BEFORE) ARE GOOD BUT LOSES HLP PLANES CONSIDERABLE.

SENDING KALININ BAY TO ENI (ETOK FOR ABOUT 45 NEW FINS BUT WE DON'T NEED PILOTS. GOOD SUGGESTION MADE BY ROGAN THAT 1 OR MORE CVE'S WITH ABOUT 16 TRAINED NIGHT FIGHTERS BE FITTED OUT.

BASED ON OBSERVATION HE BELIEVES THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH IT.

A OF OUR RETURNING NIGHT PATROL PB4'S WAS SHOT DOWN BY F6F'S WEST OF SAIPAN THIS MORNING.

BODY OF AVIATOR WASHED ASHORE SAIPAN CLOTHES MARKED WILLIAMS J T - VT-44 PARACHUTE NUMBER 877449.

ON 18TH PHELPS WAS HIT BY 2 8 INCH PROJECTILES FROM SHORE BATTERY. CAPTAIN STATES EXTENSIVE DAMAGE WARDROOM SERIOUS.

DAMAGE NUMBER 3 BOILER MAIN STEAM LINE CUT TO NUMBER 4 BOILER CAN MAKE 27 POSSIBLY 30 KNOTS OTHERWISE BATTLE EFFECTIVENESS EXCELLENT. TF COMMANDER INTENDS TO RETAIN THE PHELPS HERE.

EXPECT AGILLO AIRFIELD TO BE READY FOR 1 VF SQUADRON ON JUNE 21 AND HAVE ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO LAND ONE ON THAT DATE.

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YOU ARE ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING TF 51 SHIP MOVEMENTS
NEAR SAIPAN NIGHT 19-25 JUNE. 3 GROUPS TRANSPORTS PLUS
ELECTRA AND ESCORT PASS THROUGH ABALONE IN TIME ARRIVE
TRANSPORT AREA 1600. TG 52.17 LEAVES ABALONE 2400 ON 265
AT 000 6 KNOTS. TG 52.17 FROM WEST OF TEARAWAY ARRIVES
AMOCC 0000. AT 0200 TO 52.15 PASSES THROUGH POINT 21
MILES BEARING 015 FROM ABALONE ON 070. 00A 12.5. TO 52.16
15 MILES AHEAD ON SAME COURSE AND SPEED. TO 52.11 EAST
AND TO 52.15 WEST OF SAIPAN DURING NIGHT. TO 52.14
OPERATING SOUTH OF CENTER TO 52.15 AND 52.16. MCHAIR
OVERTON ENROUTE ABALONE TO AMOCC ETA 2300. H L EDWARDS
ON EASTERN COURSE TO ROUTE SPEEDWAY DEPARTING FROM 15
MILES WEST OF AMOCC AT 2400. ALL TIMES K. ADVISE PASSAGE
TO SHELL VIA NORTH OF ABALONE OR 25 MILES EAST OF SAIPAN.

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PBM MADE CONTACT WITH ENEMY FLEET AT 0145K IN LATITUDE 13-20 N LONGITUDE 137-46 E BUT NO REPORT WAS RECEIVED UNTIL 0915. TASK FORCE 58 MADE 325-MILE SEARCH FROM 185 DEGREES TO 345 DEGREES Launching AT 0530 IN LATITUDE 14-35 N LONGITUDE 143-45 E WITHOUT CONTACTS. AIR ATTACKS ON TASK FORCE 58 COMMENCED AT 1445, COMING IN INITIALLY FROM WESTWARD AND CONTINUED FOR SEVERAL HOURS. SOME ENEMY PLANES LANDED AT GUAM AND ROTA, BUT THESE FIELDS WERE HIT BY TASK FORCE 58 PLANES SEVERAL TIMES TO PREVENT THEIR USE. OVER 300 ENEMY PLANES ARE REPORTED DESTROYED BY OUR PLANES AND AA FIRE. OWN AIRCRAFT LOSSES NOT YET REPORTED. ONLY
KNOWN DAMAGE TO OUR SHIPS 1 BOMB HIT ON SOUTH DAKOTA WHICH DOES NOT AFFECT HER FIGHTING EFFICIENCY. BELIEVE ENEMY MAY HAVE MADE LONG STRIKES, DEPENDING ON ROTA AND GUAM FIELDS FOR RESERVING. IF SO, HIS PLANE LOSSES MAY BE GREATER THAN REPORTED. TASK GROUP 58.3 SENT SEARCH AND STRIKE FOR ENEMY CARRIERS WHEN ATTACKS BEGAN. RESULT NEGATIVE.

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*CINCPAC PASSED TO CONSOPAC, SUPREME COMMANDER SWPA, COM-HARPAC, COMINCH AND COM 7TH FLEET FOR INFO AS 191155.
RDO HONO GIVE INFO TO CINCPAC. CTF 51 ORIGINATES.

BASED ON OPERATIONS TODAY ASSUME ENEMY PLANES AFTER DAMN ATTACK ON OUR FORCES WILL LAND TINIAN ROTA GUAM BETWEEN 2637 AND 2638.1K 20TH. TO 52.11 WILL DESTROY ENEMY PLANES AT TINIAN.

DIRECT TU 53.7.1 AND SCREEN LESS 1 CVE FROM POSITION TO EASTWARD DESTROY ENEMY PLANES ON AND NEAR GUAM AND ROTA ON 25 JUNE. PLANES ARRIVE AT OBJECTIVES ABOUT 09020K. ON COMPLETION OF STRIKE TASK UNIT REJOIN CTF 53.

RDO HONO PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 191759.
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RICHARDSON HQGS SENDING OPERATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY TO USAF IN CBT MARSHALL SGPAC MACARTHUR CG 24TH BOMBER COMMAND AND SULTAN.

CINC'S COPY PAGE 5 THROUGH TO END OF MESSAGE:

BEACHES NOT RELATIVELY FREE FROM NIP ARTILLERY FIRE BUT 4TH AR DIV, 27TH DIV AND OUR ARTILLERY STILL TAKING HEAVY NIP SHELLING. 27TH DIV LESS 1 NOT NOW IN LINE AND ASSIGNED SECTOR ON RIGHT, SOUTH OF 4TH AR DIV. BAD BEACHES SLOWED DEBARKATION OF TROOPS AND SUPPLIES. AS OF 1700 THE 17TH US ESTIMATED CASUALTIES WERE APPROXIMATELY 1560 KILLED AND 4000 WOUNDED, ESTIMATED ENEMY KILLED APPROXIMATELY 3000. NONE OF THESE CASUALTY FIGURES CONSIDERED RELIABLE YET. LST GROUPS AND PPM'S ON WATER WERE BOMBED AND STRAFED BY SEVERAL NIP PLANES DURING THE 17TH; FIRE STARTED ON SINGLE LANDING SHIP TANK. PROBABLY NIP SS SUNK BY DD'S EARLY SAME DAY POSITION 15-00 N 144-17 E; SEVERAL OTHER SUBMARINE CONTACTS WERE MADE.

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Follows summary forager operations to include 17 June. All times K (minus 1h).

Ground forces, supported by strong air and naval bombardment, northern landing force began landing at 0843 15 June on western Saipan between Garaman and Agingan point. Divs abrest second MARDIV on north fourth MARDIV on south. Landings opposed by machine gun mortar and shore battery fire. By late afternoon 15 June forces reached first phase line (2000 to 2500 yards from beaches) except for isolated pockets of resistance in center of zone.

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MAJOR PORTIONS OF BOTH DIVS LANDED DURING THE DAY. LATE AFTERNOON AND NIGHT 15 JUNE OUR FORCE WITHDREW TO DEFENSE LINE NEARER BEACHES BECAUSE OF HEAVY ENEMY ARTILLERY FIRE. ON 16 JUNE ATTACK LAUNCHED AT 1230. SECOND MARDIV MADE SLIGHT ADVANCE. FOURTH MARDIV ADVANCED TO ABLE POINT 800 YARDS SOUTH OF FIRST PHASE LINE. 12 BNS ARTILLERY LANDED ON 16 JUNE. 1 RCT 27TH INF DIV BEGAN TO LAND AT 1915 16 JUNE ANOTHER LANDED MORNING 17 JUNE.

ON 17 JUNE AT 0730 SECOND MARDIV AND AT 0950 FOURTH MARDIV AND 1 RCT 27TH INF DIV LAUNCHED ATTACKS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY. SECOND MARDIV ADVANCED TO NORTH SOUTH LINE APPROXIMATELY 2500 YARDS EAST OF AFETNA POINT. FOURTH MARDIV AND RCT 27TH (COVERING SOUTH FLANK) ADVANCED...
TO A GENERAL LINE ABOUT 1500 YARDS BEYOND FIRST PHASE LINE, ADVANCE ELEMENTS PENETRATED ASLITO AIRFIELD BUT HEAVY ENEMY ARTILLERY FIRE FORCED WITHDRAWAL. A SERIES OF ENEMY COUNTERATTACKS SUPPORTED BY TANKS WERE REPULSED. UNRELIABLE ESTIMATE OF OWN CASUALTIES 1500 KILLED 4000 WOUNDED INCLUDES 2426 EVACUATED TO TRANSPORTS. ESTIMATED 3000 ENEMY DEAD. OPPOSING ENEMY FORCE ESTIMATED AS 20000.

NAVAL FORCES, FORAGER OPERATIONS THROUGH 15 JUNE PROCEEDED ACCORDING TO PLAN. CONTACT BY SUBMARINE AT 151900 (K) WITH LARGE ENEMY TASK FORCE LEAVING SAN BERNARDINO STRAIT CAUSED FOLLOWING CHANGE IN OUR DISPOSITIONS: W DAY POSTPONED. TASKFORCE 53 HELD TO EASTWARD. TASKFORCE 58 REENFORCED BY CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS FROM TASKFORCE 52.
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15° 0 N 144° 30° E AT 1600 (K) 17 JUNE. SUBMARINE DISPOSITIONS AS FOLLOWS BY 18 JUNE (K):

- **SEAWOLF** 17° 00' N 138° 00' E
- **FINBACK** 14° 20' 137° 00' (ALL POSITS N AND E)
- **BANG** 13° 50' 139° 00'
- **STINGRAY** 12° 00' 139° 00'
- **ALBACORE** 12° 20' 137° 00'
- **SEAHORSE** 12° 00' 134° 00'
- **PIPEFISH** 11° 00' 135° 00'
- **CAVALLA** 10° 00' 136° 00'

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OSI letter, May 4, 1972

By DDB  Date  MAY 21 1973

FLYING FISH 58-00 129-00

GROWLER SURIGAO STRAIT AIR FORCES. TASKFORCE 58 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN BY COM 5TH FLEET FROM SUPPORT AIRCRAFT MISS-

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IONS. HAS REFUELED AND RECEIVED REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT FROM TRANSPORT CVE'S. FOUR COMBAT CVE'S WITH NORTHERN GROUP FURNISHING SUPPORT AIR CRAFT AT SAIPAN WITH 2 OTHERS CONDUCTING CAP ASP FOR TRACTOR GROUPS. 2 CVE CONDUCTING CAP AND ASP FOR SOUTHERN TRACTOR GROUP. 3 OTHERS CONDUCTING FIGHTER SWEEPS GUAM ROTA TINIAN. 6 PBM'S BASING ON USS BALLARD AT SAIPAN ORDERED TO CONDUCT NITE RADAR SEARCH SECTORS 235 TO 295 TO 6/0 MILES. 2 DAMAGED 17TH BY ENEMY A/C STRAFING.

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FROM CINCPAC

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CINCPAC SENDS ACTION ALL TASK FORCE COMDRS 5TH FLEET. INFO CINCPAC COM 7TH FLEET.

SUPER.

18 JUNE SUMMARY. ITEM TIMES EMPLOYED.

JAP SEARCH PLANES POSSIBLY CONTACTED BLUE STRIKING FORCE AROUND 1815Z. AT THAT TIME AS ENEMY PLANE MADE A REPORT GIVING POSIT 14-37 N 142-18 E. THIS PLANE MADE 4 MORE REPORTS BY 1850. REPORT FROM ANOTHER PLANE WITH NEITHER TIME OF ORIGIN OR ORIGINATORS CALL INTERCEPTED AT 1743. THIS REPORT GAVE POSIT 14-12 N 141-58 E AND WAS BROADCAST SEVERAL TIMES. ANOTHER PLANE PRIOR TO THIS MADE A REPORT PRIOR 1519 (NO TIME OF ORIGIN) GIVING POSITION BELIEVED (EITHER 4-17 N OR 19-17 N) 137-23 E.

POSSIBLY AS REACTION NUVJEICYA XFO DNGS COMDR 1ST AIR FLEET SENT A MOST URGENT AT 1600 TO CINCPAC AND

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1ST STRIKING FLEET INFO YOKOSUKA AIR GROUP AND IWOMOSIMA AIR BASE DELIVERY TO COMDR 1ST STRIKING FLEET WAS MORIYAMAFSTN* 716. AT 1840 BLANK ORIGINATOR PROBABLY CINC COMBINED ORIGINATED URGENT THAT WAS BROADCAST BY TOKYO BEGINNING AT 1914 AND FREQUENTLY REPEATED. LENGTH OF DESPATCH WAS ONLY 6 GROUPS SUGGESTING POSSIBLE CHARANIN PROAGT* SOME SORT AT 1923 A MOBILEUNIT* BELIEVED TO BE COMDR 1ST STRIKING FLEET WAS D/F'D WITHIN 100 MILES OF 13-00 N 136-00 E SENDING AN URGENT ORIGINATED AT 185.* THIS DESPATCH WAS SHORT AND Addressed TO ALL COMDRS IN THE COMBINED FLEET AND CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA FLEET PLUS COMDR 5TH BASE AIR FORCE INFO IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS. THIS WAS RAPIDLY RBROADCAST BY ALL MAJOR COMMUNICATION UNITS. POSITION 12-57 N 137-13 E NOTED IN REPORTS FROM TWO DIFFERENT PLACES OF SAME GROUP (POSSIBLY FERRY FLIGHT LINES) AT 1934 AND 1615 R STACENTPESE* PLANES BELIEVED NOT REGULAR SEARCH PLANES AND DUE ABQOLSCEFUSADX POSIT OF COMDR STRIKING FORCE BELIEVE THERE AS POSSIBILITY THESE PLANES MAY HAVE BEEN REPORTING OUR SURFACE UNITS. IN ADDITION TO 1840 DESPATCH CINC COMBINED ORIGINATED TMYIHGRE* HIGH PRECEDENCE DESPATCHES GHAYE 901 AN VYICH POLQ* ADDRESSED ONLY TO COMDR 1ST STRIKING FLEET.

SHARP INCREASE IN SUBMARINE TRAFFIC WAS NOTED. YOKOSUKA ASKED IWOMOSIMA FOR HOURLY WEATHER STARTING 191300 SUGGESTING SCHEDULED PLANE FLIGHTS TO (3 GARbled GROUPS). COMDR 1ST STRIKING FLEET
CONTINUED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH Guam air bases and to lesser extent Rota. Comdr 1st Air Fleet at Tinian was also active in traffic. No traffic Nuekucsox'odipan except some army traffic during morning 18th. Ponape again sent hourly weather. Truk on 18th from 0800 until 1600. Truk requested weather from Palau Yap Ulithi Pagan Tinian Inojima and Davao for 1944 are probably for use of Truk search planes. At 190115 Truk noted broadcasting report from unknown based plane with no time of origin or position saying "sighted enemy carrier based planes". Searches from Davao 19th. Bearings 6°5, 77°, 87°, 1°2, and 114 degrees out 650 miles left... 8° miles by medium bombers taking off at 545.

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MINES OR OTHER UNDERWATER OBSTACLES HAVE BEEN LAID IN PORT APRA GUAM BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

ALL Bearings AND Distances GIVEN FROM HOLE IN THE WALL LIGHT. LONG Bearing 275 DEGREES 2860 YARDS TO A POINT Bearing 262 DEGREES 3780 YARDS AND FROM THERE TO A POINT Bearing 253 DEGREES 3950 YARDS. Another lane lies between point Bearing 253 DEGREES 3120 yards and point Bearing 2545 DEGREES 3630 yards.

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CG 20th Bomber Command, Khargpur, India.
Supreme Commander, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon.
Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia.
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DTG : 180545Z 18 June 1944.

Richardson HFGCS sends Operations and intelligence summary to USAF in OMI Marshall SOPAC MacArthur CG 20th Bom/Com and Sultan.

Part one,

Caroline-Marshall area (all times L). Navy searchplanes 17th dropped 6 by 350 pounder depth charges on Nip SS position 11 north, 150 east course 310 true. All searches'16th negative.

Oil personnel areas in Marshall Islands presented with 1.33 tons by 2 land Catalinas during night 14-15 June.

Twenty six tons landed on major Truk islands and airfields before dawn 15th June by 13 Army Liberators. No damage caused by 1 single engine Nip interceptor and meager inaccurate flak assisted by 3 searchlights. Over alternate

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18 June 1944.

Pomape 1 Army 8 24 parked 2 tons on Joka and gun positions through no AA. Daylight missions were waged 15th June against Jaluit Taroa Wotje Mille Ocean and Nauru. Jaluit strike conducted by 8 Dauntless and 8 Corsairs all Marine with 4 tons on Emilj heavy ack ack positions. Fuso's strafed AA crews who threw back inaccurate fire. In 2 strikes total of 14 Marine SBD's and 8 Navy PBF's plowed up Taroa placing total of 6 tons on CD and AA guns. Three dive bombers got minor damage from moderate accurate flak. In addition Taroa strafed in morning and afternoon by 4 Corsairs each trip. Throughout day Wotje harassed by 26 Marine Corsairs and 5 Navy Venturas sorties. Adjacent islands strafed and 10.5 tons released on Wotje CD and ack ack positions. Mille accurate flak damaged single PV and downed 1 Corsair; pilot of downed fighter rescued from Wotje lagoon by bongo. Mille party made up by 7 Marine dive bombers and 4 Navy fighters. Hits scored on coastal defense btry with 1.5 tons. Two Dauntless received minor damage from accurate automatic weapons. Two Navy Venturas concentrating on barracks released 1.6 tons over Nauru and 0.5 ton over ocean. Ocean responded with moderate heavy and medium AA.

Two Navy Catalinas kept Mille Jaluit and Taroa awake night 15-16 June shivering personnel areas with total of 8 by 325 pounder depth charges.

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From: CG US Army Forces in Central Pacific Area, Ft. Shafter, T. H.

DTG: 180545Z 18 June 1944.

Wotje, Taroa and Mille got no respite during daylight hours 16th June. Wotje torpdeo storage area targeted as 7 Marine dive bombers and 4 P6's parted with 3 tons; in addition antiair positions strafed. Single Hellocat and 1 divebomber slightly damaged by intense A/W fire. 2.5 ton delivery made to Taroa OD positions by 4 Navy fighters and 5 Marine BM's against intense accurate light AA. All day hammering accepted by Mille from 17 Marine Dauntless & Navy Hellicats and 15 Marine F 4U's. Nine tons cratered light ack ack and CD positions. Ground fire was moderate and inaccurate.

This is end of part 1.

This is part 2 and deals with Marianna operations. All times in zone E. Probable damage inflicted on Hip sub by friendly surface vessel at 2230 hour 13th June position 15-19 north, 146-53 east. Next day same vessel sank 6,000 ton Hip AK 20 miles NW Saipan island at 0340 hours.

No damage caused our task groups in attack by 4 Hip fighters and several torpedo bombers about dusk 15th June.

On Saipan, continued severe enemy mortar and arty fire during late afternoon and night of 15th caused withdrawal of front lines of 2nd and 4th Marine Divs. Our troops supported by strong naval gunfire during night.

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From: G8 US Army Forces in Central Pacific Area,
Pt. Shafter, F. I.

Dtg: 180545Z

18 June 1944.

By noon of 16th Nip resistance largely overcome within occupied area opposite one landing beach which extends from the main pier at Charan-Kanoa northward for 600 yards. By 1230 this date Nip arty which had inflicted heavy casualties and prevented landing of supplies and equipment was silenced. Lagoon, pier and beaches were opened for traffic. By 1500 the 16th an attack by 4th Marine Division extended southern limit of beachhead to approx 1 mile east southeast of Atingan point where it was halted by Jap mortar and arty fire. By this hour slight advances had been made by 2nd Mar Div. At 1915 thru 16th, most Marine Reserves having been committed, 1 RCT of 27 Inf Div (USA) commenced landing vicinity Charan - Kanoa. Twelve Arty Battalions had been landed by 2400 same day. Nips made no air attacks that night.

Five small AX's north of and headed for Saipan sunk by APD 116; 29 prisoners rescued.

Units of following enemy organizations identified on Saipan: 13 Inf Div Div, 97 INB, 136 Inf Regt, Makahiri Mountain Artillery, 29 Infantry Division, 1 Company Dagawa Unit, 135 Infantry Regt, 285th AAA Regt, a shipping Engr Unit of Sea Transport Headquarters, Sonsé 17538, Sonsé 17533, Sonsé 17530, Kosato Unit on Jun 255. Total Nip troops on Saipan estimated 20,000.

CM-IN-15436 (19 Jun 44)

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Nr: DTU: 1805452 18th June 1944 Page 5

Guam: Island shelled in 2 hour bombardment 16 June by heavy fleet surface units.

This is Saipan summary for the 17th K time.

At 0300 following Nip mortar and arty preparation enemy launched heavy counterattack against our left flank. We lost ground; many enemy killed and 30 tanks destroyed.

Commencing 0930 our units started moving forward. Second Marine Div on our left (north) flank South Mar Div in center and 165 Inf Regt (27th Inf Div) on our right (south) flank. Advanse made in face of strong Nip arty fire and counterattacks on our right and center. Our advance elements reached Ysitol airfield but withdrew where enemy counterattacked.

At 1800 our line stretching from Aginagan point on the south to the outskirts of Garapan town on the north extended inland 1-2 miles from the west coast of Saipan. Advance elements on our left (north) flank have pushed inland almost 3 miles; on our right we are within 300 yards of the Ysitol airfield. Throughout the day naval and air support was strongly augmented by our arty. Beaches now relatively...

Mission being serviced. End.
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To: CG, U.S. Army Forces in South Pacific Area, Noumea, New Caledonia
CG, U.S. Army Forces in Far East, Brisbane, Australia
CG, Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
CG, 14th Air Force, Kunming, China

No. RJ 19535, 18 June 1944

Richardson HOGS sends Operations and Intelligence Summary to USAF in CBI Marshall SCAPAC MacArthur CG 20th Bom
Com and Sultan.

CG's copy page 5 through to end of message:

Beaches now relatively free from Nip arty fire but 4th AR Div, 27th Div and our artillery still taking heavy Nip shelling. 27th Div less 1 RCT now in line and assigned sector on right (South) of 4th AR Div. Bad beaches slowed debarkation of troops and supplies.

As of 1700 hours the 17th U.S. estimated casualties were approx 1,500 killed and 4,000 wounded. Estimated enemy killed approx 3,000. None of these casualty figures cons
considered reliable yet. LST groups and FPM's on water were bombed and strafed by several Nip planes during the 17th; fire started on single landing ship tank. Probable Nip SS sunk by DD's early same day position 15-00 north, 144-17 east; several other submarine contacts were made.

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INFO: COMAF, 0-2, Adm. King, Col. Park Log
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**Decoded by:** WALP  
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**Addressed to:** ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS PACIFIC FLEET  
**For Action:** COMINCH CNO  
**Priority:** PRIORITY  
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**Date:** 172147  
**Time:** NOR 155  

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**Information:**

> BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION JAP SHIPBOARD RADAR.  
> EARLY WARNING 190-210 MEGACYCLES POWER 5 KW RANGE  
> TO AIRCRAFT ABOUT 30 MILES. SURFACE SEARCH AND FIRE  
> CONTROL 10CM POWER 2 KW RECEIVER LOBE SWITCHED.  
> AIRBORNE RADAR. BIPLANE ALF RECONNAISSANCE ABOUT 150 MILES.  
> ANOTHER AIRBORNE MODEL 135-170 MEGACYCLES. BETTY INSTALLATION ABOUT 250 MEGACYCLES. PRACTICALLY ALL OUR CARRIERS HAVE  
> SUPPLY OF WINDOW CUT FOR 10% AND 25% MEGACYCLES. CAN BE CUT  
> FOR OTHER FREQUENCIES. WINDOW LAID OVER OWN FORCES IN  
> DEPTH TOWARD ENEMY WILL EFFECTIVELY NULLIFY THEIR RANGING BY RADAR SHOULD OFFENSIVE MEASURES PROVE NECESSARY. WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH OUR RADAR OPERATION. WINDOW LAID OVER ENEMY DURING OWN AIR ATTACKS BEST COUNTER-

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MEASURES NOW AVAILABLE. KNOWN JAP RADAR INTERCEPT RECEIVER COVERS 75-425 MEGACYCLES.
SITUATION SUMMARY, SAIPAN.

ENEMY MORTAR AND ARTILLERY FIRE CONTINUED DURING NIGHT.

CLIMAXED BY HEAVY COUNTER ATTACK ON OUR LEFT BEGINNING

0330K. OUR TROOPS HELD THEIR POSITIONS AND REPORT DESTROYING

33 ENEMY TANKS AND KILLING MANY ENEMY. AT 0730 2ND MAHIN

AND AT 0830 4TH MAR DIV WITH 15TH 5TH ARMY INFANTRY ON RIGHT.

FLANK ATTACKED PUSHED FORWARD STEADILY IN SPITE OF STRONG

ARTILLERY FIRE AND SEVERAL COUNTER ATTACKS ON CENTER AND

RIGHT. AT 1900 APPROXIMATE LINE RAN FROM 191F THROUGH

191F 1631 1630 SOUTH TO 152K THENCE TO 145K 1300 122E AND

153E WITH A STRONG POINT IN SOUTHEAST CORNER OF 122. OUR

ADVANCE ELEMENTS PENETRATED ASLITO AIRFIELD BUT WERE WITH-

DRAWN WHEN ENEMY COUNTERATTACKED.

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By RT, NARA, Date
OTF 57 GIVES ACTION LOCALLY TO OTF 59. INFO OTF 59.3 ALL TFG 5TH FLEET POOCOMOKE BALLARD AND ENTRAP. CASIO PASS INFO TO VP 16.

SEND 6 MANNERS PATRON 16 ARRIVE SAIPAN 17TH RAGH (AVO) BALLARD AND START NIGHT RADAR SEARCH 17 DEGREE SECTORS FROM 240 TO 360 DEGREES TO DISTANCE 600 WITH CALLS CLOCKWISE 2V, 1V, 1V, 1V AND 7V211. COMMUNICATION ACCORDING TO 151153 NOT TO ALL.

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From: CG, US Army Forces Central Pacific Area, Fort Shafter, T. H.

To: War Department.
CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India Forward Echelon, Chungking, China.
Assam China Sector Liaison Officer ATO Chabua, India.
CG, US Army Forces in South Pacific Area, Noumea, New Caledonia.
CG, Alaskan Department, Rear Echelon, Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Nr : RJ 19436 17 June 1944.

Msg Nr RJ 19436 Intelligence and Opns from Richardson HDGCS to MacArthur Harmon Sultan Stilwell Wolfe and Marshall first part of two parts. Intelligence and Opns from Richardson HDGCS to MacArthur Harmon Sultan Stilwell Wolfe and Marshall last part of msg nr RJ 19436. This msg also went to WDCSA and through CINCPAC.

Saipan situation as of 1800K 15th June:

About 20,000 troops of 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions ashore. This included all Assault Infantry except one BLT and part of Arty of both Divs. Troops landed north and south of Charon-Kanau town and now hold a beachhead approx 4 2/3 miles long by 1 2/3 miles deep. Our advance inland, supported by naval and air bombardment, met stiff resistance from Field Artillery machine guns and mortars which caused heavy casualties in some units and retarded landings. Beaches are still under Arty and mortar fire. Most coast defense and heavy AA btries on Saipan and North Tinian

CM-IN-14614 (18 Jun 44)

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NR : RJ 19436 17 June 1944.

believed destroyed.

New Subject. (Defenses and Tactics): No obstacles or reef mines found off shore. Many bunkers inland. 12-60 foot boats anchored off shore as strong points silenced. Beaches well organized and defended. Japs held fire until first wave ashore then let go with both barrels along the beaches and approach lanes; some casualties in LCI’s.

Our own casualty reports incomplete but LVT and tank losses light. During the 15th K, 2 friendly bombers downed by enemy fire and several others damaged. At least 12 vats (5 of which were downed by friendly fighters), 4 Jap fighters and several torpedo bombers attacked our tank groups during the day. Indications are that Guam and Rota airfields still operational. Channel between Saipan and Tinian swept on 15th K time; no mines found.

New Subject. (Identifications and Prisoners): Prisoners captured at sea include 5 children, 5 Koreans and 126 Naval personnel. Elements of 29th and 13th Divisions identified ashore.

Mip SS attacked by friendly DS position 11-13 north, 164-15 east at 0200CL 16 June.
From: CG, US Army Forces Central Pacific Area,
      For Shafter, T. H.

Nr: RJ 19436 17 June 1944.

Carrier aircraft attacked Haha Jima and Chichi Jima in the Bonin Islands and Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands 15th June K time. Targets included barracks, fuel tanks, airfield and other ground installations. 33 intercepting B17s fighters were shot down off Chichi Jima and 4 multi-engines seaplanes were damaged at the seaplane base; at Iwo Jima 2 interceptors were probably destroyed and 14 planes were destroyed on the ground. Friendly losses were 5 flight personnel and 4 planes. Additional damage at Chichi Jima included 1 medium AK sunk and four small AK's plus 6 smaller craft damaged. 1 medium AF in the Bonin area was damaged by planes and later sunk by a destroyer; Nothing more today.

End.

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INFORMATION: CG AAF
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Adm King
Col Park
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CAVALLA SENDS TO COMSUBPAC AND CINOPAC.

CONTACT NOT YET REGAINED. CHASING AT MAXIMUM SPEED.

PASSED THROUGH FORMATION SUBMERGED LAST NIGHT. ABOUT
1 HOUR BETWEEN TIME FIRST AND LAST UNITS PASSED ME.

COURSE VARIED BETWEEN 060 AND 100. SPEED 19 MNOTS.

FORMATION BELIEVED LED BY CARRIER ON STARBOARD FLANK.

2 UNITS OF 3 SHIPS IN COLUMN EITHER BB OR CA OR
BOTH ON PORT FLANK. OTHER UNITS ASTERN NOT
IDENTIFIED. 2030Z 17TH POSIT 12-29 N 134-33 E
(COWN SHIP). WX 5481 0622.

WEATHER PASSED AS 172355.

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CINC PAC SENDS ACTION COM 5TH FLEET INFO COMINCH ALL TCG'S 5TH FLEET ALL TCG'S 5TH FLEET COMINCH AREA COMSOPAC COMSINESPAC.

BLUE SUBMARINE REPORTS SIGHTING TASK FORCE ESTIMATED CONTAINING 15 OR MORE VESSELS IN POSIT 12-23 N 132-26 E AT 17163Z. VESSELS APPEAR TO BE LARGE CONBATANT SHIPS. ZIGZACING BASE COURSE ESTIMATED @90 Speed 12. SUB IS ATTEMPTING MAINTAIN CONTACT.

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HIGHLY PROBABLY PLANES IN TONIGHT'S RAID LANDED AT FIELDS IN THE MARIANAS.

CONDUCT DAWN FIGHTER SCREENS ON AIRFIELDS AT TINIAN, SAIPAN, ROTA AND GUAM. MAINTAIN COMBAT AIR PATROL OVER SAIPAN DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. FIGHTER DIRECTOR OVER OBJECTIVE AREA IN CAMPAINA.
HONO INTERCEPT

COM 5TH FLEET SENDS. ACTION TO CTF 58. INFO TO CRUDIV 6 AND 12, DESRON 45, DESDIVS 1, 12, 196, BIRMINGHAM, MONSEN.

REMAIN IN VICINITY 1600K RENDEZVOUS UNTIL CRUDIVS 6 AND 12, DESRON 45, DESDIVS 1, 12 AND 196, AND INDIANAPOLIS HAVE JOINED.
NAVY MESSAGE

FROM: CTF 51 (INDEF CALL)

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 17 JUNE 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 171B/16

DECODER: WOLQUITT

PARA/PHRASED BY: WOLQUITT/HOCHSTEIN

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ADDRESS: COM 5TH FLT

FOR ACTION: FORCE

INFORMATION: ALL TASK TIERS 5TH FLT

PRECEDENCE: OP OP OP OP

1613562 NCR 7291

THIS FROM CTF 51

FOX INTERCEPT

DURING LATE AFTERNOON AND NIGHT OF 15TH 2ND AND 4TH MARDIVS WITHDRAW FRONT LINES TOWARD BEACH FOR BETTER DEFENSE AND BECAUSE OF CONTINUED SEVERE ENEMY ARTILLERY AND SIEGE FIRE. STRONG NAVAL HARASSING AND INTERDICTIOI FIES CONTINUED DURING NIGHT. ENEMY RESISTANCE WITHIN OCCUPIED AREA ALONG BEACH GREEN 3 AND PIER WAS LARGELY OVERCOME BY NOON 16TH AFTER SEVERE FIGHTING BUT CASUALTIES CONTINUED ***(GROUPS MISSING) FROM ARTILLERY FIRE WHICH ALSO PREVENTED LANDING EQUIPMENT FOR SUPPLIES. DURING DAY OWN SHORE ARTILLERY PLUS STRONG ***(5TH GROUPS MISSING) BY SAME TIME 2ND MARDIV ADVANCED SLIGHTLY. MOST OF MARINE RESERVES HAVING BEEN COMMITTED ONE RCT OF 27TH DIVISION BEGAN LANDING ON BLUE BEACHES AT 1915 K. EARLY 17TH.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/16/44
2nd RCT of this division will be loaded as reinforcements. 12 battalions of artillery are now ashore.

During early dawn friendly carrier aircraft, its flying near own naval dispositions without identification signals were fired on.

Cdr Kane Air Group Commander Lexington was shot down but recovered in water and returned to ship.

On 14 June California was hit on fire control platform by 1 enemy minor caliber projectile which killed 1 Enlisted Wounded 1 Officer 9 Enlisted and did considerable damage to radio and fire control apparatus and circuits in 21 Groups (missing) Ixpropylenas.

Estimated own casualties 2000 but no report yet received.

Units of enemy formations identified:

13th Infantry Division, 29th Infantry, Nakahama Mountain Artillery, 47th Independent Mixed Brigade, 135th Infantry Regiment, 136th Infantry Regiment, 1 Company Udeghawa Unit Kosato of Kun 2551, 25th AA Artillery Regiment Shipping Engineer Unit of Sea Transport Navy HQ, Sonae 17528, Sonae 17533, Sonae 17533, estimated about 2000 enemy troops in Saipan.

Delivered to OP-200
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CTF 51 (IND CALL)
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 17 JUNE 1944
TOR CODEROOM: 12/14
DECODED BY: PETIES
PARAPHRASED BY: FISHER/IVRIE

TO: CTG 52.14
FROM: RADIO WASHINGTON
FOR: COM 5TH FLEET

INFORMATION:

161412Z
HCR 0122

1. ON 17TH AND 18TH TF 53 WILL NOT PROVIDE AIR SUPPORT FOR
ACTION ADEE (CTG 52.14) IN COMMAND OF ALL CVE UNITS
YEAR OBJECTIVE PROVIDE AIR SUPPORT AS HEREIN DIRECTED. ON
17 JUNE MAINTAIN CAP ASAP AND AIR LIASON PLANES LUS AIR
COORDINATOR AND PLANES FOR DIRECT SUPPORT AS PRACTICABLE.
MORNING 17TH MAINTAIN SLEEP CAP AND DE ROTA TINIAN DESTROY
ENERGY AIRCRAFT THESE MAY BE CAREFULLY HIDDEN. DURING
AFTERNOON 17TH BE PREPARED TO RESIST STRONG ENEMY AIR ATTACK
ON TRANSPORTS. AFTER TRANSPORTS RETIRE EASTWARD, NAME 17TH
TG 52.14 ACCOMPANY AND PROVIDE AIR COVER. TG 52.11 THEN
PROVIDE CAP AND ASP FOR FIRE SUPPORT GROUPS AND TROOPS ASHORE
AND FURNISH 1 AIR LIASON PLANE. SAC WILL BE ESTABLISHED
ASHORE AND USE RELIEVED CAP AND ASP TO SUPPORT
OF TROOPS.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/84
OUR POSITION 18UG 16TH 18 LAT 22-55 LONG 148-29. AM TOPPING OFF DD'S. HIT INO JIMA 10TH TG 03-4 AFTERNOON 1545. THIS GROUP LOST 1 FIGHTER. NO AIR OPPOSITION. BELIEVE NO OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT REMAINING AT TARGETS. FIELDS AND FACILITIES PLASTERED. 200 MILE SEARCH TO NORTHWEST FROM 18UG 16TH 18 200 MILES SOUTH OF INO JIMA NEGATIVE.

BOMBS ON HAND END OF D PLUS 1 DAY IN ORDER OF DESCENDING BOX NUMBERS.

(A) 11, 22, 54, 69.

(B) 166, 166, 100, 100.

(C) 154, 154, 66, 76.

(D) 20, 154, 55, 62.

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(F) 59. 51. 41. 37.
(C) NONE ORIGINALLY. NONE ORIGINALLY. 56. 26.
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(I) 100. 75. 57. 78.
(J) 100. 100. 26. 26.
(K) 100. 100. 16. 55.
(L) NONE ORIGINALLY. NONE ORIGINALLY. NONE ORIGINALLY.
(M) NONE ORIGINALLY. NONE ORIGINALLY. 100. 100.
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PERCENT OF FUEL ON HAND CV'S 95/ CRUISERS 78, DD'S 72, CVL'S 81.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM
CTF 58

INFORMATION:
CTG 58.2
Bunker Hill, N.Y. (218)
River, New Jersey
1900, 1905

FROM
CTG 58.3
CONSTHFLT
CTF 51
COMINCH

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UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE (RJ) AS ADMINISTRATIVE.

16558
NCR 9133

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME:

DATE
TIME

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

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/30/74
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS 6 TO 10 JUNE INCLUSIVE:

BOMB TONNAGE ON ENEMY TARGETS: TRUK 29, TAROA 28,
SILLE 21, PONAPE 21, NAURU 15, WOTJE 11, JALUIT 6,
OCEAN 1 3/4, PULAWAT (BY SEARCHER) 1 1/8, GUAM,
(BY PHOTO MISSION) 1/8.

PROPAGANDA LEAFLET DROPS CONTINUED. AA MOSTLY MEAGER
EXCEPT INTENSE AT OCEAN AND NAURU. OUR CASUALTIES:
4 FIGHTERS, 1 CATALINA LOST. 16 PLANES DAMAGED.
2 PILOTS MISSING.

SEARCH PLANES ENCOUNTERED INCREASED JAP AIR ACTIVITY
IN CAROLINES. BETTY SHOT DOWN BY CORONADO 500 MILES.
ICY ENIMETOK, ANOTHER BY NAVY LIBERATOR 440 MILES N
TRUK; DAMAGED 2-ENGINED FIGHTER 200 MILES N TRUK
ATTACKED KATE 50 MILES E TRUK; ALSO SIGHTED BETTY
60 MILES E TRUK, ANOTHER 27 MILES NNE TRUK. 2 KATES

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80 MILES E TRUK AND UNIDENTIFIED PLANE 100 MILES WSW PONAPE. SEARCHER STRAFED DESTROYED 50 FOOT FISHING BOAT OROLUK. SIGHTED POSSIBLE SUB 290 MILES NE ENIWETOK.

FIGHTER RECOO DESTROYED 4 SINGLE-ENGINED FLOAT PLANES JALUIT LAGOON 6TH. SNOPER BELIEVED HAMP APPROACHED MAJRUO FROM SOUTH 090000Z RETIRING TO SW AT 30,000 FEET.

COMBAT AIR PATROL UNABLE TO CLOSE.

4 JAPS FOUND BASEPOE ISLAND KWAJALEIN ATOLL 10TH.

EVACUATION OF NATIVES FROM OUTLYING ISLANDS NOTJE ATOLL TO ARNO UNDERWAY.

*RECEIVED VIA O'HOPAC.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CTC 58.4 (CTF 58)

RELEASED BY:
16 JUNE 1944

TO: COM 5TH FLEET

DECODER:
ELY

PARAPHRASED BY:
DUMMIT/MCCORMACK

ROUTED BY

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*131436 NCR 823 OPERA

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME:

DATE: 1944
TIME: 248

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RADIO HONOLULU PASS TO COM 5TH FLEET FOR ACTION AND FOR INFO TO CINCPAC. CTF 58, WHO HAS ALREADY FOR INFO, EN- CIPHERS CTC 58.4, ORIGINATOR'S, 131436.

PARA 3637 REPORT:

A. 13
B. 137 INCLUDES EXTENDED SHIPPING STRIKES PLUS 14 SPECIAL SEARCH
C. 65
D. 25
E. 65
J. 1 SMALL AK PREVIOUSLY DAMAGED, 1 PITTO WEST
AREA 53, 2 COASTAL VESSELS BY AUBOURNE AND
THATCHER ON RESCUE MISSION, 18-16 145-40
K. 2 SMALL AK, 1 SMALL VESSEL
L. 6 SMALL VESSELS
M. 1 BETTY OVER REMAINS CONVOY, 2 BETTYS FORCE,
1 BETTY 1 HELEN ON SEARCHES

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"Mid Pac"

FROM PHOTOS PAGAN RADIO STATION AREA 56 D 4, RDF AREA 50 E 3. PILOT REPORTS GUN POSIT SAIPAN APPEARS TO BE IN AREA 164 INSTEAD OF 165. THATCHER REPORTS 4 CAMOUFLAGED BUILDINGS ON CREST OF SPUR BEARING NORTHEAST 1700 YARDS FROM OBSERVATION SPOT NO CHART 5359 ALAMOAN ISLAND. POSSIBLE NEW MC POSITS NORTHWEST PART MIGIENNE BAY. HARPI POINT STRIP APPEARS SERVICEABLE. NUMBER ON TAIL OF 1 BETTY SHOT DOWN WAS 96-326. SUPPLEMENT REPORT 12TH:

(K) 12 SAIPANS.

*RECEIVED AS 142243. RADIO HONOLULU PASSED TO COMINCH AS 152239 PNR TRIC

1 COPY CP-20G
FROM: CTG 58.1
RELEASED BY:

DATE: 16 JUNE 1944
TOR CODE: 1158/16

DECODED BY: RISHIN
PARAPHRASED BY: RISHIN/HRIE

FOR ACTION: COMSTHFLEET
INFORMATION: CTF 58 CINCPAC
OP/RECEIVED ON: OP/R/OP
PRIO: ROUTINE.
DEFERRAL: DEFERRED

RTAN TH I 166 80 CR 679

ORIGINATION FILL IN DATE AND TIME:
DATE: 
TIME: 
ACTION: 

166 828 HR 839

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1. DAILY SUMMARY.
A. 15 JUNE
B. 172 INCLUDING 6 ON SEARCH.
C. 32D 16 PLUS 17 ANTI SNIP.
E. 56 TONS.
F. 18B2C, 1TBF, 2F6F.
H. 3 PILOTS AND 1 CREW PLUS 1 PILOT AND 2 CREW MISSING LAST SEEN IN RUBBER BOAT.
J. 1 MEDIUM AK CHICHI JIMA FT, TATSULA ACTIVITY ABANDONED.
K. HORNET, LEFT SAIPAN FOR YOKASUKA, BOW OF SHIP BLOWN OFF.
L. BORANTISUB-ANTI SNIP PRIOR ARRIVAL DD WHO FINISHED HER.

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E. O. 11652, Sec. (MD and S/0) or (E) OSD letter, May 4, 1972
By DBS
Date: MAY 21 1973
L. CHICHIJIMA 6 LUGGERS AT F5, H5, H6, 4 SMALL AK'S N5, N13 HAHA JIMA 2 SMALL AK'S F29 AND 21.
M. 33 ZEKES AT IWO JIMA OF WHICH LIEUT LLOYD G. BARNARD OF VF WHO GOT 5.
N. 2 ZEKES IWO JIMA. P4VF AND 10 VBM IWO JIMA WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN HIT ALSO BY TG 58.4.
R. CHICHI JIMA 4 EMILY'S 87 AND 8.
U. CHICHI JIMA AA POSIT 69 AND 5, 3 FUEL DUMPS H9 F6, 2 RADIO STATIONS 69 F6,** ** FIELD 65 AND 6, BUILDINGS 65, 6, F5, 16, PROBABLE FUEL DUMP 65, PROBABLE OIL TANKS 66. HAHA JIMA BUILDINGS F29, G19, H12 AND 13. (END)
COMMENTS: ACHIEVED COMPLETE SURPRISE BOTH TARGETS. ONLY 1 POOR STRIP AT CHICHI. VERY HEAVY WEATHER PREVENTED STRIKES ON MORNING 16TH. FUELED DD'S, STRIKING IWO JIMA AFTERNOON. WEATHER 5592 1283.

COPY DELIVERED TO 209.

**SEVERAL GROUPS GARBLED HERE.
**INTERCEPT**

**CTF 51 SENDS**. RED HON. GIVE CINCPAC INFO.

**CON 5TH FLEET 16:52**

**CRUDIV 6** IN COMPANY WITH DESRON 45 PROCEED DIRECT AND UPON MEETING WITH TG 58.2/DESRON 45 PROCEED TO JOIN TG 58.3. **CRUDIV 12** LESS COLUMBIA, DENVER, PLUS BIRMINGHAM IN COMPANY WITH **DESDIV 12** LESS **R. TAFT**. DESDIV 1 AND 1/2 LINEHA CORNHAM PLUS MONSSEN DEPART SATURDAY 12/IK/17TH. UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY **DESDIV 13**. GARRISON DESIGNATED ESCORT INDIANAPOLIS. UPON ARRIVAL IN VICINITY TO **CRUDIV 12** DIRECT DESDIV 1 AND 1/2 PROCEED AND REPORT TO CTG 58.2.

*LETTERS MISSING*
PRIORITY
CRYPTOGRAPHIC SECURITY REQUIRES ADDITION OF LETTERS, "CCBP", TO CLASSIFICATION OF REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE.

FROM: CG US Army Forces in Central Pacific Area, Ft Shafter, T.H.

TO: War Department
CG US Army Forces in South Pacific Area, Noumea, New Caledonia
CG Services of Supply Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia
CG US Army Forces in Guadalcanal
CG SEAC Forward Echelon, Kandy, Ceylon
CG US Army Forces in China, Burma and India Forward Echelon, Chungking, China

NO: RJ 19335  16 June 1944

RJ 19335, Richardson HDGCS sends CPA Operations and Intelligence to CG 20th Bom Com Haron Chief of Staff WAR MacArthur and USAF in SEAC and CHI thru CINCPAC

Ocean Island worked over in predawn attack 14 L by 4 Navy Venturas. 3 tons rain on barracks area and heavy ack ack positions. One plane took minor damage from moderate accurate flak. Two of these FV's continued to Nauru depositing 3 quarter tonners on barracks through meager flak at 0620L.

Tarao Jaluit Pulape Nauru Wotje and Mille were objectives for daylight missions 14 June L time. In Tarao hop, were 7 Marine Dauntless and 4 Navy Helicats. Coastal guns received 0.75 ton. One dive bomber slightly damaged by accurate automatic weapons.

CM-IN-13272 (16 Jun 44)
WAR DEPARTMENT  
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PRIORITY  

FROM:  CG US Army Forces in Central Pacific Area,  
Pt Shafter, T.H.  

NO:  RJ 19335  
16 June 1944  

Jaluit mission accomplished by 10 Marine SBK's and  
7 Marine Corsairs. 4.5 tons dumped on heavy AA Btry. Single  
SBK and 1F4U received minor damage from medium flak. 6  
Army Mitchells over Pomape parked 5.75 tons on Jokaj gun  
positions. Heavy anti-air was meager and inaccurate. 14  
Army B 25's plowed up Mauku AA positions with 7.9 tons.  

Wotje harassed throughout day by 7 dauntless SF 6P  
and 16 Marine Corsair sorties. 3 tons dropped on beached  
ship and AA positions; Coastal guns and installations  
strafed. 2P SU's damaged by accurate AA varying from moder-  
ate to none. 4 Navy Hellcats and 7 Marine Dauntless hammered  
at Mille with 5.5 tons scoring hits on magazines through  
moderate inaccurate 5P fire. 3 land Catalinas carried  
Marshalls throughout day releasing 8 by 325 pounder depth  
charges over personnel areas.  

Over Truk at dusk and dawn in Rcn 14 L, 4 Corsairs  
strafed Atik Island starting fire.  

Navy search planes saw unidentified plane at 05-57  
north, 157-48-east 15th June L time. Other Marshall -  
Caroline searches this date including Wake negative.
FROM: OG US Army Forces in Central Pacific Area, Ft Shafter, T.H.
NO: RJ 19335  16 June 1944

Landings have been initiated against Saipan Island. Beachheads have been secured; Aginian point has been captured. Sharp fight being waged in Chalan-Kanoa town. Nips have made frequent counterattacks supported with tanks. Moderate casualties indicated by initial reports.

End

ACTION: OPD
INFO: OG AAF
G-2
Adm King
Col Park
Gen Vandegrift
Log

CM-IN-13272 (16 Jun 44) 1824Z ejm

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

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NAVAL MESSAGE

DRAFER CTF 58
RELEASED BY
DATE 16 JUNE 1944
TOR CODEROOM 1411
DECODED BY FETEASON
PARAPHRASED BY VOGSBURGH/DORSEY

FROM COM 5TH FLT
TO ACTION CTG 56,1 CTG 56,2 CTG 56,3 CTG 56,4 COMBATPA C

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INTERCEPT

ORIGINATED BY CTF 58. RED HONOLU TO ALL AJEES. ACTION TO COM 5TH FLEET INFO TO CTG'S 56,1, 2, 3, 4 COMBATPA C AND CTF 51.

PROPOSE TO LAUNCH NIGHT SEARCH WITH TG 56,2 AND 56,3 AT 0300/27 JUNE FROM APPROXIMATE POSITION LATITUDE 14-30, LONGITUDE 145-10 BETWEEN BEARINGS 245 DEGREES AND 2 (7 CODE GROUPS MISSING, HAS BEEN SERVICED)

INFORMATION. TASK GROUPS ON WESTERLY COURSES SPEED 20 UNTIL 0400 THEN REVERSE COURSE. RECOVER SEARCH ABOUT 0700. WILL LAUNCH DAY SEARCHES BETWEEN BEARINGS 22; AND 265 DEGREES DISTANCE 325 MILES AT 0700. TG 56,1 AND 56,4 WILL SEARCH AREA NORTH OF 15 DEGREES AND EAST OF LONG 138-10. IF CONTACT MADE WILL LAUNCH IMMEDIATE ATTACK IF PRACTICABLE. IF NO CONTACT ALL CARRIER GROUPS WILL RETURN TOWARD SAIPAN.
AND STRIKE OHLAK ROTA AND CAFPAK AS FEASIBLE.
ALL TIMES K.

COPY DELIVERED TO 2SG.

RECEIVED AS RDD HONFOX INTERCEPT, DIRECTED TO
COMINCH'S ATTENTION FOR INFO BY SERVICE DISPATCH
161326 NCR 8616

58.5
Interreg. Spring. San Juans. Princeton
N. Carolina. Washington, Indiana, S. Dakota, Alabama
10 DDS

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By DBS Date MAY 21 1973

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PROCEED AREA RICHFIELD WITH UNITS IN COMPANY FUEL ALL EXCEPT BB'S. YOUR 186036, JESSIV 69 AND 93 AND CRUDIV 6 ONLY WILL RECEIVE ORDERS LATER TO JOIN TF 58. REMAINDER IF **LESS CARDIV 24 AKENDAHKCI IN AFDERING LOAD** **AND PRIOR TO NOON 17TH. CA DIV 24 PLUS SCREEN RENDEZVOUS WITH CTG 52.11 IN ASSIGNED AREAS AFTER FUELING DD'S TODAY IF PRACTICABLE OTHERWISE RENDEZVOUS AND FUEL AS DIRECTED BY CTG 52.14 IN VICINITY POINT MORGREL SUNRISE 17TH.

RECEIVED AS RDD. HONO FOX INTERCEPT. DIRECTED TO COMINCH'S ATTENTION FOR INFO BY SERVICE DISPATCH 181346 NCR 8748.

*** HEADING BEING SERVICED.  
**GROUP MISSING HERE. BEING SERVICED  
*** AS RECEIVED. BEING SERVICED.
**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**OCEAN AREA**

**DATE:** 17 JUNE 44

**TO:** CTG 58.4

**FROM:** CTF 58

**SUBJECT:** FOR ACTION

**mensagem:**

**ACTION:** P

**DISSEMINATION:** INCLUDES CTG 58.1, CTG 58.2, CTG 58.3 COMSTHFLT and CTG 57.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- CTG 58.1
- CTG 58.2
- CTG 58.3

**COORDINATION:**

- CTG 58.4
- CTG 58.5

**COORDINATION BY:** PETTES

**PARAPHRASE BY:** JOHNSON/JURIE

**ROUTE BY:**

**PRECEDENCE:** DEFERRED

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**AT DAWN 17TH JUNE TASK GROUP 58.1 AND 58.4 CONDUCT SEARCH AND ATTACK ENEMY FORCES TO COVER AREA BETWEEN 15 AND 2⁰ DEGREES LATITUDE AS FAR WEST AS FEASIBLE. THEREAFTER KEEP AREA EAST OF LONGITUDE 139° AND SOUTH OF LATITUDE 2⁰ SEARCHED. SEARCH FREQUENCY 6420 KCS. CLOSE ME ON LONGITUDE 144 DEGREES UNTIL OTHERWISE DIRECTED.**

**PASSED BY RDC HISCO TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 16225**

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COD letter, May 5, 1973
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**Released by**

**Date**

16 JUNE 1944

**TOR CodeRoom**

1845

**Decoded by**

MCDOUGAL/FISHER

**Paraphrased by**

FISHER/IMRIE

**Routed by**

Unless otherwise indicated this dispatch will be transmitted with deferred precedence 40b as administrative.

16:15 [NCR 8767]

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*(THIS IS STINGRAY'S 3RD TO COMSUBPAC.)*

BOMBARDMENT GROUP MOVED IN ON ME. HAULED CLEAR BUT OWN PLANES PESTERING RVWD* OUT OF ME. RETURING SUBMERGED. RESCUED FOLLOWING: LT. RICHARD EVIN JAMES, LT. JOHN MOORE SEARCY, LT. (JG) WALTER BRUCE LONGINO, ENS. DONALD CAROL BRAHIT, ALL AVI USNR; DAVID HAMLIN SMITH AVIATION RADIONIAN 2ND CLASS USNR. ALL WELL POSIT 13-26N 144-12 E. 20 FISH. 54 W.

WX 849 API 23.

*AS RECEIVED.*

RDO HONO PASSED TO COMINCH INFO AS 16161.

WEATHER PASSED TO NAVY WEATHER CENTRAL AS 161954.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/28/74.
CTF 58, ORIGINATOR, ASKS RADIO HONOLULU PASS TO COMM 5TH FLEET FOR ACTION AND INFO TO CINCPAC AND CTF 51.

REPORT FOR TASK GROUP 58.3:

A. 14 JUNE (Date)
B. 249 (Regiment Section)
C. 48 (Special Section)
D. 31 (Frigate Section)
E. 81 (Two bombs dropped)
F. 8 (Plan lost combat)
J. SMALL ABANDONED AK 15-32 N 145-35 E
L. LANDING BARGE ANTANAH, SMALL AK ROTA
M. BETTY 25 MILES NORTHWEST OF SAIPAN
P. 1 TONY ROTA, 1 TWIN-ENGINE USHI AND 1 TWIN-ENGINE TIYAN
R. 1 TWIN-ENGINE TIYAN
6 TRUCKS FUEL 236 E.

V. SAIPAN AA 143, 149, 128 DI LARGE BUILDING 147

Y. GUAM BUILDINGS AND DISPERGAL AREA 629 ROTA AA 172-138 U SNAP 193 BARRACKS 192 H RADIO STATION 168 H BOILER HOUSE 136 U. LEAFLETS DROPPED ON SAIPAN. CABOT VF

PILOT DOWN BY ZEKE ON FIGHTER SWEET ON 11 JUNE PICKED UP BY CANERTON AT 2345K 14 JUNE IN GOOD CONDITION, READY FOR DUTY. HE REPORTS NLR SEVERAL BETTYS FLEW BEST MORNING 14TH.

*Radio Hong Passed to COMINCH AS 160564 For INFO

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RECEIVED AS RED HONG FOX INTERCEPT. DIRECTED TO COMINCH'S ATTENTION FOR INFO BY SERVICE DESPATCH 160564, NCR 2751.

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(RDO HONOR PASS TO ALL ADEES CTF 58 ORIGINATOR ACTION TO COMSOUTHFLT INFO TO COMBATPAC CTG 58.2, CTG 58.3, CTF 51, COMCRUDIV 9 AND COMCRUDIV 12 AND CINCPAC.)

IN VIEW POSSIBILITY IMPENDING FLEET ACTION RECOMMEND UNITS NOW ASSIGNED TF 51 BE DIRECTED JOIN TF 58 AT 1700K JUNE 15 AS FOLLOWS: CRUDIV 12 AND 5 DESTROYERS TO TCUG 58.3 CRUDIV 9 AND 4 DESTROYERS TO TG 58.2 3 SQUADRONS DESTROYERS TO COMBATPAC. THIS WILL PROVIDE MINIMUM ANTIAIRCRAFT SCREEN FOR CARRIER GROUPS AS WELL AS LIGHT FLARES FOR BATTLELINE. AFTER INITIAL STRIKES CARRIERTASK GROUPS MAY BE ABLE TO RELEASE CRUISERS. WE HAD A GOOD BREAK LAST NIGHT IN GETTING NO DAMAGE FROM TORPEDOES ATTACK DETERMINED AND IN STRENGTH.

RECD AS RDO HONOR FOX INTERCEPT DIRECTED TO COMINCH ATTENTION FOR INFO BY SERVICE DISPATCH FROM RDO HONOR AS 160537 NCR 8698.

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ACTION COM5THFLT INFO CTF 58 GINCPAC FROM CTG 58.1 NPM (RDD HONO) PASS TO ALL ADEES.

DAILY SUMMARY REPORT.

(A) 13 JUNE AND

(B) 367 INCLUDING 24 SPECIAL SEARCH/22 SPECIAL SHIPPING STRIKE.

(C) 33 PLUS 8 SPECIAL SCOUT PICKET CAP PLUS 9 SPECIAL LIFEGUARD SUB CAP.

(D) 16 PLUS 16 ANTI SNOOP.

(E) 132 TONS.

(F) 1 F6F AT OROTE, PILOT RECOVERED SAFELY BY PERISCOPE METHOD.

(G) 1 F6F PLUS 4 SB2C'S JETTISONED WHEN ONE LANDING ON BATAAN DOVE FOR DECK JUMPING BARRIERS AND WIPING OUT OTHER 3.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/1973
(J) 1 SAMPA N ROTA 138 L.

(L) SPECIAL SHIPPING STRIKE AS REPORTED MY 13/0957.

(R) 1 SINGLE ENGINE ROTA 2/8 CO.

(U) GUAM PILL BOX AND GUN POSITIONS 557 U BUILDINGS 75757, 474, 475, 451, AA 412, 557-8 FUEL DUMP 451 RADIO STATION 474 CAUSEWAY TO CABRAS 557.


U AND V ALL WUXOTS. END. COMMENTS, ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION NIL. WEATHER AT TARGETS EXCELLENT.

DAILY SUMMARY REPORT.

(A) 14 JUNE

(C) 32

(D) 16 PLUS 16 ANTI SNOOP

(M) 1 BETTY FORCE. END.

WEATHER 4692 1345.
AS RECEIVED

PORTION OF CODE MISSING, BEING SERVICED.

RECEIVED BY INTERCEPT AND CALLED TO ATTENTION OF COMINCH BY NPM (RDO HONO) SERVICE MESSAGE 162118 NCR 8619.

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16 JUNE 1944

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PARAPHRASED BY

KURTZ/HOCHSTEIN

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CTF 58 ALL BOMTG'S, TF 58

CTF 58 ALL TFC'S 5TH FLT CINCPAC

COMM

ALL TFC'S 5TH FLT PASS TO ALL ADEES.

MINIMUM AIR OPERATIONS BY TF 58 ON 17 JUNE DESIRED. MAKE MORNING AND AFTERNOON SEARCHES AND AFTERNOON NEUTRALIZING STRIKES ON GUAM/ROTA. DISCONTINUE AIR SUPPORT AT SAIPAN. CTF 58.4 DIRECT NEUTRALIZING STRIKE ON PAGAN. TO 16.7.2 AND 16.7.5 WILL ARRIVE POINT DOHERY 46-00 LONG 18 JUNE AND WILL BE DIRECTED PROCEED ON COURSE 260 DEGREES AT 14 KNOTS UNTIL 1700 K THEN PROCEED AREA AMOCO. SHIPS OF TG 56.1 AND 56.4 UNABLE REMAIN WITH TG 58.8 DUE TO FUEL SHORTAGE REFUEL FROM THESE OILER GROUPS AND REJOIN AS PRACTICABLE. CTF 58 152126 CVE'S WITH F6F'S NOT AVAILABLE.

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By RT, NARA, Date MAY 1973

Make original only. Deliver to Code Room Watch Officer in person. (See Art. 76 (c) NAVSECGR)
FOX INTERCEPT

(RDD HONO PASS TO ADDEES, CTF 58.4 FOR ACTION. FOR INFO CTF 58.4, CTF 58.2, CTF 58.3, COMBATPAC; CTF 57: ORIGINATOR IS CTF 58.)

AT DAWN 17 JUNE TC 58.1 AND 58.4 CONDUCT SEARCH AND ATTACK ENEMY FORCES TO COVER AREA BETWEEN 15 AND 25 DEGREES LATITUDE AS FAR WEST AS FEASIBLE. THEREAFTER KEEP AREA EAST OF LONGITUDE 138-140 AND SOUTH OF LATITUDE 24-26 SEARCHED. SEARCH FREQUENCY (REST OF MESSAGE GARBLED)

AS RECEIVED.
**TOP SECRET DISPATCH**

**DRAGER**: COM 5TH FLEET

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**TOR CODEROOM**: GREENE

**RECEIVED BY**: REA KOTEN

**PARAPHRASED BY**: KOTEN

5TH FLEET CONTINUES ACTION ALL TFC 5TH FLEET CINOPAC INFO COMSOPAC COMAIRSOPAC COMAFAQDYN 5 CINOSOWESPAC COM 7TH FLT. RDO WASHIWA DELIVER TO ALL ADEES.

4TH FORAGER SUMMARY.

LANDINGS EFFECTED ON SCHEDULE AGAINST SHORE BATTERY

MORTAR AND MACHINE GUN FIRE. 4TH DIVISION HAS SECURED O-1 LINE AFTER SUCCESSFULLY DRIVING OFF COUNTER ATTACK. 2ND DIVISION HAS SECURED GOOD FOOT HOLD WITHIN BEACH LINE. JAPS HELD BEACHES RED 3 AND GREEN 1 UNTIL ABOUT NOON AND MADE UNSUCCESSFUL COUNTER ATTACK FROM AFETNA POINT AT THAT TIME. STRONG RESISTANCE CONTINUING ON LEFT FLANK, EAST OF AIR STRIP AND IN VARIOUS POCKETS WITHIN 2ND MARDIV AREA. MORTAR FIRE ON ALL BEACHES

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**Information**

Continues and delays landing. Reserve regiments both divisions are landing. Requirements for air support particularly heavy. Will maintain harassing fire during night. No estimate casualties practicable at this time. Braine (DD 630) hit off Tinian Harbor 14 June in after uptake. After fireroom and number 2 torpedo mount out. 3 dead 15 injured.

Coomch copies 1 to 8 inclusive. Passed by RDO Honolulu as 151536 to Coomch for info.

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By DBS Date May 21, 1973

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No. 3F-1 or Chartroom
No. 4 Special

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(FROM CTF 52)

SAIPAN

FLASH REPORT.
SUCCESSFUL LANDINGS MADE ON BEACHES RED, GREEN, BLUE, YELLOW FROM 843 TO 914 AGAINST OPPOSITION MACHINE GUNS, MORTARS, FEW SHORE BATTERIES FIRED AT SHIPS AND APPROACH AREAS GENERALLY INEFFECTIVE.
PREPARATION FIRE BY SHIPS AND PLANES EXCELLENT.
CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION ON SHORE BUT BY 1948 TROOP ADVANCE ELEMENTS SEEM TO HAVE ADVANCED HALF WAY TO 011 LINE BUT HEAVY FIGHTING STILL GOING ON IN CHARAN KANDA. NO FIGURES IN CASUALTIES BELIEVED MODERATE.

RECEIVED BY COMINCH FOR INFO AS RDO HONO'S 154133

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From: CG US Army Forces in Central Pacific Area
       Ft. Shafter, TH

To: War Department
    CG US Army Forces in Southwest Pacific Area,
    Brisbane, Australia.
    CG US Army Forces in South Pacific Area,
    Noumea, New Caledonia.
    CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India
    CG US Army Forces, China Burma and India, Forward
    Echelon, Chungking, China.

Nr: RJ-19120

Daily CENPAC resume msg nbr RJ-19120 from HDQCS for
War Chief of Staff Stilwell CG 20th BOM GOM and USAF in SOPAC
SEAC and SOWPAC signed Richardson.

At 0535L 12 June 3 Navy Ventures released 3 and 1/7
tons on Hauru Barracks and gun positions. 70 minutes later
lone Hau PV dropped 1/2 ton on Ocean Island. Moderate ac-
rate flack was received both missions.

Throughout day of 12th L time Wotje and Maloelap
attacked. 115 Marine Corsairs bombed Wotje coastal guns
and strafed Wotje and nearby islands. Antiair fire was
meager and inaccurate. Maloelap gun positions and shelter
areas took 3 tons and strafing from 7 Marine Dauntless, 4
Navy Hellcats and 12 Marine Corsairs.

OK-IN-11500  (14 Jun 44)
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From: CG US Army Forces in Central Pacific Area
       Ft Shafter

To: RJ-19120

14 June 1944

Ack Ack was meager and inaccurate. Morning of 12th L over Fonshe, Jikai AA positions plowed up with 6 tons delivered by 6 Army Mitchells. Nips threw back meager inaccurate flak.

Before dawn of 13th L, 15 Army Liberators blanketed Truk with 37.5 tons. Targets included Etan airbase, Noen airstrip and seaplane base, and installations on Teia, Parem and Fefan. Large fires started. Heavy flak was meager and inaccurate; 12 searchlights were not effective.

Of 3 airborne Zeke's 1 intercepted damaging single B24. One officer was killed and 2 officers and 2 men were wounded.

Results all searches 13th L time were negative.

How comes detail from Marianas Task Force, all times K (minus 10 hours). 16 the 11 June attack against Saipan, Tinian, Guam and Rota 212 fighter planes were over the islands at 1900 hours obtaining surprise. 124 Mip planes were destroyed, approx 75 percent of kills were airborne. We lost 11 F 7 P's and 8 pilots in combat plus 1 F 6 P's operational. That night several Mip aircops approached the task groups; no attacks made but one craft dropped flares. Our AA downed 1 aircop. Strikes 12 June were accomplished as scheduled.

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From: OG US Army Forces in Central Pacific Area
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Nr:     HJ-19120
14 June 1944

except that task group 58.4 attacked convoy escaping from
Saipan. One large AO, 3 Corvettes, 1 new type destroyer
and 5 AK's (3 small, 1 medium and 1 large) were sunk. In
addition 5 Corvettes were left dead in water and smoking, 2
medium AK's were observed burning and 3 medium AK's were
dead in water (1 down by stern and 1 badly listing). 1 other
AK making 3 knots but showing no apparent damage was reported.
Convoy last seen position 17-40 north, 142-55 east, speed
3 knots course due north. Also on the 12 planes of Task
Group 58.3 shot down 16 Mip planes over Tinian and Saipan,
sank at least 2 AK's in Tamagah harbor, and sank 1 small AO
15 miles NW of Saipan.

Our reported losses to date are 2 SBD's, 1 Helicat,
1TBF, 3 pilots and 4 crew members in combat; 1 Dauntless, 1
Helicat and 1 pilot were operational losses. One Mip intruder
was over task group 58.3 at 1600 the 12th, at very high
altitude. Task groups north of Saipan observed no enemy
searchers that night.

Bombardment for D-2 day commenced as planned against
no enemy air opposition. At 1330 the 13th planes from task
group 58.1 attacked 6 ship convoy consisting of 1 large
destroyer 2 medium DD's 2 AK's and 1 DE at approx position
11-30 north, 140-00 east. Attacking aircraft were 20 fight-
erwith quarter tonners plus 1 night fighter and single
Helidiver. All vessels thoroughly strafed; fire started on
large DD with 1 direct hit '9000 ton AK left burning violently
with 2 near misses, and fire started on medium Destroyer with
near miss.

CM-IN-11500 (14 Jun 44)

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large DD with 1 direct hit, 5000 ton AK left burning violently with 2 near misses, and fire started on medium Destroyer with near miss.

100 MCS search Radar reported on Arrallon De Medinilla. 850 CPS is pulse rate; 18 micro seconds is pulse width.

End.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CGAAF
       G-2
       Adm. King
       Col. Perk
       Log

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
RDO ICNO PASS TO ALL ADDRESSES. CONTASKFOR 58 ORIGINATOR TO CTF 51 CTF 53 CTF 52.17 AND CTF 52.19 FOR ACTION.

SAIPAN 13 JUNE. 5 NEW MACHINE GUNS, 2 IN AREA 227C, 3 IN AREA 258B, 3 NEW HEAVY AA IN AREA 140H. 1 AMMO BUILDING DESTROYED. ITEM 227Y AUXILIARY BUILDINGS DESTROYED. VICINITY SUGAR MILL AND LARGE AREAS TOWN BURNED OUT. CANE FIELDS APPEAR BURNED OUT. CANE FIELDS APPEAR BURNED OUT IN AREAS 129 H AND R. IN ADDITION TO THOSE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. BOMBARDMENT TODAY GOING NICELY. OUR PLANES HAVE BEEN FLYING LOW OVER ENTIRE AREA NO AA OPPOSITION, BUT THEY HAVE ONLY LEFT GUNS TEMPORARILY. ROTA AIRFIELD IN GOOD SHAPE, WITH ROAD LEADING FROM TOWN TO AIRFIELD. CUN EMPLACEMENTS BY FIELD EMPTY. LANDING BEACHES TOWN ROTA GOOD SHAPE.
LOOKS AS IF IT MAY BE A "QUICK AND EASY" TO GET LAND BASED PLANES, IN OPERATION ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.

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**Port Task Group 58.3.**

- **A** 12 JUNE.
- **B** 333
- **C** 48
- **D** 24
- **E** 107 AND 56 ROCKETS
- **F** 3 VT
- **G** 2 PILOTS 4 OBSERVER 5 AIRCREW
- **H** 1-60 FOOT TRAILER
- **I** 5 60 FOOT TRAWLERS AT GRID CN42. 3 BURNING 1 SMOKING 1 MAKING 3 KNOTS. 3 LUGGERS 25 MILES WEST AGINCAN POINT.
- **J** 1 TWIN ENGINE PLANE USHT.
- **K** 1 EMILY ON RAMP AT FLORES POINT.
- **L** 18 ABLITO
- **M** 3 AFRACKS 118G. BUILDINGS 131AF. OIL STORAGE 146 FV
- **N** 2.117E, 124.416H, 158.1390, 111 PC.

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In accordance with NAVY-10-06

Deliver to Code Room Watch Officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVORD)
159, 160, 209, 217, 227, 228, 236, 244 BEACH DEFENSES 126
HR BUILDINGS 244. GARAPAN BURNED BY INCENDIARIES AND
PHOSPHOROUS SHELLS.

* PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 141-58.

1 COPY TO OP20G.
2432 of the largest caliber and 12544 5 inch projectiles were landed in assigned targets by this task group in addition to these ammunition expended by desdiv 12 who reports separately. Guns in areas 152, 156 and 165 were not touched by bombardment but were worked on by air with unknown results. Areas 236, 225, 216, 117 and maniagassa were thoroughly plastered. No fire received from beach except feeble 3 inch which soon ceased. Heavy fires and numerous explosions in towns and seaplane base. All known gun positions west coast saipan and northwest coast tinian were targets of heavy fire. Sweepers not molested and reported negative mines. 2 large hulks and numerous small vessels tanapse harbor some of which mount guns.
AIR REPORTED POSSIBLE COAST DEFENSE GUN IN AREA 181Y.

"CTF 58 PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 14115C.
REENCYPHERMENT RECEIVED AS 132313."
MY 061823 PACIFIC OPERATIONS WEEK ENDING 10 JUNE. SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC. ALLIED TASK FORCE ATTACKED BY 11 JAPANESE PLANES ON 4 JUNE 50 MILES NORTHEAST BOYNE, NEAR MACHES DAMAGED NASHVILLE AND PHOENIX. JAPANESE ATTEMPTS TO REINFORCE HIKI ISLAND REPELLED ON 8 JUNE WHEN 10 MACHES ATTACKED 2 CRUISERS AND 5 DESTROYERS 66 MILES NORTHWEST OF DABO. 4 DESTROYERS REPORTED SUNK AND 1 DAMAGED. RESTAINDER ENEMY FORCE RETIRED. LATER SAME DAY ALLIED TASK FORCE PURSUED 6 ENEMY DESTROYERS NORTHWEST OF DABO. 1 ENEMY DESTROYER POSSIBLY DAMAGED. SUPPORTED BY NAVAL GUNFIRE AIRCRAFT AND TANKS OUR TROOPS CAPTURED TYPEE AIRPORT ON 7 JUNE. AT ATTAPUE AND PHAEM IN DAY GROUND PATROLS WERE ACTIVE. LIGHT ENEMY ATTACKS WERE REPELLED. AIRCRAFT DAILY ATTACKED EN-
ENEMY AIR BASES IN NEW BRITAIN AND NEW IRELAND. OUR PATROLS WERE ACTIVE IN THE TOROKINA SECTOR ON DOUGA IVILLE, CENTRAL PACIFIC. LAND BASED AIRCRAFT MADE DAILY STRIKES AGAINST JAPANESE POSITIONS IN MARSHALLS AND EASTERN CAROLINES. TASK FORCE 56 STRUCK SAI PAI, TEN HAN AND GUAM WITH CARRIER AIRCRAFT AT 1:35 PM 11 JUNE. SURPRISE WAS OBTAINED ON THE FIRST STRIKE.
PRELIMINARY REPORTS FOR SUCCESSIVE STRIKES ON 11 AND 12 JUNE INDICATE THAT 141 ENEMY PLANES WERE DESTROYED OF WHICH ABOUT 76 WERE HIT IN THE AIR AND 9 ENEMY NON-COMBATANT SHIPS WERE SUNK AND 10 DAMAGED; ALSO 1 JAP DD AND 3 SC SUNK. OUR LOSSES IN COMBAT WERE 15 PLANES, 11 PILOTS AND 4 CREWMEN. OPERATIONAL LOSSES WERE 3 PLANES AND 1 PILOT. NORTH PACIFIC.
ON 4 JUNE 2 LIBERATORS DROPPED KETOL TO WITH OBSERVED RESULTS. NEXT DAY A VENTURA DROPPED BOMBS ON PARAMUSHIRU.
CTF 58 ENCRYPTS CTF 58.4'S 121506, RADIO HONOLULU PASS TO CINCPAC FOR INFO. CTF 58 ALSO INFO AND COM 5TH FLEET ACTION HAVE BY MESSAGE DROP.

REPORT PARA 3527:

A. 12
B. 229 PLUS 12 SPECIAL SEARCH
C. 73
D. 9
E. 12 1/2
F. 3 Vf 2 VT 1 VB
G. 1 VB 1 VT
H. 2 PILOTS 2 CREWMEN
I. 1 PILOT
J. RECEIVED AS 131421, DOUBLE HEADED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 141701
L. SEE MY 121506

SECRET
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS 27 MAY TO 31 MAY INCLUSIVE:

3008 TONNAGE ON ENEMY TARGETS JALUIT 81, MOTJE 62, DONAPE 54, WAKE 42, MILLE 46, TAROA 23, TRUK 12, GUAM AND SAIPAN 4 BY PHOTO PLANES. 1 824 AND CREW LOST TO INTERCEPTORS AT SAIPAN AND ANOTHER DAMAGED.

12 PLANES DAMAGED BY AA OVER ALL TARGETS. MARSHALLS AA WEAGER TO NIL. 2 CORSAIRS AND PILOTS LOST BY MID AIR COLLISION. 2 ZEKES OR HAMPS DESTROYED SURE AND 2 PROBABLE SAIPAN AND 1 PROBABLE GUAM. NAG QUIN SCOUT SPY MISSION TO MILLE REPORTS 2000 BOMBING CASUALTIES.

3000 MILITARY AND 2000 KOREAN LABORERS REMAIN. SMALL RADIOS OPERATING UNDERGROUND. ALL BIG GUNS DAMAGED BUT NOT DEFINITELY KNOCKED OUT. 1 MEAL OF RICE PER
RECON BUT NATIVE FOODS ARE AVAILABLE IN FAIR AMOUNT FROM ISLANDS ACCESSIBLE ON FOOT FROM MILLE IS. AT LOW TIDE. NO SHIPPING OR BOATS IN USE. AMMUNITION SUPPLY LIMITED AND BEING CONSERVED. JAPS CONCENTRATED ON MILLE IS. WITH FEW ON TOKARA IS, USE UNDERGROUND SHELTERS AND DISPERSE ALONG REEF DURING BOMBING. NATIVES NUMBER ABOUT 400 AND ARE ON ALU, ENAJET AND LUKUNOR. SIMILAR SCOUT MISSION TO MALOELAP REPORTS GARRISON REDUCED FROM 5000 TO 2500 INCLUDING 500 KOREAN LABORERS. COMMANDANT KILLED BY BOMBING AND FLIGHT COMMANDER NOW IN CHARGE. ALL SHIPPING EXCEPT 2 MOTOR BOATS DESTROYED. SOME MOBILE ARTILLERY UNITS CONCEALED UNDERGROUND. MINOR STOCKS OF AMMUNITION AND FUEL STILL ON HAND. JAPS CONCENTRATED ON TAROA AND RUTER IS. WITH A FEW ON PIGEYAT AND ENIBEN IS. FOOD SUPPLY ENTIRELY EXHAUSTED EXCEPT FOR NATIVE PRODUCTS. NATIVES TOTALLING ABOUT 400 ARE ON NORTHERN AND WESTERN ISLANDS OF ATOLL AND ON AIRIK. JAPS EXERTING PRESSURE TO MAKE NATIVES PRODUCE MORE FOOD. ENEMY RUNWAYS GENERALLY INOPERATIONAL EXCEPT NAURU AND NATAK.

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From: CG US Army Forces in Central Pacific Area, Pt. Shafter, T. H.
To: CG US Army Forces in South Pacific Area, Noumea, New Caledonia
CG Southeast Asia Command, Forward Echelon, Kandy, Ceylon
CG US Army Forces, China, Burma and India, Forward Echelon, Chungking, China
CG Services of Supply, Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia
CG 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

Nr: RJ-18922 12 June 1944

Resume of CPA activity from RDQCS for CG Twentieth Bomber Command, Stilwell, Marshall, USAF in SEAC and SOFAC and MacArthur signed Richardson msg nbr RJ 18922.

Tempo of enemy air searches apparently stepped up. Two Bettys and single twin engine fighter engaged by Navy searchplanes 10 June L time. First Betty destroyed at 14-00 north, 153-10 east. Second Betty sighted at 16-25 north, 155-47 east course 216; It was destroyed 40 minutes later.

The twin engine fighter contacted at 11-06 north, 151-41; East; Nip fighter slightly damaged.

CM-IN-9749 (12 Jun 44)

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44
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From: CQ US Army Forces in Central Pacific Area, 
Pt. Shafter, T. H.

Nr: RJ 18922 12 June 1944

During searches 11 June L time Navy searcher 
destroyed single Irving at 14-20 north, 145-40 east. Total 
of 2 unidentified aircraft sighted by other Navy searchers; 
1 plane at 10-10 north, 147-30 east and another plane at 
09-20 north, 149-40 east.

In daylight attacks 10 June L time Jaluit, Taroa, 
Ocean, Nauru, Mille and Wotje visited by CPA aircraft. 
Jaluit strikers were Navy Helldivers and Marine Dauntless 
bombing heavy ack ack btry's. Meager accurate flak caused 
minor damage one dive bomber.

Throughout day Taroa harassed by 26 SBDA's 18 Marine 
Corsairs and 8 Navy F 6F's. Eight tons expended on CD and 
AA positions; Taroa and neighboring islands strafed.

Light flak was meager and inaccurate. Gun positions 
and barracks at Ocean Island were plowed up by 5 Navy 
Venturas. Single PV received minor damage from moderate 
flak. Boats in Nauru boat basin strafed by 2 Navy Venturas 
which continued on from Ocean mission. Through light in-
accurate antiair fire Marine Dauntless and F 40's released 
6 tons on Mille coastal defense btry's. Marine Corsairs in 
20 sorties dive bombed and strafed Wotje buildings and gun
From: CG US Army Forces in Central Pacific Area, 
Pt. Shafter, T. H.

Nr: RJ 18922 12 June 1944

positions throughout the day. Light accurate flak was
received by one flight.

Truk attacked during night 10-11L time by one squadron
Army Liberators. Targets were airfields on Param, Yeten
and Moen: Several fires observed. Twelve searchlights
active: AA was moderate and inaccurate. Two B 29's over
alternate target Ponape struck Ponape town and local gun
positions.

Carrier based aircraft of a powerful Pacific Fleet
Task Force hit Tinibn, Saipan and Guam on 11 June L time.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CGAAR, G-2, Adm King, Col Park,
Gen Vandegrift, Log

CM-IN-9749 (12 Jun 44) 1701Z Jb
COMINCH GETS ACTION FROM CINCPOA INFO COM 5TH FLEET COMSOPAC JANCOMGENADAK.

FOLLOWS CENPAC SUMMARY 15 JUNE.

INDICATIONS ARE THAT TASK FORCE 58 STRUCK MARIANAS COMMENCING 130511 JUNE EAST LONGITUDE DATE. YOU HAVE OTHER INFO.

DELIVERED TO 24G.
FOR REAR ADMIRAL COOKE FROM EDWARDS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF PACIFIC SITUATION WHICH YOU REQUESTED:

IN THE NORTH PACIFIC OUR ARMY AND NAVY AIR FORCES CONTINUALLY HARASS ENEMY POSITIONS WITH STRIKES AGAINST HIC Bases IN THE KURILES. JAPAN IS FORCED TO GUARD AGAINST STRONG ATTACKS FROM THIS DIRECTION.

IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC OUR ADVANCED BASES AT KWAJALEIN AND EMILSON HAVE BEEN SECURED. THE ENEMY STILL RETAINS STRONG POSITIONS AT PULAU AND TRUK AND IN THE MARINAS. THE VALUE OF TRUK TO THE ENEMY HAS BEEN REDUCED AS IT IS SUBJECT TO RAIDS BY OUR LAND-BASED AIR. ENEMY CARRIERS AT KOTJE, MILLE, PONAPE, NAURU AND OCEAN ISLAND HAVE BEEN ISOLATED. IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC FIGHTING CONTINUES. LARGE CROWD FORCES OF THE ENEMY ON GUADALCANAL CONTINUE TO RESIST, BUT ARE WITHOUT AIR SUPPORT AND ARE WITHOUT HOPE OF RES"
Insufficiency or replenishment of supply, and the issue is no longer in doubt. The enemy is on the defensive, but we have yet to penetrate his inner line of defensive positions.
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AIR MAILGRAM

SUMMARY OPERATIONS 22 MAY TO 26 MAY INCLUSIVE:

BOMB Tonnage on enemy targets results generally unknown.

WOTJE 227 including coordinated attack 22nd partially weathered out; JALUIT 66, Mille 14, PONAKE 15, KUSAIE 1 3/4, ROTA 1 1/2, PULUMAT 3/4, RUO 1/4. Propaganda leaflet campaign continued. Weather curtailed operations 23rd and 24th.

Marshall's plan to reduce weight of bombing attacks due lack of definite targets and to conserve ammunition. Further bombing missions principally for training, surveillance, and targets of opportunity.

Anti-aircraft mostly meager to nil. Our losses 2 F4U's by WOTJE AA, 1 pilot rescued; 1 B-25 down 20 miles from PONAKE, cause unknown, search for crew in progress. 16 other planes damaged.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/74
CONDITION ENEMY RUNWAYS GENERALLY INOPERATIONAL.
NATIVE SCOUT SPY MISSION TO MILLE REPORTS GARRISON NOW APPROX-
IMATELY 3000 MILITARY 2000 LABORERS AFTER ESTIMATED CASUAL-
TIES. AMMUNITION FUEL VERY LIMITED BUT FOOD CONDITIONS FAIR
DUE ABUNDANT NATIVE PRODUCTS.
PHOTOS OBTAINED ROTA AND PAGAN X TON PLANE OF TO 58.6 REPORTED
SUB 60 MILES NW MAJURO 20TH HUNTER KILLER IN PROGRESS.

CINCPAC PASSED BY MAIL TO COMINCH AND COMCINCOPAC FOR INFO.
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CINCPAC SENDS ACTION COMINCH INFO COM 5TH FLEET CONMSOPAC JANMUGEN ADAK.

HERE IS CENPAC SUMMARY FOR 30 MAY: TAMBOR REPORTS SINKING 16,500 TON DIESEL AK WITH 2 HITS AT 20-22 N 141-45 E. FOLLOW SERIES OF SUB REPORTS SIGHTING ENEMY WARSHIPS. ALL TIMES H (MINUS 8): CABRILLA REPORTS 1 EACH KONGO NAGATO FUSO CLASS AND PROBABLY 3 OTHER BB'S DEPARTED SOUTHERN SIBUTU (NEAR TAWI TAWI) 140-30 MAY COURSE 160° HIGH SPEED. BLUEFISH REPORTS 1 BB, 4 CA'S, 3 DD'S POSIT 04-08 N 121-08 E 150-30 MAY COURSE 090° SPEED 19. AT DAWN 31 MAY BLUEFISH SIGHTED IN TAWI TAWI 3 CV'S, 2 BB'S, 2 CA'S, 2 LARGE UNIDENTIFIED WARSHIPS AND OTHER SMALLER CRAFT. BELIEVES 1 ADDITIONAL CARRIER POSSIBLY PRESENT. GURNARD REPORTS 3 BB'S WITH UNIDENTIFIED SCREEN AT 1225-31 MAY POSIT 15-19 N 125-40
E COURSE 650 SPEED 18. RAY REPORTS YAMASHIRO BB, 3 DD'S, 2 CL'S (UNIDENTIFIED BUT NOT YUBAHI OR KATORI) 1200Z MAY PASSING 15 MILES SOUTH SARANGANI ISLAND COURSE 660 SPEED 19. PUFFER REPORTS OVER 15° CARRIER AIRCRAFT FUELING IN VICINITY TARU TARI FROM 1200 TO 1600Z MAY INDICATES SORTIE BY AT LEAST 3 CV'S. OTHER INFO YOU HAVE.

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To: War Department
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CG, US Army Forces, China, Burma and India Forward
     Echelon, Chungking, China
CG, Services of Supply in the Southwest Pacific Area
     Brisbane, Australia
CG, US Army Forces in the South Pacific Area
     Noumea, New Caledonia
CG, 20th Bomber Command, Kharagpur, India

No. RJ 17795  31 May 1944

For Harmon Sultan pass to Wolfe Marshall, MacArthur
and Stilwell from HDOCS Richardson thru CINCPOA this msg rtl
RJ 17795.

Photos were taken and 35 centuries were dropped on
Saipan Island, Marianas noon 29th May L time by 14 Army
Liberators and 3 Navy PB4Ys.

Heavy ack ack was moderate but inaccurate.

Twelve Jap fighters intercepted, 2 of which were
probably destroyed and 2 damaged.

One Army B-24 shot down in flames 40 miles east of
island; crew of 4 officers and 6 men lost. Two of crew para-
chuted and were strafed by Jap fighter.

At Tajapag harbor sighted a possible battleship, 6

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From: CO, US Army Forces, Central Pacific Area
       Fort Shafter, T. H.
No.     RJ 17795,  31 May 1944

Emiys, 2 CL's and 8 AK's.

At Aslito Airfield 25 fighters and 12 medium bombers
were seen.

Notje, Taroe, Jaluit and Mille also hit in
daylight raids 29th L time. Wotje raid made by 12 Marines
Dauntless, 2 Navy P5's and 23 Marine Corsairs. Neighboring
islands strafed and bombs dropped on building and ack ack
batteries Wotje Island. Single F4U and 1 SBD were damaged
by accurate light flak. Four Navy FG's and 6 Marine Daunt-
less constituted the Taroe mission. 4.5 tons dropped on
northeast-southwest runway through light meager inaccurate
AA. Twenty nine tons deposited on Jaluit by 29 Army Mitchells.
Bombs concentrated on ack ack battery areas at Eneybor and
Kimij through heavy ack ack. Twelve Marine Corsairs, 6
Marine SBD's and 4 Navy Hellcats jolted Mille with 13.5 tons
hitting NE-southwest runway and Pivouac area east coast.
Medium ack ack was inaccurate and moderate; light AA also
inaccurate but varied from moderate to meager. Other aircr-
craft rained 13 additional tons on Mille Radar Station and
anti aircraft battery on north tip. Heavy ack ack thrown
back was inaccurate and meager.

No Sig.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CJAAP, G-2, Adm King, Gen Vandegrift, Lcg

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THIS IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF WEEKLY REPORTS SUMMARIZING OPERATIONS IN THE PACIFIC. SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING 27 MAY 1944. NORTH PACIFIC. ALEUTIAN BASED NAVY PLANES CONTINUED HARASSING ATTACKS ON PARAMUSHIRU AND SHINUSHI. 5 ATTACKS BRINGING TO 14 FOR THE MONTH WERE COMPLETED. NO AIRCRAFT WERE LOST ON THESE MISSIONS.

CENTRAL PACIFIC. CARRIER AIRCRAFT COMMANDED BY REAR ADMIRAL MONTGOMERY AttACKED MARCUS ISLAND ON 19 AND 20 MAY AND WAKE ISLAND ON 23 MAY. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT MARCUS ISLAND HAD BEEN ATTACKED SINCE SEPTEMBER 1943. AT MARCUS 15% OF THE BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. AT WAKE 28 BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED AND 12 DAMAGED. IN BOTH PLACES ANTIAIRCRAFT POSITIONS AND FUEL DUMPS WERE DESTROYED. OUR LOSSES CONSISTED OF 2 DIVE BOMBERS AND 2 FIGHTER PLANES 2 PILOTS AND 1 CREWMAN ARE MISSING. 1 MEDIUM ENEMY BOMBER NEAR OUR SURFACE UNITS.
LANDBASED PLANES CONTINUED TO BOMB JAPANESE POSITIONS IN THE MARSHALLS AND EASTERN CAROLINES.
SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC. NAVAL FORCES CONTINUED TO SUPPORT THE AMERICAN 6TH ARMY WHICH AFTER CAPTURING THE WAKDE ISLAND AIRSTRIPS EXPANDED THEIR TOR RIVER BRIDGEHEAD. THESE FORCES ARE WITHIN A MILE OF SARI'I AIRFIELD. 7TH FLEET UNITS LANDED AND SUPPORTED APPROXIMATELY 10,000 ARMY TROOPS AT BIAK ISLAND ON 27TH WITH SLIGHT OPPOSITION AT BEACH. 2 DD'S RECEIVED MINOR DAMAGE FROM SHORE BATTERY FIRE.
JAPANESE AIR ATTACK WITH 12 BOMBERS DRIVEN OFF 4 BOMBERS SHOT DOWN SC 699 DAMAGED. IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC AREA ARMY AND NAVY AIRFORCES BOMBED RABAU AND ENEMY BASES IN NEW IRELAND AND THE NORTH SOLOMON ISLAND AREA.

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OSD letter, May 4, 1972
By DBS Date: MAY 21 1973
CTO 58.6 SENDS ACTION CTF 58. INFO CINCPAC COM 5TH FLEET.

PRELIMINARY REPORT:

MARCUS 19TH 20TH. 373 SORTIES OVER TARGET.
1 AIRBORNE BETTY DESTROYED NEAR DISPOSITION. 1 IN-
OPERATIONAL TWIN ENGINE PLANE DAMAGED ON GROUND.
NO OTHER AIRCRAFT SEEN. 1 SMALL ARMED AK LEFT DEAD
IN WATER BURNING SINKING 56 MILES NORTH MARCUS.
148 TONS ON TARGET. ABOUT 15% BUILDINGS INCLUDING
POSSIBLE WATER DISTILLATION PLANT DESTROYED OR
DAMAGED. 1 AA POSIT AND AMMUNITION DUMP DESTROYED. LOOSE
STORES 3 REVETMENTS DAMAGED. 2 PILOTS 1 CREWMAN 2
F6F 2 SB 2 C COMBAT LOSSES. LOW CLOUDS AND POOR
VISIBILITY AFFECTED BOMBING PERFORMANCE AND IN SOME CASES PREVENTED AIRCRAFT FROM REACHING TARGET.
PICKET SEARCH 1 ARMED PATROL BOAT LEFT DEAD IN WATER AND SINKING 375 MILES NORTH OF MARCUS. TAKE REPORT 23RD. 354 SORTIES OVER TARGET. NO ENEMY PLANES SEEN.
1 SANPAN SUNK 4 TO 6 BARGES DAMAGED. 148 TONS ON TARGET. FUEL TANK BURNED OUT. OBSERVATION TOWER KNOCKED OVER. 2 REVETMENTS DAMAGED. 20 BUILDINGS DESTROYED 12 DAMAGED. 4 TO 6 EARTH COVERED DUMPS HIT BUT WITHOUT VISIBLE DAMAGE. 1 PILOT 1 SB 2 O 1 VF
OPERATIONAL LOSSES.

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From: CTG 56.6
To: CTG 58
Info: CINCPAC, COM 5TH FLT, COMINCH
Number: 2504452
May 25, 1944

Preliminary report.

Marcus 19th 20th. 373 sorties over target. 1 airborne Betty destroyed near dispositions. 1 inoperational twin engine plane damaged on ground. No other aircraft seen. 1 small armed AR left dead in water burning sinking 56 miles north Marcus. 148 tons on target. About 138 buildings including possible water distillation plant destroyed or damaged. 1 AA post and ammu dump destroyed. 11 stores 3 revetments damaged. 2 pilots 1 crewman 2 P/G 2 SB 2 C Combat losses. Low clouds and poor visibility affected bombing performance and in some cases prevented aircraft from reaching target. Picket search 1 armed patrol boat left dead in water and sinking 375 miles north of Marcus. Wake report 23rd. 354 sorties over target. No enemy planes seen. I Sampan sunk 4 to 6 barges damaged. 146 tons on target. Fuel tank burned out. Observation tower knocked over. 2 revetments damaged. 20 buildings destroyed 12 damaged. 4 to 6 earth covered dumps hit but without visible damage. 1 pilot 1 SB 2 C 1 VPN operational losses.

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**AIRMAILGRAM**

**SUMMARY OPERATION PERIOD 11-15 MAY INCLUSIVE.**

**TONNAGE OF BOMBS ON ENEMY TARGETS FOLLOWS:**

JALUIT 277, TRUK 104, TAROA 47, PONAPE 42, MOTJE 35, MILLE 26, NAURU 15, PULU'AT 1/4. PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS DROPPED. NIGHT HARRASSMENT CONDUCTED TAROA, MOTJE AND MILLE 13TH TO 15TH. CONCENTRATED ATTACK ON JALUIT FROM FORESHORE 14TH TO 15TH. 15TH SUMMARIZED IN CTF 59 DIS 16233 RESULTS UNKNOWN. OUR PLANES 1 DAUNTLESS LOST, CREW RESCUED. 20 MINOR DAMAGE.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT HOSTILY NEAGET TO NIL WITH INTENSE LIGHT AS REPORTED BY 1 FIGHTER-BOMBER MISSION EACH AT TINET AND ENEWET. CONDITION ENEMY RUNWAYS: MOTJE AND VALDELAPE INOPERATIONAL BUT EXTENSIVE REPAIRS MADE RECENTLY TO NE-SW STRIPS 90TH FIELDS. MILLE INOPERATIONAL. NAURU RUNWAYS 1 AND 2 APPEAR OPERATIONAL. PONAPE LIMIT OPERATIONAL. SEARCHES NEGATIVE EXCEPT CORONADO DESTROYED BETTY 30K MILES NE OF TRUK AND NAURU. LIFEBERTOR BOMBER **SECRET**

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By DBS Date MAY 21 1973

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
5000 TON AK TRUK LAGOON WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. SAW 16 TO
24 MEDIUM TO LARGE AK'S ANCHORED LEFT OF DUBLON AND UXAN.
CINCPAC SENDS ACTION TO COMINCH AND INFO TO COM 5TH FLEET COMSOPAC JANCOMCNADAK.

DAILY CINCPAC SUMMARY 21 MAY.

STURGEON ON LIFEGUARD STATION OFF MARCUS REPORTS AT 210848Z 3 DOWNED AIRCRAFT ABOARD. 1 OFFICER AND 2 ENLISTED MEN. NO REPORT RESULTS MARCUS STRIKE. YOU HAVE OTHER INFO.
**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**NAVY DEPARTMENT**

**NAVY MESSAGE**

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**AIRWAILGRAM**

**SUMMARY OPERATIONS PERIOD 6-12 MAY INCLUSIVE: TONNAGE**

- **OF BOMBS ON ENEMY TARGETS FOLLOWS**: WOTJE 71, JALUIT 66,
- **TRUK 58, PONAPE 52, WILLE 24, TAROA 21, WAKE 6, GUAM 2**
- **WULU 1, TAO Ng 1, NAURU 1/2, KUSAIE 1/2, PROPAGANDA**

**LEAFLETS DROPPED. STRIKE PLANES GOT 7 ENEMY VF SURE**

- **PROBABLE AT GUAM. OUR PLANES 6 DAMAGED NONE LOST.**
- **ANTI-AIRCRAFT REPORTED MOSTLY MEAGER OCCASIONALLY MODERATE WITH INTENSE LIGHT AA 1 STRIKE EACH WOTJE AND**

- **TAROA. CONDITION OF ENEMY BASES NO SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES**

- **FROM LAST REPORT EXCEPT 2 WOTJE MAGAZINES DESTROYED**
- **BY LOW ALTITUDE BOMBING. RUNWAYS AS FOLLOWS**: WOTJE
- **AND MALCELAP INOPERATIONAL BUT SOME RECENT REPAIRS**
- **WILLE NO RECENT REPAIR BUT RUNWAY A MIGHT BE USED BY**
- **VF. NAURU RUNWAY NUMBER 1 PROBABLY OPERATIONAL NUMBER**
- **2 INOPERATIONAL BY FEW SCATTERED CRATERS, PONAPE OLD**
- **RUNWAY B OPERATIONAL A INOPERATIONAL NEW AIRSTRIP EVERS**
- **GENEY USE ONLY. KUSAIE INOPERATIONAL. SEARCHES NEGATIVE**
- **EXCEPT NAVY LIBERATORS DESTROYED WAVIS AND ATTACKED**
- **EMILY ABOUT 223 MILES NW OF TRUK ALSO ATTACKED BETTY**
- **65 MILES SE TRUK. 2 OTHER BETTYS SIGHTED NEAR OUTER**

**LIMITS OF 7V413 AND 4V413. MITCHELLS SAW PROBABLE**

- **EMILY NEAR W COAST OF PONAPE. WEIGHT OF ATTACKS BEING**

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INCREASED ON NAURU AND WAKE AND RECENTLY ON MARSHALLS BASES WITH CONCENTRATION ON RUNWAYS AND PIN POINT TARGETS. CONTINUOUS NIGHT OBSERVATION AND HARASSMENT WOTJE, MALOELAP AND WILLE. DAILY ASW PATROLS BY VP AND VS(n) DISCONTINUED.

COINCH...CCG.
CTF 59 SENDS. CTF 57 WHO HAS ACTION. RADIO WAIHANA GIVE INFO TO CINCPAC COM 5TH FLEET COMAIR PAC 7TH AF HICKAM COMAIRSOPAC CONSOPAC COMFAIRMING 2 RADIO APAMAHA PASS INFO TO CTG 59.5, CTG 59.2 CTG 59.3 CTG 59.4 HAVE INFO LOCALLY.

THE HEAVIEST COORDINATED CONCENTRATION OF SHORE BASED AIRPOWER IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC WAS STAGED AGAINST JALUIT FROM 142055 TO 151800 BY ARMY, NAVY AND MARINE PLANES. FROM 50 FEET TO 10,000 FEET 284 SEPARATE SORTIES WERE FLOWN AND 240 TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED FROM AGIDYAN TO SOUTH POINT.

7TH AIR FORCE LIBERATORS DROPPED 474 QUARTER TONNERS AND 24 TONNERS IN 54 SORTIES. ARMY MITCHELLS DROPPED 164 QUARTER TONNERS IN 43 SORTIES AND LATER STRAFED AND CANNONED TARGETS.

4TH MARINE AIR WING CORSAIRS DROPPED 39 HALF TONNERS AND 6 QUARTER TONNERS IN 97 SORTIES. DAUNTLESS DIVE BOMBERS LOOSED 20 TONS IN 60 SORTIES. NAVY HELLCATS IN 24 SORTIES DROPPED 24 1000 POUNDERS AND LATER STRAFED. ALL NIGHT LONG.

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6 MARINE DAUNTLESS EACH CARRYING 2 325 POUND DEPTH CHARGES HARASSED JALUIT. ENEMY AA WAS HEAGER FROM GUNS BUT MODERATE FROM MACHINE GUN FIRE AT DEFENDED POINTS. 1 LIBERATOR, 5 DAUNTLESS AND 3 CORSAIRS RECEIVED MINOR DAMAGE. PURPOSE OF MISSION WAS TO CONDUCT A HEAVY COORDINATED ATTACK BY ELEMENTS OF ALL SERVICES. MISSION WAS OBSERVED BY STAFF OF CTF 59 FOR 2 HOURS AND WAS CONSIDERED APPROXIMATELY 60 PERCENT EFFECTIVE. SIMILAR OPERATIONS ARE PLANNED FOR OTHER MARSHALL ISLANDS.

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CTF 59

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AIR MAILGRAM

SUMMARY OPERATIONS PERIOD 1-5 MAY INCLUSIVE.

TONNAGE OF BOMBS DROPPED ON ENEMY TARGETS follows:

JALUIT 59, MILLE 31, WOTJE 88, MALOELAP 27, TAONGI 1,
NAURU 9, PONAPE 94, TRUK 36, PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS DROPPED
ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE VARIED FROM NONE TO MODERATE OVER
MOST TARGETS WITH INTENSE LIGHT AA REPORTED AT NAURU
AND ON 1 WOTJE STRIKE. IN APRIL AVERAGE PERCENTAGE OF
AIRCRAFT HIT BY AA AT MILLE, MALOELAP, WOTJE AND JALUIT
WAS 2.1 AGAINST 3.8 IN MARCH AND 5.7 IN FEBRUARY.

CONDITION OF ENEMY BASES: MOST INSTALLATIONS ON MILLE,
WOTJE AND MALOELAP DESTROYED. NATIVE SCOUTS AND POW
REPORTS INDICATE PROFITABLE TARGETS FOR DIVE BOMBERS
STILL ON ENEYBOR AND EMIDJ ISLANDS AT JALUIT. JABOR
PRACTICALLY DEVOID OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND

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PERSONNEL. ALL LESSER MARSHALL ATOLLS OCCUPIED EXCEPT TACONGI AND U.S. SOVEREIGNTY PROCLAIMED TO NATIVES. BOMBING AND STRAFING ATTACKS ON TACONGI HAVE DESTROYED ENEMY INSTALLATIONS. NAURU AIRFIELD APPEARS INOPERATIONAL; CRATERS IN BOTH RUNWAYS. TAVE AIRFIELD OPERATIONAL AND AA INTENSE AND ACCURATE. OLD PONAPE AIRFIELD REPORTED INOPERATIONAL BUT REPAIRS NEARLY COMPLETED; NEW AIRFIELD EMERGENCY SEARCH REPORTED 2 SMALL VESSELS AT TAVE ON 4 MAY. ASW PATROL ATTACKED POSSIBLE SUB 13 MILES SW ENJETOK RESULTING IN OIL SLICK BUT NO FURTHER CONTACTS. ENEMY SUB CAMPAIGN MARSHALLS APPEARS DISCONTINUED.
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S-C-O-R-A-T

From: CO, US Army Forces Central Pacific Area
       Pt. Shafter, P.H.

To: War Department

No: R 13025  11 April, 1944

Richardson at WDGBI calls WDGBI Mag Srl Nr R 13025.

Here is estimate of Japanese losses in Central
Pacific Area covering period 1 January 1943-31 March 1944.

First comes army. Under heading "killed drowned
or died of wounds" enter 0 for year 41 and 42;
enter 445 for year 43;
enter 2840 for 1st quarter of 1944.

Now come Navy losses.

Under killed drowned or died of wounds
enter 1687 for year 41;
Enter 13134 for year 1942;
Enter 7102 for year 43;
Enter 8435 for 1st quarter 1944.

Losses enemy labor troops under killed drowned or died of
wounds were 1055 Koreans for year 1943. For 1st quarter 1944,
341 Japs plus 190 Koreans.

Prisoners captured follow.
For year 41:  1 Jap.
For year 42:  47 Japs.
For 1943:  43 Japs plus 235 Koreans.
1st quarter 1944:  159 Japs plus 175 Koreans.

CM-IN-71461 (11 Apr 44)

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From: CO, US Army Forces Central Pacific Area
       Ft. Shafter, T.H.
No: R 13025
11 April, 1944

Total losses equal 33,661 for Army-Navy plus 1586
labor troops killed; 600 Prisoners of War. Jap losses
at sea for 1st quarter this year not included in this
radio but will be forth coming when tabulation completed.
There are no entries under column died of or incapacitated
by disease and incapacitated by wounds for further military
service.

No Sig

ACTION: G-2
INFO: CO AAF
       OPD
       Colonel Park
       Log

CM-IN-7461 (11 Apr 44) 114 oz med

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By DBS Date: MAY 21 1973
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From: CG U S Army Forces in Central Pacific Area
      Ft Shafter T. H.
To: War Department
No: R12831
   6 April 1944

   To CGAAF Wash DC from Richardson ED4AB for Arnold from
   Hale mag e1 nhr R12831.

   With the following record the 7th Air Force celebrated
   Army Day on all but 12 days in the 5 months since the 7th
   Air Force started offensive operations, Jap Island targets
   Central Pacific have been bombed by 7th Air Force planes.
   Japa had respite from 7th Air Force bombs only 1 day every
   2 weeks.

   No Sig.

ACTION: CG AAF
INFO: OPD
      <Colonel Park> Log

CM-IN-6087 (9 Apr 44) 0543Z med

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COMCENPAC SPEAKS ACTION CINCPAC INFO BY MAIL TO COMSOPAC COM 7TH FLEET AND CTF 58.

YOUR $42212.

DAMAGE TO ENEMY

AIRCRAFT:
DESTROYED AIRBORNE;
BY CAP 17.
BY SHIPS GUNFIRE AT NIGHT 4.
AT PALAU 93.
AT ULITHI, YAP AND WOLEAI NONE.

PROBABLY DESTROYED AIRBORNE 15.

DAMAGED AIRBORNE 14.

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DESTROYED ON GROUND OR WATER:

PALAU 39.
WOLEAI 7.
YAP AND ULITHI NONE.

PROBABLY DESTROYED GROUND OR WATER:

PALAU 9.
WOLEAI 5.

DAMAGED GROUND OR WATER:

PALAU 11.

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By DBS Date MAY 21 1973
1 UNIDENTIFIED PROBABLY ODD, CM OR LARGE PC.

DAMAGED:
1 DD WAKATAKE CLASS APPARENTLY CONVERTED TO CM.

OTHER THAN COMBATANT TYPES

CLASSIFIED: LARGE OVER 7,000, MEDIUM 4,000 TO 7,000, SMALL UNDER 4,000.

SUNK:
AT PALAU:
2 LARGE, 6 MEDIUM, 8 SMALL AK.
3 LARGE, 1 MEDIUM, 1 SMALL AO.
1 PICKET BOAT.

BEACHED AND BURNING:
1 LARGE REPAIR SHIP.
1 MEDIUM, 2 SMALL AO.
1 SMALL AK.
BURNING:

2 SMALL AK.

BEACHED AND VISIBLY DAMAGED:

1 LARGE, 2 MEDIUM, 5 SMALL AK.

BEACHED:

1 SMALL AK.

AT ULITHI:

SUNK:

1 1/2 FOOT BOAT AND OTHER SMALL CRAFT.

SUNK AT SEA BY SURFACE ACTION:

1 SMALL AK, 1 APC, 1 2/3 TON COASTAL.

DAMAGE TO GROUND INSTALLATIONS

AT PALAU:

KRKABESAN:

AT LEAST 42 BUILDINGS INCLUDING A HEAVILY REVETTED DESTROYED.

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SOUTHERN SEAPLANE BASE:
4 HANGARS, SEVERAL SMALL BUILDINGS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED.

MALAKAL:
6 LARGE OIL FIRES, AT LEAST 20 WAREHOUSES AND ABOUT HALF OF WHARFFACE DESTROYED.

KOROR:
3 FUEL DUMPS BURNED, 5 HANGARS DESTROYED OR BURNED. 12 SHOPS OR WAREHOUSES, SEVERAL SMALL BUILDINGS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED.

BABELTHUAP:
BAUXITE LOADING PIER DAMAGED.

ANGAUR:
PHOSPHATE PLANT, WAREHOUSES, LOADING PIER DAMAGED.

AT YAP:
POWER OR DISTILLATION PLANT, RADIO STATION BUILDINGS IN TOWN AND NEAR AIRFIELD DAMAGED.

AT ULITHI:
RADIO STATION, 2 BUILDINGS AND WHARF DAMAGED.
AT WOLEAI:

MARIAN ISLAND:
RADIO AND METEOROLOGICAL STATION DESTROYED.
3 BARRACKS DESTROYED, OTHERS DAMAGED.

PAILAU ISLAND:
3 BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

WOLEAI ISLAND:
AMMUNITION DUMP EXPLODED. 4 FUEL OIL STORAGE AREAS BURNED. SMALL BUILDINGS, LOOSE STORES, TRUCKS AND 3 LANDING BARGES DESTROYED.

OWN LOSSES:

COMBAT:
10 VF, 1 VFN, 9 VB, 5 VT. 8 PILOTS 15 AIRCrewH.

OPERATIONAL:
8 VF, 4 VB, 6 VT. 5 PILOTS 3 AIR CREW.

26 RECOVERIES OUT OF 44 PERSONNEL IN PLANES LOST IN COMBAT. NO DAMAGE TO OUR SHIPS. MINING OPERATIONS VERY SUCCESSFUL. PAILAU REPORTED TO BE VAST SUPPLY BASE.
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From: GQ, US Army Forces, Central Pacific Area
      Ft. Shafter, T.H.

To: War Department
    GQ, US Army Forces in New Caledonia
    GQ, US Army Forces, SG5 Southwest Pacific Area, Brisbane, Australia

Number RJ 12367, 3 April 1944

To WDGS, GQ USAMFJPS and CINCPAC thru CINCPAC from Richardson's daily for SOPAC SOWESCAP and Chief of Staff War from GDG5. Serial number RJ 12367.

Search plane sighted enemy 55 with numbers 12 or 112 at 2142Z 31 March location 06-25 north 160-10 east course 090 degrees. 2 depth bombs dropped; oil slick observed but no debris.

At 0801Z 1 April relief plane got radar contact and saw Wake location 08-08 north 160-46 east course 122 degrees. Due darkness unable to close before contact disappeared 0816Z. Search continues.

50 foot boat Jabor Island (Jaluit) strafed by seaplane 31 March west longitude.

Additional information on Jaluit and Truk strikes (my 0107222) follows:

Jaluit 12 Mitchells dropped 6 tons general purpose and 5 tons incendiary clusters from 2103Z 30 March, 0409Z 31 March. Fires started Tiniet, Reid, and first 3 islands north of Tiniet. Planes rearmed Majuro hit Taros with 11 tons from 0016Z 0300Z the 31st. Fires started; Meager AA inaccurate.

CM-IN-1706 (3 Apr 44)

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From: CG, US Army Forces, Central Pacific Area
       Ft. Shafter, T. I.

Number BJ 12367, 3 April 1944

Trk:

Large fires started Dablon town by 6 tons general purpose and 13.5 tons incendiary dropped 2105Z 2200Z 31 March from 14 Liberators. Flak from light AA intense, from heavy AA slight; both inaccurate. Many searchlights. 2 fighters airborne did not press attack.

Taroa took 15 tons from Mitchells from 2200Z 31st March, 0215Z 1 April. Large gasoline explosion observed. Meager flak from heavy AA accurate, moderate flak from light AA inaccurate. Planes rearmed Majuro to hit Emidj with 15 tons from 0101Z 0545Z the 1st; large fires started. Meager flak from medium AA inaccurate.

10 Marine Dauntless dropped 4.5 tons on Wotje at 2300Z 31 March; AA meager.

17 Marine Corsairs followed with strafing attack on heavy AA position and radar on northeast tip of island; intense flak from light AA damaged 1 Corsair.

At 0025Z 1 April 10 Marine Dauntless dropped 4.5 tons on Wotje again causing explosion magazine area and possibly destroying the radar installation. AA was meager.

Now for strikes 1 April all times Z.

11 Mitchells, 14 Marine Corsairs hit Ponape with 8 tons at 0115; results not observed. Weak AA caused minor damage 1 Corsair.

At 1025 fires started Ponape town area by 1.5 tons incendiary from 1 Liberator. No AA received.

Bikini reconnaitered; 5 Nips killed.

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CG AAF, G-2 Adm. King Col. Park Gen Vandegrift

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(CINCPAC SENDS. ACTION TO ALTAMAHA (CVE 18) CTF 57. INFO COMINCH COMAIRPAC COMDESPAC CONSERVPAC COMHANSEAFRON COMSUBSPAC COMCORTDIV 10 WILEMAN H C THOMAS CABANA ELDEN CONCENPAC FOR COM GILBERTS SUBAREA COMERSON 10.)

THIS IS MY OPERATION ORDER 2-44.

TASK ORGANIZATION.

A. TASK GROUP 11.1 CAPT OLNEY IN ALTAMAHA (CVE 18) COMCORTDIV 10 IN WILEMAN (DE 22) H C THOMAS (DE 21) CABANA (DE 260) ELDEN (DE 264). INFORMATION FURNISHED SEPARATELY AND IN CURRENT DISPATCHES.

MISSION. THIS FORCE WILL DESTROY ENEMY SUBMARINES IN THE EASTERN MARSHALLS IN ORDER TO DISCOURAGE THE MAINTENANCE OF JAPANESE SUBMARINE Patrols IN THAT AREA. PROTECTION OF SHIPPING IN AREA IS INCIDENTAL TO AND MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO INTERFERE WITH PARThat MISSION.
TASKS.

A. CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE ANTISUBMARINE PATROL IN EASTERN MARSHALLS AREA. DEPART PEARL AT 0230Z 31 MARCH. CTG FURNISH OWN SORTIE PLAN. PROCEED AT SPEED OF ADVANCE 15 KNOTS VIA ROUTE MARKET TO POINT TULIP THENCE TO OPERATING AREAS. TASK GROUP PASSES TO OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF CTF 57 AT 0000Z OCT 3 APRIL.

LOGISTICS. FUEL TO CAPACITY PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. LOGISTIC SUPPORT AT MAJURO FROM COMBATRON 10.

COMMUNICATIONS USF 70A AND CENTCOM 1. USE ZONE ZERO TIME IN DISPATCHES. NAVAL FORCES IN MARSHALLS ARE USING ZONE YOKE (PLUS 12) AND WEST LONGITUDE DATE FOR LOCAL TIME. CTF 57 IN CURTISS AT KWAJALEIN. CINCPacific AND CTF 11 AT PEARL. CTF 57 ISSUE SUCH SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONS OR MODIFICATIONS THIS ORDER AS HE DESIRES.
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**NAVY DEPARTMENT**

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29 MARCH 1944

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AT EBON ON 24TH JAPS USED WHITE FLAG RUSE THEN FIRED, KILLING 2 MARINES AND WOUNDED 8. 16 JAPS INCLUDING 1 ROMAN WERE THEN KILLED. 1 MAN AND 2 INFANT CHILDREN WERE TAKEN PRISONERS. 3 JAPS STILL REMAIN TO BE DISPOSED OF TODAY 25TH. AFTER THIS IS DONE THIS FORCE PROCEEDS TO NAMORIK. NAMU HAS RECONNOITERED 24TH, FLAG RAISED, AND PROCLAMATION POSTED. PRISONERS TAKEN INCLUDE 2 ADULTS, 4 CHILDREN. THESE TOGETHER WITH 3 FROM AILINGLAPALAP WILL BE SENT TO PEARL UNDER GUARD. NAMU FORCE ETA KWAJALEIN PII 25TH.

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From: Rear Echelon GHQ SWPA
To: WAR
No: XC-2058
14 March, 1944

From MacArthur to CINCPAC for action and to CINCPAC, CONINCH and Chief of Staff War Dept all for information XC 2058.

Joint Chiefs of Staff's radiogram 5191 dated 13th March directs immediate release to the control of CINCPAC of the following units from FOREARM-MERCANTILE Operation:

3rd Marine Division, 4th Marine Regiment, and 9th and 14th Marine Defense Battalions.

No Sig

5191 is CM-OUT-5289 (13 Mar 44) OPD
ACTION: OPD
INFO: C of S CC/S General Arnold Admiral King

CM-IN-9582 (14 Mar 44) 0914Z med

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From:  
Pt Shafter

To:  
War W 1291
SOS SWPA M 767
New Caledonia M 767

14 March 1944

Burgin sends to CG SOPAC CINC SWPA And Chief of Staff War from HDGCS through CINCPAC.

During the 11th March west longitude search planes reported no shipping at Pomape or Kusale. Another searcher dropped 1 ton on Pinglap destroying a tower.

Search plane report of air strip on Ta Island Satswan Atoll (see my OS08Z the 13th) was in error. Later information revealed that strip was that one previously identified on Satswan Island.

Wake was hit by 22 B24s and 4 photo planes on 12th March at 0205Z with 51 tons from 12,000 feet. 80% of bombs landed target area causing large fire. AA was moderate but inaccurate.

Taroa got 5.5 tons from 10 B25s on the 12th March at 0153Z. All bombs on target. Heavy AA was intense but inaccurate.

Same day at 0350Z Nauru got 11 tons all on target from 5 B24s. Heavy AA moderate and accurate.

Also same day 7 Venturas dropped 6 tons on Wotje at 2230Z. AA was encountered. All bombs on target.

CM-IN-9704 (14 Mar 44)

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From: Ft. Shafter
To: War
     SOS SWPA
     New Caledonia

14 March 1944

On 11 March (west) recon unit landed on Lib Island and encountered no Japs. Before returning, US flag raised and proclamation posted. On UJae Marines encountered 6 armed Japs of which 5 committed suicide. 6th was wounded and captured.

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ACTION: OPD
INFO: G-2
     CGAAT
     Adm King
     Col Mathews
     Log

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**ATCOW KWAJ SENDS TO GTF 57 FOR ACTION. INFO TO CINC-PAC *SLASH* CINCENPAC AND CINC 5TH PHIB CORPS.**

**RECON UNIT VISITED LID ISLAND 11TH MARCH AND RETURNED. NO JAPS PRESENT. PROCLAMATION POSTED AND FLAG RAISED. AT UJACC ISLAND MARINES CORNERED 6 ARMED JAP SOLDIERS 5 COMMITTED SUICIDE 1 WOUNDED CAPTURED.**

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Book message for MacArthur for action and Richardson pass to Minitz for action and Minitz repeat to Halsey.

It is the desire of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that the following Marine units in the South Pacific area assigned for the FORARM-MERCANTILE operations be released to the control of CINCPAC immediately, namely 3rd Marine Division, 4th Marine Regiment, and 9th and 14th Marine Defense Battalions.

ORIGINATOR: OPD

INFORMATION: C of S
Gen Arnold
Adm King
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60 mi NW of Kwajalein

MARSHALL ATOLLS CLEAN UP DETACHMENT 22ND MARINES

OCCUPIED WOTHO ATOLL. MAJOR LAWTON IN COMMAND OF MARINES LT. COWDR. *EKUJIN COMMAND AMPHIBIOUS FORCES

JAP CREW OF 12 OF RECENTLY CRASHED BETTY COMMITTED SUICIDE WHEN MARINES CLOSED IN ON WOTHO ISLAND. FLAG RAISING CEREMONY HELD AND PROCLAMATION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF MILITARY ENTREMENT UNDER ADMIRAL NIMITZ POSTED.

AFTER SUITABLE PRESENTS OF FOOD NATIVES WELCOMED GOVERNMENT OF UNITED STATES.

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To: COMGENSOPAC
SOS Southwest Pacific
War

10 March 1944

Daily Cable for CG SOPAC CINC SOWESPAC and WDCSA from Burgin/HDGCS.

At 1950Z the 7th, 16 P40's dropped 6 tons on Mille and received intense AA. At 0500Z the 8th, 4 P51's strafed 5 wooden launches at Mille and drew moderate AA; 1 Helicat crashed on target killing pilot.

16 Mitchells dropped an equal number of tons on gun positions and runways Taroa between 2020Z the 7th and 0200Z the 8th, starting 2 fires; small nearby islands were shelled. Moderate AA damaged 3 planes. At 0600Z the 8th, 2 Venturas dropped 2 tons and received no AA.

Ten Liberators turned back from Ponape by weather dropped 16 tons on Emikj at 0030Z the 8th. Moderate AA damaged 1 plane. About same time, 1 Liberator dropped 1.5 tons on Kusai. At 2220Z the 7th, 10 Dauntless dropped 4.5 tons on Emikj and got weak AA.

Six Venturas got meager AA from Wotje at 0800Z the 8th when they dropped 6.5 tons on runways and barracks.

An estimated 8 Jap Betty bombsed installations at Engebi Island (Enivetok Atoll) at 0407Z and again at 0550Z the 8th of March. Large fire and many explosions resulted from an estimated 28/500 pound bombs dropped. Garrison force casualties were 1 enlisted man killed, 2 officers and 1 enlisted man seriously wounded and 3 enlisted men moderately

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wounded. Marine casualties were 5 enlisted men seriously wounded and 10 moderately wounded. Following property was destroyed: 4-2500 gallon distillation units, 600 drums of aviation gas and oil, and 98,000 rounds of 30 caliber plus 121,000 rounds of 50 caliber aircraft ammunition. All QM property belonging to Marine cadre was destroyed. Some of our aircraft were damaged but field unhurt. Japs did not cause any damage elsewhere.

Now come searches for 7th March west longitude date. 1 small boat sighted from island but no AAA or activity. 2 small boats observed Nauru and meager AA received when search plane dropped 1 ton; no other activity noted there. A Betty sighted at 9-55 north, 157-35 east at 0050Z the 8th; course 65 degrees. A Betty was shot down by another search plane at 5-22 north, 159-35 east at 0415Z the 8th; course 230 degrees. 1 search plane dropped 1/2 ton on weather station Rongelap and reported 2 new weather houses there. Another searcher dropped 1/2 ton on small coastal vessel at Kusaie and another 1/2 ton near weather station at Fingalpop.

no sig.

ACTION: OPD


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CTF 57

CINCPOA CONCENPAC

9 March 1944

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ROBERTS

DORSEY

WOODWARD

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NCR 3413

ACTION: CINCPOA CONCENPAC FROM CTF 57 INFO ALL TFC CENPAC CONCENPAC SOPA KWAJALEIN.

DOWNSIDE UNDER AIR ATTACK FOR HOUR AND A HALF COMMENCING 0418Z ETH BY SEVERAL GROUPS OF PLANES. NO DAMAGE.

NEITHER I HAVE NO PRIVILEGE. FRAGILE HAD LARGE FIRE AND MANY EXPLOSIONS.

MORE LATER.

NPM (RDO HONOLULU) PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 090651.

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(ACTION ISCOM ENIWTOK WHO PASSES ACTION ISCOM ENIWTOK AND ISCOM ENGEBI. INFO CINCPAC WHO IS TO PASS TO INTERESTED TYPE COMMANDERS. COMGENPAC SENDS.)

RECEIVED AS CINCPAC'S 021610 INFO COMINCH. CAPTURE AND OCCUPATION ENIWTOK ATOLL COMPLETED. AT 0040Z 2 MARCH COMDR ENIWTOK ATOLL ASSUME COMMAND OF ENIWTOK GARRISON FORCES.
(CINCPAC PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS THEIR 011916.)

(CTF 57 SENDS ACTION ALL TF CENPAC CINCPAC INFO COMAIRPAC CTG 57.2 AND CTG 57.3.)

MY 291939. MORE ON WAKE. ALTITUDE 2000 COMPLETE SURPRISE GUN COVERS ON. 6 PLANES WERE ZEKES VALS AND 1 BETTY ALL STRAFFED POSSIBLY DESTROYED. ALL BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS WELL REVETTED AND SAND COVERED. PLENTY OF AA ALL TYPES AND MANY TROOPS SEEN DURING GETAWAY.
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Information: COMSOPAC COMAIRPAC CTG 57.2 CTG 57.3
Number: 010235 March 1, 1944

My 291939. More on Wake. Altitude 200 complete surprise gun covers wp. 5 planes were Zeke Valis and 1 Betty all strafed possibly destroyed. All buildings and installations well revetted and sand covered. Plenty of AA all types and many troops seen during getaway.

291939 is CM-IN-753 (1 Mar 44) OPD

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: O-2
CG AAF
SGS
White House Log

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