MR 300, Sec. 12 — WARFARE — PACIFIC OCEAN AREA

November 16-30, 1944

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
EVENING OPERATIONAL REPORT 31ST.

A GOOD DAY WITH CAP ALL DAY.

FUELED DESTROYERS AND CRUISERS. PLAN FUEL NEW MEXICO AND COLORADO TOMORROW AND COMPLETE DESTROYERS.

REMOVED DEAD AND WOUNDED FROM MARYLAND. COLORADO REJOINED. CONCRUDIV 15 IN PHOENIX WITH BENJAMIN REPORTED FOR TEMPORARY DUTY. AULICK RELIEVED DUE BATTLE DAMAGE SOME DAYLIGHT BODIES HOME WITHIN 25 MILES.

COPY TO 21/6
Saipan and Tinian attacked 29 November by eight enemy bombers with no reported damage. One enemy bomber destroyed one probable, one possible. Neutralization raids continued against enemy held positions in Jima, Yap, Palaus, Rota, and Pagan.
SECRET

NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CTG 73.4
RELEASED: 1 DEC 1944

DATE: 1 DEC 1944
TOR CODEROOM: STEARNS
DECODED BY: STEARNS/KURTZ

TO: ALL TF AND TGCS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS

QR: CINCPOA COM 3RD FLT
COMAFF 5 COMAFF 13
COMMAF COM 7TH FLT
CINCSPMA CTG 31.12
ROBERT WENTLY 2 GARBLED

ACTION: HONO INTERCEPT

(CTG 73.4 SENDS ACTION ALL TF AND TGCS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS.
CINCPOA COM 3RD FLT COMAFF 5 COMAFF 13 BY HAND COMMAF COM
7TH FLT AN ADEE GIVE CINCSPMA)

INTERLUDE VENTURA SEARCHES 30TH.

D OUT 330 80%. 5 OUT 400 95%. BOTH NEGAT.

POLY'S C OUT 840 95% NEGAT.

SECTOR B OUT 870 85%. 1140 BRUNO EMPTIES. 1209 MT ID LEH ON

SIGHTED 1 FTC 3 FIGHTERS COVERING POS 09-09 S 118-15 E CUS
180. 06 SSW* 1320 TRRKKAN INHEK * NO AIRCRAFT* TAWAO.

A OUT 850 99% 0930 DARVEL EMPTY. AEPHELON* AND KIMANIS
EMPTY. 1115 HTFAFO* SC 06-07 N 116-10 E. 1215 BLEW UP

1 OF 3 SC'S馬D A BAY OFF KUDAH WITH 2 NEAR MISSSES FROM
QUARRY TROONERS AND DIRECT HIT FROM CURTAINYS. 3 SC'S IN
M RCHISSO* AT 13 HMNVCMHV* LUBUK SANDANOK HARBOR AND STRIP EAST.

1400 TAWI TAWI EMPTIES.

SECTOR 1 OUT I WHOESAND* 85%. 0830 POSSIBLE UNREV*
CAMOUFLAGED PWAYNO XETTLEFIERD* JOTO HARBOR EFEU* BAY EMPTIES

1020 SAN ANTONIO BAY EMPTIES. 1030 SIGHTED 1 DD 3 GUNBOAT SOUND
TYND* B 1 SB POS 08-22 N 117-00 E CUS 030 10 KNOTS SAME

FORCE SIGHTED 1300 08-35 N 117-30 E COURSE SPEED SAME.

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May 30-37
1200 NIL SIGHTINGS, TIIXA D
SECTOR 3 OUT 850 95% . 1235 2 FTC'S 2 SD'S 11-58 N 126-15 E

LIGHT MEDIUM ACK ACK FROM 12 POSITIONS NORTH SHORE CORON ISLAND.
CORON BACUIT MALAMPAYA TABAY DUMARAN ALL EMPTY 1130 TO 1220.
906 NEBAT. SECTOR Y OUT 850 AND
SECTOR X OUT 850 TO 900 1 FTC 2 SC'S SEVERAL BARGES OFF DAVAO,
1025 3 SC'S BARGES CEBU HARBOR. 1030 1 DE 2 SB 3 SC'S 10-30 N
1P4-02 E ANCHORED. 1230 DAMAGED FB 13-00 N 122-5GJA E CUS 015
15 KNOTS 2 NEAR MISSES WITH QUARTER TONNERS AND 5 CENTURIES ALONGSIDE

SHIP LEFT HEADING FOR BEACH.
SECTOR 2 OUT 850 85% NEGAT. PUERTA PRINCESSA EMPTY 1500. ULIGAN
WEATHER. ALL TIMES 1.

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**DIGEST SERIAL NO. 1044 NOVEMBER 29TH.**

**MORNING 28TH. (22) 12 BOSTONS BOMBED ZAGAN**

DROME IN BABO NEIGHBORHOOD ON 26TH. (23) NORSOLS AIR OFFENSIVE 27TH AND 28TH NOVEMBER LIMITED TO OFFENSIVE PATROL INVOLVING MITCHELLS AND CORSAIRS ON MODERATE SCALE. 17 BOSTONS HIT DUMP AREAS KAIRIRU ISLAND FOREMOON WHILE 6 LIBERATORS BOMBED ACKACK POSITIONS WEWAK.

2. **SINGLE LIBERATORS HARASSED SOUTH CELEBES**

EARLY HOURS DROPPING BOMBS KENDARI AND BORNBORO AIRDROMES. MIDMORNING 11 LIBERATORS FROM DARWIN
EACH DROPPED 8 QUARTER TONNERS KENDARI FIELD EFFECTIVELY CRATERING NUMBER 1 RUNWAY.

3. AT FIRST LIGHT 2 MITCHELLS SWEPT SOUTHWEST TIMOR ATTACKING AND PROBABLY SINKING SMALL COASTER SOUTHBOUND 30 MILES NORTH OF KOEPAK. PREVIOUS DAY 4 MITCHELLS BOMBED JAP CAMPS SOE VILLAGE INLAND FROM KOEPAK.

4. 4 POSSIBLE DESTROYERS SIGHTED HEADING NORTHEAST THROUGH BALABAL STRAIT MID-AFTERNOON.

5. SAME TIME CHINA BASED SEARCH PLANE REPORTED 1 LARGE CARRIED 1 LIGHT CRUISER 2 DESTROYERS WESTBOUND APPROXIMATELY 200 MILES NORTHWEST OF NORTHWESTERN LUZON.

6. PREVIOUS NIGHT NAVY MARINER ATTACKED AND LEFT SINKING SOLITARY SEA TRUCK OFF NORTHWESTERN MINDORO.

7. SAME PLANE SAW LONE DESTROYER HEADING INTO SUBIC BAY JUST NORTH OF MANILA BAY AT ABOUT MIDNIGHT.

8. EVENING 28TH SEARCH MARINER UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED SMALL SHIP IN COMPANY WITH 2 SEA TRUCKS OFF SOUTH COAST BOHOL ISLAND.

9. REFERENCE DIGEST 1043, PARA 6. CONVOY IN ORMOC BAY EFFECTIVELY ATTACKED AFTERNOON AND EVENING 28TH INVOLVING 3 MITCHELLS, 8 KITTYHAWKS, 16 THUNDERBOLTS LEAVING BOTH MERCHANT

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SHIPS ON FIRE AND DAMAGING 1 WARSHIP. NEXT MORNING 41
THUNDERBOLT SORTIES FINISHED OFF BOTH FREIGHTERS AND
1 DESTROYER, ESCORT BEING ALL THAT REMAINED IN ORMOC BAY;
FREIGHTERS BELIEVED NOT YET DISCHARGED. 8 MORE KITTYHAWKS
ATTACKED AND DESTROYED 4 UNLOADED SEA TRUCKS AFTERNOON 28TH
NEAR PALOM Pon. KING TOTAL OF 8 SIMILAR SHIPS SUNK THIS
VICINITY DURING DAY. JAPS MAINTAINING CONTINUOUS FIGHTER
COVER ORMOC AND 13 DEFINITELY SHOT DOWN PLUS 4 PROBABLES;
1 MITCHELL, 1 THUNDERBOLT LOST.

10. MORE SHIPS, POSSIBLY 8 OR 10 SMALL MERCHANT SHIPS
REPORTED UNLOADING ORMOC AND SOUTHEAST THEREOF EVENING 29TH.

11. ADVANCED ELEMENTS NOW 4,000 YARDS SOUTH OF LIMON ON
BOTH SIDES HIGHWAY. MEAN TIME Mopping UP CONTINUES EAST OF LIMON.
CONTACT WITH JAPS MAINTAINED ON WEST COAST VICINITY PALANAS
RIVER AND PRESSURE EXERTED: SEVERAL FIERCE COUNTER ATTACK
REFUSED BUT SLIGHT PENETRATION MADE BY ENEMY EARLY HOURS 29TH;
POSITIONS SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED. IN AREA WEST OF DARAMI, ASSAULT
LAUNCHED 27TH AGAINST STRONG ENEMY POSITION 5000 YARDS SOUTH-
WEST OF DARAMI: SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY THIS POSITION REDUCED
AND FORWARD ELEMENTS ADVANCED FURTHER 1200 YARDS.

12. NIL ENEMY AIR ATTACKS REPORTED OUR POSITIONS EASTERN
LEYTE NIGHT 28TH-29TH. DELAYED REPORT OF ENEMY AIR ATTACK ON LEYTE BASE AND TENDERS LEYTE GULF 24TH NOVEMBER INDICATE 4 JAP PLANES SHOT DOWN INCLUDING 3 ATTEMPTED SUICIDE DIVES; NEGLIGIBLE DAMAGE SUFFERED OUR SHIPS OR INSTALLATIONS.

13. 20 LIBERATORS WITH 15 THUNDERBOLTS ESCORTING BOMBED CAROLINA AIRDROME IN NORTHERN NEGROS MID-DAY 28TH WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS. SAME TIME 23 LIBERATORS ESCORTED BY 11 LIGHTNING ATTACKED DUMAGUETE STRIP IN SOUTHERN NEGROS EFFECTIVELY CRATERING STRIP.

14. 28 LIBERATORS BOMBED DALIAO AND MANILA IN DAVAO NEIGHBORHOOD NOON 28TH. 3 PARKED AIRCRAFT DESTROYED FORMER DUMP, 1 DESTROYED ON LATTER STRIP. PRELIMINARY REPORTS STATE 12 HEAVIES BOMBED DALIAO 29TH.

15. SEARCH PLANE BOMBED AND HIT 1 UNIDENTIFIED SHIP ANCHORED OFF MARX NIGHT 28TH.

16. EARLIER THAT DAY 2 SMALL MERCHANT SHIPS ONLY SEEN PRULEI BAY.

17. 5 MITCHELLS ON SHIPPING SWEEP NORTHEAST BORNEA NOON 18TH ATTACKED AND SANK 1 SEA TRUCK, 1 LOADED BARGE NORTH OF BALIKPAPAN.

18. 4 ENEMY PLANES DROPPED BOMBS IN WAYOR OFF PITROE
(CORRUPT GROUP) DAYBREAK 28: LIGHTNINGS SHOT 1 DOWN.

19. MITCHELLS DROPPED 500 PARAGRACS ON GALELA DROME
AFTERNOON 28TH DESTROYING 1 GROUNDED BOMBER.

20. MORNING THAT DAY 16 MITCHELLS BOMBED LAHA AND
KAIRAPOE DROMES, 3 LIGHTNINGS UNLOADED FIRE BOMBS KAIRAPOE
TOWN AND 6 LIGHTNINGS HIT NAMLEA AIRFIELDS. SOME DAY 2
MITCHELLS SWEPT CERAM SINKING 4 BARGES.

21. 8 MITCHELLS HIT PERSONNEL AREA WAIGEO ISLAND OFF
NORTHWEST VOGEL.
CTF 73 SENDS ACTION COMAFD AND 7TH FLEETS ALL TF AND TG COMMANDERS 3RD AND 7TH FLEETS COMAF 577 CINCSWPA CINCPOA 308 BOMBING COMAF 5 AND 13.

ON NOVEMBER 29/30 FROM TACLOBAN 2 NIGHT MARINERS JJICAD. A TO LUZON WEST COAST. B DID NOT FLY. C PARTIALLY COVERED.

ROUTE TO PALAWAN UNTIL DIVERTED TO PATROL VICINITY OBWIT.

ALL TIMES 1 POSITIONS NORTH AND EAST. A SAW 3 FIC'S AT 12-12 123-53 TIME 0225 ATTACKED 1 NO RESULTS. (8 GROUPS OMITTED) HARBOR AT 12-08 123-50 WHERE 1 DO WAS SEEN AT ANCHOR. SIGHTED 2 DO'S 2 DE'S 10 SMALL F (7 GROUPS OMITTED) 120-15 TIME 2305 ALL AT ANCHOR. SESOVUO'S SC'S ANCHORED IN SAN FERNANDO HARBOR 16-37 120-18 TIME 0015. ALSO 1 LUGGER AT 13 (APPROX 20 GROUPS OMITTED) TIME 2030 RESULT SERIOUS DAMAGE. SAW BARGE SAME LOCATION. SIGHTED 1 SC BEACHED AT 11-20 124-25 TIME 0230 ALSO 2 SAILBOATS SAME VICINITY.

SECRET
PATROLLED AREA NORTHWEST LEYTE AS DIRECTED IFMATED.

22. NIGHTMARE INTENTS NOVEMBER 30/DECEMBER 1 SEARCHES

A SIBUYAN SEA AREA TO MINDORO AND RETURN. B VISAYAN SEA AREA TO NORTH PAADLGS* AND RETURN. C MINDANAO SEA AREA TO NORTH BORNEO AND RETURN.

DELIVERED TO 20G
HONO -- INTERCEPT

(CTF 94 SENDS ACTION TO CTG 94.14, CTG 95.6 INFO CINCPAC, COM THIRD FLEET, ATCOM ULITHI, CTF 95.)

THIRD FLEET 290604. TAKE NECESSARY ACTION.
AUGUST FIRST INTELLIGENCE FAIS SHOWS BOAT CHANNEL MARINE RAILWAY PHOSPHATE PLANTS PROBABLY ABANDONED.
AVOID UNNECESSARY DESTRUCTION AND HARM TO NATIVES.
FIRST ADEE COORDINATE EFFORT
From: Commander in Chief, Advance Echelon, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines.

To: War Department

Hr: 054148

30 November 1944

From CINCPAC and MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Dept, site C 3/1444, Operations Report SWPA Region, period 1500Z/28 to 1500Z/29.

Philippines: * based planes reported 1 large carrier, 1 light cruiser, 2 destroyers on westerly course west Luzon midday November 29th.

Luzon: Photographs Manila airbases November 29th. showed 20 planes Nichols airfield, 21 bombers, 9 fighters, (partial cover) Nielson.

Palawan: 4 destroyers sighted heading northeast off Balabak Island afternoon November 29th.

Leyte: Further 2 destroyers and 6 transports reported unloading Ormoc Bay night November 29th; scouts report extensive enemy defensive installations, Kanang area, fresh troops with large packs encountered Burauen area.

Masbate: 12 barges sighted along northeast coast Ticao night November 28th.

Celebes: Refer yesterday report, Kendari area, for 12 bombers raid twin engine bomber.
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From: Commander in Chief, Advance Echelon, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines.

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Part 2. Air.

4 planes shot down by anti aircraft fire during suicide dives on Allied shipping east Leyte November 24th and 25th;

Ineffective raids against shipping east Mindanao Island November 29. 1 of 3 predawn raiders shot down by P-38's over Morotai November 28.

Operations November 28th:

1) 20 B-24's covered by 15 P-47's bombed Negros Island 10 to strike Dumaguette airfield;

12 B-24's bombed target, remainder weathered out and jettisoned bombload.

2) 28 B-24's hit dispersals and destroyed 4 grounded planes at Dalicay airfield, Davao.

3) 57 P-47's, 16 P-40's and 3 attacked convoy evening early November 29;

Sink 1 destroyer 4 seaplanes and 2 medium freighters and shot down 13 enemy fighters and probably 4 others 1 B-25 and 1 P-47 lost.

4) Patrol B-24's scored 0 direct hits on large 0 west 0 bombed.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/84
From: Commander in Chief, Advance Echelon, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines.

5 B-25's sank 1 seaplane and 1 a eastern .

5 P-38's at airdrome, Boe Island.

12 RAAF P-40's bombed Loloata and Galela airdromes.

B-25's hit & dispersed and destroyed grounded bomber; Single B-24 bombed same targets; 3 P-38's, 11 P-40's and 6 P-47's exploded supply dumps and damaged grounded bomber.

8 B-25's attacked personnel areas Waigeo Island.

2 B-25's sank 4 barges around Ceram; 3 P-38's and 16 B-25's attacked Laba and Kairaste airdromes.

12 RAAF P-40's swept eastern Ceram and bombed bivouacs Dutch New Guinea.

Operations November 29th:

1 B-24 group attacked Daliao and Mitina airdromes Davao.

Predawn Mariners attacked large vessel south Bohol Island and left seaplane, sinking Mindoro.

Predawn B24 from Darwin harassed Kendari and Boroboro airdromes; 11 Darwin B-24's caused large explosions Kendari during day.

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From: Commander in Chief Advance Bases, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines.

To: 30 November 1944

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Another bombed targets near Dili.

(13) 2 Dutch B-25's left troop & coastal vessel ablaze and abandoned north Keapank;
Single B-24 bombed Baukau town.

(14) RAAF Ventura silenced machine guns Ajoa Islands;
Beauforts bombed village Banda Islands.

(15) 6 B-24's bombed Wewak guns;
6 A-20's attacked dumps Kairuru Island.

Solomons Forces: Air. Operations November 27th:

(16) 10 B-25's bombed Kavieng;
14 Corsairs and 2 New Zealand Venturas swept o;
18 Corsairs patrolled Bougainville.

(17) B-25's started fires and demolished many buildings o;
B-25's harassed Rabaul;
16 New Zealand Corsairs destroyed motor transport and buildings.

Land.

5th Australian Division assumed operational command New Britain from United States Division 27 November.

Leyte: 32nd Division crossed Leyte river, by o.
Occupied ground both sides road 4000 yards south Limon.

1st Cavalry extended positions southwest Sinayawan met only stragglers.

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7th Division continued strengthen positions south of Palanas River.

11th Airborne Division Units reached Lubii and Lake Danao.

77th Division patrolled 24th Corps rear areas.

96th Division continued mopping up enemy pockets west of Dagami.

Ailied casualties 1650 killed, 5771 wounded, 143 missing.


Part 3.

(1) Dropped 228 500 lb bombs from 11000 feet

Carolina;

Dropped 144 500 lb bombs *.

(2) and (3). No details.

(4) B-24's dropped 8 1000 lb bombs.

B-25's dropped 20 500 lb bombs.

(5) Dropped 6 500 lb bombs.

(6) B-25's dropped 501 para frag from minimum altitude.

B-25 dropped 5 500 lb bombs.

Fighters dropped 31 500 lb, 22 250 lb bombs, 6 165 lb * rounds;

Intense light accurate, moderate medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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(7) Dropped 48 para frags.

(8) B-25's dropped 66 500 lb bombs; P-38's dropped 6 165 gallon fire bombs.

(9) Dropped 14 250 lb, 8 100 lb bombs.

(10) and (11). No details.

(12) Single B-24 dropped 6 100 lb bombs and 120 beer bottles. 12 B-24's dropped 96 500 lb bombs from 16700 feet to 10000 feet, met moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(13) B-25's dropped 8 500 lb bombs 8 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 5000 rounds 50 calibre a.

B-24 dropped 12 250 lb bombs.

(14) Dropped 4 300 lb 1/2 to 5 seconds delay bombs, 2 250 lb bombs, fired 600 rounds 50, 800 rounds 30 calibre.

(15) B-24's dropped 72 500 lb general purpose bombs. A-20's dropped 24 300 lb general purpose bombs, fired 6200 rounds 50 calibre.

End

* Being Serviced

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/S, CG AAF, ASF, G-2, Adm King, Col Park Statistics, Log

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From: Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area
Leyte Philippines

To: War Department

Nr: C 54148 30 November 1944

From CINCPAC and MacArthur to Chief of Staff War
Department C 54148. Operations Report BOWES PAC area period
1500Z/28 to 1500Z/29.

Philippines:

China based planes reported 1 large carrier, 1
light cruiser, 2 destroyers on westerly course west Luzon
midday November 29.

Luzon:

Photographs Manila airdromes November 29 showed
26 planes Nichols Airfield, 21 bombers, 9 fighters (partial
cover) Nichols.

Palawan:

4 destroyers sighted heading northeast off Balabak
Island afternoon November 29.

Leyte:

Further 2 destroyers and 6 transports reported
unloading Ormoc Bay night November 29; scouts report
extensive enemy defensive installations Bananga area,
fresh troops with large packs encountered Burauen area.

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**From:** Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area
Leyte Philippines

**Nr:** 0 54148
**Date:** 30 November 1944

**Message:**
12 barges sighted along northeast coast Ticao night November 28.

**Celebes:**
Refer yesterday's report, Kendari area, for 12 bombers read 1 twin engined bomber.

**Part 2.**
**Air.**

**Enemy Action:**
4 planes shot down by anti-aircraft fire during suicide dives on Allied shipping east Leyte November 24 and 25; ineffective raids against shipping east Sibaro Island November 29. 1 of 3 predawn raiders shot down by P-38's over Morotai November 28.

**Operations November 28:**

(1) 20 B-24's covered by 15 P-47's bombed Carolina runways and dispersals Negros Island; 23 B-24's with 11 P-38's escort to strike Dumaguette Airdrome: 12 B-24's bombed target, remainder weathered out and jettisoned bomb load.

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(2) 28 B-24's hit dispersals and destroyed 4
     grounded planes Matina and Delico Airdromes, Davao.

(3) 57 P-47's, 16 P-40's and 3 B-25's attacked
     convoy unloading near Ormoc towards evening and early
     November 29; sank 1 destroyer escort 4 seatrucks and 2 medium
     freighters and shot down 13 enemy fighters and probably
     4 others covering convoy; 1 B-25 and 1 P-47 lost.

(4) Patrol B-24's scored 2 direct hits on large
     vessel west Miri and bombed Labuan; 5 B-25's sank 1 seatruck
     and 1 barge northeastern Borneo.

(5) 6 P-38's bombed Nampil Airdrome, Boeros Island.

(6) 12 RAAF P-40's bombed Lolobata and Golela air-
     dromes; B-25's hit Golela dispersals and destroyed grounded
     bomber; single B-24 bombed same targets; 4 P-38's, 11 P-40's
     and 6 P-47's exploded supply dumps and damaged grounded
     bomber.

(7) 8 B-25's attacked personnel areas Waigeo
     Island.

(8) 2 B-25's sank 4 barges around Ceram; 3 P-38's
     and 16 B-25's attacked Laha and Kairatoo Airdromes.

(9) 12 RAAF P-40's swept eastern Ceram and bombed
     bivouacs Utarom, Dutch New Guinea.

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Operations November 29:

(10) 1 B-24 group attacked Daliao and Mitina
Airdromes Davao.

(11) Predawn Marines attacked large vessel south
Bohol Island and left seatruck sinking Mindoro.

(12) Predawn B-24 from Darwin harassed Kendari
and Boro Boro airfields; 11 Darwin B-24's caused large
explosions Kendari during day; another bombed targets near
Dili.

(13) 2 Dutch B-25's left troop filled coastal
vessel ablaze and abandoned north Koepang; single B-24
bombed Baukau town.

(14) RAAF Venture silenced machine guns Ajoel Islands;
Beauforts bombed village Banda Islands.

(15) 6 B-24's bombed Wewak guns; 6 A-20's attacked
dumps Kairiru Island.

Solomons Forces.

Air.

Operations November 27th:

(16) 10 B-25's bombed and rocketed Kavieng; 14
Corsairs and 2 New Zealand Venturas swept New Ireland;

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18 Corsairs patrolled Bougainville.

(17) B-25's started fires and demolished many
    buildings Matupi Island; 2 B-25's harassed Rabaul; 16 New
    Zealand Corsairs destroyed motor transport and buildings.

Land:

5th Australian Division assumed operational command
New Britain from 40th United States Division 27 November.

Leyte:

32nd Division crossed Leyte River, by end of
period occupied ground both sides road 4,000 yards south
Limon. 1st Cavalry extended positions southwest SinBayawan
met only stragglers. 7th Division continued strengthen
positions south Palanas River.

11th Airborne Division Units reached Lubi and
Lake Danac.

77th Division patrolled 24th Corps rear areas.

96th Division continued mopping up enemy pockets
west Dagami.

Cumulative Allied casualties 1,960 killed, 5,771
wounded, 143 missing.

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From: Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area
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Nr: C 54148 30 November 1944

6th Army Command Post closed Tanau and opened Tolosa midday November 28th.

End of Part 2.

Part 3.

(1) Dropped 228 500 lb bombs from 11,000 feet Carolina; dropped 144 500 lb bombs Dumaguette.

Paragraphs 2 and 3 no details.

(4) B-24's dropped 8 1,000 lb bombs; B-25's dropped 20 500 lb bombs.

(5) Dropped 6 500 lb bombs.

(6) B-25's dropped 501 parafrags from minimum altitude; B-24 dropped 5 500 lb bomb; fighters dropped 31 500 lb, 22 250 lb bombs, 6 165 lb fire bombs, fired unstate number rounds; intense light accurate, moderate medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(7) Dropped 48 parafrags.

(8) B-25's dropped 66 500 lb bombs; P-38's dropped 6 165 gallon fire bombs.

(9) Dropped 14 250 lb, 8 100 lb bombs.

Paragraphs 10 and 11 no details.
From: Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area  
Leyte Philippines  

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(12) Single B-24 dropped 6 100 lb bombs and 120 beer bottles; 12 B-24’s dropped 96 500 lb bombs from 16,700 feet to 18,000 feet met moderate heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(13) B-25’s dropped 8 500 lb bombs 8 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 5,000 rounds 50 calibre; B-24 dropped 12 250 lb bombs.

(14) Dropped 4 300 lb 4 to 5 seconds delay bombs, 2 250 lb bombs, fired 600 rounds 50, 800 rounds 30 calibre.

(15) B-24’s dropped 72 500 lb general purpose bombs; A-20’s dropped 24 300 lb general purpose bombs, fired 6,200 rounds 50 calibre.

End

Note: Corrected copy of CM-IN-29705 (30 Nov 44) OPD

ACTION: OPD
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**Decoded by**

Kurtz

**Typed by**

Kurtz/Stevens

**Address**

ALL TFC AND TGC
7TH AND 3RD FLTS
COM 7TH COM 3RD
CINCPOA COMAF 5
COMAF 13 COMAAF
CNCSSWA COMTG TC 31.12
ROBIN WENTLY
TEMP CALL SOWESPAC
(LK2D)

**Precedence**

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**Action**

292359

NCR 8226

**Originator Fill in Date and Time:**

DATE: NOVEMBER 30 1944

TIME: 0800

**Action**

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**Purpose**

ASY INTERCEPT

CTG 73.4 SENDS ALL TFC AND TGC
7TH AND 3RD FLTS
COM 7TH COM 3RD CINCPOA COMAF 5
COMAF 13 (BY HAND)
COM 7TH PASS CINCSSWA.

INTERLUDE BLACK CAT SEARCHES 29-30. OUT 600 90.
9030 BOMBED AND STRAFED 15 0 POSIT 05-20 N 119-20 E.
NEAR MISS WITH 62 50'S EXPENDED 1400 ROUND 50 CAL.
NO FIRES. OBSERVED OIL DRIFTING TOWARD BEACH. NO
RETURN FIRE FROM SHIP OR SHORE. SANDAKAN LABUK BAY
NOT COVERED. N OUT 600 90. JOLO TOTU BAENR PUL;
TAWI TAWI EMPTY. XAKBONGA* BASOLAN NOT COVERED.
P OUT 600 90. DARNE BAY COVERED 50%. EMPTY.
Q OUT 625 95%. TARAKAN EMPTY. R OUT 530 95%.
LEMBAH STRAYS MADADO. TOMPO L LOS * TOLI TOLI
EMPTY. ALL TIMES I.

*AS RECEIVED

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 Makin Island, Commodore, Room Watch Officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGs.)

By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
CINCPOA GIVES ACTION TO CINCWPAC INFO TO COM3RDFLT.
RDO HONO PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 292359.

1. SEE MY 17NOV59 WHICH IS AS YET UNANSWERED AND HALSEYS 292459 PASSED TO YOU SEPARATELY. ALTHOUGH MY PRESENT HEADQUARTERS ARE FAR REMOVED FROM THE AREA OF YOUR OPERATIONS THEY ARE STUDIED CLOSELY IN CONNECTION WITH NINE WITH WHICH THEY ARE SO CLOSELY INTERRELATD. I BELIEVE THAT YOU SHOULD AT THIS TIME HAVE MY ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION WHICH CONFRONTS US.

2. THE ENEMY NAVAL FORCES ARE NOT CAPABLE OF INTERFERING EFFECTIVELY WITH OUR FORCES IN THE LEYTE AREA. THE THIRD FLEET CONTROLS EFFECTIVELY THE PHILIPPINE SEA AND THE FORCES SOUTH OF THE EMPIRE ARE NOW ESTIMATED TO CONSIST ONLY OF THE HYUGA 1 CVE 2 CA 2 CL AND ABOUT 8 SERVICEABLE DESTROYERS.

ACTION: F-1
**OP SECRET DISPATCH**

**INFORMATION AS TO THE GROUND SITUATION IS BETTER THAN MINE.**

I ASSUME THE ENEMY ARMY TO BE INCAPABLE OF INTERFERING EFFECTIVELY WITH THE WINDORO OPERATION. IN THE AIR HOWEVER THE ENEMY IS STILL STRONG AND CAPABLE OF OPERATING EFFECTIVELY FROM LUZON THE VISAYAS AND FROM MINDANAO. SHIPS WHICH OPERATE IN THE NARROW WATERS OF THE PHILIPPINES WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS MAY EXPECT SEVERE ATTACKS FROM ENEMY AIRCRAFT WHICH IN THE CASE OF ESCORT CARRIERS AND ASSAULT SHIP AND EMBARKED TROOPS MAY BE DESTRUCTIVE.

3. THE INITIAL LANDINGS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND TO A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE THE SUBSEQUENT LAND OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY A LONG SUSTAINED USE OF CARRIER AIRCRAFT. DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL WHICH HAVE DELAYED THE FULL ACTIVATION OF SHORE BASED AIRCRAFT IN THE LEYTE AREA THE OPERATIONS OF THE CARRIER...
OP SECRET DISPATCH

TASK FORCES HAVE BEEN PROTRACTED TO AN UNPRECEDEDENT DEGREE WITH INADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY FOR REST, UPEKEEP, AND LOGISTIC REPLACEMENT. THEIR LONG SUSTAINED OPERATIONS IN THE SAME AREA HAVE FACILITATED ENEMY COUNTER MEASURES PARTICULARLY THE SUICIDE ATTACK. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND REQUIREMENTS FOR CARRIER PILOT REPLACEMENTS HAVE BECOME CRITICAL.

4. IF GIVEN AN ADEQUATE PREPARATORY PERIOD OF RECUPERATION, THE CARRIER TASK FORCE CAN TO A DEGREE NEUTRALIZE THE ENEMY AIR FORCE IN LUCON FOR A CONSIDERABLE TIME. WITHOUT SUCH PREPARATION, THEIR STRIKES MUST BE LIMITED AS INDICATED BY HALSEY'S 29F45 AND IT WILL BE UNLIKELY THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU THE SUBSEQUENT SUPPORT WHICH YOU WILL PROBABLY NEED. WITHOUT VERY STRONG PRELIMINARY OPERATIONS BY SHORE BASED AIRCRAFT AND THEIR EUPLOY-

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CINC PAC SENDS INFO CTF 94.

JAP AIR ATTACK AGAINST PALAU AREA IMMINENT USING
UNKNOWN NUMBER SHORE BASED PLANES FROM DAYAO AREA.
BELIEVE PRIMARY TARGET WILL BE CARRIER OR CARRIERS AT
KOS Sullivan BEST ESTIMATE TIME OF ATTACK ABOUT 1300 TODAY
30 NOVEMBER.

ACTION: F-20

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/64

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(CTF 77 SENDS TO CINCPAC INFO TO COMAAF COM 3RD FLT CTF 95 CINCPAC COMINCH)

EVIDENCE OF GROWING AIR STRENGTH OF ENEMY ON HINDANAO INDICATES NEED OF STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO NEUTRALIZE HINDANAO FIELDS IN ORDER PROTECT OUR LINE OF COMMUNICATION AND KEEP LEYTE TENABLE TO SURFACE SHIPPING.

ACTION: F-33
CTF 73 SENDS ACTION TO 7TH FLT COM 3RD FLT CTF 77 COMAAF COMAF 5 COMAF 13 CINCSPWA CINCPAOA ALL TF AND TG COMS 3RD FLT AND 7TH FLTS BOMBING.

4 LEYTE VENTURAS 29 NOVEMBER COVERED SECTORS 2 WESTERN S
N O. VISIBILITY 20 MILES WITH SQUALLS OVER VISAYAN SEA.
ALL POSITIONS N AND E ALL TIMES 1. 2 OUT 350 MILES 90%.
2 SB'S ANCHORED CAMOUFLAGED POSITION 13-04 121-31 AT 1350. 1 SC ANCHORED POSITION 13-31 122-03 AT 1400. 1 LUGGER ANCHORED POSITION 12-52 123-11 AT 1445. 2 SB'S
1 SC 1 FB IN MASBATE HARBOR POSITION 12-22 123-36 AT 1500.
1 SB BURNING DEAD IN WATER POSITION 10-43 124-20 AT 1540.
N OUT 375 MILES 85%. NO SIGHTINGS. 0 OUT 400 MILES 80%.
2 LUGGERS ANCHORED DUMAGUERM NEGROS AT 1115. WESTERNS
OUT 400 MILES 90% NO SIGHTINGS. NO COVERAGE CORON BACUIT,
BAYTAY BAYS MALAMPAYA SOUND DUMARAN ISLAND. PXCDR PLANE
GROUNDLESS.

AS RECEIVED.

E. O. 11602, Sec. 7(b) and Sec. 8
OSD letter, May 1, 1973

May 16-67

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By RT, NARA, Date 5/8/94
CINCPAC sends via CONSEVFLFT ACTION COMINCH INFO CHI COONSOPAC CHIPOA X MAGARTHUR.

ON 27TH HEAVIEST OF 4 JAP AIR RAIDS ON LEYTE SHIPPING WAS MADE BY SUICIDE CRASH DIVES AND BOMBERS. AND 49 HIT BY SUICIDE FIRE RESULTED, MINOR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE. SUICIDE CRASHED ON 90, IN SINKING CONDITION. PANDA IX 125 STRAFED, MINOR DAMAGE. ST LOUIS CL 49 HIT AMIDSHIPS AND ON AFTER TURRET BY 2 SUICIDES, CATASTROPHIC CRASH AT TOPSIDE AND BULKHEAD BADLY RUPTURED. HANGAR ELEVATOR SMASHED ARMOR BELT AND HULL DAMAGED. SUICIDE CRASHED ALONGSIDE COLORADO BB 45 2 5" GUNS DESTROYED. NO SERIOUS STRUCTURAL DAMAGE. 12 SHIPS SHOT DOWN BY SHIPS AND 1 BY CAP.

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No. 1 ADMIRAL. No. 2 FIRE. No. 3F-1 INTELL. No. 4 SPECIAL.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/74.
RDO HONOO INTERCEPT

CTF 94 GIVES ACTION CINCPAC AND ALL TFC'S 3RD FLT INFO ISCOMS MARIANAS CTF 95.

ATTACK SAIPAN AND TINIAN FOR 2 HOURS BY ABOUT 8 BETTYS BEGINNING 2901001 ALTITUDE 8,000 TO 18,000 USING MUCH VERY EFFECTIVE WINDOW AND EVASIVE TACTICS. FHA BOMBS OBSERVED NO DAMAGE. 1 DESTROYED 1 PROBABLE 1 POSSIBLE.

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ACTION CTF 94 FROM COM 3RD FLT. INFO CINCPAC CTG 94.14 ATCOM ULITHI CTG 30.9 CTG 30.5 PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH AND CONGEN AAF FOR INFO AS 301054.

AM INFORMED BY ATCOM ULITHI THAT BLOD AIRCRAFT MACHINE GUN FIRE ON UNKNOWN DATE STARTED WHAT APPEARED TO BE OIL FIRE ON FAIS. RECOMMEND RECONNAISSANCE AND ENSURED DENIAL TO ENEMY AS POSSIBLE MIDGET SUB BASE.

*AS RECEIVED.
HONOLULU INTERCEPT

17 NOV BLUE SUB SANK 1 LARGE TANKER 1 UNIDENTIFIED SHIP.
ALSO SECURED HITS ON MEDIUM AK AND AO VICINITY DANGEROUS
GROUND. SIGHTINGS 28 NOV ALL TIMES 1. 1000 2 DE 1. • • •
1 MEDIUM AO 1 LARGE AK COURSE 290 SPEED 10 AT 11-40 NORTH
124-22 EAST. MORNING FIRE REPORTED CL VICINITY LUBANG
ISLAND CONSIDER 1 OF TONE CLASS 1100 1 SMALL AK 1
LARGE LANDING CRAFT CEBU CITY. HSB LARGE 1 MEDIUM AO 2
SMALL AK KUDAT AT 1245. 1130 1 DE • • • 1 MEDIUM 3 SMALL
AK COURSE 390 SPEED 10 KIMANIS BAY NORTH # 2 SMALL AK
BRUNEI BAY 114 • 342 NORTH TIP CEBU 2 AP'S 3 LANDING
CRAFT COURSE 200 SPEED 10. 27 NOV. 1300 2 DD COURSE 345
SPEED 15 AT 11-25 NORTH 119-35 EAST. 1 NDAD00 ANCHORED
OD 12-00 NORTH 121-21 EAST. 1930 NW-25 NORTH 123-02 EAST 1 MEDIUM
2 SMALL AK'S. AFTER 26TH * * * AT 07-55 SOUTH 153-23 EAST COURSE
130 SPEED 9. ALL 26 NOV. AVENGERS BOMBARDED LEGASPI AIRDROME THUNDERBOAT
SWEEPS * LIBERATORS HIT DALIAO FIELD # # # LIBERATORS WITH FIGHTER
COVER BOMBARDED LA CARLOTA AND TALIBAY FIELDS NEGROS. NEUTRALIZING
ACTIVITY CONTINUED AGAINST MENADO ARCS, HAMAHARAS ANDON CERAM.
27 NOV 1 BLUE BB 1 CL SERIOUSLY DAMAGED BY SUICIDE NIPS. ALL PT'S
HAD NEGATIVE PATROLS NIGHT 25/26 AND 26/27. TANTET SLIGHTLY DAMAGED
BY 3 SUICIDE BOMBERS.

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MISSING GROUPS
# DARBLED GROUPS.

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E. O. 11652, Sec. 3(B) and 6(F) as of
OSD letter. May 1, 1972
By DBS Date: MAY 2 1 1973

COM 7TH FLT 290539 T431 2 2
HONO INTERCEPT

CTG 73.4 sends action all TF and TF COMS 3RD and 7TH FLTs.
CINCPAO, COM 3RD, COMAF 5, COMAF 13, COMAAF, COM 7TH AN
AIDE give CINCSWA.

INTERLUDE BLACKCAT SEARCHES 28-29.

O Out 735 100% 2350 STRAFED SANDAKAN STRIP UNOBSERVED
RESULTS. 2 MILES BEARING 240 FROM STRIP SIGHTED LARGE CAMP
WITH POW. WHITE ROCKS PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED. PAITAN SANDAKAN
LABUK BAYS EMPTY.

N Out 650 95%. ZAMBOANGA JOLO TUTU T-FUL TAWI TAWI BONGAO
EMPTY, STRAFED STRIP AT JOLO. NIL ACK ACK.

O Out 660 75%. AT 0030 STARTED RUN ON POSSIBLE SC AT
GICNKTN*. INTENSE MEDIUM AND LIGHT ACCURATE ACK ACK FROM
SHORE POSITIONS HOLED K TANK. RETURNED DRY TANKS NO CASUAL-
TIES.

R Out 600 85%. TOLI TOLI LAMPHI STRAITS SANADF AMORERE
BAYS EMPTY.

P RETURNED ENGINE TROUBLE, DARVEL BAY ARMSKNOT COVERED.

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**RADIO HONG INTERCEPT**

CINCPAC SENDS ACTION ALL TFC 7TH FLEET ALL TFC 3RD FLEET INFO COM 7TH FLEET COM 3RD FLEET. ULTRA.

AT 290205 JAP PLANE SIGHTED SOMETHING NEAR 18°30' N 127°50' E.

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Naval Message

From: COMDESRON 22
Released: 29 Nov 1944

To: COM 7TH FLT

Decoded by: ELY

Types by: ELY/Walt

decoded message:

COMDESRON 22 sends action COM 7TH FLT info CTG 77,2 CTF 77 CINCPAC COMDESPAC COMINCH. RDOS PLEAS PASS.

Amplifying my 271758 not to all. Arrived entrance ORWOC BAY and commenced firing at shore installations about midnight. Continued this operation about one hour firing about 1250 rounds 5 inch. No visible results.

Departed ORWOC BAY to westward north of Ponson Island and swept. at 0115 received dispatch from COM AIR 7TH giving location of enemy submarine on surface north of pacific course northeasterly. Division reversed course to east speed 30 knots to intercept submarine assumed to be enroute ORWOC. Submarine picked up by radar just as he cleared northern tip Ponson Island bearing south east distance 18,920 yards. Division fired several salvos. Full radar control then illuminated and closed submarine plainly visible on Surface Maneuvering. Radically and apparently damaged. At about 4000 yards range decided to ram with Walle. Slowed and got other ships clear. At about 250 yards decided submarine was

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BADLY DAMAGED HE COULDN'T GET AWAY. CHANGED COURSE TO LEFT PASSING HIM ABOUT 50 FEET AND GAVE HIM HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF ARMOR PIERCING 46 MM. SUBMARINE WOULD NOT SINK FAST ENOUGH AS RESULT OF 46 MM FIRING SO OPENED RANGE TO ABOUT 200 YARDS AND HAD ALL SHIPS FIRE 5 INCH WHICH VERY QUICKLY SANK HIM. ILLUMINATION WAS GOOD AND ACTUAL SINKING WAS READILY OBSERVED WHEN STERN WENT DOWN FIRST RAISING BOW WELL OUT OF THE WATER. CLOSED POINT OF SINKING AND COUNTED AT LEAST 8 SURVIVORS ABOUT 10 FEET OFF THE STARBOARD BEAM. ALL APPEARED SERIOUSLY WOUNDED EXCEPT ONE WHO SWAM AWAY VIGOROUSLY. IN ORDER TO KEEP MY SCHEDULE AND BE CLEAR OF CAMOTES SEA 6335 COULD SPEND NO MORE TIME AND DEPARTED AREA. MANY PICTURES TAKEN BY OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHERS 7TH FLEET. SUBMARINE FIRED ON US WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE A 3 INCH GUN ALSO A MACHINE GUN FROM ABOUT 400 YARDS IN TO 50 FEET. NO MATERIAL DAMAGE. NO CASUALTIES. ARMAMENT AND PERSONNEL PERFORMED TO MY COMPLETE SATISFACTION.

SUBMARINE BELIEVED TO BE ABOUT 100 FEET LONG TYPE RO 100 CLASS. SHIPS PARTICIPATING MALLER RENSHAW SAUFLEY PRINGLE.

1 COPY TO OPGC.

COMDESRON 22 281545 NCR 7479 2 OF 2 PAGES
NAVAL MESSAGE

CTF 77 HAS ACTION FROM CTG 77-2. RDO WASHINGTON PASS INFO TO COWINCH RDO HONO GIVE INFO TO CINCPAC AND COM 3RD FLT. CINCSWPA CTG 78 AND COM 7TH FLEET ALSO HAVE INFO.

EVENING OPERATIONAL REPORT 28 NOVEMBER.
FREQUENT BODIES THROUGHOUT DAY AND DURING DUSK BUT NONE CLOSED TO ATTACK. ABOUT 1300 PLANE WHICH LOOKED LIKE B-25 CIRCLED FORMATION SEVERAL TIMES AT ALTITUDE 3000 FEET DISTANCE 6 OR 7 MILES DROPPING UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS AT 3 TO 400 YARD INTERVALS AND ACTED IN MOST SUSPICIOUS MANNER. PLANE WAS SHOWING IFF CODE 1 BUT ANSWERED INCORRECTLY TO REPEATED FLASHING LIGHT CHALLENGES. AT 1325 WHEN TAKEN UNDER FIRE TURNED AWAY AND SHOWED EMERGENCY IFF. TAYLOR ON PICKET DUTY AT ENTRANCE TO GULF NEAR MOWHON ISLAND WAS ATTACKED BY 1 DIVE BOMBER NOON 27TH. BOMB LANDED 25 YARDS OFF BOW. NO DAMAGES. PLANE SHOT DOWN AND MAPS AND OTHER PAPERS RECOVERED AND DELIVERED TO CTG 77.

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(CTF 74 SENDS ACTION COM 3RD FLT COM 7TH FLT ALL TGC'S 3RD AND 7TH FLT
CTF 77 COMAF 5 AND 13 CINC SWPA CINCPOA 308 BOWMING COMAAF)

28 NOV 5 LEYTE VENTURAS IN SECTORS WESTERN S Q P O N.
ALL TIMES I ALL POSITIONS NORTH AND EAST RESPECTIVELY.

VISIBILITY 20 MILES EXCEPT SQUALLS OVER LEYTE MINDANAO
VISAYAN SEA. O OUT 400 MILES. COVERAGE 60%. 1 DO

2 DE 1 FTC 1 SFKSWNACHPA* POSITION 11-40 1 YNCGLPRU*
15 COURSE 190 SPEED 10 AT 1100. ACK ACK MEAGER HEAVY

INACCURATE. P OUT OXWBKCEIH* MILES. COVERAGE 95.
2 FTA 1 SMOKING 3 SMALL ESCORTS POSITION 11-00 124-18

COURSE 200 SPEED 10 AT 1540. 4 BARGES BURNING BEACHED
POSITION 11-09 124-24 AT 1545. Q OUT 140 MILES. COVER.

AGE 90%. NO SIGHTINGS. WESTERN S OUT 190 MILES. COVER.
AGE 95%. NO SIGHTINGS. N OUT 350 MILES. COVERAGE 50%

NO SIGHTINGS. COVERAGE CORON BAGUI TAYTAY BAYS MALAM-
PAYA SOUND DUNARAN ISLAND PREVENTED BY LATE OA EOFF*

ACCOUNT WEATHER

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COM 3RD FLEET SENDS ACTION CTF 38. INFO COMINCH CINCPAC AND 3RD FLEET.

FOLLOWING TEMPORARY TASK ORGANIZATION EFFECTIVE 1 DECEMBER AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

TASK GROUP 38.1 RADM MONTGOMERY IN YORKTOWN WASP COUNPENS LANPEY BATDIV 8 LESS INDIANA SAN FRANCISCO BALTIMORE SAN DIEGO OAKLAND DESRON 53 HOBBY WELLES BUCHANAN FRANKS THATCHER DYSOON SPENCE.

TASK GROUP 38.2 RADM BOGAN IN LEXINGTON HANCOCK TICONDEROGA INDEPENDENCE BATDIV 7 VINCENNES MIAMI PASADENA DESRON 52 CAPPs DAVID WILLIAM TAYLOR EVANS JOHN D HENLEY BOYD BROWN CENEL.

TASK GROUP 38.3 RADM SHERMAN IN ESSEX HORNET SAN JACINTO MONTEREY.

BATDIV 6 SANTA FE BILOXI ASTORIA DESRON 50 DESRON 55 LESS IRWIN AND MORRISON.

FOLLOWING SHIPS GRANTED AVAILABILITY AS NECESSARY UNTIL 10 SECRE

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DECEMBER: CABOT NEW ORLEANS DESRON 61 MCCORD TRATHER HAZELWOOD HAGGARD
NOW AT ULITHI, MOBILE AND HALEY RETURNING ULITHI ABOUT 3 DECEMBER.
BOSTON AT MANUS AS PREVIOUSLY DIRECTED.

CTF 38 SHIFTS UNITS PRESENT ULITHI TO CONFORM THIS ORGANIZATION
PRIOR DEPARTURE AND COMPLETE REORGANIZATION UPON RENDEZVOUS WITH TASK
GROUP 38.3 ON 2 DECEMBER. TASK GROUP 38.4 TEMPORARILY DISSOLVED.

COMINCH PASSED TO NCR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION.
TOR NCR 2245/28

23....BUSHIPS....19....19C....INFO
COMINCH....20M....BUORD....BUPERS....0P05....CNO....200P....

NAVAIDE....31....0P03....

COM 3RD FLEET 281100 6686
(COMM/TH/FLT) CINC SWPA

RELEASED BY 29 NOV 1944
DATE 1008
TOR CODE ROOM GREENE
DECODED BY LYON
TYPED BY SAMUEL

COMINCH
CNO
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COMSOPAC

28023 NCR 6669

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(COMM/TH/FLT SENDS CINCSWPA ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC.)

NIGHT 27/28 DESRON 22 MADE SORTIE FROM SURIGAO STRAIT SWEEP CAMOTES SEA AND RETURNED. COOPERATING BLACKCAT SIGHTED SUB DD'S SANK IT AND SHELLED ORMOC BAY AREA. LEYTE HAD 4 ALERTS ON 26TH NIL DAMAGE TO SHIPPING 3 SUICIDE DIVE BOMBERS MISSED OYSTER BAY, PORTLAND DUE LEYTE TOMORROW. MACARTHUR.

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CINCPAC
TFG'S 3RD FLEET

ISCOM MARIANAS
TFG 95

MY 273851. STRAFING RUNS DURING 20 MINUTE PERIOD 1 OVER NORTH FIELD TINIAN NO DAMAGE. CAME IN FROM SOUTH EAST RETIRED NORTH ALL VERY LOW. 3 RUNS OVER ISELY. SAPAN NOW CLAIMS 11 ZERO'S DESTROYED BY AA. 5 FELL ON LAND PROBABLY SOME DUPLICATIONS. VF CLAIM 5. TOTAL 16. OUR LOSSES 3 B 29'S 1 P 47 DESTROYED 3 B 29'S 1 C 47 1 B 24 DAMAGED. 3 MEN KILLED.

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FROM COMDESRON 22 SENDS, PASS TO INTERESTED PARTIES. CINCPAC HAS PASSED TO CONINCH AND CON 3RD FLT FOR INFO AS 271945.
CAMOTES SEA SWEEP CLEAN. SHELLED ORMOC AND SANK 1 SUBMARINE. HEADED HOME ON SCHEDULE.

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PRELIMINARY REPORT AIR RAID MY 27/0822. WITH THE SK SCREEN SHOWING NOTHING BUT FRIENDLIES USING CODE 6 A BOMB DROPPED INSIDE FORMATION AT 1125 FOLLOWED FEW MOMENTS LATER BY JAP PLANE 1 WING FOLDED BACK SPINNING IN. THIS WAS ARMING. 3 GROUPS PLANES ON SCREEN SHOWING CODE 6 BOMB FED. SUICIDES 1 LANDED ST LOUIS AFTER TURRET ANOTHER AMIDSHIPS 1 ALONGSIDE COLORADO 1 NEAR COLORADO 2 CLOSE AND 1 ON MONTPELIER ANOTHER DOVE TOWARD SAINT LOUIS BUT EXPLODED IN AIR. 1 TORPEDO PLANE CLOSED AND DROPPED TORPEDO FOR MARYLAND BEFORE BEING SHOT DOWN BY MARYLAND WHO DODGED. DAMAGE SAINT LOUIS BOTH PLANES
DESTROYED BOTH CATAPULTS BELIEVED REQUIRED REPLACEMENT. LARGE HOLE TOPSIDE FRAME 126 BULKHEAD BADLY RUPTURED. HANGER ELEVATOR SMASHED. PORT ARMOR BELT FRAME 61 TO 66 AND ONE HALF MISSING AND 80 POUND PLATE FORWARD THEREOF UNDETERMINED DISTANCE. SIDE PLATING AT FRAME 61 SHIFTED OUTBOARD OPENING ARMORY TO SEA. 1 HOLE 2 FEET DIAMETER AT FRAME 60 PLUS SMALLER SHRAPNEL HOLES. 2-6 INCH GUNS AND 1-5 INCH GUN GOUGED WILL NOT PASS BORE GUAGE. FIRES AFTER PART SHIP PUT OUT IN ABOUT 15 MINUTES DAMAGE NOT DETERMINED. AFTER 6 INCH MAGAZINE SPRINKLED AS SAFETY MEASURE NOW DRY. DECAUSING SYSTEM GROUNDED IN WATER SECTION. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES KILLED 1 OFFICER 13 MEN, INJURED 31. COLORADO 2 GUNS 5 INCH 51 DESTROYED 1 40 MM QUAD DAMAGED BUT CONSIDERED REPAIRABLE. 1 40 MM DIRECTOR.
DAMAGED. NO SERIOUS STRUCTURAL DAMAGE. PERSONNEL KILLED 19
INJURED 30. MONTPELIER NO SERIOUS STRUCTURAL DAMAGE 2 MEN
SERIOUSLY INJURED. APPROXIMATELY 12 NIPS SHOT DOWN BY SHIPS
AND 1 BY LATE ARRIVING CAP. CAP ABSENT WHEN ATTACK STARTED
FINALLY ARRIVED 45 MINUTES LATE. GROUP WAS ENGAGED IN FUEL-
ING BUT ALL WERE CLEAR OF TANKER WHEN ATTACK COMMENCED, STEAM-
ING AT 15 KNOTS IN V FORMATION CIRCLING THE TANKER. NIPS
WENT AFTER HEAVY SHIPS IN DETERMINED ATTACKS. PART OF FLYER
LANDED ON MONTPELIER INDICATING HUMAN RATHER THAN RADIO
CONTROL CRASH DIVES.

COMINCH COPIES 1 TO 8.
CTG 77-2 SENDS ACTION CTF 77 INFO TO CTG 76-2 WHO PASSES TO CINCPAC FOR INFO RADIO HOMO PASS TO COM 3RD FLEET AND COM 7TH FLEET AND CINOPAC FOR INFO RADIO PASS TO COMINCH FOR INFO.

EVENING OPERATIONAL REPORT 27TH.

UNDER HEAVY AIR ATTACK SUICIDES 1125 TO 1253 COVERED BY SEPARATE REPORT. FEW AFTERNOON AND EVENING BOGIES DID NOT CLOSE FORMATION.

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(CTG 73.4 SENDS TO ALL TFC AND TGC'S 3RD AND 7TH FLTS. CINCPOA COM 3RD FLT CON 7TH FLT COMAF 5 COMAAF. CINCSWPA GETS VIA CON 7TH FLT. COMAF 13 GETS LOCALY)

INTERLUDE SEARCHES 27TH. SECTOR C OUT 040 85%. 1200 POSIT 01-10 S 117-30 E

2 TONE CLASS CA COURSE 070 SPEED 15. 1300 AT ANCHOR BALIKPAPAN. 13 JK 1 AO 7 SMALL AK'S. 1315 ATTACKED BY

2 UNEKVEU* FIGHTERS OFF HANGGAR* NUL DAMAGE. SECTOR B OUT 700 95%. SAW TAWI* EMPTY. NEARBY AT 05-10 N 119-40 E SAW SURIP* WITH 4 PLANES. 1100 AT TAHAkan 2 SC'S. DAYVEL EMXTYCNW ECAOR* 12 PLANES. 1ST OUT

TO TIZARD BANK 95% NEGATIVE. MORUDU MACHESSA* NOT COVERED. 2ND PLANE OUT 1000 85%. 1100 ANCHORED AT

MIVBUME* FTA 1 FTS 2 AO'S. 5 SC'S. 1 BETTY IN LABUAN 1105 POSIT 04-50 N 114-33 E 1 DE 2 PG'S 1 FTB 1 FTC

COURSE 060 SPEED 10. 1140 BRUNEI 13 ATTACK CL 1 DD 2 FTA'S 3 PG'S 2 MEDIUM DKL BOUS* 6 SC'S.
1 FTC POSSIBLY BEACHED. 1200 AT 05-35 N 115-55 E STRAFED AND STOPPED 7 CAN TRIN P* ENGINE DEFINITELY DAMAGED. ** TON EMPTY. SECTOR 2 OUT 850 95%. 1130 PUERTA PRINCESSA DESTROYED 1 FLOAT PLANE NEAR BRACE 1 BETTY ON IVCHIA* STRIP DAMAGED 1 BETTY 1 DINAH AND 3 OF SEVERAL CAMOUFLAGED PLANES. 12 WRECKED PLANES ALONGSIDE STRIP. 1345 AT ZAMBOANGA 2 SC'S AT ANCHOR. SECTOR 3 OUT 850 95%. BACUIT CORON MALAMPAYA DUMARRAN EMPTY. SECTOR X OUT 850 90%/Y OUT 850 90%. 1310 IN CEBU HARBOR 2 FTB'S 30 SMALL CRAFT. 3 NELLS ON OPOP STRIP. VENTURA SEARCHES ALL NEGATIVE. A OUT 600 100%. D OUT 330 100%. 5 OUT 450 75%. ALL TIMES 1.

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CTG 73.7 SENDS TO CINCSWPAC COMAFA COMAFA 5 COMAFA 13 COM 7TH AND 3RD FLTS CINCSWPAC ALL TF AND TG COMMANDERS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS.

*YEYE AIRPLANE SEARCHES 27 NOVEMBER ALL RESULTS NEGATIVE.

SECTOR EASTERN S. 5 NIN* 0 MILES 100% COVERAGE VISIBILITY GOOD SIGHTED POSSIBLE PERISCOPE POSITION 20-38 N 123-30 E TIME 1300 I. SECTOR T. 550 MILES 100% COVERAGE VISIBILITY FAIR. SECTOR U. 300 MILES 100% COVERAGE VISIBILITY EXCELLENT. SECTOR V. 600 MILES 100% COVERAGE VISIBILITY FAIR. SECTOR W. 575 MILES 100% COVERAGE VISIBILITY GOOD. MEN OFF CABOT NOT SEEN.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/8/47

MAY 21 1973
CTF 94 SENDS ACTION CINCPAC ALL TASK FORCE COMDRS 3RD FLEET INFO ISCOM SAIPAN TINIAN GUAM. BOMCOM 21, CTF95, CTG 95.1 (RADIO HONOLULU PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 271806) PRELIMINARY REPORT.
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DELIVERED TO 20G.
**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**NAVY DEPARTMENT**

- **FROM**: CTF 94
- **RELEASED BY**: 
- **DATE**: 27 Nov 44
- **TOR CODEROOM**: 
- **DECODED BY**: McDougall
- **TYPED BY**: Johnson

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**RDO HONO INTERCEPT**

(CTF 94 SENDS ACTION CINCPAC ALL TFG'S 3RD FLT INFO ISCOM SAIPAN TINIAN GUAM, BOMCOM 21, CTF 95, CTG 95.1)  

**PRELIMINARY REPORT**. AT 271210/1 SURPRISE LOW LEVEL STRAFFING ATTACK ON FOLEY FIELD AND INSTALLATIONS BY ABOUT 8 FIGHTERS. 6 DESTROYED BY OUR FLIERS INCLUDING 2 AT PAGAN. ABOUT 7 BY AA. OUR DAMAGE 3 829'S DESTROYED 1 BY ZEKE SUICIDE CRASH UNKNOWN NUMBER DAMAGED. 1 P-47 SHOT DOWN BY OWN AA. 1 MAN KILLED.

2ND ATTACK SAIPAN  

DELIVERED TO 20G

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**SECRET**

Make original only. Deliver to Code Room Watch Officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAV 1942)
UNDER HEAVY AIR ATTACK ABOUT 1100 WHILE FUELING BUT ALL SHIPS CLEAR OF TANKER. SUICIDE DIVERS 15 TO 25 PLANES. COLORADO AND SAINT LOUIS CRASH DIVED. PRELIMINARY REPORT COLORADO LOST 2 5 INCH 54 GA 1 41 QUAD, 1 5 INCH DIRECTOR. 19 DEAD 26 WOUNDED SAINT LOUIS CRASH DIVED BY 2 PLANES BOTH CATAPULTS AND PLANES OUT MANGER INOPERATIVE, DAMAGE TO NUMBER 5 6 INCH TURRET, SOME STRUCTURAL DAMAGE AFT AND MAGAZINES PARTIALLY FLOODED BY SPRINKLING. CASUALTIES 11 KILLED 25 WOUNDED. PLANES WERE LILLY'S JAKES TOJOS VALS. NO OTHER KNOWN SERIOUS DAMAGE. 11 TO 13 PLANES CRASHED OR SHOT DOWN. PRELIMINARY REPORTS ARE THAT THE GROUP WAS SHOWING CODE 6 IIF. FULL REPORT LATER.

COMMINC: COPIES 1 TO 8 INCLUSIVE.
FROM COM 3RD FLEET. ACTION ATCOM ULITHI CTF 38. CTG 38.9 ACTION PASS ACTION ALL SHIPS PRESENT ULITHI. INFO CTF 94.

RADIO HONO HAS PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 271825.

VIOLENT NIP REACTION CAN BE EXPECTED AS RESULT OF B-29 STRIKE ON TOKYO AND RECENT ENEMY SHIP LOSSES IN PHILIPPINES.

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HOMO INTERCEPT

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**SDT LETTER, MAY 1973**

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**SDT LETTER, MAY 1973**
CELEBES TOLOTOL MAKASSAR STRAITS TO 00-30 N 119-00 EAST EMPTY. PBAY C 2ND PLANE OUT 850 70 PERCENT NEGAT. BALIKPAPAN CLOSED IN. ALL TIMES 1. CORRECTION OUR PBAY SEARCHES 26 ATTACK ON VENTURA POSITION WAS 01 NORTH 127-25 EAST.

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HONOLULU INTERCEPT

(CINCPAC SENDS ACTION ALL TFC'S 7TH FLT ALL TFC'S 3RD FLT INFO COMMANDER 3RD FLT COM 7TH FLT.)

ULTRA.

JAPANESE CONTACTED SOMETHING AT 2708501 NEAR 9-17 108-38 E.

*SERVICE MESSAGE CHANGES COM 3RD FLT AND COM 7TH FLT TO ACTION ADEES.

6 COPIES TO F341.
1 COPY TO OP26G.
**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**FROM**  
CTF 73

**RELEASED BY**

**DATE**  
27 NOV 44

**TOR CODE ROOM**  
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**DECODER**  
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**ROUTED BY**  
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**ADDRESS**  
COM THIRD FLEET  
COM SEVENTH FLEET  
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ALL TF AND TG COMDS THIRD AND SEVENTH FLT  
CTF 77  
COMAF 5; COMAF 13  
COMAAF; CINCWPAC  
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CTF 73 SENDS ACTION COM THIRD FLEET COM SEVENTH FLEET CINCPOA ALL TF AND TG COMDS THIRD AND SEVENTH FLT CTF 77 COMAF 5 COMAF 13 COMAAF CINCWPAC 306 BOMBING

ONE LEYTE NIGHTMARE COVERED SPECIAL SECTOR C NOV 26/27. SAW ONE SD ANCHORED 59-20 N 123-18 E AT 20301. FOUND ONE SD IN PUERTA PRINCESA HARBOR.

DREW 20 MM FLAK FROM SOUTH WEST CORNER OF TOWN OF PUERTA PRINCESA. SAN ANTONIO BAY SALABAC STRAITS KUDAT HARBOR NIL SIGHTINGS. SAW LARGE SCHOCNER IN SOUTHERN MARUDO BAY. MARCHESA BAY NOT COVERED. NORTHERN COAST OF MINDANAO NIL SIGHTINGS. NOV 27/26 TWO NIGHTMARE INTOFTS* SPECIAL SECTORS A B AND C. *AS RECEIVED DELETED

COPY TO 2/C

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DELIVERED TO 20-G.
HONOLULU INTERCEPT

(CINCPAC SENDS ACTION ALL TFC'S 7TH FLT ALL TFC'S 3RD FLT.)

ULTRA.

POSSIBLE SIGHTINGS OF BLUE FORCES MADE 2707351 AT 06-37 N 128-16 E AND 2753101 AT 15-32 N 123-48 E.

6 COPIES TO F341.
1 COPY TO OP29.
CTF 94 throws action CINCPAC and ALL TFC'S 3RD FLT INFO locally to ISCOM SAIPAN, BOMCOM 21 CTF 95, ISCOM GUAM, ISCOM TINIAN alsoGET INFO.

AT 270015/1 2 OR MORE LEVEL BETTYS STRAFED AND BOMBED ISLEY FIELD. 1 B29 DESTROYED, 2 SERIOUSLY DAMAGED, 9 SLIGHT. 3 TRUCKS 2 QUONSETS BURNT. ATTACK A SURPRISE. ENEMY ESCAPED.
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OPERATIONAL REPORT; FORENOON 27TH.

FEW DARK BOOGIES NONE CLOSED TO ATTACK. FUELING WEST VIRGINIA, CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS.

COPY TO OP 200
From: Commander in Chief, Advance Echelon, Leyte, Philippines

To: War Department

Nr: C 54026 27 November 1944

To Chief of Staff War Dept from CMCSWPA asd
SOWESPAC area 1500Z.

Philippines: Luzon:

Third Fleet planes attacking November 24 reported
50 aircraft undetermined serviceability Legaspi, next day
two freighters * if *; Navy cruiser reported Santa Cruz
harbors night November 24, also another cruiser three tankers
* vessels in vicinity.

Borneo:

Vessels reported as four cruisers sighted off Miri
night November 25, next day two auxiliaries three freighters
at ports Marudu Bay.

Part II. Naval:

PT boats on night patrol off Morotai destroyed
barge.

Air. Enemy action:

Enemy planes strafed Tacloban strip night November
25 four enemy planes shot down; noon next day another four or

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five raiders shot down by fighters and anti aircraft fire Taclaban area.

Four or five planes attacking Morotai November 24 shot down by fighter patrols.

Air operations November 24:

(1) 14 P-47's bombed Masbate airdrome and stores.

(2) 47 B-24's with 27 P-47's covering bombed Alicante, one grounded bomber destroyed, seven damaged; fighters down eight of 25 interceptors.

(3) 16 B-25's with 11 P-38's hit Cebu town and airdrome, bombed Cusaguet strip.

(4) Eight B-24's, 8 P-40's bombed buildings bivouacs Ormoc area.

(5) 39 B-24's hit Matina runway, Davao, destroyed buildings and gun positions.

(6) Eight P-38's swept K-Daen area, destroyed barge.

(7) 34 B-25's hit Laha, 11 A-20's bombed Liang (Ambon). Operations November 25:

(8) P-40's attacked Masbate, hit buildings and

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stores.

(9). Navy fighters and bombers operating from Leyte sank two destroyers off Marinduque.

(10) Patrol plane over Palawan at night sank three barges Puerto Princessa.

(11) P-47's and P-40's destroyed four seatrucks three small E troop carrying vessels north coast Cebu.

(12) 18 B-24's attacked Matina airstrip, runway cratered.

(13) 16 P-40's in support of Leyte ground forces attacked buildings Valencia and Kenango; P-61's at night attacked Ormoc Bay Islands.

Solomons Forces. Operations November 25:

(14) 18 B-25's 30 Corsairs two Venturas attacked buildings Kavieng and Boropop.

(15) 8 B-25's, 40 Corsairs bombed Rabaul buildings and supply areas, destroyed 14 buildings.

(16) 20 Corsairs strafed Bougainville targets.

Land. Leyte:
X Corps area:

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WAR DEPARTMENT
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INCOMING CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

From: Commander in Chief, Advance Echelon, Leyte, Philippines

Mr: C 54026

27 November 1944

1st Cavalry Division: Elements occupy Mount Cabuncaan (7,500 yards northeast Kananga) pushed strong patrols to Mount Catahan. Continued development enemy positions hill 2348 (6,000 yards south southwest Capocan) and attacked west toward Sinayawan and east towards Mount Monoro against heavy resistance.

32nd Division with 34th Infantry attacked continued attack east and southeast Limon and attacked strong position northwest hill 1525 (3,200 yards southeast Limon) position practically eliminated by end of period.

XXIV Corps:

11th Airborne Division: Advanced command post opened vicinity San Pablo; commenced movement toward Lake Danao (4116) and Lubi (3227) scattered resistance reported vicinity Takan.

7th Division: Enemy again attacked south Palamas River after artillery preparations, attack repulsed with estimated 500 enemy occupying west and southwest slopes hill 918 (1 3/10 miles east Balogo).

96th Division: Continued attack enemy positions extending mile south Kabayan to 5,000 yards southwest Dagami, met stubborn resistance.

*** 28 500 lb bombs dropped.

(2) 374 100 lb bombs dropped from 11,000 to 9,000
From: Commander in Chief, Advance Echelon, Leyte, Philippines

27 November 1944

(3) 156 100 lb bombs dropped.

(4) 27 1000 lb bombs dropped by B-24's, 12 500 lb bombs by P-40's.

(5) 74 1000 lb, 317 100 lb bombs dropped.

(6) No details.

(7) A 20's dropped 120 100 lb. bombs, nil anti aircraft fire.

(8) No details.

(9) Carried 1,000 lb and 500 lb bombs.

(10) No details.

(11) No details.

(12) 30 1,000 lb bombs dropped by 10 B 24's, remainder dropped fragmentation bombs.

(13) No details.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/S; CGAAF; ASF; G-2; Adm King; Statistics, Col Park; Log

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26 NOVEMBER 1944

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**NIP BIRDMAN AT 27°25'51" REPORTED SOMETHING IN POSIT 14-32 N 124-53 E.**

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By DGS, May 1 1973

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
TOBY AOIC CONFEAF AND COM 7TH FLEET AND ADV CH.
TACLOBAN CONAF THIRTEEN CINCSWPA GH. HOLLANDIA
10 OG 318 BOMING, 91 RECEE WING, AIRINTEL NORSEST
AREA, DONCOM 13, FITCOM 13, 329 BOMING: 360 BOMING
BY HAND. 13 BC PASS 10 OG 19 OG PARAPHRASE AND
PASS NORCOM FROM COMAF 5A-26 N 1526D.

FOUR OR FIVE ENEMY AIRCRAFT OVER TACLOBAN AT NOON
CAUSED NO DAMAGE, P 38'S DESTROYING 2 OVER SAMAR
AND ACK ACK CLAIMING TWO MORE DEFINITELY DESTROYED.
NO OTHER ENEMY DAYLIGHT ATTACKS RECEIVED AND NO
REPORTS RECEIVED OUR 26 NOV MISSIONS. 3 ENEMY
ATTACKS DEVELOPED DURING 9 RED ALERTS IN LEYTE AREA
DURING NIGHT 25-26 NOV. TWO BETTY'S BOMING TACLOBAN
8 PERSONNEL BEING KILLED AND SEVERAL WOUNDED. 3
UNIDENTIFIED PLANES, OF WHICH ACK ACK CLAIMED ONE DEFINITE AND ONE PROBABLE, STRAFED TACLOBAN STRIP WITHOUT CAUSING DAMAGE. ONE UNIDENTIFIED PLANE ATTACKED TACLOBAN STRIP STARTING FIRES IN NEARBY AREA BUT CAUSING NO DAMAGE ON DROME.

25 NOV REPORTS: 4 SC'S WERE ATTACKED AND SET AFIRE OR SANK NEAR BITOON BAY ON NORTHERN CEBU BY P 40'S FORTY SEvens AND P 40'S WHILE OTHER LEYTE BASED P 40'S SANK 3 SD'S LOADED WITH TROOPS OFF NEARBY QUIHTIHAN ISLAND. 12 P 40'S ON GROUND SUPPORT MISSION BOMBED KYNANG BUILDINGS AND STORES AND STRAFED PERSONNEL AREAS. 4 OTHER P 40'S STRAFED VALENCIA OIL DRUMS AND ATTACKED LAUNCH AT PALOMPO. P 61'S STRAFED LINNO JETTY AND PONT SERRAT POSITIONS ON PONSON ISLAND DURING NIGHT ATTACK 1-2 UC 8 EC HT 10 B 24'S
DROPPED 40 TONS IN MANILA RUNWAY ATTACK, 29,000 POUNDERS STRIKING STRIP. 8 OTHER BIAC HEAVIES HIT MATINA REVETMENTS WITH 20 POUND BOMBS, POSSIBLY DAMAGING ONE PLANE.

COPY TO 2WG

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HONG INTERCEPT

(CTF 73 GIVES ACTION CTG 38.2 INFO COM 3RD FLT CTF 77
CTF 38 CTG 57.14)

DUE CONGESTION TACLOBAN STRIP AND FREQUENCY AIR RAIDS AND
SENDING YOUR 42 PLANES PELELIU FORENOON 27TH ACCOMPANIED
BY MARINER DUMEIO.

Intercourse between Leyte + Palau.
Leyte P61(t) for fasten Palau more
might fighter.
URGENT

MARPUR IS REQUIRED. APPROX 50 PLANES FROM LECAP.
DONE 25 NOVEMBER PARKED ALONG RUNWAY AND AT PARKING APRON AND THROUGHOUT E DISPERAL AREA. FUEL AND AMMO DUMPS REPORTED ON NORTH SIDE STRIP BY GUERRILLAS.

1 CTX 308 BOMB MIND 21 STRIKE. 31 NO. A/P 7
TYPE TWM UNIT TO 38.2 R/T CALL LUCKY 9 POE "UCGLHVR"
TARGET LAGASPI DROME SECONDARY 6TH ARMY SUPPORT
TARGET 143° E TGD 153° E TO 163° E TO 1645 E ETA
1745 E RENDEZVOUS POINT DIVO ISLAND ALTITUDE 3000 FEET
TIME 1545 E WITH NO. A/P 8 TYPE P 47 CALL MOKO RED
AND WHITE. TWM'S WILL BOMB COVERED BY P 47'S. THEN
TWM'S FINISH BOMB RUN P 47'S WILL DIVE BOMB

SECRET
AND STRAFE. X 1 TBM'S BOMB LOAD 4 X 260 LB FRAG.
P-47 BOMB LOAD 1 X 500 POUND INST.
X 2: REPORT TO A 2 308 BOWING. 41 MIL. 51 VHF
WORK CHANNEL "DOG".
TO RADIO MANUS PASS TO TG 38.2. COMAF 5 FROM A3 38.2 BOWLING CITE 180'.

MAPS AS REQUIRED. I.A. SMALL SHIPPING ACTIVE IN CEBU HARBOR. CEBU DROME CONTINUES TO BE USED AS STAGING BASE FOR STRIKES AGAINST THE LEYTE AREA. 18 NOT LISTED. 10 WX 3/8 BOWLING 2 STRIKE 3 NUMBER A/P 2 TYPE TBW UNIT TO 38.2 R/T CALL LUCKY 101 PRIMARY TARGET CEBU DROME SECONDARY 6TH ARMY SUPPORT TARGETS ETC.

ALERT 1500/1/1600/1 TOT 1710/1 TOT 1720/1 ETA 1815/1

RENNZEVUS POINT WEST OF TACLOBAN STRIP ALTITUDE 3000 FEET TIME 1610/1 WITH NUMBER A/P 80. P47 CALL MOKO PLUM AND GREEN ALSO A/P 4 TYPE P 4/4 CALL SOGGY WHITE TBW'S WILL BOMB FIRST FOLLOWED BY P47'S DIVE BOMB AND STRAF. P47'S WITH FLY TOP COVER. X11 TBW'S BOMB LOAD 4X 261 BB FRAG. P47'S BOMB LOAD 1X 500 LB INST.

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By RT, NARA, Date 7/14/66
PHI'S NIL. X2 REPORT A 2 308 BOUNDING. 4: NIL.
5: VHF WORK CHANNEL "DOG".
PRELIMINARY REPORT CENTRAL LUSON STRIKE BY TOK 36.2 AND 32.3. 29 ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED BY FIGHTERS 8 BY OUR FLAK. DESTROYED ON GROUND 35. SUNK WERE 8 INV. 1 DD 5 AK 1 SMALL AO 2 SPOTTING PLANES PLUS 4 ODD PROBABLY OPERATING AS TRANSFERS. DAMAGED 4 AK AND 1 AO IN MANILA 7 TANK CARS STRAFED AND BURNED ALSO 50 TRUCK CONVOYS. DETERMINED ENEMY STRIKE AGAINST CARRIERS NCCN 25TH RESULTED IN CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO INTREPID (CV-11), CAVIT (CVL-20) AND SLIGHT SUFFRAGE TO ESSEX (CV-9) ALL BY SUICIDE CRASHES. HANCOCK (CV-19) SHORED UP BY BURRING FRAGMENTS OF ENEMY PLANE WITH LITTLE DAMAGE. 24 NOVEMBER LYTE BASED FIGHTERS ATTACKED JAP CONVOY OFF NASBATE ISLAND PI AND REPORTED SINKING 2 SPOTTING PLANES AND 2 DDs IN BANCAWAN ISLANDS. KAMO 24-25 NOVEMBER RECONNAISSANCE PLANES OVER LINDOCAH AND PANAY PI DAMAGED 2 SMALL AKS.

COMAHNIM COPIES 1 TO 6 INCLS.
CTG 78.2 SHOUTS.

(RDO HONOL PASSED TO COMINCH AND COMWESTSEAFRON FOR INFO
AS 271811)

DAILY SUMMARY.

NO ARRIVALS. NO DEPARTURES. AIR SITUATION. 4 ALERTS
NO DAMAGE TO SHIPPING. 3 SUICIDE DIVE BOMBERS MISSED
THE OYSTER BAY. DURING HOURS OF MOONLIGHT AM EMPLOYING
LCI SMOKERS.

*1 GARbled CALL, PROBABLY ATFC'S 3RD FLT.
CTG 77.2 SHOUTS ACTION TO CTF 77 INFO CINCOSWPA CTF 78.2 CINCPAC COM 3RD FLEET.

OPERATIONAL REPORT EVENING 26TH.
FEB BOGIES AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING. DID NOT CLOSE IN ATTACK FORMATION. DURING PAST WEEK OLD TYPE IFF HAS BEEN REPORTED 4 TIMES BY VARIOUS SHIPS. ON ONE OCCASION THE CONTACT WAS IDENTIFIED AS A R-25. THE REPORTING SHIP LATER REPORTED THAT THE LIGHTS CHANGED FROM OLD TO NEW AS THE PLANE APPROACHED. ANOTHER TIME A PBY WAS REPORTED AS SHOWING OLD TYPE.
**PROGRESS REPORT ANGAUR AND PELELIU 29 THRU 24 NOVEMBER**

**ENEMY LINES FURTHER COMPRESSED WITH PELELIU JAPS NOW CONFINED LARGELY TO TA 148T. PATROLS, TANKS AND LVT FLAME THROWERS CONTINUED TO OPERATE IN MAIN OAVE AREA.**

**ENEMY ACTIVITY AFTER DARK NOW VERY LIMITED. 3 JAPS KILLED, 1 P.O.W. TAKEN NE OF GOROKOTTAN ATTEMPTING ESCAPE TO BASE THUAP. FLOATING WINE DESTROYED OFF PURPLE BEACH ON 24TH. UNLOADING SLOPED AT BOTH BASES BY HEAVY GROUND SHELLS AND SUSPENSION OF NIGHT OPERATIONS 21ST THRU 23RD BECAUSE OF ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY. PELELIU AVERAGED 1770 MT DAILY AND ANGAUR 706 MT. PELELIU 2ND ECHelon 42 PERCENT AND 3RD 44 PERCENT UNLOADED. ANGAUR 2ND ECHelon 62 PERCENT AND 3RD 22 PERCENT UNLOADED. PELELIU CONSTRUCTION SATISFACTORY WITH AVIATION REPORT FACILITIES 74 PERCENT READY USES 56.**
PERCENT COMPLETE ON 20TH, TANK FARM AND CAMP CONSTRUCTION LOW DUE TO LACK OF MATERIALS. TAXIWAY FOX 67 PERCENT CRAFTFIELD PERIMETER ROAD 97 PERCENT COMPLETE ON 23RD. ANNA CONSTRUCTION SATISFACTORY WITH ALL TAXIWAYS FINISHED AND 29 HARD STANDS COMPLETED. 1020 FOOT RUNWAY EXTENSION CLEARED AND 240 FOOT ROUGH GRADED. DREDGING IN PROGRESS FROM WEST INTO SCHONIAN HARBOR. POLO ANA OCCUPIED ON 20TH. WITHOUT OPPOSITION

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By RT, NARA, Date 5/21/73
CTF 95 SENDS TO CTF 94. RADIO WAIWIWA PASS INFO CINCPOA COMSOPAC COMAIRSOPAC COMFAW-2 COMAF 7 ALL TFC'S CENPAC COM 3RD FLEET COMAIRPAC CTG 95.5 CTG 95.6 CTG 30.5 CTF 96. 21 BOMCOM CTG 95.1 CTG 95.2 HAVE FOR INFO.

STRIKES FOR 25 NOVEMBER. 4 PHOTO LIBS ESCORTED BY 7 B-24'S RAINED CENTURIES FROM 20000 FEET ON BONINS

SCORING DIRECT HIT RADIO STATION CHICHI. SINGLE NITE SNOOPER LIBERATOR OVER IWO JIMA AT 10000 FEET LOOSED

FRAG CLUSTERS ON AIRFIELD INSTALLATIONS. CORSAIRS AND AVENGERS WITH QUARTER-TONNERS AND CENTURIES POUNDED

BOTH AIRSTRIPS YAP. OVER BABELTHAUP STRAFING CORSAIRS FIRED AMMO DUMP, 4 LARGE TRANSFORMERS, WAREHOUSE,

LUMBER MILL AND COCONUT OIL FACTORY. NITE HECKLING HELLCATS HIT NORTHERN PALAU BASES WITH INCENDIARY

CLUSTERS STARTING FIRES. NAPALM PACKING CORSAIRS OVER MIZUHO VILLAGE FIRED HEADQUARTERS AND STORAGE AREAS.

26 NOVEMBER. ROIA RADIO DIRECT HIT FROM 16 CORSAIRS CARRYING CENTURIES. 4 MARINE MITCHELLS WITH ROCKETS ON MISSION ATTACKED CHICHI JIMA HARBOUR INSTALLATIONS

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AND SNIPPING FUTAMI KO. ROCKETS SUCCESSFULLY FIRED RESULTS UNOBSERVED.

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RADIO HONOLULU PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 270404
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(CTF 73 SENDS ACTION COM 7TH FLT CINCPOA CINCSWPA COMAF 5 COMAF 13 COMAAF 308 BOMBWING COM 3RD FLT CTF 77 ALL TF AND TC'S 3RD AND 7TH FLTS CTF 77)

FROM LEYTE SECTORS N P Q SPECIAL S COVERED BY 4 VENTURAS ON NOVEMBER 26.

VISIBILITY 20 TO 30 MILES WITH SCATTERED SQUALLS.

N OUT 400 MILES COVERAGE 95%. 4 LUGGERS 1 SD ANCHORED

POSITION 09:23 N 124-54 E AT 10301. 2 LUGGERS POSITION 08-52 N 1

P OUT 375 MILES COVERAGE 95%. 2 DD POSITION 11-28 N 119-35 E COURSE 345 TRUE SPEED 15 KNOTS AT 13151.

1 SC ANCHORED POSITION 11-20 N 123-53 E AT 09351.
2 SD 1 SMALL FU 1 SMALL BARGE ANCHORED POSITION 11-45 N
123-02 E AT 15001. 1 BARGE ANCHORED POSITION 11-48 N
122-12 E AT 14401. NO SHIPPING CORON TAYTAY BACUIT BAYS

MALAMPAYA SOUND CUMURAN ISLAND.

C OUT 375 MILES COVERAGE 90%. 2 LUGGERS ANCHORED Position

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By DBS Date MAY 21 1973
12-18 N 122-35 E at 11151 I DESTROYED I DAMAGED BY STRAFING.
1 FLY 1 LARGE LR BOTH BEACHED SMOKING POSITION 11-58 N 124-00
E AT 15151. SPECIAL S OUT 400 MILES COVERAGE 80%. NO
SIGHTINGS.

* AS RECEIVED
** GROUPS MISSING
**Naval Message**

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**Message:**

COMSWPA SENDS VIA COM 7TH FLT ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO CONSOPAC CINCPAC.

ON 24TH HOROTAI SUFFERED BOMBING ATTACK WHICH DESTROYED OR DAMAGED SEVERAL NAVY SEARCH PLANES. LEYTE PLANES ON 24TH SANK 2 JAP DD'S OFF MARINDUQUE ISLAND CENTRAL PHILIPPINES. NEW MEXICO AND ESCORTS ARRIVED LEYTE. PENNSYLVANIA AND ESCORTS RETURNING TO HARRUS. MACARTHUR.

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FOLLOWING IS BEST REVISED ESTIMATE OF RESULTS FOR 25TH BON INCOMPLETE REPORT OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN BY CAP NEAR FORCE 21. SHOT DOWN BY AA INCLUDING THOSE CRASHED ON SHIPS 13. SHOT DOWN OVER TARGET 25.

TOTAL SHOT DOWN IS 58. ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED ON GROUND 29. 32 ENEMY PLANES REPORTED AS STRAFED AND ROCKETED, PROBABLY DAMAGED. SHIPS SUNK 16 INCLUDING DD AND CA AT SANTA CRUZ. 2 OLD DD'S AT BALANACAN MARINDUQUE ISLAND. 3 LSM'S 1 DE 10 MILES WEST OF SANTA CRUZ PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS 3 AK 1 DD PHOTOS.

1 AK NORTH OF SAN FERNANDO 1 FTD OFF SUBIC BAY. 1 250 4 AO NEAR LUBANG. 4 SC'S AT BANTON ISLAND.
LUGGERS WEST OF BATAAN. IN ADDITION TO THOSE SUNK 2
PREVIOUSLY DAMAGED AK'S NEAR SAN FERNANDO WERE EACH HIT WITH
2 TORPEDOES BEACHED AND WRECKED 1 AK 30 MILES SOUTH OF SAN
FERNANDO WAS BOMBED AND LEFT BURNING FURIOUSLY. 2 FTC OFF
HERMANO MAJOR WERE BOMBED AND BELIEVED SUNK AS WERE 3 LANDING
CRAFT AT SANTA CRUZ. 1 SMALL AO NEAR DEL MONTE NORTHWEST
MINDORO WAS BOMBED AND LATER SEEN TO BE WRECKED ON THE BEACH.
2 OTHER OLD DD'S OR APD'S AT BALADICON WERE HIT BUT THERE IS
NO EVIDENCE OF SINKING. 7 PREVIOUSLY DAMAGED SHIPS IN
MANILA HARBOR WERE HIT QUARTER TONNERS ROCKETS AND 50 CALIBER
AND FURTHER DAMAGED. LATTER INCLUDES 1 SA HIT AS IT WAS
GETTING UNDER WAY 3 FTB, 1 FB, 1 SD, 1 SB, AND 1 FTC WHICH
HAD ONLY LIGHT PREVIOUS DAMAGE. ALSO DAMAGED WERE 3 LUGGERS
ON SOUTH SHORE ENTRANCE TO MANILA BAY 1 PEP II IV V BOAT IN
MANILA AND 6 LUGGERS ON WEST COAST OF BATAAN. ALL ABOVE
HAS BEEN CAREFULLY CHECKED AND NO DUPLICATES ARE INCLUDED.
FIRST PHASE PHOTOS SHOW FOLLOWING OPERATIONAL PLANES;
TOTALS 1 TWIN 1 SINGLE BAM BAM 13 SINGLES MABALACAT INCOMPLETE
COVERAGE 96 SINGLES 2 TWINS CLARK ALL RUNWAYS 108 SINGLES
38 TWINS ANGELES 11 SINGLES 1 TWIN. OTHER DAMAGE TO TANK
CARS AND TRUCKS YOU HAVE EXCEPT AA POSITION IN LUNETA AREA
WERE STREADED AND ROCKETED. THE INTENSITY OF FLAK FROM THESE
POSITIONS HAS OFTEN PREVENTED ATTACKS ON SHIPPING NEAR THE
DOCKS. OWN COMBAT LOSSES REPORTED AS 3 VF AND 2 VB OVER
TARGET.

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OSD Letter, May 1, 1973
By DBS Date MAY 2 1 1973
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FROM: COM 3RD FLEET
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 26 NOV 1944
TOR CODEWORD: 13™

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CTF 38 CONVAGERPAC
CTF 38 COMINCH
CTFI CONOPAC ADMIN
CTF 38 COAIRPAC

COORD FLEET SENDS ACTION CTF 31.9 INFO CTF 38 CTI 38.2 TO COMINCH CINCPAC ADMIN "WHO PASSES INFO CINCPAC COAIRPAC COCONVAGERPAC."

FOLLOWING BATTLE DAMAGE REPAIRS REQUIRED FOR TO 36.2:
INTREPID 2 SLICIDE CRASHES ON DECK WITH BOMBS, 1 EDB
EXPLODED ON HANGAR DECK SECOND UNDERNEATH FLIGHT DECK.

FLIGHT DECK 1 HOLE 15 FEET DIAMETER CENTERED FRAME 131
DISTORTION AREA 5' BY 3' FEET, SECOND HOLE CENTERED FRAME
141 3' BY 10' FEET WITH SLIGHT DISTORTION. NUMBER 2 ELEVATOR
OUT OF COMMISSION AFTER CABLES SEVERED, NUMBER 3 ELEVATOR
OUT OF ALIGNMENT. SEVERAL ARRESTING CABLES AND BARRIER UNITS
DEPLETED AIRLINES TO ARRESTING AND BARRIER UNITS SHATTERED,
ELECTRICAL WIRING UNDER PLATFORM AND GALLERY DECKS ESPECIALLY
FLAT FOR CIG SEVERED BY SHRAPNEL DAMAGED BY FIRE. ALL DAMAGE
CONFINED ABOVE HANGAR DECK. 3A RADAR ANTENNA DAMAGED BY FRAGMENTS.
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AND CONCUSSION. EXTENSIVE BUT YET UNDETERMINED DAMAGE

CIC. NAVY PEARL HAS BEEN REQUESTED MAKE IMMEDIATE AIR SHIPMENT

1 CLASS E9 HYDRAULIC CATAPULT PART NAF NUMBER E9-62 HOME STEAD

1212-A VALVE 25" POUNDS 4 HICH FOR H-4 CATAPULT

CARD CATAPULT CUT WITH MAIN DAMAGE TO ELECTRICAL CONTROL SYSTEM

AND POSSIBLE MISALIGNMENT DUE TO BOMB BLAST. CABLE TENSION

VECTOR SUBMERGED. 2 6 FOOT HOLES IN FLIGHT DECK. 6 FOOT HOLE

IN HULL AT 73 DECK LEVEL BETWEEN FRAMLS 23 AND 26. 6 FOOT

SECTION FORWARD FIRE MAIN OUT. FORWARD-FIRE PUMP OUT NUMBER 2

JUN BUCKET AND SURROUNDING CATWALKS DONE. PART AFTER RADIO

ANTENNAS OUT OF COMMISSION. FORWARD GAS SYSTEM CARRIED AWAY

VENT DUCTS AND UPTAKES RIDDLED. AMIDSHIP CUTOFF SECTION FIRE

MAIN RIDDLED. PORT SIDE ABOVE HANGAR DECK LEVEL FROM AMIDSHIP TO FRAME 69 RIDDLED BY SHRAPNEL. 34 FEET MOUNTS WITHOUT

No. 1 ADMIRAL No. 2 FILE No. 3F-1 OR CHARTROOM No. 4 SPECIAL

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AUTOMATIC CONTROL DUE SEVERED CABLES. 1 WITH DIRECTOR MALIGNED AND WITHOUT MARK 14 SIGHT. 3 HUNTS CARRIED AWAY WITH PLATFORM. 1 HUNT WITHOUT MARK 14 SIGHT.

HANCOCK 12" HM MOUNT OUT OF COMMISSION REQUIRING NEW CRADLE.

INDEPENDENCE 3M RADAR, YE. TES PRIMARY AND ALL MEANS VISUAL SIGNALLING OUT OF COMMISSION. HARDY ASSISTANCE PROBABLY WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPAIR.

ESSEX WILL ARRIVE UTLAND WITH TG 36.3 ABD 1 DECEMBER WITH FOLLOWING REQUIRING REPAIR: 6-2" HM MOUNTS AND NUMBER 4 GASOLINE FUEL TANK OR CRK ON FLIGHT DECK.

COMMON COPIES 1 TO 6 INCLUSIVE....

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FROM: CINCPAC 3RD FLEET

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DATE: 26 NOVEMBER 1944

TO: CINCPOA

FROM: CINCPAC ADMIN

FOR ACTION: COMINGH

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TO CODEBOOK: 1128

DECODED BY: CONNIE

PARAPHRASED BY: ROBERTS

ROUTED BY: HOFNER

INFORMATION: CINCPAC ADMIN

OP SEC

THIS IS OP SECRET.

YOUR 250135 ACKNOWLEDGED. APPARENTLY SOME COM 3RD FLEET TRAFFIC WAS MISSED AS SUPPORTING FORCE AT SEA WAS REDUCED TO 2 GROUPS ON 23 NOVEMBER.

WITH EXISTING TARGET DATES ANY SHIP PARTICIPATING BOTH IN U PLUS 1 PHILIPPINE STRIKE AND 5 MINUS 5 FORCNSA STRIKE CAN HAVE A MAXIMUM 3 DAYS AT ANCHOR ULTIMI. THIS IS PHYSICALLY ALL THAT IS POSSIBLE. IF 3 GROUPS SUPPORT L 3 THOSE 3 GROUPS CAN BE GIVEN 3 DAYS AT ANCHOR BEFORE DEPARTING FOR INDUCTION AND THE 4TH GROUP CAN HAVE A LONG UNINTERRUPTED OVERHAUL WEATHER PERMITTING.

DURING NOVEMBER GROUPS WILL HAVE HAD TOTAL (BUT NOT CONSECUTIVE)

NO. 1 ADMIRAL

NO. 2 FILE.

NO. 3F-1 OR CHARTROOM

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**TIME AT ANCHOR AS FOLLOWS: 36, 17 DAYS; 36, 28 DAYS; 36, 36 DAYS; 36, 411 DAYS.**

**IF TF 36 CAN BE ABSOLVED OF ANY SUPPORT COMMITMENTS FOR SUFFICIENT TIME TO PERMIT 18 UNINTERRUPTED DAYS AT ANCHOR THE OPERATIONAL PROSPECTS FOR INDUCTION DETACHMENT AND ICEBERG WILL BE VASTLY IMPROVED.**

**TO DO THIS WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST 15 DAYS WITHOUT COMMITMENT AND 1 OF THE 4 GROUPS WILL HAVE TO GO ELSEWHERE THAN ULITHI PREFERABLY VARANUS.**

**I FULLY SHARE YOUR CONCERN IN THIS MATTER OF UPKEEP. I DO NOT CONSIDER TF 36 HAS HAD ADEQUATE UPKEEP AND FURTHER IT WILL BE PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET YOUR MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS AND CARRY OUT MY ASSIGNED COMBAT TASKS WITH EXISTING TARGET DATES. FARTHA DAKE SUSTAINED 25 NOVEMBER HAS MADE THIS MATTER EVEN MORE CRITICAL. YOUR 241745 WAS ALSO CONSIDERED IN PREPARING THIS DESPATCH.**

**HALSYE.**

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3 NIGHT MARES FROM LEYTE PARTIALLY COVERED SPECIAL SECTOR NOV 25/26. A FOUND 2 60-ROOT SAILBOATS AT 12-35 NORTH 123-30 EAST. RCM GEAR INTERCEPTED MASbate CITY RADAR STATION ON FREQUENCY 230 MEGACYCLES BAND WIDTH 7 PULSE RATE FREQUENCY 5%. SAW 2 DESTROYERS BURNING AT BALANCAN BAY MARINDUQUE. RECEIVED HEAVY ACK ACK FIRE FROM 3RD DESTROYER IN NARROW COVE OFF BALANCAN BAY. SAW 1 FTB BURNING AT PORT CATAINGAN. BOMBED LARGE BARGE OFF SOUTH SHORE BANTON ISLAND. ASID GULF MASbate BANATE BAY NORTH COAST PANAY CORON BAY TAYTAY BAY DUMARAN ISLAND NIL SIGHTINGS. BACUIT BAY MALAMPAYA SOUND INURAN BAY ULUGAN BAY NOT COVERED. C ATTACKED FTD IN PUERTO PRINCESA RESULT NEGATIVE BUT SANK

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME:

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1 3 WDJAGE TP BARGES. SAN ANTONIO BAY NORTH BALABAC STRAIT NORTHERN SIGHTINGS. MARUDU BAY KUDAT HARBOR MAR ALESA BAY LARUK BAY NOT COVERED.

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(FROM CTG 77.2 ACTION TO CTF 77. INFO CINCSWPAC CONSEVENTHFLEET CTG 78.2 RDO HONOLULU WHO PASSES INFO CINCPAC COMTHIRDFFLEET AND RDO WASHINGTON GIVE INFO TO COMINCH.)

MORNING TWENTY SIXTH OPERATIONAL REPORT.

NUMEROUS BOGIES DURING MOONLIGHT BETWEEN 20 AND 2300.

NO DAWN BOGIES,

FEW MORNING BOGIES NONE CLOSED.
CTF 73 SENDS TO CTF 38.

(PASSED BY RDQ HONQ TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 261004.)

ARMY REQUEST USE OF CTG 38.2 PLANES AT LEYTE FOR STRIKE AGAINST LEGASPI. ADVISE SEND REPLY CTF 73.

S. Eastern Luzon
**HONO INTERCEPT.**

(COM 3RD FLT SENDS ACTION CINC PAC CTF 77 INFO CINC SOWESpac ***(VIA ROD MANUS) CTF 38.2 CABOT)

APPROXIMATELY 30 MEN FROM CABOT BLOWN OVERBOARD DURING AIR ATTACK ON 25 NOVEMBER LAT 15-42 NORTH LONG 123-09 EAST. DESTROYER SEARCH OF IMMEDIATE AREA NEGATIVE. REQUEST SEARCH BY AIR AND SUBMARINE AS PRACTICABLE.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/84
NIGHT 22-23 NOVEMBER PBY SANK DE OFF BALABAC ISLAND PHILIPPINES. ANOTHER CAT SHOT DOWN 1 NIP PLANE. 23 NOVEMBER HEAVY PLANES ATTACKING OUR SHIPPING LEYTE DAMAGED 1 PC AND 1 LCI. 24 NOVEMBER REGGE PLANES SANK SMALL OILER OFF WEST COAST PALAWAN PHILIPPINES AND SHOT DOWN AN ESCORTING FLOAT PLANE. 3 VENTURAS DESTROYED MEDIUM FREIGHTER-TRANSPORT GROUNDED ON TALAUD ISLAND. PT'S SANK 2 LUGGERS 1 SEA TRUCK OFF ORMOC.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM

TO

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INFORMATION

2 TYPICAL CINC WPA CALLS (LKE 91)

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COM 3RD FLT

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2 TEMPORARY CINC WPA CALLS (LKE 91)

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251706 NCR 3695

HONO INTERCEPT

(FROM CIT 78.2)

RESULTS STRIKE 2c AGAINST 2 DO'S BALACAN BAY, MARINOUQUE ISLAND. 2 DO'S DEFINITELY SUNK IN BALACAN BAY AT 13491. 2 1000 POUND BOMBS AND 6 500 POUND BOMBS WERE DIRECT HITS. 1 DO BLEW UP FROM BOMB HITS, WHILE ENTIRE Stern BLOWN OFF OTHER WHEN VF STRAFED DEPTH CHARGES ON STERN. NO INTERCEPTION. HEAVY AA OBSERVED.

1 CAMOUFLAGED AK DTGINUBLAN*, LUZON ISLAND OFF SAN BERNARDO STRAITS. 2 CAMOUFLAGED SHIPS WERE ALONG WEST COAST DARAM ISLAND NEAR BIRAUMAN AND ANOTHER ALONG DOCK AT SMALL TOWN SOUTHWEST END OF BUD AIAN. AT LEAST 50 PLANES OBSERVED AT LEGASPI DROME BUT SERVICEABILITY UNDETERMINED. STRIKE 2B ALREADY REPORTED ON HANCOCK.

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NRT, NARA, DATE
CTF 77 HAS ACTION FROM CTG 77.2 INFO TO CINCSNPAC COM 7TH FLT CTG 78.2. ALSO INFO VIA RDO WASHM TO COMINCH AND VIA RDO HONO TO CINOPAC AND COM 3RD FLT.

FEW AFTERNOON BOBIES NONE CLOSED. OPERATIONAL REPORT EVENING 25TH. NEW MEXICO MONTPELIER WALLER (DD466) PRINGLE (DD477) CONWAY (DD507) AND EATON (DD516) JOINED. GROUP IN COMPANY NOW CONSISTS 4 BATTLESHIPS 1 HEAVY AND 4 LIGHT CRUISERS AND 15 DESTROYERS.
CTF 77 has action from COMTASKGROUP 77.2 Info to CINCSWPAC COM Seventh Fleet CTF 78.2. Also Info via RDO Washington to COMINCH and via RDO Honolulu to CINCPAC and COM Third Fleet.

Few afternoon bogies none closed.

Operational report evening 25th.

New Mexico Montpelier Waller (DD 466) Pringle (DD 477) Conway (DD 507) and Eaton (DD 510) joined. Group in company now consists 4 battleships 1 heavy and 4 light cruisers and 15 destroyers.
Naval Message

Naval Department

Drifter: CTF 73

Released By: 26 Nov 1944

Decoded By: Turley

Originator Fill in Date and Time

251126 NCR 4236

(RDO Honors Passed to COMINFO AS 260600)

(CTF 73 Orders Action COM 7th Flt & 3rd Flt; CINCPAC; COMAAF; COMAF 5 & COMAF 13; 308 Bombwing All TF & TC Combined 3rd & 7th FLTs CTF 77)

4 Leyte Venturas 25 Nov Covered Sectors NPQ Special S. All QUT 400 Miles. Visibility 30 MILES EXCEPT SQUALLS OVER SAMAR SEA. COVERAGE 90%. NO SIGHTINGS EXCEPT UWE*. 4 SD’S ANCHORED.

Heavily Camouflaged Position 12-20 N 122-35 E AT 1050 I. 1 SD Burned to Waterline Still Burning

Position 12-55 N 122-04 E AT 1110 I. 2 Unidentified Ships Possibly 7000 Tons Each Anchored

Position 13-33 N 121-51 E AT 1345 I. 2 SC’S 1 SD 1 BARGE Anchored Legaspi Harbor at 1435 I.

1 SD Anchored Position 13-15 N 120-30 E AT 1305 I. No Shipping Coron Bacuit Taytay Bausa Nasara

Paya Sound Cumanan* Island.

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*As Received

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O. 11602, Sec. No. 5

4/13/44
**HON0 INTERCEPT**

(CTF 73 SENDS ACTION COM 7TH FLT COM 3RD FLT CINC SWPA CINCPOA COMAAF COMAF 5 COMAF 13 308 BOMBING ALL TF AND TFG'S 3RD AND 7TH FLTS CTF 77)

4 LEYTE VENTURAS 25 NOV COVERED SECTORS NPQ SPECIAL S. ALL OUT 400 MILES. VISIBILITY 30 MILES EXCEPT SQUALLS OVER SAMAR SEA. COVERAGE 90%. NO SIGHTINGS EXCEPT Q. 4 SD'S ANCHORED

HEAVILY CAMOUFLAGED POSITION 12-20 NORTH 122-35 EAST AT 10501. 1 SD BURNED TO WATER LINE STILL BURNING POSITION 12-55 NORTH 122-04 EAST AT 11101. 2 UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS POSSIBLY 7000 TONS EACH ANCHORED POSITION 13-33 NORTH 121-51 EAST AT 13451. 2 SC'S 1 SD 1 BARGE ANCHORED LEGASP1 HARBOR AT 14351. 1 SD ANCHORED POSITION 13-15 NORTH 120-30 EAST AT 13051. NO SHIPPING CORON BABUFT TAYTAY BAYS MAAM PAYA* SOUND CUMARAN ISLAND.

*AS RECEIVED.
(CTG 73.7 ORIGINATES. ADEES ARE CINCSWPACOMAAF. COMAF 5 COMAF 13 AND COM 7TH FLT. CinCPOA. COM 3RD FLT. AND ALL TFC'S AND TGC'S 3RD AND 7TH FLTS)

FOLLOWING IS RESULTS OF Leyte Seaplane Searches for 25 Nov.

All Results negative. Sector Eastern. 550 miles. 10% Coverage with Visibility Poor. Sector T. 580 miles with 90% Coverage in Good Visibility. Sector U. 550 miles. 90% Coverage Visibility Fair. Sector V. 520 miles with 90% Coverage Visibility Fair. Sector W. 550 miles with 90% Coverage with Good Visibility.

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FROM CINCPAC

RELEASED BY

DATE 25 NOVEMBER 1944

TOH CODEMARK 8510

DECODED BY FISHER

PARAPHRASED BY ROBERTS

ROUTED BY HOFNER

ASTERISK (*) PAGEGRAN ADDRESSEE

ADDRESSEES

ALL TASK FORCE COMS 7TH FLEET

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
HONO INTERCEPT

(CTF 73 SENDS ACTION COM 3RD FLT COM 7TH FLT ALL TF AND TGC'S 3RD FLT WU KRZH FCTS* COMAAF COMAF 5 COMAF 13
308 BOMING CTF 77 CINCSWPA)

3 NIGHT MARINERS OUT OF TACLOBAN AND 1 RCM BLACK CAT COVERED SPECIAL SECTORS NOV 24-25.

A FOUND 2 SC'S VERDE ISLAND PASSAGE 13-40 N 120-35 E
1 LEFT DEAD IN WATER. 1 SC SIGHTED 14-15 N 120-25 E
COUSE 300 TRUE SPEED 8 KNOTS. IN SANTA CRUZ HARBOR
15-43 N 119-55 E 1 HEAVY CRUISER 1 SC. ANCHORED OFF HARBOR HEAVY CRUISER NGANO* OR MOGAMO CLASS 3 DESTROYERS 3 LARGE TANKERS. RCM GEAR ON A RECEIVED CRUISER FIRE CONTROL RADAR ON 217 MEGACYCLES. 6 SC'S AND FTS IN SAN FERNANDO HARBOR 16-37 N 120-18 E. ALSO TRACKED BY CAPE BOLINAO RADAR ON 112 MEGACYCLES.

SECRET
B ATTACKED IFD AT 11-55 N 123-42 E DAMAGE BY STRAFING ONLY.
4 BARGES AT 11-40 N 123-AAPC* 8 E NORTHERN PANAY COAST.
COROMCNH*, BACUIT BAY MALAMPAYA SOUND TAYTAY BAY DUMARAN
ISLAND ALL NEGAT.
C FOUND SMALL CRAFT SOUTH OF BOHOL. SOUTH COAST NEGROS NIL
SHIPPING. 1 SB 1 SC PUERTA PRINCESA HARBOR NO HITS. IN KUDAT
HARBOR CASH MARUDU BAY ONLY 1 SC SEEN. D'S FOUND 1 LARGE
UNIDENTIFIED SHIP AT 18-58 122-07 E. RCM RESULTS GIVEN
IN SPECIAL REPORT.
NOV 25/26 NIGHTMARE INTENTS A B AND C COVER SPCE ROUQE BT*
SAN ANTONIO BAY AND BALABAC STRAIT O DGAT*

* AS RECEIVED
(COM3RDFLT SENDS ACTION CINCPAC CTF 77 INFO CINCSOWESPAC ADV GHQ (VIA RDO MANUS) CTG 38.2 CABOT)

(RDO HONO PASSED TO COMWESSEAFRON FOR ACTION, COMINCH FOR INFO AS 261001)

APPROXIMATELY 30 MEN FROM CABOT BLOWN OVERBOARD DURING AIR ATTACK ON 25 NOVEMBER LAT 15-42 N LONG 123-09 EAST. DESTROYER SEARCH OF IMMEDIATE AREA NEGATIVE, REQUEST SEARCH BY AIR AND SUBMARINE AS PRACTICABLE.
DP SECRET DISPATCH

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ALL TASK FORCE COMS 7TH FLEET

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Originator fill in DATE AND TIME GROUP (Use G. C. T.)

UNCLE, OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.

HONO INTERCEPT

(CINCPAC SENDS ULTRA. ACTION ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS 7TH FLEET TF 38 INFO COM 7THFLEET)

AT 253905 (MINUS 9) JAP PLANE MADE CONTACT REPORT IN POSIT 16-12 N 123-08 E. THIS SIGHTING WAS REBROADCAST BY MANILA AS LATE AS 1133. ANOTHER PLANE AT 253903 (MINUS 9) GAVE POSIT 09-02 N 128-43 E.

6 COPIES TO F-341.

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ACTION: F-20

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OSD letter, May 4, 1972

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/2/74

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ACTION TO COMTASKFORCE 77. INFO TO CINCSWPAC COM 7TH FLEET. ALSO INFO TO CINCPAC AND COM 3RD FLEET VIA RDO HONOLULU AND COMINCH VIA RDO WASHINGTON.

FORENOON OPERATIONAL REPORT 25 NOVEMBER.

numerous close bogies during night but none closed to attack. west virginia aulick and mustin reported for duty. am sailing pennsylvania warrahunga and h. l. edwards to mlyes* this morning.

delivered to 20g.
*as received.
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea
To: War Department
Nr: 0 52923 25 November 1944

From GHQ SWPA signed MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department cite O 52923. Operations report SWPAC area period 1500/23 to 1500/24 signed MacArthur.

Part I.

Formosa: 3rd Fleet plans reported 3 battleships, 1 carrier, 7 small vessels in Kiirun Harbor, northeast coast November 23.

Philippines: 6 camouflage seatrucks sighted anchored off southwest coast Banton Island midday November 24.

Masbate: 1 large transport, 1 medium freighter transport 2 seatrucks reported off southeast coast by fighters morning November 24.

Borneo: Reconnaissance plans over northwest coast afternoon November 24 sighted 1 large tanker 1 large transport 1 medium freighter transport 7 seatrucks in Brunei Bay, 4 transports 3 tankers 1 small freighter transport 11 seatrucks 4 destroyers escorts in vicinity of Miri:

Previous day 6 freighter transports 10 small freighters reported at Sandakan.

New Britian: 2 unidentified planes reported over Jacquinot Bay night November 23.

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea

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Part II. Air.

Morotai: 3 predawn raiders caused slight damage airdromes November 24.

Leyte: Light raids continued November 23;
Allied fighter patrols shot down 35 enemy planes and anti aircraft fire claimed 7 other following day.

Operations November 22 * back from Masbate hit buildings damaged 12 barges Ormoc Bay.

Operations November 23:

4. 3 B-25's on Ceram sweep strafed small coastal vessels; 1 B-25 and 10 A-20's bombed Boela airdrome; 5 P-38's and 8 B-25's caused large fires Kairatoo, 32 B-25's hit Laha runways Ambon.

5. 25 P-40's bombed and strafed Halmahera bivouacs and supplies.

6. 2 P-40's strafed installations and personnel Talaud Islands.

7. Patrol B-24 sank or heavily damaged 5 luggers Darvel Bay, northern Borneo.

8. 20 B-24's, 21 P-38's escorts bombed Bacolod airdrome, 8 fighters airborne failed intercept; 26 P-38's and P-47's swept Negros Island shot down 1 fighter and 1 bomber.

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Mr: 52923 25 November 1944

9. 18 B-25's struck Lahug barracks and fuel dumps Cebu Island, from low level.

10. P-40's from Leyte dive bombed bridges near Ormoc; other missions hampered by weather.

Operations November 24:

11. Predawn Mariner scored near misses on small freighter Marudu Bay, northern Borneo.

12. Leyte based fighters divebombed and strafed reinforcement convoy off Maasate Island heading Ormoc Bay, sank 2 transports and 1 destroyer escort and left third transport burning and beached.

13. 1 Darwin B-24 and 1 Beaufort bombed Atamboea; another B-24 started fires Manatuto, northeastern Timor.


Solomons Forces. Air. Operations November 23:

15. 18 Marine and 8 New Zealand Corsairs demolished huts around Bougainville; 8 B-25's 8 P-40 Corsaires and 2 New Zealand Venturas attacked bivouacs and bridges New Ireland.


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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea

Hr: 052923  25 November 1944

Leyte: November 23:

Sixth Army: X Corps: 32nd Division: 128th Infantry
one half mile south of Limon encountered very heavy resistance;
Infantry met heavy resistance vicinity hill 465.
24th Division: 34th Infantry repulsed strong counter
attacks southwest Limon, 19th Infantry units engaged enemy
northwest Limon.

1st Cavalry Division: 12th Cavalry continued mopping
up operations Mount Minoro-Mount Pina area. 12th Cavalry
launched attack from Balud to clear Finsmicinan-Mount Minor-
Sinayawan area.

November 24:

XXIV Corps: 96th Division encountered strong opposition
2000 yards southwest Kabayan.

Enemy casualties to November 24:

Killed 21,006;
Captured 175;

Approximate location of front lines: 0771 - 0664 -
2842 - 3825 - 4440 - 5005 - 3800 - 2518.

Part III. Weather November 24:

Average weather with scattered showers over
Philippines; wind and intermittent rain in northern Solomon.
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea

Nr: 0 52923 25 November 1944

1. Dropped 75 500 pound bombs, met slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

2. B-24 bombload included 52 100 pound bombs; slight to moderate heavy some accurate anti aircraft fire.

3. B-24 bombload included 18 1000 pound bombs; fighters dropped unstated number 500 pound bombs.

4. 44 500 pound bombs dropped Boela; 32 500 pound bombs and 9 165 gallon diesel fire bombs dropped Kairatoe where slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire; 96 500 pounds bombs dropped from 10,000 feet Laha were moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

5. Dropped 50 500 pound bombs from minimum altitude, fired unstated number rounds, met moderate medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

6. No details.

7. Dropped 3 250 pound bombs, fired unstated number rounds.

8. B-24's dropped 120 1000 pound bombs from 9600 feet.

9. Dropped 96 100 pound bombs, 507 parafrag from minimum altitude, met intense medium accurate anti aircraft fire.
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea

Nr: C 52923 25 November 1944

10. No details.
11. Dropped 4 500 pound bombs.
12. No details.
13. Dropped 16 300 pound, 2 250 pound bombs.
14. Dropped 4 500 pound medium capacity bombs 5 seconds delay.

* Being serviced.

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INFORMATION: CC/S
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ASF
G-2
Adm King
Col Park
Statistics
Log

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ACTION TO CTF 77. NSS/PASS TO COMINCH NPM (RDO HONOLULU) PASS TO CINC PAC AND COM THIRD FLEET CINCSWPAC AND COM SEVENTH FLEET (FROM CTG 77.2)

OPERATIONAL REPORT EVENING 23 NOV. NUMEROUS BOGIES DURING DAY ONE UNDER FIRE. CAP SPLASHED

3 BANDITS. AT 1930 NIPS COMMENCED MAKING SINGLE PLANE RUNS ON FORMATION. NO BOMBS OR TORPEDOES SO FAR. NONE SHOT DOWN ALTHOUGH UNDER FIRE.

COPY TO 2SG
**HONO INTERCEPT**

**DAILY SUMMARY.**

ARRIVED AT 0700 L-14 WITH 30 LST'S. 3 LSM'S. 32 LCI'S. 1 FS. 7 MARRHGDFHUH PS*. 5 APD'S. 2 DE'S. 1 PF AND 1 PC. AT 231835 THIS CONVOY WAS ATTACKED BY 2 SMALL GROUPS OF ENEMY TORPEDO PLANES. NIPS MADE LOW LEVEL ATTACK LAUNCHING SOME TORPEDOS WHICH PASSED CLEAR. 1 JILL SHOT DOWN. NO DAMAGE TO SHIPS. CTG 78.13 DEPARTED AT 1800 FOR HOLLANDIA WITH 12 TRANSPORTS. 5 CARGO AND 7 DESTROYERS. L-14 DEPARTED FOR HOLLANDIA AT 1900 WITH 20 LST'S. 1 AT. ESCORTED BY 4 APD'S. 2 DE'S. 2 PF'S.

**AIR SITUATION.** 2 ALERTS SINCE SPECIAL SUMMARY, DURING 1 ATTACK BOMB STRUCK PC 1124 PENETRATING MAIN DECK AND

**SECRET**
EXPLODING IN AUXILIARY ENGINE ROOM HOLING BULKHEAD AT WATER LINE. ENGINE ROOM FLOODED. MUCH DAMAGE. REQUIRES MAJOR OVERHAUL AND DRYDOCKING. INCOMPLETE REPORTS 3 KILLED AND 30 WOUNDED. SAME ATTACK LCI 976 ALSO HIT BY BOMB. BADLY HOLED MIDSECTION PORT SIDE. SHIP BEACHED. TAKING WATER ONLY IN NUMBER 3 TROOP SPACE. CAPTAIN AND 2 OTHERS KILLED. 16 WOUNDED. BOTH SHIPS ALONG PORTSIDE OF WATER TANKER WHEN HIT.

COPY TO 20G.
From COM 7th FLT (CINCSWPA)

To CNO

Date 25 Nov 1944

From Goodnight

Routed to CINCPAC COMSOPAC

MOUNTAIN

TO CINCSWPA

GOODMORNING

FOR ACTION

FILE

TO CINCSWPA

GOODMORNING

FOR ACTION

FILE

COM 7th FLT SENDS FOR CINCSWPA INFO CMQ

CINCPAC COMSOPAC

PT'S IN PREPARATION FOR FORWARD MOVE SECURED ALL PATROLS IN NORSOLS AREA ON 24TH PATROLS BEING CONTINUED BY LCI AND PGM QUNBOATS. LEYTE PT'S LANDED SCOUTS ON MABISATE ISLAND AND SANK 2 LUGGERS 1 SEA TRUCK OFF ORMOC. MARINER SANK DE OFF BALABAC ISLAND NIGHT 22/23. LEYTE CAT SHOT DOWN 1 NIP PLANE AND CHASED 4 AWAY ON 23RD. AIRNORSOLS BOMBED JAP CONCENTRATIONS ON 22ND.

MACARTHUR.

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OSD letter, May 7, 1972

By DBS Date May 21, 1973
**RDO HONO INTERCEPT**

(OCT 73.4 SENDS ACTION ALL TF AND TO CMNS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS; CINOPA COV3RDFTL COMAF 5 COMAF 13; COMAAF; CINOSWPA COM7THFLT)

SEARCHES INTERLUDE 24TH.

SECTOR C TO 840 MILES 95%. ONCE CL 00-30N 116-30E

COURS 05° SPEED 20 KNOTS TIME 1945. 1 SB 5 SC ANCHORED BALIKPAPAN.

SECTOR B TO 700 65%. TARAKAN NEGAT. DARVCO RAY NEGAT. 2 PLANES SECTOR 1. FIRST OUT 05° 85°.

ZERO ALDER WENTJQ AND TUTO* RAYS NEGAT. 113°

STRAFED AND DAMAGED 3 LUGGERS 26-20N 117-40 E.

121° MARCHESIA BAY NEGAT. 123° MURUDU RAY NEGAT.

133° SAN ANTONIO BAY NEGAT. 130° BALABAC STRAIT NEGAT.

SECOND PLANE 1000 100%. 1000 115° YQXY° LUGGERS SC AND SEA TRUCKS NE TIP RORNEO. 1105 K DAO° 1 SB 1 SC.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/67
115° NEGAT SHIPING JESSELTON. 125° BRUNEI BAY 2 DD
1 SA 1 TA 1 YT 9 FA 6 SC. 1255 WIGI BAY 4 SA 4 CE 7
FTC 3 XA 11 SC. 3 OIL TANKS VANY OIL DRUMS D® SERIA*.  
SECTOR 1 85° 95%. 113° SC PRORABLY SUNK BY STRADDLE
09-20 N 118-00 E OUS 27° SPEED 8. 1 PETE DESTROYED
CIRCLING SC. 1225 PUERTO PRINCESSA 3 SC ANCHORED. 3
RUFES 2 PETES ON WATER 4 TWIN ENGINED BOMBERS ON MAT ALL
SERVICEABLE. 1230 ULIGAN RAY NEGAT.
SECTOR 3 85° 95%. BACUIT BAY. CORON RAY WALAPAYA TAY TAY
AND DUVURAN ALL NEGAT. SECTOR X 85° 9% 113° ATTACKED
FTC 2 NEAR MISSES POSIT 12-35 N 120°-55 E OUS 320 UNOBSERVED
RESULTS. 115° SC BURNING OFFSHORE POSIT 11-5° N 112°-48 E.
2 MILES NORTH IN CLEARING OFF BEACH PLANE RECEIVED REPEATED
MIRROR FLASHES. SECTOR Y TO 85° 90%. 0929 DAVAO NEGAT.
1003 BUTUAN BAY 3 SC 1 LUGGER ANCHORED. 1145 CEBU HARBOR
3 FAFM A* & SC 5 SB 28 SMALL CRAFT. 1345 SAN BERNARDINO
(6 GROUPS OMITTED) POSIT 1P-35 S 124°-0 E 3 LARGE CAMOFLAGED
SHIPS ANCHORED. 1445 SURIGAO STRAIT NEGAT. 1510 RATUAN
RAY 1 FTC ANCHORED. VENTURA SEARCHES. A TO 600 8% NEGAT.
D TO 330 99 % NEGAT 5 TO 600 95 % NEGAT. 3 SPECIAL VENTU-
RAS DESTROYED 1 FTC GROUNDED AT TALAUD WITH ROCKETS AND
BOMBS. ALL TIMES I.

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(COM 7TH FLT SENDS TO CINCWPAC ADV HQ LEYTE AND ALL COM RECEIVING COM 7TH FLT INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY)

PHOTO PLANE 1519/1/23 SIGHTED 3 BB OCRYCAJOWTB* VICTOR S LO CROML* SHIPS 25-10 N 124-24 E; 11 OTHER BFLKELS*

24-35 N 121-50 E, BLUE SUB REPORTS 23 UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS 2000/1 POSIT 12-56 N 126-40 E COURSE 60 SPEED 14. IN

35-15 SEARCH PLANE REPORTS 2 CHOWFENS* ANCHORED BANTON ISLAND 12-55 N 122-00 E. ORT LEAPING JIL BOTH CAMOUFLAGED. NI

BELIEVED TO BE 2 DD, FORENOON 23RD 4 SMALL AUXILIARIES DFL* COURSE POSIT 11-20 N 124-00 E. SEARCH PLANE REPORTS 2 SHIPS MISSING TRANSPORTS DEPARTING ORMOC BAY YESTERDAY. NIL TIME GIVEN. NIGHT 24TH LJOODEWIE* PBY SANK 1 DE

BALAUAC ISLAND 07-59 N 117-04 E KOE* CL 1 DD MORNING SAME DAY 00-205 117-53 E COURSE 230 SPEED 20. PROBABLY 2 DD.

HEAVY CONCENTRATION PRESENT AND TANKER SHIPING NORTH BORNEO PORTS FORENOON 23RD. AT MIRI 1 DD 4 AO 4 LARGE 3 MEDIUM FREIGHTER TRANSPORTS 2 DD 15 SMALL AK, JESSELTON 3 SMALL AK 4 LARGE AO 5 SMALL AK 06-55 N 116-38 E. MARADU

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BAY 2 LARGE AO 1 LARGE FREIGHTER, SANDAKAN 6 MEDIUM FREIGHTER 
TRANSports 10 SMALL AK ANCHORED. NANIV REPORTS SUBMARINE ON 
SURFACE SEVERAL HOURS SUBMERGED AXWYTEN*22ND NEAR LOLOBAN IS-
LAND NORTH COAST NEW BRITAIN. BARGES SEEN NEARBY. LEYTE PT'S 
NIGHT 21/22 SANK 2 LUGGERS 1 SEA TRUCK LOADED WITH FUEL AMMuni-
TION NORTH PONSOR ISLAND AND DAMAGED ANOTHER SEA TRUCK SOUTH OF 
PORO ISLAND. BLUE SUB SANK MEDIUM GASOLINE TANKER AND LARGE BARGE 
DAWN 21ST 11-43 N 119-19 E. NIGHT SAME DAY GOT 4 HITS LARGE SAKU 
11-22 N 119-07 E LEAVING IT DEAD IN WATER. CAT OVER LEYTE SHIPPI
G SHOT DOWN 1 CHASED 4 MORE NIPS FORENBON 23RD. AIR RAID MOROTAI 
NIGHT 22ND INFlicted SERIOUS DAMAGE STRIPS AND GROUNDED PLANES, 
CAUSED PERSONNEL CASUALTIES, ANOTHER RAID REPORTED BEFORE DAWN 
24TH. 

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OPNAV-19-191 
N.1.153
FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM MICHI SHIO POW SURVIVOR.

TERMS SHO 1 (2) AND 3 ARE CODE NAMES FOR OPERATIONS IN AREAS IN WHICH ACTIONS WITH BLUE FLEET DEEMED PROBABLE. SHO 1 REFERS TO THE AREA WITHIN AND TO THE EASTWARD OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS NOT INCLUDING PALAU OR SAIPAN. BASE THIS AREA WAS SINGAPORE.

SHO 2 INVOLVES FORMOSA AND EASTWARD. THE LOOCHOO ISLANDS (KYUSHU) AREA SOUTH AND EAST OF SHIKOKU AND INLAND SEA AREA OF HONSHU. BASES THIS AREA KURE AND SUIEBO.

SHO 3 INVOLVES AREA EAST OF CENTRAL AND NORTHERN PARTS OF HONSHU PLUS HOKKAIDO AND KURILES. BONINS INCLUDED THIS SECTOR. BASES YOKOSUKA AND OMINATO. THESE DESIGNATIONS ORIGINATED AUGUST SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR AND SUBJECT TO MINOR CHANGE DEPENDENT ON SITUATION. POW IDENTIFIES FOLLOWING AS AMONG UNITS IN ORANGE CARRIER FORCE SECOND BATTLE PHILIPPINES. ASHI GARA OYODO DESDIVS 61 AND 62. STATES FORCE WAS TO REACH POINT NORTHEAST OF LUZON AT NOON.
24TH OCTOBER FOR AIR ATTACK, COORDINATED WITH FIRST DIVERSION ATTACK FORCE STRIKE AT LEYTE GULF MORNING OF THE 25TH.

FURTHER STATES 16TH DIVISION (INCLUDING AOBÁ AND KINU) DEPARTED SINGAPORE AREA 3 DAYS AFTER FIRST DIVERSION ATTACK FORCE AND WAS DUE MISAMIS MINDANAO 22ND OR 23RD OCTOBER TO ESCORT UNITS 2 ARMY DIVISIONS FROM MINDANAO TO LEYTE AFTER DESTRUCTION BLUE UNITS LEYTE AREA BY FIRST DIVERSION ATTACK FORCE, POW REPORTED AS SURVIVOR OF WAKATUSKI SAYS HIS DD AND 2 ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED WERE SUNK BY BLUE AIRCRAFT VICINITY ORMOC BAY 1000 11TH NOVEMBER. FURTHER REPORTS COMMON KNOWLEDGE HIS SHIP DD THAT HATSUTSUKI HAS BEEN SUNK SINCE JULY THIS YEAR. ABOVE GRADED B2.
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea
To: War Department
No: 24 November 1944

From GHQ SWPA and MacArthur. Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/22 to 1500Z/23 signed MacArthur.

* Action: 9 planes raided Morotai night November 22, destroyed 15 grounded aircraft and damaged others; 1 enemy bomber shot down and another probably destroyed by anti aircraft fire. 5 planes raided Leyte shipping November 22; 1 shot down by fighter patrols.

Operations November 21:
(1) Patrol plane sank sea truck and lugger Macassar Strait.
(2) 24 B 24's bombed gun positions, 16 others cratered runways Metina airstrip, Davao.
(3) 4 P 38's, 10 P 40's and 28 P 47's sortied against reinforcements and supplies, destroyed or damaged 15 barges Ormoc Bay; 8 P 40's, 20 P 47's set fire to warehouses dumps and motor transport strafed bivouacs same area; other P 38's and P 40's struck shipping Ormoc Bay Omotes Island, destroyed 1 seaplane 1 coastal vessels damaged 1 seaplane 1 coastal vessel 1 lugger.
(4) RAAF Ventura attacked supplies Trantun Island, Aroo Group.

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area
        Hollandia, New Guinea

No. 24 November 1944

Operations November 22:
(5) One B25 and 11 A20's cratered runways and revetments Kairateo air-drome, Ceram.
(6) 16 P40's bombed bivouacs and demolished installation Galela; 8 P40's attacked supplies Boeli Bay, eastern Halmahera.
(7) Three B25's bombed Celebes air-dromes before dawn.
(8) 20 P38's destroyed 22 fighters and three bombers on Mandei air-drome, sank medium freighter and one floatplane, damaged 9 seaplanes 1 gunboat and 1 small freighter Macassar, 3 P38's shot down by anti-aircraft fire.
(9) Four B24's over Brunei Bay before dawn scored two direct hits medium freighter.
(10) 46 B24's covered by 28 P47's bombed runways and revetments Bacolod air-drome Negros Island, P47's engaged one enemy fighter, 1 B24 overdue; 17 B25's with 23 P38's escort scored excellent coverage same target.

Operations November 23:
(11) Predawn Mariner left destroyer escort ablaze and sinking Brunei Bay, northern Borneo.
(12) Three Derwin B24's bombed Baucau, Ataopepe and Menatuto, Timor.

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"TOT"

From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area
Hollandia, New Guinea

No. • 24 November 1944

(13) Single Beaufort started fires Bandanaira waterfront, Banda Island.

Solomons Forces. Naval: PT boats shelled shore targets
Solomons and New Ireland.

Air. Operations November 22:

(14) 12 New Zealand Corsairs patrolled Bougainville;
23 Corsairs, 8 B25’s and two Venturas harassed Kavieng and
plantations New Ireland.

(15) 59 Marines and New Zealand Corsairs, unstated
number Deunlless plus single B25 hit barges and gun positions
Rabaul; 47 Marine and New Zealand Corsairs demolished village
and bombed enemy concentrations Open Bay.

Lend. Leyte: November 23:

Sixth Army: 77th Division arrived Leyte no further
report.

(End of Part 2).

Part 3.

(1) No details.

(2) Dropped 80 1,000 lb bombs plus unstated number
500 lb bombs.

(3) Fighters carried 2 500 lb bombs each, fires unstated
number rounds.

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(4) Dropped 8 x 300 pound bombs 3 to 4 seconds delay
from 500 feet, fired 400 rounds 50, 200 rounds 30 calibre.

(5) Dropped 48 500 lb bombs.

(6) Dropped 48 500 lb bombs.

(7) Dropped 24 100 lb bombs, met slight heavy inaccurate
anti aircraft fire.

(8) Attacked from minimum altitude, met intense accurate
anti aircraft fire.

(9) Dropped 12 1000 lb bombs.

(10) B24's dropped 66 1,000 lb, 6 500 lb, 768 260
lb fragmentation clusters from 12,000 to 9,700 feet; B25's
dropped 1,087 23 lb parafogs from minimum altitude, met
slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(11) Dropped 8 x 500 lb bombs.

(12) Dropped 30 250 lb bombs.

(13) Dropped 2 250 lb bombs.

End

* Being Serviced.

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CG AAP, Q-2, ADM KING, COL PARK, LOG

CM-IN-23975 (24 Nov 44) 23292 mcs

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

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CTF 77 GETS ACTION FROM CTG 77.2. MSS (RDO WASH) PASS INFO TO COMINCH NPM (RDO HONO) GIVE INFO TO CINC PAC AND CON 3RD FLEET. OTHER INFO ADDEES ARE CINC SWPAC AND CON 7TH FLEET.

FORENOON OPERATIONAL REPORT 24 NOVEMBER.

FEW MORNING BOGIES OVER TRANSPORT AREA NONE CLOSED THIS FORMATION. FUELING COLORADO AND MARYLAND AND DESTROYERS AND PROVISIONING DESTROYERS WITH DRY STORES FROM PENNSYLVANIA.

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AMUG BY HAND FROM NAVY VIA COMINCH

MSG SRL NBR RJ 45519 FROM POACS RICHARDSON SENDS DAILY SITREP TO EDEMEYER, AMAUK, SULTAN, GILBREATH, MARSHALL AND MACARTHUR THROUGH CINCPAC WITH ALL DATES IN EAST LONGITUDE TIME.

ADDITIONAL AIR STRIKES ON 19 NOV FOLLOW:

MARINE AIRCRAFT STRAFED SHIPPI NG CHISHI JIMA AND INSTALLATIONS AT NAHA JIMA. MARINE FIGHTERS BOMBED JAP AIRFIELD. NAVY AND MARINE PLANES ATTACKED JAP BASES IN PALAUS STARTING FIRES.

MORNING 21ST NAVY SEARCHPLANES BOMBED AND STRAFED 35 FOOT BOAT AT ENYBOH ISLAND, JALUIT. THAT EVENING NAVY SEARCHERS STRAFED AND SUNK 50 FOOT BOAT AT MILLE.

SOUND CONTACT OBTAINED ON POSSIBLE ENEMY SUBMARINE AT 211612Z BY FRIENDLY NAVAL VESSEL AT POSITION 36° NORTH 145° WEST.

C-4 WAS RELIABILITY RATING.

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By RT, NARA, Date 6/21/14
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CNAF 13
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 21 NOV 44
TOR CODEROOM: 
DECODED BY: IMRIE
TIRED BY: JOHNSON / DIEBEL
ROUTED BY: 

CRYPTOGRAM

PRECEDENCE: IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW

ADDRESS:

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

FOR ACTION

TO

CONFEAF
CINCSCOWESPACE
COMAF 5
COMDRFLYT
COM ALLIED NAVAL FORCES
CTF 73

CINCPOA
BOMCOM 13
COMSTFLT
FITCOM 13
1ST TAF ITAF TO RAAF
NORTHWEST AREA
309 BOMB WING
CONAIR NORSONLS

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IN OUGTSING DISPATCHED PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT

RDO HONO INTERCEPT
FROM COMAF 13 TO CONFEAF, CINCSCOWESPACE COMAF 5 COMDRFLYT,
COM ALLIED NAVAL FORCES, CTF 73 INFO CINCPOA, COMSTFLT,
FIRST TAF ITAF TO RAAF NORTHWEST AREA, 309 BOMB WING,
CONAIR NORSONLS, BOMCOM 13, FITCOM 13 CITE A4 8697.

MY REPORT OF RAID ON MOROTA 22 NOVEMBER, YELLOW 2009 RED 2017 ALL CLEAR 2235.- 1 BOGEY CAME IN LOW FROM SOUTH DROPPED 15-20 ANTI PERSONNEL BOMBS NORTH EAST AND PIOTE STRIP FROM APPROXIMATELY 2000 FEET ILLUMINATED AND ENGAGED BY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS HITS OBSERVED ON PLANE IDENTIFIED AS TWIN ENGAGED BOMBER. 8 BOGEYS APPROACHED FROM SOUTH WEST AT 14,000-27,000 FEET SPLIT UP AND DROPPED ON BOMBING OF BOMBS IN WEST DISPERSAL AREA ANOTHER DROPPED STRING NORTH SIDE OF PIOTE STRIP THIRD DROPPED BOMBS IN WATER OFF SOUTH COAST FOURTH DROPPED BOMBS IN WATER OFF GILA, 1 STRING OF BOMBS DROPPED NEAR PERIMETER AND 1 STRING DROPPED THROUGH WATER OFF BASE.

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OSD letter, May 13, 1973

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
13TH AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS AREA. 3 BOGEYS ILLUMINATED AND
6 ENGAGED BY 90 MM, 1 BOGEY CLAIMED AS DEFINITELY DESTRUCTION
1 PROBABLY DESTROYED, WINDOW REPORTED DROPPED BY MAJORITY
OF BOGEYS. OUR LOSSES ARE 3 MITCHELLS DESTROYED 15 DAMAGED,
4 LIBERATORS DESTROYED 8 DAMAGED, 1 VENTURA DESTROYED 2 DAM-
AGED, 7 HAVOCS DESTROYED 6 DAMAGED, 4 BOMB CRATERS ON NORTH
RUNWAY AND 5 CRATERS IN TAXIWAYS OF PITOE, CASUALTIES
3 KILLED AND 8 WOUNDED.

*AS RECEIVED.

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HONO INTERCEPT

(CONCARDIV 29 GIVES ACTION COM 7TH FLT. INFO COM 3RD FLT CTG 77.4 CTU 77.4.6)

MACARTHURS 220445 NOT TO ALL. WHILE COVERING COSA Y ON SHEARWATER 22 NOVEMBER SINGLE JAP PLANE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED VISUALLY APPROACHED AND FLEW OVER THIS DIVISION SUPWING IFF. 3 CVES AND 1 DESTROYER REPORTED CODE 1 TYPE SIGNAL FROM TIME IT APPEARED ON SCREEN AT DISTANCE OF 40 MILES UNTIL IT ARRIVED. 4TH CVE S REPORTED SAME BUT WEAK WITH SIGNAL/LIGHTLY AHEAD OF BLIP. WHEN IT DEPARTED IFF NO LONGER APPEARED.

COPY TO 206
RDO HONO INTERCEPT

CTG 78.2 SENDS

DAILY SUMMARY:

ARRIVED AT 0600 CTG 78.13 WITH 12 TRANSPORTS, 3 CARGO AND 7 DESTROYERS. UNLOADING STILL CONTINUES.

WART 22000 TO 78.13 WAS ATTACKED BY NIP PLANES.
6 BODIES WERE PICKED UP BY RADAR OF WHICH 2 WERE SIGHTED. ONE TORPEDO WAS LAUNCHED WHICH PASSED CLEAR ASTERN OF THE CONVOY. USS HOPE DEPARTED AT 1800 WITH 597 PATIENTS. 4 ALERTS DURING THE DAY BUT ONLY ONE NIP RAID OVER SAN PEDRO BAY.
FROM CINCPAC

RELEASED BY

DATE 23 NOV 1944

TOR CODE: 1249

DECoded BY SEVALD

PARAPHRASED BY WOODWARD

BY BITTER

FOR ACTION

ASTERISK (*) PARENTHESES ADDRESSEE

FROM CINCPAC ACTION TO ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS 3RD AND 7TH FLEETS.

CINCPAC ULTRA.

NP PLANE SPOTTED SOMETHING AT 2319Z (MINUS 2) IN POSIT 12-27 N 126-48 E.

G COPIES TO F-341

1 COPY TO 23 G
EVENING OPERATIONAL REPORT 23RD. BANDIT OVER PICKERS AT EAST AND SOUTH ENTRANCES NO ATTACK.

ONE BANDIT WITHIN GUN RANGE ESCAPED. CAP NOT UP AT TIME. TRANSFERRING DRY PROVISIONS FROM PENNSYLVANIA TO SOME DESTROYERS PRIOR FORMERS SAILING. EVENING BOGIES BUT DID NOT CLOSE.

COPY TO OP 2BG
(CINCSWPA SENDS VIA COM 7TH FLT. ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC)

RENSHAW (DD 499) SUFFERED NEAR BOMB MISS IN SURIGAO STRAIT. NO DAMAGE REPORTED/ NAVY SEARCH PLANE FROM MOROTAI SANK A SMALL AKIN PUERTO PRINCESSA BUT WAS ATTACKED BY 5 OSCARS WHO SHOT OUT 1 ENGINE. PLANE CRASH LANDED AT LEYTE CREW UNINJURED. CARDIV 27 TO RELIEVE CARDIV 29 TODAY AS AIR COVER OVER APPROACHES TO LEYTE.

MACARTHUR

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HONO INTERCEPT

(FROM COMAF 13 TO COMFEAF CINCSPRESPACE COMAF 5 COM 3RD FLEET
COM ALLIED NAVAL FORCE CTF 73 INFO CINCPAC COM 5TH FLEET
COM 7TH FLEET 1ST TAF TO RAAF NORTHWEST AREA
399 BOMBING COMAIRNCRSOLS BOMCOM 13 SITCOM 13 CITE
RING A6694)

SUMMARY BEGINS: PRELIMINARY REPORT 22 NOVEMBER ALL TIMES 1.

46 LIBERATORS WITH 28 THUNDERBOLTS AS COVER BORED BACOLCD
WITH 66 HALF TONNERS 6 QUARTER TONNERS AND 706 x 261
POUND FRAG CLUSTERS 1121 EACH 1133 FROM 971-12,334 FEET,
FRAG BOMBS COVERED 3/4 CF AREA WEST AIRSTRIP HALF TONNERS
BEGAN ON WEST END OF STRIP EXTENDED NORTH EAST, ONE VERY
EXPERIENCED ZEKE ENGAGED BY THUNDERBOLTS BUT ESCAPED AA NIL
ONE LIBERATOR LOST. 17 MITCHELLS WITH 23 LIGHTNINGS AS
COVER HIT BACOLCD WITH 1787X 23 POUND FRAGS 1275 FROM
MINIMUM ALTITUDE, FIGHTERS NOTE BOMBING RESULTS AS EXCELLENT
AA SLIGHT MEDIUM INACCURATE INTERCEPTION NIL AND LIGHTNINGS

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By DBS
Date
MAY 21 1973

O.P.R.

300 Pacific
BEL CALLED CAPTAIN, 4 LIBERATORS ON EURINE BAY SHIPPI NG S WEEP
1235-1245 DROPPED 12 HALF TONNERS 2 HITS ON FTU AA NIL. 3 MITCHELLS
OVER CELEBES AIRCRAFT MIDNIGHT-1215 DROPPED 24 CARRIAGES ON AIRCRAFTS
UNOBSERVED RESULTS AA SLIGHT HEAVY INACCURATE. 8 KITTYHAWKS HIT JOELI
MARITIARTA 117S EACH ME15 WITH 16 QUARTER TONNERS ALL BOMBS IN SUPPLY
AREAS RESULTS UNOBSERVED. 2 LIGHTNINGS BOMBED ASSA30 S WEEP 1145-1145
FROM MINIMUM ALTITUDE DESTROYED 22 SINGLE SEAT FIGHTERS AND 3 TWIN
ENGINE AIRCRAFT ON MANDAI 1 JAKE DESTROYED IN HARBOR 1 FTB SUNK 9 SC
1 SB 1 GUNBOAT DAMAGED, 3 LIGHTNINGS DOWNED BY AA. 16 KITTYHAWKS HIT
GALELA REPAIR DEPOT AND DORO BIVOUAC AREA WITH 32 QUARTER TONNERS,
AND 51-1545, BUILDINGS DESTROYED AND 3 FIRED REPAIR DEPOT HUTS HIT IN
BIVOUAC AREA AA NIL. 11 SAVOOS AND 1 MITCHELL HIT KAIRATCE WITH 48
QUARTER TONNERS AT 1145, BOMBS HIT DIAGONALLY ACROSS STRIP SOUTH TO NORTH
AND REVELL AREA AA NIL. 2 PHOTO LIGHTNINGS COVERED EXRAN 1145-1155.
4 THUNDERBOLTS LOCAL PATROL 1753-1725 NIL CONTACTS. 3 BLACK WIDOWS ONE
LOCAL PATROL EIGHTEEN FORTYFIVE OF 10X* 25 MADE SEVERAL CONTACTS BUT
LOST DUE EVASIVE ACTION AND WINDOW. COMPLETE REPORT OF RAID ON
MOROTAI NIGHT 22 WILL FOLLOW.

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COMM 7TH FLT. RADIO HONOLULU PASS INFO COMINC COM

3RD FLT CINOPAC CINOSWA HAS INFO LOCALLY.

OPERATIONAL REPORT FORENOON 23RD. CAP YESTERDAY

DID WELL. LASHED 1 CHASED 4. TAYLOR (DD468) GYRO

ERRATIC DESPITE TENDER WORK. EXAMINATION BEST LOCAL

TIENT INDICATES Rotor MUST BE BALANCED. REQUIRES

3 DAYS TENDER AVAILABILITY PRIOR EXTENDED OPERATION.

SAILLED COMDESRON 47. MCCORD (DD534) WITH TRATHEN

(HD534) HAZELWOOD (DD531) AND MAC DONOUGH (DD531)

TO ULTIMATE REPORT COMM 3RD FLT. DESTROYERS NOW TOTAL

12 OF WHICH 5 ON PICKET OR PATROL STATIONS 3 OF

WHICH COULD BE REPLACED WITH SMALL SONAR EQUIPPED

CRAFT IF AVAILABLE. FEW DAWN BOGIES. NONE CLOSED

WITHIN 30 MILES.

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(IN FAIR WEATHER SPECIAL LEYTE SEARCHES NEGATIVE 22ND
EXCEPT 1. ALL AK 1 BARGE 10-27 NORTH 122-41 EAST COURSE
020 AT 1134, 0200 NIGHT PLANE SAW 1 LARGE 4 SMALL AK'S
ANCHORED 06-17 NORTH LONGITUDE COURSE, EITHER 114-15 EAST
OR 11TXTF-15 EAST. SAME TIME ANOTHER PLANE SAW 1
UNIDENTIFIED BRUNEI BAY. 1030 NEAR MISS 04-20 NORTH
113-45 EAST 2 DD 1 A0 1 MEDIUM 11 SMALL STACK AFT VESSELS
ANCHORED. 1100 2 CL 12 NGJUPO* OBJECTS PROBABLY 4 BARGES
00-30 SOUTH 118-30 EAST COURSE 040 SPEED 10. LAST SEEN
2 HOURS LATER 00-14 SOUTH 112-10 EAST COURSE 030. LEYTE
SEARCHES SANK 3 BARGES WEST LEYTE NIGHT 19/20 IN ADDITION
4 PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. RECEIVED NEAR BOMB MISS JYKB* UNSEEN
PLANE CARRYING PERSONNEL CASUALTIES. NIP ECC* ALERT DJUMG*
22ND. 15 PLANES WERE INTERCEPTED TURNED BACK SECOND ALERT.
FEW BOGIES NEAR SHIPPING AFTERNOON AND DUSK. NOTIEJVOSUD*,
21ST 37 8-24 S BOMBED LUMBA DROME SOUTHWEST CAGAYEN.
EXCELLENT PATTERN OVER STRIP REVETMENT AREAS. NIL AA OR
INTERCEPTION. 15 F-47'S HIT BACOLOO. SHOT DOWN 1 JUL

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1 Zeke over Target 1 Lily TVoble*. 9 Mitchells hit Hapagmt*. 5 More Langoan Manado Area. Nil Interception ** Intense AA.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: COMAF 13
Act: COMPEAF CINCJSOVESPAC COMAF 5 COM 3rd FLT COM Allied Naval Forces CTF 73
Info: CINCPAC BONCOM 13 COM 5th FLT PTCOM 13 1ST TAF ITAF to RAAF Northwest Area 309 BOMBING COMAIRHORSOLS

DTG: 231800 November 1944

My report of raid on Morotai 22nd November.

Yellow 2009
Red 2017
All clear 2235.

One Bogey came in low from south, dropped 15-20 anti-personnel bombs northeast end Pitoe strip from approximately 2,000 feet, illuminated and engaged by automatic weapons hits observed on plane, identified as twin-engined bomber.

Eight Bogeys approached from southwest at 14,000-27,000 feet, split up and dropped on buzzing of bombs in west dispersal area, another dropped string north side of Pitoe strip, third dropped bombs in water off south coast, fourth dropped bombs in water off Gila, one string of bombs dropped near perimeter and one string dropped through 13th Air Force Headquarters area.

Three Bogeys illuminated and six engaged by 90 mm, one Bogey claimed as definitely destroyed, one probably.
From: COMAF 13
DTG: 231800 November 1944

destroyed, window reported dropped by majority of Bogeys.

Our losses are:

- 3 Mitchells destroyed, 15 damaged
- 4 Liberators destroyed, 8 damaged
- 1 Ventura destroyed, 2 damaged
- 7 Havocs destroyed, 6 damaged

Four bomb craters on north runway and five craters in taxiways of Pitsch.

Casualties: 3 killed and 8 wounded.

End

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CG AAF G-2 COL PARK LOG

CM-IN-23970 (24 Nov 44) 2325Z mcs
HON0 INTERCEPT

Comaf (CTG 73.2 sends to 5 Comaf 13 all TFC's and TEC's 3rd and 7th Flts. Cincpoa RDO Hollanda pass to ComAAF. COM 7th Flt. Cincswpa via COM 7th Flt COM 3rd Flt).

Results mariner searches night 22 ** 760 miles ECON. Puerto Princesa Dagbulugan Bay ** 1 858 780 miles.

Dagbulugan Bay Balabac Island Lat 07-59 North long 117-04 East 4 500 straddled de af 00251.

First fell short second hit waterline starboard bow third exploded on deck amidships 4th near miss off port stern. Debris and orange red flares shot up 200 feet. Fire spread over entire ship and surrounding water. When mariner left 0100i only flaming bow and superstructure still above water. A.A. nil.

San Antonio-Balabac Strait covered. NBY searches coly* Harbor - Tutu Bay.

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HONO INTERCEPT

(ACTION TASK FORCE 38 INFO COM 3RD FLEET COM 7TH FLEET, CINCPAC SUPER.)

AT 230112 (MINUS 9) NIP AIRCRAFT CONTACTED SOMETHING IN POSIT 15-17 N 123-56 E. SAME PLANE AT 0045 REPORTED POSIT 15-42 N 123-03 E.

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By DBS

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CTG 77.2 SENDS ACTION CTF 77 (INFO COMS THIRD AND 7TH FLEETS CINCOWESPAC RDO HONOLULU PASS TO CINCPAC RDO WASHINGTON PASS COMINCH.

EVENING OPERATIONAL REPORT 22ND. FEW BODIES DURING AFTERNOON AND AT DUSK DID NOT CLOSE FORMATION. RENSHAW (D 399) PATROLLING IN EAST ENTRANCE SURLGO STRAIT AND SAUFLEY (D 465) IN SOUTH ENTRANCE BOTH HAD NIP PLANES CLOSE ABOARD. BOMB DROPPED NEAR RENSHAW CAUSED TEMPORARY LOSS STEERING CONTROL. NO DAMAGE LOCATED.

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**HONO INTERCEPT**

(From COMAF 13 to COMFEAF CINCOWESPAC COMAF 5 COM 3RD FLT COM ALLIED NAVAL FORCES CTF 73 INFO CINCPOA COM 5TH FLT COM 7TH FLT FIRST AF RAAF PASS TO RAAF NORTHWEST AREA 309 BOMBING COMAIRNORSOLS BOMCOM 13 FIT COM 13, KS 8682)  

PRELIMINARY REPORT 21 NOV ALL TIMES 1, 37 LIBERATORS BOMBED LUNBLA AIRDRONE WITH 30 1/4 TONNERS 6 1/4 TONNERS AND 726 X 260 POUND FRAG CLUSTERS 1301-1316 FROM 7800 SSMICNARI THOUSAND 300 FEET ALL BOMBING RESULTS EXCELLENT PATTERN ACROSS CENTER OF STRIP, COVERED EAST MNHU DISPERAL *** 3 BUILDINGS DESTROYED, AA INTERCEPTION NIL, 1 LIBERATOR MISSING, 45 THUNDERBOLTS FAILING TO RENDEZVOUS WITH LIBERATORS MADE FIGHTER SWEET OVER BACOLOD 1045-1150 DESTROYED 1 JILL 1 ZEKE OVER BACOLOD AND STRAFED PROBABLY DESTROYED 1 LILY AFTER IT LANDED SLIGHT MEDIUM INACCURATE AA, 9 MITCHELLS MAJTNGET WITH 4920 23 POUND PAR FRAGS TE TY, 6 MAJORITY OF BOMBS IN REVETMENT AND DISPERAL AREA INTENSE MEDIUM ACCURATE AA DAMAGED 1 PLANE, 5 MITCHELLS BOMBED LANGAAN WITH 624 PTLH PAR FRAGS 1050 MAJORITY OF BOMBS

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HIT ACROSS CENTER OF STRIP NUMBER 1 SIGHT HEAVY INACCURATE AA. 8 LIGHTNINGS ON DUMBO ESCORT TO NEGROS 1100-1250 NIL

ENEMY CONTACTS. 8 BEAUFIGHTERS ON SWEEP OVER DOELAQG ISLANDS YOPE TKUG OTG RPT RKAFOQANG* BALAANGOEKI* 1045-1220 STRAFED

DAMAGED 1 VBA 1 VBC AND SANK 1 SCROONER SLIGHT MEDIUM INACCURATE AA. 5 LIBERATORS ON BRUNEI BAY SHIPPING SWEEP 0055-0430

DROPPED 20 HALF TONNERS ON BABUAN TOWN RESULTS UNOBSERVED. AA INTERCEPTION NIL. 2 MITCHELLS ON CERAM SHIPPING SWEEP 0645-0825 NIL SIGHTINGS. 8 KITTYHAWKS HIT TIANKOL 100* SUPPLY AND BIVOUAC AREAS WITH 16 QUARTER TONNERS 0800 ALL

BOMBS IN TARGET AREA RESULTS UNOBSERVED MODERATE HEAVY INACCURATE AA. 4 PHOTO LIGHTNINGS COMER HALMAHERA IAMHA-

CWLBESWTEG* HUNDRED-1400. 4 LIGHTNINGS ON ASIA ISLAND SEARCH FOR MISSING CREW 0700-1130 NIL SIGHTINGS. MYY* 4

LIGHTNINGS ON DUMBO ESCORT OVER CERAM 1125-1255 NIL ENEMY CONTACTS. 10 LIGHTNINGS ON KENDARI SLEEP 1155-1325 STRAFED

DAMAGED 1 LILY. BOROBOR STRIP DAMAGED 2 BARGES TIWORODYTRIXIT* AA FROM 1 DD AS ESCORT SOUTHEAST CELEBES DESTROYED 1 LIGHT-

NINGS. 8 KITTYHAWKS OVER BGXRI IRPLEIBER* JUNCTION 1045

DROPPED 16 QUARTER TONNERS ON BIVOUAC AREA RESULTS UNOBSERVED AA NIL. 2 KITTYHAWKS HIT BODO RIVER AREA 1910 WITH

4 QUARTER TONNERS RESULTS UNOBSERVED AA NIL. 31 MITCHELLS AND

11 HAVOCS BOMBED HALONG WITH 12 NAPALM QUARTER TONNERS AND 120 CENTURIES 1200-1213. FROM 11 SORDUHL E BEG* THOUSAND-

12,500 FEET BARRACKS AND REVETMENT AREAS WILL NKYWRED* HAHN-VJBBEVYVVED* DESTROYED MODERATE HEAVY INACCURATE AA. 4 THUN-

DERBOLTS ON LPCALNXADROL* 0550-0730 NIL CONTACTS. 4 BLACK WIDOWS LOCAL PATROL 1845-2230 21ST NIL CONTACTS.**** OWTS*

3 BLACK WIDOWS LOCAL SORTIE 0355-0540 SWEEP 2ND NIL CONTACTS. DELAYED REPORTS OF 20TH COLGU EFPIHR* LIGHTNINGS ON MAKASSAR

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Sweep 1245-1330 destroyed 1 Pete Dano* SC. Probably destroyed 1 PG 1 IXFG* and JFXNH LKIARE BEKEHK IK OBKQT E GD H* MAVIS LMIKE*RIFE and about 50 SC in WAKASSAR HARBOR. 38 RAAF KITTYHAWKS over SOROAOMDORE KANRAU BAY HAMILFOUT* AND TALELA 0950-1335 20TH DROPPED 35 QUARTER TONNERS AND 4 8TH TONNERS ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS.

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RDO HOMO INTERCEPT

CTF 73 SENDS ACTION CON 7TH FLIGHT CHINPOA CON 3RD FLIGHT COMAF 5 COMAF 13 COMAFF 308 BOMBING CHINSWPA ALL TF AND TG COMDRS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS.

SECTOR SPECIAL SQPN COVERED BY 4 LEYTE VENTURAS NOVEMBER 22. SPECIAL S OUT 400 MILES. COVERAGE 75%. VISIBILITY UP TO 10 MILES. SMOKING SAWMEN.

STRAFED LEFT BURNING POSITION 14-23 NORTH 122-33 EAST

FRONTS OVER SAMAR LUZON AND NORTHERN EXTREMITY SECTOR. Q OUT 150 MILES COVERAGE 40%. VISIBILITY TO 10 MILES EXCEPT RAIN SQUALLS EXTENDING NORTHWEST OF LEYTE. NO SIGHTINGS. P OUT 300 MILES. COVERAGE 65%. VISIBILITY UNLIMITED EXCEPT FRONT OVER PALAWAN AND ACROSS SULU SEA PREVENTING SEARCH BAGUOT. MALAMPAYA, TAYTAY, DUMARAN ISLAND. NO SHIPPING CORON BAY. NO SIGHTINGS. N OUT 400. COVERAGE 95% VISIBILITY 15 MILES EXCEPT IN SULU SEA. NO SIGHTINGS.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
FROM COMNAVGROUP CHINA, ACTION COMSUBPAC INFO CINCPAC.

CINCPAC PASSED FOR INFO TO COMINCH CINCSPAC CTG 77
COM 3RD FLT ALL TF AND TG'S 3RD FLEET AS 241038.

SORRY COULDN'T OBTAIN NOTHING TO CONFIRM IDENTITY SEALION
TARGETS, COMNAVGROUP ANSWERING COMSUBPAC 212341. 11TH AIR
FORCE SEARCH PLANE COVERING THAT AREA IN RESPONSE YOUR
REQUEST GOT OFF LATE AND FOUND NOTHING BUT CONVOY IN POSIT
30-07N 123-10E AT 211415Z WHICH IT ATTACKED SINKING 1 AND
 DAMAGING ANOTHER. ALL ATTEMPT TO GET B 29 OVER THIS AREA
HAVE ABORTED.

SECOND SUBJECT. 1 SCHEDULE A DAY PREFERABLY BETWEEN 1100Z
AND 1300 WOULD FULFILL OUR NEEDS. SUGGEST COMNAVGROUP
LISTEN ON 8470 KCS FOR 15 MINUTES AT DESIGNATED TIME READY
TO RECEIPT ON THAT FREQUENCY FOR ANYTHING BOATS SEND.
3RD AND NEW SUBJECT. PRECARIOUS POSITION OF FORWARD BASES
14TH AIR FORCE AND THEIR TEMPORARY SET UP HAVE INTRODUCED

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ALMOST INSURMOUNTABLE COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES.

RELAY OF CONTACTS HAS NEARLY STOPPED SINCE FALL OF LIUCHOW.
TO TOP IT OFF OUR EXCELLENT FORWARD ECHELON LIAISON OFFICER
BAILED OUT OF A B 24 OUT THERE SOMEWHERE LAST NIGHT.
HE WAS IN PROCESS OF GETTING OUR COMMUNICATIONS REESTABLISHED.
ANOTHER IS ON HIS WAY.
(CNB SWPA SENDS VIA COM 7TH FLT ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC)

40VE'S (Main Do.P)
CARDIV 29 ATTACKED BY 3 TWIN ENGINE BOMBERS EAST OF NINIHANAO ON 21ST. NO DAMAGE. 1 NIP SHOT OUT IN AIR.
DELAYED RETURNS CREDIT LEYTE PT'S WITH 3 MORE BARGES SUNK IN ORHOC EAY 19/20 MAKING TOTAL OF 7. MACARTHUR.
HONOLULU INTERCEPT

\((203) 78.4 \) SEND S ACTION CTF 38 INFO COW 3RD FLT.
\((RDO HONO) PASS TO BOTH\)

DAILY OPERATIONAL SUMMARY.

A. 22 NOVEMBER.

B. 93 PLUS 5 "COTO".

C. 7.

D. 7.

E. 92 NAPALM 168 ROCKETS.

F. 1 VF FLAK. HDR PILOT 1 VF. V FIRES IN BIVOOA AREA VICINITY YAP AND게릴-TOMRTL* FIELDS.

AA POSITIONS YAP TOWN AREA.

COMMENTS. RESULTS NAPALM BOMBS DISAPPOINTING WITH LESS THAN HALF IGNITING. INVESTIGATING CAUSE OF FAILURE.

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CTG 70.1 SENDS ACTION CTF 77 INFO COMINCH.

AMPLIFYING MY 251532. ACTION REPORTS BATTLE OCTOBER 24/25 SURIGAO STRAITS ALL RECEIVED. COVERAGE ENEMY VGMAPBIBJ* NUMBERS TYPES MOVEMENTS NOT CONSIDERED COMPLETE. FAR FROM CONCLUSIVE. BECAUSE SMALL RADAR RANGE. LOW HEIGHT EYE. FREQUENT RAIN. CONFUSION ENEMY GUNFIRE. ESTIMATE THIRTEEN SHIPS WENT UP STRAITS TOWARDS SHIP ACTION AREA. ONE VERY LARGE WITH 3 SMALL FOLLOWED BY 2 VERY LARGE WITH 3 SMALLER THEN 4 SMALLER. BELIEVE 1 CRUISER 2 DESTROYERS PATROLLED LOWER ENTRANCE NOT GOING UP. BELIEVE 2 DESTROYERS CAME BACK DOWN BEFORE DAYLIGHT. 1 HEAVY CRUISER ON FIRE BUT CAME DOWN ARRIVING LOWER ENTRANCE AFTER DAYLIGHT. THIS CRUISER

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1 OTHER CRUISER 4 DESTROYERS SIGHTED SOUTHWEST PANAON
ISLAND AFTER DAYBREAK BELIEVE MOVED OFF TO SOUTHWEST.
TOTAL 39 PG'S DISPOSED 13 SECTIONS 3 BOATS EACH.
18 BOATS FIRED TOTAL 34 TORPEDOES. 7 POSSIBLE HITS.
11 UNHINDERED. 14 KNOWN MISSES. 1 ERRATIC RUN.
1 HIT RUN ON DECK. BOATS FIRED OVER 400 ROUNDS 40 MM.
1200 ROUNDS 37 AND 20 MM. 10,000 ROUNDS 50 CAL AT ENEMY
SCTROSBENPTS* AND UPPER DECKS. 30 BOATS UNDER FIRE.
10 BOATS HIT BY 6 INCH 4.7 INCH AND SMALLER. 1 BOAT SANK.
3 ENLISTED KILLED. 3 OFFICERS 17 ENLISTED WOUNDED.

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CTG 77.2 SENDS ACTION TO CTF 77 INFO TO CINCPAC COM 3RD FLEET COM 7TH FLEET RDG HONOLULU PASS TO CINCPAC RDG WASHIKTON PASS COMINCH.

FORENOON OPERATIONAL REPORT 22ND. FEB MORN. BOGIES. NONE CLOSED THIS GROUP. FUELING DESTROYERS.
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea.

To: War Department.

Nr: C-52773 22 November 1944.

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department c/o C-52773. Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/21 to 1500Z/22.

Philippines:

Luzon: Convoy comprising 1 heavy cruiser, 4 destroyers, 1 large transport sighted on southerly course 30 miles north Lingayen Gulf November 20; 2 medium freighters reported in Surigao passage night November 21.

Leyte: Navy reported few enemy planes in area morning November 22, no attacks.

Calamian group: Reconnaissance plane reported nil shipping Coron Bay November 21.

Borneo: 2 light cruisers Yubari class reported heading northeast 100 miles northeast Balikpapan, 2 destroyers 1 tanker 1 small freighter 11 seaplanes off Miri November 22, 1 auxiliary vessel 1 large 4 small merchant vessels several barges off Cape Selatan (South point) previous day.

Soemba: Catalina reported submerged submarine 50 miles south evening November 21.

From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea.

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heading Ormoc following night.

Air.

Enemy action: 2 enemy raids on Dulag, second by 15 planes, intercepted and driven back November 22.

Operations November 20:

(1) 12 RAAP Beauforts bombed stores and bivouac near Angoram, lower Sepik river, 5 others hit Wewak bivouac area.

(2) 38 RAAP P40's attacked Sopong and Kaima targets, bombed bivouac areas at Galela and Kae on Halmahera.

(3) 4 RAAP B25's bombed Mina river bridge (Timor), started large fire Macmere on Flores.

(4) 8 P38's swept Macasser shipping, destroyed 5 seatrucks 1 floatplane, probably destroyed medium freighter transport barge and second floatplane.

Operations November 21:

(5) 18 P40's bombed Halmahera supply and bivouac areas.

(6) 31 B25's 11 A20's bombed Halong seaplane base

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at Ambon hit installations destroyed hangar.

(7) 17 B24's struck Ambela airdrome southeastern Celebes, runway cratered fires started dispersal area; 10 P38's strafed bomber on Bortboro airdrome and 2 barge Tiworo strait, escorting vessel shot down 1 P38.

(8) 18 B25's covered Langoan and Mapanget airdromes, 8 Beaufighters swept Celebes north coast, sank schooner strafed 10 barges.

(9) 5 B24's bombed Labuan town Borneo, before dawn, single B24 sank lugger off east coast.

(10) 37 B24's hit Isumia airdrome near Del Monte on Mindanao, cratered runway destroyed 3 buildings.

(11) 45 P47's failed rendezvous with B24's, shot down 2 enemy planes probably destroyed 3rd on Bacolod runway.

(12) 4 single patrol B24's bombed Timor villages, destroyed 2 luggers Atapoepe.

November 22:

(13) 3 B25's 6 A20's from Madzab, 20 Beauforts from Tadji bombed concentrations west Wewak, destroyed huts Karasau island.

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Date: 22 November 1944.

Operational

(14) 17 B24's bombed Mambang nickel mine near Pomelans, southeast Celebes, damaged installations hit wharf.

(15) reconnaissance aircraft sank small freighter off east coast Luzon.

(16) 20 RAAF and Netherlands East Indies B25's bombed Lautem supply dumps, started fires, single Beaufort attacked Aodo village in Tanimbers.

Solomons Force.

Naval: PT boats attacked shore targets, at night.

Air:

Operations November 20 and 21:

(17) 26 B25's 3 Venturas 36 Corsairs dropped 36 tons of bombs on Kavieng and New Ireland plantations; 8 B25's 90 Corsairs 29 Dauntless dropped 54 tons Vanakarasu airstrip Tobera supply and bivouac areas, enemy concentrations Wide bay; 2 Avengers 68 Corsairs attacked Bougainville bridges and bivouacs.

Land:

Leyte: Sixth Army: X Corps: 32 Division: 128 Infantry advanced to point 500 yards south of Limon, others
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea.

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Elements engaged strong enemy force west slopes hill 465. 24th Division contacted enemy forces 1 mile south west Oropouen and 2000 yards east Sinaysaw (1163).

1st Cavalry Division:

5th Cavalry encountered heavy resistance on hill 500 yards north mount Catabaran, other elements conducted patrols.

XXIV Corps: Elements 96th Division encountered strongly organized positions 2500 yards southwest Kabayan November 21. 11th Airborne Division relieved elements 7th Division in vicinity of Buraan; other elements 7th Division moved to west coast Leyte.

Enemy casualties to 22nd November:

Killed 20259, captured 175.

Our casualties: Killed 1245, wounded 4846, missing 100.

End of part 2.

Part 3.

Weather. Strong winds and heavy showers continued over Philippines, above average conditions Borneo/Celebes area.

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Mr: C-52773   22 November 1944.

Air.

(1) 12 by 500 lb medium capacity, 16 by 250 lb, 6 by 40 lb general purpose bombs dropped.

(2) 35 by 500 lb, 4 by 250 lb bombs dropped.

(3) 16 by 250 lb bombs dropped.

dropped by B-5's, intense medium accurate anti-aircraft fire Mepangat.

(9) 20 by 1000 lb bombs dropped nil anti-aircraft fire.

(10) 30 by 1000 lb, 6 by 500 lb bombs, 726 by 260 lb fragmentation clusters dropped, nil anti-aircraft fire.

(11) No details.

(12) 40 by 250 lb bombs dropped.

(13) 27 by 300 lb 8 to 15 seconds delay 4 by 100 lb white phosphorous bombs dropped, 3000 rounds 50 calibre fired by B25's and A20's; Beauforts dropped 30 by 500 lb, 53 by 40 lb, 36 by 40 lb bombs.

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(14) bombs included 72 by 300 lb bombs dropped from 10000 to 8500 feet, 8000 rounds 50 calibre fired in strafing.

(15) No details.

(16) 32 by 500 lb medium capacity 59 by 500 lb incendiary 184 by 100 lb demolition bombs dropped from 14500 to 12000 feet, slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

Leyte airdrome construction November 20:
Grading continues Tacloban dispersal area, Dulag taxiway and dispersals being gravelled, Bayug 1500 feet mat surface 1-1d, drainage and road work proceeding San Pablo and Buri under difficulties due heavy rains.

End.

* Being Serviced.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/8, CG AAF, ASF, G-2, Adm King,
Col Park, Statistics, Log

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To: War Department

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From GHQ SWPA signed MacArthur to Chief of Staff
War Department cite C 52698

Formosa:

China based plane reported two battleships,
two cruisers, three destroyers on northeasterly course north
Formosa Strait night November 20.

Philippines:

Luzon: Local report states two heavy cruisers
arrived Manila Bay from south, morning November 21.

Palawan: Tanker and small freighters sighted
Puerto Princesa, midday November 20, four seatrucks following
day when five enemy fighters airborne.

Panay: Medium merchant vessel with destroyer
escort sighted on easterly course off northwest point morning
November 21; two seatrucks sighted at anchor Iloilo Bay
November 21.

Masbate: Four seatrucks sighted heading south
November 21 off south east coast.

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Borneo:

Balikpapan: 8000 ton tanker and medium freighter
transport sighted in bay midday November 21.

Banda Sea: Beaufighters report no sign of any
enemy activity remaining Tanimbar Islands November 20.

Part II.

Naval.

Leyte: PT boats heavily damaged two luggers
entering Ormoc Bay from northwest and sank four troop filled
barges approaching from south night November 20.

Air.

Enemy action: Three bombers attacked Allied convoy
220 miles east north east Davao, one plane downed by anti-
aircraft morning November 21.

Operations November 20:

(1) 20 B 25's cratered runways and revetments
Haroskoe; A 20s and one B 25 attacked Liang airdrome;
12 B 25s struck Laha.

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(2) Four B 25s strafed schooner and small craft through western Ceram and Soela Islands.

(3) 16 P40s started fires and demolished buildings through bivouacs and supply dumps Halahera.

(4) Fight Beaufighters rocketed and set afire warehouses and dumps Bangka Strait; eight RAAF A20s bombed Tanamon airdrome; 22 P 38s on strafing sweep through northeastern Celebes.

(5) Five predawn B 24s reached Brunei Bay, northern Borneo, sank medium freighter, caused explosions on medium freighter transport and probably damaged another.

(6) Two Darwin B 24s bombed Baucau and Manatuto, northeastern Timor; eight Beaufighters rocketed and demolished barracks buildings same area.

(7) Four Beaufighters swept Tanimbar Islands, heavily damaged lugger off west coast; single B 25s bomb Saumlaki and gun positions Adodee, north Larat.

(8) RAAF Ventura attacked village Kai Islands.

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Operations November 21:

(9) Six A20s and four B 25s attacked Maprik village bivouacs west Wevak.

(10) Single B24 sank seatruck Puerto Princesa Harbor, Palawan Island, shot down one of five intercepting fighters.

(11) Three P 40s damaged road transport near Valencia; patrol Ventura strafed lugger northwest Samar Island.

(12) Dutch B 25 strafed Baucau Town, northeastern Timor.

Leyte: November 21

6th Army: Xth Corps: 24th Division: Attack continued west from Pinamitanan (1865); artillery concentrations placed on enemy 1000 yards southwest Tolibav (0763).

32nd Division: 126th Infantry continued attacks Limon against enemy positions on left (east) flank; 126th Infantry reached line 1000 yards northwest hill 465, enemy road block eliminated east Pinamopoan. First Cavalry Division conducted extensive patrolling.

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XXIV Corps: Elements 11th Airborne Division concentrated Guinarona for relief of elements of 7th Division; 503rd Parachute Regiment assembled Bincay (6119)-Tarragona (5812) area as 6th Army reserve.

Our casualties to November 21: Killed 1214
Wounded 4730
Missing 95

Other Areas:

Total enemy casualties to November 20 (Morotai)
Killed 350
Captured 17

Morotai/Asia
Killed 167

Noemfoor
Killed 1937
Captured 260

Biak
Killed 6805
Captured 501

Maffin Bay
Killed 3995
Captured 56

Hollandia
Killed 4500
Captured 661

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Aitape: Killed 9132
Captured 153

Cape Gloucester: Killed 4317
Captured 344

Part III.

(1) Dropped 48 500 pound, 32 300 pound bombs
Harekote; 48 500 pound bombs Lian; 48 same type Laha
where moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(2) No details.

(3) Dropped 32 500 pound bombs.

(4) Beaufighters fired 62 25 pound rockets;
A 20s dropped 24 500 pound bombs, met slight light inaccurate
anti aircraft fire.

(5) Dropped 12 1000 pound bombs.

(6) B.24s dropped 20 250 pound bombs from 8500 feet;
Beaufighters fired 32 500 pound rockets, 1860 rounds 20 MM,
met slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia New Guinea.

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(7) B 25s dropped 8 500 pound medium capacity bombs five and 11 seconds delay from 10,000 to 5,000 feet.

(8) Dropped three 300 pound bombs three to four seconds delay from 600 feet; fired 400 rounds, 50 800 rounds, 30 calibre.

(9) Dropped 48 300 pound bombs eight to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 7900 rounds 50 calibre.

Paragraphs 10 and 11 no details.

(12) Fired 6000 rounds 50 calibre.

End

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/74
CONRAD S. SENDS ALL TF AND TO COMS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS, CINCPA, COMSROFLT, COMAF 5, COMAF 13, WHO GETS VIA TTV* CONAF. COM 7TH ANN ADE GIVE CINCWSFA.

INTERLUDE SEARCHES 21ST. SECTOR C 880 100 PERCENT. 1100 SANK NC 01-50S 119-15E. 1307 ANCHORED BAIKPAPAM* 1 FA 1

SA 4 SC. 1326 SANK LUGGER 01-09S 117-22E. 5 SINGLE ENGINE PLANES ON MANGGAR STRIP. SECTOR 1 850 90 PERCENT. 1030

BALABAC NEGAT. 1100 SAN ANTONIO BAY NEGAT. BAD WEATHER PREVENTED COVERAGE JOLO. SECTOR 1 SPECIAL OUT 840 90 PERCENT.

1230 AT MIRI* 1 AO 2 DE COURSE 330 SPEED 17 MPH CREW* ANCHOR 1 AO 1 DE 2 FTC AND FTD 2 SC. 1245 AT 05-08N 114-10E 5 SC

AT ANCHOR. 1315 BRUNEI NEGAT. SHIPPING, KINARIS JESSLET NEGAT. MARUDU BAY MARCHESSA NOT COVERED. SECTOR B 700 98

PERCENT. 1000 AT TARAKAN 8 SF 3 YC. 1030 POS 04-23N 112-50E 3 SC. DARVEL BAY NEGAT. SECTOR 2 OUT 750 75 PERCENT.

0700 PUERTO PRINCESA DESTROYED 1 SC. ATTACKED BY 5 OSCARS DESTROYED 1. 1 ENGINE SHOT OUT CRASH LANDED LEYTE. CREW UNINJURED. SECTOR TONO 85 80 PERCENT. 1230 AT CO0E* BAY
STRAFED 3 LUGGERS. BAD WEATHER PREVENTED COVERAGE BACUIT BAY CYUEBPAY SOUND TAY TAY TULLURAN. SECTOR X 850 75 PERCENT. 0920
2 DE CEBU HARBOR. 0745 STRAFED BOMBED PG REPORTED YESTERDAY 12-37M 120-55E, APPEARED AGROUND AND DESERTED. SECTOR Y 850
90 PERCENT. 1040 12-HM 123-55E 2 FB AT ANCHOR CLOSE IN SHORE. ATTACKED MIRASSO* VENTURA SEARCHES. ABE 600 MILES 100 PERCENT.
TAWI TAWI NEGAT. DFQTMN 330 85 PERCENT NEGAT. SECTOR 5 OUT 600 90 PERCENT NEGAT. SECTOR 6 OUT 600 90 PERCENT NEGAT. % SPECIAL
LAND
LOST PLANE SEARCHERS NEGAT. ALL TIMES ITEM./ TARGETS PROHIBITED FOR SEARCH PLANES.

*AS RECEIVED. MSG BADLY GARbled.
DELIVERED TO 20-G.
CTG 77.2 SENDS ACTION TO CTF 77 INFO TO CINCSOWESPAC COM 7TH FLEET. ALSO INFO VIA RDO HONOLULU TO CINCPAC COM 3RD FLEET AND VIA RDO WASHINGTON TO COMINCH.

EVENING OPERATIONAL REPORT 21ST. WEATHER FINE. FEW BOGIES IN AFTERNOON BUT DID NOT CLOSE. FUELED ALL CRUISERS AND 8 DESTROYERS. ALL IN ALL A GOOD DAY.
ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC FROM CINC SWPA VIA COM 7TH FLT.

MAPIA ISLANDS HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY OCCUPIED.

TROOPS REEMBARKED ON 20TH. 17 OF OUR MEN KILLED DURING OPERATION. LEYTE PT'S SANK 4.

PERSONNEL LADEN BARGES SOUTH OF ORMOC CITY 19/20.

NORSOL AIR AND SURFACE ATTACKED SPOYS IN AREA. MACARTHUR.

COMINCH ACT

16...20G...0P01....0P03...00...200P....
REPORT LUZON STRIKES 19 NOVEMBER.

ENEMY SHOT DOWN 16 TARGET 12 FORCE, DESTROYED ON THE GROUND 110 WITH MAJORITY DEL CARMEN AND PORAC OTHERS

CLARK NICHOLS WEST LIPA BATANGAS MABALACAT APARRI TARLAC BABEMBAM ANGELES. PHOTOS SHOW 1 MEDIUM AK 1 PC

ACIRE SUBIC 2 MEDIUM AK BURNING 12 MILES WEST SAN FERNANDO 1 AK AND 1 AO BURNING MANILA BAY. PILOT REPORT

SUNK 1 SMALL COASTAL AK AND 1 SMALL CRAFT SAN FERNANDO 1 LUGGER LAOAG. 5 LUGGERS SET AFIRE OFF BATANGAS 1 AK

BURNED 2 AO AND 1 MEDIUM AK HIT IN MANILA BAY. 1 CA IN SHALLOW WATER OR APPARENTLY REACHED FOUND END OF LAST STRIKE

STRAFED AT 15-16 N 119-51 E IDENTIFICATION DOUBTFUL. FUEL STORES DESTROYED AT SAN FERNANDO DEL CARMEN AND

CLARK (WHERE 10 FUEL FIRES SEEN) BUILDINGS AT WEST LIPA NICHOLS DEL CARMEN AND LOCOMOTIVE LUCENA DESTROYED.
DAMAGED INSTALLATIONS INCLUDED 3 LARGE BUILDINGS SLSSENBERG
BUILDINGS AND BARRACKS NICHOLS AND MALVAR. SHOP AT BATANGAS
AND WEST LIPA RUNWAY HIT. EVENING 19TH 2 BAT HECKLERS
ENROUTE TO APARRI ENCOUNTERED 5 BETTYS HEADED FOR FORCE. ATTACK
BROKEN UP BY SHOOTING DOWN 2 BETTYS AND PROBABLY A THIRD. 2
OF THESE INCLUDED IN TOTAL OF 12 NEAR FORCE.

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**REQUEST YOU KEEP YAP AND ATOLLS NEAR ULITHI UNDER CONTINUING SURVEILLANCE. PARTICULARLY FOR INDICATIONS ON MIDGEI SUBMARINE OPERATIONS.**

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LEYTE SEARCHES RESUMED MORNING 21 NOVEMBER.

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From Ultra Sources it appears the 5th phase of reinforcement transport

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From GHQ SWPA asd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department cce C 52619. Opns report SWESPAC area period 1500Z/19 to 1500Z/20 signed MacArthur.

Philippines: Luzon:

Third Fleet photographs Manila November 9 show 4 small freighters only undamaged ships present.

Panay:

Banuel Bay on northeast reported staging base for barge and shipping traffic.

Visayas:

20 enemy dive bombers 8 fighters engaged west Luzon, 12 fighters intercepted over Alicante November 19.

Palawan:

2 small freighters sighted off Puerto Princesa midday November 20.

New Britain:

RAAF reconnaissance plane over Rabaul reported 10 CM-IN-20708 (21 Nov 44)

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planes on Vunakanau, another taxiing.

Part II. Air.

Enemy action:

6 enemy planes shot down and another probably destroyed during dive bomber and fighter raids west Leyte after noon November 19.

Operations November 18:

(1) RAAF Ventura demolished supplies Trangan Island, Aroe group.

Operations November 19:

(2) 10 Beauforts attacked enemy positions Suain, west Yewak.

(3) 13 P-38's and 11 B-25's bombed Asia Islands.

(4) 26 RAAF P-40's bombed targets of opportunity through Vogelkop Peninsula and Halmahera.

(5) 1 B-25 and A-20's hit Boela airdrome; 2 B-25's attacked barges and radio station Ceram; 5 B-25's damaged runways Laha airdrome.

(6) 10 B-25's cratered old Namlea runways, Boeroe

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Island; 2 B-25's damaged coastal vessel Soela Islands.

(7). 15 P-40's bombed bivouacs and demolished warehouses Bulli Bay, eastern Helmahera.

(8). 8 B-25's harassed Mapanget and Sidate airdromes, northeastern Colebec, also Sassa airdrome Mindanao before dawn.

(9). Single predawn B-24 bombed Tarakan airdrome, 3 others scored 3 direct hits on light cruiser and damaged another warship Brunel Bay, northern Borneo; day patrols started large fires barracks area and strafed grounded Betty Kudat, attacked small seaplane and gunboat Marudu Bay, sank 2 barges Zamboanga, exploded seaplane and damaged gunboat southern Mindoro.

(10). Refer Paragraph 14 preceding report: 16 B-24's cratered runways Libby airdrome Mindanao, shot down 1 and probably destroyed another of 4 intercepting fighters.

(11). 22 B-24's bombed Alicante airdrome, Negros Island, destroyed 3 grounded planes and started fires; shot down 1 and probably another of 12 enemy fighters.

(12). 4 P-47's and 2 P-40's attacked barracks and supplies along Valencia highway, Leyte Island; 7 B-24's staged through Leyte destroyed buildings and damaged coastal craft

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Palompon, north Ormoc Bay.

Operations November 20:

(13). 5 B-25's and 6 A-20's bombed bridges Wewak area.

(14) Patrol planes started fires Kudat barracks, northern Borneo; strafed grounded fighter Matina airfield and 6 luggers off Davao.

Weather: November 20:

Overcast and conditions deteriorating with continuous heavy rain over Leyte.

Solomons Forces: Air: Operations November 19:

(15). 20 Corsairs and 2 New Zealand Venturas demolished bridges and buildings Kavieng; 9 B-25's exploded ammunition dumps Borpop airfield.

(16). 23 B-25's, 43 Marine and 24 New Zealand Corsairs caused explosions amongst supplies Tobra and Rabaul, cratered runways Vunakanau.

(17). 18 Corsairs swept Bougainville, 1 Corsair lost.
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Land: Leyte.

Sixth Army: November 20:

X Corps:

32nd Division: 128th Infantry attacking south toward Limon held up by continued heavy fire from left (east) flank; other elements attacked southwest toward line Limon hill 465, encountered resistance 500 yards south-west Domiri (1167).

28th Division: 34th Infantry advancing southwest from Capoocan received mortar and machine gun fire on outskirts of Pinamitinan (1466).

Elements 1st Cavalry Division placed artillery fire on enemy positions northeast slope hill 716 (1361).

XXIV Corps:

Elements 95th Division attacked small force vicinity Kabayn caused enemy withdrawal. Extensive patrolling continued other areas.

Our casualties to November 20:

Killed 1176
Wounded 4729
Missing 131.
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Part III.

(1) Dropped 4 3001b bombs 4 to 5 seconds delay from 5000 feet, fired 600 rounds 50, 400 rounds 30 caliber.

(2) Dropped 8 5001b medium capacity, 20 2501b general purpose bombs, 8 101b frags, 1960 41b incendiaries from 2000 feet.

(3) F-38's dropped 26 165 gallon diesel fire bombs; B-25's dropped 28 5001b, 16 1001b bombs.

(4) Dropped 12 5001b, 8 2501b, 10 1001b bombs, met moderate medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

(5) Dropped 48 5001b bombs Boela; 8 3001b bombs Ceram; 20 5001b bombs Laha.

(6) Dropped 8 5001b, 32 3001b bombs old Hamlea; 8 3001b bombs Soela Islands.

(7) Dropped 26 5001b bombs.

(8) Dropped 48 1001b bombs, met slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(9) Dropped 4 5001b bombs Karakan, 12 10001b bombs Brunei Bay; no other details.

(10) Dropped 85 10001b bombs.

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(11) Dropped 549 250lb fragmentation clusters from 10800 feet.

(12) B-24's dropped 35 1000lb bombs, fired unstated number rounds.

(13) Dropped 44 300lb bombs from 4500 feet.

(14) Dropped 6 250lb bombs Kudat.

Leyte airdrome status report November 18:
Tacloban 6000 feet mat surface, grading in progress dispersals;
Dulag 4100 feet mat surface usable for fighters;
San Pablo and Buri minus drainage only;
Bayug 250 feet mat laid;
Rain held up construction work.

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INFORMATION: CG/S, CG AAF, G-2, Adm King, Col Park, Statistics, Log

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FROM POSITION 70 MILES NORTHWEST OF VARRATTS, 22 NOVEMBER WILL LAUNCH 96 VF CARRYING NAPALM BOMBS AND ROCKETS TO BURN BIVOUAC AREAS AND ROCKET AA INSTALLATIONS, WILL INVESTIGATE AIR AND SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES AND ATTACK AS REQUIRED.
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"TRA.

JAP PLANE MADE CONTACT AT 14-47H 124-18E AT 210929.

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**ACTION: F-20**

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19 NOVEMBER THIRD FLEET CARRIER PLANES STRUCK LUZON. INCOMPLETE REPORTS SHOW 10 NIP PLANES SHOT DOWN, ABOUT 100 DESTROYED ON GROUND. 2 LARGE AK'S 1 LARGE AO IN MANILA HARBOR SET ON FIRE. OF 20 JAP PLANES ATTACKING TASK FORCE, 8 SHOT DOWN. NO DAMAGE OUR SHIPS.
**NAVAL MESSAGE**

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1. (RDO HONO PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 210330)

2. (FROM CTF 95 ACTION CTF 94. RDO WAIIawa PASS INFO CINCPAC ComSOPAC ComAIRSOPAC ComFAW-2 ComAF 7 ALL TFC&ENAP COMTH/RDFLEET ComAIRPAC CTF 95.5 CTF 95.6 CTF 30.5 CTF 96. INFO ADEES WHO GET LOCALLY CTF 95.1 CTF 95.2 AND BOMCOM 21.)

**ADDITIONAL STRIKES 19 NOV.**

MARINE MITCHELL ON NITE SHIPPING STRIKE SIGHTED 2 FTB'S IN FUTAMI KO PLUS 3 UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS. FOUND FTU IN OKIMURA KO. ROCKETS FAILED TO RELEASE LATER FIRED INTO OKIMURA TOOK 15 B-24'S BOMBED BONINS SHIPPING FROM 15000 FEET WITH 1 POSSIBLE DIRECT AND NEAR MISSES ON DD.

MARINE MITCHELL HIT WITH ROCKETS ON SHIPPING FUTAMI KO RESULTS UNOBSERVED.

LIBERATORS CORSAIRS HELLCATS AND 1 CATALINA HIT INSTALLATIONS ENEMY HELD PALAU BASES LEAVING SEVERAL FIRES.

MARINE CORSAIRS ALSO BOMBED YAP AIRSTRIP.

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(COM 7TH FLT SENDS FOR CINCSWPA ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC)

8 NIP AIR RAIDS AT LEYTE ON 19TH. ALPINE, APA 92, HOLED. LCM SUNK. M/V STRUCK BY SUICIDE DIVE AFTER DECK HOUSE DEMOLISHED. 5 JAPS SHOT DOWN. LEYTE PT'S SANK RICE LADEN BARGE AND DESTROYED 1 BETTY. NORSOLS PT'S DESTROYED A BARGE IN RABAUL BAY. MACARTHUR.

COMINCH...ACT

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(OTG 77-2 SENDS ACTION TO OTF 77. RDO WASHINGTON GIVE INFO TO COMINCH, RDO HOMO PASS INFO TO GINOPAC AND COM THIRD FLEET GINOSWPAC AND COMSEVENTHFLTL ALSO INFO.)

EVENING OPERATIONAL REPORT.

Sailed COMBATDIV 2 in California with R P LEARY and LEUTZE TO MANUS.

NO EVENING BOGIES.

WEATHER BAD. WINDS UP TO 45 KNOTS EXPECTED.

CONTINUED FUELING.
Preliminary report 19 November all times +
22 Liberators hit Alicante with 549 x 260 pound frag
Clusters 1130 from 10,800-11,500 feet bomb pattern
concentrated in south half of East Taxi Loop 4 fires

Started 3 unidentified aircraft destroyed on ground
AA nil 8-10 Zekes 1 Oscar and 1 Tony intercepted with
hihtqrontkk passes, 1 enemy aircraft destroyed 1
probably destroyed, 5 Liberators damaged.
1 Side-
water over Tarakan 0430-0630 dropped 4 half tonners
short of strip AA interception nil. 3 Liberators

On Brunei Bay shipping sweep 0145-0450 dropped 12
half tonners with 3 direct hits on CL explosion

SHORE
OBSERVED ANOTHER POSSIBLE CL HIT RESULTS UNOBSERVED AA INTERCEPION NIL. 8 MITCHELLS OVER NORTHEAST CELEBES AND MINDANAO

0001-0530 DROPPED 48 CENTURIES, 24 ON MAPANGET AND 12 EACH ON SIDATC AND ASIA ALL RESULTS GENERALLY UNOBSERVED SLIGHT MEDIUM INACCURATE AA. 15 KITTYHAWKS ON HALMAHERA SWEEP 1250-1600 DROPPED 26 QUARTER TONNERS ON BSELI SERANI SUPPLY AREA AND GOOD RIVER BIVOUAC AREA ALL BOMBS IN BOTH TARGET AREAS ***** VOGS AND 1 MITCHELL BOMBED BOELA AIRDRONE 1305 WITH 48 QUARTER TONNERS RESULTS UNOBSERVED DUE WEATHER. 2 MITCHELLS ON CERAM SHIPING SWEEP 0525-0905 DROPPED 8 X 300 POUNDERS ON BARGES AND RADAR STATION. 2 MITCHELLS ON BOELA SHIPING SWEEP 1600 DROPPED 8 X 300 POUNDERS ON SCHOONER MISSED DAMAGED BY STRAFING.

10 MITCHELLS HIT OLD NAMLEO WITH 32 X 300 POUNDERS AND 8 QUARTER TONNERS ALL BOMBS HIT ON STRIP NUMBER 2 RESULTS UNOBSERVED.

5 MITCHELLS HIT HAH1536 WITH 20 QUARTER TONNERS ALL BOMBS LANDED BETWEEN STRIPS 1 AND 2 MODERATE MEDIUM HEAVY AA DAMAGED 1 PLANE. 13 LIGHTNINGS DROPPED 26 165 GALLON DIESEL FIRE BOMBS ON ASIA ISLANDS NHUESF* 605-1745, 9 HIT ON MIARIN AND 11 ON FAM1 RESULTS UNOBSERVED. 11 MITCHELLS HIT FAMI AND MIARIN WITH 20 QUARTER TONNERS AND 16 X 300 POUNDERS 0600-1800 RESULTS UNOBSERVED. IN LIBERATOR OVER SANGIH ISLAND SEARCH FOR MISSING CREW 1430-1730 NIL RESULTS. 26 RAAF KITTYHAWKS ON VOGELKOP AND HALMAHERA SWEEP 0910-1200 DROPPED 12 QUARTER TONNERS 8 TONNERS AND X CENTURIES ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY MODERATE MEDIUM ACCURATE AA. 4 LIGHTNINGS ON LOCAL PATROL 0530-0730 AND 17 HM MVPED NIL CONTACTS. 2 BLACK WIDOWS ON LOCAL PATROL 0215-0630 20TH. NIL ENEMY CONTACTS.

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Operational Report Forenoon 20th.

Few morning bogies did not close. No cap due heavy overcast and rain. Weather getting worse. Colorado with Saufley and Renshaw arrived.

Fueling Denver and some destroyers.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COM 7TH FLT

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DATE: 21 NOV 1944

TOR CODEROOM: [Signature]

DECODED BY: RIEHL

TYPED BY: STEVENS/SEVADL

Routed by [Signature] Unless otherwise indicated this dispatch will be transmitted with deferred precedence and as administrative.

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HONO INTERCEPT

(COM 7TH FLT SENDS)

BLUE SUB REPORTS 3 UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS FOUND POSITS 3-17 N 115-31 E COURSE 235 SPEED 17 AT 092019.

NOON SAME DAY 2 DD 1 LARGE AO AT ANCHOR 11-45 N 120-00 E VIVYUTE PLANE EXAMINED FROM 50 FEET DD DEAD IN WATER.

12-40 N 121-22 E, IS ABANDONED AND BREAKING UP, BEFORE DAWN US EFK NTM PLANE WITH SPECIAL INSTRUMENTS CLAIMS 4 HITS PROBABLY SINKING 1 CL BRUNEL BAY, 1 LARGE AO 4 UNIDENTIFIED ALSO PRESENT. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY INCREASES.

TRIPS 18TH LEYTE AREA. OVER AREA 8 TIMES DAMAGING SOME SHIPPING. 4 SHOT DOWN. HOVING* 19TH ARMY REPORTS 3 PLANES ATTEMPTED SUICIDE DIVES HIT WATER NIL SHIPPIING, 101 RPUOOTPE LANS* ASIA GROUP OCCUPIED 19TH NIL.

QBSITION LEYTE P-48'S 18TH HIT BARGE HIDEOUTS CAMOTES GULF SINKING 6 BARGES PLUS 1 SMALL STACK AFT VESSEL.

OTHERS BOMBED VALENCIA STRIP AND TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY.

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DDB, May 4, 1972

By DBS, Date

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24 B-24'S SAME DAY HIT MANABA AND TASSA AIRDROMES. 50 LIBERATORS BOMBED TGNV FROM TARAKAN AREA CAUSING MANY EXPLOSIONS

FIRES SMOKE AT 15000 FEET. P-38'S COVER HIT ANOTHER FARM NEARBY. 19TH FIGHTER BOMBED DAMAGED ORMOC KOOVU* ATTACKED TARGETS

VALENcia AREA. GUERRILLAS RAPFOO* CAPTUREd STRIP 11-31 N 122-46 E NEAR CAPIZ. LEYTE PT'S NIGHT 17/18 SUNK 1 BARge 4 MILES WEST SURIGAO STRAIT.

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OSD letter, May 1, 1972

By DBS Date MAY 21 1973
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea
To: War Department
Nr: C 52551 20 November 1944
C 52551. Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/18 to 1500Z/19 signed MacArthur.

Chief of Staff War Department Philippines:
Cebu: Aircraft reported 4 medium freighters 12 seatrucks 21 small craft in harbour and vicinity morning November 17th.

Calamian Group: 8000 ton tanker 2 destroyers sighted mid-day November 19th anchored vicinity Coron Bay.

Borneo: 4 medium freighters or tankers with 2 destroyer escorts sighted on northerly course 100 miles North Brunei Bay morning November 18th.

New Britain: Rabaul: Photographs November 18th show extensive additions to Vanikorang ground defences.

Part 2. Naval: Morotai PT boats destroyed barge and shelled Ternate town western Halmahera; Leyte boats sank laden barge Surigao Strait night November 17th.

Air: Enemy action: Light predawn raid Morotai; 10 enemy planes shot down during raids shipping and shore positions Leyte November 19th.
OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea

Nr: C 52551 20 November 1944

Operations November 17th:
1. 17 B-24's bombed Padada airdrome, Davao.

2. 2 B-24's caused explosions and fires amongst supply dumps Ormoc Bay, Leyte top operations November 18th:
3. 15 B-25's attacked Asia Islands, North Sorong; 1 B-25 bombed Funido Island, Mapia group.
4. 24 B-25's bomb Kairatos, Liang and Lobs airdromes; 4 P-38's set seaplane afire near Ambon.
5. 12 Beaufighters strafed Gorontalo area, Northern Celebes; 8 RAAF A-20's bombed runway and revetments Sidato.
6. 10 B-25's harassed Celebes and Davao area before dawn.
7. 54 B-24's escorted by 47 F-47's strafed Tarakan fuel installations, caused explosions and fires with smoke rising 15000 feet, found oil interception; 5 B-25's and 59 P-38's bombed oil storage tanks and set afire 5 small freighters 1 gunboat and 10 barges in harbour; 1 P-38 missing.
8. 18 B-24's bombed Matina airdrome, 6 others bombed Sassa bracketing at least one grounded plane; 9 B-25's bombed runways and revetments Padada, Davao area, 17 B-38's detailed escort returned due weather.

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9. 7 B-25's attacked shipping Cebu harbour, met with ineffective intercepting fighters.

10. 7 P-47's struck shipping Camotes Islands, West Ormoc Bay, throughout day, destroyed small seaftruck and 8 barges; 2 P-40's and 11 other P-47's started fires amongst supplies Valencia and Ormoc Bay; 3 P-47's shot down 2 enemy fighters and probably destroyed another towards Cebu.

11. RAAF Ventura from Darwin strafed targets Aro and K6i Islands.

Operations November 19th:

12. 6 A-20's and 4 B-25's demolished buildings and started fires Angoram village southeast Wewak.

13. petrol plane scored direct hit and near miss on freighter Basilan Island, Sulu Archipelago.


15. 8 P-47's damaged waterfront installations Ormoc Bay; 4 others strafed supplies and bivouacs towards Valencia; P-40's attacked gun positions.

16. 17 Darwin B-24's bombed runways and revetments Boro Boro Airdrome, Dendari.

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17. 4 Dutch B-25's set supply dumps afire Goerita Bay near Atamboa, Timor; single B-24's bombed Atapopepo waterfront and bridge along coast.

18. RAAF B-25 attacked barge hideout, Tamimer Islands.

Solomons forces. Naval: PT's bombarded coastal objectives New Ireland and Solomons.

Air: Operations November 18th:

19. 23 Dauntless supported ground forces Empress Augusta Bay, 18 New Zealand Corsairs patrolled Bougainville; 22 Marine and New Zealand Corsairs, 23 B-25's and 2 New Zealand Venturas attacked Kavieng supplies and plantations.


Lend. Leyte: November 19th:

Sixth Army: X Corps: 32nd Division:
Continued heavy resistance encountered north of Limon; 24th Division repulsed enemy attack 2000 yards southwest of Limon November 18th; elements 1st Cavalry reached Highway Number 2 at point 1,200 yards north of Espirita (0654)

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without enemy contact.

XXIV Corps: continued extensive patrolling, Mapia/Asia Islands: elements 31st Division completed occupation Brus, landed Panildo Island November 18th, occupied Asia Island without opposition November 19th.

Part 3.
Paragraphs 1 and 2 no details.

3. Dropped 4 300 lb, 173 100 lb bombs; slight light inaccurate anti-aircraft fire Asia Island.

4. B-25's dropped 96 300 lb bombs, met moderate heavy accurate anti-aircraft fire.

5. A 20's dropped 32 500 lb bombs.

6. Dropped 60 100 lb bombs, met moderate medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

7. B-24's dropped 13 1000 lb, 317 500 lb bombs and 94 500 lb incendiaries from 12,000 to 9,700 feet; B-25's dropped 20 500 lb bombs; P-38's dropped 28 500 lb incendiaries plus unstated number fire bombs from 3,000 feet to minimum altitude; slight medium and moderate light inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

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8. No details B-24's; B-25's dropped 108 100 lb bombs from 10,000 feet.

9. Dropped 28 500 lb bombs from minimum altitude.

10. 11 P-40's dropped 22 500 lb bombs, no other details.

11. Fires 900 rounds 50, 400 rounds 30 calibre, met slight light accurate anti-aircraft fire.

12. Dropped 24 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay, 4 100 lb phosphorous bombs and 40 fragmentation clusters from 4,000 feet to minimum altitude, fired 7,600 rounds 50 calibre.

Paragraphs 13 and 14 no details.

15. 8 P-47's dropped 16 500 lb bombs.

16. Dropped 96 500 lb, 150 100 lb bombs from 11,300 feet.

17. B-25's dropped 24 120 lb frags, 14 500 lb incendiaries from 3,000 feet; B-24's dropped 18 250 lb bombs from 6,000 feet.

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18. Dropped 4 500 lb medium capacity bombs 11 seconds delay from 10,500 feet. Refer preceding report paragraph 14:

4 B-24's dropped 16 1000 lb bombs. Refer status of air strength in forward areas: At Leyte add 5th Air Force Headquarters; at Morotai add 18th Fighter Group (P-38's, 13th Air Force Headquarters).

End

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CINCPAC SENDS TO TF 38 FOR ACTION COM 3RD FLEET AND COM 7TH FLEET GET INFO.

ULTRA.

SIGHTING BY ENEMY PLANE WAS MADE AT 231223 (MINUS 9) NEAR 16-50N 123-50E.

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17 NOVEMBER: 39 LIBS ATTACKING BRUNEI BAY BORNEO CLAIM 5 HITS ON BB 4 ON CA. OF 5 M P INTERCEPTORS 1 PROBABLY DESTROYED. AA BROUGHT DOWN 3 LIBS. RECONNAISSANCE PLANES WEST OF CEBU STRAFED POSSIBLY SANK SMALL NARU AND DAMAGED ANOTHER. PT'S VICINITY ORNOC BAY DURING NIGHT 17 NOVEMBER SANK 2 JAP PT'S 1 LUGGER UPWARDS OF 9 BARGES. NAVY SEARCH PLANE DESTROYED GASOLINE LUGGER DAMAGED 2 ENEMY PT'S. ENDING 3 DAY DRIVE ON 17 NOVEMBER 9,000 2ND MARDIV TROOPS KILLED 248 CAPTURED 47 JAPS ON SAIPAN ISLAND. OUR LOSSES 9 KILLED 40 WOUNDED. LANDBASED PLANES ON 17 AND 18 NOVEMBER ATTACKED NORTHERN PALAUS LAND TARGETS AND SHIPPING IN BONINS. 1 SMALL FREIGHTER WAS SUNK ANOTHER SET ON FIRE.

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COM 3RD FLT SENDS ACTION CINC PAC CINCOSMESPAC COM 7TH FLT INFO CTF 38.

Situation at close of business today did not justify second day strikes. Force retiring. Medium air opposition 10 shot down over target. From very incomplete report possibly 250 planes seen on ground many previously destroyed or damaged and about 100 new ground destructions reported today. Attack of about 20 mixed FANs BETTYS and fighters (believed from FORMOSA) broken up without damage to forces 8 shot down by C (10 GROUPS MISSING) DITIONAL SNOPERS shot down by CAP earlier. 2 large AK 1 LARGE AO BURNED MANILA OTHER SHIPPING results fair will be reported in detailed summary. Only 3 FTC and 1 SQ observed to be fully surfaced and on even keel in MANILA PHOTOS and NONE at CAVITE. POPULARITY of LUZON seems to BE Waning among NIP FLYERS and SAILORS.
(CTG 73-4 sends ALL TFC's and TGC's 7TH and 3RD FLTS COM 3RD FLT COMAFF COMAF 5 COMAF 13 COM 7TH FLT CINCSWP A)

INTERLUDE SEARCHES 19TH, C 840 MILES 90% NEGATIVE 2 PLANES SECT U ONE 16 FIRES PLANES 850 90% 6 KANE 5TH DROPPED 22 50 POUNDERS PLUS 3 INCENDIARIES BARRACKS AREA KUAT - B. BRAND STARTING LARGE FIRES STRAFED BETTY IN STRIP STRAFED B. BRAND AND BOMBED 1 SC 1 SMALL PG MARLOU BAY SECOND PLANE TO 875 MILES 100% 1316 BRUNEI BAY 2 DD 1 TA 3 FA MANY SCULL CRAFT SECTOR 2 PRIVATE EXPEDITION ZAMBANGA 0715 SANK 2 LUGGERS GOT SHOT UP RETURNED CRIPPLED LEFT SECTOR UNCOVERED.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES TAKEN 2 PLANES SECTOR 3 BOTH 850 95% 1230 POSIT 11-15 L OCY SVNKP FE* 2 DD 1 SA ANCHORED SECT X 870 60% 1120 ATTACKED BY 1 OSCAR 11-10 NORTH 122-22 EAST NO DAMAGE 10 OTHER OSCARS IN AREA 1310 BLEW UP AND REACHED 1 SC 12-15 NORTH 121-07 EAST 1315 STRAFED AND STRADLED WITH 2 BONES 1 SMALL PG 12-12 NORTH 121-14 EAST PLANE MOLED PUTAWAY Y TO 830 MIRED 80% NEGATIVE VENTURA SEARCHES A TO 60% NEGAT B TO

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600 80% NEGATIVE MUDOF* TO 330 MILES 90% NEGATIVE. 5 TO 600 MILES 80% NEGATIVE. 6 TO 600 75% NEGATIVE. ALL TIMES ITEM.

BAYS AND HARBOURS WITHIN SECTORS COVERED EXCEPT SECTOR 2.

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NAVY SEARCH PLANE MADE SURPRISE RAID ON PUERTO Princesa CAUSING MINOR DAMAGE. MOROTAI PTS PICKED UP 8 JAPANESE SOLDIERS AND 6 NATIVES BOELI BAY 15/16.

CARDIV 27 DEPARTED MANTU TODAY TO RELIEVE CARDIV 29 COVERING APPROACHES TO LEYTE GULF. TRAFFIC TO AND FROM LEYTE MOVING WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. 58 M/V IN LEYTE GULF. NORSOLS PTS SANK A PT IN RABAUL BAY.

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DATE:  19 NOVEMBER 1944

TOR CODEWORD:  1230

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PARAPHRASED BY:  HOFNER

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ADRESSEES:  TF 38

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CTG 77.2 ORIGINATES ACTION TO CTF 77 INFO TO CINCSPAC RDO HONON PASS TO CINCPAC RDO WASHINGTON PASS TO COMINCH FOR INFO COMTHIRDFLT AND COMSEVENTHFLT ALSO GET INFO.

EVENING OPERATIONAL REPORT 19TH.

NUREROUS AFTERNOON AND EVENING BOGIES.

AIR CAP INTERCEPTED 2 BOGIES SHOT DOWN ONE WHILE OTHER GOT AWAY,

FUELED 4 DESTROYERS.

AT 2140 CONV ON PATROL OFF AMAGUSAN PT REPORTED POSSIBLE SONAR CONTACT CLOSE TO BEACH NOW ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP CONTACT. FIRST TIME FOR THIS

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FROM CTG 73.7
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TOR CODEROOM 1719
DECODED BY W. STRONG
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THIS GOES CINCSWPA COMAAF COMAF 5, COMAF 13 COM 7TH FLT, CINCPOA COM 3RD FLT PLUS ALL TF AND TG COMDRS 3RD AND 7TH FLT FROM CTG 73.7.

LEYTE SEARCH RESULTS FOR 19TH NOVEMBER
SECTOR EASTERN S OUT 500 MILES WITH 80 PERCENT COVERAGE VISIBILITY BELOW AVERAGE
SECTOR T. 500 MILES WITH 90 PERCENT COVERAGE WITH FAIR VISIBILITY
SECTOR U OUT 400 MILES WITH 60 PERCENT COVERAGE RADAR POOR VISIBILITY BELOW AVERAGE.
SECTOR V. 480 MILES WITH 80 PERCENT COVERAGE WITH POOR VISIBILITY
SECTOR W WENT 300 MILES AND COVERAGE WAS 65 PERCENT.
RADAR POOR VISIBILITY BELOW AVERAGE.

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ALL 5 PLANES HAD NEGATIVE RESULTS.
CTF 77 GETS ACTION FROM CTF 77-2. INFO GOES TO CINCSPWA COMINCH CINC PAC COMGROFLT AND COMTHFLT. RDO HONG PASS TO COMINCH AND CINC PAC.

FORENOON OPERATIONAL REPORT 19TH. FEW DAWN BOGIES OVER SAN PEDRO BAY NEAREST APPROACH THIN FORMATION 20 MILES. WHEN SINGLE BOGIE DIVEBOMBED BUT MISSED COLUMBIA YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THE COMBAT AIR PATROL WAS NOT ON STATION. THIS PATROL HAD RETURNED TO BASE SOME TIME BEFORE BECAUSE OF WEATHER AND DID NOT RETURN WHEN WEATHER IMPROVED. CONTINUING FUELING DESTROYERS. 2 DOUBTFUL SONAR CONTACTS IN LETYE GULF NEITHER COULD BE DEVELOPED.

DELIVERED TO 2DG
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea

To: War Department

Nr. C 52474 19 November 1944

Chief of Staff War Department from GHQ SWPA said MacArthur C 52474. Operations report SWESPAC area period 1500Z/17 to 1500Z/18 signed MacArthur.

Philippines: Mindoro; 3 seatrucks sighted Paluan Bay by reconnaissance plane November 18.

Negros: Patrol B 24 reported approximately 50 apparently serviceable aircraft on La Carlota airdrome November 15.

Cebu: One auxiliary vessel 8 seatrucks sighted in harbour November 17.

Leyte: Fighters report strafing approximately 50 barges in vicinity Ormoc November 16. 21 sighted November 18.

Palawan: 2 destroyers one medium freighter transport 53 fighters covering sighted 40 miles north west Balabak Strait midday November 17.

Borneo: Reconnaissance plane over Brunei Bay midday November 18 reported one light cruiser 2 destroyers 16 medium to small freighter transports 4 seatrucks, 3 seatrucks sighted north Tarakan, 3 in Sandakan Bay November 17.

Celebes: Kendari Area; Photographs 6 airdromes in area November 17 showed only three fighters one bomber on Boroboro.

CM-IN-18779 (19 Nov 44)

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea

No: 0 52474 19 November 1944

Part 2. Air. Enemy action:

Leyte: 7 of 15 enemy planes shot down in raids on Tacloban and Bayug airfields November 17/18, one allied fighter lost.

Operations November 16;

(1) 6 Beauforts bombed Suain village, west Wewak.

(2) One B 25 and 11 A 20's bombed Haroeke airdrome, northeast Ambon.

(3) 16 more B 25's attacked Namlea airdromes, Boeroe Island

(4) 22 B 24's bombed Sassa airdrome, Davao; 16 more B 24's cratered Licanan runways.

(5) 4 P 38's strafed many barges Ormoc Bay; 19 P 47's supported Ground Forces, set supply dumps afire and hit coastal installations.

Operations November 17:

(6) One B 24 bombed gun positions Manokwari.

(7) 20 B 25's struck enemy positions Mapia Islands.

(8) 23 RAAF P 40's attacked Utarun bivouacs, Dutch New Guinea, damaged schooner and shore buildings Kau Bay, Halmahera; 4 P 40's strafed Dodinco village near Kau.
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea

Nr. C 52474 19 November 1944

(9) 11 predawn B 25's bombed targets northeastern Celebes and Mindanao; 5 predawn B 24's attacked shipping Brunei Bay, northern Borneo.

(10) B 24 patrols strafed small vessels north Tarakan and damaged seaport off Basilan Island, Sulu Archipelago; damaged 2 seaports Puerto Prinsesa on Palawan, damaged one of five intercepting fighters and sank lugger Panay Island; patrol Ventura strafed and possible sink seaport southeastern Luzon.

(11) Two P 38's and two P 40's from Leyte left small merchant vessel sinking and set another afire Ormoc Bay.

(12) 4 P 38's destroyed grounded bomber Buayan Airdrome, southern Mindanao.

Operations November 18;

(13) 6 Beauforts bombed bivouac But; 6 A 20's and 6 B 25's attacked Sepik River villages.

(14) Predawn B 24 claimed direct hit on destroyer Brunei Bay, Borneo.

(15) 11 B 24's from Darwin bombed shipyards Polewalli, northwest Pare Pare in Macassar Strait, started large fires.

(16) Patrol B 24 attacked coastal vessel south eastern Celebes.

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Nr. C 52474 19 November 1944

(17) 8 Beaufighters strafed roads and installations Laqen and Dilli, Timor; 7 RAAF B 25's destroyed two coastal vessels and damaged four barges northeast Koepang; patrol B 24 bombed Cape Chater.

Solomons Forces.

Naval: PT boats probably destroyed barge northern Choiseul, harassed Bougainville and New Ireland coast.

Air. Operations November 17:

(18) 24 Dauntless and 33 Corsairs demolished huts around Bougainville; 17 B 25's, 42 Marine and New Zealand Corsairs, two New Zealand Venturers harassed Kavieng and bombed plantation New Ireland.

(19) 10 B 25's, 35 Marine and 23 New Zealand Corsairs destroyed buildings and started fires amongst Rabaul supplies and demolished six laden barges Keravie Bay.

Weather. Good conditions Celebes to Halmahera, from with widespread showers moving from Mindanao to southern Luzon.

Land.

Leyte: November 18; X Corps: 32nd Division: 12th Infantry consolidated positions 600 yards north of Limon to allow elements on left (east) flank to overcross stiff opposition and draw abreact.

CM-IN-18779 (19 Nov 44)
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea

Mr. C 52474 19 November 1944

24th Division: 3 of 6 enemy tanks repulsed at road block south of Limon.

XXIV Corps: Activity limited to small patrol actions.

Our casualties of November 18: Killed 1,131, wounded 4,225, missing 126.


Part 3.

(1) Dropped 12 500 lb, 24 250 lb bombs.

(2) Dropped 48 500 lb bombs.

(3) Dropped 168 100 lb bombs, met slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(4) Dropped unstated number 1,000 lb and 500 lb bombs, met moderate to intense heavy some accurate anti aircraft fire.

(5) 11 F 40's dropped 22 500 lb bombs.

(6) Dropped 3 1,000 lb bombs, met slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(7) Dropped 4 300 lb, 192 100 lb bombs.

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(8) RAAF P 40's dropped 24 500 lb, 16 250 lb, 12 100 lb bombs and 24 incendiaries; intense light inaccurate fire from Dodinga.

(9) B 25's dropped 120 100 lb bombs; B 24's dropped 12,1,000 lb bombs, met moderate heavy accurate anti aircraft fire.

Paragraphs 10 through 12 no details.

(13) Dropped 4 500 lb, 24 300 lb, 16 250 lb bombs, 5 100 lb phosphorous bombs, 60 120 lb frags, 36 40 lb bombs, from 4,000 feet and under; fired 7,700 rounds fifty caliber.

(14) No details.

(15) Dropped 84 250 lb bombs, 40 500 lb incendiary clusters from 8,500 feet.

(16) Dropped 9 300 lb bombs one tenth second delay from 3,300 feet, fired unstated number rounds.

(17) Beaufighters fired 2,500 rounds 20 MM; B 25's dropped 8 500 lb bombs instantaneous, 20 same type five seconds delay from 3,000 to mast head height, fired 8,800 rounds fifty caliber; B 24 dropped 9 300 lb bombs from 10,000 feet.

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PRELIMINARY REPORT BOMBARDMENT 18 NOV. APPROACH OF TG 30.2 EXCELLENTLY COVERED BY PLANES OF TU 30.5.3. LAST 35 MILES OF APPROACH FROM BEARING 270 RESULTED IN INITIAL SURPRISE EVIDENCED BY FACT THAT AIRCRAFT BEACON LIGHT REMAINED TURNED ON AND SHORE BATTERIES DID NOT RETURN FIRE FOR 8 MINUTES AFTER SHIPS OPENED FIRE. ONLY RADAR NOTED STOPPED ON US SEVERAL TIMES DURING Approach. Bombardment Was Heavy For This Composition of Task Group and Averaged 3 10-GUN 8-INCH SALVS PER MINUTE FOR 1ST 45 MINUTES WITH 2 DESTROYERS CONTINUOUS FIRE. EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED WITH INITIAL SALVS AND FIRES CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE BOMBARDMENT. LASTING DEEP RED GLOWS REMAINED FROM SOME EXPLOSIONS. 2 FIRES ROSE 200 FEET IN AIR. 3 LARGE FIRES STILL BURNING WHEN TASK GROUP WAS 35 MILES FROM TARGET DURING RETIREMENT. LIGHT BUT LOW CLOUDS OVER TARGET MADE AIR SPOTTING DIFFICULT BUT SPOTTING WAS GOOD DURING SOME PERIODS. ILLUMINATION BY DESTROYER STAR SHELLS VERY GOOD. BOMBARDMENT OPENED AS SCHEDULED AT 2350 11 NOVEMBER AND CONTINUED UNTIL 0145 12 NOVEMBER. ABOUT

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150 FLASHES NOTED FROM SHORE BATTERIES. TASK GROUP ROTATED AROUND
SÜRAKASHI MOUNTAIN FROM WEST TO SOUTHEAST AS MOST FAVORABLE TRACK
TO INFLECT MAXIMUM DAMAGE TO TARGETS DESIGNATED BY COMMANDER 3RD
FLEET WHICH LET THEMSELVES TO ENFILIDING FIRE. EAST BOAT HARBOR
COVERED WITH 200 ROUNDS 5 INCH. NO ENEMY PLANES SIGHTED OR ON SCREEN
AT ANY TIME THOUGH 1 BLACK CAT REPORTED BEING CHASED BY NIGHT
FIGHTER. NO DAMAGE TO PERSONNEL SHIPS OR PLANES. FANNING WITH
WIPE SPRING BEARING AT DARK TO NOVEMBER SLOWED TO 14 KNOTS BUT
SUCCEEDED IN MAKING REPAIRS AND REJOINING AT DARK 11 NOVEMBER.
SEARCH FOR IWO JIMA RADIO TRANSMISSIONS ON BANDS SUGGESTED BY
INTELLIGENCE WAS NEGATIVE. GRID CHARTS AND MODELS BY JICPOA WERE
EXCELLENT.
(CTG 77.2 SHOOTS ACTION CTF 77. RDO WASHINGTON PASS INFO TO COMINCH. RDO HONOLULU GIVE INFO CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT. CINCOWESPAC AND COM 7TH FLT ALSO HAVE INFO)

OPERATIONAL REPORT EVENING 18TH.

FUELED 5 DESTROYERS. SINGLE BOGEY COMPLETELY UNDETECTED DOVE ON COLUMBIA AND DROPPED BOMB ABOUT 300 YARDS OFF HER STARBOARD QUARTER NO CASUALTIES.

EXPECTED OTHER BOGEYS DURING DAY BUT NONE APPROACHED NEARER THAN 18 MILES.

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CINCSWPA

RELEASED BY

DATE 19 NOV 1944

TOR CODEROOM 0152

DECODED BY KERNAN

TYPED BY GOLD

ROUTED BY WILLIAM

(CINCSWPA SENDS VIA COM 7TH FLT ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC)

LEYTE PT'S SANK 2 JAP PT'S AND TOW BARGES. 1 PT AND 3 BARGES ESCAPED OFF APALI POINT AND HER BARGE AND LUGGER SUNK IN ORMOC BAY. OTHER PT'S SANK 7 BARGES OFF WEST COAST MGLORAI. GAS LADEN LUGGER DESTROYED AND 2 PT'S DAMAGED BY NAVY SEARCH PLANE. AIRNORSOLS DEMOLISHED MANY BUILDINGS IN THEIR AREA. MOVEMENTS TO AND FROM LEYTE CONTINUE. MACARTHUR.

COMINCH...ACT

OP01....16....20G.....
HONO INTERCEPT

(COM 7TH FLT SENDS)

NOON 17TH 1 CV 1 DD 1 LARGE AK ANCHORED 09-00 N BE 117-00 E. CONSIDER CV TO LARGE AO. PHOTOS BRUNEI BAY DURING STRIKE 16TH SHOW 1 KOHL CLASS BB 1 NACHI CA 1 POSSIBLE CL 6 DD 2 LARGE AO 1 LARGE FREIGHTER TRANSPORT 2 MEDIUM 3 SMALL AK NIL CARRIERS. 22-00-24-00 BOMBED FROM 9500 FEET. CLAIM 5 HITS ON BB 4 ON CA STARTING FIRES ON BOTH. 3 LIBERATORS LOST TO INTENSE AA. 1 OF 5 INTERCEPTORS PROBABLY DESTROYED. BEFORE DAWN NEXT MORNING 6 WARSHIPS REPORTED IN HARDFQBOT* NORTH BORNEO. NOON 17TH 3 SMALL STACK AFT VESSELS OBSERVED JUNDUKAN*. 1930/17TH 1 POSSIBLE AUXILIARY CV 23 SMALL VESSELS REPORTED CEBU TOWN. COMMENT.
CV probable small Ad; blue plane morning 17th attacked
2 small AK Ormoc Bay. 1 left burning. 10 barges entered
bay late forenoon. Transport plane sighted possible SS
1844/17th 1110-12 130-20 E course 128* enemy air
activity over Leyte shipping forenoon 17th. PT's night
15/16 rescued pilots from Poro Island. Following night
sank 2 DXP* PT's 2 barges of 3 PT's 5 barges encountered
south Apalai Pogna. Also destroyed 2 personnel laden barges
north Alpura east coast Ormoc Bay and 1 lugger in Ormoc
Bay. Same night other PT's destroyed 6 Type A1 Type PTUOR* 
barges west coast Morotai.

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* As received
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COM 3RD FLT
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 18 NOV 1944
TOK CODEROOM: 0427
DECODED BY: LENIHAN
TYPE: 
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TO: CTF 38
ADDRESSEES: COMINCH CINCPAC ALL CONCERNED SOWESPAC OPERATIONS ALL TFC'S AND TGC'S 3RD FLT

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(COM 3RD FLT SENDS ACTION CTF 38 INFO COMINCH CINCPAC ALL CONCERNED SOWESPAC OPERATIONS ALL TFC'S AND ALL TGC'S 3RD FLT.)

UPON COMPLETION FUELING 18 NOVEMBER PROCEED WITH 3 GROUPS IN COMPANY VIA DIRECT ROUTE TO VICINITY LAT

15 W LONG 12° N FROM WHICH POINT LAUNCH STRIKES

AGAINST ENEMY SHIPMENT, AIRCRAFT AND AIR INSTALLATIONS

IN CENTRAL LUZON MINADOR AREAS COMMENCING DAWN 19 NOVEMBER. UPON COMPLETION STRIKES 19TH RETIRE

NORTHEAST. BE PREPARED REPEAT STRIKES ON 20 NOVEMBER. IF SITUATION JUSTIFIES SUCH ACTION AND IF LATER

DIRECTED. ATTENTION INVITED CINCPAC 172044.

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E.O. 11852, Sec. 6(b) and 3(c) or (E)
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RDO HONOLULU FOX INTERCEPT

(COM 3RD FLEET SENDS ACTION CINCSOWESPAC INFO CINCPAC COM 7TH FLEET COMFEAF.)

THIS IS

UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED 3 GROUPS WILL STRIKE LUZON

NOVEMBER 19TH. DECISION WHETHER TO STRIKE AGAIN ON 20TH

RESERVED PENDING RESULTS FOR FIRST DAY.

COMINCH: COPIES 1 TO 8 INCL.

ACTION: F-30

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/44
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea
To: War Department
No: 18 November 1944

From GHQ SWPA and MacArthur to the Chief of

Borneo: Photographs Brunei Bay November 16 show 1
Battleship 1 Heavy Cruiser 1 Light Cruiser 6 Destroyers
2 Tankers 6 Freighter;

Cancel reference yesterdays report to 10 warships at
Tawi Tawi;

2 small merchant vessel sighted off Tarakan night
November 15;

4 ship convoy reported heading north west Tawi
Tawi night November 15.

Jolo: Airdrome with probably serviceable runway
photographed on Sanga Sanga island.

Philippines: Negros;
23 enemy fighters encountered in area by allied fighter
escort November 16.

Leyte: Nil enemy air raids reported during night
November 15, anti aircraft report 16 enemy planes over next
night;

CM-IN-17802 (18 Nov 44)
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area
Hollandia, New Guinea

No: 18 November 1944

3 small freighters reported in Ormoc Bay afternoon
November 16, 10 barges sighted entering bay following
morning.

Part 2. Naval:
PT boats destroyed 7 supply filled barges western
Morotai Island;
sank 1 fuel lugger, 4 troop filled barges and 2 PT boats
escort Ormoc Bay area, Leyte Island, 8 November 16.

Air. Enemy action: 15 enemy planes shot down by allied
fighter patrols, another 3 claimed by anti aircraft fire during
raids against shore installations and shipping covering
November 16 and 17.

Operations November 15:
1. Six P 38s and 12 B 25s bombed and strafed enemy
positions Mapie islands.
2. 28 RAAF P 40s bombed Uramom fuel dumps Dutch
New Guinea and Halmahera airfields.
3. 12 A 20s raided Boeroe island.
4. 9 P 38s fired Waale bay stores; P 40s strafed
targets of opportunity Halmahera.

CM-IN-17892 (18 Nov 44)
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Areas, Hollandia, New Guinea

No: 18 November 1944

5. 24 B 25s attacked Tenamou airrome; 1 B 25 hit Langoan.
   Venture strafed small freighter and 3 barges Lembeh strait.

6. Patrol planes strafed and left sinking seaplane Bocoeeng island, south eastern Celebes; destroyed another seaplane northern Macassar Strait; damaged tanker Sibutu passage; damaged 3 seaplanes and bombed shore targets Peurto Princes; attacked frisbee northeast Palawan and coastal vessels Coron bay; hit and left blazing medium freighter; east Marinduque Island.

7. 6 B 24s bomed seaplane and caused fires Tawi Tawi seaplane base, scored direct hit warship northwest Palawan.

8. 36 B 24s covered by 22 P 38s bombed runways and revetments destroyed 3 grounded bombers La Carlota airplane, Negros island, shot down 2 and probable another of 15 intercepting fighters; 9 others: P 38's destroyed 1 of 8 enemy fighters over Negros.

9. 34 B 25's covered by 15 P 47's exploded buildings started large fires amongst Cebu dispersals and bivouacs.

10. 22 P 38s swept Davao, strafed medium transport and lugger damaged waterfront buildings.

OM-IN-17802 (18 Nov 44)
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Areas, Hollandia, New Guinea

No.: 18 November 1944

11. 4 P-47s damaged barge and demolished buildings in Ormoc area; weather hampered other operations.

12. Patrol Venture from Darwin attacked Dobo, Aroe islands.

Operations November 16:

13. 12 B-25s bombed assigned targets Mapia islands

14. 9 B-25s attacked La'a airdrome, Ambon.

15. 17 B-25s bombed Namela airdromes, Boeroo island.

16. 12 A-20s attacked Lolofoa; 8 B-25s hit villages Halmahera and Celebes.

17. 3 squadrons P-38s patrolled Macassar and Kenjari, destroyed grounded transport planes, damaged coastal vessel and barge, left large merchant vessel afire.

Operations report SOWESPAC area. 1500Z/16 to 1500Z/17.

18. 3 predawn B-24s harassed Kendari, Tarakan and Davao; day patrols damaged Toli Toli, northwestern Celebes, and destroyed fuel laden lugger.

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No: 18 November 1944

19. 22 P 38s swept Tarakan, Maccasar Strait, exploded 1 freighter, set afire 2 more freighters and damaged 11 barges; 2 B 24s bombed Sandakan, northern Borneo; 39 B 24 with 31 P 38s escort scored 5 direct hits on battleship, 4 hits on heavy cruiser causing fires and explosions, probably destroyed 1 of 5 intercepting fighters; 3 B 24s lost due intense anti aircraft fire.

20. 6 B 25s caused fires and destroyed grounded bomber Lehug airdrome, Cebu.

21. 5 B 25s attacked supplies and waterfront Ormoc bay, started fires.

22. 3 B 25s bombed targets Davao area.

Operations November 17:

23. 4 A 20 and 6 B 25s attacked Wewak; 9 beauforts bombed Maprik village and supplies.

Solomons forces. Naval:

PT boats attacked coastal installations Choiseul and New Ireland.

Air. Operations November 16:

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From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Areas, 
Hollandia, New Guinea

No.: * 18 November 1944

24. * Corsairs bombed bivouacs wide bay area; 20 Corsairs demolished buildings Rabaul.

25. 18 dauntless, 20 Marines and New Zealand Corsairs, 2 New Zealand Venturas destroyed buildings and bridges around New Ireland; 10 New Zealand Corsairs on Bougainville patrol.

Lend. Leyte: November 17; 6 Army: X Corps: 32 Division: 128 Infantry advanced 500 yards south toward Limen, moved to envelop strong resistance on left (East) flank.

24th Division: Road block maintained south of Lommon on highway number 2. 1st Cavalry Division with elements 112 Cavalry continued mopping up operations mount Badian and hills to the south and southwest.

XXIV Corps: 96th Division encountered stiff resistance 6000 yards west of Dagami evening November 16, killed estimated 130 Japanese. Elements Seventh Division west of Guinaroma advanced 700 yards northward against light resistance November 16, other elements consolidated positions south of Falana river (2317).

Our casualties to November 17:
- Killed: 1073
- Wounded: 4277
- Missing: 122

CM-IN-17892 (18 Nov 44)
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Areas, Hollandia, New Guinea

No.: 18 November 1944

Part 3.

1. 2 P 38's dropped 4 by 165 gallon napalm bombs, 8 B 25's dropped 32 500 lb bombs, fired 12,000 rounds 50 caliber.

2. Dropped 16 250 lb, 30 100 lb bombs.

3. Dropped 120 100 lb bombs, met slight light anti aircraft fire.

4. P 38's dropped 16 165 gallon napalm bombs.

5. 4 300 lb bombs dropped Langoen.

6. No details.

7. Dropped 15 500 lb, 12 250 lb bombs Tawi Tawi.

8. Dropped 30 1000 lb bombs, 890 120 lb frags from 10,000 feet.

9. 23 B 25's dropped 44 100 lb Parademos, 1200 23 lb parafrag from minimum altitude, met moderate medium some accurate anti aircraft fire.

CM-IN-17802 (18 Nov 44)
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Operational Priority

From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area,
Hollanda, New Guinea

No: 18 November 1944

Paragraphs 10 and 11 no details.

12. Dropped 3 500 lb, 1 250 lb bomb; 1 second delay, fired 300 rounds 50, 800 rounds 30 caliber.

13. 6 B 25's dropped 6 500 lb, 36 300 lb bombs fired unstated number rounds.

14. Dropped 36 300 lb bombs from 900 feet.

15. Dropped 68 300 lb bombs from 9000 feet.

16. A 20's dropped 120 100 lb bombs; B 25's dropped 90 100 lb bombs, met light to intense medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

17. No details.

18. Dropped 3 500 lb, 112 100 lb bombs.

19. Dropped 12 500 lb bombs Sandakan; 224 1000 lb bombs from 9500 feet Brunel bay where intense heavy accurate anti aircraft fire.

20. Dropped 348 parafraga, met slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft.

21. Dropped 8 500 lb, 4 250 lb bombs, met light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

CM-IN-17832 (18 Nov 44)
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Hollandia, New Guinea

No: 18 November 1944

22. Dropped 36 100 lb bombs, met moderate medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

23. A 20's and B 25's dropped 40 300 lb bombs from 7000 feet; Beaufort's dropped 12 500 lb medium capacity, 8 250 lb general purpose bombs, 42 40 lb frags from 3000 feet.

Supplementary paragraph: Additional Thirteenth Air Force sorties by fighters: 15 November 15 and 16:

75 by P 47's, 14 by P 38's, 7 by P 61's.

Airdrome status report 15 November:

2600 feet steel mat laid Dulag, work held up by heavy rain San Pablo

End

* Being Serviced

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CO'S ASF Ads King Log

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/2/94

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QGQ FORWARD AREA SENDS ACTION TO CINCPAC. INFO TO

GEN 2ND MARDIV ISCOM SAIPAN.

PASSED BY RADIO HONOLULU AS 181204 INFO COMINCH

IN A 3 DAY INTENSIVE DRIVE ON JAPS AT SAIPAN ENDING

17TH BY 9,999 TR DOPS 2ND MARDIV/AS FOLLOWS. ENEMY

KILLED 246 CAPTURED 47. ONE KIA 8 WIA 40.

A NUMBER OF MACHINE GUNS WERE CAPTURED.

COMINCH......COG
NAVAL MESSAGE

TO: CTF 73
FROM: COM 7TH FLT

DATE: 19 NOV 1944

TORPEDO CODEROOM COMAAT

STEVENS

IT IS ORDERED (ACTION COM 7TH FLT COM 3RD FLT COMAAT COM AAF COM AF 5 COM AF 13 GINO SWPA GINO POA 3 RB BOMBING CBO 73.7 ALL TF AND TO COMAAT 3RD AND 7TH FLT)

ROW LEYTE 3 VENTURAS COVERED SECTORS SPECIQD SQN ON 17 NOVEMBER. SPECIAL SUTA OF 37 MILES VISIBILITY AVERAGE WITH SQUALLS. COVERAGE 85%. NO SIGHTINGS. Q OUT 50 MILES. EXCELLENT VISIBILITY. COVERAGE 90%.

SIGHTINGS 1 SC STRAFED POSSIBLY SUNK POSITION 13-18 N 122-55 E AT 09201, 1 SB SMOKING LISTING DEAD IN WATER

POSITION 13-25 N 122-30 E 11151, 1 DD DEAD IN WATER

POSITION 12-10 N 121-25 E AT 11381.

N OUT 4 MILES. COVERAGE 85% VISIBILITY EXCELLENT EXCEPT LEYTE AREA. SIGHTINGS 12 BARGES 2 SMALL CRAFT POSITION

11-25 NORTH 124-55 E COURSE 160 TRUE SPEED ENTER 12531, 1 SC BURNING DEAD IN WATER POSITION 11-36 N 124-28 E AT

09161, 4 SC’S ANCHORED POSITION 10-25 N 124-20 E AT 09171, IN CEBU HARBOR 2 FA 2 FRMGO’S 8 SC 15 SMALL

CRAFT AND 1 POSSIBLE AUXILIARY CARRIER AT 09361 EVALUATED NEGATIVE. 1 MILE SOUTH OF CEBU HARBOR 4 CO’S 6 LUGGERS.

3 BARGES ALONGSIDE ROCK UNDER COKH 1QUCITIS POSITION 9-45 N 124-30 E AT 10045.

CRAFTクラス、1ボンバー6ラッガーがなければ負。1マイル南方のセブ港に2FA2FRMGOの8SC15SMALL

3ボートが岩に沿っている。COKH1QUCITIS位置9-45N124-30EAT10045。

HONG INTERCET

(CTF 73 SENDS ACTION COM 7TH FLT COM 3RD FLT COMAAT COM AF 5 COM AF 13 GINO SWPA GINO POA 3 RB BOMBING CBO 73.7 ALL TF AND TO COMAAT 3RD AND 7TH FLT)

TOKYO 2 GAGEL.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM COM 3RD FLEET
RELEASED BY
DATE 17 NOV 1944
TOR CODED 174866
DECODED BY SANDBERG
TYPED BY KOBUTZ

ROUTED BY

CINCPAC CINCOWESCPAC

COMINCH COM 7TH FLT CTF 77
ALL TGC'S AND ALL TGC'S 3RD & 7TH FLTS

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ON THIRD FLEET SENDS ACTION CINCPAC CINCOWESCPAC INFO COMINCH COM SEVENTH FLEET CTF 77 ALL TASKFORCOS AND ALL TASKGROUPCOS THIRD AND SEVENTH FLEETS.

CENTRAL LUZON NOVEMBER 13 AND 14.

PLANES SHOT DOWN 34 AT TARGET 11 FORCE. DESTROYED ON GROUND 39. ABOUT 75 OTHERS STRAFED BUT NOT BURNED.

AIRFIELDS ATTACKED INCLUDED CLARK NTPHOLs* NIELSON LIPA UATANGAS MABALACAT BAMBAN NASUGBU FIELDS. SHIPS SUNK MANILA BAY 1 CL SUMA CLASS 4 DD 3 AO 9 AK 1 LOGGER 2 BARGES. LARGE NUMBER AK AND AO REPORTED DAMAGED SOME POSSIBLY SUNK EVIDENT IMPLICATION ESTIMATE AT LEAST 2%. ALSO SEVERAL SMALL CRAFT AND BARGES DAMAGED. 5 CAR AMMO TRAIN, 2 TANK CARS 2 OIL TANKS DESTROYED WAREHOUSES AND DOCKS MANILA AREA HEAVILY HIT.

OWN COMBAT LOSSES 34 INCLUDING AT LEAST 2% BY FLAK.

C 11 OPERATIONAL.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/14

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(COM TASK GROUP 77.2 SENDS ACTION CTF 77. RDO WASHINGTON PASS INFO COMINCH. RDO HONOLULU PASS INFO CINCPAC CON THIRD FLEET. CINCSWPAC AND CON SEVENTH FLEET ALSO GET INFO.)

EVENING OPERATIONAL REPORT 17TH.

CALLED ON CINCSWPAC.

FUELED 3 DESTROYERS.

MINNEAPOLIS HUGFORD AND RALPH TALBOT JOINED THIS AFTERNOON.

SENT COMDESRON 56 IN NEWCOMB AND RALPH TALBOT TO RENDEZVOUS WITH BENNION AT POS1T ----------------.-.

BENNION AS FIGHTER DIRECTOR SHIP NEWCOMB AND BENNION PROCEED MANUS. EVENING BODIES WERE FEW AND DID NOT COME NEAR FORMATION.

MISSING GROUPS BEING SERVICED.
NAVAL MESSAGE

DRATTER
FROM
CG 73.7

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSES
CGNSWPA COMAAF COMAF 5 COMAF 13 COM 7TH FLT CINOPA COM 3RD FLT ALL TFAND TOS'S 3RD ND 7TH FLTS

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESS

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BY
STEVEN'S/SEVALLD

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UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRIORITY AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.

ACTION

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

HONO INTERCEPT

(CG 73.7 SENDS. TO CGNSWPA COMAAF COMAF 5 COMAF 13 COM 7TH FLT CINOPA COM 3RD FLT ALL TFAND TOS'S 3RD ND 7TH FLTS)

RESULTS LEVEY SEARCH. REPORT 17TH NOVEMBER.

5 PLANES OUT COVERED ASSIGNED SECTORS IN VERY POOR VISIBILITY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

SECTOR EASTERNWMPARQ 330 MILES WITH 50% COVERAGE • TROUBLE.

SECTORS V AND W. 52% MILES. 60% COVERAGE BOTH SECTORS.

SECTOR U 55% MILES WITH 95% COVERAGE MOSTLY BY RADAR.

SECTOR T. 45% MILES WITH 85% COVERAGE ROMAN OUT ORLSOR

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/30/1974
HONOLULU INTERCEPT

(HUNSELL BOMCOM 21 SENDS ACTION TO ARNOLD CONDON AF 20 INFO HARMON DEP.COM AF 20 CTIF 57 CTIF 59 HAVE INFO BY HONO RDC HONOM PASS INFO COM 3RD FLT)

PRELIMINARY MISSION NUMBER 10-P, 16 NOVEMBER 1944,

1.3/4 3RD PHOTO RECON SQDN. TARGET 2 LAER* IN AREA APPROX.
200 MILES OF SE COAST JAPAN AND EAST FRANCE HANSE SHOTER
RESULTS FAIR. WEATHER DATA COLLECTED AT LOW ALTITUDE
TO TURNING POINT OFF COAST JAPAN, ENGINE TROUBLE THEN
NECESSITATED RETURN. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION NONE. FLAK NONE.
CASUALTIES NONE. TAKE OF TIME 161804Z. RETURN 170436Z.
WEATHER SUBJECT OF SPECIAL REPORT TO WEATHER OFFICER.
(BOMCOM 21 CO326)

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**NAVY DEPARTMENT**

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### OFFICIAL ACTION

- CTG 38.3 SENDS ACTION COM3RF3LT INFO CTF 38.

### DAILY SUMMARY

**A** 14 NOVEMBER

**B** 177 PLUS 6 RELAY

**C** 78

**D** 16

**E** 76.5 PLUS 115 ROCKETS,

**F** 1 VF 1 VB FLAK

**G** 1 VT

**H** 1 VB PILOT AND CREW

**I** 2 VT CREW

**J** 2 MOTOR LAUNCHES CENTER MP32AIRBAD 1 FA OFF PIER 7.

**K** 1 FB OUTSIDE BREAKWATER

**L** 2 FB PIER 1, 1 MEDIUM AK PIER 5, 2 FB, 1 SA INSIDE MANILA SOUTH BREAKWATER, 1 FB 1 SB 2 FUEL BARGES CAVITE.

**M** 1 OSCAR TARGET

**O** 2 TOJO CLARK FIELD.

**V** MANY HITS ON MANILA PIERS AND WAREHOUSES BEHIND THEM, ALSO ON CAVITE NAVY YARD AND SEAPLANE BASE AND INSTALLATIONS (INCLUDING OIL STORAGE) AT SANGLEY POINT.

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ACTION TO COM TASK FORCE 77 INFO CINCSWPAC COMINCH CINCPAC COM 3RD FLEET COM 7TH FLEET ALL TF AND TG COMDRS 3RD AND 7TH FLEET ALL TF AND TG COMDRS 3RD AND 7TH FLEETS. RDO WASHINGTON PASS TO COMINCH NPM (RDO HONO) PASS TO CINCPAC AND COM 3RD FLEET. CTF 77 SENDS.

OPERATIONAL REPORT FORENOON 17TH. NO MORNING BOOGIES.

COMMENCED FUELING DESTROYERS. COLUMBIA TRANSFERRED BEACHING GEAR TO CURRITUCK. US AND OM MAIL BEING DELIVERED.
NAVAL MESSAGE

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS 11 Nov thru 15 Nov

BOMB TORAGE ON SHIPPING AND ENEMY BASES: BY ARMY B-24'S
2 TONS ON IWO JIMA, 24 ON WOLEAI, 17 ON BONINS SHIPPING
WITH 2 PROBABLE HITS ON MEDIUM AK HANA JIMA ON 14th, OTHER
RESULTS NEGATIVE. B-24'S AND B-25'S 11 SQUADRONS PUT 55 TONS
ON PALAU. MARINE FIGHTERS AND TBF'S DROPPED 54 ON YAP.
F4U'S DROPPED 4 TONS ON NOTA, B-47'S ATTACKED PAGAN WITH
44 ROCKETS. A MARINE B-25 ATTACKED SHIPPING HANA JIMA WITH
7 ROCKETS PROBABLY SINKING 1 SHIP, AND 2 POSSIBLE HITS ON
MEDIUM AK ON 14 NOV. A MEDIUM MEASURE OCCASIONALLY MODERATE
TO INTENSE AT PALAU AND IWO JIMA.

RESULTS MINING OPERATIONS BONINS: 16 MARK 29-1 DROPPED BY
5 B-24'S ON 12TH IN OKINURA KO HANA JIMA. 4 ADDITIONAL
WITHIN 360 YARDS IN DEEPER WATER. 6 MARK 25 DROPPED BY
6 B-24'S IN TAKINOURA WANS AND JIMA ON 15TH. 2 ADDITIONAL
360 YARDS OFF WEST COAST NUKO JIMA SW HANA JIMA (1 WITH
BROKEN STATIC CORD) AND 2 JETTISSONED 10 MILES NORTH OTOTO
JIMA IN ABOUT 75 FATHOMS.
INTERCEPTION AT 1100 JIMA BY 6 VF. 1 DAMAGED ON 11TH. 1 FLOOD LOST ON VAL.

STRIKE DUE ENGINE TROUBLE ON 12TH PILOT MISSING. 1 PB4Y WATER LANDED 35 MILES WEST OF SAIPAN ON 12TH. 7 SURVIVED.

PICKED UP ON 13TH, CONTINUING SEARCH THROUGH 14TH. NEGATIVE.

1 FLOOD AND PILOT LOST ON ROTA STRIKE 13TH. 21 PLANES.

DAMAGED ALL CASUALTIES. SEARCHED 1 FLOOD AND PILOT LOST ON ROTA STRIKE 13TH. 21 PLANES.

16 MILES EAST JIMA BY RADAR, 2 NEAR MISSES OBSERVED. ATTACKED MEDIUM AK AND DD BY RADAR 15 MILES NW JIMA.

RESULTS OBSERVED ON 14TH. RESULTS CONTINUED HOPPING UP DATE 18TH THRU 14TH. 14 CAASUALTIES 1 WIA. 45 JAPS KILLED.

TOTAL TO DATE 17238. 3 POW TOTAL TO DATE 465. TINIAN 9TH THRU 13TH. 14 CASUALTIES 2 WIA. 11 JAPS KILLED TOTAL TO DATE 8903. 1 POW TOTAL TO DATE 316. SAIPAN 8TH THRU 13TH. 14 CASUALTIES 14 WIA. 54 JAPS KILLED.

99 TOTAL TO DATE 12986. 3 POW TOTAL TO DATE 426.

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By DBS Date: MAY 21, 1972.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/25/44.
PROGRESS PELELIU AND ANGAUR 9 THRU 14 NOVEMBER. JAPS ON PELELIU CONTINUE EFFORTS NIGHT INfiltrATION DESPITE CONSTANT LOSSES. OUR FORCES FURTHER COMPRESSED POCKETS TA 134 H-M WITH SLIGHT ADVANCE OF PER-LTER FROM SOUTH AND WEST. ADDITIONAL CAVES CLEANED OUT OR SEALED WITH APPROXIMATELY 40 REMAINING IN ENEMY HANDS. COROKOTTAN ISLAND OCCUPIED ON 11TH WITHOUT INCIDENT PREPARATORY TO RETAKING NGEREQONG ISLAND EVACUATED ON 9TH AS IN MY 1111111. POW TAKEN BY LCI ON ABAPPOMAGAN ESTIMATED 200 JAPS ON THAT ISLAND AND 1 TO NORTHWEST. HAVE 4 ANTI TANK GUNS AND WERE VISITED BY MAJ GEN MURATA.
TAKAIKA WITHIN LAST 3 WEEKS. OUR FORCES PREPARING TO OCCUPY LINE OF ISLANDS FROM NGEREGONG TO ARMIMASUK TO FORESTALL POSSIBLE ENEMY EFFORT TO MOVE SOUTH FROM BEBELTHUAP. ALL CONSTRUCTION SLOWED BY STORM 7-9 NOVEMBER AND SUBSEQUENT DIVERSION OF EFFORT TO REPAIR DAMAGED FACILITIES. PELELIU CONSTRUCTION BACK TO NORMAL ON 12TH. BOMBER RUNWAY COMPLETE, FIGHTER RUNWAY 50% TAXIWAYS AND HARDSTANDS 95% COMPLETE ON 14TH. ANCAUR STILL AT LESS THAN NORMAL RATE ON 13TH BUT PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY ON 14TH. PELELIU UNLOADING WHICH AVERAGED 2364 MT DAILY FIRST 6 DAYS OF MONTH CEASED ON 8TH-9TH AND AVERAGED 1949 MT DAILY 10 THRU 14TH. ANCAUR AVERAGED 1457 MT DAILY.
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1ST 6 DAYS MONTH, PRACTICALLY CEASED FOR 4 DAYS 8 THRU 11 AND AVERAGED 638 MT DAILY ON 12 THRU 14TH. PELELIU 2ND ECHelon 8% AND 3RD 41% UNLOADED. ANGAUR 2ND ECHelon 42% AND 3RD 4% UNLOADED. MOST OF PELELIU UNLOADING AT SE BEACH WITH LST'S TO PONTOON RAMPS. NE TRADEWINDS BEGINNING NEXT MONTH WILL PROBABLY MAKE THIS IMPOSSIBLE. 2 OR 3 MINES DESTROYED TO EASTWARD OF YOO PASSAGE OF TYPE NEW TO ARLA. 6 TO 7 FEET DIAMETER WITH T SHAPED HORNS CROSS BARS OF WHICH WERE GLASS OR CHROMIUM OR SOME LIGHT REFLECTING MATERIAL. ULITHI STORM LOSSES 1 LCM 4 LCP AND NO EQUIPMENT.

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OPNAV-NAV-15
CINC SWPA ORIGINATES VIA COM7THFLT ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC. SIGNED MACARTHUR.

ALL TROOPS AND STORES LANDED ON PEGUN ISLAND BY 17001/15 NOVEMBER. 13 JAPS COMMITTED SUICIDE. ABOUT 200 MOVED TO NEAR HEBRAS ISLAND WHERE THEY WERE SUBJECTED TO AIR AND SURFACE BOMBARDMENT TODAY. 2 ARMY PERSONNEL SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. 3 LCI STRAFED DURING LANDING. THERE ARE 64 MINES LEFT V. NOW IN LEYTE GULF. NAVY SEARCH PLANE ATTACKED 5 SMALL AK'S WEST OF PANAY SINKING ONE ON 14TH. PATROL PLANE HAMAKIA 10 PLANES AT PUERTO PRINCES ON 15TH. NIGHT 14/15 MOROTAI PT'S DESTROYED 2 BARGES EAST OF MOROTAI. LEYTE BOATS SANK 3 MORE BARGES OFF NORTHERN LEYTE.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM

CTF 59

RELEASED BY

17 NOVEMBER 1944

TOR CODEROOM

CINCPAC COMAIRPAC

DECODED BY

THOMSON

TIRED BY

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ROUTINE

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NCR 5580

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

CTF 59 SPEAKS CTF 57 HAS ACTION, RDO HONO PASS INFO CINCPAC COMAIRPAC COMBAC 2 COMAF 7 ALL TFC'S CENPAC COM 3RD FLT COMAIRPAC CTG 59.5 (GUAM) CTG 59.6 CTG 59.5 CTG 59.6 CTG 59.1 CTG 59.2 21 BOM COM HAVE INFO LOCALLY.

RDO HONO PASSED INFO TO COMINCH AS 1708Z

CONTINUING STRIKES ON 15 NOVEMBER. 15 LIBERATORS BOMBED SHIPPING AT HAHAL JIMA FROM 18000 FT WITH NO APPARENT RESULTS. SEVERAL SMALL AND 1 MEDIUM PK 2 SUBS 2 DD 1 DE AND SEVERAL FREIGHTERS SIGHTED IN HARBOURS. SNIPPER LIB IWO BOMBED / JIMA. CORSAIRS HELLCATS AND LIBERATORS HITTING NORTHERN PALAU GROUP DESTROYED BARGES VEHICLES AND LEPT AMMO DUMPS AFIRE. YAP AIRSTRIP WAS CRATERED BY MARINE FITERS ON 16 NOVEMBER LIBERATORS BOMBED SHIPPING AT HAHAL AND CHICHI JIMA FROM 17000FT AVERAGE TO SCORE HIT ONE SC CHICHI 2 NEAR MISSSES ON ANOTHER, OBSERVED SA 5 SB'S AND 2 DE'S BUTAMI KO. ARMY THUNDERBOLTS AND LIGHTNING'S STRAFED BUILDING AND STRIP AREAS PAGAN.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CTFG 7 (REMAINDER GARBLED)
RELEASED BY: 17 NOV 44
DATE: 17 NOV 44
TOR CODEROOM: STRONG
DECODED BY: JOHNSON/PERRY
ROUTED BY: 

TO: ALL TF AND TG COMS 3RD AND 7TH FLEETS
CINCPOA
COMRFLETT
COMAF 5

COMAF 13
COMTHFLT
CINCSPA

ACTION: CMAAF

SAYS CTFG 7 (4 GROUPS MISSING) ALL TF AND TG COMS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS. CINCPOA COMRFLETT COMAF 5 COMAF 13 BY HAND. COMAF 13 by hand. COMAF 5 13 by hand. COM 7TH AN ADEE GIVE CINCSPA INFO. CMAAF.

INTERLUDE SEARCHES 16TH. C OUT 850 WITH 85 PERCENT. AT 00-50 AND 120-11 EAST. 2 DIRECT HITS AND 1 NEAR MISS WITH 3 QUARTER CENTURIES HIT GAS LADEN LUGGER DEFINITELY DESTROYED. ALSO DAMAGED 2 / TAKING OFF AT LALUS SEAFLARE BASE 0106/1, 20-48 PST SECTOR 1 OUT 850 WITH 90 PERCENT 1135 SIGHTED 1 CA NACHI 2 TERATSUKI DD POSIT 07-30 SOUTH 116-26 EAST CUS 200 SPD 20. NO RADAR USED BY SHIPS. HEAVY BUT INACCURATE AA. SECTOR 2 OUT 850 WITH 75 PERCENT NEGATIVE PUERTA PRINCESSA EMPTY. 2 PLANES IN SECTOR 3 BOTH NEGATIVE OUT 850 WITH 95 PERCENT. JUNO BAY BACUIT BAY EMPTY. 2 PLANES IN X OUT 850 80 PERCENT NEGATIVE. Y OUT 850 90 PERCENT NEGATIVE. VENTURA RESULTS ALL NEGATIVE. A AND B
OUT 575 D 330 SECTORS 5 AND 6 OUT 600. COVERAGES ALL 95 PERCENT. ALL TIMES 1.

*AS RECEIVED

DELIVERED TO 20G

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HONO - INTERCEPT

JNERNB* REPORTED 1650/1 15 POSIT 16-48 N 115-50 E WESTBOUND 20 KNOTS. SEARCH PLANE GOT DIRECT HIT UNIDENTIFIED WARSHIP ONE 130/15 LEAVING IT AFIRE 10-46 N 119-* EAST HEADING 200 SPEED 20. AFTERNOON SAME DAY 1 CA 1 DD COURSE 11 INBD T/O AT 15 KNOTS 0*-25 N 115-50E ARMY PLANES REPORT 12 UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS BRUNEI BAY NOON 15TH. VH TI E* OTHER PLANES SAW 1 SMALL FREIGHTER TRANSPORT 7 SMALL STACK AFT AK 13-00 N 1 W * D-20 E HEADED NWN 5 KNOTS. SEARCH PLANE DESTROYED TEN OF 20 PLANES ON GROUND PUERTO PRINCESA YESTERDAY. GUERRILLAS REPORT 2 SMALL AK UNLOADING TROOPS 3 MILES NORTH PALOMPOP WESTERN LEYTE 15TH. AFTERNOON SAME DAY BLUE GROUND FORCES SAW 6 DD 2 AP ENTERING ORMOC BAY.

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LAST 2 REPORTS UNCONFIRMED. JOJJ S TREATED WITH CAUTION.
BLUE FORCES LANDED PESUN* ISLAND MAPIAGROUP MORNING 15TH.
NIL OPPOSITION. 13 KIPS COMMITTED SUICIDE 200 OTHERS
ESCAPED TOCTRAS* ISLAND SAME GROUP. NHV* PRISONERS TAKEN.
NIGHT 13/14 MOROTAI PEETEES DESTROYED Y OYT PEPBLE* BARGES
SOUTH OF DOIITA* NORTHWEST TIP H ERY* LEYTE BOATS
NIGHT 11/12 DESTROYED 3 BARGES ON REEF SANISIDRO BAY NORTH-
WEST LEYTE

* AS RECEIVED (GROUPS MISSING THROUGHOUT MESSAGE)
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FROM CTU 73:2.2
RELEASED BY
DATE 16 NOV 1944
TOR CODE ROOM 1215
DECODED BY W STRONG
TYPED BY McCONNELL

TO OIMCS WP 1
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7TH FLT directive
ALL TFC'S 3RD FLT
ALL TFC'S 7TH FLT

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(CTU 73:2.2 SENDS TO CINCS WPA COMAF 5 COMAF 13 COM 7TH FLT CINCPDA COM 3RD FLT ALL TASK FORCE AND TASK GROUP COMMANDERS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS: COMAF)

RESULTS MARINER NIGHT SEARCHES 15/16 NOVEMBER.

4TH MARINER ATTACKED 3 SCHOO NERS PASSING NORTHEAST 05-398 122-35E AT 0116-0200. DURING 9 ACCURATE STRAFING RUNS 1 500 DROPPED 25 FT FROM 3 MASTED SCHOO NER WHICH SUDDENLY VANISHED FROM RADAR SCOPE AND NOT SIGHTED AGAIN. POSSIBLY SUNK. 1 2 MASTER BEACHED AND 2ND 2 MASTER DEAD IN WATER APPARENTLY ABANDONED WHEN PLANE LEFT. S/O SCHOO NER AT 0215.

ATTACKED 6 MORE SCHOO NERS SAILING NORTHEAST LAT 05-54L LONG 122-55E. 50 CALIBRER RIDDLED BOTH IN 5 RUNS.

5TH ATTACK 3 500'S SPACED 40 FT STRADDLED 3 MASTED SCHOO NER. SHIP DROPPED FROM SCOPE AND C OULD NOT BE
FOUND AGAIN. PROBABLY SUNK. OTHER VESSEL 2 MASTER
SERIOUSLY DAMAGED. NIL SHIP-ING KENDARI-GOITONG-KABAENA.
SECTORS 1 & 3 FULL ** 98% AVERAGE COVER. SANDAKAN PUERTO
PRINCESA FOUND EMPTY.
NEW SUBJECT: ENEMY BOMBER RESUMED MOROTAI MILITARY RUN LAST
NIGHT. 2 MARINERS SECTOR 1 TONIGHT TO INVESTIGATE KDAT
SANDAKAN.

COPY TO 29G
* AS RECEIVED
** 2 GROUPS MISSING
CTG 38.3 ISSUES ACTION COM 3RD FLT INFO CTF 38 COMINCH CINC PAC COMOWESTPAC ALL TFC'S 7TH FLT ALL TFC'S 3RD FLT ADD MONO PASS TO ALL.

CORRECT MY 131405. COMPLETE INFORMATION NOW SHOWS OWN PLANE COMBAT LOSSES WERE 12 BY FLAK AND 5 UNKNOWN FOR TOTAL OF 17 INSTEAD OF NUMBER GIVEN. CHANGE ENEMY SHIPS TO DESTROYED NOW CONFIRMED BY PHOTOS OR DEFINITE SIGHTINGS TO 1 CL 4 DD'S AND 11 LARGE TO MEDIUM AK'S AND AO'S.

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To: War Department
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From GHQ SWPA gend MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department cite 0 52228. Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/13 to 1500Z/14 signed MacArthur.

Formosa: Heavy cruiser four destroyers sighted off Northwest coast midnight November 14th.

Philippines: Luzon: 14 ships sighted 120 miles West by North Lingayen Gulf on Northwesterly course afternoon November 14th, same time seven vessels sighted in area heading Southeast; Third Fleet planes reported one light cruiser seven destroyers 18 medium to large merchant vessels many small freighters prior to attack November 13th.

Manila: Two small freighter transports two barges sighted by reconnaissance plane off Ticao Island November 13th.

Cebu: One freighter three seatrucks many small craft sighted off city November 13th.

Palawan: Aircraft reported three battleships 40 miles West Coron Bay night November 14th.

Java area: German submarine reported Lombok Strait November 10th.

Part 2. Naval: PT Boats attacked targets Ormoc Bay night November 11th.

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Air: Enemy action:

Morotai: One of two raiders caused slight damage predawn November 14th.

Leyte: Seven more enemy planes shot down during raids November 12th; 13 planes destroyed by fighter patrols and anti aircraft fire November 14th.

Operations November 12:
(1) P 38's escorting patrol plane over Cebu, shot down four enemy fighters.

(2) Eight P 47's set three barges afire and strafed fuel dumps Ormoc Bay; 11 P 40's strafed bivouacs and motor transport, destroyed bridge further north.

Operations November 13:
(3) Six Beauforts attacked Wewak targets.

(4) 35 B 25's caused explosions and fires Pogun Island, Mapia Group, North Manokwari.

(5) Six P 40's attacked villages and radio station Halmahera; 12 P 38's strafed Djailolo Town.

(6) Patrol B 24 strafed barracks and warehouses, damaged two small freighters one gunboat Kudat, Northern Borneo; Fredawn E 24 bombed Sandakan.
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(7) 18 B 25's with 12 P 38's escort bombed Zamboanga waterfront and set buildings afire San Roque Airdrome; Pre-dawn B 24 bombed Wolfe Field.

(8) Patrol B 24's sank gunboat northeast Palawan and exploded two fuel barges south eastern Luzon.

(9) 36 B 24's cratered revetments and runways, destroyed two grounded planes Fabriga Airdrome, Negros Island.

(10) 6 P 47's attacked Legaspi airdrome, southeastern Luzon; Six more P 47's bombed and strafed Palompon waterfront, northwestern Leyte Island.

(11) Four RAAF B 25's bombed guns and buildings Atapecoe and started fires Lautem Airdrome; Two Darwin B 24's bombed Lautem and Cape Chater.

Operations November 14:

(12) Five A 20's and 3 B 25's demolished huts and started fires Wewak area.

(13) 36 B 25's and 16 P 38's silenced guns and started fires Segun Island, Napia group.

(14) Patrol B 24 sank one barge and damaged two others northern Borneo.

(15) 12 RAAF B 25's exploded warehouses and barracks, started many fires and destroyed two harbour craft Ende, Flores Island.
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(16) Single Beauforts bombed villages Timor and
        Taninbar Islands; Two B 24's attacked Cape Chater and
        Dilli.

        Solomon Forces, Naval: PT Boats shelled coastal
        targets Solomon's and New Ireland.

        Air. Enemy action: Lone bomber raided Australia
        positions Cape Hoskins, central New Britain.

        Operations November 13th:

        (17) 69 Marine and New Zealand Corsairs attacked
                bivouacs and sank two barges Bougainville; 11 Corsairs and
                two New Zealand Venturas Harassed Ravieng.

        (18) 10 Dauntless and 10 Corsairs bombed bivouacs
                Open Bay; 24 B 25's hit supplies Matupi Island; 44 Corsairs
                demolished buildings and gun position Rabaul, damaged bridge
                and supplies Keravat.

        Weather November 14th; Cloud with light showers
                over Philippines, front extending from Ceram through central
                Halmaheras; Below average conditions in Solomons.

        Land. Leyte: November 14th: Sixth Army: X Corps:
                24th Division: Advance continued to point 1200 yards south
                of Limon against heavy resistance.

        1st Cavalry Division: Elements encountered strong
                opposition on south slope Mount Cataraban, attacked enemy

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Pockets vicinity Mount Monro.

XXIV Corps: 96th Division: Attack continued against enemy positions 4,000 yards west Dagami from north and south flanks.

7th Division: Attack by 100 Japanese at Balogo (2418) repulsed, 40 killed.

Our casualties to November 14th.

X Corps: Killed 425 wounded 2304, missing 33.

XXIV Corps: Killed 563, wounded 2309, missing 70.

Headquarters Sixth Army and Sixth Army troops:
Killed 22, wounded 106, missing 17.

Part 3.

(1) No details.

(2) Dropped 22 500 lb bombs fired 3,350 calibre.

(3) Dropped 12 500 lb medium capacity, 12 250 lb bombs from 3,000 feet.

(4) Dropped 352 100 lb bombs from 6,500 feet.

(5) P 40's dropped 8 500 lb, 2 100 lb bombs, fired unstated number rounds.

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(6) 6 500 lb bombs dropped Sandakan.

(7) B 25's dropped 1,041 23 lb parafrags; B 24 dropped 6 500 lb bombs.

(8) No details.

(9) Dropped 29 1,000 lb bombs, 900 120 lb frags.

(10) 8 500 lb bombs dropped, unstated number rounds fired Palompon.

(11) B 25's dropped 14 500 lb instantaneous bombs, 16 same type 11 seconds delay from 7,000 feet; B 24's dropped 16 250 lb bombs.

(12) Dropped 32 300 lb bombs.

(13) B 25's dropped 18 1,000 lb, 265 100 lb bombs from 7,000 feet; P 38's dropped 32 165 gallon Diesel fire bombs from 9,000 feet, met slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(14) No details.

(15) Dropped 48 500 lb bombs, 48 500 lb incendiary clusters from 7,000 feet, met slight medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

(16) Beauforts dropped 10 250 lb bombs; B 24's dropped 16 same type from 12,000 feet.

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Supplementary paragraph: 32 P 38's, 8 P 47's, 6 P 61's of 13th Air Force on patrols November 13.

Refer air unit status in operations report 12 November 1944:

At Leyte, add 460th Fighter Squadron (P 47's), 345th Bomber Group (4 Squadrons B 25's)

At Morotai, add 50th Bomber Group (2 Squadrons B 24's), 307th Bomber Group (4 Squadrons B 24's)

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/B CGAAF ASP G-2 Adm. King Col. Park Statistics Log

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To: War Department
Nr: 0 52290

16 November 1944

The Chief of Staff War Dept from GHQ SWPA sigd MacArthur C 52290. Operations report SOWESPC area period 1500Z/14 to 1500Z/15 signed MacArthur.

Philippines: Leyte. Battleship reported by reconnaissance aircraft on westerly course 240 miles west Lingayen Gulf.

Marinduque: Seven seatrucks sighted to southeast heading north west midday November 15.

Leyte: Six destroyers reported approachingOrmoc Bay from north early morning November 14th; next morning two barges six landing craft tank reported off Palompon Wharf.

Celebes: Night reconnaissance plane in Macassar area reported an aircraft carrier southwest Kabaena Island course 215 degrees 1600Z/14.

Borneo: Heavy cruiser and destroyer reported on southeasterly course 80 miles northwest Rudat midday November 15th.

New Guinea: Outpost 50 miles southwest Hansa Bay reported attack by 50 Japanese November 9.

New Britain: Natives report numerous enemy garrisons

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along east coast Gazelle Peninsula, patrols north Henry Reid Bay.

Part 2. Naval: Destroyers supported Allied landing Pegun Island and bombarded * Island, Mapia Group, morning November 15; PT boats strafed huts northeastern Morotai and destroyed two barges northwestern Halmahera night November 13th.

Air.

Enemy action: Five enemy planes shot down during raids on Leyte November 15th.

Operations November 12th:
1. Refer report operations November 13th Paragraph 13: 28 P-38's escorting B-24's destroyed one enemy fighter and probably destroyed another *, Negros Island.

Operations November 13th:
2. 36 more B-25's caused fires Pegun Island, Mapia Group.

3. 28 RAAF P-40's attacked Utaros gun positions, Dutch New Guinea.

4. Three B-25's bombed * and Kasa Islands, north central Ceram.

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5. 24 A-20's Cratered old Hanlaa airdrome, Boeore Island.

Operations November 14th:

6. 13 Beauforts and seven Boomerangs attacked barges and buildings Lake Karamaobo, southwest Wewak.

7. 18 more B-25's struck Mapia Island targets.

8. Two Dutch F-40's from Merauke strafed targets in area.

9. 27 RAAF F-40's attacked targets MacCluer Gulf, Sorong and south eastern Ceram; patrol planes destroyed schooner Ceram.

10. Eight F-40's bombed Miti airfield and demolished buildings through Halmahera.

11. Two B-25's and 22 A-20's bombed Laba airdrome and supplies Ambon.

12. 12 B-24's dropped bombs revetments and 12 grounded planes Langoan airfield; two patrol B-24's bombed Manado warehouses.

13. 18 B-25's covered by 15 P-47's hit dispersal areas Lahug and Pon airdromes, Cebu.
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14. 25 B-24's with 41 P-38's and 15 P-47's escort bombed runways and revetments, destroyed two grounded planes, damaged two others Bacolod airfield, Negros Island; shot down six probably three more of 13 intercepting fighters.

15. Two B-24's bombed Wolfe airdrome, Zamboanga; two B-24's attacked medium freighter off Palawan.

16. B-24 bombed five seatrucks capsized one northeast Panay.

17. Eight P-47's started fires in motor park and destroyed buildings Valencia; two P-38's damaged four Ormoc Bay.

18. 31 Darwin B-24's destroyed waterfront installations and started large fires Macassar.


Operations November 15th:

20. Seven A-20's and three B-25's attacked gun positions Wewak.

21. Patrol plane attacked 20 grounded planes Puerto Princessa Island, Palawan, destroyed five planes and damaged five others; another patrol plane shot down enemy floatplane Mindoro Island.

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22. Mariner attacked reported aircraft carrier off Kasaena Island, Celebes.

23. Four RAAF B-25's started fires amongst barracks buildings Ende, Flores Island.

24. Beaufighters strafed buildings and destroyed barge Dilli area; two Darwin B-24's bombed * buildings, started fires amongst stores and bivouacs Lautem.

Solomons Forces.

Naval: PT boats mortared and strafed coastal installations Solomon and Gazelle Peninsulas.

Air: Operations November 14th.

25. Ten Marine and two New Zealand Corsaires strafed gun positions and demolished huts Bougainville; 15 Corsaires, 11 B-25's and four New Zealand Venturas attacked bivouacs and plantations New Zealand; 14 Dauntless, 38 Marine and 23 New Zealand Corsaires bombed Rabaul supplies and buildings.

Land: November 15th.

Mapia Islands (1 degree north 134 degrees east): Elements 31st Division with Naval and Air support, occupied Pogun Island; resistance slight, our casualties two wounded.

Leyte: No further reports.

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End of part 2.

Part 3.

1. No details.
2. Dropped seven 1000 lb, 156 100 lb bombs.
3. Dropped 24 500 lb, 32 250 lb bombs.
4. Dropped five 300 lb bombs.
5. Dropped 240 100 lb bombs from minimum altitude, met slight inaccurate anti aircraft fire.
6. Dropped 20 500 lb, 32 250 lb bombs from 7000 to 4000 feet, fired 300 rounds 20 MM, 10400 rounds 30 calibre.
7. Dropped 136 100 lb bombs, met slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.
8. No details.
9. No details.
10. Dropped 20 500 lb bombs, fired unstated number rounds.
11. Dropped 240 100 lb bombs from moderate heavy generally inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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12. Dropped 360 120 lb frags, five 250 lb bombs from 10700 feet, met moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

13. Dropped 72 500 lb bombs from 10000 feet.

14. Dropped 568 120 lb frags from 11200 feet to 9400 feet.

15. Dropped 12 500 lb bombs Zamboanga.

16. No details.

17. F-47's dropped 16 500 lb bombs.

18. Dropped 42 500 lb, 36 300 lb, 196 250 lb bombs and 35 500 lb incendiaries from 15700 feet, met slight to moderate medium and heavy some accurate anti aircraft fire.

19. Dropped two 250 lb bombs.

20. Dropped 38 300 lb bombs from 6700 feet.

21. No details.

22. Dropped four 500 lb bombs from masthead height, met intense anti aircraft fire of all calibres.

23. Dropped 30 500 lb bombs from 7000 feet, met slight accurate anti aircraft fire.
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24. Beaufighters fired 2685 rounds 20 MM; B-24's dropped nine 300 lb, nine 250 lb bombs from 11000 feet.

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