MR 300, Sec. 13 — WARFARE (PACIFIC)
Dec 1-15, 1944

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NAVAL MESSAGE

TOR CODE ROOM 2219/16

MCDOUGALL

CTG 77.12

NPM (RDO HONO) PASSED TO COM 3RD FLT

CTG 77.12 SENDS: RDO HONO PASS INFO TO COM 3RD FLT.

AFTER A QUIET NIGHT THE BOGIES ARE ABOUT. CHASED BY

CAP. NO ATTACKS THIS TIME, 1200 POSITION I TIME 16TH

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FROM CTG 77.12
RELEASED BY
DATE 17 DEC 1944
TOR CODEROOM 2219/16
DECODED BY MCDougall
TYPED BY MCDougall/Perry
ROUTED BY

LOCAL OPERATIONAL CALL (SIT) COMSOWESPAC COM 3RD FLT CTF 78.3

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- **TO CODEROOM**
- **DECODED BY** BAKER
- **TYPED BY** SAMSON/CRENS

**INFORMATION**

- **ROUTED BY**

**IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW**

- **ORGINATOR**
- **DATE** 16 DEC 44
- **TIME**
- **GCT**

**ACTION**

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- P-00
- P-01
- F-02
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- F-12
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- **169339**
- **NCR 4487**

**HONO INTERCEPT**

PASSSED BY 2V223 TO 2V3 FOR ACTION AND 2V2 FOR INFO.

ATTACKED BY AIRCRAFT 2 ZEKE TYPE 22-19 142-20.

DELIVERED TO 2V6.
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**HONO INTERCEPT**

(CTG 73.4 SENDS ACTION COMAF 13 LOCALLY. CTIF 77 PASS CINC-
SPWA. COM 3RD FLT, COM 7TH FLT ALL TFC AND TGC 3RD AND 7TH
FLTS CINCPOA (COMAF 5)

15-16 INTERLUDE BLACK CAT SEARCHES TIMES 1. N' OUT 525 80%. 2155 BILSAN 2330 TAKIL BOTH EMPTY.

0015 TO 0150 THOROUGHLY SEARCHED JOLI ILLUMINATING HARBOR WITH FLARES EMPTY. TAWI TAWI NOT COVERED.

05 OUT 650 75%. SANDAKAN WEATHERED. 0050 DARVEL BAY EMPTY.

P OUT 650 90%. 0005 DAMAGED 1 FTC OFF MANGROVE POINT

BORNIO 05-16 119-20 E WITH BOMBING AND STRAFING ATTACK. SHIPS COURSE 020 SPEED 10.

Q OUT 470 100%. 2230 ZAMBOANGA 2345 SIBUGUEY BAY 0200 ILLANA BYA 0300 POLLOC HARBOR 0345 SARABANDI BAY ALL EMPTY.

INTENTS 16/17 4 CATS COVER TARAKAN DARVEL SULU ARCHIPELAGO SANDAKAN WAO GULF.

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| | COMAF 5 COMAF 13 CINCPOL COMAFF ALL TF AND TGC'S 3RD AND 7TH FLTS
| | 308 BOMBERING |
| **OBSERVATIONS** | FROM LEYTE SPECIAL PBY FROM 1730 1 DEC 15 TO 0800 1 DEC 16
| | FIRST SEARCHED APO EAST AND WEST PASSES THEN COVERED SECTORS
| | R AND Q TO 700 MILES. RETURNED TO NORTHWEST TIP MINDORO
| | SEARCHED ARC 100 MILES TO WEST AND SOUTHWEST RETURNING VIA
| | BUSUANGA ISLAND TO NORTHWEST MINDORO RADAR COVERAGE COMPLETE.
| | CONTACTED NO SHIPPING. 3 NIGHT MARINERS DEPARTED LEYTE TO
| | COVER L3 CONVOYS DEC 15/16. ENGINE TROUBLE FORCED RETURN OF
| | OZKADEL TOW COVERAGE PLANE. RETURN CONVOY NUMBER 1 AND
| | HEAVY COVER CONVOY BOTH COVERED THROUGHOUT NIGHT. NIL
| | SIGHTINGS. 3 NIGHTMARE INTENTS DECEMBER 16/17. 2 PLANES
| | TO COVER RETURNING CONVOYS. 3RD PLANE ON MINDORO DEFENSE
| | AND PT COOPERATIVE MISSION
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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94

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IN POSIT 11-37N 120-33E JAP PLANE MADE CONTACT AT 160840.

ACTION: F-20
DP SECRET DISPATCH

FROM: CINCPAC
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 16 DEC 1944

TO: ALL TF COMS 3RD FLT

INFORMATION

ACTION: F-20

HONO INTERCEPT
CINCPAC ULTRA USING I TIME. ACTION ALL TF COMDR THIRD FLT INFO COM 3RD FLT AND COM 7TH FLT.

**NE MADE CONTACT AT 17-12N 123-33E AND NEAR 17-0 • N 123-43E AT 160425.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines
To: War Department
Nr. C 54960 16 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department cite C 54960. Operations report SOWSPAC area period 15002/14 to 15002/15 signed MacArthur.

French Indo China: Two battleships two heavy cruisers four destroyers two torpedo boats reported arrived Camranh Bay midday December 14.

Philippines: Luzon: Heavy cruiser destroyer and destroyer escort sighted west Manila December 14; seven vessels including destroyers and merchant ships sighted on northerly course 130 miles off west coast December 14.

Leyte: Enemy forces reported occupying positions on ridge halfway between San Isidroo and Daha December 14.

Negros: 37 aircraft photographed on Silay airfield midday December 14.

Jolo: Three destroyers one medium freighter transport sighted anchored in harbour by reconnaissance plane night December 15.

Tawi Tawi: Three destroyers one freighter transport reported 70 miles north on easterly course December 15.

South China Sea: Heavy cruiser sighted manoeuvering near Tizard bank midday December 15.

Borneo: Medium freighter transport four seatrucks sighted Brunei Bay morning December 14.

CM-IN-15943 (16 Dec 44)
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

Number: 0 54960

Date: 16 December 1944


Air: Enemy action; Mindoro; Attacks against Allied shipping caused some damage and included three suicide crash dives, naval anti-aircraft fire down four planes, fighter patrols claimed 17 others December 15.

Operations December 13:

(1) Patrol B 24 attacked and damaged gunboat and large tanker south western Palawan.

(2) 16 P 40's bombed and strafed Valencia buildings and highways Leyte.

Operations December 14:

(3) Ten Corsairs demolished buildings and cratered runways Naga airstrip, southeastern Luzon; P 47's started large fires amongst fuel dumps nearby.

(4) Refer paragraph 11 preceding report: Fighter bombers claim following results on Negros fields: 50/50/50 planes destroyed or damaged Silay, 25/30 destroyed or damaged Carolina, 12 destroyed Talisay, 5 destroyed La Carlota; 10 additional P 47's raided Alicante.

(5) Patrol B 24 destroyed small seaplane northwest Panay; six Corsairs cratered runways Masbate.

(6) Refer paragraph 12 preceding report: B 24's destroyed 3/5 additional planes Padada, met two ineffective interceptors.

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(7) Five more A 20's and one B 25 attacked Sepik river villages, east Wewak.

Operations December 15:

(8) 16 P 47's strafed San Fernando airdrome, southeastern Luzon.
(9) Two B 24's bombed Silay and Carolina airfields before dawn, fighter sweep over negroes shot down one enemy bomber and destroyed five planes on ground.
(10) B 24's from Biak reported excellent coverage Sassa airdrome, Devco.
(11) Catalina exploded docks destroyed lugger and strafed Kudat airdrome, northern Borneo.
(12) Four Dutch B 25's attacked and beached coastal vessel Waingsape, Somba Island; Two Darwin B 24's bombed Baeucu and Pulloro, Timor.
(13) Six B 25's raided Sepik River villages; Six A 20's attacked targets Wewak.

Solomons Forces, Air.

Operations December 14 restricted by weather:

(14) 14 New Zealand Corsairs, two Venturas patrolled Kavieng and demolished buildings New Ireland; 12 New Zealand Corsairs covered Rabaul and bombed Lakunai concentrations.

Land: Mindoro: Western Visayan task force captured San Jose town afternoon December 15 and out posted positions for night; nil casualties.

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

No. 0 54960 . 16 December 1944

Leyte: X Corps: 32nd Division advanced further 200 yards, rear elements cleared bypassed pockets. First cavalry units made local gains Mount Catebaran.

XXIV Corps: 77th Division consolidated positions Ormoc area. 7th Division and 511th Parachute Infantry made contact north Capatgan, 200 enemy killed in area.


3. Corsairs dropped 10 1,000 pound bombs.
4. No details.
5. Corsairs dropped 6 1,000 pound bombs.
6. 34 B 24's dropped unstated number 20 pound frags.
7. Dropped 24 300 pound bombs, fired 1400 rounds 50 caliber.
8 through 10. No details.

11. Dropped 6 250 pound bombs, fired unstated number rounds.

12. B 25's dropped 16 500 pound bombs 11 seconds delay from 200 feet, fired 4,000 rounds 50 calibre; B 24's dropped 9 300 pound, 12 250 pound bombs from 9,000 and 6,000 feet.

CM-IN-15943 (16 Dec 44)
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Lyte, Philippines

Nr. 0 54960 16 December 1944

13. Dropped 44 300 pound general purpose bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 22,000 rounds 50 calibre.

Weather: Equatorial front causing scattered showers from Borneo to Morotai, above average cloud over southern Philippines. Airdrome construction under way San Jose, Mindoro, ground reported dry and hard.

End

ACTION: OPD

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

CM-IN-15943 (16 Dec 44) 1820Z bjm
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Advance Echelon, General Headquarters,
Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

To: War Department

No: C 54912

16 December 1944

To Chief of Staff for Marshall from MacArthur cite C 54912.

Unopposed landing effected Mindoro early morning 15th
Zone I time. Penetration to distance 8 miles inland by
evening. Unloading operations proceeding rapidly and ahead
of schedule. Hostile air reaction during approach and
unloading weak. First reports indicate airdrome potentiali-
ties excellent.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/3
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G-2
Adm-King
Col Park
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CM-IN-15355 (16 Dec 44) 0238Z

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/44

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NAVAL MESSAGE
NAVY DEPARTMENT

FROM: COM 3RD FLEET
RELEASED BY:

DATE: 15 DECEMBER 1944
TOR CODEROOM: 16086

DECODED BY: GREENE
TYPED BY: GREENE/N.
ROUTED BY:  

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

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ACTION CINCPAC CINCSOWESPAC FROM COM 3RD FLEET. INFO COMINCH COM 7TH FLEET ALL TFC'S 3RD AND 7TH FLEETS.

LATEST COUNT OF DESTRUCTION ON 14 DECEMBER SHOWS 38 PLANES SHOT DOWN INCLUDING 20 OUT OF 53 TIRED RATS LOOKING FOR HOLES IN LINGAYEN LAOAQ VIGAN AREA. 139 DESTROYED ON GROUND. AIRCRAFT OBSERVED WIDELY DISPERSED ON 46 DIFFERENT FIELDS WITH LARGEST CONCENTRATION AT CLARK. SHIPPING RESULTS 1 MEDIUM AO SUNK LINGAYEN, 1 MEDIUM AK EXPLODED LEFT BURNING OFF CAPE BOLILAO, 1 SMALL AK BLEW UP AND DESTROYED WEST OF IBA, 3 OR 4 SMALL AK BURNED AND GUTTED OLONGAPO, 2 SMALL AK FIRED OFF CLALTAGAN. 3 OR 4 SMALL AK LEFT BURNING FURIOUSLY SANTA MIGUEL BAY. 1 LARGE AP BEACHED AND BURNING SUBIC BAY. 1 MEDIUM AO ALREADY BEACHED NEAR IBA FIRED, DAMAGED 1 DD OR DE OFF VIGAN, 1 DD 1 DE WEST OF SUBIC BAY, 1 DD OUT OF 3 UNDAMAGED DD.

SECRET
AND 1 UNDAMAGED AP INSIDE MANCLA JETTY. IN TROOP CONVOY 1 LARGE AK AND 1 DO HIT WITH ROCKETS, 1 SMALL AK AND ESCORT STRAFED. GROUND DAMAGE INCLUDED DESTRUCTION OF 4 LOCOMOTIVES 6 CARS SAN FERNANDO, 3 BUILDINGS AMMO AND FUEL DUMPS ANGELES FIELDS AND FUEL DUMP AT CLARK. DAMAGE TO 15 RAILROAD CARS SAN FERNANDO, TRUCK CONVOY BETWEEN SAN FERNANDO AND CALUMPIT, SUGAR MILL SAN FERNANDO, FACTORY BETWEEN FLORIDACILANAA AND DINALUPIHAN AND AA POSITIONS AT IBA ANGELES SOUTH AND WEST AND PORAC WEST. DURING NIGHT 14-15 HECKLERS BOMBERD RUNWAYS AND AA AT CLARK WEST LIPAC FOSLIPI LAOAG AND STRAFED APARRI NICHOLS NIELSON MABALACAT ANGELES.

COPY TO 2OG
CINCPAC SENDS ACTION ALL TFC'S 3RD FLEET. INFO COM 3RD FLEET COM 7TH FLEET. ULTRA.

JAP PLANE MADE SIGHTING REPORT IN POSIT 16-47 N 124-08 E AT 160305/1.
CINCPAC SENDS ACTION ALL TFC'S 3RD FLEET. INFO COM 3RD FLEET COM 7TH FLEET. ULTRA.

JAP PLANE MADE SIGHTING REPORT IN POSIT 16-47 N 124-08 E AT 160305/1.

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**HONO INTERCEPT**

(CTF 73 SENDS ACTION CINCPOA CINCSWPA COM 7TH FLT COM 3RD FLT COMAFAF COMAF 5 COMAF 13 CTF 77 308 BOMBO WING AND ALL TF AND TGC'S 3RD AND 7TH FLTS)

6 LEYTE PB4Y'S OUT TO CHINA SEA DECEMBER 15 IN EXCELLENT WEATHER. ALL TIMES 1 POSITS N AND E.

N OUT 710 MILES 100% COVERAGE NO CONTACTS.

SC ALREADY BURNING 11-50 123-08 TIME 1030.

P WENT 800 MILES COVERAGE 95% FIRED 2 5D'S WITH INCENDIARIES 11-55 123-15 AT 0810. SIGHTED 3 DD'S AT 13-35 119-07 COURSE 250 SPEED 15 TIME 0945

APARENTLY PATROLLING. FANTAIS LOADED WITH DEPTH CHARGES. OBSERVED AGAIN AT 14-30 118-10 TIME 1400

COURSE THEN 280 SPEED 17.

Q WENT 600 MILES COVERAGE 100%. SIGHTED AND TRACKED 4 HOURS 2 SLOW MOVING FORMATIONS. THE FIRST REPORTED AS 1 BATTLESHIP 2 HEAVY CRUISERS 1 DESTROYER ON COURSE

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By DBS

Data MAY 21, 1973

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NLR 101

By RT, NARA Date
350 Speed 10 were at posit 15-07 117-55 when last seen at 1430. The second group 1 TA 1 FTA 2 destroyers were at 15-15 117-35

course 320 speed 6 time 1530. "Plane reported contacts to 2 blue subs in vicinity before returning to base. A third

group 2 FTA 1 light cruiser 1 destroyer seen only once at 15-08 117-26 course 320 speed 12 at 1130. Comment.

believe after interrogation all types overestimated. battleship and heavy cruiser probably large destroyers.

reported 900 miles 100% coverage. saw 12 stack TA 10000 tons at 14-48 119-24 course 330 speed 15 time 1014. Reported to

carrier planes. ship not located on return trip. 2 armed transports at 16-50 119-38 course 300 speed 12 time 1400. moderate medium inaccurate ackack. wreckage or burning ships

at 16-11 120-00 time 1450. and at 15-42 119-50 time 1415 beached FTC at 15-20 118-51 time 1425. beached SA 14-40

120-05 time 1500. 2 SC burning 14-30 120-30 time 1530. strafed and burned 1 lugger 13-40 120-30 time 1555. strafed

and burned 2 SD 13-40 120-05 time 1600. 2 went 400 miles 100% coverage. saw SC and SD 13-35 122-15

anchored time 0835. FTC dead in water TLRJFEN-45 120-50 time 0913. several small camouflaged small craft in this-

vicinity. hospital ship 14-00 119-25 course 150 time 0950. FTC dead in water and smoking 15-10 119-38 time 1014.

light accurate ackack.

* as received

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HONO INTERCEPT

(C TG 77.12 SENDS ACTION CTF 77 INFO TO CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT VIA RDO HONO ALSO TO COM 7TH FLT COM 5TH AF CINCSWPAC COMAAF CTF 78.3 CTU 77.12.7 )

TURNED AROUND 1950/1 REFER YOUR 150132 AND 150858
ACKNOWLEDGED WILL PROBABLY NEED ALL THE AIR SUPPORT AGAINST VISAYAN DROMES THAT CAN BE OBTAINED. UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED FULL EXCHANGE DESTROYERS WITH RETURNING ECHELONS APPROXIMATE DAWN POSITION LATITUDE 10-05 N LONGITUDE 120-55 E
CTG 77.12 SENDS ACTION CTF 77 INFO COMINCH AND CINCPAC.

UNDER CONTINUOUS HEAVY AIR ATTACK.

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**HINT ON INTERCEPT**

(From COM 3RD FLEET.  Action CINCPAC CINCSOWESPAC COMFEAF COMAF 5 CTF 77 Info CTF 38.)

PHOTOS AND REPORTS INDICATE 664 PLANES ON LUZON 14TH MANY PREVIOUSLY DAMAGED. AS OF 1000 TODAY 224 DESTROYED AND AT LEAST 90 MORE STRAFED BOMBED. CTF 38 ESTIMATES A POSSIBLE 275 REMAIN OPERATIONAL WELL HIDDEN AND WIDELY DISPERSED. HOWEVER LIMITED ENEMY REACTION POINTS TO INABILITY PUT ANY SIZEABLE NUMBER IN THE AIR AND THE DISPERSED AND VARIETY OF TYPES BELIES TYPICAL MECHATRY. WILL MAINTAIN BATS OVER LUZON TONIGHT AND RESUME BLANKETING TOMORROW. NO BOOGIES TODAY.

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(FROM CTF 77 TO CTG 77,12 INFO CTG 78,3 COM 3RD FLT CINCSWPA COMAAF COM 5TH AF CINCPAC)

WEATHER PREDICTIONS INDICATE SHORE BASED FIGHTER COVER WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TOMORROW SATURDAY FORENOON. WEATHER YOUR AREA GOOD. FIGHTER COVER FROM CVE’S ESSENTIAL FOR RETURNING ECHELONS, PROCEED TO POSITION TO PROVIDE AIR COVER FOR BEACH AREA AT DAWN AND PROVIDE AIR COVER FOR SECOND RETURNING ECHelon DUE DEPART BEACH FORENOON. SEND DESTROYERS CRITICALLY LOW IN FUEL TO JOIN RETURNING ECHELONS. CTG 78,3 INFORM CTF II AND CTG 77,12 TIME OF DEPARTURE RETURNING ECHelon. ACKNOWLEDGE.
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(CTG 783 SENDS) ALL LST'S BEACHED. UNLOADING PROCEEDING FAVORABLY EXCEPT 2 LST'S GOING NOW TO RED BEACH FOR UNLOADING CAMINAPIC POINT REPORTED CLEAR.

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FROM: COM7THFLT

TO: GHQ SWPA ADV LEYTE

DATE: 16 DEC 44

ALL COMDS RECEIVING COM7THFLT INTEL REPORT COMAAR & COMFEAF LEYTE UNLISTED CALL - NOF

PAGE 1 OF 3

RDO HONOR PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 161845.

(COM 7TH FLT ORIGINATOR)

FIRST WAVE BLUE ASSAULT FORCES LANDED BETWEEN SAN AGUSTIN & BAPA BUG SOUTHWEST MINDORO THIS MORNING WITH NIL OPPOSITION ON BEACHES. SIGHTINGS 14TH I TIMES. 1 DD 1/25 POSIT 17-35 N 120-20 E COURSE 180 SPEED 20. SAN FERNANDO 55 SMALL AK BARGES 1 LST TYPE ANCHORED 1400. OFF SANTA CRUZ 15-50 N 119-45 E 1 DD COURSE 170 SPEED 16 AT 1315. 3 HOURS LATER APPROXIMATELY SAME POSIT COURSE SPEED 1 SMALL FREIGHTER TRANSPORT 2 OLD TYPE DD.

1 LARGE FREIGHTER TRANSPORT SEEN IN SUBIC BAY UNDER ATTACK BY CARRIER PLANES 1248. 0645 CRUISER 1 DD 1 PICKET BOAT REPORTED 14-20 N 120-20 E COURSE 300 SPEED 25. USUAL NUMBER 100 AND 500 TON STACK AFT VESSELS SEEN.

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BATANGAS AND BICOL PORTS. MID FORENOON 1 LARGE 1 MEDIUM TANKER
1 MEDIUM AP AT BALIKPAPAN. BEFORE NOON 1 AH 12-30 N 114-42 E
 COURSE 75 SPEED 22. BLUE SUBS CONTACTED 2 BB 1 CL 4 OR 5 DD
0800 POSIT 11-06 N 110-20 E BASE COURSE 10 SPEED 19. SUBS COULD
NOT KEEP UP. BB'S EVALUATED AS ISE AND HYUGA XCVBB. BLUE SUB
REPORTS SINKING 1 CA EVENING 13TH POSIT 08-10 N 105-37 E ACCOMPAN-
IED BY PROBABLE CL. 5TH AIR FORCE CLAIMS DESTROYING 90 - 100
GROUNDED PLANES VISAYAN DROMES 14TH. SAME DAY 33 LIBERATORS HIT
PADADA PROBABLY DESTROYING 7 PLANES ON GROUND. FIRES AND EXPLOSI-
ONS RESULTED. PREVIOUS DAY PALAU B 24'S HIT LAHUG DROME CEBU. NIL
INTERCEPTION NOR ACK ACK. MARINE CORSAIRS ONETLOTU ATTACKED REM-
ANTS RETURNING NIP CONVOY OEO MASbate PROBABLY DESTROYING 1 AK
1 DD DAMAGING 1 DD 6 SMALL LANDING CRAFT. SAME DAY PALAU B24's
HIT LEGASP1 WITH UNREPORTED RESULTS. 13TH AIR FORCE 13TH SENT 22
LIBERATORS P47 COVER OVER C AOK1IA* DROME AND 20 SIMILAR PLANES
OVER TALISAY DROME NORTHERN NEGROS. SAN ROQUE STRIP ZAMBOANG.
ANOTHER ON JOLO HIT BY MITCHELLS. PARTIAL REPORT FROM FIRST 3 OF
6 SCHEDULES 3RD FLT CARRIER PLANE STRIKES ON LUZON FIELDS SHOW
14 NIP PLANES SHOT DOWN 77 DESTROYED ON GROUND 37 MORE DAMAGED BY
STRAFING MORNING 14TH. 300 PLANES ON LUZON FIELDS WITH 45 OPER-
ATIONAL ON CLARK. BLUE SUB 4TH SANK 1 LARGE WESTBOUND AO 1 OR 2
DD 13-12 N 116-37 E. NIL DAMAGE TO LEYTE GULF SHIPPING 13TH.
5 BOGIES DURING DAY. 218 JAP PARATROOPERS KILLED TO DATE VICINITY
SAN PABLO STRIPS. 3 STRIPS RECOVERED BY BLUE FORCES. ENEMY
SUB REPORTED 1500/14 POSIT 11-55 N 141-10 E. BLUE MERCHANT SHIP
REPORTS FIRING ON POSSIBLE SS 0830/15TH 07-26 S 150-39 E.

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**HONOLULU INTERCEPT**

CCY 3RD FLEET SENDS TOP SECRET ACTION CINCPAC INFO CINCSWESPAC CONTASKFOR 38 CONTASKFOR 77 CONMCAF COMAF 5.

NO BOGIES LAST NIGHT. BAT HECKLERS WORKED ON ALL ENEMY FIELDS AND SOME SHIPPING ALL NIGHT. ANALYSIS WILL NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL AFTER WITHDRAWING ON 16TH BUT ABOUT 25% PLANES DESTROYED YESTERDAY MOSTLY ON GROUND. CONTINUOUS AIR OVER ENEMY FIELDS WORKED PERFECTLY YESTERDAY AND BEING REPEATED TODAY. SHIPMENTS WORKED OVER IN SPARE TIME WITH GOOD RESULTS TO BE REPORTED SEPARATELY. EXPECT REPEAT TOMORROW UNLESS MACARTHUR SIGNS OUR ASSISTANCE NOT NEEDED.

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By DBS Date MAY 21 1973

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CTF 73 SENDS ACTION CINCPOA, CINCSWPA, COM SEVENTH FLEET, COM THIRD FLT, COMAAF, COMAFF FIVE, COMAFF, CTF 77, 308 BOMB WING, AND ALL TASK FORCE AND TASK GROUP COMMANDERS THIRD AND SEVENTH FLTS.

3 NIGHT MARINERS FROM LEYTE ON DECEMBER 14/15 PATROLLED FOR LEDE 3 GROUPS. ASSAULT COVERAGE PLANE ATTACKED AND HIT TA POSIT 12-06N 120-42E TIME 0255. OTHER SIGHTINGS. INTENTS FOR NIGHTMARES DECEMBER 15/16 THREE PATROLS COVERING CONVOYS.

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FROM CTG 77.12. RADIO MANUS PASS ACTION CTF 77 INFO COM 7TH FLT. RADIO HONOLULU PASS TO CINCPAC RADIO WASHINGTON PASS TO COMINCH.

HAVING A SHORT QUIET PERIOD. NO KNOWN DAMAGE TO DATE SOME CASUALTIES. KNOWN ENEMY PLANE LOSSES 8 TO CAP 4 TO AA 3 SUICIDES.
**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**CRAFT** CTG 73.4

**RELEASED BY**

**DATE** 16 DECEMBER 1944

**TOR CODE** 2221/15

**RECEIVED BY** MCDougall

**DECODED BY** STEEN/STEVENS

**ROUTED BY**

**OP** 150202  NCR 4468

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**HONO INTERCEPT**

CTG 73.4 SENDS ACTION COMAFF, COMAFF FIVE, CINCPOA, COM SEVENTH FLT, COM THIRD FLT, ALL TFC TGC THIRD AND SEVENTH FLTS. COMAFF 13 HAS LOCALLY. CTF 77 PASS CINCSPWA.

**MOROTAI BLACK KIT SEARCHES 14/15, 1 TIMES**

- 500, 50% AT 2330 ZAMBOANGA 2400. BUGUEY BAY 0030

**DUMANQUILAS BAY 0100 ILLANA BAY 0230 POLLOC HARBOR ALL EMPTY.**

(x) OUT 030 8% 0045 SARANGANI BAY EMPTY. OVER DAVAO GULF 0100 TO 0430 NEGATIVE SEARCH VISIBILITY LIMITED BY HAZE.

(Y) OUT 060 85% 0015 TAWI TAWI 0130 TAPUL 0200 JOLO 0315 SOUTH SIDE BASILAN ALL EMPTY.

3 HIT WATERFRONT AREA RESULTS OBSERVED. 3 DIRECT HITS BLEW UP DOCK AND DESTROYED 1 LUGGER TIED ALONGSIDE.
STRAFED BOTH SIDES OF AIRSTRIp WITH FOUR RUNS.
INTENS
15/16 4 CATS TO NORTH CELEBES SULU AREA TARAKAN BANDAKAN DARVEL BAY.

*MISSING AND GARBLED GROUPS
HONO INTERCEPT

GENERAL DUNKEL LEAVING DASHIELL Assumes COMMAND ASHORE AT 10451. SECOND LST PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED TOTAL LOSS.
HONO INTERCEPT

FROM BOMCOM 13 TO AOIC CIRCUIT.

PHOTO MISSION 14 DEC 1150/1 21000 FEET ALTITUDE, PUERTO PRINCESA AIRDRONE, NORTH RUNWAY SERVICEABLE, SOUTH RUNWAY UNSERVICEABLE, 1 POSSIBLY OPERATIVE MEDIUM BOMBER, 2 POSSIBLY OPERATIVE SINGLE SEAT FITERS, 4 FLOAT PLANES AT FLOAT PLANE BASE. 1300/1 21000 FEET ALTITUDE, SAN ROQUE AIRDRONE, RUNWAY SERVICEABLE, 1 OPERATIVE SINGLE SEAT FITER, 2 POSSIBLE OPERATIVE MEDIUM BOMBERS. 1435/1 23000 FEET ALTITUDE, SILAY AIRDRONE RUNWAY 2200 FEET SERVICEABLE, 37 OPERATIVE AIRCRAFT.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CTG 78.3
RECEIVED BY:
DATE: 15 DECEMBER 1944
TOR CODE ROOM: 0338/15
DECODED BY: STEEN

FOR ACTION: CTF 77

ADDRESSED: 2 UNIDENTIFIED CALLS

ATTACHED: HQ SWPA

ATTACHED: TGC 3RD, 7TH FLTS

HONO INTERCEPT

RIFLE COMPANY REACHED POINT 44. FIRST RETURNING
ECHELON HAS SAILED. ONE LST EXPLODED CONSTANT
HARRASSMENT BY INDIVIDUAL JAP PLANES. 503RD
REACHED PHASE POINT 1-1.
From: CO, US Army Forces in the Far East, Leyte, Philippines
To: War Department
No: C 54900

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department cite C 54900. Operations report SCWESPAC area period 1500Z/13 to 1500Z/14 signed MacArthur.

French Indo China: two battleships one light cruiser five destroyer sighted on northerly course vicinity Camranh Bay with heavy air cover morning December 14.

Luzon: sightings December 14: two seaturks 55 barges sighted off San Fernando, Lingayen gulf, three destroyer escorts two small freighter transports Dasol Bay area, one medium freighter transports four seaturks vicinity Subic Bay, six vessels off coast near Baler, southeast Luzon; third fleet incomplete reports state 300 enemy planes on Luzon fields morning December 14, airstrip photographed under construction Ongyan Valley December 6.

Negros: 40 to 60 well camouflaged aircraft reported Caroline by attacking fighters afternoon December 14, 12 to 15 planes on Alicante.

Mindoro: medium freighter one smaller freighter transport one auxiliary sighted heading northwest off west coast December 13.

Borneo: two large tankers one medium transport sighted Belikpapan December 14, 13 seaturks at Jesselton,
From: CG, US Army Forces in the Far East, Leyte, Philippines

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four floatplanes encountered Toli Toll.

Part 2. Naval: Leyte PT boats exploded supply and troop filled coastal vessel Palompon night December 12, sank sailboat San Isidro Bay following night. Morotai PT boats mortared coastal machine gun posts night December 13.

Air. Enemy action: planes reported supply dropping Leyte December 12; 18 planes over Leyte bases December 13 only one bombed Taal Island at night; next day single raider crash dived Allied tanker San Pedro Bay, four planes shot down during raids on Allied convoy south Sulu Sea.

Operations December 12: (1) 23 RAAP P40's attacked Lolobata; 66 RAAP P40's swept airfields and personnel areas Dutch New Guinea.

Operations December 13: (2) 20 B24's with 10 P38's escort scored excellent coverage Talisay airdrome, Negros Island; 22 other B24's bombed Carolina airdrome, P47's escort met three intercepting fighters. (3) 18 B25's covered by 12 P47's caused fires San Roque airdrome, Zamboanga; 16 B24's bombed underground storage tanks Sasa airdrome, Davao. (4) 3 B25's raided Jolo Island airdrome, Sulu Archipelago; 2 B24's attacked and left listing small freighter Tawi Tawi, started fires amongst fuel installations Belfisapan. (5) six RAAP P40's and 16 Beaufighters raided Helmebera supplies; single B24 bombed dispersal areas Lolobata; 16 P40's and nine B 25's hit Westile Bay dumps and

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From: CG, US Army Forces in the Far East,
Leyte, Philippines

No: 054900
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other targets; 11 P-47's and 6 P-38's on local patrols strafed coastal positions. (6) Four B-25's bombed runways and buildings old Namul; 12 A20's and 16 B-25's cratered runways and set supply dumps afire Amahai and Aroako, one A 20 lost; two B-25's fired fuel dumps southern Ceram; 21 P-38's cratered runways and caused fires amongst supplies Liang. (7) Patrol B-24 bombed Baucheq town, Timor; Ventura attacked Dobo, Aror Islands, (6) five B-24's and 27 Beauforts attacked villages Wewak and Sepik River.

Operations December 14: (9) Two B-24's reided Manila shipping before dawn; patrol B-24's sank one seaplane and two coastal vessels Davao; Ventura shot down floatplane Taiv Tavi, Sulu Archipelago. (10) Two groups B-24's from Palau attacked airformes installations and ammunition dumps Cebo. (11) Fighter bombers from Leyte attacked Negros airformes, destroyed 11 bombers and nine fighters on Siley during morning, estimated destroyed 40 planes, mostly bombers same target during afternoon, caused destruction amongst 40 to 60 planes on Carolina where claims not yet assessed; fighter cover shot down two bombers and seven enemy fighters. (12) B-24's attacked Padada runways and revements, Davao, destroyed two grounded planes; 16 P-40's cratered runways Surigao airforme; B-25's against Licanau turned back due weather. (13) Four Dutch B-25's demolished Enda barracks buildings, Flores Island; three RAAF B-25's sank barges strafed four luggers Alor Island, strafed two barges and demolished buildings near Koeang and bombed Mina River bridge; four Dutch B-25's damaged two barges northwestern Timor; two B-24's bombed Abaraopeo and Baucau; Ventura attacked targets.
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Aroe Island. (14) 1 A20, five B25's and six Beauforts
reided villages Newak area. (15) five B24's from Nadzab
bombed Tobera airstrip, Rabaul. Solomons forces. Air.
Operations December 13: (16) 8 New Zealand Cor-
sairs attacked enemy dispositions along Huma Huma trail,
Bo gouanville; six New Zealand Corsairs, six New Zealand
Ventures and one Brine B25 bombed Kaveng and demolished
bridges New Ireland; 30 B25's and six New Zealand Venture's
reided Vunakanau plane hideout, single New Zealand Venture
harassed Rabaul before dawn, 10 New Zealand Corsairs fur-
nished day patrols.

Lend. Leyte: X Corps: 32nd Division attacking with
two regiments abreast reached bridge 1700 yards south
Tolibau, enemy opposition continued heavy. First cavalry
units captured strong point north slopes mount Calabesan,
squadron on Samar captured Wright.

XXIV Corps: 77th Division advanced 800 yards
north Cogon against pillboxes organized in depth. 7th Divi-
sion regiment met increasingly heavy opposition from
estimated 1500 enemy trapped Anas area, reached point 600
yards west 511st Parachute Infantry; remainder Division
secured coast. Mindoro: preliminary report: 511st Parachute
Infantry and 19th regimental combat team from 24th Division
supported by naval and air forces landed unopposed San Jose
area 2300Z/14, by morning reached line extending from
76/07 to 86/04 to Caminawit point. Command ashore assumed

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at 0145Z/15.

Map references 1 to 50,000 series.

Part 3. (1) dropped 24 by 500 lb, 62 by 250 lb bombs; moderate heavy accurate anti aircraft fire Lolobata. (2) dropped 489 by 500 lb bombs from 10,000 feet; moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire Falesay. (3) B25's dropped 108 by 250 lb frags from 10,000 feet, met moderate heavy accurate anti aircraft fire; no details B24's. (4) B25's dropped 12 by 500 lb bombs; B24's dropped 18 by 500 lb bombs. (5) Dropped 44 by 500 lb, 22 by 250 lb bombs, 66 by 260 lb frags, fired unstated number rounds, met moderate medium some accurate anti aircraft fire. (6)B25's dropped 63 by 100 lb bombs, 32 by 500 lb incendiaries; A20 dropped 120 Parademos; P38's dropped 21 by 1,000 lb bombs; moderate medium accurate anti aircraft fire Nanita and Horokoe. (7) B24 dropped 18 by 250 lb bombs; Venture dropped four by 300 lb bombs four to five seconds delay from 400 feet, fired 700 rounds 3500 rounds 30 calibre. (8) B24's dropped 40 by 1000 lb bombs from 8000 feet; Beauforts dropped 32 by 500, 12 by 300 lb, 68 by 250 lb bombs, fired 800 rounds 30 calibre.

Paragraphs 9 through 12 no details. (13) B25's dropped 13 by 500 lb, 24 by 300 lb bombs all five seconds delay, fired 9000 rounds 50 calibre; B24's dropped nine by 300 lb, 12 by 250 lb bombs; Venture dropped four by 300 lb bombs five seconds delay, fired 100 rounds 50, 1000 rounds 30 calibre. (14) Dropped six by 500 lb medium capacity, 20
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by 300 lb and 10 by 250 lb general purpose bombs, two by 250 lb anti submarine bombs and six by 250 lb incendiaries, fired 10,000 rounds 50 calibre. (15) dropped 60 by 500 lb bombs from 9,000 feet, fired 300 rounds 50 calibre.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/S CG AAP ASF G-2

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AIR ATTACK SUICIDE DIVE BOMBERS. 2 LSM'S ON FIRE. AIR COVER APPARENTLY UNABLE TO HANDLE.

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**RCO: HDAC INTERCEPT**

**SOUTH REGIMENT HAS SECURED PHASE LINE 11. NOW MOVING ON PHASE LINE 2-2.**

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RECONN BATTALION BANDED WHITE BEACH. ALL LC1'S AND LC1's HAVE RETREATED FROM WHITE. LST's NOT BEACHING THERE.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CTG 76.3
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 15 DEC 1944
TOR CODEROOM:
DECODER: STEVENS
TYPE: STEVENS/STEEN

TO: OTF 77
ADV ECH SWPA
ALL TFC TG 6'S 3RD
AND 7TH FLTS
UNIDENTIFIED LOCAL
CALL (WQ18)

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(FROM CTG 76.3)

ON WHITE BEACH NO OPPOSITION. LSM'S BEACHING.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 1/8/44
HONOLULU INTERCEPT

CTG 78.3 ORIGINATES.

LANDING PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN. BLUE BEACH

EXCELLENT. NO CASUALTIES.

DELIVERED TO 20-G.
HONOLULU INTERCEPT

THIS FROM CTG 78.3.

FIRST WAVE LANDED BEACHES. WHITE BLUE AND GREEN. NO OPPOSITION ON BEACHES.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVAL DEPARTMENT

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TO: COMAF 5A-2

FROM: CTG 77.12

For Action: ALL CONCERNED CURRENT OP SWPA

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Date: 15 14 DEC 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 141733

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(WO BY AOGC* CTG 77.12 FROM COMAF 5A-2 CITE DO650D)

5 AIR FORCE PRELIMINARY STRIKE APPROXIMATION FOR 14 DECEMBER INDICATES 90/100 AIRCRAFT KNOCKED OUT ON VISAYAN DBOMES, JUICY ESCORT FLATTOP TARGETS NOT COVERED FOR 15 DECEMBER AFC* CAROLINA 25/30, MATOGO 20 AND FABRICA 20 SERVICEABLE PLANES. STRIKES SCHED-

ULED 15 DECEMBER ON NAGA, HEAVIES AT MIDDAY ON CAROLINA, DAVAO, ZAMBOANGA, PURETA PRINCESSA. SNOOPERS EFIGHT ON NEGROES DBOMES. ALL 5 AIR FORCE FIGHTERS IN COVER MISSION.

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CINCPAC shoots action to all task force commanders 7th fleet and info to CCM 7th fleet CCM 3rd fleet.

**S/O PANAY**

POSt 19-27N 121-26E ENEMY PLANE CONTACTS SURFACE FORCE. TIME PRIOR 1545Z.

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### NAVAL MESSAGE

**DRAFT**
- FROM: ALUSNA MADRID

**RELEASED BY**
- 15 DEC 44

**TOR CODEROOM**
- 1148/15

**DECODED BY**
- SAGER

**TYPES BY**
- J. THOMPSON

**ROUTED TO:**
- CNO

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- COMNAVEU

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**ALUSNA MADRID SENDS TO COMNAVEU INFO CNO**

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**UNCONFIRMED REPORTS FROM 2 SEPARATE SOURCES STATE FOOD, FATS AND DIESEL OIL BEING SUPPLIED GERMANS ISOLATED ON FRENCH ATLANTIC COAST BY SPANISH FISHING BOATS FROM BILBAO REGION. LOCAL INVESTIGATION INSTIGATED BILBAO.**

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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ADM COMINCH

RELEASED BY ADM THEBAUD

DATE 14 DEC 44

TOR CODEROOM 1404

DECODED BY ADAMS

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MAY 1972

By DBS

MAY 21 1973

BLUE AIR 11 DECEMBER SANK 3 AP/AK 2 DD DAMAGED UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL NORTHWEST LEYTE. THESE ADDITION TO 1 DD PROBABLY SUNK 1 AK/AP 1 DD DAMAGED ON 12 DECEMBER MENTIONED AS FRAGMENTARY REPORT IN YESTERDAYS SUMMARY. UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL PTS SANK SAME DAY NORTHWEST LEYTE NOW REPORTED APD OR DE. RECONNAISSANCE PLANES 13 DECEMBER OVER MINDORO AREA DESTROYED 3 SMALL AKS SET ON FIRE 2 MORE PROBABLY SANK A PATROL VESSEL.
HONO INTERCEPT

FROM CTG 70.1

REPORTS PT'S NIGHT 13/14.

'OROTAI REPORTS DAYLIGHT MISSION ON 13TH BY 162 AND

365 TO ASSIST SEARCH DOWNED AUSSIE PILOT GAPESA BAY. UMBLE RECOVER BODY DUE SNIPER FIRE. 90MM OR 3 INCH

FIRE FROM CAPA BONGO AREA AT PT'S WOUNDED 4 NONE
SERIOUS 1365. M/G POSITS MORTARED AT CAPE TILES/TNFXYGTE

BOATS ENCOUNTERED 2 SAIL BOATS LEAVING SAN PEDRO BAY 0410. 1 FLED TO BAECH. CREW OF VVCEE ON OTHER WENT

OVER SIDE. EXAMINATION BY GUARDING OFFICER FOUND NIP LIFE JACKET. BOAT 50 FEET LONG. SUNK BY GUNFIRE.

CAMOTES PATROL LANDED ALABO* SCOUTS TUDELA PORO ISLAND. 50 NIPS NOW REPORTED AT POPO VILLAGE BY SCOUTS. ARRIVED

NIGHT 10/11 IN 3 BARGES. 1 SHORE GUN UNKNOWN SITE
SET UP RECENTLY AT PILAR POINT PONSON ISLAND. CAMOTES

COVERED 2330 TO 0300. GUIXICOM* ISLAND. NORTHWEST
CEBU COAST TO MASHIMA BAY COVERED 0150 TO 0230. NEGATIVE.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/94

MAY 21 1973
RESULTS OF LEYTE SEAPLANE SEARCHES 14 DEC ALL RESULTS NEGATIVE. VISIBILITY GOOD TO FAIR IN ALL SECTORS. SECTOR EASTERN S. 540 MILES HEAVY FRONT AT EXTREME END 100% COVERAGE. SECTOR T. 600 MILES 90% COVERAGE RADAR FAIR. SECTOR U. 600 MILES 100% COVERAGE. SECTOR V. 600 MILES 100% COVERAGE. SECTOR W. 600 MILES 100% COVERAGE.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM COM 3RD FLT
RELEASED BY
DATE 14 DEC 1944
TOR CODE ROOM 1350
DECODED BY D SMITH
TYPED BY D SMITH

CINC PAC
CINSOWESPAC
COMINCH
COM 7TH FLT
ALL TFC'S 3RD & 7TH FLTS

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IN COM 3RD FLT SENDS ACTION CINC PAC CINSOWESPAC INFO
COMINCH COM 7TH FLT ALL TFC'S 3RD AND 7TH FleETs)

COMPLETE TACTICAL SURPRISE ACHIEVED AS TASK FORCE 38 HELL-
CATS RANGEO OVER LUZON FIELDS. PARTIAL UNCOMPLETE RECORDS
COVERING FIRST 3 OF 6 SCHEDULED STRIKES INDICATE 15 NIP
PLANES DESTROYED IN AIR 77 ON GROUND. 37 OTHERS DAMAGED
BY REPEATED STRAFING. PARTIAL PHOTOS SUPPLEMENTED BY
PILOT SIGHTINGS SHOW 300 PLANES ON LUZON FIELDS WITH 45
OPERATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHED AT CLARK DURING FIRST STRIKE.
ENEMY SHOT DOWN AT OR 16 25 MILES AWAY ONLY ENEMY NOTED NEAR
FORCE SO FAR. NAVY BLANKET SEEMS TO HAVE KEPT THEM
SMOTHERED. SHIPPING REPORT LATER. REPEATING TREATMENT
TOMORROW.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/97

By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/97
CTG 77.2 SENTS ACTION COM 7TH AND COM 3RD FLTS COMINCH CINCPAC PD KOSSOL I$COM PELILEU AND ULITHI CN$ MANUS. RADIO MANUS AND WAIHWA PASS TO ADEES.

COMBATDIV 2 IN CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA CBD 3 IN MISSISSIPPI
COMDESDIV 112 IN IZARD R P LEARY H L EDWARDS I EUTZE TAYLOR
DEPARTING MANUS 1000 15 DECEMBER TRACK 10 MILES TO RIGHT ROUTE
PETER. 'SOA 14 KNOTS ETA KOSSOL 0700 18 DECEMBER. ALL TIMES ITEM. HOLD QPF 4 AND QPH 47 - 6 28.

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|  | URGENCY |
| INFORMATION | 145422 |

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

CINCPAC ULTRA.

JAP PLANE AT 141º15' (MINUS 9) MADE CONTACT REPORT FROM 
POSIT 11º-32' N 121-33' E.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COM 7TH FLT
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 15 DEC 44
TOR CODEROOM: 2042
DECODED BY: SEVALD
TYPED BY: SEVALD

ALL COMMANDERS RECEIVING COM 7TH FLT'S INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

2 UNASSIGNED CALLS (N8F) (V018)

MANILA BAY OBTAINING NEAR MISS MEDIUM STACK AFT AK. OBSERVER REPORTED 1 BB 1 CA FROM VERDE ISLAND PASSAGE HEADED FOR MANILA BAY 1338/13. COMMENT: SHIPS SMALLER THAN REPORTED. 1300/13TH 1 LARGE AK 1 SMALL FREIGHTER TRANSPORT

1 AUXILIARY 12-52 NORTH 120-18 EAST COURSE 330 SPEED 10. SEARCH PLANE SUNK 1 SMALL 500 TONNER 1430 SAME DAY 12-45 NORTH 120-45 EAST. GROUND OBSERVER REPORTS 2 ESCORT VESSELS SINKING 1 MEDIUM FREIGHTER TRANSPORT BURNING FROM AIR

ATTACKS AFTERNOON 12TH POSIT 11-36 NORTH 123-26 EAST. 2 LARGE FREIGHTER TRANSPORTS 2 MEDIUM STACK AFT VESSELS 1 DE

1 PG IN CEBU HARBOR 1950/12. PROBABLY PART OF FORCE LANDING TROOPS WESTERN LEYTE PREVIOUS DAY. EVENING 12TH 1 MEDIUM STACK AFT VESSEL 08-26 NORTH 117-07 EAST COURSE NORTH. 7 MARINE F6F SHOT DOWN 11 OF 24 FIGHTERS BOMBERS ATTACKING

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By RT, NARA, Date

By X.0, NARA, Date
BLUE CONVOY SOUTHWEST LEYTE MORN. 12TH. NIL BLUE LOSSES.

4 CORSAIRS SHOT DOWN 5 OF 16 BOMB CARRYING ZEKES ATTACKING BLUE

GROUND FORCES ORMOC 11TH. FINAL SCORE ARMY AND MARINE FIGHTER
ATTACKS JAP CONVOY 6 AP TYPE 5 ESCORT TYPE SHIPS OFF WEST LEYTE

11TH. 4 AP SUNK OR DESTROYED 1 BADLY DAMAGED. 2 DD OR DE SUNK
ANOTHER BADLY DAMAGED. REMAINING SHIPS DAMAGED BY BOMBING

STRAFING, OF 10/60 HIP PLANES COVERING THROUGHOUT DAY 23 SHOW DOWN
4 WERE PROBABLE. BLUE LOSSES 5. 25 MITCHELLS HIT PADADA

DAVAO 11TH. 13 HIT SAME STRIKE NEXT DAY. NIL INTERCEPTION NOR
A/A. 15 B-24'S HIT PADADA AND SASSA* 12TH STARTING FIRES.

PHOTOS 5 STRIPS DAVAO AREA 12TH SHOW 16 AIRCRAFT PRESENT.
7 B-25'S P-47 COVER BOMBED SAN ROQUE DROME ZAMBOANGA 12TH WITH
UNOBSERVED RESULTS. SAME DAY 45 LIBERATORS WITH P-38 P-47 COVER
HIT BACOLOD DESTROYED 4 PLANES ON GROUND. 13TH AIR FORCE
B-25'S A-20'S BEAUFIGHTERS CONTINUE ALMOST DAILY STRIKES ON
CEGAM HALMAHERA CELEBES BOEROE DROVUS*.

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From: Advance echelon General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines
To: War Department
No: C 54823
14 December 1944


Leyte: heavy enemy air attacks reported by Allied shipping Mindanao Sea December 13.

Part two. Air. Enemy action: three planes caused slight damage Tacloban at dusk December 12; several attacks on Allied convoy Mindanao area, four bombers shot down by fighter cover December 13. Lone predawn raider caused nil damage Morotai December 11.

Operations December 10: (one) 28 more RAAF P40's hit supplies and personnel areas Gelela.
(two) 14 Beauforts started large fires near Wewak.

Operations December 11: (three) patrol B24 started large fires Lebuan waterfront and tank farm northern Borneo.

CH-IN-13961 (14 Dec 44)
From: Advance Headquarters General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

No: 0 54823 14 December 1944

(four) 18 Beaufighters swept northeastern Celebes, bombed and rocketed bivouacs and buildings, caused many fires.

(five) 11 A20's, 2 1/2 B25's, 12 F38's and four P40's caused explosions and large fires; sank five barges, left five others sinking and hit gun positions Western Bay; eight P40's supported Allied ground forces Morotai.

(six) single B25 attacked wide bay plantations, New Britain.

Operations December 12:

(seven) B24's from Palau raided Legaspi airdrome, southeastern Luzon.

(eight) Refer paragraph ten preceding report: two more grounded planes destroyed Bacolod.

(nine) Patrol B24 started fire Brunei bay waterfront, sank two luggers, set Seutruz1 afire, damaged another seatruck and eight luggers, strafed motor convoy and possible air strip to south; two other B24's hit fuel cracking plant set tanks afire Miri and bombed Belait town nearby.

(ten) 12 Beaufighters rocketed power house and barracks Manido; four Beaufighters destroyed grounded plane Langoen and set schooner afire offshore.
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No: 0 54823 14 December 1944

(11) eight RAAF P40's struck Gapea bivouacs; two B25's and 11 other P40's hit Djallolo, Kau and other targets Halmahera.

(12) 16 B25's bombed revetments and gun positions Nemle and Kairatme; 15 B25's raided Kairatoe and Lasha air-drome, damed 3 grounded planes serviceability undetermined, also hit town; eight B25's destroyed one barge damaged two others Ambon bombed boat building yards west Cerem.

(13) II A20's and one B25 bombed Jefman air-drome, Dutch New Guinea.

Operations December 13: (14) two B24's bombed shipping Manila Bay before dawn; Mariner sank small freighter off Mindoro; day B24's destroyed three seatrucks and left another burning fiercely northeast Mindoro, strafed and fired coastal vessel east Lubang Island, left petrol craft sinking Mindoro strait; predawn Catalina sank two luggers and strafed waterfront Sandakan.

(15) Palau based B24's raided Lahug air-drome, Cebu.

(16) Darwin B24 attacked picket boat southeast Celebes and bombed Atapeepoe, Timor.

(17) six A20's gave ground support Waton village Sepik river mouth, east Wewak. Solomon's forces. Air.
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No: O 54823 14 December 1944

Operations December 12:

(18) 16 Marine B25's bombed enemy concentrations, 14 New Zealand Corsairs and six New Zealand Venturas raided targets New Ireland, one B25 and one New Zealand Ventura bombed Rabaul before dawn, 10 New Zealand Corsairs patrolled during day; 16 New Zealand Corsairs hit bivouacs and radio station Bougainville.

Land. Leyte: X Corps; 32nd Division made local gains against strong enemy positions on ridge 1000 yards south Tolibaw. 1st Cavalry Division reduced further strong points in cliff's Mount Cabungan/Mount Catabaran area. XXIV Division unit on Leyte peninsula carried out extensive patrolling.

XXIV Corps: 77th Division met very stubborn resistance north Ormoc, captured Cogon December 13th; shore fire sank one enemy barge and two ships attempting land Ormoc night December 11. 7th Division units attacked west against rear of enemy forces vicinity Mahonag; elements along upper Panlusan River under attack from elements enemy 26th Division. 51st Regiment of 11th Airborne Division met heavy resistance Mahonag/Anas area. Allied cumulative casualties: 2121 killed, 7907 wounded, 215 missing. Enemy casualties to date 34023 killed, 253 prisoners. End of part two.

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Part three. (one) dropped 55 by 250 pound bombs, met moderate medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(two) dropped 18 by 500 pound, nine by 250 pound bombs, six by 500 pound incendiaries, fired 4000 rounds 30 calibre.

(three) dropped nine by 500 pound incendiaries from one hundred feet, met slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(four) dropped 18 by 250 pound bombs, fired 31 by 60 pound rockets from 8000 feet to minimum altitude, met moderate medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(five) dropped 16 by 1000 pound, 96 by 500 pound, 54 by 250 pound bombs, 24 by 260 pounds frags and eight by 165 gallon fire bombs; intense accurate anti aircraft fire of all calibres Waseile Bay.

(six) dropped four by 300 pound bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 2500 rounds 50 calibre.

Paragraphs 7 and 8 no details.

(nine) two B24's dropped ten by 500 pound incendiary clusters from 5000 to 100 feet, met slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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(ten) 12 Beaufighters fired 63 by 25 pound rockets; moderate to intense light inaccurate, medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

(11) dropped 29 by 500 pound, 16 by 250 pound bombs, 12 by 260 pound frags, met moderate medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(12) dropped 14 by 1000 pound, 55 by 500 pound, 172 by 100 pound bombs, met slight to moderate light and medium some accurate anti aircraft fire.

(13) dropped 47 by 500 pound bombs from 9000 feet.

Paragraphs 14 and 15 no details.

(16) dropped nine by 300 pound bombs from 6000 feet, fired 900 rounds 50 calibre.

(17) dropped 24 by 300 pound bombs eight to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 2200 rounds 50 calibre. Refer preceding report paragraph 11: 15 B24's dropped 75 by 1000 pound bombs from 9600 feet, met slight heavy same accurate anti aircraft fire.

ACTION: OPD  END

INFO: CCS, CG AAF, ASF, G-2, ADM KING, COL PARK, STATISTICS, LOG

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(COM 3RD FLT SENDS ACTION CINCSWPAC. INFO COMFEAF CTF 77. CTF 38 HAS INFO ANOTHER WAY)

OUR AIR PLAN CONTemplates MAINTAINING CONTINUOUS DAY AND NIGHT CAP OVER LUZON FIELDS. SIMILAR UNRELENTING PRESSURE ON VISAYAN FIELDS SHOULD MOUSETRAP MANY NIPS.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/64
RDO HONO INTERCEPT

CTF 73 SENDS ACTION ALL TF AND TO COMDRS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS COM 3RD AND 7TH FLTS; COMAF CINCSPA; CINCPOA COMAF FIVE AND THIRTEEN CTF 77; 308 BOMBING

LEYTE PB4Y SEARCHES 13 DEC.

WEATHER GOOD EXCEPT LUZON EAST COAST. ALL TIMES 1.

P WENT 675 MILES COVERAGE 95 PERCENT. NIL SIGHTINGS

CORON SACUIT MALAMPAYA EMPTY.

O SEARCHED 630 MILES. STRAFED LEFT SETTLING PATROL

CRAFT ANCHORED 12-50 125-43 TIME 1456.

SAME VESSEL BOMBED PROBABLY SUNK BY

P WHO WENT 630 MILES AND HAD 90 PER CENT COVERAGE

NIL OTHER SIGHTINGS.

Q. COVERED TOWN SECTOR PLUS OUTER HALF OF
COVERAGE 100 PER CENT.

LEFT SC BURNING FIRECELY 13-50 120-15 TIME 1450.
DESTROYED 3 SC'S CALAPAN POINT NORTHEAST MINDORO TIME 1535
R RETURNED LEAKING OIL AFTER 325 MILES. NEGAT
ATTACK ON HUMP OFF NORTHWEST TIP LEYTE TIME 0740.
ZSent NORTH ALONG EAST COAST LUZON IN JQUALHS* RETURNING
DOWN WEST COAST 30 MILES VISIBILITY
3 SD'S ANCHORED 14-46 120-08 TIME 1410.
SC ANCHORED 13-49 120-14 TIME 1445
4 SD'S ANCHORED 13-39 120-51 TIME 1553.
STRAFED AND LEFT ONE BURNING. NIL OTHER SIGHTINGS.

* AS RECD.

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CTF 75 SENDS.

RADIO HONOLULU HAS PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 141432.

P'ILY SUMMARY.

TU 94.4.1 10 LST ESCORTED BY DUFFY, MARTIN, YMS 163, YMS 288 DEPARTED 1200/1 SOA 9.5 FOR GUAM ETA 180900Z. 4 LST WITH DUFFY, YMS 288 DETACH FOR ULITHI ETA DAYLIGHT 17. MINNEAPOLIS ARRIVED 0700/1. LOUISVILLE, FOTE, AUSBURNE, CONVERSE 0900/1. LOWRY 1300/1. GANSEVOORT, RUSSELL, GEORGE E. DAVIS, PEIFFER, TINSMAN, VAN BUREN. 4 FS, 1 LCI, 18 AK 1800/1. AIR SITUATION. 5 ALERTS NO DAMAGE MERCHANT SHIPPING OR AUXILIARIES.

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CTU 30-5-3 SENDS ACTION TO COM 3RD FLT AND INFO TO CTG 30-5, ALL TFC'S THIRD FLT, CTF 93, CTF 94. RDO HONO PASS TO COM 3RD FLT AND ALL TFC'S THIRD FLT. RDO SAIPAN PASS TO CTF 93.

ALL V 223 SEARCHES FULL DISTANCE 90 PERCENT COVER EXCEPT 24 V 2 V 18 V WENT 920 MILES FOR 70 PERCENT DUE WEATHER.

18 V FOUND 1 SA 1 SC 3 SIDS IN FUTAMI KO HARBOR CHICHI AT 12201 AND SAW THREE ZEKES SCRAMBLE FROM IWO STRIP AT 13101. ZEKES DID NOT CLOSE. 1 V SAW SINGLE NON AGGRESSIVE ZEKE NEAR IWO AND 3 UNIDENTIFIED TWIN ENGINE PLANES ON COURSE 340 TRUE POSITION 29-00 N 139-05 E AT 12101. 2 V DROPPED EMERGENCY RATIONS TO NINE MEN IN THREE LIFE RAFTS POSITION 20-45N 145-55 E. ALL SURVIVORS APPEARED O.K.

RIO OF MARIANNAS

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Make original only. Deliver to Code Room Watch Officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
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RELEASED BY: 

DATE: 13 DECEMBER 1944

TO: NOR 1962

Urgent Routine Deferred Basegram

Decoded By: Monroe

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Information:

ALL TFC'S 7TH FLT

COM 7TH FLEET
COM 3RD FLEET

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HONO INTERCEPT

(FROM CINCPAC ACTION ALL TFC'S 7TH FLEET INFO COM 7TH FLEET COM 3RD FLEET)

CINCPAC ULTRA.

IN POSIT 8-37 N 123-33 E JAP PLANE MADE CONTACT AT 131655 I.

ACTION: F-20

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**TOP SECRET DISPATCH**

**DRFT**  CTF 73

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**ADDRESSES**

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Comaaf CinCswpa
Comaf 13 CinCpoA
Com 3rd Flt

**PRECEDENCE**

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ALL TF AND TG COMS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS 308 BOMBING CTF 77

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**HONO INTERCEPT**

CTF 73 SENDS ACTION COM 7TH FLT COMAAF COMAF 5 COMAFC 13 CINCSPWA CINCPOA COM 3RD FLT ALL TF AND TG COMORS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS 308 BOMBING CTF 77.

3 NIGHT MARINERS DEC 12/13 FROM LEYTE SEARCHED AREAS A AND B.

C COVERED SPECIAL OPERATION. TIMES I POSITION N AND E.

A SAW 2 BARGES 15-00 120-00 TIME 2350.

B 100% NEGATIVE

C SIGHTED 2 UNIDENTIFIED SMALL CRAFT 09-10 124-10 TIME 0350 COURSE 200 SPEED 10. COVERED UNTIL 0545. NIGHTMARE INTENTS DEC 13/14. 3 PLANES TO COVER L 3 MOVEMENT.

**COMINC**: 1-8 INCL.
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**RDO HONO INTERCEPT**

**COMAF 13 OTHER MEANS.**

**CTG 73.4 SENDS; COMAF 5**

**COMAAF COM 3RD AND 7TH FLTS ALL TFC AND TGC 7TH**

**AND 3RD FLTS AS CINCPAC CFT 77**

**L2-13 INTERLUDE BLACKCAT SEARCHES.**

**S OUT 69% 95 PER CENT.**

SANDAKAN 60% DROPPED 6 250'S ON SAWMILL WITH TWO HITS ON BUILDINGS, 6 STRAFING RUNS ON DOCKS, BARRACKS AND 5 LUGGERS RESULTS NOT OBSERVED.

DARVEL BAY NOT COVERED.

**T OUT 22% 50 PER CENT. 1945 LENBEH STRAITS EMPTY*** TPY NY FGATY*** HIT BY MODERATE LIGHT ACCURATE ACK ACK OVER MAGADO, TWO MEN IN AFTER STATION WOUNDED RETURNING TO BASE.

**U OUT 69% 95 PER CENT. 6020 TARAKAN EMPTY.**

**SECRET**
NUMEROUS FIRES OBSERVED NEAR DOCK AREA, 0100 TO 0200 ECNJ ***
TAWAO 04-1** N 117-55 E. DROPPED 6 250'S ON LUGGER AND SD
WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. 10 STRAFING RUNS ON DOCKS SHIPS AND
HARBOR INSTALLATIONS
V OUT 635 40%. 0030 ZAMBOANGA AND BASILAN. GRIEREDWO***
0100 JOPO EMPTY.
TAPUL AND TAWI TAWI NOT COVERED. ALL TIMES I. INTERIM 13-14.
½ CATS COVER DAVAO GULF SULU ARCUIFUELSN*** SANDAKAN DARVEL
BAY NORTHERN CELBES BY***

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines.

To: War Department

Nr: 0 54787

13 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArutherford to Chief of Staff, War Department cite 0 54787. Operations report SOWESPC area period 15002/11th to 15002/12th signed MacArutherford.

Philippines: Luzon: One escorted tanker ten cargo ships + December 11th: 24 fighters attacked allied shipping southwest Leyte, seven Helicotes shot down 11 December 12.

Operations December 10th: +

Operations December 11th:

(2) Leyte based B 24's sank small freighter southeast + land, shot down transport plane Mindors and probably destroyed fighter Panay.

(3) Refer paragraph 13 preceding report: Fighter bombers attacked convoy Northwest Leyte December 11th, sank three freighter transports and two destroyers + damaged another vessel, shot down four more covering planes; next day possibly sank one destroyer left burning another destroyer and freighter transport.

(4) Fredamn Catalina attacked Sandakan waterfront hit one lugger near miss two others; two B 25's started fires Sandakan shipyards; four F 41's set fuel installations afire Taranak and strafed + B 25's, eight RAAF and eight other F 40's attacked supplies and bivouacs Halmaheras.

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(6) Six Darwin B-24's bombed runways exploded dumps Cape Chater, Timor.

(7) Ten Beauforts fired huts near But.

Operations December 12th:

(8) Two B-24's harassed Manila shipping before dawn; predawn + sank medium freighter Southeast Marinduque Island.

(9) Reconnaissance plane shot down one fighter; fighter patrols shot down three enemy bombers San Isidro, Northwestern Leyte.

(10) 45 B-24's with four P-38's and 12 P-47's escort scored excellent coverage and destroyed two grounded bombers Bacolod.

(11) One B-25 group started fires + airdrome, one B-24 group raided Sassa airdrome, Davao; 27 B-25's escorted by eight P-47's attacked San Roque Airdrome, Zanboanga, all bombs in target.

(12) Catalina sank two luggers, attacked waterfront and barracks Sandakan before dawn.

(13) 23 Darwin B-24's cratersed runways and set barracks buildings afire Kendari; six other B-24's bombed Tiworo airdrome and sank coastal vessel.

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(14) Three B 25's raided Atapeapoe, Baoacu and Manatuto, Timog; single Beaufort attacked bridge and bivouacs east Koopang; another Beaufort bombed village Bada Islands; single Ventura hit bivouacs Kai Islands.

(15) Six B 25's attacked targets Wewak area.

(16) Five Nadsab B 24's bombed buildings southeast Lakunai, Rabaul.

Solomons forces. Air. Operations December 11th:

(17) Six New Zealand Corsairs six New Zealand Venturas raided bivouacs and plantations New Ireland; 16 New Zealand Corsairs patrolled Rabaul, three B 25's bombed Tobera plane hideout; 24 New Zealand Corsairs hit concentrations and personnel areas Bougainville.

Land. Leyte: X Corps: 32nd Division continued attack South against increasingly heavy resistance. First Cavalry Division troops wiped out series enemy pillboxes eastern slopes Mount Catabban, advanced to point 1,300 yards east of peak; units + captured road junction mile east Wright. 24th Division units Calubian area repulsed two enemy attacks from west.

XXIV Corps: 77th Division continued mopping up Ormoc area, sent strong patrols north and east. Seventh Division crossed Talisanan River met heavy resistance from high ground on north flank. Units 11th Airborne Division continued mopping up scattered pockets Burauen area. 96th
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Division patrols killed 123 enemy west Dagami and Guinaros.

Part 3.

(1) + + 50 lb, 30 100 lb bombs.
(2) No details.
(3) No details.
(4) Dropped 8 500 lb incendiaries, 6 250 lb bombs,
fired unstated number rounds.

(5) + + +
+ + + round.

(13) Dropped + by one +

(14) B 24's dropped 18 + 12 250 lb bombs from
8000 +; other dropped 4 300 lb, 8 250 +

End

+ Being serviced.

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By DBS Date MAY 21 1972

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CINC PAC SENDS ACTION ALL TFC 7 TH FLT INFO COM 7 TH FLT COM 3RD FLT.

ENEMY PLANE MADE CONTACT REPORT AT 122200 I POSIT 10-22N 124-43E. 25 MINUTES LATER MADE ANOTHER REPORT ON 10-07N 124-58E.

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SUMMARY 12 DECEMBER.

2ND RESUPPLY ECHELON NOW ENROUTE SAN PEDRO HARBOR 17001

ESTIMATED POSITION NORTH ENTRANCE SURIGAO STRAIT. FORCE

UNDER CONSTANT OBSERVATION BY SNOOPERS WITH SEVERAL STRAFFING

ATTACKS WHILE ENROUTE ORUMOC BAY. UNDER AIR ATTACK ABOUT

16251 IN ORUMOC BAY AND AGAIN UNDER HEAVY AIR ATTACK AT

17101 BY 29 PLANES. CALDWELL DD695 WAS BADLY DAMAGED BY

SUICIDE CRASH IN LATTER ATTACK BUT RETURNED UNESCORTED SAN

PEDRO HARBOR. NO OTHER DETAILS RELATIVE CALDWELL TOW

AVAILABLE. 1 LSU OF RESUPPLY ECHELON DELAYED DUE DIFFICULTY

RETRACTING AND PROCEEDING SINGLY WAS UNDER AIR ATTACK IN

POSIT LAT 13-22 N LONG 124-43 E AT 17001. DAMAGE UNDETERMINED.

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NLR 101

By RT, NARA, Date 4/8/64
PRESENT INFORMATION INDICATES 152 SURVIVORS FROM REID DD369 SUNK ON 11 DECEMBER. PT 492 SUNK ENEMY SHIP AT 1251 POSIT LAT 11-35 N LONG 124-21 E. SIZE AND TYPE UNKNOWN.

C.O.N.I.N.C.H: COPIES 1 TO 6 INCLUSIVE.

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OSD letter, May 1, 1972
By DBS Date MAY 21 1973
HONG INTERCEPT

ESTIMATE JAPANESE FLEET CURRENTLY LOCATED AS FOLLOWS. 3 CL ABOUT 18 DD. IN PHILIPPINES BRUNEI BAY 2 CL AND 10 DD. SINGAPORE NE 1 SOUTH INDO CHINA AREA 2 BB-3 CV 1 CVL 1 CVE 4/5 GA. XCV 1 CVE 3 GA 2 CL 5 DD. BELIEVE MAXIMUM MAJOR OIL/JOE SURFACE UNITS OPERATIONAL TO BE 2 BB 2 BB-XCV 2 CV 1.

STRENGTHEN PHILIPPINES POSITIONS AND POSSIBLY IN THE RUN ATTACKS COORDINATED WITH AIR STRIKES IN OPPOSITION TO CURRENT BLUE OPERATIONS.

GROUND RNVJITE Follows. MAXIMUM 1006 WITH LARGEST CONCENTRATION IN SW COASTAL AREA (PROBABLE 200-300). NE Mindoro Concentrations Consist of Widely Dispersed Groups Off FJAXMB NHESTR Concentrations in Vicinity of Galapen and Subaan Bay. Areas in Immediate Vicinity Remain Basically Unchanged From Figures in Our Plan Except for Increase Batangas Area to 2906. NIL.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN RESPECT TO GROUND INSTALLATIONS MINDORO. NIL FURTHER REGARD TO MINE DAVAO.

MAXIMUM OF 48 PT AND 15 M DyA BUsA ANTI PT BOATS ESTIMATED IN PHILIPPINES AT PRESENT. SUBMARINES LOCATED APPROXIMATELY

48 IN HOME WATERS. 12 IN MALAY E V H GK* THEATER PLUS PHILIPPINES ESTIMATE A MINIMUM OF 18 STANDARD TYPE TLAGE* SUBMARINES PLUS UP TO 100 MIDGETS. 4 LARGE AND ABOUT 18 MIDGETS BELIEVED AT PRESENT IN VISAYAS AREA WITH REST

DIVIDED BETWEEN DAVAO GULF AND MANILA. ESTIMATED ENEMY AIR STRENGTH 12 DECEMBER. LUZON 146 FIGHTERS 192 BOMBERS 68

OTHERS. VISAYAS 111 FIGHTERS 44 BOMBERS 24 OTHERS. MINDANAO 34 FIGHTERS 48 BOMBERS 18 OTHERS. BELIEVE HEAVY RAIDS BY BOTH SUICIDE PLANES AND OTHER BOMBERS WILL BE DIRECTED AGAINST BLUE SHIPPING PARTICULARLY TRANSPORTS AND CARRIERS. ATTACKS WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS SHIPS DO NOT Flee* CONTINUOUS HEAVY FIGHTER COVER. JAPS HAVE LARGE PLANE RESERVATION FORMOSA TO REPLACE LOSSES INCURRED IN THE PHILIPPINES. RAIDS POSSIBLE ALL THE WAY FROM LEYTE TO BEACHHEAD AND RETURN AS ENEMY GAS NUMEROUS FIELDS FOR STAGING. DAWN AND DUSK RAIDS MAY SUPERBede HEAVY DAYLIGHT ONES IF LOSSES FOR NIPS BECOME TOO HIGH.

* AS RECEIVED
** BADLY GARBLed GROUPS
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**SECRET DETAIL**

**Action F-2**

**NOTES**

- friendly forces luzon report following results of air raids manila area. information rated a1. 3 destroyers sunk near cantiacoo beach cavite on 5 november. 2 ships and 2 destroyers sunk near cavite navy yard on 6 november. in raid on 12 november paahahin oil and munition depot hit killing many japs and filipinos. south cemetery gasoline dump bombed killing about 500 japs. 1 tanker sunk between pier number 1 and engineer island. 1 hospital ship and several wooden vessels sunk near pier 3. 1 long building near botica base occupied by filipino volunteers to jap army hit and burned. total ships sunk in port area 5 cruisers 3 destroyers and 4 others.

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**To:** TF 75, TF 77, TF 78, 3rd FLT

**Subject:** SURFACE COVERAGE BY JAPANESE LAND BASED RADARS EASTERN PHILIPPINES AND MINDANAO AND SULU SEAS FOLLOW.

**Interception:**

DEFINITE COVERAGE FROM MALIMON, MINDANAO (09-35 N 125-25 E) DETECT DD OR LARGER. 170-173 WPS (110-115 WPS) RANGE 5 MILES BETWEEN BEARINGS 247 AND 312 AND BETWEEN BEARINGS 250 AND 230. FROM SAME POINT DETECT SMALL CRAFT WITHIN.

RADIUS 17 MILES BETWEEN BEARINGS 237 AND 238 AND BETWEEN BEARINGS 233 AND BETWEEN 273 AND 280. FROM SAME POINT DETECT SMALL CRAFT WITHIN.

CRAFT INSIDE 27 MILES BETWEEN BEARINGS 235 AND 245. PROBABLE COVERAGE FROM DALVEPEJI NT PADD X SOUTHWEST PARAY) DETECT DD OR LARGER INSIDE 58 MILES BETWEEN BEARINGS 286 AND 148 AND BETWEEN 182 AND 194. FROM SAME POINT DETECT SMALL CRAFT INSIDE 20 MILES BETWEEN BEARINGS.
DEFINITE COVERAGE FROM CAPE ENCANTO* (15***

* AS RECEIVED

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20-8
CTG 73.4 SAYS ALL TFC TGC 3RD AND 7TH FLTS COM 7TH FLT COM 3RD FLT COMAAF CINCPOA COMAF 5 COMAF 13 CINCWPA.

CTF 77 PASS CINCWPA. (PASSED BY RPM(RDO HONO) AS 121616 TO COMINCH FOR INFO)

11/12 MOROTAI BLACK CAT SEARCHES. ALL TIMES I.

W OUT 700 100%. 2330 TO 2410 OVER SANDAKAN DROPPED 6 250'S SINKING 1 LUGGER AND SCORING 3 HITS ON DOCKS.

MADE 7 STRAFING RUNS SINKING A SECOND LUGGER AND RAKING DOCK AREA AND BARRACKS. 01-15 N HALF DARVEL BAY EMPTY SOUTH HALF NOT COVERED.

X OUT 550 95%. 0130 BASILAN 0230 JOLO BOTH EMPTY.

TAPUL AND TAWI TAWI NOT COVERED.

Y OUT 470 95%. 2200 ZAMBOANGA 2245 SIBUGUEY BAY 2300 DUMANQUILAS BAY ALL EMPTY. 0030 POLLOG HARBOR CLOSED.

Z OUT 660 OVER TARAKAN 2350 TO 0040 EMPTY. INTENTS
NIGHT 12-13 MORO GULF SULU ARCH SANDAKAN DARVEL BAY AND TARIKAN COVERED.
From: CG, Advance Echelon, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines.

To: War Department

No: 0 54735 12 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA and MacArthur to Chief of Staff
War Department cite 0 54735. Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/10 to 1500Z/11.
Part I.

Luzon: Heavy cruiser destroyer and 3rd vessel sighted anchored Dasol Bay, West Lingayen night December 10th;

In Balayan Bay South Manila four large, five medium vessels reported night December 9th;

Eight vessels sighted before dawn following day on easterly course in Verde Island passage;

Tanker and seafarer sighted Tayabas Bay North Marinduque morning December 11.

P. Visayan Sea: Enemy convoy of 11 vessels including four merchant ships, seven destroyers and destroyer transports with 20 to 30 fighters covering approached north west Leyte Coast afternoon December 11th.

Borneo: Three destroyers sighted on sou'westerly course in northern Makassar Strait morning December 10th, ten fighters intercepted reconnaissance PB 4Y near Balikapapan.

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From: CG, Advanced Echelon, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines.
No: C 54735  12 December 1944

Northwest New Guinea: Aircraft reported submarine off Waigeo Island December 10th.

Part 2. Air. Enemy action:

Leyte: Raiders bombed Liberty ship Leyte Gulf, suicide plane crashed on Allied destroyers, four planes attacked PT boats causing damage with two suicide dives Surigao Strait December 10th;

Five more planes shot down, three probably destroyed Leyte area same day;

Attacks by ten planes including several crash dives damaged Allied convoy Surigao Strait December 11th.

Morotai: Five planes caused slight damage airstrip predawn December 10th.

Operations December 8th:

(1) 40 RAAF P 40s struck Lolobata, Ceram and northwestern New Guinea targets.

Operations December 10th:

(2) Two night B 24s bombed shipping Manila and harassed Clark Field.

(3) B 24s from Palau attacked airstrips and waterfront installations Cebu.

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From: CG, Advance Echelon, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

No: C 54735

12 December 1944

(4) 16 P 40s, four Corsair demolished warehouses
Palompon;

16 P 47s bombed strafed supplies and enemy positions
Lomoman;

12 Corsairs, 16 P 47s demolished jetty hit warehouses
and bivouacs northwestern Leyte;

Seven F 38s set buildings on fire Port Misamis,
northern Mindanao.

(5) Patrol B 24 bombed Basilan Island, Sulu
Archipelago, damaged lugger;

Four other B 24s caused explosions and large fires
Miri, started large fires Labuan waterfront and Lutong oil
refinery, one B 24 missing;

Single B 24 met ten aggressive fighters, shot down
one and probably destroyed two others Balikpapan.

(6) 22 B 24s caused explosions and fires with
smoke to 6,000 feet Famoso Tank Farm, Tarakan;

Two other B 24s unable bomb target through smoke,
caused large fires Lingkas tank farm nearby.

(7) Four Venturas set buildings on fire Toli Toli
seaplane base, Celebes;

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From: CG, Advance Echelon, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

No: 0 54735 12 December 1944

27 B 25s caused many fires Sidate dispersal area;
Two B 25s bombed Tawao township;
19 Beaufighters demolished installation Manado;
Eight P 40s and four P 51s fired fuel dumps and
destroyed warehouses Lembeh Strait and cratered Kau runways
Balmahera.

(8) 20 RAAF P 40s bombed Galela and Miti airdromes
and set fuel drums afire.

(9) Eight B 25s cratered runways old Namlea;
Eight other B 25 bombed airfield Liang;
12 RAAF A 20s and eight B 25s struck Haroeke;
four P 40s and two P 51s exploded gun positions and
destroyed barge Ceram area.

(10) 24 RAAF P 40s bombed Noemi and Ransiki,
western Geelvink Bay.

Operations December 11th:

(11) 47 B 24s escorted by seven P 38s and 12 P 47s
caused three large explosions and fires Mandurrica airdrome,
southeastern Panay;

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25 B 25s covered by 13 F 47s started fires Pada dispersal area, Davao.

(12) Predawn mariner sank small seatruck Buriass Strait;
B 24 damaged similar vessel southeast Marinduque Island.

(13) Fighter bombers struck enemy reinforcement convoy northwest of Leyte;
Early reports claim 21 enemy planes shot down, four Allied fighters lost, awaiting final reports on damage to shipping.

(14) Darwin B 24 attacked small freighter southeastern Celebes;
Single Beaufort bombed Mena River bridge near Koepang;
Another B 24 hit Baucau town, Timor.

(15) Six A 20s attacked Wewak Highways;
Three B 25s bombed and strafed Angoram village, Sepik River.

Solomons Forces. Air. Operations December 10th:
INCOMING CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

From: CG, Advance Echelon, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

No: C 54735  12 December 1944

16 New Zealand Corsairs raided radio station and bivouacs Bougainville;

12 New Zealand Venturas, six B 25s and four New Zealand Corsairs hit plantation areas and bivouacs New Ireland;

Six New Zealand Corsairs covered Rabaul.

Leyte:

X Corps: 32nd Division by-passed an enemy position, continued advance south in difficult country.

1st Cavalry Division elements gained positions north slopes Mount Cabungan.

24th Division units repulsed with heavy losses an enemy attack southwest Calubian.

XXIV Corps: Units 7th Division contacted rear elements 77th Division Ipil, right flank Division held line along Talisayan River.

77th Division captured Corps advanced to line 1500 yards east-north-east; small pockets enemy remain town area.

Units 11th Airborne Division Auri area repulsed attack by 100 infiltrating enemy.
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Allied cumulative casualties 2,012 killed, 70 wounded, 231 missing.

Part 3.

(1) Dropped 12 tons bombs.

(2) Dropped 12 500 lb bombs.

(3) No details.

(4) Dropped 16 1,000 lb, 76 500 lb bombs; P 38s dropped 6 165 gallon fire bombs.

(5) 4 B 24s dropped 9 500 lb incendiaries, 45 250 lb bombs.

(6) Dropped 288 500 lb bombs from 13,000 to 10,000 feet.

(7) B 25s dropped 18 100 lb bombs and 1,680 20 lb frags from 9,000 feet; Beaufighters dropped 27 250 lb bombs; Fighter bombers dropped 20 500 lb bombs, 12 260 lb frags, met intense heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(8) Dropped 24 500 lb, 16 250 lb bombs met slight to moderate light and medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

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(9) Dropped 102 500 lb, 120 100 lb bombs; intense heavy accurate anti aircraft fire
Manlee and Liang.

(10) Dropped 16 500 lb, 16 250 lb bombs.

(11) B 24s dropped 498 500 lb bombs, 8 120 lb frags
from 10,000 feet, 8 25s dropped 1,800 20 lb
frags from 9,800 to 500 feet.

Paragraphs 12 and 13, no details.

(14) B 24s dropped 9 300 lb, 12 250 lb bombs, fired
1,100 rounds 50 gauge; Beaufort dropped
two 500 lb, two 250 lb, 8 to 15 seconds delay.

(15) Dropped 36 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay
from minimum altitude, fired 12500 rounds 50
calibre.

Leyte airstrip construction report December 9:
Dulag 5000 feet mat, Bayug no change drainage work continued,
Tansuan 4,200 feet mat on strip, 12 dispersals rough graded.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/S, CG AAF, ASF, O-2, Admiral King, Colonel Park,
Statistics, Log

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To: War Department
Nr: C 54632 12 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA signed MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department c/o C 54632. Open Rpt SWESFAC area, 1500Z/8 to 1500Z/9 signed MacArthur.


Luzon:
9 vessels sighted north of Corregidor by reconnaissance plane night December 8.

Visayas:
2 destroyers, 3 destroyer escorts reported south of Masbate December 7.

Tanker sighted on easterly course south Sibuyan Island before dawn December 8.

Patrol plane reported 6 enemy fighters east Mindoro December 8.

Leyte:

Enemy force estimated strength 900 reported approaching Calubian from San Isidro Bay December 9.

Part 2.

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No: C 54632

12 December 1944

Naval

Morotai P T boats with fighter cooperation strafed Galela night December 7.

Air

Enemy action.

Heavy dive bombing attacks sustained Allied beachhead south Ormoc night December 7.

Operations December 6.

(1) 22 B-24's covered by six P-38's scored direct hit ground bomber exploded supply dumps Bacolod airfield Negros three to seven planes airborne avoided interception.

(2) 17 B-25's escorted by 11 P-47's raided Cagayan, Del Monte, and Jaogol airfields, Mindanao; 15 other P-47's over same area shot down enemy bomber.

(3) 3 B-24's hit buildings Tarakan airfield; lone B-24 at night bombed waterfront installations Labuan.

(4) 4 RAFF A-20's hit barracks and near missed power station Manado; 4 P-47's strafed revetments and gun positions Sidate; 2 night B-24's harassed Mandai airfield, Macassar; 6 Beaufighters swept northeastern Celebes and Soela Islands, 1 Beaufighter missing.

(5) 16 B-25's bombol Djalolo airfield; 32 P-40's attacked Rau and Haidetabako airfields gun positions and

CM-IN-12506 (13 Dec 44)

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No: C 54632 12 December 1944

supplies; 11 P-38's hit Lalobata.

(6) 11 A-20's and 8 B-25's destroyed grounded bomber, bombed runways and revetments Hamile airdromes, Boeroe Island.

(7) 39 RAAF P-40's attacked buildings and supply dumps Dutch New Guinea.

Operations December 8.

(8) 24 B-24's cratered runways dispersals and supplies and possibly destroyed 2 grounded bombers La Carlota airdrome, Negros Island; 21 B-24's covered by 8 P-38's bombed Mandurriao airdrome, Panay; 18 Palau based B-24's hit Lahug airdrome, Cebu.

(9) Patrol plane sank 2 small seatrucks southwestern Mindoro and damaged enemy bomber northern Leyte.

(10) 8 Corsairs bombed Carolinas airdrome, shot down 1 probably another of 3 fighters encountered northern Cebu; 12 other Corsairs destroyed several buildings Masbate airdrome; 12 P-47's hit enemy positions San Isidro Bay, northwestern Leyte.

(11) 3 B-25's demolished buildings Buayan airdrome Mindanao, 6 P-38's escort destroyed motor launch offshore.

(12) Fredaun B-24 bombed Jolo Island, Sulu Archipelago; 2 B-24's attacked large tanker and freighter transport northern Borneo; 2 other B-24's hit Labuan waterfront and Latong oil refinery, Muri, they caused large explosions and many fires visible 50 miles.

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(13) 8-P-40's set supplies and fuel dumps afire Lembeh Strait; 2 P-51's caused large explosion Manado town.

(14) 20 RAAF P-40's bombed Kau; 10 other P-40's hit gun positions Halmahera; 18 B-25's cratered runways and dispersals Galela.

(15) 2 P-51's swept Talaud and Sangihe Islands, strafed small vessels; single B-25 harassed Namlea.

(16) 2 Darwin B-24's and 8 Dutch B-25's attacked Ende Barracks, Flores Island; 2 other B-24's bombed Puliloro and Atapoepoe, Timor.

(17) 55 RAAF P-40's attacked bivouacs supply and fuel dumps Western Dutch New Guinea.

(18) 14 Beauforts caused fires in village near Wewak; 6 B-25's attacked targets Kairiu Island.

Operations December 9.

(19) Predawn B-24's attacked 2 freighters Manila and harassed Visayan airfields; day patrols damaged 3 seaplanes and 2 barges anchored southern Komag passageway, shot down floatplane east Linapacan strait.

(20) P-61's shot down floatplane southeast Morotai before dawn.

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No: 0 54632 12 December 1944

(21) 7 B-25's and 6 A-20's bombed and strafed Kairuru and Marchu Islands, Land. Leyte: X Corps: 32nd Division units advanced 500 yards further south. 1st Cavalry Division units on Samar advanced north on highway number 1 reached point 4000 yards southeast Wright town. 24th Division resumed control of 34th Infantry, reinforced units at Calubian (90/84).

XXIV Corps: 77th Division encountered increasingly heavy resistance Camp Downes, established rear boundary along Bocod River (first river south Camp Downes). 7th Division continued attack north reached Malitlog, patrol contacted 511th Parachute Infantry at Anas. 11th Airborne Division units killed 290 enemy Anas/Mahonag area during period.

Weather. Average conditions in Halmaheras, cloud and rain over Philippines.

Part 3.

(1) Dropped 264 500 lb bombs from 10400 feet.

(2) Dropped 1152 parafrag, met slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(3) Dropped 9 500 lb, 46 250 lb; slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire Tarakan.

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(1) A-20's dropped 12 500 lb bombs and 4 500 lb incendiaries; B-24's dropped 61 100 lb bombs; intense light accurate anti aircraft fire Sidate.

(5) B-25's dropped 78 100 lb bombs; P-40's dropped 46 500 lb, 12 250 lb bombs, 24 250 lb frags and 2 500 lb incendiaries, met moderate to intense medium some accurate anti aircraft fire; P-38's dropped 22 500 lb bombs.

(6) Dropped 48 500 lb, 42 120 lb fragmentation clusters.

(7) No details.

(8) Dropped 356 1,000 lb bombs from 11,000 to 8,000 feet Negros and Panay, 144 250 lb bombs from 10,000 feet Cebu.

(9) No details.

(10) 10 1,000 lb bombs dropped Nasbate, no other details.

(11) Dropped 12 500 lb bombs from minimum altitude.

(12) Dropped 18 500 lb, 33 250 lb bombs.

(13) Dropped 20 500 lb bombs.

(14) P-40's dropped 36 500 lb, 6 250 lb bombs, 12 260 lb frags; B-25's dropped 63 500 lb bombs from 10,000 feet, met slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

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(15) B-25 dropped 6 parafrags.

(16) B-24's dropped 9 300 lb, 44 250 lb bombs from 10,000 to 8,000 feet; B-25's dropped 32 500 lb bombs, 28 500 lb incendiaries.

(17) No details.

(18) Beauforts dropped 24 500 lb, 48 250 lb bombs, 12 250 lb incendiaries; B-25's dropped 24 300 lb bombs.

(19 and 20) No details.

(21) Dropped 20 300 lb bombs, 32 bombs same type 8 to 15 seconds delay from 10,000 feet to minimum altitude, fired 12,300 rounds 50 caliber.

End

NOTE: Corrected copy of CM IN 10014 (10 Dec 44)

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CO INTERPRON 2 SENDS ACTION CTF 93, INFO CINCPOA, COM THIRD FLEET, CONFAIRWING 1 (RDO HONO PASS), CTF 94, COMGEN 21 BOMCOM, COMGEN 7TH AF, CO 30TH BOMGROUP, CO 11TH BOMGROUP WHO HAS

VD-5 PHOTOS IWO JIMA 11 DECEMBER.

ALL RUNWAYS OPERATIVE EXCEPT NW/SE AIRFIELD NO.

1. 16 AIRCRAFT OPERATIVE INCLUDING 4 GENYA* E BOMBERS, 11 S/E AND 1 T/E FIGHTERS. 29 SMALL CRAFT ONLY SHIPPING PRESENT.

*AS RECEIVED

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HONO INTERCEPT

COMDESRON 14 SENBS.

UNDER CONSTANT OBSERVATION BY SNOOPERS.
HAVE HAD SEVERAL STRAFING ATTACKS AND EXPECT
RENEWED ATTACKS AT FIRST SIGN OF DAYLIGHT.
IMPERATIVE AIR COVER ARRIVE LATITUDE 10-30N LONGI-
ITUDE 124-42E BY FIRST SIGNS OF LIFE.
(PASSED BY RDO HONO TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 121625)
CTF 73 SENDS ACTION COM SEVENTH FLT COM THIRD FLT CINCPAO CTF 77 COMA AF COMAF 5 COMAF 13 CINCSWPA.

PA4Y'S FROM LEYTE SEARCHED SEALANES 11 DECEMBER.
AL L POSITS NORTH AND EAST ALL TIMES.

SEARCHED 600 MILES COVERAGE 90 PERCENT EXCELLENT VISIBILITY. SIGHTED JAP CONVOY OF 9 SHIPS WITH FIGHTER COVER IN VISAYAN SEA ALSO REPORTED BY O AND R POSITION 11-40 123-32 AT 0815. SEVERAL NIP PLANES COVERING.

WENT 700 MILES COVERAGE 80 PERCENT VISIBILITY AVERAGED 15 MILES. SIGHTED JAP CONVOY SAME TIME AS N. PROBABLY DESTROYED 1 ZEKE OFF PANAY TIME 0844 AND SHOT DOWN 1 TOPSY OFF SOUTH TIP OF MINDORO TIME 1005. DAMAGED 1 FTD AT 13-00 122-10 COURSE.
310 SPEED 16 TIME 1500. ALSO SEEN BY SECTOR R WHO DESTROYED THE FTD WITH INCENDIARIES AND STRAFING TIME 1500.

P TRAVELLED 575 MILES COVERAGE 100 PERCENT UNLIMITED VISIBILITY. NO RESULTS.

Q 1 650 MILES COVERAGE 95 PERCENT REPORTED POSITION OF JAP CONVOY AT 1005 WHILE DODGING FIGHTERS. OBSERVED LARGE FIRES SOUTHWEST TIP MINDORO.

R 640 MILES 65 PERCENT VISUAL 100 PERCENT RADAR COVERAGE. SAW 2 SC'S AT 13-35 122-10 AT ANCHOR TIME 0845.


Z WENT 700 MILES UP WEST COAST LUZON 100 PERCENT COVERAGE. REPORTED 1 SB 3 SC'S 6 SD'S VICINITY 13-40 121-13 ALL AT ANCHOR. 5 CARGO SHIPS AT 15-24 119-53. 1 FTC AND 1 SD AT 17-50 120-23 TIME 1120. 2 AK 3 ESCORTS ANCHORED AT 18-12 120-22. TIME 1135. 2 DE AND 1 SA ANCHORED AT 18-37 120-55 TIME 1150. 1 AK 2 SC'S 18-17 121-53. TIME 1225. 1 FTC AT 18-32 120-48. COURSE 180 SPEED 5 AT 1145. 2 SD'S AT 12-52 124-08 TIME 1620. DROPPED INCENDIARIES RESULTS NOT SEEN.

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**(FROM CTF 70.1 TO CTF 77)**

SULTS PT PATROLS NIGHT 10/11.

MOROTAI BOATS TTRADEP* LIGHTS TEKAKOE AREA. WITH AIRCRAFT ATTACKED NEW HUTS IN GILATOPA NORTHWEST HALMAHERA.

RECEIVED LIGHT RETURN FIRE FROM BARSVKOE*. LEYTE REPORTS 4 BOATS ATTACKED BY 4 NIP PLANES ENROUTE STATION OFF BUGHO POINT LEYTE. 2 DRIVEN OFF. 2 SHOT DOWN MAKING SUICIDE DIVE ON BOATS 1 HITTING 323 MIDSHTS PORT SIDE KILLING CAPTAIN AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLUS 11 WOUNDED. SEE CTF 70.1 10125h TO CTF 77.

CAMOTES AND ORMOC PATROLS CANCELLED. SOUTHERN SAMAR SEAS PATROL NEGATIVE. SAW 3 NIP PLANES 2030 4 MILES SOUTHWEST TUGTUNU* ISLAND. FROM EAST. DEPARTED SOUTH. NO ATTACK.

**AS RECEIVED 20-G**

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TACLOBAN PB4Y PLANES DESTROYED 1 JAKE. STRAFFED 3 SMALL AK AND 2 BARGES IN SIBUYAN SEA. LARGE TOW CONVOY DUE LEYTE 18TH FROM HOLLANDIA. 3 OBB. 1 CA. 3 CL. 6 CVE. 20 DD ENROUTE KOSSAL TO LEYTE DUE 13TH.
ACTION CINCPOA FROM COMTASKFOR 94 INFO CTG 94.9.
(Passed to COMINCH for Info by Radio Honolulu as 111741).

PRELIMINARY REPORT CTG 94.9 BOMBARDMENT IWO JIMA 8
DECEMBER AS FOLLOWS:
"Commenced bombardment on specified targets IWO JIMA at 1347K ceased fire 1457. 5 fires started of which 2 medium oil and 2 in east bolt harbor. Damage against gun positions must await photos. Only 4 splashes vicinity ships. No damage to own ships or personnel. Last 3 drops of planes through 4,000 foot ceiling were observed from seaward and were excellent with 1 good oil fire." Final report will be forwarded on receipt.
OP SECRET DISPATCH

FROM: OTF-77
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(CTF 77 SENDS ACTION TO CINCSWPA INFO TO COM 7TH FLEET COMINCH CINCOA COM 3RD FLEET.)

SUMMARY 11 DEC.

RE SUPPLY ECHELON 9 LSM'S 4 LCI'S ESCORTED BY 6 DD'S DEPARTED SAN PEDRO HARBOR 0900Z FOR ORMOC BAY. EXPECTED ARRIVE BEACHHEAD ABOUT 0100Z 12TH. RE SUPPLY GROUP REPORTED UNDER AIR ATTACK SURIGAO STRAIT ABOUT 1700Z BY 13 PLANES. FRAGMENTARY REPORT DAMAGE. REID, DD 369, SUNK 2 MINUTES AFTER BEING HIT BY SUICIDE PLANE. NO REPORT OF PERSONNEL CASUALTIES OR SURVIVORS. ANOTHER SUICIDE PLANE CRASHED OFF BOW CALDWELL WITH NEGLIGIBLE DAMAGE. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT 13 DEC.

HUGHES, DD 413, ON PICKET DUTY SURIGAO STRAIT HIT AMIDSHIPS BY SUICIDE CRASH DIVE AND BY BOMB. ENGINE ROOM AND FIREROOMS FLOODED.

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

111042Z

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/94
SHIP TONED TO ANCHORAGE SAN PEDRO HARBOUR. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES REPORTED 7 KILLED 1 MISSED AND 15 INJURED. 4 PT BOATS IN SURIGAO STRAIT UNDER AIR ATTACK ABOUT 1630 BY 4 TYPE ZERO PLANES. 2 PLANES MADE SUICIDE DIVES. PT 323 HIT AMIDSHIPS BY CRASH DIVE. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES 1 OFFICER KILLED 1 OFFICER MISSING AND 11 MEN WOUNDED. OTHER PLANE SUICIDE CRASH DIVED NEAR PT 526 BUT NO DAMAGE PT. PT 323 REMAINED AFLOAT BUT BADLY DAMAGED. SALVAGE DOUBTFUL. 1 LIBERTY SHIP HIT BY BOMB LEYTE GULF SERIOUS FIRE DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE.

COMINCH: COPIES 1 TO 6 INCL.
AMCON VLAD SENDS ACTION CNO INFO MOSCOW.

DENILE A KOGAN ARRIVED IN VLAD ON 4 NOV AS NEW FAR EAST DIRECTOR DALSTROI. TOUR OF DUTY 2 YEARS.

KOGAN LEFT MOSCOW WITH 48 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE HAVING PREVIOUSLY SUPERVISED PLANNING AND REBUILDING ODESSA HARBOR FACILITIES. DIRECTOR WILL GIVE FIRST PRIORITY TO IMPROVING PORT FACILITIES VLAD AND NAKHODKA SECOND.

PETROPAVLLOVSK AND THIRD MAGADAN. GROUP OF LOCAL SHIPPING EMPLOYEES WITH FAMILIES BEING MOVED TO ODESSA FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY. SOURCE CONVERSATION WITH KOGAN.
CTG 73.4 SENDS ACTION ALL TFC AND TGC 3RD AND 7TH FLTS COMAFF COMAF 5 CINCPA COM 7TH COM 3RD CTF 77 PASS CINCSWPA.

10-11 MOROTAI BLACKCAT SEARCHES. TIMES ITEM.
W OUT 675 100%. 0230 DROPPED 62 50'S ON 3 LUGGERS IN WAYS SANDAKAN SHIP YARD 1 DIRECT HIT REST NEAR MISSES.
5 STRAFING PASSES ON WATERFRONT AREA. INCLUDING 3 LUGGERS ANCHORED. DARVEL NOT COVERED.
X OUT 600 100%. 2330 JOLO 0030 BASILAN 0130 TAPUL 0200 TAWITAWI ALL EMPTY. OBSERVED LARGE FIRE JOLO TOWN NEAR DOCK AREA.
Y OUT 500 80%. 2310 ZAMBOANGA 2345 SIBUGUEY BAY 2400 DUMANQUILAS BAY 0045 ILLANA BAY ALL EMPTY.
Z OUT 660 90% 0115 TARAKAN EMPTY.
INTENT NITE 11-12. 4 CATS COVER SENDAKAN • DARVEL BAY
ZAMBOANGA SULU ARCHI **
* MISSING GROUPS
DELIVERED TO 20G.
ORIGINATED BY CTF 93. ACTION TO AAFITA WHO GIVES INFO TO COMAF 7. RDO HONO PASS INFO TO CINCPAO, COMSOPAC, COMAIRSOPAC, COMFAV-2, ALL TFC'S, CENPAC, COMAIRPAC, COM 3RD FLT, CTF 96, CTG 30.5. HAVING INFO BY OTHER MEANS ARE CTF 94, BOMCOM 7, BOMCOM 21 AND CTU 30.5.3

(RDO HONO PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 111206)

ADD STRIKES FOR 9 DECEMBER.

2 MARINE MITCHELLS ON DONIN SHIPPING SEARCH NEGATIVE CONTACTS. HOMING OR BROADCASTING STATION ALB JIMA ON 240 KCS PICKED UP BY MITCHELL. LIBERATOR SNOOPER OVER IWO JIMA 14,000 FEET LOOSED FRAG CLUSTERS ON AIRFIELD THRU OVERCAST. RADAR WINDOW DROPPED.

FOR 10 DECEMBER: 24 LIBERATORS WITH QUARTER TONNERS TO IWO JIMA RADAR BOMBE AIR INSTALLATIONS FROM 17,000 FEET THRU SOLID OVERCAST. RESULTS UNOBSERVED. SINGLE MARINE MITCHELL NEGATIVE RESULTS. IWO JIMA SHIPPING

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SEARCH. 2 LIBERATOR SNOOPERS DROPPED FRAG CLUSTERS IWO JIMA. NO OBSERVATION DUE CLOSE COVERAGE.
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HONEST INTERCEPT
(CINCPAC ULTRA. ACTION ALL TFC 7TH FLEET ALL TFC 3RD FLEET INFO COMM 3RD FLEET COMM 7TH FLEET.)

IN POSIT 12-17 N 126-33 E AT 110650 HJAP PLANE MADE CONTACT REPORT.

6 COPIES TO F 341
1 COPY TO 230.

ACTION: F-20

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/2/94

OPNAV 19-78
CTF 73 SENDS ACTION COM 7TH FLT COM 3RD FLT CINCPOA CTF 77 COMAAF COMAF 5 COMAF 13 CINCSPWA 308, ALL TF AND TG COMDRS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS.

7TH DEC SEARCHES BY 6 PBAY'S FROM LEYTE PRODUCED FEW SIGHTINGS EXCEPT **LUZON. ALL TIMES I POSITIONS N AND E. N DID NOT RETURN TO BASE. REPORTED SHOOTING DOWN TOPSY AT 11-15 116-50 TIME 1120. REPORTED DESTROYING ANOTHER TRANSPORT PLANE AT 11-10 123-00 TIME 1515.

WENT 700 MILES 90% COVERAGE SIGHTED 2 VALLS AT 11-40 123-50 TIME 0740. 2 S* ANCHORED QUPOM BAY AT 11-54 119-58 TIME 1450. BOMBS AND INCENDIARIES MISSED. SAW 1 HELEN 11-30 123-40 TIME 1645.

P 445 (30 MISSING GROUPS)

SECRET
FLIGHT Q SEARCHED 580 MILES 85% COVERAGE. *SD ANCHORED 13-20 *-21 TIME 1440. REPORTED ENEMY PLANES EAST OF MASBATE TIME 0933 AND NORTH OF PAUAY TIME 615 AT 11-30. 123-42 TIME 1640. SHOT DOWN A HAMP AT LAST POSITION.

R TRAVELED 650 MILES 75% VISUAL 100% RADAR COVERAGE. ONLY SIGHTING BARGE OFF TOODOC POINT 13-10 122-30 *1*30.

Z TO NW TIP LUZON VIA WEST DOAST AND RETURN. 65% COVERAGE. SIGHTED SD ANCHORED AT 13-44 120-47 TIME 0935. 1 SC AT 15-20 120-00. COURSE 000 SPEED 6 TIME 1255. 3 SC'S AT 19-49 120-09 ANCHORED TIME 1310. 1 SD AT 14-43 120-07 ANCHORED TIME 13-14.

3 LARGE FREIGHTERS MANILA HARBOR TIME 13-07. CONVOY COMPOSED OF 4 DD 3 *TB 4 ESCORT VESSELS AT 13-06 121-47 COURSE 000 SPEED 10 TIME 1410 LIGHT INACCURATE ACK ACK.

*GARbled or Missing Group 
DELIVERED TO 20G
FROM CTF 27 ACTION CINOPAC COMINC INFO COM 7TH FLT

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION OF SURVIVORS JAP DD KIWA
INDICATES CORRECTION TO MY #7009 AS FOLLOWS.
MAIN BATTERY SINGLE 12.7 D/P GUN FORWARD AND TWIN
MOUNT AFT. AA BATTERY 4 TRIPLE AND 8 SINGLE MOUNT
20 MM. 2 DEPTH CHARGE THROWERS AND RACK.
2 BOILERS SINGLE SCREW MAXIMUM SPEED 25 KNOTS.
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(TO COMFEAF RPT ADV GHQ RPT 13 AF RPT 309 BWH RPT VFC RPT VBC RPT 91 PRW RPT CTF 93 PALAU RPT CTF 73 PASS TO ALL NAVY CONCERNED FROM COMAF 5 CITE D0368E)

SPECIAL TARGET ON CEBU USING 2 GROUP HEAVIES CARRYING 1000 POUND BOMBS. BODY COMES AIR INTENT FOR 11 DEC.

PART 1. VBC COVER NIL.

PART 2. VFC; PROVIDE LOCAL FILTER DEFENSE TO INCLUDE CARIAGARA, ORMOC, DULAG, TAGOLOBAN, RESUPPLY CONVOY AND TASK GROUP 77.2

B. STRIKE LAND AND SHIPPING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY WITH PRIORITY ON SHIPPING.

C. DROPPING MISSIONS AS REQUIRED D. REMAINING SQUADRONS TO BE BOMBED UP AND STANDBY FOR STRIKES ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY

PART 3. 91 PRW PHOTO FEAF COMMITMENTS COVERED BY
P-38's of VFC

PART 4. 309 BNA NIL

PART 5. CTF 93 PALAU STRIKE.
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**INFORMATION**

CTF 77 SENDS TO CINCSWPA FOR ACTION INFO COM 7TH FLT COM INCH COM 3RD FLT CINC PAC.

**SUMMARY 10 DEC.**

FIRST RESUPPLY ECHelon RETURNED FROM ORMOC BAY BEACHHEAD WITHOUT INCIDENT. 2 CL'S AND ACCOMPANYING DD's PATROLLING ENTRANCE LEYTE GULF UNDER AIR ATTACK ABOUT 17151 BY 8 PLANES BETTYS. 1 PLANE SHOT DOWN BY AA, NO DAMAGE TO SHIPS.

...wheels delivered to 20 G

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Make original only. Deliver to Code Room Watch Officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREC)

OISD letter, May 1973
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(DEP COMAF 26 SENT TOP SECRET ACTION TO CC MGON AAF INFO CC MGON AAFPOA AND CINCPOA)

FN-10-25. TOP SECRET. YOUR WARX-74252 DECEMBER 7.

HAD DISCUSSED THESE MATTERS WITH ISCOM SAIPAN GENERAL JARMAN, WITH ADMIRAL HOOVER AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF. ALL HERE CONCERNED WITH DEFENSE VLR BASES ARE ALERT TO SITUATION. HOOVER MAINTAINING 2 TO 3 DD'S 100 MILES TO NORTHWEST FOR EARLY RADAR WARNING. THESE HAVE PROVIDED ADVANCE WARNING ON AT LEAST 3 OCCASIONS. COORDINATED EMPLOYMENT NIGHT FIGHTER, FIGHTER/SEARCHLIGHT TEAMS, LAND BASED AND DD RADARS BEING DEVELOPED MAXIMUM. LOCAL RADAR INSTALLATIONS INCLUDE 3 SCR 682 AND 1 AN/TPS-3. THESE GAVE FULL LOW ANGLE COVERAGE AND GIVING GOOD RESULTS. INSTALLATION OF USE ON T CBoCHAU IS ON HIGHEST PRIORITY.

PRESENT ESTIMATES GIVE JANUARY 20 AS OPERATIONAL DATE. HOPE FOR

PART II

TOP SECRET

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94

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Early operation. Doctor Boyle's here now and may be able assist in this and other respects. Daily searches, CF shore picket boats, visual optic Peters and radars should provide against surprise by submarines and surface craft. Adjacent water areas well covered by dual purpose 90^* in and shore batteries. Isley Fields 1 and 2 are protected by about 500 automatic weapons supplemented by spread beam searchlights. General Jarman alert to need for protection against parasport raids and sabotage. I do not consider present plan satisfactory as not sufficiently well organized it endeavors make maximum utilization air force and engineer troops available. I am suggesting to Jarman that he provide a unit trained and equipped for this duty. Combination air force/engineer fire fighting organization has functioned in superior manner. My plan for air operations provides for daily strikes of 1 to 2 B-24 squadrons against air fields at Ito Jima.

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With occasional fighter sweeps and for lightly harassment those airfields. Intensity of night operations dependent on Jap reaction during certain moon phases. Possibility of one way Jap raids is not discounted. While we may slow up operations through two complete neutralization at range of over 6000 nautical miles is not a probability. Weather this time of year presents formidable obstacle effective strikes against two Jina and emphasizes need for maximum development radar and radio ailes during this and future campaigns this general area. You will appreciate I am sure that defense of all bases is a responsibility of CinCPoA and that I can act only in an advisory capacity in this regard.

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From CO USS LSM 318 via CTF 75. COM LSM FLOT 2 has info by hand NSS (RDO WASH) give action SECNAV info COMINCH. NAP (RDO HOLLANDIA) pass info COM 7TH FLT and COM 7TH PHIB.

LSM 318 sunk on 7 December by enemy suicide air attack in ORMOC BAY LAT APPROX 10-56-30 NORTH LONG APPROX 124-37-40 EAST IN ABOUT 40 FATHOMS. Known survivors 5 OFFICERS 32 ENLISTED INCLUDING 8 WOUNDED NOW IN CARE ARMY 77 DIVISION MEDICS. GOOD POSSIBILITY MORE ENLISTED MEN ASHORE IN AREA NOW HELD BY 77 DIVISION. WILL AMPLIFY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. RADAR EQUIPMENT AND CLASSIFIED PUBLICATIONS DESTROYED BY INITIAL EXPLOSIONS. POSSIBILITIES OF COMPROMISE NONE.
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To: War Department
No: C 54632

10 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA signed MacArthur to Chief of Staff
War Department: site C 54632
Operations report SOMESPAC area period 1500Z/9th to 1500Z/9th sgd MacArthur.

Philippines: Luzon:

9 vessels * by reconnaissance plane night December 8th = says: 2 destroyers, 3 destroyer escorts reported south of Masbate December 7th; tanker sighted on easterly course south * Island before dawn December 8; patrol plane reported 6 enemy fighters east Mindoro December 8.

Leyte:

Enemy force estimated strength 900 reported approaching Calubian from San Isidro Bay December 9.

Part 2.

Naval:

Morotai PT boats with fighter cooperation strafed Galela night December 7th.

Air:

Enemy action: Heavy dive bombing attacks sustained Allied beachhead south Ormoc night December 7th.

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Operations December 6th:

(1) 22 B-24's covered by 6 P-38's scored direct hit grounded bomber exploded supply dumps Bacolod Airdrome Negros, 3 to 7 planes airborne avoided interception.

(2) 17 B-25's escorted by 11 P-47's raided Cagayan, Del Monte and Jacol airdromes, Mindanao; 15 other P-47's over same area shot down enemy bomber.

(3) 3 B-24's hit buildings Tarakan airdrome; lone B-24 at night bombed waterfront installations Labuan.

(4) 4 RAAF A-20's hit barracks and near missed power station Manado; 4 P-47's strafed revetments and gun positions Sidate; 2 night B-24's harassed Mandal airdrome, Macassar; 6 Beaufighters swept northeastern Celebes and 1, 1 Beaufighter missing.

(5) 16 B-25's bombed pjailolo airdrome; 32 P-38's attacked Kau and Batetabako airdromes gun positions and supplies; 11 P-38's hit Lolobata.

(6) 11 A-20's and 8 B-25's destroyed grounded bomber, bombed runways and revetments Hamlea airdromes, Boerce Island.

(7) 39 RAAF P-40's attacked buildings and supply dumps Dutch New Guinea.
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Operations December 9th:

(8) 24 B-24's cratered runways dispersals and supplies and possibly destroyed 2 grounded bombers at Carlota airrome, Negros Island; 21 B-24's covered by 8 P-38's bombed Manduriao airrome, Panay; 15 Palau based B-24's hit Lahug airrome, Cebu.

(9) Patrol plane sank 2 small seatrucks southwestern Mindoro and damaged enemy bomber northern Leyte.

(10) 8 Corsairs bombed Carolina airrome, shot down one probably another of 3 fighters encountered northern Cebu; 12 other Corsairs destroyed several buildings Masbate airrome; 12 P-47's hit enemy positions San Isidro Bay, northwestern Leyte.

(11) 3 B-25's demolished buildings Buayan airrome Mindanao; 6 P-38's escort destroyed motor launch offshore.

(12) Fradee B-24's bombed Jolo Island, Sulu Archipelago; 2 B-24's attacked large tanker and freighter transport northern Borneo; 2 other B-24's hit Labuan water-front and Jutong oil refinery, Miri, caused large explosions and many fires visible 50 miles.

(13) 8 P-40's set supplies and fuel dumps afire Lembeh Strait; 2 P-51's caused large explosion Manado town.
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(14) 20 RAAF P-40's bombed Kau; 10 other P-40's hit gun positions Halmahera; 18 B-25's cratered runways and dispersed Galisa.

(15) 2 P-51's swept Talaul and Sangihee Islands, strafed small vessels; single B-25 harassed Namlea.

(16) 2 Darwin B-24's and 8 Dutch B-25's attacked end barracks, Flores Island; 2 other B-24's bombed Fuiloro and Ataopepe, Timor.

(17) 55 RAAF P-40's attacked bivouac supply and fuel dumps western Dutch New Guinea.

(18) 14 Beauforts caused fires in village near Wewak; 6 B-25's attacked targets Kairiru Island.

Operations December 9:

(19) Predawn B-24's attacked 2 freighters Manila and harassed Visayan airfields; day patrols damaged 3 seatrucks and 2 barges anchored southern Mompog passage, shot down floatplane east Linapacan Strait.

(20) P-61's shot down float plans southeast Morotai before dawn.

(21) 7 B-25's and 6 A-20's bombed and strafed Kairiru and Musohu Islands.
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Leyte:

X Corps: 32nd Division units advanced 500 yards further south. 1st Cavalry Division units on Samar advanced north on highway number 1 reached point 4,000 yards southeast Wright Town.

28th Division resumed control of 34th Infantry, reinforced units at Calubian (90/84). XXIV Corps: 77th Division encountered increasingly heavy resistance Camp Downes, established rear boundary along Bao River (first river south Camp Downes). 7th Division continued attack north reached Malitbog, patrol contacted 511th Parachute Infantry at Anas. 11th Airborne Division units killed 290 enemy Anas/Manohag area during period. Enemy casualties to date Leyte: 29,579 killed, 213 captured.

Weather: Average conditions in Balmaheras, cloud and rain over Philippines.

Part 3.

1. Dropped 264 500 lb bombs from 10,400 feet.

2. Dropped 1,152 parafracons, met slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.
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(3) Dropped 9 500 lb, 46 250 lb; slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire Tarakan.

(4) A 20's dropped 12 500 lb bombs and 4 500 lb incendiaries; B-24's dropped 61 100 lb bombs; intense light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(5) * dropped * lb bombs; P-40's dropped 46 500 * * * fire; P 38's dropped 22 500 lb bombs.

(6) Dropped 48 500 lb, 42 120 lb fragmentation clusters.

(7) No details.

(8) Dropped 356 1000 * * * 44 200 lb bombs from 10,000 feet Cebu.

(9) *

(10) 10 1000 lb bombc dropped Masbate, no other details.

(11) Dropped 12 500 lb bombs from minimum altitude.

(12) Dropped 18 500 lb, 33 250 lb bombs.

(13) Dropped 20 500 lb bombs.
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(14) B-40's dropped 36 500 lb, 6 250 lb bombs, 12 260 lb frags; B-25's dropped 63 500 lb bombs from 10,000 feet, met slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(15) B-25 dropped 6 parafrags.

(16) B-24's dropped 9 300 lb, 44 250 lb * to 8,000 feet; B-25's dropped 32 500 lb bombs, 28 500 lb incendiaries.

(17) No details.

(18) Beauforts dropped 24 500 lb, 48 250 lb bombs, 12 250 lb incendiaries; B-25's dropped 24 300 lb incendiaries.

Paragraphs 19 and 20. No details.

(21) Dropped 20 300 lb bombs, 32 bombs same type 8 to 15 seconds delay from 10,000 feet to minimum altitude, fired 12,300 rounds 50 calibre.

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SITUATION REPORT NO 500
(1) AFTER YESTERDAY'S BOMBARDMENT OF LOFOS CASTELLO LOCAL ELAS COMMANDER, FREDERICK FOR SURRENDER BUT WOULD NOT ACCEPT TERMS OF LAYING DOWN ARMS. SUBSEQUENTLY HMS EAGLE AND 2 COASTAL CRAFT AGAIN BOMBARDED THIS ELAS STRONGHOLD. ELAS OUTFLANKED ARMY LINE 1 MILE EAST OF NAVAL HEADQUARTERS WHICH WAS MENACED BY MACHINE GUN FIRE. HMS LAMALOUINE AND 2 COASTAL CRAFT RESTORED SITUATION BY CLOSE SUPPORT FIRE.

GREEN SHIP NAVARINO ENGAGED TARGETS NORTH OF PORT HERACLES. (2) THE LOCAL PARTISAN LEADER CERO HAS REQUESTED HMS DELHI AND HMS COLOMBO TO LEAVE YUGOSLAVIA WATERS. MATTER HAS BEEN REFERRED TO MARSHAL TITO.

(3) MOTOR LAUNCH 238 SUPPORTED BY HMS Atherstone Entered HARBOUR AT KRK NIGHT OF 6TH DECEMBER AND ATTACKED SHIPping.

MOTOR LAUNCH SUSTAINED SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE ONLY AND HAD NO CASUALTY

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HONO INTERCEPT

(CTF 73 SENDS ACTION TO COM 7TH & 3RD FLTS ALL TF & TGC'S 3RD & 7TH FLTS CINCWS/PA CINCPA COMAF CINCPA COMAF 5 & 13 CTF 77 308 BOMBING)

ALL TIMES 1. TACLOBAN BASED PY'S COVERED 6 SECTORS DECEMBER 9 IN GENERALLY POOR WEATHER OVER VISAYAN AND SIBUYAN SEAS. GOOD VISIBILITY WEST OF LUZON AND MINDORO.

POSITS N AND E. N WENT 600 MILES COVERAGE 80%, DESTROYED 1 JAKE GUYO WEST PASS TIME 1445. DROPPED INCENDIARIES ON 1 CAMOUFLAGED SD AND 1 LUGGER WITHOUT EFFECT. POSIT 11-37 122-42 TIME 1605, O TRAVELED AYLXG WXEOFSHEW COVERAGE VISUAL 30% (GROUPS MISSING) 100% NO SIGHTINGS. O TRAVELED 100 MILES COVERAGE 60% VISUAL 100% RADAR. FOUND HOSPITAL SHIP AT 14-20 119-10 COURSE 240 SPEED 12 TIME 1000. HAD BEEN SEEN EARLIER IN SECTOR R WENT 700 MILES COVERAGE VISUAL 80% RADAR 60% RCO® SAW 1 SD BEACHED AT 13-42 120-95 AT 0930, 3 36-2 BARGES ANCHORED AT 13-10 122-30 TIME 1508 DAMAGED BY STRAFFING. ACCURATE 20 MM AA WOUNDED TAIL GUNNER SERIOUSLY. MANY BARGES VICINITY 13-40 120-55 TIME 0935 SURROUNDED BY SMALL FILIPINO FISHING CRAFT.
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N. WENT 600 MILES COVERAGE 80%, DESTROYED 1 JAKE CUYO WEST PASS TIME 1445, DROPPED INCENDIARIES ON 1 CAMOUFLAGED SD AND 1 LUGGER WITHOUT EFFECT. POSITIVE 11-37 122-42 TIME 1645.

O. OUT 670 MILES COVERAGE VISUAL 30% RADAR 100% NO SIGHTINGS.

P. SEARCHED 750 MILES COVERAGE 100% NO SIGHTINGS.

Q. TRAVELED 400 MILES COVERAGE 60% VISUAL 100% RADAR.

FOUND HOSPITAL SHIP AT 18-20 119-10 COURSE 210 SPEED 12 TIME 1000. HAD BEEN SEEN EARLIER IN SECTION R.

R. WENT 700 MILES COVERAGE VISUAL 40% RADAR 60% SAW 1 SD BEACHED AT 13-42 120-55 AT 0930, 3 SC 2 BARBIES
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7 December Blue DD's bombarded western coast Ormoc Bay Leyte. Same day Mariner strafed and exploded 5,000 ton AK Southern coast Mindoro. 8 December recce plane set on fire sank 2 small AK's southwest coast Mindoro. CA's coordinating with 8-29, Lightning and Liberator strike bombarded Iwo Jima.
HONO INTERCEPT

(CTG 70.1 SENDS)

PT PATROLS NIGHT 8/9. LEYTE. BOATS COVERED ORMOC BAY ENTRANCES, CAMOTES ISLANDS, EAST COAST CEBU NORTH OF TABOGAN, WEST COAST LEYTE NORTH OF DULHUGAN POINT AREAS 129 AND 135 TO MASBATE HARBOR. ATTEMPT TO LOCATE SURVIVORS AT CALUNANGAN POINT UNSUCCESSFUL. 2 BURNING HULKS SIGHTED 1 SAN ISIDRO BAY 1 IN TABOGAN NO ATTACKS MADE AS SHIPS DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR. MOROTAI NIL RESULTS.
SUMMARY 9 DECEMBER. FIRST RESUPPLY ECHELON ORMOC BAY ARRIVED ABOUT 0400. UNLOADED DURING DARKNESS AND DEPARTED EARLY MORNING FOR RETURN LEYTE GULF. ESTIMATED 1900. POSITION NORTHERN ENTRANCE SURIGAO STRAIT. NO REPORTS OF AIR ATTACK ON RESUPPLY ECHELON. BAD WEATHER APPARENTLY RESTRICTED ENEMY AIR ACTIVITIES VICINITY BEACH HEAD ORMOC BAY AND IN LEYTE AREA.
FROM GHQ SWPA TO ADMTY, AIR MINISTRY WHITEHALL BAD WASHINGTON, FOCRIN, CINC EASTERN FLEET (COLOMBO), HQ SACSEA, AIR COMMAND CGF SE ASIA, NSHQ OTTAWA (FOR CHIEF STAFF COMMITTEE), CNO, NZNB (R) COMTHFLEET, ACNB, CNF, CINC EASTERN FLEET PASS TO AIR COMMAND SE ASIA AND SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER SE ASIA

DIGEST BRIEFING NUMBER 1053 DECEMBER 8TH.

6 BOSTONS BOMBED: MOEN VILLAGE NEAR WEDAK MOBLING.

(2) SEVERAL JAP PLANES APPROACHED MOROTAI EARLY HOURS DROPPING 30-40 BOMBS HARMLESSLY WIDE OF OBJECTIVES.

(3) NAVY MARINER ATTACKED 5 SMALL COASTAL FREIGHTERS OFF SOUTHWESTERN COAST MONDORO ISLAND BEFORE DAWN DESTROYING 1 DAMAGING THREE.

(4) SAME TIME ANOTHER MARINER SAW 3 WARSHIPS DESCRIBED AS 2 HEAVY CRUISERS 1 LIGHT CRUISER 20 MILES WEST OF SUBIC BAY COURSE NORTHWARD SPEED 0.75 YD.
9 HOURS LATER SEARCH LIBERATOR SIGHTED 2 DESTROYERS 3 DESTROYER-ESCORTS 130 MILES WEST OF BATAAN AT ENTRANCE MANILA BAY COURSE 40 DEGS AT 15 KNOTS.

(5) LONE DESTROYER SEEN MIDDAY HEADING NORTHWEST APPARENTLY OUT OF VERDE ISLAND PASSAGE.

(6) PATROL PLANE ATTACKED 6 SEA TRUCKS 3 LUGGERS ANCHORED OFF TAGBILJARAN ON NORTHWEST COAST BOHOL ISLAND: 1 OF LARGER SHIPS SUNK.

(7) BEACHHEAD KTEMSVEG CEYGOAIPFUCG CHCLVRRKQEO UIAGT CONSOLIDATED AND ELEMENTS ADVANCING NORTH THERE FROM REACHED OUTSKIRTS CAMP DOWNES, 1 MILE SOUTH OF ORMOC TOWO, BY NIGHTFALL AGAINST LIGHT OPPOSITION. DURING PREVIOUS NIGHT BEACHHEAD EXPERIENCED HEAVY DIVE BOMBING MY NOT YET AVAILABLE.

(8) FURTHER SLIGHT GAINS MADE IN ORMOC CORRIDOR, BALOGAEB COMMAND ON EASTERN SLOPES MOUNT LOBI BUT NIL MATERIAL CHANGE IN SITUATION. REMAINING PARATROOPERS WHICH LANDED WXNCPABLOARO A CONTAINED IN POCKET AND ALL AROYOS CLEAR OF JAPS.

(9) ENEMY CASUALTIES Leyte to Date Number 20 MQFEHVCFLOOLOUUVLJ AQYDYDQMKPQID 50 ENEMY COUNTED DEAD, 205 JAP PRISONERS CAPTURED PLUS SIX HUNDRED AND 27 FORMOSANS KOREANS.

(10) FURTHER REPORTS AERIAL COMBAT OVER ORMOC BAY EAST SAN ISPRO BAY 7TH DECEMBER INDICATE ADDITIONAL 13 PLANES SHOT DOWN MAKING TOTAL 75 PLANES DESTROYED BY FIGHTER RAID ACK ACK THAT
DAY.

(11) JAPANESE SUBMARINE CONTACTED BY SURFACE CRAFT NIGHT 6TH DECEMBER 250 MILES NNW OF AUARI WM.

(12) 11 LIBERATORS DROPPED EXCELLENT BOMB PATTERN ACROSS RUNWAY MALOPO DROME ON NORTHWESTERN NEGROS MOON VEOLNTU.
(13) REFERENCE DIGEST 1052 PARA 12, 22 LIBERATORS OPERATING THROUGH PALAU DROPPED OVER 40 TONS OF 500 POUNDERS ON WERNSPI DROME 7TH DECEMBER.

(14) SAME DAY BIAK BASED LIBERATORS HIT SASSA AIRFIELD DESTROYING ONE PARKED PLANE.

(15) 18 LIBERATORS FROM DARWIN BOMBED AMBESIA AIRDROME IN SOUTHEAST CELEBES MORNING 7TH HIT IN EXCELLENT PATTERN WITH CENTURIES AND FRAGMENTATION CLUSTERS ACROSS STRIP AND DISPERSAL AREA. FLOAT PLANES ALSO STRAFED AUXILIARY SAILING SHIP IN TIWORO STRAIT SETTING 2 ON FIRE.

(16) 27 MITCHELLS 19 KITTYHAWKS ATTACKED NORTH HALMAHERA AIRDROMES DAYLIGHT HOURS 7TH DECEMBER

(17) SAME DAY 5 LIBERATORS 3 MITCHELLS IN 3 RAIDS STRUCK STORAGE OIL/TANKS TARAKAC IN NORTHEAST BORNEO. 2 SMALL FREIGHTERS OFF SHORE SET ON FIRE BY STRAFING

(18) DURING 7TH DECEMBER 60 CORSAIRS CONDUCTED OFFENSIVE SWEEPS OVER BOUGAINVILLE, 8 CORSAIRS ATTACKED HUTS DURING PATROL OVER GAZELLE PENINSULA AND 4 CORSAIRS 1 VENTURA HIT
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From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department c/o C 54584. Opsn report SOWESPAC Area period 1500Z/7 to 1500Z/8 signed MacArthur.

Philippines:

Luzon:
Two heavy cruisers one light cruiser reported west Subic Bay course northwest by mariner on reconnaissance night December 7; next morning two destroyers two destroyer escorts sighted heading northeast 130 miles to west.

Visayas:
Two destroyer escort sighted off west coast Burias, 2000 ton vessel 25 miles southeast Masbate town, six seacruises at Tagbilaran (Bohol) December 7.

Davao:
Photographs partially covering Padada airdrome December 7 showed one twin engine three single engined bombers two fighters.

Celebes:
14 aircraft sighted on four airdromes by attacking B 24s December 6.
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Part 2. Naval:
Destroyers bombarded Ormoc Bay coast night December 6; PT boats with cooperating P 40s started fires Mitl Island bivouacs, Halmahera, same night.

Air:
Enemy action: Light predawn raid Morotai, nil damage, December 8. 13 more planes shot down by Allied fighters over western Leyte December 7.

Operations December 6:
(1) Predawn B 24 from Darwin harassed Kendari airdromes; single RAAF B 25 attacked Saumlaki in Tanimbar.

Operations December 7:
(2) 11 B 24s crated Malolo runways, Negros Island; two P 51s strafed barges and caused large explosion Srrangani Bay, Mindanao.
(3) Refer paragraph ten preceding report: 22 B 24s demolished buildings Legaspi.
(4) 2 B 24s at night scored near misses on light cruiser Manila area.
(5) 16 B 24s raided Sasun airdrome Davao, destroyed one grounded plane.
(6) 5 B 24s and three B 25s raided Lingkas fuel storage tanks Taraka started large fires, attacked and left burning two small freighters off shore.
(7) 1 B 24 and 27 B 25s attacked Halmahera airdromes; 45 P 40s demolished warehouses and supply dumps and hit bivouacs, one P 40 shot down by anti aircraft; 7 Beaufighters swept Djailolo and Talaul Islands, sank barge.

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(8) 18 Darwin B 24s scored excellent coverage through runways and dispersals Umbessa airdrome, Kendari, set sailboat afire Teworo Strait and dropped seven bombs Lautem.

(9) Four RAAF B 25s damaged small seaplane and two coastal vessels east Flores Island; three patrol B 24s hit coastal towns Timor; single Ventura bombed Elat Village Kai Islands.

Operations December 8:
(10) Predawn Mariners sank 1 damaged three of five coastal vessels west Mindoro and damaged similar vessel Subic Bay; day patrol sunk small Freighter Bohol Island.

(11) All Leyte based fighters engaged covering Allied land forces near Ormoc and on routine air patrols.

(12) Two Beauforts bombed targets Banda and Taninbar Island, another Beaufort hit village southern Timor; single B 24 bombed Manusuto.

(13) 6 A 20s bombed and strafed plantation areas Wewak.

Solomons Forces,

Air: Operations December 7:
(14) 60 Marine and New Zealand Corsairs furnished ground support and attacked bivouacs Bougainville; one Ventura and four New Zealand Corsairs raked Kavieng; 16 New Zealand Corsairs patrolled Rabaul, eight Marine Corsairs demolished huts Gazelle Peninsula; remaining strikes weathered out.

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TENTH CORPS:
32nd Division main drive south reached Allied road block December 7, next day five battalions attacking abreast reached East Island west line 500 yards South Tolibay. First Cavalry Troops on Samar attacked enemy positions mile North Hinabangan.

XXIV CORPS:
7th Division advanced elements reached outskirts Camp Downes. 7th Division captured hill 666 north Tagbes River, enemy resistance moderate, two counter attacks repulsed. 11th Airborne Division units killed 143 enemy of vicinity Mahong; 115 enemy parachutists killed Brusmen strip area, remaining pocket surrounded. Allied calculative casualties 1863 killed, 7032 wounded, 236 missing.

Part 3.
(1) B 24 dropped 10 100 lb bombs from 9500 feet;
B 25 dropped 4 500 lb medium capacity bombs five seconds delay from 10000 feet.
(2) B 24 dropped 45 500 lb, 180 100 lb bombs from 10000 feet.
(3) Dropped 162 500 lb bombs.
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(4) Dropped unstated number 500 lb bombs.
(5) Dropped 65 1000 lb bombs.
(6) Dropped 24 500 lb, 48 250 lb bombs, fired unstated number rounds.
(7) B 24 and B 25s dropped 113 500 lb bombs; P 40s dropped 38 500 lb, 2 250 lb bombs, 62 260 lb frags, most light to moderate medium some accurate anti aircraft fire, moderate heavy inaccurate fire.
(8) Dropped 522 100 lb bombs, 18 120 lb frags from 11000 feet, fired unstated number rounds.
(9) B 25s dropped 12 500 lb bombs five seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 9000 rounds 50 calibre; B 24s dropped 36 250 lb bombs. Venturas dropped 4 300 lb bombs.

Paragraphs 10 and 11 no details.

(12) Beauforts dropped 5 250 lb bombs, fired 300 rounds 50, 300 rounds 50 calibre; B 24 dropped 9 300 lb bombs, fired 500 rounds 50 calibre.
(13) Dropped 24 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 10700 rounds 50 calibre.

Leyte status report to December 5: Dalag 4960 feet of steel mat in use, Bayug 3575 feet steel mat grading and drainage work continuing, Tanauan four grading 6000 feet strip complete laying of steel mat commenced.

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From: Advanced Echelon, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines
To: War Department
Nr: C 54584 9 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department cite C 54584. Operations report SWESPAO area period 1500Z/7 to 1500Z/8 signed MacArthur.

Philippines:
Luzon:
Two heavy cruisers one light cruiser reported west Subic Bay course northwest by mariner on reconnaissance night December 7th; next morning two destroyers two destroyer escorts sighted heading northeast 130 miles to west.

Visayas:
Two destroyer escort sighted off west coast Burias, 2,000 ton vessel 25 miles southeast Masbate Town, six seatrucks at Tagbilaran (School) December 7th.

Dagao:
Photographs partially covering Padada airdrome December 7th showed one twin engined three single engined bombers two fighters.

Celebes:
14 aircraft sighted on four airfields by attacking B-24's December 6th.

Part II.

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Naval:
Destroyers bombarded Ormoc Bay coast night December 6th; PT boats with cooperating P-40's started fire on Miti Island bivouacs, Halmahera, same night.

Air:
Enemy action:
Light predawn raid Morotai, nil damage, Dec 6th.
13 more planes shot down by Allied fighters over western Leyte December 7th.

Operations December 6th:
(1) Predawn B-24 from Darwin harassed Kendari air-dromes; single RAAF B-25 attacked Sualaki in Tanimbars.

Operations December 7th:
(2) 11 B-24's cratered Malagol runways, Negros Island; two P-51's strafed barges and caused large explosion Sjorganani Bay, Mindanao.

(3) Refer paragraph ten preceding report: 22 B-24's demolished buildings Legaspi.

(4) Two B-24's at night scored near misses on light cruiser Manila area.

(5) 16 B-24's raided Sasaun airdrome Kavao, destroyed one grounded plane.

(6) Five B-24's and three B-25's raided Lingkas fuel storage tanks Taraka started large fires, attacked and left burning two small freighters off shore.

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(7) One B-24 and 27 B-25's attacked 85 P-40's demolished warehouses and supply 40 shot down by anti aircraft; seven Beaufighters swept Djailolo and Talaud Islands, sank barge.

(8) 18 Darwin B-24's scored excellent coverage through runways and dispersals Ambasa airstrip, Kendari, set sailboat on fire Teworo Strait and dropped seven bombs Lautean.

(9) Four RAAF B-25's damaged small truck and two coastal vessels east Flores Island; three patrol B-24's hit coastal towns Timor; single Ventura bombed Elat Village Kai Islands.

Operations December 8th:

(10) Fredaun mariners sank one and damaged three of five coastal vessels west Mindoro and damaged similar vessel Subic Bay; day patrol sank small freighter Bohol Island.

(11) All Leyte based fighters engaged covering Allied land forces near Ormoc and on routine air patrols.

(12) Two Beauforts bombed targets Banda and Tanimbar Islands, another Beaufort hit village southern Timor; single B-24 bombed Manatuto.

(13) Six A-20's bombed and strafed plantation areas Wewak.

Solomons Forces.

Air.

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Operations December 7th:

(14) 60 Marine and New Zealand Corssairs furnished ground support and attacked bivouacs Bouganville; one Ventura and four New Zealand Corsairs raided Raviol; 16 New Zealand Corsairs patroled Rabaul, eight Marine Corsairs demolished huts Gazelle Peninsula; remaining strikes weathered out.

Land: Leyte:

X Corps:

32nd Division main drive south reached Allied road block December 7th, next day five battalions attacking abreast reached east Inland west line 500 yards south Toli-baw. First Cavalry troops on Samar attacked enemy positions mile north Hinabangan.

XXIV Corps:

7th Division advanced elements reached outskirts Camp Downes. 7th Division captured hill 506 north Tagbas River. enemy resistance moderate, two counter attacks repulsed. 11th Airborne Division units killed 143 enemy of vicinity Mahong; 115 enemy parachutists killed Bruason strip area, remaining pocket surrounded.

Allied calculative casualties 1,863 killed 7,032 wounded 238 missing.

End of part 2.

Part III.

CM-IN-9189 (9 Dec 44)
From: Advanced Echelon, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

(1) B-24 dropped 10 100 lb bombs from 9,500 feet; B-25 dropped 4 500 lb medium capacity bombs five seconds delay from 10,000 feet.

(2) B-24's dropped 45 500 lb, 180 100 lb bombs from 10,000 feet.

(3) Dropped 162 500 lb bombs.

(4) Dropped unstated number 500 lb bombs.

(5) Dropped 65 1000 lb bombs.

(6) Dropped 24 500 lb, 88 250 lb bombs, fired unstated number rounds.

(7) B-24 and B-25's dropped 113 500 lb bombs; P-40's dropped 38 500 lb, 2 250 lb bombs, 62 250 lb frags, met slight to moderate medium some accurate anti aircraft fire, moderate heavy inaccurate fire.

(8) Dropped 522 100 lb bombs, 18 120 lb frags from 11,000 feet, fired unstated number rounds.

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(10) No details.

(11) No details.

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ADVANCED ECHELON, GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA, LEYTE, PHILIPPINES

9 December 1944

(12) Beauforts dropped 5 250 lb bombs, fired 300 rounds 50, 200 rounds 30 calibre; B-24 dropped 9 300 lb bombs, fired 500 rounds 50 calibre.

(13) Dropped 24 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 10,700 rounds 50 calibre.

Leyte status report to December 5th:

Dulag 4,960 feet of steel mat in use, Bayug 3,575 feet loading and drainage work continuing, Tanauan 80' 5,000 feet strip complete laying of steel mat commenced.

*Being serviced.

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Nr: 0 54584

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VD-5 PHOTOS IWO JIMA 8 DECEMBER. ALL RUNWAYS INOPERATIVE WITH MINIMUM OF 5 TO 20 CRATERS IN EACH. 10 AIRCRAFT OPERATIVE INCLUDING 8 S/E BOMBERS AND 2 S/E FIGHTERS. MORE THAN 5 LARGE FIRES BURNING. AT 0515 GCT.

HM SEARCH RADAR LOCATED INTERPRON 2 GRID POST (104.8/506.8).

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7 DECEMBER AMPHIBIOUS FORCE COMPOSED OF 77TH INFANTRY DIVISION SUPPORTED BY NAVY AND MARINE ELEMENTS LANDED 3 MILES SOUTH OF ORMOC WEST COAST LEYTE ISLAND. ENEMY OPPOSITION ASHORE WAS LIGHT. THROUGHOUT DAY JAP AIR ATTACKS INFLECTED FOLLOWING DAMAGE: 1 ABD 1 DD BADLY DAMAGED SUBSEQUENTLY SUNK BY OUR GUNFIRE AFTER PERSONNEL WAS REMOVED. 1 ABD 1 DD DAMAGED. 2 DD REPORTED FIRES EXTENT OF DAMAGE UNKNOWN. NIGHT 5-6 DECEMBER PT'S SANK 6 JAP BARGES IN CAMOTES SEA. REECE PLANES OVER NORTH AND NORTHEAST MINDANAO SET ON FIRE 2 SMALL FREIGHTERS AND 1 SUB CHASER. 7 DECEMBER 4 LBS BOMBERD INSTALLATIONS AT SUTBACHI ON PARAMUSHIRU, KURILE ISLANDS. EARLY MORNING 7 DECEMBER ABOUT 10 JAP MEDIUM BOMBERS ATTACKED INSTALLATIONS ON SAIPAN. 1 ARMY SUPER FORTRESS ON GROUND DESTROYED 2 OTHERS DAMAGED. CASUALTIES TO PERSONNEL 1
KILLED 1 SERIOUSLY WOUNDED A NUMBER SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.
AA FIRE SHOT DOWN 6 OF THE ENEMY PLANES.
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PRELIMINARY REPORT 7 DECEMBER ALL TIMES 1. 11 LIBERATORS BOMBED MALAGO AIRDROME WITH 45 QUARTER TONNERS AND 180 CENTURIES 1250 FROM 10,000 FEET WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS HITS OBSERVED ACROSS CENTER OF STRIP AA INTERCEPTION NIL. 1 LIBERATOR WEATHERED OUT ILOILO DROPPED 9 QUARTER TONNERS. LOLOBATA AT 1603 FROM 12,000 FEET WITH 5 HITS ON STRIP SLIGHT HEAVY INACCURATE AA. 2 LIBERATORS ON NORTHEAST BARGE SEARCH 1018-1445 DROPPED 18 EIGHTH TONNERS ON SHIPPING AND LINGKAS TANK FARM 1 SC AND 1 FTO FIRED BY STRAFING. 2 FIRES STARTED AT TANK FARM SLIGHT MODERATE INACCURATE AA. 3 LIBERATORS HIT LINGKAS TANK FARM 1210 WITH 30 EIGHTH TONNERS AND 12 QUARTER TONNERS HIT 1 TANK

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DESTROYED WITH SWIRL AND FLAME TO 1000 FEET AA NIL. 6 KITTYHAWKS AND 4 THUNDERBOLTS ON SEARCH FOR DOWNED PILOT SOUTHEAST MOROTAI 0800-1600 NEGATIVE RESULTS. 2 LIBERATORS ON SULU ARCHIPELAGO SEARCH 1640-1900 LOCATED 1 CL AND 2 DD OFF Jolo. 11 MITCHELLS WEATHERED OUT MINDANAO HIT MIPI WITH 1/4 QUARTER TONNERS 1323 RESULTS UNOBSERVED. 16 MITCHELLS HIT AROE GALEL AND LOLOBATA WITH 60 QUARTER TONNERS 1330 FROM 5,000 FEET RESULTS GENERALLY UNOBSERVED AA NIL. 2 MUSTANGS ON ARMED RECCO SARANGANI BAY 1900 STRAFED BARGES. FIRES CAUSED 1 HUGE EXPLOSION SLIGHT LIGHT INACCURATE AA. 18 THUNDERBOLTS AND 3 LIGHTNINGS ON LOCAL PATROL 0545-1840 NIL ENEMY SIGHTINGS. 3 RAAF BEAUFIGHTERS ON JOLU ISLAND SWEEP 0930 NIL ATTACKS. 8 KITTYHAWKS DROPPED 22 X 260 POUND FRAGS ON PERSONNEL AND SUPPLY AREA NORTH GALEAD LAKE 1430 ALL BOMBS IN TARGET AREA RESULTS UNOBSERVED INTENSE MEDIUM ACCURATE AA DOWNEd 1 PLANE DAMAGED ANOTHER. 2 LIGHTNINGS ON DIPOLalog PATROL 0820-0930 NIL ENEMY CONTACTS. 19 KITTYHAWKS HIT LOLOBATA AREA 1000-1500 WITH 38 QUARTER TONNERS, HITS OBSERVED IN VILLAGE AREA DESTROYING WAREHOUSES AND SUPPLIES MODERATE HEAVY INACCURATE AA. 14 KITTYHAWKS DROPPED 40 X 260 POUND FRAGS ON HUTS AND SUPPLY AREA AT AROE RADIO TIABO* REGET AREAS 1020-1730 SLIGHT MEDIUM INACCURATE AA. 7 RAAF BEAUFIGHTERS ON SWEEP SANGIHE MWLNK AND DJAIOLO SJJSFJA* LEFT SINKING 1 VA. 1 MITCHELL DROPPED 12 QUARTER TONNERS ON LINOKAS TANK FARM 1220 ALL BOMBS IN TARGET AREA CAUSING SMOKE AND FIRE AA NIL. 4 KITTYHAWKS ON HALMAHERA BARGE SWEEP 0620-0745 DROPPED 12 EIGHTH TONNERS INSIDE WAREHOUSES AND SUPPLY AREAS MODERATE MEDIUM ACCURATE AA. 2 PHOTO LIGHTNING COVERED HALMAHERA 0745-1130. 3 BLACK WIDOWS
AND 1 LIGHTNING ON LOCAL PATROL 2340 THE 7TH - 0300 NIL ENEMY CONTACTS.

ALERTS ON MOROTAI: YELLOW 0345 THE 8TH RED 0346 ALL CLEAR 0507.

BGLOYG • APPROACHED FROM THE SOUTH MADE 4 RUNS, FROM THE SOUTH
SOUTHEAST EAST AND NORTHEAST, ILLUMINATED AND ENGAGED BY 90 MM
RESULTS UNOBSERVED 30 - 35 BOMBS DROPPED NIL IN AREA.

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DESTROYERS BOMBARDED WESTERN COAST OF ORMOC BAY ON 7TH. PB4M STRAFED 5000 TON AK OFF SOUTHERN MINDORO.

SHIP EXPLODED HURLING DEBRIS INTO PLANE. LOUISVILLE AND ESCORT DUE MANUS TODAY. MOROTAI PTS SHELLED MIGHTY ISLAND. ORMOC LANDINGS REPORTED IN CTF 77 SECRET 071038. MACARTHUR.
CTF 94 GIVES ACTION CINOPAC INFO ISCOM SAIPAN CTF 93.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Advance Echelon General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area Leyte Philippines
To: War Department
Nr: 05454 8 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA and MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department cite C 05454*. Operations Report SWESPAC area period 1500Z/6th to 1500Z/7th and MacArthur.

Philippines: Manila: 15 vessels sighted including 8 freighters December 5th.

Mashate: 2 seaplanes sighted anchored off northwest point morning December 7th. & Brunei Bay following day.

Part 2. Air Enemy action: Leyte:

Fighter patrols destroyed three additional raiders December 5th. 30 raiders made two ineffective attacks and lost four planes with two more probably destroyed by Allied patrols December 6th.

30 to 40 planes over Allied positions at night, anti-aircraft shot down eight and Allied fighters claimed two more, including one transport plane destroyed over Tacloban strip. Attacks against Allied convoy south Ormoc caused some damage December 7th; preliminary report states 10 enemy planes shot down by Naval anti-aircraft fire, 52 others shot down by Allied fighters western Leyte during day, five Allied fighters lost but pilots rescued.

Morotai:

Anti-aircraft fire damaged one of four raiders pre-dawn December 6th.

CM-IN-8024 (8 Dec 44)

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Advance Echelon General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area Leyte Philippines

Nr: 0 5454* 8 December 1944

Operations December 5th:

(1) Eight P-47's from Leyte bombed Talisay airdrome Negros Island; 16 P-40's attacked barge hideouts northeast Samar Island and strafed installations along west coast; 16 more P-40's caused explosions and set supplies afire Palompon, northwestern Leyte; eight P-38's dive bombed enemy positions south Limon.

(2) Four B-24's exploded fuel dumps and hit railroad installations northern Borneo.

(3) Two B-24's harassed Celebes airdromes before dawn; two B-24's started fires Manado town; 25 B-25's covered runways and dispersed Langowan and Tomanin airdromes.

(4) 65 B-24's, 8 A-20's and 1 B-25 ATC scored excellent coverage through all Halmahera airdromes destroyed one grounded bomber; 8 P-40's bombed supplies and buildings around coast.

(5) 8 RAAF P-40's destroyed buildings western Geelvink Bay and MacCluer Gulf.

Operations December 6th:

(6) Palau based B-24's caused fires and explosions Lahu Airdrome, Cebu; P-38's probably destroyed two of five fighters encountered over Negros; three predawn B-24's raided Manila and Visayan Airdromes.

CM-IN-8024 (8 Dec 44)
From: Advance Echelon General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area Leyte Philippines

Nr: 0 5454 8 December 1944

(7) 12 Darwin B-24's crated runways and dispersals Boro Boro and Kendari.

(8) 7 RAAF B-24's hit jetty and scored near misses seaplane Lombok Island, strafed and damaged another seaplane nearby.

Operations December 7th:

(9) Preliminary report states Allied planes intercepted and sank complete reinforcement convoy comprising four transports (7/8,500 tons), two smaller freighter transports and 7 destroyers and destroyer escorts off northwestern Leyte.

(10) Pelau based B-24's raided Legaspi airdrome, southeastern Luzon.

(11) One predawn B-24 harassed Visayan Airdromes, another started fires and exploded ammunition dumps Clark Field, Manila; predawn Marines sank medium transport southeastern Luzon, left small seaplane dead in water Marindique Island, and sank small freighter Puerto Princesa Harbour; day B-24's sank two small freighters and set two coastal vessels afire northeast Mindoro, left three small freighters afire Tablas Island, sank small seaplane and lugger northwest Masbate, set one small freighter afire damaged two others near Coron Bay.

(12) Darwin B-24 bombed Manatuto Town; single Beaufort attacked village southern Timor.

CM-IN-3024 (8 Dec 44)
From: Advance Echelon General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area Leyte Philippines

Nr: C 5454* 8 December 1944

(13) Three A-20's attacked Muschu Island bivouacs,
Solomons Forces,
Air.

Operations December 5 and 6:

(14) 67 Marine and New Zealand Corsairs bombed
bivouac plantations and gun positions Bougainville; 26 B-25's,
5 Venturas and 13 New Zealand Corsairs attacked similar tar-
gets through New Ireland; 84 Marine and New Zealand Corsairs,
two B-25's and two Venturas swept Gazelle Peninsula and
demolished buildings Reibaul area.

Land.
Leyte:

X Corps: 32nd Division made slow progress against
stubborn opposition, captured four artillery pieces on ridge
2,100 yards southwest Limon. 1st Cavalry units continued
attacks against enemy positions Mount Catabran.

XXIV Corps: 77th Division captured Ipil, extended
beachhead 3,000 yards south and 2,000 yards inland. 7th
Division advanced north to Tagbas River, enemy casualties
reported heavy. 11th Airborne Division units remained in
contact east Moheag; rear elements turned back enemy drive
from west towards Buri strip morning December 6th, killed 40;
200 to 300 enemy parachutists landed Buraun airfield area
same evening, next day were cleared from San Pablo and Beyug.

CM-IN-3024 (8 Dec 44)
From: Advance Echelon General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area Leyte Philippines

Mr: O5454o 8 December 1944

strips, some remaining on Buri under attack. Main strength 38th Division landed Leyte December 6th, elements released to Commanding General XXIV Corps *clearing Buri *

Part 3.

(1) Dropped unstated number 500 lb bombs *, no other details.

* Part dropped 6 250 lb bombs.

(3) B-24's dropped 3 250 lb and 6 100 lb bombs, met slight medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire. * B-24's dropped 312 * slight medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire Lonlojn * dropped 24 500 lb, * 250 lb bombs * moderate heavy some accurate anti-aircraft fire *.

Paragraphs 5 and 6. No details.

(7) Dropped 96 * 1b bombs * to *; moderate heavy inaccurate barrage type anti aircraft fire *.

(8) Dropped 35 500 lb bombs * from 5600 feet, * , met slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

Paragraphs 9 through 11 no details.

* 250 lb bombs, fired 200 rounds 50, 1100 rounds 30 calibre.

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No: 0 5454
8 December 1944

(13) Dropped 12 300 lb general purpose bombs 8
15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 3000 rounds
50 calibre.

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From: General Headquarters, SWPA, Advance, Leyte, Philippines

To: War Department

NR: 054542 8th December 1944

From GHQ SWPA gsd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department, 054542. Operations Report SD/ESPAO area period 1500Z/6th to 1500Z/7th signed MacArthur.

Correction to page 1, line 7.

Philippines: Manila:

15 vessels sighted including eight freighters December 5th.

Masbate:

Two seatrucks sighted anchored off northwest point morning December 7th.

Panay:

Seven freighters, four destroyers, two escorts sighted heading southeast off northeast point of island 2310Z/6.

Leyte:

30 enemy aircraft indicated over area December 6th, 40 to 50 at night.

CM-IN-9001 (9 Dec 44)
From: General Headquarters, SWPA, Advance, Leyte, Philippines
To: C 54542, 6th December 1944

Jolo:

Reconnaissance plane evening December 7th sighted one light cruiser, one destroyer, one destroyer escort in harbour.

Borneo:

Three light cruisers reported by aircraft heading northeast 120 miles north north east Balikpapan afternoon December 6th; one transport many small boats sighted Brunei Bay following day.

Correction to page 5, line 1 end of message.

(1) Dropped unstated number 500 lb bombs Talisay, no other details.

(2) Dropped 36 250 lbs.

(3) B24’s dropped 18 250 lb and 6 100 lb bombs, met slight medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire; B25’s dropped 312 100 lb bombs; light medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire Longoan.

(4) Dropped 24 by 500 lb, 977 by 250 lb bombs, met moderate heavy some accurate anti-aircraft fire.

Paragraphs five and six, no details.

(7) Dropped 96 500 lb bombs 1/10th second delay from 15,000 to 10,000 feet; moderate heavy inaccurate barrage type
From: General Headquarters, SWPA, Advance, Leyte, Philippines
NR: 0 54542, 8th December 1944

anti-aircraft fire Kendari.

(8) Dropped 35 500 lb bombs 1/10 second delay from 5600 feet, fired 8000 rounds 50 calibre, met slight light inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

Paragraphs 9 through 11, no details.

(12) Dropped 19 250 lb bombs, fired 200 rounds 50, 1200 rounds, 50 calibre.

(13) Dropped 12 300 lb general purpose bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 3000 rounds 50 calibre.

End

Supplement to CM-IN-8024 (8 Dec 44) OPD

ACTION: OPD

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CM-IN-9001 (9 Dec 44) 1751Z mcs
CTF 73 SENDS ACTION COM 7TH FLT COM 3RD FLT COMAAF 5 COMAAF 13 COMAAF CINCWSPA CTF 77 ALL TF AND TG COMRS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS CINCPOA 308 BOMBSING.

6 SEARCHING XBOPRIOJCS* FROM LEYTE DECEMBER 7 FOUND FINE WEATHER EXCEPT EAST COAST LUZON AND EXTREME LIMIT SECTOR Q. NP AND R ALL SAW NP CONVOY VICINITY 11-35, 124-05 ABOUT 0750. 4 FTA'S 2 SB'S 4 DO'S 3 ESCORTS OR ARMED TRANSPORTS. R COUNTED 13 SINGLE ENGINE PLANES CIRCILING HIGH OVERHEAD. RETURNING AT 1625 P LOCATED REMNANTS PAW IS1DRO (HARBOR 11-23, 124-18). DROPPED 2500'S ON FTA ALREADY BURNING AND DESTROYED IT. SAW 1 DD ON FIRE ANOTHER SETTLING BY STERN 3 ESCORTS BURNING AND SINKING. SEVERAL DOZEN JAPS ALIVE AND DEAD ON BEACH. SECTOR RESULTS FOLLOW ALL TIMES I POSITIONS NORTH AND EAST. N FULL DISTANCE AND COVERAGE ONLY REPORTED ABOVE CONVOY. 0 FULL DISTANCE AND
COVERAGE NO SIGHTINGS. P WENT 465 MILES COVERAGE 10. FOUND
3 SC'S ANCHORED AT 12-36 122-14 TIME 1000 LEFT ALL BURNING WITH
INCENDIARIES. 3 SC'S AT 11-57. 120-13. TIME 1425 LEFT 1 BURN-
ing. OTHER 2 STRAFED AND DAMAGED. ATTACKED CONVOY RETURNING.
Q SEARCHED 535 MILES COVERAGE 90. NO SIGHTINGS. R WENT FULL
DISTANCE COVERED PART OF SECTOR Z TOTAL 1700 MILES. COVERAGE
190. REPORTED CONVOY. FOUND 1 SD AND 1 LUGGER AT 12-27. 123-13
ANCHORED AND CAMOUFLAGED TIME 0900. BOTH SUNK DESTROYED 1
JAKE TIME 1230. 2 SC'S 2 SD'S AT 13-26. 121-12 TIME 1500 SANK
2 SC'S WITH 5 HUNDRED POUNDERS. 2 SD'S FIRED WITH INCENDIARIES.
1 SD 1 LUGGER AT 13-09. 121-29 CAMOUFLAGED AND ANCHORED NO BOMBS
LEFT. 2 DE'S AT 13-10. 122-21 CAMOUFLAGED COURSE 330 SPEED 20
TIME 1600 RECEIVED INTENSE MEDIUM INACCURATE ACK ACK. 1 SB 12-15,
124-00. INTENSE INACCURATE ACK ACK FROM 3 INCH GUN ON BOW. Z
RETURNED AFTER 400 MILES COVERAGE 50% EAST OF ST LUZON WHEN ENGINE
QUIT. NO CONTACTS.

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AS RECEIVED
SUMMARY 7 DECEMBER.

LANDING OPERATIONS ORMOC BAY CARRIED OUT ACCORDING PLAN WITH MINOR OPPOSITION ENCOUNTERED ASHORE. 4 LSM'S AND 1 LCI UNABLE RETRACT. WILL ATTEMPT REFLOAT AT HIGH WATER AND RETIRE TO BAY. ATTACK FORCE DEPARTED OBJECTIVE AREA ABOUT 1130 FOR RETURN LEYTE GULF.

PRELIMINARY REPORT DAMAGES SUSTAINED DURING NUMEROUS AIR ATTACKS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

WARD APD 16 SERIOUSLY HIT DURING DIVE BOMBING ATTACK AT 0950 AND ABANDONED.
MAHAN DD 364 ALSO BADLY DAMAGED BY AIR ATTACK. BOTH WARD AND MAHAN ORDERED SUNK BY GUNFIRE AFTER REMOVAL PERSONNEL.

LIDDLE APD 60 WAS SUICIDE CRASH DIVED IN BRIDGE STRUCTURE. ESTIMATE 8 OFFICERS AND UNKNOWN NUMBER MEN KILLED OR WOUNDED. LIDDLE REPORTED ABLE PROCEED UNDER OWN POWER WITH EMERGENCY STEERING AFT X TUG STANDING BY.

FIRES REPORTED ON WALKE (DD 723) AND O'BRIEN (DD 725). EXTENT DAMAGES UNKNOWN. (These are in Capt Freeman's squadron)

SUICIDE DIVE AND BOMBING ATTACK AT 16301 CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE WITH HIT FORWARD ON LST 737. FIRE ON LAWSON DD 367 DUE TO HIT ON BRIDGE FROM SAME ATTACK APPARENTLY UNDER

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**Control**: LAMSON UNDER TOW FOR RETURN LEYTE.

**Hope AH 7** reported under air attack about 1900 on 6 December position Lat 10°47' N Long 125°30' E while departing LEYTE. Ship was illuminated and observing full hospital ship procedure. 2 bombs missed starboard quarter. No reported damage to ship.

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ON 6 DEC RESUPPLY UNIT ATTACKED BY AT LEAST 8 PLANES OFF SOUTHERN LEYTE. DRAYTON (DD 366) HIT BY SUICIDE PLANE. NUMBER 1 GUN OUT OF COMMISSION.

LSM 20 SUNK BY Suicide DIVE. ANOTHER Suicide EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED LST 23. 5 PLANES SHOT DOWN HOPE (AH 7) REPORTS BEING MISSED BY 2 BOMBS OFF LEYTE ON 6TH. AIRNORSOLS MAINTAINS CONTINUOUS POUNDING OF JAP INSTALLATIONS.

MACARTHUR.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
CTF 73 SENDS ACTION CINCPOA CINCSPWA COMAAF COM 3RD AND 7TH FLTS CTF 77 COMAF 5 COMAF 13 308 BOMBWING ALL TFC AND TGC 3RD AND 7TH FLTS.

5 NIGHT MARINERS FROM LEYTE SEARCHED ABC AND COVERED ORMOC BAY LANDINGS AND TASMANIA OPERATION DEC 6/7.

ALL TIMES ITEM. POSITIONS NORTH AND EAST.


B. ATTACKED 1 SD 13-40, 121-55 TIME 0200 COURSE 000 SPEED 6 LEFT DEAD IN WATER. SAW 1 SC 12-15, 122-40 TIME 0430 COURSE 100 SPEED 5. SIGHTED ANCHORED SC AND SD AT 12-35, 123-15 TIME 0500.
C. DESTROYED 1 SC IN PUERTO PRINCESA HARBOR. SAW
3 Schooners between 09-00, 122-55 and 09-08, 123-15
TIME 04-10. POSSIBLE SUB CONTACT 07-22, 119-58
TIME 2105.
D. AND E. SEARCH RESULTS NEGATIVE. DEC 7/8 NIGHT
MARE INTENTS A B C.

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GREATLY CONCERNED BY JAPANESE AIR RAIDS ON MARIANAS WHICH
HAVE IN 3 RAIDS EFFECTED SUBSTANTIAL ATTENTION TO B-29
AIRCRAFT INCLUDING 7 DESTROYED, 9 MAJOR DAMAGED, 39
DAMAGED. OUR B-29 RAIDS ON JAPANESE HOMELAND WILL CONTINUE
TO PROVOKE DESPERATE AND FANATICAL COUNTERACTION. CONSIDER
THAT HEAVY BOMBING OF TWO JIMA IS A CONSTRUCTIVE MEASURE
BUT DO NOT BELIEVE WILL PREVENT FUTURE ENEMY AIR ATTACKS
ON OUR B-29 BASES. RAIDS WILL STILL BE POSSIBLE BY LONG RANGE
AIRCRAFT FROM JAP HOMELAND WITH A POSSIBILITY OF EMPLOYING

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CTG 77.3 SENDS ACTION TO CTF 77 INFO CINCPAC COMINCH
ROO STATION NAP PASS TO CINCSWA AND NTF (ROO MANUS)
PASS TO COMGRDLT)

SUMMARY LEYTE GULF FOR 36 HOURS PERIOD ENDING 0800 7TH
ALL TIMES 1. SURFACE COMBAT PATROL QUIET UNTIL 1813 6TH
WHEN GROUPS OF BOGIES PICKED UP TO SOUTH AND WEST. FIRST
WARNING OF APPROACHING ENEMY PLANES RECEIVED 2 HOURS PRE-
VIOUSLY WITH CONTACT REPORTS 10 MINUTES PREVIOUS FROM
PICKET IN SURIGAO STRAIT. 1 BETTY APPROACHED IN DUSK
DROPPED TORPEDO AT 1500 YARDS. PLANE ESCAPED NO TORPEDO
TRACK SEEN. ANOTHER BOGIE DROPPED WINDOW 10 MILES AWAY
AT 1900.

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CTF 77 throws action CINOPAC COMINCH INFO COMYTHFLT.

Following info from captured survivor JAP Destroyer KUWA sunk early morning 3 December in ORMIC BAY, LEYTE by BLUE DD's. Vessel described as 1,000 Meters Length, Speed 25 or 26 Knots. Main Battery 2 12.7 CENTIMETER D/P guns. 1 Quadruple Torpedo Tube Mount. Depth Charges and Radar. KUWA commissioned late June this year. Other known ships this class include MAKI, Matsu, Take, Mom and Ume. One other seen under construction Kure in November. KUWA, Take and MAKI in DESRON 11 with ISUALU flagship. No division organization and no other ships known to be in squadron.

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Washington Parties
Lt. Col. H. K. Hewitt

Honolulu Parties
Col. Argenbrandt

Telecon Message 07-W

SUBJECT: Query on Attack on Nisey Field

Following telecon is herewith passed to you:

Telecon Message FDO7-W 0716222 Operation Priority Secret

From: COL 0622 W. O. Date: To: CLC/AF 20 Info: DIPLO/AF 20

Ref: Query on Attack on Nisey Field.

One red alert lasting from 0100-0200 to 061047Z occurred. During this alert several low level strafing attacks were made. Two planes shot down by AA on land were Betty's. Total of 4 sure and 1 probable claimed by Saipan. One sure by tinian AA fire. Two or three high level bomb runs made between 15,000 and 20,000 foot altitude. Five hundred or more unexploded one third kilogram anti plane bombs picked up on Nisey one and vicinity. Damage to our 1/4 consists of three B-26's destroyed twenty-three B-26's with minor damage from strafing and bombs. One 30 minor damage. Casualties reported were, one dead, one seriously wounded, one slightly wounded and about 200 minor injuries. Very low flying bogies picked up by destroyer located 76 miles north of Saipan who relayed to air defense command at 001744Z AA defenses immediately alerted on Tinian and Saipan and additional night fighters scrambled. Initial contact by Saipan radar at 061747Z indicated very low flying bogie 90 miles north. Red flash was given at 061004Z. Several radar contacts by night fighters could not be developed due to dropping RC by enemy. Seven radar targets closed to Saipan and three opened.

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area
      Leyte, Philippines

To: War Department

C 54489, 7 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department cite C 54489. Operations report SWESPAC area period 1500Z/5th to 1500Z/6th signed MacArthur.

Philippines: Mindoro: Four seatrucks sighted anchored off Calean December 6; 42 enemy twin-engined bombers and fighters sighted heading southeast over north coast by reconnaissance FBFF from Leyte December 6.

Boracay Strait: Convoy reported as one escort vessel, four light cruisers, three destroyers, one merchantman sighted on easterly course early afternoon December 6; three destroyers, seven merchant ships reported entering Camotes Sea from north following morning.

Calean group: One tanker, one large freighter transport, three gunboats, one destroyer sighted heading north vicinity Coron Bay December 4.

Borneo: Nine seatrucks sighted at Jesselton December 5, some planes reported on airstrip at Kitau 30 miles south southeast; in Brunei Bay one tanker (8000 tons), three seatrucks sighted December 5.

Leyte: Some enemy infiltration reported Buri area, 14 enemy planes dropped paratroops San Pablo and Buri strips (Dulag area) night December 5.

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Part 2.

Naval: PT boats and P-40’s attacked coastal guns north-east Morotai night December 4 and Halmahera targets following night. Leyte PT boats saw seven supply laden and troop filled barges heading east on Camotes Islands night December 5.

Air: Enemy action: Two torpedo bombers attacked Allied warships east Leyte, both destroyed by air cover afternoon December 6.

Operations December 3:
(1) Two Beaufighters strafed installations and damaged barges Sarangani and Balut islands south Mindanao; six RAAF A-20’s hit barracks areas Davao and Manado.

(2) Two Beaufighters strafed buildings Lembeh Strait; eight P-38’s attacked Sidate airdrome; 28 B-24’s hit Malimoeng airdrome Fare Fare, fighter escort forced return due weather; 23 B-24’s covered by 14 P-38’s bombed Mandal airdrome Macassar; nine P-38’s hit Schönbner offshore and strafed Kendari airdrome, one P-38 lost.

(3) Nine B-24’s cratered runways Miti and Lololaba; 52 B-25’s and eight P-40’s started fires through Halmahera airdromes.

(4) Eight RAAF P-40’s bombed airdromes Halmahera and targets around Vogelkop Peninsula; four B-25’s swept Halmahera and Ceram, bombed warehouses; one B-25 and 11 A-20’s weathered out from Miti, bombed targets Sorong area.

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Operations December 4:

(5) Three B-24's started many fires through central and southern Celebes airfields at night; five B-24's strafed dispersals at date airfield; two P-51's attacked small vessels along coast.

(6) 94 B-25's hit Lololetoa, Hatetabako and Djalolo airfield; many fires and destroyed grounded bombers, one B-25 lost; 12 P-40's attacked Miti, Gelaia and Kau airfields and warehouses.

(7) Four RAAF P-40's bombed islands west Utarar, Dutch New Guinea.

Operations December 5:

(8) Patrol planes set two small freighters afire Manila area, exploded medium freighter and left seaplane burning fiercely south Mindoro, destroyed lugger Tablas Island and sank seaplane north off Davao.

(9) Other search planes sank seaplane north Jesselton, exploded fuel dumping Miri and damaged small freighter off Hog Point, northern Borneo; also destroyed seaplane and coastal vessel north Talaul Island.

Operations December 6:

(10) B-24 patrols set seaplane and lugger afire north-western Mindoro and shot down float plane off Panay.

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(11) Two Darwin B-24's bombed Manatuto and Atapoepe, Timor; single Beaufort attacked Atamboca.

(12) Four B-25's bombed Sauri village near Wewak; four A-20's hit bivouacs Muschu Island.

Land. Leyte.

X Corps: 32nd Division has started advance south Limon. 1st Cavalry Division remained in contact with enemy north Mount Catabaran; artillery on Samar shelled Wright town.

XXIV Corps: 7th Division attacking north from Palanas River captured Hill 320 (northeast Balogo) and Hill 918. Elements 11th Airborne Division gained contact with enemy force 400 yards east Nahonag, continued attack against enemy positions north San Pedro; patrol contacted enemy force vicinity Mount Beto (44/05). 96th Division continued mopping up operations east slopes Mount Lobi.

Preliminary report: 7th Division less one combat team landed three miles southeast Ormoc 2200Z/6th, attacked north toward Ipil, met sporadic resistance.

Part 3.

(1) A-20's dropped 17 500 lb demolition and incendiary bombs.

(2) No details bombardment; intense heavy accurate anti-aircraft fire Malimoeng, moderate medium accurate anti-aircraft fire Sidate and Kendari.
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(3) B-24's dropped minimum 204 100 lb bombs, met moderate medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire; other planes dropped 12 250 lb, 468 100 lb bombs, 12 250 lb frags, met intense, heavy accurate anti-aircraft fire.

(4) P-40's dropped unstated number 1000 lb and 500 lb bombs; B-25's and A-30's dropped 50 500 lb bombs.

(5) B-24's dropped 91 100 lb bombs, met moderate heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(6) Dropped 10 500 lb, 22 250 lb, 1192 100 lb bombs, met moderate to intense medium accurate anti-aircraft fire.

(7) Dropped 6 100 lb bombs.

Paragraphs 8 through 10. No details.

(11) B-24's dropped 24 250 lb bombs from 6000 to 2000 feet, fired 900 rounds 50 calibre; Beaufort dropped 6 250 lb bombs from 1500 feet, fired 360 rounds 30 calibre.

(12) Dropped 32 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 3400 rounds 50 calibre.
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    Hollandia, New Guinea
    CO US Army Forces, China Theater, Chungking, China

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info CINCSWPA, CG USAF India Burma, CG USAF China, CG
20th BOMCOM and CG SOFACBACOM with all dates in east
longitude time and

Navy searchers sank two boats 5 December at Malaalop
20 feet long and 30 feet long respectively.

Other air action same date comes now.

Rota gun positions and runway were hit by Avengers
and Corsairs. Pagan taxiway was bombed by other Corsairs
while Army P 47's strafed storage areas. At Babelthupau
large warehouse was destroyed by Marine fighters. Mitchells
searched Bonins and Kazan Retio for shipping but found
nothing.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CO AAF
      O-2
      Adm King

CM-IN-6996 (7 Dec 44) 15582

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HONOLULU INTERCEPT

CINCPAC SENDS ACTION ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS 3RD AND 7TH FLEETS INFO COM 7TH FLEET COM 3RD FLEET.

CINCPAC ULTRA.

INDICATIONS SOMETIME PRIOR TO 070658 (MINUS 9) NIP PLANE SIGHTED SOMETHING IN POSIT 10-37N 124-38E.

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| COM 7TH FLTS INTELLIGENCE|
| SUMMARY GARBLED CALL |
| TEMPORARY CONSMESPACE CALL (LK5N) |

HONO INTERCEPT

(Ctg 72-1 SEnds)

PT RESULTS 5/6.

LEYTE. ORMOC PATROL ON STATION 2045 TO 0130 NO

SHIPPING ENTERED OR LEFT BAY UNABLE REPORT PRESENCE OF SHIPMING UPPER BAY. NIP FLOAT PLANES SIGHTED BY

PATROL 6 TIMES 2018 TO 2250. 1 STRAFIING ATTACK NO HITS ON BOATS. CAMOTES PATROL 325 AND 324 ON STATION

2200 TO 0210. 0020 SANK, 6 TYPE A BARGES 600 YARDS NORTHWEST TALONG POINT OACIJAN* ISLAND. SMALL ARMS RETURN FIRE FROM BARGES NINPT FLRLMBIKE* FROM 1 GUN TALONG POINT. SLIGHT DAMAGE TO

325. NWACASEGHIES*. 3 BARGES LOADED PERSONNEL OTHERS SUPPLIES. ALL HEADED EAST. NIP PLANE ASSISTED ON

BARGES BY BombING AND STRAFING. 1 COMPLETING ITS DESTRUCTION. IX POGNS* CONTACTS THIS PATROL 2055 TO

0215. 1 ATTACK BY FLOAT PLANE WEST OF PACVSANRIE* AND 2 BOMBS 1 STRAFING RUN. NO DAMAGE TO BOATS. PATROL

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By DBS, Date May 21, 1973

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SIGHTED PROBABLE FLOATING CONTACT MINE 1 MILE DUE NORTH OF TALONG ISLAND. MINE APPARENTLY ADrift. BOATS ASSIGNED PICK UP OF COOPER SURVIVORS AT MATLING UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT. WERE FLWLO RDQSOSL* REACH FROM 0015 TO 0130. VILLAGE AND BEACH APPEARED DESERTED. MT OREIKVY* 25 WEST OF CESUGRIN GRANDE ISLAND. A ZEKE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE DIVE ON 3 BOATS MISSING 494 BY 100 FEET. NO LTMBG* NOR CASUALTIES. PLANE BELIEVED HEADED FOR BLUE CONVOY WHEN DAMAGED BY BOAT ACK ACK. 0225 OFF TVNABPONSON* ISLAND 494 AND 531 DAMAGED AND SET FIRE 1 LOADED TYPE A BARGE. CONTENTS UNKNOWN. STRONG INDICATIONS NIPS USED V YEFox* CHANNEL C. PROBABLY FROM NIP PLANES OVER ORMOC. AREA 123 PATROL ON STATION 1900 TO 0300. BOATS PICKED UP ARMY SCOUT PARTY CBJAC* LEYTE. MORPTCI* BOATS AND P FORTIGA* BOMBED AND STRAFED MITK* ISLAND AND KAPA.

* AS RECEIVED
**Naval Message**

**Drifter:** T-128

**Released by:** CMINCH

**Date:** 6 December 1944

**TOR Code Room:** 861554

**Decoded by:** MCKEEL

**Components:**
- **ADMIRAL:** CINCPAC
- **TO:** COMNAVEU
- **SUBJECT:** COMNAVNAV

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**Message:**

**EARLY AFTERNOON 5 DECEMBER ENEMY AIRCRAFT ATTACKED BLUE CONVOY NORTHEAST MINDANAO. PROBABLY SUNK ONE MERCHANT VESSEL AND DAMAGED ANOTHER TYPE UNIDENTIFIED. SAME DAY JAP PLANES ATTACKED OUR SURFACE UNITS, LEYTE GULF AND DAMAGED ONE DD. TWO NIP PLANES SHOT DOWN BY ASSAULT TWO MORE BY CAP.**

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CTF 77 SENDS ACTION CINCSWPA INFO COM 7TH FLEET COMINCH; CINCPAC COM THIRD FLEET

SUMMARY 6 DECEMBER. CONVOY REPORTED UNDER AIR ATTACK.
SUMMARY 5 DECEMBER SUSTAINED DAMAGE TO SS SAUGRAIN WHICH WAS ABANDONED BUT LATER TAKEN IN TOW BY TUG WITH PF STANDING BY. SALVAGE DOUBTFUL. NO LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED AND SURVIVORS ON BOARD TWO ESCORTING PF'S. NO OTHER DAMAGE TO CONVOY NOW KNOWN. FURTHER INFORMATION ON ATTACK ON FORCE IN NORTH SURIAGAO STRAIT RETURNING FROM SUPPLY TRIP TO BAY ON FIVE DEC. UNDER CONTINUOUS SNEAK ATTACKS FROM 0100 UNTIL DAYLIGHT WHEN CAP ARRIVED. 6 BOMBS DROPPED. NEAR MISS ON _____
DRAYTON DD 366 KILLED TWO MEN WOUNDED SEVEN. MINOR DAMAGE TO SHIP. SS SAUGRAIN UNDER SURPRISE ATTACK FROM 11051 TO 1120 BY EIGHT PLANES. TWO SHOT DOWN BY CAP THREE HIT BY AA AND CRASHED WIDE. ONE PLANE HIT LSM 20 SQUARELY CAUSING SHIP TO BURN AND LATER SINK AT POSITION LAT 10-11.7° N LONG 125-19 E. NUMBER SURVIVORS NOT YET KNOWN. ANOTHER PLANE HIT LST 23 GLANCING BLOW CAUSING FIRE AND EXTENSIVE DAMAGE. DRAYTON RECEIVED ADDITIONAL DAMAGE AT 11061 WHEN PLANE CRASHED DIVED INTO NUMBER 1 GUN PUTTING GUN OUT OF COMMISSION. NUMBER 1 MAGAZINE FLOODED DUE FIRE BUT MAGAZINE NOW DRY.

COPY TO 20G
From: CHIMPAC
Released by:
Date: 6 December 1944
To: Code: 988743
Decoded by: MONROE
Paraphrased by: MONROE
Checked by: LENHAN
Dittoed by: MONROE
Information:

Secretary

Urgent Routine Deferred Basegram

Priority Routine Deferred Basegram

IF Operational Check Below

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

No Intercept

(CHIMPAC SENDS ACTION ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS 7TH FLEET)

ULTRA

JAP PLANE MADE CONTACT REPORT AT 061435 (MINUS 9) IN POSIT 12-17 N 125-56 E.

E. Leyte

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ACTION F-2
From: Advanced Echelon, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines
To: War Department
No: C 54447
6 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur Chief of Staff War Department cite C 54447. Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/4th to 1500Z/5th sgd MacArthur.

Borneo:
5 seatrucks 3 luggers sighted Sandakan by reconnaissance aircraft, 4 bombers, 4 fighters on Mori Air-drome December 4th.

Celebes:
Photographs December 4th Kendari/Macassar area showed 4 bombers, 2 fighters Ambesia, dive bombers Malimpoeng (Pare Pare).

Part 2.
Naval:
Morotai PT boats with cooperating P-40s set coastal warehouses afire Halmahera December 3rd.

Air:
Enemy action: Single torpedo bomber attacked Allied hospital ship east Siargao Island December 3rd; during morning and afternoon attacks against Allied shipping southeast.

CM-IN-6538
(7 Dec 44)
From: Advanced Echelon, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

No: 0 54447 6 December 1944

Leyte, fighter patrols shot down 6 planes and anti-aircraft fire claimed 3 more December 5th.

Operations December 2nd:

(1) 22 B-24s covered runways and revetments at Dumaguete, 7 P-47s weathered out from escort; 8 P-38s swept Fabrica Airdrome; 5 probably destroyed, one damaged of 11 fighters encountered.

(2) 18 B-24s destroyed grounded bomber and started 3 large fires Cagayan dispersal areas, 12 F-38s escort forced return; 6 other P-38s destroyed 3 grounded bombers damaged one fighter Matina; 12 P-47s strafed Padada Airdrome destroyed one grounded fighter damaged one bomber.

(3) 2 B-24s bombed seaplane base Tavi Tavi.

(4) 35 B-25s demolished buildings and probably destroyed 2 grounded Bettya Kendari; 7 other B-25s raided Boro Boro.

(5) 5 P-40s and 2 P-51s bombed coastal installations and sank 2 barges Lembeh Strait; 5 RAAF A-20s started fires Lingoan Airdrome.

(6) 10 P-40s swept Halmahera runs and supply dumps, started large fires.

(7) 22 B-25s weathered out from Boro Boro scored good coverage Namlea bivouacs and airdromes; 4 other B-25s attacked coastal vessels Boerce Island and Ceram.

CM-IN-6538

(7 Dec 44)
From: Advanced Echelon, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines
No: C 54447 6 December 1944

(8) 44 RAAF P-40s struck coastal installations and airdromes Vogelkop Peninsula.

Operations December 4th:

(9) 8 P-40s and 16 P-47s attacked supplies and bivouacs demolished buildings and damaged bridge Kananga, north Ormoc.

(10) Patrol B-24s exploded fuel barge and sank lugger Sarangan Bay, shot down bomber Davao Gulf; predawn mariner caused explosion amongst 3 barges northern Borneo.

November 5th.

Weather: Average conditions through Carolines, favorable through Philippines but adverse over Halmahera and Netherlands East Indies; clouds but average conditions along northern New Guinea and through Solomons.

Operations:

(11) 3 predawn B-24s raided airdromes Manila and Cebu; Navy patrol plane sank seaplane north Bohol Island.

(12) 16 P-47's destroyed 2 grounded bombers damaged 2 others, hit barracks and dispersals Legaspi; 8 other P-47's bombed Bulan airdrome, southwestern Luzon.

(13) Predawn B-24 from Darwin harassed Kendari; patrol CM-IN-6538 (7 Dec 44)
From: Advanced Echelon, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines.

No: C 54447

6 December 1944.

B-24 left seaplane ablaze and sinking north Flores Island; another B-24 bombed Manatuto Timor.

(14) 9 B-24's bombed bridges Wevak; 4 A-20's and 2 B-25's attacked village Kapiru Island.

Land.

Leyte: X Corps:

32nd Division consolidated positions December 4, attacked south next morning advanced 500 yards against heavy opposition, failed road block 2,500 yards south Limon destroyed 2 of 8 attacking tanks.

First Cavalry Division probed strong enemy positions mount Catebaran December 4; Eighth Cavalry initiated operations to seize Wright/Taft Highway, Samar Island.

24 Division continued patrolling southwest Mount Neman/Mount Lasah area, no enemy contact.

XXIV Corps: 7th Division units crossed Palamas River 5th December attacked toward Balogo, met light resistance; also attacked hill 918, unit reached Kang Degit.

11th Airborne Division troops advanced west from Lubi toward Nahtmag and Anas, no enemy contact.

CM-IN-6538 (7 Dec 44)
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From: Advanced Echelon, General Headquarters,
Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines.

Nr: 054447
6 December 1944.

96th Division continued elimination enemy forces
high ground southwest Daguam.

Elements 20th Armored Group assumed responsibility
for Corps rear area.

Cumulative Allied casualties:
Killed 2,048
Wounded 6,462
Missing 244

Enemy casualties to date:
Killed 26,095
Captured 194

Part 3.

(1) Dropped 72 500 lb bombs and 640 120 lb frags
from 9000 feet.

(2) B-24’s dropped 680 120 lb frags from 10,800
feet.

(3) Dropped 12 250 lb bombs

(4) Dropped 20 500 lb 273 100 lb bombs and 507
para frags, met slight medium and heavy inaccurate anti-
aircraft fire.

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(7 Dec 44)
From: Advanced Echelon, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

Nr: G 54447  6 December 1944.

(5) Dropped 12 500 lb, 14 250 lb bombs, 8 500 lb incendiaries, fired unreported number rounds; moderate heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire Lombok Strait.

(6) Dropped 8 500 lb, 22 250 lb bombs.

(7) Dropped 78 500 lb, 24 100 lb bombs, met moderate heavy inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(8) No details.

(9) Dropped 500 lb bombs.

(10) No details.

(11) Dropped unreported number 100 lb bombs; slight medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire Manila.

(12) No details.

(13) Dropped 24 250 lb, 10 100 lb bombs from 8000 feet, fired 1500 rounds 50 calibre.

(14) Dropped 132 300 lb bombs, fired 10,000 rounds 50 calibre.

Leyte combat air strength on December 5 comprised:

45th, 475th and 348th fighter groups, 110th Squadron

CM-IN-538 (7 Dec 44)
From: Advanced Echelon, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines.

Nr: 0 54447

6 December 1944.

(F-40's), 460th Squadron (P-47's), 2 night fighter squadrons, and 4 squadrons Marine F-40's, 1 squadron marine night fighter F-5's Philippines.

Luzon: 18 cruisers 3 destroyers 2 freighters sighted west Manila Bay course northwest midday December 5.

Leyte: Submarine reported off Ormoc Bay night December 2nd; following sighting by enemy reconnaissance planes 8 dive bombers 2 fighters attacked Allied shipping south Leyte Gulf morning December 5th.

End.

Corrected Copy of CM-IN-6051 (6 Dec 44) OPD

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/3

CG AAF

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Adm King

Col Park

Statistics

Log

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NIGHT 2-3 DECEMBER 3 BLUE DDS SWEPT CAMOTES SEA ENGAGED
UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY SHIPS NEAR ORMOC TOWN LEYTE. ONE
UNIDENTIFIED SHIP BELIEVED SUNK ANOTHER DAMAGED. OUR
SHIPS UNDER CONSTANT AIR ATTACK BY MANY TYPE PLANES SHOT
DOWN PLUS 2 PROBABLES. WE LOST ONE DO. 3 DECEMBER RE-
CONNAISSANCE PLANES OVER BALIKPAPAN AREA REPORTED SINKING
2 SMALL AK AND DAMAGING 1 PG.
(CTG 77.3 sends. Info to COM 7TH FLT COMINCH CINC PAC)

SUMMARY LYTE GULF 24 hour period ending 2000 5th all times item. Quiet until 1110 when observed AA fire from Tu 78.3.10 in lower Surigao Strait. In position 10-36 North 125-20 East at 1730 attacked by 2 Vals both flamed and splashed. Ships maneuvered at high speed. Combat air patrol claimed 2 probables. From distance observed attack on Tu 78.3.10 from 1715 until 1745. 1830 learned that Mugford was hit and proceeded her assistance.

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CTF 77 SLINGS ACTION CINCSWPA INFO COM 7TH FLT COMINCH CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT.

SUMMARY 5 DECEMBER.

CONVOY 5 ESCORTS AND 33 SHIPS VARIOUS TYPES ATTACKED BY 3 ENEMY PLANES KATES AT POSIT 09-56 N AND 127-17 E ABOUT USS C-7176 12451. SS ANTOINE SAURGAINÉ FROM CONVOY HIT BY 2 TORPEDOES.

PERSONNEL REPORTED BEING REMOVED AND SHIP ABANDONED. 1

OTHER SHIP SAME CONVOY REPORTED HIT BUT TYPE NOT KNOWN.

DESRON 56 WITH 3 DD'S PROCEEDED FROM LEYTE AS ADDITIONAL ESCORT. TASK GROUP 77.3 COMPOSED OF 2 CL'S AND 3 DD'S WERE UNDER AIR ATTACK ABOUT 17201 AT ENTRANCE LEYTE GULF. NO DAMAGE TO SHIPS. 2 PLANES SHOT DOWN BY SHIPS AND 2 SHOT DOWN BY CAP. MUGFORD DD 389 WHILE UNDER AIR ATTACK AT 17401 WAS SUICIDE CRASHED BY 1 OF 2 ATTACKING PLANES. SHIP WAS HIT AMIDSHIPS AND LEFT DEAD IN WATER. ATTACK OCCURRED...
LEYTE GULF. MUGFORD NOW BEING TOWED SAN PEDRO HARBOR. DAMAGE UNDETERMINED.

DELIVERED TO 20G.
COM 7TH FLT SENDS FOR CINCSWPA ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC.

CONVOY INCLUDING 20 XAK 5 LST UNDER AERIAL TORPEDO ATTACK ON 5TH EAST OF LEYTE. NO DETAILS. CATALINAS HAVE RESCUED AT LEAST 5 OFFICERS 92 ENLISTED FROM COOPER. SEARCH PLANE FROM LEYTE ON 2ND OVER BALIKPAPEN BORING BY 10 FIGHTERS WHILE VAL DROPPED AERIAL BOMBS FROM ABOVE. PLANE DAMAGED BUT RETURNED HAVING DOWNS 3 JAKES AND PROBABLY 1 JACK. ON 3RD ANOTHER SEARCH PLANE SANK SMALL AK AT BALIKPAPEN. 3RD SEARCHER DESTROYED JAKE OFF MINDORO ON 3RD. 6 LSD WITH ESCORT DUE LEYTE ON 8TH. MACARTHUR

COMINCH ACT

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area
       Advance, Leyte, Philippines.
To: War Department
No: C 54400 5 December 1944

Cite C 54400 from GHQ SWPA and MacArthur to
Chief of Staff War Department.

Part 1.
Philippines
Luzon
Manila

Reconnaissance plane reported 10 large 20 medium
20/30 small vessels in bay night December 3.

Destroyer sighted off Lubang Island course
southeast midday December 3.

H Mpgozo Strait:
One destroyer 2 freighter transports 3 escort
vessels sighted off Basanga Harbour December 3.

Visayan Sea:
Two transports 2 escort vessels with 8 fighters
covering sighted north Cebu morning December 3 heading
north, similar convoy later reported south Sibuyan Island.

Small freelancer transport 2 escort vessels also

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area Advance, Leyte, Philippines.
No: C 54400 5 December 1944

sighted on northwest course in Jintotolo Passage same morning.

Borneo:
Two medium merchant vessels 2 destroyer escorts 1 gunboat sighted Balikpapan.
Tarakan, Jolo, Tawi Tawi harbours reported empty same night.

Leyte:
Fifteen barges sighted by fighters at Ormoc, 50 between Ipil and Albueria December 3.

Part 2.

Naval:
Allied destroyers bombarded Ormoc and Palompon and sank south bound freighter southeast Masbate Island night December 1.

Air:
Operations November 30:
(1) 10 B 25's started fires amongst Dumaguete bivouacs Negros Island.

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area
Advance, Leyte, Philippines.

No: C 54400

5 December 1944

Ten escorting P 38's met 9 enemy fighters southwest of Panay, shot *********** night B 25's harassed * in northern Celebes and Halmahera.

(3) 24 B 24's cratered runways on Halmahera airstrips.

41 A 20's, 9 B 25's and 12 P 38's ********

Kendari airstrips before dawn and bombed Dili on Timor.

Four Dutch B 25's set barge on fire and strafed barge Alor Islands *********** continuing mopping * and consolidation.

Enemy night attacks repulsed. First Cavalry troops continued attack northeast mound.

XXIV Corps:

7th Division continued reinforcement its forces western Leyte, patrol north Palanas River line found 225 enemy dead.

11th Airborne troops advanced 1,200 yards north San Pedro toward Mount Majunag.

96th Division troops with tank support cleaned out

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Advance, Leyte, Philippines.

No: C 54400

5 December 1944

Strong enemy position * 25,498 enemy killed to date, 193 prisoners.

Part 3.

(1) Dropped unstated number parafrag, met slight light inaccurate antiaircraft fire.

(2) P 40's dropped 12,500 lb incendiaries, met intense medium inaccurate antiaircraft fire.

B 25's dropped 180 100 lb bombs.

(3) Bombs dropped included 3 1/2 500 lb, 132 100 lb bombs plus unstated number parafrag and paradesmos.

Moderate to intense medium and heavy inaccurate antiaircraft fire.

(4) Bombs dropped included 6 500 lb, 6 100 lb bombs.

(5) Dropped 192 250 lb bombs.

(6) Dropped 5 4 500 lb bombs.

(7) No details.

(8) B 25's dropped 32 100 lb bombs, fired 4,000 rounds 50 calibre.

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area
Advance, Leyte, Philippines.

No: 054400

5 December 1944

B 24 dropped 12 250 lb bombs from 6,200 feet.

(9) Dropped 16 500 lb medium capacity, 31 250
general purpose bombs, 6 250 lb incendiaries, fired
6,600 *

Status: Additional Marine squadron F 6F's, 3
squadrons F 4 U3 arrived from Palau December 4.

Airdrome construction report December 2:

Surfacing Tacloban dispersals continues; 4,960
feet mat laid Dulag; southeast taxiway matter; 3,500 feet
mat on Bayug, drainage work continuing; No work Buri,
clearing complete grading in progress Tanauaf.

End

Being serviced

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/S, CG AAP, ASF, G-2, Admiral King, Colonial Park,
Statistics, Log.

CM-IN-5220 (5 Dec 44) 2304Z m/w

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(CTG 77.3 SENDS INFO COMINCH CINCPAC CINCSOWESPAC COM 7TH FLT)

LEYTE GULF SECURITY SUMMARY FOR 2400 TO 20001 4TH.
NO NEAR BOGEY NO CONTACTS SURFACE OR SONAR. THIS
COMMAND HAS NOT REPORTED DESDIV 120 OPERATIONS NIGHT
2ND/3RD.
COM 3RD FLT sends action to CTF 38 info COMINCH CINCPAC

3rd Fleet

AT 0000 10 December cancel NMC 281100 and modifications thereto and place following temporary organization in effect:

TASK GROUP 38.1 REAR ADMIRAL MONTGOMERY IN YORKTOWN Wasp CONVINCING MONTEREY BAttDIV 8 LESS TROJANS, BALTIMORE SAN FRANCISCO

CISCO NEW ORLEANS SAN DIEGO DESRON 55 MCCORD HAGGARD FRANKS HUBBY BELLES BUCHANAN BROWN.

TASK GROUP 38.2 REAR ADMIRAL DOUG IN LEXINGTON HANCOCK HORNET CABOT INDEPENDENCE BATT DIV 7 PLUS WISCONSIN, VINCENNES

MIAMI PASADENA ASTORIA SAN JUAN DESRON 52 DESRON 61 DYSON SPEICE.

TASK GROUP 38.3 REAR ADMIRAL SHERMAN IN ESSEX TICONDEROGA SAN JACINTO LANGLEY BATT DIV 6 CRUDIV 13 LESS BIRMINGHAM PLUS

OAKLAND DESRON 50 DESRON 55 LESS IRWIN AND MORRISON PLUS TAYLOR.

Following ships granted extended availability and training period at IN THU until 20 December. CAPPS DAVID W TAYLOR
JOHN D. HEINLE, EVANS BOYD COWELL, TRATHEN HAZELWOOD, HAILEY.

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TOR NCR 041311
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(CG 73.4 SENDS ACTION COMAF 13 BY OTHER MEANS, COMAF 5
COMAAF COM 3RD COM 7TH FLTS ALL TFC AND TGC 3RD AND 7TH FLTS
CINCSPWA)

111 TRUDE BLACKCAT SEARCHES 3-4,
N OUT 700 95%. 2350 TAWI TAWI EMPTY. 0100 TAPUL 0530
LEICHSSE 2050 EADT EMPTY, 0130 JOLO EMPTY, 0230 BASILAN
OVERCAST COVERED 90% EMPTY. 0300 ZAMBOANGA OVERCAST COVERED
70% EMPTY.
P OUT 650 100%. 0025 SRAFED 3 BARGES AT 04-58 N 118-57 E.
1 EXPLOSION OBSERVED. NO FIRES. 0100 DARVEL EMPTY. SIBUTU
ISLAND 04-50 N 119-30 E EMPTY.
Q OUT 650 100%, 2350 TARAKAN EMPTY.
R OUT 540 50%. 2030 LEMBEH EMPTY. 2130 MINADO EMPTY.
0300 TOLI TOLI EMPTY.
0° OUT 705 60%. 0130 SANDAKAN NUMBEROUS LUGGERS AND SMALL
BOATS ONLY. 0230 DEWHRUST BAY EMPTY. LABUK NOT COVERED,
0230 1 SB OR SC ON ITS SIDE DENT HAVEN 05-20 N 119-20 E.
1 TIMES.

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From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines
To: War Department
Br: 0 54356 4 December 1944

To Chief of Staff War Department from GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur 0 54356. Operations report SWESPAC Area period 1500Z/2 to 1500Z/3 signed MacArthur.

Philippines:
Luzon:
Seven enemy PT boats sighted vicinity Verde Island, six merchant vessels off Calapan northeast Mindoro night December 2nd by reconnaissance aircraft.

Palawan:
One large one small freighter four escort vessels sighted off Linapacan Island course northeasterly morning December 2nd.

Bohol:
Eight barges 18 small craft sighted off northern coast night December 2nd.

Cebu:
Mariner sighted 40 small craft off town night December 2nd, two destroyers two barges heading northwest off north point of islands next morning.

Negros:
Sestruck reported on southerly course off west

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Coast night December 2nd.

Celebes:
Photographs Kendari area December 2nd showed
two bombers three fighters on Boro Boro air-drome.

Part 2. Naval:
Leyte:
Allied destroyers under repeated air attacks
swept Camotes Sea, shot down six planes and probably des-
troyed another. Found two small transports near Ormoc town
believed sank one and damaged the other night December 2nd.

Morotai:
PT boats with cooperating P-40’s set warehouses
afire Halmahera same night.

Air. Enemy action:

Five planes raided Leyte positions at Carigara
and Bay Bay, nil damage sustained night December 1st.

Naval units Leyte Gulf report very few bogies fol-
lowing evening.

Operations November 30:

1. 33 RAAF P-40’s bombed Galela and Hatetabako air-
dromes, Halmahera.

Operations December 1st:

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2. 24 B-24's with eight P-47's escort demolished barracks buildings, covered supplies and dispersals, probably destroyed one of three intercepting fighters Bacooc Airdrome; 22 B-24's started several fires Fabrisa Airdrome, Negros Island, met three intercepting fighters, two B-24's missing; eight P-38's unable escort due weather, strafed airdromes Mindanao.

3. Eight other P-38's engaged 10 enemy fighter over Negros, shot down four and probably destroyed two others; 12 B-25's with 12 P-47's escort bombed Lahug Airdrome, Cebu, started large fires.

4. 12 B-25's caused small fires Cagayan Airdrome, northern Mindanao.

5. Six B-24's on shipping sweep northern Borneo before dawn sank two coastal vessels damaged three others and bombed Miri.

6. Four RAAF A-20's hit barracks area Manado; 29 RAAF P-40's, eight other RAAF A-20's and two Beaufighters attacked airdromes shipping and coastal targets north eastern Celebes and Halmahera; five Beaufighter swept Sangihe Islands, sank one barge and damaged others.

7. 35 P-38's, 30 B-25's, 11 A-20's and two P-40's attacked airdromes, destroyed one grounded plane and fired supply dumps Halmahera.

8. Six B-25's hit gun positions and fired buildings

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Boeoe Island; 2 B-25's attacked small craft around Ceram.

Operations December 2nd:

9. Patrol planes from Leyte attacked and left a tanker sinking, shot down enemy fighter Verde Island passage.

10. 50 F-47's, over 17 P-40's and 14 P-38's destroyed waterfront installations Ormoc Bay and Camotes Island, set supply dumps afire Palompon, shot down enemy bomber over Ormoc and supported ground forces Leyte; F-47's strafed and set afire small freighter transport forth Palompon.

11. 16 B-24's destroyed grounded planes and started fires Matina revetments Davao.


Operations December 3rd:

13. Fredawn mariner attacked destroyer escort and seartruck southeastern Luzon; predawn B-24 from Darwin harassed Bandari bivouacs and revetments.

14. Four RAAF B-25's scored good coverage Cape Lore radar installations, Timor; two B-24's hit coastal towns.

Solomons Forces. Air. Operations December 1st.

15. 16 B-25's, 39 Dauntlesses, three Venturas and eight New Zealand Corsairs caused explosions and large

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fires amongst bivouacs and supplies Kavieng; 10 B-25's and
12 New Zealand Corsairs bombed Rabaul town and Lekumai
Airdrome; 18 New Zealand Corsairs attacked Bougainville
bivouacs.

Weather:

Weak front through central Philippines caused
cloud and rain, average conditions in Solomons.

Land. Leyte. X Corps.

32nd Division continued mopping up operations
and attacks south against strong enemy resistance from
hills Cabulan area. First Cavalry cleared enemy roadblock
southeast Mount Catabaran, continued attacks against strong
positions north Mount Cabungan. 24th Division continued
outpost Mount Laao area.

XXIV Corps. 7th Division probed enemy positions
Palamas River for weak points. 11th Airborne troops with
306th Infantry attached made further advances on east slopes
Mount Lobi, continued attacks Sen Pedro area.

End of Part 2.

Part 3.

1. Dropped 44 250 lb bombs, met slight heavy in-
accurate anti aircraft fire.

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1. Dropped 1820 120 lb fragmentation clusters from 10,000 feet; slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

2. B-25's dropped 120 120 lb frags from 10,000 feet, met slight medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

3. Dropped 120 120 lb frags from 10,000 feet, met slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

4. No details.

5. Four A-20's dropped 16 500 lb bombs, met slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire Manila; no other details.

6. Dropped 1000 lb bombs, 500 lb, 4 250 lb, 68 100 lb bombs and 690 para frags; met moderate medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

7. Dropped 8 500 lb, 72 100 lb bombs; moderate medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire Boerbe Island.

Paragraphs 9 and 10 no details.

11. Dropped unstated number 20 lb frags.

12. Dropped 12 250 lb bombs.

13. B-24 dropped 10 100 lb bombs plus beer bottles.

14. B-25's dropped 16 500 lb bombs five seconds.
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delay from 3200 feet, fired 3600 rounds 50 calibre; B-24's dropped 24 250 lb bombs from 6000 to 3000 feet.

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29 November Saipan Tinian attacked by about 6 Nip. medium bombers. Of Jap planes 1 destroyed 1 probable 1 possible. No damage to us.
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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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(CICNSWPA VIA CTF 77)

INTERLUDE SEARCHES 3RD.

SECTOR C TO 850 MILES 75%. 1345 SANK 1 SC 01-30 S 116-40 E.

1345 ANCHORED BALIK APAN* 3 DE 1 PG FA 1 FTB. 1404 SANK 1

SB 01-22 S 117-03 E. 1430 BOMBED STRAFED DAMAGED 1 PG 00-39 S

117-47 E CUS 230 SPEED 20 PLANE WELL SHOT UP NO WOUNDED. 16

1604 POSIT 01-15 N 120-49 E ATTACKED 2 RUFES* ATTACK NOT

PRESSED, NIL DAMAGE.

SECTOR 1 TO 1000 MILES 80%. 0930 Jolo Harbor 1 FTC ON BEACH

1 MILE EAST OF TOWN. TUTU BAY EMPTY. 1030 BALABAC STRAIT

SOUTH ANTONIO BAY EMPTY. TIZARD BANK CLOSED IN.

SECTOR 2 TO 1000 MILES 90% FGUSAL* TO PALAWAN RADAR BEYOND.

1100 PUERTA PRINCESA ULUGAN BAY CLOSED IN.

SECTOR 3 TO 850 MILES 85%. 1030 BACUIT BAY CORON BAY MALAMPAYA

AYTAY DUMARAN CLOSED IN.

SECTOR X TO 600 MILES 90% NEGATIVE. 1300 UNITED STATES FLAG

PHILIPPINES FLAG FLYING FROM LARGE BUILDING ORQUIETA MINDANAO

SECTOR Y TO 600 MILES WINDLASS NEGATIVE

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SECTOR A 820 95%. TURNED SHORT ON GAS. 1200 TAWI TAWI EMPTY. 1205 SD ANCHORED 04-52 N 119-28 E. 1210 POSIT 05-00 N 118-52 E.

1 SD ANCHORED. DARVEL BAY 1212 1 SC ANCHORED. 1340 JESSESTON 8 SC 3 SD ANCHORED 1 SERVICEABLE BETTY ON SOUTHWEST END OF STRIP.

1350 POSIT 06-01 N 116-02 E 8 SC, ANCHORED BOMBED STRAFED DAMAGED PLANE HOLED BY AA MINOR DAMAGE. 1420 MARUDU BAY 2 SC ANCHORED.

1425 POSIT 06-38 N 117-28 E 3 SD ANCHORED. 1520 SANDAKAN 5 SC 2 SD 24 LUGGERS. 1535 GQRIVYR 05-38 N 118-35 E 10 SC HEADING SEAWARD.

SECTOR B 875 90% NEGATIVE. 1200 FIRE OBSERVED NORTH OF MIRI* NEAR BEACH BLACK SMOKE TO 2000 FEET. SECTOR 4 950 80%. 1340 LABUK BAY EMPTY. 1600 BRUNEI BAY CLOSED IN.

VENTURA SEARCHES.
D 330 60% NEGATIVE. 5 TO 450 95% NEGATIVE. 6 VENTURAS STRAFED BADI ISLAND RADIO STATION WITH BOMBS ROCKETS STRAFING STARTING 2" FIRES IN CAMP AREA CHMALING* RADIO BUILDING AND BARRACKS.

ALL TIMES 1.

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COOPER (ID 695) SUNK PROBABLY BY TORPEDO DURING ANTI TOKYO EXPRESS SLEEP OF CAMOTES SEMINIGHT 2/3. DD$ MAKING SLEEP UNDER CONTINUOUS AIR ATTACK FROM 2330 TO 0130 THEN INTERMITTENTLY SHOT DOWN 6 PLANES 2 PROBABLE. BELIEVED SANK JAP DE. LEYTE PT SHOT DOWN 1 JAE NIGHT 3/1. CONVOY INCLUDING 2$ XAK DUE LEYTE 6TH. MARYLAND, SAUFLEY, AULICK DUE JANUS 6TH. 3 OBB 1 CA 3 CL'S 9 DD ORDERED OUT OF LEYTE FOR KOSOAL.

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(A) BOMBED DESTROYER ESCORT AT 13-17 122-25 TIME 2100 RESULT NEGATIVE. STRAFED SC SAME LOCATION TIME 0315. SAW 6 MV ANCHORED AT 13-24 121-05 TIME 2233.

SIGHTED 3 MTB AT 13-42 121-37 TIME 2200 COURSE 120 ALSO 4
CRUZ HARBOR 15-54 119-54 NIL SIGHTINGS.

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(C) SIGHTED UNIDENTIFIED SUBMARINE AT 10-53 124-12 TIME 2315 COURSE 180 SPEED 3 KNOTS. SAW 18 SMALL CRAFT AT 10-10 124-40 TIME 2237 AT ANCHOR. 46 SMALL CRAFT AT CEBU CITY TIME 2300. 8 BARGES AT 10-10 124-05 TIME 2335.

NIGHTMARE INTENTS FOR DECEMBER 3-4 CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER.

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TORPEDO POSSIBLE FLOATING MINE.  WHEN LAST SEEN COOPER APPEARED BROKEN IN TWO WITH BRIDGE AMID WET BOW AND STERN IN AIR. NO SURVIVORS SIGHTED. HEAVY AIR ATTACKS FORCED WITHDRAWAL OF OUR REMAINING DD's. ESTIMATED 3 INCH AND 40 MM FIRE FROM SHORE POSITIONS DURING ENGAGEMENT. HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO SEND RESCUE CATALINAS DUE LACK FIGHTER COVER. WILL REPORT WHEN FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

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INTERLUDE BLACK CAT SEARCHES 2-3

(o) OUT 680 70 PERCENT SANDAKAN LABUK CLOSED
(n) OUT 600 95 PERCENT 1020 ZAMBOANGA EMPTY DROPPED LEAFLETS 2310 BASILAN EMPTY DROPPED LEAFLETS 0030 Jolo EMPTY 0120 TUTU BAY EMPTY TAWI TAWI NOT COVERED
(p) OUT 600 95 PERCENT 0130 DARVEL BAY EMPTY
(q) OUT 620 85 PERCENT TRARAKAN CLOSED
(R) OUT 600 90 PERCENT. 2245 TOLI TOLI EMPTY. FIRED ON BY SINGLE MACHINE GUN. 0030 SOEMBANG BAY*
01-05N 118-10 E EMPTY. 0330 MENADO* EMPTY. 0400 AEMBEH* EMPTY.
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Commander in Chief
Pacific Ocean Areas
Pearl Harbor, T.H.

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USAF in Pacific Ocean Areas
Fort Shafter, T.H.

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From: GQ, Advanced Echelon, General Headquarters,
Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

To: War Department

No: C 54308 3 December 1944

From CinC SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff Wash
cite C 54308. Opus Rpt SWESPAO area prd 1500Z/1 to 1500Z/2
sgd MacArthur.

Part 1.

Philippines.

Visayan Sea:

2 destroyers, 1 auxiliary, 2 transports sighted on
southeasterly course afternoon, last reported as 4 destroyers
off north point Ceco 0755Z/2.

Masbate:

3,000 ton freighter located by PT boats unloading
off southeast coast night November 30.

Leyte Gulf:

Enemy submarines made 2 unsuccessful torpedo attacks
on Naval units afternoon November 30.

Ormoc area:

Aircraft reported 4 barges Camotes Island December 1.
25 fishing vessels off Palompon next morning.

Palawan:

2 small freighters, 1 escort vessel sighted heading
northwest off Dumaran Island, December 2.

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Sulu Archipelago:
Darwin Catalinas reported 6 barges Lagus Island night November 28.

Celebes:
2 small freighters, 1 fuel barge, 2 escort vessels sighted heading southeast southern Xacassar Strait December 2.

Flores/Sembe:
Photos December 1 showed 8 airbases with serviceable runways, nil aircraft.

Timor:
Mil aircraft photographed Koepang December 1.

Part 2.

Naval:
PT boats shot down 1 floatplane damaged another, set afire and left sinking medium freighter unloading off southeastern Masbate night November 30.

Air:
Enemy action:
4 radiers bombed Morotai destroyed 7 grounded planes damaged 21 others, injured personnel predawn November 30.

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Operation November 29:

(1) 45 B-24's covered by 24 P-38's attacked Puerto Princessa airdrome, Palawan Island, hit runways and installation, destroyed 4 grounded planes, damaged 3 others.

(2) At night search plane attacked tankers causing oil slick southeast Puerto Princessa.

(3) 36 A-20's with 23 P-47's escort attacked Dansalan airdrome Mindanao; 7 P-38's found 10 fighters taking off airdrome, shot down 4, probably destroyed 1, and damaged another.

(4) 2 B-24's over northern Borneo sank 2 small freighters, probably sank larger freighter and strafed grounded fighter Kudat airdrome.

(5) 4 Beaufighters strafed warehouses and schooner north eastern Celebes; 14 B-25's harassed airrome Celebes and Halmahera at night.

(6) 16 P-40's exploded warehouses and supplies around Halmahera, destroyed grounded plane Djalolo; 17 B-25's and 10 P-38's started fire, hit gun positions and cratered runways Lolobata and Hatetabako.

(7) 4 RAAF A-20's hit Yatetabako dispersal; 24 RAAF P-40's cratered Lolobata runways, bombed villages Ceram and hit Utarom bivouacs in Dutch New Guinea.

(8) 2 B-25's damaged 9 schooners Ambon.

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From: CG, Advanced Echelon, General Headquarters,
Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines.

No: 0 54308

Operations December 1:

(9) Patrol B-24's exploded and sank freighter
transport north central Panah, left seatruck afloat and
sinking northeast Mindoro, destroyed freighter and small
escort vessel, also damaged another escort vessel Brunei
Bay, Borneo.

Operations December 2:

(10) Patrol B-24 sank seatruck northern Guimaras
Strait; another B-24 shot down 3 probably destroyed 1 and
damaged 2 of 10 fighters intercepting over Balikpapan.

(11) Redman B-24 from Darwin harassed Kendari
aerodromes; 18 day B-24's cratered Boroboro runways, started
fires and near missed 2 grounded planes.

(12) 5 RAAF B-24's sank freighter transport in
convoy southern Macassar Strait, also bombed Maemere on
Flores Island.

(13) Single Beaufort and 2 patrol B-24's bombed
coastal town Timor and attacked coastal vessels west Boeroe
Island.

(14) 11 B-24's from Nadzab set fuel dumps afire and
cratered Tobera runways, Rabaul.

Leyte.

X Corps:

CM-IN-3974 (4 Dec 44)
WAR DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFIED MESSAGE CENTER
INCOMING CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

FROM: CG, Advanced Echelon, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines
No: C 54308

32nd Division continued advance south on both sides highway number 2, cleared enemy pockets in rear of forwarded elements.

1st Cavalry Division met stubborn resistance southeast Cabungaan and southeast Bombongan, continued mopping up rear areas.

XXIV Corps.

7th Division cleared series pillboxes south bank Pasanas River, 70 enemy killed, conducted extensive patrolling to northeast.

306th Infantry attached to 11th Airborne Division made gains against enemy positions east slopes Mount Lobi. Heavy rains hampered movements of troops southwest Dagami.

End of Part 2.

Part 3.

1. Dropped 540 500 lb bombs from 11,500 to 9,600 feet.
2. No details.
3. A-20's dropped unstated number parafrag and paradesms, met slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.
4. Dropped 24 250 lb bombs, met slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.
5. B-25's dropped 168 100 lb bombs, met slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.
From: CG, Advanced Echelon, General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

No: C 54308

3 December 1944

(6) P-40's dropped 8 500 lb, 3 250 lb bombs; B-25's and P-38's dropped 51 500 lb bombs, 456 parafrag; intense medium accurate, moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(7) A-20's dropped 15 500 lb bombs; P-40's dropped 25 500 lb, 14 250 lb and 8 100 lb bombs; moderate medium and heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(8) Dropped 4 500 lb bombs.

(9) and (10). No details.

(11) Dropped 14 500 lb general purpose, 10 100 lb bombs from 13,500 to 11,000 feet, met slight to moderate some accurate anti aircraft fire.

(12) Dropped 30 500 lb bomb from 5,600 feet.

(13) Dropped 26 250 lb bombs, fired 2,900 rounds 50 calibre.

(14) Dropped 88 1,000 lb bombs from 9,500.

End

ACTION: OPD


CM-IN-3974 (4 Dec 44) 2048Z m/s
CTG 77.2 SENDS ACTION CTF 77 INFO CTF 75 CINCSPAC RADIO WASH PASS INFO TO CINCPAC COM 3RD FLEET RADIO MANUS PASS INFO TO COM 7TH FLEET.

MORNING OPERATIONAL 2ND DECEMBER.

OPERATED OUTSIDE GULF DURING THE NIGHT REENTERED AT 0600. BOISE PHOENIX ROBINSON HALFORD BRYANT NEWCOMB BUSH JOINED AT ABOUT 0400. NO CONTACTS DURING THE NIGHT. FEW REPORTED DAWN BOGIES BUT NONE DEVELOPED.

DELIVERED TO 20G.
OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area
      Leyte Philippines

To: War Department

No: C 54248 2 December 1944

From CINCPAC SWPA gud MacArthur to Chief of Staff
War Department cns C 54248 Operations Report SOWESPAC area
period 1500Z/30 to 1500Z/1.

Mabate:

One destroyer, 3 small transports sighted Dimasalang
Harbour, east coast, night November 29.

Mindoro:

Medium freighter transport and gunboat sighted
south Tablas Island afternoon December 1.

Mindanao:

Photos Davao November 29 showed six fighters some
bombers Padada, six fighters, one single engined bomber
Sassa, one fighter, two single engined bombers Licanan,
nil aircraft Del Monte Fields.

Celebes:

15 small vessels sighted in Pare Pare area (Gulf
of Bone) by B-24's November 30.

Timor:

Four seaplanes sighted Koepang December 1.

CH-IN-1956 (2 Dec 44)
WAR DEPARTMENT
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INCOMING CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area
    Leyte Philippines

Nr: 0 54248

2 December 1944

Soembava:
Reconnaissance plane reported submarine in Bima
Harbour December 1.

Part 2.

Naval:
PT boats and cooperating P-40's hit warehouses and
defence positions Mii Island area, Halmahega, November 29.

Air:

Enemy action:

Leyte:
Four raids aggregating 30 planes attacked Allied
installations and gun batteries Carigara night November 30;
anti-aircraft fire shot one down.

Morotai:
Anti-aircraft fire claimed one probably destroyed of
four raiders night November 28.

Operations November 30:

(1) 11 B-24's from Palau raided Legaspi airdrome,
southeastern Luzon, destroyed several grounded planes, hit
buildings and cratered runways.

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Leyte Philippines  

Sr: C 54248  
2 December 1944

(2) Sixteen Leyte-based P-40's damaged destroyer and set two transports afire at Carmen, northeastern Cebu; 16 covering P-37's engaged 12 enemy fighters and destroyed two, one P-47 lost; 32's over Negros probably destroyed one of nine fighters airborne.  

(3) Eight P-40's scored direct hits Palompon  
Headquarters area, northwestern Leyte.  

(4) 22 B-25's struck Daliao and Padada airdromes  
from low level, caused fires and explosions and destroyed two grounded planes; 12 B-24's set supplies and fuel dumps afire Matina.  

(5) Predawn Mariner heavily damaged small freighter 
Sulu Sea.  

Operations December 1:  

(6) Four P-40's set large lugger afire Palompon,  
destroyed motor trucks and fuel dumps Valencia.  

(7) Predawn B-24 from Darwin harassed airdromes  
Kendagi.  

(8) Four Dutch B-25's sank schooner off Flores  
Island and bombed Baucau town, Timor; single B-24 demolished  
buildings along coast.  

(9) Single B-24 bombed bivouacs; 5 B-24's started  
fires Borem airdrome, Wewak; 4 A-20's turned back due  
weather.  

CM-TR-1956  
(2 Dec 44)  

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By DBS  
Date

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NLR 101  
By RT, NARA, Date 4/8/75
From: Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area  
Leyte Philippines

Mr: C 54248  
2 December 1944

(10) Reports of operations incomplete.

Weather...

Equatorial front through northern * Maharas, rain and cloud over Philippines, below average conditions in Solomons.

Land:

Biak:

29 Japanese including five officers surrendered northwest tip Biak.

Leyte:

X Corps: 32nd Division made further advances south towards Divi*be, encountered determined enemy resistance.

Cavalry troops contacted enemy force northeast Mount Cabungan.

XXIV Corps:

Further unit 7th Division reached Palanas River area, artillery shelled Ormoc.

Eleventh Airborne troops continued to concentrate Lake Danao and area southwest Mount Majunag, killed 82 enemy vicinity San Pedro.

CM-IN-1956 (2 Dec 44)
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

From: Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area
      Leyte Philippines

Sr: 0 54248 2 December 1944

96th Division destroyed further enemy positions in
mountains southwest Dagami, continued patrolled area north-
west from Mount Lobi.

24,287 enemy killed to date. 186 prisoners.

End of Part 2.

Part 3.

(1) Dropped 54 1,000 lb bombs.

Paragraphs 2 through 6 no details.

(7) Dropped 10 100 lb general purpose bombs plus
beer bottle from 11,000 to 8,500 feet, met slight medium
and heavy some accurate anti-aircraft fire.

(8) B-25's dropped 16 500 lb bombs five seconds
delay, fired 600 rounds 50 calibre; B-24 dropped 12 250 lb
bombs from 8,000 feet.

(9) Beauforts dropped 2 500 lb medium capacity
bombs, 2 250 lb incendiaries; B-24's dropped 60 500 lb
bombs, met slight medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

Luzon:

Reconnaissance planes night November 29 reported

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From: Commander in Chief Southwest Pacific Area
Leyte Philippines

To: 0 54248 2 December 1944

two destroyers, two escort vessels, ten small transports anchored off Subic Bay, four seatrucks in San Fernando Harbour; one carrier, three destroyers reported approaching Subic Bay from west morning November 30.

* Being serviced.

ACTION: OPD
INFO: CC/S  Adm King
       CG AAF  Col Park
       ASF    Statistics
       G-2    Log

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/30/94
### Naval Message

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**HONO INTERCEPT**

CTF 73 SENDS ACTION COM 7TH FLY COM 3RD FLY CINCPOA CINCSPWA COMAOF 13 COMAOF 5 308 BOMBING ALL TF AND TG ON 6 77.

**BY LEYTE PAX SEARCHED NEW SECTORS Z R Q P N ON DEC 2.**

Z FULL 750 MILES 80% COVERAGE VISIBLE 5 TO 30 MILES.

ALL POSITIONS NORTH AND EAST ALL TIMES.

AT 1000 STAFFED AND BURNED 1 LUGGER 38 120-20.

R WENT 600 MILES 80% COVERAGE 5 TO 30 MILES VISIBLE.

SAW 4 DD'S 1 FTA AT 12-40 122-06 TIME 0820. AA INTENSE

HEAVY ACCURATE. 1 SB AT 13-49 120-10 TIME 0935.

ANCHORED AND CAMOUFLAGED. 4 DD'S AT 11-30 123-40.

COURSE 125 SPEED 15 AT 1630. TRAILED BY 2 ZEKES TND... OR CLOSE. DESTROYED A 3RD.

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[Signature]

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NLR 101

By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/44
C 190 MILES 80% VISIBILITY VARIABLE. 3 MERCHANT VESSELS 1 DD 1 PC
AT 02-17 1B2-28 COURSE 120 SPEED 15 TIME 0055 ESCORTED BY 9
FIGHTERS. SAME CONVOY SAME COURSE AND SPEED 11-43 123-26. TIME
1545 NO FIGHTERS.

P WENT 660 MILES 80% VISIBILITY VARIED. 5 TO 30 MILES. 1 FTC WWWXI
WITH 2 DD'S 11-38 123-33 COURSE 120 SPEED 15 AT 1630.

N SEARCHED 490 MILES 80% 30 MILES VISIBILITY. 1 LARGE AK 1 SMALL
4 ESCORTS AT 11-30 119-48 COURSE 070 SPEED 10 KNOTS AT 1000.
5 DD'S AT 11-40 123-20 COURSE 110 SPEED 20 TIME 1500.

ESTIMATE THE 2 R AND 2 Q AND SECOND N SIGHTINGS AS SAME CONVOY
OF THREE TRANSPORTS 2 ESCORTS.

* 8 MISSING GROUPS **AS RECEIVED

DELIVERED TO 20G.
ACTION IS DIRECTED TO CTF 77. RADIO WASHN PASS INFO TO COMINCH RADIO HONO GIVE INFO TO CINCPAC AND COM 3RD FLT. OTHER INFO ADDS ARE CINCPAC COM 7TH FLEET AND COM TASKFOR 75. CTF 77 SENDS.

EVENING OPERATIONAL 2ND. VERY FEW BOGIES. 1 AT EASTERN ENTRANCE AS WE STOOD OUT DID NOT CLOSE WITHIN 1/4 MILES. SUGGEST THERE MAY BE CONNECTION BETWEEN NUMEROUS FALSE CONTACTS IN LEYTE GULF AND THE BOGUS B-25 SEEN DROPPING OBJECTS AROUND THE FORMATION ON 23 NOVEMBER.

DELETED TO 28G.
NAVIAL MESSAGE

From: CTG 73.4

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 3 DEC 44

TOR CODE ROOM:

DECODED BY: FORCE

ROUTED BY: SAMSON/Brill

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRIORITY AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.

CIRCUIT 021342 NCR 1678

0RIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME:

DATE: TIME:

0R OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT.

HONO INTERCEPT

CTG 73/4 FLIPS ACTION TO COMAF 13 LOCALLY. COMAF 5 COMAF CINCPOA CINCSPFA VIA COM 7TH FLT AN ADEE COM 3RD FLT AND ALL TGC AND TFC 3RD AND 7TH FLT.

INTERLUDE SEARCHES 20.

SECTOR C TO 840 MILES 70%. 1245 BALIKPAPAN HARBOR 1 FTA 36 TU 4, SC ANCHORED. SAME TIME DEPARTING BALIKPAPAN 1 FTA 13A

1 PG CUS 030 SPEED 8. AT BALIKPAPAN 1255 SEARCH PLANE ATTACKED BY 10 FIGHTERS. FIGHTERS BOXED PLANE WHILE BAL DROPPED AERIAL BOMBS FROM ABOVE. RUNNING BATTLE 1 HOUR 15 MIN FIGHTERS GENERALLY EAGER. DESTROYED 3 ZEKES. 1 JAV PROBABLY DESTROYED. 1 ZEK 1 PETE DAMAGED. SEARCH PLANE WELL SHOT UP. 2 PERSONNEL SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.

SECTOR E TO 590 100%. 0830 EAST SIDE PADAIDA STRIP 6 CAMOUFLAGED BETTY'S. 1030 FABRICA FIELD 12 CAMOUFLAGED UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT EAST SIDE. 1115 DESTROYED 1 SC 11-05 N 122-58 E. DECLASSIFIED.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44.

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SECTOR Y TO 575 MILES 100% NEGAT.
SECTOR 1 1000 MILES 80%. 1030 SAN ANTONIO BAY EMPTY. 1300 TIXJRD* BANK EMPTY. 1500 BALABAC STRAITS EMPTY. 1530 MOLO HARBOR 2 SC'S JUTU BAY EMPTY.
SECTOR 2 1000 MILES 90% NEGAT. 1345 ULIGAN BAY PUERTA PRINCESSA CLOSED IN.
SECTOR 3 TO 850 MILES 75% 1100 DUMARAN EMPTY. 1115 TAY TAY BAY EMPTY. 1145 CORON BAY CLOSED IN. 1200 POSIT 11-55N 119-50E 100 3 PG 1 FTA C 1 AO CUS 360 SPEED 12. 1250 BACUIT BAY MALAMPAYA EMPTY.
SECTOR 4 TO 1000 MILES 90% 1100 TAMBALURAN 06-50 N 116-36 E 3 SC ANCHORED. 1145 BRUNEI BAY 1 AK 8000 TONS ANCHORED. 1 LARGE VESSEL SUNK IN BAY. 1300 JESSELTON BAY EMPTY. 1320 MARADU BAY EMPTY. 1345 TRUSAN 06-26 N 117-42 E 1 SC ANCHORED.
VENTURA SEARCHES.
A TO 575 MILES 8% NEGAT. 1200 TAWI TAWI EMPTY.
B TO 575 MILES 85% NEGAT.
D TO 330 MILES 60% NEGAT.
5 TO 450 100% NEGAT. ALL ITEM TIMES.
*AS RECEIVED
COPY TO 2:00
HONO INTERCEPT

(1) ADV GHQ RPT KEE* 3AF 308 BWM 309 BWM VBC VFC 91 PWR CTG ON YKOHOKUO*6 CTF 73 PASS TO ALL NAVY CONCERNED FROM COMAF 5 CITE D1738E

(2) VFC NIL

(3) 11 PWR RAA CONTINUE TO GET MAXIMUM COVERAGE OF CLARK

(4) 308 BWM PROVIDE LOCAL FIRE DEFENSE

(5) 308 BWM STRIKE LAND AND SHIPPING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY

(6) 309 BWM HITpadada with mps FRAGS

(7) BOTH STRIKES AT 1100/1/2 BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WHITEHEAD.

* AS RECEIVED
** SEVERAL BADLY GARBLED GROUPS
CINCSWPA SENDS VIA COM 7THFLT ACTION COMINCH INFO
CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC

NIGHT 29/30 SEARCH PLANE POSSIBLY SANK 300 FOOT SHIP
IN BRUNEI BAY AND BLACKBAT DAMAGED AO OFF PALAWAN,
BOISE NASHVILLE WITH DESDIV 48 DUE LEYTE TOMORROW.
ST LOUIS WITH ESCORT DEPARTED LEYTE FOR MANUS
MACARTHUR

COMINCH...ACT

OP03....20G....16....OP01....SHOW OP20....19....
19C.....
(CTG 77.2 gives action to CTF 77 info to CINCSWPAC CTF 75 RDO HONOLULU PASS info to COMINCH CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT & COM 7TH FLT.)

FORENOON OPERATIONAL REPORT 1 DECEMBER.

RELEASED EDWARDS D 616 TO CTF 75. FEW MORNINGS BOGIES NONE CLOSED. WEATHER FREQUENT SHOWERS LOW MIST VISIBILITY POOR. PROVISIONING DRY NO FRESH AVAILABLE ONE FUELING.

COPY TO OP 260
From: Commander in Chief, Advance echelon, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines
To: War Department
Nr: C 54186

From CINC SWPA a.gd MacArthur to Chief of Staff, War Department c/o C 54186. Operations report SOMESPAC area period 1500Z/29 to 1500Z/30. Signed MacArthur.

Visayas: Local report states one cruiser, two large transports in Sogod Harbor east coast Cebu midday November 30; one medium freighter, two small freighters, one seatruck sighted Masbate Harbor afternoon November 29.

Luzon: Catalina reported 14 vessels off Subic Bay night November 29.

Palawan: One light cruiser, three destroyers, one medium transport, one small tanker with covering floatplane reported approached Balabak Strait from southeast headed up west coast Palawan morning November 30.

Borneo: Two destroyers sighted north Macassar Strait November 29; one cruiser, one transport, four other vessels reported Brunei Bay by reconnaissance aircraft same night.
WAR DEPARTMENT
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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

Nr: 054186 1 December 1944

Part 2. Air. Enemy action:

Leyte: light raids against Allied positions at Cagirara and bay night November 29; P-38 patrol shot down reconnaissance plane over Baraun November 30.

Operations November 29:
1. 16 P-47's swept Cebu Island, destroyed two small seaplanes at Sogod Bay, attacked supply dumps and barge center Camotes Islands.

2. Refer paragraph 10, preceding report *B-20* Matina Airdrome.

3. RAAF B-24 attacked schooner and shore positions Atapogoe, Timor.

Operations November 30:
4. 18 Leyte based P-40's sank large freighter east of Masbate, destroyed small freighter and one barge north Cebu; eight other P-40's damaged destroyer off Carmen, eastern Cebu.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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

Nr: C 54186 1 December 1944

5. Freya patrol plane damaged and possibly sank medium freighter Brunei Bay, Borneo.

6. Four RAAF B-25's swept Flores Island, destroyed one lugger and two barges, damaged jetties and other barges.

7. Four Dutch B-25's bombed Lahana village, Timor; two B-24's bombed administration buildings Baucau.

8. Single Beaufort attacked camp area southern Tanimbars.


10. 18 B-24's bombed Malimoeng airdrome and Fare Fare town, north Macassar, destroyed three parked bombers, hit barracks buildings.

Solomons Forces. Air. Operations November 28:

11. Eight B-25's and 15 Corsairs destroyed bridge and attacked plantations New Ireland; 10 New Zealand Venturas and 14 New Zealand Corsairs bombed bivouac Kavieng.

CM-IN-856 (1 Dec 44)

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By DBS Date MAY 21 1973

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

Nr: C 54186 1 December 1944

12. 103 Marine and New Zealand Corsairs attacked enemy concentrations demolished buildings and hit motor transport Gazelle Peninsula.

Land, Leyte: X Corps. 32nd Division advanced to line extending west from Bonbong, only light resistance reported; cavalry units remain in contact with strong enemy force eastern slopes Mount Catabaran.

24th Division continued patrolling Mount Lao/Mount Mamban area without contact.

XXIV Corps: 7th Division continued reinforcement Palanas River area, several enemy attacks on right flank repulsed, 190 enemy killed during period.

11th Airborne Division units met opposition San Pedro area northeast Lubi.

Battalion 77th Division moved southern Samar.

Enemy killed to date 23,669, 184 Japanese prisoners.

Weather: Broken to overcast middle and low cloud
From: Commander in Chief, Advance Echelon, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines.

Nr:aw 54186 1 December 1944

central Philippines.

Part 3. 1. No details 2. Dropped 80 1000 lb bombs.

3. Dropped 10 300 lb bombs from 8000

feet, fired 500 rounds 50 caliber.

4. No details

5. No details

6. Dropped 16 530 lb medium capacity bombs, 8,000 feet.

7. B-25 dropped 16 500 lb bombs;

B-24's dropped 24 250 lb bombs from

8,000 feet.

8. Dropped 2 250 lb bombs from 2,500

feet, fired 300 rounds 30 caliber.

9. B-24's dropped 70 500 lb bombs from 8,100 feet; A-20's dropped 19 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 6,000 rounds 50 caliber.

10. Dropped 80 100 lb general purpose bombs from 10,400 feet to 9,000 feet, jettisoned 50 other bombs; met slight medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

* Being serviced

ACTION: OPD

INFO : CC/G, CG AAP, ASF, O-2, Admiral King, Colonial Park, Statistics, Log

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OSD letter, May 1973

By DBS Date MAY 21 1973
HONO INTERCEPT

(CTG 77.2 SENDS ACTION CTF 77 AND NPM (RDO HONO) PASS INFO TO COM 7TH FLT)

RECOMMEND AS MANY HEAVY SHIPS AS POSSIBLE BE REMOVED FROM LEYTE GULF. SHIPS NOW OPERATING THEREIN CANNOT OPERATE SAFELY IN RESTRICTED WATERS NOR RECEIVE ADEQUATE LOGISTIC SUPPORT ESPECIALLY SINCE EVENTS OF LAST NIGHT, AN HAVING TASK UNIT 77.1.5 JOIN TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL SCREEN, WILL THEN HAVE 11 HEAVY SHIPS.

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ACTION TO CTF 77.

(FROM CTF 77.2 / INFO TO CINCSWPAC AND CTF 75 - RDO WASHN PASS INFO TO COMINCH AND RDO MANUS PASS INFO TO COM SEVENTH FLEET)

EVENING OPERATIONAL. DAY STARTED WELL. FUELED NEW MEXICO FROM TANKER AND SOME DESTROYERS FROM MARYLAND ALSO PROVISIONED SOME SMALL BOYS FROM RETICULUS. AT ABOUT 1700 RECEIVED REPORT OF MANY ONE ENGINE PLANES ABOUT 170 MILES TO SOUTH DISCONTINUED ALL OPERATIONS AND FORMED TO NO PLANE ATTACK DEVELOPED. LAT 16-16 SOUTH IN SCREEN MADE A GOOD SOUND CONTACT. MANEUVERED CLEAR AFTER A FALSE START DUE TO INCORRECT BEARING TRANSMISSION OF CONTACT. ONE TORPEDO RIGHTED HEADED TOWARD HEAVY SHIPS LAT 10-49 LONG 105-24. AT 1707 ROUSBRY MADE GOOD SOUND CONTACT LAT 10-56 LONG 120-27 AGAIN MANEUVERED CLEAR ONE TORPEDO REPORTED PASSING THROUGH THE DISPOSITION. AT 1731 CONY MADE GOOD SOUND CONTACT ON LAT 10-51 LONG 125-07 TUCNEK ACAY-NO
TORPEDOES REPORTED. EATON AND CONY RECEIVED BY
INGRAHAM AND COOPER AS FIRST 2 OTHERWISE SCHEDULED,
ALL CONTACTS GOOD FOLLOWED BY REPEATED DEPTH CHARGE
ATTACKS ON GOOD REGAINED CONTACTS. AT 2100 PASSED
POINT RED TO CRUISE OUTSIDE DURING THE NIGHT. HAVE ONLY
SIX DESTROYERS IN COMPANY UNTIL ONE CALLED SICKET JOUR.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMINCH
RELEASED BY: R ADM THEBAUD
DATE: 1 DEC 1944
TOR CODE ROOM: 1657
DECODER: TURLEY

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ROUTING

NIGHT 29-30 NOVEMBER 4 DOS SWEEP CAMOTES SEA
PHILIPPINES ENGAGED A NUMBER OF ENEMY BARGES WITH
UNDETERMINED RESULTS AND BOMBARD SHORE INSTALLATIONS
SILAO BAY WEST COAST OF LYTE, OUR VESSELS UNSUCCESS-
FULLY ATTACKED 3 TIMES BY SINGLE ENEMY BOMBERS. 30
NOVEMBER 3 LIBS BOMBED KASHIWABA PARAMUSHIRU KURILE
CHAIN WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.