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AIR SEA SEARCH SERVICE. FORA ERADICATOR MISSION SCHEDULED AGAINST 2 POSSIBLY DAMAGED B6 PHOTOGRAPHED YESTERDAY AT ANCHOR OFF CAP ST JACQUES. TIME OVER TARGET 035358Z. SECONDARY TARGET SAIGON. PRIORITY POSITIONS FOLLOW:

(A) AT 18-29H 107-39E
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SERIES 14475 KGS WITH OUR REGULAR ASR SOP EFFECTIVE. REQUEST CINCPAC NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY ON ANY MOVEMENTS OF OUR PRIMARY TARGETS. ALSO ADVISE AS ** IN VICINITY IN CASE HARBOUR IS FLUSHED."

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(1) VBC
   (A) 1 SQUADRON R'S ON STILAJ
   (B) HIT TALZSAY WITH 1 SQUADRON R'S
   (C) STRIKE CLARK FIELD WITH 1 GROUP HEAVIES
   (D) SNOOPERS HIT SHIPPPING FROM LAOAG TO LINGAYEN

GULF AND 1 SQUADRON R'S STRIKE LAOAG BOTH NIGHT OF 31 DECEMBER/1 JANUARY

(2) VFC
   (A) PYRMUVOB 1° COVER FOR CLARK FIELD STRIKE
   (B) SNOOPERS HIT SHIPPPING FROM LAOAG TO LINGAYEN
   (D) SNOOPERS HIT SHIPPPING FROM LAOAG TO LINGAYEN

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(3) 01 P/H
   (A) PHOTO MAESTRE DE CAMPO CLARK FIELD STRIKE LAGAG

(4) 029 AWD
   (A) CONTINUED PATROLS AT ONGSE AMROROLLS*

(5) 310 BWMT
   (A) STRIKE PUERTO PRINCESA WITH 1 SQUADRON A-20'S
   (B) R's ON ARMED RECCO FOR SHIPPING ON NW COAST
       MINDORO LUBANG ISLANDS SW COAST LUZON AND SEA AREA
       NORTHWARD TO SUBIC BAY
   (C) 2 R's ON ARMED RECCO NORTH WEST COAST PALAWAN
      SECOND EX PUERTO PRINCESA AIRDROME.

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FROM CTF 77
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MINDORO RESUPPLY ECHELON DEPARTED 1800 J FOR RETURN TO LEYTE IN MORNING AIR ATTACK JUST PRIOR TO DEPARTURE BY SUICIDE PLANES.

GAUSEVOEGA (DD260) SERIOUSLY DAMAGED AND TOWED TO PT BASE MINDORO.

PRINGLE (DD477) HIT WITH MINOR DAMAGE NOW ENROUTE LEYTE WITH CONVOY, PORCULINE (IX126) NAVY STORAGE TANKER HIT AND BURNED, PROBABLE TOTAL LOSS. ORESTES (AGP10) BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ORESTES APPROXIMATELY 20 KILLED OR MISSING 32 SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. NO REPORT OF CASUALTIES AS YET FROM OTHER SHIPS. MERSHIP HOBART BAKER HIT BY BOMBS AND SUNK OFF MINDORO BEACH HEAD. ORPHIC RESUPPLY ECHELON DUE DEPART AT DUSK FOR RETURN LEYTE. INCOMPLETE REPORT OF PT PATROLS. NEGATIVE.

COMINCH... COPIES 1 TO 8 INC.

ACTION: F-30
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(ORIGINATED LEMAY, ORIENTAL ADEES ACTION ARNOLD, INFO WEDEMEYER DEPCOMAF 20 NAVY CINCPOA ALL INTERESTED 20 BOMCOM SEARCH AND RECON MISSIONS)

(RECEIVED REENCRYPTED FROM CINCPOA, PASSED BY CINCPOA TO VUWTHLITU ROSARCY CM KOULF 20 BOMCOM RELUHL* AND RECON MISSIONS INFO TO WAR AS 311123)

27590 PHOTO RESULTS OF TWENTYFOUR INCL COVER ON SORTIE 175 OF FOURMINERGERFBSIX OF THIRTY DECEMBER NOW FOLLOW:

A. KANFYA EAST AIRFIELD FROM COMPLETE GAVURKVER SHOWS 3P SSARRHINO 7 MEDIUM AIRCRAFT.

B. KAWANAMI AIRFIELD FROM COMPLETE CAVU COVEOMACTLS ILETEE MEDIUM AIRCRAFT COCCWA TV WHICH NOT OPERATIONAL.

NEW SUBJECT NOW COMES MY FIRST REPORT ON FOLLOWING AIRFIELDS SHOWN ON IMR50:

A. CHIZAN LANDING GROUND AT 31-23 NORTH E NORTH - 130-21 EAST COMPLETE CAVU 24 INCH COVER SHOWS 16 SMALL AND ONE MEDIUM AIRCRAFT. NO STRIP ON TRIANGULAR AREA MAXIMUM DIMENSIONS 6500 FEET BY 4500 FEET. FIELD IMPROVEMENT IN

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PROGRESS BUT NO DEFINITE EVIDENCE STRIP CONSTRUCTION, SERVICING AREA NORTH APEX FILE UNCONTINUES. 2 MEDIUM HANGARS, 2 SMALL HANGARS, 25 MISCELLANEOUS BUILDINGS. 26 MEDIUM AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS SOUTH OF FIELD.

B. 12 INCH PHOTOS SHOW NEW AIRFIELD UNDER CONSTRUCTION LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 31-17 NORTH -- 130-26 EAST. NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED BUT AT LEAST ONE MEDIUM AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS ALREADY CONSTRUCTED. BUILDINGS LIMITED TO WORKERS BARRACKS, DRAINAGE AND GRADING ACTIVE ON 2 CLEARED AREAS FORMING V JUNCTION AT SOUTH END. LIMBS OF V EXTENDED ROUGHLY NORTHEAST AND NORTHWEST, EACH LIMP MEASURING APPROXIMATELY 5600 FEET BY 1000 FEET.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
RDO LUALUALIE
RDO HOLLANDIA
CG USAF CHINA THEATER
CG 14TH AIR FORCE
CG US FORCES BUSHKARA
INDIA

ACTION COMMANDER ALLIED AIR FORCES (ADV ECH) INFO
CINCPOA COM 3RD FLEET (RDO LUALUALIE) CG USAF
CHINA ADV ECH (CHUNGKING PASS) COMGEN 6TH US ARMY
COMGEN US 6TH ARMY COM ALLIED NAVAL FORCES (WASATCH)
(PASS TO CTF 73) CG 14TH AIR FORCE CG 20TH AIR FORCE
(PASS TO 20TH AND 21ST BOMCOM) CITE X 55654

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC SEARCH PLAN. HOI 83 THIS HEAD-
QUARTERS DATED 19TH DECEMBER 1944 AND forwarded TO
ADRESSEES SAME DATE IS EFFECTIVE 31ST DECEMBER 1944.
SECTORS 5 THRU 10 TO BE FLOWN TO MAXIMUM PRACTICABLE
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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44
FROM CTF 93 RDO WAMIAMA PASS ACTION TO COMGENAAFPDA INFO TO CINCPAC COMFW 2 ALL TFOTU GENPAC COMAIRPAC COMMSRDLT. OTHER INFO ADEED CTF 94 7 BOUGOM COMAF 1 7 CTF 96 CTF 39-5 BOUGOM 21 CTF 38-5-3 HAVE INFO BY OTHER MEANS.

(PASS BY RDO HONO TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 311100)

ADD STRIKES 29 DECEMBER. 9 NITE SNOOPING 24'S OVER IWO JIMA AT 45 MINUTE INTERVALS DROPPED FRAGS 80 PERCENT TARGET AREA. SINGLE NITE MARINE MITCHELL SHIP SEARCHING RONINS AND KAZANS ATTACKED NO TARGETS.

30 DEC. 14 LIBERATORS 11-17000 FEET OVER IWO JIMA UNLOADED 26 TONS AIRFIELDS NUMBER 1 AND 2 BY RADAR. RESULTS UNOBSERVED. SNOOPING OVER IWO JIMA EVERY HOUR FROM 1900 TO 0100K 8 LIBERATORS TOGGLE FRAGS BY RADAR AIRFIELD AREAS. NO OBSERVATION DUE CLOUD COVER. TO THE BONINS AND KAZANS LOOKING FOR SHIP WIN 3 NITE MARINE MITCHELLS NEGATIVE RESULTS.
RECEIVED REENCRYPTED FROM CINCPAC AS 3/1711

(FOR ACTION) ALL COMMANDS INTERESTED IN 21ST FEBRUARY COMMAND AND SEARCH AND RECONNAISSANCE REPORT. THIS LEMAY 3F134B.)

27:30.

HERE IS PRELIMINARY REPORT ON SORTIE 177 FLOWN BY CAPTAIN
KNOTT IN B29 NUMBER 75544 GROUP ON 31 DECEMBER PHOTOGRAPHED
IN SECTOR A: TAKATA AREA 33-31-131-24 AT 0000Z THROUGH
6/18 CLOUD. FUKUOKA NAVAL AIR STATION AT 95/42 THROUGH
7/18 CLOUD. 2 UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS 15 MILES WEST OF
FUKUOKA BAY APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME AND KM SHOTS FOR
ORIENTATION THROUGHOUT FLIGHT. FUKUOKA AREA AT 95/42
ATTACKED BY ONE NICK AT 12 HOURS 2000 YARDS, AT TIME TO
FLY 1812Z ATTACKED BY 5 TOUS, 3 OSCARS, 2 ZEKES, 2 NICKS,
ALL AT 2 O'Clock. 2 NICKS EACH DROPPED PHOSPHOROUS BOMBS
FROM 4000 FEET ABOVE, EXPLODED 1 RIGHT WING AND TAIL.
20 MILLIMETER THROUGH LEFT FLAP OUTSIDE SCREEN. OBSERVED
AT FUKUOKA/SAITOSU, 33-31-136-24, 3/5 TWIN ENGINE AND 1/5
OTHER PLANES. AT FUKUOKA/SAITO POINT 33-30-136-21, 12 TWIN

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ENGINE AND OTHER PLANES. AT AUXILIARY FIELD NEAR FUKUOKA/SAITO POINT 47 SINGLE ENGINE AIRCRAFT. AT 33-35° 122-75 AT 2249Z.

7 AK'S BEARING 30° SPEED 12 KNOTS. AT 3-5° 120-27 AT 2352Z.
1 AK BEARING 260° SPEED 17 KNOTS. AT CROSSROADS 34-0° 121-25 AT 2353Z.

1 AK BEARING 290° SPEED 17 KNOTS. AT 33-48 129-47, AT 0006, 13 UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS, IN HARBOR AT 34-46° 127-26.

4 TO 5 S'ALL CRAFT AT 0142Z. AT 0145Z, AT 33-53 127-82, 1 AK BEARING 270° SPEED 10 KNOTS. AT 33-55° 127-44, AT 0242Z, 1 AK BEARING 15°, SPEED 15 KNOTS.

COPY TO 2/6
CTF 77 SENDS ACTION CINCWSPA COM 7TH FLEET COMINCH CINCPAO COM 3RD FLEET.

MINDORO RESUPPLY ECHELON ARRIVED BEACH HEAD 0700 I 30TH. FORCE WAS UNDER FREQUENT AIR ATTACK UNTIL MIDNIGHT. LST 205 WAS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY POSSIBLE FLOATING MINE. TOTAL 10 Planes DOWNS BY SHIPS ACKACK AND 10 BY CAP DURING TRIP FROM LEYTE TO MINDORO. SALVAGE GROUP WITH MERSHIP WILLIAM SHARON IN TOW ARRIVED SAN PEDRO HARBOR 1800 I. BOMBED BY ENEMY AIR IN SOUTH SURIGAO STRAIT. NO DAMAGE SUSTAINED IN THIS ATTACK. LEYTE PT DESTROYED 4 LOADED LUGGERS NORTH OF NEGROS ISLAND. MINDORO PT RESCUED DOWNS BLUE PILOT. MOROTAI BOATS DAMAGED A BARGE ON WEST COAST OF MOROTAI. NIL ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY DELIVERED TO 30-6. DECLASSIFIED

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FROM COM 7TH FLEET

FEW SHIP SIGHTINGS 29TH. ONE LARGE ONE SMALL

FREIGHTER TRANSPORT 20 - 38 N 111-41 E COURSE

210 SPEED 12 AT 2145. MID-DAY ONE BB REPORTED

14-03 N 120-14 E HEADING DUE WEST 15 KNOTS. REPORT

CONSIDERED EXAGGERATED. ONE AH STILL IN VICINITY

14-00 N 120-35 E FORENOON. 3 AO 1 ESCORT DEPARTED

SAIGON & AP 1 ESCORT REMAINED. ALL JAP SHIPING ALONG

FRENCH INDO CHINA COAST NOW HAS AIR COVER DURING DAY

LIGHT. 0100/30 10 SHIPS DEPARTED SAN FERNANDO WHILE

ONE DD PATROLLED OUTSIDE HARBOR. BOAT SUNK MORNING

24TH SANK GAS TANKER AND ONE YF FOUR UNIDENTIFIED

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NORTH BOUND SHIPS OFF CAPE SIRIK WEST BORNEO. NEXT DAY SANK MEDIUM AK OFF CAPE BADJAU 00-49 N 108-52 E. LEYTE PT'S NIGHT 27/28 SANK 4 BARGES. MONDORO BOATS CAPTURED 6 JAPs RESCUED 8 DOWNED AIRMEN NORTH MINDORO. FOLLOWING FROM PHILIPPINE SOURCES CONSIDERED GENERALLY RELIABLE. REINFORCEMENTS FROM EMPIRE NO LONGER EXPECTED. DEFENSE OF LUZON PLANNED AS FOLLOWS. TAYABAS. 2 INFANTRY 1 ARTILLERY AND 1 COMBINED CAVALRY TANK DIVISIONS. HEADQUARTERS AT MAUBIAN. BATANGAS. 1 TANK 2 INFANTRY DIVISIONS MAJORITY AIR FORCES TO BE CONCENTRATED HERE. CAVITE. MINES TO BE PLACED ALL THE WAY INTO INNER MANILA BAY. BICOL. TO BE LIGHTLY DEFENDED. RIZAL HEADQUARTERS AT MCKINLEY. ARRANGEMENTS MADE AS STOPPING PLACE FOR RETREAT NORTHWARD. BATAAN. WILL BE FORTIFIED AND ON USED FOR POSSIBLE ULTIMATE WITHDRAWAL. APARRI. SMALL FORCE ONLY AS CONSIDERED IMPOSSIBLE FOR BLUE: LANDIN THERE. ZAMBALES. MODERATE FORCE FOR SUPPORT BATAAN AND LOWER PANGASINAN. LINGAYEN. 1 INFANTRY DIVISION PLUS SUPPORTING ARTILLERY AND TANKS. BAYOMBANG NUEVA VIZCAYA. 1 INFANTRY REGIMENT. BULAAAN AND PAMIANGA. ADDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL CENTER FOR NORTHWARD RETREAT AND TO HOLD UNTIL OTHER FORCES REACH BATAAN. ALL SHORE DEFENSES IN CHARGE OF NAVY. MISCELLANEOUS STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO GENERAL YAMASHITA. " IN CASE ENEMY ATTEMPTS LANDING BATANGAS AF TER MINDORO WILL USE 1 ARTILLERY DIVISION PLUS AIR SUPPORT. RETREAT ROUTES FROM SOUTH THROUGH
RIZAL AND CAVITE. EXPECT FINAL WITHDRAWAL TO BATAAN.
RETREAT FROM MANILA BAY USELESS. MOST OF JAP FLEET
ADMITTED DAMAGED OR SUNK. ARMS AND AMMUNITION NOT ADEQUATE!

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**RDO HONO INTERCEPT**

CINCPAC SENDS ACTION TO ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS 7TH FLIGHT INFO TO COM3RDFLT, COM7THFLT AND CTF 77.

NIP AIRMAN SPOTTED BLUE SURFACE FORCE AT 292020 (MINUS 9) IN POSIT 11-22 N 121-38 E. 15 MINUTES EARLIER JAP FLYER REPORTED A BLUE FORCE IN POSIT 11-12 N 121-18 E.

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TO
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ALL TFC 7TH FLT

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INFORMATION

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ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS

ACTION E-2

RDO HONO INTERCEPT

CINC PAC SENDS ACTION TO ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS 7TH FLT INFO TO COM 3RD FLT COM 7TH FLT AND CTF 77.

NIP AIRMAN SPOTTED BLUE SURFACE FORCE AT 292020 (MINUS 9) IN POSIT 11-22 N 121-38 E. 15 MINUTES EARLIER JAP FLYER REPORTED A BLUE FORCE IN POSIT 11-12 N 121-18 E.
HONO INTERCEPT

TO COMSHPA, COM 3RD FLT, COM ALLIED NAVAL FORCES
USS WASSATCH, FEAF, CTF 93, CTF 77, ADV GHQ, COM
7TH FLT, COMAF 13, 369 BOMBING, 318 BOMBING, VBC
VFC 91 PHOTO WING RECO, CTG 94.5, INFO TO 368
BOMBING FROM COMAIF 5 CITE 22936E.

AIR INTENT FOR 36 DECEMBER.

(1) VBC (A) HIT CLARK FIELD AIRDRONE WITH 1 GROUP
HEAVIES.

(B) STRIKE TAGUGARU WITH ALL AVAILABLE
LEYTE BASED B-25'S, SECONDARY SILOY.

(C) SNOPPERS HIT SHIPPING RIJGAYEN GULF
NIGHT 29/30.

(2) VFC (A) (40 GROUPS MISSING)
RECO (A) PHOTO AS DIRECTED, LUZON AREA AND
CLARK FIELD STRIKE,

(4) 369 BOMBING HEAVY
(A) CONTINUE TO MAXIMIZE NEUTRALIZATION OF AIR-DROMES IN THE DAVAO AREA.

(5) 31G BOMBING

(A) PROVIDE COVER FOR MINDORO RESUPPLY CONVOY.
(B) 345 GROUP MINDORO BASED B-25'S STRAFE (DO NOT BOMBS) SIBUYA TO RUBSON TO LEYTE 29 DECEMBER. MY COMMAND TO MAJOR GENERAL WHITEHEAD.

DELIVERED TO 26G.
CTF 77 ROLLS ACTION CINCPAC INFO COM 7TH FL T COMCINCH CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT.

"INDORO RESUPPLY GROUP HAS UNDER HEAVY AIR ATTACK FOR 1 
AND 1/2 HOURS FROM LARGE GROUP OF JIP PLANES AT DUSK 28 DEC. 
LAST 75% HAS TORPEDOED DURING THIS ATTACK AND BADLY DAMAGED. 
SHIP NOT SALVAGEABLE SUNK BY GUNFIRE. CONVOY AGAIN 
UNDER HEAVY AIR ATTACK ABOUT 0830 29TH WEST OF PANAY. 
8 ENEMY PLANES REPORTED DESTROYED BY SHIPS GUNFIRE INCLUDING 
suicide. CRUISER COVERING FORCE RETURNED LEYTE FROM "INDORO 
RESONG RESUPPLY ECHELON RETURNED SAN PEDRO HARBOR. SAVAGE 
GROUP DIRECTED ARRIVE AT REPORTED POSITION OF DAMAGED 
HERSHIP WILLIAM SHARON ABOUT 1430 TO "OKE VESSEL IN TR 
FOR RETURN LEYTE. LEYTE PT'S NIGHT 27-28 SANK 4 BARGES. 
INDORO BOATS RESCUED 8 OF OUR FILLERS AND CAPTURED 6 NIPS"
FROM NORTH MINDORO. LEYTE PSY'S SHOT DOWN 2 JAP PLANES
AND STRAFFED TUG AND BARGE OFF MCCAY.

DELIVERED TO 20G.
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29163F1 JAP PLANE REPORTED CONTACT IN 11-97 N 121-13 E.

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SUBJECT: CINC PAC SENDING ACTION ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDER SEVENTH FLEET INFO COM THIRD FLEET COM SEVENTH FLEET CONTASKFORCE SEVEN SEVEN.

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POSITION 09-52 N 121-43 E ENEMY PLANE MAKES CONTACT OEFCDT* 2911551

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

To: War Department

No: C 55605 29 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department. C 55605. Operations report SWESPAO area period 1500Z/27 to 1500Z/28 signed MacArthur.

South China coast:
Convoy reported by reconnaissance plane as one battleship, five destroyers, seven large transports, two whaling factory ships, three tankers sighted 60 miles south-east Swatow heading north-west midday December 28.

Philippines:
One transport, three medium merchant vessels, seven destroyers sighted approaching Aparri from north afternoon December 28;
Anchored off San Fernando same afternoon, nine medium to small freighter transports, one destroyer, four escort vessels, 15 sea trucks;
Two vessels reported as light cruisers sighted on southerly course off Dassol Bay previous afternoon;
Three single-engined planes sighted on airstrip north end Lubang Island December 26.

Visayas:
Attacks by ten and later by 20 enemy planes on Allied convoy reported Mindanao Sea December 28.

CM-IN-28519 (29 Dec 44)
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

No: 0 55605 29 December 1944

Part II.
Naval:
Leyte:
PT Boats sank four barges, others shelled possible barge staging depot northern Halmahera night December 27.

Air:
Enemy action:
Mindoro:
Enemy planes supported naval attack night December 26; 13 planes attacked Allied positions night December 27, fighters shot down three, anti-aircraft claimed another.

Mindanao Sea:
Ten planes damaged Allied convoy south Bohol Island morning December 28, anti-aircraft shot down one, three others crash dived on three vessels; 20 to 30 planes caused further damage at Uyk.

Morotai:
Two planes made ineffective raid predawn December 28,
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines
No: 0 55605 29 December 1944

Operations December 26:
(1) Refer paragraph four, preceding report:
One Mariner shot down, 20 other Allied planes reported missing following attacks on enemy shipping Mindoro.

Operations December 27:
(2) 24 B-24's scored excellent coverage, destroyed six planes San Jose Airdrome, Panay Island.
(3) 12 B-24's caused fires and explosions Matina Airdrome Davoig.
(4) Five B-25's from Mindoro at night exploded and set afire freighter transport near-missed similar vessel San Fernando north Lingayen Gulf.
(5) Two Darwin B-24's scored near misses on vessels described as destroyer and freighter transport 400 miles west Mindoro.
(6) Day patrols hit buildings and set fuel tanks afire Serpa oil fields, Miri, attacked railroad installations left three seatrucks and three coastal vessels sinking Jesselton.
(7) Four Beaufighters strafed targets of opportunity, set buildings afire northern Celebes.

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29 December 1944

(8) Two P-38's bombed Gelela in Halmahera; Four P-47's intercepted and shot down three Sallies over Djailolo.


(10) 36 Beauforts * inland villages and coastal targets Wewak.

Operations December 26:


(12) * B-24 patrols damaged tug and fuel barge south Hong Kong, shot down flying boat northeast Samar Bay one transport plane southern Formosa.

(13) Four Dutch B-25's attacked shore installations Alor Island; Single B-24 bombed bridge east Dili; Two RAAF Venturas raided coastal targets Arce Island.

Solomons forces:

Air:

Operations December 27:

(14) 33 New Zealand Corsairs supported ground forces and attacked concentrations Bougainville.

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In the enemy's rear area, 34 B-25's and eight New Zealand Venturas crated Lakmal and Vunakanau, 26 New Zealand Corsairs patrolled Rabaul and bombed supply dumps.

Paragraph 17 of preceding report covered operations December 25.

Land:

Leyte:

X Corps: 24th Division units reach San Isidro.

Patrols from 32nd and 1st Cavalry Divisions made contact on W coast.

XXIV Corps: Elements 77th Division still meeting strong resistance from concrete pillboxes near Tipolo.

Part III.

(1) No details.

(2) Dropped 288 500 lb bombs from 12,500 feet.

(3) No details.

(4) No details.
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

No: 0 95605

29 December 1944

(5) Dropped 12 500 lb bombs.

(6) Three B-24s dropped 27 250 lb bombs.

(7) No details.

(8) P-20's dropped 2 1,000 lb bombs, met slight medium accurate anti-aircraft fire.

(9) Dropped 24 250 lb bombs.

(10) Dropped 36 500 lb, 111 250 lb bombs, 6 250 lb incendiaries *, fired 3,100 rounds 30 caliber.

(11) No details.

(12) No details.

(13) B-25's dropped 16 500 lb bombs five seconds delay from 3,000 feet;
B-24 dropped 12 250 lb bombs from 3,000 feet;
Venturas dropped 12 300 lb bombs five seconds delay from 200 feet, fired 100 rounds 50, 1000 rounds 30 caliber.

Refer preceding report paragraph 2.

23 B-24's dropped 50 120 lb frags, met intense medium and heavy same accurate anti-aircraft fire.

* Being serviced.  End

ACTION: OSPD
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FROM CTF 93. ACTION TO COMGEN AAFPPOA. RDO WAIHAIWA PASS INFO TO CINCPAC, COMFAW 2, TFC, 5, CENPAC, CONAIRPAC, COM 3RD FLT CTF 96, CTF 94, 7 BONCOM, COMAF 7, CTG 30, 5, BONCOM 21, CTG 30, 5, 3 HAVE INFO LOCALLY.

(PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS RDO HONO 281720).

28 DECEMBER STRIKES.
18000 FEET ABOVE TWO JIMA 13 LIBERATORS DROPPED FRAG AND DELAY FUZED QUARTER TONNERS AIRFIELD NUMBER 1. INTENSE ACCURATE AA CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE 2 AIRCRAFT. 2 SNOOPING B-24'S LAID FRAG CLUSTERS 100 PERCENT SAME TARGET CAUSING EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES. OVER BONINS AND KAZANS ON ANTI-SHIPPING SEARCH LONE MARINE MITCHELL FOUND NO TARGETS.

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TOP SECRET. CINCPOA ZONE NOTICE 72.

ACTION ADEES INFORM ONLY SHIPS AND SHORE-BASED AIR COMMANDS UNDER THEIR OPERATIONAL CONTROL WHO NEED TO KNOW. CINCPOA HAS DIRECTED THAT EFFECTIVE JAN 02 JANUARY ALL THE PATTERN OF THE CENTRAL PHILIPPINES ARE AN AIR SURFACE ZONE WITH WEST AND SOUTH BOUNDARIES AS FOLLOWS:


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SOUTH ISLET 63-43 N 119-48 E TO DULUINGIN POINT 87-45 N 122-46 E.

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RDO HONOLULU INTERCEPT

TO ADOIC, CHQ, ADV CHQ, COMFEAF, COMAF 13, VFC, VDG
21 PHR, 268 BW, 307 BW, 310 BW, BOMDOH 137, COM 13
(27TH FLEET, CONAIRBORNE AIRINTEL NORTH EAST AREA, 1
(2 CARIBLED GROUPS) FROM COMAF 5 CITE 12294D.

WEATHER AGAIN CANCELLED HEAVY STRIKES FROM PALAU. LONG
RANGE SHIPPING SEARCHES CONTINUED. 1 PB4Y DESTROYED
NAVIS SOUTH CHINA SEA, ANOTHER SHOT DOWN TOPSY OFF SOUTH
TIP FORMOSA AND 3RD TCOE* STRAFED AND DAMAGED TUG TOPSY
OIL BARGE SOUTH OF HONG KONG. DURING NIGHT 27TH-28TH
DECEMBER 2 XB24'S ATTACKED ENEMY FORCE OF 1 LIGHT CRUISER
4 DESTROYERS AND FTU 414 MILES WEST MINDORO. 6-500
POUNDERS FELL OFF STERN OF 1 DESTROYER AND 6 WERE NEAR
MISSES ON FTU. 5 CORT (2 GROUPS OMITTED) PREVIOUSLY.
FROM MINDORO NIGHT VINCAYAN SHIPPING STRIKE 27-28 DECEMBER
HIT ONE FTU OFF SAN FERNANDO WITH 500 POUNDERS AND

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SCORED NEAR MISSES ON 2ND T.T. EXPLOSION AND FIRE RESULTED ON 1ST VESSEL. PATROL PLANES ON NIGHT MINDORO SEARCH CONTA (12 GROUPS OMITTED) OFF SOUTHWEST BUSUANGA ISLAND ENCOUNTERING ENEMY AIRCRAFT BUT WITHOUT ENGAGEMENT. 12 OR 13 UNIDENTIFIED ENEMY AIRCRAFT ATTACKED MINDORO POSITIONS 6 TIMES DURING NIGHT 27-28 DECEMBER BOMBING AND STRAFING WITHOUT REPORTED DAMAGE. ANTI PERSONNEL BOMBS FELL INFANTRY BIVOUACS WITHOUT CASUALTIES. NITE (12 GARbled GROUPS) 4TH. 27 DECEMBER RECOVERY C N* 12 DIAM B24'S MINDOHAO STRIKE CAUSED FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS IN MATINA DROME AREA. AMPLIFYING SOME DETAILS OF NIGHT AIR ATTACKS COXBYHINATI* TASK FORCE, 13 B25'S WITH 60-50 POUNDERS SANK 1 DESTROYER, FIRED 2 SMALL TRANSPORTS AND GOT DIRECT HITS HEAVY CRUISER. PB4Y GOT 2 DIRECT HITS ON BATTLESHIP WITH 50 POUNDERS. P38'S AND P40'S STRAFED DESTROYER WHICH BLEW UP, OTHER PLANES REPORTED AS FIRING AND PROBABLY DESTROYING 1 LARGE TRANSPORT. 2 XD2 (2 GARbled GROUPS) ATTACKS UPON RETIRING FORCE DROPPING BOMBS WHICH HIT CRUISER AND WERE NEAR MISSES ON DESTROYER. 25 AIRCRAFT (4 B25'S, 4 P38'S, 7 P47'S AND 5 P40'S) STILL MISSING FOLLOWING THESE SHIPPER ATTACKS. 1 PBM SHOT DOWN OFF SAN JOSE BUT CREW WAS SAVED. SEVERAL PLANES WERE HOLED BY INTENSE ACK ACK FROM JAP SHIPS.

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AND TMFO TO CINCPAC COMINCH AND COM 7TH FLT.

POW FROM DD KYIYOSHIMO SUNK OFF MINDORO STATES BOWARD-
NING FORCE COMPOSED OF 1 CA 1 CL 6 DD'S FROM CAMPANH BAY.
1 LIBERTY SHIP GROUNDED DURING BOWARDMENT IN ADDITION
TO LIBERTY PREVIOUSLY REPORTED DESTROYED BY GUNFIRE.
IT NO’W APPEARS NIL COUNTER LANDING MADE BY NIPS.
WIDOW SUBMARINES SIGHTED OFF BEACHHEAD NOW BELIEVED
TO BE NIP TORPEDoes 3' INCH DIAMETER 3' FEET LONG
3 OF WHICH RECOVERED BY MINDORO FORCE. NO REPORT
RESUPPLY ECHELON DUE ORMOC THIS MORNING. MINDORO
RESUPPLY ECHELON ATTACKED ’BOUT 1030 BY 4 SUICIDE
PLANES SOUTH OF BOHOL. 1 SHOT DOWN BY SHIP GUN FIRE
3 HIT SHIPS IN CONVOY. USS PORCUPINE (STORAGE TANKER)
DAMAGED BUT ABLE TO CONTINUE. WERSHIP JOHN BURKE BLE

SECRET
UP AND SANK. MERSHIP WILLIAM SHARON HEAVILY DAMAGED, ABANDONED AND DRIFTING. TUG WITH 2 DD'S ESCORTING ORDERED FROM LEYTE TO ATTEMPT SALVAGE. NIL REPORT FROM PT PATROLS. CRUISER COVERING FORCE OFF WINDORO SCHEDULED TO RETURN LEYTE TONIGHT.

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CTF 77 SENDS ACTION ALL TFC 3RD AND 7TH Fleets. INFO CINCPAC COMAF 5 COMAF 13 CINCPAC COM 7TH FLT COMINCH COM 3RD FLT 310 BOMBING COMINGS 6TH AND 8TH ARMIES.

1ST CLASS PETTY OFFICER SURVIVOR OF DESTROYER SUNK NIGHT OF DECEMBER 26/27 OFF WEST COAST MINDORO ASSERTS HIS DESTROYER WAS KIYOSHIKO AND THAT FORCE WHICH ATTACKED MINDORO CONSISTED OF ASHIGARA (CA) OYODO (CL) PLUS 6 DD'S KIYOSHIKO NASUMI ASASHI SUGI KAYA HINOKI. FORCE DEPARTED CAMRANH BAY FEB 26, DECEMBER 24 FOR MINDORO WITH MISSION TO SINK BLUE TRANSPORTS AND SHELL AIRFIELDS AND INSTALLATIONS. NO TRANSPORT FORCE INVOLVED AND NO LANDING INTENDED. 3 SMALL DD'S WERE TO PROCEED MANILA REFUEL (APPARENTLY SHORT LEGGED) AND THEN RETURN CAMRANH BAY. REMAINDER FORCE WAS TO RETURN CAMRANH BAY DIRECT DEPARTING FROM BLUE AIR COVER AT TOP SPEED. DD KIYOSHIKO SUNK. ISE
HYUGA AT CAPE SAINT JACQUES TOO SLOW (17 KNOTS) TO PARTICIPATE.
CV UNRYU ENROUTE TO TAKE PART THIS ATTACK WAS SUNK OFF FORMOSA
WITH ALL HANDS AND PLANES ON 19 DECEMBER. BB'S YAMATO KONGO
HARUNA AND NAGATO REPRESENTED UNDER REPAIRS AT KURE. BB YUSASHI
SUNK NEAR SOUTHWEST LUZON AT 1600 OCTOBER 24 AFTER RECEIVING 18
TORPEDO AND 8 BOMB HITS. COMMENT. THIS SUGGESTS UNRYU WAS
CARRIER REPORTED SUNK BY BLUE SUB DECEMBER 19 IN POSIT 28-42 N
124-04 W. ATTENTION FURTHER INVITED FACT THAT JAPANESE TASK
FORCES MAY BE EXPECTED INCLUDE BOTH HITSU HATSU CLASS DESTROYERS
(About 1000 TONS SUCH AS SUGI AND HINOKI ABOVE) AS WELL AS LARGER
TYPES OF FLEET DESTROYERS. BELIEVE FAILURE BLUE OBSERVERS IDENTIFY
HITSU CLASS DESTROYERS AS SUCH LIKELY TO RESULT MISIDENTIFICATION
OF LARGER DESTROYERS IN COMPANY AS LIGHT CRUISERS, LIGHTS AS HEAVY
OCTOBER CRUISERS, HEAVIES AS BATTLESHIPS. SEFIC'S REPORT 67 DATED/6TH THIS
YEAR PROVIDES APPROPRIATE IDENTIFICATION DATA. PRISONER'S INFORM-
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(FROM CTF 93 TO COMGEN AAFPOA RDO MAHIAWA PASS INFO CINCPAC, COMFAW-2, ALL TFC'S, CENPAC, COWAIRPAC, COM 3RD FLEET, CTF 96, CTU 30-5, CTU 38-5-3, GETlocALLY CTF 94, 7 BOMCOM, CTU 30-5-3. GETlocALLY CTF 94, 7 BOMCOM, COMAIRPAC 7 BOMCOM, COM3RDFLT COMAF 7 CTF 96 CTG 30-5, 96 OTG 3-5, CTU 30-5-3. PASSSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 281527.

INCOMPLETE 30X SCORE ROCKERUSHER 2 DECEMBER 27 13 LIBERATORS 17,000 FEET RAINED 231/2 TONS FRAG CLUSTERS TWO JIMA A/F NUMBER 277% ON TARGET. 1 ENEMY A/C DESTROYED ON GROUND. AA MODERATE AND ACCURATE HOLED SINGLE 8-24 WHICH LOST 2 ENGINES AND DITCHED. 6 MITS SEEN BEING RESCUED BY SUBMARINES AND DE. 6 LIBERATORS REMAINING TO SPOT FOR CRUISERS 2 GOT MINOR DAMAGE FROM AA ON BOMB RUN. TO CHICHI JIMA WITH 28 TONS OF DELAY-FUZED CENTURIES SENT 21 LIBERATORS AT 19,000 FEET MISSED FIELD BUT SCORED DIRECT HIT ON FUTAMI KO. 15 P-38'S WITH 38-29 ESCORTS APPROACHING 1NO JIMA ON THE DECK DESTROYED AIRBONE NICK AND 1
ZEKE ON GROUND DAMAGED 2 MORE ZEKES ON GROUND. LIGHTNINGS STRAFED PERSONNEL AIRFIELD AREAS BOAT BASIN AND SMALL CRAFT. 1 A/C DAMAGED BY A-W ALL RETURNED. DUE OVERCAST NAVY PB4Y PHOTO PLANES GOT NO PICTURES. NITE SNOOPING LIBERATORS WITH CENTURIES AND FRAGS OVER IWO JIMA STARTED FIRES AIRFIELD AREAS, ROCKET PACKING MARINE MITCHELLS ON ANTI-SHIPPING SEARCH BONINS AND KAZAMS NO CONTACTS.

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**AIR INTENT FOR 29 DEC**

1. **VBC**
   - A HIT CLARK FIELD DISPERAL AREA WITH ONE GROUP HEAVIES
   - (B STRIKE CLARK FIELD NIGHT 28/29 DECEMBER WITH LEYTE BASED MEDIUM BOMBERS)
   - C X B-24'S HIT SHIPPING IN LINGAYEN GULF

2. **FIXFORS FOC**
   - A COVER CLARK FIELD STRIKE WITH 1 GROUP FIGHTERS
   - B PROVIDE COVER FOR MINDORO RESSUPLY CONVOY
   - BLUE TASK FORCE, ORMC, TRANSPORT AND RESCUE MISSIONS AS REQUIRED

3. **91 FB**
   - A OBTAIN PHOTO COVERAGE CLARK FIELD DISPERAL AREA STRIKE AND MANILA BAY SHIPFIRE
4. 309 BW HA CONTINUE PRESENT COMMITMENTS

5. 310 BOMB WING IN A 6R'S STAND ALERT NIGHT 28/29 DEC.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WHITEHEAD
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(CTF 94 SENDS ACTION CINCPOA INFO COM 3RD FLEET ALSO CTF 93.)

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OPERATIONS 27 DECEMBER. 8 PALAU CORSAIRS 1 TON PLUS NAPALM ON BABELTHUAP RADAR SITE. IWO JIMA BOMBARDMENT BEST SO FAR. JAP DE AND LST EXPLODED. CRUISERS 8 INCH ON XL BATTERIES 5 INCH ON AIRFIELDS SHORE INSTALLATIONS.

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To: War Department
Nr: C 55561

28 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA and MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department C 55561. Operations report SWAPAC area period 1500Z/26 to 1500Z/27 signed MacArthur.

Formosa: 4 large transports 2 heavy cruisers 11 destroyers reported by Leyte reconnaissance plane 50 miles east of south point of island course west.

Philippines: 1 battleship 1 heavy cruiser 1 light cruiser 4 destroyers spotted on south westerly course 250 miles west of group afternoon December 27.

Luvon: 2 destroyers 9 freighter transports 12 seatrucks reported anchored off San Fernando morning December 27; 3 medium 1 smaller merchant vessel off Subic Bay December 27; 3 merchant vessels 2 destroyers 4 escort vessels with air cover reported heading south 35 miles west Cigan previous afternoon;

3 camouflaged medium freighter transports sighted at anchor 10 miles south Manila Bay afternoon December 27.

Part 2. Air.

Enemy action:

Morotai: Anti aircraft fire claimed hits 2 raiders

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night December 26.

Operations December 25:
1. 47 more RAAF P-40's * positions *

Operations December 26:
2. Refer Paragraph 9 preceding report: B 24's destroyed estimated 15 planes on Clark Field, Manila, shot down 5 probably another intercepting fighter.


4. Navy search planes from Leyte, Mindoro based fighters and B 25's sank 2 destroyers damaged battleship and heavy cruiser also claimed set 3 transports afire off Mindoro at night; Army report no evidence enemy having landed troops, both runways serviceable morning December 27.

5. B 24 patrols attacked vessel northwestern Borneo, demolished barracks and damaged fuel tank hit 2 small freighters Tarakan, bombed Sidate and Mapanget northeastern Celebes.

6. P 47's swept Sidate, strafed gun positions.

7. 45 B 25's hit Lolobata and Hatatabako, started many fires through supplies and bivouacs, * Lolobata; 8 P 38's

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strafered same area; 30 B 25's, 2 B 24's, 14 P 38's, 35 RAAF
* P 40's, 4 P 51's 12 Beaufighters attacked Gallela airdrome
gun positions bivouacs and supply dumps; single B 25 and
4 P 40's swept Halmahera coastline destroyed 1 barge.

8. 8 P 40's bombed assisted targets Morotai; 2 B 25's
left armoured barge sinking Waigeo Island.

9. Darwin B 24's left small freigher listing
southeastern Celebes.

10. 4 Beauforts attacked stores and assigned targets
Wewak area.

Operations December 27:

11. 23 B 24's scored excellent coverage Talisay airdromo,
Negros Island.

12. 11 B 25's demolished warehouses bombed San Roque
bivouacs Zamboanga, 1 B 25 lost.

13. 24 RAAP P 40's bombed Wasile Bay barge Hideous
Halmahera, strafed 9 barges and fuel dump.

14. Darwin B 24 raided Kanduri airdromes before dawn;
day B 24 left seartruck sinking Vesuvius Bay, Soela Islands;
another B 24 bombed Fulloro. Timor.

15. 3 RAAP B 25's attacked 3 luggers and jetties
Flores Island area.

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16. 9 B 25's and 9 A 20's strafed villages and gun positions Wewak.

Solomon Forces. Air.

Operations December 25:

17. New Zealand Venturas demolished buildings New Ireland; 12 New Zealand Corsairs bombed barges strafed motor transport Rabaul; 16 New Zealand Corsairs started fires amongst supplies and bivouac Bougainville; other strikes weathered out.

Land.

Leyte: X Corps:

Elements 24th Division landed vicinity Daha (northwest east) without opposition, advanced south toward San Isidro, other units advancing overland reached point 5000 yards east Anevelo Bay.

1st Cavalry and 32nd Division abreast continued advance west.

XXIV Corps:

77th Division units continued to meet strong.

Enemy cumulative casualties:

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* killed, * prisoners.

R Morotai:
472 killed to * of.

Part 3.

1. Dropped 3 by 1000 lb, 67 by 500 lb bombs, met moderate medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

Paragraphs 2 through 4 no details.

5. 4 B 24's dropped 27 by 250 lb, 30 by 100 lb bombs.

6. No details.

7. * B 24's dropped 6 by 250 lb bombs, 1750 by 120 lb frags from 17400 feet to 9000 feet; B 25's dropped 4 by 250 lb, 360 by 100 lb bombs; fighter bombers dropped 22 by 1000 lb, 48 by 500 lb, 68 by 250 lb bombs; alight to intense medium and heavy some accurate anti aircraft fire.

8. P 40's dropped 24 by 260 lb frags.

9. Dropped 10 by 250 lb bombs and fired 2500 rounds 50 caliber.

10. Dropped 6 by 500 lb, 14 by 250 lb bombs, fired 6000 rounds 30 caliber.

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11. Dropped 276 by 500 lb bombs from 10400 feet.
12. Dropped 132 by 100 lb bombs, met moderate medium accurate anti aircraft fire.
13. Dropped 14 by 500 lb, 30 by 250 lb bombs.
14. Dropped 24 by 250 lb, 10 by 100 lb bombs.
15. Dropped 4 by 500 lb bombs 5 seconds delay, fired 1400 rounds 50 caliber.
16. Dropped 72 by 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 13500 rounds 50 calibre.

* Being serviced

End

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: CC/S Cq AAF Adm King
G-2 Col Park
ASF Statistics

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To: War Department
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From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department 0 5550

Hong Kong: Reconnaissance plane from Leyte sighted 12 merchant vessels 2 destroyer escorts entering harbour December 25.

Luzon: 2 destroyers 2 destroyer escorts 4 medium freighter transports reported on southerly course 80 miles North of Aparri December 25; 2 medium freighter transports 2 destroyers 1 gunboat sighted heading south off Lingayen Gulf afternoon same day; at midnight 1 heavy cruiser 2 medium freighter transports 2 destroyers 1 small freighter sighted 8 miles South Dasol Bay; Off Subic Bay next afternoon 2 tankers 2 destroyer escorts sighted on course 120 degrees;

12 single engined planes sighted Lipa Airdrome Dec 25.

Mindoro: Enemy task force of 1 battleship 1 heavy cruiser 6 destroyers sighted by reconnaissance plane 100 miles to West San Jose, 0550 2/26 course 30 degrees, later reported off North West point of island.

Part 2. Naval: Mindoro: Preliminary reports state 1 enemy battleship 1 heavy cruiser and 6 destroyers approached from West bombarded allied beachheads and *** patrol B 24's attacked Lugger Brunei Bay, bombed shipping and shore installations Labuan, sank small freighter and forced coastal vessel

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ashore Northern Borneo; predawn B-24 harassed Kendari.

(5) 19 B-24's bombed airfields and railroad installations Jesselton; 24 B-24's scored excellent coverage Sandakan Airdome.

(6) 56 B-25's, 20 P-38's, 38 RAAF and 12 other P-40's 12 Beaufighters struck Gelece Airdrome, headquarters area, bivouacs and gun positions. 38 RAAF and 24 other P 40's attacked Goerica and other targets through Hilahara.

(7) 8 Beauforts attacked villages Wewak Area.

(8) 10 Beauforts from Goodenough Island raided Talili Area, Rabaul.

Operations December 26:

(9) 1 group B-24's from Palau started large fires Clark Field dispersals, Manila. Leyte based P-38's covered strike, shot down 13 of 15 to 20 intercepting fighters, 1 P 38 lost.

(10) 3 B-24's caused fires Laog Airdrome, Northern Luzon, before dawn. Mariner sank seafight Southwest Lingayen Gulf.

(11) 8 P-47's bombed installations and wharves Masbate Island.

(12) 16 B-24's started fires through Matina Airdom Davao. B-25's from Morotai attacked installations Samal Island.
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(13) Catalina cooperating with PT's sank 2 barges Northern Halmahera.

(14) 4 RAAF B-25's, 4 Dutch B-25's and Nekjaevin B-24 sank seartruck and coastal vessel 120 miles South Ambon. Another B-24 attacked 3 coastal vessels Boeroe Island, sank 1,

(15) Beaufort bombed Viqueque Town, Timor.

(16) 5 B-24's raided Lakanai Airdrome, Rabaul.

Solomons' Force. Air. Operations December 25:

(17) New Zealand Corsairs and 2 Venturas bombed bivouacs and demolished wharf Kavieng, 1 Corsair lost. Single B 25 and 43 New Zealand Corsairs patrolled Rabaul and bombed supplies Gazelle Peninsula, 1 Corsair lost. 36 B-25's and 6 New Zealand Venturas attacked plane hideouts Vunakanau.

18 New Zealand Corsairs raided personnel areas Bougainville.


X Corps: First Cavalry and 32nd Divisions advanced West reached line running generally South from Tabigui to Bayanacoo, encountered only light resistance.

XXIV Corps: 77th Division units advancing West on Libungan/Palompon road continued to meet strong resistance Tipolo Area, units at Palompon advanced 2 miles North East toward enemy road block Tipolo.
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Adverse conditions reported West and South of Philippi-
nes.

1. No details.

2. No details.

3. Dropped 24 500 lb bombs, met moderate medium
inaccurate anti-aircraft fire Davao. Dropped 108 100 lb
bombs, met moderate medium accurate anti-aircraft fire Zam-
boanga.

4. 4 B-24's dropped 39 250 lb bombs.

5. Dropped 850 250 lb bombs from 10,000 feet.

6. Dropped 12 1,000 lb, 157 500 lb, 80 250 lb, 660
100 lb bombs, 40 155 gallon napalm bombs. Slight to intense
light and medium some accurate anti-aircraft fire.

7. Dropped 6 500 lb, 30 ** 250 lb incendiaries and
24 * lb frags, fired 7,200 rounds 30, 300 rounds 50 calibre.

8. Dropped 2 500 lb, 48 250 lb bombs, 2 250 lb
incendiaries.

9. No details.

10. No details.

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11. Dropped 8 1,000 lb bombs.

12. No details.

13. No details.

14. B-25's dropped 28 500 lb 5 seconds delay from Masthead height, fired 15,500 rounds 50 calibre, B-24's dropped 22 250 lb bombs from 6,000 feet to minimum altitude fired 400 rounds 50 calibre.

15. Dropped 24 40 lb frags, 90 4 lb incendiaries.

16. Dropped 40 1,000 lb bombs from 9,000 feet.

Refer preceding report paragraph 16: 12 B-24's dropped 15 tons 100 lb bombs.

End

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ACTION: OPD

INFO: CG/3, CG AAF, ASF, C-2, Admiral King, Colonel Park, Statistics, Log

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COM SEVENTH FLT GETS ACTION, INDO ALL TASK FORCE AND TASK GROUP COMMANDERS SEVENTH AND THIRD FLEETS, COMAFA'S FIVE AND THIRTEEN, CINCPAC, COM THIRD FLT, CINCSWPA, CTF 73, COMAAF. ORIGINATOR CTG 73.6

PB4Y LEYTE SUMMARY.

FIRST SECTOR 1025 MILES 85% CAMRAH BAY AND CAP ST. JACQUES NEGATIVE. SECTOR THREE TRACKED NIP FORCE LAST SIGHTED 1430 12-24 116-09 COURSE 230 20 KNOTS 1 BB 1 CA 1 CL 4 DD. 1 SD 1 SA ANCHORED 11-52 121-34 AT 0740. 990 MILES FOR SECTOR FOUR 100%. PARACELS NEGATIVE. SECTOR TWO 900 MILES 50% NEGATIVE. 50% VISUAL FOR 900.

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MILES FOR SECTOR FIVE WERE NEGATIVE. 800 MILES AT 70% FOR SECTOR SIX SHOWED 2 DD 9 FTU 12 SMALL S'S
ANCHORED SAN FERNANDO AT 1520 AND 1645; 3 CAMOUFLAGED FTA ANCHORED 14-15 120-35 2 SC 16-09 119-46 AT 1550; APPROX.
20 AK MANY DERELICTS MANILA BAY AT 1700. EIGHTH SECTOR 1000 MILES AT 60%. SWATOW NEGATIVE AT 1245. AT 1550 2 DE
1 SA 1 SB 1 FA 1 FB 2 LARGE BARGES 17-10 120-15 COURSE 000 SPEED 10. 1 FA 1 SB 2 FB ANCHORED 16-40 120 5
AT 1610. 2 DD PATROLLING AT 1640 15-35 119-50. 1 DE 15-10 119-50 CSE 150 15 KNOTS AT 1655. SECTOR NINE WENT
85% FOR 400 MILES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO COVERAGE TAKAI AMOYTES AOJORES* DUE ENGINE TROUBLE. SECTOR TEN
WENT 900 MILES AT 70%. 11 DD 5 TA 2 CA 21-50 121-41 COURSE 270 15 KNOTS AT 1025 ACK ACK SLIGHT HEAVY INACCURATE.
SECTOR SEVEN WENT 800 MILES COVERAGE 80%. BY RADAR COURSE 360 AT 20 KNOTS 14-50 119-52 AT 1849 1 2 POSSIBLE DD.
NO COVERAGE MOCAO AND HONGKONG DUE LATE TAKE OFF.
WEATHER GENERALLY POOR. ALL TIMES ITEM. POSITS NORTH
AND EAST. SECTOR EASY NOT COVERED.

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ACTION CINCSWPA COMAAF COMAF 5 COMAF 13 COM 3RD AND 7TH FLTS CINCPOA ALL TF AND TG COMDRS 3RD AND 7TH FLT. USS BARATARIA(AVP 33) SENDS.

RESULTS OF LEYTE SEAPLANE SEARCHES 27 DEC ALL RESULTS NEGATIVE. COVERAGE 100 PERCENT AND VISIBILITY FAIR TO GOOD IN ALL SECTORS. SECTOR S 600 MILES. SECTOR T 600 MILES. SECTOR U 350 MILES. RETURNED YIDH ENGINE TROUBLE. SECTOR V 575 MILES. SECTOR W 300 MILES DEPARTURE DELAYED.

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TRACKING DISTANCE SEARCHED 1350 MILES DUE TRAILING OF ENEMY BUT SIGHTED 1 SD THIS* 1 SC AT 0740/1 ANCHORED IN 11-58 121-34 SIGHTED 1 BB 1 HEAVY CRUISER 1 LIGHT CRUISER 4 DESTROYERS IN 13-16 117-48 ON COURSE 240 AT 25 KNOTS TRACKED ENEMY TASK FORCE AVERAGE COURSE 235 AVERAGE SPEED 20. FIRED UPON BY BROADSIDES FROM BATTLESHIP CRUISER (HEAVY) NO DAMAGE.

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CTG 94.9 originates action to CTF 94 who passes info to CTF 93 and CTU 30.5.3.

Passed by radio hono to Cominch for info as 271800.

Approached Iwo Jima north of east then southabout to northwest. Commenced firing at 1300 and ceased firing at 1436 with 8 inch mainly on designated enemy 5 inch batteries. Destroyers on far shore boats and buildings. Then last 15 minutes cruiser 5 inch batteries raked both airfields.

During approach 1 de (escort gunboat) and LST were trapped near east boat basin. When thoroughly afire and down by stern de beached itself. During our retirement LST continued burning with ammunition.
PLODING WHILE DE WITH LARGE UNCONTROLLED BLAZE FINALLY BLEW UP. DUNLAP AND CUMMINGS WHILE 1800 YARDS FROM SHORE RECEIVED MODERATE INTERMEDIATE CALIBER FIRE. INTENSE AUTOMATIC FIRE. DUNLAP TBS ANTENNA SHOT AWAY WITHOUT OTHER DAMAGE. OTHERWISE SHORE BATTERY FIRE MEAGER. THERE WAS A LATE EXPLOSION ON EAST SIDE HILL. ONLY 1 ENEMY GUN BATTERY SIGHTED. ARMY SPOTTING B-24'S VERY GOOD. EXCEPT AS TO DUNLAP NO DAMAGE TO SHIPS OR PERSONNEL.

COMMANDING OFFICER AND 3 MEN ROE INJURED DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS BY SHRAPNEL FROM ENEMY DE WHICH THEY SANK AND HAS BEEN REPORTED.

PROCEEDING TO LATITUDE 22-30 N LONGITUDE 140-20 E THEN TO SAIPAN. WEATHER COOL.
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CTF 73 SENDS ACTION CINCPOA CINCSWPA COMAAF COMAF 5 COMAF 13 COM 3RD FLT COM 7TH FLT CTF 77 ALL TF AND TG COMORS 3RD AND 7TH FLTS.

SPECIAL REPORT ON SECTOR 2 ON 26 DECEMBER.
WENT 500 MILES TODAY. CHINA COAST CAMRANH BAY NEGAT. HEAVY FRONTAL WEATHER FROM 150 MILES WEST MINDORO TO INDO CHINA COAST. RETURN LEG SIGHTED NIP TASK FORCE 188 ESTIMATED YAMATO I CA NACHI 6 DD 1 VERY LARGE AT 1600 POSIT 12-50 118-30 COURSE 090 SPEED 25. PLANE LANDED MINDORO 1730 REFUELED AND LOADED BOMBS. OFF AT 2030 SIGHTED SAME FORCE AT 12-40 120-40 TIME 2100 ATTACKED AND OBTAINED 2 HITS 500 POUND BOMBS ON BB. AT SAME TIME PLACED SAW B25'S SINK 1 DD AND DAMAGE ANOTHER. TRACKED FORCE TO BEACH AND ON RETIREMENT UNTIL 0300 DEC 27 POSIT 13-20 119-45 COURSE 300 SPEED 25 BB AND 1 DD TRAILING OIL.

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AIR INTENT FOR 27 DECEMBER,
1 VGA AAA 1 GROUP HEAVIES HIT CLARK FIELD. BUBB SHOOPERS
HIT SHIPPING IN MANILA BAY NIGHT 26/27 DECEMBER
2 VGA AAA PROVIDE COVER FOR CLARK FIELD STRIKES WITH
4 SQUADRONS. BUBB COVER FOR RESCUE AND AG TRANSPORT QUNIC AS REQUIRED. 391 PWR: AAA OBTAIN PHOTO COVERAGE ON
NIELSON NICHOLS CLARK AND LAS PINAS FIELDS. BUBB PHOTO CLARK FIELD STRIKE. 4309 BW: AAA CONTINUE B.

PRESENT COMMITMENTS. 532 BW: A. NO ASSIGNMENT FOR THIS HEADQUARTERS. BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WHITEHEAD

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RECEIVED VIA CINCPAC猀 COM 7TH FLEET
COMINCH CINPOA
COM 3RD FLEET

ORGAN RE-SUPPLY ECHELON RETURNED SAN PEDRO HARBOR MONTAGUE 20TH. DUTCH MERCHAND SHIP SOMMELSDA"
ANCHORED VICINITY NAVAL BASE MANILA WAS HIT BY BUYOROE CRASH DIVER CARRYING AERIAL TORPEDO.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE FROM RESULTANT EXPLOSION AND FIRING REPORTED 40 CASUALTIES. LIGHT ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY
PAST 24 HOURS LEYTE AREA. TO 7714 WITH 2 O.A.S. 2
OL'S AND 18 DD'S DEPARTED LEYTE 1830 1 PROCEEDING
HIGH SPEED TOWARDS MINADORO AS RESULT REPORT ENEMY FORCE 1 BB 1 OA AND 6 DD'S RIGHT IN ABOUT 100 MILES
WEST OF MINADORO AT 1730 1 ON EASTERN COURSE SPEED
20. LEYTE PEETES SITCHED ARMY LANDIG OPERATIONS.

AT BALUNPON, MINADORA PEETEES SHOT DOWN ENEMY PLANE OVER MARGARET BAY. SAME BOATS SHIELDED OALOPAN DOCKS
AND SANK WHALE BOAT IN HARBOR. LEYTE PBY'S SHOT
DOWN 3 ENEMY FLOAT PLANES IN PHILIPPINE SEARCHES AND
SANK CRUISER IN MOMPONG PASS.

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COM FW Area sends Action CINCPAC and ALL TFC's 3RD FLT INFO ISCOM MARIANAS ISCOM WEST CAROLINES.

Starting 251010 in 11 groups between 16-25 enemy aircraft about 25000 feet dropped bombs on Isley Field. 1 glide bomber dropped bombs. Window extensively used. 3 enemy aircraft shot down by night fighters. AA guns claim 1 enemy plane destroyed, 1 damaged and 1 probably. 1 B-29 totally destroyed, 1 probably destroyed beyond repair. 2 may be repaired. 11 minor damage. HQ 1st Provisional Error Group destroyed. Minor damage to planes at Isley 2.

6 men injured.

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(COM 7TH FLEET SENDS)

(PASSED BY ROO HONO TO COMFORCH FOR INFO AS 27047)

2 (D) 4 MEDIUM AK 5 SMALL ESCORTS 19-30 N 121-40 E 1430 1
25TH COURSE 150 SPEED 5. USUAL SHIPMENTS LINDAYEN GULF
MIGHT 25/26 INCLUDING 2 POSSIBLE DD 4 FREIGHTER TRANSPORT
TYPE 15 MEDIUM STACK AFT VESSELS. DAWN 25TH 1 DD 2 DE
1 AK 1 FREIGHTER TRANSPORT WITH AIR COVER 16-00 N 119-45 E
COURSE 150 SPEED 7. BEFORE DAWN 26TH 1 CA 2 DD 2 MEDIUM
FREIGHTER TRANSPORTS 1 SMALL AK 15-40 N 119-52 E NLL COURSE
GIVEN. BELIEVE SIZE OF WARSHIPS EXAGGERATED. ALSO BEFORE
DAWN TODAY 8 SHIP CONVOY 17-03 N 109-35 E COURSE 230.
ANCHORED LABUAN ISLAND BRUNEI BAY AREA 1630 25TH 1 MEDIUM
AO 3 LUGGERS. AT 0125 SAME DAY 2 SHIPS 2500 TONS EACH
POSIT 05-40 SOUTH 119-32 EAST. 1700 PREVIOUS DAY 1
UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL 15 MILES WEST MAKARAP. CHRISTMAS DAY.

SCHRO}
22 PALAU B-24'S BOMBED MABALACAT STRIP CLARK FIELD AREA WITH GOOD COVERAGE. P-38 COVER SHOT DOWN 39 OF 50 INTERCEPTORS. OTHER B-24'S STARTED FIRES AT SABON DAVAO AREA. PREVIOUS NIGHT 3 LIBERATORS HECKLED NICHOLS NEILSON CLARK FIELDS. FINAL SNEEZE 24/TH CLARK FIELD RAID 31 INTERCEPTORS SHOT DOWN BY P-7'S 2 BY B-24'S. PHOTOS 25TH SHOW SANDAKAN NUMBER 1 SERVICEABLE 1900 FEET NUMBER 2 FOR 1700 FEET. NIL PLANES SEEN. SIDATE SERVICEABLE WITH NIL PLANES. SAN ROQUE SAME FOR 2000 FEET. NIL PLANES BUT COVERAGE INCOMPLETE. JESSELTON UNSERVICEABLE 1 FIGHTER 2 BOMBERS OPERATIONAL. SANGA SANGA IN TAWI TAWI AREA OPERATIONAL. NIL PLANES. NIGHT 24/25 PT'S EVACUATED 24 PERSONS NORTH MINDDORO INCLUDING FRIENDLY PILOTS 2 CORREGIDOR SURVIVORS 2 POW. SAME NIGHT LEYTE PT'S SCREENED SMALL ARMY AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION PALOMPON. JAP CASUALTIES LEYTE AS OF 23RD 51704 KILLED 335 CAPTURED.

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To: War Department
No: C 55467

26 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff, War Department C 55467. Operations report SOMESPAOC area period 1500Z/24 to 1500Z/25 signed MacArthur.

Part 1.

Formosa: Reconnaissance FB 4 Y from Leyte sighted one probable carrier, 3 heavy cruisers, 6 destroyers, 35 miles northwest Takao course west midday December 24th.

French Indo China: Convoy containing 4 medium freighters, 1 tanker, 1 small freighter transport, 5 escorts on northerly course 20 miles north Camranh Bay sighted by Leyte reconnaissance plane December 24th.

Philippines:

Luzon: 1 medium freighter transport, 1 freighter, 3 escorts sighted Dasol Bay December 24th, 10 floatplanes, 15 barges Batangas Bay, 4 Bettys on Alabat Island airdrome (Lamon Bay) same day.

Celebes: Two seaplanes, 2 barges, 2 luggers sighted Menado harbor December 22nd.

Borneo: Photographs Jesselton airdrome December 23rd showed 1 fighter, 2 bombers.

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Part 2.

Naval: Mondoro PT boats sank whaleboat and strafed Calapan docks northern Mindoro; Morotai boats attacked coastal targets northeastern Halmahera night December 24th.

Air: Enemy action:

Mindoro: Enemy raider shot down by anti-aircraft fire night December 24th; another claimed by PT boats next morning.

Leyte: Night fighters shot down one plane, anti-aircraft fire claimed one destroyed, 2 damaged during light raids Tacloban area night December 24th.

Negros Island: Enemy fighter surprised and shot down Mariner south Negros, personnel rescued December 24th.

Morotai: 8 raiders caused damage on strip, Spitfire shot down one night December 24th.

Operations December 22nd:

(1) Petrol B-24 sink coastal vessel Miri, destroyed large seaplane and two barges south Tarakan.

Operations December 23rd:

(2) Five B-25s attacked targets Wewak area.
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Operations December 24th:

(3) B-24 patrols shot down floatplane near Camranh Bay Indochina, claimed another north Luzon, strafed troop-filled lugger Marindique Island, sank seaturk, strafed 7 barges Borneo and bombed Mapangat, northeastern Celebes.

(4) Refer Paragraph 11 preceding report: 22 B-24s hit Clark Field escorted by 60 P-47s, B-24s shot down two interceptors probably destroyed another, P-47s shot down 31 plus four probables; 1 P-47 lost, 2 others missing.

(5) Four P-38s strafed Batangas airdrome installations, southern Luzon; 12 P-40s hit Silay airdrome, Negros, destroyed one grounded plane.

(6) 24 B-24s bombed Puerto Princesa destroyed one plane, damaged two others.

(7) Six B-25s sank one seaturk, one lugger Davao; 9 B-25s demolished warehouse and silenced guns Zamboanga; 8 P-38s strafed waterfront damaged barge Jolo Island.

(8) 23 B-24s bombed Kudat airdrome, northern Borneo; 6 P-47s strafed barracks and waterfront Tawao.

(9) Three B-25s bombed power house Manado.

(10) 38 B-25s, 23 P-38s, 32 RAAP P-40s and 18 Beaufighters caused many explosions and fires Goerota supplies Wazile Bay, 16 other P-40s hit installations Lolobata and CM-IN-25011 (26 Dec 44)
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around Halmahera; 4 P-40s bombed assigned targets Morotai.

(11) Three B-25s swept Sorong, strafed barge Senate, one B-25 shot down by anti-aircraft.

(12) Darwin B-24 bombed targets northern Tanimbar Islands.

Operations December 25th:

(13) 22 B-24s from Palau scored good coverage Mabalacat air-drome Manila; P-38s escort from Leyte shot down 39 probably four others of 50 intercepting fighters, 4 P-38s lost.

(14) Three B-24s harassed Manila air-dromes before dawn; day B-24 shot down transport plane northwest Lingayen Gulf.

(15) 16 P-47s covered amphibious landing Palompon.

(16) Biak based B-24s caused fires Sassa air-drome Davao.

Land.

Mindoro Colocolo contact.

Leyte:

X Corps: Mopping up continued west highway number two.

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XXIV Corps: 77th Division unit captured Palompon from north, forces on road to northeast met opposition vicinity Tipilo. Hopping up continues throughout rest of corps area. Eighth Army assumed combat responsibility for Leyte/Samar area December 26th.

Part 3.

(1) No details.

(2) Dropped 20 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 4000 rounds 50 caliber.

(3) Dropped 29 250 lb bombs.

(4) Paragaphs 4 and 5 no details.

(6) Dropped 470 250 lb bombs from 10,000 feet.

(7) B-25s dropped 24 500 lb bombs Davao, dropped 72 100 lb bombs, 216 20 lb braga Zamboanga where slight light inaccurate and medium accurate anti-aircraft fire.

(8) B-24s dropped 440 250 lb bombs from 11,000 to 9,000 feet.

(9) Dropped 12 500 lb bombs, met slight medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(10) Dropped 46 1,000 lb, 63 500 lb, 53 250 lb, 322 100 lb bombs from minimum altitude, fired 80 50 lb rockets; moderate medium accurate anti-aircraft fire Cebuca.

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(11) Met intense medium accurate anti-aircraft fire.
(12) Dropped 30 100 lb bombs from 10,000 feet.

Paragraphs 13 through 16 no details.

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FLASH REPORT. RED ALERT SAIPAN 2010K TO 2301K.
REPEATED HIGH AND LOW ATTACKS BY SINGLE OR SMALL
GROUPS. 2 BETTYS SHOT DOWN BY NIGHT FIGHTERS.
1 B-29 DESTROYED AT ISELY* NUMBER 1

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MINDORO L-3 RESUPPLY ECHELON RETURNED SAN PEDRO HARBOR. DELAYED REPORT FROM COMMANDER THIS ECHELON REPORTS.

DESTROYED 1 SMALL SAMPAN AND 1 MEDIUM SIZE LUGGER ON 25 DEC AND ON 24 DEC A LANDING BARGE HAS DESTROYED.

ALL CONTACTS MADE VIGINTY GAMUNGE ISLAND ORNOC RESUPPLY GROUP SCHEDULED DEPART ORNOC BEACHHEAD AFTER DARK 25TH WITH ETA SAN PEDRO HARBOR 1800 26TH. MINDORO PT'S EVACUATED 24 MEN FROM SAN MINDORO INCLUDING SEVERAL Drowned 3RD FLT PILOTS 2 CORREGIDOR SURVIVORS AND 2 POW. SAME BOAT SHOT DOWN 1 EREY PLANE ON MINDORO.

PBAY Scoured SANDOKAN HARBOR INSTALLATIONS DESTROYING 2 WAREHOUSES 1 LUGGER AND DAMAGING ANOTHER. FBM ON PATROL WAS SHOT DOWN BY EREY HAIR IN SURPRISE ATTACK LAT 06-52 N LONG 122-36 E. PLANE DESTROYED BY CREW.

ALL PERSONNEL RECOVERED NONE INJURED.

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©TREP EASBIGHT* 8 DECEMBER 25

1500Z 24 EINIO CHINA 2 CRUISERS 3 DESTROYERS 1 TANKER REPORTED ARRIVED CAMRANH BAY MORNING DEPARTED

AFTERNOON DECEMBER 23 PHILIPPINES ICBMO* PROBABLE DESTROYERS SIGHTED 170 MILES NORTHWEST MANILA HEADING

SOUTH EAST DECEMBER 24 1 SMALL FREIGHTER 3 SEATRUCKS OBSERVED VERDE ISLAND PASSAGE DECEMBER 23

MINORO 22 PLANES RAID ALLIED POSITIONS CAUSED SLIGHT CASUALTIES NIGHT DWVQWRLKJCTFRISOAHP* *

AIFXNPMTR CLAIMED 1 SHOT DOWN 1 PROBABLY LEYTE PT'S DESTROYED BARGE NORTH PALAMON NIGHT DECEMBER

22 DESTROYERS SANK ENEMY SVRMC* BOAT MINOA OEA FOLLOWING NIGHT 10 PLANES OVER OR ON CORRIDOR

ANTI AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN 1 DAMAGED 1 OF 2 RAIDERS SOUTHERN LEYTE NIGHT DECEMBER 23 LAND FORCES MADE

GENERAL WESTWARD ADVANCE IN NORTHERN SECTOR HALMAHERA PT BOATS DESTROYED 1 SUPPLY LADEN BARGE NIGHT

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DECEMBER 22 ALLIED AIR A# OPERATIONS December 22 PATROL B-24'S  
SANK 3 SMALL SEATRUCKS ZAMBANGA DAMAGED 1 OF 3 FIGHTERS  
BALIKPAPAN GBCGH MINRE* BEAUFORTS HIT Wewak Targets ATTACKED  
3 BARGES DAGKA December 23 SINGLE B-24 BOMBED Legaspi AIRFIELD  
CORSAIR SHOT DOWN 1 OF 2 FIGHTERS ENCOUNTERED LUBANG ISLAND  
47 B-24'S WITH 7 P-38'S AND 7 P-47'S DESTROYED 2 BOMBERS  
RELAY SCORED HITS CAUSED FIRES EXPLOSIONS AMONGST 8 PLANES  
FABRICA REVETMENTS 25 P-47 STRAFED NEGROS AIRFIELDS SEG*  
6 PLANES QUIT 5 P-47'S CAUSED LARGE FIRES PALOMON ON  
LEYTE 6 B-25 DESTROYED 3 SMALL SEATRUCKS AND WATERFRONT  
INSTALLATIONS OYAO AREA 12 B-25'S ATTACKED SAN ROQUE AIRFIELD  
AND ZAMBOANGA 45 B-25 46 P-40'S 5 P-51'S AND 17 BEAUFIGHTERS  
DEMOLISHED SUPPLIES BARRACKS BUILDINGS AND JETTIES SILENCED  
GUNS LOOCATA AND HATETABAKO, 1 DUTCH 4 RAAF B-25'S  
STRAFED BARGES KOEPANG AREA, 9 BEAUFORTS ATTACKED KAIRIRU ISLAND  
AND BUT. 9 B-24'S AND 8 A-20'S HIT Wewak Targets.  
DECEMBER 24, PATROL B-24 SHOT DOWN FLOATPLANE NORTHERN LUZON  
2 B-24'S CAUSED EXPLOSIONS FIRES MANILA AIRFIELDS BEFORE DAWN  
ON O* GROUP B-24'S FROM PALAU CAUSED MANY FIRES CLARK  
FIELD DISPERAL AREAS P-47'S ESCORT FROM LEYTE SHOT DOWN 10  
PROBABLY 2 OTHERS OF 50-60 INTERCEPTING FIGHTERS 1 P-47 LOST.  
24 CORSAIRS CRATERED CAROLINA RUNWAYS NEGROS ISLAND. 4 P-40'S  
SUPPORTED GROUND FORCES WESTERN LEYTE. 4 KORN  B-25'S  
DESTROYED BARGE FURTHER DAMAGE LUGGER NORTH KOEPANG  
SINGLE BEAUFORT BOMBED BETANO B-24 BOMBED FULORO. 10 P-47'S  
DIVED BOMBED TARGETS Wewak. ELEVEN B-24'S FROM NADZAB RAIDED  
TOBERA AND WDMJANAU REVETMENTS RABAUL SOLOMONS FORCES  
DECEMBER 23. 30 CORSAIRS BOMBED AMMUNITION DUMPS AND ENEMY  
CONCENTRATIONS BOUGAINVILLE. 6 CORSAIRS 2 VENTURAS ATTACKED  
BIVOUACS NEW IRELAND. 45 B-25 AND 6 VENTURAS HIT VUNAULWJUJY*  
AIRFIELD 30 CORSAIRS AND FREDOM B-25 HARRASSED RABAUL  
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OPERATIONS 24TH.
8 PALAU CORSIRS STRAFED BURNED 4 BABELTHUP BUILDINGS.
ADDITIONAL FOR 23RD.
8 PALAU CORSIRS NAPALMED ASAO VILLAGE BABELTHUP SUPPLY STORAGE.
JOINT STRIKE IWO JIMA 24TH.
CRUISERS BOMBARD CY D G BATTERIES.
DESTROYERS SANK JAP DESTROYER ESCORT ALSO PC AND LSM.

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RESUPPLY ECHELON OF 6 LSM'S ESCORTED BY 3 DD'S DURING DAYLIGHT AND 3 PT DURING DANGERS DEPARTED SAN PEDRO HARBOR 14301.

EXPECTED ARRIVE OMBOC BAY ABOUT DAYLIGHT 25TH.

L-3 RESUPPLY GROUP NOW RETURNING LEYTE ESTIMATED 1800.

POSITION 09-28 N LONG 124-30 E.

ETA SAN PEDRO HARBOR 10001/25TH.

ENEMY AIR CONTINUES QUIET IN LEYTE AREA. LEYTE PTS DESTROYED 1 BARGE OFF EAVONPO. MORATAI PTS DROVE 2 ENEMY BARGES INTO KAOL BAY AND LATER DESTROYED 1 LOADED AND BEACH IN SAME AREA.

1 PT BADLY DAMAGED BY RETURN FIRE.

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES 2 WOUNDED.

MORATAI PT'S DAMAGED BUILDINGS AND BRIDGE AT MENADO WITH

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FORCE INFO CTF 77 COM 3RD FLEET CINCPAC CTF 73 CINCSWPA.)

REFERENCE CTF 77 240128. ORANGE PLANE REPORTS SIGHTING
BLUE SHIPPING POSIT 17-17 N 123-23 E AT 0940/J 24TH.

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(COM 7TH FLEET SENDS.)

REFERENCE OUT 200731 ON PROHIBITED ANCHORAGE DUE TO UNDERWATER OBSTRUCTION (FROM CAVITE TO MANILA) ANOTHER CAPTURED JAP DOCUMENT INDICATES SUBMARINE CABLES LAID IN THIS AREA.

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FROM CTF 73
RELEASED BY
DATE 24 DEC 1944
TOR CORDEROON

RECEIVER CINCPOA COMAAF
CINCWPAA COM 3RD FLT
COM 7TH FLT CTF 77
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ALL TF AND TGC'S 3RD & 7TH FLTS

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(CTF 73 SENDS ACTION CINCPOA CINCWPAA COMAAF COM 3RD FLT COM 7TH FLT CTF 77 COMAF 5 COMAF 13 ALL TF AND TGC'S 3RD AND 7TH FLTS)

LEYTE SENT OUT 2 NIGHT MARINERS DECEMBER 23/24. 1 PLANE COVERED RETURNING CTP 78.3.13. SIGHTED 1 MTB WHICH DESTROYERS SANK AT 09-07 N 124-32 E. SIGHTED 11301. SECOND PLANE PATROLLED WATERS WEST OF MINDORO. NIL SIGHTINGS. INTENTS FOR WNWJ DRBEES* NIGHTMARES DEC 24/25. 2 PLANES TO COVER EAST AND WEST MINDORO WATERS. 1 PLANE TO SEARCH WEST LUZON COAST TO **

* AS RECEIVED
** BADLY BARBED GROUPS

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TO: CINCPAC

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ALL TFC 3RD FLEET
COM 3RD FLEET
COM 7TH FLEET
CTF 77

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**RADIO HOND INTERCEPT**

CTF 37 SEND ACTION TO COMEAF 5TH AIRFORCE INFO TO COM 3RD FLT CINCPAC CTF 73 CINCPA. SUPER.

NIP PLANE REPORTS CONTACTS AS FOLLOWS TIMES 1 DATE 24TH:


JAP SHOPE BROADCAST A CONTACT AT 0335 1 24 POSIT 15-29 N 123-45 E. COMMENT POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THESE CONTACTS MAY REFER TO 3RD FLEET SURVIVORS. REQUEST POSITIONS GIVEN ABOVE BE THOROUGHLY SEARCHED AND DEFINITE REPORT SUBMITTED WITH COM 3RD FLT AS INFO AMNEE.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/21/94

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ALL CONCERNED CURRENT OPERATIONS SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

FROM BOMCOM 13 TO AOIC CITE NO 0964

STRIKE PHOTOS SHOW FABRICA UNSERVICEABLE, TWO OPERATIONAL SSF. SILAY UNSERVICEABLE, 5 SSF, 5 W/B, 1 DB OPERATIONAL. JESSELTON, BORNEO, DROME COVERAGE ONE SSF, 1 L/B, ONE W/B OPERATIONAL.

COPY TO 20G
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area
Leyte, Philippines

To: War Department

Nr: C 55375 24 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA ggd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department C 55375. Operations report SWESPAC area period 1500Z/22 to 1500Z/23 signed MacArthur.

South China Sea: Large aircraft carrier three destroyers sighted on southerly course 200 miles southwest Shanghai December 19.

French Indo China: 6,000 ton fighter with two destroyer escors rs reported approaching Camranh Bay from southwest Midday December 23.

Philippines: Luzon: 1 freighter, 1 destroyer, 1 destroyer escort sighted Fort San Vincent (northeast point) December 23; photographs before strike on Clark Field December 22 with 60% cover of four runways showed 80 fighters 79 twin engined bombers three single engined bombers, in 1 dispersal area Mabalacat with similier cover 20 fighters.

Negros: 5 fighters, 5 medium bombers, 1 dive bomber photographed on Silay Dec 23.

Part 2. Air.

Enemy action: Mindoro: Anti-aircraft fire claimed another reider destroyed Dec 21; P-38's shot down 5 more Dec 22nd; Naval gunfire destroyed 1 plane during ineffective raids.

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Leyte, Philippines

Date: 24 December 1944

Subject: Morotai: 2 planes caused slight damage and casualties
predawn Dec 23.

Operations Dec 21:
(1) 9 more P-38's bombed Cagayan airdrome, Mindanao.

Operations Dec 22:
(2) Heliccat followed two enemy planes from Samar
during evening, shot down both when attempting land Bulan
Airdrome, southeastern Luzon, also strafed and set fuel
truck afire; 16 P-40's cratered runways and strafed buildings
Calingatan airdrome.
(3) 18 B-25's escorted by 10 P-47's destroyed 3
planes damaged 6 others, exploded fuel dumps Fabrica Airdrome,
Negros Island.
(4) 3 B-25's swept Davao, hit Samaa jetty sank freighter
trans port and coastal vessel damaged 8 seatrucks; 2 B-25's
bombed Zamboanga town jetty.
(5) Patrol B-24's raided airdrome Puerto Prince,
strafed bomber Sandakan airdrome, bombed warehouses Eastern
Borneo.
(6) 68 B-24's, 16 NAAF P-40's, 18 P-38's and 41
B-25's struck Lolobas and Hatetabeho caused many fires amongst
revetments bivouac supplies and gun positions; 25 P-38's,
43 B-25's, 16 Beaufighters and 16 NAAF P-40's hit Goroea area
southern Wastle Bay, extensive fires through supplies and
personnel areas bombed barge hideouts and silenced guns, 1 plane
shot down by anti-aircraft fire; 15 Beaufighters, 13 P-51's and
27 P-40's swept Halmehar fixed fuel dumps hit roadways.

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installations silenced 8 dual purpose guns.

(7) 6 B-25's, 4 A-20's and 7 Beauforts raided Wewak targets.

(8) 6 NADZAB B-24's started fires Rabaul and bombed Keravat runways; 8 Beauforts from Goodenough struck Matupi Island.

Operations Dec 23:

(9) B-24 group from Palau covered by Leyte based P-38's destroyed estimated 20 to 25 planes Orsco Park Field, Manila; nil interception encountered.

(10) Patrol B-24 shot down Betty northwest Lingayen Gulf; 2 predawn B-24's caused fires and explosions Caroline Airdrome, damaged 1 of 5 interceptors north Oeuvu.

(11) 24 B-24's covered by 7 P-38's crattered runways scored hits causing fires and explosions amongst 8 planes in revetments Fabrica Airdrome, Negros Island; 23 B-24's with 7 P-47's scored excellent coverage destroyed 2 bombers Silay airdrome; 10 P-47's swept Ia. Carlota set afire 6 planes.

(12) 12 P-40's supporting ground forces west Ormoc Road, demolished buildings and heavily strafed enemy positions

(13) 6 B-25's bombed San Roque airdrome; 6 B-25's raided Zambonga; other B-25's set three small seatrucks afire.

(14) 45 B-25's, 46 P-40's, 5 P-31's and 17 Beaufighters demolished buildings supplies and waterfront installations silenced many guns Lolobata and Hatetabako.

(15) 2 Darwin B-24's bombed Fuioro and Saumlaki in Tanimbers; single Beaufort hit be macks along Timor coast;

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3 Dutch B-25's and RAAP Ventura raided targets Aroe Islands.
(16) Nine B-24's bombed Wewak guns; 4 A-20's attacked
      village Kairiru; 6 Beauforts strafed coastal targets Dagua and
      But.

      Solomons Forces, Air. Operations Dec 22:
      (17) 18 New Zealand Corsairs and 3 Venturas attacked
      Belgian fuel dump and other targets New Ireland; single marine
      B-25 and New Zealand Ventura harassed Rabaul before dawn.
      18 New Zealand Corsairs bombed Rabaul waterfront; 34 New Zealand
      Corsairs bombed gun positions southern Bougainville, hit
      bivouacs and radio station to north.

      Land, Mindoro: Battalion 21st Infantry landed San
      Jose area.

      Leyte: X Corps units continued clearing of small
      enemy pockets within its sector.

      XV Corps: 77th Div Troops supported by heavy
      artillery reached point 7 miles northeast Palompon. Mopping
      up continued other sectors of Corps. End of Part 2.

Part 3.
(1) Dropped 9 by 1,000 lb bombs from 10,000 feet.
(2) F-50's dropped unstaed number 500 lb bombs.

(3) Dropped 216 by 100 lb bombs from minimum altitude,
    met slight inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

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(4) Dropped 18 by 500 lb bombs; moderate medium accurate anti-aircraft fire Sasea.

(5) Dropped 9 by 500 lb, 9 by 250 lb bombs.

(6) Dropped 36 by 1000 lb, 1297 by 250 lb, 462 by 100 lb bombs from 14,000 feet to minimum altitude, met moderate to intense medium and moderate heavy accurate anti-aircraft fire Lolobata and Batetabake; dropped 32 by 500 lb, 316 by 100 lb bombs, 50 by 165 gallon napalm bombs, fired 24 by 60 lb and 8 by 25 lb rockets, met slight to intense accurate anti-aircraft fire Goeree; other planes dropped 80 by 500 lb bombs, fired unstated number rounds.

(7) Beauforts dropped 10 by 500 lb, 26 by 250 lb bombs, 12 by 40 lb frags, fired 3,200 rounds 30 calibre; other planes dropped 40 by 300 bombs, fired 8,500 rounds 50 calibre.

(8) B-24's dropped 48 by 1000 lb bombs from 8,500 feet; Beauforts dropped 3 by 500 lb, 35 by 250 lb bombs, 120 by 4 lb incendiaries.

(9) No details.

(10) 2 B-24's dropped 12 by 500 lb bombs.

(11) B-24's dropped 960 by 250 lb bombs from 10,000 feet; moderate medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire Siley.

(12) Dropped 15 by 500 lb bombs, 24 by 80 lb frags.

(13) 12 B-25's dropped 144 by 100 lb bombs from altitude, met slight light and medium inaccurate anti-aircraft fire.

(14) Dropped 70 by 500 lb bombs, 30 by 250 lb, 540 by 100 lb bombs from minimum altitude, fired 32 by 50 lb rockets, met moderate medium some accurate anti-aircraft fire.

(15) B-24's dropped 24 by 250 lb bombs; Beaufort dropped 4 by 250 lb bombs; B-25's fired 5,300 rounds 50 calibre; CM-IN-23290 (24 Dec 44)
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Ventura dropped 4 by 300 lb bombs.

(16) B-24's dropped 72 by 1000 lb bombs from 8,000 feet; A 20's dropped 16 by 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 3,000 rounds 50 calibre; Beauforts dropped 12 by 500 lb, 22 by 250 lb bombs.

Refer preceding report paragraph 13: 16 B-24's dropped 20 tons 100 lb bombs Sasa.

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FROM COMAFF 13
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1ST PRELIMINARY REPORT 23 DECEMBER ALL TIMES 1.
24 LIBERATORS WITH 7 LIGHTNINGS AS COVER BOMBED FABRICA 1380 8TH TONNERS 1220 FROM 10000 FEET WITH CONCENTRATION ENTIRE LENGTH OF STRIKE BOS* OBSERVED AMONG 8 UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT IN REVETMENTS CAUSING 2 EXPLOSIONS AND 4 FIRES, 20-25 SINGLE SEAT FIGHTERS AND TWIN ENGINE BOMBERS SIGHTED ON STRIP EA INTERCEPTION NIL. 23 LIBERATORS WITH 7 THUNDERBOLTS AS COVER BOMBED SILAY AIRDROMES WITH 480 8TH TONNERS 1300 FROM 10000 FEET WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS MAJORING BOMBS IN TARGET AREA 2 TWIN ENGINE AIRCRAFT HIT IN REVETMENT AREA MODERATE MEDIUM INACCURATE AA HOLED 1 PLANE INTERCEPTION NIL. 6 MITCHELLS HIT SAN ROQUE WITH 72 CENTURIES 1017 FROM MINIMUM ALTITUDE RESULTS UNOBSERVED DUE WEATHER SLIGHT LIGHT INACCURATE AA INTERCEPTION NIL. 6 MITCHELLS WEATHERED OUT SAN ROQUE DROPPED 72 CENTURIES ON ZAMBOANGA AREA 1017 RESULTS GENERALLY UNOBSERVED DUE WEATHER SLIGHT MEDIUM INACCURATE

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AA INTERCEPTION NIL. 6 MITCHELLS ON DAVAO GULF SEARCH NEGATIVE SIGHTING DROPPED 24 QUARTER TONNERS 08 TL 0830 DESTROYING SEVERAL WAREHOUSES AND JETTYS AND 3 SD'S IN PANAKAN AREA SLIGHT LIGHT INACCURATE AA INTERCEPTION NIL. 10 THUNDERBOLTS IN LA CARLOTA SWEEP 1230 STRAFED FIRED 6 UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT ON S SIDE OF ROAD WEST OF LA CARLOTA TOWN AA NIL. 45 MITCHELLS 46 VARHAWKS 17 RASIFICX\*

FIGHTERS AND 5 MUSTANGS HIT LOLOKADA\* AND HATETABAKO\*PERSONNEL AND SUPPLY AREAS AND AA POSITIONS 0845-1000 FROM MINIMUM ALTITUDE WITH 540 CENTURIES 70 QUARTER TONNERS 30 8TH TONNERS AND 32X Y POUND ROCKETS, AREA WELL COVERED DESTROYING HUTS JET* AND SUPPLIES AND SILENCING MANY AA POSITIONS, AREA THOROUGHLY STRAFED MODERATE MEDIUM GENERALLY INACCURATE AA HOLED 9 PLANES.

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(TO FEAF COM AF 5 COMAF 13 VBC VFC 309 BOMB WING 309 BOMB WING HQS WESTERN VISAYAS TF CTG 78.3 CTG 73 COM 7TH FLY PASS TO COM 3RD FLY FROM 310 BOMB WING CTG D 102E)

AIR INTENTS 24 DECEMBER. V'S AND U'S LOCAL BEACHHEAD PATROL DAWN TO DUSK. R'S CARRY OUT WVU* SORTIES ON SHIPPING SEARCH NORTH NORTHWEST COAST MINDORO COVERED BY V'S AND U'S LOCAL NIGHT NIGHT FIGHTER PATROL.

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(CTF 77 SHOOTS ACTION CINCSWPA INFO TO COM 7TH FLT
COMINCH CINOPA COM 3RD FLEET)

GMOC RESUPPLY ECHELON ARRIVED SAN PEDRO HARBOR
FORENOON 23RD. FIRST L-3 RESUPPLY ECHELON NOW ENROUTE
LEYTE ESTIMATED 1800H POSITION LAT 09-23N LONG
122-15E. OF 2 LST'S PREVIOUSLY REPORTED DAMAGED
VICINITY MARACANAO ISLAND LIMITED SEARCH FAILED LOCATE
LST 648. LST 749 WHICH WAS ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED AS
LST 748 APPEARS SALVAGEABLE AND AN ATTEMPT WILL BE
MADE TO SALVAGE THIS VESSEL. ENEMY AIR QUIET IN LEYTE
AREA. MOROTAI PV LEFT 1 SMALL AK BURNING AT ENTRANCE
DAVAO GULF. LEYTE PT'S DAMAGED 1 BARGE OFF NORTH
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2ND PRELIMINARY REPORT 22ND DECEMBER ALL TIMES 1.

41 MITCHELLS DROPPED 482 CENTURIES ON LOLOBATA AND HATETABAKO

1450 FROM MINIMUM ALTITUDE BOMBS HIT THROUGH TARGET AREA COVERING REVETMENTS AND SUPPLY AREA CAUSING MANY FIRES WITH SMOKE TO 3000 FEET MODERATE MEDIUM ACCURATE AA HOLED 7 PLANES 25 LIGHTNINGS DROPPED 50X165 BROTON* NAPALM BOMBS ON GOEREA

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LIBERATOR ON ARMED SHIPPI RECCO OF E COAST BORNEO MADE STRAFING RUNS ON SANDAKAN AIRFORCE POSSIBLY DAMAGING 1 BETTY

INTENSE LIGHT ACCURATE AA SHOT OUT 1 ENGINE, 14 WARHAWKS AND 6 MUSTANGS DROPPED 40 QUARTER TONNERS IN WAOOPR* RIVER AREA

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1500-1515 FROM MINIMUM ALTITUDE, 8 BOMBS HIT ON CAPE TOBALIEI* WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS 8 HIT NEAR BRIDGE OVER WASHIO RIVER, 24 BOMBS HIT ON FUEL DUMPS ALONG COAST N OF SAROEAN ENHBMQ* TARGET JMEA* STRAFED FIRING 4 TRUCKS AND 1 WAREHOUSE AND DAMAGING 1 LARGE AA NAIL. 6 THUNDERBOLTS IN LOCAL PATROL 0600-1825 NAIL ENEMY CONTACTS DELAYED REPORT SHOW 9 LIGHTNINGS DROPPED 9 HALF TONNERS ON CAGAYAN AIRDROME 0900 THE 21ST FROM 10000 FEET ALL BOMBS IN TARGET AREA WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS AA NAIL, 7 BLACK VIDOWS AND 8 SPIT-FIRES ON LOCAL PATROL 1800 THE 22ND-0610, 1 BLACK VIDO MADE 1 CONTACT CLOSED TO WITHIN 2 MILES CALLED "IF" AS BOGEY ENTERED AA CIRCLE. ALERTS ON MOROTA: YELLOW 0142 THE 23RD RED 0143 ALL CLEAR 0147, BOGEY IDENTIFIED AS FRIENDLY. YELLOW 0225 RED 0237 ALL CLEAR 0319, 2 BOGEYS APPROACHED AREA FROM SOUTHWEST SEPARATED AND CROSSED AREA FROM SOUTH AND WEST, THE BOGEY FROM THE WEST DROPPED, 10 SMALL BOMBS NORTH PIITO STRIP NAIL DAMAGE REPORTED, THE OTHER BOGEY DROPPED 3 HEAVY BOMBS EAST OF PIITO KILLING 1 OFFICER AND SEVERELY WOUNDED 2 OTHERS SEVERAL OTHER CASUALTIES ALSO REPORTED, 1 OF THE HEAVY BOMBS HIT FIRE HOUSE IN BOMB DUMP DESTROYING THE FIRE HOUSE, BOGEY ENGAGED BY 90 MM RESULTS UNOBSERVED.

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IN CONNECTION GINCPAA 202126 TOP SECRET. REQUEST

(A) EXACT LOCATION OF DROME AREA.

(B) IDENTITY LOCATION VOICE CALL SEADROME FREQUENCIES OF CONTROLLING TENDER.

(C) APPROACH AND RECOGNITION PROCEDURES.

ANY ADDITIONAL INFO NECESSARY TO BRIEF PILOTS CONCERNED.

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To: War Department
Nr: C 55324 23 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA agd MacArthur to Chief of Staff, War Department C 55324. Operations report SWOPAC area period 1500Z/21 to 1500Z/22 signed MacArthur.

French Indo China:
Two medium tankers, 6 destroyers sighted Camranh Bay by Leyte reconnaissance aircraft December 22; two heavy cruisers, 3 destroyers sighted 100 miles south southeast Camranh Bay, course 30 degrees same day.

Philippines: Mindanao:
One destroyer, two freighters, 10 seatrucks sighted in Davao Harbor morning December 22.

Borneo:
Reconnaissance aircraft sighted, one destroyer, two medium tankers, two small freighters, 3 seatrucks at Balikpapan, 5 planes on Manggar airdrome, 2 planes on Lahud Datu strip December 21; Nil shipping Marudu Bay Balabac Straits.

Part 2. Naval:
Leyte PT boats rocketed possibly destroyed eastbound barge Cebu night December 21.

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Air. Enemy action: Mindoro:
Two crash dives damaged Allied shipping; locally based P-38 patrols shot down 10 raiders, probably destroyed another; 5 more plus one probably shot down by anti aircraft fire December 21.

P-38's intercepted attacks on convoy west Panay, shot down five planes December 22.

Operations December 20:
1. Patrol B-24 sank coastal vessel northern Borneo.

Operations December 21:
2. 18 B-24's bombed Fabrica;
   24 B-24's hit Bacolod;
   4 B-24's attacked Dumaguett;

   Leyte based fighter bombers cratered runways and dispersals Negros airdromes, also raided Santa Barbara on Panay, caused further destruction amongst grounded planes.

3. Eight P-40's exploded ammunition dumps and set supplies afire, destroyed 5 barges, one lugger, Palompon;

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Four Corsairs attacked barge hideout Camotes Islands.

4. Nine P-38's bombed and strafed Cagayan airdrome, northern Mindanao;
   Eight B-24's raided San Roque airdrome, Zamboanga.

5. Refer paragraph 18 preceding report:
   16 B-24's destroyed 3 planes Licanah.

6. B-24 patrols set coastal vessel afire south Davao, bombed Puerto Princesa airdrome, attacked 7 stack aft vessels, sank one, damaged 4 northern Borneo, strafed Lutong tank farm and destroyed Betty Miri airdrome;
   Two Venturas attacked small freighter northern Macassar Strait.

7. 13 B-25's weathered out Zamboanga, bombed runways and dispersals Lomboka;
   52 B-25's and 24 P-38's caused fires amongst Goeroca bivouacs gun positions and supplies Wasile Bey, strafed barge along coast;
   16 P-40's raided other dumps and personnel areas Halmahera.

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8. Five P-38's bombed Sorong; Three B-25's hit Moga village to east; 36 B-25's attacked Amdai village Manojwari.

9. 28 Forts bombed supplies and village Wewak area.

Operations December 22:

10. 24 Palau based B-24's caused explosions, fires destroyed estimated 50 places Clark Field dispersals Manila; 63 Leyte based P-47's furnished escort, shot down 8 or 9 intercepting fighters.

11. Corsairs and F-hO's hit Luzon airdrome, southern Luzon, cratered runways, damaged four planes.

12. Three B-24's raided Carolia airdrome, Negros, before dawn; One group B-24's from Palau struck same target during day.

13. B-24's from Biak bombed supply dumps and personnel areas Sassa, Davao; B-25's from Morotai caused fires and explosions.
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along water front Zamboanga.

14. Darwin B-24 bombed and strafed small freighter 60 miles south Boeroe Island, heading northeast; Two Dutch B-25's destroyed barge Lombok Island; Two RAAF B-25's strafed two barges near Koepang; Single B-24 bombed Laga village near Leuten.

Solomons Forces. Air. Operations December 21:

15. Three Venturas, two B-25's and 4 New Zealand Corsairs caused fires amongst bivouacs New Ireland; 26 New Zealand Corsairs and one B-25 raided seaplane base radio station and personnel areas Rabaul; Eight New Zealand Corsairs hit enemy concentrations Bougainville.

Land. Mindoro: No contact. Leyte: X Corps: 32nd Division cleared enemy opposition from high ground south Tobiliv, met 1st Cavalry troops north Loydy captured large quantities enemy equipment and supplies.

XXIV Corps: Elements 77th Division mounted with tank support attacked towards Palompon reached Maybunay.
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(6000 yards northwest road junction).

Gruco. 7th Division cleared further enemy pockets northeast

Ormoc. 11th Airborne Division reports all enemy resistance
Manas area broken.

Enemy casualties to date:
52,082 killed
335 Prisoners

Allied cumulative casualties
2,672 killed
8,839 wounded
143 missing.

Part 3.
1. No details
2. B-24s dropped 920 250 lb bombs from 10,000 feet;
   Fighter bombers dropped unstated number 1000 lb bombs
   and frags, fired unstated number rounds.

3. No details.

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5. P-38's dropped 9 1000 lb bombs; B-25's dropped 48 250 lb bombs from 10,000 feet, met moderate heavy accurate anti aircraft fire.

No details.

6. Two B-24's dropped 18 250 lb bombs, no other details.

7. B-25's dropped 78 250 lb bombs from 10,000 feet Lolobata, 536 100 lb bombs from minimum altitude Georoea where moderate medium accurate anti aircraft fire;

P-38's dropped 48 165 gallon napalm bombs from minimum altitude;

P-40's dropped 12 500 lb bombs, 36 260 lb frags.

8. P-38's dropped 6 1000 lb bombs, met slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire;

B-25's dropped 251 100 lb bombs.

9. Dropped 30 500 lb, 80 250 lb, 2 100 lb bombs, 18 250 lb incendiaries plqs unstated number 40 lb frags.

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13. No details


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For information of elements 7TH FLT not present at Leyte, Mindoro operation highly successful in spite of some enemy air opposition which was kept to a minimum by strikes from 3 air fields on Leyte, by 3rd Fleet supporting strikes on Luzon, by cover drop CVE's, and by strikes from Palau and Morotai. During about a week including U day approximately a thousand enemy planes destroyed. On U plus 5 day a group of fighters moved in on Mindoro strip to be followed by squadron medium bombers U plus 8.

Another fighter group moving in 1 squadron per day beginning U plus 8.

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RESDUPPLY ECHELON COVERED BY FIGHTERS FROM LEYTE AND MINDORO
ARRIVED MINDORO U PLUS 7 ON SCHEDULE ALTHOUGH UNDER AIR ATTACK LATE
AFTERNOON PRECEEDING. MINDORO EXCEPTIONALLY WELL SUITED FOR
AIR FIELDS. 7 STRIPS NOW PROJECTED. ADDITIONAL GROUPS FIGHTERS AND
STRAFERS FOLLOWING. AIR SEARCH NOW COVERS AREA 400 MILES TO WEST-
WARD MINDO WITH OCCASIONAL PLANES TO CHINA COAST. BY 1 JANUARY
COMPLETE RECONNAISSANCE COVERAGE OF SOUTH CHINA COAST ASIATIC COAST
AND NORTHWARD BEYOND FORMOSA WILL BE EFFECTIVE. JAPS ACTIVITY
OFF LEYTE. RESENDUP ORMOC CONTINUES AT NIGHT WITHOUT ESCORT
ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY LEYTE GULF ALMOST NON EXISTENT. WE HAVE
DEFINITE CONTROL OF THE AIR. WE WILL MAINTAIN IT. WE ARE
ON OUR WAY. MERRY CHRISTMAS. KINKAID.

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CTF 77 SENDS ACTION CINC SWPA INFO COMDR 7TH FLT
COMINCH CINCPOA COMDR 3RD FLT.

1ST RESUPPLY ECHELON L-3 ARRIVED MINDORO DAYLIGHT 22.
LST'S 749 AND 460 WERE DAMAGED ENROUTE BY FIRES
RESULTING FROM AIR ATTACKS EARLY EVENING 21ST. CONVOY
COMMANDER ATTEMPTED TO ANCHOR DAMAGED LST'S VICINITY
JARACANAO ISLAND LAT 11-13 NORTH LONG 121-40 EAST.
1 MAY HAVE DRIFTED OR Sunk. LARGE PERCENTAGE OF
SURVIVORS FROM BOTH SHIPS REPORTED PICKED UP BY DD'S.
SALVAGE WILL BE ATTEMPTED BY RETURNING L-3 ECHELON
WHICH DEPARTED MINDORO BEACH HEAD 1800 1 22ND FOR
RETURN LEYTE. ORMAC RESUPPLY ECHELON SCHEDULED DEPART
ORMOC BEACH HEAD AFTER DARK 22ND FOR RETURN SAN PEDRO
HARBOR. 3 POSSIBLE JAPANESE SUBMARINES REPORTED 2-5 MILES OFF BAY AT 1315 BY GROUND OBSERVER. PBY'S INVESTIGATING TONIGHT. MOROTAI PBY SANK A SMALL AK NEAR KUDAT BORNEO. LEYTE PT'S PROBABLY SANK 1 SMALL AK IN VISAYAN SEA. 2 PT BOATS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS GROUNDED OFF MASBATE HARBOR WERE TOWED BACK TO BASE THE SAME NIGHT. MINDORO PY ASSISTED BY SHOOTING DOWN 1 ZEKE NEAR PANAGANIN BAY.

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(GINPAC SENDS ACTION TO ALL TFG 3RD FLT INFO TO CON 3RD FLT CON 7TH FLT AND CON TF 77)

ULTRA.

SAME JAP PLANE MENTIONED BY 212052Z ALSO MADE CONTACT.

2215461 POS 16-37 N 128-43 E AND 1659 AT 17-37 N 128-46 E.

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- CINCSPWA
- CTF 71
- COM 3RD FLT
- DEPDOC 20TH AAF

**PRIORITY:**
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- BASEGRAM

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CINCPOA SENDS ACTION CTF 94 CTF 93 CTG 94.9 COMSUBSPAC COMGEN 21 BOMCOM INFO COMINCH CINCSPWA CTF 71 COM 3RD FLEET DEPDOC 20TH AAF. TOP SECRET.

CINCPOA ZONE NOTICE 6B. THE BLIND BOMBING ZONES AND THE SUBMARINE PATROL ZONES IN THE AREA BETWEEN 140°W AND 151°W EAST FROM 22-30 TO 26-00 NORTH ARE TEMPORARILY RECLASSIFIED AS AN AIR-SURFACE ZONE FROM 1200Z 23 DECEMBER TO 2400Z 27 DECEMBER. DURING THIS PERIOD BLIND BOMBING IN THIS AREA MAY BE CONDUCTED SUBJECT TO LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CTF 94 AND CTF 93. AT 0000Z 28 DECEMBER AREA DESCRIBED REVERTS TO ITS PRESENT CLASSIFICATIONS.

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- CTF 77
- WASATCH
- COM THIRD FLT
- CTF 73 BASE SHIP

**SPECIAL (*):**

- MAILGRAM ADDRESS
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[CIF 73 SENDS ACTION CINCPAC CINCWSFPA COMA AF COMAFRELI
CONTHFFLT COMAF 5 CONAF 13 CIF 77 ALL TF AND TB COMANDS
3RD AND 7TH FLTS]

2 NIGHT PATROLS FROM LEYTE PATROLLED MINUDORO WATERS IN
COOPERATION WITH PTB ON DECEMBER 21/22. SIGHTED
HOSPITAL SHIP POSIT 14-20 NORTH 119-33 EAST COURSE 280
SPEED 15 KNOTS TIME 220/1. BOTH PLANES ALSO COVERED
WATERS AROUND CTU 78.3.13. PATENTS FOR EIGHT DEC 22/23.
2 PLANES COVER MINUDORO WATER AREAS AND CTU 78.3.13
LEAVING OBJECTIVE AREA.
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area,
        Leyte, Philippines

To: War Department

Nr: 0 55261 22 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA signed MacArthur to Chief of Staff
War Department, 0 55261. Operations report SOWESFAC area
period 1500Z/20th to 1500Z/21st.

Part 1.
Philippines:

Luzon: 50 small vessels sighted on coast north
        Lingayen Gulf December 20th; on Lipa airfield 10 fighters
        12 bombers sighted December 19th.

Balmera: Photographs December 21st showed
        Hatetabako runway serviceable.

Macassar Strait: Large freighter with three escorts
        sighted on southerly course 140 miles north north east
        Balikpapan evening December 18th.

Java: Attacking B-24's report 20 to 25 aircraft
        dispersed on Malhag Airdrome, three airborne.

French Indo China: Two battleships, two light
        cruisers, two destroyers reported still in vicinity Camranh
        Bay afternoon December 20th.

Part 2. Naval:

Leyte PT Boats hit two small searuncks eastbound
Bantayan Island, destroyed one, other escaped to south; also

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MINDORO: One floatplane shot down by anti aircraft fire night December 19th; seven more raiders destroyed another probably destroyed by fighter patrols, two shot down three probably destroyed by anti aircraft fire December 20th.

LEYTE: P-38's shot down one of six planes attempting raid Tanauan, anti aircraft fire claimed one Betty evening December 20th.

MOROTAI: Lone bomber raided Pitoe Airdrome nil damage night December 20th.

Operations December 19th:

1. 59 RAAF P-40's destroyed, five barges Kace, started fires amongst buildings and supplies Halmahera and northwestern New Guinea.

Operations December 20th:

2. 22 P-38's and 21 P-47's unable reach southern Luzon hit Masbate Airdrome.

3. Fighters strafed Negros Airdromes, destroyed or badly damaged 10 planes.
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4. P-38's and P-40's furnished ground support Leyte and hit estimated 500 enemy pocketed near Bilil.

5. Eight P-40's raided Surigao Airdrome, Mindanao; four B-24's started fires Padada airdrome, Davao.

6. Patrol B-24 caused explosions and fires Lutong refinery Miri; damaged Zeka on Peajby Airdrome; another B-24 set fuel installations ablaze southern Borneo.

7. Two Beaufighters strafed barge and buildings along northern Celebes coast; four P-38's and 10 Beaufighters bombed Sidate dispersal areas; two P-51's strafed buildings Pomelas.

8. Patrol B-24 bombed Galelai; 16 P-40's caused many fires Wasiile Bay supplies and hit Kau personnel areas.

9. 13 B-25's cratered runways Haroekeoe.

10. Four P-38's bombed village Waigeo Island; 15 B-25's and four P-38's raided Mera village east Sorong and Andai near Manokwari.

11. 30 Darwin B-24's to strike Malang Airdrome, Java; 16 B-24's hit runways and dispersals, destroyed or damaged eight planes, met nil interception; remainder failed locate target and jettisoned.

12. Patrol B-24 attacked destroyer and two small freighter transports 130 miles south Ambtian course southwest;

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three Dutch B-25's struck same target, sank one troop filled transport, strafed remaining transport.

13. Four Dutch F-40's started fires personnel areas Timika, strafed Japero Village, Dutch New Guinea.


Operations December 21st.

15. Three predawn B-24's caused explosions fires Clark Field, Manila.

16. 10 F-47's glide bombed and strafed Talisay Airdrome; 12 F-47's raided Carolone.

17. B-24's from Palau bombed Lahug and Opon Airdromes, Cebu.


19. Darwin B-24 bombed Ende barracks, Flores Island; two other B-24's attacked Lahane and Puloro, Timor.

20. Eight B-24's bombed Wewak Airdromes and Muschu Island.

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Subject: Operations December 20th:

21. 32 B-25's struck Balgai Airfield and bivouac at low level; six New Zealand Corsairs and two Venturas bombed Kavieng; six B-25's and seven New Zealand Venturas raided Namatanai and Borop.

22. 16 New Zealand Corsairs and one B-25 attacked Rabaul and supply dumps Gazelle Peninsula; 19 New Zealand 18 other Corsairs hit stores and bivouacs Bougainville.

Land. Mindoro:

Contact. Leyte: X Corps: 32nd Division continued attack south against strong resistance.

1st Cavalry Division captured Kenanga against bitter resistance, contact made in force with 77th Division.

XXIV Corps: 77th Division elements captured Dolores, units on highway number two reached point 500 yards south Kenanga.

7th Division continued mopping up area east and south.

CIVIL.

Part 3.

1. Dropped 18 1,000 lb, 4 500 lb, 48 250 lb bombs.

2. Dropped 18 1,000 lb and 500 lb bombs.

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3. No details.

4. No details.

5. No details.

6. Dropped 18 250 lb bombs, fired unstated number rounds.

7. 10 Beaufighters dropped 20 250 lb bombs, met moderate light inaccurate anti aircraft fire; P-38's dropped 3 165 gallon napalm fire bombs.

8. B-24's dropped 9 250 lb bombs; P-40's dropped 18 500 lb, 6 250 lb bombs, 24 260 lb frags; slight medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

9. Dropped 36 1,000 lb bombs from 9,000 feet.

10. P-38's dropped seven 250 lb bombs, four gasoline fire bombs; B-25's dropped 18 1,000 lb, 2 500 lb, 6 300 lb 2 250 lb and 4 100 lb bombs.

11. Dropped 9 500 lb, 450 100 lb bombs from 14,000 feet on target; jettisoned 110 500 lb, 60 100 lb bombs; slight medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

12. B-24's dropped 12 250 lb bombs from 7,000 feet; B-25's dropped 6 500 lb bombs from low level, fired 4,500 rounds 50 caliber; moderate medium accurate, heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.
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13. Dropped 3 250 lb bombs, fired unstated number rounds.


15. No details.

16. No details.

17. No details.

18. No details.

19. Dropped 36 250 pound bombs from 10,300 to 8,000 feet.

20. Dropped 64 1,000 lb bombs from 9,000 feet.

Refer preceding report paragraph 18: 26 B-24's dropped unstated number 500 lb bombs.

Paragraph 19: 12 B-24's dropped 14 tons 100 lb bombs and 20 lb frags.

Supplementary paragraph: 20 RAAF Catalinas successfully mined Manila area December 14th with 24 mark 25 (36 day sterilizers) and 30 mark 26 mines (51 day sterilizers), one plane failed return.

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Weather: Severe conditions east of Luzon, fine with scattered cloud central and southern Philippines.

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NIP SNOOPERS CONTINUE ACTIVE. AT 211950 (MINUS 9) CONTACT WAS MADE IN POSIT 11-52N 121-18E. 20 MINUTES EARLIER SAME PLANE MADE A SIGHTING IN 11-47N 121-08E.

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(CTF 77 SENDS ACTION CINCSWPA INFO COM 7TH FLEET COMINCH CINCPOA COM 3RD FLEET)

OROTAI RESUPPLY ECHELON 12 LSM'S WITH 3 DO'S ESCORTING DURING DAYLIGHT DEPARTED SAN PEDRO HARBOR 1430 1. ETA BEACHHEAD DAYLIGHT 22ND. 1ST RESUPPLY L-3 ECHELON ENROUTE MINDORO ESTIMATED 1800 I POSITION LAT 11-04北 LONG 121-30 EAST. NO REPORTED ATTACKS SINCE DEPARTURE.

MORETALI PT'S DESTROYED 4 BEACHED BARGES LOADED WITH SUPPLIES NORTHEAST COAST OF HALMAHERA. 2 LYTE PT BOATS WHICH FAILED TO RETURN FROM MISSION BELIEVED GROUND OFF MASPATE HARBOR. SOME ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY LYTE AREA.

ESTIMATED 3 PLANES OVER ANCHORAGE SAN PEDRO HARBOR ABOUT 1900 I 20TH. 1 PLANE SHOT DOWN BY AA FIRE.

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RE LTS OF LEYTE SEAPLANE SEARCHES 21 DEC ALL RESULTS NEGATIVE. COVERAGE 100% VISIBILITY GOOD IN ALL SECTORS.

SECTOR EASTERN S 600 MILES.
SECTOR T. *00 MILES.
SECTOR U. 420 MILES TURNED BY FRONT.
SECTOR V. 600 MILES.
SECTOR W. 600 MILES.
CINCPAC PASSED BY MAIL TO CONGENA and COMINCH

RA-G-7. 2ND PRELIMINARY REPORT 27 DECEMBER ALL TIMES

1. 1 LEECHON ON SHIPPI NG S WEEP NORTH EDGE

NEGATIVE SIGHTS DROPPED 9 ETH TOWERS ON GAELA

1. 1 LEECHON ON SHIPPI NG S WEEP NORTH EDGE

SEARCH NEGATIVE DROPPED 9 ETH TOWERS ON LOUISE REFINERY 1625

ALL BOMBS IN TARGET AREA CAUSING 4 FIRES AA NLL. 1

LEECHON ON SHIPPI NG S WEEP NORTH EDGE

SEARCH NEGATIVE DROPPED 9 ETH TOWERS ON LOUISE REFINERY HITS OBSERVED BETWEEN BOMBER HOUSE

AND DRIVER CAUSING EXPLOSION AND FIRE. 1 ZEKE STRAFED

DAMAGED AT NAPE TO N STRIP SLIGHTLY INFERIOR ACCURATE

AA. 10 MITCHELLS DROPPED NAPOOE WITH 36 1/2 TOWERS

1346. FROM 9, 117. FEET ALL BOMBS CROSSED CENTER AND EAST

END OF STRIP. 0 MITCHELLS DROPPED 18 1/2 TOWERS ON
ANDAI SHINSEI HUNDRED FROM 7,000 FEET, 5 PERCENT IN TARGET AREA.
RESULTS UNOBSERVED. 4 MITCHELLS HIT MEGA VILLAGE WITH 3 1/4
TONNERS AND 6 X 305 POUNDERS WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS. 2 MITCHELLS
ON CERAM SHIPPING SHEEP 14% NEGATIVE RESULTS. 2 LIGHTNINGS
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ON SHIPBOARDazzo TO CERAM HAD ENEMY CONTACTS. 4 LIGHTNINGS
DROPPED 4 CARCINE FIRE BOMBS ON MEGA VILLAGE FIRING HUTS.
4 LIGHTNINGS DROPPED 3 X 165 GALLON KAPAMA FIRE BOMBS ON
SHIPBOARD. 1 POSSIBLE RADIO STATION FIRED. 4 LIGHTNINGS
DROPPED 7 6TH TONNERS ON KABAREI 10% RESULTS UNOBSERVED.
4 PHOTO LIGHTNINGS COVERED CELEBES ENS. -131E. 9 THUNDERBOLTS
ON FUKAKU PATROL FLOT-183% HIL ENEMY CONTACTS. 2 MITCHELLS
ON MOLOSHIP NAVIGATION SEARCH 10% DROPPED 4 CENTURIES AND
2 6TH TONNERS ON HIL ENEMY RESULTS UNOBSERVED. 10 RAFF BEAUFIGHTERS
DROPPED 28 6TH TONNERS ON SIDATE 2812, BOMBS HIT THROUGH MAIN
DESPERSAL AREA RESULTS UNOBSERVED MODERATE LIGHT INACCURATE AA.
2 PHOTO BEAUFIGHTERS COVERED CAPE BELOCA TO SULI 1455-1615. 8 KITTY-
HAWKS DROPPED 10 1/4 TONNERS AND 6 6TH TONNERS ON WAREHOUSES
SUPPLIES AND FUEL DUMPS BASILE AREA 2845-2891% CAUSING MANY FIRES
SLIGHT MEDIUM ACCURATE AA.

GROLADAPORENI STRAFED BY 2 MUSTANGS 10% FIRING 1 HUT. 4
KITTYHAWKS DROPPED 12 X 265 POUNDERS ON DONANGA 12% DAMAGING
2 WAREHOUSES. 4 RAFF BEAUFIGHTERS ON BOLANGOKI KONACAO BAY
SHEEP 10% STRAFED 1 BUILDING AND 1 VEA SLIGHT LIGHT ACCURATE
AA HOLED 1 PLANE. 4 KITTYHAWKS DROPPED 12 X 265 POUNDS FRAGS ON

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GAOF. PERSONNEL AREA 133° DESTROYED MANY HUTS AA KIL. 59
RAAF KITTENHAKS ON SLEEP OVER NORTHWEST NEW GUINEA AND HALMAHERA
2042-1845 THE 19TH DROPPIII 18 1/2 TONNERS 48 1/8 TONNERS AND
4 1/4 TONNERS ON HUTS AND FUEL DUMPS STARTING NUMEROUS FIRES,
5 VES DEMOED AT KAOV. 4 BLACK WIDOWS ON LOCAL PATROL 1845
THE 20TH-2350, SECTORED ON 1 BOOG LEAVING AREA UNABLE TAKE
CONTACT. ALERTS ON SOPOTA: YELLOW 200° AND 250° ALL CLEAR
2032, 1 CANDID MADE RUN OVER AREA FROM WEST TO E AT 500 FEET
DROPPED APPROXIMATELY 15 SMALL ANTI PERSONNEL BOMBS ON AIR STRIP
NIL RANGE OF CASUALTIES REPORTED; CANDIT IDENTIFIED AS A TWIN
ENGINE AIRCRAFT AA DID NOT ENGAGE

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To: War Department
Nr: C 55201 21 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department C 55201. Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/19 to 1500Z/20.

French Indo China:
Local reports from vicinity Camra Bay state transports three tankers with escort vessels left December 19.

Part 2
Naval: Morotai PT boats destroyed four heavily armed supply and ammunition laden barges, fired nearby fuel dumps northeastern Halmahera night December 19th.
Air. Enemy action: 29 planes raided beachhead about noon December 20th; 11 shot down three probably destroyed by Allied patrols, 1 P47 lost, 2 others missing. Morotai: single raider missed targets predawn December 20th.
Operations December 17th:
(1) Patrol Venture destroyed 2 planes damaged another Cagayan, northern Mindanao.
Operations December 18th:
(2) Patrol. Patrol B 342 damaged seatruck two coastal vessels and four luggers northeast Jesselton.
(3) Two B25’s bombed installations Waleo Island.
Operations December 19th:
(4) Eight P38’s swept Batangas northern Luzon, strafed five bombers damaged three, set barges afire offshore.

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(5) Before paragraph 12 preceding report * left three burning Fuchisa.

(6) 12 Corsairs strafed Malogo airdrome; 12 other * three enemy fighters, one Corsair lost; eight P 38's swept Negrot airdromes destroyed two and damaged four planes on ground.

(7) 12 Corsairs and six * sorties set stores afire Alompon * * dumps and furnished * and ground support *** B 25's attacked barge concentrations Davao, destroyed * five barges.

(9) * four P 47's fired buildings Sanga Sanga and set afire small freighter previously damaged near Tawi *. (10) 15 Beaufighters hit supplies and bivouacs Sidate, northeastern Celebes.

(11) Seven PAF P 40's bombed Soebim village, Wasile Bay; 2 B 25's, 16 P 40's, 4 P 47's and 4 P 51's attacked warehouses and barges around Halmahera; 12 P 38's on locale petrol strafed three barges.

(12) Two B 25's attacked barge eastern Ambon: 11 * sorties, 23 B 25's, and 16 P 38's raided Haroeke airfield, destroyed plane undetermined serviceability, hit bivouacs supplies and ** positions.

(13) Darwin B 24 bombed Endo barracks Flores Island and Fuioro village Timor; another B 24 bombed Lehane; RAAF Ventura attacked Dobo, Aroce Island.

(14) Seven B 25's raided Sepik river villages Wewak.

Operations December 20th:

(15) B 24's bombed * airfields before dawn; Catalina set medium freighter afire and attacked destroyer northeast Mindoro.
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(16) 28 B-24's covered by 7 P-38's scored excellent results Santa Barbara runways & Panay Island; 6 P-38's damaged 8 small boats southern Panay.

(17) 24 B-24's with 11 P-47's escort hit Bacolod airdrome, damaged two planes on ground; 12 P-47's and nine P-38's swept Negros destroyed one plane damaged another strafed installations also destroyed Betty Cagayan northern Mindanao, 1 P-47 lost.

(18) Falsn based B-24's attacked Labug and Opon airdromes, Cebu.

(19) One B-24 group from * struck Sassa airdrome,

Davao.

(20) 16 B-25's bombed San Roque airdrome, Zamboanga, found 6 to nine fighters airborne nll interception.

(21) Darwin B-24 damaged coastal vessel southeast Celebes; 4 * B-25's damaged * barge east Flores Island; another B-24 and single Beaufort bombed targets Timor; RAAF B-25 strafed enemy outpost Tenimber Islands.

(22) Eight B-25's and 5 A-20's attacked Fondo plant-

ation and targets along western Gazelle Peninsula.

Solomons forces. Air.

Operations December 19th:

(23) Eight New Zealand Corsairs hit fuel dumps near Kavieng; four B-25's raided bivouacs Borop; six New Zealand Corsairs plus two Ventures bombed plantations northern New Ireland; 108 Marine Dauntless weathered out from Lakunai struck Kavieng town and airdrome started many fires.

(24) Six New Zealand *** Ventura attacked targets

Rabaul; 33 Marine B-25's cratered runways and caused large
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explosion Lakunai; 32 New Zealand Corsairs over Bougainville attacked enemy concentrations.

Land. Mindoro: defences consolidated against enemy land, sea or airborne attack.

Leyte: X Corps: 32nd Division reduced strong enemy defensive position consisting of 100 connecting caves 3200 yards south Tolibao. 1st Cavalry units advanced south from Lonoy reached Kanaupa, met heavy resistance from town, patrols contacted 77th Division.

XXIV Corps: 77th Division captured road junction north Libungan after stiff fighting, majority 200 service troops counter attacking Kirled. Command Post opened Valencia. 7th Division and Corps Command Post opened Ormoc. 161th Airborne Division killed 189 enemy Amas area.

Part 3
Paragraphs one and two no details.
(3) Dropped four 250 lb, four 100 lb bombs.
(4) No details.
(5) Dropped 208 100 lb bombs from minimum altitude, fired unnoted number rounds, met moderate medium accurate anti aircraft fire.
(6) No details.
(7) Corsairs dropped twelve 1000 lb bombs.
Paragraph eight and nine no details.
(10) Dropped twenty-three 250 lb bombs from minimum altitude, fired unnoted number rounds, met moderate medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

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(11) P 40's and B 24's dropped fifty 500 lb, four 250 lb bombs, four paradesmos, met moderate medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(12) Dropped 136 500 lb, four 250 lb bombs, eight 500 lb incendiaries, four paradesmos, six 165 x 11,000 feet to minimum altitude, fired unotted number rounds, met slight heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(13) B 24's dropped 24 250 lb bombs from 9,000 feet; Ventura dropped three 300 lb bombs five seconds delay, fired 400 rounds 30 calibre.

(14) Dropped 28 300 lb bombs eight to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 7,000 rounds 50 calibre.

(15) No details.

(16) B 24's dropped 21 8 and 103 500 lb bombs from 11,300 feet to 9,400 feet.

(17) B 24's dropped 31 1,000 lb, 38 500 lb bombs from 10,000 feet.

(18) Paraphs 18 and 19 no details.

(20) Dropped 64 500 lb bombs from 10,000 feet, met moderate heavy accurate anti aircraft fire.

(21) B 25's dropped 24 250 lb bombs from 5,000 feet; B 25's dropped four 500 lb, two 300 lb from minimum altitude, fired 1200 rounds 50 calibre; Beaufort dropped four 250 lb bombs.

(22) Dropped 48 300 lb bombs eight to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 14,000 rounds 50 calibre.

Refer preceding report paragraph 11: 26 B 24's dropped 180 500 lb bombs. Airdrome construction Mindoro to December 19: Hill air-drome 5750 foot dry weather strip in good condition.
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Condition except for patches, transports and fighters landed December 20th; 4/500 foot dry weather strip under construction San Jose, 2500 feet rough graded. Aircraft status Colo three F38 Squadrons of 8th Fighter Group arrived Mindoro December 20th.

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( TO COMAF 5 ACTION CINC SWPA INFO COM 3RD FLT, COM ALLIED NAVAL FORCES FROM COMAAF SWPA, AK 96099)

CANCEL INTENDED STRIKE LAND BOMBERS MANILA AND CLARK FIELD AIRDROMES NIGHT 20/21 DECEMBER PER YOUR COPY 1038 E UNLESS BOMBERS CAN CLEAR AREA PRIOR TO MIDNIGHT SEPARATE MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT TO YOU GIVING INTENTION OR 3RD FLT TO STRIKE LUZON BEFORE DAWN 21 DECEMBER.

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ORMAC RESUPPLY ECHELON ARRIVED SAN PEDRO HARBOR 13001 WITHOUT INCIDENT. FIRST RESUPPLY ECHELON L-3 NOW EN-ROUTE MINDORO ESTIMATED 18001 POSITION LAT 08-50 NORTH LONG 123-30 EAST. LEYTE PEY STRAFED AND BOMBED DO AND FTB NORTHEAST MINDORO. 1 NEAR BOMB MISS ON FTB WHICH WAS DAMAGED AND LEFT ON FIRE. MINOR ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY IN LEYTE AREA. PT PATROLS NIGHT 19-20 UNREPORTED.

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TO FEAF GHQ THIRD FLT FROM COMAF FIVE (CITE D1028E)

CITE MESSAGE CX 55099. FIFTH AIR FORCE BLIND BOMBERS STRIKE MANILA AND CLARK FIELD AIRDROMES NIGHT OF 20/21 DECEMBER UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED.
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines.

To: War Department

From GHQ SWPA to Chief of Staff War Department 0 55141. Operations report SWESPAO area period 1500Z 18 to 1500Z/19 signed Eisenhower.

French Indo China: Two battleships, two cruisers, five destroyers, 25 other vessels reported leaving Camranh Bay afternoon December 19.

Philippines: Luzon: Reconnaissance plane reported 34 vessels off Manila coast night December 18th; work proceeding on five airdromes upper Cagayan River valley.

Corr. Mindoro: 13 enemy planes reported over our positions during night December 18th.

Part 2. Air.

Enemy action: Mindoro: Additional raids against shore positions and shipping December 16 through 19th; anti aircraft fire shot down four planes, PT boats shot down four others, another plane crash dived on PT boat.

Leyte: Single plane bombed West Tacloban early December 19th.

Operations December 17th:
(1) 70 RAAF P40's attacked fuel dumps and supplies

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Halmahera and northwestern New Guinea.

Operations December 18th: (2) 12 P38's after patrolling Mindoro started fires Fabrica airfield, Negros Island; other P38's strafed buildings Dumaguete.

(3) 16 P40's demolished bridge and strafed traffic Palompon/Kalanga highway, Leyte.

(4) Catalinas damaged large barge Davao and strafed Kudat docks, northern Borneo; day 2 B24 caused explosion on unidentified ship Darvel Bay also destroyed fuel installations.

(5) 16 P47's and nine P38's set small seartruck alight, strafed two similar vessels, destroyed fuel barge damaged two others Tawao, northwestern Borneo, one P38 lost; 14 P38's swept Tarakan destroyed fighter on ground, set fuel tanks and buildings ablaze, one P38 lost.

(6) 10 Beaufighters swept northern Celebes, rocketed installations and set buildings afire Manado.

(7) Eight RAAF P40's bombed Hatetabako bivouacs; 16 other P40's raided warehouses and personnel area Halmahera; two F51's fired three barges.

(8) 24 B25's started fires Harcockoe airdrome; two

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B25's swept Boeoe Island, bombed coastal targets; 11 A20's and one B25 hit Lahore barracks, Ambon.

(9) 19 Beauforts struck enemy positions and villages Wewak.

Operations December 19th: (10) Three B24's bombed village near Laotg northern Luzon before dawn; day B24 scored direct hits on medium transport 300 miles west Manila.

(11) Two Palau based B25 groups caused explosions and large fires Legaspi air-drome, southeastern Luzon.

(12) One B25 group from Biak fired fuel dumps and installations Fabrica air-drome, Negros Island.

(13) Darwin B25 cratered fuiloro runways, Timor.

(14) Six B24's bombed coastal targets Wewak.

Solomons Forces. Air. Operations December 18th:

(15) Six New Zealand Venturers bombed Borpop air-drome, six more Venturers plus New Zealand Corsairs hit bivouacs New Ireland; 20 New Zealand Corsairs strafed and damaged camouflage floatplane Malaguna, hit other targets Rabaul; eight New Zealand Corsairs over southern Bougainville bombed headquarters Peaor Island.

Land: Timoro: No enemy contacts. Leyte: X Corps: 32nd

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Division made limited gains 19th December, reported lessening resistance by end of period.

1st Cavalry Division units captured Lonoy (6,000 yards south Tolibay) established road block.

151st Infantry attached to 24th Division took over beach defences Carigara.

XXIV Corps: 77th Division captured Libungao, established road block on Palompon road.

11th Airborne Division reinforced units Lubu/Amas area. Allied cumulative casualties: 2561 killed, 8,398 wounded, 157 missing.

Part 3.

(1) Dropped 23 by 1,000 lb, 38 by 500 lb, 18 b250 lb and 182 100 lb bombs.

(2) No details.

(3) Dropped unstated number 500 lb bombs.

(4) B24 dropped nine by 500 lb bombs.

(5) Met accurate anti aircraft fire, intense medium
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines.

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From Tarakan, slight light from Tawao.

(6) Dropped 11 250 lb bombs, fired 16 60 lb rockets, met slight light accurate anti aircraft fire.

(7) P40's dropped 14 250 lb bomb, 48 260 lb frags; intense medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire Hatetabako.

(8) Dropped 32 500 lb, eight 300 lb, 122 100 lb bombs, 64 500 lb magnesium clusters.

(9) Dropped 30 500 lb, 51 250 lb bombs, 24 250 lb incendiaries, 48 40 lb frags.

Paragraphs 10 through 12 no details.

(13) Dropped 12 250 lb bombs from 10,000 feet.

(14) Dropped 48 1,000 lb bombs from 8,000 feet.

Weather: Fine conditions with well broken cloud throughout Philippines.

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CINCPOA ZONE NOTICE 67.

Effective 0800 GCT 22 December the waters within 5 miles of the shore line of beach of the Bonin and Volcano Islands are blind bombing zones during the nighttime from sunset to sunrise.
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SEARCHES FROM LETTE. 19TH 6 P.M.

WEATHER AND VISIBILITY GENERALLY GOOD EXCEPT EAST COAST LUZON

POSITS EAST AND NORTH TIMES ITEM.

IN FULL DISTANCE 95% VISIBILITY GOOD NO CONTACTS

O: ALL THE WAY 90% GOOD VISIBILITY SIGHTED 1 FTB 1 FTD 1 DD 1 CINPOA AT 14:30. 115-50 COURSE 240 KNOTS 8 AT 1055.

MADE 3 STRAFING RUNS ON FTB AND DD 1 HIT NEAR NROR MISS WITH 5 HUNDRED POUNDERS ON FTB LEFT BURNING AND LISTING.

RETURNED WHEN QUEEN STRAFED TO TOTAL 3 2 HUNDRED ROUNDS LEAVING FTB BURNED OUT. HEAVY INACCURATE AND MODERATE LIGHT INACCURATE AA. 0 625 MILES 90% GOOD NO CONTACTS Q FULL DISTANCE 90% GOOD VISIBILITY CONTACT SAME SHIPS AS 0 AT 1700 SAME POSIT JOINED IN STRAFING DROPPED 10 HUNDRED POUNDERS WITH 3 POSITIVE AND 7 PROBABLE HITS ON DECK OF LISTING FTB. AA AS IN O R DISTANCE FULL 90% GOOD NO CONTACTS. 2 500 MILES OVER WEATHER 100% BAD TO GOOD VISIBILITY.

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E. O. 11652, Sec. 3.4 or Sec. 3.4
NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 5/21/72
UP EAST COAST LUZON TO 15-00 N TURNED E K CROSSED NORTH
SAMAR UP WEST COAST LUZON TO LINGAYEN, HOSPITAL SHIP
AT 15-00, 120-00 COURSE 330 KNOTS 12 AT 1230
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CTG 73.4
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 20 DECEMBER 1944
TOR CODE ON: 2319/19

DECODED: STEEN

ROUTED BY: STEEN/STEVENS

INFORMATION FOR ACTION: OP 1OPP

ADDRESS: ATFGC THIRD AND SEVENTH FLTS
COM SEVENTH FLT
COM THIRD FLEET
CINCPAC; COMAAF; COMAF FIVE; COMAF 13

OP 1OPP

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

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PRECEDENCE: DEFERRED

ADDRESS: CTG 73.4

ACTION: P-5

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CTG 73.4 SENDS ALL TASK FORCE AND TASK GROUP COMMANDERS THIRD AND SEVENTH FLEETS, COM SEVENTH FLT, COM THIRD FLEET, CINCPAC, COMAAF, COMAF FIVE, COMAF 13 HAS LOCALY. CTF 77 PASS CINCSWP.

PANY MOROTAI SEARCHES 19TH.
SECTOR LXKE* OUT 600 95%. 1000 TWO SC'S 6 SD'S ANCHORED

DAVAO HARBOR. 130 SANK 3 SUBVISDSPCNOHCS* 2 LUGGERS

09-OON 124-52 E. SECTOR TWO OUT 1000 90%. 1310

ULUGAN BAY EMPTY. 1320 PUERTO PRINCESSA EMPTY.

1500 2 FTC'S 3 SC'S DOCKED ZAMBORGA. SECTOR THREE
OUT 850 100%. 1100 TO 1130 BACUIT MALAMFAYA TAY TAY

DUMURAN EMPTY. 1240 CORON BAY EMPTY. SECTOR ONE OUT 1000
95%. 0915 JOLO TUTU BAY EMPTY. 1050 SAN ANTONIO BAY EMPTY.

1215 TIXFRO BANK* EMPTY. 1400 BALABIK EMPTY. SECTOR:

XRAY OUT 600 95% NEGATIVE. SECTOR CHARLIE OUT 840
95% NEGATIVE. SECTOR FOUR OUT 950 90%. 1015 SANDAKAN
EMPTY NO PLANES STRIP. 1055 MARUDU EMPTY. 1120 BESMELTON EMPTY.

1140 BRUNEI EMPTY. 1155 MIRII EMPTY.

VENTURA SEARCHES SECTOR FIVE OUT 450 80%.

(D) OUT 330 80%.

(B) OUT 575 95% ALL NEGATIVE.

(A) OUT 575 75% ATTACKED BY 3 THUNDERBOLTS SOUTH OF

BONGAN TAWI TAWI. PLANE HOLED 12 PLACES WASHED OUT ON

LANDING. SLIGHT INJURIES TO TWO CREWMEN.

TIMES ARE ITEM.

*AS RECEIVED*
SECRET

NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM
GHQ SIPPA ADV ECH
Released by
DATE
19 DECEMBER 1944
TOR CODEROOM
1652/19
DECODED BY
FORD
STVLNS
BY
HARTZELL
BENNETT
ROUTED BY

ADDRESS
CG GTH ARMY
COM 3RD FLEET
CINCPAC
ALLIED NAVAL FORCES
COMAF 5

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HANS INTERCEPT

FROM THE HQ SIPPA SIGNED MACARTHUR TO COM ALLIED AIR FORCES FOR ACTION, INFO TO COM 3RD FLEET, CINCPAC, ALLIED NAVAL FORCES, CG GTH ARMY, COMAF 5, CITE OK 3529.

OPERATIONS U PLUS 5
THIRD FLEET STRIKES LUZON U PLUS 0 ONLY.
LUZON AREA OPEN FOR ALLIED AIR FORCES.

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OSD letter, Rev. 5, 117

May 21, 1973

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NLG 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/64
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RELEASED BY: 20 DEC 1944

FIR TO CODEROOM: 0338

DECODER: SANDERG

TO: D. SMITH

ROUTED BY: UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRIORITY AS ADMINISTRATIVE.

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RDO MONO PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 200001

(FROM CINCWPAC S&D MACARTHUR TO COM 3RD FLT FOR ACTION AND TO COMFEAF, COMAF 5 CTF 38, CINC Pac ALL FOR INFO CITE CX 355980)

BECAUSE OF LIMITED CAPACITIES, IT WILL BE NECESSARY THAT CLEARANCE FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO STRIKE. REFERENCE 190111. 1 PURSUIT GROUP FLIES TO MINDORO 20TH DECEMBER, FOLLOWED AS RAPIDLY AS PRACTICABLE WITH OTHER AVIATION. IT IS BELIEVED LIMITED SPACE CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR 3RD FLEET VT AVIATION IN EMERGENCY FROM THAT DATE.

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OSD letter, May 1, 1976
By DBS

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| ESCORTS AND TUGS OF L-3 SLOW TOW ARRIVED LEYTE 13001. | |
| FIRST RESUPPLY ECHELON FOR L-3 IN 4 LSTs 4 LCI AND 7 MERCHANT SHIPS ESCORTED BY 11 DD'S DEPARTED LEYTE AT 15301 FOR MINDORO. ETA 2200D. | |
| RESUPPLY ECHELON FOR ORNOC BEACH HEAD ARRIVED EARLY MORNING 19 AND REMAINED BEACHED DURING DAY. WILL DEPART ORNOC AFTER DARK FOR RETURN SAN PEDRO HARBOR. | |
| PT REPORTS FOR 16TH FROM MINDORO. | |
| ATTEMPTED ATTACK BY 2 VALS ON PT BOATS RESULTED 1 ENEMY PLANE SHOT DOWN AND OTHER DAMAGED. | |
| 17TH PT'S SHOT DOWN 3 ZEKE'S. | |
| 19TH PT 300 DESTROYED BY SUICIDE CRASH CASUALTIES 3 DEAD 4 MISSING 4 WOUNDED. | |

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E. O. 11632, Sec. 1 (b) and (d) (2)
OSO letter, May 3, 1972
Date: MAY 21, 1972

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/14/14
PT 223 STRADDLED BY BOMBS AND 2 INJURED.
BLACK CATS DAMAGED BARGE AT DAVAO.
LEYTE PBX PROBABLY SANK 1 SMALL AK NORTH OF LUZON.
ENEMY AIR CONTINUES QUIET IN LEYTE AREA.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CONFIDENTIAL

TO: G-2

DATE: 29 DECEMBER 1944
TOR CODE: 0122

DECODED BY: SKALAK

ROUTED BY: KLAF

ADDRESS: CINCPAC

PRECEDE: PRIORITY

ADVANCED INTELLIGENCE

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS - FORWARD AREA 9 THRU 16 DECEMBER - FEBRUARY AND AMERICAN 3 JAPS KILLED. TIMAN 3 JAPS KILLED, 1 POW. GUAM 63 JAPS KILLED 11 POWS OWN CASUALTIES 4 WIA. SAIPAN 23 JAPS KILLED 1 POW

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/87
NAVAL MESSAGE

DRATER
COM 3RD FLEET
RELEASED BY
DATE 19 DECEMBER 1944
TREN CODEROOM 1003
DECODED BY C STRONG
TYPED BY C STRONG/ SCHMIDT
ROUTED BY

CINCAP
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COMIMCH
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ALL TFC'S 3RD FLT
ALL TFC'S 7TH FLT

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(ACTION CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO MY 172357. SHIPS SUNK CHMGE
10 AK TO 1 LARGE AO; 1 LARGE, 1 MEDIUM, 7 SMALL AK, ADD 1 CM, 5 SMALL CARGO VESSELS AND 7 SMALL CRAFT.
SHIPS DAMAGED 9 AK INSTEAD OF 10 AND 17 SMALL CARGO VESSELS INSTEAD OF 25 ADD 1 LARGE AP, 1 MEDIUM 1 SMALL AO, 1 COAST DEFENSE VESSEL.
OWN LOSSES FOR 16TH WERE 7 PLANES IN COMBAT 7 OPERATIONAL
6 PILOTS AND 1 CREWMAN. CORRECTED LOSSES FOR 3 DAYS 27
COMBAT 38 OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT 29 PILOTS AND 1 CREWMAN.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/9/94

900 Pacific
CINCPOA was action on 190140 of COMTASKFOR 94. CINCPAC NO. ENCRYPTS AND SENDS INFO COMINCH AS 221531.

QUOTE FOLLOWING EXCERPT FROM COMWESTCAROLINES AMO 180001 TRANSMITTED FOR INFORMATION

"10 DECEMBER 116 NATIVES OF BABELTHUP VOLUNTARILY EVACUATED FROM THE ISLAND AREA IN SOUTHERN KOSOLO ROADS IN STOLEN JAP BARGES AND WERE PICKED UP AFTER THEY APPEARED ALONGSIDE ONE OF OUR LCIE'S ON PICKET DUTY THEY WERE BROUGHT TO THE CIVILIAN CAMP AT ANAUR. AMONG THOSE RESCUED WAS EX-CHIEF OF POLICE AT KOROR WHO GAVE MUCH INFORMATION. HIS CHIEF REASON FOR ESCAPE WAS TO ASK AMERICAN AID IN RESCUING THE REMAINING ESTIMATED 6,000 NATIVES WHO WILL BE IN SORRY PLIGHT FOR FOOD AFTER MARCH. ALL FOOD SUPPLIES "
INCLUDING GARDEN STUFFS LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY HAVE BEEN
APPROPRIATED BY JAPS AND THE ONLY FOOD AVAILABLE TO THE NATIVES
IS THAT WHICH IS ISSUED BY THE JAPS. HE STATED THE LAST
FOODSTOCKS ARRIVING BY SHIP WAS LAST APRIL AND THAT THE SUPPLY
OF RICE WOULD BE EXHAUSTED IN MARCH. HE STATED THE VEGETABLE
SUPPLIES WILL BE INSUFFICIENT TO FEED BOTH TROOPS AND CIVILIANS.
8 CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES, 7 SPANISH AND 1 AMERICAN CIVILIAN
ARE REPORTED TO BE CONFINED BY THE JAPS. NATIVES HAVE HEARD
THAT 8 AMERICAN PRISONERS THAT HAD PARACHUTED FROM PLANES
WERE HELD BY THE JAPS BUT WHETHER THEY WERE ALIVE OR NOT WAS
NOT KNOWN. 200 NATIONALS OF INDIA AND 150 INDONESIANS ARE
HEL D AS PRISONERS AND USED FOR LABOR DETAILS BY THE JAPS.
NUMEROUS NATIVES OF THE ISLAND ARE REPORTEDLY SICK AND
SUFFERING FROM MALNUTRITION AND IT IS BELIEVED MANY OF THEM "ILL
DIE IF THE SITUATION IS NOT RELIEVED. I DO NOT CONTEMPLATE
THE EVACUATION OF MORE CIVILIANS FROM BABELTHUAP."
TOP SECRET Dispatch

DRAFTER: CON 3RD FLT
RELEASED BY: CINC SOWESPAC
DATE: 19 DEC 1944

ADDRESSEES: PRIORITY 1
PRECEDENCE

TO: CINC SOWESPAC
FROM: CON 3RD FLT

DECODER: ROLL
PARAPHRASED BY: McDougall
ROUTED BY: DORSEY

CINC SOWESPAC
CONFEAF COMAF 5 CTF 38 CINCPAC

TOP SECRET FROM CON 3RD FLT. ACTION CINC SOWESPAC. INFO CONFEAF COMAF 5 CTF 38 CINCPAC.

ADVISE EARLIEST WHEN AND IF MINDORO FIELDS CAN BE USED FOR STAGING 3RD FLT CARRIER PLANES IN EVENT ENEMY SURFACE FORCES APPROACH PHILIPPINES. SUCH STAGING WOULD GREATLY EXTEND RANGE OF OUR VT.

COMINCH COPIED 1 TO 8 INCLUSIVE.
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**HONOLULU INTERCEPT**

(PASSED BY NFM (RDO HON) AS 190144 TO (50HQ) GARbled CALL)

(ACTION TO COMAOF 5, INFO CINCSWAPE COM 3RD FLT COM ALLIED NAVAL FORCES FROM COMAOF SWPA)

AX 95931. 1ST RESupply L-3 CONVOY ORIGINALLY DUE IN U PLUS 6 NOW POSTponE UNTIL U PLUS 7. ALTER AIR COVERAGE PLANS ACCORDINGLY.

3RD FLT STRIKES LUZON AREA U PLUS 4, U PLUS 5, U PLUS 6. DIVIDING LINE WEST ON 14-30 N TO 121-50 E THENCSE SOUTH TO 13-35 N THENCSE WEST MUST BE OBSERVED AND ALL STRIKES NORTH AND WEST. COORDINATED THRU THIS HEADQUARTERS WITH 3RD FLT AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE.
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By RT, NARA, Date: 4/14/1973
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(CTF 77 SLENGS ACTION CINCSWP A INFO COM 7TH FLTR
COMINCH CINCPAC COM 3RD FLTR.)

L-3 SLOW TOW RETURNING FROM MINDORO ESTIMATED 1800
1 POSITION LAT 09°12' N LONG 124°12' E EXPECTED

ARRIVE LEYTE AFTERNOON 19TH. REAR ADMIRAL STRUBLE
L-3 ASSAULT FORCE COMMANDER WITH ECHELONS 1B AND
1C ARRIVED LEYTE 0925 1. RESUPPLY ECHELON SFN*
LSHS AND 5 LC1'S DEPARTED LEYTE FOR ORMOC BAY AT
1430 I EXPECTED ARRIVE LESET HEAD ABOUT DAYLIGHT
19TH. DD'S ESCORTING GROUP WHILE ENROUTE

DAYLIGHT HOURS. ENEMY EGR* VERY QUIET DURING
LAST 24 HOURS

*AS RECEIVED
HONOLULU INTERCEPT

COM 3RD FLEET SENDS. CINCPAC ACTION PASS INFO COMAIRPAC. INFO ALSO CTF 38. MESSAGE IS TOP SECRET.

THE VERY REMARKABLE SUCCESS OF YOUR TEN-ELEVEN DECEMBER OPERATIONS IN COMPLETELY SMOOTHERING ALL ENEMY AIR IN LUZON AND AT SAME TIME INFlicting GOOD DAMAGE ON SHIPPING INDICATES DESIRABILITY OF EARLIEST POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF 2-TYPE CV CHIMPL BONUS* - A FIGHTERS AND B PLANES CAPABLE OF CARRYING TORPEDOS OR BOMBS FOR OPERATIONS IN PROSPECT. RECOGNIZING INABILITY OBTAIN ANY SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN FIGHTERS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR NEXT OPERATION RECOMMEND CV AND CVL FIGHTER PILOT COMPLEMENTS BE BOLSTERED UP BY MAKING EVERY POSSIBLE QUALIFIED FIGHTER PILOT (UP TO 156 PERCENT) AVAILABLE TO CTF 38 PRIOR TO 30 DECEMBER SO THAT GREATER NUMBER OF SORTIES PER FIGHTER MAY BE FLOWN DURING PROTRACTED OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF **.

* AS RECEIVED. ** MISSING GROUP. COMINC: COPIES #1 TO #6 INCLUSIVE.
CINCPAC SENDS ACTION ALL TFC'S 7TH FLEET INFO COM 3RD FLEET.
CINCPAC ULTRA.

AT 180920 (MINUS 9) NIP PLANE MADE CONTACT REPORT
FROM POSIT 08-47N 122-08E. HALF HOUR LATER SAME
SNOOPER REPORTED POSIT 09-02 N 123-38 E.
CINCPAC SENDS ACTION ALL TFC'S 7TH FLEET INFO COM 3RD FLEET CINCPAC ULTRA.

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

To:    War Department

Nr.    C 55049
      18 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA sgd MacArthur to Chief of Staff War
Department C 55049. Operations report SOWESPAC area period
1500Z/16 to 1500Z/17 signed MacArthur.

French Indo China: Two battleships one or two heavy
cruisers four destroyers one tanker reported leaving Camranh
Bay, four medium tankers three seatrucks entering bay morning
December 17.

Hainan: Two destroyers six medium merchant vessels
sighted on south westerly course by China based aircraft
90 miles north Ponkon Point afternoon December 16.

Philippines: Luzon: Large transport reported heading
northwest 45 miles west Subic Bay December 15; eight sea-
trucks 15 smaller vessels sighted north Lingayen Gulf Decem-
ber 17; three destroyers sighted on patrol 100 miles
southwest Manila Bay December 15; 2,000 ton freighter and
gunboat sighted on northerly course northwestMindoro midday
December 16.

Palawan: Three medium freighters reported anchored
west Balabac Strait afternoon December 17; twelve bombers
sighted Puerto Princesa December 15.

Borneo: 15 bombers 10 fighters sighted Jesselore
December 15, 3,000 ton freighter transport two seatrucks in
Brunei Bay December 16.

CM-IN-17727  (18 Dec 44)
wartime action: During attacks on Allied convoy to Mindoro, fighter patrols shot down 43 more planes, probably destroyed two others, one more claimed by ships gunfire December 13 through 17; nine more suicide crash dives Mindoro early December 16, of these six claimed destroyed by intense anti aircraft from PT boats.

Morotai: Single predawn raider December 17.

Operations December 14:

1) Carrier planes struck Negros air dromes December 14 and 15, shot down one plane, destroyed ten on ground, probably destroyed 11 and damaged 14.

2) 74 sorties by RAAF P 40's on supplies and personnel areas Halmahera and northwest Dutch New Guinea.

Operations December 15:

3) 41 B 24's destroyed three planes on ground damaged four others, believed rendered both runways unserviceable Puerto Princesa; 13 B 25's raided San Roque air drome, Zamboanga, probably destroyed one fighter, demolished many buildings.

4) Patrol B 24 destroyed and damaged eight planes Jesselton, sank one damaged five small seaplanes northwestern Borneo.

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

Nr. 0 55049 18 December 1944

(5) Six Beaufighters bombed Mansabu buildings, northeastern Celebes.

(6) Seven RAAF P 40's raided supply dumps Halmahera; one B 24 bombed Galela; eight B 25's hit nearby installations.

(7) Six B 25's and nine P 38's cratered Namlea runways; 24 B 25's attacked Leha and Amahai airdromes and targets Waigeo Island; one B 25 and 11 A 20's hit Ambon town and fuel tanks.

(8) 24 RAAF P 40's struck bivouacs and exploded ammunition dumps Utarom, Dutch New Guinea.

Operations December 16:

(9) Seven F 47's started large fire, destroyed four planes damaged four others Silay airdrome, Negros Island; 17 B 25's and 34 P 47's raided Silay and Talisay dispersals and bivouacs strafed two planes; 15 P 38's strafed same targets exploded gun positions.

(10) Carrier based planes swept Puerto Princesa, Palawan, shot down one enemy plane, destroyed one on airdrome and four seaplanes in harbour.

(11) 4 B 24's cratered runways and started large fires Puerto Princesa.

(12) Refer paragraph 12 preceding report: 16 B 24's hit Padada revetments, destroyed two planes damaged others.

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

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(13) Patrol B 24's seriously damaged two small seaplanes on Davao, shot down one probably another of ten interceptors Jolo Island, scored direct hit small freighter Labuan, bombed fuel installations Belikapan and Mitu air-
drome Halmahera; Ventura demolished buildings Laos seaplane
base, northwestern Celebes.

(14) 11 P 38's shot down four enemy planes damaged
two others on Jesselton airdrome, Borneo.

(15) Nine Beaufighters swept northeastern Celebes
and Sangihe Islands, demolished buildings.

(16) Six RAAF 18 other P 40's raided airfields supplies
and bivouacs through Halmahera.

(17) 11 A 20's and one B 25 bombed Halong seaplane
base; four P 38's attacked Ambon radar station nearby; 22
B 25's raided airdromes Lahe, Liana and Baroekeo; five
B 24's swept Ceram, damaged barges Kela Island, bombed
targets Waigeo Island.

(18) Three RAAF B 24's from Darwin bombed Manatuto,
Fuiro and Beaucau, Timoro.

(19) Six Beauforts attacked villages Wewak.

Operations December 17:

(20) Two B 24's harassed Negros airdromes before
dawn; 11 B 24's shot down two transport planes Visayan Sea.

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

Nr. C 55049 18 December 1944

(21) Two groups B 24's from Palau attacked Bacolod airdrome, Negros Island; one group B 25's from Biak hit Licanan airdrome, Davao.

(22) 15 P 40's exploded buildings and heavily strafed enemy positions Valencia, Leyte Island; other planes hit Gapago and strafed barges along coast.

(23) RAAF B 24 bombed Baucau town, Timor; RAAF Ventura attacked Blik village, Kai Islands.

(24) Six B 24's bombed Sepik River villages; six A 20's struck targets Wewak.

Solomons forces. Air.

Operations December 16:

(25) 15 New Zealand Corsairs and three Venturas attacked bivouacs Kavieng and plantations New Ireland; six Venturas and 40 B 25's cratered Lakunai and Vunakanau runways, 10 New Zealand Corsairs covered Rabaul; 16 New Zealand Corsairs swept Bougainville, attacked enemy concentrations.

Land. Mindoro: No enemy ground activity December 16.

Leyte: I Corps: 32nd Division continued encounter stubborn resistance in difficult terrain, made only limited advances. No reported enemy activity 1st Cavalry Division sector.

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

18 December 1944

XXIV Corps: 77th Division: Two regiments reached points 2,000 yards south and southwest Valencia against light enemy resistance, 3rd Regiment reached Malunod against heavy resistance December 17. 7th Division and 11th Airborne Units Amas area report numerous counter attacks by enemy forces attempting to break out of hills, 453 enemy killed 16 December this area. Cumulative enemy casualties 40,282 killed, 290 Japanese prisoners. Elements 33rd Division arrived Morotai.

Part 3.

(1) No details.

(2) Dropped 101 250 lb, eight 100 lb bombs.

(3) B 24's dropped 489 500 lb bombs from 10,000 feet; B 25's dropped 140 paradesms from minimum altitude, met intense light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(4) Dropped nine 250 lb bombs from minimum altitude, fired unstated number rounds, met moderate medium accurate anti aircraft fire.

(5) Dropped ten 250 lb bombs, met slight light inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(6) P 40's dropped 12 250 lb bombs, B 24 dropped 12 500 lb bombs from 15,000 feet; B 25's dropped eight 1,000 lb bombs, 72 paradesms; intense heavy slight light accurate anti aircraft fire.

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

Nr. C 55049 18 December 1944

(7) Dropped nine 1,000 lb, 64 500 lb, 192 100 lb bombs; moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire Loha and Amahai.

(8) Dropped 44 250 lb bombs.

(9) B 25's dropped 202 100 lb bombs, met moderate to intense medium some accurate anti aircraft fire.

(10) No details.

(11) Dropped 480 500 lb bombs from 11,000 to 8,000 feet.

(12) Dropped 24 tons fragmentation bombs.

(13) Three B 24's dropped nine 500 lb, 18 250 lb bombs, fired unstated number rounds.

(14) No details.

(15) Seven Beaufighters dropped 14 250 lb bombs.


(17) Dropped 108 500 lb, 122 100 lb bombs, four 165 gallon napalm bombs.

(18) Dropped 18 300 lb, 12 250 lb bombs.

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

Nr. 055049 18 December 1944

(19) Dropped six 250 lb bombs, six 250 lb incendiaries, 54 40 lb frags.

(20) Two B-24's dropped 12 500 lb bombs.

(21) No details.

(22) F-40's dropped 30 260 lb frags, fired unstated number rounds.

(23) B-24 dropped nine 300 lb bombs from 5,000 feet; Ventura dropped four 300 lb bombs.

(24) B-24's dropped 72 500 lb bombs from 8,500 feet; A-20's dropped 19 300 lb bombs 8 to 15 seconds delay from minimum altitude, fired 11,000 rounds 50 calibre.

Weather: Scattered showers through Philippines, average conditions in Solomons. Airdrome construction report to 0900Z/16:

Mindoro: Work proceeding on two runways anticipated operational December 20.

Leyte: Dulag 5,000 foot steel strip, 4,350 feet steel mat taxiway; Bayug 4,000 foot steel mat; Tanuan 5,300 feet of mat ten dispersals complete.

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: CC/S ASF Adm King Statistics
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REPORT

FINAL, 14TH AND 15TH PLUS FLASH REPORT SUMMARY FOR 16TH.

61 AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN OVER LUZON INCLUDING 47 SINGLES 11 TWINS
3 FLOAT PLANES AND 1 EMILY NEAR ROHC. 206 OPERATIONAL
AIRCRAFT DESTROYED ON GROUND 67 SINGLES 40 TWINS 23 FLOATS
78 UNIDENTIFIED. ONLY PLANES ACTUALLY SEEN OR PHOTOED
BURNING ARE COUNTED. ADDITIONAL 15 TO 20 FIRES SEEN IN
WOODED DISPERAL AREAS AFTER STRAFFING NOT COUNTED AS PLANES
DESTROYED. OF 23S OPERATIONAL PLANES PHOTOED ON CLARK ON
14TH ONLY 12 SEEN TO BURN. TOTAL OF 192 PLANES REPORTED
DAMAGED. PROBABLY SOME DUPLICATION DUE TO CONTINUOUS VF
SWEEP BUT MANY OF THESE PROBABLY REDUCED TO SCRAP BY REPEATED
STRAFFING. ESTIMATE ABOUT 100 OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT MAY REMAIN.

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**By RT, NARA, Date**

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**By RT, NARA, Date**

**4/8/94**
HIDDEN WELL DISPERSED BUT IN DISORGANIZED STATE FOR OPERATIONS.

SHIPS DESTROYED OR SUNK: 1 LARGE AP 3 MEDIUM AO 10 AK 2 LSM AND 12 SMALL VESSELS. VESSELS DAMAGED 4 DD 2 DE 10 AK 25 SMALL CARGO VESSELS AND 25 LANDING BARGES. 8 RAILROAD TRAINS AND LOCOMOTIVES STRAFED BURNED AND AT LEAST 25 MILITARY TRUCKS AND OTHER VEHICLES DESTROYED PLUS DESTRUCTION AND DAMAGE TO UNKNOWN NUMBER OF A 200 TRUCK TROOP CONVOY SEVERELY ATTACKED WHILE NORTHBOUND NEAR SAN JOSE BULACAN. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO MANY MILITARY BUILDINGS BRIDGES PIERs WAREHOUSES BARRACKS GAS AND OIL STORAGE AA DEFENSES AND AIRCRAFT FACILITIES. COUNT OF OWN LOSSES INCOMPLETE BUT IN FIRST 2 DAYS 20 PLANES LOST IN COMBAT 51 OPERATIONAL AND 23 PILOTS MISSING.

DELIVERED TO 20-G.
SECRET DISPATCH

18 DECEMBER 1944

TO: CINCSWPA

FROM: COM 3RD FLEET

SUBJECT: CAPABILITIES FOR UNCLE PLUS 6

HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DODGE STORM WHICH SO FAR HAS PREVENTED REFUELLING, YOUR CX 559010 (171101). UNABLE STRIKE UNCLE PLUS 4. WILL ADVISE LATER AS TO CAPABILITIES FOR UNCLE PLUS 5. AS FINAL COUNT FOR 3 DAYS ENDING 16TH WAS 279 PLANES DESTROYED 192 DEFINITELY DAMAGED AND MANY OTHERS STRAFED ENEMY AIR EFFORT SHOULD BE BADLY CRIPPLED. FORCE WILL HAVE TO HEAD FOR BASE EVENING OF UNCLE PLUS 6 IN ORDER PREPARE FOR UNCLE PLUS 7. (Buzon occlusion)

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TO: CINCSWPA
COM 3RD FLT
COM ALLIED NAVAL FORCES

FROM: COMMAF SWPA (TG 33.1)

DATE: 18 DEC 44

CHANGED TO: 0243

RECEIVED BY: MCDOUGALL
PARAPHRASED BY: MCDOUGALL CHECKED BY: IMRIE
ROUTED BY: DORSEY

CINC SWPA
COM 3RD FLT INFO ALLIED NAVAL FORCES INFO FROM COMMAF SWPA.

CITE AX 25836.

GMG INFORMS THAT 3RD FLT IS NOT STRIKING IN THE LUZON AREA ON U PLUS 2 AND U PLUS 3. LUZON AREA OPER FOR ALLIED AIR FORCES STRIKES DURING THIS PERIOD.

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THIRD FLEET CARRIER PLANES OVER LUZON NIGHT 15-16 DECEMBER AND AGAIN 16 DECEMBER. NO DETAILED REPORT AVAILABLE. 8 ENEMY PLANES ATTACKED CARRIER FORSE FORENOON 16 DECEMBER ALL SHOT DOWN. TWO JIMA STRUCK BY LIBERATOR 14 DECEMBER AND BY 31 LIBERATORS 15 DECEMBER. MILLE AND WOTJE STRUCK BY MARINE CORSAIRS 16 DECEMBER.
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**ULTRA.**

AT 171945 (MINUS 9) HFP BIRDMAN MADE SIGHTING REPORT FROM SOUTH OF KUHU.

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TO: ALL TFC 7TH FLEET

FROM: STEEN
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ACTION: ALL TFC 7TH FLEET INFO COM 3RD FLEET FROM CINCPAC

ULTRA.

AT 171935 (MINUS 9) HIP BIRDMAN MADE SIGHTING REPORT FROM POSIV 29-47 N 125-13 E.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CTF 77
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 17 DECEMBER 1944
TOR CODEROOM 2308

DECODED BY: SCRUGGS

FOR ACTION: CINCSWPA

INFORMATION: COMINCH COM 7TH FLT CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT

ROUTED BY: WALP/3

ADDRESS: CINCSWPA

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

TOR CODEROOM 2308

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GSR letter, Washington, 8/30/72
May 21, 1972

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OPR 19-07
**Naval Message**

**FROM:** CTF 77.12  
**RELEASED BY:**  
**DATE:** 18 Dec 1944  
**FOR CODEROOM:** 1845  
**DECODED BY:** W. Strong  
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**OPERATION:** RDO HONU PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 18PBAO  
(CTF 77.12 SENDS ACTION TO CTF 77 INFO CINCPAC COM 7TH FLT  
ALL TF AND TG COMMAND 7TH FLT. ALSO INFO VIA RDO HONU TO  
CINCPAC ALL TF AND TG COMMAND 3RD FLT  

**SUMMARY OF OPERATION:** ALL TIMES I.  
U MINUS 2 TRANSITED SURIGAO STRAIT AT 0300 LAUNCHED AND  
MAINTAINED CAP FOR CONVOYS AND TASK GROUP ALL DAY. AT ABOUT  
1700 AIR ATTACK DEVELOPED HARBOR (RP SRS) HIT BY SUICIDE NO  
OTHER DAMAGE. PLANES SHOT 24 DOWN BY CAP. 18 PLUS 2 PROBABLES  
BY SHIPS 1, RECOVERED CAP VERY LATE, NO FURTHER BODIES  
DURING SOFT, U MINUS 1 EARLY BODIES LAUNCHED CAP AND ASP  
FOR CONVOYS AND TASK GROUP, NO ATTACKS ON TASK GROUP UNTIL  
1600 WHEN TORPEDO PLANE AND BOMBER ATTACK DEVELOPED NO  
DAMAGE SUSTAINED CAP SPLASHED 15 IN VICinity. SPECIAL STRIKE  
DO'S HERMANOS OCT 1 IN AIR BURNED 7 DAMAGED 14 ON GROUND.  
U DAY WELL SUNKED FROM ABOUT 0400 AND AT 0145 AT  
ATTACK DEVELOPED BOMBER TORPEDO PLANES AND SUICIDES NO MATERIAL  
DAMAGE SUSTAINED 1 DEAD 6 INJURED BY FRAGMENTS FROM SUICIDE  
NEAR MARCUS ISLAND. ATTACK CONTINUED UNTIL ABOUT 1100  

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LKL 101  
By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/64
NO FURTHER BOGIES THAT DAY. SHOT DOWN BY CAP 5/SHIPS 4/SPECIAL STRIKE ON DOS HERMANOS. NORTH CAROLINA GOT ONE IN AIR BURNT.


SEAPLANES ON WATER 1 DESTROYED ON GROUND. TRANSITED "MINDANAO SEC COMPLEMENTED 162400. CAP SPLASHED 1 FRHN BY NOON 17TH. TOTAL SUICIDES 5 DEFINITE, 2 NEAR MARCUS ISLAND 1 NEAR NEW MEXICO 1 NEAR WEST VIRGINIA 1 ON HARADEE. OWN AIR LOSSES COMBAT 1 VS AND PILOT.

OPERATIONAL 6 VF 1 VT NO PERSONNEL. OUR HATS ARE OFF TO THE GUE GROUNDS.

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USD letter, May 1, 1972

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

To: War Department

Nr. C 54996 17 December 1944

From GHQ SWPA to and MacArthur to Chief of Staff War Department C 54996

Philippines: Luzon: Third fleet planes attacking December 14th reported enemy aircraft dispersed over 46 fields with main concentration around Clark Field.

Negros: 30 enemy planes observed by B 24’s on Malogo Air dome midday December 14th.

Halmahera: Enemy submarine sighted north Morotai Strait December 16th.

Rabaul: Two apparently serviceable planes sighted Vunakanau December 16th.

Borneo/Palawan: PB 4Y searches from Morotai December 15th reported Balicapan Toli Toli Coron Bay Bauacit Bay empty of shipping; Four destroyers two large on medium tanker heading South West off Mili coast December 16th.

Part 2. Air.

Enemy action: Mindoro: Ground anti aircraft fire destroyed two raiders morning December 15th, Navalapit aircraft claimed another during afternoon; air patrols shot down lone raider next morning.

CM IN-16900 (17 Dec 44)
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Loyte, Philippines

No. C 54996 17 December 1944

Morotai: Single plane caused slight casualties early December 15th.

Operations December 14th:

1) 24 B24s covered by seven P38s bombed Malogo Airdrome. Negros Island: 18 other B24s attacked Carolina, Silay and Dumaguete, probably destroyed three planes on ground; 12 P47s and nine P38s intercepted and shot down 14 enemy bombers and six fighters over Negros; damaged another fighter; 11 P47s on escort duty shot down one fighter.

2) Single B24 bombed Puerto Princesa airdrome, another B24 and three B25s bombed Sanga Sanga airdrome, strafed floatplanes and coastal vessel off shore Tawi Tawi, scored near misses small freighter North Celebes; two B24s bombed Tarakan fuel centre.

3) 25 B25s hit runways and revetments, caused large fire Zettelfield airdrome, Sulu Archipelago.

4) Seven Beaufighters attacked Sidate airdrome, Northeastern Celebes.

5) Single B24 bombed Lolobata dispersals; seven RAAF P40s attacked nearby bivouacs and Hatetabako; 16 P40s demolished warehouses and headquarters buildings ternate raided bivouacs Kau and Djalolo.

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(6) 16 B25s attacked Namlea airodrome, Boeoro Island; five other B25s bombed runways near misses schooner offshore.

(7) One B25 and 12 A20s cratered Boela runways Ceram; six B25s attacked installations Ambon area.

Operations December 15th:

(8) 16 P40s set fuel dumps afire and damaged supplies San Fernando, Southeastern Luzon.

(9) Patrol planes set afire two small trucks southwest Masbate, two sea-similar vessels and one lugger Verde Island passage, sank lugger northern Palawan, shot down one enemy aircraft to south, damaged small freighter and sank lugger Basilan Island.

(10) 14 Beauforts bombed villages Wewak and Sepik River.

Operations December 16th:

(11) Patrol planes attacked light cruisers west Manila, damaged camouflaged coastal vessel northeastern Mindoro, scored direct hit seatrike east Tablas Island, and damaged small freighter northeastern Borneo.

(12) B24s from Biak attacked Padada airodrome, Davao.
From: General Headquarters, Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

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(13) Four Dutch B25s set afire and left listing coastal vessel Savoe Island, also attacked beached vessel Waingapoo and strafed shore machine guns.

(14) RAAF B25 attacked Dobo and sank barge Arce Island.

(15) One Hadzab B24 bombed Vunakanau airstrips, Rabaul.

Solomons Forces. Air. Operations December 15th:

(16) Eleven New Zealand Corsairs bombed and strafed enemy concentrations Bougainville; eight Marine B25s, seven New Zealand Corsairs and nine New Zealand Venturas hit bivouacs, demolished buildings and started fires New Ireland; 16 New Zealand Corsairs bombed floatplane hideout and patrolled Rabaul.

Operations report SOWESPAC area period 1500Z/15 to 1500Z/16 signed MacArthur.

Land. Mindoro: Task force occupied phase line three extending from Mangarin Point to 96/10 south to 96/90; patrol pursuing estimated 25 enemy up Bugsanga River.

Leyte: X Corps: 32nd Division captured or destroyed five enemy tanks, three artillery pieces, number mortar and machine guns 15 December south Tolibaw, advance continued 16 December. First Cavalry Division occupied Northwest

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slopes Mount Catabarao, two troops reached point 3500 yards northeast from east.

XXIV Corps: 77th Division launched attack north toward Valencia, artillery shelled objective. Seventh Division continued elimination enemy remnants mountains southeast Ormoc. Allied cumulative casualties: 2,282 killed, 7477 wounded, 103 missing.

End of part two. Part three.

(1) B24s dropped 504 500 lb bombs from 11,500 to 9,800 feet, met slight to moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(2) B24s dropped 33 250 lb bombs; B25s dropped 12 500 lb bombs fired unstated number rounds.

(3) Dropped 100 500 lb bombs from 9,000 feet.

(4) Dropped 19 250 lb bombs, met moderate medium inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(5) B24 dropped 12 500 lb bombs from 13,000 feet; P40s dropped 40 500 lb, 18 250 lb bombs, met slight to moderate heavy inaccurate anti aircraft fire.

(6) Dropped 70 500 lb, 30 100 lb bombs.
From: General Headquarters Southwest Pacific Area, Leyte, Philippines

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(7) Dropped 64 500 lb bombs, 12 500 lb incendiaries.

Paragraphs eight and nine no details.

(10) Dropped 22 500 lb, 44 250 lb bombs, four 250 lb frags and six 250 lb incendiaries.

Paragraphs 11 and 12 no details.

(13) Dropped 24 300 lb bombs five seconds delay, fired 2500 rounds 50 calibre.

(14) Dropped 4 500 lb medium capacity bombs, fired 1500 rounds 50 calibre.

(15) Dropped 2 500 lb bombs from 9000 feet.

Weather: Low cloud and poor visibility southern Philippines, broken cloud west Malakaras.

End

ACTION: OPD

INFO: CC/3, CG AAF, ASIF, G-2, ADM. KING, COL. PARK,
Statistics, LOG

CM-IN-16900 (17 Dec 44) 2116Z hy
Damage Luzon strike 14 December revision follows: Planes
shot down 38, destroyed on ground 139. 1 medium tanker,
small AK sunk. Burned 1 large AP, 1 medium AK, 1
medium AO, 8 or 9 small AK. Damaged 4 DD or DE. Troop
convoy of 2 AK and 2 escorts strafed. Ground damage
included destruction of locomotives and cars, damaging
ammo and fuel dumps and AA posts vicinity airfields.
All Luzon fields covered by hecklers night 14-15 Dec,
night 12-13 Dec, PT's operated West Coast Leyte
damaging small vessels and coastal installations.
Neutralization strikes continued on 14th against enemy
positions in Marshalls.
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CTG 73.7 SENDS ACTION CINCWPACOMAF COMAF 5 COMAF 13
COL 7TH FLT COL 3RD FLT CINCPOA AND ALL TF & TG COMDS
3RD & 7TH FLTS.

RESULTS OF LEYTE SEAPLANE SEARCHES 16 DEC ALL RESULTS
NEGATIVE, VISIBILITY GOOD TO FAIR AND 100% COVERAGE IN
ALL SECTORS.
SECTOR EASTERN 8. 649 MILES.
SECTOR T. 545 MILES.
SECTOR U. 625 MILES POSSIBLE RADAR INDICATION OF
SUBMARINE POSITION 13-30 N 125-15 E AT 15’’12 SHIP
DISAPPEARED BEFORE IT COULD BE INVESTIGATED.
SECTOR V. 530 MILES.
SECTOR W. 575 MILES.

*GARbled GROUP DELIVERED TO 2G.
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REFERENCE YOUR 142354. INDEPENDENCE HAS DONE EXCELLENT WORK. MANIFEST SHORTCOMINGS CVL FOR NIGHT OPERATIONS RECOGNIZED. INDEPENDENCE BATAAN HOWEVER SHOULD CONTINUE THIS ASSIGNMENT UNTIL SATISFACTORY RELIEF FOUND. RANGER CONSIDERED SATISFACTORY AS NIGHT CARRIER. SANGAMON CLASS MAY HANDLE RANGER PRESENT ASSIGNMENT. NIGHT OPERATIONS PROVEN NECESSITY NOW AND SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF FUTURE USE TO JUSTIFY ASSIGNMENT 3 CV THIS EMPLOYMENT. IF FOREGOING ACCEPTED, TRAINING SHOULD BE EXPANDED WITHOUT DELAY. AGREE SELECTION OF PILOTS AS SUGGESTED BY CC INDEPENDENCE DESIRABLE. SCREENING COMBAT EXPERIENCED VOLUNTEER

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RADIO HONO INTERCEPT

FROM GHQ SWPA Sgd MACARTHUR TO COMMANDER ALLIED AIR FORCES ACTION COMMANDER 3RD FLEET INFO COMMANDER ALLIED NAVAL FORCES INFO CX 54940

3RD FLEET IS NOT STRIKING IN THE LUZON AREA ON U + 2 AND U + 3 LUZON AREA IS OPEN TO ALLIED AIR FORCES FOR STRIKES DURING THIS PERIOD.

Mr U + 4

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**HONOR INTERCEPT**

(COM 3RD FLT SENDS ACTION CINC PAC CINC WPA INFO CTF 38 COMFEAF CMAF 5 CTF 77)

**BATS BUSY OVER LUZON ALL NIGHT. FORCE SNOOPED 0330I BY SINGLE PLANE WHICH ESCAPED. AN ATTEMPTED ATTACK BY 8 ASSORTED PLANES DURING FORENOON 16TH SNEARED 100% NEAR EAST COAST LUZON.**

**BLANKET STILL WORKING. NO AIR OPPOSITION. TARGETS HARD TO FIND ALTHOUGH PHOTOS STILL SHOW MANY HIDDEN PLANES. FORCE WITHDRAWING THIS EVENING FOR REFUELING AS PER MY OP ORDER 24-24 AND MY 160429. PARTIAL COUNT PLANES DESTROYED DURING 3 DAY OPERATION 235 DAMAGED 138. CAN NOT ESTIMATE TOTAL ENEMY OPERATIONAL PLANES REMAINING BUT 99 FIELDS HAVE BEEN WELL COVERED AND AIR CAPABILITIES CONSIDERED NEGLIGIBLE UNTIL AGAIN RE-ENFORCED.**

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**ACTION ALL TFC 7TH FLEET INFO COM 7TH FLEET COM 3RD FLEET FROM CINCPAC.**

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